

TOPIC: HISTORY OF NAIBENA

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Once, there were two ladies of Bau. They planned to have a rivalry of the men they were married to. There is the eldest and the youngest, so they planned to go and collect VASUA or clams. Their MATANIVANUA mixed the coral for their dye, for their hair. They dyed their hair and made their way towards the reef known as DAVETA IEVU, where they look for clams. The girl who married the eldest of the brothers told the youngest to dive down first. But she refused and told her to go first. The one who married the eldest brother was filled with hate and jealousy for the other woman. So she dove down first and she moved the clam so that it could be slightly open. She called the other girl to come down and help her. She came down and while she was ~~try~~ trying to move the clam, the other quickly pushed the other girl and the clam shuts <sup>over</sup> her hands. The ~~other~~ other girl returned to the boat but she left the girl who married the youngest <sup>brother</sup> brother of her husband's behind. The sea turned red and after a while the girl who was left behind came up and both ~~return~~ returned to the sea-shore. They went looking for a VADRA tree when they reached ashore so the lady who married the eldest brother climb up but unfortunately, she fell down and into the reef below. On where she fell, the ~~place~~ place is now called ADI RAROGO and she is the VU or the god of the ~~chiefs~~ <sup>chiefs</sup> chiefs of Bau.

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The fruit of the VADRA is the SEI, the inside ~~nd~~ of the VADRA fruit formed from the SEI looks like ashes. And this is the colour of the dye Adi Roarogo used and she is the god of the chiefs of Bau. Since that plant is from NAIBENA, that is how relationship of VEITAUUVUTAKI was formed between NAIBENA nad Bau.

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