

LEGEND OF ROKOSEBA THE ANCESTORS OF NAITASIRI. Investigator; Willie

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TOPIC: THE LEGEND OF THE ANCESTOR ROKOSEBA OF NAITASIRI,
IN WHICH HE ALWAYS BUILD BOAT.

- As in the olden days that the vu lived at Nakauvadra. Then one time they discussed that they have to build a proper place for them to stay. So they collect all their things and they prepared their canoes to find a good place for them to stay. And so they left Nakauvadra and go to Nukutubu. Then they build some house over there. Then one of them called Rokoseba decided to steal all the things which they need to build the canoe and all the stool for carpentary work. So by the time all of them slept Rokoseba stole all those things and went away. So ~~xxx~~ Rokoseba went very far away and he went and stay at the high land called Delai. So Rokoseba stayed there and started to build his canoe. So Rokoseba made many canoes and the people always come to have a look at it because it is a very nice one. So the only thing ~~xx~~ he does is that he just have to make canoes and it is very beautiful.

- From making the canoe he is using the stolen things from his companion which they were coming together. Then one time when he was doing this then Roko Tui Dreketi heard about it. Then she thinks that she have to come and have a look at this canoe, because it is said it is a very beautiful one. So she came down by the time she reached the place which Rokosebe is living, he saw one man cutting down trees. Then she asked this man if he knows whereabouts Rokoseba is staying. She did not know that it was Rokoseba himself whom she is speaking to. Then Rokoseba told her that he is in the house, before she went up she was looking at what Rokoseba was doing. It was very fast and he got all his tool for building a canoe. After that then Roko Tui Dreketi went up to the house of Rokoseba. From she could not see anybody so she came down again. Then when she came back the canoe which just had been started is finished. She was very surprise of what has happen and it was perfectly done. But still she does not know that this man is Rokoseba, so Rokoseba made this canoe for the lady to use it when she is going back. So by the time the lady told Rokoseba that she is going back, then Rokoseba told her to wait. Then Rokoseba push the new canoe in to the sea and told the lady to go. So Roko Tui Dreketi went back to Rewa and Rokoseba was staying at Delai. So that is all about Rokoseba from Naitasiri.

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- This is another story about the reason that Rewa is related to Naitasiri. As the vu from Naitasiri then once upon a time she change herself to be a mouse. And she was staying at Korosule. So then one time she wants to see the ocean. Then this mouse came down the stream that she just have to follow the stream in order to see the ocean. So she came down to Wainimala until she reaches the Suva Bay. This Suva bay is near to Rewa so the mouse came and stay there. In here she then saw the Banana tree and the Vudi tree. So when she gets hungry she just have to climb one of those banana tree and eat the fruit. Then one day the owner of the plantation came to check the banana plantation. When she came then she saw that somebody have eaten the banana fruit. After that they looked everywhere then they could not find any other person again. So then one of them climb one of the banana tree and see that it was a mouse who is eating the banana fruit. When he came down then he saw that the mouse still sleeping under the banana tree. So he told his friend that the mouse still asleep. Then they said to take her to the Roko Tui Dreketi. So then they took the mouse to the chief and the chief told them to wake the mouse. When the mouse woke up she heard somebody is talking to her. Then she was told to go and get some coconut. So the mouse have to swim across in order to get the coconut. Before she reaches

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- the other side she came back and tell the chief that she can not do it. So the chief said now you will be killed because you have eaten my banana. So hit her head and she was killed but after long then they saw one pretty lady is sitting beside the place. So the people take the message to the Roko Tui Dreketi that there is one lady sitting just beside the place where the mouse was killed. Let me go back before they killed the mouse they get surprised that the mouse have spoken to them. That she said that hse did not mean what she was doing and she was just following the stream that she wants to see the ocean because she comes from the interior. And so she was killed and the lady was sitting there just beside the place. Then the Roko Tui Dreketi told his people to go bring the lady to be his wife. When the lady was there then she told the chief ~~h~~ if you are going to hit my head again I will go bakc to my village. Then one time the lady went back to the village of Korosule. And that is how Rewa is related to Naitasiri that they always each other Naita.

That is all about the story which I have to tell you.
Thank you very much.

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