TITLE: STORY ABOUT THE COMING OF THE FIRE
Long, long ago in the village of Nucks there lived an old woman name called Tapu Ena Ipal. In those days, the people cooked their yams, taro and other vegetables by leaving them in the sun to cooked. Tapu Ena Ipal cooked food for ten young hunters and she always cooked the food in this way. She was alone, she liked to hide in house. Then, she took the fire from her own body and cooked her own food by boiling it in the water.

One day a piece of Tapu Ena Ipal's boiled yam and taro got mixed up with the food and she was giving to the hunters. When they tasted this soft tasty yam and taro the hunters asked Tapu Ena Ipal how she cooked it. She did not tell them. They wanted to find out her secret. Then their fastest runner to watch her. He hide in Tapu Ena Ipal's house. When her saw Tapu Ena Ipal cooking the food with fire from her own body, then he jumped up and grabbed the fire stick and ran away. As he was running he fell over a fallen tree were Halapai the snake lived. Then the fire stick started a big fire. The snake tail was started to burn.
When Tapu E nda Ipali saw the bush fire she shouted some magic words to the cloud. The rain fell and put out of the fire. But Mobpai the snake was in the tree and he did not get wet. His tail was still burning. The hunter used the snake tail to start the fire again. He ran back to the village and told the people to go and get the fire. Since then, every village has had a fire to use for cooking and for hunting animal in the grass and in the bush.

At that previous day the fire was very important to the early people. People saw fires along time before they knew how to make fire. They saw trees set on fire by lightning. In dry warm weather they saw grass-land set on fire. We do not know how these people learned to make fire for themselves. Once a man learned to make fire, they use it for many different purposes. They use it for hunting, for frightening wild animals away, for keeping themselves warm at night and for cooking.

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