

Story Card THA-TS 002

Story title	Ao Ja Klawa Naa Ja Kreng				
Name of story-teller	Sanan Yaipangkeaw	Sex	Male	Age	57
Recording time/date	19 October 2014				
Recording place	29 Moo 5, Ban Kok-Muang, Na-Phote Sub-district, Kusumal District, Sakon Nakhon Province				
Length	5 minutes				
Language(s)	Thai So				
Data available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> video, audio, picture, notes, other ()				
Topic/key words					
Category					
<p>Summary/Full story</p> <p>One day, Ao Ja Klawa, the great great grandfather of the Thro¹, held an iron spike and went to whittle a tree in a forest near a river to make a boat. He worked in an area which was dense with trees.</p> <p>Ao Ja Klawa whittled a tree. It made a loud noise over the area and reached the underwater. The noise disturbed Ja Rou, a young Naga, who lived under the riverbed. So, Ja Rou changed himself into a bundle of bananas on a banana tree along the riverbank. The bananas were ripe. The color was yellow and the vine was long, roughly across an old man working. Whether he is trying to make way for some time, so he knew that there must be a perturbation of spirit shifter.</p> <p>Ao Ja Klawa threw his iron spike with his hands. It pierced the bundle of bananas. It actually pierced the throat of the transfigured Ja Rou. Ja Rou immediately escaped into the water. Ja Rou was injured with the iron spike. It penetrated his neck and could not be removed.</p> <p>Ja Rou's father, the Great Ja Rou, made an investigation and learned the cause of the incident. He went up and invited Ao Ja Klawa to come down to heal his son. Au Ja Klawa recited the Thro mantra of healing, until Ja Rou became cured.</p>					

¹ This is the way Thai So people call themselves.

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The Great Ja Rou held a party to thank Ao Ja Klawa. Then, Ao Ja Klawa made an agreement with the Great Ja Rou on behalf of the Thro. They agreed that if Ja Rou hears people speaking Thro, Ja Rou must protect and do not hurt or scare them. Since then, descendants of the Thro have lived and traveled on water very safely.