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!u || Kuslaq Jolu Jani Millepieds

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What do they call millepieds?  
<sup>Choma</sup>  
~~Choba~~. They are afraid of millepieds. !u says that even men are afraid of them. Iqilgae is afraid of them. What are they afraid of? They are very dangerous. If one gets on you the fright gives you a shock. Jolu says he has heard you get 2 sore streaks when their legs touch you. If any one picks up one and throws it at you you get sick?

Must it touch you for you to get sick? No. No if some one picks me up and gestures with it toward you, you get frightened and cry and run away and then you get sick.

Go ma Is that the same word as the ceremony for the boys? No it is Choba

not Choma. The women do not say the word Choma (ceremony) they are afraid of it. Cho ma is longer sound. The millepied ch is more a j sound like French ju.

The big millepied (they say there are 2 kinds, small one large) is Koko chi Naba.

This means something about being big & long. They are afraid of both kinds. When you are asleep it eats your nose. If they walk on you do they make a sore place? It makes a red place.

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Have millipedes any thing to do with the "ganas"? Yes they work with "gana" when "gana" bends him to you when you are asleep he eats your nose.

Are there any stories? Who created them? "gana. Both men + women are afraid of them. Very.

With her family  
!ti's sister Zuma (dead) was away. Moving some where. Her father saw an ostrich sitting by the eggs. The ostrich ran away + they took the egg. They stayed there that day to cook the egg. The jackals were after the egg. Zuma saw the chobas she was so frightened she screamed. They thought what is happening to Zuma? Her father said !ti go look what is biting Zuma. She went to Zuma. She said what is it. Zuma said I am frightened of the choba. The father who easily got angry + scolded came and said what do you do here. !ti says she is very frightened of them. Was !ti younger when Zuma saw the chobas. She was bigger than Zuma. Did her father scold them for being frightened? Yes. He said they said to him they were frightened for a bit. He must not scold them. They were frightened.

Is it all right to kill a mamba? Better to kill it. It may bring more if you do not kill it. Do they eat mambas? Some do, some don't. Who can eat? The old people, old like old + Goma. Did 'i ever eat one? No. If she did would she get sick - yes but I think actually not magically. She said it wd upset her stomach.

If they threw a dead mamba into the fire would that be bad? No. It is all right to put them into the fire. They cook them like pythons.

Do they take the poison out to use it?

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yes. What do they do with it? They take the fat + the poison + put it in a tortois shell. The doctors do this. Do they burn it and does the smoke cure? They smear it on their legs when they are walking in grass, to keep mambas from biting them. Do they burn it + use the smoke to cure? Yes.

cf note apr 3 | am children. The boys threw the mille pods at the women. I thought playfully.

Mille pods - job. say to ask more about the throwing. Also he thinks that when millepods are burned in veld fires and lie in their shape but in powder - ash - people take that powder. Do they burn them to make a powder.

Gami says the Ninkun name for mambas is Hishi  
" " mille pod is choba.

milliped are not injurious in any way says  
1 gunda (sm) (khuana) 1 millipede  
only harm is fright paper get if a m. is thrown  
at them  
Di'ai # gao lamo cooking 1 gase are here too.

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Remembering that they get sick if they throw  
a mantis (11 gawa kooa 11a) not the same word as fear.  
Toa means work for 11 gawa  
into the fire, they anger the 11 gawas, I asked  
if they throw a choba (millepede) in the fire  
what happens. They say the 1 ni the  
small yellow berries - sweet. dry up and are  
not sweet. Do they know why? If you  
put a choba in the fire when the 1 ni are  
not ripe. they do not ripen properly and  
are not sweet. Can they tell me more about  
why this happens? The reason they do not  
know. they were told by the old people.

Is there anything else they are afraid of  
as they are about the choba + 11 gawa kooa 11a?  
They answer the Mamba (black Mamba)  
! ni gu. The bite of the Mamba kills you. Does  
the Mamba work for 11 gawa? Yes the Mamba  
has been created by 11 gawa and 11 gawa gave it  
its sting power. 1 ni says when they were  
living next on camp, ~~where~~ her mother was there.  
a mamba <sup>once</sup> wound around 1 ni's mother's legs.  
that day 11 gawa ~~was~~ favored her mother and  
did not allow the mamba to bite her. The  
mamba slid swiftly into a bush. This  
happened when 1 gase was half as big as now.  
# Toma wanted to kill the mamba. 1 ni + her mother  
said not to throw a stick at it. It might bite him  
it was raining