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Belief regarding the dead coming back to life:-

While Enmen was in the hospital, we, myself and Dr. Rajasingh Rajasingh had been interacting with him on many aspects and he had mentioned once that in their group other than those who die of old age or the injury caused by an arrow might come back to life if they died of some illness such as fever etc. He had also mentioned one or two names, perhaps Ulidavuaama as one, who had come back to life in this manner.

This belief that the dead may come back to life was further corroborated by additional information on the shore itself on 4-9-96. It was learnt that a brother of Enmen had died some days back and Enmen's relatives had been experiencing a mixed feeling of sorrow and happiness. In a way their happiness owing to Enmen's return had aggravated their sorrow for the other lost son. But they had hopes that he would also come back to life. They said so when Dr. Rajasingh asked them. However, we need further probe for confirmation regarding this belief.

Enmen, himself, was found standing here and there with a sorrowful face. He might have been sorrowful, perhaps, on two accounts. One was his brother's death, But the other more expressly felt sadness was due to the fact that the gifts packed in the gift box given to him by the Administration was lost. Some^{one} had taken it away and hidden it somewhere. He was very sorry about this and all his hopes of sharing the gifts with his family and friends had been shattered. Attempts were, however, made by our group to find out who had taken it and where was it hidden. But they did not bear any fruit. Thus the atmosphere on the shore was more gloomy than one of cheerfulness which was contrary to my expectations.

Still, quite a number of the Jarawas were enjoying their catch, eating the coconuts and the bananas which they had roasted. It is to be noted that this grabbing of the things

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