










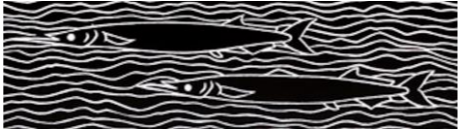

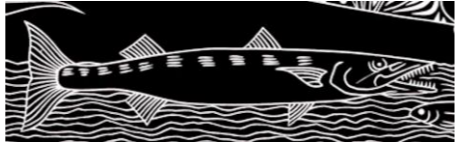









Zugubal: The Winds and the Tides set the Pace



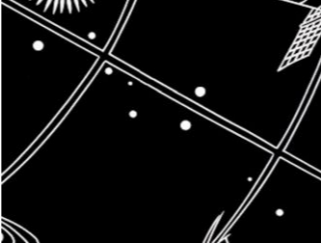
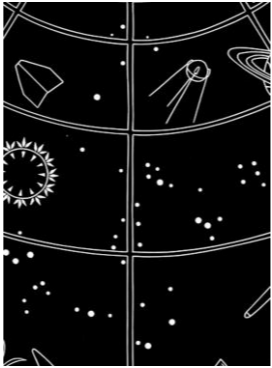
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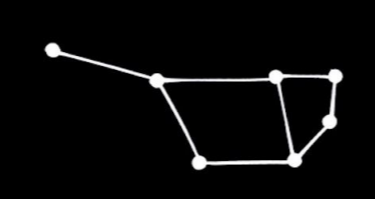

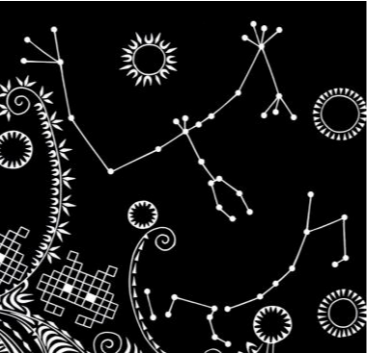
Name of Character	Literal translation	Image	Character Information
Awai	Flying Pelican		During the dry season, Awai, the pelican, is seen flying over the dry swamps in search of food.
Woumerr	Frigate bird		See Kuki and Sager notes.
Mabayg 1	Gardner 1		During the dry season, gardening becomes one of the primary tasks on land. Plots are tilled and prepared and food crops such as banana, sweet potato, sugar cane, varieties of yams and Maniotha (cassava) are planted. When Baidam appears again, yams, sweet potatoes and bananas have ripened and are ready to be harvested and eaten.
Gabau	Yam and yam vines		See text above. Yams grow during Sager.


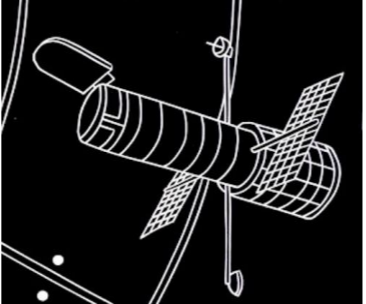
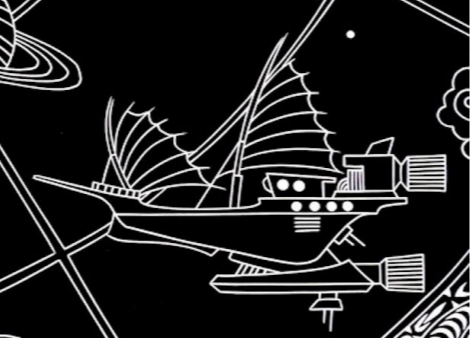
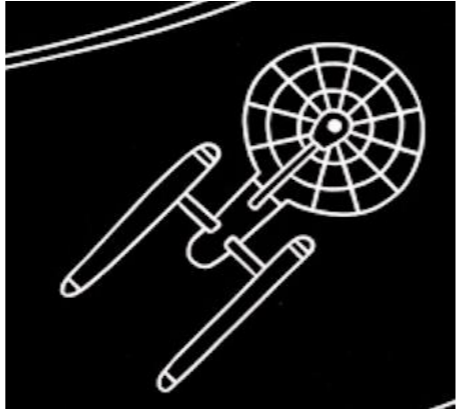
<p>Gainau</p>	<p>Imperial Torresian Pigeon</p>		<p>During the dry season the Gainau, the majestic Imperial Torresian pigeons migrate back to the Australian mainland.</p>
<p>Thupmul</p>	<p>Stingray</p>		<p>Tupmul are found gliding in the shallow waters near the beach during the dry season.</p>
<p>Koedal</p>	<p>Crocodile</p>		<p>Mangrove dweller.</p>
<p>Waru</p>	<p>Green Sea Turtle</p>		<p>In the sea, the mating season of Waru the green turtle has commences during the dry season</p>
<p>Akul</p>	<p>Mangrove Mussel</p>		<p>Akul, the mangrove mussels, and Zaber are in abundance during the drry season.</p>
<p>Awai</p>	<p>Swimming Pelican</p>		

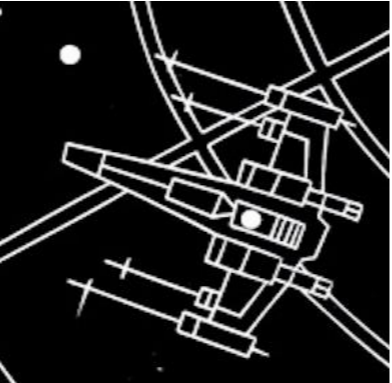

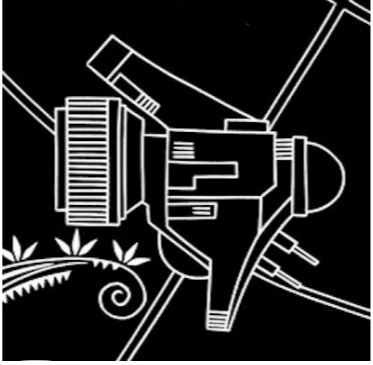

Karum	Goanna		Goannas are attracted to turtle nesting sites after they've laid their eggs in the sand.
Zaber	Garfish		Zaber the long-nosed garfish are in abundance during the dry season.
Dhangal	Dugong		During the dry season, the Dhangal give birth to their calves.
	Barracuda		
Apad	Sawfish		
Tup	Sardine		During the dry season, large schools of Tup head out to sea to spawn.
Kabar	Queenfish		





<p>Gul</p>	<p>Outrigger canoe</p>		<p>Sea going vessels with coconut mat sails.</p>
<p>Doiom</p>	<p>Garden charms</p>		<p>Used in rainmaking ceremonies to summon rain to water the community's crops. Caved from volcanic larva.</p>
<p>Mabayg 2</p>	<p>Old man watching the stars</p>		<p>The stars slowly rotate across the night sky under the watchful eye of the old men. The elongated mask is called a Mawa which is worn by dancers during harvest season time.</p>
<p>Kuki</p>	<p>Northwest winds</p>		<p>Kuki (early March to mid May) is indicated by the build-up of Begai (big storm clouds) together with lightning in the far north-west. When Kuki arrives, the wind blows from the north-west and brings heavy rain and squalls with hot and humid weather. Woumerr (Frigate birds) fly low in the sky. The cooling rains of Kuki replenish the wells and water tanks. Crops in the garden grow quickly. During this season, logs of Tuku (Mangrove palm) and Bissi (Sago palm) wash down from the Fly River in PNG and are collected for carving of Makarr (model canoes) and Warup (drums) or for building purposes. The Gainau (Pied Imperial Pigeon) and Weiba (Rose-Crowned Fruit Dove) become fat and plentiful during this season due to the abundance of ripe fruit on the island. The eggs of Sara (Bridled Tern) and Sileu (Little Tern) are collected during this time.</p>

<p>Sager</p>	<p>Southeast winds</p>		<p>Sager, blows from the south-east and is the predominant wind throughout most of the year in the Torres. When the Biru Biru (Rainbow Bee Eater) fly from south to north towards PNG, it is a sign that Sager will soon arrive. The start of Sager is indicated by the flowering of Pulla (Beach Convovulous) along the shoreline. Light rain at the start of the season provides water for the Maniotha (Cassava) and Kumala (Sweet potato) and keeps them growing in the drier months to follow. They will be harvested later in the season. The presence of Woumerr (Frigate birds) flying high in the sky and the Gapu Nathar clouds indicate fine weather during this windy season.</p>
<p>Tithuyil 1</p>	<p>Star constellation 1 (with Orion, Taurus and Pleiades)</p>		
<p>Baidam Tithuyil</p>	<p>Shark stars (Big Dipper, Ursa Major)</p>		<p>The shark constellation, Baidam, is made up of the stars in the Big Dipper, part of the constellation Ursa Major (the Big Bear). When these stars appear in the north over New Guinea, Islanders know the mating season of the shark is starting and that they should plant banana, sugar cane, and sweet potato.</p>
<p>Tagai Tithuyil</p>	<p>Tagai star constellation</p>		<p>Tagai is a grand constellation which includes stars from several different Western constellations – Crux (Southern Cross), Centaurus (centaur), Lupus (wolf) and Corvus (crow), Tagai's position heralds seasonal changes, including the monsoon, and is an aid in navigation. Tagai can be seen in the southern skies, standing in a canoe in the Milky Way. His left hand is the Southern Cross holding a spear. His right hand is a group of stars in the constellation of Corvus which is holding a fruit called Eugina (Surinam Cherry). He is standing on his canoe, formed by the stars of Scorpius. When Tagai's left hand (the Southern Cross) dips into the sea, Islanders know the wet season (Kuki) is about to begin.</p>

Zugubal	Spirit beings		In Islander mythology, celestial beings (star constellations) are known as Zugubal, powerful spirits who influenced the environment and climate, which in turn set the course and rhythm for community life.
Usal	Pleiades Star constellation		Called Usal in language, 6 of the 7 stars are zugubal spirits.
Utimal	Orion Star constellation		Called Utimal in language, 6 of the 16 stars are zugubal spirits.
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	European sailing ship		<p>Discovery and trade period for Torres Strait. The strait was discovered in 1606 by Luis Vaez de Torres and named after him also. London Missionary Society spread the word of Christianity throughout the islands, initially landing on Erub on July 1 1871.</p>
	Hubble Space Telescope		
	Space ship 1		<p>Imaginary space craft showing the influence of Asian cultures on Torres Strait.</p>
	Space ship 2		<p>Star Trek - Starship Enterprise</p>

	Space ship 3		X-Wing fighter from Star Wars
	Space ship 4		Imaginary space craft.
	Space ship 5		Imaginary space craft.
	Asteroid 1		Named after Mer Islander, Segar Passi.

	Asteriod 2		Named after Naghir Islander, Martin Nakata.
Sukuba Madub	Tobacco Garden charm		Magical charms were placed in shrines near gardens to assist with good crop yields. Some charms brought forth the rains while others took the rain away. Made from wood with feathers, shells and natural twine attached.
Mabayg 3	Gardner 2		
Tagai the fisherman	Tagai the fisherman		See Tagai above