The Spirit of the Fig Tree

Many people believe that the forest is full of animals because of the Spirit of the Fig Tree. The Spirit has two legs and two arms similar to people, but the belly and face of a dog with sharp teeth. The Spirit of the Fig Tree causes those who travel through the forest to be lost in daydreams.

A long time ago, Ṕonolot, the chief of the People of the Meadow, planned to bring his tribe to the land of the People of the Forest. Žatessož, the chief of the People of the Forest, feared Ṕonolot because he and his tribe were sick with an illness of peace.

Kamimmat, the wife of Žatessož, was the sister of Ṕonolot; the meadow was near to the forest. Žatessož was the owner of a sharp magical knife and he gave it to Kamimmat. She knew the secret paths of the forest. The tribe of Žatessož covered their eyes with swaddling so that they would be protected from being lost in daydreams. With the aid of the magical knife, Kamimmat led the People of the Forest along the secret paths towards the meadow.

When they arrived, Žatessož said, “Ṕonolot has led his tribe into the forest and towards the Spirit of the Fig Tree. They are lost in daydreams. Let us honor the land of the People of the Meadow.”

So it was a long time ago. Ṕonolot had led his tribe into the forest and then they were lost in daydreams. The kind People of the Forest guided them back to the meadow and cured their illness and taught them to love peace. Ṕonolot said truthfully, “Let us live together in peace forevermore.”