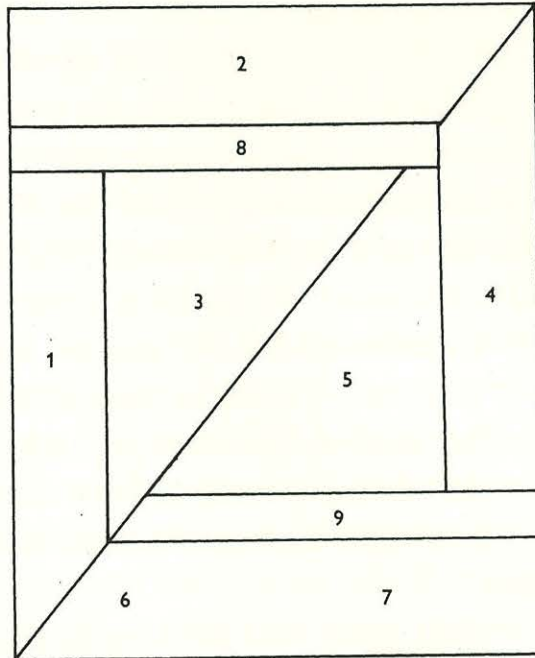


The Boomerang

1. A long time ago a little boy and his sister were playing on the beach. He was showing off and—
2. he killed the little bird which was his own “meat” or “eurie”.
3. Yindingie became angry and decided to punish the children. He appeared as a large sea-serpent and carried the children out to sea.
4. Hearing their cries, the fighting men picked up their spears and rushed to the beach but when they saw it was Yindingie, they were all afraid except
5. the children's father, who threw his nulla-nulla at Yindingie. It hit the serpent on the head, bent, and spun back swiftly, almost killing the father.
6. Yindingie dropped the children and they turned into two rocks.
7. The father was disgusted when he saw his good nulla-nulla bent out of shape and he threw it out to sea at the rocks. It returned again and again. The tribe hailed this new weapon as a great wonder and many came to try to circle the rocks with the burrakun or boomerang, thinking it might return the children to them.



8. These are some totem signs, or symbols, denoting a person's “meat” or “eurie”.
9. This is Yindingie's sign or symbol.

You can read the story of the Boomerang on the next page.

