

Margalena

[57] Sunday Islands beliefs link the Margalena
with other spirits

The two little islets known as the Twins, off Swan Point
are also abode of the Margalena. There is a huge
ragged or cavernous blowhole at Sunday Islands
in which they live by day, but at night they come
out & disport & play & sing like fairy babies.
They are very small, & their movement, sound like
the wind among fallen leaves

This is the form in which babies exist before they
are born. If the natives sleep there the baby spirits
hover round them & whisper & reach at them & laugh
& look at the sleeping natives, but never hurt.
I have seen but should a strange native sleep there
they would enter his body & paralyze him.

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Thammunjoonoo, coming from a long way to fight and will kill anyone.

Marowera, send a nilan and fight openly.

H.W. Bird, Sunday Island, school teacher

THE NGARGALUL

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