

MY Great Great Grandfather

This story is about my great great grandfather and a ritual that his tribe practiced. My great great grandfather's name was Babel Kayat. His tribe is a Filipino mountain tribe called the Igorok's. The ritual that they practiced was called Cañao (Can-yao). This story was told by my great great grandfather to my grand aunt which told my mom and she told me. Cañao is a socio-religious ritual where pigs, chickens and/or carabou are killed and then feasted on. They also do a variety of dances such as sayan and many more. The instruments that they commonly use includes gongs, grangya and a type of drum. They do the dances at birthdays, weddings etc. According to a superstition in my great great grandfather's tribe if you had a dream of a dead relative you would have to sacrifice an animal to appease the spirits of the dead. My great great grandfather had a dream of a dead relative and ended up killing twenty carabou's. He ended up killing twenty carabou's because when you kill an animal if certain organs aren't in good condition you would sacrifice another animal. This story was in the early 1920's. Cañao is a dying ritual as many more people are becoming christians.

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