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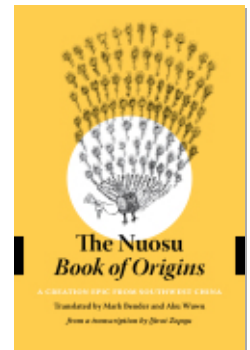
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GENEALOGY OF SKY

Momu cy

In the most ancient past,
in the vast expanse of the heavens,
was the home of the sky spirit, Ngeti Gunzy.
If Ngeti Gunzy lived a day,
in that day he would accomplish his goal.
Capable people helped;
incapable people also helped.
The Pumo clan was sent.
Hnaly of the Pumo clan,
stood atop Ngejjiejjieli Mountain;
he sat on a cloud and flew up to the moon.
He came to shepherd the sun,
to shepherd the sun out below the clouds;
he came to hammer the rising mist,
hammer the mist into dark clouds,
the dark clouds that send the drizzling rains.
Once the sun was herded and pressed within the clouds,
there was sunlight beneath the clouds;
everywhere was bright, glimmering sunlight.
And thus is the genealogy
of the sky above.