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TINZHAW (PETIT-JEAN No. 4).

*Told by Lottie Marsden.*

Tinzhaw was a very bad boy. He was all the time doing tricks. His brother had a nice suit of clothes and Tinzhaw stole the suit from his brother and went away for a long time. His brother felt awful badly about it. One night Tinzhaw came back, the clothes that he stole were all torn. His brother said to him, "Why did you take my clothes?" "Well, those are mine, I didn't take your clothes at all," said Tinzhaw. "You did," said his brother, "and I will fix you, we go to that big island to-day," and he thought that he would leave Tinzhaw on the island and he'd starve there. When they got to the island, Tinzhaw's brother said to him, "You go that way and I will go this way." Tinzhaw did not know what his brother was going to do to him so he went a long ways in the bush, and Tinzhaw's brother got in the boat and left him on the island as a reward for stealing his clothes. When Tinzhaw got to the shore he found that his brother had gone and left him alone, so he made a raft and went across and when he got home there was nobody at the camp, all were away, so Tinzhaw camped there alone for a good many years. This ends this Tinzhaw story.

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TINZHAW (PETIT-JEAN No. 5).

*Told by Lottie Marsden.*

One hot summer day Tinzhaw felt awfully uncomfortable. He was mad (angry) because it was so hot. His brother said to him, "You shouldn't say anything about the weather. God is our Judge and not yourself. But Tinzhaw seemed to know more about it than his brother. He said to his brother, "If it is as hot as this to-morrow I am going to hang myself." Well, the next day it was hotter than the day before and Tinzhaw said to his brother, "Let's do this, hang ourselves." "I don't want to do such a thing," said his brother, "I want to meet my God, but you can hang yourself if you think it's fun to do it." Well, Tinzhaw got ready to hang himself, but his brother cut the rope with his little axe, and Tinzhaw got awfully mad (angry) and had a notion to kill his brother. His brother told their mother about Tinzhaw wanting to hang himself and wanting to kill him (his brother). The mother told Tinzhaw "You will be in the dark for a few days." So they dug a hole in the ground and made a place like a root house, and locked Tinzhaw there for a few days. His mother said "That's the only way we take the badness out of his head." Tinzhaw cried all the time while he was in the root house, he said, "I'll be a good boy now mother, I won't hang myself nor kill my brother," so he was good for a long time. This ends this Tinzhaw story.