

## EKKELAND GOETZE - AMAZONAS - THE STORIES

One day there were, once again, lots of children here in the village, as there is with the feast today.

Then a rider passed by and played with the children. He claimed that his horse was so strong that all the children present would be able to ride on his back all at once.

The children plunged onto the horse from all sides, pushed, pulled and jumped in order to make it up onto the horse's back. It could barely stand and not all the children were on him yet.

Whereupon, the eldest of the children took a stake and rammed it into the horse's arse, the children jumped on to the woodblock and the horse ran off.

And the children fell tumbling down, one after the other...

*Told by Endemir Farias, in the Maniok hut of Enciada do Amourim at Rio Tapajós, on 17th September 2000.*

