



Fig. 1: "Warrior from the Solar Strait" by Jacobsen (1896: 73).

Berakelabar went to Lamahala. At that point the history of the two boats splits, for Tēna Kowa came to the present site of Lamakera, then empty. When they arrived, eastern Solor was a forest of sandalwood. The lord of the land lived at the top of the large hill behind Lamakera and was named Mana Daton Nama. Kabi Barek Ama asked him who was lord of the land here. Mana Daton Nama answered, "I am." Kabi Barek Ama said, "come

down with your people in seven days and bring crushed maize and palm wine. We will meet you and bring fish. Together we will have a ceremony establishing friendship." In seven days the two groups met. They *weka mita-merang* in the language of the mountain people, that is divided the fish. They had no cups or plates. Instead they drank and ate from cups and plates (*kéra*) made of lontar palm leaf. After eating and drinking together,