

## Mambabarang and Mangkukulam



### Mambabarang

- Mambabarang (summoner) is a witch who uses insects and spirits to enter the body of any person they hate. A Mambabarang is a kind of a mangkukulam. Mambabarangs are ordinary human beings with black magic who torture and later kill their victims by infesting their bodies with insects. They are different from Mangkukulams - the latter only inflict pain or illness. Mambabarangs use a strand of hair from their chosen victim and tie it to the bugs or worms which they will use as a medium. When they prick the bug, the victim immediately experiences the intended effect.

### Mangkukulam

- Mangkukulam or bruha are witches, wizards, bruho or sorcerers who cast evil spells to humans. This bewitcher is also called manggagaway. The Mangkukulam uses dark magic.

The difference between a mambabarang and a mangkukulam is that the mambabarang uses magical insects to bring harm to his victims. These insects are released after incantations, when they will search for their supposed victim and burrow under the skin, impregnating her. After some time, matruculans return to the house to kill the pregnant mother, open her abdomen, and eat the growing fetus.

- Here in the Philippines, Mangkukulams and Mambabarangs are very much known. Mangkukulams and Mambabarangs are synonymous to those practicing voodoo. They usually perform the ritual by themselves but most of them belong to a cult. In most cases, mangkukulam uses dolls (similar to voodoo dolls). They will say a prayer to this small dolls and whatever they do to the dolls, will happen to you. (eg, if they boil it, you'll have the stingy feeling of being boiled and soon enough you'll find your skin burned. Anyone who wishes to take revenge on someone can go to a mangkukulam, just bring any property of your enemy. They will say a prayer to your property and just like in the dolls, whatever happens to it happens to you. Mangkukulams are very powerful, in a few days time their victims are usually found dead. Mambabarangs are a bit more powerful. They usually don't need any of your property. They can just remember your face and your name and take revenge on you. Sometimes they place cockroaches or balls of hair or other disgusting things inside their victims.