

Name Me

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This work of the series Portrait as Dialogue dealt with the practice of naming and changing the name of the Kelabit, an indigenous population group on the island of Borneo (Sarawak/Malaysia).

Involved in this project were three Kelabit (men) whom I asked to choose a name for me. Independently of each other, they chose Dayang, the name of a female mythological figure. I then made a Tableau vivant video portrait of ten Kelabit girls and women who were called Dayang, or who had been so named before their first or second name change.

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