Powerful and Powerless: Power and Authority among the Rei Metau on the Outer Islands of Yap

People on the Outer Islands of Yap have been presented in scientific literature mostly in context to their proximity to Yap, and thus have even lost their name. Today they redefine their identity, and call themselves again *rei metau*, the people of the open sea.

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