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I ngā tau 1960, i te whai te whānau ki te whakatū marae. Ka kitea e Matua Bob Nepia (tama a Weteri), tētahi whare ki te papa reihi hōiho, nā reira rāua ko tana tama a Robert Nepia ka haere ki te tiki i te whare me te heri mai ki konei; koinā te tīmatanga o te kāinga. Koirā te wharekai - whare tūpāpaku hoki. Ka ahu whakamua, ka tū te whare tupuna. Ki te tōhipa koe i te Mane, ka hoki mai i te Tūrei, i te Wenerei rānei kua kite koe i te whare e tū ana.

Nā te rākau kounga, i haere atu ai a Nepia ki Rotorua tiki atu ai i te whare. Me tere ki tawhiti ki te kimi kāinga pakari ake i tēnei whare i roto o Tauranga Moana, i te mea he mea hanga ki te rākau Māori, me te rahi hoki o ngā pou. Ka haere a Nepia ki Rotorua ki te tiki, ki te whakahoki mai ki konei, me te waihanga. He rangi ruarua noa iho, i oti ai te whare.

Ko te raima te wāhanga whakamutunga i mua o te wharenuī. Ko Nepia tēnei, ka tuhi ia i ngā ingoa katoa o ngā tamariki me ngā kaimahi me ngā tāngata i runga i te rārangi marae, ka tuhi rātou me te waitohu i ō rātou ingoa. Ka kimi ia i te pepa konu, ka pōkaia ki roto i te pepa konu hoki.

Nāku (Des Tata) i kī atu ki a ia: “Kahi, kahi, ka pirau tēnā.” Ka whakahoki mai ia: “kāore, kāore, ka nui te pōkaitia.” Ka keria tētahi rua ki mua o te wharenuī, ka karakia, ka nehua; ka ūhia kātahi ka tīmata ki te tāhoro i te raima. E ai ki a Nepia, hei te kotahi rau tau, kei reira tonu.