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I neherā, tērā tētahi kāinga, ko Kahakaharoa, ki Taumata rohe. I runga paritū tēnei kāinga noho ai, he kōawaawa ki te taha, ā, i māia ki te awa i rere iho. He puhi a Taurikura, nā te rangatira, ā, he wahine rangatira i noho ki Kahakaharoa. Nā ōna tātai, i whakamorimoritia ai ia, i kia ai e ētahi, he tamaiti whakapuhipuhi ia. Ka pakeke ana ia, ka pōhēhē nōna te ao katoa.

I tētahi rā, ka inoi tōna koroua a Tahupōkai ki a Taurikura ki te tiki wai māna mai i te awa. He ngoikore ngā waewae o te koroua, he whēuaua māna ki te haere mā te tāhekeroa ki te awa i raro iho rā. Ka whakahoki a Taurikura ki a ia, kāore ia i hiahia ki te haere ki te tiki wai māna, he ngenge nōna.

I te matewai rawa te koroua, ā, kāore he tangata kē atu. i upoko mārō kē ia; ka haere ko ia anake. Ka tīkina e ia tētahi tahāwai hei heri wai māna, ā, ka āta heke haere ia i te ara tāheke rā. Tae atu ana ia ki te awa, ka inu wai ia, ka whakakīki anō ia i te tahāwai me te whakahoki ki te kāinga. Ka āta piki, ka āta haere ia i te ara piki i hangaia ki te pari tū. Ka hoki rawa te koroua ki te kāinga, ka whakahau a Taurikura i a ia kia inu wai māna anō. I te hiainu anō ia, ka inu ia mai i te tahāwai.

Ki tā te koroua, kātahi te whakapuhipuhi ko tēnei. I uaua rawa mā tōna tinana ioio ki te piki i te ara pou pou rā, iana tāna mokopuna e mōkehu ana kāore i whakaae ki tāna tonu. Ka kohetengia a Taurikura e Tahupōkai. Ka kīa he māngere, ā, nō hea hoki tāna āheinga kia whai te tangata i a ia. Ka haere āna kōrero, pēnei i te whaikōrero te hanga, he hōhā nōna i pērā rawa tāna kaha i te wahine whakamanamana rā. He hūneinei te riri o te koroua, ā, he riri nō ngā koroua. Nāwai rā, ka tau haere tana riri, ka hoki ia ki tōna whare.

Whakamā katoa ana a Taurikura - whakamā katoa. I mōhio ia kua hē rawa tāna mahi, ka mutu, tē aro i a ia ki te hoki ki te koroua korero ai anō. Tē aro anō hoki i a ia, me pēhea te hoki ki te aroaro o tōna iwi i Kahakaharoa hoki, i te mea, ka hau te rongo mō āna whanonga kikino. He pērā rawa te whakamā, ka whakatau atu ia ki te wehe i te kāinga.

I taua pō, ka kūpapa atu a Taurikura ki waho o tōna whare. Ka āta hītekiteki ia i te tāhekeroa ki te awa. I kōnei, ka kuhu atu ia ki tētahi ana, i reira anō ngā taonga tapu o tōna koroua e noho ana. Ka pā tōna ringa ki ēnei taonga tapū, ka tīmata tana huri hei tuatara - he tū mokomoko.

Ka kitea e tōna koroua, ka meatia nā āna takahitanga i pērā ai. Ka oti te hurihanga o Taurikura hei ngārara, ka ruku ia ki te wai. Ka kauria e ia te ia-wai ki Tauranga Moana. Nōna e kauhoe atu ana, ka karia te ara wai hou, kei te mōhiotia tēnei ara wai ko Kōpūrererua. Ka kauria te wai ki waho ki te whanga o Waikareao, ka hipa i Matarawa (te ingoa tawhito mō te pā o Hūria), ka hipa i Motuopae, ka puta te Tātarāmoa i te huka o tāna haere, ka tōhipa i Te Matau ki te wai nui o Tauranga Moana. Ka haere tonu tāna kauhoe atu i Mauao mā te wahapū. Ka mutu, nā te paunga o te hau, ka tau atu ia ki Kārewa, ki waho o Matakana; i konei a Taurikura noho atu ai, ā, ka mau i a ia te āhua tuatara kia kore ai e āhukahukatia e tētahi atu.

Nā, ko Taurikura te tupuna o te tuatara; he momo mokomoko ka kitea ki Kārewa ināianei, ka noho hoki te kōhanga manu tītī.

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