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Rere ia nei te awa o Ōpuiaki mai i te whenua ngāherehere, pukepuke hoki o Hautere, ka riringi ki te Rere i Ōturu, he whenua nō te Kaporeihana Ōmanawa. Ka rere te Ōpuiaki ki Mangapapa, ki te awa o Wairoa, tatū atu ki Tauranga Moana. I Ruahīhī, i te hīwi e tapatapa ana ki Wairoa, tū ai tētahi kāinga, i reira a Ōturu me tāna pā harakeke e noho ana. I whānau mai ia i reira, ā, e hia kē nei āna hīkoitanga ki te awa ki te tāhei manu, ki te hīnaki tuna hoki. I ētahi wā, ko ia anake ka haere mō tētahi wā. Ka hoki atu ia, he ruarua manu, he tuna whīrokiroki noa kei ōna ringa.

Haere anō ai a Ōturu, ka roa hoki ia e noho atu ana. Ia te hokinga atu he iti te kai ki te whāngai i tāna whānau, ka mutu ka māuiui haere rātou. Ka tūpuhi tōna hoa rangatira me āna tamariki, ka māuiui i te korekore o te kai tika, engari a Ōturu e ora mutu ana. He aha hoki tēnei hanga; i mōhio te katoa ki te mōmona o ngā kererū i ngā ngāhere o Hautere, me te mōmona anō o ngā tuna i ngā manga o runga o Ruahīhī. Tokorua ngā tungāne o te hoa wahine o Ōturu i māharahara ki a Ōturu e tūkinu ana i tāna whānau i te kore i whāngai tika i a rātou, ahakoa te pai o tōna hanga. I mahara ngā tungāne ki te whai i a Ōturu i te haerenga e kainamu ana, ki roto i te ngāhere ki te kite i āna mahi ki reira.

Mō te rua ki te toru rā, mātakitaki atu ai ngā tungāne i a ia. I kitea te huhua o ngā manu i mau me te rahi o ngā tuna hoki, ā, ka mātai atu rāua i a ia e hākari ana. Ka kite hoki rāua i a Ōturu e whakataha ana i ngā kererū me ngā tuna whīroki ki te kete kia haria ai ki te kāinga. He kino rawa tēnei ki ngā tungāne nei; he takahi i tō rāua whānau ngā mahi a Ōturu ki tāna wahine me āna tamariki, ka tiaki i ngā kīnaki ki a ia anake. Ka rere ngā tungāne ki te patu i a Ōturu i a ia e noho kau ana i muri i te hākari. Ka rongo ia i a rāua kātahi ia ka oma ki te manga o Ōpuiaki, ki tāna, he tere ake te haere mā ngā kōhatu papa tairite; engari he tere anō hoki ngā tungāne ki te whai i a ia.

Parahuti ana te haere a Ōturu: i mōhio ia ki te riri o ōna taokete, ā, ka mau ia i a rāua ā tōna wā. Ka oma tonu, ka whiti mai i tētahi toka ki tētahi, nā kua tae ia ki te ngutu o te wairere. I raro i a ia, ka taka te wai e whā tekau mita ki te ngāhere i raro rā. Nā ngā taokete ki muri i a ia, ka whakatika ki te peke ki raro.

Ka hūpeke atu a Ōturu me te tau ki runga i tētahi tauwharenga i waenga. Ka kangahia ngā taokete e ia ki ngā kupu tāwai katoa. Ka whakautu ngā taokete ki te whiu kōhatu; kei moumou te kaha i te kupu, he pukuriri rawa nō rāua kia pērā. Ka tukia a Ōturu, ka taka mai i te papa rā ki roto i te wai hōhonu i te takere o te wairere, ka toromi ki reira.

Nā kōna te wairere i tapaina ai ko Te Rere i Ōturu.