



Tokahaere He Tohu Kauanuanu

RAUKAWA

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E hoki ana ngā kōrero ki te wā o ngā tupua, ki te ao o ngā patupaiarehe, ki ngā rā i whīkoi ai ngā atua i te aroaro o te whenua.



Kōrerorero ana hoki ngā manu ki te tangata, kōrerorero ana te tangata ki ngā manu. Kia mōhio hoki te iwi o taua wā ki ngā kōrero a ngā kararehe, ngā karere me ngā tohu o te taiao.



Nō reira e tai mā, e hoki, e hoki ō tātou whakaaro ki te ao o ukiuki, o aweko. Tahuringia tō mata ki te tihi ki Te Wharepūhanga-a-Kahu ki te hikonga uira o Raukawa, te rua kōwhā o ngā whakawehi o ngā whakamataku. Kei ōna pūwhenua, kei ōna taketake te moenga o te hunga i korikori i roto i tērā ao. Nā rātou ēnei kōrero.



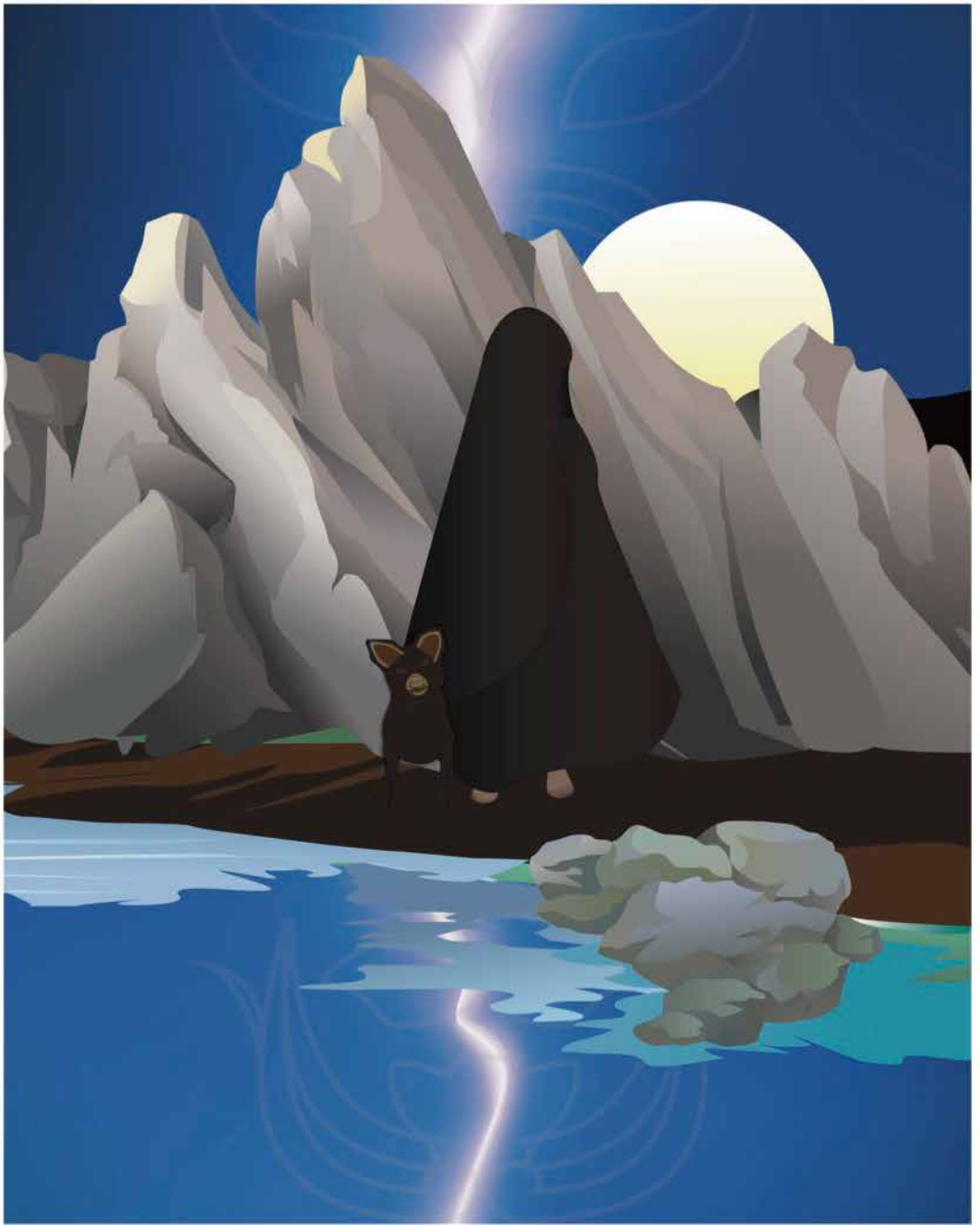
E huri ana te kanohi ki te puku o Te Ika-a-Māui ki te kāhui maunga rā, ki a Tongariro, ki a Ngāuruhoe, ki a Ruapehu hoki. Ko te wā tēnei i tupu ai te pūhaehae o Taranaki ki a Tongariro, he hiahia nō Taranaki ki a Pīhanga hei wahine māna.



Kua pakanga haere aua maunga, ko Taranaki, ka wehe ki mamao ki te wāhi e tū nei ia ināianeī, ko Maungakakamea rātou ko Maungapōhatu ko Pūtauaki ka whakaterāwhiti. Ko Tauhara ka haere ki te raki o Taupō. Ko Tongariro ka toa, ka moe i a Pīhanga.



I reira anō a Tokahaere i ōna wā, i te aranga o ēnei riri o ēnei raru. Kāore ia i pai ki tērā, ā, ka hiahia te tupua nei ki te wehe ki te hauāuru ki Kāwhia. Engari me haere tūāpō, kauraka i te awatea, kei mau i a Tama-i-te-rā, ka pakoko.



Nō reira, ko ia me tana kurī, ka wehe, ka haere hoki mā te pāpāringa mā-uru o Te Kōpua Kānapanapa, Taupō-nui-a-Tia.



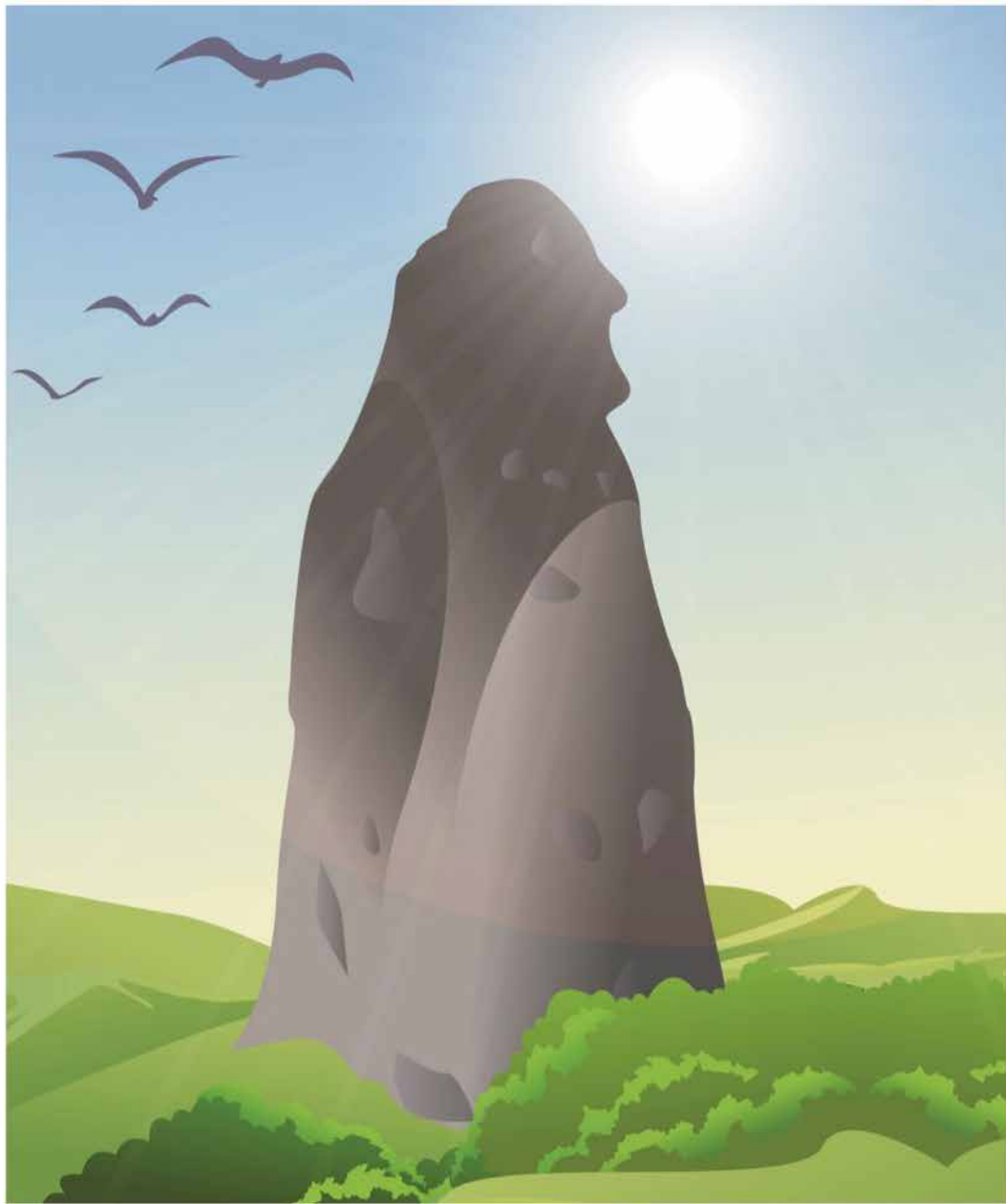
Pō mai, pō atu, ka haere te tokorua nei, ā, i te pūaotanga kua moe, kua huna i ngā ana me ngā wāhi pōuriuri kei mau i te rā.



Heoi anō, i tētehi pō e whīkoi ana te kaumātua rā, i te kaha hiahia ōna kia tae wawe ki Kāwhia, kāore i aro atu ki te urunga mai o te rā, he pōhēhē anō pea tērā nōna, ka tae pai ki tētehi wāhi pōuri i mua o te aonga o te rā.



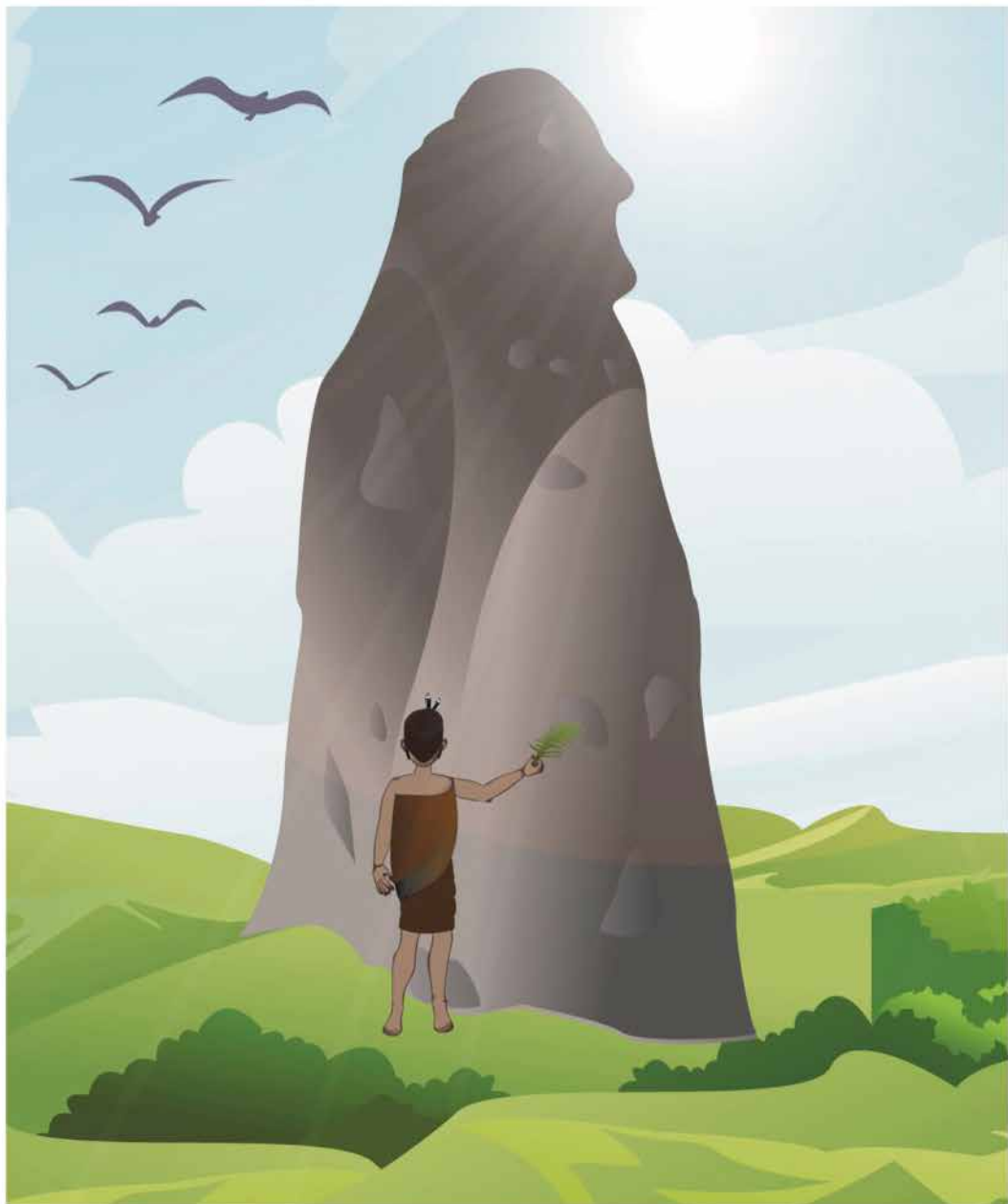
Engari kāore, ka ara te rā, ka toro iho ana hihi ki a Tokahaere me tana kurī! Auē, ka pakoko te tokorua i tētehi riu tata tonu ki Wharepūhunga. Ka hurihia hoki tana kurī hei mokomoko, hei tuatara.



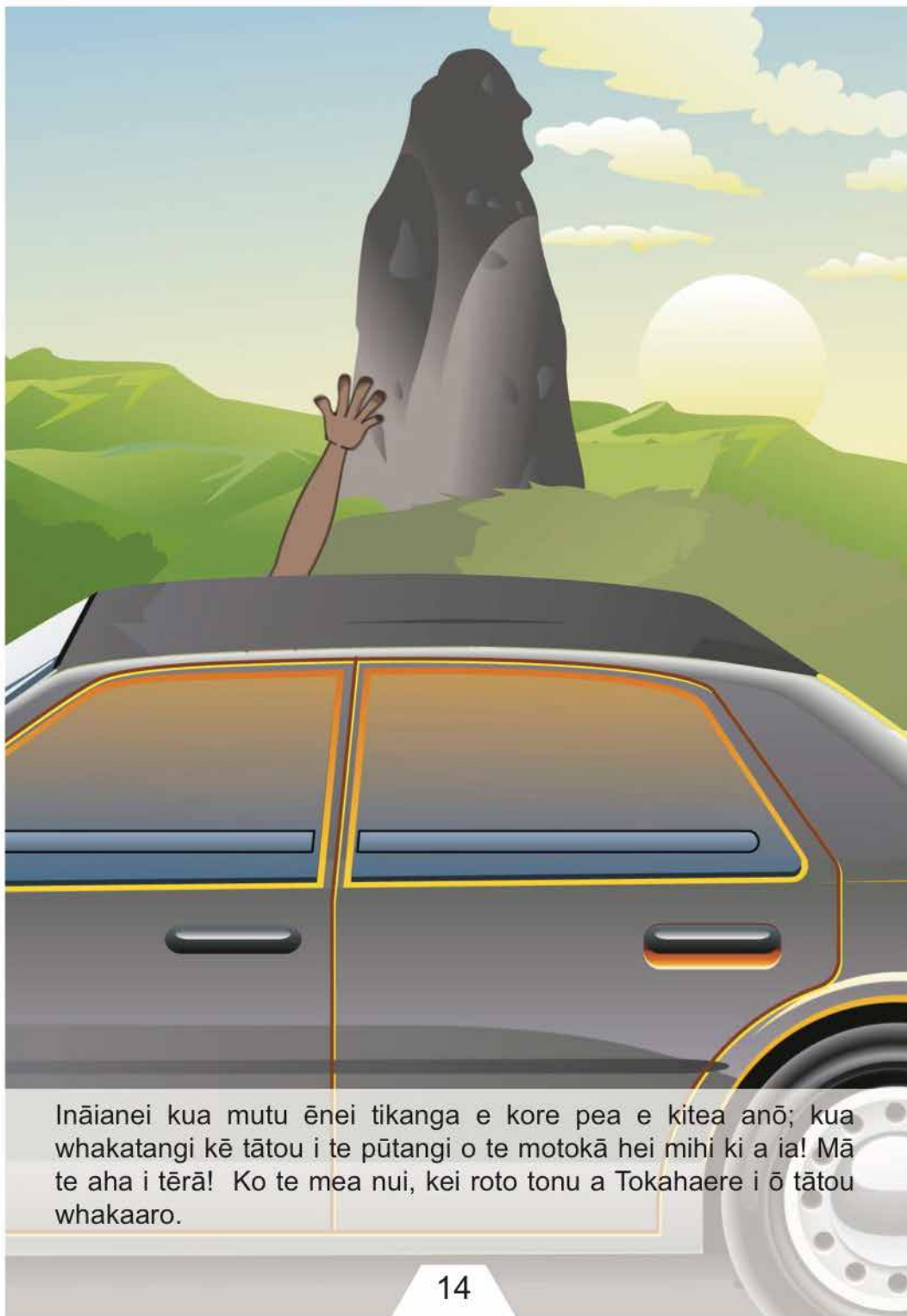
E rua, e rua, mau tonu mai ana i reira, mai i tērā wā, ā, taka mai ki āianeī. Ka noho tēnei toka hei tohu wehi, hei kōwhatu kōrero mā ngā uri o Ngāti Raukawa. Hei ōna wā e mārama ana te kite i tana kanohi me tana kurī.



Arā hoki te kōrero he momo matakitenga te tupua nei. Ka āta tirohia e ngā tohunga kia mōhio ai he pēwhea te āhua o ngā rangi e tū mai rā, mehemea ka marangai, ka paki, ka puhi te hau.



He mea mihi hoki e ngā tauhou ki taua takiwā, koia kua kīia ki te kupu 'uruwhenua.' Ki te tae mai he manuwhiri, he rāwaho, me waiho he rarauwhe, he rau rānei ki tana take, hei whakaaro ki a ia. Koinei te hanga i ngā rā o nehe.



Ināianeī kua mutu ēnei tikanga e kore pea e kitea anō; kua whakatangi kē tātou i te pūtangi o te motokā hei mihi ki a ia! Mā te aha i tērā! Ko te mea nui, kei roto tonu a Tokahaere i ō tātou whakaaro.

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