pea ka whāia atu mā roto mai o te kōrero paki. Nō konā he kōrero taki noa ake tēnei i ō tātou whakaaro kia pai ai te whai atu i te āhua o te titiro a te Māori ki tēnei mea, ki te kōrero paki. Otirā, he nui ngā kōrero paki. I roto i ngā whakamārama a ngā Pākehā i ngā kōrero paki a ngā Māori, tērā ka tuhia i raro i te upoko he*myth*. Tērā pea he tika ētahi o ērā kōrero, engari, ko te nuinga o ngā kōrero paki a te Māori, tuatahi, ko tōna āhuatanga he kōrero ngahau. Hei whakangahau i te tangata, hei whakakatakata i te tangata, hei whakakotahi i te tangata, hei whakatau i te tangata, ā, ka mutu, hei whakaataata i te whakawhanaungatanga kei waenganui i a rātau. He nui hoki ngā kōrero paki i hua mai i roto i ērā noho tahitanga a ngā whānau ake, ā, nā roto mai i ērā momo noho tahitanga ka hua ake nei te āhua o ēnei momo kōrero hei whakapiripiri, hei whakatatatata i a rātau ki a rātau anō, ā, ka mutu hei whakaataata mai i te wairua o roto o taua whānau rā, i te wairua ngahau, i te wairua hoki e kotahi ai tēnei mea te tangata i roto i ērā āhuatanga. Nō konā, he kaupapa ngahau te mahi a te kōrero paki.

Tuatoru, ko ētahi o ngā paki he āhua roa e kōrero ana, engari he ngako kei roto. He ngako, arā, he matū, he kōrero kei roto e kite ai koe i tōna māramatanga, i tōna tohutohu mai ki a koe, i tētahi whakatoi rānei, engari, me kī ake he wero tērā āhuatanga, he wero kei roto. I konā anō i roto i ngā paki ka rongo koe i ngā reo ake o ngā iwi, o ngā hapū tonu e whakapuakina ana i roto i tērā mea, i te kōrero paki. Nā, ahakoa kua ngaro haere tēnei āhuatanga i roto i te iwi Māori nā te mea kāore i te noho pērā i ngā rā o mua e noho tōpū ā-whānau ana, ā, e noho whānui ana rātau i te wāhi kotahi e āhei ai rātau ki te whakapuaki, ki te whakaputaputa i ēnei kōrero. Hei ētahi wā tonu i roto i ēnei rā o ēnei tau e iwa tekau e whakatata atu tātau ki te tau rua mano, kei kōnei tonu e ora ana ētahi tāngata kōrero paki whakangahau i te tangata, ka mutu e kōrerohia ana i roto i te reo Māori. Nō konā ko tētahi o ngā āhuatanga nui ki a au o roto o tērā mea, o te kōrero paki ko tōna reo me te momo reo e whakamahia ana hei whakakatakata, hei whakahoi i ngā taringa, hei whakaareare hoki i ngā taringa o te tangata kia whakarongo ai ia, ā, ka mutu kia whakamātakina ai ia ki te tikanga o roto i ngā kōrero rā.

Kua kōrero atu au i te āhua o tēnei mea o te whakatau a tērā kōrero. He nui ngā kōrero paki e puta mai ana i ngā wā e noho tahi ana ngā tāngata tērā pea kei roto i te māra kai, kei roto i te ngahere, kei te waru rīwai, kei te tapahi mīti, kei te mahi kai i runga o te marae, kei roto rānei i te wharenui e noho ana. Hei ētahi wā ka whakapuakina e te tangata i muri i ana kōrero tapu tētahi whakataukī, tētahi kōrero paki rānei māna hei whakatau i te iwi, i te hunga e noho ana i reira hei whakararata, hei unu mai i te tapu o ana kōrero kia takoto noa anō ai i roto i te āhuatanga māmā o te huihuinga tāngata.

Me kī pēnei ake anō au he wā anō mō te kōrero paki, he wā anō kia kaua koe e kōrero paki, he wā anō mō tētahi momo kōrero paki, he wā anō e kore ai koe e kōrero i taua kōrero rā. Nā te āhua o te huihuinga tāngata ngā momo tāngata kei reira, mā te tangata e kōrero ana i aua kōrero rā e mōhio ko tēhea te wā tika, ko tēhea te wā e hē ana. Nō konā nā te āhua tonu o ngā kōrero paki nei, ka kite ake tātau ko ēhea ngā kōrero e tika ana, ko ēhea ngā kōrero e kore ana e tika. Hei tauira ake:

Tērā e noho ana te tokorua nei, ko Tame rāua ko Hōri. Ko tā rāua mahi he whakapāhūhū kānga. Mehemea koutou, ngā mea tamariki kāore i te mōhio he aha te pāhūhū kānga, ki te haere koutou ki ngā toa kei reira ētahi mīhini. Ko te mahi a ngā mīhini nei, ka kuhuna atu ngā kānga ki roto i ngā mīhini kua whakapāhūhūtia mai e te mīhini, engari, i roto i te noho a te Māori i ngā rā o mua ka whiuwhiua atu ngā kānga nei ki roto i ngā ngārehu. Nā, ka tatari koe kia mahana, kia wera haere te kānga rā i te ngārehu kua pahū mai. Ka kite tonu koe e pahū mai ana i roto i te ngārehu, ā, kua rere atu koe me tō rākau ki te tīkape mai ki waho, ā, kua kai koe i tō kānga.

Nā, e noho tahi ana a Tame rāua ko Hōri, ka whiua atu e Tame wāna kānga ki roto, ka whiua atu e Hōri wāna kānga ki roto. Ka pahū mai tētahi o ngā kānga ka kī ake a Tame, "Nāku tērā."