

i reira, i te mea e noho tahi ana ki tērā o ngā hoariri, ki te ngeru. I roto i te wā poto kua heke tō rātou nui ki te 61 noa iho. I konei ka whakatauria me hari ēnei tino mōrehu ki tētahi moutere karekau he ngeru, he toriura i reira. Ko Hauturu, ko Codfish me Maud ngā moutere i whiriwhiritia. Hei āwhina i ngā kākāpō, ka tahuri Te Papa Atawhai ki te hora kai papai mā rātou, pēnei i te hua rākau, i te natinati me ngā 'pōhā patahua', i runga i te tūmanako ka whakaae ngā manu nei kua eke anō te tau humi, ā, ka tahuri ki te whakaputa uri!

I ēnei rā, ko tōna 50 noa iho ngā kākāpō e ora tonu ana i ēnei moutere. Ko wai kāore e tautoko i te whakaaro me āta tiaki tēnei puipuiaki kei ngaro i tēnei, tōna whenua ake, pērā tonu i te moa, i te hōkioi, me te tōtōrori?

Te 'whakataetae whakaipoipo' a ngā toa

Ko te kākāpō tētahi o ētahi momo manu ruarua nei ka whakahaere i tētahi momo whakataetae i te wā o te whakaipoipo. Ka whiriwhiri ētahi toa maha tonu i tētahi parehua, i tētahi kehokeho rānei mō rātou. Kātahi ka whakarake tēnā me tēnā i tōna wāhi noho, me te keri mai i tētahi momo pārua mōna i te oneone. Ka hangaia anō ētahi ara hikoi atu ki tana pārua. Arā anō ana hoa whakataetae e mahi mai ana i ō rātou ake pārua ki ōna taha. Tērā pea ka kapi tētahi wāhi āhua 200 mita nei te whānui i ēnei mahi whakariterite a ngā toa. Kīia ai te wāhi nei he 'lek', mai i te kupu o Huitene mō te 'tākaro'.

Kātahi ka tīmata tā rātou whakataetae tahi hei whakawai i ngā uha. Mai i te marama o Hakihea ki te marama o Poutū-te-rangi, rangona ai ō rātou reo - he momo nguru, engari he āhua tata ake pea ki te hāona kaipuke - ā, ka tāoro atu tēnei tangi rerekē nei ki te nuku o te whenua.

Ka āhua riro te hinengaro o te manu nei i tana mahi. Ka pao noa ngā karu, ā, ka whakamakoha i tōna poho kia nui ake ai tōna āhua. Kātahi ka tuohu te māhunga, me te whakaputa i tōna reo tāwhiri rerekē nei. Nā te āhua tonu o tana tinana, me te āhua anō o te pārua, ka paoro te 'pahū' ki ngā hau e whā. Ka haere tonu tēnei momo nguru āhua rerékē ia rua hēkena mō te kotahi meneti. Kātahi ka paku whakangā, me te titiro haere, te whakarongo haere, mō te tūpono e arohia mai ana tana mahi. Ki te kore, kua karawhiu anō. Ka pēnei tonu te mahi mō te āhua ono hāora neke atu, ia pō, mō te toru marama, rima marama rānei. Me mihi rā te manawa-nui o ēnei toa ka tika!

I ētahi pō he momo 'keo' kē te tangi a ētahi. Ko te whakaaro o ngā tohunga tiro-tiro manu, ka āwhina tēnei i ngā uha ki te kimi haere i te toa nōna taua reo. Katoa ēnei mahi whakamenomeno, ka rangona e ngā uha o te rohe, ā, ka whakatata atu kia pai ai tā rātou whiriwhiri i a 'Tame Purotu'. I te mūtunga ake ko ētahi, ko tētahi noa iho rānei o ngā toa ka whiwhi, ā, he moumou tāima noa iho te mahi a ētahi atu.

Arā anō ētahi momo manu ka kīia he 'lekker', ā, ko ētahi

atu momo kararehe ka āhua pēnei te mahi, tae atu ki ētahi momo tia, ki ētahi momo ika, ki te pekapeka, te pūrerehua me te ngaro. I ēnei momo kararehe katoa, ka whakawhāiti mai ngā toa i te wā o te whakaipoipo, me te whakataetae tahi, te whakamenomeno tahi hei whakawai i ngā uha. Ko tā ngā uha, he āta tiro-tiro, he āta whiriwhiri, kātahi ka arotau atu ki a 'Tuahangata'. Ina whakaarotia ake tēnei tūāhua, arā pea ētahi o tātou e whakaaro ana me tāpiri atu ko te tangata ki tēnei rārangi!

He Kupu Āwhina

haona kaipuke	- foghorn
Hauturu	- Little Barrier Lsland
hōkioi	- type of extinct bird
kākoa	- fibrous
'kanohi-rurū whai hune'	- 'owl-face with soft feathers'
kōrangorango	- mottled
mahi poka noa	- do something randomly, without forethought
mate hirinaki	- die of old age
mokori anō	- luckily
natinati	- nuts
ngere	- failed of one's object, overlooked
nguengue	- placid
pātiti taranui	- tussock
pia	- sap
Piopiotahi	- Milford Sound
pōhā patahua	- muesli bar
puipuiaki	- rare, precious thing
pūkohu	- moss
Punanga Manu	- Bird Reserve
rokiroki	- preserve
tātā	- stalk, stem
tau humi	- season of abundance
toriura	- stoat
tōtōrori	- extinct, quail-like bird
unu	- draw out, extract
waewae mātotoru	- heavy-footed
whāereere	- mother
whaipara	- remains
whakaipoipo	- courtship
whakamenomeno	- show off, make a display
wharemoa	- hollow
Huitene	- Sweden
kehokeho	- hilltop
keo	- sharp cry
ngaro	- fly (insect)
pahū	- boom, booming
pao	- glazed (of eyes)
parehua	- ridge
pārua	- depression in the earth, bowl
pekapeka	- bat
Tame Purotu	- 'Mr Handsome'
Tuahangata	- 'Mr Right'
whakaipoipo	- court, courtship
whakamakoha	- cause to expand
whakamenomeno	- show off, make a display