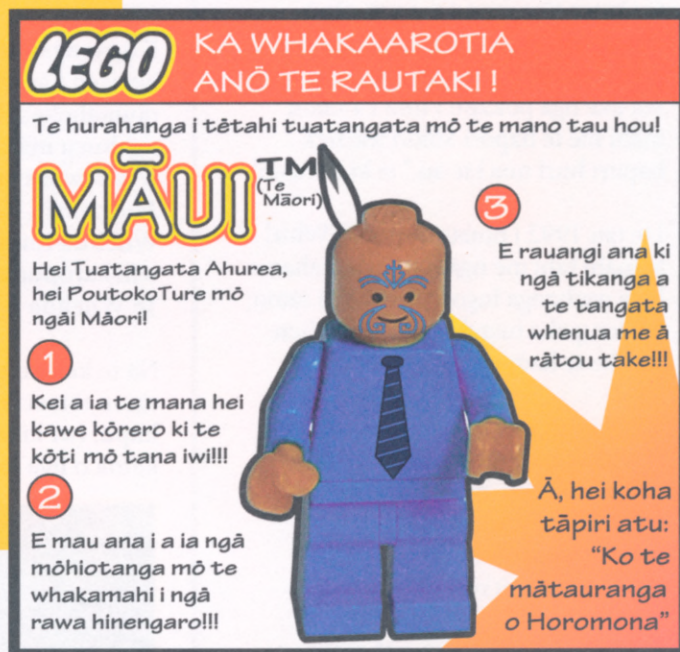




Te Pō Wero Hinengaro ki Wanganui

Nā Quinton Hita

Ka whakaaro rā au, ko te tikanga ia o tēnei tū pō, he wero hinengaro, ehara i te wero i ngā kaihautū, kaikōrero rānei. E taea te pēhea? Ka huihui tēnei iwi te Māori, ka hianga.

Kia ora rawa atu e te hunga i tae mai ki te pō wero hinengaro ki Wanganui nā Ruka Broughton i kōkiri. Ka tae atu hoki māua ko Kōtuku Tibble (me tonono mai, ehara me haere noa atu) hei kaiwero mō taua pō. Ko aua mahi ngahau rā anō o tēnei momo pō, ā, he haringa ngākau hoki te rongo ake i te reo Māori e kōrerotia ana i waho o te kura.

Heoi, i haere kē māua ki tō māua mōtēra i te tuatahi ki te whakatiktika mō ngā mahi o te pō. He rūma anō tō Kōtuku, he rūma anō tōku. Takoto ana au i runga i taku moenga ka rongo au i te wai wera e rere ana i tērā taha o te pātū, ko taku hoa e

kaukau ana. Ka roa ka parangia au. Mea rawa atu kua ara anō, whakapae ana au, he hāwhe hāora pea au e parangia ana ka ara nei, heoi, ara rawa ake e kaukau tonu ana te pokokōhua ra! Mutu rawa atu tana kaukau, kua pau katoa kē te wai wera o tērā mōtēra, me Wanganui katoa atu. Hore he painga o te awa o Wanganui mā tēnei korokē e kai! Kia ahatia, i tū te pō, i tū te winiwini, i tū te wanawana, i tū hoki ko Ruka. Āe mārika nāna tana mahi. I pōhēhē au ko māua ko Kōtuku ngā kaikōrero, ehara i te kanohi kau hei whakaari, hei whakatoi hoki mā Ruka!

Ka tū he tautohetohe, nā te whakaminenga te tuatahi, nā ngā kaiwhakahaere te tuarua. Nā Ruka anō te kaupapa mō te tautohe tuatahi i whakatakoto, e mea nei... 'pai ake te paihikara i te hoiho'.

Ko tāku ki a ia... "Pai ake te paihikara i te hoiho? Ahakoa nō Ngāpuhi Ngāherehere au, he motokā kē ō mātou i āiane nā!" Kāti, he whakatarā rā. Otirā, kāhore he pai o āku whakatarā, tautohetohe ana ko ngā kaiwhakahaere i muri iho ka wikitōria kē ko tērā taha. Ka whakapae au ki a Kōtuku he kūware nōna ki te whakahoki kōrero. He kakata, he harihari, he rawerawe ngā hua o taua pō, he kōrero Māori hoki.

Ehara rā i te aha ēnei kōrero e tātou mā, he whakaatu kau atu i te whai take o tēnei momo hui. Ko te tūmanako, kia horo te tūtika o ngā ritenga o te pūtea tekau mā rima miriona nei nā Tau Hēnare i whakataha mai i te wā ko ia te Minita mō te reo Māori hei tononga mā tātou hei whakahōrapa i ēnei tū hui ki ngā takiwā katoa o te motu. Tāria te roanga atu!