

I te urunga mai o te rā ka puta tētahi toa rangatira me ana ope taua i runga i ngā wāka ki Rēkohu. Anō nei, te whenua taurikura o ngā mātua tūpuna. Ka tonoa rātou e te kuia o Rewi ki te wewete i a Rewi me āna hikuhiku mai i te mauhere o te Kawanatanga o Ingarangi. ①

He tino kaikōhuru tētahi o ngā toa. Ko ia anake te mōrehu mai i te pakanga o ngā Pākehā me ngā iwi o Taranaki. Koinei te take i whakawhiwhia e ia te ingoa Ko Te-Orangatonu-o-te-rangi.

Ka tae atu te ope taua ki te whare herehere, i piki atu rātou i ngā pare. I kōhuru rātou i ngā kaitiaki o te papa taumata, kātahi ka rere iho rātou mā ngā kaupae ki ngā papa o raro, o te whare herehere. I taua wā ka tīrara e rātou i ngā kauhanga kia rapuhia i ngā kī mō ngā herehere. ②

Ka taka te wā ka tīrara e rātou i ngā kauhanga kia rapuhia i ngā kī mō ngā herehere. Ka taka te wā, ka rapuhia te rangatira i ngā kī, me a Rewi, “Kāore au e hiahia ana i tō awhi” e kīa ana e Rewi. “Kaua e ūpoko māro”, te whakahoki o te toa. I whakamutu rāua i te kōrero. Kātahi ka kī a Rewi “Pai, engari ka tae atu tātou ki te tuawhenua, ka wehe mātou aku hikuhiku, nē?” “Aē!” ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥

I ārahi te rangatira i a Rewi me ana hikuhiku mā ngā kauhanga me ngā kaupae. E toru ngā kaikōhuru ka tonoa e te rangatira hei kōkirikiri kia whakamōti i te toenga o ngā kaitiaki. Whakamōti kau anō ngā kaitiaki ka haere tonu ngā taurewa ki te papa taumata. I whakahoki rātou ki ngā waka, ā, i hoea ngā waka i roto i te pō. ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦