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## He Aha Te Mea Nui?

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Kahukura

“I riro i a Mereana te whetū koura mō tēnei wiki. Nāna a Ariā i āwhina kia piki ai tōna kōrea ki te rūma,” te kī a te tumuaki. “Me kaha koutou ki te āwhina i te tangata ahakoa ko wai. He tikanga tērā nō mua. Mā ngā mahi pēnei e whakahokia mai pea. Hōmai koa te pakipaki!”

Ka whiwhi a Mereana i te whetū koura nei. Ka titiro ki ōna hoa kura e hōmai nei i ā rātou pakipaki tautoko, ka tuohu tōna mātenga. He mea tino mīharo tēnei ki a ia.

I te putanga ki waho ki te tākaro o te ata, ka mihia anō a Mereana e ōna hoa kura.

Ka kī a Mereana ehara i a ia te whetū koura nei, engari nā rātou katoa i whiwhi. Ka pātai ōna hoa he aha ia i kōrero pēnā ai. Ko te whakautu o Mereana kapi katoa kē rātou i te kōrero a te tumuaki – ko rātou me Ariā me tōna kōrea hoki.

Kāhore a Rāwiri e rata ki a Ariā. Ka kī ia, “He koi nō te reo, he tū nō te ihu ina āwhinatia.”

Ka kōrero a Mereana, “E hoa mā, he tika pea tā koutou. Engari ko wai e hiahia ki te noho i roto kōrea mō ake tonu atu?”

Ko te tikanga me āwhina i te tangata ahakoa ko wai. Kei te ngaro haere ēnei tikanga, ā, mā tātou tonu e whakahoki mai. Ko te tikanga tēnā o te whetū koura mō tēnei wiki. Ka ea hoki te whakatauākī, ‘He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata.’”