

husband what she has heard, and the word of Turi comes forth: "These are the arts of *makutu*. It is death for me and mine." So they went to Toto, father of Rongorongo, and said: "Give to us that by which we may cross the vast waters which lie before us, that we may retain life." And Toto gave to them the vessel *Aotea*, which floats on the stream *Wai-harakeke*. Then they proceeded to gather food and seeds to take with them in their search for new lands. Upon their

rangi. Uenuku sent Potoru on board that he might lure Turi to the far west, to the sullen seas where man is lost.

Then Kupe, the sea rover, came to Turi. He said: "Fasten (direct) the bow of your vessel to yonder star, nor let it swerve from that. So shall you find the hidden land where the sky hangs down."

Then Turi and his people embarked on the vessel *Aotea-roa*, and went forth upon the great waters which spread far away to



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vessel they placed the sacred and prolific *kumara* (sweet potato), the seeds of the *kuraka*, the *taro* and *ti-taohiti*. Also, they brought these birds, the *kokoreke*, *moho*, *moakirua*, *popotai* and the *piopio*. Hence the saying: "The valuable freight of *Aotea*." It was the evil wizard Uenuku who placed the *kiore* (rat), the *pukeko* (swamp hen), and the *motarua* on board *Aotea-roa*, that they might destroy the valuable freight of *Aotea*. Also, they brought to this land the ancient and sacred stone axe, *Te Awhio-*

Whanui and the home of the children of Pani.

Now is seen the evil work of Potoru, who strives to lead Turi to *Tai-tope-ki-te-uru*, the Sea of Death. But Turi says: "I have fastened the bow of my vessel to the star, for such was the word of Kupe, of he who conquered the seas." As they pass the *Wahao Te Parata*, where the great tides come forth, they are so occupied in quarrelling that they see not that dreadful chasm, which swallows the vessels of Potoru, the obstinate.