



# MĀORI

PEOPLE AND THEIR ART OF STORYTELLING



**WHAT IF?**



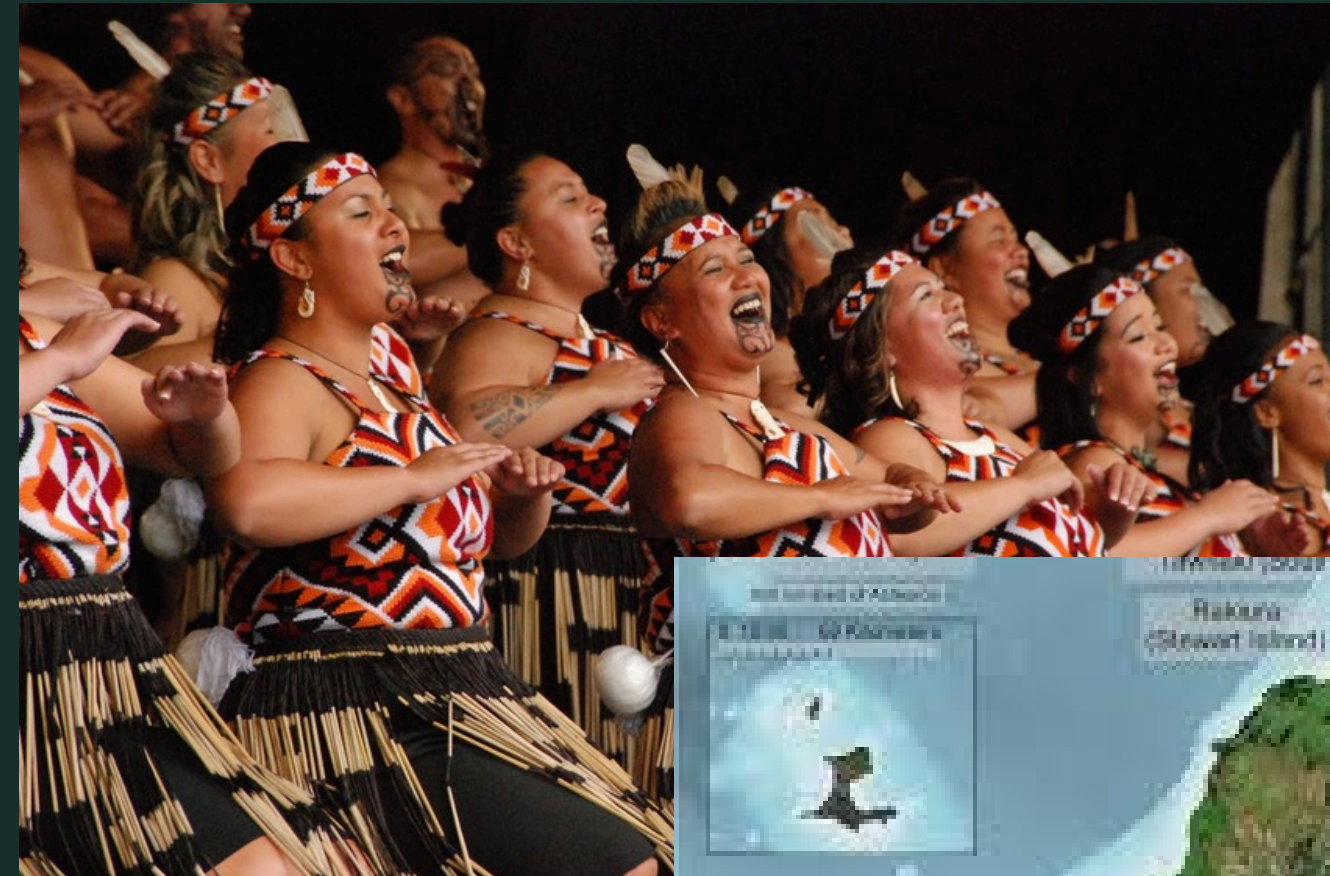
**YOU WERE TRYING TO TRAVEL THE PACIFIC OCEAN BY BOAT WITH YOUR BROTHERS , BUT THEY WOULDN'T LET YOU, WHAT WOULD YOU**



**DO ?**

# WHO ARE THE MĀORI PEOPLE

- THE FIRST INHABITANTS OF AOTEAROA (NEW ZEALAND)
- PART OF THE POLYNESIAN PEOPLE OF NEW ZEALAND
- OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: TE REO MĀORI
- MIGRATED IN THE 14TH CENTURY FROM HAWAIIKI  
(BRITANNICA)



# THE ROLE OF STORYTELLING



- EDUCATION
- PASS HISTORY TO THE FUTURE GENERATIONS
- SHARE TRADITIONS AND VALUES
- ENTERTAINMENT
  
- MAORI PEOPLE TELL STORIES THROUGH:
- ORAL TRADITION
- SONGS/CHANTS
- DANCES

# THE ROLE OF STORYTELLING



## FOLKLORE

"A BROAD TERM USED TO REFER TO THE TRADITIONAL BELIEFS, MYTHS, TALES, AND PRACTICES OF A PEOPLE, WHICH HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN ORALLY (OR VIA OTHER NON-WRITTEN MEANS SUCH AS DANCE, THEATER AND ETC.)"

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# THEMES IN MĀORI STORIES

- CREATION
- CONNECTION TO NATURE
- ANCESTRY AND GENEALOGY
- HEROIC DEEDS
- BALANCE BETWEEN SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL
- MORAL LESSONS
- NAVIGATION AND TRAVELS

**TE-WHEKE-A-MUTURANGI**  
Giant Octopus; Familiar of Maturangi, the Chief of the Island of Hawaiki

**TAWHIRIMATEA**  
God of the Weather and Storms

**TUMATAUENGA**  
God of War, Hunting, Fishing and Agriculture

**TANE-MAHUTA**  
God of Forests and Birds

**TANGAROA**  
God of the Sea

**TANIWHA**  
Giant Serpent-like Creatures that Live in Deep Pools, Rivers, Dark Caves, or in the Sea

**PAPA & RANGI**  
Earth Mother and Sky Father

**RONGO**  
God of Peace, and of Cultivated Plants

**HINE-HUI-TE-PO**  
Goddess of Death

**URUTENGANGANA**  
God of the Light

**TU-TE-WEHIWEHI**  
Ancestor of All Reptiles

**PUNGA**  
Ancestor of Ugly Creatures

**IKATERE**  
Ancestor of Fish

**MAUI**  
Demigod, Culture Hero and Ancient Chief who Appears in Maori Tradition (as well as that of many others throughout the Pacific Ocean)

**WHAITIRI**  
Goddess of Thunder

**RUAUMOKO**  
God of Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Seasons

**HAUMIA-TIKETIKE**  
God of Wild Food Plants

**MAIN FIGURES OF MAORI MYTHOLOGY**  
VOLUME ONE  
THE SUPERNATURAL BEINGS OF AOTEAROA

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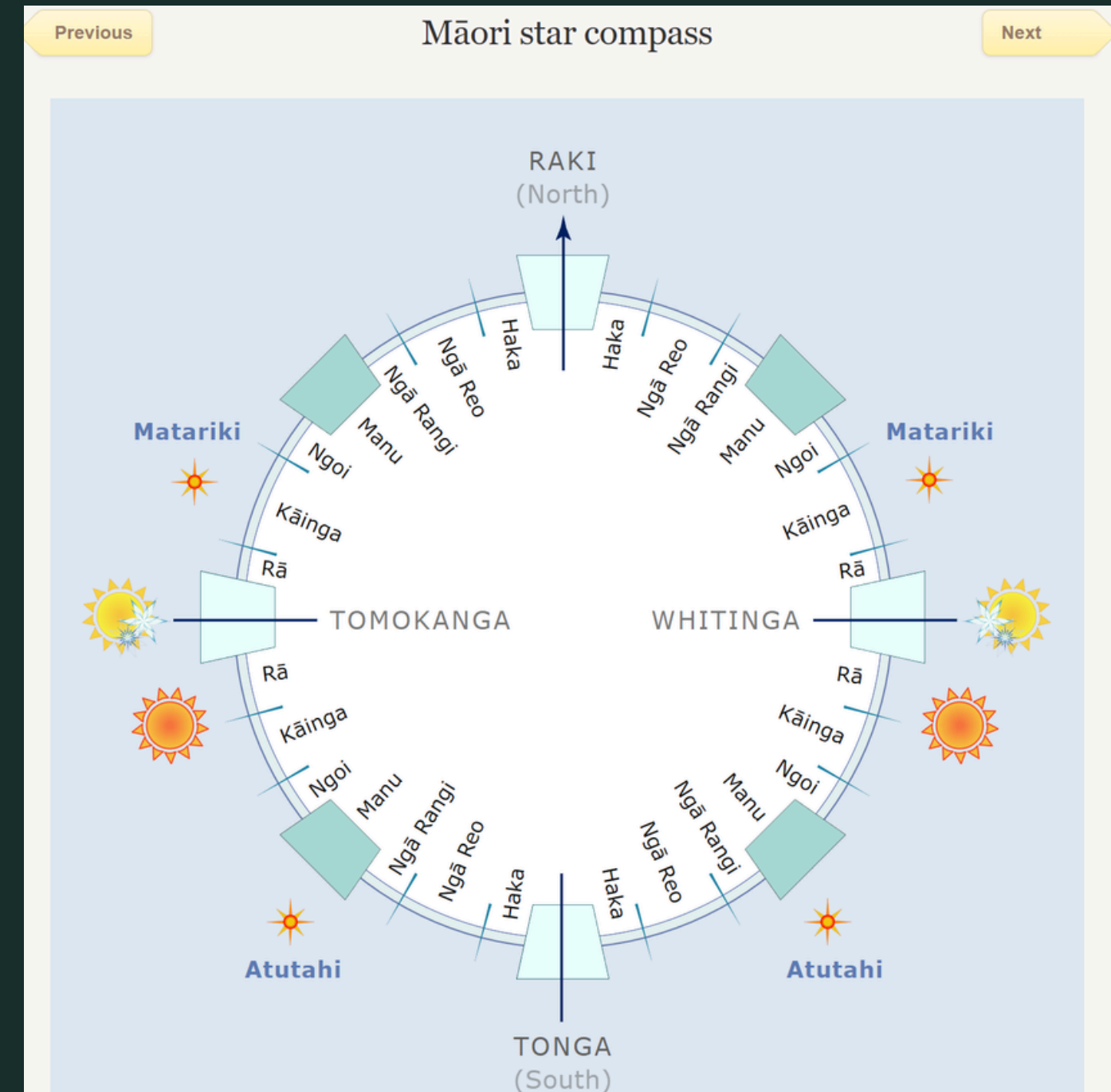
# GREAT NAVIGATION SKILLS



**KUPE'S TRAVELS AROUND AOTEAROA**

**MAUI**

**ETC.**



(NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR CULTURE AND HERITAGE TE MANATU TAONGA.)

# MāUI AND THE GIANT FISH



- TE IKA A MAUI
- LEGEND
- CREATION STORY
- PROMOTES GOOD VALUES (HARD WORK > GREED)
- NAVIGATION PRACTICES
- ALSO TOLD IN OTHER POLYNESIAN CULTURES

"AND IN TIME MāUI'S GIANT FISH BECAME KNOWN AS THE NORTH ISLAND OF AOTEAROA, AND MāUI'S CANOE THE SOUTH ISLAND." (WIREMU GRACE)

# FAIRIES, ELVES AND OGRES

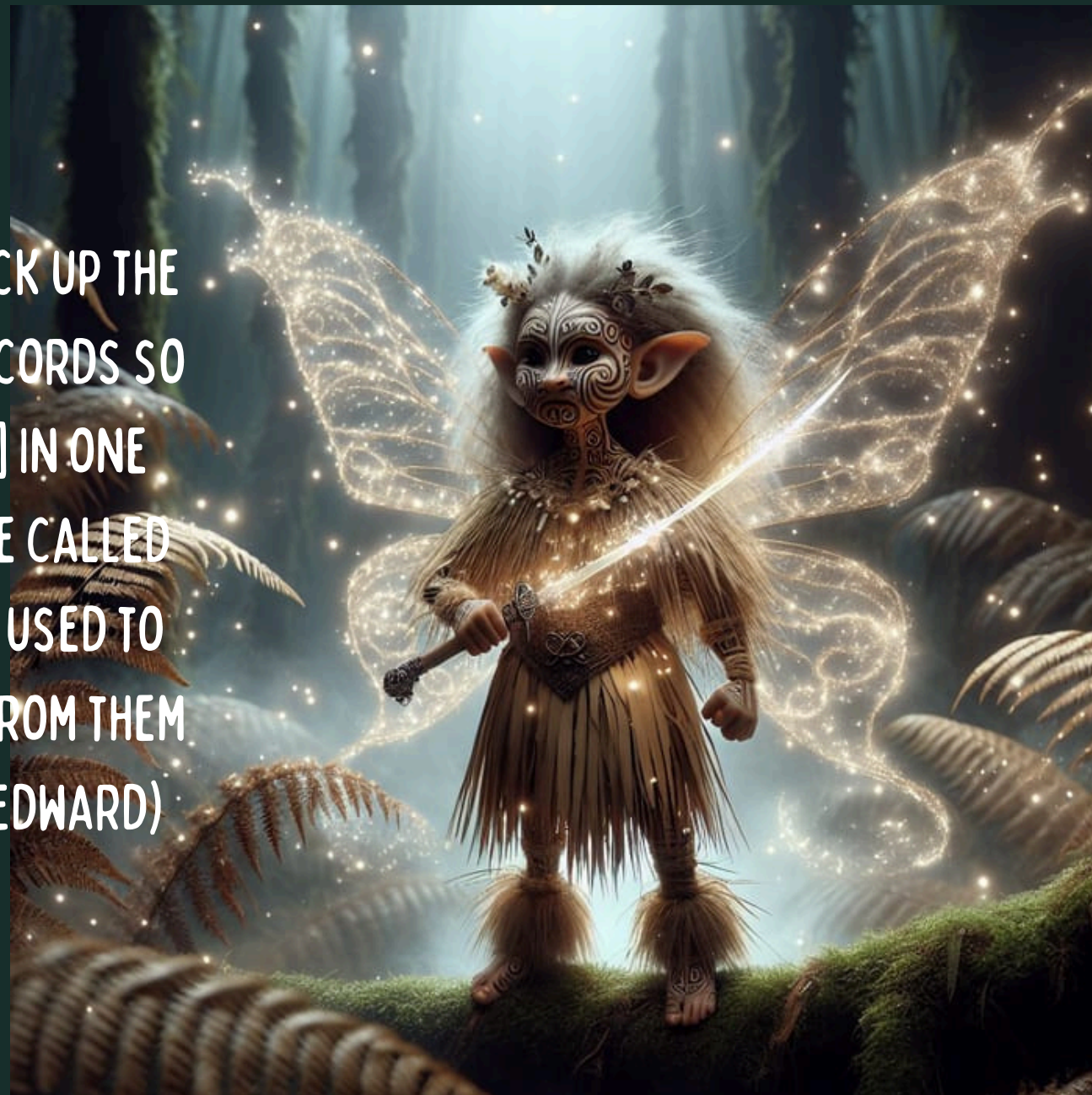
THEY ARE USED IN CAUTIONARY TALES

- THE MAORI DON'T SING AT NIGHT

- THE "GOOD PEOPLE/WOOD ELVES"

TO TEACH KNOWLEDGE

"THE FAIRIES LEAPT ASHORE; THEY BEGAN TO PICK UP THE FISH AND THREAD THEM THROUGH THE GILLS ON CORDS SO THAT THEY COULD BE CARRIED IN BUNDLES.[...] IN ONE ACCOUNT OF THIS INCIDENT THE FISHERMEN ARE CALLED PARAU, THE NAME OF A MOUNTAIN TRIBE; THEY USED TO STEAL DOWN FROM THE HILLS TO NET FISH AND FROM THEM THE MAORI LEARNT NET-MAKING." (TREGEAR, EDWARD)



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