

HINEPUKOHERUNGI'S PERFUME

A LONG TIME AGO, BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF TIME, WAS WHEN THE KAKAPO OBTAINED IT'S STUNNING SCENT.

IN A BEAUTIFUL FOREST, FULL OF MANY NATIVE TREES AND BIRDS, MAUI HAD JUST GOTTEN A WONDERFUL SMELLING 'FUME FOR HIS WIFE, HINEPUKOHERUNGI, AND WAS ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE TENT.

NOW, KAKAPO WAS A VERY NAUGHTY BIRD, AND HE COULD SMELL THE SCENT THROUGH THE KETE. HE FLEW OVER TO TUI, HIS BEST FRIEND, AND TOLD HIM TO GO OVER TO THE TENT WHEN MAUI WAS THERE, WITH HINEPUKOHERUNGI, AND MAKE HIM ANNOYED, SO THAT KAKAPO, STANDING UNDERNEATH MAUI, WOULD GET SPRAYED. TUI AGREED TO FOLLOW KAKAPO'S PLAN.

KAKAPO FOLLOWED HIS MASTER MAUI INTO THE TENT. HINEPUKOHERUNGI WAS BRUSHING HER HAIR WHEN MAUI AND KAKAPO WALKED IN.

JUST BEFORE MAUI WAS ABOUT TO SPRAY HINEPUKOHERUNGI, TUI FLEW IN AND FRIGHTENED HER. MAUI WAS MAD. HE KNEW THAT TUI WOULDN'T DO THIS SORT OF THING; TUI WAS A KIND AND SENSIBLE BIRD. HE ASKED WHO HAD MADE HIM DO THIS. TUI ANSWERED: "IT WAS KAKAPO, MAUI, I AM TERRIBLY SORRY." MAUI TOLD TUI TO FLY HOME. THEN HE TURNED TO KAKAPO. HE WAS SO FURIOUS, THAT HE THREW SOMETHING AT KAKAPO THAT WAS IN HIS HAND. IT WAS THE LOVELY SMELLING 'FUME! KAKAPO WAS WET ALL OVER BECAUSE OF IT. MAUI DIDN'T KNOW THAT IT WAS HINEPUKOHERUNGI'S FINE 'FUME, AND HE GOT EVEN ANGRIER. MAUI PUSHED KAKAPO OUT OF THE TENT IN FRUSTRATION.

THE KAKAPO WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR IT'S SMELL, UNTIL TO THIS DAY, THAT THESE WICKED WEASELS, STOAT, RATS, AND CATS CAN SMELL THEM OUT, AND HUNT THEM. KAKAPO'S ARE VULNERABLE, SO THAT GIVES THE PREDATORS AN ADVATAGE.

AND THAT IS HOW THE KAKAPO GOT IT'S SCENT.

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