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# Story of the ancestors of Kānoño and Kānoñontem on Tarawa.

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When Tetake and Koroanūtūntū flew from the tree of Samoa they came to Titoroña and Bōbōiki. They were hungry, so they <sup>ate</sup> ~~did~~ eat all the people of those places, save one alone. He who remained was named Towatu. He departed in his canoe which was called Būkinibenebene, and came to Tabitēne, and landed at Teatoraba. There he married Nī Tebaibunānikarawa and she bore him a child whom they called Tautū. When Tautū grew older, behold! he left his parents in anger and sailed to the land of white men. There he married Nī Abunaba, <sup>Abunaba</sup> ~~Abunaba~~ <sup>Karawa</sup> the daughter of Te Rake and Nī Touna. They had a child named Tōwātūnīmātū. When the

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Child grew up, behold! he slew his parents, for he desired their skulls for his drinking vessels. So he put the heads of his father and his mother on his canoe, Kaibo, and set forth.

Teteisio His canoe grounded at Bern, at the place called ~~Teteisio~~ Teteisio. There he took men and ~~did~~<sup>ate</sup> eat of their flesh. Then he was called to the mane-aba, for Tamitoa the King sent to call him Bariti, the spokesman in battle, a man of Tabian in Bern. So Bariti went to call Towatuniatan. He came to the maneaba. And lo! he took and tore with his teeth a dog, and he raised his hand against Teikake. So Tamitoa <sup>said</sup> spoke to him: -  
"Raise no hand against Teikake nor harm him, for he is humbled before you. You are the first speaker in council. But your food shall be the leavings, and the remainders."

and the tail end of the porpoise, for to! you are come too late for the head of the porpoise, and the men of Tabian have eaten it withal. But you are the judge and the arbiter over us.

After that Towatunimatan wished to ~~be~~ marry. So he married the girl Taurana and she bore him a girl, Nii Takeiti.

These are the names of the lands assigned to the parents of Takeiti. Towatunimatan's land was Keruma, a great piece; and the lands of Nii Taurana were Tiba and Tahirikiri, on the east side of Tabian.

Then Nii ~~Taurana~~ <sup>Takeiti</sup> was ~~again~~ with child, but not from her husband, for she conceived with another man. And she bore a son, whose name was Tetonana. Then Tetonana grew up and married.

The name of his first wife was  
 Nui Ahiān who bore him a child  
 Kaburorontenn; and his second  
 wife was Temane who bore him  
 Te Kāsonō; and his third wife  
 was Teberewi, who bore him a  
 son, TeKeti.