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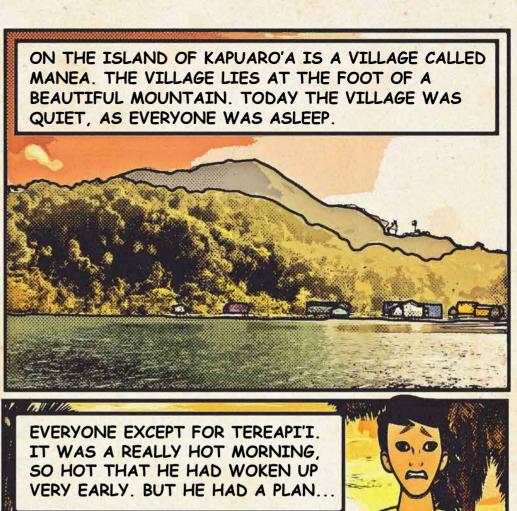
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Our vision: A resilient Pacific environment sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our culture



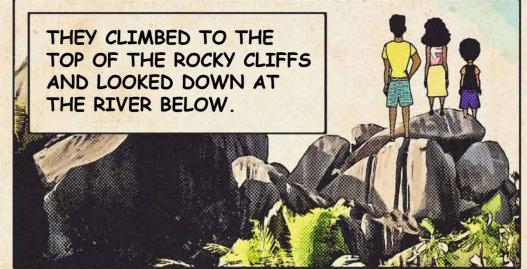






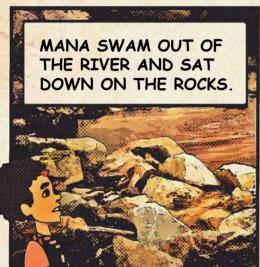




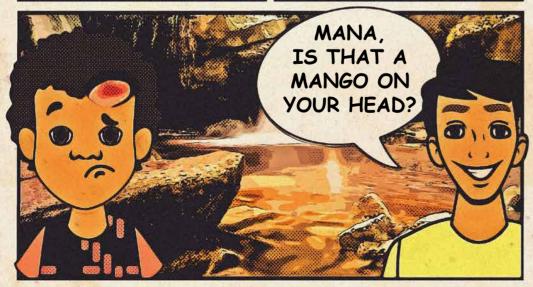




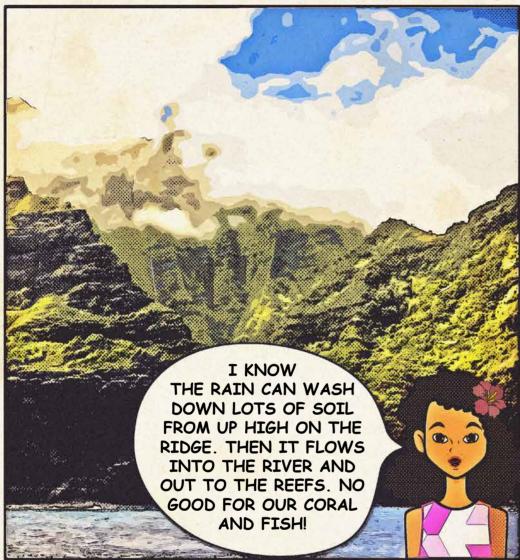






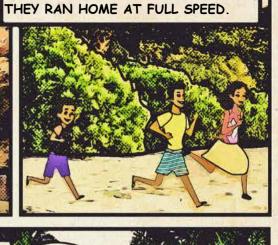










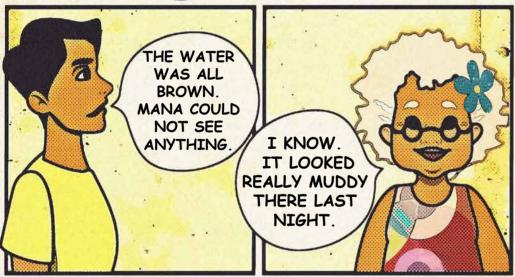


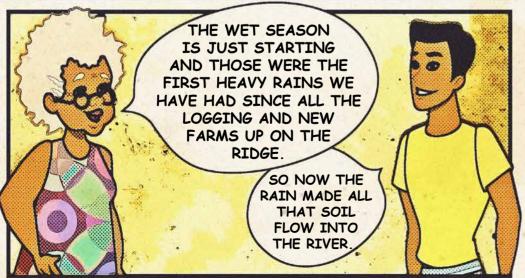










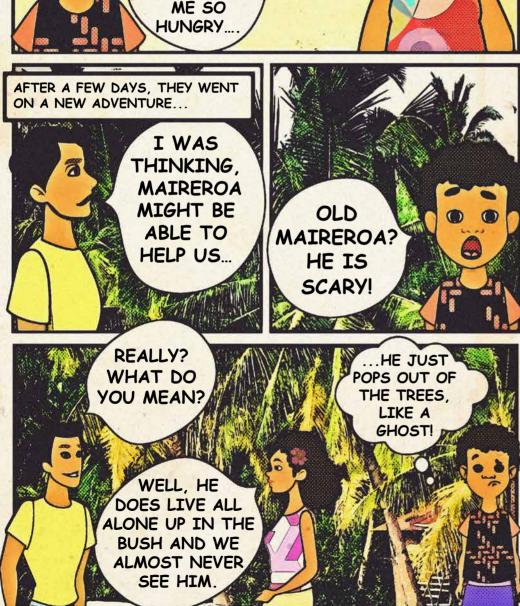


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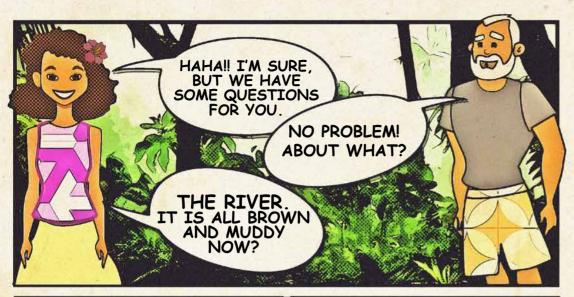


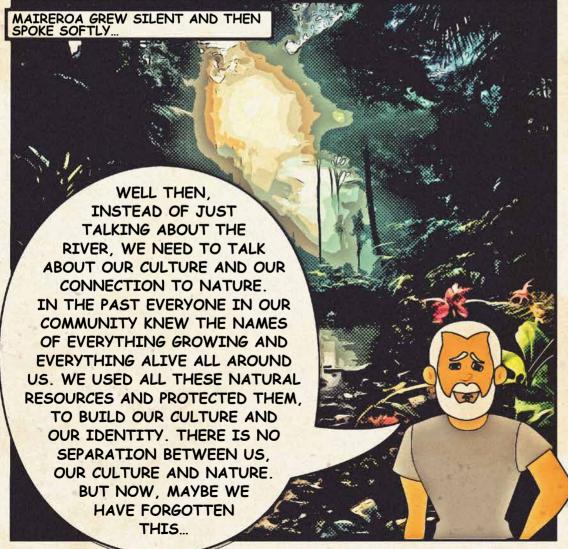






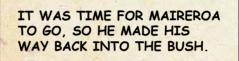
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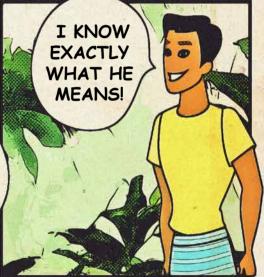




MY TIME
HAS PASSED.
YOU ARE THE
NEW GENERATION.
IT IS UP TO YOU TO
BE HEARD AND START
THINKING ABOUT
NOT JUST WHAT WE
NEED TODAY, BUT
WHAT WE HAD IN
THE PAST AND WHAT
WE ALL WILL
NEED IN THE
FUTURE.







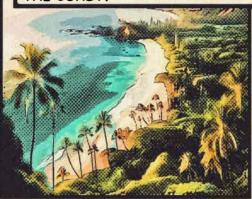


I THIK
HE MEANS
WE NEED TO
DO THINGS
TO HELP OUR
PEOPLE IN
THE FUTURE,
EVEN IF WE DO
NOT BENEFIT
TODAY.



IF WE
CAN HELP ON
LAND, MAYBE
WE CAN ALSO
HELP IN THE
OCEAN TOO?
LET'S ASK
MATAMANEA.

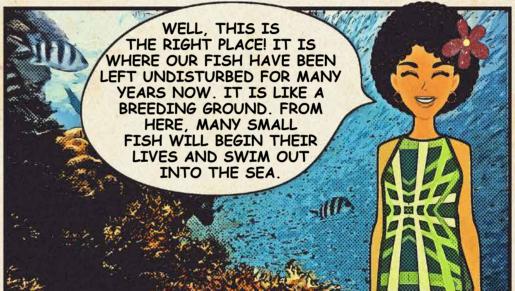
THEY KNEW THERE WAS A MARINE PROTECTED AREA WHERE MATAMANEA MIGHT BE. SO THEY WALKED DOWN TO THE COAST.













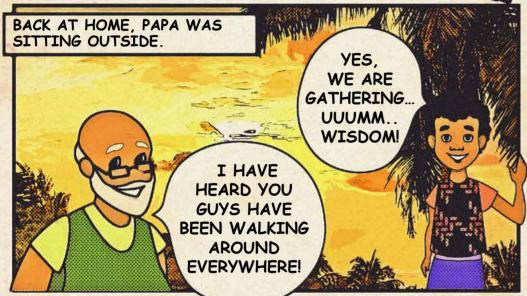






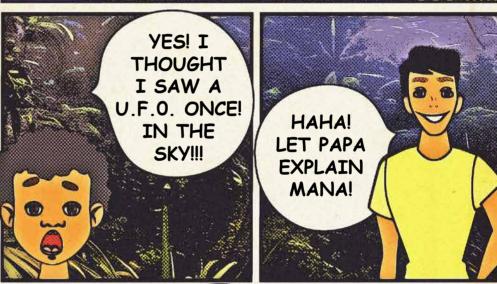




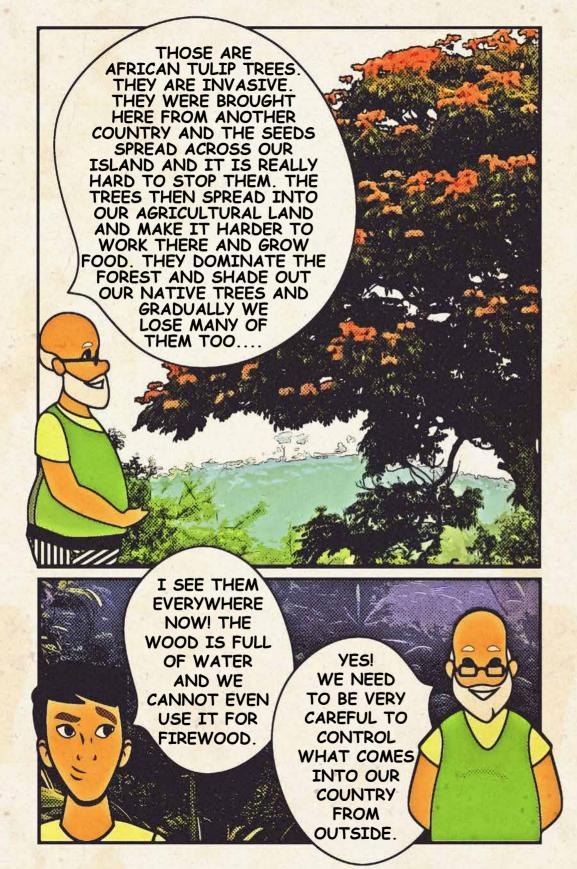






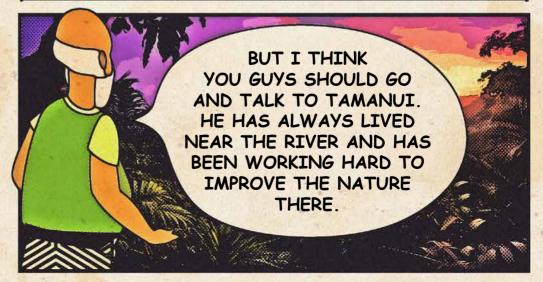






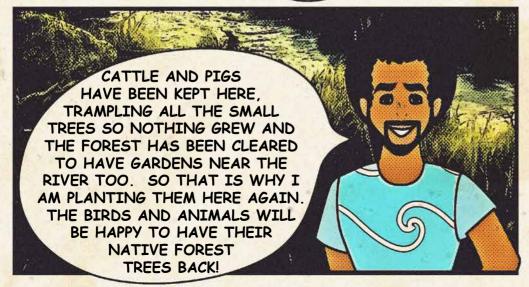












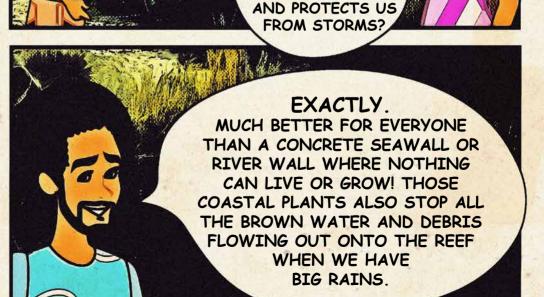
BUT THEY
TAKE SO
LONG TO
GROW. YOU
MUST BE VERY
PATIENT!

MANA ONCE AGAIN DELIVERED ANOTHER INSPIRING QUOTE...

WELL, IT IS
SAID THAT
THE BEST TIME
TO PLANT A
TREE WAS 20
YEARS AGO. THE
SECOND BEST
TIME IS NOW.



HOW DID YOU GET SO WISE MANA? SOMETHING ELSE THAT IS WISE IS TO USE 'NATURAL SOLUTIONS' LIKE PLANTING TREES. OR PROTECTING AN AREA, TO FIX A YES! PROBLEM. JUST LIKE PLANTING BUSHES MANGROVES OR TREES NEAR THE SHORELINE HELPS CREATE HABITAT

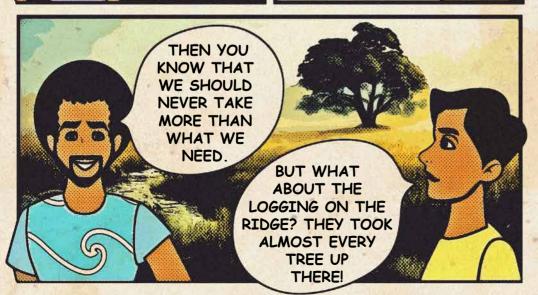




FOR YOU GUYS. UNDERSTANDING THE SPECIES THAT HAVE ALWAYS GROWN HERE IS THE BEGINNING. LEARN OUR TRADITIONAL NAMES FOR THEM. TELL EVERYONE HOW IMPORTANT THEY ARE FOR US.

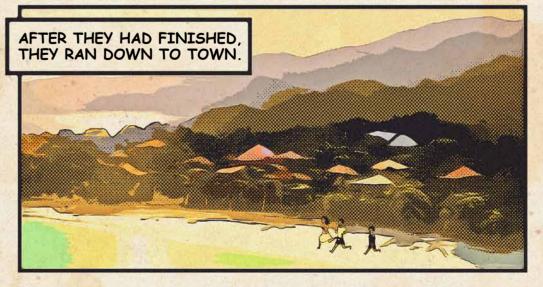
THE YOUTH LIKE YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT FORGET THIS KNOWLEDGE. IT IS YOURS NOW TO TAKE FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE.

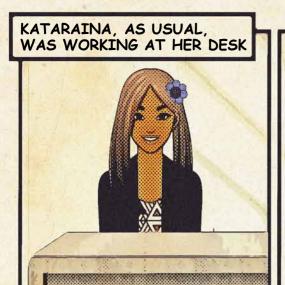
...AND WE ARE PART OF THIS **ECOSYSTEM** OURSELVES.

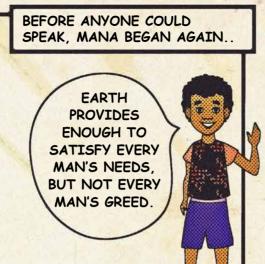


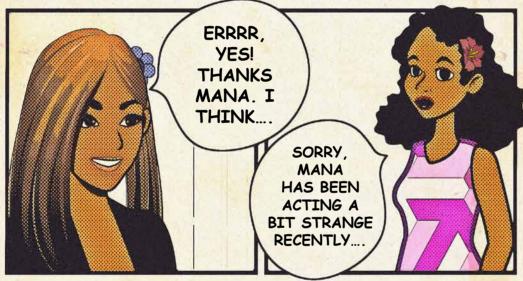






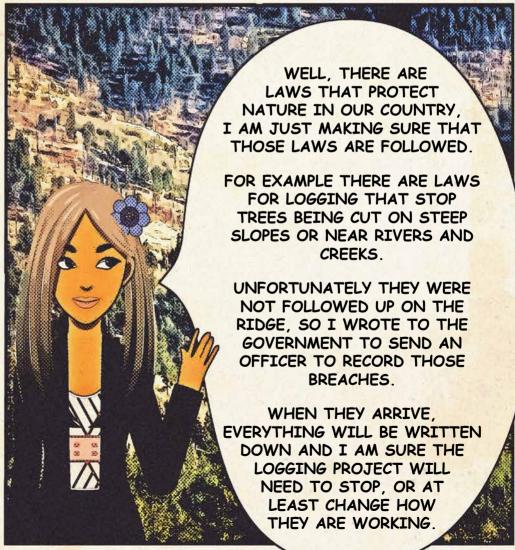














AS THE
PEN IS
MIGHTIER
THAN
THE
SWORD!

OR THE CHAINSAW IN THIS CASE....





WELL, HOPEFULLY! I AM QUITE CONFIDENT WE CAN PROTECT THE RIVER, OUR WATER SUPPLY AND THE FISH AND REEFS BELOW IF THE LOGGING LAWS ARE FOLLOWED.

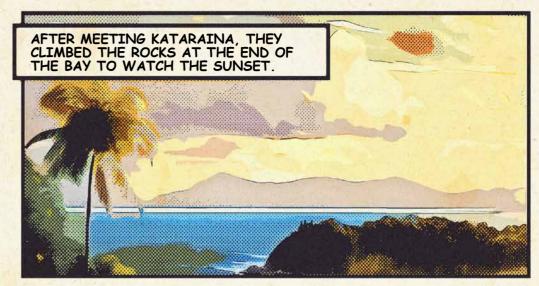
THAT'S GREAT!
WE HAVE BEEN SO
WORRIED AFTER WE SAW
THE RIVER CHANGE SO
QUICKLY. I THOUGHT
WE COULD NOT MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!



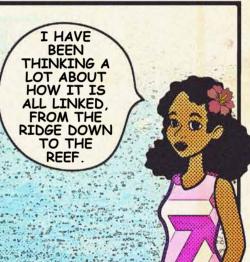
IF YOU
THINK YOU
ARE TOO
SMALL TO
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE,
TRY SLEEPING
WITH A
MOSQUITO.

WHERE
ARE YOU
GETTING
THIS STUFF
MANA?





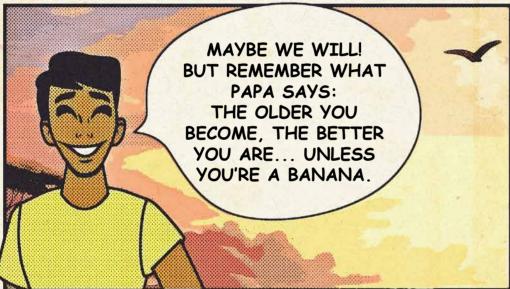






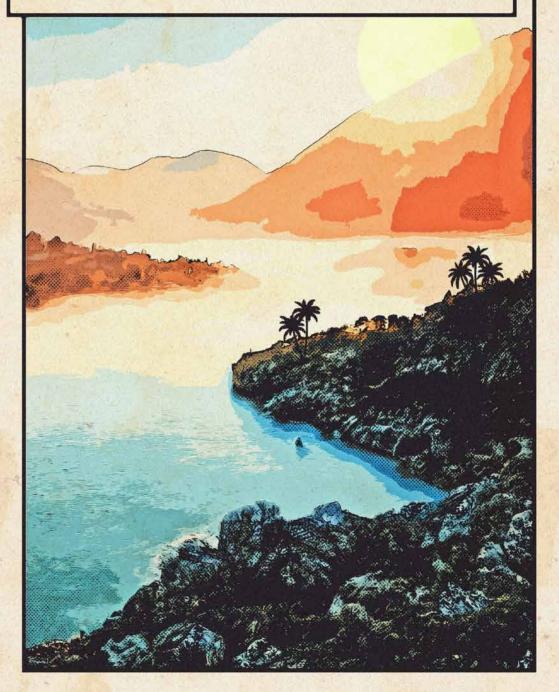
ERRRR,
RIGHT....
AND IT IS UP
TO US, THE
YOUTH, TO DO
EVERYTHING
WE CAN TO
PROTECT THIS
PLACE, OUR
LAND AND
OUR
FUTURE.







THEY WALKED HOME IN SILENCE THAT EVENING...
THINKING ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT THEY HAD
LEARNT: HOW THE MOUNTAINS, FORESTS, RIVERS
AND REEFS ARE ALL CONNECTED AND THAT THEY
THEMSELVES ARE CONNECTED TO IT ALL.



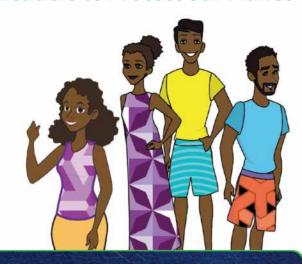


Call to Action

Pacific Youth Leaders to Protect our Planet

Do you want to make a difference in your community and beyond? The Pacific Island Roundtable for Nature Conservation (PIRT) is calling on young leaders like you to join our mission in conserving the natural beauty and building resilience for the people of the Pacific region.

Together, we can protect our oceans, forests, and wildlife for future generations. Don't miss out on the chance to be a part of something truly transformative.



AS A YOUTH MEMBER OF THE PACIFIC ISLAND ROUNDTABLE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION, YOU'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:



Engage with Experts

Grow Your Skills





Connect Globally and Regionally



Be part of PIRT Working Groups



Amplify Your Voice!

Join the PIRT Youth today and be a catalyst for change!

Sign Up Now at: https://forms.gle/YwKLqNLkJD6xU9tFA or via the QR code: Let's shape a sustainable future, one action at a time. Your journey to making a difference starts here!



Why should Pacific youth join us? By joining, you will have the following opportunities:

Capacity Building: Internships and volunteer opportunities with PIRT member organisations. Mentorship and training sessions aimed at building conservation knowledge and skills for Pacific Islands youth. Seminars and networking sessions with experts across the PIRT working groups.

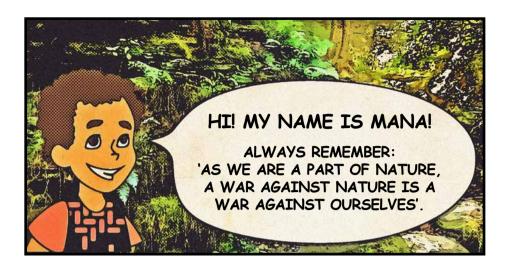
Youth Representation: Involving youth in decision-making processes within PIRT, regional and global events. (Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas, Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of the Parties). Creating youth working group to provide input on conservation strategies and actions.

Collaborative Networks: Connecting youth with conservation professionals and peers through regional and international networks. Facilitating youth participation in global and regional conservation events and conferences.

Youth Ambassadors Program: Training young leaders to represent PIRT and advocate for conservation within their communities and beyond.



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Join Mana and his family on their island home, as they are inspired to become youth leaders for biodiversity. In this story, they meet their local community members who are working to protect the forests, reefs and waters that are so vital for life in the Pacific.















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