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Au commencement il y avait **un coquillage** géant.

Dans la coquille **du haut** il y a le ciel, Rungi. Dans la coquille **du bas** il y a la terre, Papa.

Ce sont les parents des dieux, des humains, et de toute vie sur terre.

Ils **s'aiment** beaucoup, ils restent **serrés** l'un contre l'autre et bientôt ils ont six enfants.

Les enfants **grandissent** et il n'y a pas beaucoup de place dans le coquillage. Les enfants voudraient de **l'espace** et de **la lumière**. Ils n'aiment pas être **serrés contre** leurs parents.



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Les six garçons: Tawhirimagtea, dieu du vent; Tane, dieu des forêts; Tu, dieu de la guerre; Tangaroa, dieu de la mer; Rongo, dieu de la paix et Ru, dieu de la nourriture, n'arrivent pas à décider d'un moyen pour séparer le ciel et la terre, ils se disputent.

Un des fils veut assassiner les parents, Tawhirimagtea est **contre** la séparation et refuse de participer.



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Enfin, Tane arrive à séparer Rungi et Papa. Il **se couche** par terre et pousse Rungi avec ses **pieds**, comme **un arbre** avec des **racines** dans la terre et le tronc et les branches dans le ciel. Le ciel et la terre sont séparés et le restent encore **maintenant**.



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Group 4

Tawhirimagtea, dieu des vents et de **la tempête** est furieux. Il déteste voir ses parents séparés et il décide de rester **entre** Rangi et Papa.

Il promet à ses frères qu'ils vont **souffrir** de sa furie pour toute l'éternité, **de temps en temps** il envoie des **tempêtes**, des tornades, des éclairs et du tonnerre sur terre, comme promis.



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Group 5

Lorsque l'espace entre la terre et le ciel est assez grand, les fils décident de créer les humains. Ils travaillent ensemble avec de l'argile rouge pour mouler les humains.

Lorsque c'est fini, Tane, dieu des forêts, presse son nez contre le nez des figurines et leur donne le souffle de la vie. Les humains ouvrent les yeux, éternuent et deviennent vivants.

Papa et Rungi sont **fiers** des créations de leurs fils mais ils sont tristes d'être séparés. **Tous les soirs** Rungi **pleure** et **le matin** la terre est humide avec **la rosée** de ses **larmes**.

Les brumes matinales sont les soupirs tristes de Papa qui pense à Rungi, séparé d'elle.

