Tupa and the container that washed in from the sea

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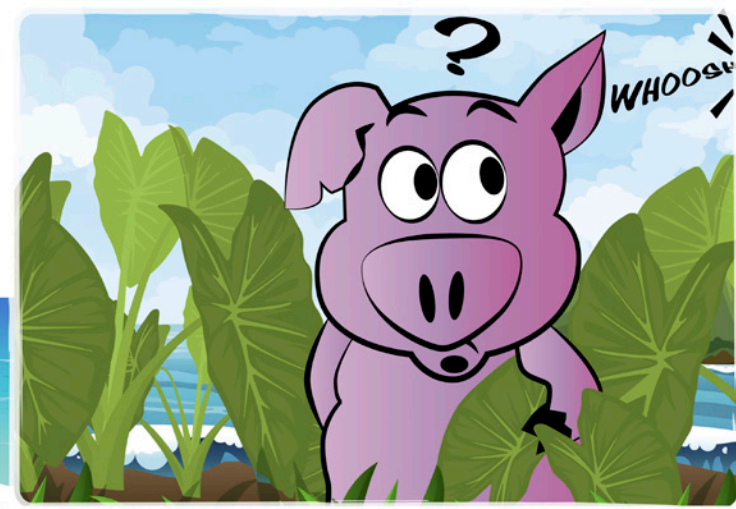
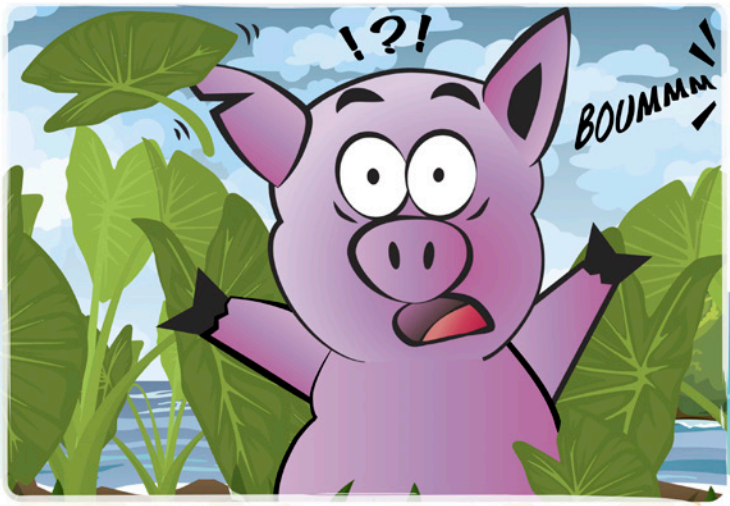
This is the story of Tupa, a little pig who lived happily with his family on "Puaka motu" island .

Tupa spent his days working in the family fields, where fruits and vegetables of every colour grew.

One sunny day while he was clearing his field and replanting taro...



He heard a menacing sound and listened carefully.



Suddenly, BOOOM!! As he had feared it was thunder and a storm was coming.

He was very afraid and began running as fast as he could as the storm got closer and closer and the wind began blowing hard.

When he arrived home out of breath, his family had all taken shelter in the hut to wait for the storm to pass.

The ocean was very rough and a far-off ship had been caught in the storm and was pitching to and fro dangerously.

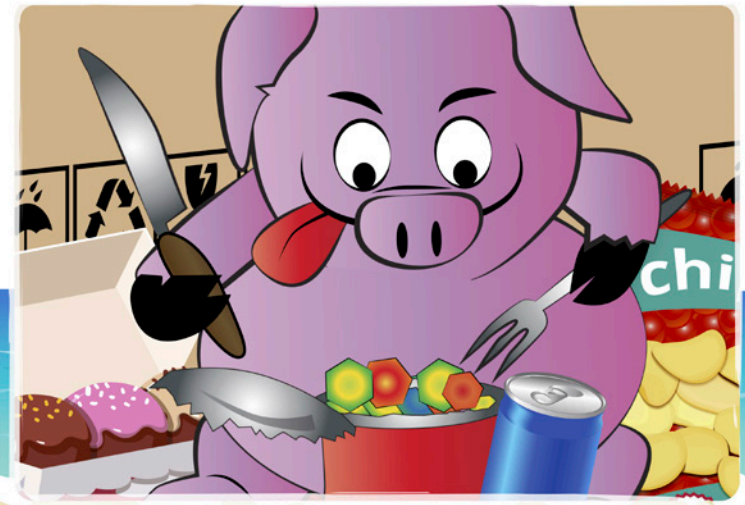
As the ship was being knocked about this way and that by the heavy waves, it lost a container that fell into the water.

Splash!

The container floated, pushed about by the waves, while the storm moved away from Puaka motu.

A few days later, while walking on a path to the beach, **Tupa saw that something had washed up on the shore.**
He and his brother went up to the mysterious object.

It was the container that had fallen off the ship during the storm and ended up on their beach. Inside was food from the mainland.



It was all new. They had never eaten tinned or boxed food and the drinks were sweet and bubbled in their mouths.
For weeks, his family ate this new type of food and forgot about the fruit and vegetables in their fields.

It didn't take long for Tupa to notice there was a problem: everyone was sick and tired and had gained weight.
Tupa realised that this had all happened after the new food had arrived from the sea.

He decided to destroy it all before things got worse.
Using a torch, he set fire to the container and burned up its delicious but dangerous cargo.

Tupa was happy, life on his island was peaceful again and he could now let his new little brother taste the healthy and juicy fruits from his field.

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