The heavens lay on the face of earth; it was called the Darkness and the Clearing together. There was but a single Person, who grew long before all other things, and his parents are not known; his name was Narean. He lived outside the Darkness and the Clearing together and he walked on the over side of heaven, knocking upon it with his staff. Then he found a place that echoed when he struck it, so he thrust his staff through it and opened a cleft wherein he could enter. He crawled in; there was much mud in that place. So he crawled and he walked until he found an Eel of mighty size coiled in the midst of the mud, whose name was Riiki. Narean told Riiki to lift the heavens from the face of earth, and he himself went and stood on a high place to overlook the work. These are the names of those who separated heaven and earth:—Narean the Chief of all; Riiki the Eel, for he was long and taut and strong, and he it was who pushed the sky up with his mouth; and those who cut asunder the places where heaven and earth stuck together were Uka, Karitoro and Nabawé; Ngkao-

written by Ten Teke of Atemama. 2. Uka = Blow! Karitoro is unstable; Nabawé = in former days.
...ngkau, BAKANANIKU and UTOABA, with many others.

So heaven was raised to the height that Nareau divided and Rikiki the Del felt slanting like a tree into the sea. There he lay and his body becoming rock made the land of Nikunan.

And Nareau divided the heaven into three sets: the first, the second and the highest heaven; the highest is of stone and on its over side live the greatest gods. The first land that Nareau made was Samoa; there he planted Kani núkua the Tree whence sprang the race of red-skinned people, our ancestors of Samoa. Taranawa was the second land.

So when his work was done Nareau went never to return; he dwelt on the over side of highest heaven, and behold it was not clean. He took a great basket which he called "TEKETE-NAIWA" and therein he gathered all that was offensive to the dwellers of heaven. These were the things he put in the basket:—Death, sickness, old age, grey hairs, decay of the teeth, hunger, and all necessity. Then he wove a long cord and lowered the basket to earth.

And there was a man named Naka who

3. Ngkoangkou = long ago; BAKANANIKU was a Stingray; UTOABA may be analysed as follows: UTO, a sprouting nut; ABA = land.
wife was Nei Nibongibong. He was very wise. When he saw the basket lowered to earth he feared the evil things that it contained. He hastened away with his wife; he fled northward until he came to Tarawa. And there they stayed for a time while Nei Nibongibong planted a Tree that was called Te Nekera, from whose summit grew the Kings of Tarawa, the line of Kriata and Reia.

When that was done they fled over the sea to the place called Böuru and Nevicaba. There they live still, for it is the land of departed souls, and Naka with his wife await them as they arrive from Mänra, land of the living.