

Pōhaku Pa‘akīkī

Every morning, two ‘uala farmers who lived across from Kaupō, would leave ‘awa as a ho‘okupu to the shark god, Kamohoali‘i. In order to irritate the two ‘uala farmers, their neighbor, a local fisherman, would catch sharks, cut off the tails and then throw the tails back into the kai at Pōhaku Pa‘akīkī. This angered Kamohoali‘i! One day the shark god caught the fisherman and began to eat him, starting at his feet and working his way up. When he got to the fisherman’s ‘ēlemu, the smell of excrement was so hauna that it made him sick! From that day forward, Kamohoali‘i pledged that no shark would ever attack another human in the area of Waimānalo.

Vocabulary:

- *‘uala: sweet potato*
- *ho‘okupu: offering*
- *kai: ocean*
- *‘ēlemu: buttocks*
- *hauna: strong, unpleasant odor; stink*
- *excrement: poop*

Places & Objects:

- *Kaupō: area also known as “Baby Makapu‘u”*
- *Pōhaku Pa‘akīkī: the large rock that sticks out of the water, near the shoreline, at Kaupō Bay.*

Resource:

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