

Did the Maori flax skirt and greenstone pendant really have magic powers?
Two British captains were convinced they did!

MAORI MAGIC!

A LEGEND OF WAR

In 1808, during the war with France, a British 12-gun sloop landed in New Zealand, which had been discovered by Captain Cook in 1769. The sloop was commanded by Captain Noah Norris and he had with him a Maori-speaking missionary, Mr Sylvester.

THERE SEEMS TO BE NO NATIVES AROUND THESE PARTS, SYLVESTER.

THERE COULD BE, SIR. IT IS CHIEF TAMATI WAKA-NEME'S COUNTRY, AND HE IS KNOWN AS AN ABLE WARRIOR.

Suddenly...



AARGH! LOOK OUT!



TREACHEROUS DOGS! COME ON, WE'LL TEACH 'EM A LESSON!



THEY'RE RUNNING! AFTER THEM, LADS!



THEY HAVE GAINED THEIR STRONGHOLD, CAPTAIN. YOU WILL FIND IT MOST DIFFICULT TO DEFEAT THEM NOW.

YOU THINK SO? I'LL HAVE A GUN BROUGHT ASHORE AND BLAST THAT PLACE TO KINGDOM-COME!