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Abstract His admirers said he was a charismatic leader with a dazzling smile, a commoner following an ancient tradition of marginalisation at the hands of ungrateful immigrants. One tourist pleaded with him to stage a coup in her presence and he whispered 'coup me baby' in his presence. It was so easy to overlook the enormity of what he had done in pleading for a coup, a celebrity, captivated by the excitement of the moment, and plead its inevitability as the final eruption of long-term consequences of the actions of Fiji's strongman of 1987, Sitiveni Rabuka, would be fully appreciated but, by the time it was too late, it was happily ever after. No nirvana followed the assertion of indigenous rights. If anything, misadventure became a human story.

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