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Curious & Marvellous Creatures & Monsters

A magical art exhibition
for your own little monsters

He pukapuka mahi toi Art activity book

Discovering New Zealand's National Art Collection
through the curious eyes of our tamariki

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This book explores how art, artists, and storytelling use **tipua** (supernatural beings).



Monsters and creatures can help explain things we can't see, or strange things that happen. Dragons. Unicorns. Gnomes!



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for me
to read some
special notes

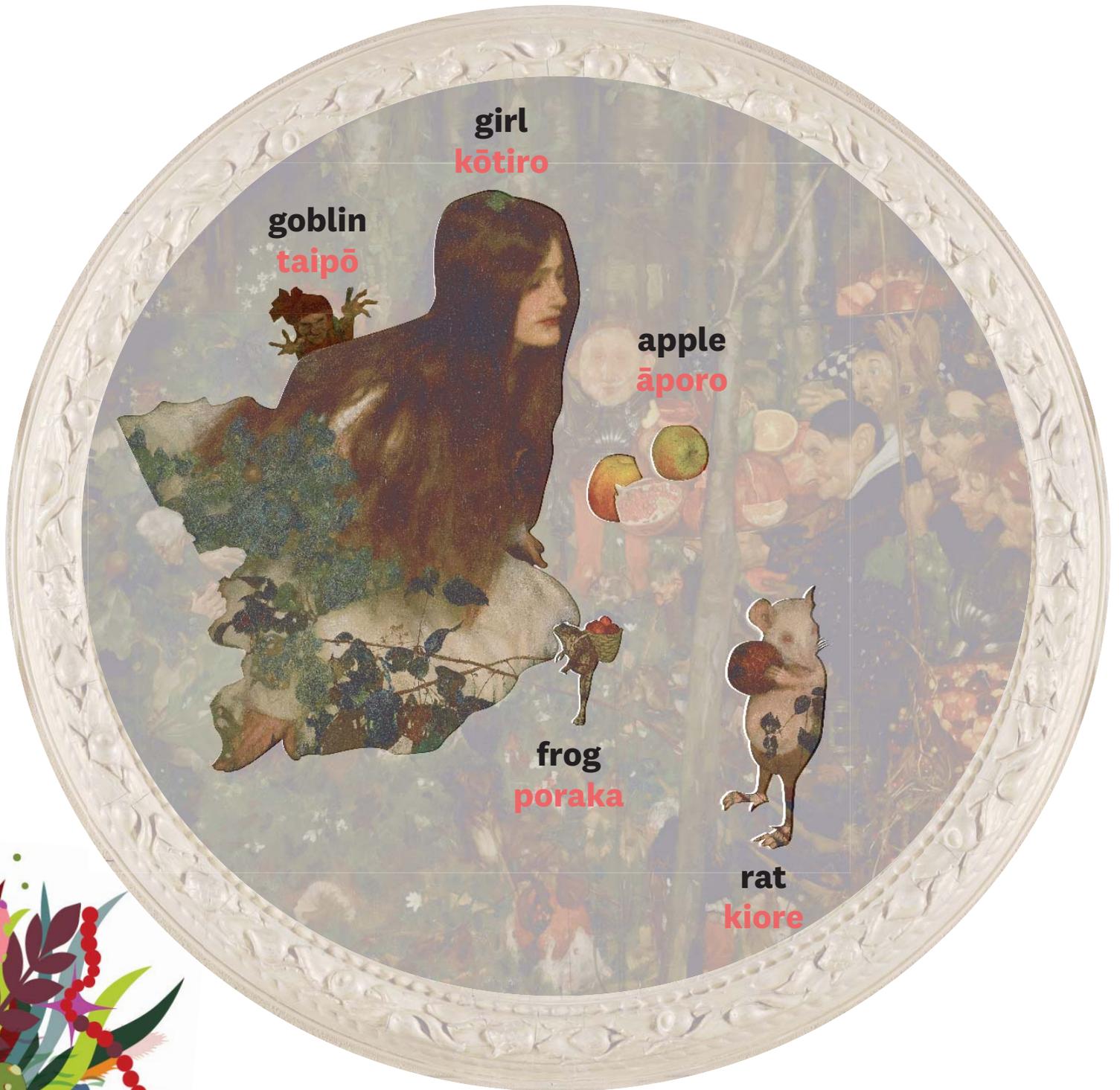


1.

The painting *Goblin market* is filled with lots of hidden things. Fill in the blank spaces with what you think they might be – and then turn the page for the reveal!



Shadows and silhouettes can play tricks on us and make us see things that aren't really there. Was this what you were expecting?



2.

We all know stories involving creatures and monsters. They come in all shapes and sizes and in all forms of beings: big, small, cute, **whakamataku** (scary)! Find the monster features in the word search.

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Rārangī kupu (word list)

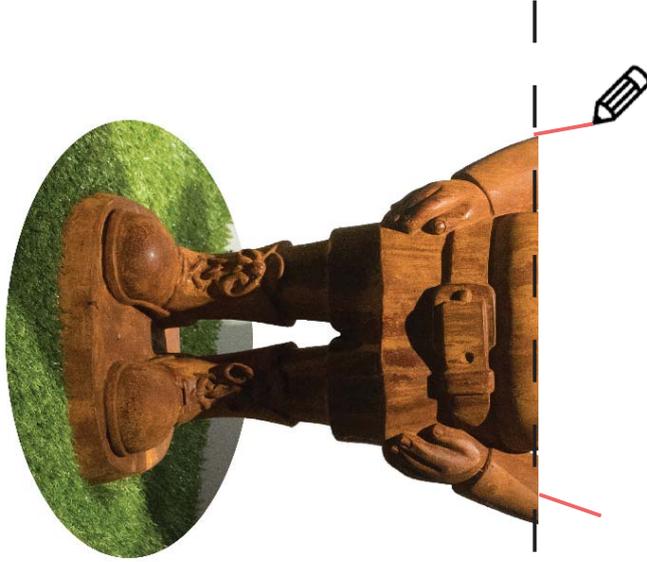
claw	hoof	horn
slime	fluff	talon
fang	wing	tentacle
one eye	spike	leg
feather	tail	arm

The Manaia is a mythological creature in Māori culture. Usually they are depicted as having the head of a bird, the tail of a fish, and the body of a man.



3.

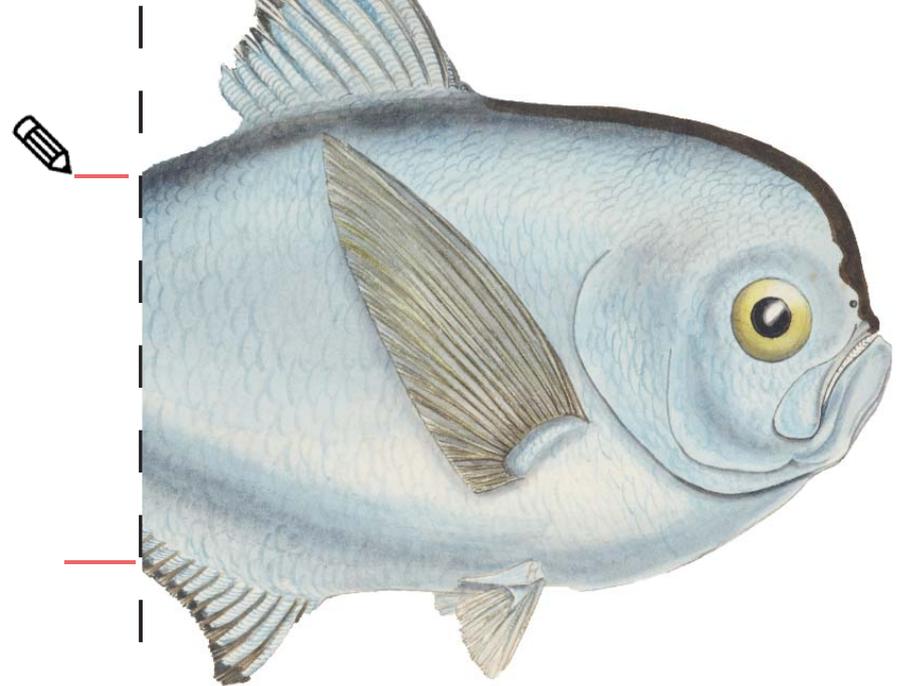
Momorua (hybrid) creatures mix two or more forms together – think of the half-man, half-horse centaur. Fold these pages in half and, without looking, complete each image with your favourite animals or objects.





Exquisite corpse (from the French cadavre exquis!): where words or images are mixed together.

The technique was invented by surrealist artists. Each person adds to a drawing based on a set of rules, or by only seeing part of what the last person has drawn.







Rārangi kupu (word list)

Pākehakeha

Ponaturi

Manaia

Tipua

Hōkioi

Marakihau

Patupaiarehe

Pouākai

Taniwha

Te Wheke-a-Muturangi



Tipua descriptions

Across

1. Elusive beings that live in deep pools in rivers, dark caves, or in the sea.
3. A name for the legendary large eagle endemic to **Aotearoa**, also known as Haast's eagle.
4. Fair-skinned sea creatures that possessed canoes made of reeds that change magically into sailing vessels.
5. Stylised carving figure often depicted as having the head of a bird, the tail of a fish, and the body of a man.
6. Goblin, foreigner, demon, object of fear, strange being.
7. Semi-human figure with a long tubular tongue and a curled appendage ending in a fish tail.
8. Fairy-like beings who could lure people away from safety with the music of their flutes.

Down

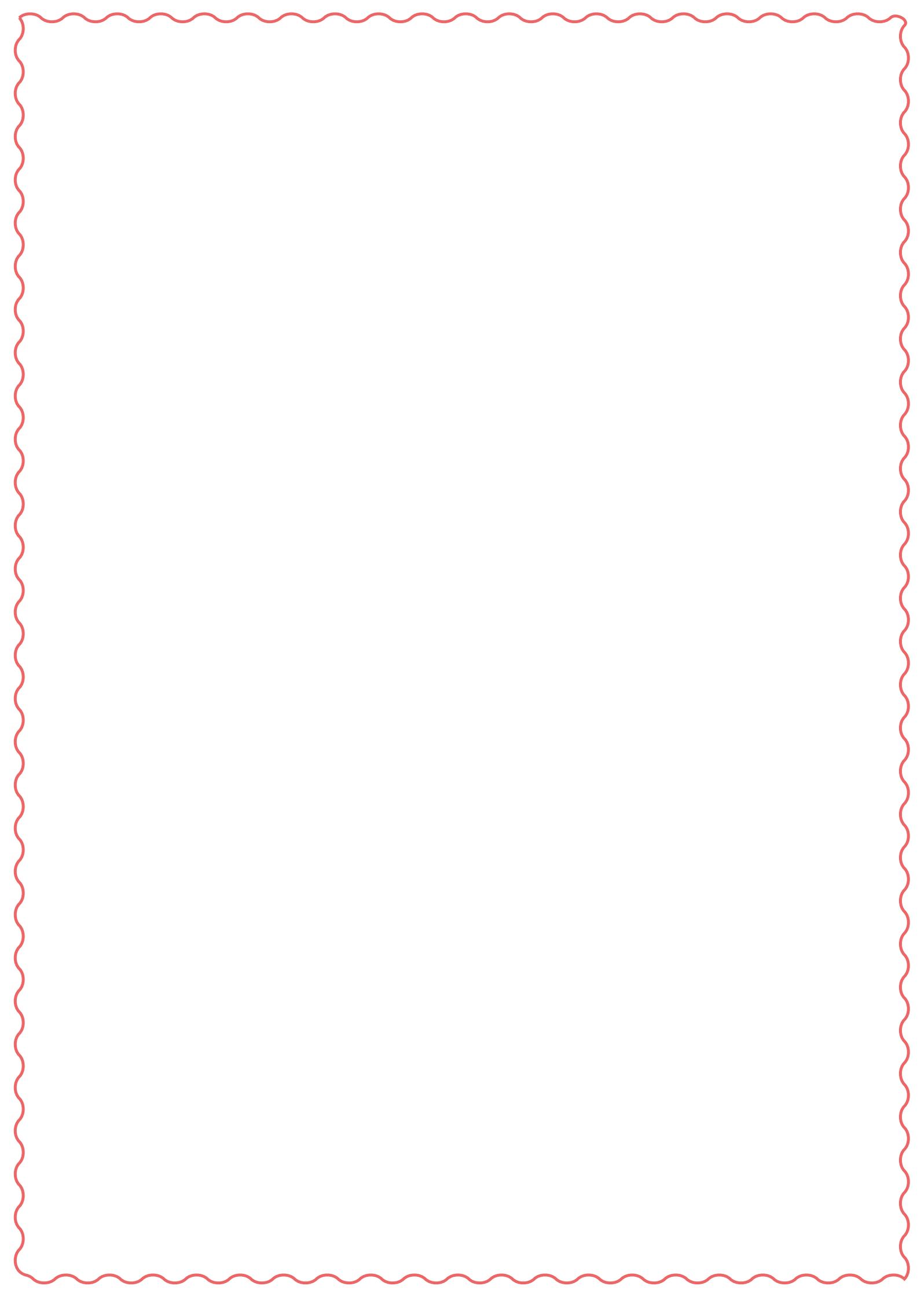
1. Monstrous octopus that belonged to **Muturangi** and was pursued to Aotearoa by **Kupe**.
2. Large endemic eagle with vulture-like bill, thick talons, and a three-metre wingspan.
4. Sometimes described as sea fairies, these beings have red hair, white skin, and fingers with long, evil claws.

5.

Create a **pūrākau** (story) by using the **kupu** (words) list at the bottom to fill in the blank spaces. Match the colours! Then draw your pūrākau on the opposite page.

“I know of a strange and curious creature who lives in the _____ . It is an odd mix of animals that I’ve never seen before. I think it’s what they call a ‘hybrid’ creature – part _____ and part _____ , and probably a few more. I saw it one _____ day as I walked to the _____ alone. I didn’t realise I had just stumbled into its home. At first I thought it was _____ , but I tried to wait and see, if the curious creature would be _____ and talk nice to me. It turns out the only friends it has are _____ and _____ . They liked to play _____ games in the _____ . So decided I should leave them be, as I heard my mother calling that it was time for tea.”





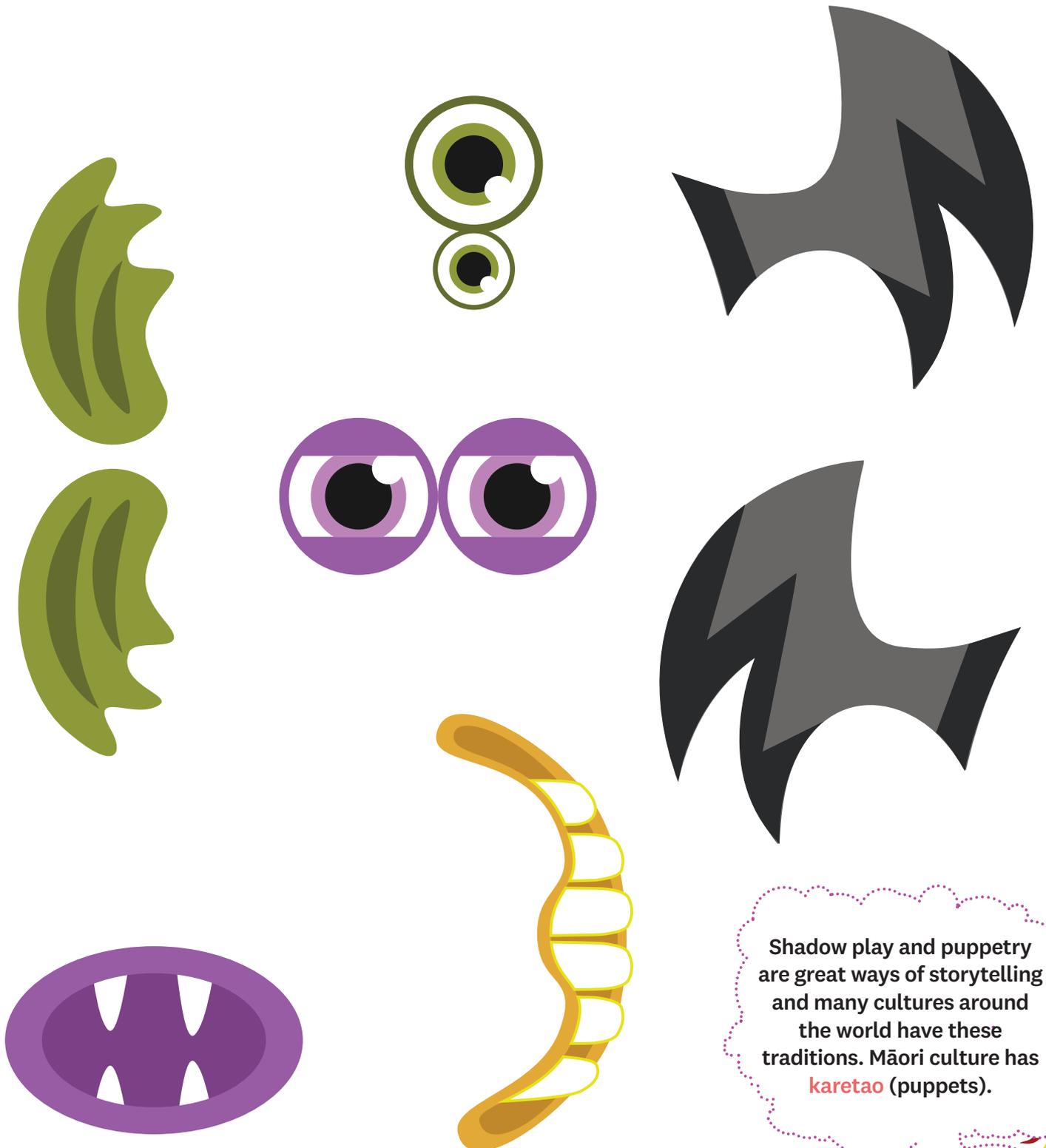
6.

Be your own **tipua rerekē** (curious creature)!

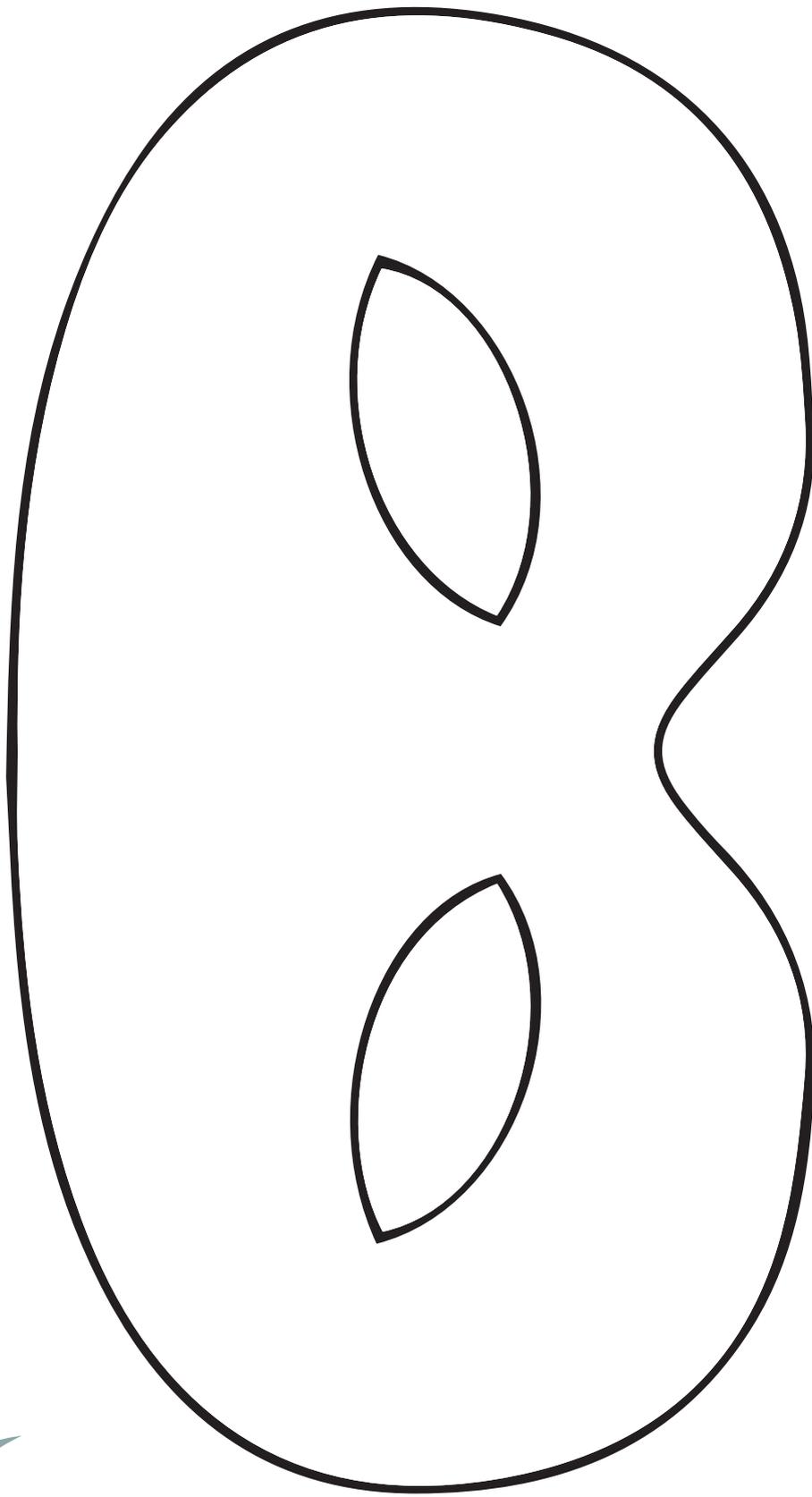
Step 1. Cut out this **kanohi kē** (mask)

Step 2. Decorate your mask (e.g. horns! feathers! more eyes!)

Step 3. Rarrrrr!



Shadow play and puppetry are great ways of storytelling and many cultures around the world have these traditions. Māori culture has **karetao** (puppets).





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Artworks:

Activity 1: Frank Craig, *Goblin market*, 1911, oil on canvas. Te Papa (1912-0021-11)

Activity 4: Brama brama (NZ) – Ray’s Bream, 1872, by Frank Edward Clarke. Te Papa (1992-0035-2278/86)

Activity 4: Lionel Lindsay, *Bookplate - Campbell Dodgson*, 1923, wood engraving on paper. Donated by Mrs Harold Wright, 1963. Te Papa (1963-0006-106)

Gnomes: Gregor Kregar, *Ridiculous Sublime – Iron Thinker*, 2018, cast iron. On loan from the artist

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