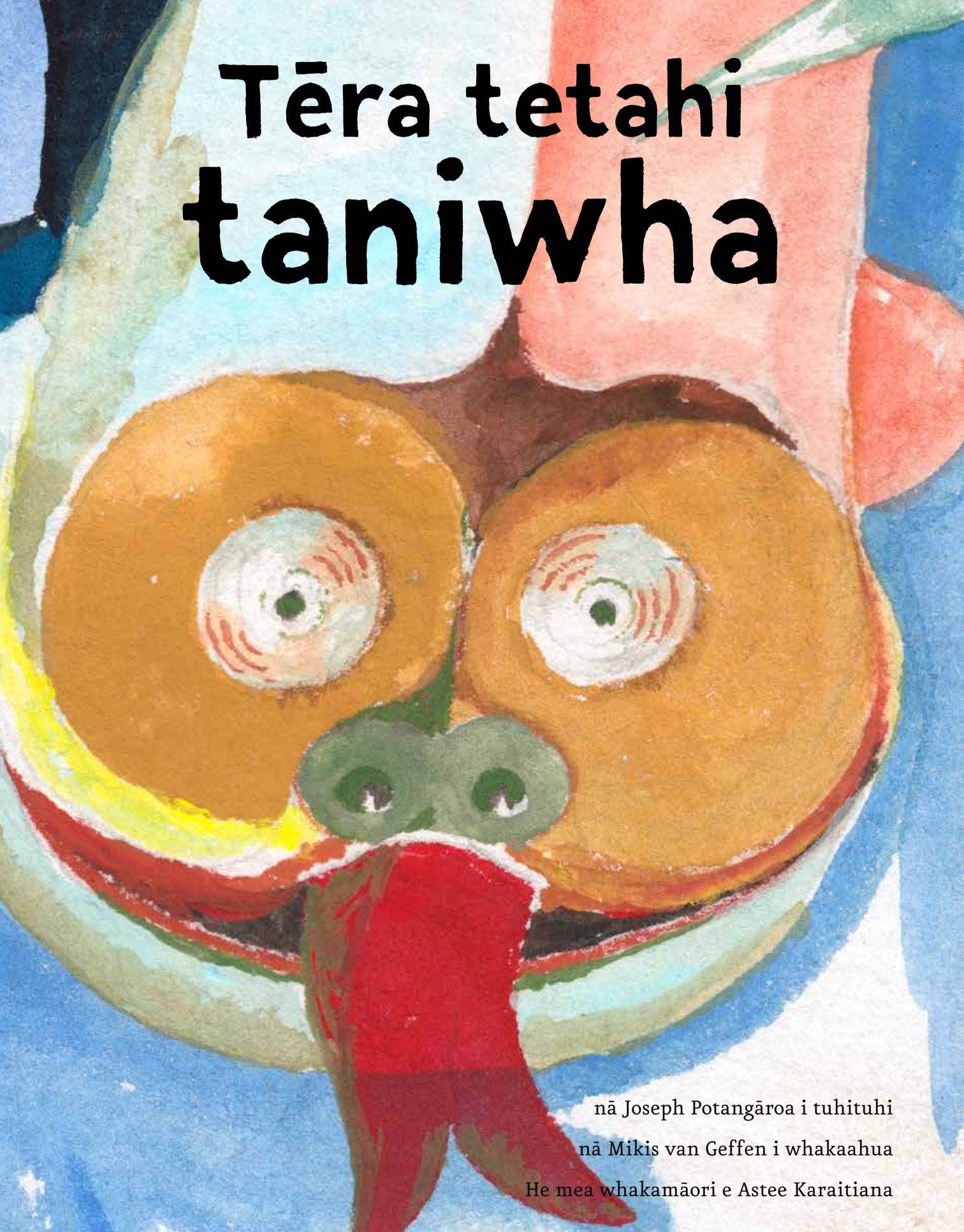


# Tēra tetahi taniwha



nā Joseph Potangāroa i tuhituhi  
nā Mikis van Geffen i whakaahua  
He mea whakamāori e Astee Karaitiana

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Noho ki rō wai, panoni i tona ahua

Me te kaitiaki i ngā iwi  
o te Wairarapa

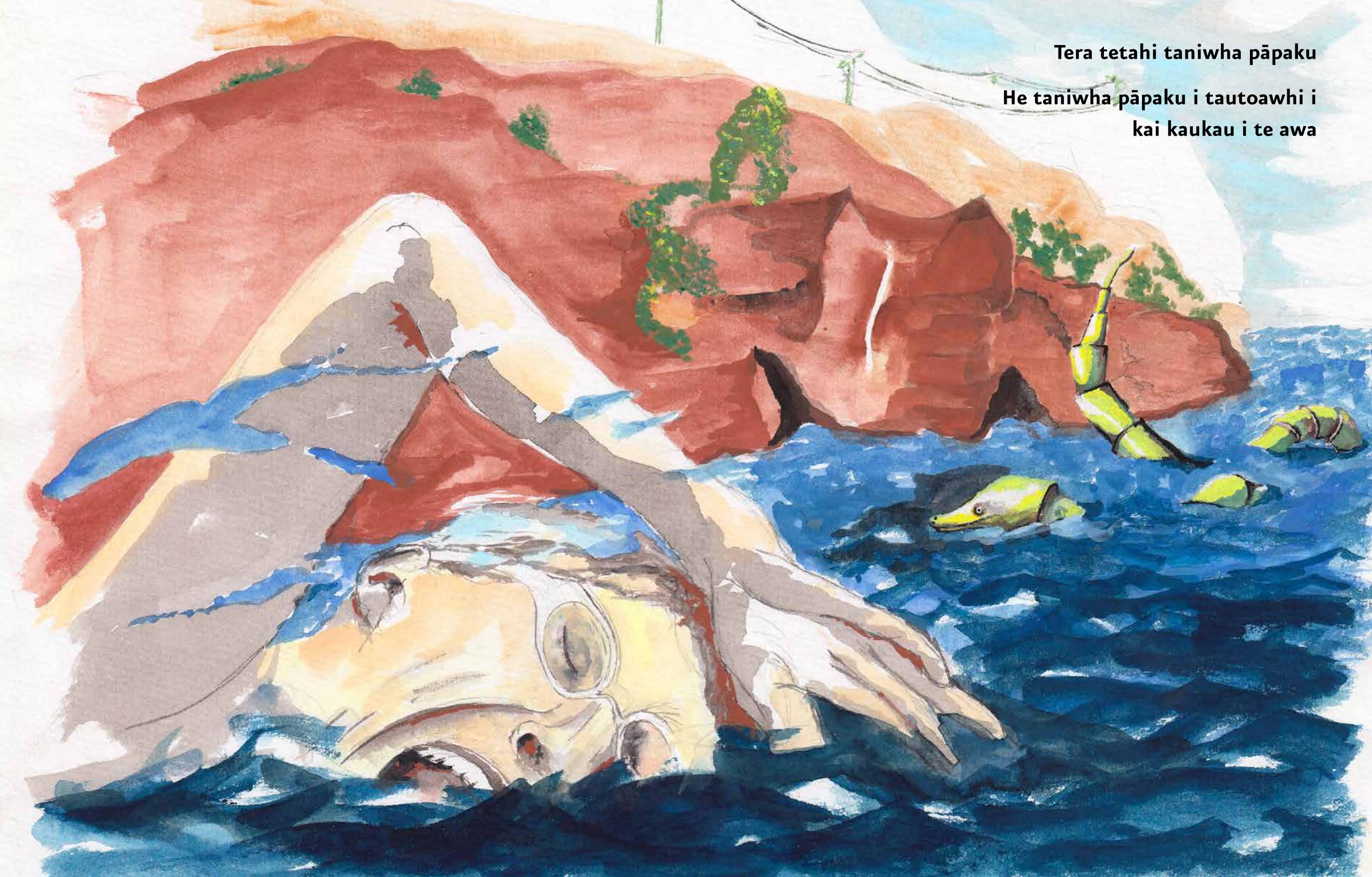


**Tetahi taniwaha nunui  
He taniwaha whakatupato i ngā iwi ki ngā wāhi  
kaukau morearea i Motukairangi**



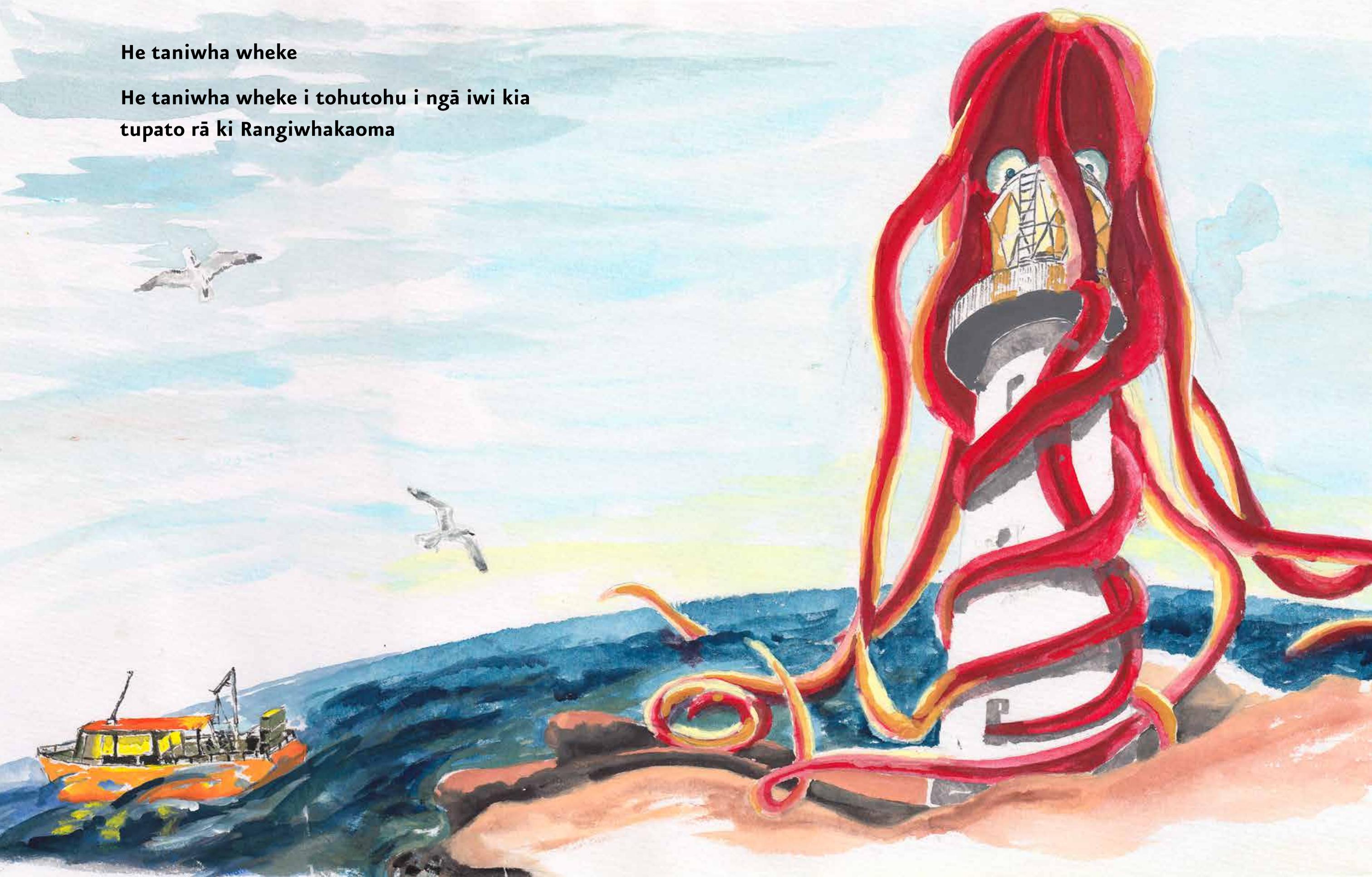
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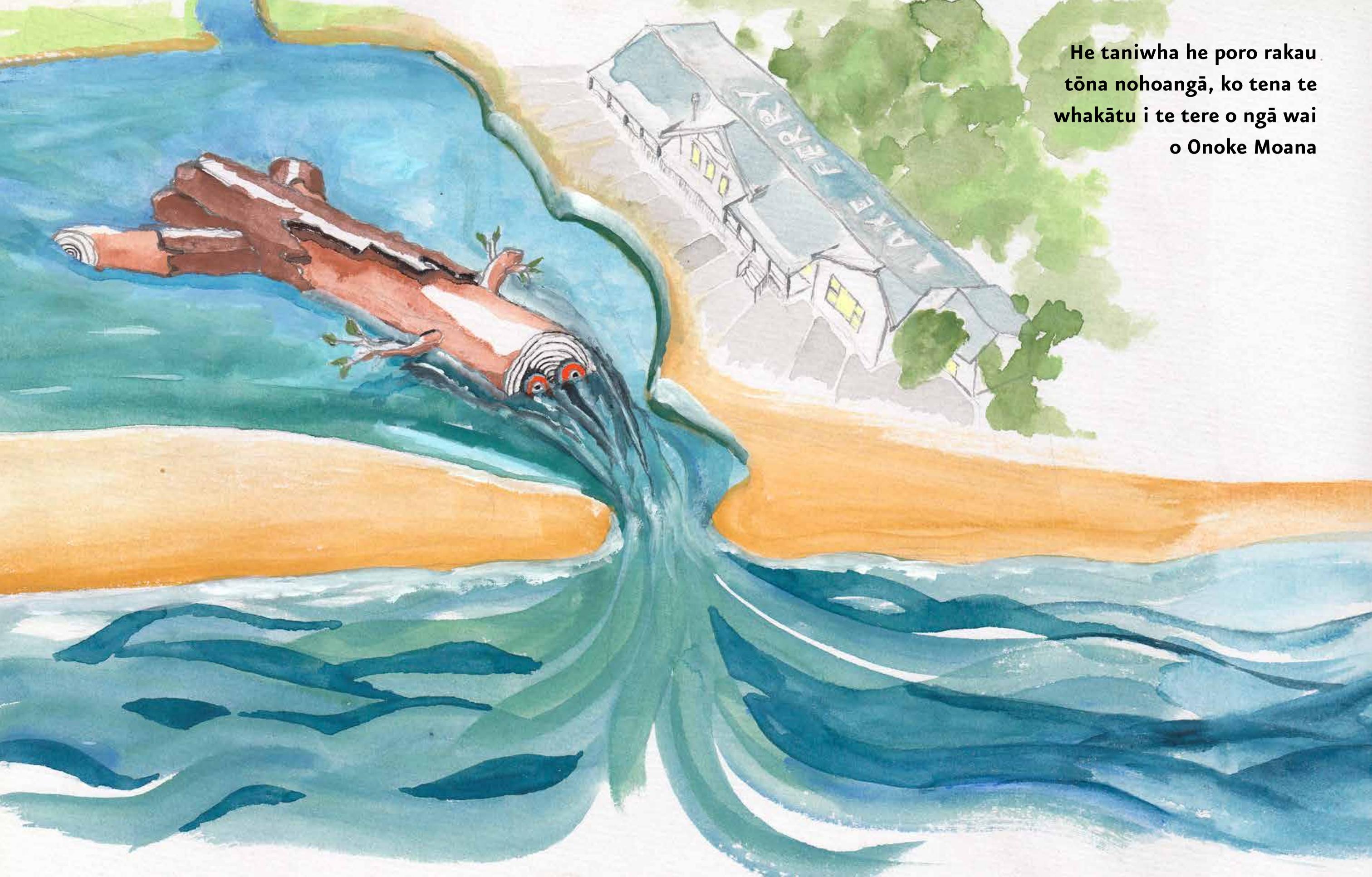
He taniwha pāpaku i tautoawhi i  
kai kaukau i te awa



He taniwha wheke

He taniwha wheke i tohutohu i ngā iwi kia  
tupato rā ki Rangiwihakaoma





He taniwaha he poro rakau  
tōna nohoangā, ko tena te  
whakātu i te tere o ngā wai  
o Onoke Moana

Ma te mea nei,

kei reira tonu ēra taniwha katoa ki te tohutohu ki

te ārahi i a tatau katoa i enei rā nei



## **Taniwha, a legendary monster that stalks unsuspecting prey along waterways or a guardian that watches over those under its protection?**

Whatever image a person thinks of when they hear 'taniwha' the essence of the many faceted concept has been with Māori since the beginning of time. Today people are more likely to think of a huge ferocious lizard yet in Māori history taniwha came in many shapes and sizes. Sometimes taniwha were helpful spirits without a physical body or even the means by which curious children were warned away from danger. A treacherous bend on a river that was the lair of a taniwha, other peoples might say the home of a troll or bogeyman, kept all but the most mischief children far away.

In the Wairarapa we have our own taniwha and supernatural beings.

## **Learn more**

If you would like to learn more about Wairarapa taniwha you can go to <http://education.rangitane.iwi.nz/>

To get to taniwha stories follow the menu stories - taniwha

You can read legends about taniwha throughout the Wairarapa Region.

You might like to visit some of the taniwha as a family or as a group. Please remember taniwha are there to remind us that a piece of water can be dangerous.



## About this resource

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