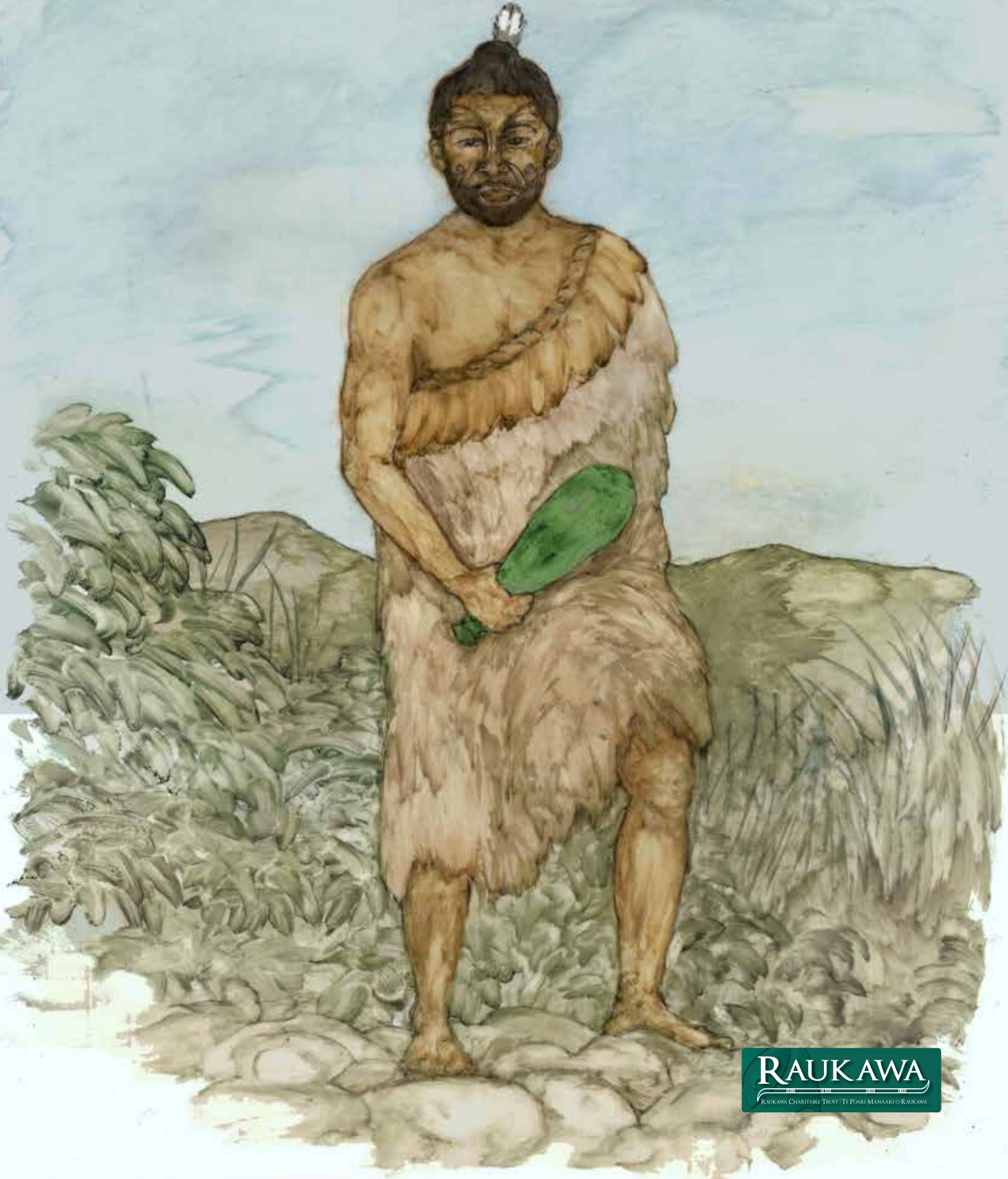
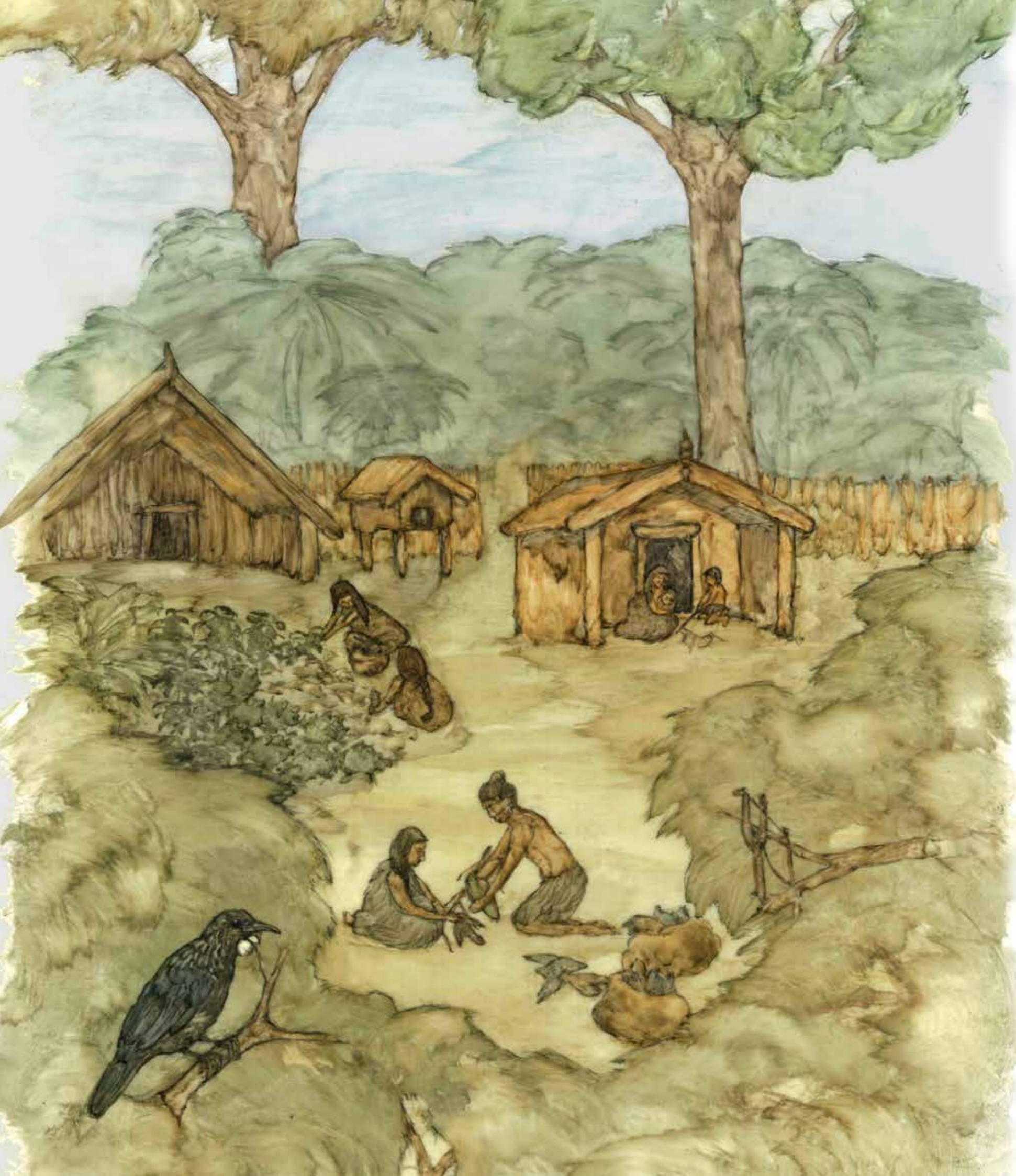


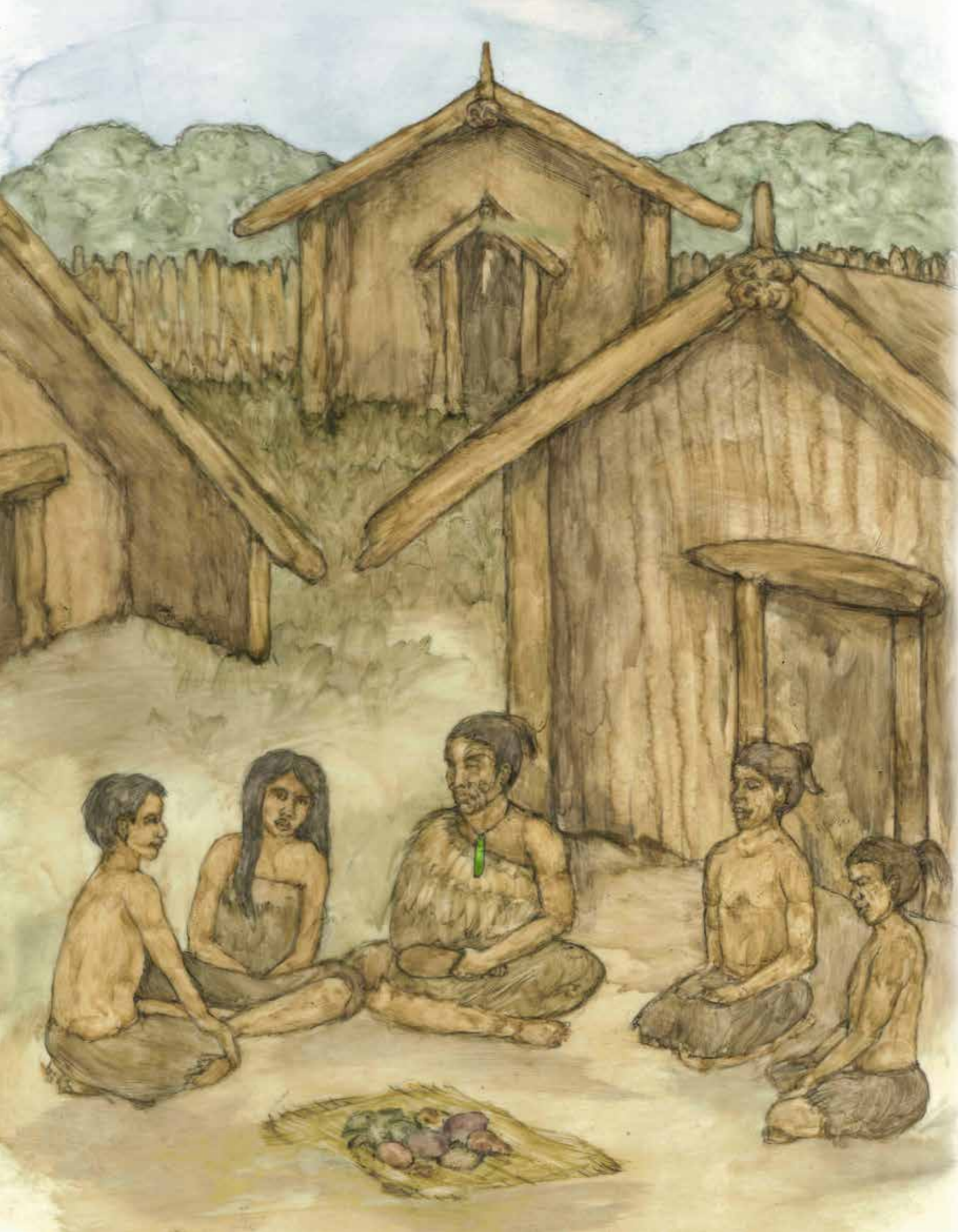
Te Rau o te Patu a Raukawa





I ngā wā o mua i nōhia ngā whenua o Te Kaokaoroa-o-Pātetere, ahu atu ki ētehi o ngā whenua o Wharepūhunga me Te Pae o Raukawa e Ngāti Kahupungapunga. Ko te kōrero he iwi taketake, he iwi toi whenua tēnei ngare i tae kē mai i mua noa atu i te ūnga mai o Tainui waka.

He iwi mōhio tēnei rahinga ki ngā tikanga mahi manu māori whērā i te kōkō, i te kererū me ērā tū manu i kaingia e ō tātou tūpuna. Nā rātou anō pea ēnei mōhioranga i tuku ki ngā tauhou ki tēnei whenua.



Ka taka te wā ka nohonoho mai ngā uri o Raukawa i te mata o te whenua, pātata tonu hoki ki ngā rohe o Ngāti Kahupungapunga.

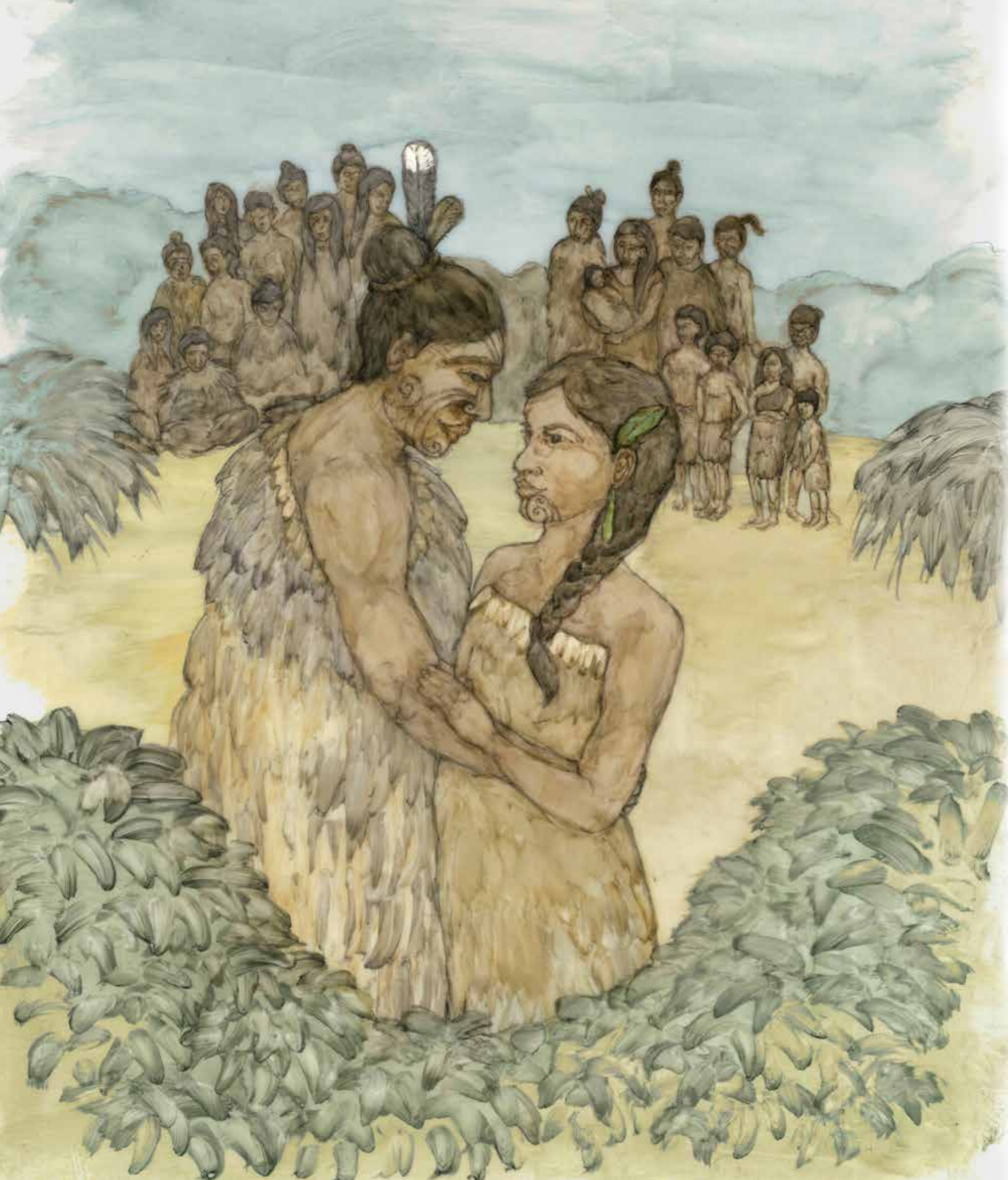
Ko tētehi o ngā pā o Takihiku i tū i Tauranga-ā-Kohu, koinei hoki tētehi o ngā nōhanga o Tūrongo nōna e takatū ana, nāna ki a Raukawa, nāna ki a Takihiku te pōtiki o te whānau. Katoa o ēnei whenua i noho i raro i te whakaruruhau o Takihiku, nōna te mana. Ka moe i a ia a Maikukutara, nō te tātai whakaheke o Māhanga.



Tokorima ā rāua tamariki, tō mua ko Tamatehura, tō muri ko Wairangi, ka rere mai ko Upokoiti, ka whai mai ko Pipito, ā, ko Ngakohua te mea pōtiki o rātou katoa.

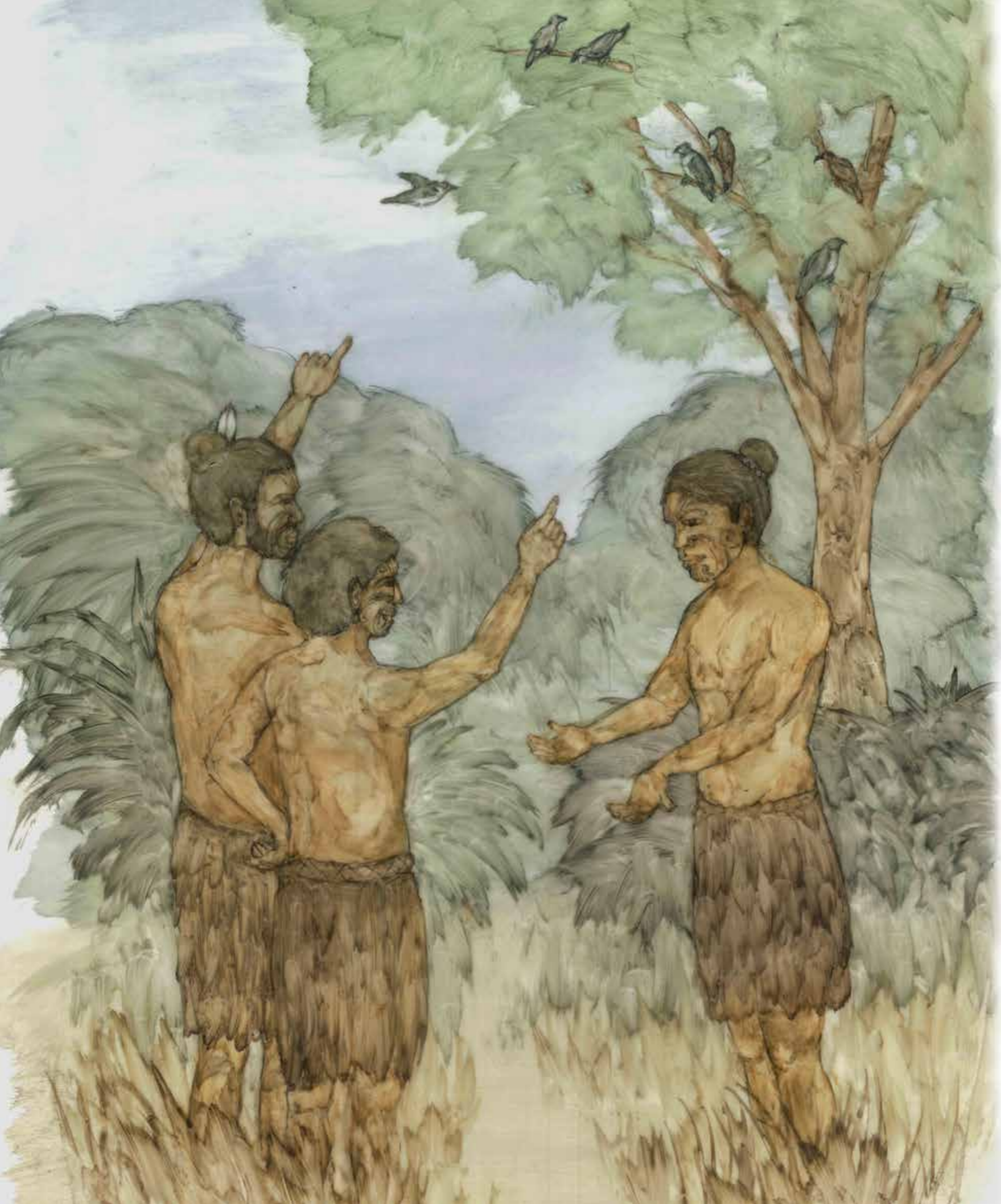
Ko te tuahine o Takihiku ko Kurawari, he tamāhine huatahi ia mā Raukawa rāua ko tana tau a Tūrongoihi. Ka moe a Kurawari i a Whareereere ka puta ki waho ko Whāita, he tāne rāua, ko Koroukore, he wahine.

Kāore e ārikarika ngā nōhanga o Whāita, ko te mea rongonui i Te Kakepuku-o-Kahu, ko Te Wai-Whakaata-a-Whāita. He rite tonu hoki tana haerenga i waenga o ngā whenua o koraka tae noa ki te uru ki Kāwhia, ā, hoki noa mai ki ngā whenua o Wharepūhunga tonu.



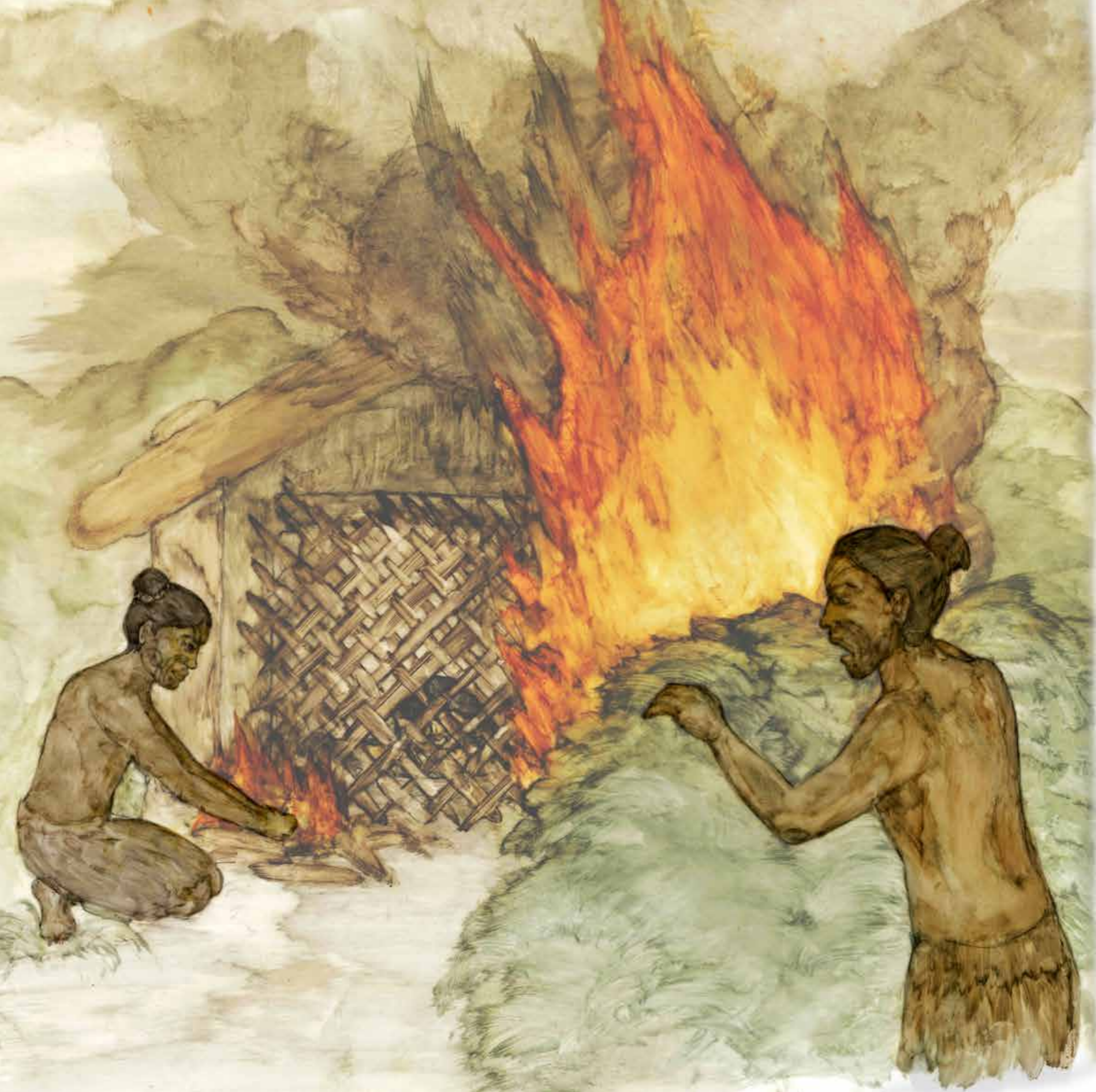
Tēnā kia hoki ki a Koroukore, ka wahine haere te kōtiro nei ka tohua ia e ana mātua hei taumau, hei wahine matua mā Parahore, tētehi o ngā rangatira o Ngāti Kahupungapunga.

Ko te whakaaro ia mā tēnei takapau horanui, mā tēnei tatau pounamu, e mau nei te rongō me te rangimārie i waenganui i a Ngāti Kahupungapunga me Ngāti Takihiku mō ake tonu atu. Koinā te tikanga.



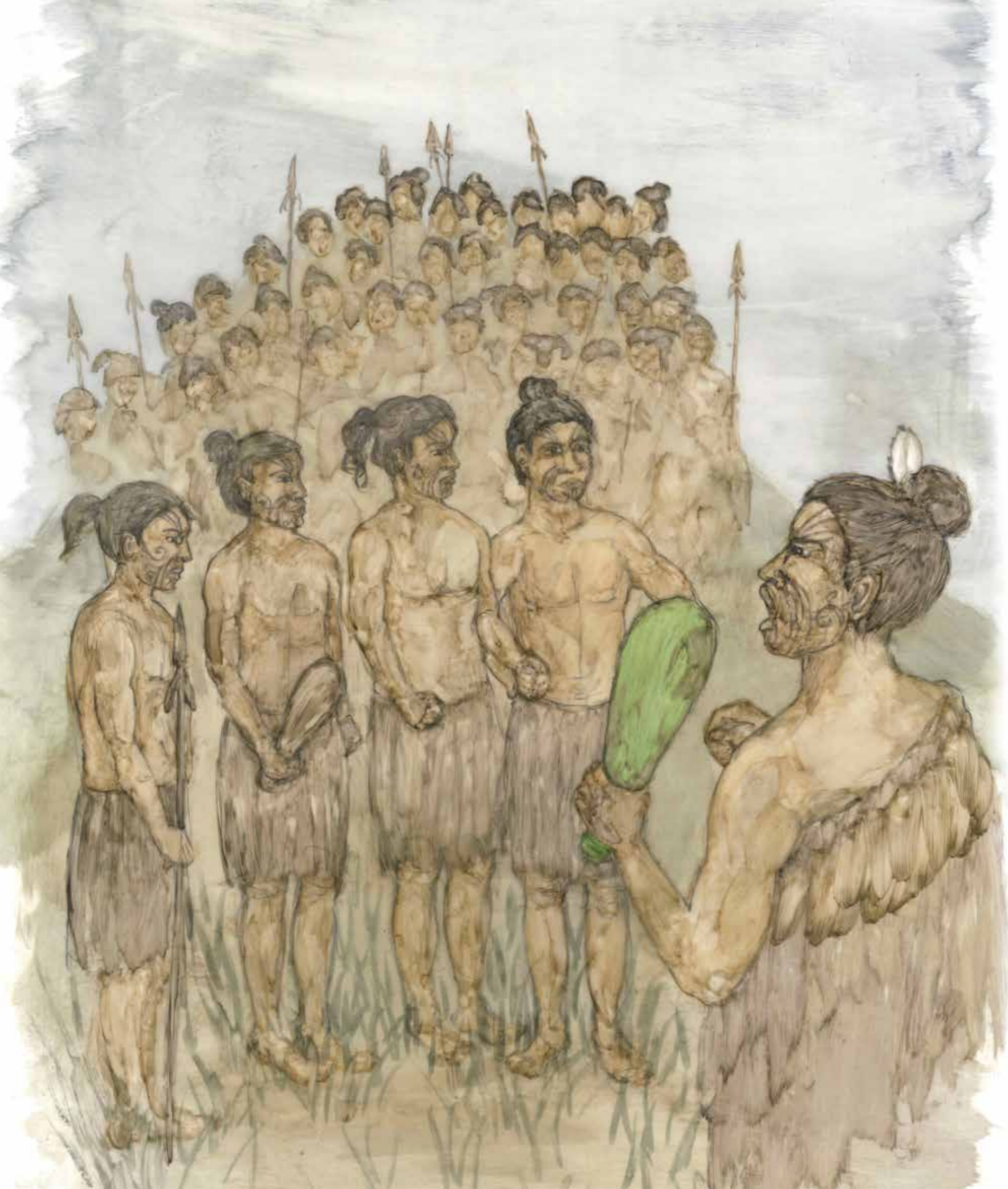
Kāore e kore, ko te whakaaro o tana tungāne me ana karanga tungāne, he pai tēnei hono, i te mea rā kua whai wāhi atu rātou ki roto i ngā ngahengahe mōmona – kei reira te mahi a te manu.

Nāwai, nāwai, ka tīmata ana uri ki te tonotono i a Ngāti Kahupungapunga ki te mahi i tā rātou mahi, arā, te mahi kererū. Nāwai i tau, kātahi ka takeo, kātahi ka whakatakariri haere te iwi rā o Parahore i ngā tono a Te Aitanga-a-Tūrongo.



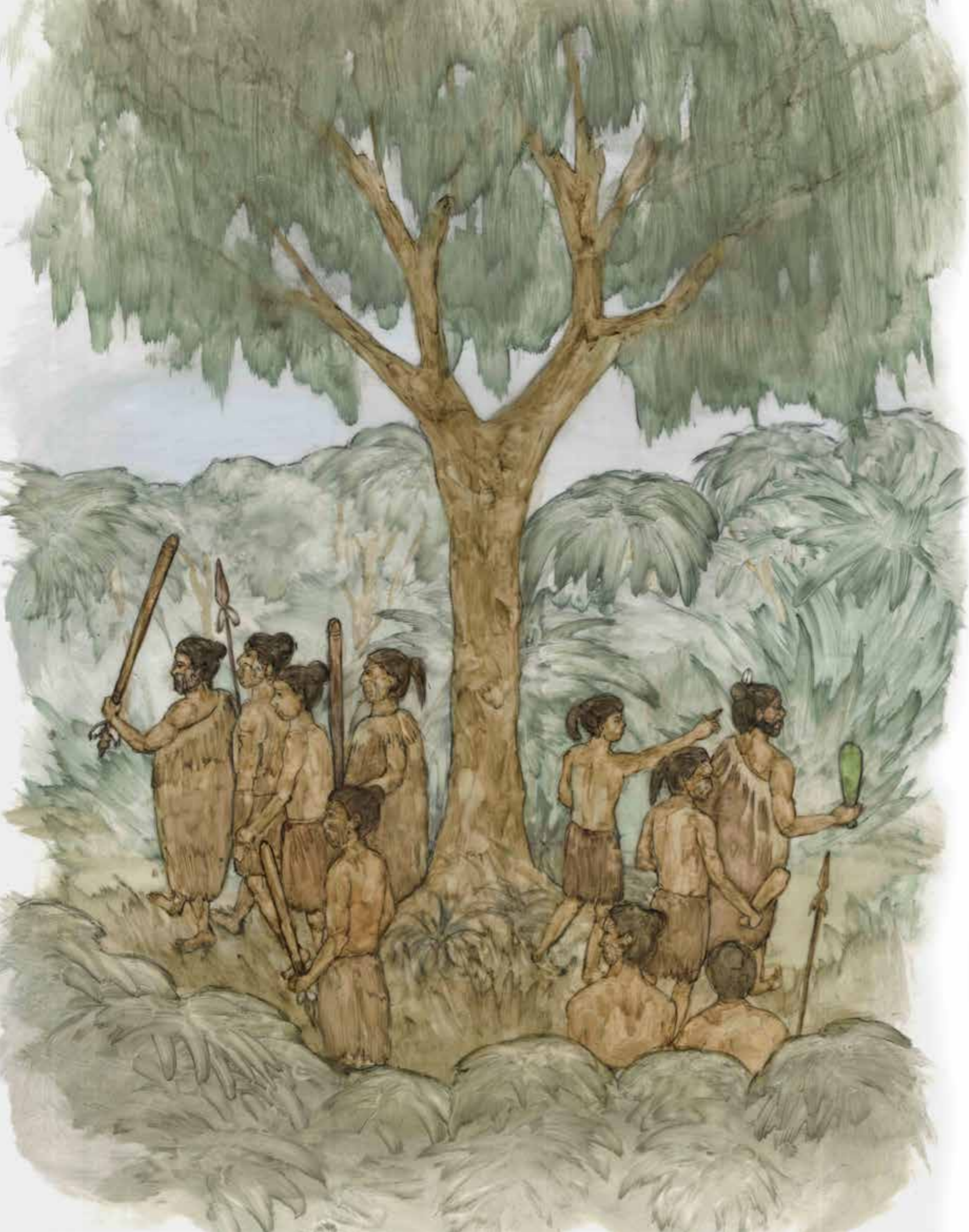
Taro ake i koneki, ka tupu te ngākau kino o Parahore, inamata ka patua ka kōhurutia a Koroukore. Auē taukiri e kui, e Korou! Tō wahine taumau ai ka kōhurutia e tō tāne. Tē taea hoki e taua iwi rā tēnei mahi kino te huna. Kua kitea kētia e Ruru, te mōkai a Koroukore. Kāore hoki ia i mau i a Para mā, ka puta kē ia ki te tuku i te karere ki a Whāita mā.

Mai iho kua tapaina taua wāhi ki te ingoa nei Puta-a-Ruru hei tohu whakamaharatanga ki a ia, ki a Ruru.



Tae ana te rongō ki a Whāita, ka haere ki ana karanga teina, ki ngā tamariki a Takihiku. Ka kauwhau, inamata ka whakatikaina he ope, ka haere ki te pakanga ki a Ngāti Kahupungapunga.

Kāore he utu i tua atu i te toto, me te parekura hoki.



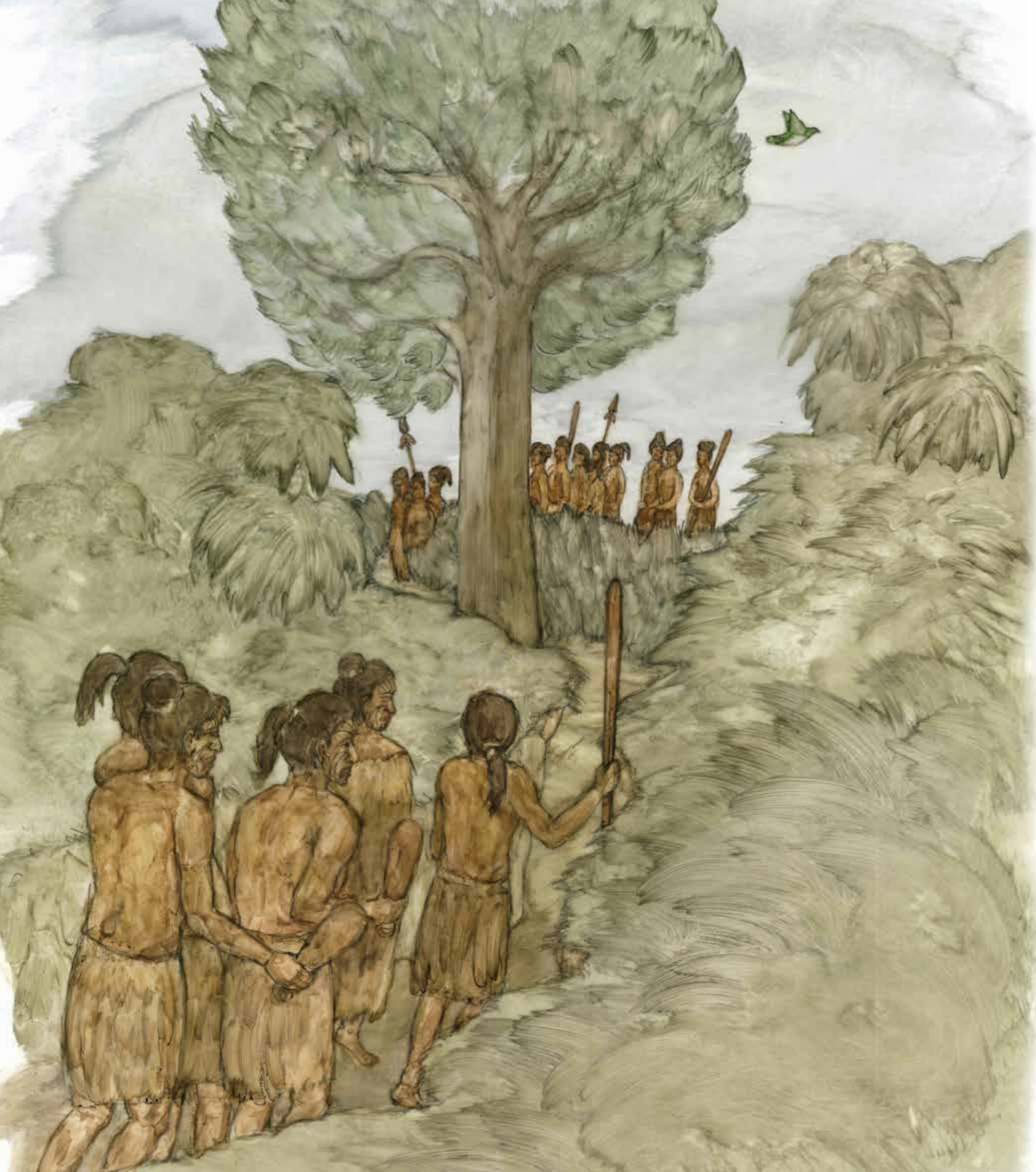
Ka tīmata i Te Horonga, tata ana tēnei wāhi ki Te Awamutu, ko Te Maruhuoko te rangatira, ka hinga tērā pā. Inamata, ka peka ki Wharepūhunga, ka horo ngā pā o Te Arowhenua, Pōhue me Taka-ahiahi.

Ka wāhi rua te ope nui, ko tētehi wāhanga ka haere i raro i a Wairangi rāua ko Upokoiti, ko ērā atu ka haere i raro i a Whāita rātou ko Tamatehura ko Pipito, ka haere ki Te Wao-o-Tū, ka hinga ngā pā o Pīraunui, o Puketōtara me Hōkio.



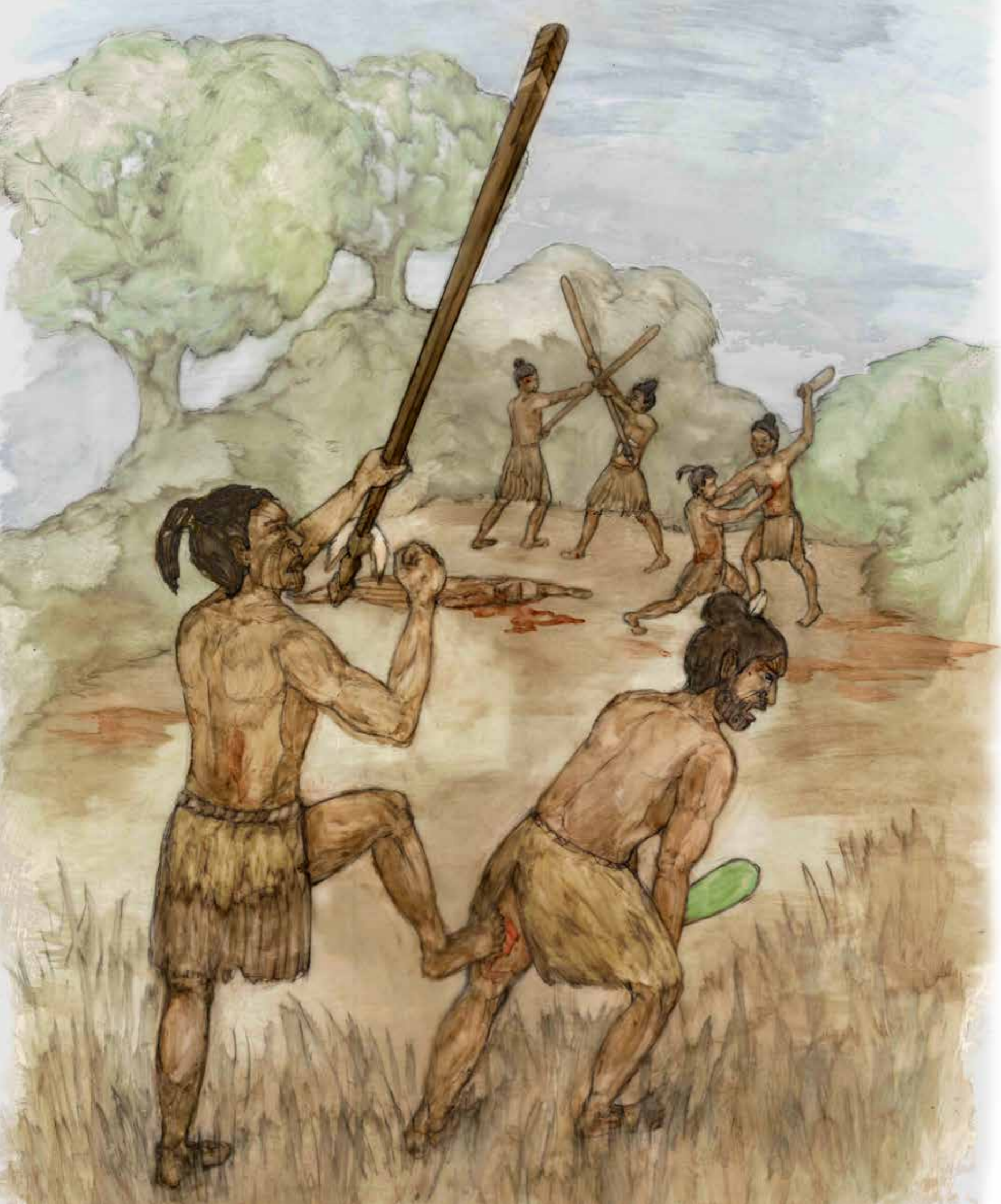
Kātahi ka kōkiri ki Te Whakamarumaru-o-Kahu, ka horo ngā kāinga o Te Ahipū me Te Ahoroa. Huri atu, huri mai, arā te ngau a te patu me te mahi a te rākau kāore he kitenga i te ao mārama.

Ka whakauta te haere ki Mangamingi ka hinga a Matanuku i a Pipito, ā, mau tonu ana te ingoa o Matanuku ki taua wāhi.



E whia nei ngā rangatira me ngā pā o te iwi rā i hinga i ngā mokopuna a Raukawa. Rere ana hoki ētehi o ngā mōrehu o aua wāhi rā ka ahu te haere ki Te Rotorua-nui-a-Kahumatamomoe, he hononga nō ētehi o te iwi raka ki a Te Arawa.

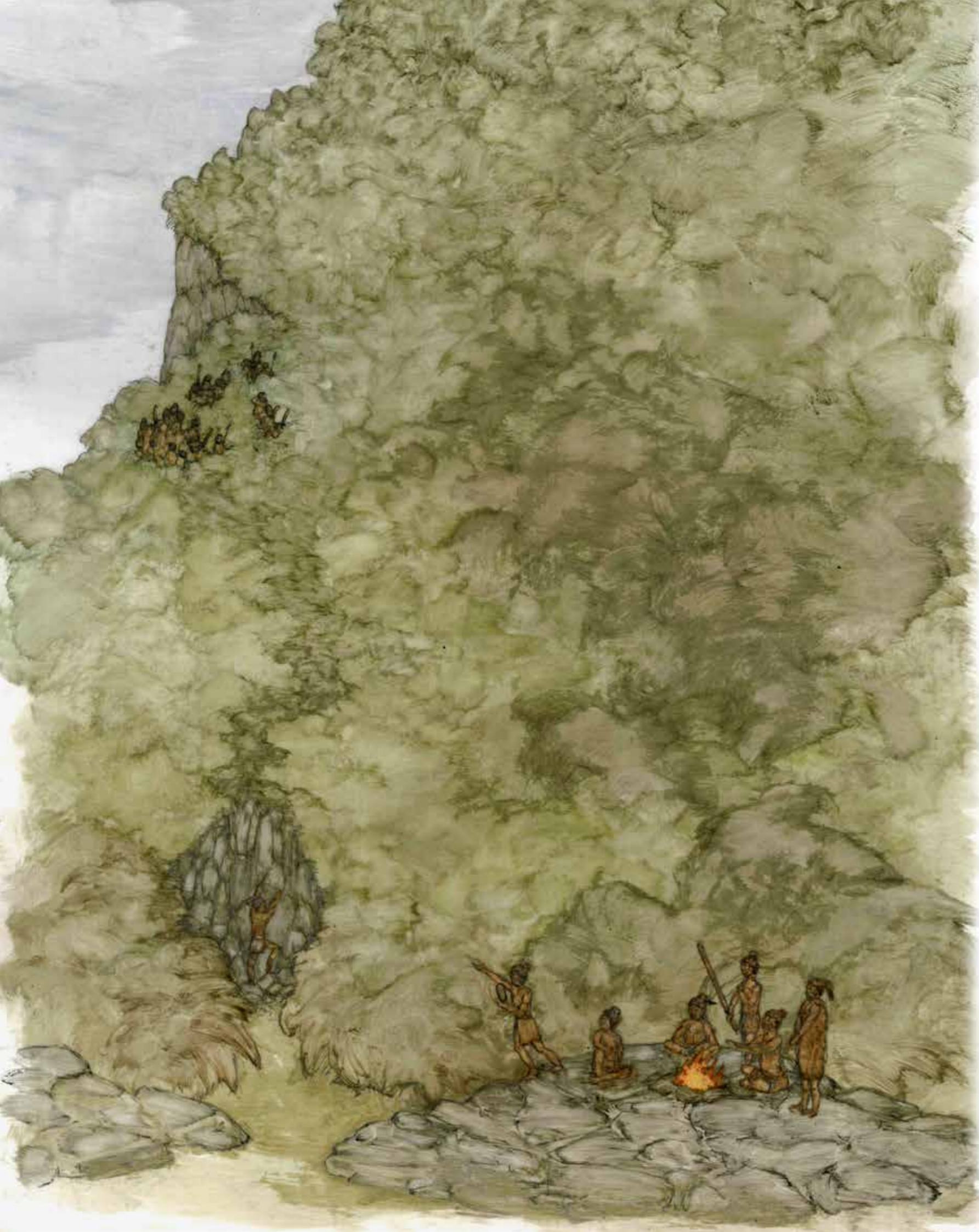
Whāia tonutia rātou e te ope o Ngāti Raukawa nei, heoi anō ka tūtuki ki ngā uri o Tamatekapua ka whawhai, ka pakanga. Pari atu ana a Raukawa, pari mai ana a Te Arawa. Ki tā ētehi kōrero, ka hinga a Pipito i te takiwā o Te Kūwaha-o-Raukawa, ana, i mau hoki a Tamatehura ka haria ki Te Motu-tapu-a-Tinirau.



Kua huri te tai, ā, ko Whāita mā e whawhai ana i Te Horohoroinga-o-ngā-ringa-o-Tia. Kua mamae haere hoki a Whāita i tana whēwhē, kātahi ka mea kia whanaia te whēwhē kia pakaru mai ai ki waho te pīrau.

Āhahā! Kātahi ka hoki mai te rīrā ki te kaumātua rā ka huri ia ki tana ope ki te whakatenatena i a rātou, nāwai rā ka whati te ope o Te Arawa ka huri, ka hoki.

Tapā ai taua wāhi ko Te Whana-a-Whāita ka noho hei tohu i waenganui i ngā iwi e rua.



Mai i reira ka whai tonu a Whāita mā i ngā mōrehu o Ngāti Kahupungapunga, ā, ka rūpeke katoa rātou ki te kōhatu kōrero nei, ki Pōhaturua.

Kua haere pēnei mai a Wairangi mā i uta ka tūtakitaki ai ki a Whāita, ka whakaopeti i ngā taketake o taua maunga. Koia rā te tū whakamutunga a taua iwi, ka karapotingia taua maunga, kore rawa hoki he rerenga, he putanga mō te iwi rā.

Kua matekai haere hoki i te korenga o te kai. Nāwai rā ka whakaekea te pā, ka horo, ka hinga.



Ahakoā e mea ana te kōrero a ētehi kāore he uri o taua iwi o Ngāti Kahupungapunga, tērā ko ētehi e noho tonu ana i Kakepuku i Matakaro, ko Ngāti Kahu tērā rātou ko Ngāti Unu.

Kei te marae hoki o Whakamārama ngā tātai o Ngāti Kahupungapunga he marae tēnei nō Ngāti Whakātere, Ngāti Takihiku, Ngāti Puehutore. Nō reira i moe ētehi o ngā uri i ngā mokopuna o Kurawari, o Takihiku hoki, ka whakawhenumi i roto i te iwi nui tonu o Raukawa.

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