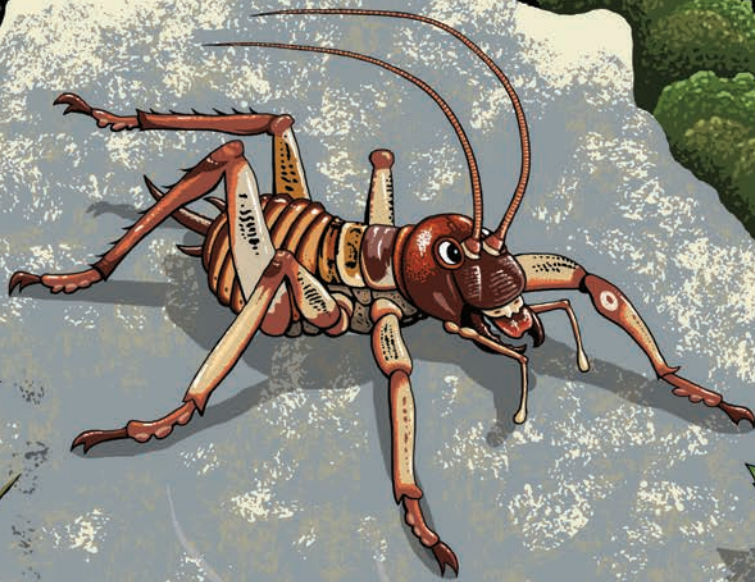


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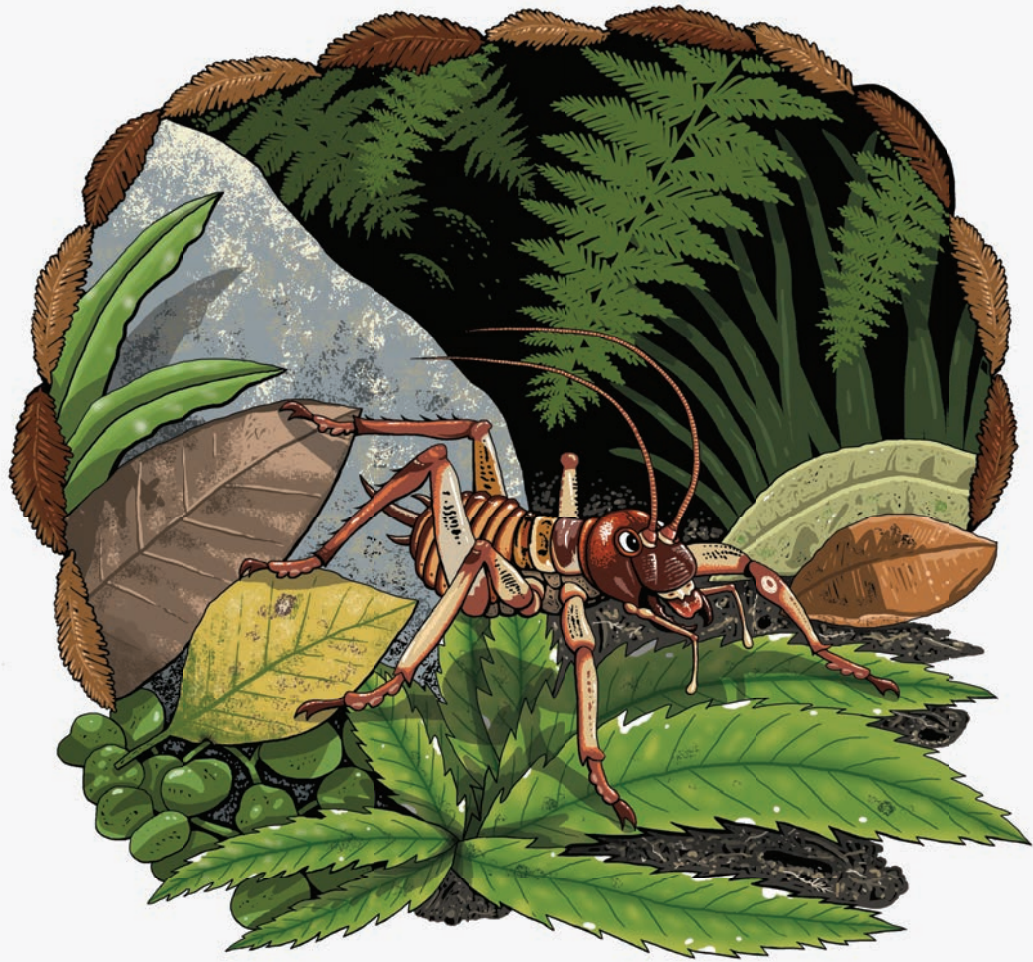
**Ruru** (roo – roo): morepork, owl  
**Wētā** (weh – tah): a large, nocturnal insect  
found in trees and caves.

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Wētā went walking  
in the bush, in the bush.  
Wētā went walking  
in the bush one night.

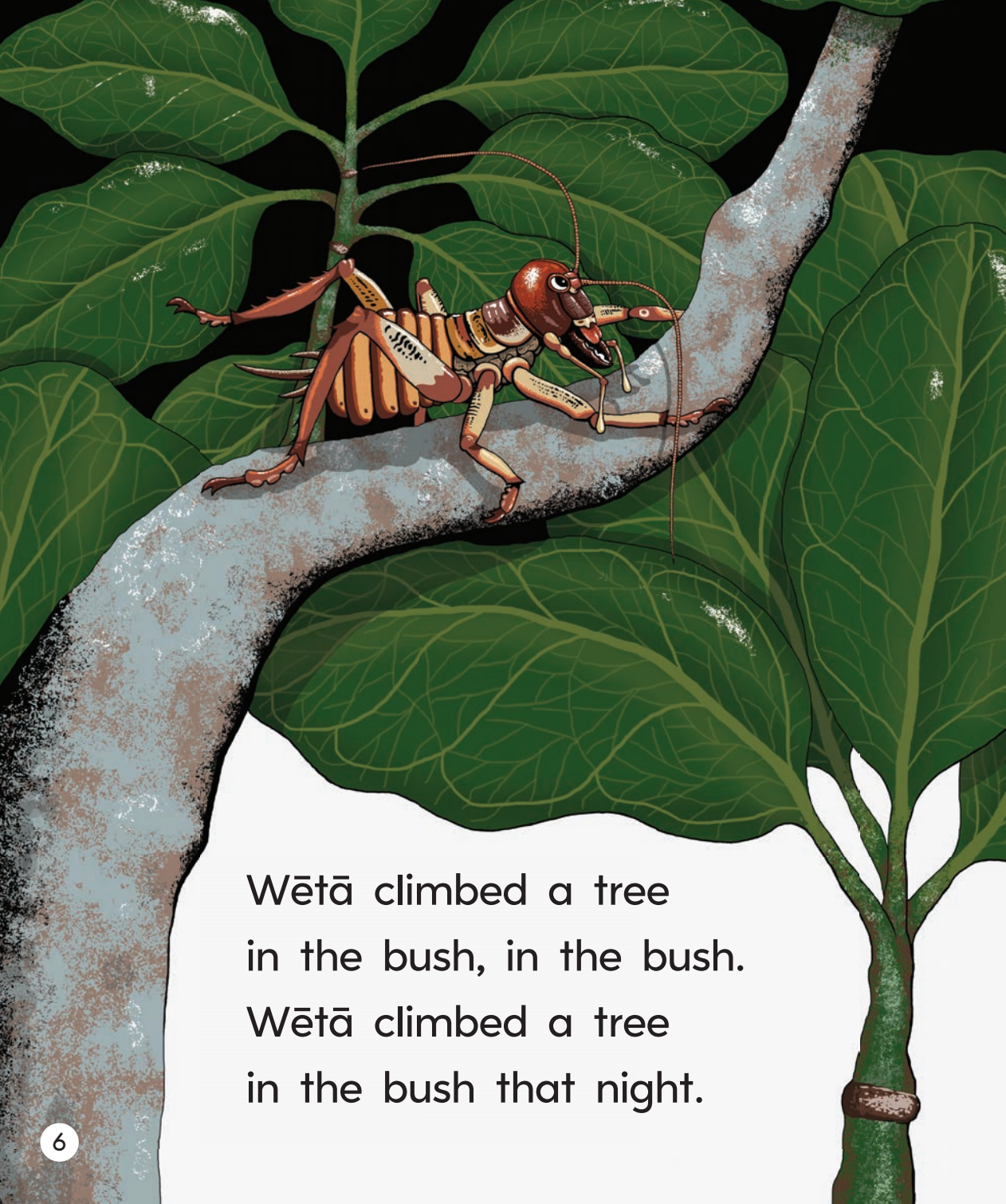


Rat went hunting  
in the bush, in the bush.  
Rat went hunting  
in the bush one night.

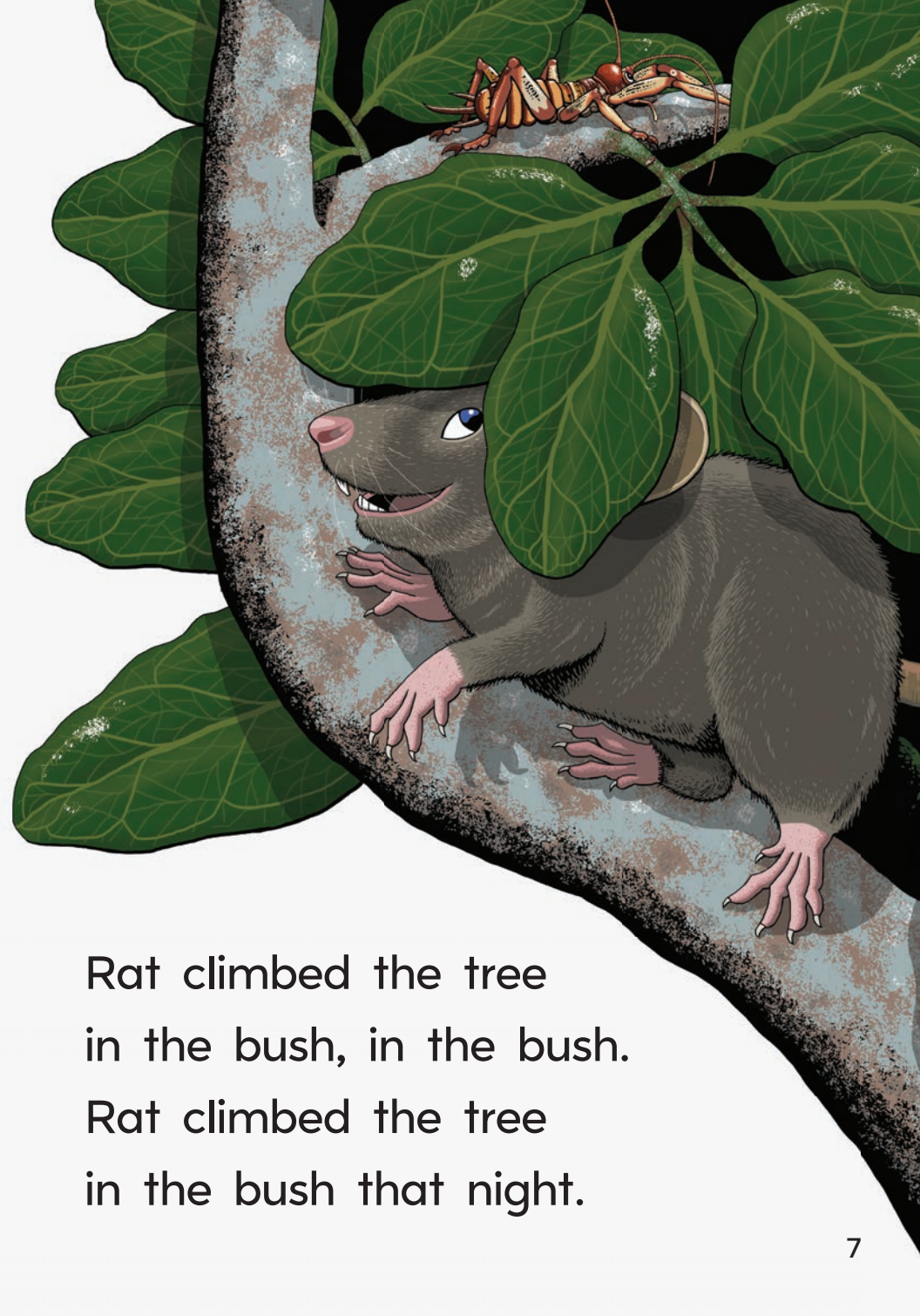


Wētā crossed the stream  
in the bush, in the bush.  
Wētā crossed the stream  
in the bush that night.

Rat fell in the stream  
in the bush, in the bush.  
Rat fell in the stream  
in the bush that night.



Wētā climbed a tree  
in the bush, in the bush.  
Wētā climbed a tree  
in the bush that night.



Rat climbed the tree  
in the bush, in the bush.  
Rat climbed the tree  
in the bush that night.



Wētā ate leaves  
in the tree, in the tree.  
Wētā ate leaves  
in the tree that night.



Rat climbed closer  
up the tree, up the tree.  
Rat climbed closer  
up the tree that night.

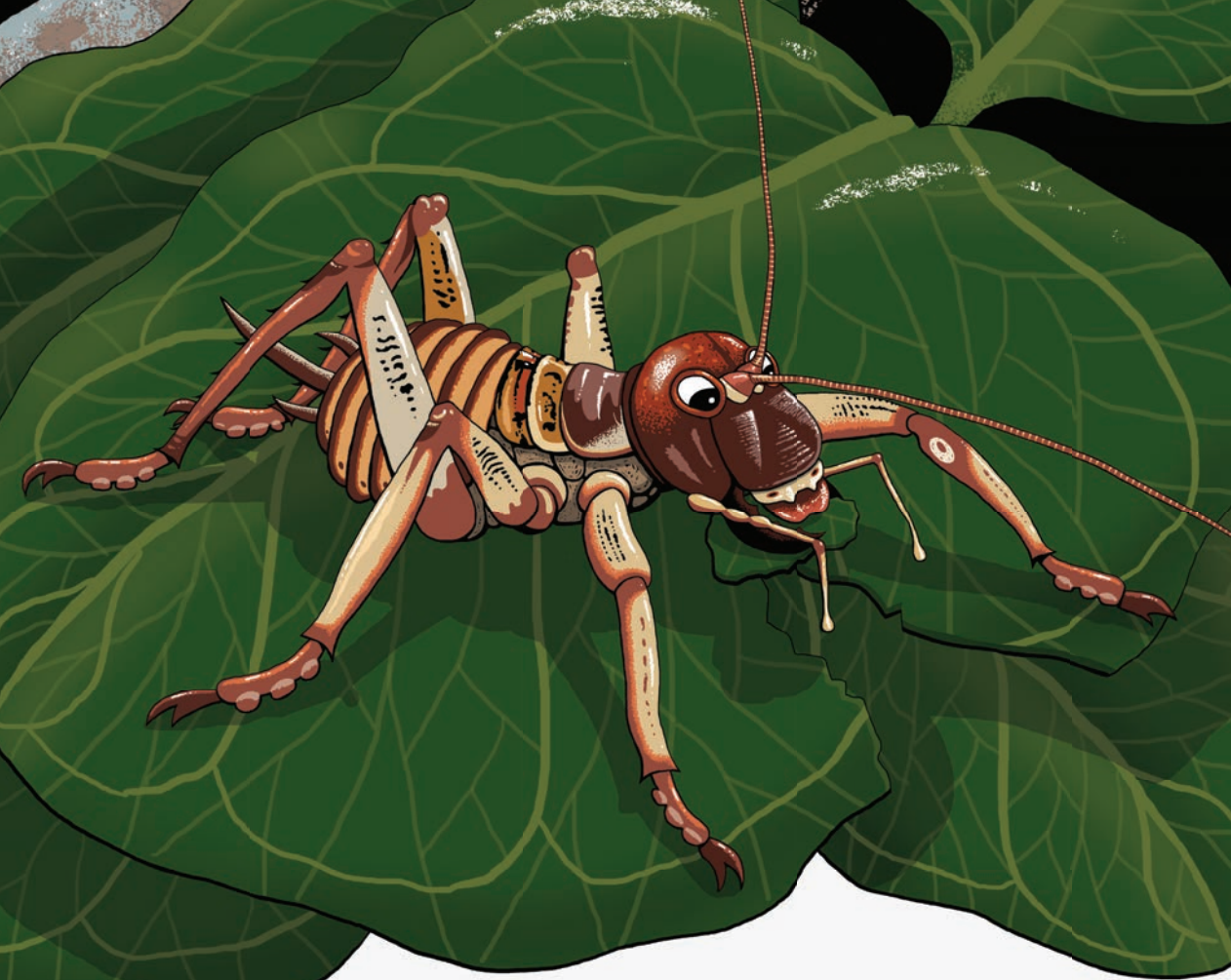
Ruru saw Rat  
in the tree, in the tree!  
Ruru saw Rat  
in the tree that night ...



## Rat saw Ruru!

Rat ran away  
down the tree, down the tree!  
Rat ran away  
down the tree that night!





Wētā ate leaves  
in the tree, in the tree.  
Wētā ate leaves  
in the tree that night.



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