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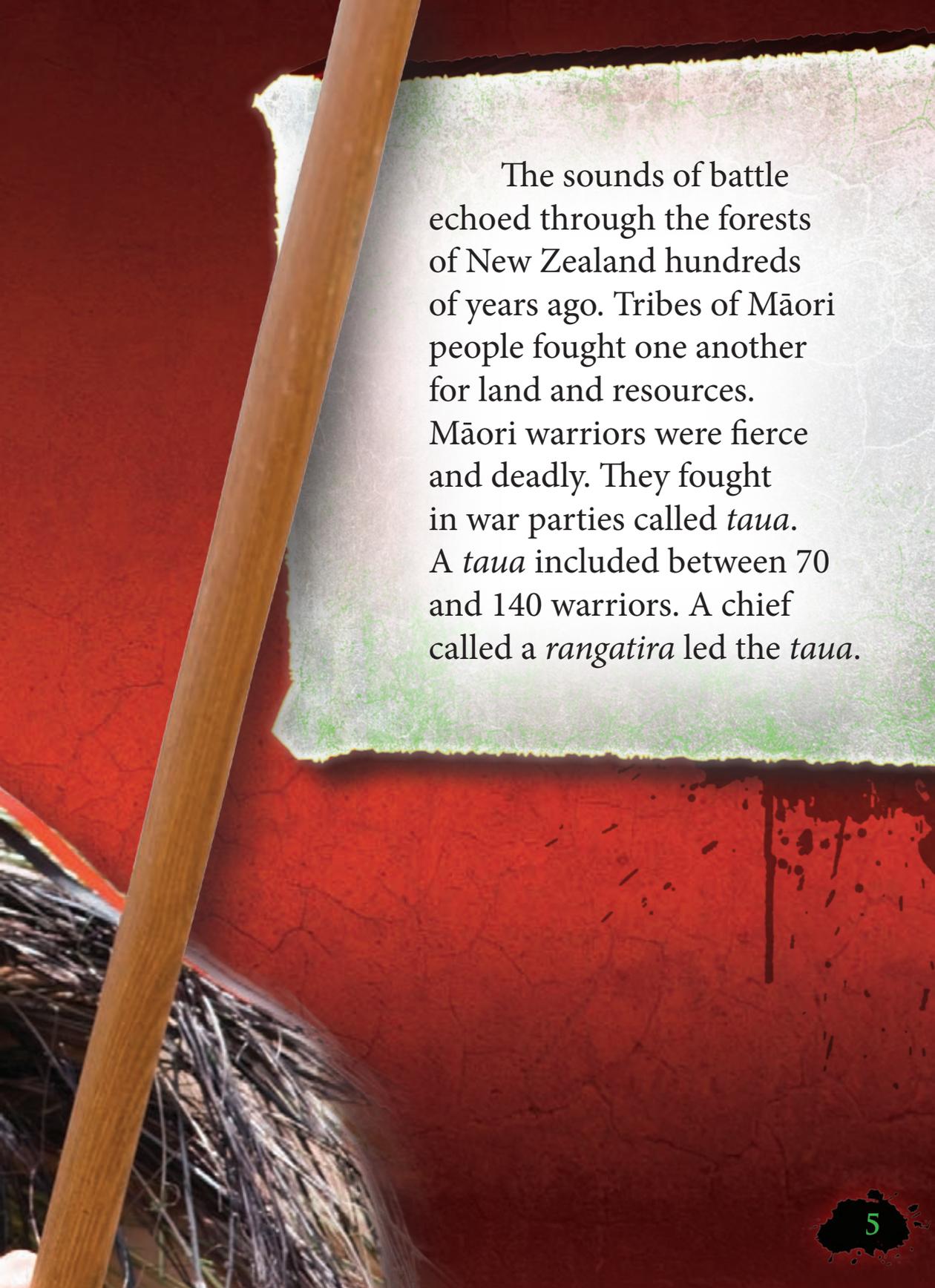


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Who Were Māori Warriors?





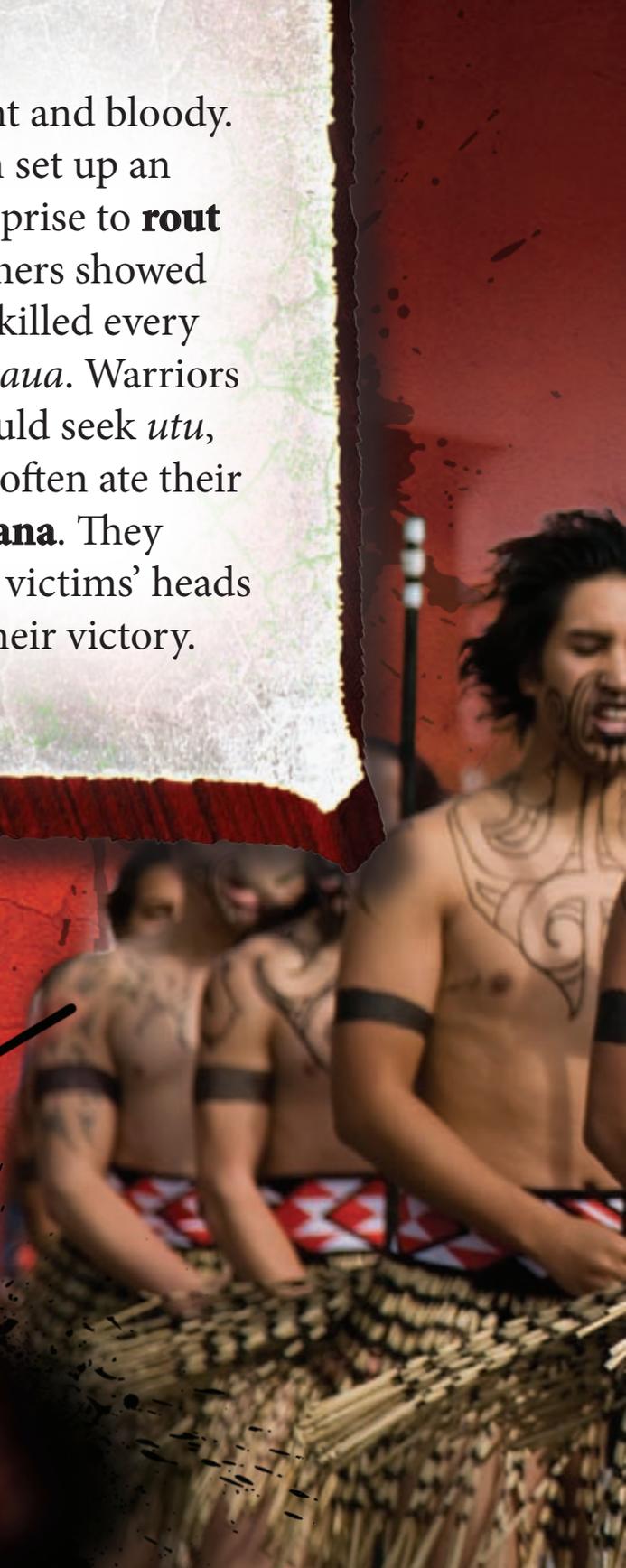
The sounds of battle echoed through the forests of New Zealand hundreds of years ago. Tribes of Māori people fought one another for land and resources. Māori warriors were fierce and deadly. They fought in war parties called *taua*. A *taua* included between 70 and 140 warriors. A chief called a *rangatira* led the *taua*.

Battles were violent and bloody. An attacking *taua* often set up an **ambush**. They used surprise to **rout** their enemies. The winners showed no mercy. They always killed every member of the enemy *taua*. Warriors knew any survivors would seek *utu*, or revenge. The victors often ate their victims to gain their **mana**. They would also cut off their victims' heads to keep as trophies of their victory.



Māori Fact

The Māori word for
“warrior” is *toa*.





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