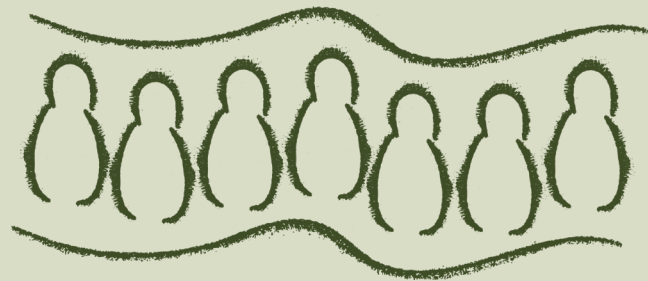




In the beginning, there was te pō – the darkness. In that darkness were two lovers tightly embraced.



Squished between them were all their children. They grew in the darkness between their parents and yearned for space to move.

A whisper went out amongst the children “We should separate our parents, so we can be in the light” This was Tangaroa who spoke. All the siblings agreed, but one. Tāwhirimātea, atua of the wind didn’t want his parents to separate.



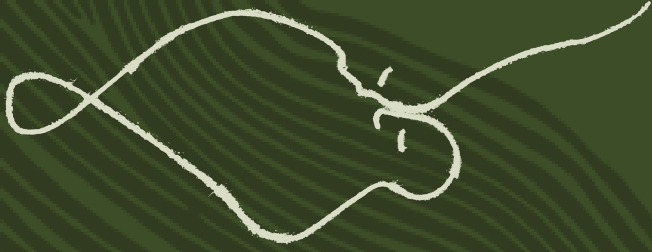
Tawhirimātea was outvoted and the other siblings began to try and separate Ranginui and Papatūānuku. One by one, they tried and one by one they failed.



Finally, Tāne Mahuta tried. He firmly placed his back against his mother, Papatūānuku and used all the might in his waewae (legs) to push Ranginui up and away. Tāne Mahuta had done it!

The story of Ranginui and Papatūānuku

A pakiwaitara on the story of creation in te ao Māori.



Ranginui and Papatūānuku still yearn for each other to this day. When it rains, it's said to be Ranginui crying for his lover below and the morning mist is Papatūānuku trying to reach Ranginui.



The children grew and flourished in te ao. Together they clothed their father Ranginui with the stars, the moon and the sun.

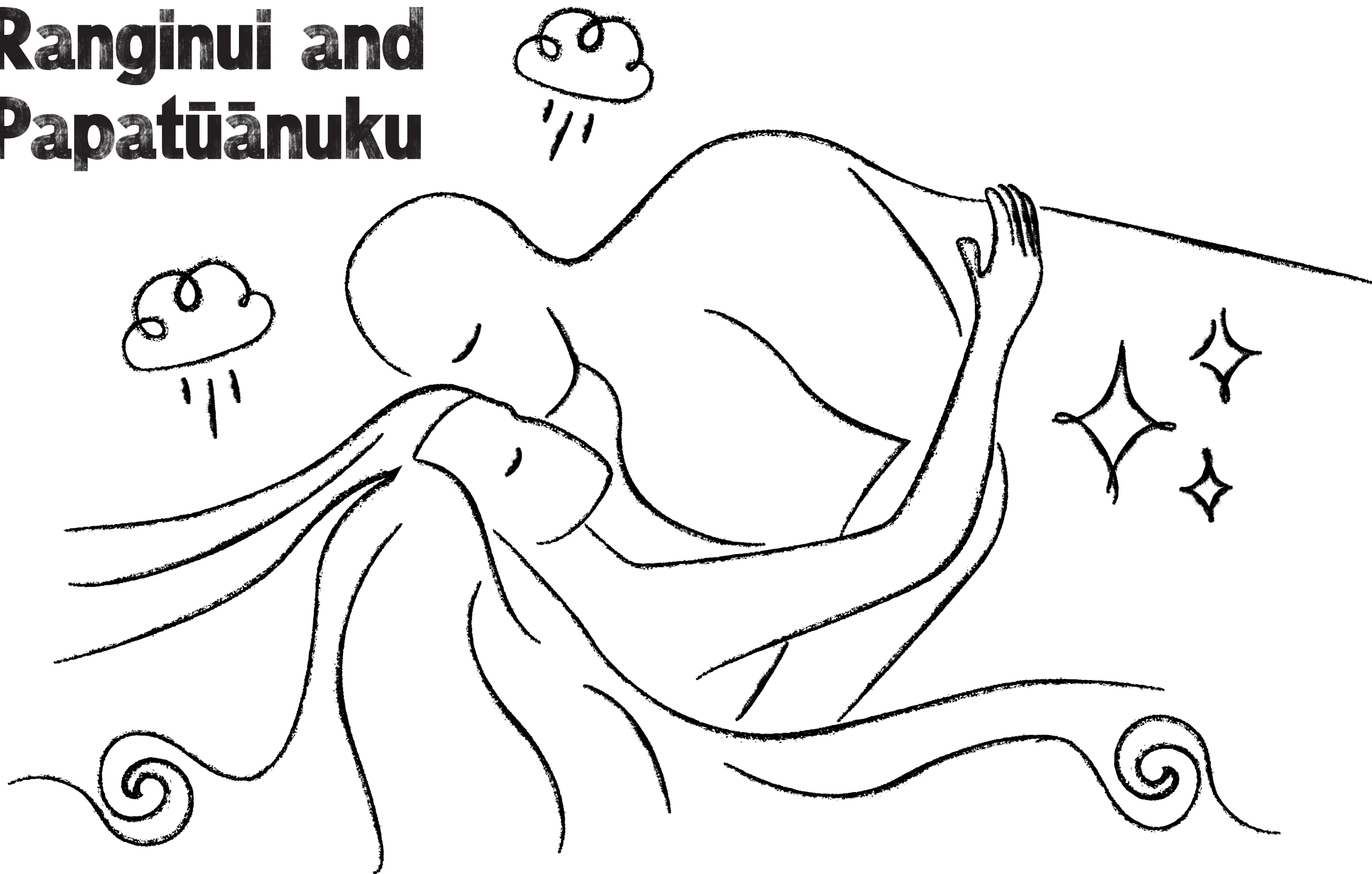
Each child had domains and strengths in different parts of this new world. This brought forth Te ao mārama – the natural world of light and life.



The children's wish had come true, they had been brought into te ao – the world of light.

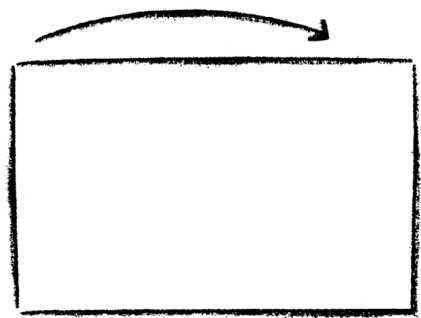
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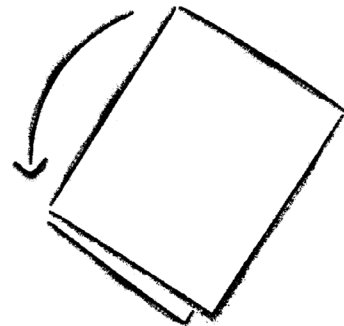
How to make a mini storybook

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Fold the paper in half lengthwise (Short edge to short edge).

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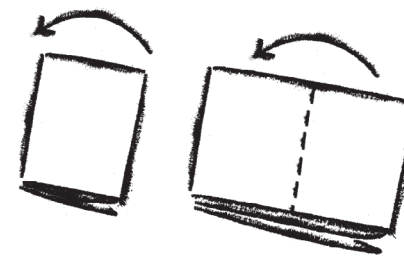
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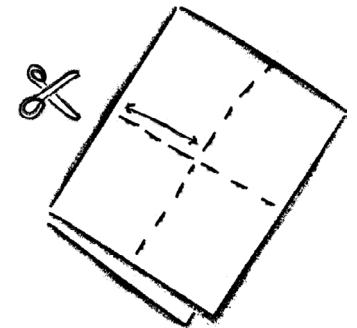
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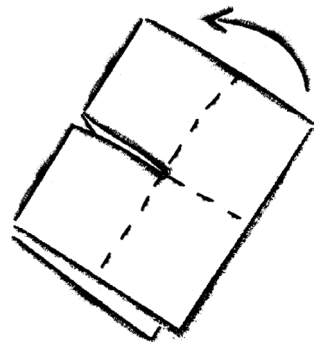
Unfold the paper twice so it only has one fold in it.

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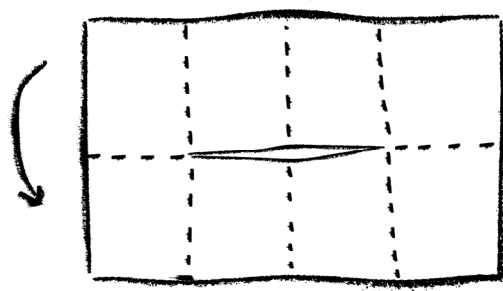
Cut along the crease between the arrows. Make sure you start the cut on the folded edge and finish in the centre where the creases meet!

6.



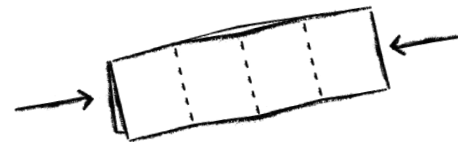
Unfold the paper to reveal the hole you've cut in the centre of the page.

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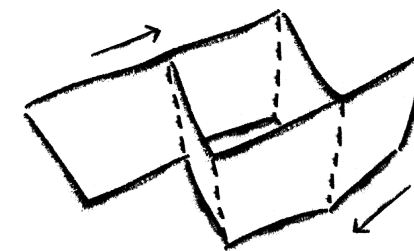
Fold the paper in half but this time long edge to long edge.

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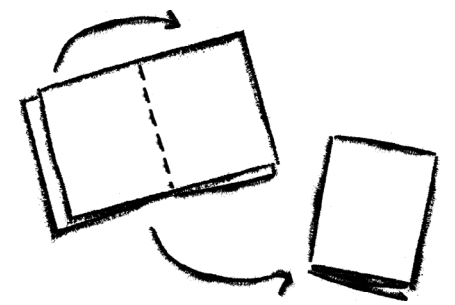
Grab the edges and pinch the sides inwards making a diamond shape with the slit.

9.



Keep pushing the edges in till you flatten the diamond so you have one fold in the middle.

10.



Now fold it in half. All done!