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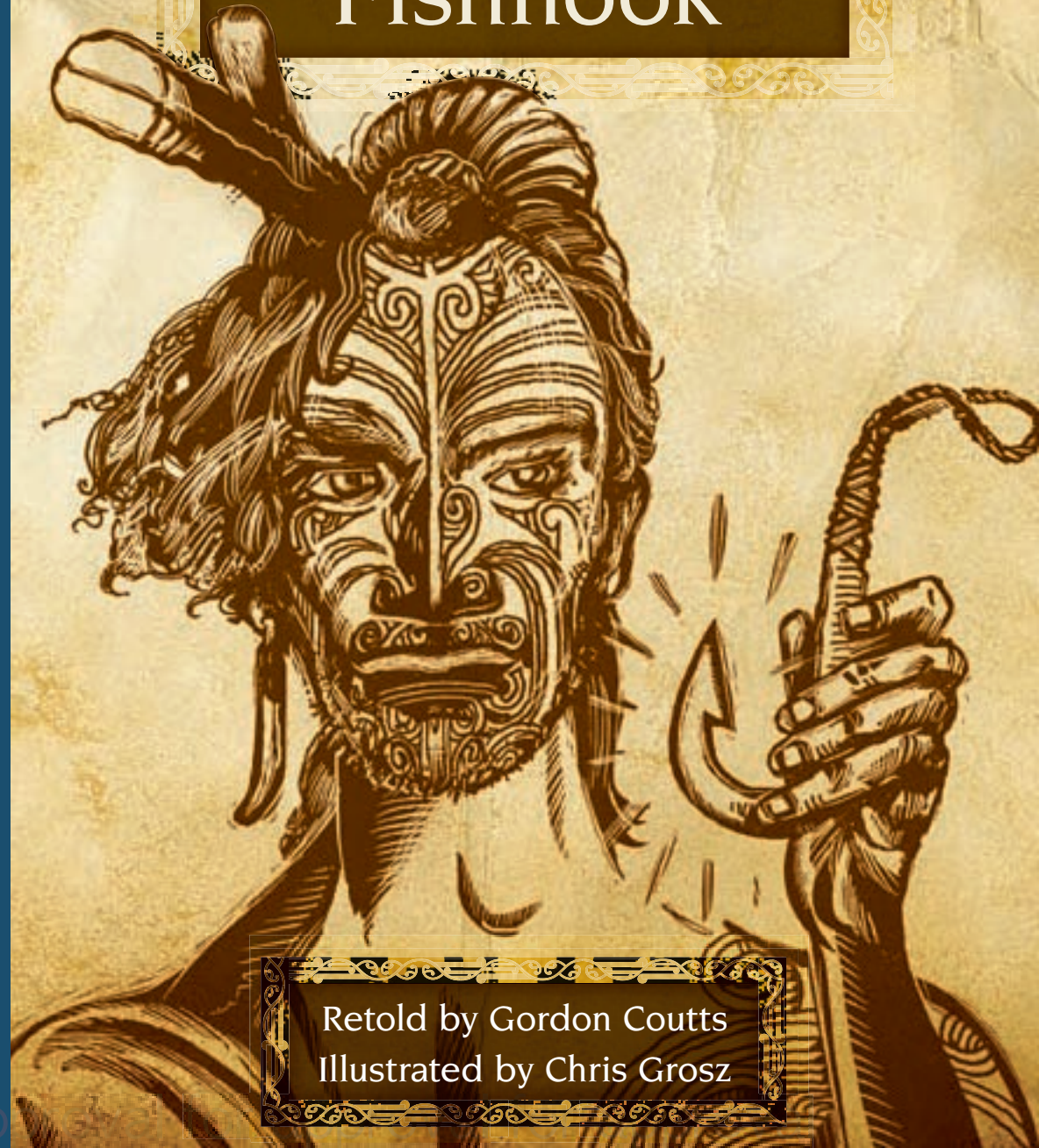
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Maui (Ma-u-ee) was born many years ago, when Earth was still very young. The god of the sea raised Maui, so he had magic powers. However, he had returned to the world of normal humans to live with his mother and his four brothers.

With his magical powers, he often tricked his four brothers. They did not like that.

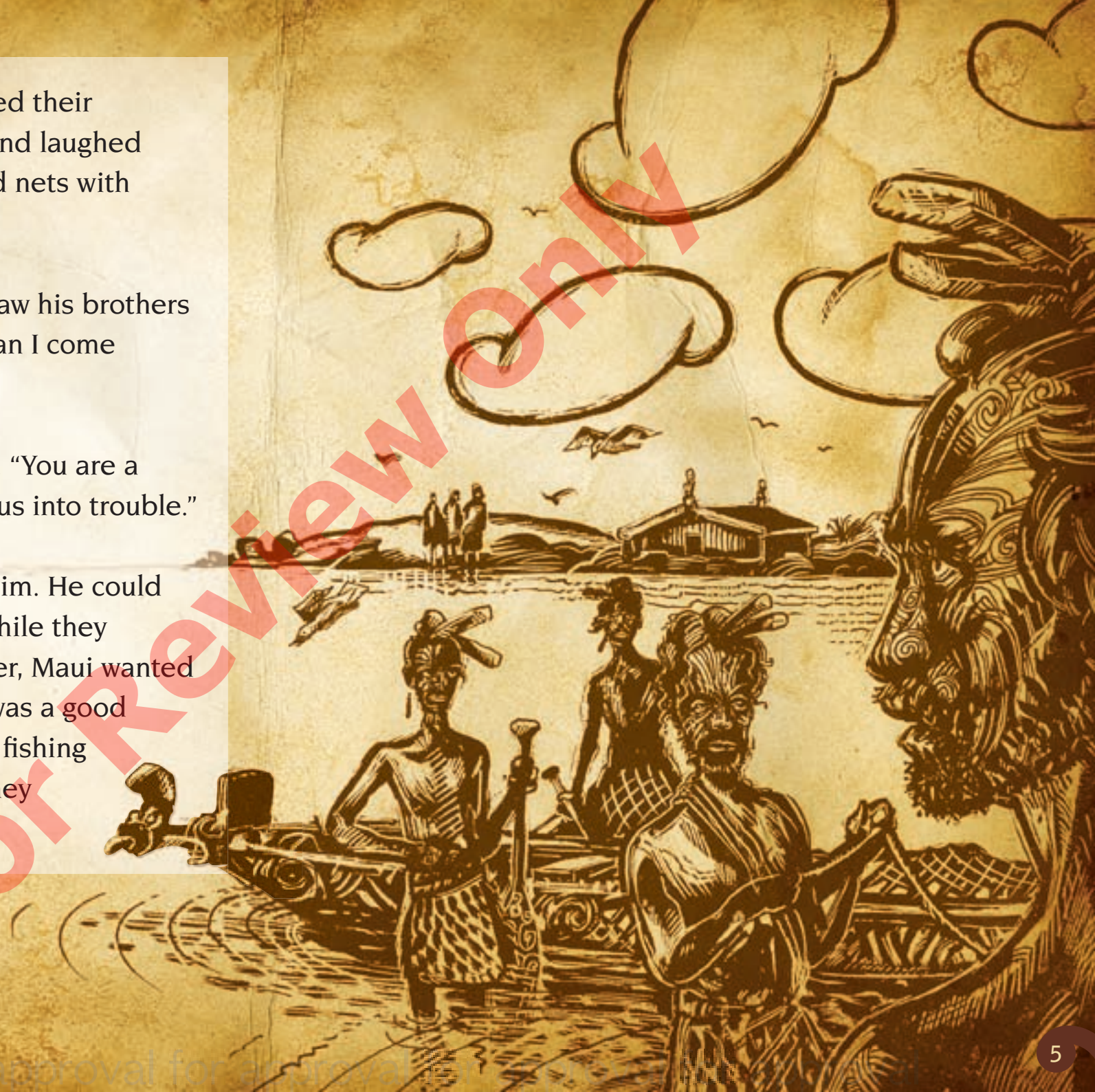


One day, Maui's brothers prepared their canoe to go fishing. They joked and laughed as they prepared their canoe and nets with their hands.

Maui was very excited when he saw his brothers preparing their fishing canoe. "Can I come fishing with you?" he asked.

"No, you can't," said his brothers. "You are a trickster. Your magic always gets us into trouble."

Maui's brothers were jealous of him. He could use magic to catch a lot of fish, while they usually caught very little. However, Maui wanted to prove to his brothers that he was a good fisherman. He made a plan to go fishing with his brothers, even though they had said no.



Maui waited until the night before his brothers would leave to go fishing. That night, he crawled into their canoe. He crawled under a big net that was lying in the canoe. His brothers did not see him.

After they had paddled for a long time, and could not see the land anymore, his brothers stopped to fish. They picked up the big net with their hands. That was when they saw Maui hidden under the net.

His brothers were furious. "We will throw you over the side and feed you to the sharks!" they shouted.

