



As everyone knows gathering 'opihī can be dangerous business. These tasty, edible but elusive shellfish live only in the most rugged surf.

Lehua and Ehu were always very careful to watch the waves. They never turned their backs to the sea. And when each great wave receded they moved in quickly to pluck any 'opihī on the exposed rocks.

As the wave rolled back in again they both scrambled up the shoreline to safety.

It was like a kind of dance in which alert and nimble footwork was rewarded with some 'opihī but a misstep would mean serious trouble.