

A majestic owl is captured in mid-flight, its wings fully extended, soaring over a dark forest at night. The owl's feathers are a mix of brown, grey, and white, with a prominent white patch on its chest. The background is a deep blue-black, with soft, out-of-focus lights from the forest creating a bokeh effect. The owl's talons are visible, and it appears to be gliding over a large, moss-covered tree trunk in the foreground. The overall mood is mysterious and powerful.

The Feathered Hunter

**Tasks based on
'The Feathered Hunter'**

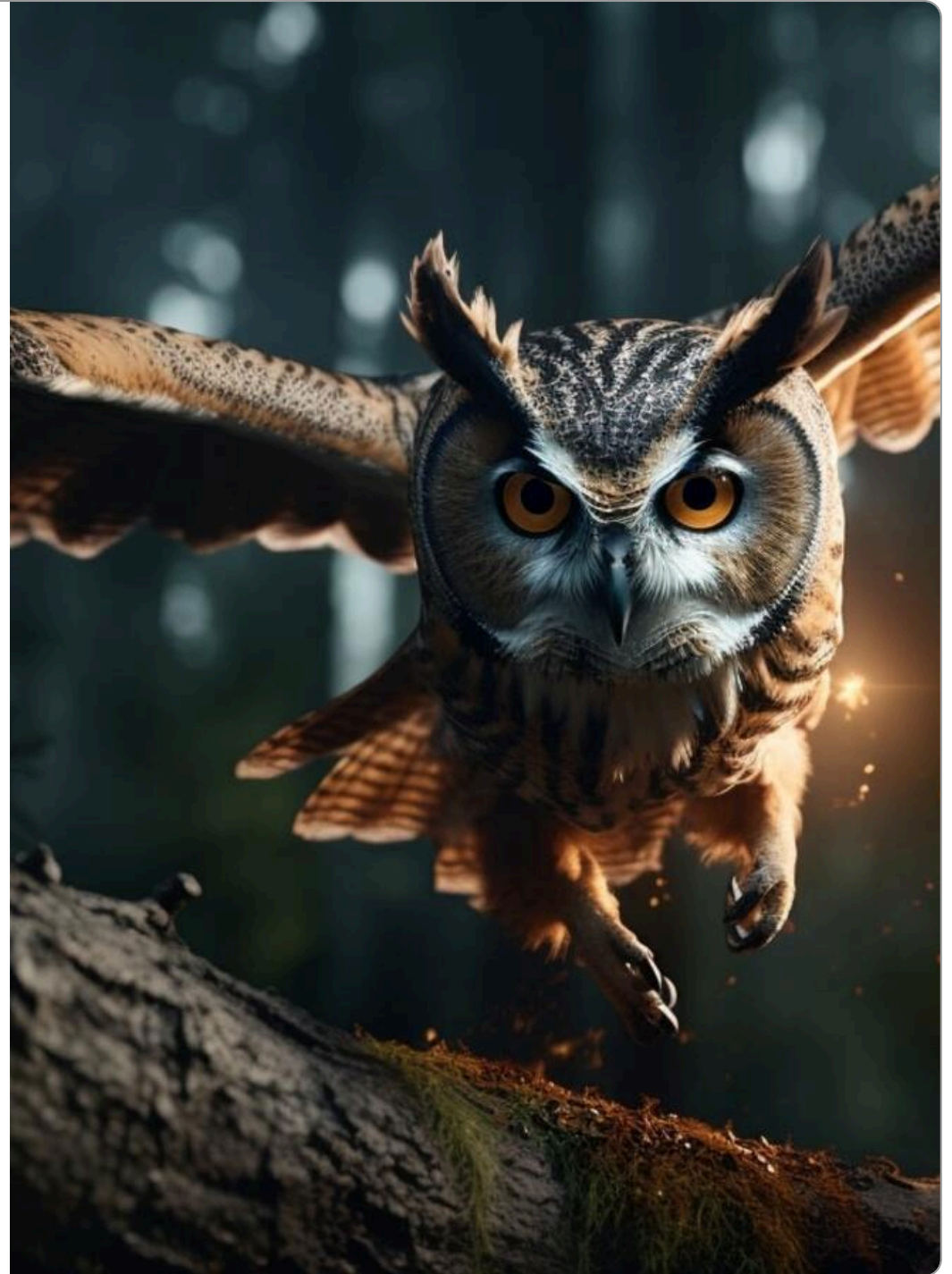


Story starter

His coal-black pupils, an island set in a sea of molten gold, stared straight ahead of him. As he prepared to launch, his needle-like talons made a sharp, scraping sound against the lichen-covered branch beneath him.

The wind gusting behind him would be beneficial as he took his leap of faith from the tree top. It was always a risky business, but when an opportune moment like this came around, he had to make it count...

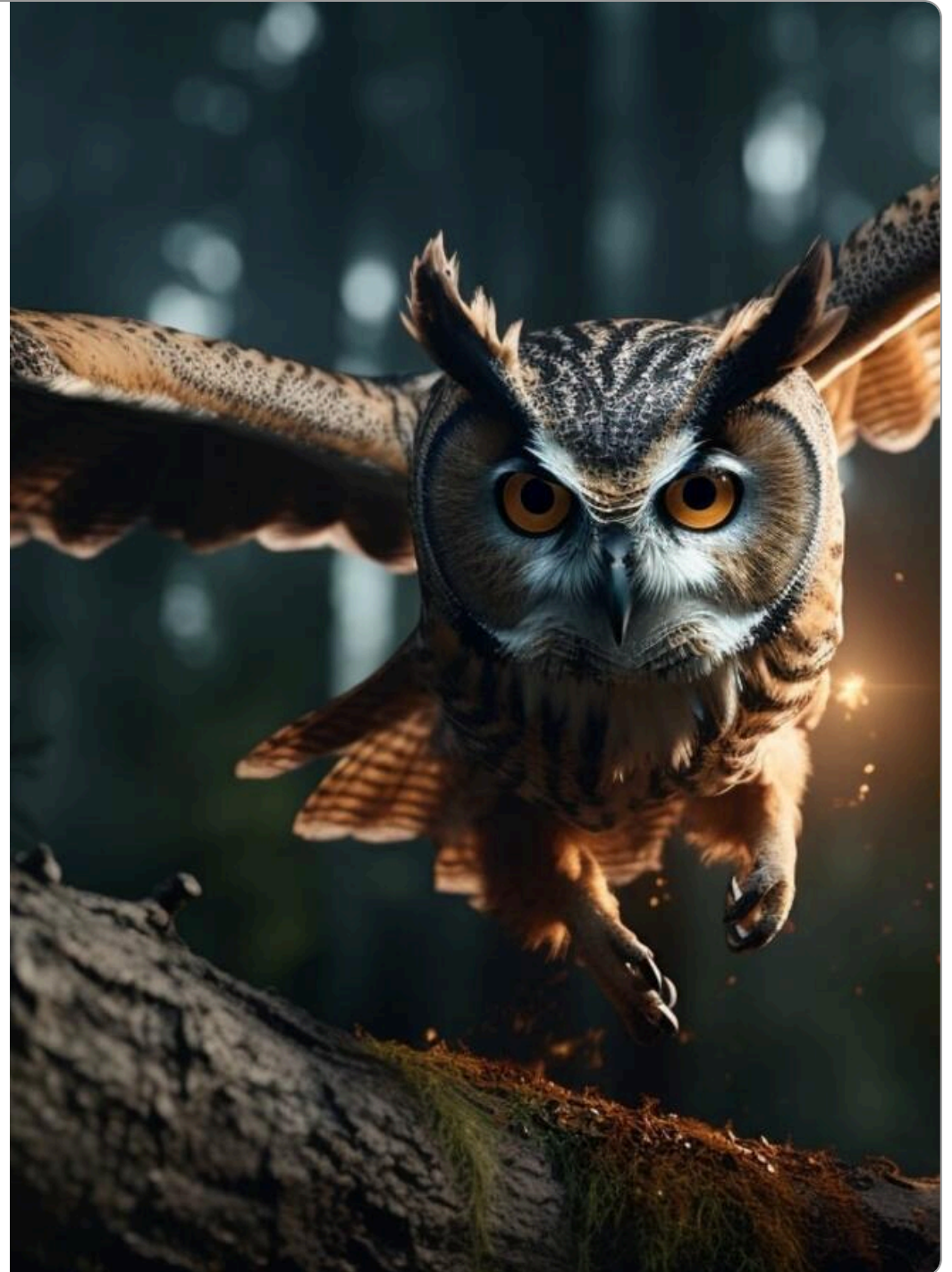
Continue the story.



Sentence starters

Use these sentence starters to write your own sentence or paragraph.

1. As night fell, the owl...
2. He launched towards...
3. Hungrily, he...



Word bank

powerful

hungrily

launching

gliding

hunting

effortless

floating

feathered

prey

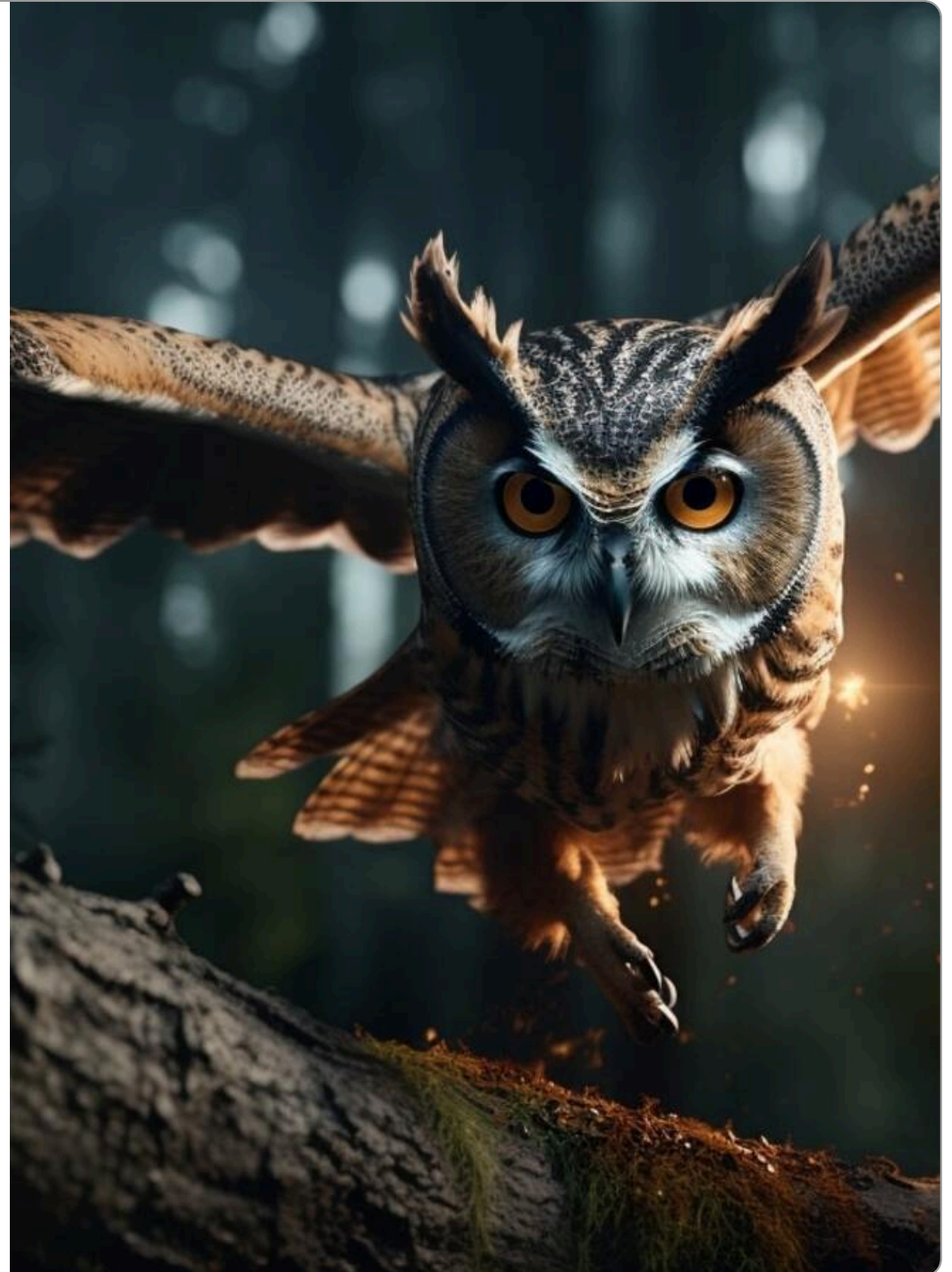
soaring

creature

magnificent

Question time

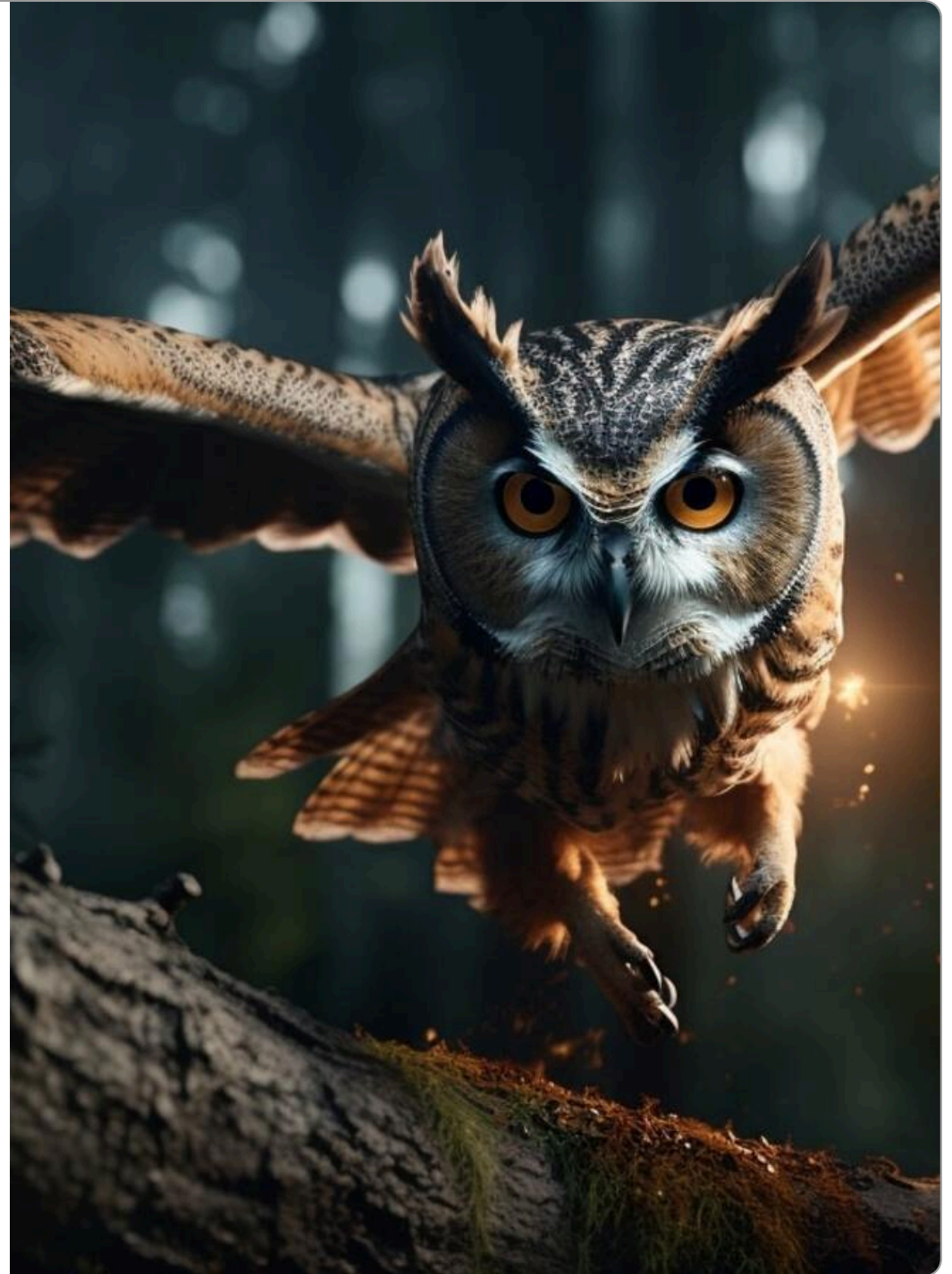
1. What is it that the owl has seen?
2. How would the 'wind gusting behind him' be beneficial?
3. What do you think 'leap of faith' means?
4. Why do you think owls are such effective predators?
5. Why do you think the owl is getting ready to launch?
6. What do you think it would feel like to fly?



Sentence challenge

Try to make these sentences even more interesting.

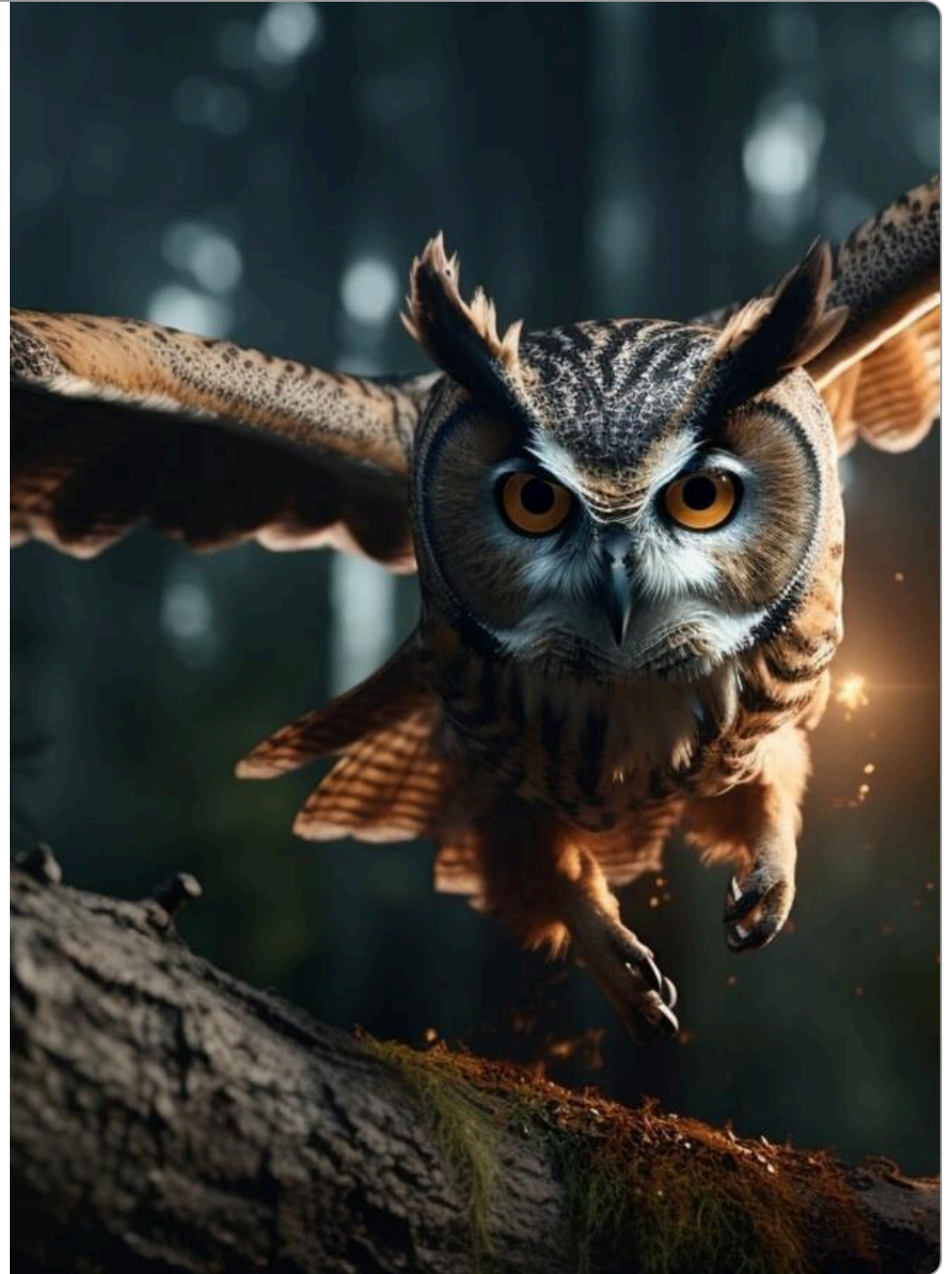
1. The owl flew.
2. It had eyes and brown feathers.
3. Its claws were sharp.



Punctuation challenge

Add the missing punctuation to these sentences.

1. quietly he launched himself from his perch and headed towards his goal
2. his claws which he used to trap his prey were extremely sharp
3. his powerful wings beat rapidly and silently as he glided between the dense trees



Sample Text

With twilight settling over the forest, the owl became alert. Perched high on his branch, he surveyed his surroundings, waiting for the right moment to take flight. The world was filled with mysterious sounds, and the shadows danced below him. His powerful wings felt ready as he prepared to swoop into the night. Each rustle and chirp intrigued him, and he longed to uncover the secrets hidden within the moonlit woods. Adventure was calling him.

How to use the Sample Text

Writing is a process. Great writers proofread and return to their work to refine it.

The sample text is used to help you think more critically about writing.

Things to consider with the Sample Text.

What do you like most about this text and why?

What could be improved about the text and how?

What might you use from this sample text to improve your own writing?

