

MOUSE'S FIRST FALL

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To my niece Charlotte, who came in the fall—L. T.
To my dear Baba for being an inspiration and a role
model to me—B. E.

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One cool fall day . . .

Mouse and Minka
came out to play!

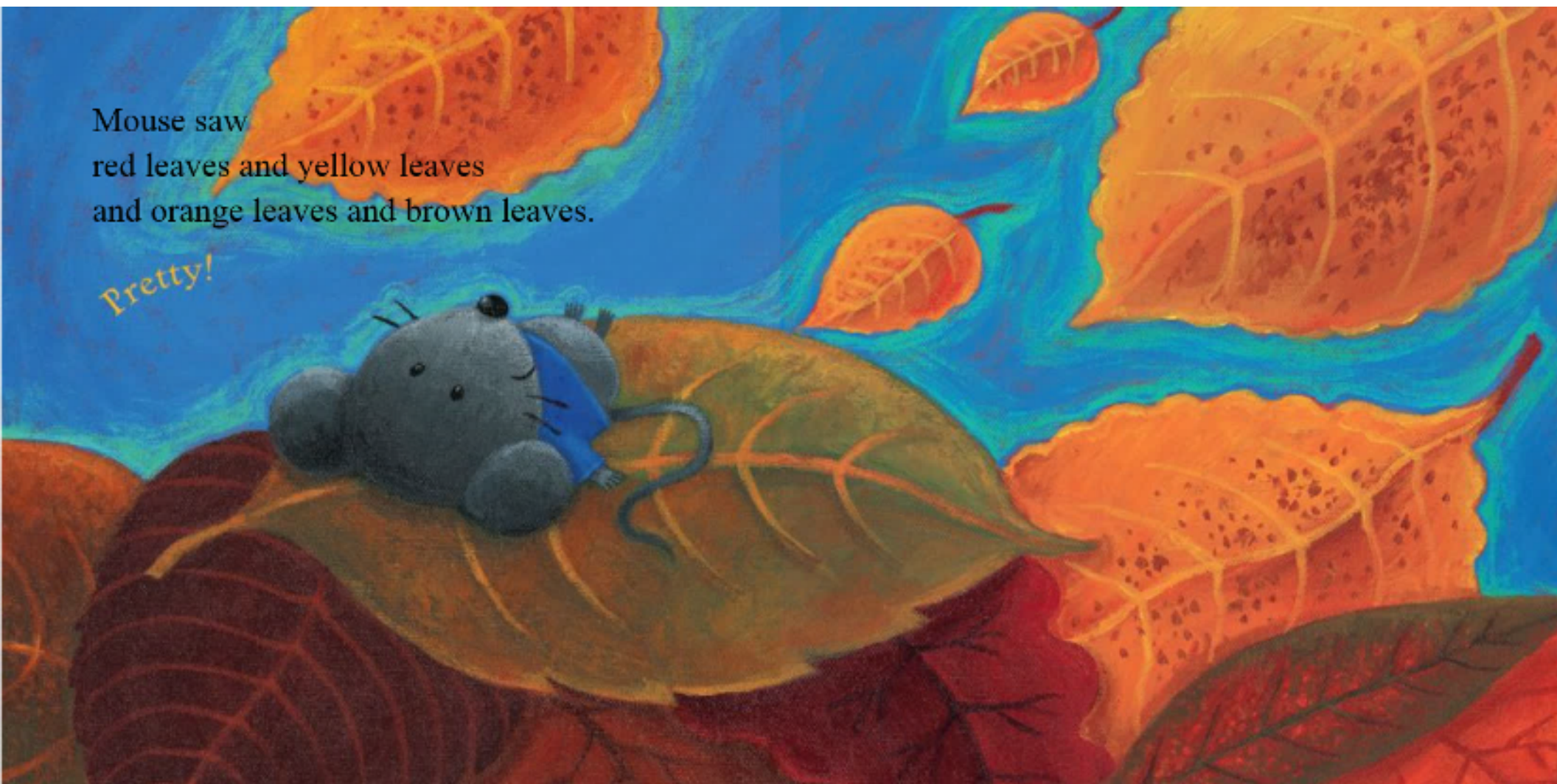


Tumbling and twirling,
fall leaves fell all around.
“Look at all the colors!” said Minka.



Mouse saw
red leaves and yellow leaves
and orange leaves and brown leaves.

Pretty!



“Look at all the shapes!”
said Minka.



Mouse saw round leaves
and skinny leaves
and pointy leaves
and smooth leaves.

Yay!



"Let's run through the leaves!"
said Minka.



A cartoon mouse with large eyes and a blue jacket is shown in a dynamic pose, jumping or running through a field of autumn leaves. The leaves are in various shades of red, orange, and brown. The background is a bright blue sky with stylized, swirling patterns in shades of blue and green, suggesting a breezy day. The mouse is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its body angled towards the right. Its tail is curled upwards. The overall style is whimsical and colorful, typical of children's book illustrations.

Mouse ran and skipped
and kicked and swished
through all the leaves.

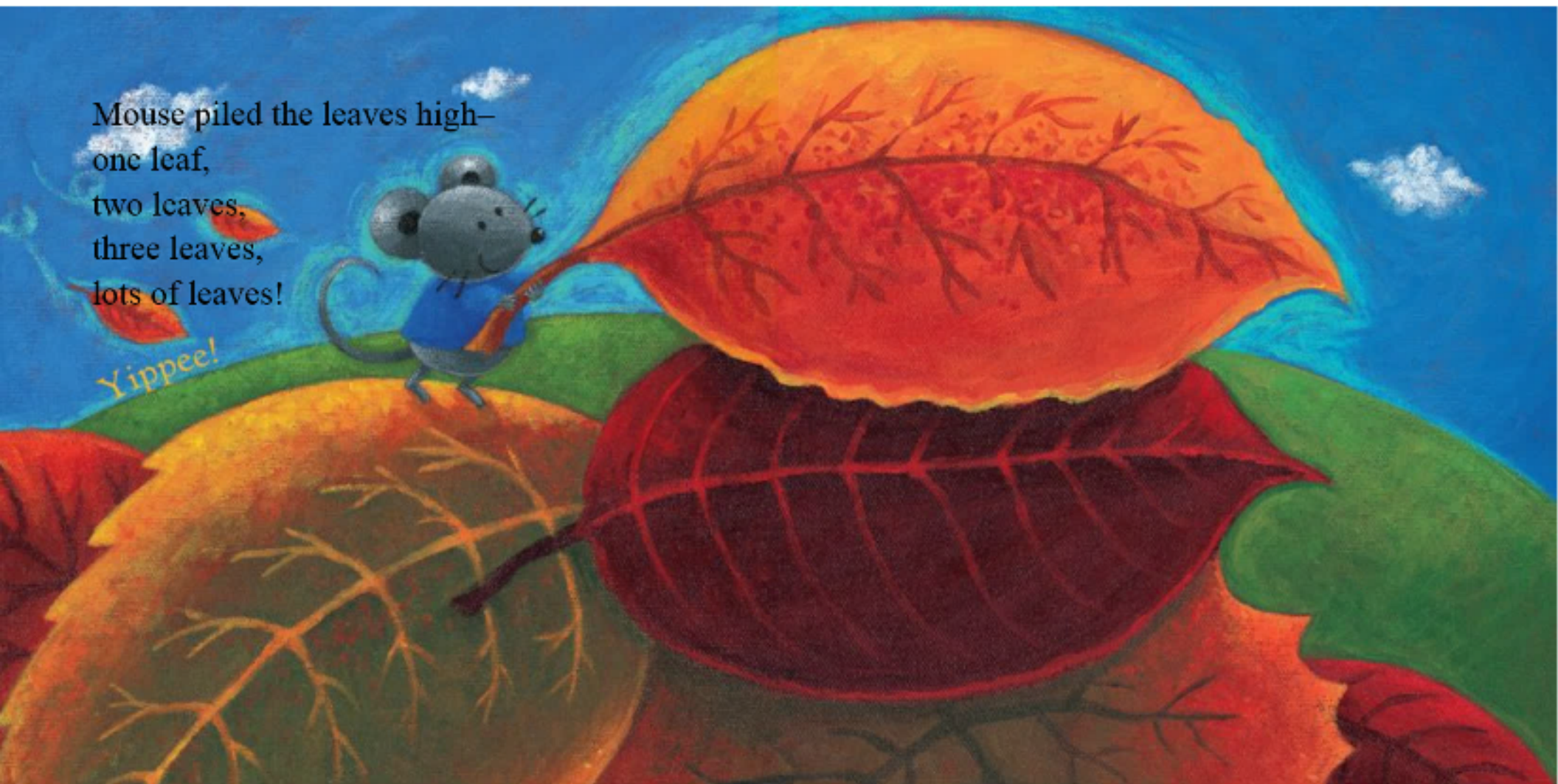
Fun!

“Let’s pile them up!”
said Minka.



Mouse piled the leaves high—
one leaf,
two leaves,
three leaves,
lots of leaves!

Yippee!

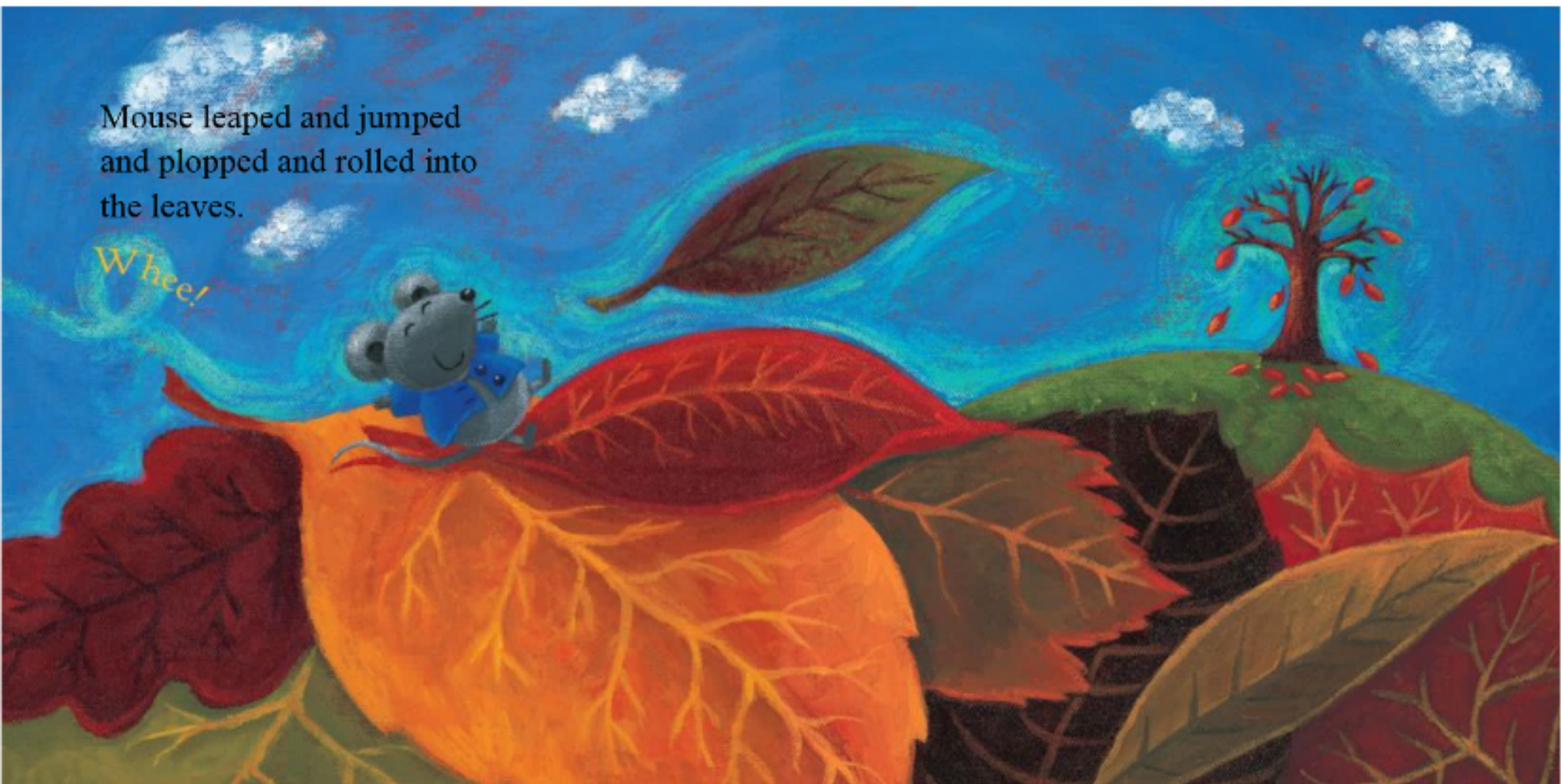


An illustration of two mice standing on a large pile of autumn leaves. The mouse on the left is purple with a pink jacket, and the mouse on the right is grey with a blue jacket. They are both looking at a large, vibrant orange and red leaf on the right. The background is a bright blue sky with swirling patterns. The leaves are in various shades of orange, red, and brown, with detailed vein patterns.

“What a big pile,” said Minka.
“Let’s jump in!”

Mouse leaped and jumped
and plopped and rolled into
the leaves.

Whee!

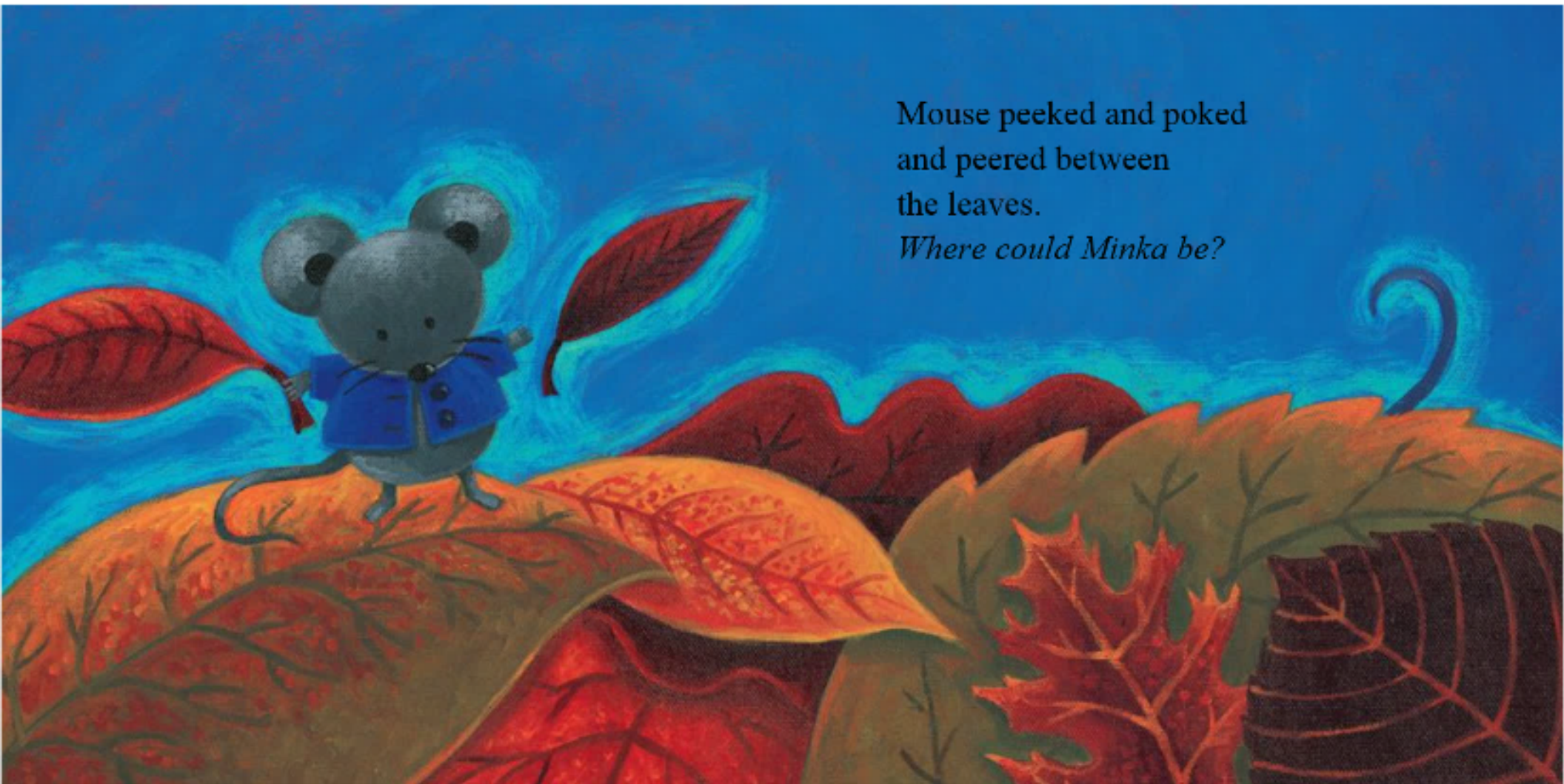


"I'm hiding," called Minka.
"Can you find me?"



Mouse peeked and poked
and peered between
the leaves.

Where could Minka be?



Then out popped Minka!
“Here I am!”

Hooray!



*Hooray for Minka!
Hooray for Mouse!
Hip-hip-hooray for fall!*





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