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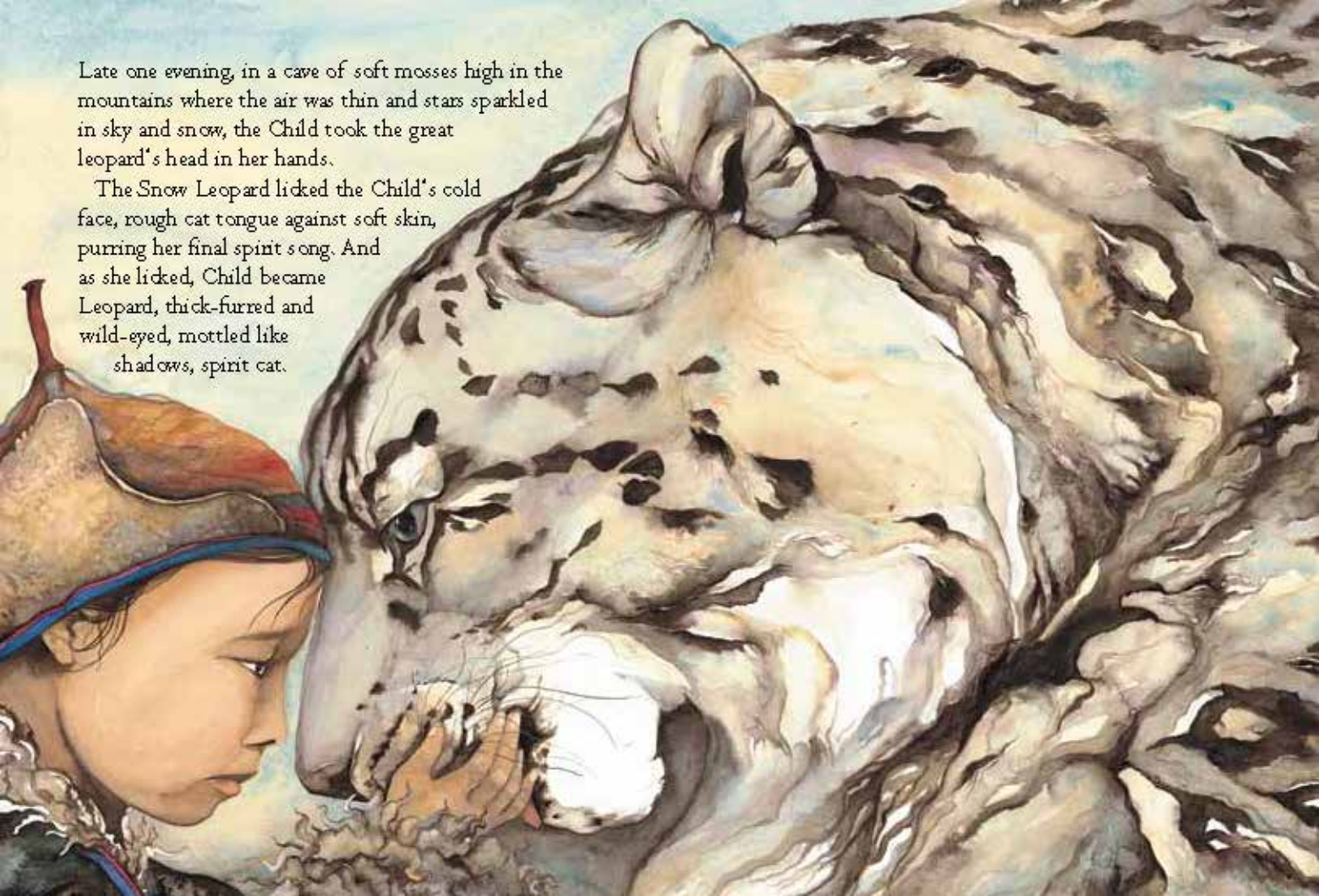
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Late one evening, in a cave of soft mosses high in the mountains where the air was thin and stars sparkled in sky and snow, the Child took the great leopard's head in her hands.

The Snow Leopard licked the Child's cold face, rough cat tongue against soft skin, purring her final spirit song. And as she licked, Child became Leopard, thick-furred and wild-eyed, mottled like shadows, spirit cat.