

*Once upon, a time ago, there
was a sweet brown mouse.
She made her home within a zoo
beneath the monkey house.*

As the zoo's resident storyteller, Mouse entertains her animal friends with **tales from the outside world**. African safaris, Alaskan sleigh rides, farmyard escapades and balmy beach tales. Even better, Mouse draws pictures to go with each story!

Until one day **Mouse's stories fall silent**, and the animals must find a way to **help fill her story drum**.

But what's a story drum you ask?

Join Mouse in book one of the Monkey-House Mouse series to find out!
And just maybe, learn how to fill
your story drum too!

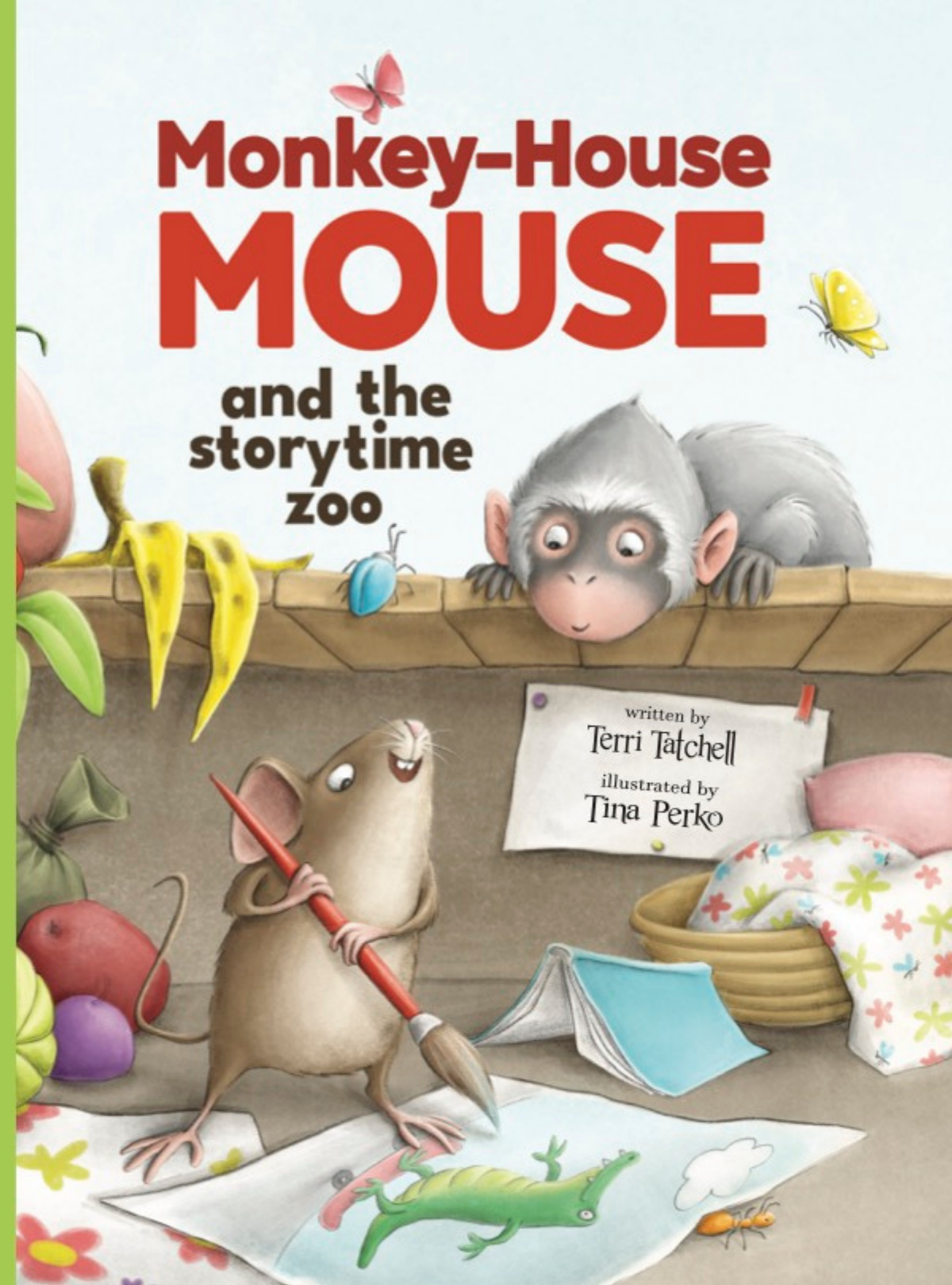
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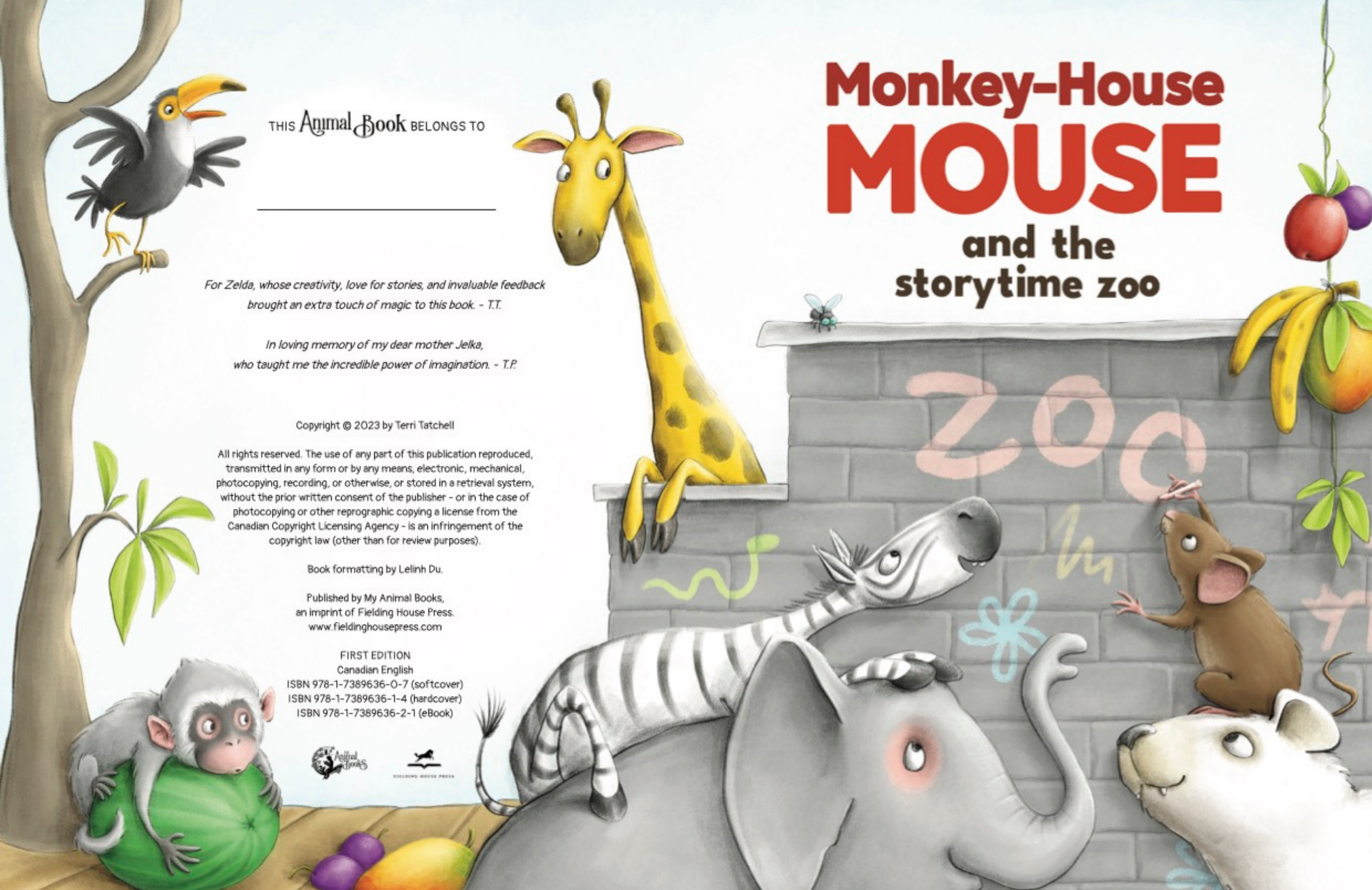
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For Zelda, whose creativity, love for stories, and invaluable feedback brought an extra touch of magic to this book. - T.T.

In loving memory of my dear mother Jelka, who taught me the incredible power of imagination. - T.P.

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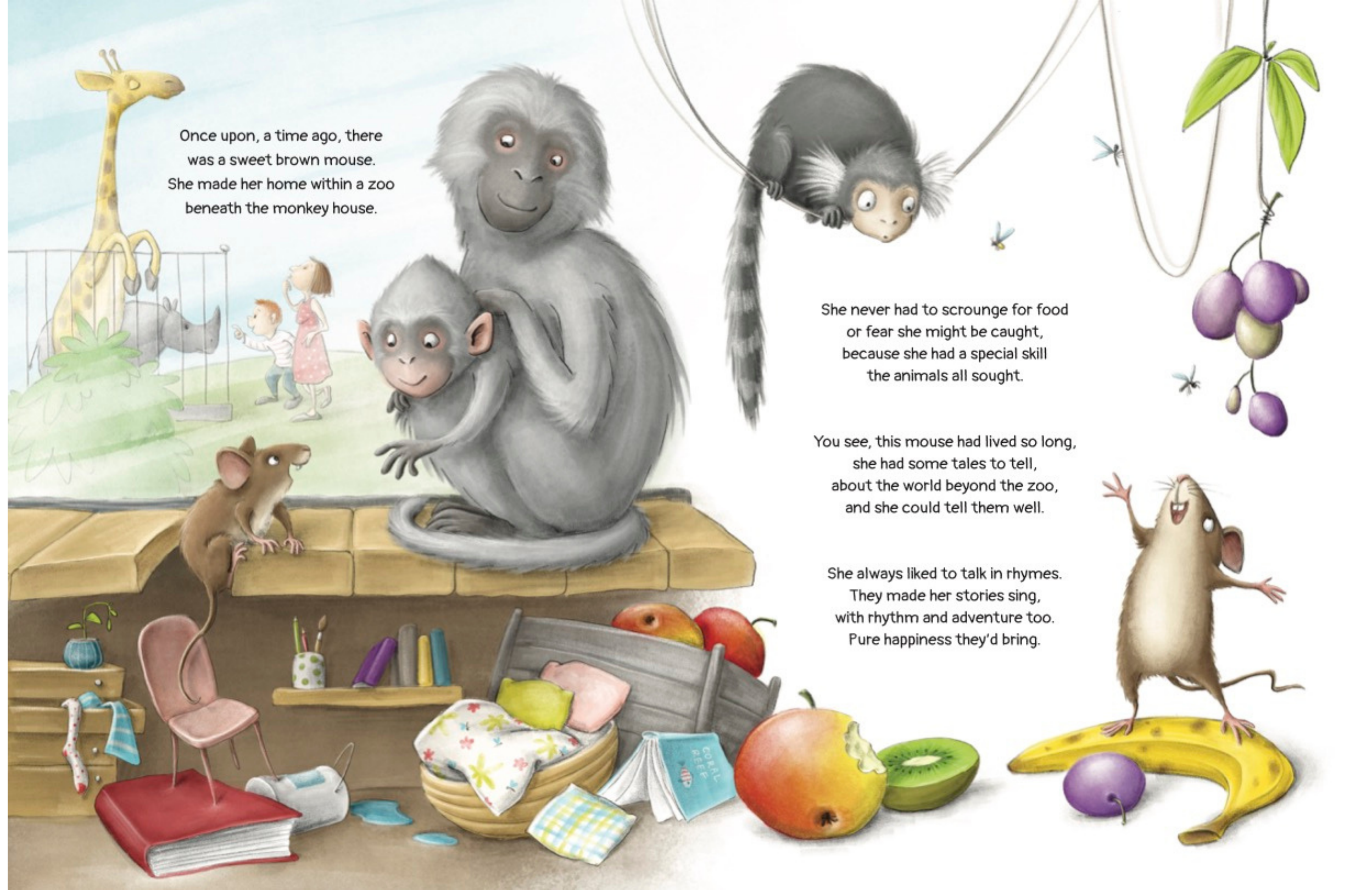
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She never had to scrounge for food
or fear she might be caught,
because she had a special skill
the animals all sought.

You see, this mouse had lived so long,
she had some tales to tell,
about the world beyond the zoo,
and she could tell them well.

She always liked to talk in rhymes.
They made her stories sing,
with rhythm and adventure too.
Pure happiness they'd bring.