

Max

the Brave



by Ed Vere

Meet **Max**.

Max the Brave,

Max the fearless,

Max the Mouse-catcher.

But, in order to be a Mouse-catcher, Max needs to know what a mouse is.

Do you think **Max** will find out what a mouse is?

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This is Max.
Doesn't Max look sweet?

Max looks so sweet that sometimes
people dress him up with bows.





Max does **not** like being
dressed up with bows.

Because Max is a fearless kitten.

Max is a brave kitten.

Max is a kitten who chases **mice**.



Max the Brave just needs to find out
what a mouse looks like. . .



and then he will chase it.



Maybe Mouse is in there.



Max bravely explores the can.
“Mouse? Are you in there?”

Hmmm, Mouse isn’t here.

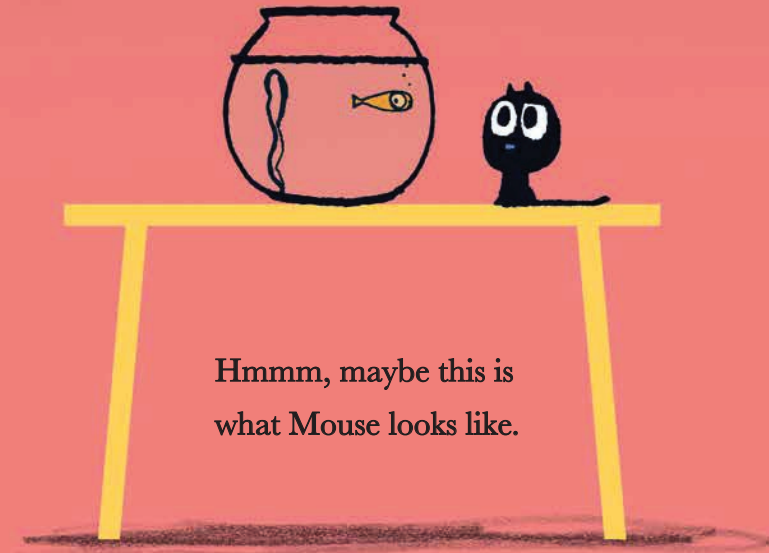


Oh, hello. . .



“Are you Mouse?”

“No, I’m Fly,” says Fly. “But I just saw Mouse scurry by a moment ago.”

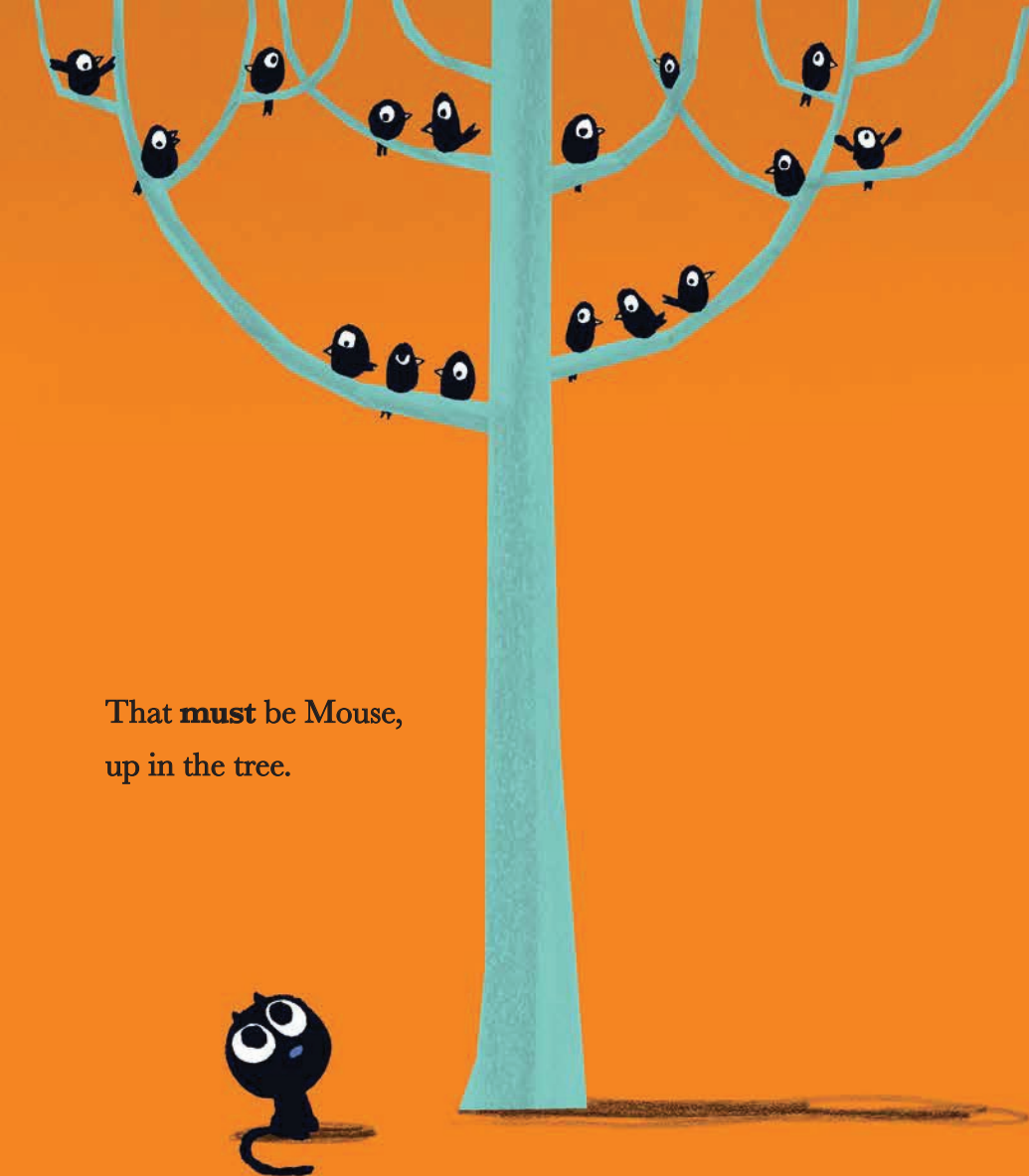


Hmmm, maybe this is
what Mouse looks like.



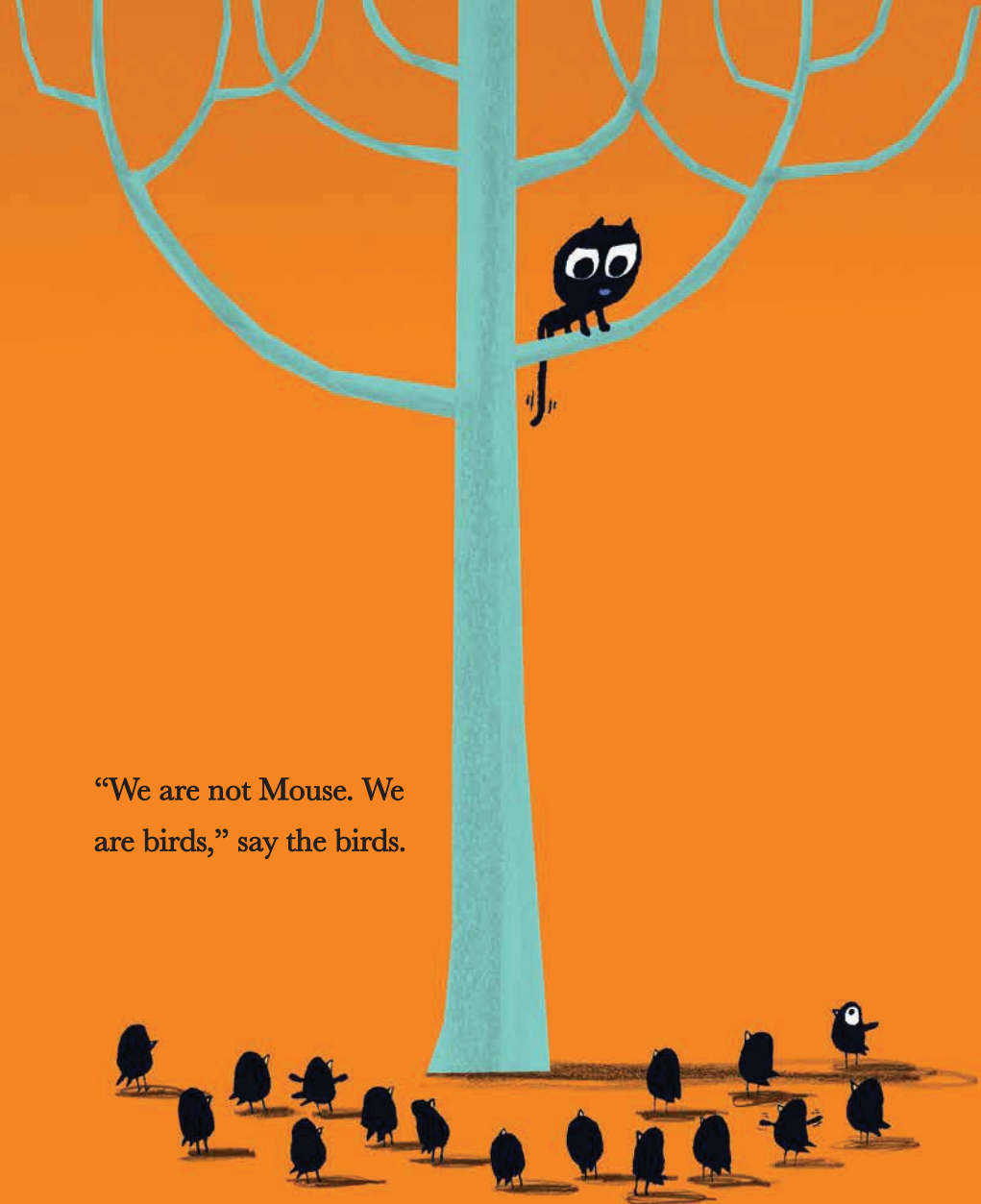
“Excuse me, please,
but are you Mouse?”

“I’m not Mouse. I’m Fish,” says Fish.
“But I just saw Mouse dash outside.”



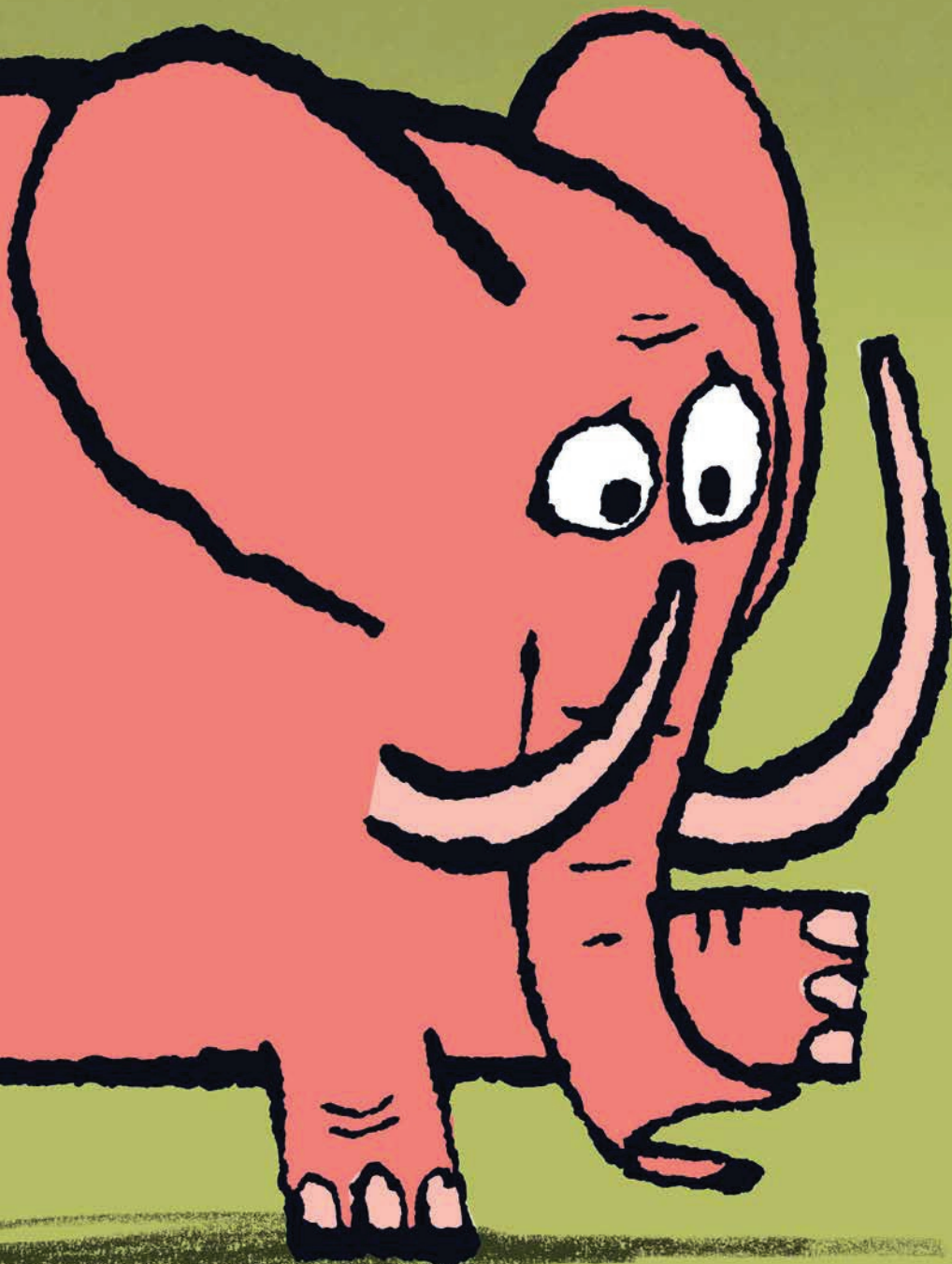
That **must** be Mouse,
up in the tree.

“Excuse me, please, but are you Mouse?”



“We are not Mouse. We
are birds,” say the birds.

“But we did just see Mouse scoot by.”



“Excuse me, but would you
happen to be Mouse?”

“Eeek, Mouse?!”
I’m not Mouse. I’m Elephant,”
says Elephant.

“But I did just see Mouse skitter by.”

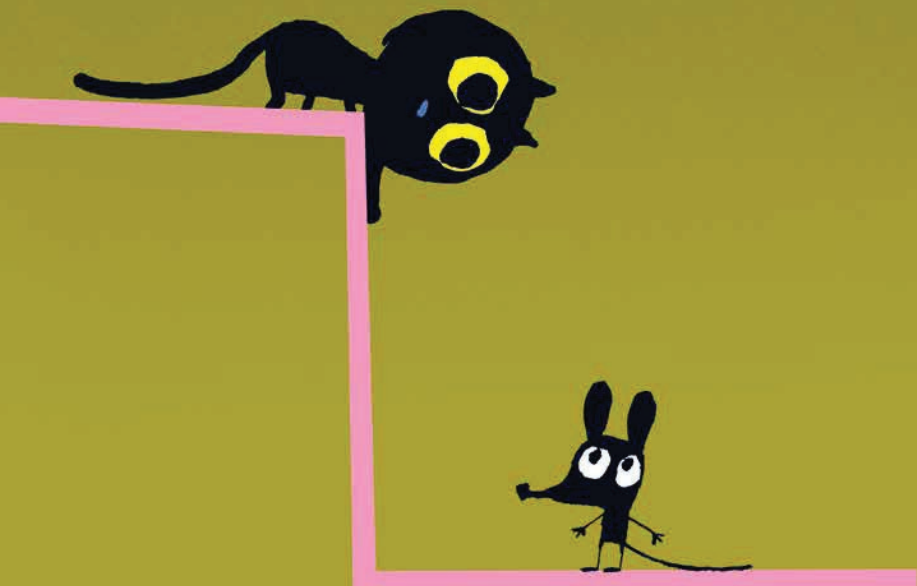


“Thank you very much,”
says Max.

“And you?”



“Nope. . .thattaway.”



“Hello there. Are **you** Mouse by any chance?”

“Who, **me**? No, certainly not.

I’m Monster!”

squeaks Mouse. “But I did just see
Mouse asleep over there. . .



If you’re very quick, you might catch him.”

“Thank you very much,” says Max.

This must be Mouse.

Hmmm, I didn't know Mouse was so **BIG**.

"Ahem, excuse me, **Mouse**, will you wake up please?"

I am Max the Brave,
and I have come to chase **you**."



“Wakey, wakey, Mouse!”

yells Max as he bounces up and down
on Monster’s head.

“I am Max the Brave, and I chase mice!
And I might just eat you up too!”



Hmmm, I didn't know Mouse had such **BIG** teeth.



GULP!



ATTCHOO!!



“Yuck!”



Max decides that chasing mice
is not all it's cracked up to be.

And anyway, he doesn't need to be
Max the Brave all the time. . .





Unless he's out chasing. . .



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