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Tiny, young Min, who lives with her four 'small-but-mighty' aunts, Flora, Lily, Olive and Clementine is fortunate in having a quartet of aunts to regale her with pre-bedtime stories every night as they sit around the fire in their miniature house at the bottom of the garden. These tales are of the aunts' amazing escapades and Min loves to hear them but longs to have an adventure of her own to recount.

One night, unable to sleep Min is surprised to hear a voice and suddenly she's seized by large claws and whisked away. The owl, for that is what it was, explains that he's no intention of eating her; rather it needs her help, for a monster in the garden is frightening all the animals. Despite being unsure of her usefulness, on account of her lack of stature, Min agrees to do what she can. She goes on to rescue baby rabbits, untangle a knotted tail, turn over a beetle, bandage a grasshopper and calm two snails while growing ever more angry with the monster in so doing. Determined to tell it what she thinks of the chaos it's caused, she refuses to run when urged. Turning round she finds herself staring right into the huge eyes of a fierce-looking, sharp-clawed creature. Will the tiny Min find the courage to stand up to the terroriser, and if so how?

Charming, meticulously drawn illustrations executed in warm hues give a dreamlike quality to the entire book, which is an enchanting tale of self-discovery and a powerful demonstration of how conflict can be overcome by other means than mere physicality. Small but mighty, Min truly is as she tells her aunts of her own adventure.

Sheer delight from cover to cover.

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