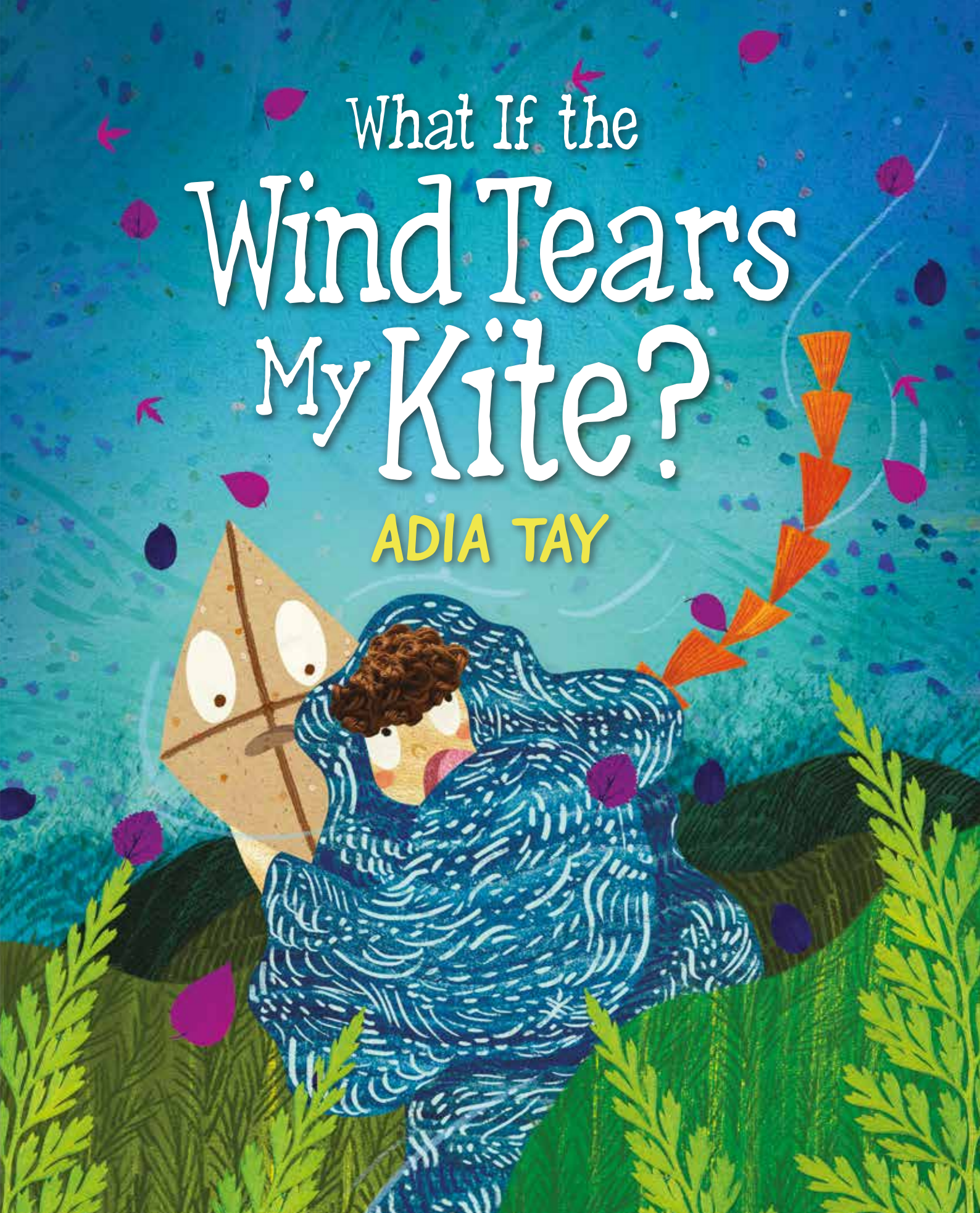


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My Kite?

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A vibrant, textured illustration of a landscape. On the left, a tall, slender tree with a dark red trunk and a few bare branches stands against a background of green and yellow brushstrokes. A string of red, triangular kites is strung across the sky from the tree towards the right. The sky is filled with falling leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and blue. The foreground is a green hillside with blue grass. The overall style is painterly and whimsical.

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Once there was a boy.



He lived in a house on a hill.



The boy liked to cycle.
He always cycled on
the same path.

It was never
pleasant.

AH!

AH!

AH!

AAAAHHH!

Once there was a boy
who lived all alone on a hill.
Then one day, he found a kite
and everything changed.



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