

Coventry Building Society's Young Writer of the Year competition 2026

People said the big tree was magical. And if you found a golden leaf under it, you could make a wish and it would come true...

But there were people, greedy people who wanted the leaf for their power.

Mina had always wanted to find the leaf to wish for a fair world but little did she know that greedy people wanted it too! ('Greedy Grease is fat!') He wanted money. Walking to the beach, she found a map and it had marked the Fabulous Forest and next to it said, 'Golden Leaf'.

This was it! The map to the Golden Leaf! Mina did her happy dance and slipped to the Fabulous Forest.

Mina's home was the opposite of greed, in charge was King Karl and he made people ^{work} from the age of 3 and on! They had a 10 second break (5 for eating the cotton wool and 5 for ^{drinking} the mud filled water!)

As she arrived at the Fabulous Forest, she saw no obstacle! There were trunks going up and down with pieces hanging in between. 'Dunder! Dunder!'



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She noticed a rhythm and climbed on the first trunk when it went down, then when it went up she swung on the rope again, foot again.

There she saw it! The tree! But a leopard jumped in the way! They were guarding the tree!

Using her as a distraction, Greedy Geronimo went behind the leopard and took the tree leaf! Mina tried to tell the leopard but when he turned around it was too late!

Mina fell to the ground crying but as her tear fell on the ground an animal came! Then the tree's roots began turning golden! Mina gasped, "Huh??!"

Then she the animal was a rabbit! It was holding a leaf, a golden leaf! It was the Golden Leaf!

Mina took the leaf and wished "I wish for freedom and a fair world!"

The world had changed! Mina was called "Marvellous Mina" and King Karel and Greedy Geronimo were locked up. The end.

OR WAS IT?