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Kitoto the Mighty

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Kitoto is a little mouse who feels his life is in constant danger with the sharp-eyed hawk swooping above looking for his next meal. Kitoto has an idea to find and befriend the most powerful being so he will never have to be afraid again. Engaged on this journey to beautiful and magical places, Kitoto discovers who indeed is the most powerful being. It's a discovery that will surprise and delight readers as much as it does wee Kitoto.

Frost lends her talent to this African tale with large, vivid illustrations of rich color and precise detail. Readers will not find a wedding at the end of this version of the tale, but rather a promise of friendship. This new twist provides for discussions of friendship as well as hidden strength.

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