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# AUTUMN PLACE



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This is the world of Autumn Place. It's made of trees and grass and stone.

A most fantastic bustling space, and many creatures call it home.





Tucked beneath an old gum tree, lives Leuco in her little home  
She loves to sip on plumble tea.  
Leuco lives alone.



The world outside seems big and wild, so Leuco shuts herself away  
Peace and quiet, more her style. That was, until the day . . .

“Oh, no!”

“I’m out of plumble tea!”



So Leuco bravely left her home, and set herself a cracking pace  
She left behind her comfort zone, for the big wide world of Autumn Place!





In the Zingleberrie tree, a friend was hanging upside down!  
Leuco said "hello Mishy, is there plumble tea around?"



"Plumble what?, I don't know that, my favourite are the Zingle fruit"  
"They grow in tree tops, round and fat, but I can share my fruity loot"

Next, standing on the path ahead, A hulking bulking creature  
He had no tea, but offered bread, and said "it's nice to meet ya!"  
Gravel Trolls they don't drink tea, their diet is for trolls alone  
For only Trolls have the teeth, for eating bread of grit and stone!



And so, Leuco went on, still without her plumble tea  
But all the folk she came upon, gave their favourite foods for free!

There was seed cake from the Hooper Sprites, made with seeds from distant lands  
A tin of coloured sweet delights, from the Nomads of the Sands.



The water folk gave salty soup as their home was far out at sea . . .



. . . This community was quite the group, but no one knew of Plumble tea!

Until . . . a flapping sound filled the sky! The post bat with delivery  
Towards Leuco the bat dropped down, parcels full of plumble tea!



All the folk of Autumn Place, really had been very kind  
But it was all too much for small Leuco, who had to leave the gifts behind.





Finally at home once more, resting with her cup of tea

There came a knock at Leuco's door. Who was there?



... Everybody!!!

Little Leuco doesn't go out very often, but now her plumble tea has run out, and she must venture out to find more. What will happen and who will she meet along the way, in *The Fantastic World of Autumn Place*?

*The Fantastic World of Autumn Place* is an urban fairy-tale about community, inclusivity, and exploring the diversity of our own neighbourhoods. Set in Autumn Place Park in Doveton, Victoria, the book is a gift from the City of Casey to the people who make their home there.

