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# TOURMALINE - A QUEER FAIRYTALE

BY DAVIDE CALÌ

A delightfully playful, strikingly illustrated fairy tale that flips gender and sexual norms on their head, while highlighting the power of humility and perseverance. When knight after knight tries to rescue the princess and fails, who will succeed in saving her?

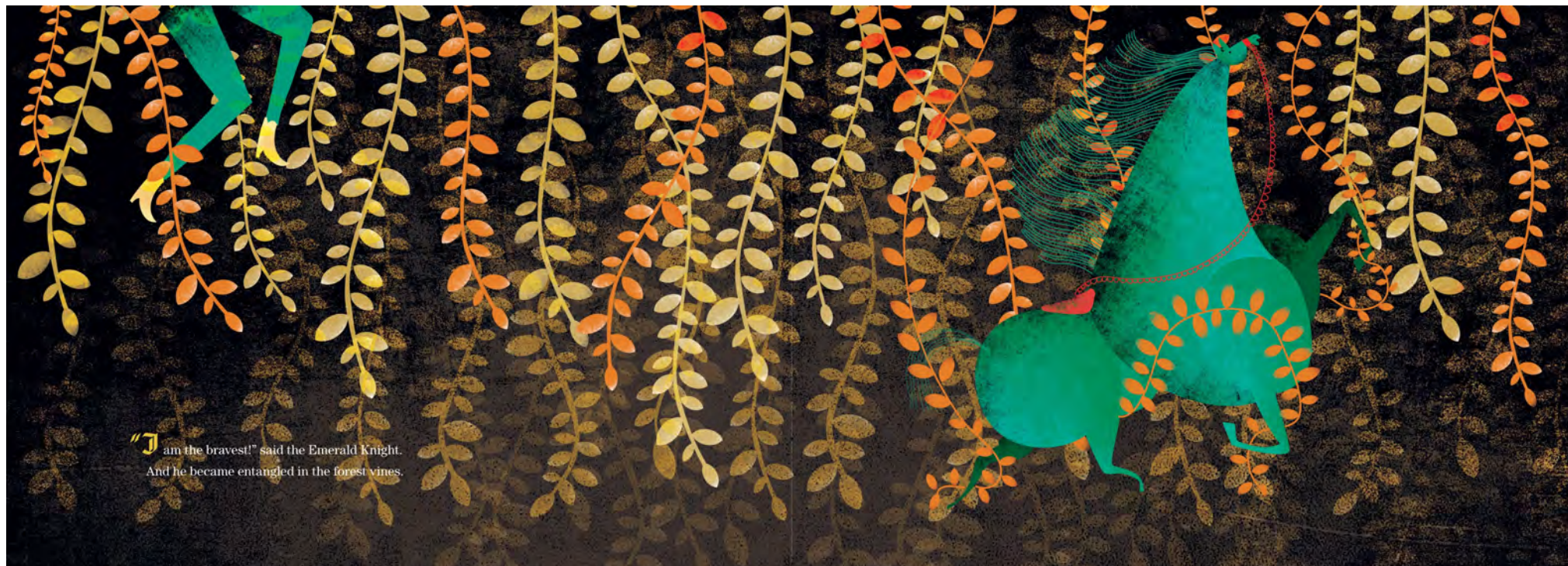
Somewhere far away, a beautiful princess called Tourmaline is imprisoned in a tall tower. Only the bravest knight of all can free her. Knight after knight is sure that he's the bravest, but they all fail in their quest. They get tangled up in the forest, lose their way in a cornfield, don't want to get their cloak dirty, become distracted or their horse lets them down. Luckily there's one fearless knight who doesn't let anything daunt them.

## BIOGRAPHY

Award-winning author Davide Calì started writing children's books in 2000, and since then he has published more than 100 titles in over 30 countries. He is the author of the bestselling *I Didn't Do My Homework Because...* which has garnered nearly 50 editions across the series.

Antwerp-based illustrator and visual artist Fátinha Ramos has published numerous award-winning children's books which often raise important social issues such as global warming, sexism, racism, and give a voice to those who need to be heard. Her work takes the reader on a journey through a unique universe of rich colours and textures.





"I am the bravest!" said the Emerald Knight.  
And he became entangled in the forest vines.



"I am the bravest of all knights!" said the Amethyst Knight.  
A click sounded and he got stuck.