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Ruby Fuzzybrush's Star Dance

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CHAPTER ONE

Sunset in the Forest

As it got dark, Lily Hart and her best friend, Jess Forester, grinned at each other excitedly. They'd been waiting all day for the sun to go down, so that some very special animals would wake up! As they left the barn, the last of the sunshine lit up the sign on the door: HELPING PAW





Ruby Fuzzybrush

WILDLIFE HOSPITAL. Lily's parents had set up the hospital to take care of all kinds of animals, and Lily and Jess helped out there whenever they could.

"I'm so excited," Jess said, twirling one of her blond curls around her finger. "I've never fed a fox cub before."

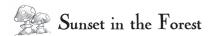
"Me neither!" said Lily. "Wait until you see them, they're adorable!"

"You forgot these!" Mrs. Hart came out of the hospital and handed them each a feeding bottle full of milk and a flashlight. "Here you go," she said. "Have fun!"

Lily took Jess over to one of the special







runs her dad had made to keep the animal patients safe. It had a lid made of wire netting on a wooden frame. As Lily lifted it, two fluffy little faces with pointed noses and amber eyes peeped sleepily out from a wooden shelter.

"They're so cute!" exclaimed Jess.

