






SPLASH IT UP!


AUDITIONS TODAY

A MERMAID COMES TO
NEW YORK AND TAKES
THE BUSINESS WORLD
BY STORM!





To Gillian Sore and Clare Whitston
(The Queens of Storyland); Alex McNabb and Iain Martin
(Chief Glitterers); Tracy Donnelly, Annabel Kantaria,
Lucy Strange, and Charlotte Butterfield
(Cupcake Decorators); Wayne Jordan and Jack Cheshire
(Rainbow Polishers); and Abbie, Darius, Emily, and
Kelsey (Unicorn Racing Enthusiasts)



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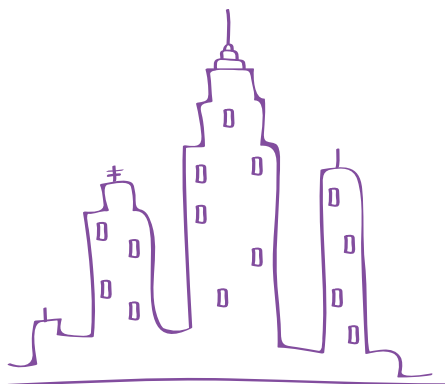
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**LOUIE
MAKES
A
SPLASH!**

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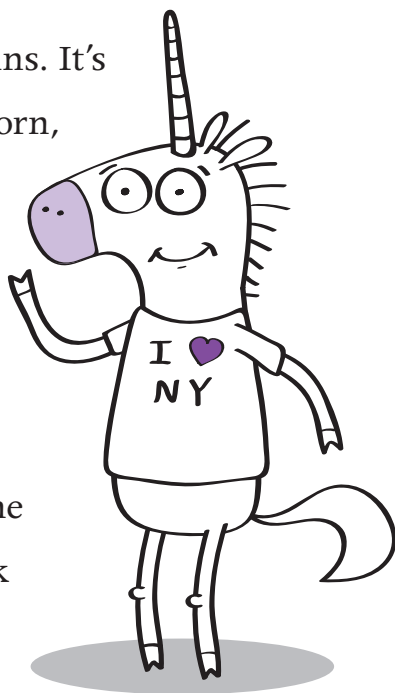


Chapter One

Greetings

Greetings, humans. It's me, Louie the Unicorn, and I'm back once again to say, "LOVE ME!"

Oops. Sorry. Bit over-excited. What I *meant* to say was . . . Greetings, humans. It's me, Louie the Unicorn, and I'm back



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once again to say, “LISTEN TO ME!” Because I’m here to share another thrilling tale of drama, destiny, and DIVAS (that would be you, Miranda the Mermaid) from the New York School of Performing Arts.

This time, our adventure began outside the John Feelgood Theater, lining up to audition for *Splash It Up!*—the hottest new show in town from the world-famous musical theater producers Andrew Velvet-Curtains and Tim Dry-Ice.

Splash It Up! was creating a huge buzz in the entertainment world and an even bigger buzz in Miranda the Mermaid’s tank as we read the audition poster aloud for the thousandth time:

GREETINGS



“It’s perfect!” Frank the Troll burped with delight and pirouetted on the spot. “This part could have been written for you, Miranda.”

I clapped my hooves in agreement. “There is only one superstar, super-singing mermaid in this city. You were born to make a ‘splash,’ Miranda.”