

To Jodie, Dylan, Harriet, Frankie, Naoise, and all the other kids who cheered when I told them my new book had unicorns and doughnuts in it



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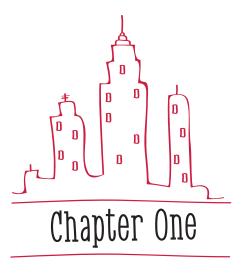


UNICORN IN NEW YORK

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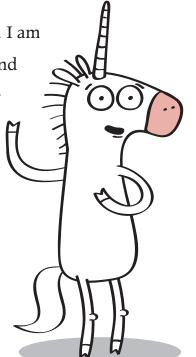
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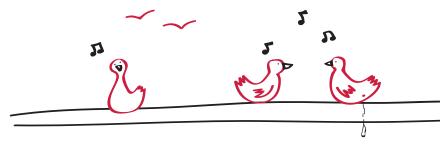


Story Land

Louie the Unicorn, and this is my tale. That's tale with a T-A-L-E. I can't give you my T-A-I-L because I need it for swatting flies and swishing around handsomely.

Anyway, my tale that





is not a tail began with a yawn on yet another perfect day in Story Land. The sun had his shiniest hat on, the birds were belting out their greatest hits, and the mermaids, goblins, and fairy folk were living in perfect harmony somewhere over the rainbow.

I know what you're thinking. Snooze fest!
But then . . .



Excitement arrived with the wind.

I'm talking about the breezy kind of *wind* here, not the bottom-explosion kind. Mom

STORY LAND

says unicorns shouldn't talk about bottomexplosions because we have our sparkly reputations to protect.

So, there I was, with my non-exploding bottom, trotting through the magical forest, when a scrap of paper floated into view.

