



Start of New Beginnings

Emily Waters laughed out loud as the wind whipped through her shoulder-length, chestnut-blond hair. She was soaring high over the treetops on the back of her unicorn, Starshine. A little more than a week ago, Emily's family had moved from the city to the countryside. Having extra space, Emily and her brother Max were granted pets. While Max got a Samoyed puppy, Emily got the pet of her dreams: a pony.

That day as she was unpacking, Emily found that a mysterious book had magically appeared among the others in her collection. Within the book, "The Magical Unicorn", Emily found a spell. She didn't think it mattered until she and her pony Starshine uncovered facts that proved the contents of the book were true! Emily had recited the special spell and it revealed that

her pony was actually a unicorn in disguise! When Starshine was in her true form, she could do magic with her horn as well as speak! On that very same night of the discovery, Emily had also met a mysterious old lady who gave her a delicate, silver unicorn charm.

Now, her hand instinctively rose up to her neck and brushed against the charm. A magical tingle went up her fingers, just like every other time she touched it. Yet she felt something different. The unicorn seemed to vibrate, flicking its tail against her chest lightly.

“Starshine, wait!” Emily touched it again as they stopped and hovered in mid-air, but the vibration was gone. Emily shrugged. *I must have been imagining it.*

She breathed in the cool night air and tilted her head upward, letting her gaze wander among the collection of stars that were displayed against the vast night sky. Among them all hung the moon, a perfect crescent depicting a smile.

“Starshine, look. I can see the Great Bear, Leo the Lion, and even Scorpio!” Emily traced out the constellations with her finger.

“You missed the twins,” Starshine pointed out.

“Do you mean the Gemini Twins?” Emily asked. “I can’t seem to spot them.”