



Leona  
the Unicorn  
Fairy

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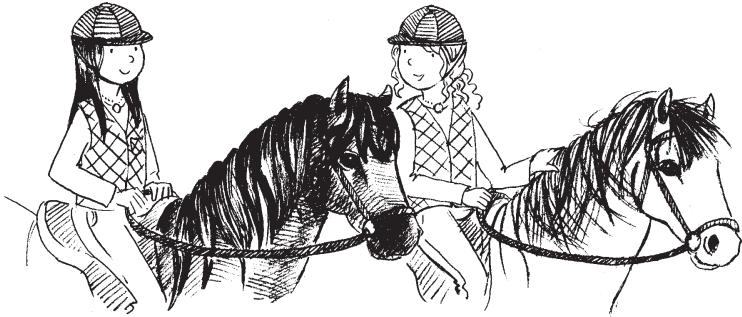
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“Isn’t this great, Kirsty?” Rachel Walker turned around in her saddle to smile at her best friend, Kirsty Tate. “I’ve only been horseback riding a few times before, but now I just love it!” Then Rachel leaned forward and patted her pony, Sparkle.

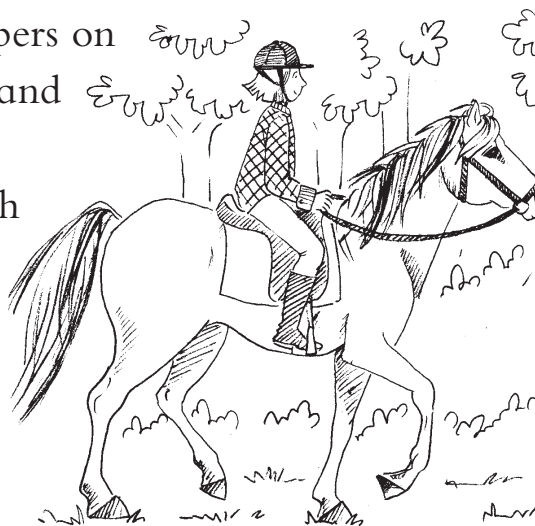
“Me, too,” agreed Kirsty, who was on a beautiful black pony behind Rachel.



The girls had been taking riding lessons ever since they arrived at camp, but this was the first time they'd been on a trail ride through the forest. "I think it's because Sparkle and Tansy are so sweet. They don't mind if we do something wrong!"

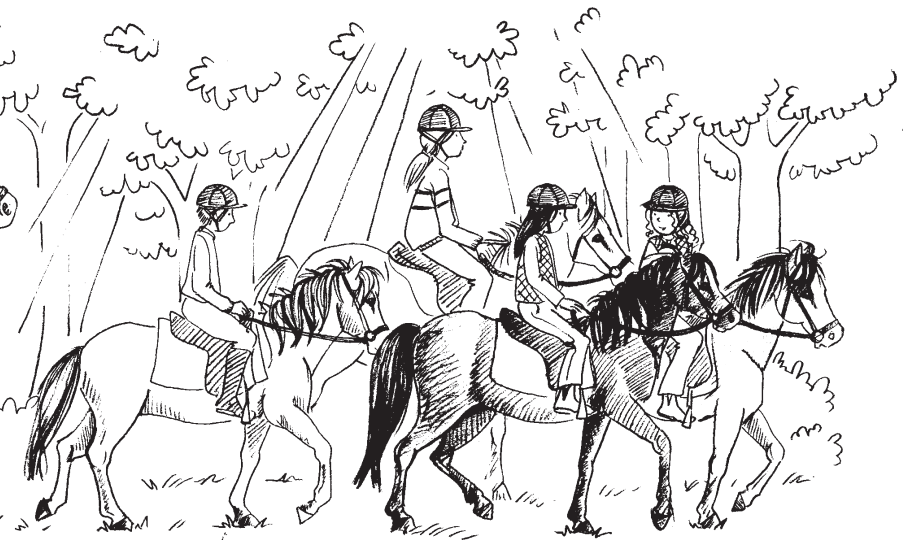
"Keep following the trail, everyone," Susan, their riding instructor, called from the back of the line. There were several other campers on ponies in front of and behind Kirsty and Rachel. "This path will eventually take us back to the camp."

"I can't believe we only have a





day and a half left at camp,” Rachel said with a sigh as the ponies ambled through the forest. It was cool and shady under the trees, but beams of sunlight dappled the grass here and there. “We’ve had such a good time, haven’t we, Kirsty? We’ve tried hiking, orienteering, and bird-watching, and we’ve made some great friends.”





But Kirsty wasn't really listening. She was looking around, peeking through the trees on either side of the trail.

"Sorry, Rachel," she said quickly. "I was just seeing if I could spot anything unusual."

Rachel smiled. She knew exactly what Kirsty was looking for! On the day the girls arrived at camp, the king and queen of Fairyland had asked for their help.

Kirsty and Rachel had discovered that Jack Frost and his goblins had kidnapped



seven young magical animals from the Magical Animal Fairies. These animals had the power to spread the kind of magic qualities that every human and fairy could possess—the magic of imagination, luck, humor, friendship, compassion, healing, and courage. It was the fairies’ job to train the magical animals for a whole year in order to make sure that they knew how to use their magic properly. Then the animals could use their powers in both the human and the fairy worlds!



But Jack Frost was determined to disrupt the magical animals’ training. He didn’t want *anyone*, humans or



fairies, to be happy. So, with the help of his goblins, Jack Frost had stolen the animals from Fairyland and imprisoned them in his Ice Castle! But the young animals had managed to escape and had hidden themselves in the human world. Jack Frost then sent his goblins to find them! The Magical Animal Fairies asked Rachel and Kirsty to help track down the animals and return them safely to Fairyland.

“Remember what Queen Titania says, Kirsty,” Rachel whispered. “It doesn’t always help to look for magic. You need to let the magic find you!”

“I know,” Kirsty replied. “But it’s so hard! I just want to find Leona’s unicorn and Caitlin’s ice bear. I’m worried about them, because they haven’t learned how







to use their magic powers properly yet.”

“We’re doing OK, though,” Rachel pointed out. “We’ve already found Ashley’s dragon, Lara’s little black cat, Erin’s phoenix, Rihanna’s seahorse, and Sophia’s snow swan.”

“That’s true,” Kirsty said with a smile.

“Let’s just enjoy the trail ride and wait for the magic to come to us!”



Rachel nodded.

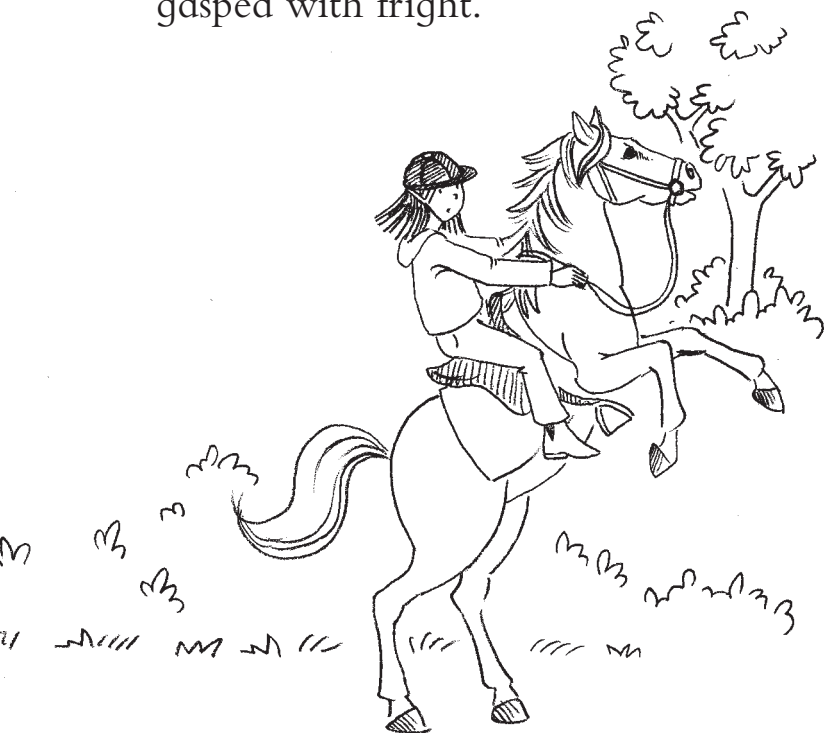
“Look, Kirsty, there’s another fox,” she said, catching a glimpse of something brown between the trees. “That makes



two that we've seen now.”

“Yes, plus three rabbits and six squirrels!” Kirsty replied. “There’s a lot of wildlife around here, isn’t there?”

Suddenly, without any warning at all, the pony in front of Rachel and Kirsty gave a frightened neigh and reared up. Lauren, the camper riding the pony, gasped with fright.





“Quick, Rachel!” Kirsty cried urgently, spotting a side path to her left. “Over here!”

Swiftly, Kirsty and Rachel pulled Tansy and Sparkle off the trail and down the side path to avoid a collision. Meanwhile, Lauren got her pony, Sky, under control again.



“Are you all right, girls?” called Susan, trotting toward them. “Looks like Sky was spooked by something.”



“I’m fine,” said Lauren, patting Sky’s neck. Rachel and Kirsty nodded in agreement.

“Good thinking, you two,” Susan went on, smiling at them. “You got your ponies out of the way just in time.”

As the riders moved on again, Kirsty and Rachel turned their ponies around so they could rejoin the others on the main path. Just then, Kirsty saw a sudden flash of bright green in the undergrowth around her. She immediately turned to her friend.

“Rachel!” Kirsty gasped. “I just saw something green—and it wasn’t leafy!”

“Do you think it was a goblin?” Rachel whispered, alarmed. “Maybe there’s more wildlife in this forest than we thought!”





“It could have been a goblin that scared Lauren’s pony,” Kirsty suggested.

“We’ll check it out,” Rachel said. “Let’s hang back so we’re at the end of the line.”

The girls waited until the other campers had ridden past, then they trotted back onto the trail some distance behind them. They kept a sharp lookout for goblins, but didn’t see anything.

Then Rachel heard a rustling in the bushes. Before she could say anything to Kirsty, two goblins jumped out onto the path—right in front of them!

