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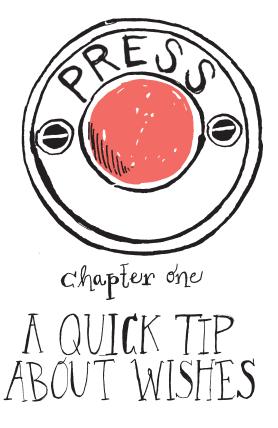


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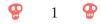
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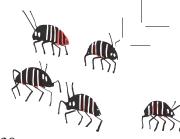
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f I showed up at your front door, looked you square in the eye and said, "Whatever you do next, don't think about giant tap dancing lizard unicorns," we both know,





no matter how hard you tried, those Liz-a-corns would shuffleflap across your brain quicker than a Broadway chorus.

So, I'm super-duper aware that when I say, "WISHES ARE DANGEROUS, don't make them," you're automatically gonna try anyways. But I beg of you, with all my little heart: **DO. NOT. DO. IT.** 

I know, I know – in movies, good people make good wishes and get good things. Some twinkly fairy spends his time waiting for a wish to be made, so he can dole out unbreakable glass





shoes and kissable amphibians. But this *ain't* a movie.

Emmy LouLou's Cousin Chouteau (that's '*Shoe-toe*' for those of y'all from out of town) used to spit out wishes like warm mouthwash. More than anything, he wanted to compete in the Great

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Patriotic American Dog Show. Sad part was, these stuffy ol' pageants don't appreciate the beauty of a plus-sized pup. Rude. So he would

wish *every day* that he could magically lose thirteen kilos.

And then one day, he did.

Cousin Chouteau was minding his own business, making wishes and pancakes, when Little Red herself, the Great Scourge of the North

American werewolf population,



showed up with a pair of hair clippers.

Now, how much do you think all that fuzz weighed? That's right. Thirteen. Kilos.

You see, on a normal unmagical day, you can squeeze out any kind of wish you want and things might not turn out too bad. But if that same wish lingers on a day buzzing with magic, and a Wishwind is summoned . . . Well now, you better hope you chose your wish words carefully.

I'm only telling all y'all this cause I didn't know.

None of us did until it was way too late.