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The Land of
UNICORNIA

The map is a whimsical, hand-drawn illustration of a land. It features a large rainbow in the top left, a smiling cloud, and a unicorn flying in the sky. The map is filled with stars and pink clouds. In the bottom left, there are several large, pink, strawberry-topped jelly-like objects. The map itself is a white outline with various locations marked with arrows and labels. The locations include a 'Syrup-pumping station' (a stand with two pumps), a 'Unicorn shelter' (a pink building with a unicorn on top), 'My parents' shop' (a shop with a rainbow sign), 'Enchanted Falls theme park' (a roller coaster and a Ferris wheel), 'The Unicornia Academy of Magic' (a castle-like building), and 'My house' (a small house with a tree). There are also wavy lines representing water and a small unicorn in the bottom right.

Syrup-
pumping
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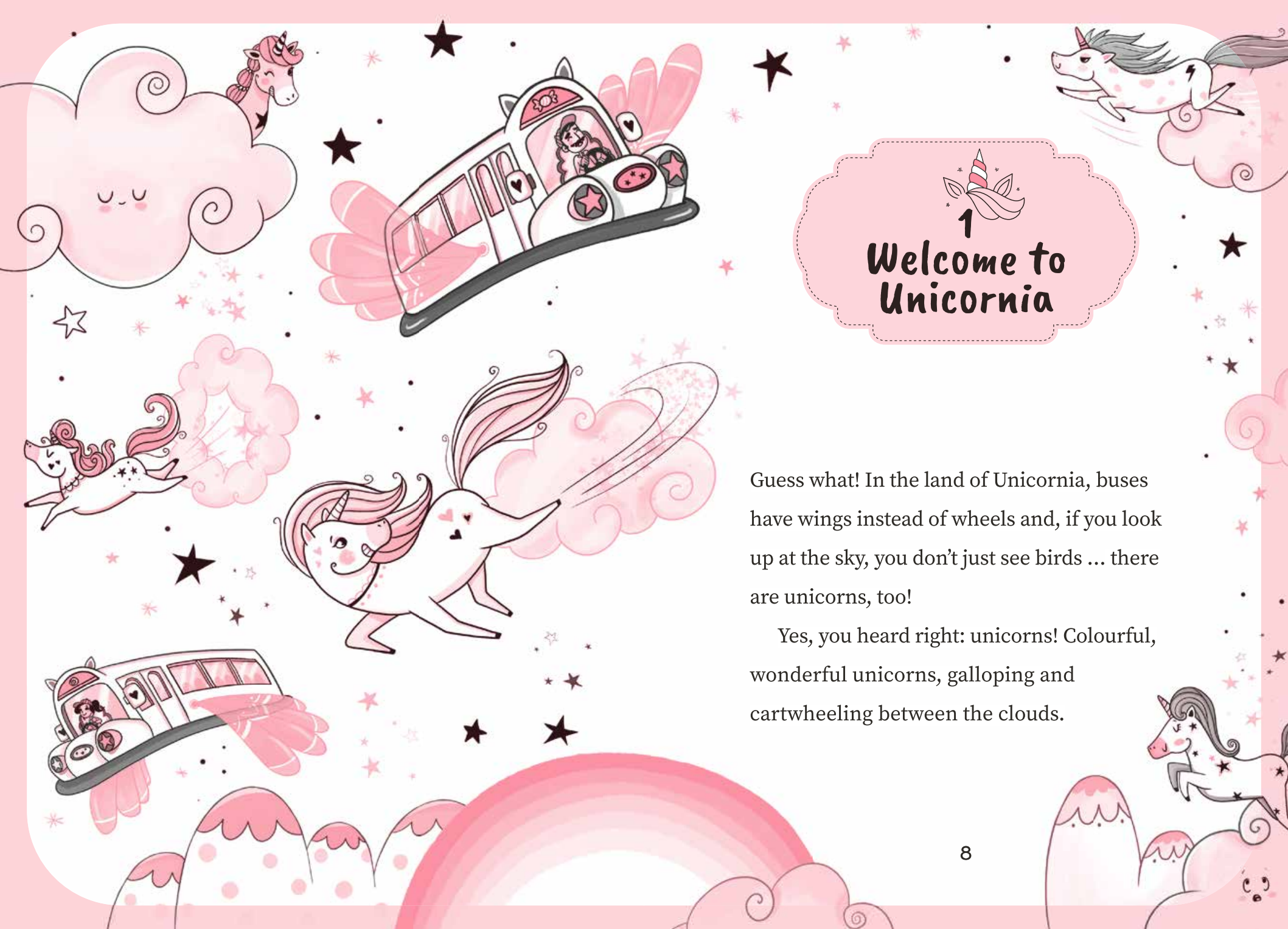
Unicorn
shelter

My parents'
shop

Enchanted Falls
theme park

The Unicornia
Academy of
Magic

My house



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Welcome to Unicornia

Guess what! In the land of Unicornia, buses have wings instead of wheels and, if you look up at the sky, you don't just see birds ... there are unicorns, too!

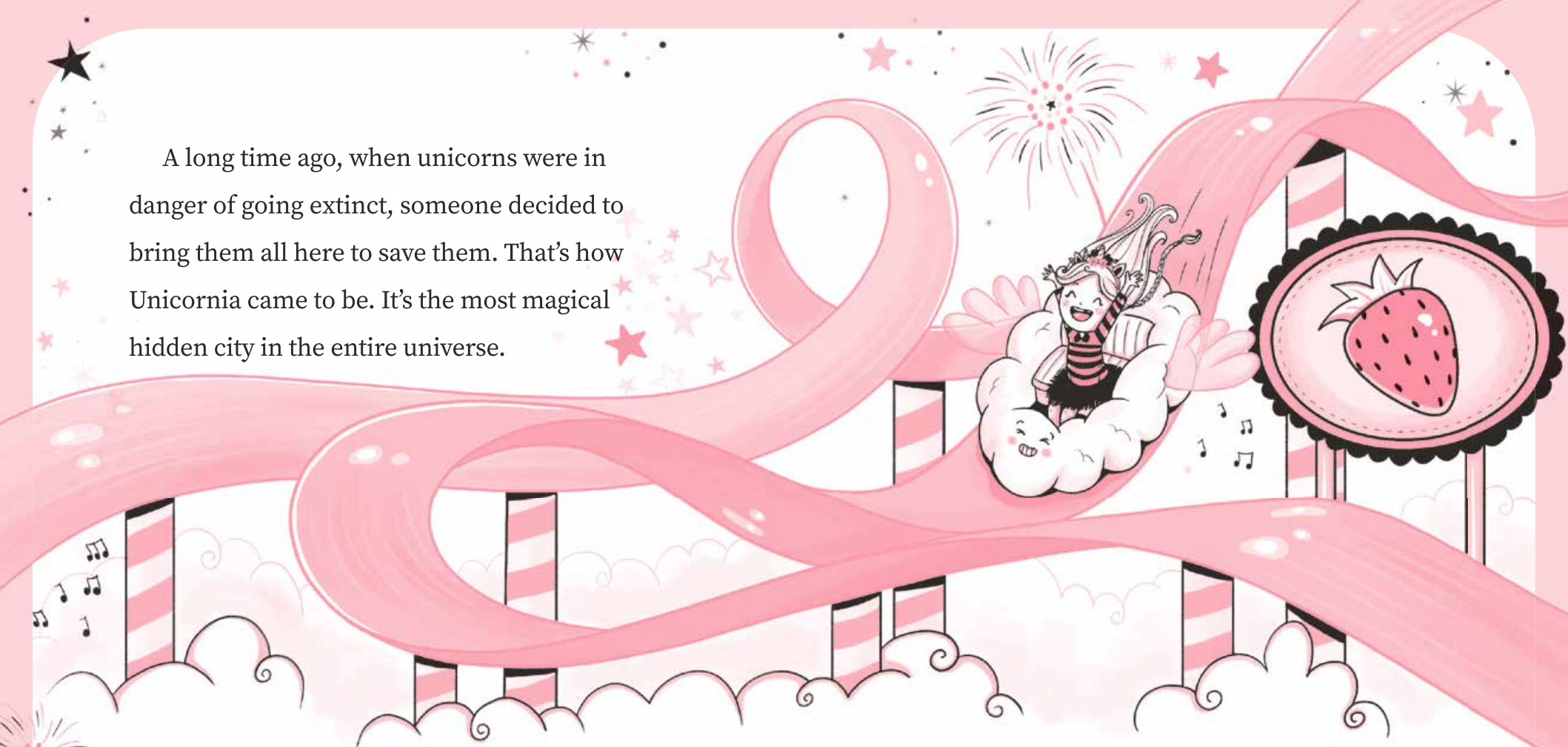
Yes, you heard right: unicorns! Colourful, wonderful unicorns, galloping and cartwheeling between the clouds.

Claudia



I should introduce myself: I'm Claudia. I don't come from Unicornia – or at least, I wasn't born here. I moved here with my parents two weeks ago. The city is tucked away at the edge of the map, where barely anyone can see it. To be honest, when they told me we were coming to live here, I thought it was a dream! But if it is, then I guess dreams really do come true, because Unicornia is real!





A long time ago, when unicorns were in danger of going extinct, someone decided to bring them all here to save them. That's how Unicornia came to be. It's the most magical hidden city in the entire universe.

Here, traffic lights don't flash colours: they play music and spray fireworks to tell all the cars when to take off. Then there are the cars themselves. In Unicornia, they run on candyfloss and syrup instead of petrol, so the

air always smells like sweets and you can drink the candyfloss syrup like fizzy pop! It's almost, almost as cool as the theme park on the hill with its roller coaster made of strawberry chewing gum and—



“CLAAAUDIA!
DINNER’S READY!”



When I hear Dad’s shout from the kitchen,
I go flying out of my bedroom for dinner.
Well, not *actually* flying – here, the unicorns
are the ones that fly – but you know what
I mean. I move so fast I’m basically flying.

I'm about to take a spoonful of soup when Dad turns to me and asks:

“Are you all set for tomorrow?”

“What’s happening tomorrow?” I blink, totally stumped.

“What’s happening? Tomorrow’s your first day at The Unicornia Academy of Magic!”

“Tomorrow?!” I half ask, half gasp, jumping up from my chair and accidentally tugging the tablecloth. My soup goes spinning through the air and splashes everywhere!



I can't believe it. How could they forget to tell me I start school tomorrow?

That's life: Unicornia is great, but it isn't perfect ... you still have to go to school, just like everywhere else.

After dinner, we get out everything I'll need the next day. There's so much stuff! It's lucky I have my fluffy cloud rucksack. I bought it from a magical shop when we arrived in Unicornia and every time you touch it, it feels like you're stroking a cloud. Because it's a magic rucksack, it doesn't weigh anything, even when it's full.

I get into bed ready to dream about tomorrow... What will school be like here?

How I picture The Unicornia Academy of Magic

★ Tables and chairs aren't a thing - **all the lessons are taught on swings!**

★ There are no exams to take, **only games to play and friends to make!**

★ The teachers sing in every lesson, **with a magical orchestra in full session.**

★ The classes are on Potions and Sweets and **"spelling" means spells and treats!**

★ There's no such thing as a boring day, **just magic and fun all the way!**





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The Place Where Dreams Come True

Claudia has just moved to **Unicornia**, the most **magical** place ever! Enlisted at the Unicornia Academy of **Magic**, Claudia will soon take the unicorn flying test! Can she and her **friends** learn to ride in record time? Get ready for **unicorns, glitter** and **magic galore** in this shimmering story of friendship and fun.

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