

Adventures at Ever After Acres

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“Thanks for a great lesson Laura” Juliana called as she brought Goldie to the field giving her one last hug and releasing the lead rope.

“Juliana” Laura called out while jumping into her truck, “I just had an emergency at the clinic. I have to head out. See you on Saturday”.

“Bye Laura” Juliana replied waving from the field.

Juliana closed the latch on the gate and skipped over to the car where her Mom was waiting. She was just about to get in when she remembered she had forgotten her crop.

“Mommy, I have to go back. I forgot my crop.”

“Ok honey. Are you ok going back alone?”

“Yup, I’m fine.” Juliana said, already running back.

When Juliana got to the arena door, she noticed what appeared to be a light left on. “Laura must have been in a hurry to leave a light on.” Juliana said aloud.

Stepping into the arena, Juliana was surprised to see bright pink stars shining on the roof.

“Oh my gosh...how did these stars get here? They have never been here when I’ve been riding before.”

Juliana walked over to pick up her crop.

“That’s weird. What’s that I wonder?” Juliana leaned down and picked up what appeared to be a sparkly purple key. She looked at the key curiously and felt all the sparkles and bumps on the key. Juliana noticed that the end was shaped in the same formation as the lock on the wardrobe that was always locked from students. “Hmmm.... I wonder...” Juliana loved a good mystery and hurried over to the wardrobe door.

She excitedly slid the purple sparkly key into the lock, click! The lock fell to the ground. Juliana jumped back as the door swung open. Her eyes widened and she saw an enormous chest! She noticed the lock on the chest was in the shape of a star. She looked up at the stars on the roof again. Her eye caught a turquoise star; looking at the star and then back at the chest, “It’s a perfect match!” She cried out grabbing a ladder that was leaning on a wall close by. She put the ladder directly under the turquoise star and reached up for it...falling back in surprise she realized the star wasn’t attached to anything. It was floating. Juliana saved her fall by grabbing onto a rung on the ladder and hanging on tight.

She carefully climbed down “I have to get that star back” Juliana said.

Juliana ran to the other end of the arena to get it and brought it back to the chest with the star. Laying the star over the chest lock, a light came shining out and the lid popped open. There inside was a Unicorn stuffy.

Juliana carefully lifted the Unicorn out of the chest, the soft and lifelike fur between her fingers. The Unicorn had a pendant hanging from it's mane that read Romeo.

She set the Unicorn down into Goldie's hoof prints.

Suddenly, the Unicorn stuffy came alive and was growing and growing and growing till it was the size of a full grown horse. The Unicorn started to gallop around in delight. Kicking its hind legs up playfully.

Juliana remembered the pendant and called out "Romeo...is that your name girl." Romeo nickered and trotted over to Juliana.

Juliana noticed a pink, turquoise and purple star on the back of Romeo. She remembered that the key to the closet was purple, the stars were pink and the star that opened the chest was turquoise. Those were all the colours she used to rescue the Unicorn. "Wow...you have magic, don't you Romeo?"

A second wardrobe appeared beside the original one. The doors opened and Romeo ran through them. Juliana had a short peek at a Unicorn family that appeared to be lowering their heads in thanks. The doors swung closed and the second wardrobe disappeared!

She looked back into the chest where the whole adventure started. There was a note attached to a horn. It read “ you must keep this horn in thanks from our family. Press it on your heart whenever you are sad or missing me.”

Juliana closed the chest and was left standing in the dark arena.

“That took a while.” Her Mom said as she got into the car. Smiling to herself and holding the Unicorn horn, Juliana replied “yea..you never know what adventures take place at Ever After Acres.”