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CHAPTER



I saw dogs everywhere.

THE PARK.
THE STREET.
ON TV.
IN MOVIES.

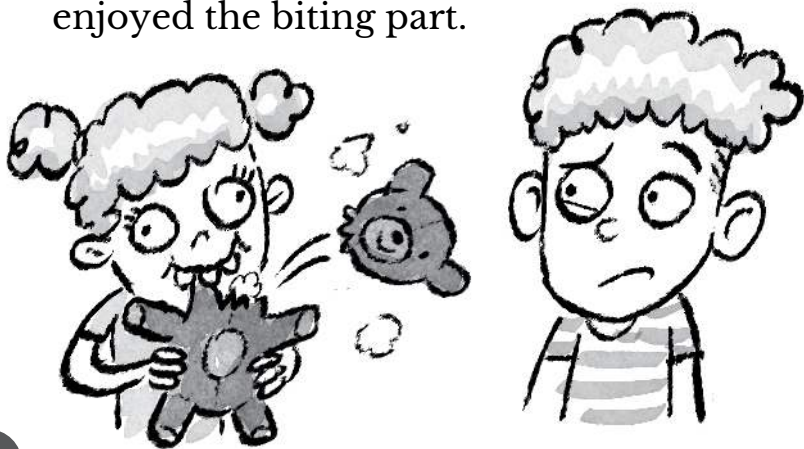
Sometimes even on
trains, peeking out
of bags.



You know where I didn't see dogs? In my house. Well, not real ones, anyway. I had posters of them and stuffed toys, and so many dog-related books. But I wanted the **REAL thing**.



Sometimes my younger sister, Iyla, would pretend to be a dog but it wasn't the same. She really only enjoyed the biting part.



I pleaded with my parents every day.
'Luca, dogs are a lot of hard work,'
Mum argued.

'Yes, but I would walk it, and feed
it, and brush it, and love it,
and do everything!'



Right before my birthday, my parents
said something to make me think that
my dreams were about to come true.

'I hope you're ready for some responsibility,' Mum said, when dropping me off at school.

Could this mean I was finally getting a dog? A new best friend! In anticipation, I spent each evening thinking up the best name for a dog.





• CHAMP

• CHEWIE



• SIR SHIFFS-A-LOT



• BARKLEY

• RUFFUS

• KEVIN



Of course you can't name a dog until you meet it and look deep into its eyes. Then you'll know what name suits it.

Still, I was ready.



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I woke up super early and lay in bed waiting for the sun. As soon as it was light enough to see, I leaped out from under the covers and flew to my parents' bedroom.

'It's my birthday,' I shouted.

'IT'S PRESENT TIME!'



Mum and Dad both groaned and pulled pillows over their heads. So I got on the bed and jumped up and down until they were absolutely, completely awake.

They led me into the living room where there was something large covered by a towel. It was the size of a doghouse. I grinned from ear to ear.

'Ta da,'

Mum said, pulling the towel free.

