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EVERYTHING.



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For Michael – my cheerleader, tech guru and drinks pourer. Thank you, your support is a Really Beautiful Thing! – *F.T.*

For Claire Finch – *A.P.*



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Squirrel loved sharing
his home with friends.



He had a soft, squishy sofa,




a big, bouncy bed,



and a fridge full of food.

But Squirrel had his eye on something that
made his heart go thumpety bump . . .



It sparkled like a spangly star.
It hovered like a hot air balloon.
And it smelled like strawberry ice cream.

“Ooh!” said Squirrel. “I’m not sure what it **is**, or even what it **does**, but it’s **AMAZING** . . . and **I WANT IT!**”

It was a **really**
beautiful thing . . .

Squirrel counted his coins carefully.

“Sorry,” said the shop manager.

“**The Really Beautiful Thing** costs much more.”

And he whispered the price in Squirrel’s ear.



“I can’t afford *that!*” gasped Squirrel.

“Never mind, Squirrel,” said Owl.

“You’ll always have your friends!”

But Squirrel wasn’t listening.