

# SUSIE'S FAMILY STORY

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**Christmas Eve of 2020.**

**A book was born to be,**

**Inspired by the warmth of Christmas cheer,**

**Susie's family came to me.**

**I hope this story spreads joy and light,**

**To children far and near,**

**Bringing love and warmth to every heart,**

**A gift throughout the year.**

**-June W**





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# SEASON 1, EPISODE 1 – UNDERSTANDING REALITY

In a peaceful, snow-covered mountain town, known for its ski slopes and icy fun, Susie's family finds quiet amid the closed ski resorts due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

Little Hunter, five years old, is as shy as his dad but as curious as they come. With his sparkling blue eyes and curly golden hair, Hunter loves exploring - from skiing adventures to observing tiny insects like crickets and praying mantises. He dreams of exploring the universe and wonders about the ants and playful puppies.

Hunter's dad, Paul, is a talented carpenter who can turn any drawing into beautiful furniture. His mom, Susie, with her golden curls, works at a nearby supermarket, eagerly awaiting the arrival of Hunter's new sibling next month.

Their small town, home to fewer than 50,000 people, is blanketed in snow for half the year. Although Hunter's grandparents live far away, they share a close bond, with visits during Christmas and occasional off-season trips when the airfare is more affordable.



In 2020, the news of the COVID-19 virus fills the air with worry. Hunter, trying to understand, sees ambulances and hears about doctors and nurses working hard. The world seems big and a bit scary from his little corner in the snowy town.

Each day, Hunter watches the snowflakes dance from his bay window, feeling the warmth of home as his dad works on his drawings and his mom cooks delicious meals. His favorite is the cheesy mashed potatoes that make even the scariest news seem far away.

Life in their small town goes on, with Hunter playing and dreaming. But one day, he hears something different - his mother's quiet tears. The world outside is changing, and even in their cozy home, the echoes of those changes are beginning to whisper.



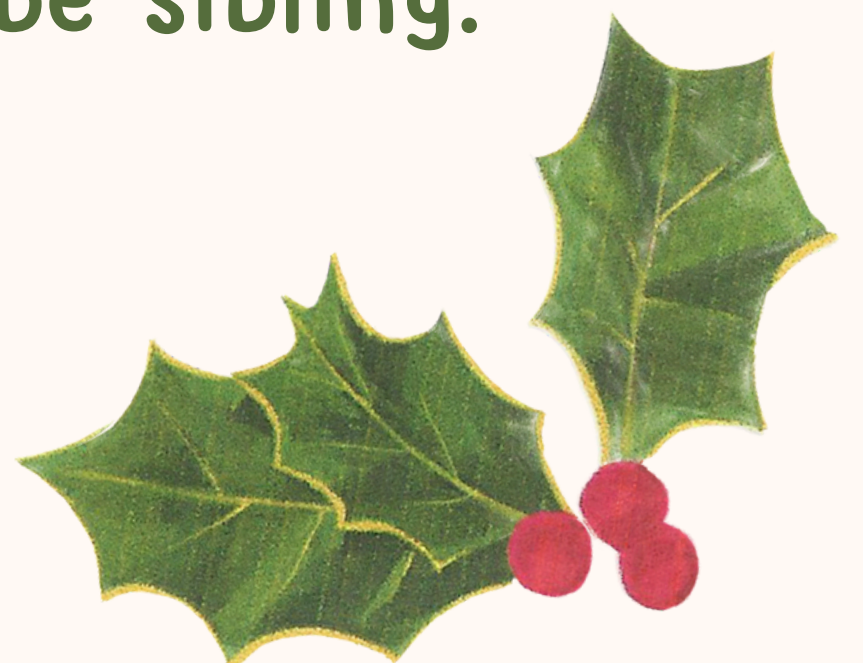


## At Home with Susie's Family

The winter of 2020 brought more than just snow to Susie's family. Hunter's dad, Paul, lost his job at the furniture company because of the pandemic. The family worried about how they would pay for their home and other bills.

Even more worrying news came - Hunter's grandfather, living in a nursing home, caught the COVID-19 virus. Although he was getting the care he needed, the family was concerned about his health. Susie, expecting a new baby, had to work longer hours at the supermarket to help the family. Hunter missed his mom and didn't understand why she had to be away so much. He even called his grandpa, seeking comfort in his grandpa's reassuring words.

Hunter tried to keep himself busy at home, playing with his toys and watching the snowfall. He had many questions about the changes happening around him, but for now, he found solace in the warmth of his home and the stories his mom told to the little golden egg, his soon-to-be sibling.





## A Changed Christmas at Ken's Store

Christmas Eve 2020 at Ken's Store was different this year. The COVID-19 virus had changed everyone's plans. Hunter was supposed to visit his grandparents for the holidays, but the heavy snow and the worsening epidemic meant he had to stay home with his mom and the little golden egg in her belly, which he fondly called the Little Golden Egg because of his mom's golden sweaters.

As the new year began, Susie worried about their expenses: bills for water, electricity, gas, car insurance, and Hunter's tuition. With less than 500 euros in the bank and Paul away working in the city, the financial strain was heavy on her.

Paul's new job in the city offered some hope, but the situation was still tough. Susie worked long hours at Ken's store, feeling the weight of responsibility and the concern for her family's future.

## Quiet Times at Ken's Store

It was a quiet afternoon at Ken's store. Susie had just finished her lunch, sorting bills and listening to the local radio.



The news about new COVID-19 cases in their small town was worrying. With limited medical resources, Susie felt a growing fear.

As snowflakes gently fell outside on Christmas Eve, Susie thought of the baby she was soon to have, whom she lovingly called the Little Golden Egg. She whispered to herself and the baby, trying to find courage in these uncertain times.

Last year, the holiday season was filled with joy for Susie, Paul, and Hunter. But this year was different. The store was struggling, and kind-hearted Ken, the elderly owner, thought about retiring. Ken had been like a family to Susie, especially now that she needed support more than ever.

Susie's worries were many - about her family's health, Paul working far away, and how they would manage financially. These thoughts weighed heavily on her, but she knew she had to stay strong for her family and the Little Golden Egg.

"Life is full of challenges," Susie thought. "But we have to face them bravely, just like we face a storm."

