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Chapter 1

Who On Earth Is Matthew Buzzington?

HELLO, EVERYONE!

And welcome to the Story of Matthew Buzzington.

This story is all about Matthew Buzzington.

It is FULL of Matthew Buzzington.

It is PACKED with Matthew Buzzington.

It is BRIMMING OVER with Matthew Buzzington.

And that is why it is called …

The Story of Matthew Buzzington.

But I know what you are saying to yourself right now.

You are saying, “who on Earth is Matthew Buzzington? Is he a pop star with spiky hair and shiny trousers?”

No. Matthew Buzzington is not a pop star.

You are saying, “Who on Earth is Matthew Buzzington? Is he a famous footballer who is always on TV scoring goals?”

No. Matthew Buzzington is not a footballer.

You are saying, “Who on Earth is Matthew Buzzington? Is he a secret agent, with a gun in his pocket and a helicopter hidden in his case?”

No. Matthew Buzzington is not a secret agent.

“Well, who on EARTH is he then?” you are saying. “Tell me before I go so crazy I eat my own hair!”

Well, there’s no need to go crazy or eat your own hair because I will tell you.

In fact, Matthew Buzzington was a normal ten-year-old boy. He had curly brown hair. A friendly face. And three freckles on his left cheek.

Yes, he was just a normal ten-year-old boy.

Except for one thing.

You see, Matthew Buzzington had a special super power.

Matthew Buzzington could turn into a fly.

Just think of that!

A ten-year-old boy turning into a tiny little house fly!

Isn’t that amazing?

There was only one problem with Matthew Buzzington’s special super power.

It didn’t work.

He had spent hours in front of the mirror, trying to turn into a fly.

He had spent days in the park, trying to turn into a fly.

He had spent a whole weekend reading a book called “HOW TO TURN YOURSELF INTO A FLY.”

But he still hadn’t managed to turn into a fly.

“I KNOW I’m special,” Matthew Buzzington told himself every night before he went to sleep. “And one of these days I am going to prove it. One of these days I am going to turn into a fly.”