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For all the teachers who help kids love science
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To Vivienne, Roen, Sloane, and Hunter,
future scientists of the world
L. P.
Today was the Interkingdom Science Fair. Princess Magnolia had never been part of a science fair before. She was excited! Also nervous. Feeling excited and nervous at the same time made her want to wiggle.
She grabbed her science-fair project, a poster that showed how seeds grow into plants.
She did not grab her monster-alarm ring. The Goat Avenger was watching the goat pasture today. He’d stop any monsters that attacked while she was gone. She was all set for a monster-free day!

Princess Magnolia walked to the train station.
The train was crowded.
A man squished her on one side.
A woman squashed her on the other.

In the middle, Princess Magnolia held her poster.

She was excited to share it at the fair. And she was nervous it wouldn’t be good enough. But first, she had to keep the poster from getting squashed. Or squished.
The Interkingdom Science Fair was crowded. Princess Magnolia worried that she wouldn’t fit in. She squeezed between the tables. She scrunched between the people.