

# Chapter 1



It was two days before Christmas and Barbie, Skipper, Stacie, and Chelsea were on a plane heading to New York City to see their aunt Millicent.

Barbie was so excited — she couldn't wait to get there. Not only would she be in New York for Christmas but her favorite aunt also had front-row seats to the closing night of a Broadway show!

Chelsea, Stacie, and Skipper also were thinking about their fun plans. Chelsea



was going to the Central Park Zoo to see the sea lions. She was determined to be one of the special volunteers selected to feed them! Meanwhile, Stacie was planning to go ice-skating at Rockefeller Center. She had bought extra-special skates just for the occasion. And Skipper was getting the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to podcast the concert her friend Zoe's band was

playing. Skipper was also secretly excited because the band was going to play a song she wrote! Even though Skipper hadn't told her sisters about it, she was really looking forward to her song being performed live. It was going to be the perfect Christmas!

Interrupting the girls' thoughts, the airplane captain's voice came over the loudspeaker. "Ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain speaking," his voice boomed. "We have a severe weather system in our flight path that will force us to make an unscheduled landing in Rochester, Minnesota."

"Is that near Manhattan?" Chelsea asked Stacie.

"I don't think so," Stacie replied. "Does that mean we won't get to New York City today?" she asked Barbie.