

A Frog in New York



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The main character is an animal.

The setting may be imaginary, and not exist in the real world.

Animal Fantasy

The events in the story could not happen in real life.

Animals in the story talk and act like people.

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Fito had a great life! He spent the whole day singing. He always sang the same song. The time of day didn't matter. Fito always sang: "coquí, coquí!"



Yes, Fito was a coquí. Coquíes are little frogs that are native to Puerto Rico. They can't sing anywhere else.



Fito lived on one of the highest mountains in El Yunque, a marvelous rain forest.



There were always tourists in the rain forest. Fito liked to sing for them. Sometimes the tourists bothered him a little. He didn't like that.



“Look, Mom, a frog!” a little girl said upon seeing Fito sitting on the leaf of a tree.

I am not a frog. Frogs croak. I sing, thought Fito. Fito started singing louder so the girl could hear him.



Fito and his friends had a very nice life. They did the same thing every day. They got up in the morning. They had a few bugs for breakfast, and they sang.



Then they sang for the tourists. Some of his friends posed for photos.

For lunch, they ate a spider or two.

In the afternoon, they took a siesta on a leaf.



Every night, all the coquíes put on a big concert together. They could be heard among the leaves and the palm trees. They could be heard from the country to the city. A chorus of coquíes sang for Puerto Rico every night.

It was the same routine every day. Fito liked it, but he wanted to do something different.

