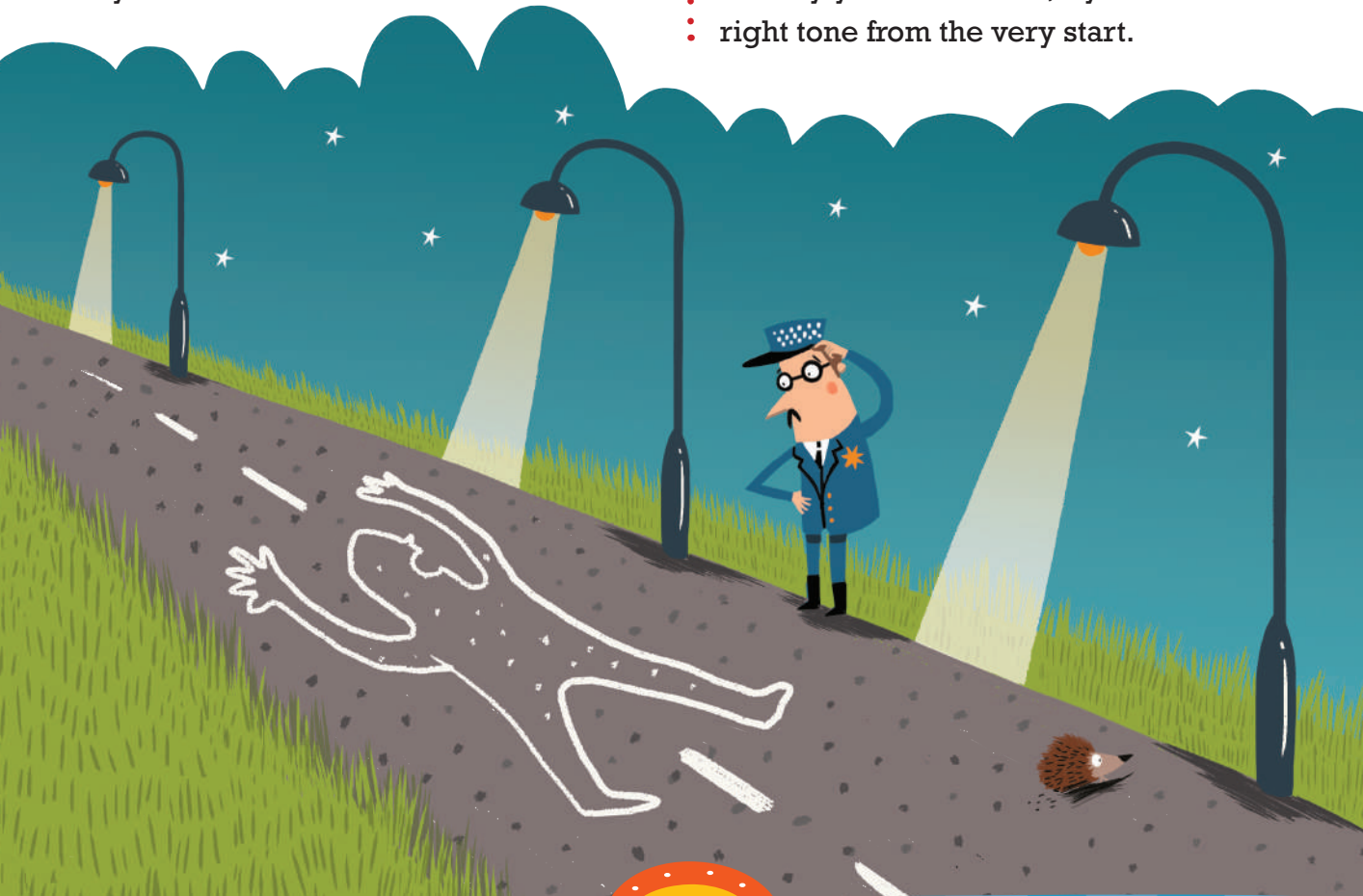


STARTING YOUR STORY

A good story should grab your reader's attention from the very first line. This doesn't mean you have to start your story with a huge explosion – although you can if you want to!

A mystery might begin with a dead body being discovered, whilst if you're writing a funny story you want to start with something that will leave your reader in stitches. Whatever type of story you want to tell, try to set the right tone from the very start.



The Language of Openings

Think about how you could change or twist some of these traditional story openings to surprise the reader.

There once was ...

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It started like a normal day ...

One fine day ...

Once upon a time ...

If only I'd known ...

I looked in the mirror and saw ...

My name is ...

I didn't want to go to ...

It was a ...

There was ...
If I hadn't been ...

Once there was ...
I woke up and ...

One day ...

