Submission Consent & Release

Before your story can be considered as part of *My UnNormal Life Story*, please read this page. It explains exactly what happens to your story if it's selected, and what you're agreeing to by submitting.

What You're Agreeing To

You keep your story. Submitting does not sign away your story. It gives us permission to do the specific things described below — nothing more.

If your story is selected, Chief Chuck will write a set of original poems interpreting your story, in his own voice and style. Your story will be condensed into a short, non-identifying summary alongside those poems, credited to you (or anonymized, if you prefer — your choice). Selected stories may also be featured on the *My UnNormal Life Story Podcast*, in your own words.

You get final approval before anything is published or aired. Before your chapter or book goes out into the world in any form — print, ebook, audio, or podcast — you will see the finished version and have the chance to approve it, request changes, or withdraw it entirely. Nothing goes public without your sign-off.

No money changes hands, in either direction. You will never be asked to pay anything to submit, to be selected, or to be published. We will never promise you a payment for your story. This is not a paid submission process.

Where proceeds go. Any proceeds from books built on selected stories are intended to support a foundation we're working to establish, dedicated to connecting brain injury survivors with each other. That foundation does not exist yet as a formal legal entity — until it does, we'll be transparent about where funds are held and what they're going toward.

You can say no at any point. Being selected doesn't obligate you to say yes to publication. You can decline, ask for changes, or withdraw your story at any stage before it's published.

You're not required to use your real name. You can be identified by your first name, a pseudonym, or anonymously — your choice.

What We're Asking You to Confirm

By submitting your story, you're confirming that:

- The story is true and is your own experience to share.
- You understand Chief Chuck reads every submission himself and makes the final decision on which stories are selected.
- You understand you'll review and approve the final interpreted version before it's published or aired.
- You understand this is unpaid, and no payment will ever be requested from you or promised to you.
- You're 18 or older, or have a parent/guardian's permission to submit.

Questions

If anything here is unclear, reach out before you submit — we'd rather answer questions up front than have you second-guess it later.

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