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These pages show some things that I
Have collected as the years went by.
Folk leave such treasures lying round
On tables, shelves, or on the ground.
Be neat and tidy is what I say,
And put valuable things away.
These things were once owned
by others—
Like Spiderwick, Mallory, and
her brothers.
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A GRAND TOUR
OF THE ENCHANTED WORLD
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Your Friend and Guide



About myself I dare not tell.
To learn, ask those who know me well.
Then cast your eyes on tales of old,
for in those tales my tale is told.



MYSTERIOUS CREATURES of SCOTLAND

No stranger being can be found than the brownie. Unlike a ghost or a poltergeist, these tiny creatures are of great value to any household. They will do odd jobs around the house, in the stables, or in the farmyard, but never stray far from home. Once a brownie has adopted a house or a family, it will remain loyal forever, and ask for nothing in return.

In many grand houses, a small seat near the fireplace is always left vacant for the brownie to ensure that he knows he is welcome, although the owners of the house may never see their little worker. At Leithin Hall in the county of Dumfries, there was



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BROWNIE RESEARCH

Once you know where to look for them, brownies crop up everywhere.

There was a baseball team called the St. Louis Browns who had a brownie as their mascot.

The Brothers Grimm wrote a story about the elves and the shoemaker. An old cobbler who laid out his tools and materials in his workshop at night ready for work the next morning regularly came back to find that all the shoes had been made for him during the night by the elves. Only these were not elves at all. The story was originally written in German. The elves were called Heinzelmännchen, which is German for "brownies." In German the word *elf* is simply *Elf*. "The Elves and the Shoemaker" should really have been translated as "The Brownies and the Shoemaker."

Brownies are a blessing true,
But anger one and pity you.

Dear Boggart,

We are writing you to say that we are sorry we messed up your first house. We hope you like what we made and that even if you don't, that you'll stop pinching us—and other things—and that if you have Jeffrey and Lemondrop to please take care of them because they are good mice.

Yours sincerely,

Mallory Grace Jared Grace Simon Grace

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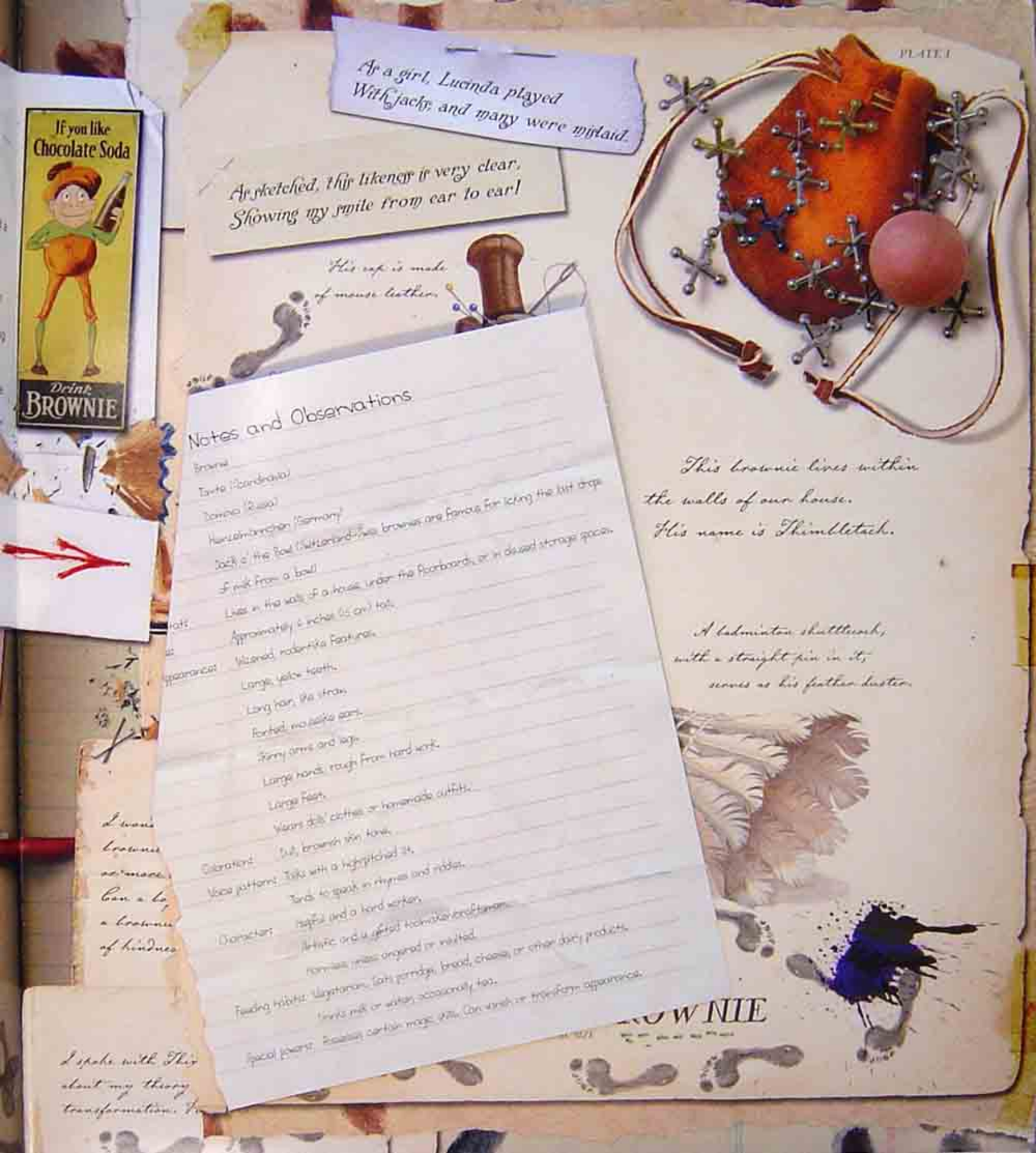
and after buying the Cleveland Browns NFL team in 1961 for a reported $4 million, one of Art Modell's first moves as the new boss was to begin the process of removing the team's famous "brownie" logo from official literature, including game programs.

Modell was said to detest the brownie character, and before long the little guy had almost

Makes no difference anyway.
Brownies have no time for play!




If you like
Chocolate Soda
Drink
BROWNIE
As a girl, Lucinda played
With jacks, and many were mislaid.
As sketched, this likeness is very clear,
Showing my smile from ear to ear!
His cap is made
of mouse leather.
Notes and Observations
Brownie
Tomte (Scandinavia)
Domovo (Russia)
Heinzelmännchen (Germany)
Jack o' the Bowl (Switzerland—Swiss brownies are famous for licking the last drops
of milk from a bowl)
Lives in the walls of a house, under the floorboards, or in disused storage spaces.
Approximately 6 inches (15 cm) tall.
Wizened, rodentike features.
Large, yellow teeth.
Long hair, like straw.
Pointed, mouselike ears.
Skinny arms and legs.
Large hands, rough from hard work.
Large feet.
Wears dolls' clothes or homemade outfits.
Coloration: Dull, brownish skin tone.
Voice patterns: Talks with a high-pitched lit.
Tends to speak in rhymes and riddles.
Character: Helpful and a hard worker.
Artistic and a gifted toolmaker/craftsman.
Harmless, unless angered or insulted.
Feeding habits: Vegetarian. Eats porridge, bread, cheese, or other dairy products.
Drinks milk or water, occasionally tea.
Special powers: Possesses certain magic skills. Can vanish or transform appearance.
This brownie lives within
the walls of our house.
His name is Thimbletack.
A badminton shuttlecock,
with a straight pin in it,
serves as his feather duster.
I spoke with Thi
about my theory
transformation.