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Meet the Brownies



Katie

Katie, Grace's twin, is super sporty and likes to play games and win. She wants to get every Brownie badge and her Six is Foxes!

Ellie

Awesome at art and crafts, Ellie used to be a Rainbow and likes making new friends. Ellie is a Hedgehog!





Animal-crazy Charlie has a guinea pig called Nibbles. She loves Brownie quizzes and Pow Wows. Her Six is Squirrels!

Charlie



Jamila

Jamila's got too many brothers, so she loves Brownies because NO BOYS ARE ALLOWED! Jamila is a Badger!

Grace

Grace is Katie's twin sister and she's ballet bonkers. Grace enjoys going on Brownie outings, and she is a Rabbit!





Chapter 1

We're Brownie Guides,
We're Brownie Guides,
We're here to lend a hand,
To love our God and serve our Queen
and help our homes and land.
We've Brownie friends,
We've Brownie friends in north, south,
east and west,
We're joined together in our wish
to try and do our best!

The 1st Badenbridge Brownies grinned as they settled down after their song. They couldn't wait to start the meeting.

"Hello, Brownies," said Vicky, one of the Brownie Leaders. "It's lovely to see you all."

"We've got an action-packed evening planned, based on the ideas you mentioned last week," added Sam, the other Leader.

"But first, we wanted to thank you for all your help at our open evening," Vicky continued.

"It was really good fun!" exclaimed Chloe, who was in Badgers with Jamila.

"Lots of people came, didn't they?" said Emma, the Sixer of the Foxes.

Like Brownies across the UK, the girls had been working towards a special badge called Adventure 100. It was to celebrate the Girlguiding UK Centenary and the Brownies had the chance to take part in at least ten different challenges of their choice. They had recently completed Dance Dash – a special dance routine that had taken them all around town – to show everyone how brilliant Brownies was. They had also decided to hold an open evening where girls could come along and find out more about Brownies. So at their meeting the week before, the 1st Badenbridge Brownies had had lots of visitors. They had shown off their project and badge work as well as playing some great games and singing some songs with their guests.



"Did any of the girls that came say they wanted to join Brownies?" wondered Grace.

She'd felt especially important at the open



evening because she had been awarded her Dancer badge in front of everyone. She was now wearing it proudly on her sash.

"Quite a lot of them did," said Sam. "In fact, five girls are going to join us after half term."

There was a gasp of excitement from around the Ring, and Sam and Vicky laughed.

"It'll be great to have lots of new members, won't it?" said Vicky.

The Brownies nodded enthusiastically.

"Right! We need to talk about our unit camping trip," said Sam.

The hall buzzed with excited chatter.

"Daisy will be coming with us," explained Sam.

"And so will Ashvini's mum, Aruna, and my sister, Alex," said Vicky.

The Brownies cheered and Ashvini grinned, pleased that her mum would be coming camping too.

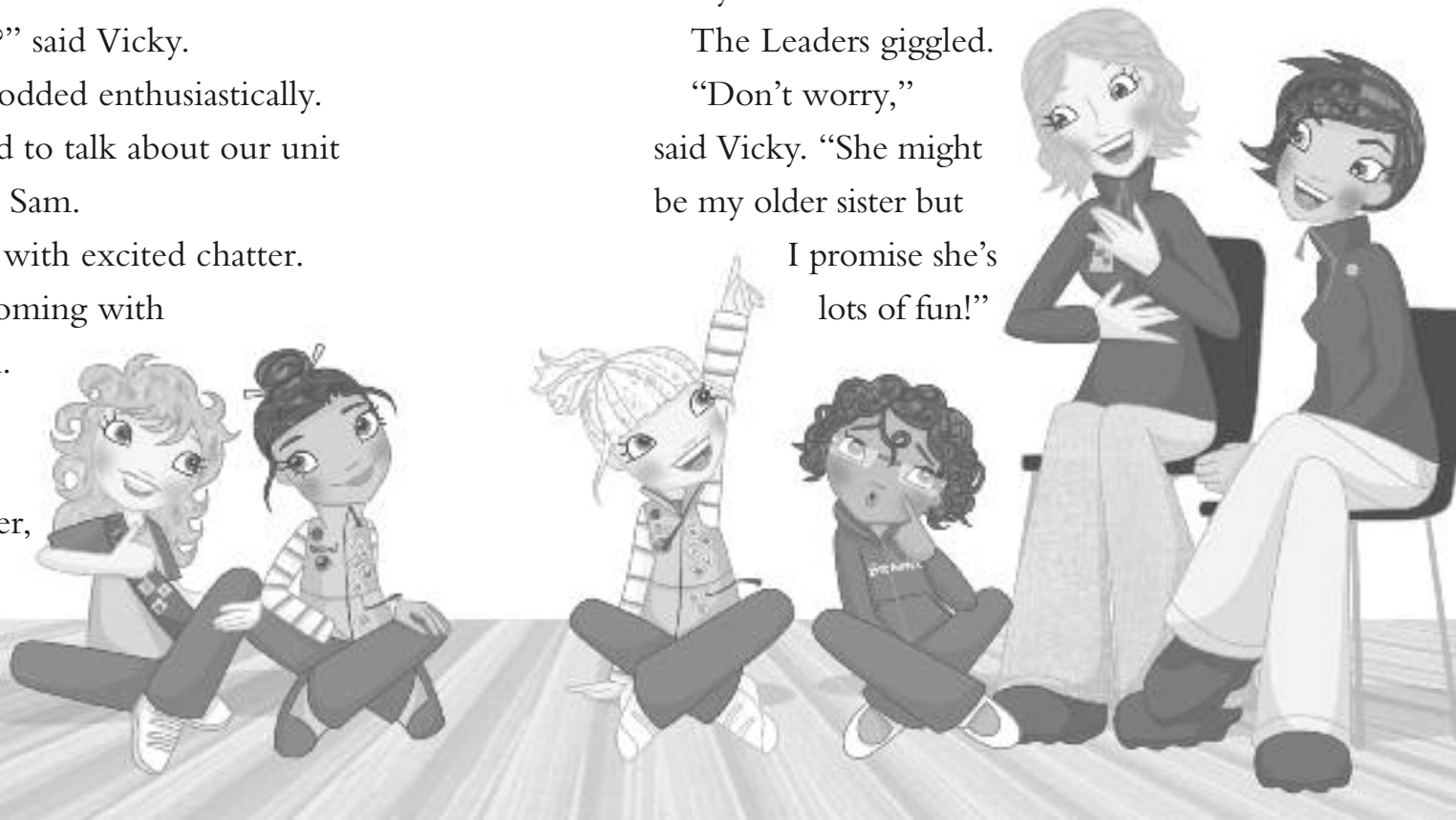
"Isn't Alex a Guide Leader?" asked Lauren, whose older sister was a Guide.

"She is." Vicky grinned.

"Wow!" said Charlie. "Is she going to be really strict?"

The Leaders giggled.

"Don't worry," said Vicky. "She might be my older sister but I promise she's lots of fun!"





"We've got a letter for you to take home with you," Sam explained. "It contains all the information your parents need about camp and asks them to come along to a meeting during next week's Brownie night. We'll give it to you at home time."

"Where will we be camping?" asked Pip, the newest 1st Badenbridge Brownie.

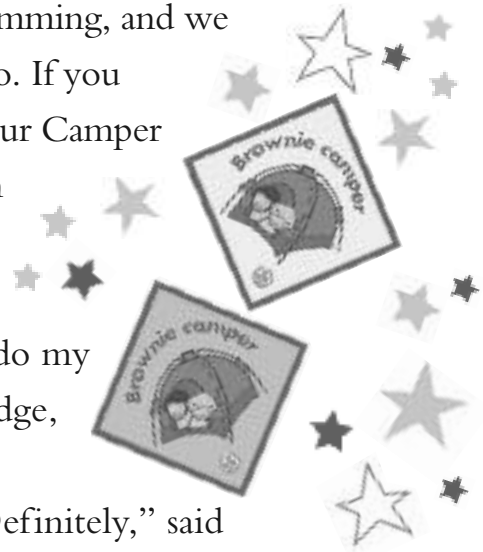
"A fantastic place called Waddow Hall in Lancashire," said Vicky. "It belongs to Girlguiding UK."

"You'll love it," said Daisy, who had visited Waddow Hall before. "There are lots of brilliant things to do there."

"What sort of things?" wondered Amber.

"Things like treks, games and sports. Plus we'll learn new skills!" exclaimed Molly, who had been on several Brownie camps.

"Yes," agreed Megan. "Last year we learned to cook, we went swimming, and we wrote camp diaries too. If you haven't already got your Camper badge, maybe you can work on that while you're there."



"Will I be able to do my Camper advanced badge, Vicky?" asked Molly.



"Definitely," said Vicky. "And those of you who haven't finished your Out and about badge can do that too."

"Yesss!" The happy Brownies grinned.

"Daisy is going to make a list of girls wanting to work on badges while we're at camp. She'll come round to your Six tables to ask what you'd like to do," said Sam.



"So why don't you take a look in your Badge Book to see what each badge involves? Oh – and don't forget that our camp will also count towards gaining the Adventure 100 badge at the end of the Centenary Year!"

"Now," said Vicky. "Talking about our camp leads us on to our first activity for tonight … a quiz!"

The Brownies loved quizzes!

"It's all about camping," said Sam. "Those of you who have been before will remember how important it is to follow camp rules."

"What camp rules?" asked Ellie, frowning.

"Things like keeping your tent and the campsite tidy so that it's safe. And helping out with the cooking and joining in the fun!" said Daisy. "Don't worry, you'll learn them in no time. And they're part of the Camper badge too."

"We want you to work together as a Six so that the older Brownies can help the younger ones answer the questions," said Vicky, handing out copies of the quiz.

"And when you've finished," added Sam, "you can all come back into the Ring so that we can talk through your answers. Ready?"

"Yesss!" yelled the excited Brownies, as they rushed off to their Sixes to begin.

Ellie was relieved to discover that the camp rules weren't at all hard to learn. When they had finished the quiz, the Brownies played one of their favourite games – Traffic Lights. Then, just before the meeting ended, Vicky asked some of the older girls to come and have a special Pow Wow with her.

"What do you think they're up to?" Katie asked Lottie.

"Emma told me they're having a meeting to decide on the theme of our camp," she explained. "The older Brownies choose a theme every year. Last year it was animals… I wonder what it'll be this time?"

"Me too…" Katie replied thoughtfully.

