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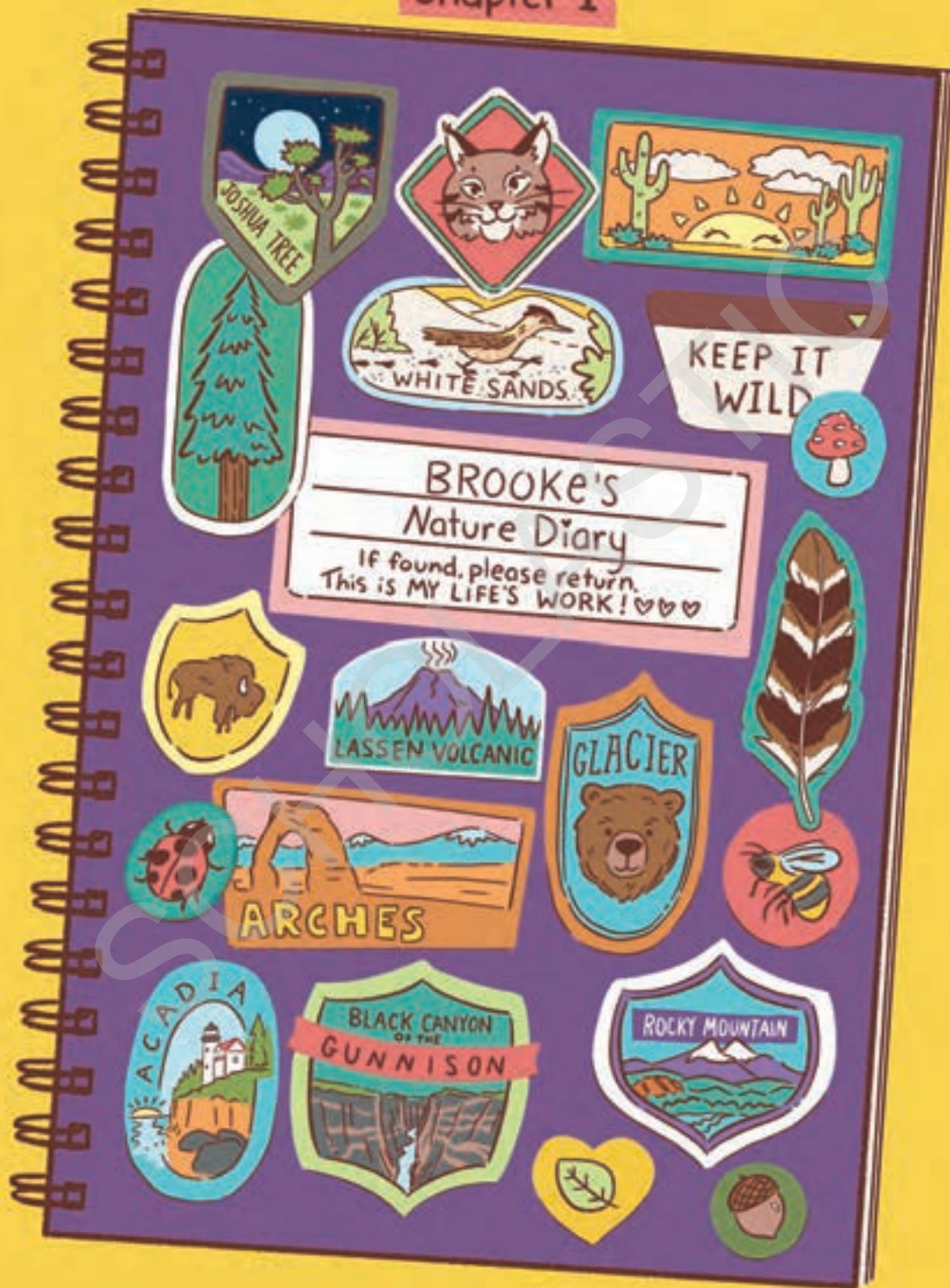
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Chapter 1



Dear Diary,

I didn't have time to write yesterday because something

HUGE
happened...

Terrence + Mom got married in Olympia, WA!
(Terrence is my best friend Jayla's dad.)



Terrence + Jayla moved into the RV with us this morning!



Terrence, Mom, Jayla, Tuco + Me

We're on our way to North Cascades National Park!

It will be our first adventure as a family.



Bald eagle



Today is actually pretty **HUGE**, too!

BECAUSE...

(drumroll, please)

**IT'S MY 9th ★
B·I·R·T·H·D·A·Y!**

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
BROOKE!

Just saw some
cute marmots
at an overlook.



And I can't think of a better B-day
present than my best friend becoming

MY sister!!!

Mom's always
busy with
her conservation
research...



work
work
work

So it'll be nice
to have an

**ADVENTURE
BUDDY!**

PLUS, two sets of eyeballs could mean
DOUBLE the **ANIMAL** observations!

Brooke, look!
A flying squirrel!

Oh! Thanks,
sis! I would
have missed
that!



And maybe...
just maybe...

It'll help me **FINALLY** check
off the last spot on my
**≡ MOST WANTED MAMMALS ≡
CHECKLIST!**



BROOKE'S TOP TEN MOST WANTED

(It was SO hard to
pick only ten!!!)

Mammals



#1 A MOOSE
(obviously)

How is it possible that I've been
living on the road for 56 years,
and I STILL haven't observed a
SINGLE MOOSE?!



↑ SO CUTE!

#2 KANGAROO RAT



Epic! →

#3 GRAY WHALE



#4 RIVER OTTER



#5 BISON



#6 BEAVER



#7 RINGTAIL



#8 WOLVERINE



#9 MOUNTAIN GOAT



#10 PORCUPINE

BROO
MO



Are you
excited, Jayla?!

Can't wait,
Brooke!



Scribble
Scribble





chirp
chirp

It's the worst
when we get to a new
campsite so late...

babble
babble

I want to explore!

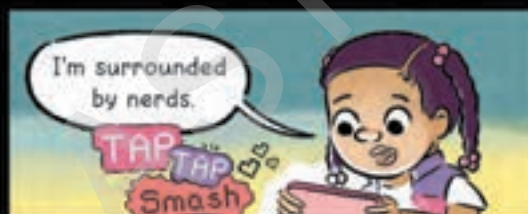
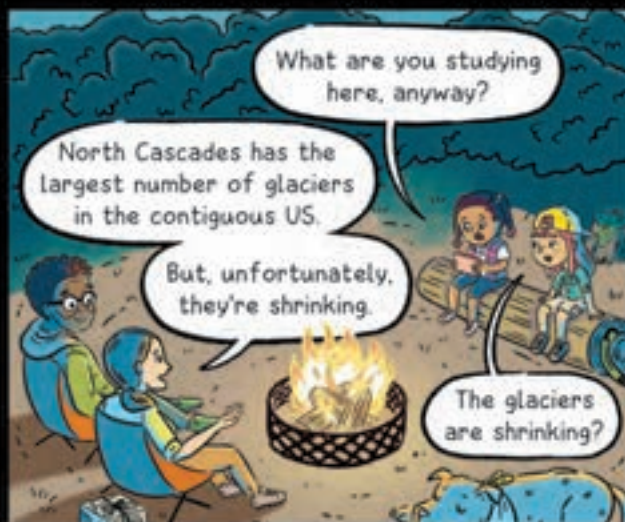
I wish we could've gotten
here sooner, too.

Terrence and I
have a lot of data
to collect and not a
lot of time to do it.

But sommmmebody tried to pack too many kitchen
gadgets and slowed us down this morning.

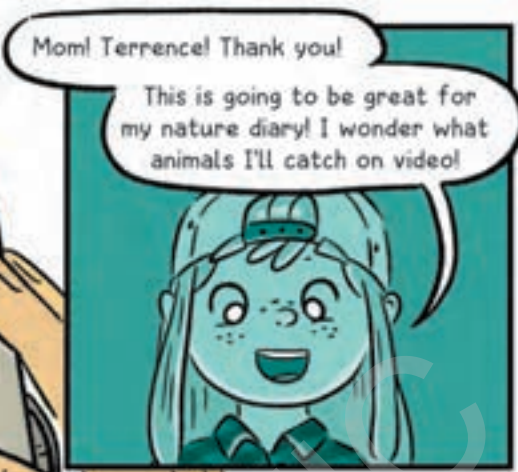
I have no idea who
you're referring
to, Wendy.

ha
ha ha
ha











Things like tracks, dens, or even poop!

Here! This is what we're looking for...



Okay, but I'm sticking close to you.









Who's ready
for --

CAKE!

My dad makes
the best cakes!



MAKE
A
WISH!



All right, let's eat
cake inside the RV.
It's getting chilly!



INSIDE

OUR RV



The Dinner Table

Doubles as a desk
for schoolwork +
important research

Slide-out

Magically creates
more floor room



Lots of storage under bed

Solar batteries,
camping gear, water
tanks, off-season clothing
+ more

The fridge

Full of yummy
food, snacks +
wild berries

Tiny Bathroom

With tiny shower
+ tiny toilet

Over-Cab Storage

Boxes full of mostly
Mom + Terrence's work
stuff like plant specimens,
books, files + more books



MY BUNK

TUCO

JAYLA'S BUNK


Drawers under bunk beds

This is where
Jayla + I keep
most of our stuff.

This is where I sleep.
I asked Jayla if she
wanted the top bunk.
She said she prefers the
bottom. (I'm kinda glad.
I love it up here!)

Tiny Kitchen
complete with
sink, stove +
tiny oven

Home +
Sweet
Home



Your dad does make the best cake. This has been an awesome birthday!

It's not over yet!

type type type
type type type





WAIT NO...







SQUEEEAK!



Marmots

FUN FACTS

- ★ Marmots are the largest member of the squirrel family, making them the **KING of FLOOFS!**

★ They are also sometimes called **ROCK CHUCKS.**

★ They hibernate 6 to 9 months a year in burrows up to **20 FEET** below ground!

Dear Diary,

We're all set up at our campsite. This will be home for the next 5 days.

I hope Jayla likes living the nomad life! She left her school + her big room + almost all her stuff to come travel with us...

It's a pretty big change.

What am I saying?
Of course she'll love it!
I'll make sure of it!

♥ Brooke







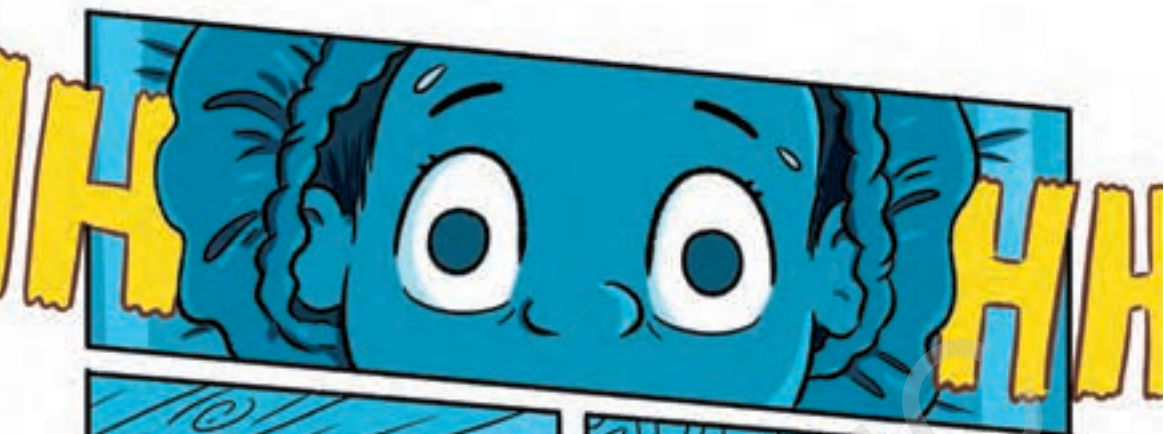
SCREEEE





AAAAHHHH

















Chapter 2





TIME TO TAKE A HIKE!

Brooke's always out on the trail, living a life full of adventure and documenting her wilderness findings in her nature diary. But Brooke is in for the biggest adventure of her life: her BFF, Jayla, is now her new stepsister! Brooke finally has someone to join her on the trail, and, together, they just might spot the one thing Brooke's been aching to see most – a moose! Brooke and her blended family are settling into their new life nicely, but when Jayla announces that she and her dad spotted a moose on the trail while Brooke was back at camp, life in the family RV suddenly starts to feel crowded.

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