by Guy Belleranti

Grace arrived at the slumber party feeling both excited and nervous. She'd made a friend at her new school and been invited to a slumber party. But this slumber party was different. It was outside.



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family, the three girls rose to go out to their tent.

"Wish I could come," Eric said. "I like scary stories, too."

"It's a sleepover for girls only," said Madeline.

"Yeah," said Beth. "And anyways, the story I've got to tell is too scary for you."

Madeline told a story first.

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Grace shivered when Madeline had finished. "Wow, that was spooky!"

Beth laughed. "If you think that's spooky, wait 'til you hear my story."

Beth started her story. Suddenly, a wailing sound came from behind the tent.

"What was that?" Grace gasped.

"I-I don't know," Madeline whispered.

The wail came again. Then the tent began to shake.

"It's trying to get in!" cried Beth.

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"Yeah," said Beth. "You're a real superhero."

Grace smiled. "Let's finish our scary stories," she said. "Then we can tell funny stories and eat that popcorn I brought."

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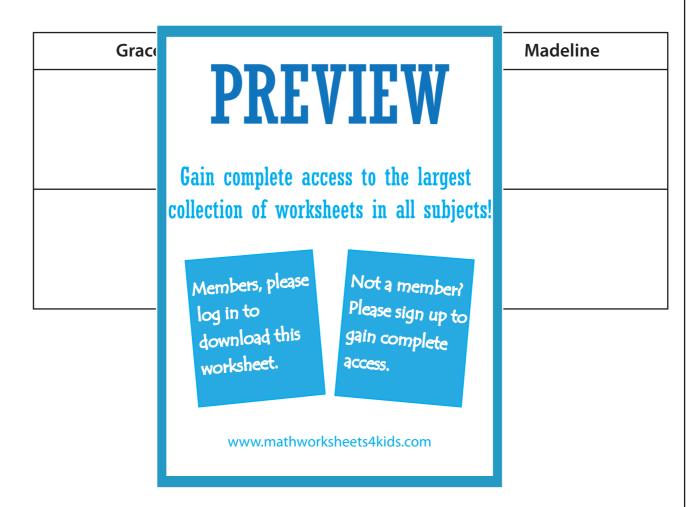
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