

# Secret Spies Get Scared

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## Chapter 1

### Hiding a Pig

It was a cold winter day. There was snow on the ground. The Secret Spies were walking to the pet store. Lulu the pig was walking with them.

Jo said, "We need to have spy practice. What should we do?"

Alex said, "Since we're going to the pet store, let's do something there."

Jo said, "Sometimes spies have to hide things, even when people are in the same room. Let's practice hiding something in the pet store."

“How about hiding something big?”

Jayden asked. “Like Lulu!”

Alex said, “Hiding a pig in a store sounds really hard. Let’s do it!”

The Secret Spies kept walking. They walked by a barn. The barn was very old.

“That barn is really creepy,” said Jo.

“I hear it’s haunted,” said Jayden.



“What makes it haunted?” asked Alex.

“People say there are lights on late at night,” said Jo.

“There are noises, too,” said Jayden.

“Voices chanting and other creepy sounds.”

“Maybe we should find out what’s going on at the barn,” said Alex.

“OK,” said Jo. “But first we need to hide a pig in a pet store.”

“How should we hide Lulu?” asked Jayden.

“I know!” said Jo. “I’ll hide her in my coat. I’ll carry my coat around the store.”

Alex said, “Jayden and I will practice, too. We’ll go in first. We’ll keep people busy so they don’t notice you.”

It was a long walk to town. The Secret Spies stopped near the pet store.

Jo took off her big winter coat. She picked up Lulu and hid her in the coat. Lulu grunted and went to sleep.

Jo waited outside the pet store. Alex and Jayden went inside. They found a worker.

“Hi!” Jayden said to the worker. “Do you have pig food here?”

“Yes,” said the worker. “I’ll show you where it is.” He took Alex and Jayden to the back of the store.

Jo saw them go. Then she came into the store. She started walking around. No one saw Lulu. She was still sleeping inside the coat.

Then Lulu made a loud grunt.

“What was *that*?” asked the worker.

"I didn't hear anything," said Jayden.

Jo went around a corner. Granny Pickle was there. She was holding a bag of dog food.



Jo stopped. *Why is Granny Pickle here?*  
*she thought. And why is she buying dog food?*  
*We don't have a dog!*

Jo didn't want Granny to see her. She

didn't make a sound. She walked softly away.

Jo went to the front of the store. Alex and Jayden were there. They were paying for Lulu's food. "I'll wait for you outside," Jo told them. "Hurry!"

Alex and Jayden finished buying the pig food. They rushed outside.

"What's going on, Jo?" Alex asked.

"Granny's in there," Jo said. "She's getting dog food."

"You don't have a dog!" said Jayden.



## Chapter 2

### Questions and Secrets

The Secret Spies started walking home.

“Why did we have to leave so fast?” asked Jayden. “Why didn’t we say hi to Granny Pickle?”

“There are two reasons,” said Jo. “First, I wanted to leave without Granny seeing me. Granny sees everything. If I can hide from her, I’m a really good spy!”

“What’s the second reason?” asked Jayden.

“I think I know,” said Alex. “Granny was getting dog food. We don’t have a dog.



So Granny is keeping a secret. Jo wants to find out what it is.”

“That’s right,” said Jo.

The Secret Spies kept walking. It was cold. Even Lulu had a coat on.



Granny Pickle passed them on her motor bike. She waved. They waved back.

At last they got home. Alex said, “Do you think Granny will tell us where she was?”

“I don’t know,” said Jo.

The Secret Spies went inside. Granny

Pickle was in the kitchen drinking coffee.

“Hi, spies!” she said. “How is your day going?”

“Great!” said Jo. “We had spy practice.”

“I know,” said Granny Pickle. “You hid in the pet store.”

“You saw me?” asked Jo.

“Yes,” said Granny Pickle. “I saw Lulu, too. Her tail was sticking out of your coat.”

“Well, I saw you, too, Granny!” said Jo. “You were getting dog food!”

“Dog food?” asked Granny. “I was getting dog food?”

“Yes!” Jo said.

Alex said, “We don’t have a dog. Why

were you getting dog food?"

Granny thought for a minute. "Oh, yes, I forgot. I was getting dog food for Perla."

Jayden asked, "Your friend Perla?"

"Yes," said Granny. "You know, she has that little dog. The one that barks all the time."

Just then someone knocked on the door.

"That must be Perla now," Granny said. She went to answer the door.

"Hi, Perla!" she said. "Oh, and June is here, too. Come in!"

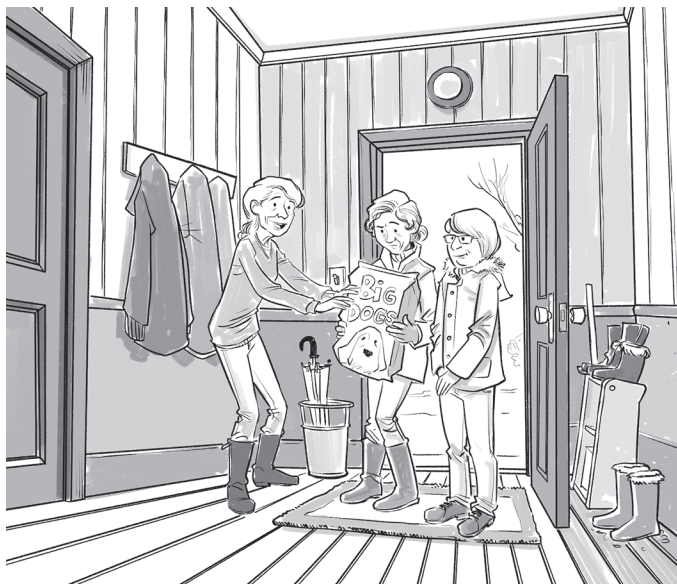
Granny's friends came in. Perla said, "Did you get the—"

"Yes!" Granny said. "I got the dog food. Here it is. Your little dog will love it!"

“But—” Perla said.

“No need to thank me,” said Granny Pickle.

“But—” Perla said.



Granny said, “Come into the kitchen and have a cup of coffee. And say hi to the kids!”

“Oh—” said Perla. “Oh, the kids. I see!”

The three friends came into the kitchen.

“Hi, kids!” said Perla and June.

“Hi!” said the Secret Spies. Jayden added,  
“I should go home now.”

Alex said, “We’ll walk you to the door.”

As the Secret Spies left the kitchen, they  
saw June do something. She made her hands  
into a heart shape. Then she said, “HAH!”

And Granny said, “Shhhhh!!!”

