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Chapter 1

Time to Prank!



On Saturday, Finn called all the north-side kids over to his tree house. One by one, his friends climbed the rope ladder and gave the secret handshake.

"Jackson and his tree-house gang have gone one prank too far!" Finn announced.

"What have they done?" asked Ellie.

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"Remember I was playing with my basketball yesterday?" said Finn. "Now it's missing. I bet Jackson took it for a joke. It's probably in that tree house right now." He pointed out the window at Jackson's tree house. Jackson and his friends were having their own meeting. Jackson smiled and waved at them.

Hunter agreed. "Remember when someone hid our bikes? Jackson and his friends could have done that."

"Have you got any proof?" asked Maggie.

Finn shook his head. "As leader of our tree house, I say it's time to prank them back!"

"Prank?" said Maggie.

Finn reached into a cardboard box and took out a heavy water balloon. "A surprise soaking!" he laughed.

He pointed to a map on the table. It showed two tree houses and the prank plan.

"Pretty good, huh?" Finn said with a smile.

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