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Lily-May and Gus to look after the
magical beasts. Will they be able
to follow his instructions?

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Chapter 1

Dear Toothy-Grinned Gus and Bright-Eyed Lily-May,
I've gone for a wander. I'll be back at exactly the
right time. Please look after the magical beasts.
Follow these instructions carefully and all will be well.
Thank you.
Love, Grandad.

Lily-May and her older brother, Gus, were spending Saturday at Grandad's. They loved helping out at his very special animal rescue centre deep in the Scottish Highlands: The Home for Magical Beasts.

"Is this another one of Grandad's jokes?"
said Lily-May.

"I don't know," said Gus. "Read his note
again."

Grandad had left the note poking out of
a large book next to the biscuit tin in the
kitchen. Lily-May slowly read out the note
to Gus again.



“Hmm. The note sounds a bit strange, but I think Grandad is serious,” said Gus. “And his hang glider has gone, so he’s definitely not here. He’s really left us in charge of the magical beasts!”

“Oooh, exciting!” Lily-May said. “But what about the big book? Do we need the book as well as the instructions?”

Gus looked at the cover of the book. “It’s called *Magical Beasts for Beginners*, but we’ve been helping Grandad look after the magical beasts for years! I already know lots about them. *I’m* not a beginner!”

“But I like this book,” said Lily-May. “Look at these beautiful pictures! And all this extra information about the beasts! I’m going to keep it with me, just in case...”

“Whatever!” said Gus.





Chapter 2

“Instruction number 1,” said Lily-May.

Check the tricky pixies and the three
young elves,
Are playing nicely and behaving themselves.

“They’re probably in here,” said Gus,
running up the steps to the tree house.
He peeped inside. “Great! They’re all fast
asleep.”



“Really?” said Lily-May. “They’re usually
very lively.”

“Yep! Sleeping like babies,” said Gus. “That
was easy-peasy. What’s next?”

“Instruction number 2,” said Lily-May,
giggling. “It’s another of Grandad’s funny
rhyming ones.”