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Sofia and weekly Butte "Gather ro the troop's lo The scout with their off "You're Bo Jade explains to Peg that Buttercups can earn special badges. "For every new activity you do—like swimming, bird calling, or fort building—you earn a badge for your vest."

"When a Buttercup's vest is filled with badges, she receives a special sunflower pin," continues Mrs. Hanshaw.

Meg glances at Sofia's vest. "Sofia, it looks like your vest is almost full!"

Mrs. Hanshaw smiles. "Yes, Sofia only needs one more badge to get her pin. Tomorrow is her big chance—we'll be going on a hike through Peppertree Forest."

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The next morning, Sofia puts on her Buttercup uniform and packs a small backpack.

"It's a perfect day for a hike," says Mom.

"It sure is!" Sofia agrees.

Just then, Baileywick appears in the front hall dressed in a Groundhog uniform and carrying an enormous backpack.

"A Groundhog is always prepared!" he says, laughing.

Miranda gives Sofia a kiss good-bye. "Don't worry, everything will be just fine."

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Baileywick pulls out a foldable throne when she wants to sit.

He even pours her a drink in a fancy royal goblet and serves it on a silver tray.

Sofia wishes Baileywick would stop fussing over her. She just wants to hike like the other Buttercups!

It's time for the troop to earn their birdhouse badges. Sofia can't wait! She scurries behind a bush to start gathering twigs for the project.

Baileywick chases after her. "I'll take the twigs—you might get a scratch."

Baileywick pulls out a toolbox from his backpack and starts building a birdhouse.

"I can do it myself," Sofia tells him. But Baileywick just keeps working.

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Sofia is excited, because she has another chance to earn a badge. This time it's for gathering wood in the forest.

"No splinters for you, Princess," chirps Baileywick. "I'll gather your wood in no time!"

"Baileywick, wait!" pleads Sofia.

But Baileywick doesn't listen. He picks up every log, branch, and twig in sight.

"Time's u Baileywicl gathered the "I'm sorry herself," Mrs Everyone At lunchtime, the Buttercups build a campfire and start roasting hot dogs.

When Baileywick begins to roast a hot dog for Sofia, she speaks up.

"Baileywick, I can do all of these tasks myself," she says.

"And if I don't, I won't earn my sunflower pin."

Baileywick realizes that Sofia is right.

He promises to leave her alone.

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Sofia skips into the meadow, with Baileywick following close behind her. Not wanting to risk the princess's getting a rash, he grabs a bunch of flowers from the meadow for her.

"Oh, no! What are you doing?" asks Sofia.

"Why, I picked these for you," answers Baileywick.

"But that's Meddlesome Myrtle!" Sofia cries.

With the castle doctor's help, Baileywick is soon feeling better. King Roland thanks him for watching out for Sofia.

"She didn't need me at all—I was the one who needed her help!" Baileywick admits. "She's a great leader, just like you."

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The Buttercups have something special for Baileywick, too.

"We'd like to make you an honorary Buttercup troop leader,"

Sofia announces, helping him into a Buttercup vest.

"I'm honored," says Baileywick.

Then he raises his bandaged arm to recite the official pledge with Sofia: "Buttercups, Buttercups! Watch us bloom!"

"Everything?" Princess Jun exclaims. "But we've learned so much!"

The fairies explain that the test will take place in the ballroom right after school. "Good luck, everyone!" Fauna says as the fairies flutter out.

The girls head to the library to prepare for the Princess Test.

The librarian, Mrs. Higgins, finds them books to study and wishes them luck.

Sofia starts to worry. "I haven't been a princess very long. There's so much I don't know."

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"You go on without me," Sofia says as the others head for the ballroom. "I want to make sure my dress looks perfect."

The other princesses pass Mrs. Higgins. "Princess Amber!" the librarian calls out. "Can you help me?"

"I wish I could, Mrs. Higgins," Amber replies. "But the Princess Test is about to start."

"I understand, dear," Mrs. Higgins says. She asks Jun and Hildegard for help, but both girls apologize and hurry past as well. Soon they come to a narrow path between two boulders.

"After you, my dear!" offers Mrs. Higgins. Sofia steps forward. Then she stops. "I'm so sorry," she says. "A proper princess would say 'after you'!"

Mrs. Higgins smiles. "But you are a proper princess."

"Well, I wasn't born a princess," Sofia sighs. "Sometimes I feel like I need to keep proving that I belong."

Mrs. Higgins pats her shoulder. "From what I've seen, Sofia, I think you make a wonderful princess."

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Sofia follows Mrs. Higgins over the slippery rocks. While she tries to keep her balance, she drops her fan in the water.

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Once again, Mrs. Higgins offers to let Sofia turn back. But Sofia knows the books are too heavy for one person to carry.

"I'm not leaving until we get you home," Sofia insists. "Besides, my gown still looks nice. My sister said that's the most important part of the test."

"I'm so sorry, Sofia," Mrs. Higgins says, arriving at her door.

"But I couldn't have made it home without you. Thank you!"

Sofia smiles. "You're welcome. I may have missed the Princess
Test, but it was worth it."

Mrs. Higgins has a twinkle in her eye. "Don't give up on that test just yet. Come this way. . . . "

Mrs. Higg into the Roy along with F "Sofia!" A what happer Sofia is confused—especially when she sees a second Mrs. Higgins standing nearby! The first Mrs. Higgins pulls out a wand and transforms into Fauna.

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"I used magic to make myself look like Mrs. Higgins," Fauna explains. "It was all part of the Princess Test! One of the most important things about being a princess is practicing kindness. A true princess always helps a person in need."

Amber and the other princesses all end up doing well on the Princess Test. The fairies reward them with sparkly silver stars.

But Sofia was the only one who stopped to help Mrs. Higgins, so she wins a special gold trophy.

"Can I hold it?" Amber asks eagerly.

"Of course you can," Princess Sofia says with a smile.

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"Tis I, Sir Kirby! The bravest knight in all of McStuffins Kingdom," Sir Kirby announces as he bursts out of the toy castle to greet his friends.

The toys all cheer, and Sir Kirby bows in appreciation.

"We're so glad Donny is letting you sleep over tonight," says Doc. "It's going to be so much fun."

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"Uh, excuse me, did you say you'd be turning *off* the lights?"

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First the gang builds a tower of blocks then it's time for the sleeping bag hopping race and, finally, the slumber party fashion show! The friends laugh and play late into the night. They all agree that this is the best sleepover party ever!

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Sir Kirby struggles for an answer. "Well, you see, uh . . . I haven't done my nightly check of the room. It's one of my most important knightly duties." He hops off the table and stops at the edge of Doc's bed to make sure the coast is clear. "I need to make sure there are no monsters here. After all, I do need to keep fair Princess

Lambie and Madame Hallie safe."

When the lights accidentally get switched off, Sir Kirby

screeches at the top of his lungs!

"Yiiiiiiiiiiiiikes!"

"But, Lady McStuffins, how can I be a brave knight if I'm afraid?" asks Sir Kirby.

"Everyone's afraid of something, even brave knights," Doc assures Sir Kirby. "I'm afraid of thunder and lightning."

"I'm afraid of hurting people's feelings," says Lambie, "and of polka dots. I do NOT like polka dots!"

"I'm afraid of getting too hot, getting too cold, melting, getting lost under the bed, being mistaken for a dog toy, being mistaken for a baby toy, and bananas . . . oh, and pickles!" announces Chilly.

"Well, I'm not a fraid of anything . . . er, except spiders!" admits Stuffy.

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"To treat you, I need to know exactly what caused your Dark Willies," says Doc.

Sir Kirby thinks about it and points toward Doc's rocking chair, which has Doc's jacket hanging from it. "When darkness fell, I saw something strange over there—like a scary monster!"

Doc, Lambie, and Stuffy inspect the rocking chair.
"Nothing scary over here,"
Stuffy reports.

When the lights go out, Kirby looks toward the rocking chair. "Aaack!" screams Sir Kirby. "Over there—it's the scary monster!"

Doc quickly switches on her flashlight. "No, it's not a monster—it's just the way the jacket looks on the chair when the lights are out. Nothing to be afraid of here!"

"By Jove, you're right!" says Sir Kirby.

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With the Dark Willies gone, the friends are ready to tell bedtime stories. But as soon as he gets into his sleeping bag, Sir Kirby falls fast asleep.

"Looks like the good knight just needed a night-light to say good night!" Lambie says softly.

Doc nods and whispers, "Nighty-night, brave knight!"

Doc notices something familiar in one of the boxes. It's a stuffed bear named Teddy B. He used to be her brother's favorite toy! Donny and Teddy B went everywhere together.

"I bet Donny doesn't even know he's here," says Doc. "He'll be so happy to see Teddy B!"

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But all of a sudden, Donny begins to sneeze. "Achoo!"

Then he sneezes again and again. "Achoo, achoo—ACHOO!"

Poor Donny can't stop sneezing! Tears start to well in his eyes, and his nose gets all stuffed up.

Doc is concerned. "Donny, are you okay?"

Doc takes Lambie, Stuffy, and Teddy B to her room. Doc's stethoscope starts to glow, and all the toys come to life.

"I'm so sorry, Teddy B," Doc tells the bear.

"It's okay," he says sadly. "I'm just not Donny's toy anymore."

Doc has an idea. "Teddy B, there's something about you that makes Donny sneeze," she says. "Let's see if we can find out what it is!"

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"Okay, Teddy B, it's time for
your checkup!"

First Doc listens to his
heartbeat and checks his eyes
and ears.

"Now I'm going to test your reflexes by gently tapping your knee with my rubber hammer," Doc explains.

As Doc taps Teddy B's knee, a cloud of dust flies up into the air!
Lambie and Stuffy start to cough.
"Wow! That is some dusty.

"Wow! That is some dusty, dusty dust," croaks Lambie.

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Lambie and Stuffy follow Doc and Teddy B into the house.
On the way, Doc explains her plan to Teddy B. "All we have to do to cure you is to wash off the dust. It's that simple!"
Inside, Doc asks her mom if she'll
help wash away Teddy B's
Dusty-Musties.
Mom inspects the bear and agrees with Doc's plan.
"I second your diagnosis,"
she says. "A good wash is just what this bear needs."

Lambie and Stuffy want to help Teddy B. They know he's feeling nervous about getting washed. Lambie has an idea.

"What if we go in the washing machine with you?" she suggests.

Stuffy turns to Doc. "Ooh, can we?" he asks.

"Well, you both could certainly use a wash," says Doc, giggling. "That sounds like a great idea!"

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Soon the toys are ready. They feel clean and smell great after the wash.

"That was fun!" Teddy B tells Doc. "And look at me—I'm clean! No dust!"

Doc gently taps his knee. "And no more dust clouds! I'm happy to report that you are officially cured of the Dusty-Musties," she says.

"Are you ready to see Donny now?" asks Doc.

"Boy, am I!" shouts the bear.

"No more Dusty-Musties for Teddy B!" cheers Lambie.

"Great job, Doc!" adds Stuffy.

"Thanks, guys!" says Doc. "But I couldn't have done it without you."

