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# A Surprising Snack



“I’m so excited to go to a real professional baseball game, Kirsty!” Rachel Walker said, squeezing her best friend’s hand. Together, they stepped off the city bus outside the stadium.

“Me, too!” Kirsty Tate said with a little skip. “Thanks so much for inviting



me along this weekend. Cove City is the best!”

Rachel grinned. Kirsty was right—Cove City was one of her very favorite places to visit. Luckily, her cousin Ivy’s family lived in the city, so Rachel and her parents came to see them often. But this weekend, they were here for a very special occasion: Ivy’s high school graduation! There

were lots of activities planned, and the girls couldn’t wait to see and do as much as possible during their trip. They





always had magical adventures when they were together!

Kirsty and Rachel stopped to look around inside the stadium's enormous entryway. Everything was decorated in blue and white, the colors of the Cove City Gulls baseball team. There were food carts, gift shops, trophy cases, and banners celebrating the team as far as the eye could see.





“Come on, you two!” Ivy called from up ahead, with the rest of her cousins close behind. “The field is this way!”

The girls ran to catch up to the group. “It’s so cool that we get to come early to watch batting practice and meet the players,” Kirsty said breathlessly.

Ivy’s eyes sparkled. “I’m a huge Gulls fan,” she said, “so this is the perfect way to celebrate this special weekend—here, with all of you!” She

gave Rachel’s and Kirsty’s shoulders a squeeze.

Ivy led the group down a long hallway. As they stepped



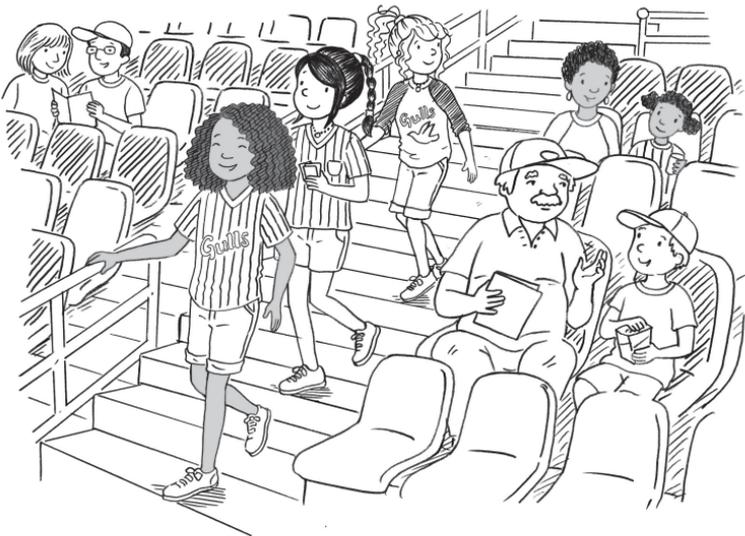


out into the sunshine, rows of seats and the wide, green baseball field stretched out before them. Rachel and Kirsty had never seen anything like it!

“I had no idea the field was so big!” Rachel exclaimed.

Kirsty nodded in wonder. “It’s hard to tell when you’re watching the game on TV.”

The girls followed Ivy and the rest of Rachel’s cousins down to a row of blue and white seats right behind home plate.





“Settle in,  
everyone!”

Ivy said  
with a  
big smile.

“First, the  
team takes  
batting  
practice,  
and then we’ll

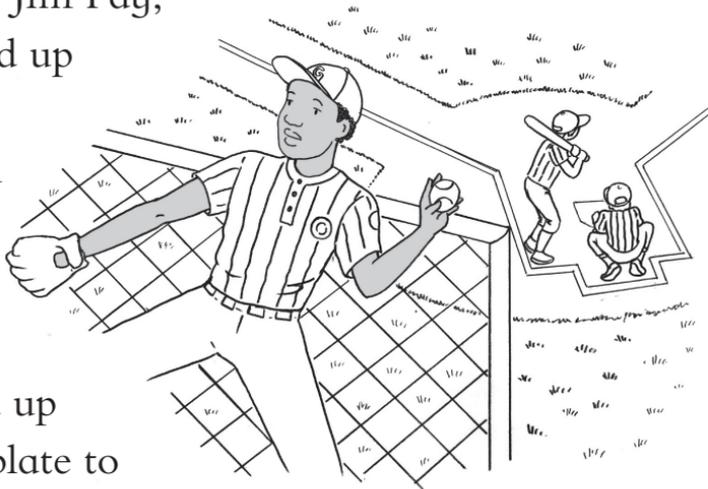
get a chance to go onto the field.”

Rachel shivered with excitement at the  
thought of it.

Someone dressed as Sully, the team’s  
seagull mascot, came around to hand out  
popcorn, peanuts, and boxes of Cracker  
Jack. The group cheered wildly as the  
Gulls took the field. Their starting



pitcher, Jim Fay,  
warmed up  
in the  
bullpen  
while  
other  
players  
stepped up  
to the plate to  
practice hitting.



“This is already such a great day—and it’s barely even started,” Rachel said to Kirsty, pulling open the top of her Cracker Jack box.

Before Kirsty could reply, the girls were hit with a rush of air and a puff of twinkling dust.

“What was that?” Kirsty cried.





Rachel looked down at her snack. “I think it came from my Cracker Jack box,” she said in surprise. Then she lowered her voice, looking around to make sure none of her cousins overheard. “Kirsty, do you think that could have been . . . fairy dust?”

Kirsty’s eyes grew wide. Both girls held



their breath as Rachel pulled back the flap of the box again.

Sure enough, nestled inside among the popcorn and peanuts was a tiny, sparkling fairy!