



“THE CANDY STORE”

IT WAS A VERY HOT DAY and Brooke was looking for a cool place to kill some time before meeting her friends for their weekly softball game. The game did not start for another hour, and the store looked very inviting with lollipops of every imaginable color hanging in the window. Brooke did not remember ever seeing this candy store, although she could have easily overlooked it because her mom usually drove her to this part of town. But today, Brooke walked, and it gave her the chance to notice things she had never noticed before.

The store’s air conditioning blasted Brooke’s face as she pulled open the door. Inside, chocolates and jellybeans and gummies kept from melting in the cool air. But oddly, the store was empty. No one was even behind the counter. “Hello?” Brooke called. No answer. “Hello? Is anyone here? Again no answer, but a large box of chocolates fell from a high shelf, exposing a small secret door.

What happens next?