

Camp Luna Pines

CHAPTER 1. THE BEGINNING, BUT AFTER. (CAMP FIRE)

AUDREY: Bonfire time!

NOLAN: Let me tell it.

KIKI: Nolan, you always tell it, let Leah do it.

LEAH: Thank you, Kiki.

MICHAEL: Tell it! They wanna hear it.

LEAH: Hi everyone! My name is Leah and this is my year to tell the campfire story. So here goes...

I believe in ghosts. Or some version of ghosts. Always have. I mean, why not? They can do anything they want— walk through walls, travel by floating, be invisible when they want to be...actually seems pretty great...

In the middle of my 6th grade year, my parents moved from Chicago to Wisconsin. I became an invisible girl with invisible friends and a visible fear of everything. So after 6 weeks of being invisible at my new school, my parents decided Summer Camp was a great idea. So. They googled camps, found Camp Luna Pines, and the next thing I knew, I was being dropped off and sneaking my headphones into my backpack.

I immediately realized I arrived late and followed a pack of campers into the Auditorium for Counselor Robb's yearly camp speech, accompanied by powerpoint...

CHAPTER 2. THE RULES. (CAMP AUDITORIUM)

ROBB: Now the campfire has been officially lit! Welcome to your first night at Camp Luna Pines!

AUDREY/KIKI: Hi Robb!

ROBB: All right. It's time for the 20th annual CRESCENT HUNT! This *team* hunt will begin in...3 minutes...at 8pm and will end with a winner or *not* when the camp bell rings at midnight. No exceptions. Please remember the story you just heard about the echo five.

LEAH: What happened to the echo five? (*everyone "shhhh's LEAH.*)

ROBB: That means no leaving the boundaries. There will be counselors stationed along the perimeter. Okay. A quick review of the rules. Most of you know the drill—

#1. Teams of 5.

#2. You've received a starter clue, a checklist of the 5 objects you seek to find, 5 photo challenges to complete, a map, and whistles.

#3. Designate one member of your team to be the photographer. They will be the only team member with a cell phone. As always, phones should be in airplane mode! Phones are for photos and emergencies only.

#3.5. Remember: at least 4 of your teammates need to take a photo with the object for it to count as found, then leave it for the next team.

#4. Return to the compass at the center of camp with photo proof of your completion of the Hunt's tasks, and your team will win the Crescent Cup! Which comes with tons of camp perks for the whole summer!

#5. Good luck! And...Let the Hunt BEGIN! (*Sound of campers leaving the auditorium.*)

LEAH: Arriving late, missing the bonfire, being the new girl again, AND standing alone in a sea of excited campers. I was definitely not doing this Hunt. With my headphones on, I started to grab my bag and head to my bunk. That's when I met Audrey and Kiki.

CHAPTER 3. TEAM UP. (CAMP AUDITORIUM)

AUDREY: Have you seen Kate?

LEAH: What? (*We hear some music LEAH's listening to from her headphone.*)

KIKI: Kate, have you seen her?

LEAH: I don't know who that is.

AUDREY: Where's your team?

LEAH: I don't have one. I don't know anyone and besides this isn't really my sort of thing. I'm not super social and I tend to get freaked out easily. My parent's made me come here for the summer.

AUDREY: That's lame. Middle school kids can be brutal. You can join us, if you want.

KIKI: But you should know. We're on a mission this year.

MICHAEL/NOLAN: A mission to WIN!!

AUDREY: Michael and Nolan this is...—what was your name?

LEAH: Leah.

AUDREY: Leah, she's new to camp and everyone else already teamed up.

MICHAEL: Everyone else are the worst.

NOLAN: Let's go then. Where is Kate?

AUDREY: She must not be playing this year? Or maybe she went ahead to get us the final item we couldn't find last year.

KIKI: Cool. What's the first clue say?

AUDREY: I stay in the corner, but travel around the world? Where am I?

NOLAN: How can you stay in one place, but also travel.

LEAH: It's a stamp, goes in the corner of a letter, but the letter goes all over the world.

KIKI: Our team just got an upgrade.

AUDREY: Stamps would be at the camp mailbox. Let's get going. Wait...who's going to be photographer?

AUDREY/KIKI/MICHAEL/NOLAN: Not it.

MICHAEL: It's settled. Leah. You're photographer!

LEAH: Okay....Hey wait up! So, maybe I was going on this team hunt after all. Here goes nothing. First stop, the Camp Mailbox...

CHAPTER 4. THE HUNT BEGINS. (CAMP MAILBOX)

NOLAN: This is our year. It has to be.

LEAH: How many years have you been trying?

ALL: A long time.

KIKI: Last year we came close. We got to the final location, but couldn't find the item in time.

NOLAN: Look a suitcase!

AUDREY: Well, open it up!

MICHAEL: Look! There are cards inside! If a falcon flies from Maine to Venezuela for the winter and then meets up with a new crew of falcons and follows them to Nigeria, what am I?

NOLAN: Superman!

KIKI: Nolan.

MICHAEL: That Falcon is a frequent flyer! (*laughing.*)

AUDREY: I know Venezuela is in South America, but I can't remember where.

LEAH: You're an L.

NOLAN: You're not a loser. Don't listen to her.

LEAH: No. Maine is way north in North America, Venezuela is at the top of South America, and Nigeria is in Africa...if you connect those dots, it makes an L shape. What? I really like geography. What's next?

MICHAEL: There's binoculars in here. And three more clue cards. Two Marsupials, An Asian form of unarmed combat, Both North and South. What am I?

NOLAN: Well, I take unarmed combat class on Wednesdays, aka Karate and it's really popular in Japan. So Japan?

KIKI: And marsupials are like Tasmanian Devils and stuff from Australia.

LEAH: And north and south are Americas?

NOLAN: Japan, Australia, North and South Americas? What could that be?

AUDREY: Wait, the first clue was an L, so this clue must be a letter too?

LEAH: But those don't make a letter when connecting the dots.

AUDREY: Right, but what do they all have in common? Two marsupials could be Kangaroo and Koala, which are the only two I knew.

KIKI: The cute ones.

AUDREY: Exactly. And then Karate like Nolan said.

NOLAN: Yeaah.

AUDREY: And north and south could also be Korea.

LEAH: Okay...so K! K and L...

KIKI: Check it out! The rims of these binoculars have two Os drawn on them.

MICHAEL: And here's another clue. I come first in Portugal and second in Spain. I appear once in airplanes and twice in passports. What am I?

KIKI: Portugal and Spain? Airplanes and Passports...What letter do all these have in common?

MICHAEL: Oh, I see. It's definitely P! First in Portugal, second in Spain. Once in airplanes. Twice in passports.

AUDREY: Awesome, Michael. One more!

MICHAEL: Last card. Don't forget to pack one of these. I go up when rain comes down. What am I? This is **just the beginning**. "Just the beginning" is in bold.

AUDREY: It's an umbrella.

MICHAEL: And U is the beginning. So we have U, P, L, K, O, O. POOL UK?

NOLAN: KOOLUP?

LEAH: LOOK UP!

NOLAN: Quick everyone look up! Look! Over there. It's the bandana. It's hanging from the Flag Pole.

KIKI: How are we going to get it?

NOLAN: Here Michael, get on my shoulders.

MICHAEL: Okay.

AUDREY: OR...a *way* better idea. Why don't we just use this...ladder right over here.

KIKI: *Way easier.*

MICHAEL: Nolan could've lifted me.

NOLAN: Yeah.

KIKI: You're literally twice his size...

AUDREY: (*Clearing her throat to get their attention.*) Go ahead, Leah, we'll hold the ladder for you.

MICHAEL: Yeah, Leah! Climb up!

LEAH: I'm okay. I'm not a huge fan of heights.

KIKI: Come on, Leah. You can do it.

NOLAN: We'll stand on either side and make sure you don't fall.

LEAH: I can't.

AUDREY: You gotta open your eyes.

KIKI: You got this.

MICHAEL: You're halfway!

AUDREY: Almost there!

LEAH: Item #1, the Bandana! *(the group cheers.)*

NOLAN: We did it! Photo time. I'll take it. Whoa. This phone is way different.

LEAH: You don't have an iPhone?

NOLAN: Nah. No phone anymore.

LEAH: That's cool. Just hit the circle at the bottom of the screen.

NOLAN: What's the photo challenge?

AUDREY: World's tallest girl. That's you, Leah.

KIKI: Look! The next clue is attached to the bandana. It's been a hot day, you're about to burst, rush to this, to quench your thirst. Hmm...maybe you two check the drink machines? and we'll check the dining hall? Blow your whistle if you find it. Cool?

LEAH: It was fun being part of a group and I actually seemed to be helping my group, which was awesome. I tucked the bandana into my backpack with my headphones, for the first time in a while, I didn't need them. We followed the clue to a possible location of the next item....

CHAPTER 5. A HISTORY LESSON. (CAMP DINING HALL)

AUDREY: Locked. So it's definitely not in the dining hall.

KIKI: Where else can we look? Thirst. Burst. The sink?

AUDREY: Refrigerator?

LEAH: Who are the echo five?

AUDREY/KIKI: Huh?

LEAH: Counselor Robb mentioned the echo five? I missed the story, I guess?

AUDREY: Yeah, they tell their story at the bonfire every year. The echo five are a group who found Gondolin Cave during Crescent Hunt's first year, the summer of 2000, but a rockslide closed their way out. They were never found.

KIKI: Some say that their ghosts have unfinished business and still haunt the camp. Late at night you can hear the echoes of their voices or whistles or rocks being scratched together. *(whistle blows.)*

LEAH: What was that?

AUDREY: Just the boys. Maybe they found something. Come on.

(THE WATER FOUNTAIN)

NOLAN: Do you think they heard us?

MICHAEL: Try again. *(whistle.)*

KIKI: We heard you...

NOLAN: Look!

KIKI: Of course. The water fountain!

MICHAEL: Yeah, we were on our way to the vending machines when we saw the water fountain and then this! The water fountain opens up and inside there's this revolving dial thingy with a locked box attached to it. We need 4 numbers for the dial code. How are we supposed to come up with the numbers though?

NOLAN: It says here on the side of the fountain, we have to choose someone to go in the girl's bathroom stall where the answer to the code is. Only trick...that person cannot talk once they enter the bathroom.

LEAH: I'm not going in there. The light's out.

AUDREY: It's cool, Leah. I got it. *(2 knocks and then 3 short slides of her fist on the door.)*

KIKI: What is she doing?

NOLAN: No clue. Just read us the numbers, Audrey. *(NOLAN laughs.)*

MICHAEL: She knocked five times, it must be five.

LEAH: Wait. It's got to correspond to this code key. Do it again, Audrey. *(She does it again.)* She's doing a dot and a slash which according to this morse code chart is a two. Next one please, Audrey? *(1 short fist slide, 4 knocks.)* That's a 6, right? Can you knock once for yes and twice for no? *(1 knock.)*

KIKI: Can I try?

LEAH: Definitely. *(4 knocks and 1 slide.)*

KIKI: That's the opposite of 6, so 4? Yes or no? *(1 knock.)* YES!

LEAH: And the last one? *(5 short slides.)* Five? *(2 knocks.)*

KIKI: Wait, those were short slides, not knocks, right? It's a 0.

NOLAN: All right, so I turned the dials to the code is 2640...? And the box opened! *(Team cheers.)*

KIKI: Yes! Teamwork Dreamwork!

NOLAN: You can come out now, Audrey.

LEAH: Whoa. The sketches in this book are really good.

KIKI: Thanks...just kidding. I don't know who drew those. Whoa, those *are* really good. I used to want to be an artist.

LEAH: Not anymore?

KIKI: Nah, changed my mind, I guess.

AUDREY: The photo challenge is sculptures.

MICHAEL: There's a bathing suit in the box too and it says, "take me swimming." It's gotta be the lake. Last one there!

LEAH: We rushed to the lake. I ran faster than I ever had to keep up. Our team was seriously on a mission and I was on a mission not to get freaked out....

CHAPTER 6. FEET FIRST. (THE LAKE.)

(lake sounds.)

AUDREY:no need Nolan...We already told her the story of the echo five.

NOLAN: Oh, did you tell her about the rock piles?

LEAH: Rock piles?

NOLAN: Yeah, throughout the summer, small rock piles with hundreds of tiny rocks will appear throughout the camp with no one claiming to have built them. Oooooooo...

LEAH: That's weird and sorta creepy.

MICHAEL: Definitely. Okay. This map only says, "point to the circle inside the square." I don't see any circles anywhere on this beach.

KIKI: Me neither.

AUDREY: Spread out and see if you see any circles.

LEAH: So, the circle could be big or small, right? *(everyone disappears.)*

AUDREY: Yeah.

LEAH: I found this beach ball...

ROBB: Hi...Leah, was it?

LEAH: Yeah, Hi Counselor Robb.

ROBB: Where's the rest of your team, Leah?

LEAH: They were just right here...*(She blows her whistle.)*

ROBB: I'm going to have to take you back to the cabins if you don't have a team.

LEAH: I do, they're just looking for circles, I guess? They were just here.

ROBB: Okay, I'm going to make my rounds, but if I come back here and no team, you're going to have to come back. Okay?

LEAH: Yeah. I don't understand where they went! Guys! Hello! Where are you? *(Whistles in the distance, faint talking, scratching rocks, and laughing coming from the rest of the team.)* NOT FUNNY.

NOLAN: It was just a joke.

LEAH: Well it wasn't funny. You know what? That's it! This camp is getting creepier by the second with the rock piles and echoes and whistles and you all playing tricks on me! I'm done with this hunt thing. It's like this is a sequel horror movie and I'm the new girl in the group who disappears and someone is like, what happened to...what was her name? And the popular girl is like, "who knows, I'm sure she's fine," but she isn't fine she fell down the side of a mountain and a creature is waiting—

MICHAEL: This isn't Blair Witch.

AUDREY: You have to be on our team, Leah. See, LEAH. We know your name and we aren't gonna forget it. You've solved so much already. We can't do this without you. We're your friends. Your new friends for the summer.

LEAH: I don't know. All the creepy stories of kids who were trapped and you all hiding from me and making look stupid. Makes me scared to go anywhere at this camp. Plus...*(under her breath.)* I get freaked out by the dark, heights, spiders, snakes, blood, ghosts, tennis rackets, sharp thi—

MICHAEL: Tennis rackets?

LEAH: It's a long story.

AUDREY: One that we will have time for all summer. Come on, Leah. You can do this. We've got your back.

NOLAN: But first we've got to get the next item. The note said "take me swimming" so I put on the bathing suit and went swimming. I found this map in the pocket and then the paper got wet and this circle appeared.

KIKI: How do we point to the circle then?

LEAH: I think it means the point of the circle. The center point. Look. These 4 things on the beach are all circles: the sandcastle bucket, the hoola hoop over there, the beach ball, and post of the dock here make up the four-points of a square and the circle is inside of the square.

I'm gonna draw a circle in the sand with my hand like this. *(she does.)* Now. Kiki, you and Nolan walk from there and there across the circle. Good. The two intersecting lines they just made make a point on the sand where the item is buried?

AUDREY: Michael, come help me dig here! *(they do.)*

MICHAEL: Come here, Leah. See what's here.

LEAH: It's a fossil.

NOLAN: Photo time! Get in, everyone.

KIKI: The photo challenge is dinosaurs.

AUDREY: Come on, look! There are markers pointing the way into the woods. We've only got 2 hours left!

LEAH: *Seriously?* The woods in the dark? The bad ideas just keep coming.... Ugh! Okay, but no more pranks. Right team? Team? Wait for me!

CHAPTER 7. A CLOSER LOOK. (THE WOODS.)

(Sounds of things you would hear in the woods.)

MICHAEL: Kate!

LEAH: I can't see anything.

AUDREY: Kate! Get outta my way, Nolan.

KIKI: I can feel you breathing on my neck.

LEAH: Sorry. I can't see anything.

NOLAN: Cut it out, Michael.

MICHAEL: I didn't do anything.

NOLAN: You're on my foot.

LEAH: No, that's me. Sorry...

MICHAEL: Told you.

NOLAN: I know they're here somewhere.

AUDREY: I put them back—

NOLAN: Found it! And here's another one.

MICHAEL: Ooh. Give it.

NOLAN: No way.

KIKI: What was that?

LEAH: What?

KIKI: Nothing. I just thought I felt—

AUDREY: It was probably just bushes or something. Come on. I'm pretty sure I can see the clearing up here.

LEAH: It was *probably* poison ivy.

KIKI: No! Not poison ivy. I cannot get poison ivy again! Last summer the nurse told me that oatmeal would stop the itch. So I made an oatmeal mask for my face, but they only had strawberry oatmeal in the dining hall, the flecks of berry dyed my face red. (*they laugh.*) Shut up.

AUDREY: Come on!

LEAH: Someone's been here. There's a tent and a campfire.

AUDREY: The markers ended right back there, so we must be in the right place for the next item. Look for clues.

NOLAN: I wonder if Kate was here.

MICHAEL: She probably stopped here on her way to the cave.

LEAH: The tent has a lock on it, the flap won't open.

KIKI: There's something on the tree. It's an envelope of playing cards, string, and clothespins? Each of them has a letter on the back.

AUDREY: We must have to put them in order to spell something. Here, Nolan, grab the other end of the string, let's stretch out the string and clothespin the cards in order onto it.

LEAH: Let's see. *SPIDER! SPIDER! Ugh. ughughugh!! Get it off. Get it off.*

MICHAEL: Whoa. Calm down. Whoa. Leah. It's okay. Okay, here it is. It's very small. Now. Stand still. Great. I am getting it off your shoulder and taking it way over here. It's definitely more scared of you, than you are of it.

LEAH: It's 8 legs and 20 eyes and fangs and venom aren't scared of me.

MICHAEL: You survived. See? Spider's fine, you're fine. Everything's fine. It just wanted to be your friend. (*They both laugh.*)

NOLAN: Okay! Leah, you're good? Back to the puzzle! We've put them in order from 6 to Ace. It spells PICALFREE.

KIKI: Reverse order won't spell anything either.

LEAH: They are all spades. So it can't be that.

MICHAEL: Wait! The cards have holes in them.

AUDREY: Why would they have holes?

MICHAEL: What does the clue card say?

AUDREY: To find your next item, rearrange these cards for the location of the purple key you seek.

MICHAEL: The clue card is the same size as the playing cards. Here hold up the card to the first playing card. I need a flashlight. Shine it at the first playing card.

LEAH: Oh, I see, the holes in the playing cards line up with the words in the clue card. Each hole reveals a letter of the clue. This one is F.

KIKI: I

LEAH: R

KIKI: E

LEAH: P

KIKI: L

LEAH: A

KIKI: C

LEAH: E

KIKI: FIREPLACE.

AUDREY: It's gotta be the Campfire.

NOLAN: Be careful it's still hot.

AUDREY: Found the key for the lock in the ashes. Here, Leah!

LEAH: Item #4! It's a diary.

AUDREY: Don't read it. No time. We gotta go.

MICHAEL: Photo time! My turn to take it.

NOLAN: Look, Marshmallows! The photo challenge is, Chubby Bunnies. You have to stick five marshmallows in your mouth and say Chubby Bunnies when the photo is taken.

KIKI: It does not say that.

NOLAN: Sure does!

MICHAEL: 1, 2, 3...

KIKI/NOLAN/LEAH/AUDREY: Chubby Bunnies!

AUDREY: Let's go, the cave is right up this hill!

CHAPTER 8. THE ECHO FIVE. (GONDOLIN CAVES.)

(Cave sounds.)

LEAH: Did you guys hear that?

NOLAN: Yeah, it's probably just Kate.

MICHAEL: Kate? *(echo.)*

AUDREY: Kate? *(echo.)*

KIKI: That's weird. Maybe she's not here yet? Hey, this paper fell out of the diary.

LEAH: It says, "I hide from the sun, but talk to the moon." What am I?

NOLAN: Maybe it means it can only be seen in the dark? Turn off your flashlights.

MICHAEL: I don't see anything.

KIKI: Me neither.

LEAH: Look, the note is attached to this paper, it says carbon on it.

NOLAN: We can make a UV light with carbon. Quick give me your flashlight, watch. I used to do this all the time when I was a kid.

MICHAEL: Whoa! Look. Words appeared on the cave wall under the black light.

AUDREY: "Eveready to aid in the greatest of searches." That's the brand of flashlight we have. Shine your flashlights around, see if you see anything.

KIKI: I got something. Over here! My flashlight caught a reflector under these rocks. It's the shoe. We found it! *(sound of rocks sealing the entrance. KATE appears behind them, she's distant, different from the others in her current state.)*

LEAH: The entrance to the cave just sealed. We're trapped. How are we going to—
Um, Guys...I think I found... *(LEAH turns and sees something...)*

AUDREY/KIKI/MICHAEL/NOLAN: Kate!

KATE: Hey! You found my shoe!

AUDREY: We did. It was hidden under some rocks.

KIKI: The clue told us to use the flashlight, which caught the reflector on your shoe.

KATE: My mom made me get those shoes for when I rode my bike at night. Who's the new girl?

KIKI: Leah, she's a member of the crew this year. She's the only reason we found everything.

NOLAN: Wait! We have all five items!

MICHAEL: Quick we need a photo with the shoe! Smile!

NOLAN: Here ya go, Kate!

KATE: Thank you. It's gonna be sad leaving this place after so many years, but it's time to move on. Come on team! Get your stuff.

LEAH: What's she talking about?

AUDREY: So, Leah, we're...the echo five.

LEAH: What?

AUDREY: We got lost in this cave and have been playing the Crescent Hunt every year since we disappeared twenty years ago. We never thought we'd win, but then you came along and changed everything. You helped us win. You returned our objects to us, we photographed them—

KIKI/NOLAN/MICHAEL: And we WON!!!

LEAH: So that means...

KIKI: We're ghosts, yeah.

AUDREY: BUT, it also means we're complete now and can move on. All thanks to you. We accomplished so much as a team.

AUDREY: Now that I have my diary.

MICHAEL: My fossil.

NOLAN: My bandana.

KIKI: My sketchbook.

KATE: And my shoe.

AUDREY: We finally won the Hunt! All thanks to you.

NOLAN: Wanna get one last photo?

LEAH: How about a selfie?

MICHAEL: A what?

KIKI: Those were definitely not a thing twenty years ago...

LEAH: Say cheese!

LEAH: Wait, but now I'm trapped down here.

KATE: Not for long. (*whistle.*) Found an escape route a few years back.

ROBB: Leah! I can't believe we found you! I'm so glad you're safe.

LEAH: We won, Counselor Robb! We found all five items and it's not midnight yet!

ROBB: Who's we?

LEAH: Oh, right. Yeah, nevermind.

ROBB: We can talk about this more once we get safely out of the cave. One of the boundary counselors heard the rock's falling and we all became concerned. This way.

AUDREY: Have a great summer, Leah! And don't you worry, our unfinished business may be completed here, but that doesn't mean you'll stop hearing us or seeing us.

MICHAEL: Now that we're not bound to this cave, we'll be everywhere.

AUDREY: Cheering you on.

KIKI: We've got your back.

MICHAEL/NOLAN: Go get that Crescent Cup!

AUDREY: and show this camp who's in charge of the summer.

LEAH: Thank you. And I'll make sure no one forgets your story any time soon!

(Back to the campfire.) And I haven't. This is my third year of camp and every year, I tell their story to anyone who will listen. I'm no longer interested in being invisible, although floating would still be awesome. Ghosts are real. Wait. Shh! Do you hear that? *(whistles, rocks in the distance.)* Good luck on the hunt this year, everyone!