## 4 Bigfoot lives!

Three friends go on a camping trip and one plays a practical joke.

**Amy:** You guys are never going to believe this! I was down at the bathhouse. I had already showered and I was brushing my teeth when this woman came in with an incredible story!

**Cristina:** What happened?

**Amy:** Well, she said that earlier tonight, just after dark, there was a Bigfoot sighting.

Beth: A what?

**Amy:** A Bigfoot sighting. You know, that huge halfman, half-beast that lives in the woods?

**Cristina:** They say he looks something like an eight-foot-tall gorilla-man. He's got huge feet. There have been sightings all over the U.S. and Canada.

**Beth:** Is that true?

**Cristina:** Of course it's not true. Bigfoot is just a story, so there's no way anybody could have seen him.

**Amy:** I hate to disagree, but let me tell you everything this woman said.

Cristina: All right. Go ahead. Tell us.

Amy: OK. Well, she said that this couple over on the other side of the campground had finished their dinner and they were building a fire. Suddenly, they heard a rustling from the woods and then a strange moaning sound. They could hardly believe their eyes when this huge hairy creature came and picked up a whole box of their food and carried it away through the woods.

Beth: Oh. no!

**Cristina:** Did they go after him? **Amy:** I don't know. She didn't say.

**Beth:** You know what? I think this kind of talk is ridiculous, and I'm not listening anymore. There are no such things as monsters. I'm going to the bathhouse to shower and brush my teeth.

**Cristina:** Better take your flashlight with you. I don't think he likes the light, but if the light doesn't scare him, you can use your flashlight as a weapon!

Beth: Ha-ha, very funny.

**Amy:** Say, Cristina. How about toasting some marshmallows?

**Cristina:** Good idea. I'll go get the marshmallows.

Amy: I'll go find some sticks.

Sound: Roaarrr!

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**Beth:** [screams]

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Beth: Hey, Cristina, I saw him! I saw him!

**Cristina:** Saw who?

**Beth:** Bigfoot! In the woods, over there.

**Cristina:** Whoa, hold on. Tell me what happened.

**Beth:** Well, I was on the path to the bathhouse when I heard this noise like some big animal in the woods.

Cristina: Uh-huh.

Beth: And I shined my flashlight towards the

noise, and I saw it.

**Amy:** Saw what? **Beth:** Bigfoot.

**Cristina:** Beth thinks she just encountered Bigfoot on the path to the bathhouse.

**Amy:** Beth, he doesn't exist. I'm sorry I ever told that dumb story.

Cristina: Where's your flashlight?

**Beth:** When I heard him, I dropped it along with my towel and other stuff.

**Cristina:** Come on. Let's go get your stuff, and I'll show you there's nothing to be afraid of.

Beth: Oh. See? There's my stuff.

Sound: Roaarrr!

**Beth:** What was that? Did . . . did you hear that?

**Cristina:** The question is: What *is* it? **Beth:** Oh, no! It's him. It's Bigfoot!

**Cristina:** Beth, stop it! There's no such thing as Bigfoot. It's just some animal . . . some *small* animal. . . . You head for camp. I'm going to figure out what's going on.

Beth: OK.

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**Beth:** Amy! Hey, Amy! Did you hear it? Did you hear it?

Amy: Yeah, I did. Come over here and look at this.

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**Amy:** Looks like whoever . . . whatever it was came pretty close to camp.

**Beth:** That does it. I'm leaving. I'm not staying here one minute longer than I have to.

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**Cristina:** Hey, Beth! Come back. I think the mystery of Bigfoot is solved.

Beth: What?

**Cristina:** I discovered these over there in the bushes.

**Beth:** What? You think someone used those to make the creature?

Cristina: Exactly.

**Amy:** That's terrible! Why would anyone want to scare us like that?

Cristina: I was wondering that myself.

**Amy:** You don't think *I* did it!

Cristina: I do. First, before you told us about Bigfoot, you had already left a bearskin and tape recorder hidden in the woods. Then, when Beth left to take a shower, you went to get some sticks to toast the marshmallows. You were gone when Beth had her encounter with Bigfoot.

Amy: That was just a coincidence!

**Cristina:** Was it? You didn't come with us when Beth and I went to get her flashlight and things. After we left, you had plenty of time to reset the recorder and to make the footprints before we returned.

Beth: Aha! Busted!

**Amy:** You're pretty good, Cristina. I didn't think I'd get caught.

Beth: Amy, how could you?

**Amy:** Come on, guys. I was only kidding . . . just having fun. I didn't think you'd actually believe it. Forgive me?

**Beth:** Well, I guess. But no more practical jokes, OK?

**Amy:** I promise. Anyway, now everybody knows Bigfoot is just a story.

Cristina: Yeah.
Sound: Roaarrr!
Amy: Or is he?