

# THE ENCOUNTER

(Jaz's POV)

One day me and Ailene were doing our normal once-a-week hangouts at the night market and saw a huge sign saying "**ENCHANTED BROWNIE MIXTURE**" which was very alluring, so we decided to check it out. As we approached the table we saw a small frail old lady wearing a ripped black dress. In a croaky voice, the lady said "Can I interest you in the most magical brownie mixture you ever would have tried?..... It's a once in a lifetime experience..." The brownie lovers we are, we both replied "OMG YASS!" and I grabbed a bag to take home to bake.

As we go to walk away she grabs my arm and warns me that we must follow the recipe exactly as instructed, otherwise bad things may happen....

(Ailene's POV)

Jaz and I had arrived back from the markets and were excited to see what was so magical about this brownie mix. As we walked through the door, we said hello to my husband Matt and my young daughter Lily. Lily ran up to us, in her excited little voice saying "Hi Jaz! Come Come.." grabbing Jaz's hand she dragged her into the kitchen ready to start helping us bake. Being the expert brownie bakers we were, I said to Jaz "We got this, we don't need the instructions" and started to add the mixture to the bowl.

We made the mix like every other brownie mix, pour the mix into a bowl, add the eggs, water, etc. As we were stirring the mixture it started turning a sickly slime green, steaming and violently bubbling. "Uh oh, Jaz...this is weird..."

(Jaz POV)

It suddenly stopped bubbling. Two small clawed hands appeared reaching out of the batter. Ailene and I jumped back, "WHAT IS THAT?!" I exclaimed with a mixture of surprise, fear, and curiosity for what was happening to our brownie mix.

I edged closer for a peek of what it was...

The fingers were long and bony with razor-sharp claws. As the creature grabbed onto the side of the bowl, the bowl rocking forward with the weight of this creature tipped it over revealing a small-bodied creature with a spikey back and big round eyes, covered in brownie mixture. It shook itself, like a wet dog spraying batter all over the kitchen walls. "EW YUCK GREMLIN GOO IS ALL OVER ME" I exclaimed.

The gremlin pulled out a small gadget thing and opened a trippy-looking portal. I was so hypnotized by the swirling colors of the portal I didn't see the gremlin jump in with Lily. Ailene did and reached out to grab Lily's arm and pull her out, but the force of the portal was too strong. "JAZ!" Ailene screamed "HELP!" I quickly snapped back into reality by the stressful screams of Ailene. I grabbed Ailene's arm to help pull them both out but the force was also pulling me in. So I yelled out to Matt in the other room " MATT!!!! MATT!! HELP, AILENE AND LILY ARE GETTING SUCKED INTO A PORTAL". Matt confused by the mention of a portal but could hear the stress in my voice, comes running into the Kitchen to save us. Matt grabs my hand and with a strong force he tries to pull us out. But the force of the portal is too strong, and one by one we all get sucked into the vortex.....

To be continued...