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other?" Florence asked, feeling left out again.

"You'll soon see," promised Natalie, squeezing Florence's paw.

Honey dashed to Foxglove Hollow.

"Quick, everyone hide!" she cried.

"Florence is on her way. Jump out when I count to three."

The guests crouched behind the bushes and waited excitedly for Florence to appear.

They didn't have long to wait. "Here we are," said Evie, leading Florence into Foxglove Hollow. Florence looked round at the rugs and food. "Someone's having a picnic," she said.

"One, two, three!" shouted Honey.

The party guests sprang out of their hiding places. "Happy birthday, Florence!" they chorused.



"It's your birthday picnic, Florence," said Evie.

"What...? How...?" Florence gasped.

"We've been preparing it all week," explained Natalie.

"And then Evie got you lost,