

## **Women Scouts**

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### Characters

Sarah.....11 years old, THE LEADER

Dana D. ....11 years old, THE FOLLOWER

Dana M. ....12 years old, WHO AM I?

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*Three middle-school-aged girl scouts with their backpacks after school. Maybe they have their cookies boxes with them? Maybe they are in uniform? They are in the cafeteria.*

**ALL**

*On my honor, I will try:*

To serve God and my country,

To help people at all times,

And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

**SARAH**

Great! First order of business, how are the cookie sales coming along?

**DANA D.**

Not great.

**DANA M.**

Not great.

**SARAH**

For me...terrible.

For most cookies

But I AM all out of samoas.

**DANA D.**

Already?

**DANA M.**

You're kidding!

**SARAH**

Yea- my dad brought the sign up sheet to his office and those grown ups destroyed the samoas.

**DANA M.**

That's amazing!

**DANA D.**

At least now there's a chance we could afford a trip to the aquarium after.

**DANA M.**

It's literally all I want in the entire world.

**SARAH**

I've started to have dreams about it.

The thing is...our sales are really bad.

**DANA D.**

I know

**DANA M.**

I know

**SARAH**

So we need to brainstorm better ways to get our sales up or /we're not going to be able to go the aquarium.

**THE DANAS**

/We're not going to be able to go to the aquarium.

**SARAH**

Megan still hasn't sold a single one.

**DANA D.**

Well her mom won't let her go door to door any more.

**DANA M.**

Why?

**SARAH**

Something about being people banned from malls and guys in robes and people getting massages. I don't really get it.

*They all look at each other like wtf.*

**DANA D.**

We got to go to the aquarium two years ago with my softball team and it was the most incredible thing that's ever happened to me.

**DANA M.**

What happened?

**DANA D.**

Well it was a sleepover,

And my sleeping bag was right next to the Whale tank.

*GASP*

**DANA D.**

It was...majestic.

I felt...connected to the sea.

I felt...larger than life.

I felt...powerful.

**DANA M.**

Ugh. Megan's such a stupid bitch. I fucking hate her stupid guts. When she got braces she **CHOSE** not to get any color of rubber bands put on like who does that like that is the whole reason **TO** get braces in the first place. She hardly has any badges this year and she's always late to our meetings and she hasn't sold a single cookie and if she makes it so we can't go to the aquarium, I will **NOT** decorate her locker for her birthday.

*GASP*

**DANA D.**

She sucks.

**SARAH**

You guys, no. She's one of us. We're not daisy's anymore, we're full blown Girl Scouts. And we stick up for each other. What does the pledge say?

**ALL**

*I will do my best to be*

**DANA D.**

Honest and fair,

**DANA M.**

Friendly and helpful,

**SARAH**

Considerate and caring

**DANA D.**

Courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do

**DANA M.**  
And to respect myself and others  
**SARAH**  
Respect authority  
**DANA D.**  
Use resources wisely,  
**DANA M.**  
Make the world a better place and  
**ALL**  
Be a sister to every Girl Scout.  
**SARAH**  
So...  
**DANA M.**  
You're right. Damn. Megan's not the bitch. I'm the bitch.  
**DANA D.**  
You're not a bitch Dana M. You're a girl scout.  
**DANA M.**  
Thanks Dana D.  
**SARAH**  
Nobody's a bitch you guys.  
I have an idea.  
In order to raise money, we sell cookies right?  
**DANA D.**  
Right- Shortbread.  
**DANA M.**  
Thin Mint.  
**DANA D.**  
Peanut butter sandwiches  
**DANA M.**  
Do-si-do's  
**DANA D.**

Tagalongs

**DANA M.**

Lemon Chalet Cremes

**SARAH**

And samoas. Right. Right. But...what if we sold other stuff too? You see the cost of the cookies is pretty high and it affects our ultimate profit.

*Sarah pulls down a chart.*

The economics of it don't make a ton of sense. We're paying for boxes we're not sure we're even going to sell. It's like Mary Kay. They get you to buy things out right that may sit on the shelf and not even net you a profit and then of course if you *do* sell it, you get a bit of reward but it kinda feels like a pyramid scheme and I just think we can be more clever about the way we're spending troop 321's funds. I just don't know what to do....

*They sit and think.*

*Maybe one has a yo-yo and someone has slime and Sarah has the coloring book.*

**DANA M.**

What's that?

**SARAH**

It's a feminist coloring book. My cousin Laura made it.

*They huddle together and read it out loud.*

**DANA M.**

Princess Rafa could spend all day riding her horses...if she weren't so busy sculpting them!

**DANA D.**

Getting married was the happiest day of Princess Priya's life...second only to her PHD in checmical engineering!

**SARAH**

Princes Jae may not be a princessfor much longer...Her dream is to become President Jae

Wait! What if...what if we just sold our own things and made our own money? What if we left this pyramid scheme structure and just...did our own thing? We need- *financial autonomy*. We're stuck in a patriarchal system where we're all relying on our Dads' workplaces to be the breeding ground of selling cookies and that's some bullshit. I am

sick of relying on adult men to be the gatekeepers for us to sell samosa. We need to make our own money. We need to GO PLACES. WE WANT TO GO TO THE AQUARIUM GODDAMIT-

**DANAS**

YA!

**SARAH**

WE WANNA SEE A MOTHER FUCKING WHALE-

**DANAS**

THAT'S RIGHT!

**SARAH**

So what can we sell?

**DANA D.**

I make slime.

**DANA M.**

Me too!

**DANA D.**

I can make it all different colors

**DANA M.**

And I put in beads sometimes so it has an interesting texture.

**SARAH**

Great- what's the overhead on that?

**DANA D.**

Well, nothing if we steal some glue from Mr. Anderson's closet.

**DANA M.**

Yea- He won't mind.

**SARAH**

I bet my cousin Laura would donate a stack of these coloring books to sell at school

*She brings it out of her backpack. The girls pass it around.*

**THE DANAS**

RAD!

**SARAH**

It is SUCH a great gift for the young and aspiring, creative, brilliant girls in your life.

*They all look out at the audience like- you know you wanna buy this.*

**DANA D.**

Okay. But how are we gonna collect all the funds?

**SARAH**

Cash?

**DANA D.**

Right but...are we gonna like...put it in a piggy bank or...

**DANA M.**

There's something I need to tell you guys-

**DANA D.**

What?

**DANA M.**

It's...I don't know. I feel kind of weird about it. But- I've been keeping it a secret so long and I just feel like-

**SARAH**

What? You got your period?

**DANA M.**

No.

**DANA D.**

You got a bra?

**DANA M.**

No.

**SARAH**

Did you kiss Devin?

**DANA M.**

No. I got... I have a pre-college chase freedom account.



*They look at her like...what?*

I have a bank account.

GASP

FULL THROATED SCREAMS

**SARAH**

Oh my God!

**DANA D.**

YOU GOT YOUR VERY OWN BANK ACCOUNT!?

**DANA M.**

Yea.

**SARAH**

This is the most adult thing that's ever happened to us.

**DANA M.**

I guess.

It only has \$20 in it right now from my Confirmation.

**SARAH**

But we could put the money we make from slime in there!

**DANA D.**

And from your cousin's feminist coloring books!

**SARAH**

Which only costs \$10.99 [find the real price of this].

*They all look out again like- c'mon, you're definitely going to buy this.*

**SARAH**

We could start a business.

**DANA D.**

Or buy a house.

**SARAH**

We can do whatever we want. We can make our own money and sell our own stuff and put it in our own friggin bank account. We can buy the tickets to the aquarium and we can see a whale!

*They take this in.*

We are majestic.

We are larger than life.

We are powerful.

You guys...we're not girl scouts. I think we're women scouts now.

**END OF PLAY**