

## Hot Drinks, Cold Day

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It was cold out, and Janie and her friends needed something to drink that would warm them up. They stopped at a small shop along the main road, somewhere that had lots of people gathered around sipping from steaming mugs.

“What will we have?” Elise asked.

Janie shrugged. “I don’t know, but hot chocolate sounds great.”

“I might have hot chocolate, too,” Candace agreed, “but maybe some tea would be nice.”

“Let’s look at the sign and decide.” Janie suggested.

They all pored over the sign, looking at the colorful chalk letters that explained the products and their prices. There were several kinds of coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. They were all good choices, so now they had to decide.

“I think I’m definitely having that hot chocolate, just like I intended.” Janie announced.

Candace nodded. “That is a great choice. I’m tempted, too, but maybe some of that chamomile tea will warm me up better. It’s not sweet, either, which is nice.”

The two girls turned to look at Elise, who hadn’t said much. “I shall have to get a coffee. I want something to warm me up and wake me up, too.”

“That’s a good choice. I wonder if I should have one, too.” Candace wavered, unsure yet again.

“How about we share all three, so we don’t have to worry about what we get?” Elise offered.

“Sounds good!” Janie said with a grin. She’d been thinking that, too.

Candace laughed. “Oh my, that sounds perfect. I was thinking about that, but I didn’t want to suggest it, just in case no one wanted to. Now I can have my tea, but share your drinks.”

“Then it’s settled.” They all said.

Together, they warmed up with their drinks and shared some great conversations. On a cold day, a hot drink or two or three shared with friends is hard to beat.



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  - C. Elise, Candace, and Janie
  - D. Janine, Candace, and Elaine
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