

Gisterhood Gleanths

Outreach

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Chapter 4

Unexpected Ally (Facilitator Narrative)

1. Chapter Overview

As Chloe, Lily, and Evelyn hide in the underground chamber, they encounter a mysterious stranger named Gil—a skilled intelligence operative who has been tracking The Society for years. His calm confidence and knowledge of Upland’s hidden tunnels reveal he might be the ally they’ve been waiting for. Although suspicious at first, the sisters decide to trust him and follow him to his hidden base—a safe house filled with maps, encrypted data, and surveillance screens. There, they begin to understand how vast The Society’s plans truly are.

2. Core Life Lessons

- **Trust and Discernment:** Learning to recognize genuine allies is as important as identifying enemies.
- **Collaboration and Leadership:** Shared missions require cooperation and listening to others’ strengths.
- **Courage in Uncertainty:** Real bravery comes from acting with limited information.
- **Wisdom through Experience:** Older mentors and new allies both have lessons to teach.

3. Character Focus

Chloe – Learns that leadership sometimes means sharing control and trusting others.

Lily – Sees bravery not just as action, but as belief in others’ good intentions.

Evelyn – Recognizes that allies can emerge from unexpected places.

Gil – A strategist and former soldier, combining intelligence and compassion—his presence brings stability and new purpose.

4. Learning Discussion Prompts

1. Why were the sisters hesitant to trust Gil?
2. How does Gil prove his loyalty through action rather than words?
3. What qualities make a trustworthy leader or teammate?
4. How does working together make them stronger?
5. What does it mean to take a risk for something bigger than yourself?

5. Connection to Real Life

Friendship and teamwork aren’t always easy—especially when trust has to be earned. Teens learn that leadership isn’t about control but about collaboration. This chapter encourages readers to consider how they judge character, build trust, and recognize when someone truly means to help.

6. Suggested Activities

- **Trust Ladder:** Partners guide each other through a short obstacle while blindfolded to explore communication and trust.
- **Team Cipher:** Groups create coded messages only their “team” can read.
- **Character Interview:** One student plays Gil, while others ask questions about loyalty and courage.
- **Journal Prompt:** Write about a time you weren’t sure whether to trust someone—and what you learned.

7. Song Connection

Song: “Echoes of the Catacombs”

Lyric tie-in: “When shadows speak, we learn who listens.”

This song reflects the theme of trust and vulnerability in new alliances.



Student Worksheet – Ages 10–12



Writing / Reflection

1. Why were Chloe and Lily nervous when they met Gil?
2. How do you know Gil is trying to help them?



Multiple Choice / Quick Response

- What did Gil say he was doing in Upland? (a) Tracking The Society
- What makes Chloe trust him? (b) His knowledge and calmness
- Where does Gil take them? (c) To his safe house hidden in the hills



Puzzle / Cipher Exercise

Word Scramble: R U T S T

→ TRUST.



Song Connection

Echoes of the Catacombs – 'When shadows speak, we learn who listens.'

What does it mean to listen before you decide to trust someone?



Student Worksheet – Ages 13–15



Writing / Reflection

1. How does Gil earn the group's trust?
2. What makes teamwork important when danger is near?



Multiple Choice / Quick Response

- What is Gil's main goal? (a) To stop The Society's control plans
- What does "The Alignment" mean? (b) Reshaping the world in The Society's image
- Why does Chloe agree to follow Gil? (c) She realizes they need allies to survive



Puzzle / Cipher Exercise

Decode the Hidden Message (A=1, B=2...): 20-18-21-19-20 20-8-5 2-18-1-22-5

→ TRUST THE BRAVE.



Song Connection

Echoes of the Catacombs – 'The silence between us still tells the truth.'

Why do actions speak louder than words when building trust?



Student Worksheet – Ages 16–18



Writing / Reflection

1. How does the introduction of Gil redefine leadership and moral trust?
2. Discuss the risks of trusting strangers when pursuing a greater cause.



Multiple Choice / Quick Response

- Why is Gil's background significant? (a) He's a skilled operative who knows The Society's inner workings
- What does "The Alignment" reveal about The Society's mindset? (b) Their belief that control equals salvation
- What internal shift occurs within Chloe? (c) She moves from skepticism to strategic trust



Puzzle / Cipher Exercise

Cipher Riddle: "I am built, not given. I break, but can be rebuilt. I'm invisible, but everyone feels me. What am I?"

→ TRUST.



Song Connection

Echoes of the Catacombs – 'Only through trust do the echoes fade.'

What kind of trust do you think is harder—trusting others or trusting yourself?

