

# FOX HUNT

## THE KENTS' QUEST #2

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## **Chapter 6**

### **Hut On The Hill**

The Kents, Bud, and the cub go to the spot where Pip's mom and dad got stuck in the net. But there is no trap, no net, and no fox.

“What can you tell us? What was that man like?” asks Tim.

“He was big. He had a cap when he got Mom and Dad out of the net. It was a red cap with a “C” on it. His truck was a run-

down black pick-up truck with a pen in the back.”

“Can you tell us which path the truck went on?” asks Mr. Kent.

Pip shrugs.

“But it had a bad smell to it. Will that help?” asks Pip.

“All hints help,” grins Mr. Kent. He pets the cub.

Mrs. Kent spots red dots on the shrub’s trunk. She thinks this is odd.

Bud sniffs the shrubs, the grass, and the mud. Then he yaps with a thrill.

What did Bud spot?

Can it be a hint in the mud?

Tim runs to Bud fast. Lots of prints are in the mud.

“Mom! Dad! Pip!” Tim yells.  
“Check this!”

“They must be Pip’s mom’s and dad’s prints!” Kim yelps.  
“What do you think?”

Pip sniffs the prints in the mud.

“Yes! This is Mom’s print!”  
Then he sniffs the next print.  
“And this is Dad’s!”

There are prints from a big man as well. But no tracks of a pick-up truck.

“If Pip’s mom’s and dad’s prints are on this path, then that man must not have them in his truck. They must be just steps from us,” Tim claps.

“The prints go west,” Kim yells. “Pip’s mom and dad must be up that hill!”

Pip and Bud trot on the path with the tracks.

They end up at a hut at the top of the hill. A swing is on the deck.

There is a bad smell. The bog next to the hut has a bad smell.

A trash bin with a big crack sits in a pit in the mud.

“Can you still smell your mom’s and dad’s prints?” asks Mr. Kent.

Pip shrugs in a sad way as his chin falls on his chest. “The bog stinks so much. With this bad stink, I do not smell a thing.”

A big black pick-up truck with a pen in the back stands next to the hut.

There is a big “C” on the back of the truck. It has a dent in the back from a crash.

“Does that truck ring a bell?”  
asks Mrs. Kent.

“That is it! This is the truck,”  
yells Pip. “And... and this truck  
had that bad smell.”

Kim grabs Mrs. Kent’s hand.  
This hut has a bad feel to it.

Tim grabs his mom’s hand.

They wish to get out of there  
fast.