

The Hunt for Gold

By Isabella Coombes

Year 4/5 Winner & Overall Winner

Meet the five explorers. Actually, you probably don't want to because they will steal something from you! There are a few things the explorers aren't aware of the rapid river and the girl they immediately fell in love with!

The explorers are nasty, selfish and rude. They will take what they want even if they have to fight for it. None of them has a wife or children.

The five explorers set off to hunt for a golden snake. This snake was very hard to find. It is alone and they are the only one in the world. None of them was going to share.

They cruelly push and shove to get what they want. This rainforest is very different from the others. It is different because it is full of mysterious and even mythical creatures and animals.

The five explorers have to go through a whirlwind to get there but they still want to do it. As they find the whirlwind, they

realise they don't know how to get through it but then something caught their eye....

It was a woman, standing beside a helicopter. They ran over to her in disbelief. They were shocked to see someone else there that was more prepared than them.

"Hi," said one of the explorers very quietly.

"Hi," replied the woman.

"What are you doing here?" asked another explorer who was trying to look brave and feel it.

"I've come to here for the golden snake. What are you doing here?" asked the girl.

"Same as you." Said the explorers

After that, the girl went to her helicopter. "Wait!" shouted an explorer, "Can we come with you." The women thought for a moment then agreed.

They all ran inside the helicopter pushing and shoving because they all wanted to sit next to this strange woman. As soon as one of them was going to say something to her, the helicopter started to move.

It was getting closer and closer to the whirlwind. Soon they were in the whirlwind spinning in circles. When they had stopped spinning and were at the rainforest they immediately started to hunt for the golden snake.

One of them finally plucked up the courage and asked what her name was. "My name is Olivia." She replied. They all started hunting but then Olivia pulled something out of her backpack.

It was a map of the rainforest! When the explorers saw her with a map they thought they would follow her.

As they were walking they came to a halt. They had stopped to see the rapid river. The explorers were very frustrated at this sight because they were not at all prepared. The five explorers looked over to Olivia to see if she had a boat but she didn't although they spotted her trying to build one. The explorers did the same.

Then, the explorers got to work and finished first. They asked her if she wanted to go on the boat with them, but she declined.

Soon after that, Olivia had her boat ready and they set off straight away. Surprisingly, the five explorers' boat soon started to sink. Olivia went get them out of the deep water and put

them in her boat. "You would be dead if I wasn't here!" she growled.

The explorers blushed bright red and then looked down. Olivia rolled her eyes. After all this, they reached the golden snake's hideout. They all went searching for the golden snake. They searched for hours until Olivia found it. She hid it in her bag but by this time it was night so when the five explorers had gone to bed she made a fake golden snake and hid it. She thought for a moment and then made four more so they wouldn't fight.

In the morning they went back to hunting, they found all five snakes. Olivia was tired by this point so she went back to the boat, went on her section and went to sleep. The explorers followed after her.

Once they got back to their city. Olivia went back home to prepare the cell. While they went to the cell straight away but they got to prison because the snakes were fake.

While they were in prison Olivia became famous for catching the golden snake and she even got on the news. The bad thing is that the five explorers saw it and were very frustrated about this but could do nothing about it, so when they were released they had forgotten everything and they were nice from that day onwards.

Escaping The City

By Florence Haslam

Year 6 Winner

In a woody corner of Hyde Park was a burrow in which a family of foxes lived. The foxes had bright orange fur, as bright as the setting sun, with bright emerald eyes and a white tip at the end of their tails. Though since the war had begun the park had changed. No more ash and hazelnut trees with sunlight dappling between them. Only the old, knarled trees[WH1] with long leafless branches.

The foxes could hear the loud, whining air-raid sirens and, being quite clever foxes, the father had brought in an old, rusty scrap piece of metal that they put on the ceiling like an Anderson shelter.

One day though, an air raid dropped a bomb on Hyde Park. The foxes were protected by the metal but their burrow had collapsed. They decided that they had to find a safe place to live during the war. The countryside they thought, that'd be better.

The next day the family set off, scurrying through alleyways and slinking through the streets. The smallest fox couldn't keep up so the father let her ride on his back. They continued to walk in the shadowy night until the foxes came to an alleyway and ran

down it. Suddenly the air raid sirens sounded, and the foxes shivered. They scurried into a corner but there was a strange sound. The foxes looked up to see a jet-black bomb falling through the crisp night air.

“RUN!” shouted the father fox with the youngest one on his back, and the foxes ran. They sprinted along the alleyway, the bomb still looming behind them.

Still slightly shocked, the family walked through the city, now in the outskirts of London. Every so often the foxes would hear a ‘crash’ or ‘boom’. They persevered until, one day, the youngest fox said,

“Look, a tree! No, lots of trees!”

All the other foxes looked and there were a few trees, oaks, in fact. As they scurried closer, peering at the huge trees, they saw it was a forest. When morning came, the foxes began to dig. They dug and dug until a new burrow was created, and hopefully, this wouldn’t get bombed. The foxes were happy here and played in the forest every day.

After a few years, a ‘choo!’ woke the foxes up. They crept along behind a tree and noticed all the evacuees walking out of the train. They all thought the same thing. ‘The war must have ended!’ and they soon returned to the Woody Hyde Park and built an even bigger burrow!

The Adventure

By Matilda Haslam

Year 2/3 Winner

On a short hill there was a town. In that town was a park. And that park is where a boy called Tom and a girl called Millie play after school. One day Millie and Tom were playing tig when Tom fell. Ow! He said. Millie rushed over to see if Tom was ok. Tom was fine. He got up and looked down. "What is that?" he said. Big sparkly rock was in front of the, Suddenly the rock glowed. "What is happening?" cried Millie. They were swept up by a tornado of glitter!

Moments later Millie and Tom were laying on some pink foam. "Where are we?" said Millie. She gazed all around. There were blue trees, red roses and some sheep but normal sheep would have been white, black or brown but no these were rainbow sheep. "What the!?" said Tom as he sat up. "I guess we're not in the park anymore?" Said Millie enthusiastically. They stood up and ran until there was a little house. "Let's knock on the door to see who lives in the house?" said Tom curiously. When they knocked on the door a tiny gnome came out. The gnome had a brown beard, blue eyes and a green t-shirt that was too big for him. "What do you want?" said the gnome angrily. "Do you know how to get to the park?" said. The gnome stood still for a moment. "Are you humans?" he said. "Yes!" Tom answered. A shocked look crossed the gnomes face. "I know someone who knows house to get to the human world." He said. "Please tell us!" Millie said. "Ok" said the gnome. He took the children

inside. "My friend lives in another land so it will take a long time to go there."

The gnome picked up their bags and put a sandwich in each bag and a map in one of them. "We need to go now and by the way my name is Skruff." Said Skruff and he opened the door. "It's going to be hard to get there we'll have to climb a mountain" said Skruff. "Ooooo" said Tom and Milly. They stepped outside and the children ran up to the bottom of a hill. "Are we going up here" asked Tom. "yes" said Skruff so the gnome and the children started to climb the mountain. They were about half way when Millie's foot slipped. "Arrrr" cried Millie. Tom helped Millie to pull her up. When Tom was pulling her up he noticed a red mark. "What's that" thought Tom the he sore it. There was a bomb on her ankle. Tom climbed down a little. "what are you doing?" bellowed Skruff. "Nothing" he said but he kept going down. Tom carefully took the bomb off his sisters ankle and then he threw it. It landed in a tree of some sort. There was a little bit of silence but soon a bang filled all of the mountains. Tom wondered why there was a bomb on Millie but there was no time to waste.

Tom realised that his friends were nearly at the top of the hill. Tom started to climb fast. Soon he caught up with them. Millie was exhausted and was sitting on a flat stone. "We need to get going" said Skruff. They got up and started to climb down the other side of the mountain. It took a long time. They went through heavy rain, vicious storms until at last Millie and Tom saw a little hut on a mound of crimson leaves. The children and gnome ran up to it. The gnome knocked on the door there was a crash and clatter of the keys. Then the door opened and a gnome came out. "Hi" said the gnome and gave Skruff a hug. "Hi

Splat” said Skruff. “come in” said Splat. “My friends here want to use your magic stone to get back to this park” said Skruff. “ok” said Splat and went into a different room and came back.