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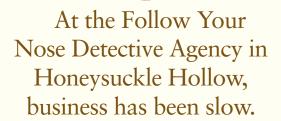
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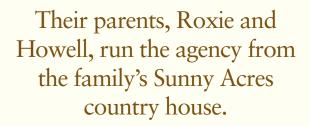
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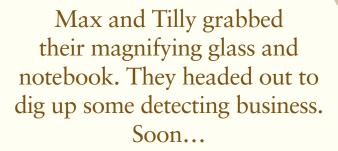


"Why won't the phone ring? I want to solve a mystery," complained Tilly Houndsley.

"Me too," said Max, her little brother.



"Well," they said to the children, "sometimes you have to find a mystery to solve a mystery!"



"Max, Tilly! We need you," called Miles GrayPaws.
"Someone decorated our store's roof."





"It's so pretty," said Meg GrayPaws, "but we don't know who to thank for this act of kindness."

Tilly and Max looked for clues. Nothing.



"Did you notice anything suspicious?" Tilly asked the GrayPaws kids.

"No, but I heard some fluttering outside,"

Miles said.



"Tilly, who could get on the roof without even a ladder?"

Max asked.

"Mysterious, but we'll solve this," Tilly promised, and off they went.

But soon...





"Max and Tilly, I need your help!" called Hip Croakalily from her porch.

"Someone dropped off a new library book for us to read, but Hop and I don't know who to thank." "I didn't notice anything suspicious," said Hip.

"But I heard a little fluttering outside," said Hop.

Tilly and Max looked for clues, but they only found... a feather.

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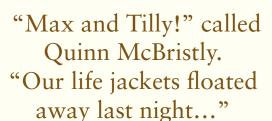


"Tilly, who could reach the porch without even leaving footprints in the mud?" Max asked.

"Mysterious, but we'll solve this," said Tilly.

Off they went,
but soon...





"...and someone found them and returned them this morning," said Quill McBristly, "but we don't know who!"



"We only heard a little fluttering outside," said Quinn. "It's a big mystery!"

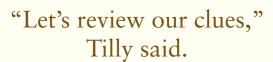
"Tilly, who could get to the lost life jackets without even a boat?" Max asked.



Tilly and Max looked for clues and found a trail of footprints...but it vanished into thin air.

"Mysterious, but don't worry. We'll solve this," said Tilly.





"Someone on the roof but no ladder. A feather. Someone on the lake but no boat. Footprints that vanish."

"Ah-ha!" the Houndsley kids cried. "Maybe it's..."



Suddenly chirping came from the woods.

"Warblers!" Tilly cried.

"Just as Max and I suspected. It is you doing these mysterious acts of kindness. But why?"



"Every time we travel through Honeysuckle Hollow, all of you kids are so kind to us," said one warbler.

"We wanted to repay you by being kind in return!"





Miles and Meg, Hip and Hop, and Quinn and Quill called, "Thank you!" as the warblers flew off on their journey.

"Another mystery solved," said Tilly and Max, happily.



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Max and Tilly and their parents, Roxie and Howell Houndsley, run the Follow Your Nose Detective Agency from their Sunny Acres country house in Honeysuckle Hollow.

But business is slow, so the kids head out to dig up a mystery to solve!

Before they know it, first one friend, and then another, and then another ask them for help. Someone is doing wonderful acts of kindness—but their friends don't know who to thank.

Can Tilly and Max solve the mystery?

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