

The farmers do not like Mr Fox, because he takes food from their farms! The farmers are angry, and Mr Fox's family is not safe. But Mr Fox has a clever plan. Is Mr Fox more clever than the farmers?

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ABOUT ROALD DAHL AND QUENTIN BLAKE



Roald Dahl was a children's writer, and many of his stories are very famous across the world. Do you know any Roald Dahl books?



Quentin Blake drew pictures for Roald Dahl's stories. Do you like the pictures in this book? Which is your favourite picture?

About this story

In this story, Mr and Mrs Fox and their children live under the ground. Foxes and other animals often live under trees or buildings because they are safe there.

Foxes go out at night, and they sleep in the day. They eat birds and other small animals, and they often try to take chickens from farms, too. Because of this, farmers do not like foxes!

MEET ...



Farmer Boggis



Farmer Bunce



Farmer Bean



Mr Fox



Mrs Fox



The small foxes



Badger

Chapter 1 and Chapter 2
NEW WORDS



a duck (n.)



cider (n.)



a hole (n.)



a gun (n.)



smell (v.)



bang (n. and interj.)

Chapter 1 and Chapter 2
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What will happen in the story?
Answer the questions.

- 1** Look at the pictures on pages 8, 10 and 11.
What are these men doing?
- 2** Look at the picture on page 12.
Where do the foxes live?
- 3** Look at the picture on page 14.
What are the men holding? Why?

Now let's read Chapter 1 and Chapter 2!



CHAPTER 1

The farmers

In the village, there were three farms with three farmers. The farmers were rich men, but they were not kind or nice. Their names were Farmer Boggis, Farmer Bunce and Farmer Bean.

Boggis was a chicken farmer. He had thousands of chickens. He ate three big chickens every day for breakfast, lunch and dinner. He liked eating a lot.



Bunce was a **duck** farmer, and he had thousands of ducks. He liked making duck pies. He ate only these, and he ate them every day. He was very short, and he was always angry.

Bean was an apple farmer, and he had thousands of apple trees. He made **cider** from his apples, and he drank lots and lots of it every day. He was as thin as a pencil because he never ate any food.



The three farmers looked very different, but one thing about them was the same. They were not good men, and because of this, nobody in the village liked them.

CHAPTER 2

The foxes

Near the village, there was a big old tree. Under the tree, there was a **hole**. In the hole, Mr and Mrs Fox lived with their four small foxes.



Every evening, Mr Fox said to Mrs Fox, "What would you like for dinner tonight, Mrs Fox? Would you like a chicken from Boggis or a duck from Bunce? And would you like some cider from Bean?"

Then, Mr Fox went quietly down to the village in the dark, and he took a chicken or a duck and maybe some cider from the farmers.

Boggis and Bunce and Bean knew about this, and it made them very angry. They did not like to give things to anyone. And they **DID NOT** like anyone taking things from them. Every night, they waited with their **guns** for the fox.

But Mr Fox was too clever for the farmers. He arrived at one of their farms, and he **smelled** the wind. *The farmer is waiting in this part of the*

farm, he thought. Tonight, I'll go to a different part of the farm, and he won't see me!

Mr Fox took something from the farmers every night.



One morning, the three farmers met together, and they talked about this problem.

"I want to get that fox!" said Boggis.

"I want to cook him on my fire very slowly!" said Bunce.

"We MUST kill this animal!" said Bean.

"But how can we catch him?" said Boggis.



Bean was more clever than Boggis and Bunce.

"I have a good plan," he said.

"Your plans are never good," said Bunce.

"Shut up and listen," said Bean. "Tonight, we'll wait outside his hole with our guns. He'll come out, and . . . **BANG!** Bang-bang-bang!"

"But where is his hole?" asked Bunce.

"I found it yesterday," said Bean. "It's under a big old tree."

"But he'll smell us!" said Boggis. "Then he won't come out."

"The wind is coming from the north today," said Bean. "We'll wait on the south side of the hole, and the wind will take our smell away from him! He won't smell us!"

Chapter 1 and Chapter 2
WHAT CAN YOU REMEMBER?

Who is this?

1



Farmer Bean

2



3



4



Match the people to the farms.
 Then write the sentences.

1



2



3



1 Boggis is a chicken farmer.

2 _____

3 _____