

Where today's action begins:

David and Sophie spend their summer exploring Waknuk for places they can play freely, without Sophie's being seen. One day, they are barefoot at the river catching shrimp when a boy from David's school, Alan, happens upon them. (in ch.5)

Where key events happen:

David throws Sophie her shoes and tries to distract Alan with conversation, but he notices Sophie's six-toed footprint on a rock. Alan demands Sophie's name, but David will not give it to him. Instead, he tackles Alan to give Sophie time to escape. David buys Sophie a few minutes, but Alan is stronger than David and begins to beat him furiously. (in ch.5)

Where today's events end:

Sophie hits Alan in the head with a rock, rendering him unconscious, and Sophie and David flee to Sophie's house. (in ch.5)