Chapter 8 (Part 1)

Bud is still asleep under the Christmas trees at the library when he hears the sound of someone stepping on a _____. Someone is sneaking up on him. Bud thinks that he can feel two _____ staring real hard at him, and he knows they're not critter eyes. They're the kind of eyes that can make the hair on the back of his neck raise up the way only "human bean eyes" can do. He pulls his jack knife out carefully with the intention of pulling the blanket back and stabbing whoever is above him. Suddenly, the intruder jumps on top of him. He hears a voice saying, "If you ain't a kid called Bud from the Home I'm really sorry about jumping on you like this." Bud knows it's _____. Bugs explains that everyone at the Home knew about Bud's knife and how well he could use it, so he jumped on him to make sure he could stop the knife until he could identify himself. Bud also realizes then that Bugs is on the _____ as well. Bugs explains that he's going back to riding the _____, and when the Home heard that Bud had beaten up the son of his foster family, he figured his friend would be somewhere near the _____ and came looking for him to go along. Bugs answers all of Bud's many questions about riding the rails, and then, they each _____ on their hands and rub their palms together to seal the deal as brothers. Then, they go to the _____ to get information about the running of the trains. The two boys find out that they'll have to go to a city called Hooperville, outside of Flint. It takes

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them until after midnight to find the right trail through the _____. They eventually can hear the sound of a mouth organ and smell _____ cooking. However, they are surprised that the town of Hooperville is no more than a "cardboard jungle," a collection of huts and shacks thrown together from pieces of _____, _____, and _____. There are at least 100 people milling about, with one man stirring clothes in a large pot while another hangs them on a line while three other pots hold some kind of food. The two boys flip a _____ to determine who will ask for help. Bud loses and steps forward to ask where the city of Hooperville is. The man playing the mouth _____ advises him that it's not Hooperville, but Hooverville after the former President of the United States, and that there are hundreds of them all over the country. When Bud asks if he is in the right one, the man asks him three questions: Is he hungry? Is he tired? and Is he scared? When Bud answers all three with a yes, the man tells him this is exactly the one he is looking for. He offers Bud and Bugs food, but they have to do KP afterwards. A woman hands them their "china" - flat, square tin _____, which they fill with muskrat stew twice! The woman even offers to keep watch over Bud's suitcase while they wash up all the cooking utensils and the "dishes." The two boys are led to the _____ by a young girl who has lived there a long time and knows the ropes about KP.

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