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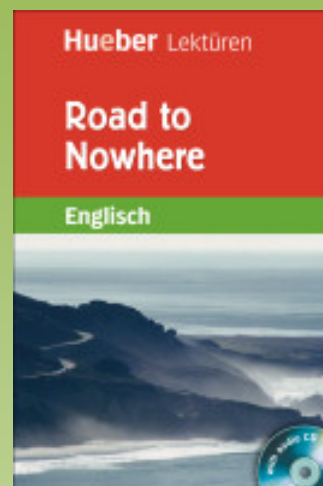
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## In a trap

The voices outside the lorry were loud and angry. Maria began to cry. 'I'm frightened, Max,' she said.

Maxim put his arm around his younger sister and said, 'It will be okay.'

'What are they saying out there?' someone asked him.

Maxim could speak four languages, and French was one of them. 'There's trouble,' he said. 'Be quiet so I can listen.'

The Moldovan men, women and children lay quietly in the dark. They were under a false floor in the back of the lorry. Maxim put his ear against the side of the lorry and listened carefully.

'Well?' a voice asked out of the dark.

'We're turning back. We're going to have to try another way,' said Maxim. 'Another lorry off the Dover ferry was stopped. They found a group of people hidden behind bags of potatoes. The police are checking every lorry.'

'Ah,' said a different voice. 'So we are on the road to nowhere.'

Maxim thought, *Most of the Chinese people in the other lorry are dead. They were truly on the road to nowhere.* But he didn't tell the others. They were all in a trap and there was no way out.

Nick Bennett and his parents sat in the kitchen and ate their dinner silently. No one spoke at dinnertime except to say 'Pass the butter,' and 'Thank you'. Mr Bennett, Nick's father, liked to listen to the radio news.

Nick's dog Zip lay at his feet. The dog's tail beat against the leg of Nick's chair. Zip was hoping Nick would drop a piece of meat onto the floor for him.

The newsreader on the radio began another story: *This morning sixteen people were arrested by police in London and Kent. The police believe that they are people smugglers and have smuggled thousands of people into the United Kingdom over the last two years. The illegal immigrants were brought into the country by air, by sea and in vans and lorries. The people smugglers were arrested after thirty-six Chinese were found dead in a lorry on the Dover ferry yesterday.*

‘I hope those people smugglers get locked up for a long time,’ said Mr Bennett.

The newsreader continued with his stories. Mrs Bennett stood up from the table and went to make some tea.

Nick dropped some meat to Zip while his father wasn’t looking. The dog ate hungrily. Nick began to think of other things. There was a note in his school bag. Later in the year his class was going on a trip to France for two weeks. Nick really wanted to go, but he knew what his parents would say. Neither of his parents had ever been abroad. When they talked about travel, Mr Bennett always said, ‘There’s never enough money for things we need on the farm.’ Mrs Bennett always said, ‘Home’s best,’ but Nick sometimes saw her watching travel programmes on television.

The newsreader began another story: *Dairy farmers in the area continue to have problems. One farmer in Ashford, Clive Dunn, is selling all ninety-five of his cows.*

The voice of the farmer came over the radio: *There’s no money in dairy farming now. We farmers don’t get enough money for our milk.*

‘That’s one less dairy farmer,’ said Mr Bennett. ‘But not me. And not you, lad.’

Nick looked down at the table. ‘Yes, Dad.’

Mrs Bennett came in with tea and asked, ‘Have you got any homework, Nick?’

‘I’ve got lots,’ said Nick. He took his bag and opened it. ‘And

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