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Chapter Two

Pippi is a Thing-Searcher and Ends Up in a Fight

Annika woke early the next morning. She quickly hopped out of bed and tiptoed over to Tommy.

'Wake up, Tommy,' she said, shaking him by the arm. 'Wake up. Let's go over and see that funny girl with the big shoes!'

Tommy was instantly wide awake.

'When I was lying here asleep I knew something fun was going to happen today, even though I couldn't remember what it was,' he said as he pulled off his pyjama top.

Then they both headed for the bathroom. They brushed their teeth and washed much faster than usual. They threw on their clothes. And a whole hour earlier than their mother expected, they came sliding



down the banister from upstairs. They landed right at the breakfast table, where they sat down and began shouting that they wanted their hot cocoa at once.

'What's going on?' asked their mother. 'Why are you in such a hurry?'

'We're going to see the new girl in the house next door,' said Tommy.

'We might stay there all day,' said Annika.

On that particular morning Pippi was in the middle of baking ginger snaps. She had made a huge batch of dough and rolled it out on the kitchen floor.

