

now, but he had robbed so many ships and murdered so many people that just hearing his name frightened the villagers. Jim was afraid that the Captain would keep people away from the inn. Once they got used to him, however, they found the Captain quite interesting. After all, nothing very exciting had ever happened until he came to the 'Admiral Benbow.' As for Jim, he was not afraid of the Captain. However, he often wondered about the one-legged man the Captain was watching for. This one-legged sailor seemed to be one of the two men that the Captain was afraid of. The other one was Dr Livesey.

Dr Livesey was an old friend of Jim's family. One evening he came to dinner. There were quite a few guests at the 'Admiral Benbow' that evening, all eating and talking together. The Captain was there too. Jim noticed the difference between the doctor, who had tidy clothes, a clean white wig and pleasant manners, and the Captain. As usual, their guest wore his dirty coat, and his white scar showed horribly on his red face. Suddenly, the Captain hit his hand on the table. This was the signal for people to stop talking, because he was ready to tell one of his stories. Silence fell over the room. Dr Livesey, however, ignored the Captain and continued talking with Mrs Hawkins. The Captain stared at him in surprise, then shouted: "Silence there!"

"Were you addressing me, sir?" the doctor asked politely.

"Yes, I was!" the Captain shouted back. To show he was serious, he pulled out a knife and pointed it at the doctor.

"I have just one thing to say to you," Dr Livesey replied, in a calm voice. "I am not just a doctor, but also a magistrate. Put that knife in your pocket right now, or you will be arrested immediately and hanged before the end of the month."

The Captain and Dr Livesey stared at each other for several long moments. Jim held his breath. Nobody had ever dared stand up to the Captain before! Then suddenly, with a short laugh, the Captain put his knife away and sat down. Dr Livesey turned to Jim's mother and continued his conversation as if nothing had happened. The Captain stayed very quiet that evening.

