

Jim was delighted and immediately began packing for Bristol. He was more excited than he had ever been in his life. Only one thing worried him: that man Silver, who the squire had mentioned, had only one leg! And hadn't the Captain been watching for a sailor with one leg?



CHAPTER 4

IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE JIM HAD A CHANCE TO MEET LONG John Silver. In two days he and Dr Livesey were in Bristol, aboard the Hispaniola. It was almost ready to sail, and Silver was busy in the ship's kitchen, which was called a galley. When he walked in, Jim noticed that the galley was neat and in perfect order. So was Silver. He was a tall, strong man, with the leg cut off at the hip. Under his left arm was a crutch, which he used to help him move about. He hopped over to Jim like a bird, and held out his hand, smiling. "You must be the new cabin boy. I am pleased to meet you!" On his shoulder was a colourful parrot. "This is Captain Flint," said Silver. "I named him after the famous pirate captain."