

down. He looked ill: he was pale, sweaty, and shaking.

"They're coming for me," he said. "I must get away!" He tried to get up, but felt dizzy and sat back down on the chair.

"Who was that man, Black Dog?" Jim asked.

The Captain explained: "Black Dog was a sailor on Captain Flint's ship and I was first mate. We stole a fortune in gold, but Flint did not share it with the men. He buried it in a secret place and then he told us we must sail for more. Flint planned to go back for the treasure, but then he became sick. Before he died, he gave me a map. That's what Black Dog and his friends want." He grabbed Jim's hand. "But I must get away! Help me bring my chest down from upstairs!" He stood up, but then with a strange sound, fell to the floor! Jim tried to wake him, but it was hopeless: the Captain was dead.

Jim quickly called his mother and told her what the Captain had said. "The pirates are coming here!" he said. "We must run away immediately."

But Mrs Hawkins did not agree. "Dr Livesey and his friend Squire Trelawney are coming to visit," she said. "They will be here soon with their servants and they will protect us. And that man" - she pointed to the Captain's body - "owed me six months' rent. We are poor and I must have the money!"

Jim and his mother went upstairs and opened the Captain's chest. There was a lot of rubbish in it, but eventually Mrs Hawkins found a bag of money. "I will only take what he owes me," she said. But it was hard to count the money because it came from many different countries. Minutes went by and Jim wished his mother would just take all the money and leave. Then suddenly, they heard a long, low whistle from outside. They jumped with fright!

"Let's get out of here!" said Jim's mother. "I'll take the money I have." Jim noticed a leather packet still lying in the chest.

"And I'll take this," he said and they hurried out the door, running as fast as they could. "Quick - let's hide under the bridge!" Jim cried. But his mother stopped. She was very pale.

"I think I'm going to faint," she whispered, and collapsed in

Jim's arms. At the same time, Jim heard the pirates banging on the door of the Benbow. He dragged his mother under the bridge and hid her as best as he could.

