

CHAPTER 3

FROM HIS HIDING PLACE, JIM HEARD THE PIRATES BREAKING down the door of the 'Admiral Benbow.' A moment later, a voice shouted: "Bill's dead!"

Black Dog's voice shouted back: "Never mind him! Search for the chest upstairs!" There were sounds of footsteps, and various things breaking. Then Jim heard: "Someone's already looked through the chest, and they've taken the map!"

"That boy must have it!" cried Black Dog. "He can't be far away. Go and find him!" Now Jim was in trouble, because he couldn't leave his mother, and the pirates would surely find them soon. While he was trying to think of what he could do, he heard the sound of horses coming. The pirates heard them too. Frightened, they ran out of the Benbow and disappeared.

Jim came out of his hiding place and greeted Dr Livesey and his friend Squire Trelawney, along with Trelawney's servants, Joyce and Redruth. Together they went back to the Benbow. The pirates had made a mess. Furniture was turned over and many things were broken.

"This is terrible," said the squire. He was a local landowner, plump and cheerful. Everybody liked him. "What on earth were they looking for?"

"I believe I know, sir," said Jim, and he gave Dr Livesey the packet he had taken from the Captain's chest. Quickly he told them the Captain's story. Dr Livesey showed the packet to the squire.

"Suppose - just suppose - this is a clue to where Flint buried his treasure," the doctor said. "How much do you think he hid there?"

"How much?" exclaimed the squire. "If you found Flint's treasure, you'd be the richest man in England."

Very carefully, the doctor opened the packet, and a map of an island fell out. It showed where to find the island, and safe places to anchor a ship. But the two men and Jim looked mostly at a red



X, beside which someone had written: "Treasure buried at this spot."

"Livesey," said the squire, "You must give up your job at once. Tomorrow I will leave for the port of Bristol to find a ship and prepare it for our voyage. We'll meet there, in three weeks. Hawkins will come along as cabin boy, and you shall be the ship's doctor. We'll find Flint's treasure and afterwards, we'll have enough money for the rest of our lives!"

"Trelawney," said the doctor. "I'll go along with you, and so will Jim, I'm sure. There's just one man I'm afraid of."

"Name the dog, sir!" cried the squire, very excited.

"You, sir," said the doctor. "You cannot keep your mouth shut. Suppose those fellows that attacked the inn learn where we are going. Do you think they will do nothing while we take the treasure? They want it too, and they know we have the map! For everyone's safety, this voyage must remain a secret."

The squire promised not to say a word to anyone else about the real purpose of the voyage and left for Bristol. Before long, he found a ship. It was called the Hispaniola. However, sailing a ship on a long voyage was rough, difficult work, and often only the worst men were willing to do it. Finding a qualified crew was difficult, but then the squire got lucky. He wrote a letter to Dr Livesey, who read it to Jim.

Dear friends,

I spent all of yesterday looking for men for our ship, and found only one. Exhausted, I went to an inn for dinner. I started talking to the innkeeper, a Long John Silver. Some years ago he served in the Navy and lost a leg. He told me he was hoping to go to sea again as a ship's cook, and I hired him right away. Then Silver told me he had several friends who were excellent sailors, and looking for employment. I met them today, and was so impressed with their experience and skills that I hired them all! I have also found a captain, who I have heard is a good officer, although I find him overly serious and strict. You must join me at once as we will be ready to sail in a week.

Yours truly,
Squire Trelawney



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?



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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."

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Comprehension

1 Complete the sentences with the correct name.

Bill Trelawney Dr Livesey Jim Flint

- _____ marked the treasure spot with a red X.
- _____ gave a packet with a map to someone.
- _____ thought that a friend of his talked too much.
- _____ became a cabin boy on the Hispaniola.
- _____ kept his things in a chest.
- _____ wrote a letter to his friends from Bristol.
- _____ found the crew for the Hispaniola.

2 Put the following events in the order which they happened. Write a-f in the boxes.

- Jim gave the two men Bill's map.
- The pirates ran away from the inn.
- Jim and Mrs Hawkins hid from the pirates.
- They decided to go on a trip and find Flint's treasure.
- Dr Livesey and Squire Trelawney arrived to the inn.
- Trelawney left for Bristol to hire a ship for the voyage.

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Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences using the prepositions in the box.

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- I got angry when I saw my brother looking _____ my diary.
- I must leave _____ school in ten minutes, otherwise I'll be late.
- The real purpose _____ the meeting was to discuss changes in the company.
- My cousin is going to come _____ with us when we go fishing.
- 'Where is Lyn?' 'She forgot her bag. So she has gone back _____ the

restaurant to get it.'

- 'I am getting tired. Is the beach far _____?'
- He was caught by the police as he was trying to break _____ the door.
- The hurricane turned _____ all the cars in the street.

4 Find words in Chapter 3 which mean the same as:

- the sound of someone walking _____ (page 12)
- a person who works for another person,
usually doing housework _____ (page 12)
- a man who owned a lot of land
in England in the past _____ (page 12)
- a journey on a ship _____ (page 14)
- a collection of valuable things
such as money and jewellery _____ (page 14)
- a type of small hotel that provides
food and accommodation _____ (page 14)

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- How would you feel if someone broke into your house?
- What do you think will be the best and the worst part of Jim's life as a cabin boy? Give examples.
- Jim and his friends are going after Flint's treasure. What are the dangers they might face at sea?
- Do you think the men will be able to find the treasure?
Why? / Why not?

6 Imagine that you are Squire Trelawney, trying to find a crew for the Hispaniola. Make a poster advertising the job and stating the qualifications needed. (60-80 words)