

CHAPTER 5

ONE EVENING AFTER HE HAD FINISHED HIS DUTIES, JIM decided that he would like an apple. When he got to the apple barrel, however, he discovered that most of the apples were gone, and he had to climb right into the barrel in order to find one at the bottom. Once inside the barrel, the movement of the ship, and the sound of the water, made Jim sleepy. He had just started to fall asleep, when he suddenly felt the barrel shake as a heavy man leaned against it. Jim was about to jump out, when he heard Silver's voice saying:

"Flint was captain, and I was second mate. I lost my leg when we took that last ship, but I got nine hundred pounds out of it. Old Black Dog got twelve hundred. He spent it all within a year, however, and became a beggar. So did the rest of Flint's crew, and that's why they are here, looking for another chance. Gentlemen of fortune don't usually plan for the future. But take my advice: when this cruise is over, save your share of the money. Then you'll be able to live well all your life."

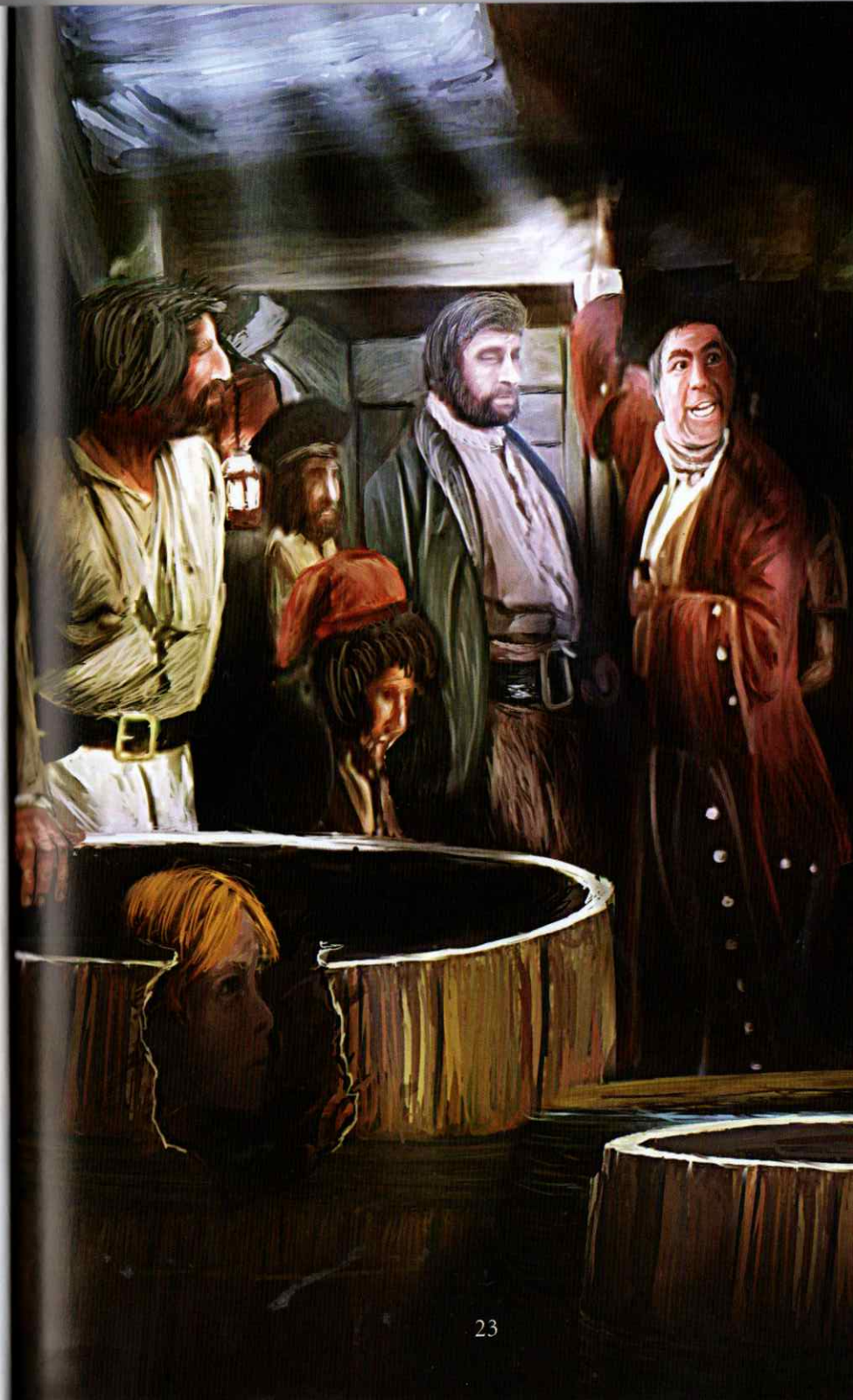
Jim quickly understood what was happening. Silver was trying to convince one of the crew members to become a pirate. That's what he meant by 'gentleman of fortune.' Then, another voice was heard; it was that of Mr Hands, another sailor:

"How long do we have to keep pretending? Why don't we take over the ship right now? I'm sick of taking orders from Smollett."

"Use your brain," Silver replied. "Captain Smollett knows where the island is, and we don't. Also, one of his friends has the treasure map, and you don't know where that map is, do you? So the smart thing to do is let Smollett sail the ship to the island and find the treasure for us. Once he does, we will kill them all, take the gold, and sail away on the ship."

"And you will make a great captain!" added the other man, George Merry.

"Why thank you," said Silver. "Now get me an apple out of that barrel, will you?"



Jim froze with terror, but then somebody shouted, "Land ahead!" Silver, Hands, and Merry got up and ran to get a look at the island. As soon as he was sure they were all gone, Jim climbed out of the barrel, his heart beating fast. He had liked Silver; he had thought he was his friend! But now he knew who Silver really was. Jim went to the front of the ship, where he found Captain Smollett, Dr Livesey, and Squire Trelawney, discussing where to anchor the Hispaniola. Silver was there too, offering his advice. He said hello to Jim and gave him a friendly smile. How could he be the same cruel pirate who was going to take the treasure and cut their throats?

Jim walked quietly up to Livesey. "Doctor," he said quickly, "you and Squire Trelawney and Captain Smollett must go immediately to your cabin, and then send for me. I have terrible news!"

A few minutes later, Jim joined the captain, the squire and the doctor in the privacy of the cabin. Above them, there was noise and excited talk as the crew prepared to anchor. While Jim told his story as quickly as he could, none of the three men in the cabin showed any fear, but listened carefully. When he was done they thanked him.

The squire turned to Captain Smollett. "You were right, and I was wrong," he said. "I admit I was a fool, and I wait for your orders."

"I was foolish, too," Captain Smollett replied. "I had no idea that the crew was planning this. That Silver must be a remarkable leader. Anyway, here's the situation as I see it: we can't turn back, because they will attack us immediately. We have the map, and they don't, so we have time until the treasure is found. Finally, there are still honest men aboard, whom we can trust."

"Yes," said the Squire, "I trust Joyce and Redruth with my life, and Abraham Gray, who I hired before meeting Silver."

Quickly the men formed a plan. Then they returned to the deck and acted as if nothing had happened. The Hispaniola's anchor dropped into the water, and the crew cheered. Jim looked towards Treasure Island. It was covered in dark woods and waves crashed onto the shore. He had wanted for so long to arrive here, but as he looked at the island he found himself hating the place.



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Comprehension

1 Complete the summary of Chapter 5 with the sentences a-e.

- They finally see Treasure Island.
- Silver explains that they can't do this yet.
- They must wait until they find the treasure.
- They realise that they are in a very dangerous situation.
- While inside he hears Long John Silver talking.

Jim Hawkins, the cabin boy, wants to eat an apple but has to climb into a nearly empty barrel to get one. (1) ____ Silver is trying to persuade a member of the crew to join him and become a pirate. The other men are tired and angry. They are ready to attack Captain Smollett immediately. (2) _____. This is because the captain and his friends have the map to the treasure. Jim is frightened but he manages to tell the story to Captain Smollett and his friends. (3) _____. Captain Smollett warns everyone that they must stay calm and not speak to anyone about what they had just discussed. He says that the best thing is to act as usual. (4) _____. Everyone agrees and their journey continues. (5) _____. It is covered in dark woods. The crew are very happy to be there, but Jim is worried about the future.

2 Answer the following questions.

- Why did Jim go inside the barrel?

- What is another name for pirates?

- What happened when somebody shouted out "Land ahead"?

- Who says that they had been fools to trust Long John Silver?

- What was the name of the ship that sailed to Treasure Island?

Vocabulary

3 Choose the correct word to complete the following sentences.

- As the thief approached, the young girl **froze/convinced** with terror.
- He lost his job and became a **squire/beggar** living in the street.
- He **formed/pretended** he didn't see me walking by.
- After the car crash my heart was **dropping/beating** very fast all night.
- A boat needs to **anchor/cruise** to stay in the same place.
- It is rather dangerous to swim when you see a high **fortune/wave** coming towards you.

4 Match the two columns to make expressions.

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| 1. get | a. asleep |
| 2. fall | b. for the future |
| 3. have | c. my advice |
| 4. keep | d. a look |
| 5. plan | e. pretending |
| 6. take | f. no idea |

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- Do you think Jim was right to tell his friends what he heard in the apple barrel? Why?/Why not?
- Who would you want to be with you at a moment of danger? Family? A friend? Why?
- What sort of adventures might Jim and his friends have on the island?

6 Imagine that you are Captain Smollett. In your captain's diary, write what the cabin boy has told you that he heard while he was in an apple barrel. (60-80 words)