

Treasure Island

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Once upon a time, there was a lively boy called Jim Hawkins who looked after his parent's pub after they died at sea. It was hard work but he enjoyed meeting the colourful characters who came in.

One day, as Jim was chatting to his best friend Doctor Libby, an old sailor called Billy Bones burst through the door. He was renting a room above the pub, so Jim and Libby knew him quite well. He said that some pirates had been looking for him, and he was worried that they might have put the 'black spot' on him. That was a pirate curse, which Billy said would mean he was doomed. When he turned round, Jim saw he had a black spot on his back!

Billy realised the pirates had found him. Reaching into a pocket, he drew out a Treasure Map. That's what the pirates were looking for – and Billy decided that since he was doomed anyway, he would give it to Jim. Suddenly the Black Spot seemed to start working and poor Billy staggered off and met a grisly end. In the confusion, Jim and Libby didn't notice a well-dressed sailor come into the pub and sit in the corner.

Jim and Libby were very excited about finding the Treasure, although they weren't sure how to go about finding a boat. The mysterious sailor couldn't help overhearing, and just happened to be in town with her boat and crew at that moment. She'd be happy to take them. They were off on an adventure!

Jim and Libby set sail for the mysterious Skeleton Island, captained by the charismatic Long Jane Silver. On their journey, the ship was attacked by five sharks that were 1000 feet tall! The sharks bit holes in the boat and it broke apart. They all shouted for help, but no one came. Luckily they managed to retrieve a part of the ship to float on, and they fended off the sharks using pillows. A giant pillow fight ensued!

The marooned sailor Ben Gunn spotted the commotion from Skeleton Island. He got his pet parrot Jeff to fly over to them and tell them to be still. The giant sharks are blind and can only sense movement. The plan worked and the sharks swam off.

Ben Gunn threw a rope to the floating crew and pulled them safely to the shore. Jim is so happy he danced to the song 'Dance Monkey' and everyone joined in. He ran off to find the treasure whilst Dr Libby distracted Long Jane Silver with the dancing.

Jim dug up the treasure, but when he opened the chest, it is filled with poo! He decides to take the chest with him anyway, just in case. When he arrived back at the shore, he chucked Long Jane Silver into the sea and she was eaten alive by one of the giant sharks.

Jim opened the chest again. Bravely digging into the poo, he discovered the treasure underneath! Ben Gunn was the one who pooped inside the chest, because money was meaningless to him, when he was alone, without friends, stuck on the island. They washed off the poo with sea water and it floated away. Ben Gunn watched Jim and Libby build a raft to set sail home.

Meanwhile, Long Jane Silver was still alive inside the giant shark. She decided to use the big feather on her hat to tickle the shark's throat. It works, and the shark coughed her up whole!

Silver swam over to the floating raft with Ben Gunn, Libby and Jim on. But Jim refused to let her on and they left her in the water. They granted her final wish, which was to hear the Dance Monkey song one last time. They danced to the song on the raft, and sailed away back home.