

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!

Not long after sailing out to sea, things quickly began to go wrong for poor Jim. He had misplaced the map after letting it fall from his pocket. Luckily, his good and keen-eyed friend, Dr Libby, noticed this and quickly ran to pick it up. She returned it to Jim and he was thankful. However, this did not go unnoticed by the charming yet crafty pirate – Long Jane Silver, who decided that this was the perfect moment to retrieve what she so desperately desired, the map! She crept up slowly behind Jim and just as she was about to snatch the map from his jacket pocket, Jim – who was already cautious of Long Jane Silver, caught her in the act! They drew their swords and fought long and hard, but the inexperienced Jim was defeated.

After beating Jim fair and square the map was now in the hands of Long Jane Silver. However, not everyone from the crew seemed satisfied with this outcome and so after watching this take place, Tilly the pirate decided that she would take action and defend Jim and Libby, who were soon to be thrown overboard. Another sword fight broke out and Tilly the brave pirate seemed to have the upper hand! She disarmed Long Jane Silver quickly and took the map back. Now, the three friends had the map but no clear way to make an escape, it was at this moment that Tilly whistled for her Dolphin friends to aid them in their time of need. They rode off into the sunset, headed for Treasure Island.

After arriving at Treasure Island, it wasn't long before they had found the treasure. As they began to dig, the cunning Long Jane Silver appeared with her daring pirate crew. She snuck towards Jim and his friends with the black spot in hand. Just as she was about to slap it upon his back a rumble shook the island. The trees began to shake, leaves could be heard rustling and loud thuds began to approach, but with all their attention on the newly revealed treasure chest, Jim, Libby, Tilly and Silver didn't seem to notice the group of dinosaurs heading straight for them. A hungry group of Velociraptors, a broad Stegosaurus and scariest of all, the deadly T-Rex, who was particularly fond of treasure chests! The T-Rex swallowed the chest whole and after feeling satisfied, took his dinosaur friends straight back into the jungle. After much discussion, the group decided to set aside their difference team up with one purpose in mind, retrieve the treasure!

They followed the large trail of dinosaur footprints and soon came across a smell that could have only been one thing, Dinosaur poo. It was so big and smelly that no one wanted to go near it, but they knew that the treasure had to be in there somewhere. So after digging through for what felt like an eternity, the treasure chest was recovered and the smelly pirates danced in joy as they shared out what was left of the treasure. Jim, Libby, Tilly, Long Jane Silver and her daring pirate crew shook hands and made up as they danced to their favourite sea shanty!