

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. Whilst Jim and Libby were distracted, excited, enjoying their time on the open seas, Captain Silver planned to steal the map from them. "There's a huge mountain ahead, Silver!" the new adventurers cried, as the ship headed towards a ginormous sea mountain. This was her plan, to distract them and give herself the perfect opportunity to find, grab and take the map. Silver, ignoring their cries, did not change the course of the ship and they crashed straight into the mountain, throwing its passengers to the deck. Upon the moment of impact, a giant killer shark swam up to the wreck and began to eat the ship up!

A little pirate, onlooking the commotion, sent his parrot, called Carrot, to save the day. Carrot flew over to our friends aboard the ship and beckoned them to follow him, using magic dust to help them all fly to Skeleton Island.

Once on the Island, Jim wanted to get to work searching for the treasure. He got Silver out of the way by explaining he had a personal mission to complete.

As soon as Jim and Libby set off to look for the treasure, there standing in front of them, was a small building with a sign 'Shovel Shop'. The shop was owned by a marooned crazy fellow Ben Gunn, who they'd heard about from Billy before his untimely death. Ben recommended his highly prized best 'Shiny Shovel' and Libby paid for it with her savings. Ben Gunn was a little reluctant to give it over, as it was his favourite of all his collection, but he did so with a little tear in his eye.

"If you happen to be using this 'ere 'Shiney Shovel' to find and dig up some 'particular' 'buried treasure', then there's something you should know...", Gunn called after them as they went to leave, "Dangerous human sharks guard the place where the treasure is buried. They have shark heads and human legs."

After learning this warning, the pair set off following the map, not knowing that they were being followed and tailed by Long Jane Silver and the pirate crew.

Reaching the spot, they were spotted by the shark people and immediately chased. They ran and ran until they came across a hidden door. Using Shiney Shovel, they broke open the door and headed into an underground bunker, only to find Ben Gunn already there. Ben told them Silver and the pirates were following them, and had a plan to save the day.

They left the bunker together, heading for the buried treasure site once again, with Silver and her crew following. As the sharks appeared, Jim and his friends quickly got out of the way so that the sharks could only see Silver and the pirates. Whilst Silver and the pirates were being eaten up by the sharks, Jim dug up the treasure with the Shiney Shovel. Just as they brought it up from the hole, the human sharks had finished their starter, only to turn back to them.

Suddenly, incredible sand mermaids appeared and offered to carry them back to the ship. Once they reached the ship, they shared out the treasure with Ben Gunn and everyone joined in the celebration. They danced the night away to 'Dance Monkey', along with the ghosts of Jane Silver and her motley crew of pirates.