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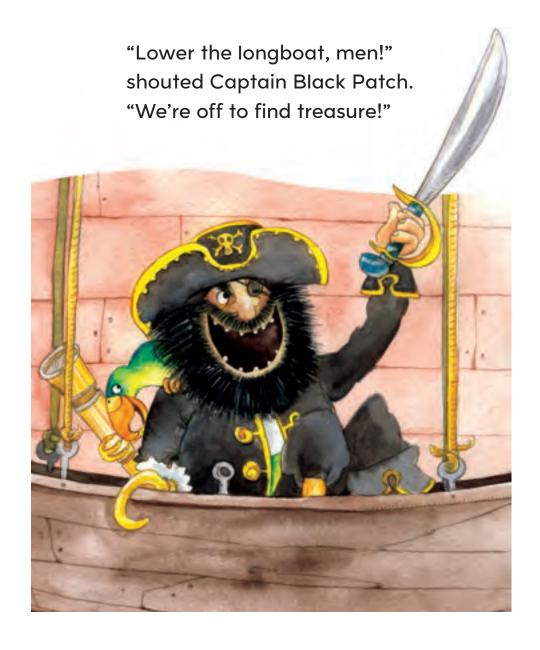
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"Land ahoy, Captain!" shouted Pirate Jack.





Captain Black Patch looked through his telescope. "Ah, yes. That must be Treasure Island!"





"Don't forget your sunhats and your spades," said Captain Black Patch.

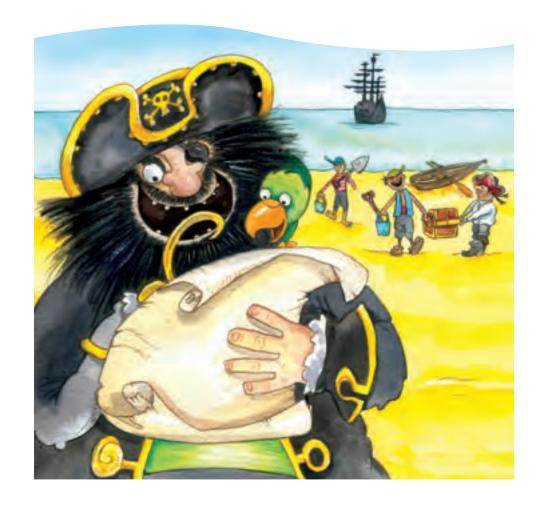
"And we'll need this chest for the treasure. Away we go!"

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"Here we are, men," called Captain Black Patch.

"The treasure is here somewhere.

Dig deep."





The pirates dug and dug.
"There's no treasure here, Captain,"
puffed Pirate Jack.

"Dig deeper," laughed Captain Black Patch.
"I've got important things to do."

The pirates dug and dug and dug. The hole got deeper and deeper. The sand got higher and higher.





"Ha! Ha!" laughed Captain Black Patch.

"I've tricked you all.

There's no treasure down there -

but you have helped me make a fine sandcastle.

I *love* sandcastles!"

"A sandcastle?" shouted Pirate Jack.

"No treasure?" shouted the other pirates.





"But we do have treasure,"
laughed Captain Black Patch.
"We have a fine sandcastle,
and a chest full of treasure!
Cook has made our treasure today!"

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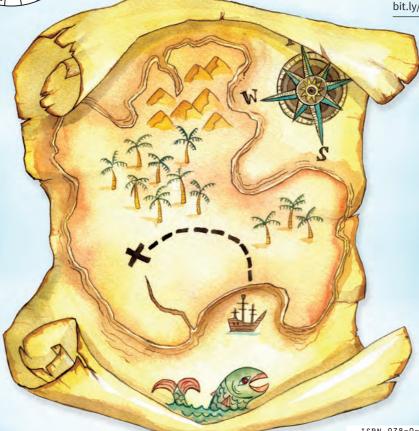


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