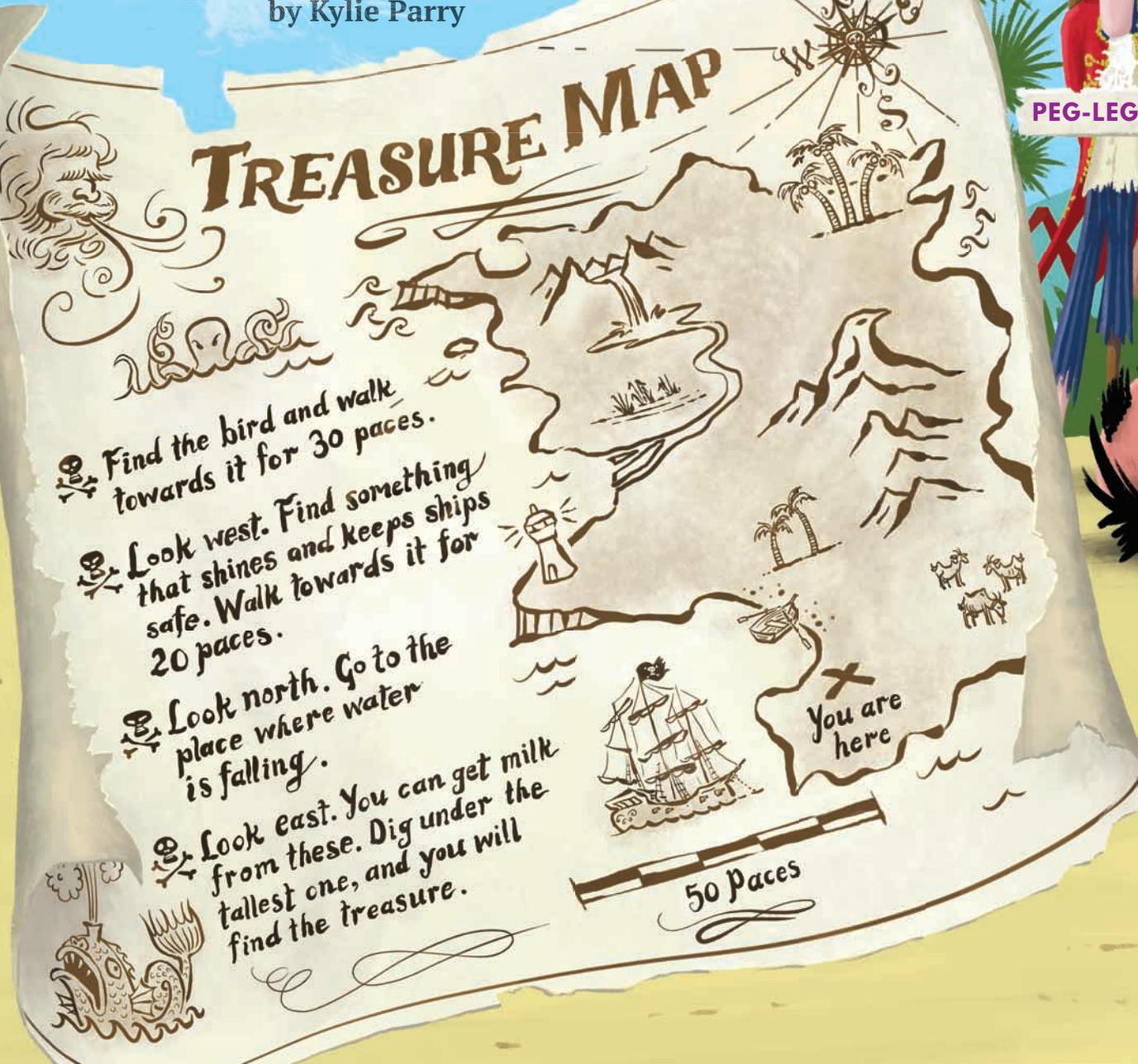


# BURIED TREASURE

by Kylie Parry

## CHARACTERS



**PARROT**

**PEG-LEG**

**SCAR**

**SEAWEED**

**PATCH**

**PIRATE CAPTAIN**

**PATCH.** Come on. It's time to look for the treasure.

**SEAWEED.** Wait ... the captain is still sleeping.

**PEG-LEG.** ARRR. It's his birthday. Let him sleep.

**ALL OTHER PIRATES.** ARRR, let him sleep.

**SCAR.** SHHH. We don't want to wake the captain.

*The CAPTAIN snores loudly.*

**PARROT.** Not much chance of that!





**SEAWEED.** I've got the treasure map. If we hurry, we can find the treasure and surprise the captain.

**ALL OTHER PIRATES** (*whispering*). ARRR!

*The pirates cluster round the map.*

**PEG-LEG.** I think it's upside down.

**SEAWEED** turns the map up the right way.

**PEG-LEG.** It says, "Find the bird and walk towards it for thirty paces."

**PATCH.** Look! Over there. Isn't that a bird?

**PATCH** points to where **PARROT** is sitting in a tree nearby.

**SCAR.** So it is. It looks just like Parrot. That's amazing!

**SEAWEED.** ARRR. We are the smartest pirates that ever sailed the seas.

*The pirates slap each other on the back.*

**PARROT** (*shaking her head in wonder*). I should have stayed on the ship today.

*The pirates walk over to the tree where **PARROT** is sitting.*

**PEG-LEG.** That wasn't thirty paces. It was more like three.

**PATCH.** Maybe they added an extra zero by mistake.

**PEG-LEG.** That must be it! Right, what's the next clue?

**SCAR** (taking the map from **SEAWEED**). The map says, “Find something that shines and keeps ships safe.”

**SEAWEED**. The sun shines. Where is it?



**PEG-LEG**. Over there, but haven't we forgotten something?

**PATCH**. Yes, we have. Sunglasses!

*All the pirates put on sunglasses.*

**SEAWEED**. We look amazing. Now, what are we waiting for?

**PEG-LEG** (looking at the map over **SCAR**'s shoulder). We need to measure out twenty paces.

**SEAWEED**. ARRR. We will find the treasure in no time.

*The pirates all nod. **PARROT** sighs and hides her head under her wing.*

**SCAR**. The next clue says we need to go to the place where water is falling. It's north from here. Where's our compass?

**PATCH** holds up a compass. The pirates gather round him and gaze north, looking puzzled.

**SEAWEED**. But it's not raining to the north.

**PATCH**. It's not raining anywhere.

*The pirates frown and look up at the sky.*

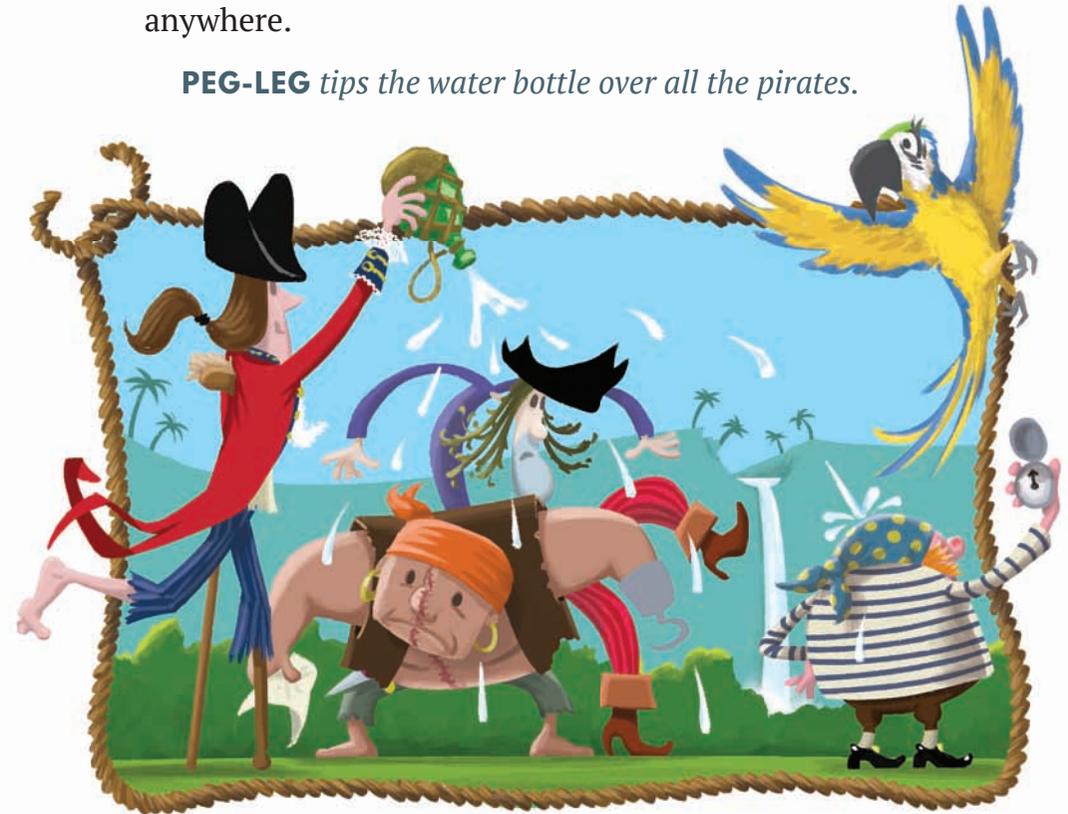
**PEG-LEG**. Wait! I know what to do.

**PATCH**. What?

**PEG-LEG**. I'll tip my water bottle on us, then we'll be in a place where water is falling.

**SEAWEED**. Brilliant plan! We don't even need to walk anywhere.

**PEG-LEG** tips the water bottle over all the pirates.



**SCAR**. Great job, me hearties! The captain will be so surprised when we find the treasure.

**PARROT**. So will I!

*The pirates shake off the water and look at the map again.*

**SEAWEED.** “Look east. You can get milk from these. Dig under the tallest one.” Oh, that’s a hard one.

*The pirates scratch their heads and look around. PARROT is sitting in a coconut tree behind them, squawking.*

**SCAR.** Shhh, Parrot. We’re thinking.

**PEG-LEG.** Supermarkets have milk.

*The pirates look around for supermarket signs.  
Three goats wander past.*

**SEAWEED.** Wait. I’ve got it! Goats! I see goats.

Goats make milk.

**PEG-LEG.** Look for the tall one.

*The pirates high-five each other  
and then run towards the goats.*

**SEAWEED.** Hold them steady! I have to measure them.

*SCAR tries to hold on to a goat, while SEAWEED holds up a ruler.*

**PATCH.** Owwww, it stood on me!

**PEG-LEG.** I think this one is the tallest goat.

*The pirates start digging under the tallest goat, which then wanders off.*

**SCAR.** It’s moved. Now we’re not digging under it.

**SEAWEED.** We’d better follow it.

*The pirates chase the goat round the island until it gets too tired to run and stops under a very tall coconut tree.*

**PATCH.** This must be the place. Dig everyone.

*The pirates dig. After a few minutes,  
there is a clang and they pull a treasure  
chest out of the hole. They carry the  
treasure triumphantly back to the ship.*

**PIRATES** (*singing*). Happy birthday to you,  
happy birthday to you,  
happy birthday, dear Captain,  
happy birthday to you.

**PARROT.** Good grief!

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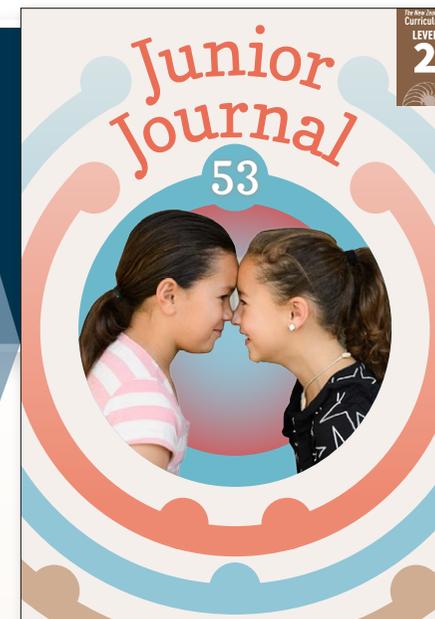
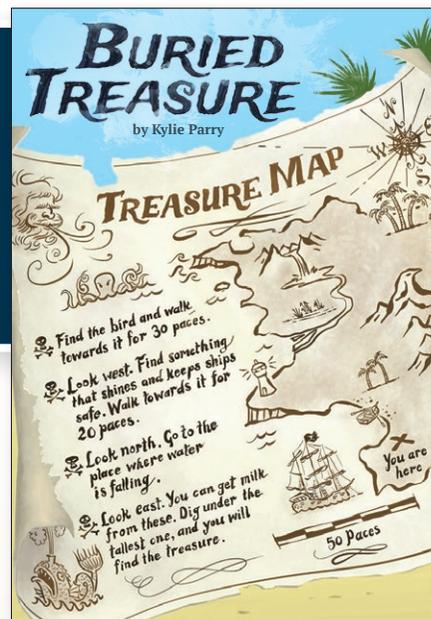
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