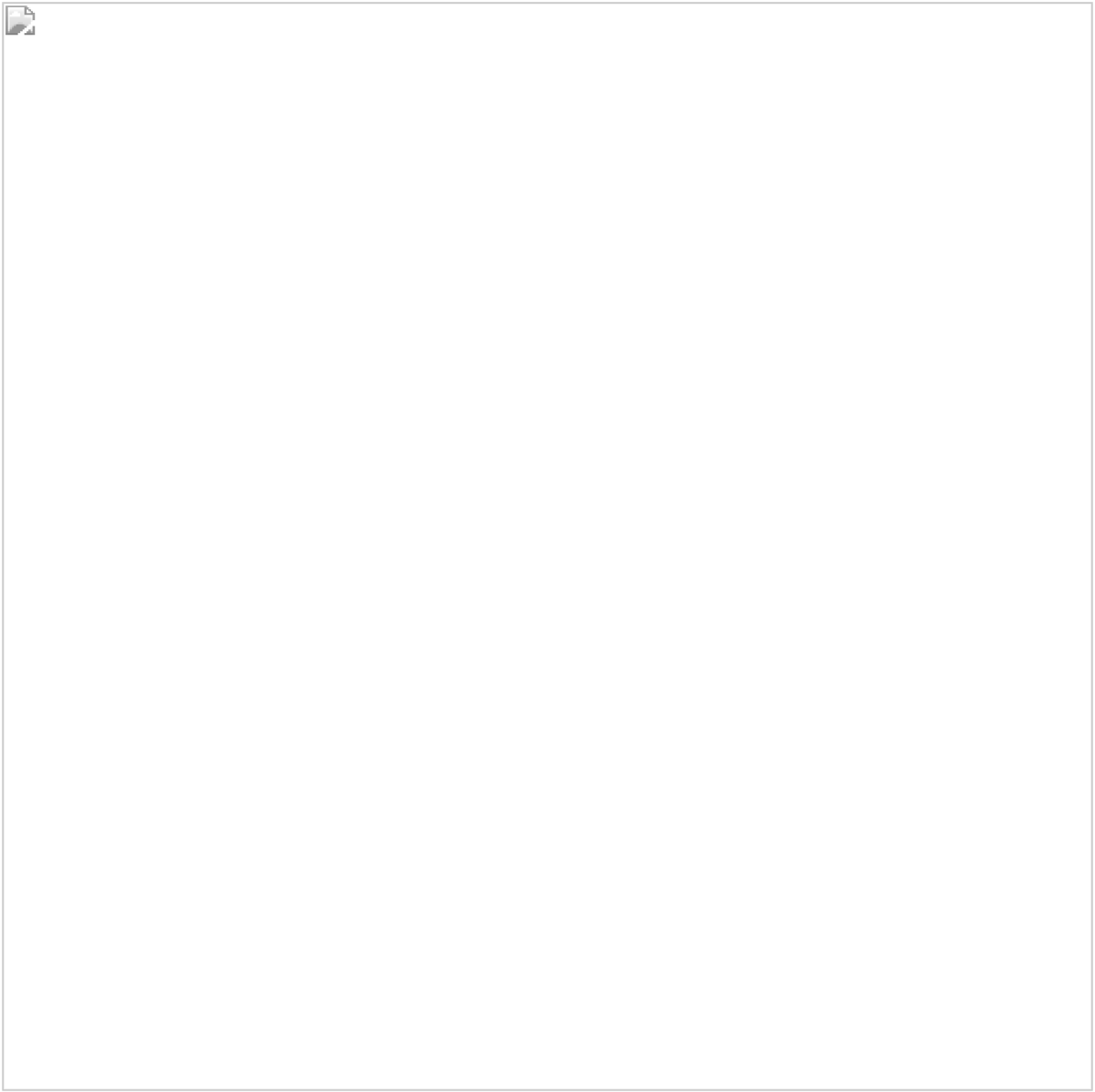
COLORING THE CLASSICS

Treasure Island

A Boy, a Map, and a Buried Treasure



By Robert Louis Stevenson

TALK ABOUT IT

If you found a map with a red cross on it, what would you do?

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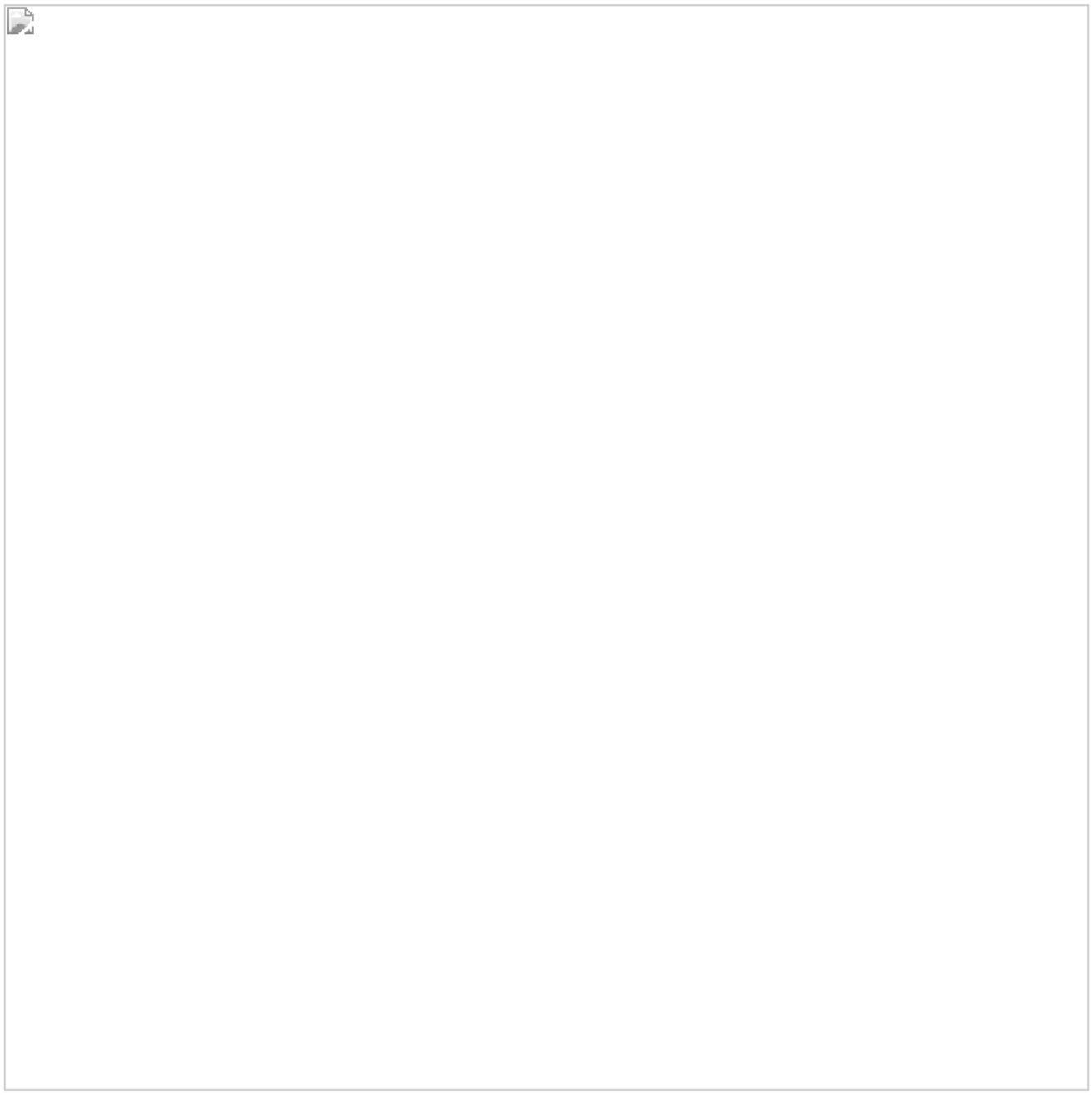
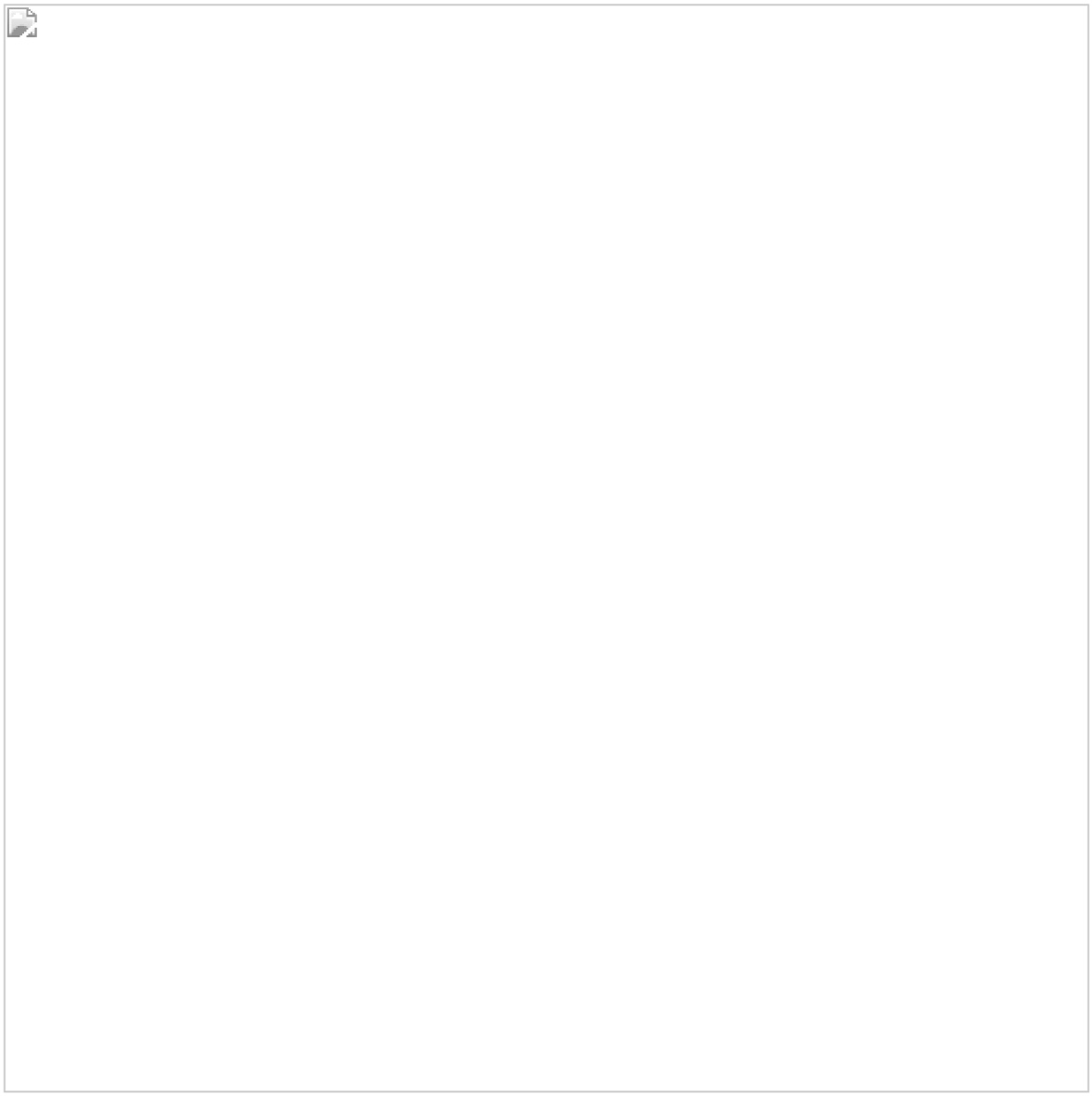


The Old Sailor at the Inn



My name is Jim Hawkins. When I was a boy, my father kept an inn by the sea, called the Admiral Benbow. One day an old sailor came plodding up to our door with his sea-chest.

“You mought call me captain,” he told us. He paid in gold, and he stayed and stayed. In the evening he sang his old sea-song: “Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!”

The captain was afraid of something. He promised me a silver fourpenny every month to keep my “weather-eye open for a seafaring man with one leg.” On stormy nights I dreamed about that man.

TALK ABOUT IT

Have you ever been asked to watch for something? What would you do if you saw it?

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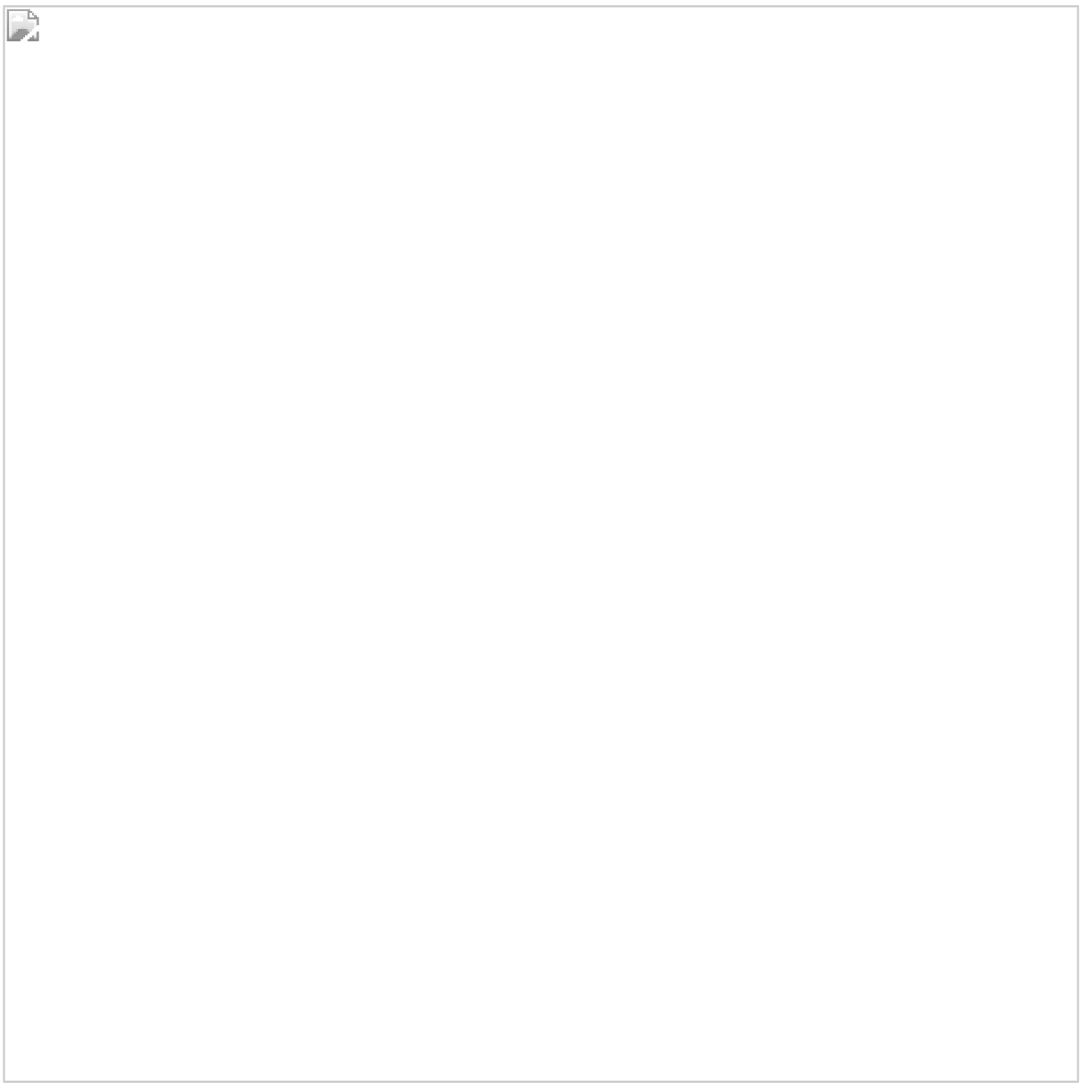


Think about it

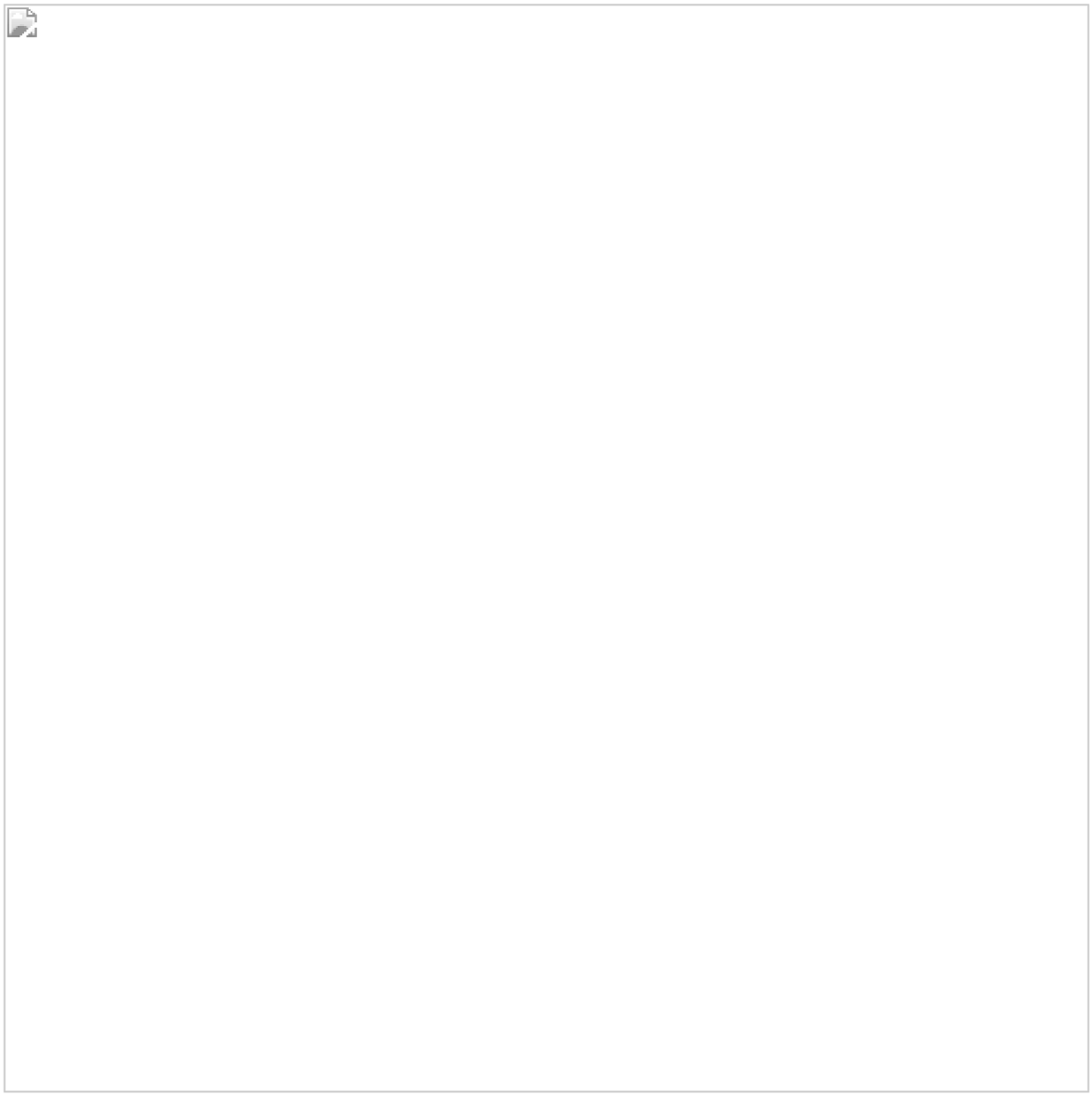
1. Where did Jim live?

- ○ At an inn by the sea
- ○ On a ship
- ○ In a castle

2. What did the captain want Jim to watch for?

- ○ A sailor with one leg
- ○ A big storm
- ○ A talking fish

The Black Spot



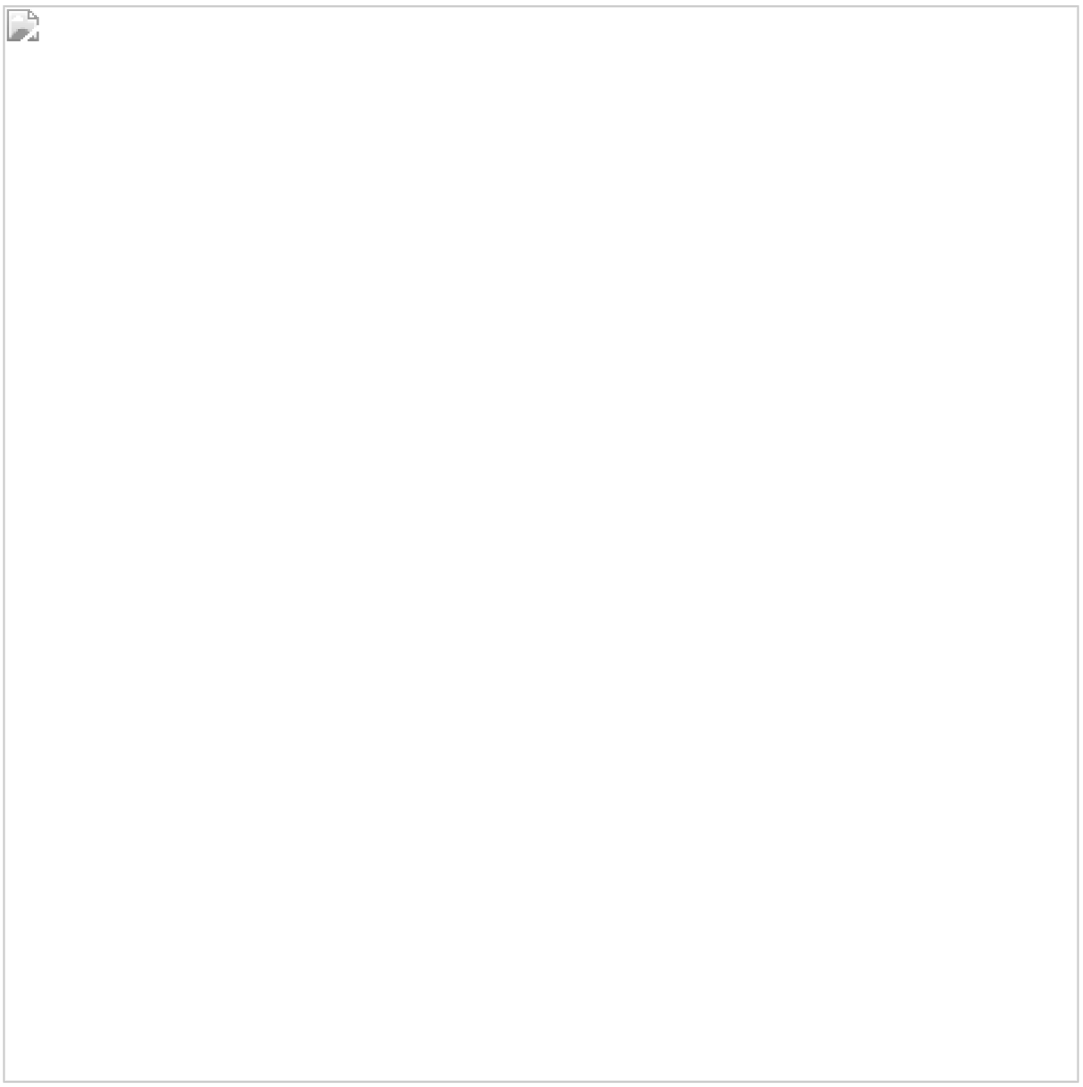
My father died that winter, and the captain grew more afraid. He told me what a black spot was. “That’s a summons, mate,” he said: a message from his old pirate shipmates.

After my father’s funeral, a blind man came tapping. He gave the captain something. “Ten o’clock!” cried the captain. Then he fell down, and he was dead.

Beside him lay a little round of paper, blackened on one side. The other side said, “You have till ten tonight.” I was sad, though I had never liked him. My mother and I were alone in the inn, afraid the pirates would come back.

TALK ABOUT IT

Jim felt sad even though he had not liked the captain. Why do you think that might be?



Think about it

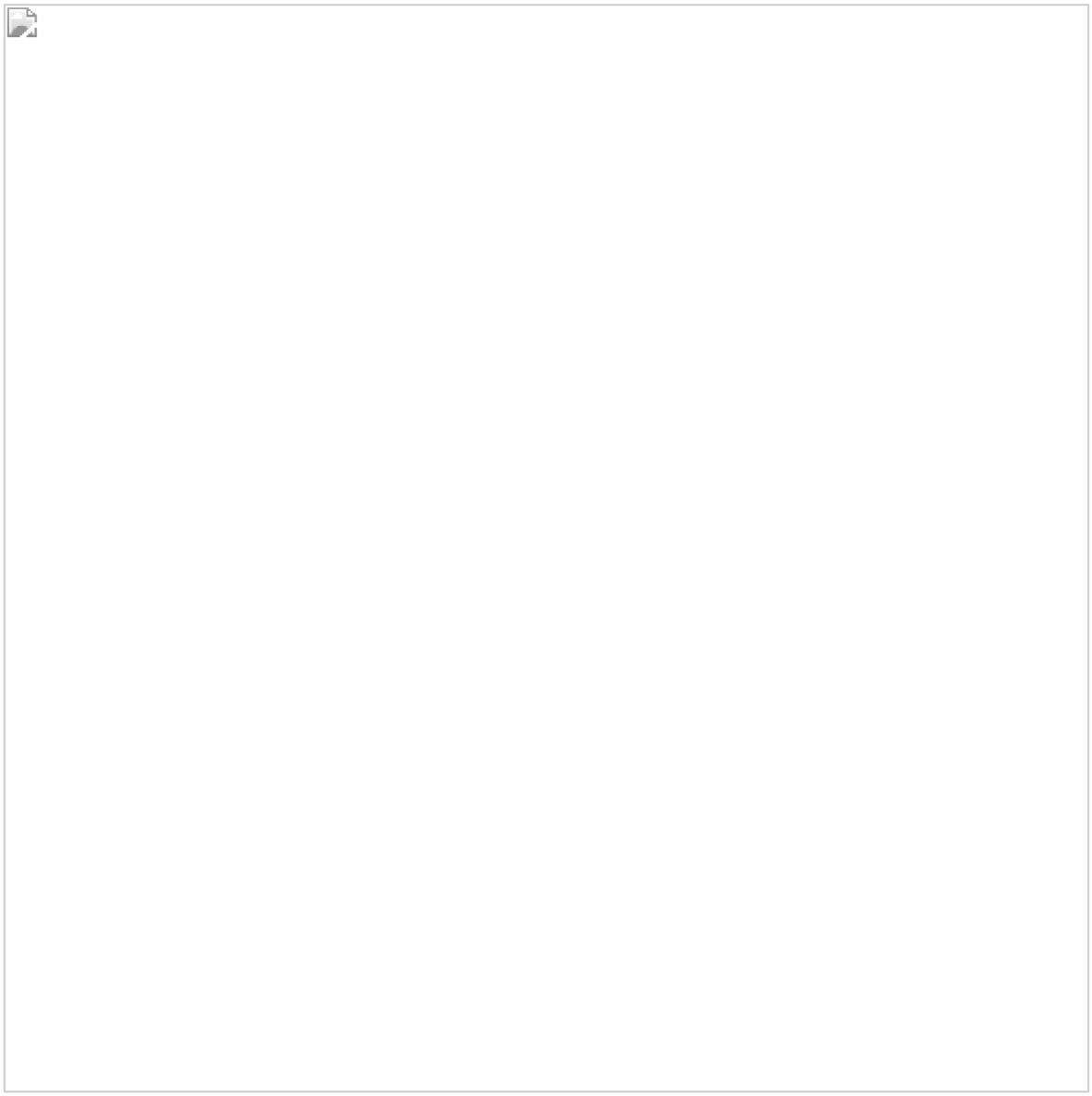
1. What was the black spot?

- ○ A little round of blackened paper
- ○ A spot on the wall
- ○ A spotted dog

2. Who was in the inn with Jim after the captain died?

- ○ His mother
- ○ A crowd of sailors
- ○ Nobody at all

The Map in the Sea-Chest



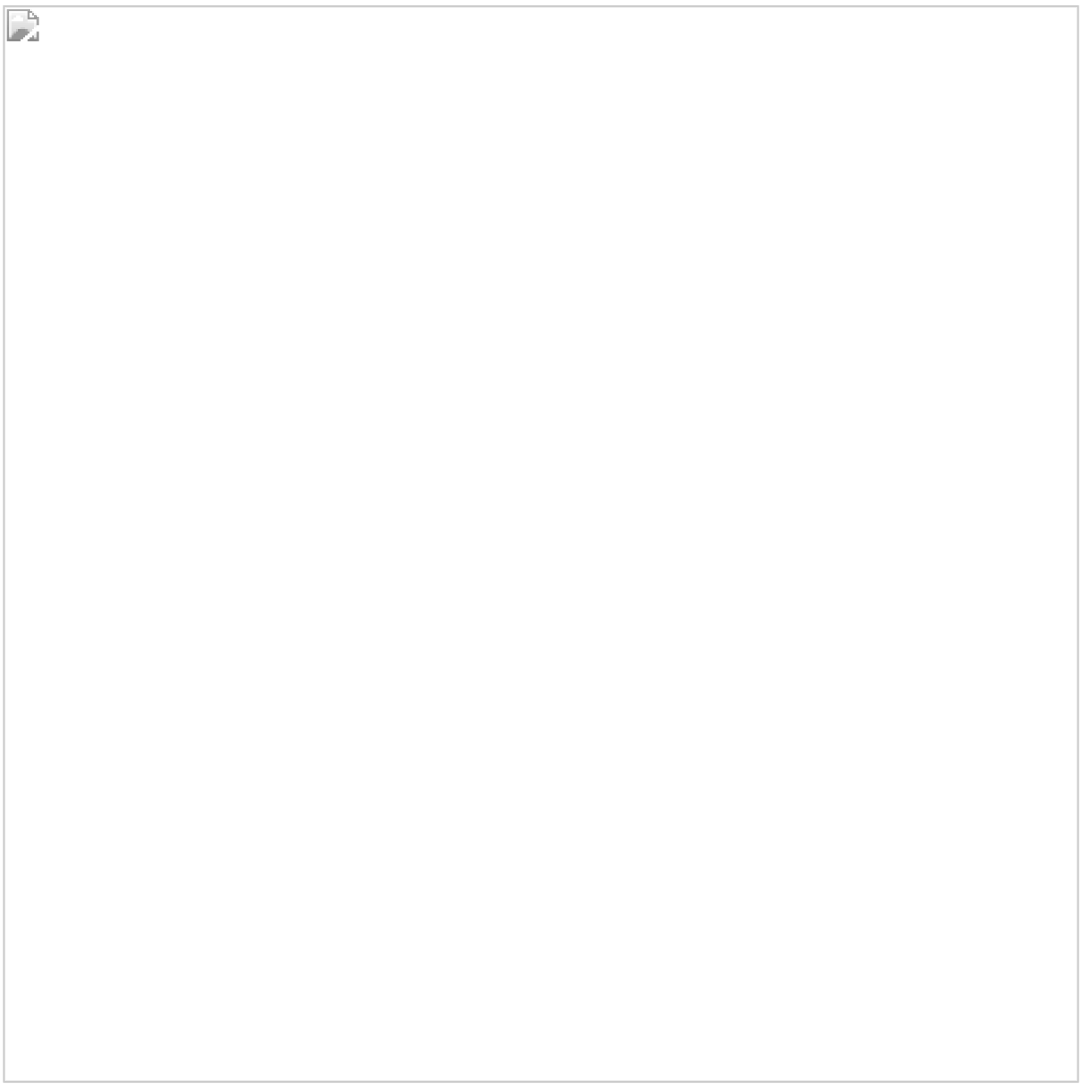
My mother and I opened the captain's sea-chest to take the money he owed us. She would not take a fraction more than was due. Then we heard a low whistle on the hill, and running feet.

I grabbed an oilskin packet from the chest, and we got away in the moonlight. I took the packet to my friend Dr. Livesey, and to Squire Trelawney.

Inside was the map of an island shaped like a fat dragon standing up. There was a hill marked "The Spy-glass," and a red cross with these words: "Bulk of treasure here." It was the pirate Captain Flint's buried treasure.

TALK ABOUT IT

Why do you think Jim's mother only took the money she was owed?



Think about it

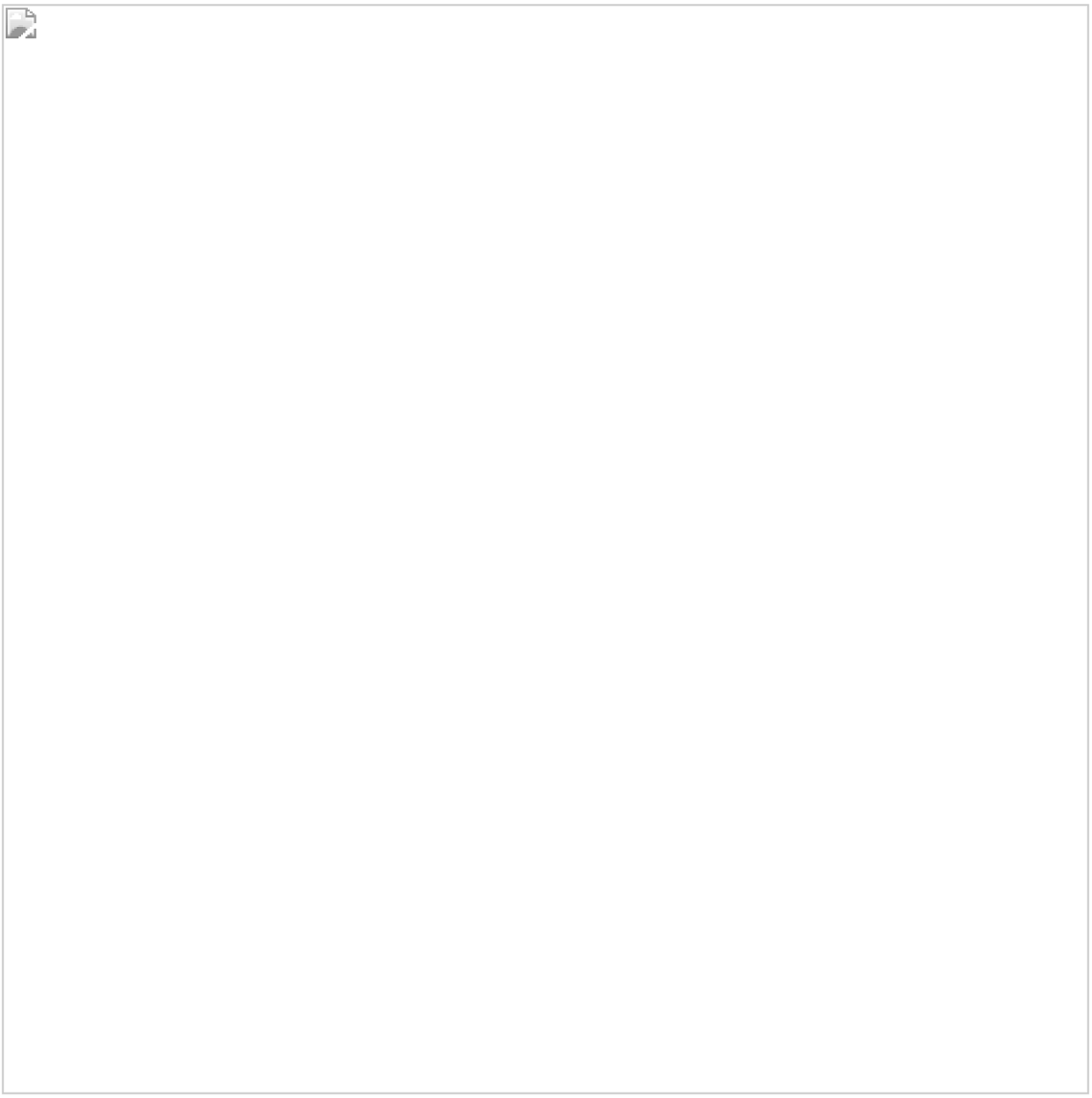
1. What did Jim take from the sea-chest?

- ○ An oilskin packet
- ○ A silver spoon
- ○ A parrot

2. What words were written by the red cross on the map?

- ○ Bulk of treasure here
- ○ Dragons live here
- ○ Do not dig

Long John Silver



The squire bought a ship and hired a crew in Bristol. He made me the cabin-boy. Near the docks I met the cook he had hired, Long John Silver.

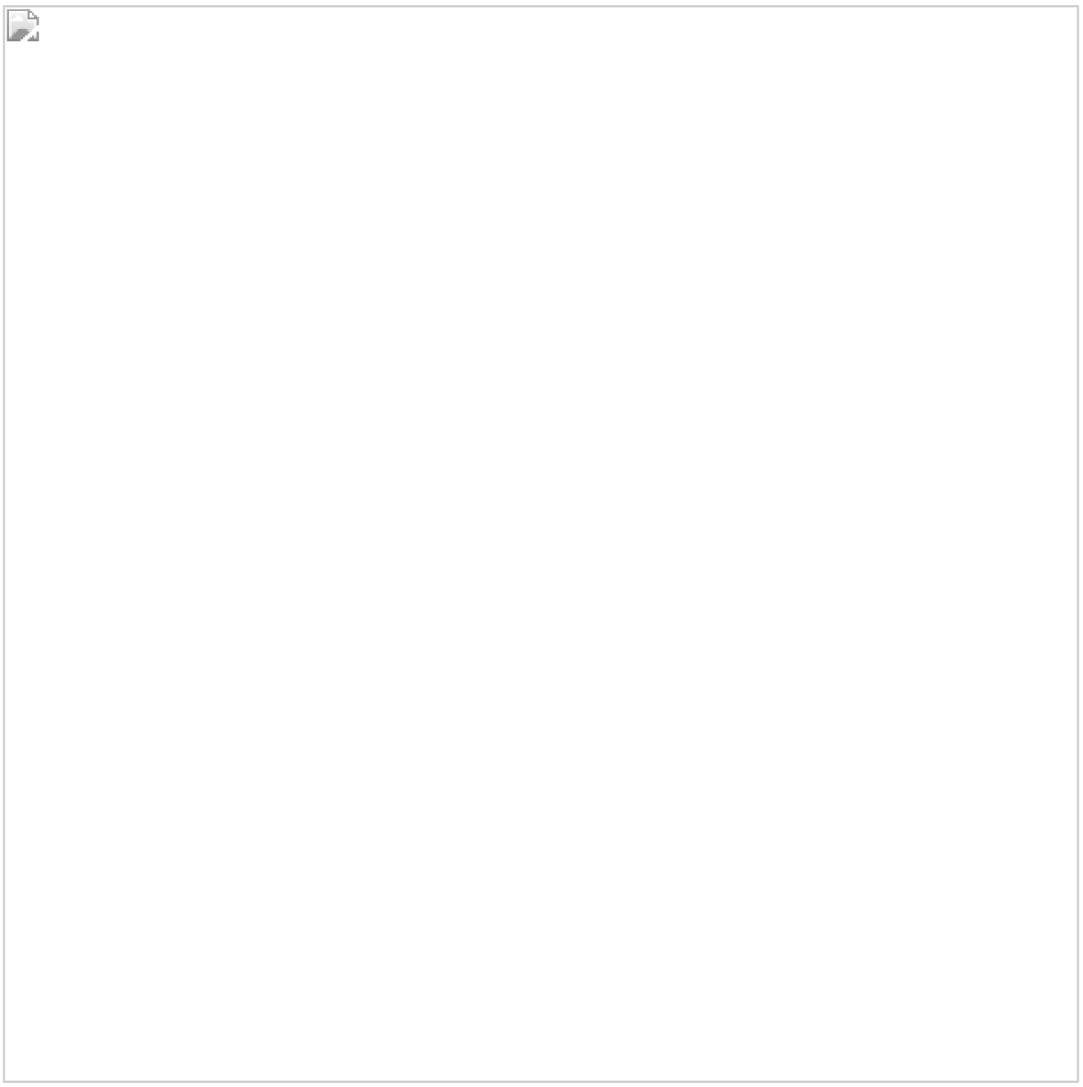
His left leg was gone, and he hopped about on a crutch like a bird. He had a big, plain, smiling face. I was afraid he might be the one-legged sailor. But he looked so kind that I could not believe it.

Silver kept a parrot named Captain Flint, after the famous pirate. “Pieces of eight! Pieces of eight! Pieces of eight!” she would scream. “Come away, Hawkins,” Silver would say; “come and have a yarn with John.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Long John Silver is kind to Jim. What would you want to know about someone like that before you trusted him?

Long John Silver · another picture



Think about it

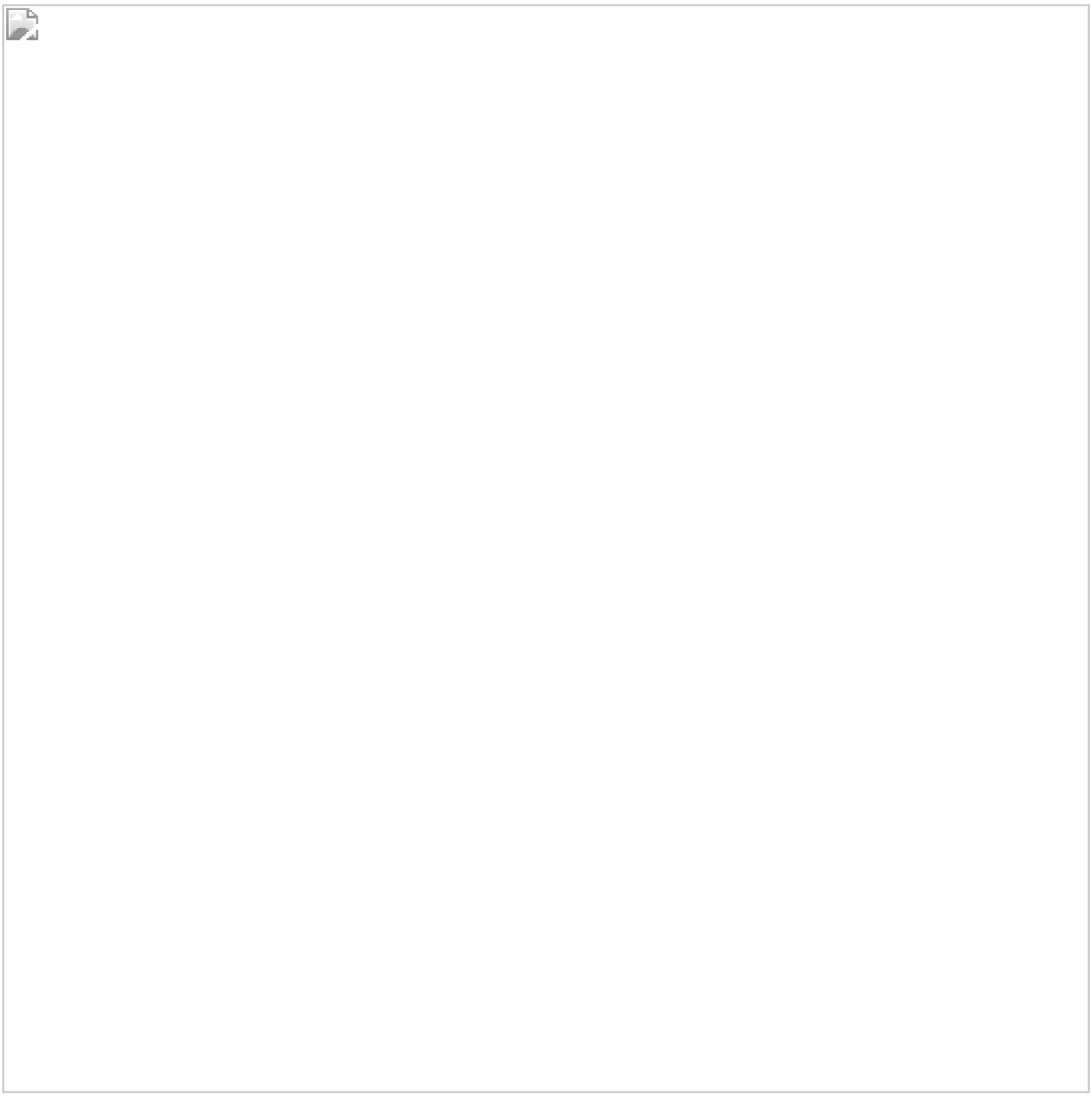
1. What did Long John Silver carry to help him walk?

- ○ A crutch
- ○ A broom
- ○ A fishing pole

2. What was Silver's parrot named?

- ○ Captain Flint
- ○ Sugar
- ○ Mr. Arrow

The Hispaniola



Our ship was the Hispaniola. Her captain was Captain Smollett. Before we sailed he told the squire, “I don’t like this cruise; I don’t like the men; and I don’t like my officer.”

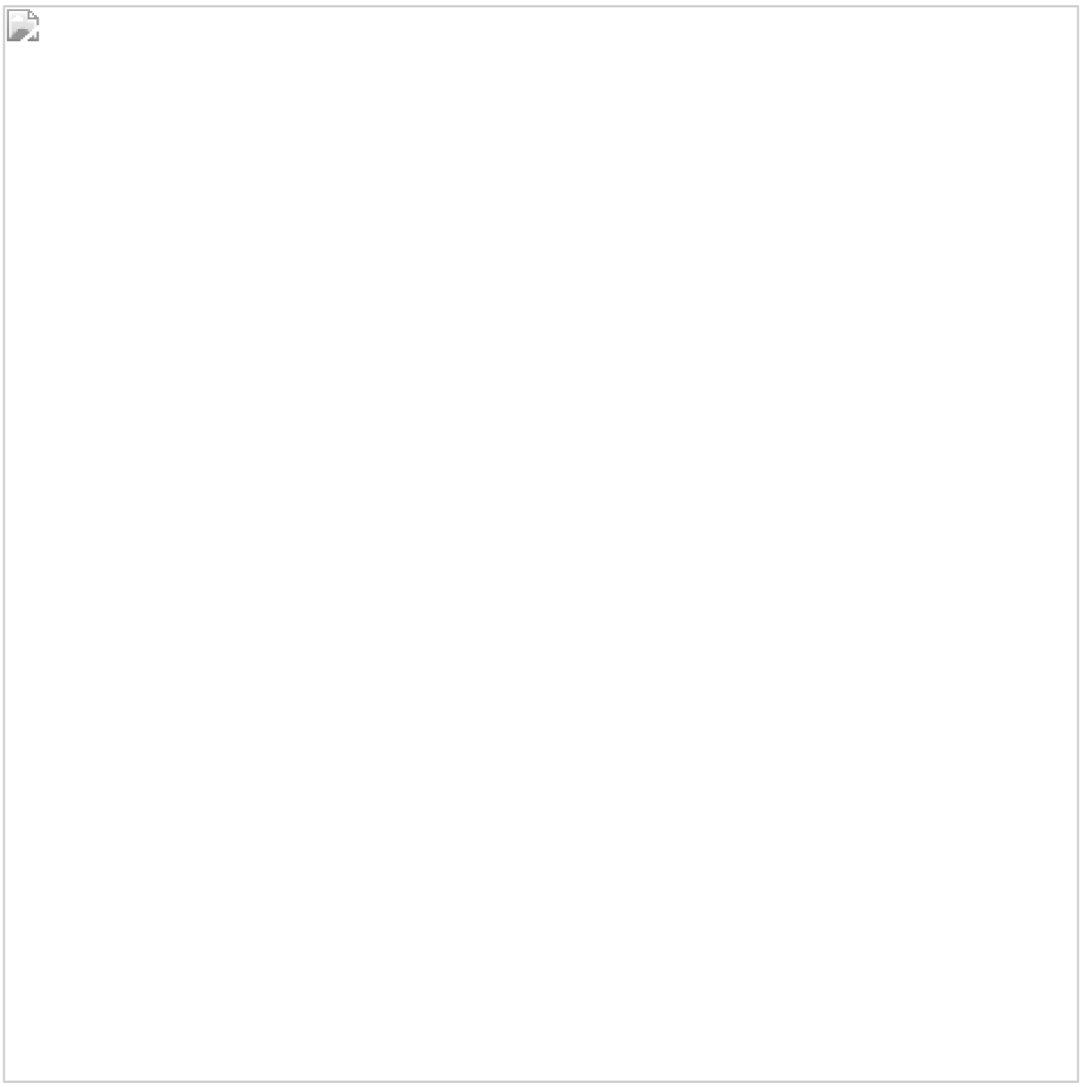
The squire was very angry. The captain asked that the guns and powder be kept safe near the cabin. He said the secret of the treasure had been told too widely. The crew already knew about the map.

A barrel of apples stood open on the deck for anyone who wanted one. The captain did not like how the men were being spoiled, but nobody could say what was wrong.

TALK ABOUT IT

Captain Smollett told them what he really thought, even though it made the squire angry. Is that hard to do?

The Hispaniola · another picture



Think about it

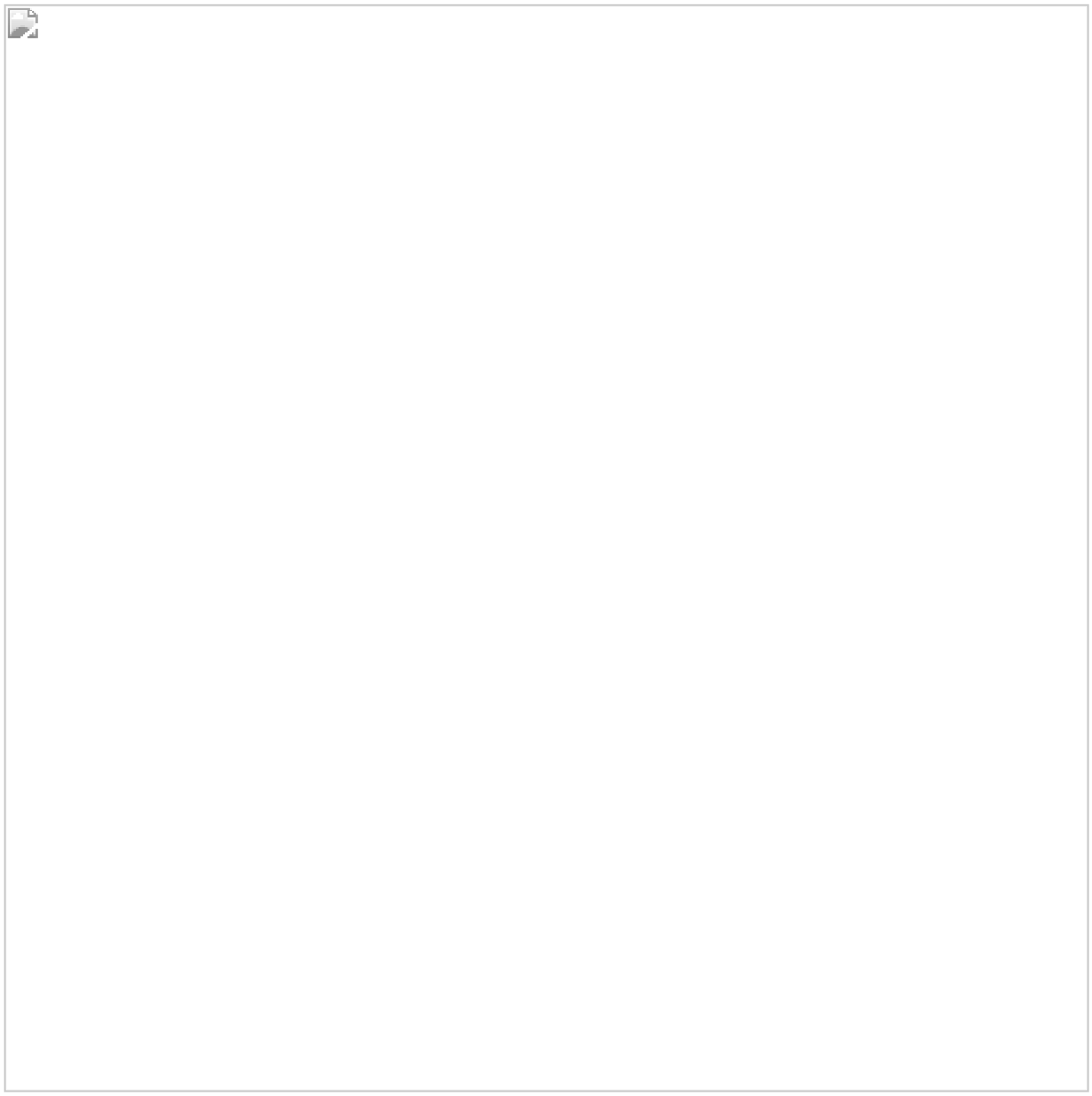
1. Who was the captain of the Hispaniola?

- ○ Captain Smollett
- ○ Long John Silver
- ○ Squire Trelawney

2. What stood open on the deck for the sailors?

- ○ A barrel of apples
- ○ A barrel of fish
- ○ A barrel of sand

What I Heard in the Apple Barrel



One evening I climbed into the apple barrel for an apple. Then a heavy man sat down against the barrel. It was Long John Silver.

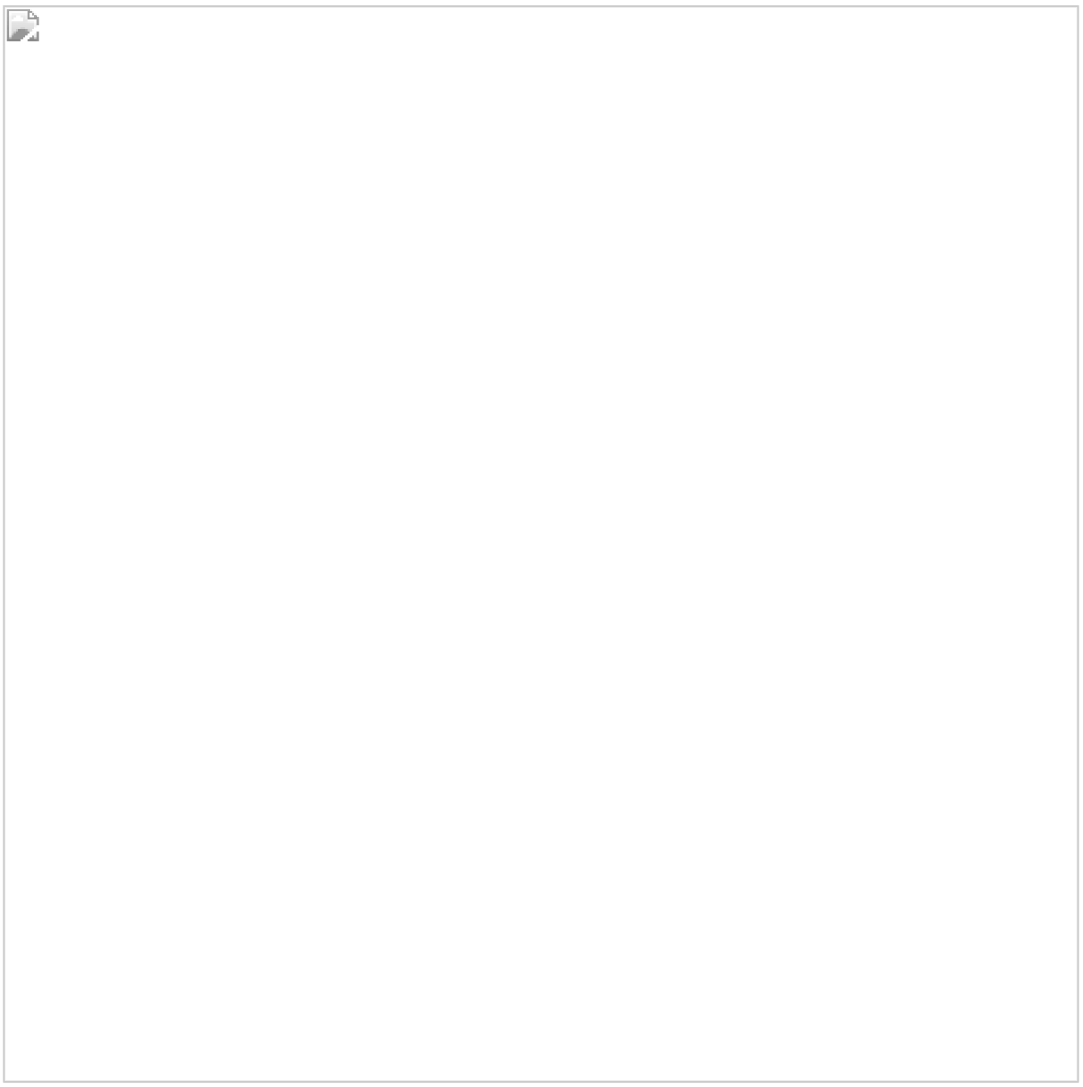
I lay very still and listened. Silver and his friends were pirates, once Captain Flint's men. They planned to take the ship and the treasure. Only a few sailors were honest.

Then the lookout cried, "Land ho!" In the rush on deck, I slipped out. Soon I told Dr. Livesey, the squire and the captain every word. The squire told the captain, "you were right, and I was wrong."

TALK ABOUT IT

Jim was frightened, but he still told his friends. What would help you be brave in a moment like that?

What I Heard in the Apple Barrel · another picture



Think about it

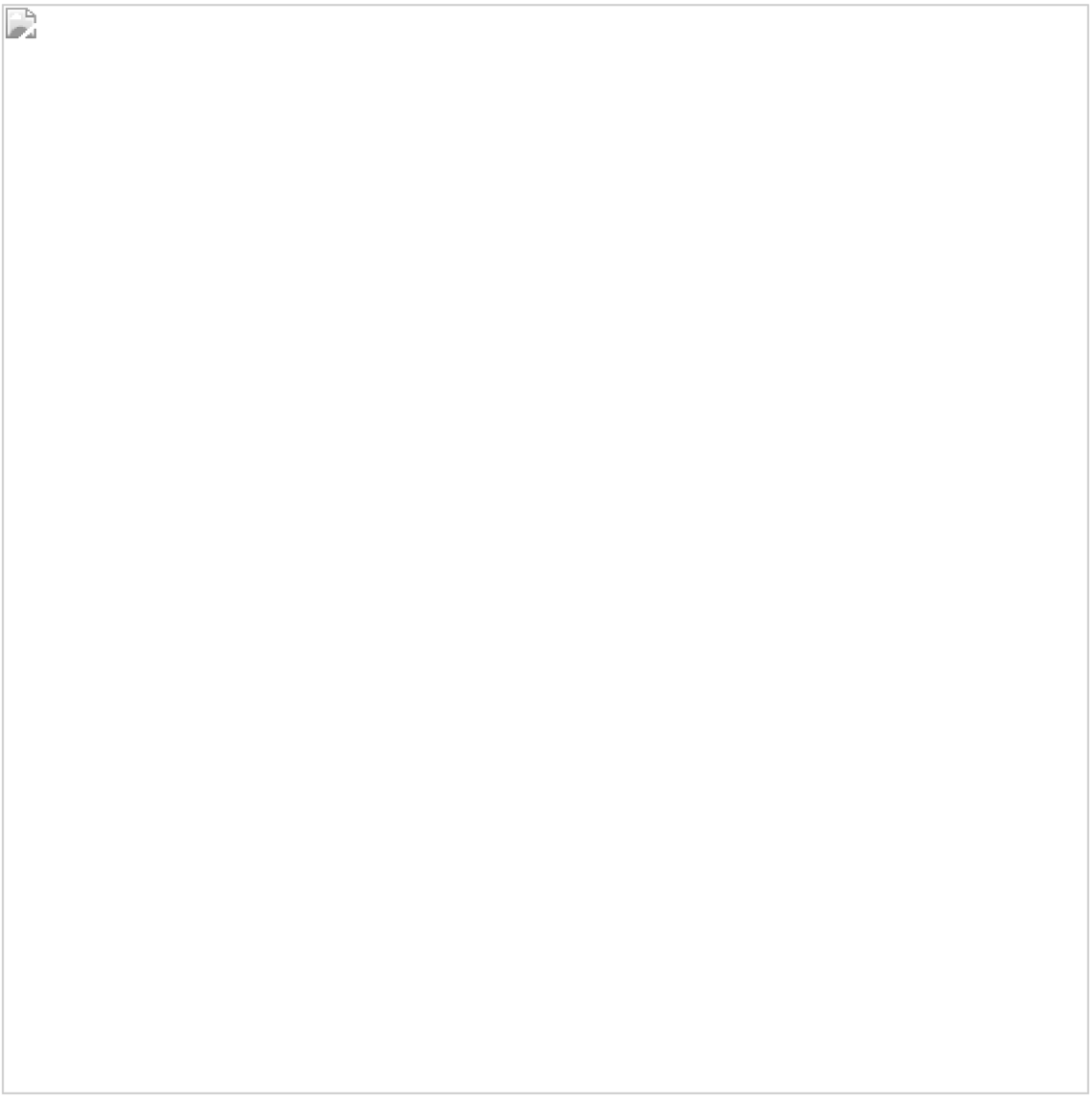
1. Where was Jim hiding when he heard the plan?

- ○ In the apple barrel
- ○ Under a table
- ○ In a lifeboat

2. What did Jim do after he heard the plan?

- ○ He told Dr. Livesey, the squire and the captain
- ○ He kept it secret
- ○ He told the parrot

Treasure Island



In the morning we saw Treasure Island, low and green, with sandy beaches, dark woods and three hills in a row. The tallest had a cloud on top. It was the Spy-glass on our map.

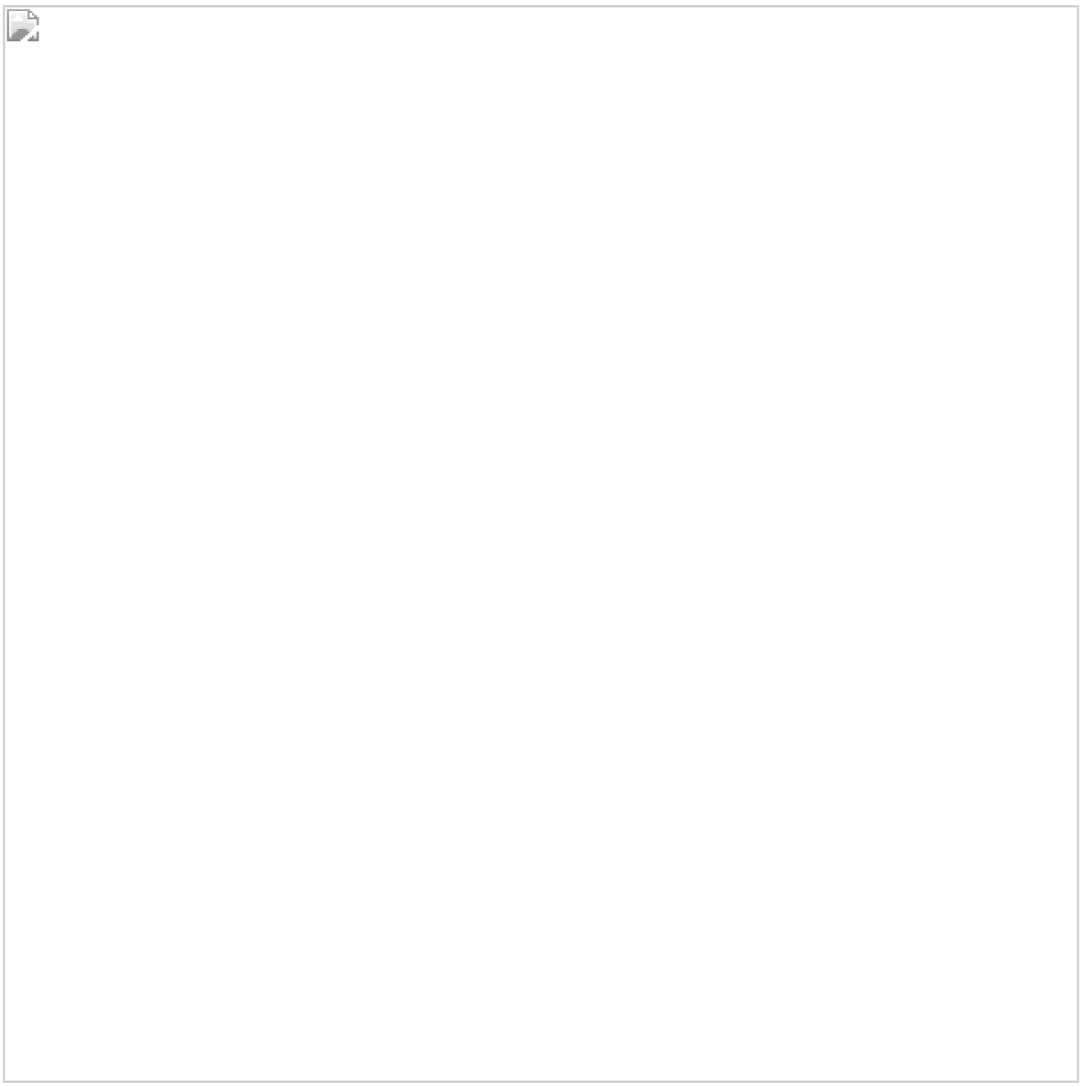
The captain gave the crew leave to go ashore. I slipped into one of the boats, and Silver's men did not stop me.

As soon as the boat touched the sand, I jumped out and ran into the woods, far from Long John Silver. I ran through bushes and sand-hills, past a marsh and strange trees, until I was alone with the surf thundering far away.

TALK ABOUT IT

Jim ran off alone to see the island. What do you think could go wrong when you wander off by yourself?

Treasure Island · another picture



Think about it

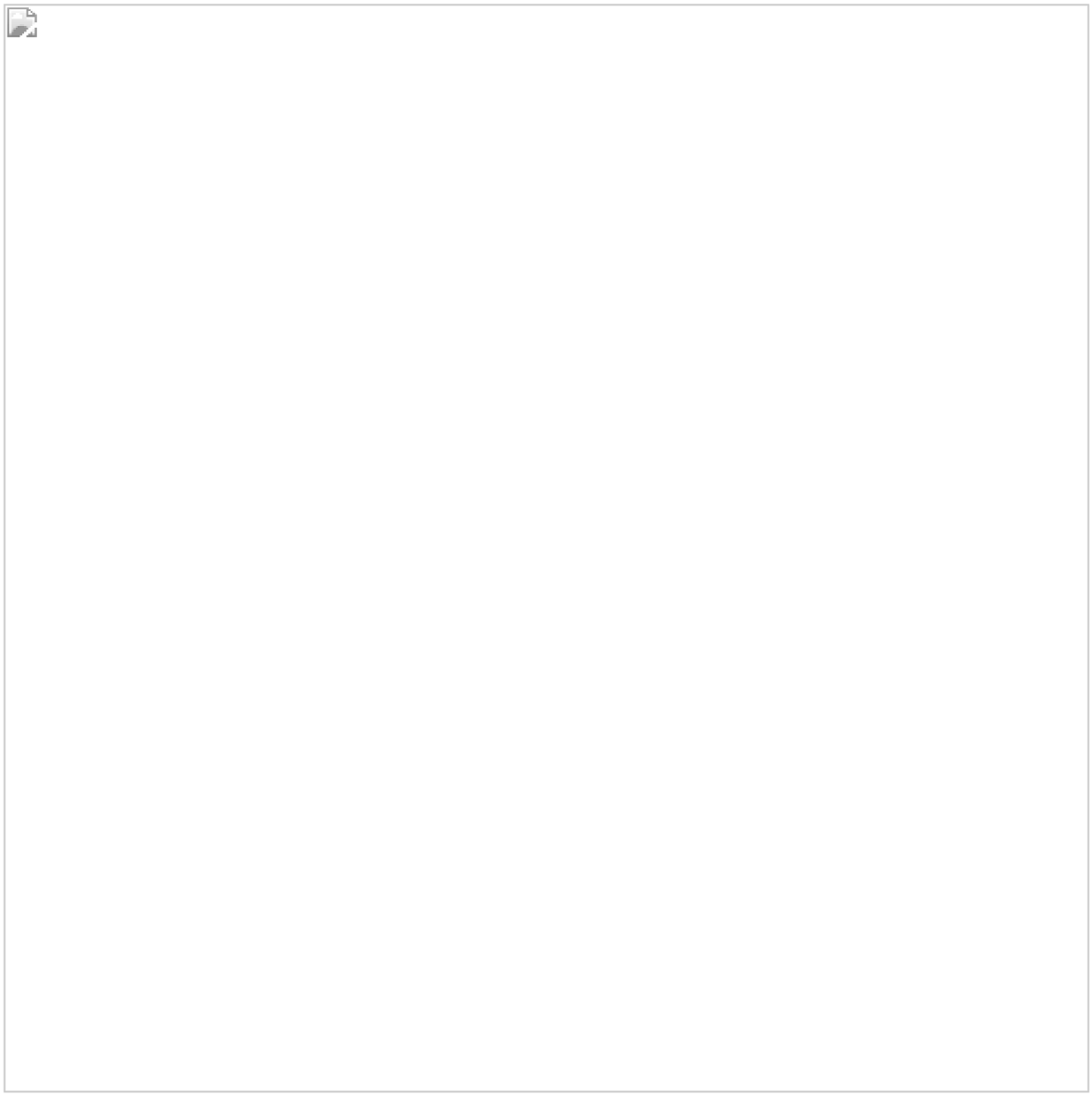
1. What did Jim see in the morning?

- ○ Treasure Island
- ○ His own house
- ○ A big whale

2. What did Jim do as soon as the boat touched the sand?

- ○ Ran into the woods
- ○ Went to sleep
- ○ Went back to the ship

The Man of the Island



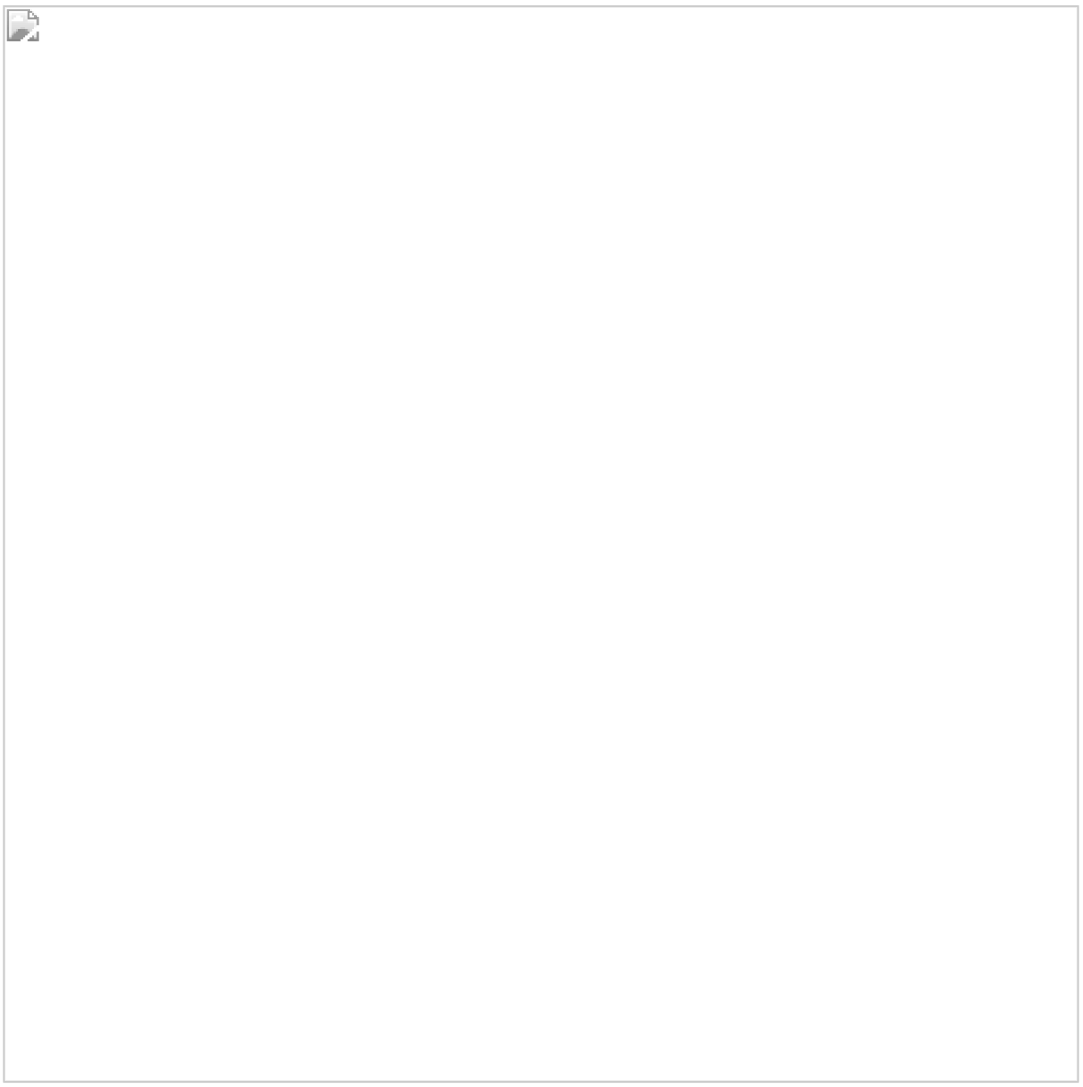
In the woods, something dark and shaggy leaped from tree to tree. It circled round me, and at last it fell on its knees and held out its clasped hands.

“Who are you?” I asked. “Ben Gunn,” he answered. “I’m poor Ben Gunn, I am; and I haven’t spoke with a Christian these three years.” He had been marooned, left alone on the island.

He said that “many’s the long night I’ve dreamed of cheese.” I promised him cheese. Then he whispered, “I’m rich.” When I told him our trouble, he said, “Ben Gunn’s the man to do it.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Ben Gunn had not talked to anyone in three years. What do you think he wanted most?



Think about it

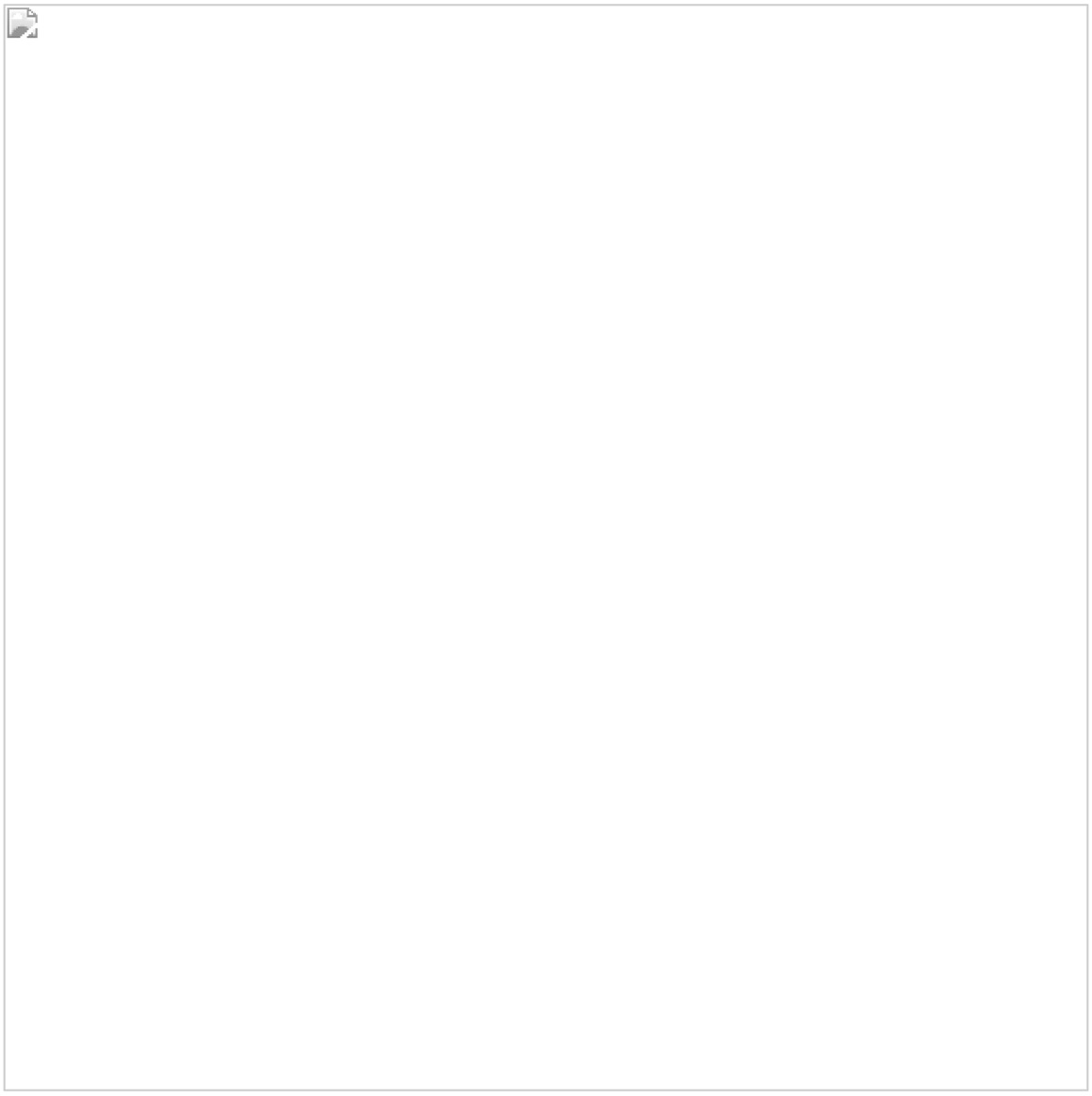
1. What did Ben Gunn dream about on long nights?

- ○ Cheese
- ○ Candy
- ○ Soup

2. What does “marooned” mean in this story?

- ○ Left alone on an island
- ○ Painted red
- ○ Sent home

The Stockade



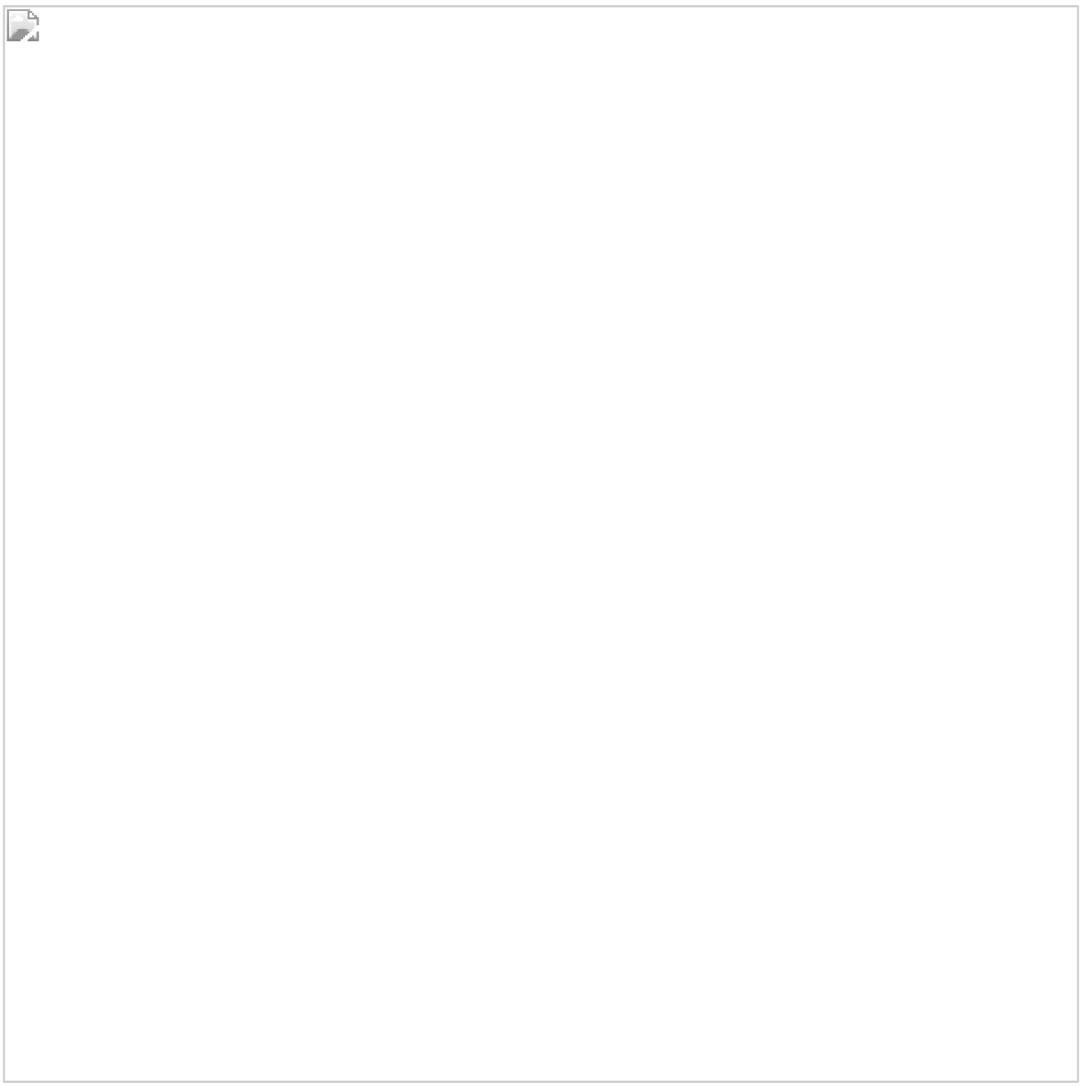
Ben Gunn and I came near an old log fort called the stockade, with the British flag flying over it. “Now,” said he, “there’s your friends, sure enough.” My friends had taken guns and food there, and the pirates had the ship. Old Tom Redruth, the squire’s man, had been hurt by pirate fire, and died that evening. We buried him in the sand.

The doctor came to where I stood guard. “Is this Ben Gunn a man?” he asked. I told him Ben Gunn liked cheese. “In my snuff-box I carry a piece of Parmesan cheese,” he said. “Well, that’s for Ben Gunn!”

TALK ABOUT IT

The doctor kept cheese in his snuff-box for someone he had never met. What do you think of that?

The Stockade · another picture



Think about it

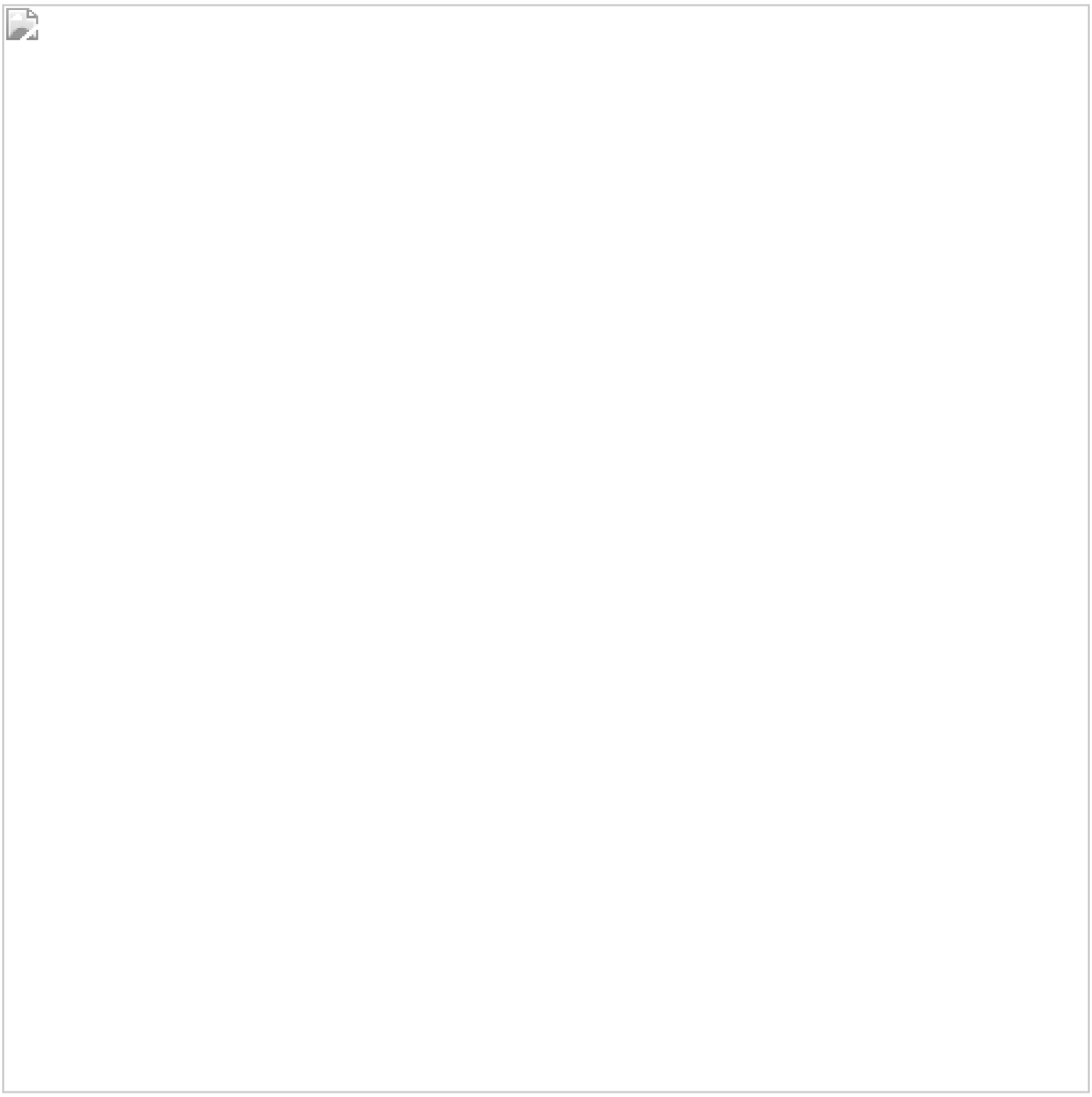
1. Where were Jim's friends when he found them?

- ○ An old log fort called the stockade
- ○ A castle
- ○ A tree house

2. What did the doctor keep for Ben Gunn?

- ○ A piece of Parmesan cheese
- ○ A silver coin
- ○ A warm coat

The Attack



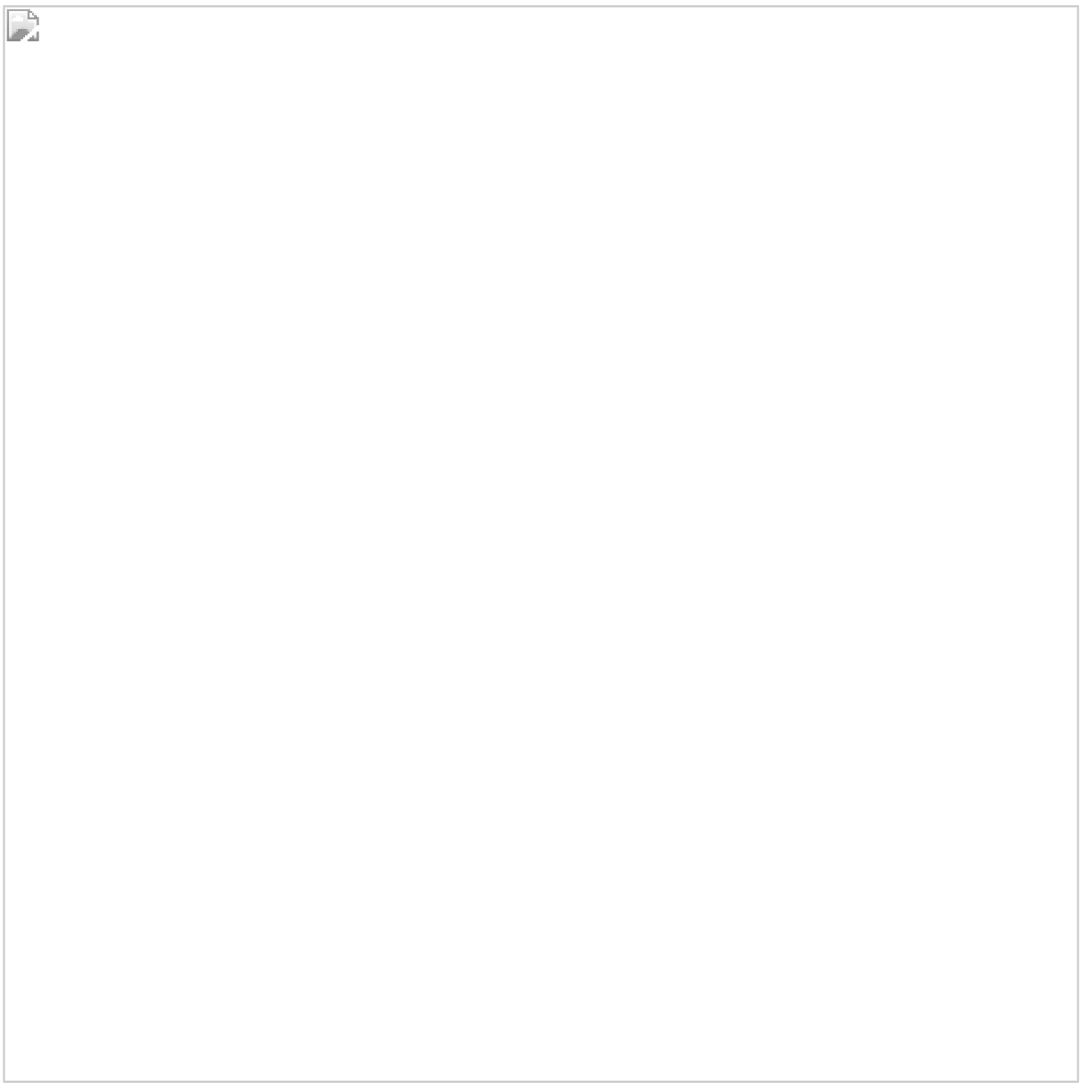
Next morning Long John Silver came to the stockade under a white flag and asked for the map. Captain Smollett said no. “Quarters!” he cried, and every man ran to his post.

The pirates ran at the stockade from the woods. There was shooting and shouting, but our little fort held. Captain Smollett was wounded, and Hunter, the squire’s man, died in the night.

That afternoon the doctor took the map and walked into the woods alone. I guessed he was going to see Ben Gunn. And I began to get an idea in my head, which was not a good one.

TALK ABOUT IT

Captain Smollett would not give up the map, even when it was dangerous to say no. Why do you think he held firm?



Think about it

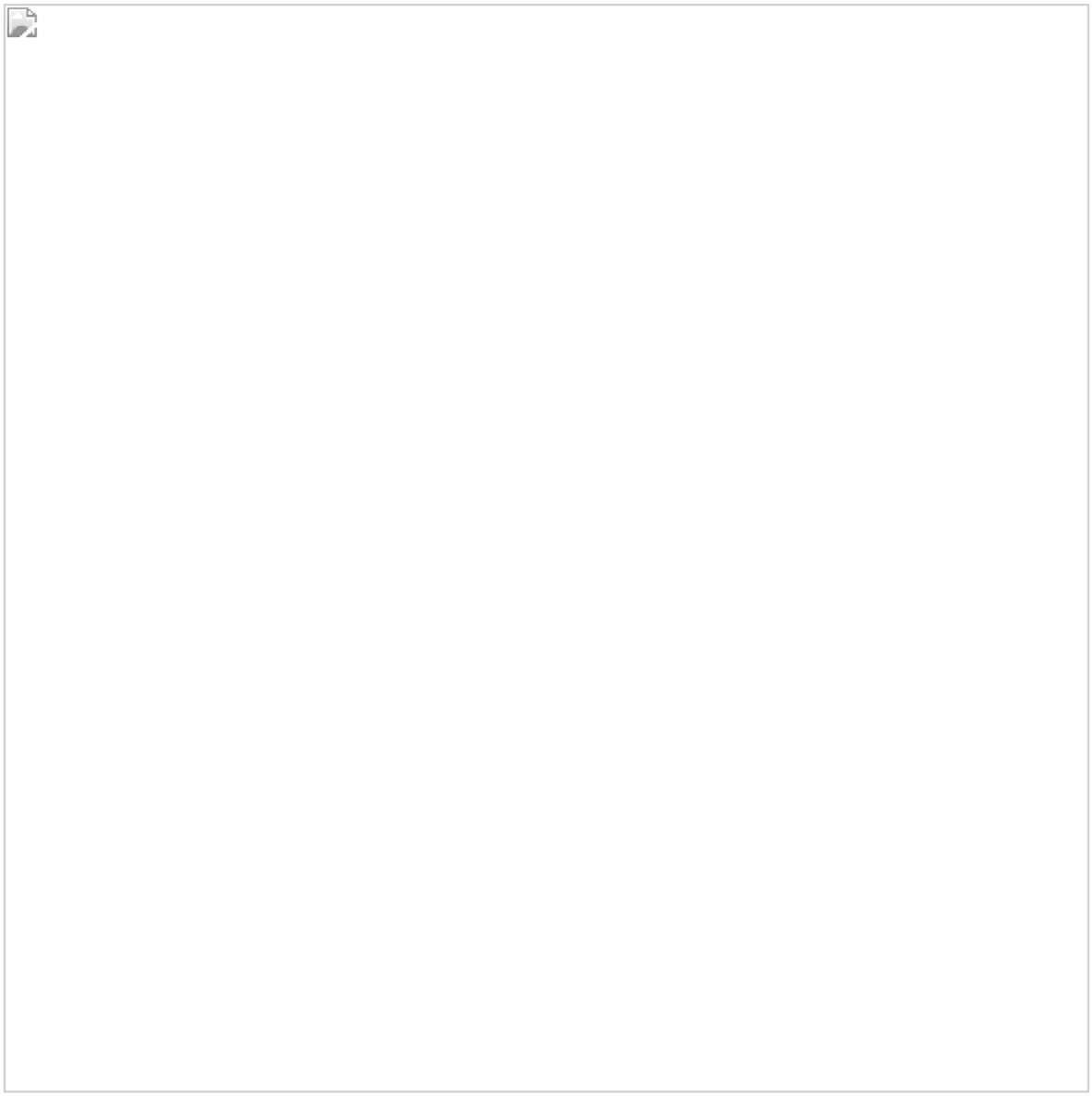
1. How did Long John Silver come to the stockade?

- ○ Under a white flag
- ○ On a horse
- ○ By boat

2. Where did the doctor go that afternoon?

- ○ Into the woods alone
- ○ Back to the ship
- ○ To bed

I Run Away to Sea



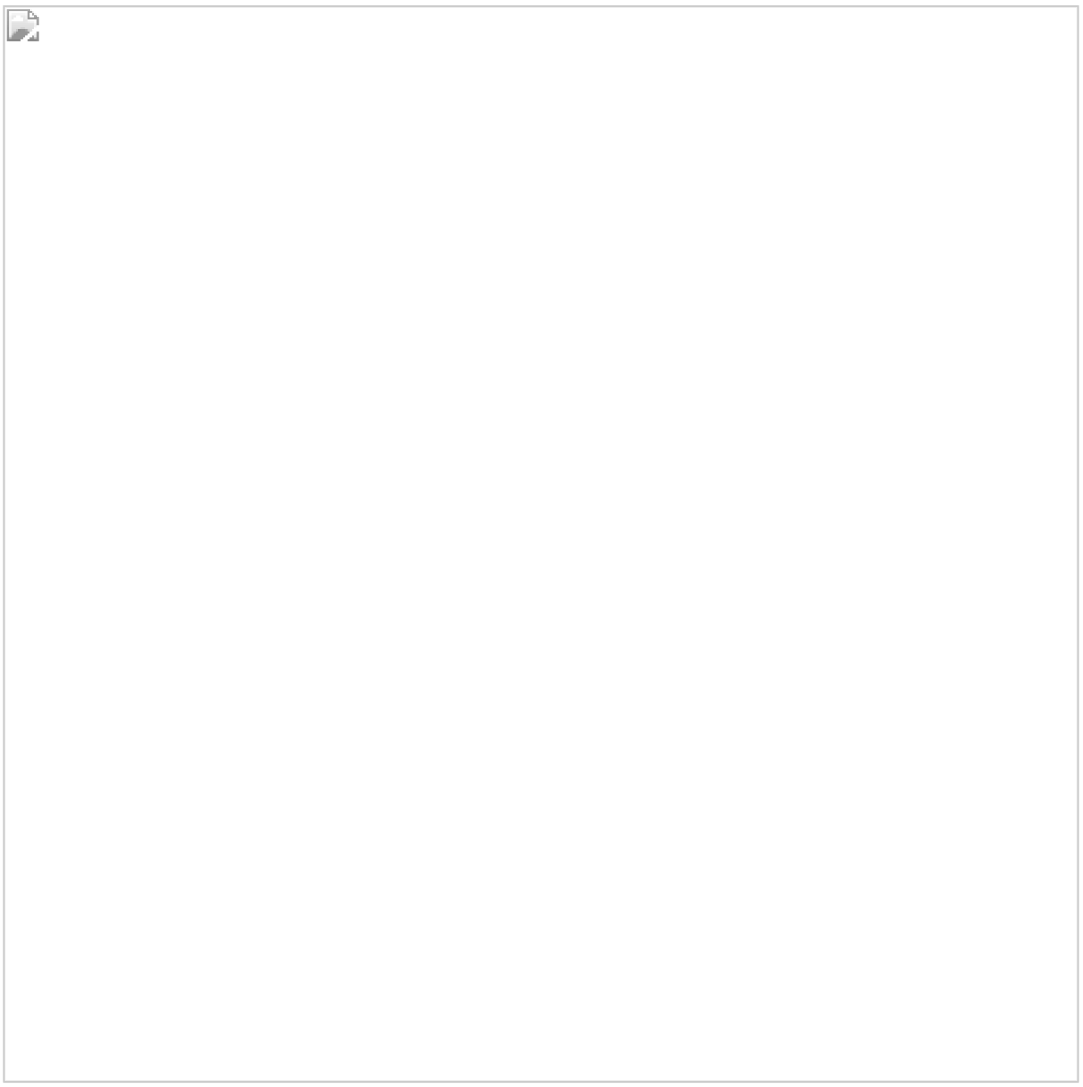
My idea was to take Ben Gunn's little boat out to the Hispaniola in the dark, and cut her loose so the pirates could not sail away with her. It was a foolish thing to do without telling anyone.

Ben Gunn's boat, a coracle, was goat-skin stretched on a frame of tough wood. It was lop-sided and hard to steer, "queer to handle till you knew her way." I did not know her way. But the tide carried me right to the ship.

I cut the anchor rope, one strand at a time. The Hispaniola swung loose and drifted away from the pirates' camp.

TALK ABOUT IT

Jim did a brave thing, but he did it without telling anyone. What would you do differently?



Think about it

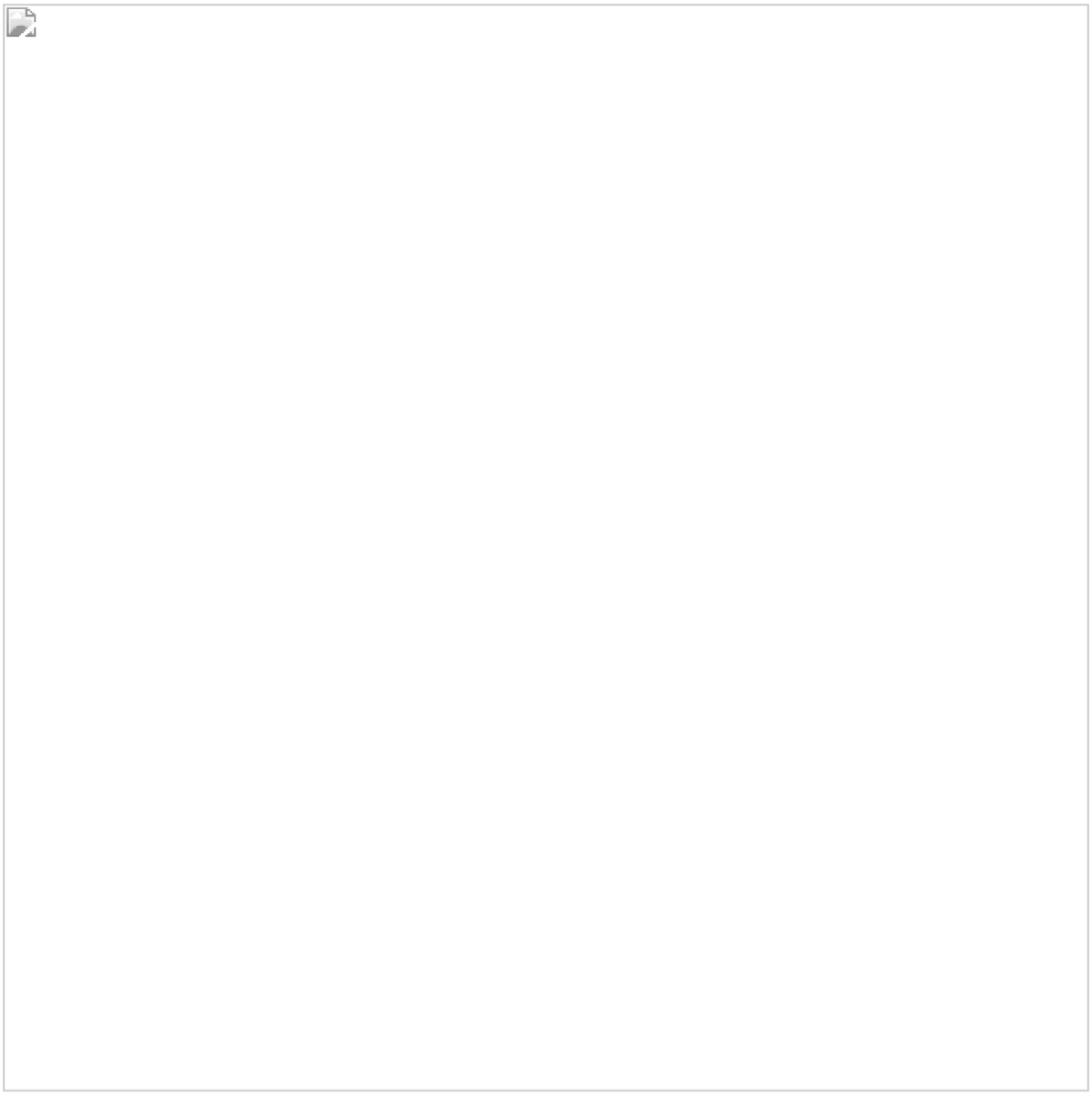
1. What was Ben Gunn's little boat called?

- ○ A coracle
- ○ A canoe
- ○ A raft

2. What did Jim cut?

- ○ The ship's anchor rope
- ○ A birthday cake
- ○ The sails

I Strike the Jolly Roger



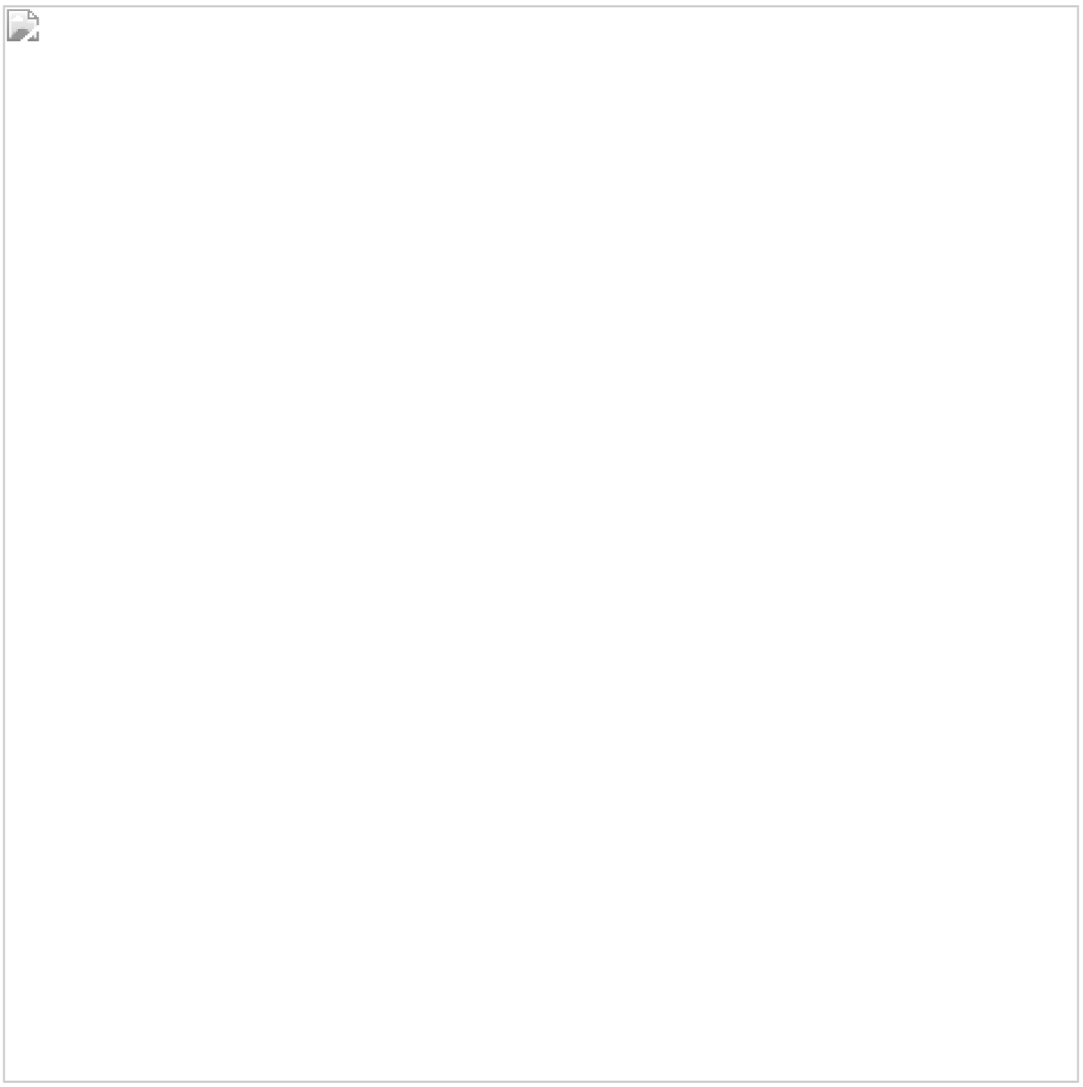
I climbed aboard the drifting ship. One pirate lay dead; Israel Hands was badly hurt. I pulled down the black Jolly Roger. “God save the king!” I cried.

“Come aboard, Mr. Hands,” I said. I gave him a drink, and he showed me how to sail the ship into a quiet inlet. But I did not trust him.

As the ship ran up on the sand, Hands came at me with a dagger. I scrambled up the mast. He threw the dagger, and it pinned my shoulder. Then both my pistols went off, and Hands fell into the water. The Hispaniola was safe.

TALK ABOUT IT

Jim kept an eye on Hands even while helping him. How do you decide whether to trust someone?



Think about it

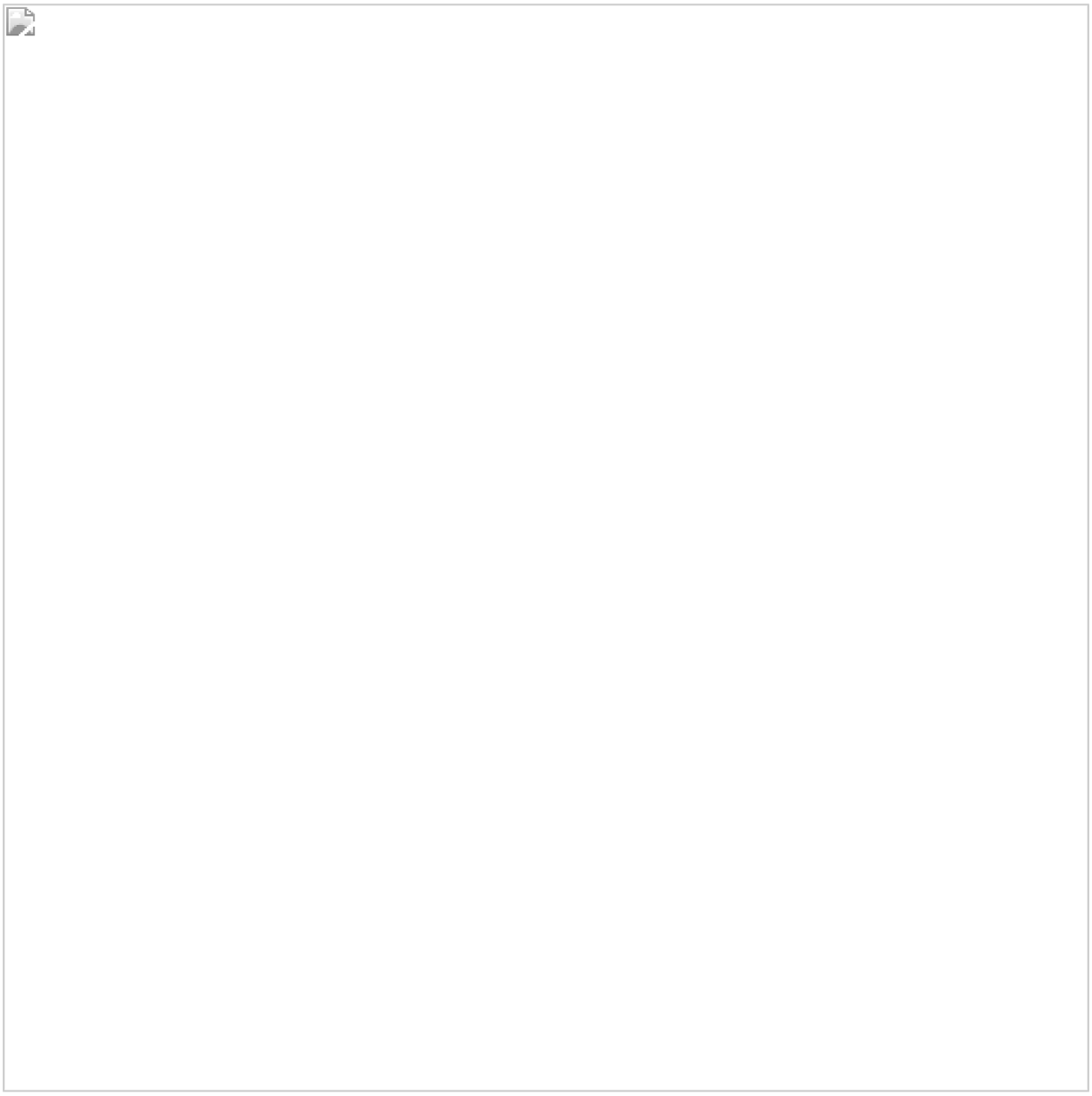
1. What flag did Jim pull down?

- ○ The black Jolly Roger
- ○ A red flag
- ○ A blue flag

2. Where did Jim sail the Hispaniola?

- ○ Into a quiet inlet on the island
- ○ Back to Bristol
- ○ Out to the open sea

In the Enemy's Camp



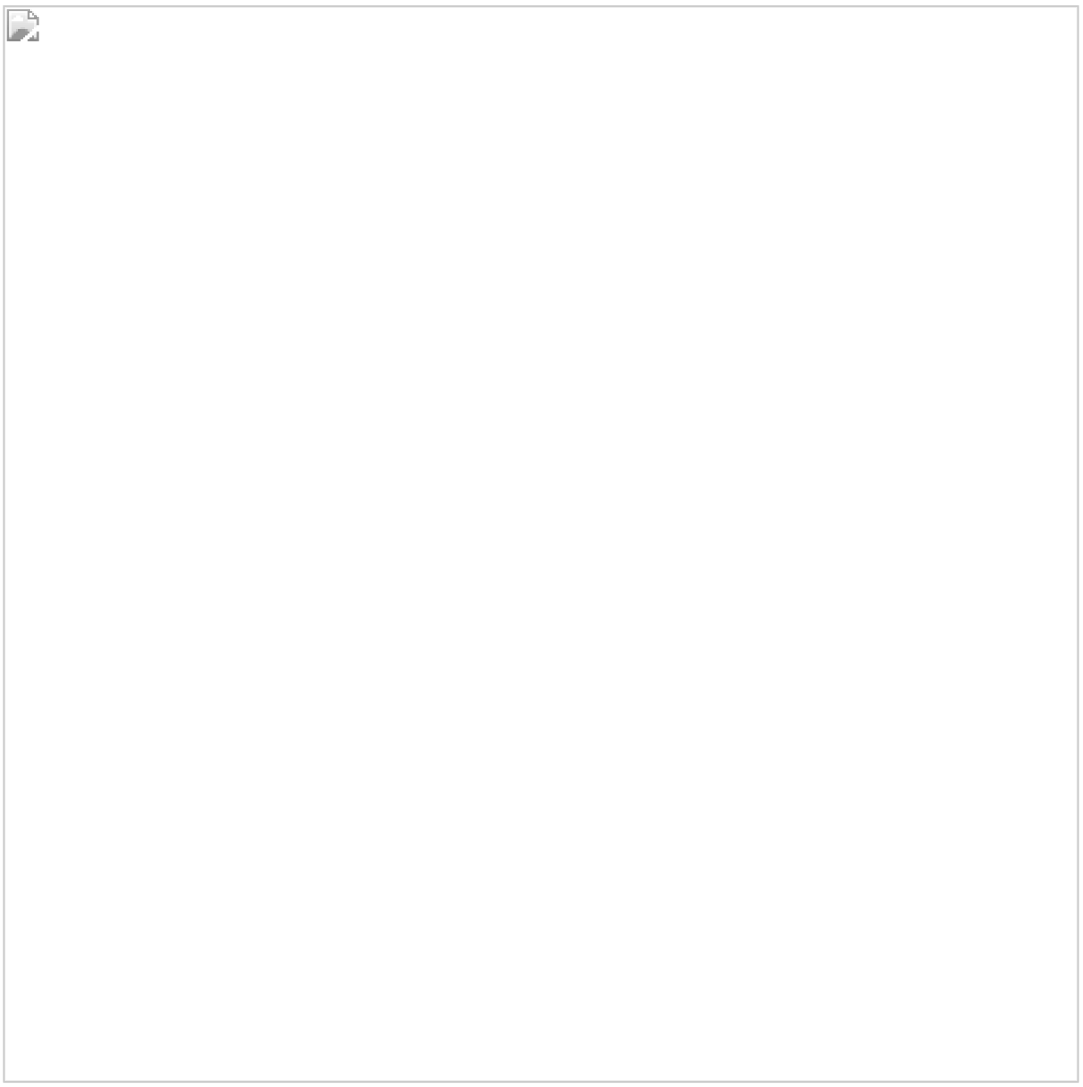
I went back to the stockade in the dark. It was not my friends who were there. It was the pirates. "So," said he, "here's Jim Hawkins, shiver my timbers!"

I told the pirates the truth: that I had been in the apple barrel, and that I had cut the ship loose. Some were angry and gave Silver a black spot of their own.

Silver stood up for me, and would not let them hurt me. In the morning he led them out to find the treasure, with a rope tied around my waist. I did not know whose side he was on.

TALK ABOUT IT

Silver was kind to Jim and was also a pirate. How can one person be both of those things?



Think about it

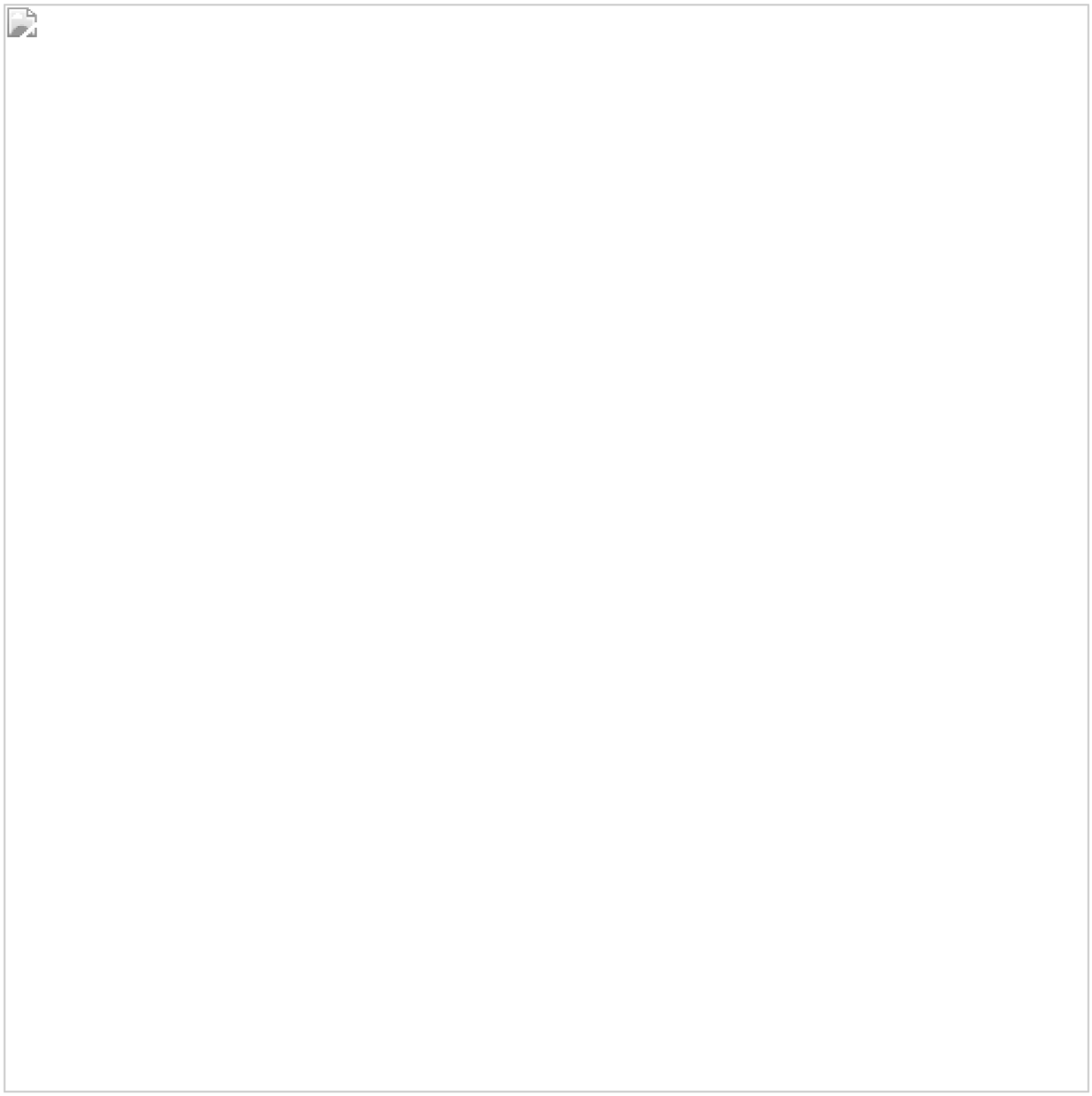
1. Who was in the stockade when Jim came back?

- ○ The pirates
- ○ The squire
- ○ Nobody

2. Who stood up for Jim?

- ○ Long John Silver
- ○ Israel Hands
- ○ The parrot

The Empty Pit



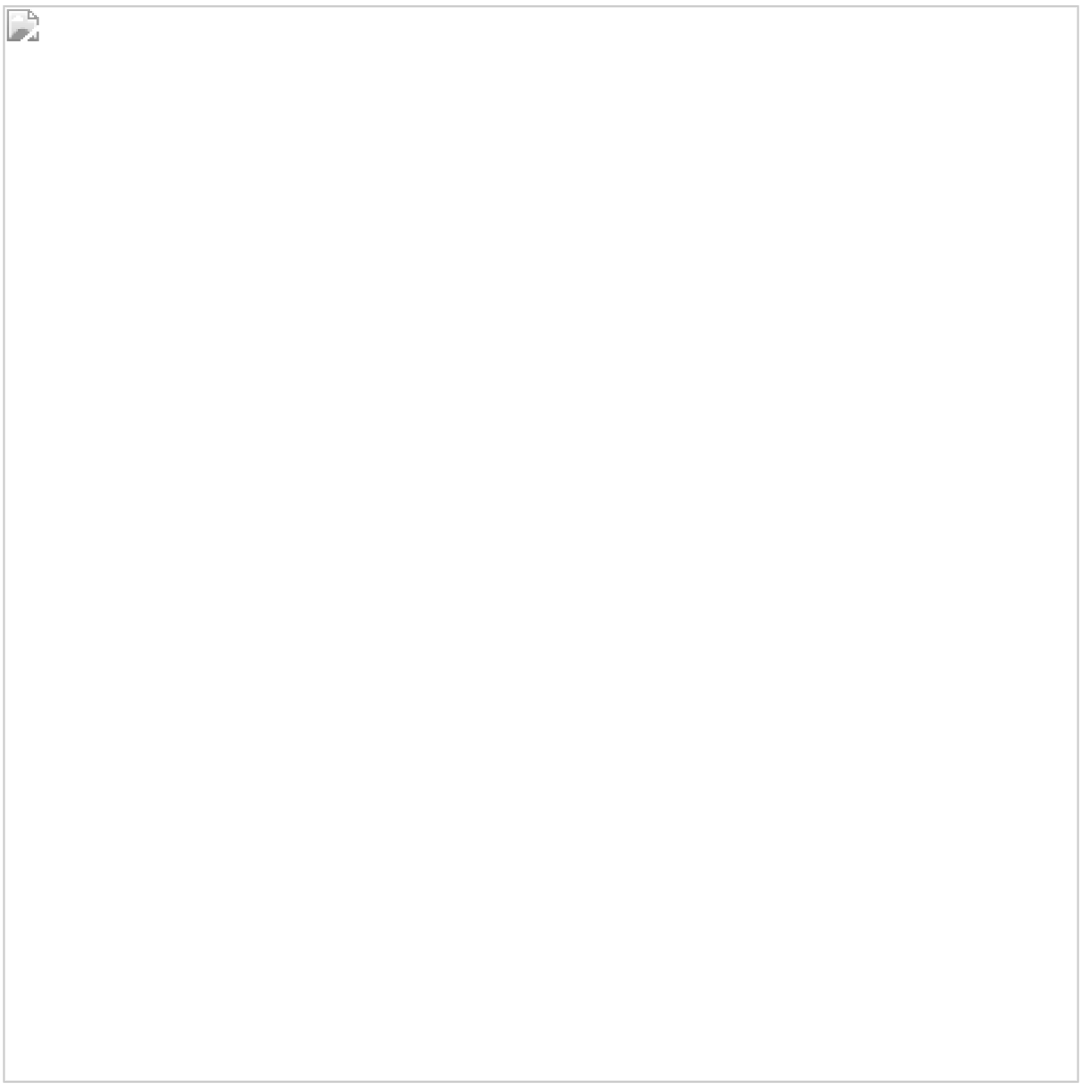
We followed the map through the woods. Before us was a great hole, with a broken pick lying in it. The treasure was gone.

The pirates jumped in and found only one piece of gold. Silver kept calm. “Jim,” he whispered, “take that, and stand by for trouble.” He passed me a pistol.

Just then three shots flashed from the bushes. Two pirates fell, and the other three ran. The doctor, Gray and Ben Gunn came out from the trees. Ben Gunn had found the treasure long ago, and carried it on his back, in many weary journeys, to a cave.

TALK ABOUT IT

Silver gave Jim a pistol when the treasure was gone. Why do you think he did that?



Think about it

1. What was in the big hole?

- ○ Only a broken pick
- ○ A treasure chest
- ○ A sleeping bear

2. Who had moved the treasure?

- ○ Ben Gunn
- ○ The squire
- ○ Captain Smollett

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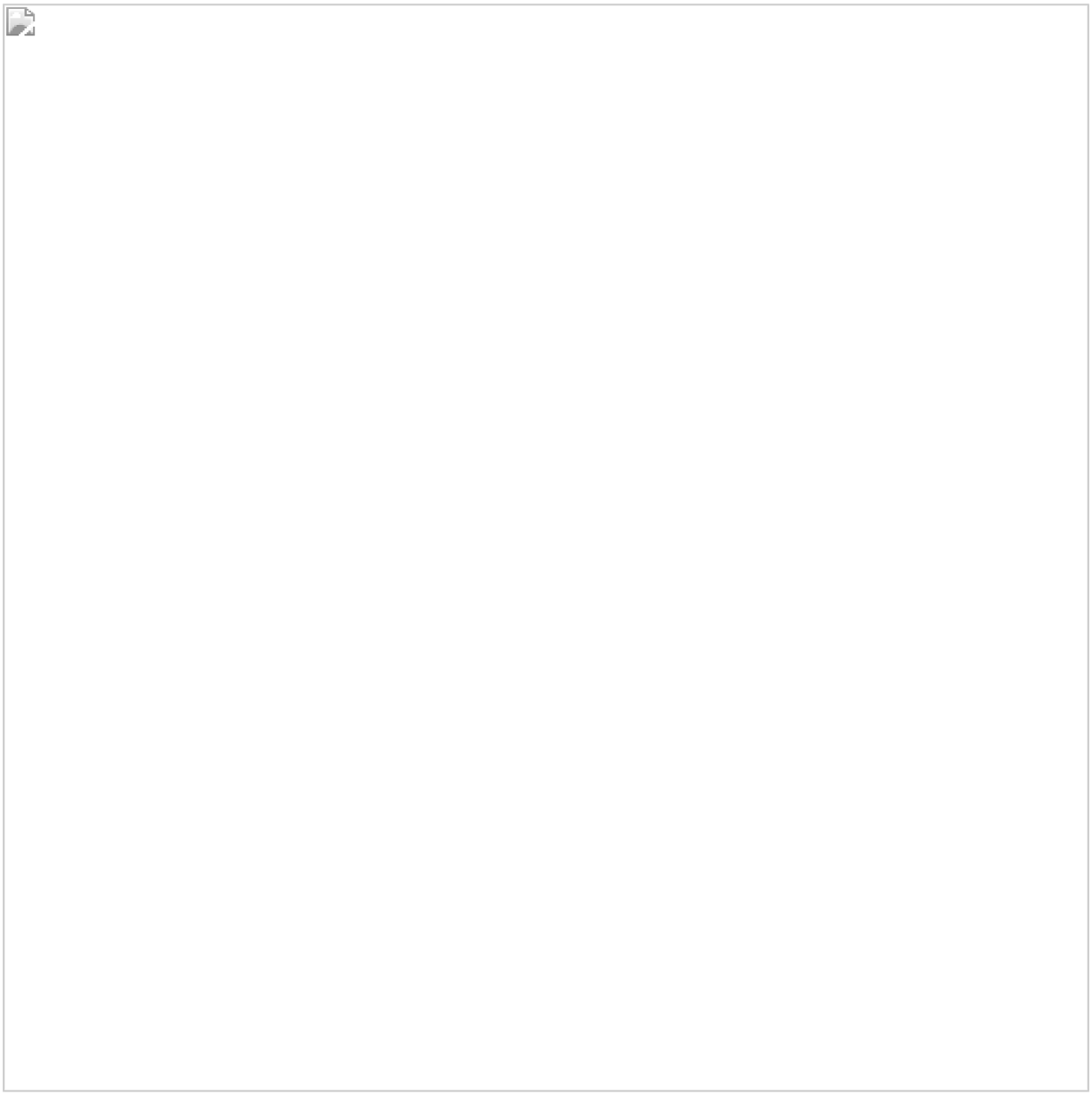


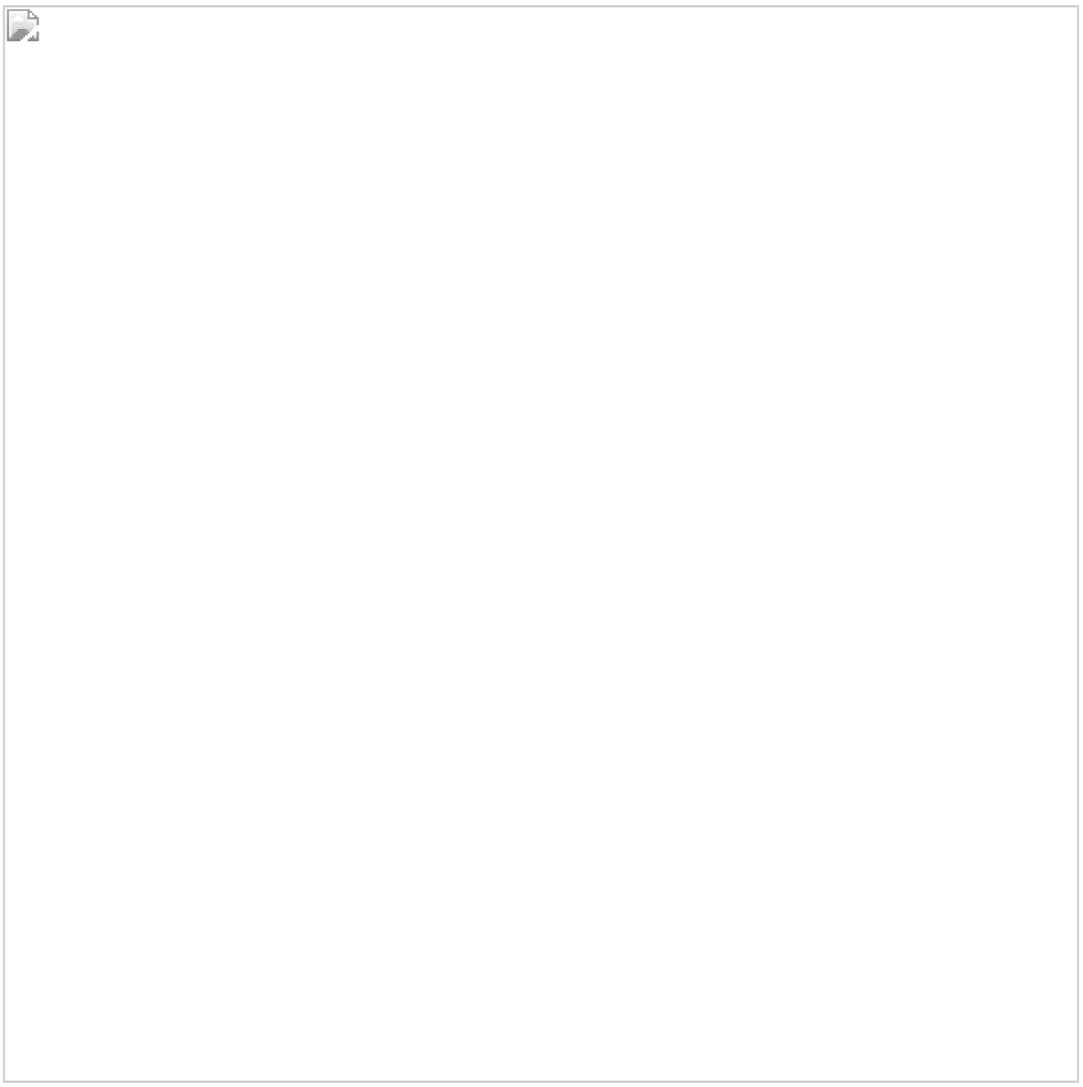
In Ben Gunn's cave were heaps of coin and bars of gold. Over many days we carried the treasure to the ship.

We left food and tools for the three pirates still on the island. Then we sailed. At the first port, Silver slipped away in a shore boat with one sack of coins. "I think we were all pleased to be so cheaply quit of him."

We got safely home. Everyone had a good share. I would never go back to that island. But in my dreams I still hear the parrot: "Pieces of eight! Pieces of eight!"

TALK ABOUT IT

Silver got away with a sack of coins. What do you think about that ending?



Think about it

1. Where did Ben Gunn hide the treasure?

- ○ In a cave
- ○ At the bottom of the sea
- ○ In the stockade

2. What did Silver take when he left?

- ○ One sack of coins
- ○ The ship
- ○ The parrot

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

— Yeshua HaMashiach

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