



"Where are you going on my ship?"

"Find them! I know they're here!" the captain shouted.

But Jack and Will weren't on the *Dauntless*. They were now on the *Interceptor*.

"Hello," said Jack to the only sailor there.

The man looked at him. He looked at Jack's sword. And he looked at Jack's gun.

"Can you swim?" asked Jack.

"Like a fish," said the sailor.

"Good!" said Jack and threw him in the water.

Commodore Norrington and his men saw the sailor when he fell.

"Stop them!" Norrington shouted. "Stop them!"

But it was too late. The *Interceptor* sailed out of the harbor.

Chapter 8 Dinner with Barbossa

Elizabeth sat at a table on the *Black Pearl*. There was a lot of food on the table—bread, fruit, and meat. Captain Barbossa sat at the other end of the table.

"Are you hungry?" he said. "Please eat."

Elizabeth was very hungry. She took some bread and some meat and started to eat.

"Have a drink," said Barbossa.

Elizabeth drank. Then she looked at the captain.

"You're not eating!" she said. "Is something wrong with the food? Are you trying to kill me? You eat it!"

She gave the captain some bread, but he didn't take it.

"I can't eat it," Barbossa said unhappily. "I'd like to. I'd love to. But I can't."

He took the gold medallion from his coat.

"This gold, Miss Turner, is very old. The Aztecs gave it to Cortés when he arrived in the Americas. There are many, many more of these. And the Aztecs put a curse on them.

"We found the gold on the *Isla de Muerta*," said Barbossa. "We took all of it. We bought food and drink with it. But then, suddenly, we couldn't eat and we couldn't drink. When we took the money, Miss Turner, the curse came with it."

The captain suddenly looked happier. "But now we can end the curse. We had to find all of the gold. Then we had to put it back on the island and give some blood. For ten years we looked for the gold on every ship and in every town ..."

"And now you have all of it," Elizabeth said.

"Yes. With this gold medallion, we have all of it. Thank you."

She thought for a minute.

"You have everything, and you're going to be free of the curse. So why am I here?"

"There's one more thing. You're Elizabeth Turner, the daughter