

## Chapter 2 Dr Livesey's Story

At half-past one in the afternoon two small boats went from the ship to the island. We looked for Jim Hawkins on the *Hispaniola*, but he was not there.

We waited on the ship. There were six pirates with us. Then Hunter and I took a boat and went to the island. I wanted to see the house on the island.

The house was strong and it was in a good place. 'We can stay here,' I thought. 'There's water, and we can bring food and guns from the ship.'

Then I heard the pirates fighting in the trees. 'They're killing someone,' I thought. 'Perhaps Jim Hawkins is dead.'

Hunter and I went back to the *Hispaniola*. I told the captain about the house, and we started to put food into the small boat. The pirates on the ship did not hear us.

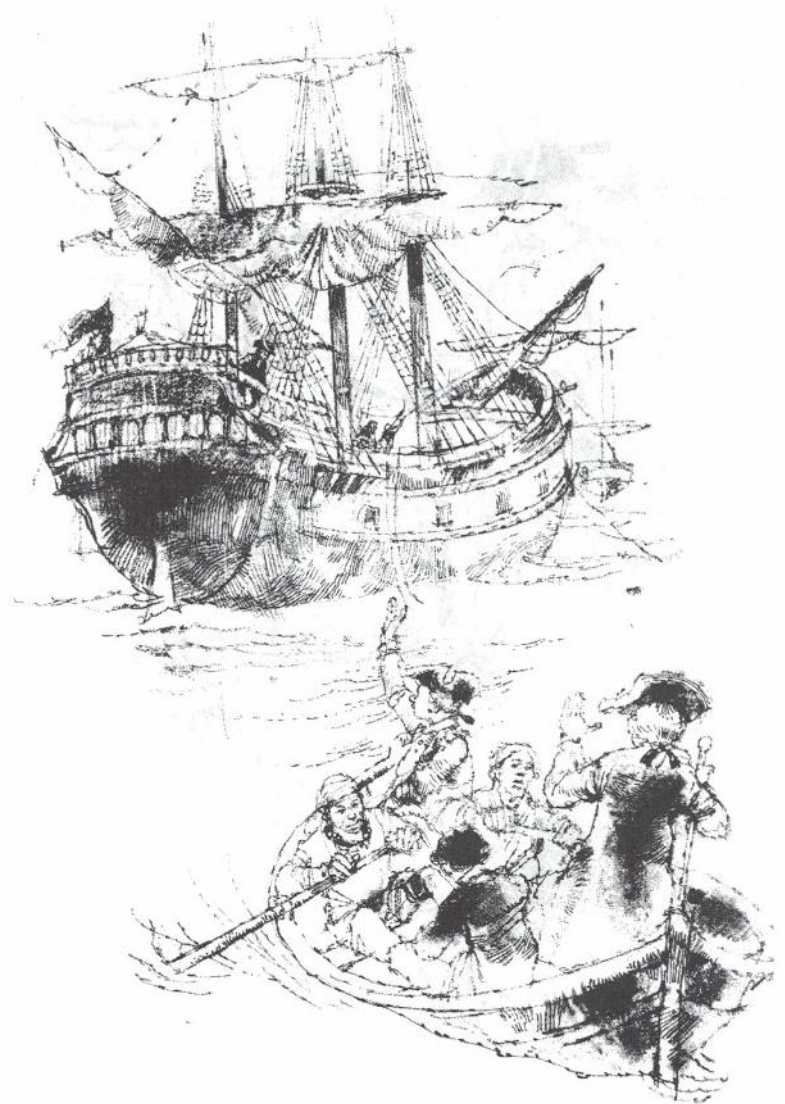
Joyce and I carried the food from the beach to the house. Joyce stayed in the house with his gun and I went back to the ship. We put more food and our guns into the small boat and dropped all the other guns into the sea. Then Mr Trelawney's men Redruth and Hunter, Mr Trelawney, the captain and I left the ship. There were five of us in a small boat and we moved very slowly.

Then we saw the pirates on the *Hispaniola*. They had the big gun on the ship.

'They're going to shoot at us,' somebody said.

We tried to go faster. Mr Trelawney shot at the men on the ship. He hit one of them.

Then the pirates on the island ran out of the trees. They began to run along the beach.



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