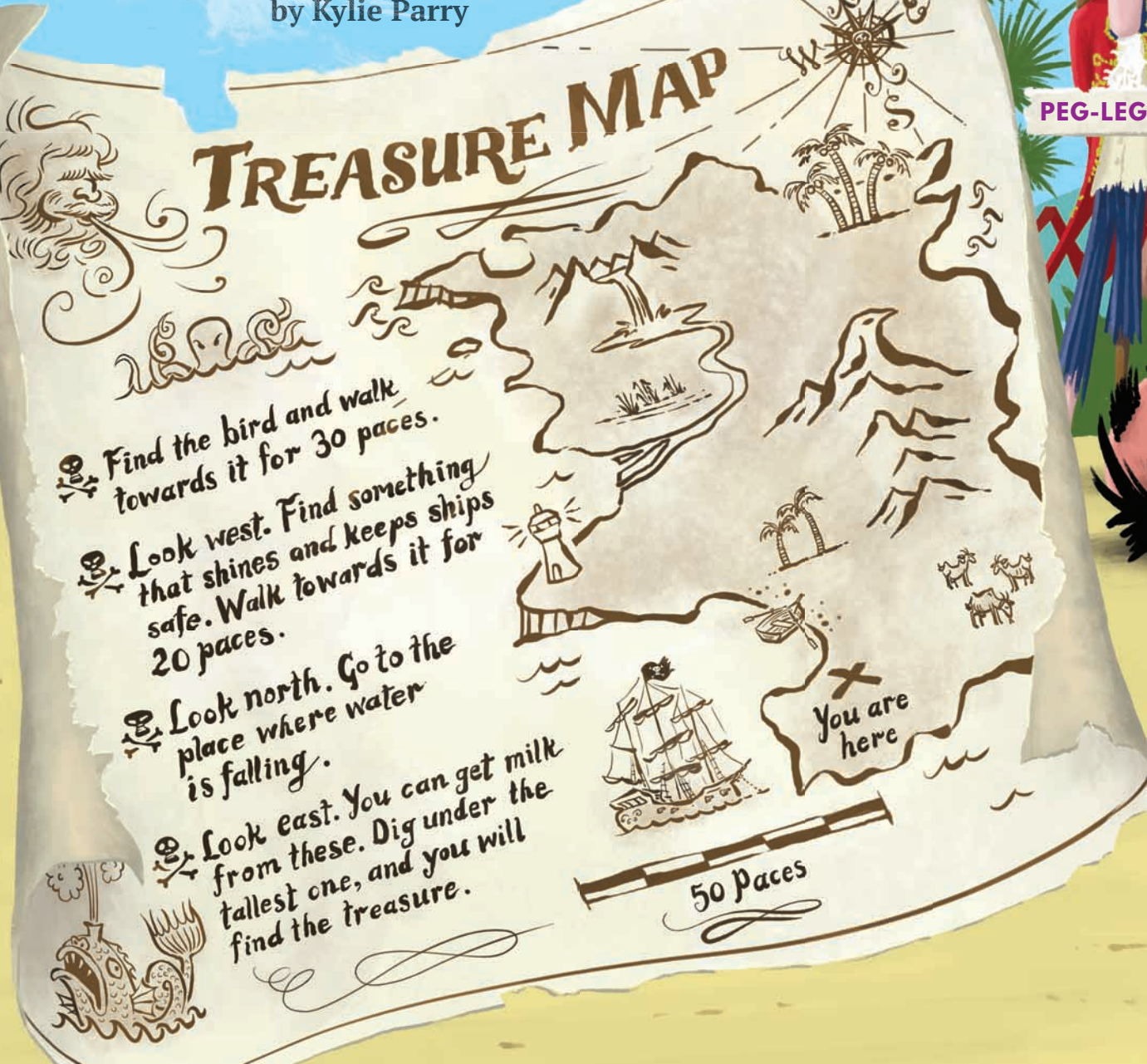


BURIED TREASURE

by Kylie Parry

CHARACTERS



Find the bird and walk towards it for 30 paces.

Look west. Find something that shines and keeps ships safe. Walk towards it for 20 paces.

Look north. Go to the place where water is falling.

Look east. You can get milk from these. Dig under the tallest one, and you will find the treasure.



PEG-LEG

PARROT

SEAWEED

SCAR

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.

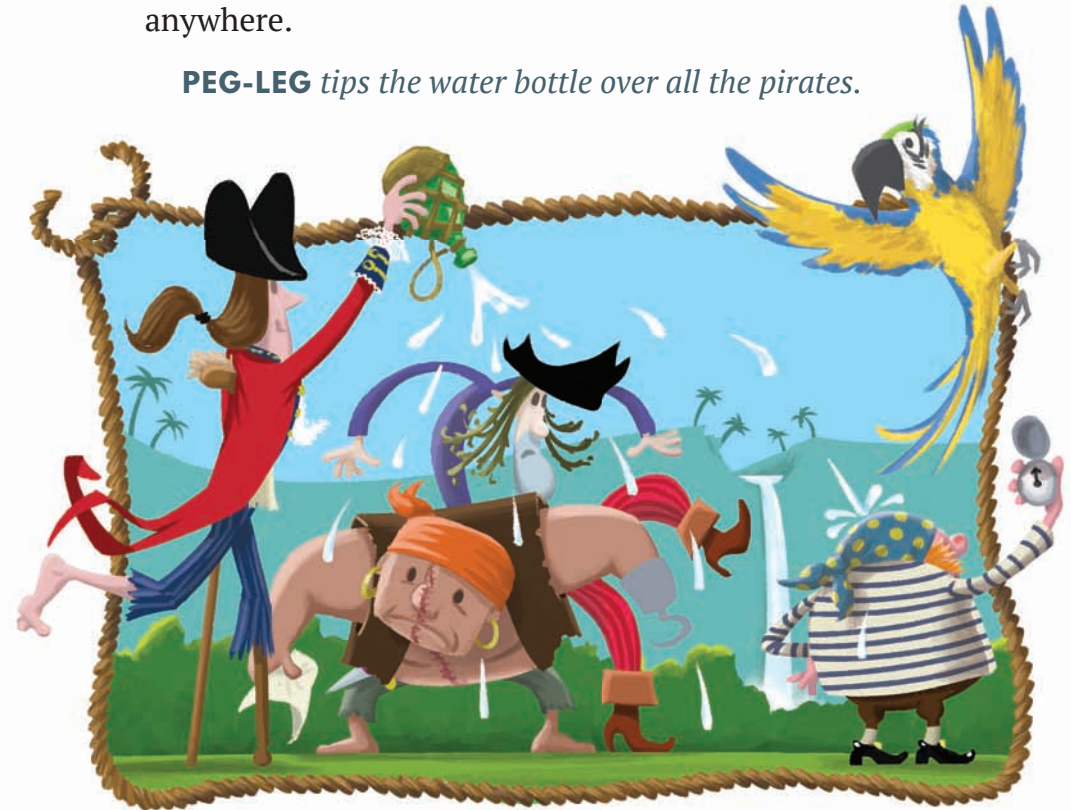
PEG-LEG. Wait! I know what to do.

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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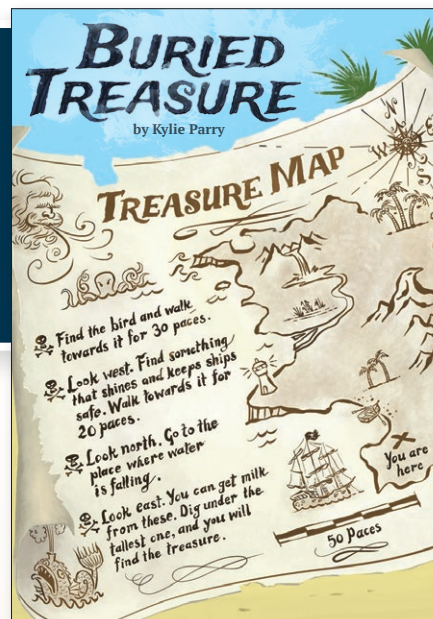
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