



Two men were standing by the barrel and talking.
They did not know I was in the barrel.

Their conversation stopped. The look-out at the top of the mast shouted, 'Land-ho! I see land!'

The crew ran onto the deck and stared across the sea. While they were looking towards the land, I got out of the barrel. I suddenly felt very afraid of Long John Silver.

I looked across the sea. There was an island to the south. We could see it in the bright moonlight.

Captain Smollett talked to Squire Trelawney and Dr Livesey. Then he spoke the crew.

'Men,' said Captain Smollett, 'this is the island we have been looking for. Tonight you can drink some rum.'

The men were happy and they cheered. The Captain went to his cabin with Squire Trelawney and Dr Livesey. I followed them and knocked on the cabin door.

'Sir, I have something to tell you,' I said to Squire Trelawney. Then I told them what Long John Silver had said.

Squire Trelawney looked surprised. I do not think he believed me. Captain Smollett was not surprised. He believed me immediately.

'So,' said Captain Smollett, 'we have a crew of pirates. Silver is a pirate who sailed with Flint. Silver hired this crew. They are waiting to take over the ship. They will try to murder us. How many men will help us?'

'I brought three of my servants with me,' said Squire Trelawney. 'There are four of us in this cabin. That makes seven of us against nineteen pirates. We must make careful plans.'