

# **Treasure Island**

Adapted by Ryan J. Furlong

1 or 2 Performer Edition

## **CAST**

Jim: The brave young man Smollett: The ship's captain

**Long John Silver:** The old one-legged crook

1 Person cast- Performer 1 plays all parts

2 Person Cast- Performer 1 plays Jim

Performer 2 Plays Smollett and Long John Silver

## **ACT 1 Scene 1**

SMOLLETT's ship, the Hispaniola. JIM sits alone on stage, sitting in his personal quarters. He shares his internal thoughts with the audience.

JIM: I'm on a voyage. An exciting one, at that. Here, look at this!

(He pulls out a map and examines it from multiple different angles, displaying it to the audience.)

**JIM:** This map? It's a treasure map. I found it when I went through all of the stuff old Billy Bones had on him. Billy used to be a pirate, first mate to the dastardly Captain Flint! This treasure must be something really special, huh?

(He sets the map down.)

**JIM:** Old Billy Bones gave me a warning though. A warning I still don't quite get. He said to me: "Jim Hawkins, beware of a one-legged man!"

(He shrugs his shoulders.)

**JIM:** I should probably get this map back to Captain Smollett, huh? He knows better than I do what to do with it. After I do that I can get some food from Long John Silver, he's the best cook we could've ever asked for!

(He looks out to the audience and greets them, inviting them to come along with him.)

JIM: Welcome aboard the Hispaniola! A great treasure awaits!

(JIM exits stage left.)

#### ACT 1 Scene 2

Only a few moments pass before LONG JOHN enters stage left. He is looking over his shoulder and he walks with a limp/peg leg. He is clearly a man with a lot to hide. He speaks to different crewmates who are implied to be offstage.

**LONG JOHN:** Aye, so we must be gettin' serious. We're arrivin' on the island soon. Can't be more than an hour 'er two. The cap'n of this ship, Cap'n Smollett. He's the one with the map. This treasure can be ours! We'll get to the island, toss Cap'n Smollett overboard, and we'll take the treasure ourselves, lads. We'll hoist the black flag over the sails of the Hispaniola! Then I'll be the cap'n, Cap'n Long John Silver!

(LONG JOHN's monologue has fueled his own excitement. He continues explaining his plan as he exits stage right, but he cannot be heard. After a few moments, JIM re-enters the stage.)

**JIM:** Why... that... that was Long John Silver! What he just said about taking over this ship, could he really mean it?

(He looks back out to the audience, he speaks directly to them and takes them through the following sequence of events.)

**JIM:** I couldn't easily believe Long John was planning a mutiny, but I had to tell Captain Smollett. I had to tell him, just to be safe.

(SMOLLETT enters.)

JIM: Smollett didn't take it lightly. He said to me-

**SMOLLETT:** Thank you, Jim. I had my suspicions about this crew. I wish I would have been incorrect. If Long John has multiple members of the crew on his side, we will need to prepare for a fight.

(He looks into the distance.)

**SMOLLETT:** And it seems we will have to prepare quickly, too. Do you see that in the distance?

(JIM looks the same direction as SMOLLETT.)

**JIM:** It's the island! The island is even closer than I could've guessed. We need to act fast, very fast!

**SMOLLETT:** Lower the anchor. Let's go!

(Both JIM and SMOLLETT exit.)

# ACT 2 Scene 1

It is clear a lot of time has passed since the previous scene. Alone on the Hispaniola is JIM, standing on the deck. The stage itself is empty. He looks out to speak to the audience.

**JIM:** We went to the island and we waited for quite some time. We thought Long John was going to attack us, but at first he only tried to convince Captain Smollett to give him the map. Smollett refused, and I could barely escape the fighting. I found a raft and drifted out to the Hispaniola, and here I am. When the fighting began, I made a promise to myself that I wouldn't run away, so I brought the ship back to the island. I hope Captain Smollett has found the treasure by now...

(JIM is visibly anxious. He prepares to leave the ship before exiting stage left.)

**JIM:** This area... this is where Smollett and I were hiding from the pirates. Where is he?

(JIM searches the area, but there's no sign of SMOLLETT anywhere.)

JIM: Captain Smollett? Hello?

(He grows more frustrated before speaking to the audience again, guiding the audience through the proceeding events.)

**JIM:** I couldn't find Captain Smollett. I searched all around, but when I finally found someone, it wasn't who I was expecting.

(LONG JOHN enters, in his hand is the treasure map.)

**JIM:** Long John Silver! And he was holding the treasure map! Just as I was going to ask how he got it, he said to me-

**LONG JOHN:** While you were away, worryin' about yer vessel, Cap'n Smollett and I came to an agreement! All the fightin' and all the anger would be over with, just for the small price of the treasure map!

(LONG JOHN holds up the treasure map, displaying it like a trophy.)

**JIM:** The treasure map... Long John got the treasure map. I wasn't sure what to do, but before I could think of anything, he had already started to walk away. He was on his way to go get the treasure.

(LONG JOHN exits.)

#### ACT 2 Scene 2

JIM is alone for a few moments. He is left with his thoughts. This is the lowest point of the adventure for him. He looks out to the audience, hoping that they can provide a sense of comfort to him. He is lonely and defeated.

**JIM:** It hurts, I feel like this whole voyage, the journey to get this treasure... it was a failure. Only a few seconds passed before I saw Captain Smollett again.

(SMOLLETT enters.)

JIM: Smollett looked sad, even sadder than I was. He looked at me and he asked-

**SMOLLETT:** Jim... are you ready to go? We had better set sail quickly, we don't need to stay here any longer. Long John won't be able to find the treasure. If he discovers that fact, he may try to attack us.

**JIM:** Long John had the map, but he wouldn't find the treasure? How? I couldn't figure it out, but I felt something in my heart. I felt like this adventure wasn't quite over yet. We were going to get that treasure, no matter what...

(He speaks directly to SMOLLETT.)

**JIM:** Captain Smollett, we aren't going to set sail! Not yet! We can still see Long John from here! We can follow him! Come on, Captain Smollett! We can't give up!

(JIM exits, following LONG JOHN, after a brief pause, SMOLLETT follows him.)

## ACT 2 Scene 3

LONG JOHN enters. While staring at the map, he walks to center stage before stopping. He looks around with a smile on his face. This is where the treasure is buried.

**LONG JOHN:** This must be it! After all the searching, the treasure must be buried right here!

(He looks down, only to see that the treasure has already been dug up and removed. He gasps.)

**LONG JOHN:** What? Shiver me timbers! The treasure! It's already gone! The treasure's been dug up and taken away! Who could've taken it? It can't be far!

(He quickly exits, in a hurry to find the treasure. Just a moment later, JIM enters with SMOLLETT behind him.)

**JIM:** The treasure is gone! It's truly been dug up and moved! How could this happen, Captain Smollett?

(JIM looks back at SMOLLETT, but SMOLLETT says nothing. There is no reaction at all. JIM is puzzled, but he looks back at the audience.)

**JIM:** But it seemed Captain Smollett wasn't as shocked as I was. He already knew! I didn't understand it at first, but he explained it to me. He told me about a man he met on the island. He said-

**SMOLLETT:** While you returned the ship to this island, I met a strange man. A man stuck on this island for longer than he could remember. He told me his name was Ben Gunn. He must have been the one to dig up the treasure. And I know just where to find him!

(SMOLLETT exits.)

# **ACT 3 Scene 1**

JIM sits alone. More time has passed, the long voyage has completed. He speaks to the audience a final time, explaining how he got to where he is.

**JIM:** I followed Captain Smollett. We went to a cave, and to my surprise, it really was there! The treasure was there! We brought as much as we could back to the Hispaniola and set sail! And look- (JIM exits, then returns a moment later with a bag in hand.)

**JIM:** We split the treasure, and I got to bring a whole bunch of it back home! But... I keep thinking... even with all of this treasure, there's one thing I value more than anything else. The memories of the journey I had! Thanks to Captain Smollett, I was able to have an adventure beyond my wildest dreams. These happy memories are worth more than any gem or coin. And the best part of it all? Getting to go on the adventure with you!

(He prepares to exit.)

**JIM:** I hope you enjoyed this adventure, too! Let's hope there's even more amazing adventures to come!

(He smiles, gleefully waving to the audience. While doing this, he exits.)

End of Play.

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\*Signifies an item covered in the Tech Day Video.

Costumes
<ul> <li>Jim: A belt / shirt</li> <li>Livesey: A belt / pirate hat*</li> <li>Smollett: A pirate hat</li> <li>Long John Silver: A pirate hat / eye patch.</li> <li>■ Ben: A tattered shirt</li> </ul>
Props
<ul> <li>□ Pirate Swords</li> <li>□ Treasure Map* (Piece of Paper)</li> <li>□ Treasure</li> <li>□ Pillows, or other such belongings</li> </ul>
Set
☐ Table☐ Chairs
<b>Sound</b> Music is not necessary or required, but if you'd like to include it, here are a few options.
<ul> <li>The Flying Dutchman Overture - Richard Wagner</li> <li>Ride of the Valkyries - Richard Wagner</li> <li>Danse Macabre - Camille Saint-Saëns</li> </ul>