

Treasure Island

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CHARACTER LIST

LAND LUBBERS

Jim Hawkins
Mrs. Hawkins
Squire Trelawney
Dr. Livesey

SEA FARIN' FOLK

Billy Bones
Black Dog
Blind Pew

THE CREW OF THE HISPANIOLA

Tom Redruth
Mr. Arrow
Captain Smollett
Hunter
Joyce
Grey

THE PIRATES

Long John Silver
Captain Flint (The Parrot)
Israel Hands
Job Anderson
Killigrew
Johnny

ISLAND INHABITANTS

Ben Gunn

THE ORPHANAGE

Jim (who also plays Jim Hawkins)
Jack
Livvy
Tommy
Miss Smollett

A NOTE ON CASTING

1. All three of the "Sea Farin' Folk" do not appear again after scene three. Therefore their roles can be doubled with various pirates on the crew of the Hispaniola.

2. All the kids from the orphanage should be doubled with roles within the story. It is this as intended; Jim as Jim Hawkins, Jack as Squire Trelawney, Livvy as Doctor Livesey, Tommy as Tom Redruth, and Miss Smollett as Captain Smollett or Mrs. Hawkins.

SCENE INFORMATION

ACT ONE

Scene One

Setting: The Orphanage, The Admiral Benbow Inn

Characters: Jim, Jack, Livvy, Tommy, Miss Smollett, Mrs. Hawkins, Billy Bones, Dr. Livesey, Squire Trelawney

Scene Two

Setting: The Admiral Benbow Inn

Characters: Jim, Mrs. Hawkins, Billy Bones, Black Dog, Dr. Livesey

Scene Three

Setting: The Admiral Benbow Inn

Characters: Jim, Mrs. Hawkins, Billy Bones, Blind Pew, Pirate #1, Pirate #2, Pirate #3 Johnny, Squire Trelawney, Dr. Livesey

Scene Four

Setting: Docks

Characters: Squire Trelawney, Joyce, Hunter, Mr. Arrow, Tom Redruth, Captain Smollett, Long John Silver, Grey, Job Anderson, Killigrew, Johnny, The Parrot, Jim, Dr. Livesey

Scene Five

Setting: The Hispaniola

Characters: The Crew of the Hispaniola, Captain Smollett, Squire Trelawney, Dr. Livesey, Jim

Scene Six

Setting: The Hispaniola

Characters: Grey, Jim, The Parrot, Long John Silver, Israel Hands, Job Anderson, Johnny, Killigrew, Hunter, Joyce, Mr. Arrow, Tom Redruth, Captain Smollett, Squire Trelawney, Dr. Livesey

ACT TWO

Scene One

Setting: The Island

Characters: Long John Silver, Johnny, Job Anderson, Israel Hands, Killigrew, Jim, Ben Gunn

Scene Two

Setting: The Island

Characters: Squire Trelawney, Hunter, Killigrew, Captain Smollett, Long John Silver, Dr. Livesey, Joyce, Tom Redruth, Grey

Scene Three

Setting: The Island, The Deck of The Hispaniola

Characters: Squire Trelawney, Dr. Livesey, Captain Smollett, Tom Redruth, Joyce, Grey, Johnny, Job Anderson, Killigrew, Hunter, Jim, Ben Gunn, Long John Silver, Israel Hands

Scene Four

Setting: The Island

Characters: Johnny, Job Anderson, Killigrew, Hunter, Jim, Long John Silver, Dr. Livesey, Israel Hands, Ben Gunn, Squire Trelawney, Captain Smollett, Joyce, Grey

Scene Five

Setting: The Orphanage

Characters: Jim, The Parrot, Jack, Livvy, Tommy, Miss Smollett

ACT ONESCENE ONE

Jim stands center stage, a vignette of children fighting with pillows behind Jim. Lights only on Jim. They open a book and read;

JIM

If sailor tales to sailor tunes, storm and adventure, heat and cold, If schooners, islands, and maroons, and buccaneers and buried gold, and all the romance, retold, exactly in the ancient way, can please, as me they pleased of old, the wiser youngsters of to-day. So be it! And fall on!

Lights up as Jim gets smacked in the head by a pillow. The children laugh and play.

JIM

Jack! You think you're gettin' away with that?!

Jim joins in the fun.

JACK

Well if you hadn't had your nose buried in that stupid book-

JIM

It isn't stupid just cause you can't read it!

LIVVY

We don't need reading! We got real adventure and bravery!

JACK

Yeah!

TOMMY

No need to dream about it when you can do it.

JIM

There isn't much bravery in feather stuffed pillows,
(Jim draws a wooden
sword from beneath
their bed)

This is bravery! Swords and real steel! Grand adventures on the sea!

Jim begins to use the sword to attack the other kids, they use their pillows to block Jim's attacks.

TOMMY

Well we aren't on the sea! And none of us have swords!

JACK

It isn't fair!

JIM

Pirates don't play fair!

The children continue to laugh and play. Miss Smollett enters.

MISS SMOLLETT

Hush down! What is going on up here?!

The kids all straighten out.

MISS SMOLLETT

(spotting the sword
behind Jim's back)

What is that?

She snatches it from Jim.

JIM

Miss, I can explain, I made it from-

MISS SMOLLETT

Would you all like to tell me what you're doing playing up with swords two hours after lights out?

JACK

Well Miss only Jim had-

MISS SMOLLETT

Hush! I don't care who had what, I won't stand for this kind of misbehavior.

LIVVY

Miss we're real sorry, we didn't mean to cause-

MISS SMOLLETT

Didn't mean to? Hah! When I tell ya' lights out, it means lights out. Understood?

The kids nod. Miss Smollett begins to exit but her attention is drawn to the book left on Jim's bed.

MISS SMOLLETT

What's this Jim?

JIM

Oh Miss, it's a book, Treasure Island.

MISS SMOLLETT

(she flips through
the book)

Oh, pirates, and pillaging, murder! No, no, now this is why kids like you misbehave, you got all these fantasies in your heads-

JIM

Miss, Jim is an honest character, he's courageous and heroic!

MISS SMOLLETT

Jim?

JIM

Yes Miss, that's the character's name too.

MISS SMOLLETT

Who gave you this book?

JIM

My mama gave it to me, before she...

MISS SMOLLETT

I see...You aren't to read this book anymore Jim. None of you, and if I hear one of you talking about pirates and all that nasty talk, it'll be double chores for the month!

KIDS

Yes Miss...

MISS SMOLLETT

Now get to bed! I best not hear another peep till the sun rises!

Miss Smollett exits as the kids all
begin to get in bed.

LIVVY

Thanks a lot Jim...

TOMMY

Now I'm gonna be cleanin' the bathrooms for a week!

JIM

This isn't my fault! You all were fighting first. If you hadn't hit me-

JACK

If you hadn't had that stupid book of yours.

JIM

It isn't stupid! You don't even know the story.

TOMMY

Well how interesting can it be, it didn't even have pictures in it.

JACK

Yeah, what's so interesting about a book?

JIM

It's not just a book,

(Jim hops up on top
of their bed.)

It's the adventure of Jim and the crew of the Hispaniola.
With daring pirate fights and buried treasure!

JACK

There's no good in it now, none of us can read it anymore.

JIM

I'll tell it to you, I know the story by heart!

LIVVY

Shh! You'll get us all in more trouble! You heard her,
double chores for a month!

TOMMY

Yeah...maybe we should just get to bed.

JIM

Oh come on! We just can't get caught.

(Jim looks around,
the others ignore
them trying to get
ready for bed.)

Not very brave of you is it?

TOMMY

What'd you say?

JIM

Oh...nothing.

JACK

I heard you say something, what was it?

JIM

Just that you aren't very brave.

LIVVY

That's not true!

JIM

Is so! Captain Silver would scare you too much anyhow. It'd be better if I didn't tell it, you'd all have nightmares for months.

Jim sits back down on the bed.

TOMMY

Your silly story couldn't scare me! Tell it to us, I'll prove it!

LIVVY

Tommy!

JACK

Yeah! No stupid pirates are gonna scare me.

Tommy and Jack rush to Jim's bed.

JIM

No, no, if double chores for the month scares you that bad then how will you ever get over pirates who pillage and... murder.

JACK

Double chores don't scare me!

TOMMY

Me neither!

They all look to Livvy.

LIVVY

What? No, I don't want to get in any more trouble! But I'm not scared, just...tired.

TOMMY

You're scared Livvy!

JACK

Come on Livvy! I wanna hear the story.

JIM

I won't tell it unless you all want to hear.

LIVVY

Fine!

Livvy runs over to Jim's bed.

JACK

Tell us the story!

TOMMY

Yes now tell it!

JIM

Alright, alright, our story begins at the old seaside inn called the "Admiral Benbow"

Lights down. The set around them changes, we are no longer in the orphanage but in the Admiral Benbow inn. Jim is at the bar, cleaning. His mother is cleaning tables.

BILLY BONES

(off, singing)

Fifteen men and a dead man's chest. Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum!

MRS.HAWKINS

Oh Jim! Here comes a customer. Make sure everything is ship shape and ready!

Billy Bones enters, lugging a chest behind him.

MRS.HAWKINS

Afternoon good sir. Welcome to the Admiral Benbow inn, what can we do ya for today?

BILLY BONES

This 'ere cove. You get much company here?

MRS.HAWKINS

Oh no sir, we don't get many sea faring men like yourself, just a few locals who come and visit for drinks some nights.

BILLY BONES

Very pleasantly situated...you got grog?

MRS.HAWKINS

Yes, as much as you can drink!

BILLY BONES

Very well then. You there boy! Come here and help me take this sea-chest up to my room.

(Jim stows away the sea-chest.)

I'll stay here a while.

JIM

What might we call you sir?

BILLY BONES

You might call me Captain, Captain Bones. Now a glass of rum, boy!

MRS. HAWKINS

But Captain-

BILLY BONES

Ah,

(He slaps three
golden coins on the
table)

Tell me when I've worked through that!

JIM

(to Audience)

The Captain was a real sea farin' man I was sure of it. He gave the appearance of a man with many years behind the wheel. He was a quiet man too, didn't do much more than drink rum and look at the fire in the evenings. But he did do some strange things, like everyday comin' back from his stroll he'd ask;

BILLY BONES

You seen any other sea farin' men come to the Benbow, boy?

JIM

No sir!

Billy Bones exits up to his room.

JIM

(to Audience)

At first we thought he wanted company. But we soon learned otherwise, as when a sea farin' man did come round the Benbow Captain Bones holed himself in his room quiet as a mouse.

Billy Bones enters.

BILLY BONES

Boy! I have a favor to ask. And there's coin in it for you.

JIM

Of course Captain, what is it?

BILLY BONES

I need you to keep your eyes peeled for a one legged sea farin' man.

JIM

Of course sir, but may I ask why?

BILLY BONES

He's one of the sea's most fearsome men. And he's out for me.

JIM

(to Audience)

The thought of anyone being out for Captain Bones scared me beyond recognition. This one legged man haunted my every nightmare. When a cold chill blew through the house or the glass on my windows rattled I'd convinced myself it was him. This pirate with a wooden leg...

The lights shift. Suddenly the tavern is full. DR. LIVESEY sits at a table with SQUIRE TRELAWNEY. Billy Bones stumbles around drunkenly.

BILLY BONES

(singing)

Fifteen men and a dead man's chest. Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum! Drink and the Devil had done for the rest. Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum!

Billy Bones suddenly slams his hand on a nearby table. The room goes silent, well, except for Dr. Livesey.

DR. LIVESEY

And I suppose that means nothing more than-

BILLY BONES

Silence, there, between decks!

DR. LIVESEY

I beg your pardon?

JIM

(to Audience)

Doctor Livesey had never met Captain Bones before that night. When he did visit the Benbow, it was to care for my poor father who'd fallen ill. In fact, this was the first night in ages that the Doctor had simply stopped by for drinks. While the rest of our regulars knew to ignore Captain Bones, I knew the Doctor would never do such a thing. He hated uncivilized people, and Captain Bones was just about as uncivilized as you could get.

BILLY BONES

You heard me! Silence!

DR. LIVESEY
You were addressing me sir?

BILLY BONES
Silence I said!

DR. LIVESEY
(Approaching him)
I have only one thing to say to you sir. If you keep drinking rum, the world will soon be rid of a very dirty scoundrel!

Billy Bones draws his sword,
holding it to Dr. Livesey's throat.
Jim rushes between them.

JIM
Captain!

BILLY BONES
What did you just call me?

DR. LIVESEY
A scoundrel. And if you do not lower your sword this instant I will make sure you are properly punished before the week's out.

Billy Bones lowers his sword and
takes a seat.

DR. LIVESEY
Now sir, if I catch another breath of complaint against you and it is anything like the complete incivility that occurred tonight...well, I am one of the city's magistrates and I will have you removed immediately.

Dr. Livesey exits and Squire
Trelawney rushes afterward.

BILLY BONES
More rum!

JIM
I'm quite sorry sir but, my mother says not to serve you any more rum, not at least until you've paid for the rest. And, with what the doctor said, it may be bad for your health.

BILLY BONES
Bah!
(He slams a gold
piece on the table)
Tell me when that one's through would ya boy?

JIM

Yes Captain Bones.

Jim supplies him with more rum.

BILLY BONES

You've kept an eye out for that man?

JIM

Yes sir, I haven't seen one man like him yet.

BILLY BONES

Good, your coin as I promised.

JIM

Oh, thank you sir.

Mrs.Hawkins enters, most of the
tavern has cleared out but a few
stragglers remain.

MRS.HAWKINS

Out the rest of you! We're closing for the night. Jim, dear,
off to bed for you.

The rest exit, leaving only Jim,
Mrs.Hawkins and Billy Bones.

JIM

Yes Mum. Night to you Captain Bones.

Jim exits.

MRS.HAWKINS

Now there Mr. Bones, I won't have you filling my boy's head
with fancies like that. And the scene you caused tonight,
I've half a mind to kick you out of the Benbow right now.
Cause no more trouble!

Mrs.Hawkins exits, leaving Billy
Bones alone. Lights down.