



## A Piratey Adventure

It all began when Wallace found an old treasure map, stuck to the bottom of one of Wusky's rum barrels as they rolled it from the basement into his Beach Cabana Café. Woody's eyes gleamed at the thought of finding treasure. "How will we find the treasure?" asked Wusky excitedly, he'd never gone on a treasure hunt before. "It's simple laddie," replied Patch, "All we need do is build us a mighty Pirate ship and go and fetch it and bring it back here!"

"We won't be doing any plundering will we?" asked Wusky cautiously. Patch laughed a hearty laugh, "None at all I promise ye that lad." Patch crossed his heart. "Okay then what are we waiting for?" exclaimed Wusky, picking up his hammer.

Patch drew up the plans for the building of the ship and like one man, Woody, Wallace, Wusky and Patch began to build. When they had finished they stood back to admire their handy work.

"What should we call her?" asked Wallace. "As the newest member of our Piratey crew, let Wusky have the honour in naming the ship." Replied Patch. "How about ...?" Wusky thought aloud, "The Sea Mermaid?" "Aye! That'll do!" smiled Patch approvingly.

So they all boarded their new Pirate ship, raised their flag and set sail. Woody climbed to the top of the mast and sat in the crow's nest with his telescope. It was his job to be the look out. Wallace took his mop and began to swab the deck. Patch took his place at the bridge of the ship as ship's captain.

"Wallace, bring me that map of yours ya sea dog!" yelled Patch. "Aye Cap'n!" replied Wallace. "Nothing like being out to sea, hey Wusky?" said Patch, the wind blowing through his beard.

They sailed for a while, while Patch studied the treasure map. He was then interrupted by a shout from Woody. "Land ho!" he cried. Wallace took out his binoculars and looked, sure enough, there it was a huge island. The Pirates and Wusky danced with glee.

"We found her lads!" shouted Patch. As the Sea Mermaid neared the island, Patch gave the orders. "Trim the sails and lower the anchor!" he barked. "Aye, aye Cap'n!" said his crew.

They set down the anchor and the ship swayed gently in the tide. Patch looked at the treasure map. "Yup, it's this island for sure Mateys!" So they took their shovels, got off the ship and waded through the water until they reached the beach. "X would be marking the spot now." Explained Patch.

Wusky grinned, Woody's eyes glinted. They could smell the treasure!

"The map says to take twenty paces to the right." Instructed Patch. The Loopie pirates followed Patches hand movements and took twenty paces in the direction he was pointing. "Now it says to take fifty paces towards the Coconut Trees." Wallace counted out the steps until they were right underneath the biggest tree. "Now she says ta dig boys! X is where me treasure lies!" The Loopies were so excited, they began digging ferociously. Sand flew in all directions, until ... THUD!

"We've found her!" shouted Woody in glee as his shovel hit the chest.

"We sure have!" smiled Wallace, who was proud to have found the map in the first place. They dusted the sand off of the chest and opened the rusty lock with one of Woody's knives. The chest creaked open, the Pirates danced and Wusky howled, the chest was filled to the brim with chocolate dog biscuits!

They shouted and laughed and threw sand into the air. Wusky did a jig, this was his first treasure he had ever found! Well if you don't count Patch, Woody and Wallace that is! The Pirates excitedly picked up their prize and loaded it onto their ship. They sailed back to Acersville singing and drinking Rum all the way home!

When they got back, other Loopies from Acersville excitedly ran out to meet them. When the Pirates saw all of the Loopies they decided to share their treasure. The Loopies were delighted! They all enjoyed their shared treasure of chocolate dog biscuits with glasses of milk at Wusky's Beach Cabana Café, listening to the pirates telling their piratey stories.

Surely these were the kindest Pirates that had ever lived!  
Thank you Wusky, Woody, Wallace and Patch!

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