

1 **ANNE:** Guards! Guards!

CARRIE: There aren't any guards.

EMILY: (To ANNE.) Oh, my gosh! Are you Anne Boleyn, one of the tragic figures of historical romance?

5 **ANNE:** Tragic? I'll give you tragic. Guards! Take them to the tower! Off with their heads!

ROLF: This isn't England, toots.

JOEL: See? There aren't any guards. By the way, what year is it, lady?

ANNE: Every fool knows it's 1535. And the tower is too good for you.

10 You shall rot at Tyburn before being drawn and quartered. (EXITS RIGHT.)

CARRIE: You can get up, Rolf.

START - **ROLF:** (Stands.) Do you suppose...? (Picks up one of the sheets.)

15 **ALL:** Naaaaaaaa! (BONNY, MARY, MADAME and PIRATES 1 and 2 ENTER LEFT.)

PIRATES: (Sing loudly.) Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum! (Dissolve into laughter.)

START - **BONNY:** Good to be up and about again!

MARY: Aye! And I be itchin' for a fight!

20 **MADAME:** But where are we?

BONNY: This sure ain't Blackbeard's sloop.

PIRATES 1/2: Aaaaarrrrrr! (BONNY, MARY, and MADAME look at PIRATES 1 and 2 then at one another, confused.)

BLACKBEARD: (ENTERS LEFT.) Shiver me timbers! Where are we?

25 **BONNY:** Thought you'd know, Blackbeard.

MARY: (Sarcastic.) You know everything, Captain!

MADAME: Always have! (PIRATES burst into laughter.)

BLACKBEARD: (Draws his sword.) All right, then! Tell me which one of you's got the treasure?

30 **BONNY:** None of us, but we heard the word bandied about.

MARY: You know what I think, Blackbeard? They took it. (BONNY indicates the STUDENTS.)

PIRATES 1/2: Aaaaaaarrrrrr! (Once again, BONNY, MARY and MADAME look at one another, confused. BLACKBEARD shrugs.)

35 **JOEL:** (Terrified.) Us?

BLACKBEARD: Shiver me timbers! Ain't shavin' yet but out stealin' treasure.

ROLF: Not us, Mr. Blackjack, sir.

MARY: His name's Blackbeard.

- 1 **MADAME:** Fiercest pirate on the high seas.
BLACKBEARD: And able to make a thief squeal like a stuck pig. And these be Ann Bonny, Mary Read and the diabolical Madame Ching.
- 5 **LUPE:** Lady pirates?
BONNY: *(With a laugh.)* We ain't been ladies in years!
CARRIE: Is that thing real? *(Touches tip of BLACKBEARD'S sword.)* Ouch! You gotta be careful with something like that.
EMILY: It's definitely against school rules.
- 10 **LUPE:** You could get suspended.
BLACKBEARD: *(To BONNY and MARY.)* Aye! We ought to suspend 'em!
ROLF: Only the principal can do that.
BONNY: From the yard arm!
- 15 **MARY:** With their eyes plucked out!
MADAME: So the birds'll come 'n' eat 'em.
VICTOR: Even the assistant principal wouldn't do that!
LUPE: I think we'll be going now. Nice to have met you... *(STUDENTS move RIGHT, but the PIRATES quickly surround them.)*
- 20 **PIRATES 1/2:** Aaaaaaarrrrrrr!
BLACKBEARD: Tell me where the treasure is or you'll walk the plank.
ROLF: I'd rather be suspended.
BLACKBEARD: A smart one, ha?
ROLF: I'm in the seventy-sixth percentile for reading, but math isn't
25 quite as high.
BONNY: Where be the treasure?
EMILY: We don't know about any treasure.
BLACKBEARD: We hear tell a lad by the name a' Ravenscroft found the greatest treasure of all 'n' he's got it hid nearby.
- 30 **MARY:** We won't rest 'til it's ours.
MADAME: And neither will you.
VICTOR: *(Points OFF LEFT.)* Oh my gosh! Is that an albatross?! *(PIRATES ALL turn their heads. VICTOR races OFF RIGHT followed by EMILY, CARRIE, LUPE, ROLF and JOEL.)*
- 35 **PIRATES 1/2:** Aaaaaaarrrrrrr!
BLACKBEARD: Blimey! The whippersnappers gave us the slip!
BONNY: After 'em!
MARY: After you! *(BLACKBEARD charges RIGHT, but trips and falls. MADAME, BONNY and MARY help him up.)*

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