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Boo, Belle and the Pearly Pirates



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One Saturday morning, Boo woke up to the sound of rain pitter pattering against his window.

He looked out of the window. Outside it was pouring down, splish splashing big drops all over the garden.

"Belle, wake up!" he shouted excitedly. "It's raining!"

Boo pulled Belle out of bed and they both rushed downstairs for breakfast.

While Boo and Belle were eating their toast and jam, Mum said, "It's too wet for going out today, you'll have to play inside."

"I know," she said. "Why don't you have a look in Grandad's wooden chest?"

Boo and Belle quickly finished their breakfast and raced upstairs clomp, clomp, clomp!

Back in the bedroom, Boo pulled the chest from under the bed. Grandad Percy was a brilliant explorer and his chest was full of things from his journeys. Last year, he gave it to Boo for his birthday and said, "Perfect for rainy days."

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Creeaak! went the old chest as Boo opened the lid. He pulled out a huge shimmering pearl.

Next to the pearl was a map. As Boo opened it, the bedroom started disappearing. Suddenly Boo and Belle were standing in an old pirates' cove!

"Wow!" gasped Boo and Belle.

"Look," said Boo pointing at the map. It showed arrows leading to a big ship. "Come on Belle," he said. "It's time for an adventure!"

Boo and Belle followed the arrows on the map until they came to the big ship. It was very old and made creaky sounds as the wind gently rocked it against the harbour.

"It's called the Pearly Pirate!" said Belle, pointing her finger at a sign on the ship's side.

An old pirate hobbled towards Boo and Belle.

"Do you want to hear the story of the Pearly Pirate?" he whispered.

"Oh yes!" shouted Boo and Belle.

"The Pearly Pirate was once the finest ship that sailed the seven seas," said the old pirate. "It was protected against danger by a lucky pearl that sat in the middle of the ship's wheel. One night there was a fearsome storm. Waves as high as houses tossed the Pearly Pirate from side to side, and water crashed onto the decks.

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"By morning, all was calm, but the pearl had been swept away. The pirates were really sad. They searched high and low, wherever they travelled, but they never found the lucky pearl."

"While the crew were searching for the pearl, they found lots of other things," said the old pirate. "They returned the things to the people who had lost them. When they saw the people's smiles, the pirates were very happy. They even made up a song. It went like this:

"If you find a special something
always pick it up.
Return it to its owner
and you will have good luck!"

"Wow!" said Boo, "are you the captain of the Pearly Pirate?"

"Yes," said the old pirate. "My name is Captain Stan."

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Just then, Belle whispered in Boo's ear, "I wonder if our pearl is the lucky pearl."

Boo pulled out the shimmering pearl from his pocket.

"We found this," he told Captain Stan. "Do you think it could be yours?"

Captain Stan's eyes opened wide with surprise. "It looks just like it!" he gasped. "Let's see if it fits in the wheel!"

Boo, Belle and Captain Stan clambered on board and hurried to the back of the ship where the wheel stood.

Boo gave the pearl to Captain Stan. "Try it," he whispered. The pearl fitted perfectly.

Captain Stan smiled a great big smile and gave the pearl a little polish with his hanky.

"I can't thank you enough," he said. "We've been searching for the pearl for 50 years!"

Clomp, clomp, clomp!

Boo looked around and saw all the ship's pirate crew come racing towards them. They were so pleased to have the pearl back that they laughed and patted Boo and Belle on their heads.

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"Thank you Boo and Belle!" they all sang, and one of the pirates gave Boo a beautiful shell.

"Every time you put the shell to your ear, you will hear the sea and remember us," he said.

"Let the party begin!" shouted Captain Stan.

Lots of snacks and drinks appeared on the deck and one jolly pirate began playing music on his accordion. Everyone was having fun!

After a while, all the excitement made Boo and Belle feel sleepy, so Captain Stan told them to go below deck and have a little rest.

They went down the rickety steps and Boo gave a big yawn. The room began to disappear. Suddenly they were back in their bedroom!

"Lunch is ready!" shouted mum. Outside the rain had stopped.

Boo and Belle put the shell inside Grandad Percy's chest, closed the lid and ran downstairs for lunch clomp, clomp, clomp!

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