

The three pirates made a run for it. Dozens of angry tribesmen ran after them, annoyed that they had been tricked. Mister P joined the pirates as they ran north out of the village and through the Whispering Grass, which was as tall as Barnaby. The tribesmen were fast runners and would have caught up with the exhausted pirates had it not been for one thing. They were quick, but small and when they reached the long grass they began to slow down. Some of them couldn't even see over the top of the grass. It wasn't long before the pirates had outrun them. They were safe. For the time being!

"I'm beat! I've got to stop!" cried Barnaby.

"Don't give up!" ordered Captain Starling.

"We've nearly made it!" yelled Stragglebeard.

"They've stopped chasing us!" panted Barnaby.

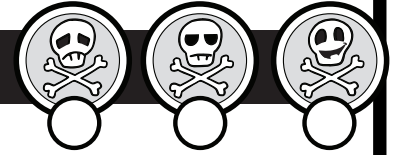
"We'll rest in the cave up ahead!" shouted Captain Starling.

The three pirates decided to hide in the cave at the foot of the mountains.



The Chase

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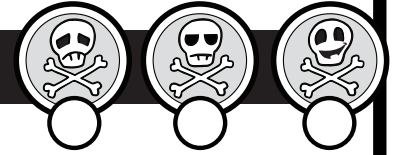
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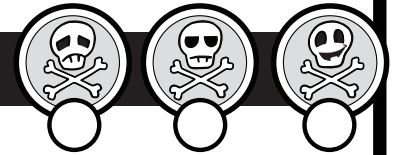
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