



Hellooooo, Crossbones Island! I am BACK! I've been away a whole year with Grandpa and my cousin Redruth, exploring the Seven Seas, capturing ships from fearsome pirates and rescuing my chicken, Boris, from various epic disasters.

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But now Grandpa has gone off to write his new book, *Proper Pirating for Beginners: Volume 3*. And I'm stuck here.

After a life of danger and adventure, this year is probably going to be really dull just hanging around on the island, but here are my New Year's resolutions:

1. Prove to my big brother Blackbeard once and for all that I am NOT a waste of space
2. Teach Boris a special new skill
3. Do something awesome and make it into *Pirate Monthly* – well, why not?
4. Find an ice cream boat and get an ice cream!
5. Find a way to get rid of Redruth



Booked Boris in for some karate lessons. It was that or ballet. You never know, karate may be a useful skill.



Wonder what I'll do this year?

Nothing ever happens on Crossbones Island.

Nothing.

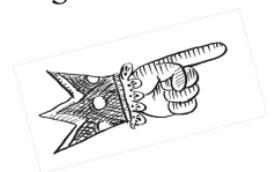
Ever.



I can't believe what's happening this year!

THIS is amazing!

THIS is going to change my life!



Jolly Roger

PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:

The Perfect Life of Pirates: THE MOVIE

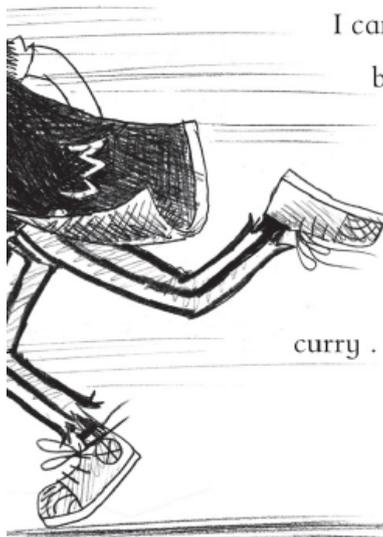
Amazing, Golden Eyepatch Award-winning actor and director Jolly Roger will be directing *PLOP: The Movie* on Crossbones Island this year.

New cast and crew members required. (Jolly sent the last ones on an all-expenses-paid vacation to his private island to celebrate him winning the Golden Eyepatch Award. It was only after they left that he realised he had no one to make the new film.)

**PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT THE FILM:
APRIL 1ST, The Barrel Theatre**

AUDITIONS: JUNE 1ST, The Barrel Theatre

Wow! Jolly Roger! He's been in all my favourite pirate movies, like *Feather Island* and *Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle of Prune Juice Because We Ran Out of Everything Else*. And he's really good. He won last year's fabulous Golden Eyepatch Award for Best Actor! THIS is the start of something big!



I can feel it in my belly.
Oh, wait. No, that's just yesterday's leftover squid curry ... Back in a bit!



1. Buy haddock to cook fish and chips for lunch
2. Public meeting 10am, The Barrel Theatre!

Can't believe I'm going to see Jolly Roger face to face!

11am

The Barrel Theatre is amazing – shaped round like a barrel, with wooden walls and a stage at the back. The crowd went wild



when Jolly Roger appeared. It was brilliant to see him in real life! People threw flowers at his feet. I didn't think to bring any so I threw the haddock I bought instead.

It would have been fine if it hadn't knocked Jolly's hat off (whoops). All the pirates in the audience gasped but Jolly just laughed (pew).



Then Jolly made an exciting speech – exciting as a triple-chocolate cupcake with double-chocolate sparkly bits on top and hidden chocolate inside!



I scribbled it all down so I wouldn't forget:

“Friends, pirates, ocean-folk, lend me your ears! For I have the most excellent news! I, Jolly Roger, award-winning

actor and director, winner of the amazing Golden Eyepatch for Best Actor at the last ceremony for PANTS (Pirate Actors, Newcomers and Talented Stars), will be producing my latest fabulous film, *The Perfect Life of Pirates: The Movie*, also known as *PLOP: The Movie*, on this very island!”

(YEEEEEEEEEEEEEEK!!!!)