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#HOTCHIPS



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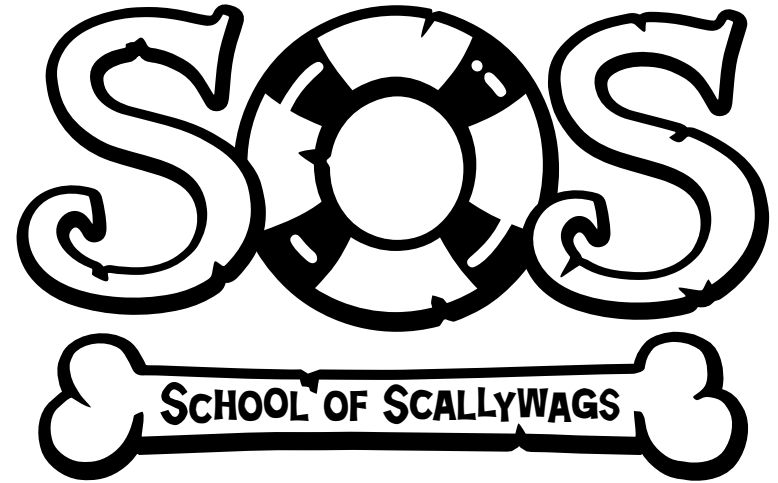
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Welcome to the
School of Scallywags,
a boarding school for
young pirates.

At SOS, students live
at school during the
term and go home for
the holidays.

Each night is one big
sleepover with their
friends!

Each new day is an
adventure waiting to
happen ...



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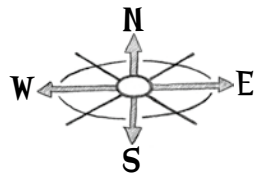
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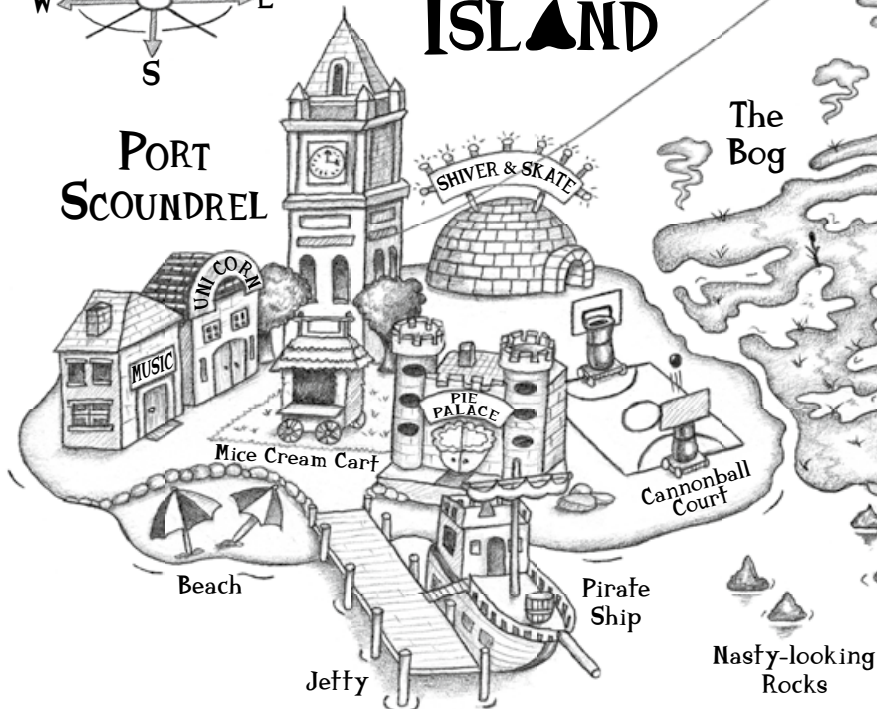
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SHARK TOOTH ISLAND

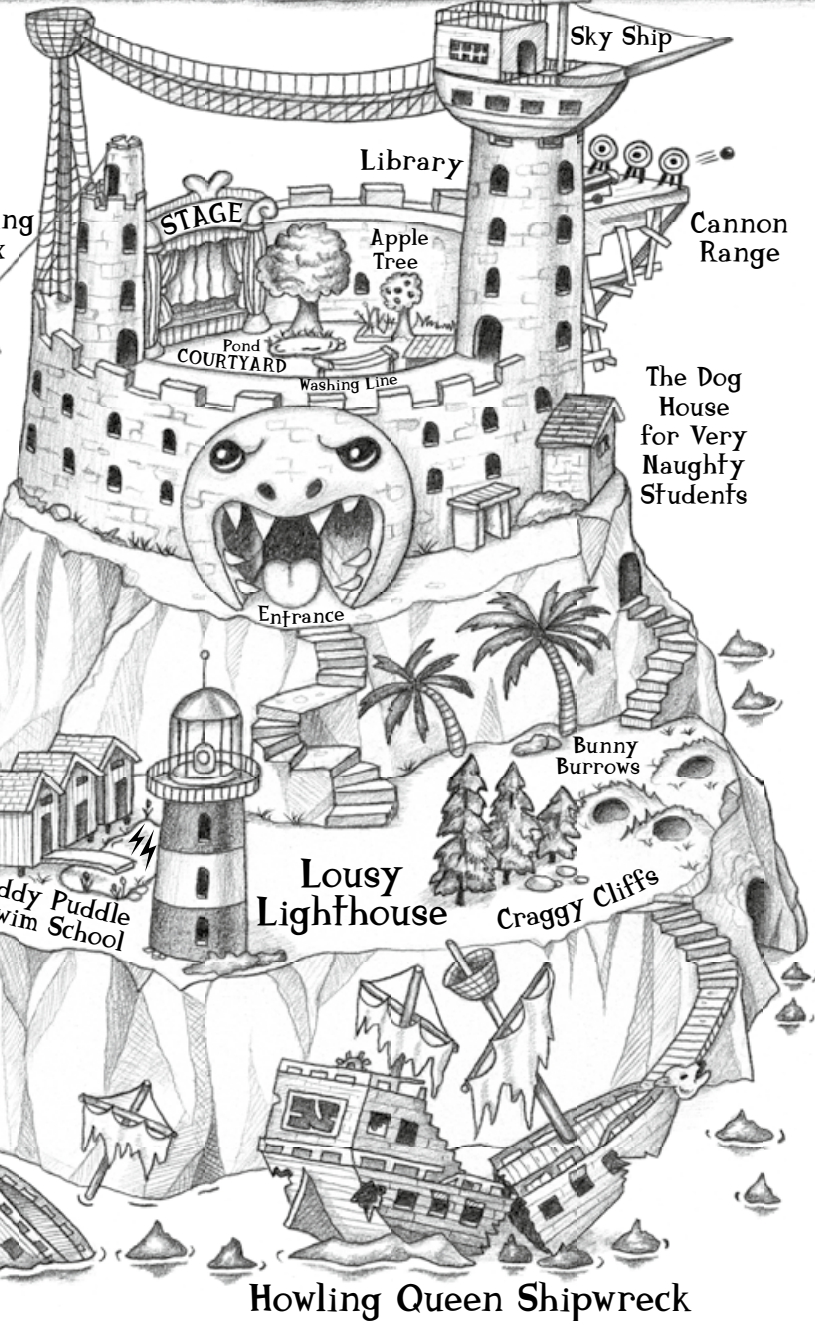
PORT SCOUNDREL



The Bog

Nasty-looking Rocks

Flying Fox





The Big Idea

‘Hey, Big Chipper!’

The salty seagull looks up from his morning tea to see a white rabbit **BOUNCING** across the courtyard.

I wonder why Nora Nibblesworth is so excited? thinks The Big Chipper.

He swallows his mouthful with a **GULP** as Nora skids to a halt in front of him.

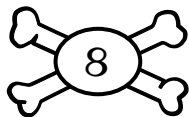
‘Hi, Nora,’ he squawks, holding out a greasy chip. ‘Do you want one? They are freshly cooked with extra salt.’

‘No, thanks,’ she puffs. ‘I just had a carrot. Healthy eating starts here.’

‘Suit yourself,’ says The Big Chipper, stuffing the chip into his mouth.

‘I’m here on official school captain business,’ pants Nora.

‘Oh,’ says The Big Chipper. ‘Do you want me to sing the school song



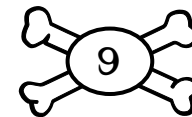
at assembly?’ He **HICCUPS**.

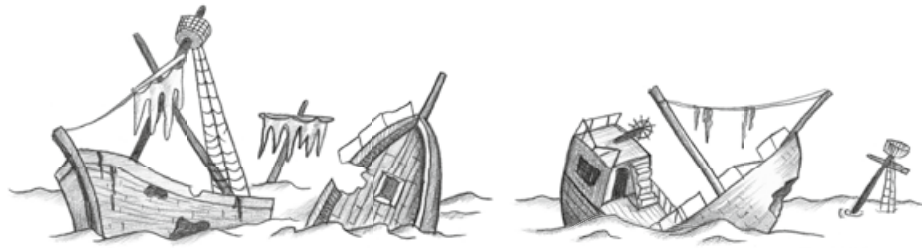
‘I’m really good with sound effects.’

‘Er, not this week,’ says Nora.

‘But I did want to talk to you about those shipwrecked hamsters.’

The Big Chipper lets out a low whistle. ‘Poor little guys. I heard they lost everything when their ship crashed on the rocks. It’s a shame the Lousy Lighthouse wasn’t working.’





Nora's smile
dips into a frown.

'The Lousy
Lighthouse *never*
works!' she says,
jumping on the spot.

'I keep saying that someone should
fix it. But will anyone listen to me?
No. They say I'm just a silly little
Scallywag with carrot in her teeth!'

'I'm listening to you,' says The Big
Chipper. 'And for the record, your
teeth are sparkling
white and clean.
Not a chunk of
carrot in sight.'

'Well, that's
good to hear,'
says Nora.

'So how can
we help the
hamsters?' asks The Big Chipper.



‘Oh yes,’ says Nora. ‘My **BIG** idea. As students of SOS, I thought we could raise money to help the hamsters get back on their furry little feet.’

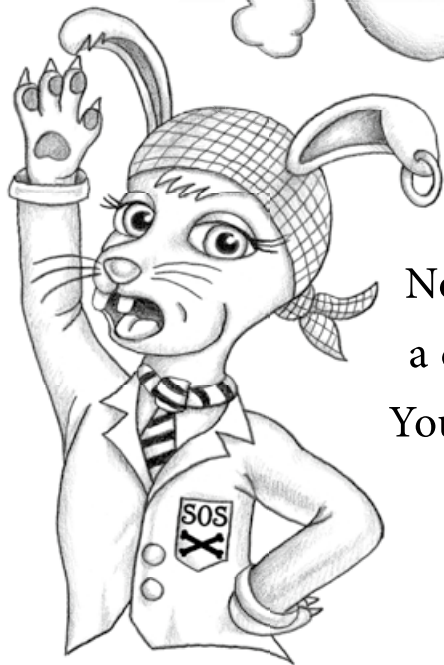
‘That’s a great idea,’ says The Big Chipper. ‘Are we going to do it the pirate way?’

‘Hmm,’ thinks Nora. ‘Robbing, stealing and walking the plank are *not* the best fundraising ideas. But we could dig up buried treasure if you have a map.’

The Big Chipper holds up a chip.

‘Sorry,’ he says. ‘Plenty of hot chips but no treasure map.’





‘OOH, I have an idea,’ squeals Nora. ‘What about a costume parade? You know, the kind where everyone dresses up and

walks around on stage. Every student can make their own costume. People can buy a ticket to attend, and at the end of the parade the audience can buy their favourite costumes. It’s **brilliant!** The money we raise will help the hamsters buy food, clothes and perhaps a new hamster wheel!’

‘A *costume parade*,’ repeats The Big Chipper. ‘Um, great idea.’

He tries to sound excited but the idea **terrifies** him.

I can’t make a costume, he thinks. *Certainly not a costume someone would buy.*

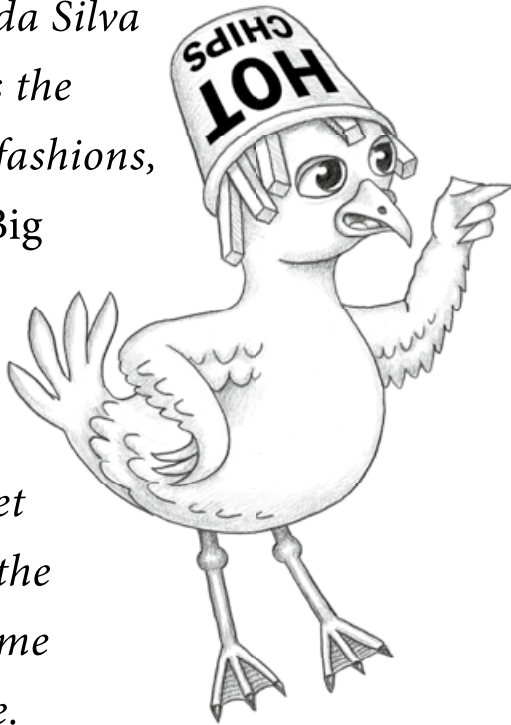
Reaching up, he feels the upside-

down chip bucket he wears as a hat.

No one would pay a cent for my fashion failures, he says to himself.

He notices a handsome grey wolf standing across the courtyard.

Deluchio da Silva always wears the latest pirate fashions, thinks The Big Chipper. I wear last week's leftovers! I bet he will have the coolest costume in the parade.





As Nora ***RUSHES*** over to
Deluchio to share her **BIG** idea,

The Big Chipper feels his head
itching under his greasy hat. In
frustration, he grabs the chip bucket
and ***THROWS*** it on the ground.

