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CHAPTER 3

Alas, even though JD failed several interviews he always told every captain straight up at the interview, “I’m not a killer. I will do any kind of work you assign me aboard your ship but don’t ask me to kill anyone.”

Time after time, Captain after Captain ended their conversation right that moment shouting at JD, “Get out. I don’t want you aboard my ship. How can you be a pirate if you don’t kill? People aren’t going to just hand over their jewels. Are you a coward, lad?”

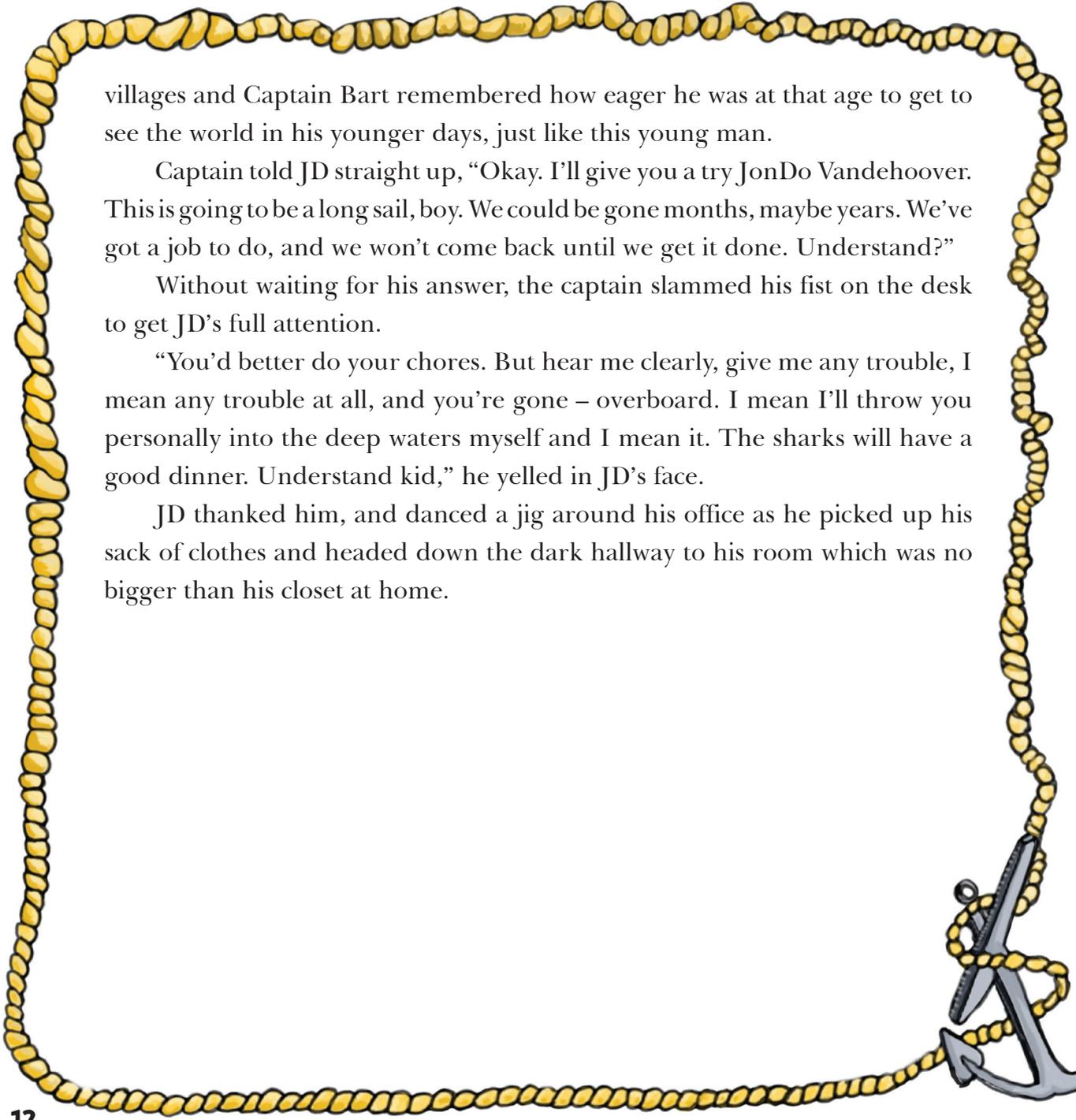
“No sir. I’m happy when I don’t have to steal or kill. I just want to sail the high seas and see the world.”

This angered the captains even more and one captain shouted, “Young man, I give the orders on my ship. If you want to come aboard you will do what I tell you.”

“I’m an excellent worker.” JD pleaded but no one listened. “I will work for you, but I will not kill or steal. I’ll be the best pirate you ever had work for you. My dad taught me how to do everything and fix anything. I’m a worker. I’ll earn my keep, but I won’t ever kill.”

One sunny day his luck changed: he interviewed with Captain Bart who was known as the meanest captain of them all. In the interview Captain Bart picked his teeth, twisted his dirty beard in a circle around his dirty finger while he stroked the parrot sitting on his shoulder. He listened to JD share his desire of sailing the seas and meeting people in little





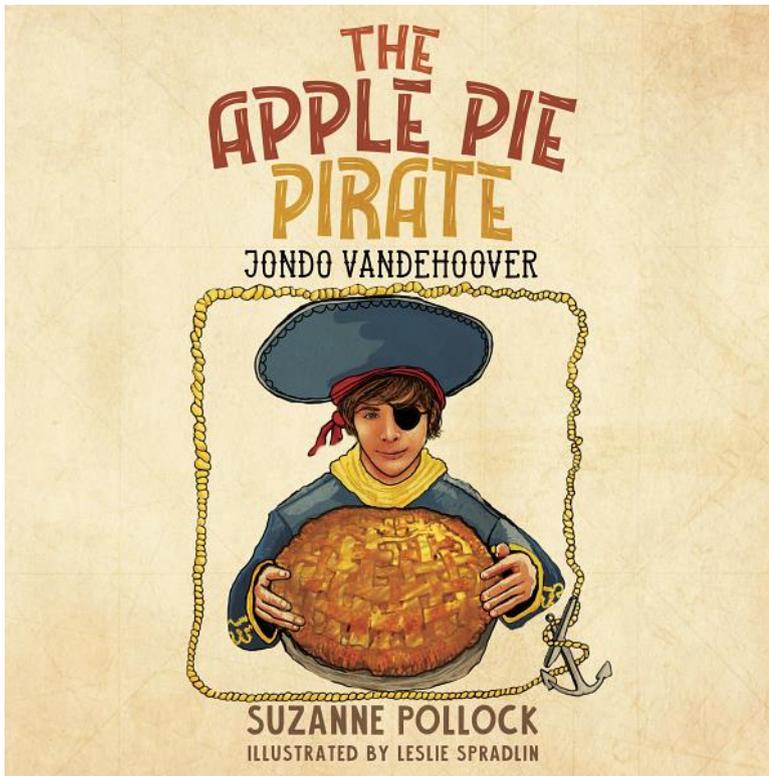
villages and Captain Bart remembered how eager he was at that age to get to see the world in his younger days, just like this young man.

Captain told JD straight up, “Okay. I’ll give you a try JonDo Vandehoover. This is going to be a long sail, boy. We could be gone months, maybe years. We’ve got a job to do, and we won’t come back until we get it done. Understand?”

Without waiting for his answer, the captain slammed his fist on the desk to get JD’s full attention.

“You’d better do your chores. But hear me clearly, give me any trouble, I mean any trouble at all, and you’re gone – overboard. I mean I’ll throw you personally into the deep waters myself and I mean it. The sharks will have a good dinner. Understand kid,” he yelled in JD’s face.

JD thanked him, and danced a jig around his office as he picked up his sack of clothes and headed down the dark hallway to his room which was no bigger than his closet at home.



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