

The map of Billy Bones

This map was found by Jim in the chest of Billy Bones when he came home from his adventure on Treasure Island. He discovered that the map was created by Billy Bones and the treasure was actually a stolen part of Captain Flint's, the biggest and most precious section.

The map was old and wasted, with folds and yellowish colors. It depicts a big **X** where the treasure lies, buried under a volcano. On the map it is represented a house on a smaller island. There is also the cabin with the stockade, where Jim and his friends took refuge. Jim smiled when he saw it, so many memories and emotions came to his mind: the adrenaline of the fights, the fear of being surrounded by pirates, the safety he felt at the end when he was reunited with his friends again.

Next to the cabin there is a dark cave with some cobwebs, stalactites and stalagmites. Near the cave there are some torrents, and some bats live there. There is a waterfall, formed by the river coming from the sea, with a lake underneath and a path that connects the whole island. On the island there are three cliffs that divide the desert from the large bay. Under the hills there is a tropical forest, Jim explored it when he met Ben Gunn. Around the island there are many rocks. In the South there is the pier where the *Hispaniola* was docked.

This map was supposed to lead the adventurer to another part of the treasure. Jim thought about going back to the island and after some research he decided to go back to the island, back to where everything started, to find the second part of the treasure. He called his friends and,

after a long journey with the *Justinian*, they arrived on the island. As soon as they set foot on the sand, they saw the pirates that were left there. They were really angry, but still happy to see someone. Jim made a deal with them: if they helped him find the treasure, he would bring them back home. They agreed, all three of them could not stand a day more eating berries and wild goats and sleeping under the stars.

Jim and his crew went straight to the volcano, because it was clear from the map that the treasure was under it. Jim knew the island really well, so he wasn't afraid. He went inside the volcano, following his companions, and asked the pirates to dig a hole. It was almost twilight and the first moonlight shone on something precious...THE TREASURE! It was only a small part, so he took a shovel and started digging deeper. While he was digging he began to feel hotter and sweatier, "it must be the labor", he thought. Well, it wasn't. It was lava! Jim hanged out dangerously close to the edge and if it wasn't for one of the pirates he would have fallen into the boiling lava.

The burning lava destroyed the treasure, all of it, melting it to the ground. Jim was shocked, and really sad. He was glad to be alive, and grateful to the man who saved him. Without saying a word they went back to the *Justinian* and then to Bristol. He decided to bring the pirates back with them, they proved to be changed and to be worthy of forgiveness.

While he was sailing back home he thought about this new adventure, surely shorter and less dangerous than the first one. Jim realised that the Island continued changing him, turning him into a man. He chose forgiveness over revenge, life over death, and he finally understood that the real treasure was never buried under a volcano, but deep inside his heart.

