The PIRATES
The Golden Medallion
36' PAGE COMIC!
Governor Broadside lives on a large island in the Tropical Sea together with his sister, Aunt Prudence and niece, Camilla. He loves nothing more than good food and a little peace and quiet.

De Martinet is his second-in-command and together they have the troublesome task of upholding law and order throughout the islands.

But, on another island in the same area live the pirates. They make life difficult for the governor. Captain Red Beard and Boatswain Will are two of the most notorious pirates. Among the pirates' numbers are cutthroats who even steal from the other pirates. Captain Foul is just such a man.

Red Beard  Will  Spinoza
Rummy  Bessie

Eldorado Fortress  Caribbean Clipper

Black Seas Barracuda

Forbidden Island

Culverin  Foul
Flashfork
One day, a long time ago, in the Tropical Sea...

ALL ABOARD, ME MATIES!

SURRENDER, YOU DOGS!

It's Captain Red Beard and his pirates.

Fight, you cowards! Governor Broadside will show us no mercy if we lose his cargo!
Spinoza? You haven't been talking to one of these rough sailors, have you, Camillo?

No, aunt... it's the little monkey. It must be terrified!

It's an outrage! How dare they attack one of the Governor's ships?

Just look at poor Spinoza!

Wait here, Aunt Prudence. I'll be right back!

Camilla...

Excuse me, gentlemen...

Come with me, Spinoza... we'll leave these stupid men to their fighting.

Oho...!

Ahoy, what pretty pearls!

How dare you!

Come here, you poor, little thing...
Get your hands off me this instant!

Give me your pearls, or I'll...!

Oh, no! What's...

Pirates don't fight with women and children, you thug!

Will! You're supposed to fight the Governor's men, not our own!

Thanks for helping me. It was very nice of you...

Oh, it was nothing!

I'm really so grateful, and... STOP FLIRTING WILL, AND GET ON WITH YOUR JOB!

Aye, aye, Captain. Be with you in a flash!

Take over this lot! I must speak to Lieutenant de Martinet!

De Martinet! Where are you, you villain?
THERE you are! Tell your men to lay down their arms!

NEVER!

Governor Broadsides men choose death before dishonor! Don't we, men?

But, on second thought, we're much too young to die!

Very sensible, Lieutenant.

RIGHT! GET WITH IT, MEN! I WANT ALL THE LOOT OFF THIS OLD TUB BEFORE SUNSET!
That's an interesting looking CHEST! What have you got there, Rummy?

It's papers and that kind of stuff, Captain... and a letter to Governor Broadside!

Huh! Boring. I'd hoped it was rum.

That's all of it! HOIST THE SAILS! RAISE THE ANCHOR!

Throw that rubbish overboard!

Stop standing there mooning, Will. If it's that girl, forget her. She was the niece of Broadside himself!

Yes, forget all about her, just enjoy the good life on the Black seas Barracuda!

Squawk! Galleons and Gunpowder! Air Attack!
Ugh! What hit me? I'm seeing stars!

Look! Up there!

It's the monkey from the Governor's galleon. It must have jumped over to our rigging during the fighting!

But it's only an innocent animal! Oh yeah!

Oho! What's that around its neck... it's sparkling... it looks like... it might be...

Yes! It's gold!

GOLD! But if we shoot it, it might fall into the sea! I can get it, Captain.

You'll stay up there until you DO!

Eight hours later...
Next morning, at FORBIDDEN ISLAND, the pirates' hiding place...

Imagine, not being able to catch a little monkey! Kids these days...

Never mind, Captain... Let's forget that stupid monkey and drink some breakfast!

Welcome home, Captain Red Beard. Was it a good raid?

Fair to middling, Bessie. Fair to middling. Only two freighter ships and a galleon.

Things have changed since my blessed husband's time. In those days you could plunder a whole village before lunch!

Pity he got in the way of that rope...

I told him it was foolish to attack the Governor's flagship in rowing boats...

He was one of the great ones... kids today can't even catch a tame monkey!
Excuse me, First Mate, but the cook wants to know are we loading 20 barrels of rum and two barrels of water, or is it the other way around?

TWO barrels of water? What do we want all that water for? Tell Flashfork ONE barrel is quite enough!

Aye, aye, First Mate!

Him... looks like half of a gold medallion.

Why only HALF a medallion? And why round a monkey's neck?

Well, Mister monkey hunter... shall we have a look at this bit of gold around its neck?

Aye, aye, Captain!

Leave the monkey here, Jimbo, and get back to the ship.

It's engraved with a map... looks like a TREASURE MAP!

No. A treasure map... so where's the other half of the medallion?

Does it say which island it is?

The monkey belonged to the Governor, maybe there was something in those letters we threw overboard!

WHAT MADE YOU THROW IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS OVERBOARD?

But you told me to!
What's on the other side, Captain?
A skull above two crossed pistols...
It reminds me of something... But...
It was the mark of the Blackheart Cousins!
Who on Earth were they?
I worked for them a long time ago. Give me a jug of rum and I'll tell you the story.

Hey! I was sitting on that!
Drink as much as you like! Sit down and make yourself comfortable!

What's the big idea? Just who do you think you are?
I'm Captain Red Beard. Why?
Ok, old man. Let's hear your story.
"Fifty or so years ago, the Blackheart Cousins captured a great treasure. They buried it on an island..."

"...and scratched a map on a gold medallion and divided it. Only with both halves could you find the treasure."

Why did they break it in two?

The Governor's ships were after them. They had to separate to escape.

John disappeared in the jungle somewhere south. You've probably got hold of his half.

And Brian...

He decided to plunder Port Royal...

Yes, what about him?

He must have been crazy! The Governor's town is protected by THE ELDORADO FORTRESS!

Well, he was never heard of again. They his old shipmate is still living there...

So we can ask him. Make the Black Seas Barracuda ready! We're sailing for Port Royal!

Do you know what Blackheart's shipmate is up to now?

I heard he's a shopkeeper somewhere in Port Royal...
But that's Governor Broadside's town. And we've just captured one of his ships!

So the Governor's probably in a proper rage right now...

Did you hear that, Culverin?

Yep, Captain Foul, sir. I've got ears. He said the Governor was in a cage!

Rage, Culverin! Oh, never mind. If Captain Red Beard is daring to enter Port Royal, there must be a lot of gold involved.

Stop making such a fuss, Will!

Soldiers or not, I smell gold! And YOU are going to help me find it!

We'll be captured immediately. Port Royal is swarming with soldiers!

Two days later...

Well, why not? I think we should keep an eye on old Captain Red Beard.

He's always lucky. I wish we were rich!

I told you so, Will. Port Royal looks peaceful enough...
It's hard to enjoy life knowing that Broadsides's men are all over the place...

Nonsense! There's the shopkeeper we're looking for.

BEST BANANAS IN TOWN! GET 'EM HERE!

Selling bananas after the freedom of life at sea... hope I don't end up like that!

Don't worry. We won't grow old in this town!

Hello, me old mate!

Well, if it ain't Captain Red Beard the famous pirate!

See, he knows me, Will!

All we need now is for De Martinet to walk past. He knows you, too!

Brian Blackheart? Yes, I was his shipmate in the old days, until the attack on Port Royal.

In here... quick, before you're spotted!

What happened?

Well, it was bound to go wrong. There weren't enough of us. The old Governor's men put up too much of a fight.
Brian Blackheart and I were taken prisoner. I got twenty years and then I became a shopkeeper.

He was thrown into the deepest dungeon in the Eldorado Fortress. Then he was sent to Europe and condemned.

Europe? Oh, no! Then his half of the gold medallion is lost forever!

I'm not so sure about that!

Why not?

I heard a rumour that he hid something in the dungeon... maybe it's true...

If he did hide it, it might still be there!

Then why hasn't anybody tried to find it?

Because that dungeon is only for condemned men and prisoners being sent to Europe. NOBODY gets out again once they've been thrown in there.

OK, forget it! Let's get back to the Darkshark before they spot her anchored in the West Bay.
We're so close... there MUST be a way in!

No thanks! It isn't hard getting in... the problem will be getting OUT again!

If one of us surrendered, and was then freed by the other...
You're crazy! Shh, soldiers!

What the...?

HELP! AMBUSH! STOP THEM!

Arrest them!

What now, Captain?

RUN!
We must split up! I'll meet you later!

Aye, aye, Captain!

Phew... looks like I've got away!

This one's not going anywhere. Where did the fat one go?

He got away!

BLAST! They've got Will!

I'd better free him before they put him in the... in the...

On the other hand... why be nasty?
Lieutenant de Martinet would like an audience with you, Governor.

Now? Tell him I'm in a meeting... no, better let him come in...

What is it now? I'm busy!

Sorry, Governor Broadsword, but we've caught one of the pirates who plundered your supply ship.

The cocky rogue dared to set foot in Port Royal, but my alert and heroic men overpowered him and chased off twelve of his friends after a fierce battle!

I see...

Did he have any papers on him?

My spy... Hmm... a friend of mine, wrote and told me recently that he was on the track of a great treasure. He was going to send proof, but a group of villains captured the vessel.

Papers, no... what do you mean?

Were there any unusual packages for me on the ship?

Unusual? No, the only unusual thing was a monkey in a cage.
Well, you sconderel...you'll soon find out that we know what to do with your type!

Please, your honor, I'm only a poor, orphaned fisherman with an old mother and three aunts to take care of...

That's quite enough of that. Give him a whipping and then hang him...

NO, UNCLE!

Please don't, uncle! He saved me when one of the pirates tried to steal my pearls!

CAMILLA! Have you TALKED to this individual?

Oh, dear, sweet uncle... please show him mercy...

Oh, all right... if it means so much to you...

Sweet dreams. We'll hang you at dawn...

As the Governor orders.

We'll leave out the whipping. Just hang him, Lieutenant.

No more nonsense. Now let me have my lunch in peace.

But, uncle...

What a pity. I usually sleep late on Wednesdays.
If I get out of this alive, I'll give Captain Red Beard a piece of my mind!

Wait a minute. What's that scratched into the wall... it's...

Of course... Three dots to the East. Let's see...

Yes... the third stone from the mark is loose... let's have a look...

...it's Blackheart's mark! Three dots and a cross to the East!

It's the second half of the medallion... but it's no use to me now!

Hurry up, Miss Camilla. Your uncle will be furious if he finds out you've been here...

You've been paid to keep watch and shut up. Leave us alone...

Somebody's coming!

I couldn't persuade my uncle to let you free, but I didn't want you to go hungry.
That was good of you. I wouldn’t like to be hung on an empty stomach!

Oh, please don’t talk about THAT!

I have to go now...

Come on... Hurry up!

BOOOOM!

CAPTAIN RED BEARD?! WHO... WHAT... WHERE...

Is that all the thanks I get for saving you? Let’s get away from here, pronto!

Couldn’t you have waited another two minutes?

SQUAWK!

But... they’re shooting at anything that moves. We must get under cover.
My uncle will be furious with me when he learns I've been in your cell...

Sure, but I'm afraid we have to part here, Miss Camilla...

I think it's best if I stay away 'til he's cooled down a bit. Can't you drop me off at one of the small towns on the East coast?

All right. Get a move on!

...and watch what you're doing, Will! Did you find the medallion?

What medallion is that? Is it very special?

Let's see... Yes, the halves match! If Broadside only knew what he'd had in his dungeon all those years! What an idiot!

Squawk! Ha! Fool!

Yes, it's here...

It's a long story!

Can you read the map?

Yes, it's on Shipwreck Island... near the volcano... Ha! The treasure's nearly mine!

Ahoy there! Out with the ladder! We're back!
CAPTAIN FOUL!

Good evening, Captain Red Beard. I heard you were planning a treasure hunt and I didn’t want you to get lonely.

You miserable piece of trash! I’ll...

Ambush! SQUAWK! Miserable trash!

The parrot’s getting away, Captain Foul!

What shall we do with the girl?

So what. Let it go. We’ve got all we need here!

We can demand a ransom for her later... Let’s be off! Hoist the sails!
Next morning...

Now, be sensible, Captain Red Beard. Where did you hide the medallion?

Get lost, scumbag!

I know you've hidden it somewhere. WHERE is it?

Give me back my crew and ship and I might consider giving you a share.

No, thanks. Why settle for a share when I can have it all?

Tell me what—give me the map and you can have a ship and some supplies... otherwise, you'll get a free swimming lesson!

CAPTAIN! SHARKS!

YEEOW! Stop making such a fuss, Will! Friendly beasts, aren't they?

Well, okay... since my shipmate's so jumpy...

Very sensible, Captain Red Beard.

And now to my part of the agreement. Culverin, set them adrift on the Castaway's Raft!

Aye aye, Sir...
SWINDLER! ROGUE! CHEAT! PIRATE!

Calm down, Captain!

What nerve! How DARE those miserable pirates blow a hole in my fort. You’ll pay dearly for this, de Martinet!

Apparently, the pirates illegally removed two barrels of gunpowder from the stores and used it to free the prisoner. Governor.

Typical incompetence! Where were the guards?

All four of them were knocked out!

No feeble excuses, de Martinet! Imagine what the explosion might have done to my collection of crystal glass! Vandals!

And they’ve kidnapped our little Camilla!

Wish to report, Lieutenant, that we have caught an individual we believe to be...

Good work men! Bring him in!

Yes, that too!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

Well, Governor Broadside, we're certain that this bird is Captain Red Beard's parrot!...

So what? I don't need any stupid parrot! I...

SQUAWK! Broadside the big fat pig! SQUAWK!

How DARE? Send this foul-mouthed feather duster to the kitchens. I'll have it for lunch... roasted!

Yes, dear, but it's only repeating what it's overheard.

That makes no difference. NOBODY calls me a...?

SQUAWK! Shipwreck Island... near volcano... treasure's mine!

Say that again!

Shipwreck Island... treasure's mine!

Now that's worth hearing! Sound the alert! Make the flagship ready. We're sailing to Shipwreck Island!

Yes, Sir!

Broadside the big fat pig!

Not that... the OTHER thing!

We'll die of hunger and thirst, Will!
We do have some biscuits and fresh water, Captain.

Yuk! Real pirates live on RUM and MEAT!

Imagine eating a juicy steak at the Keg and cutlass!

Thinking about food just makes it worse!

WATCH OUT, Captain!

WELL DONE! Now we can have fish with our biscuits!

Yuk! I hate fish!

Can't think of anything worse than shark meat!

Well, I can, Captain!
What is it?

What does a hurricane look like?

Like an enormous spinning top, why?

I'm scared, Captain! I don't want to be a pirate anymore!

But I always hated merry-go-rounds!

I think there's one coming this way!

Shiver me timbers! You're right, Will! That's all we needed.

Come on, Will, show a bit of courage!

Hang on lad! Just hang on tight!
Urgh! My head hurts...

Are you going to loaf around there all day? On your feet, lad!

Captain! You're alive! Of course. Did you think a little breeze like that would do me in?

Where are we?

If we can only find some fresh water and fruit.

No idea. We'd better find something to eat.

What are you talking about? We need an inn with rum and a good dinner!

The problem is, it may be a desert island...

I don't think so, Captain...

Look—Footprints!

Get a move on, or you'll end up as shark food!

Let's follow them!

Shh...
Bring the chest here! Our crew! My treasure!

Uhh... it's heavy... Get it open!

Gold! And it's mine... all mine!

Oh, can't we share it? Good idea... I'll take the treasure. You keep the chest!

Captain Red Beard! Impossible! It's will!

Right, you rotten treasure robbers!

It's the Captain!
It's RED BEARD! Shoot him!

Oh no you don't! Take THAT!

C'MON BOYS, LET'S GET 'EM!

It's you and me now, Foul! You lump of sewage!

Get him, Captain!

...do carry on, Gentleman. There'll be fewer of you to hang!

GOVERNOR BROADSIDE?!
We haven't got a chance on our own. Let's join forces and share the treasure afterwards!

Maybe...How much do I get?

What about a third for you and the rest for me?

A third? Do you want a broken nose?

We don't need to waste our energy on knocking them out, Lieutenant. They'll do it for us!

What's the matter with that bird?

The bird? I don't know. It's never done that before.

You can have a broken nose yourself!

Come on, treasure thief!

Popsy's having a fit. What's the matter with it?

It always does that just before a volcano erupts...

...Volcano Erupts!!!
Come on, Camilla... we must get back to the ship immediately!

But Will...

Come on, Captain!

Leave it, Captain! We've got to get away!

I HAVEN'T COME THIS FAR JUST TO RUN AWAY! HELP ME!

You're mad! Come on, it's only gold!

AND IT'S ALL MINE! NOW, DO AS I SAY...

I hope the Governor doesn't start firing at us when we get out into the safety...

Don't worry, he's too busy getting to safety...

Air attack... SQUAWK! Man the guns!

Well done, Spinoza!
It's no use crying over split milk, Captain...

It's all right for you to say... all that lovely gold... gone forever!

But there's plenty more buried treasure.

Says you! Well, I've run out of rum. Do you want a bottle?

No thanks. I've had enough of rum and treasure for now!

Oh, well, suit yourself.

Excuse me, aren't you the famous Captain Red Beard?

Maybe... why?

I have the only treasure map of Captain Smalface's buried treasure. It's on a volcanic island so I don't go after it myself, but Captain Roger can have it for only 300 sovereigns!

Some old guy selling junk just fell in the sea, Captain!

Best place for him! They're always after my money!

THE END!
FIND THE PIRATE MAP!

Will and Rummy have gone ashore on an island where a treasure map is hidden. They discover that there are two paths which will lead to the map. The obstacles on each path are exactly the same – only the sequence is different.

Two players are needed for this treasure hunt. Start by placing Will and Rummy on the first row of studs. Then take turns by rolling a single dice.

Build the island as shown in this drawing. If you don’t have the bricks and building plate you can use the drawing in this book, or even draw the island yourself.

The game ends when you’ve landed on the white cliff (the white brick). If you roll too many, you’ll fall over the edge of the cliff and will have to start again from the beginning!

YELLOW FOUR-STUD: A big swamp. There’s a danger of yellow fever. Go back two places.

BLUE FOUR-STUD: You drop your cutlass. If you can roll a two or a six on your next turn, you find it again and may proceed. If not, you have to go on without it.

BLUE EIGHT-STUD: You’re captured by Captain Foul, who will make you walk the plank. If you can roll a two on your next turn, you may go on. If not, you must swim back to the beginning and start again.

BLACK FOUR-STUD: Black misfortune. Very dense jungle. If you still have your cutlass, you can move on. If not, you must go back to where you lost it. Then you have to roll a two or a six before you can move again.

RED FOUR-STUD: An ambush! Go back four places and take cover.

WHITE FOUR-STUD: The White Cliff; now you can see the treasure map and you’ve won the game!