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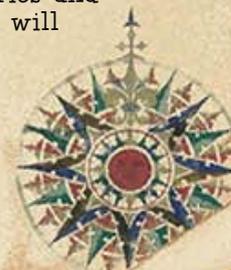




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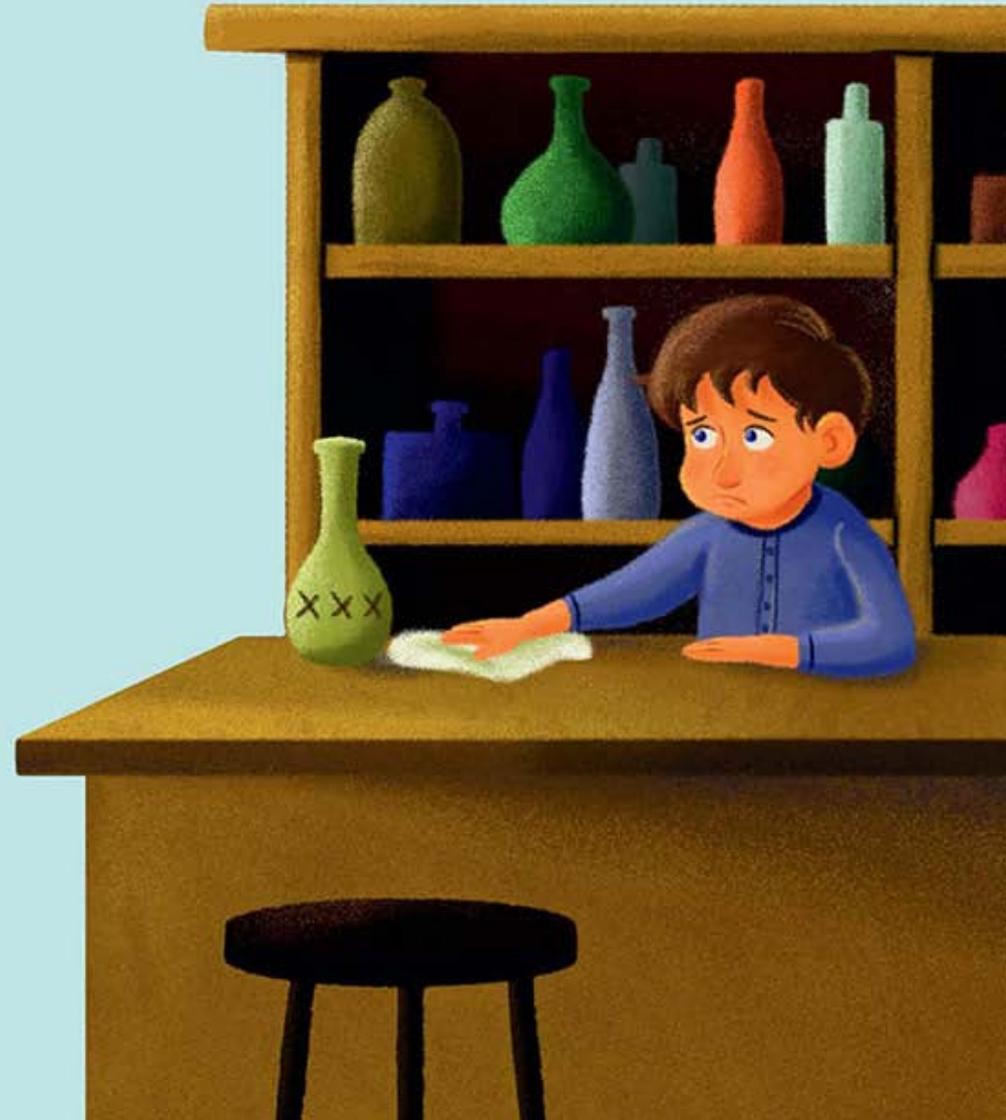
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Some years ago, in a small English seaside town, there was a cozy little inn that was frequented by sailors. Though visitors to the inn often shared great stories of adventure, very little actually happened in this town.

The innkeeper's son, Jim Hawkins, spent his days doing dishes and carrying luggage. Jim thought his whole life would pass by without any great story of his own. Little did he know, his life was about to get a whole lot more adventurous...



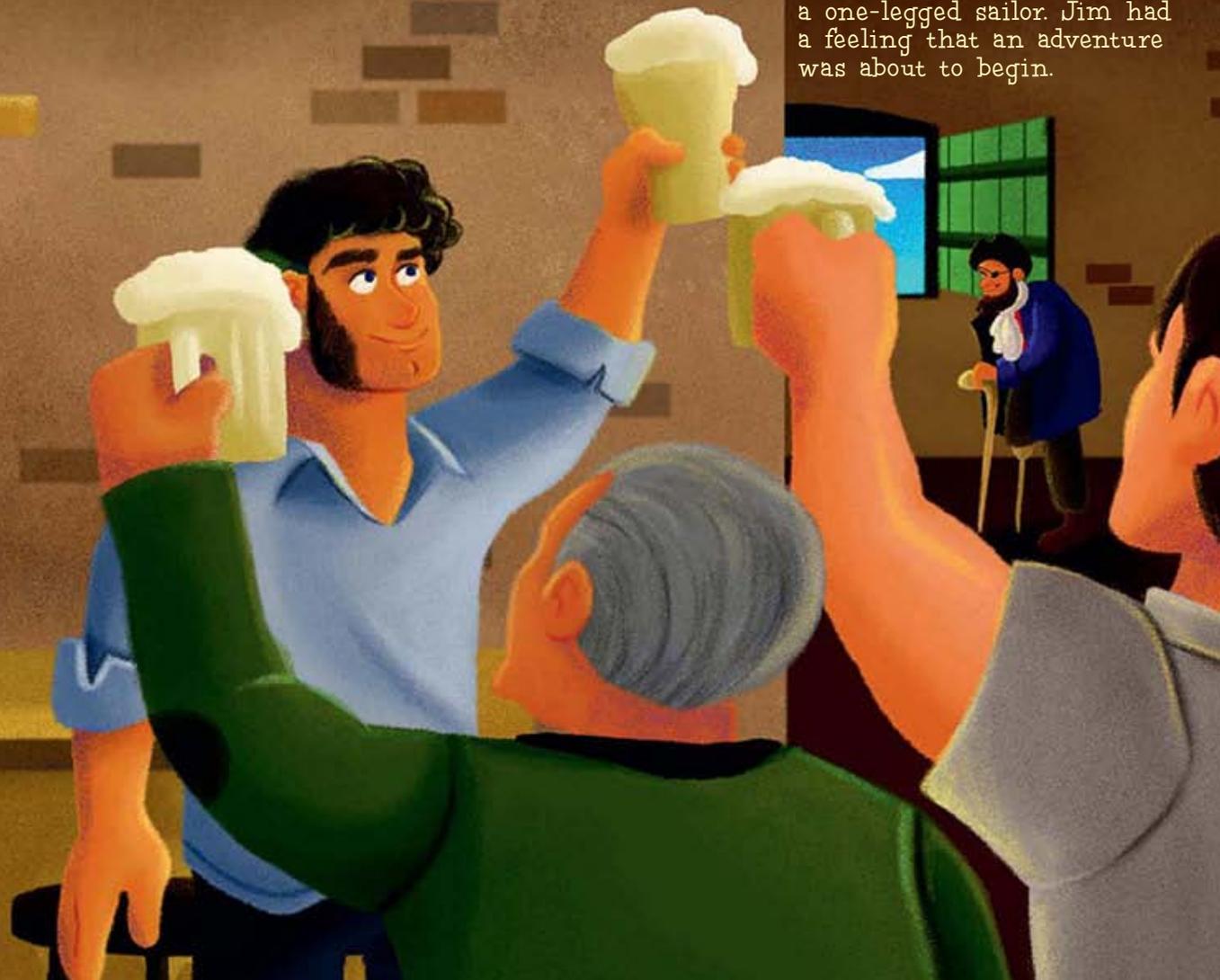
It all started one dark night with the arrival of a mysterious guest at the inn. His name was Billy Bones.

Billy Bones was unique. He had the air of adventure and sang a haunting tune:

When Billy arrived, he tossed more gold coins on the table than his stay would cost, and asked Jim to keep a watchful eye for a one-legged sailor. Jim had a feeling that an adventure was about to begin.

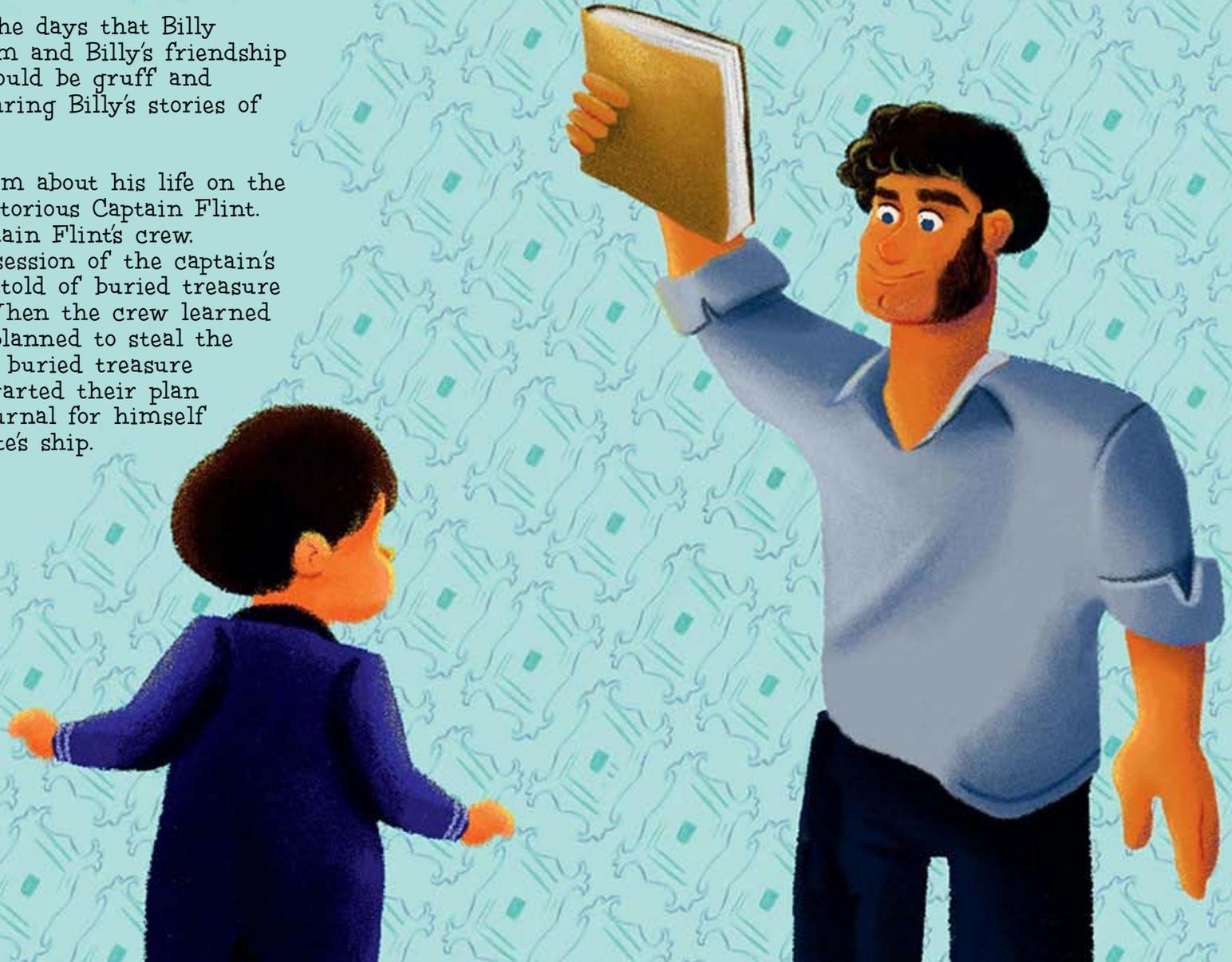


"Fifteen men on a dead man's chest.
Yo, ho, ho, and a bottle of rum."



Over the course of the days that Billy stayed at the inn, Jim and Billy's friendship grew. Though Billy could be gruff and moody, Jim loved hearing Billy's stories of adventures at sea.

One day, Billy told Jim about his life on the pirate ship of the notorious Captain Flint. While a part of Captain Flint's crew, Billy had gained possession of the captain's journal. The journal told of buried treasure on a desert island. When the crew learned of this secret, they planned to steal the journal and find the buried treasure themselves. Billy thwarted their plan when he took the journal for himself and escaped the pirate's ship.



One day, Billy fell ill. Despite the care his new friend Jim gave him, Billy's health continued to decline, until eventually his sickness overwhelmed him.

Just before Billy passed away, he gave the journal to Jim as a token of thanks for all of his kindness.

Billy also gave Jim a final word of warning:

"Beware of the one-legged pirate!"



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