

Pete's treasure
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When Pete Donovan heard the bell of the pier, he took a deep breath and walked to the coast. When he saw the waves under the ships, he fainted.

Every year, the teens of Pirate Island would sail through the sea to seize their first booty. When they came back with their precious contribution to the community, they were received as true "pirates" and they earned their spot in the island. Returning empty-handed implied not returning at all.

As Pete regained consciousness, he found that all the ships had gone and, with them, his chance of being someone.

When living among the bravest sailors of your time, it is hard to be a young boy afraid of the sea. However, Pete decided that, one way or another, he would leave the island and return with a big treasure.

The solution to his problem appeared when, reading his exploration books, he found the instructions to build an aerostat balloon. Using ship sails and wood from the shipyard, he made his aircraft in two days. In the silence of the night, he embarked on his adventure.

At the third day of flight, Pete saw an island that caught his attention. The moment he overflew it, he knew he had discovered something incredible, something big. By the way it shone under the sunlight, it was the most beautiful treasure he had ever seen. Suddenly, when Pete got distracted by the blinding glare, the aerostatic balloon hit a branch and crashed.

With the aircraft totally destroyed, it took him some minutes to realize that he was trapped in this island. He knew he had two options: waiting to be rescued or trying to leave on his own.