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THE GOLD OF
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Chapter 3

The Quest

Just as Dex hops on to the ship, Big Dan gets back from his visit to the shops. All his men are glad that Big Dan is back.

“Where were you?” asks Josh.

Josh is the deckman on the ship. He is a kid. So he has to do all the jobs the rest of the men do not want to do. He mops the deck and rubs the rust off the mast.

Big Dan is just to Josh and sticks up for him. He gets Josh hand me down things so Josh does not have to spend his cash.

Dex trusts Josh. He thinks Josh and Big Dan are the best men on the ship.

“Men, I did it!” yells Big Dan. “Check what I got!”

The ship hands rush to check. Big Dan lifts up his hand.

“Is that a map in your hand?” asks Josh.

Big Dan nods. “It is not just a map. It is THE MAP! The map for the Gold of Black Rock Hill!”

“What?” Josh gasps in shock. “But that chest of gold was lost for so long!”

“A lot of men were lost in quests to get their hands on that chest,” says a

ship hand. “How will we get it when lots of men have not?” he asks.

“Those men did not have this map!” Big Dan says. “That is why they got lost. With this, we will get to that chest!”

“How did you get this map?” asks Josh.

“I got it from an old bandit on land,” Big Dan says. “He sells crafts in his gift shop by the docks.”

A fat man next to Big Dan says, “A map from a bandit? How can you trust this man?”

“This must be a rip-off,” yells a thin man from the back. “If it is not, why did he not dig for the chest himself?”

“I get it,” says Big Dan. “But let me tell you why I trust this bandit with all I got. I was just a kid as old as Josh when I met this man. He let me stay with him in his hut. I did not have a thing to pay him with. He did not have much, but he still lent me the cash to get Brisk. He thinks of me as a son.”

His men nod.

“I got him help when he was ill,” he adds. “He has no kids to pass on the map to. So he let me have it as a gift for helping him. He thinks we can get to it. My gut says we got a shot at this as well.”

“So, who will go on a quest with me to get the Gold of Black Rock Hill?” asks Big Dan.

The men lift their fists. They chant and yell. They want to get rich.

“O.K., then!” says Big Dan. “We are on our way!”

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WORD LIST

#	Word	Count	#	Word	Count	#	Word	Count
1	a	197	26	bends	2	51	cabin	8
2	act	1	27	benefit	1	52	cabins	3
3	acts	1	28	best	8	53	call	1
4	adds	8	29	big	141	54	calls	1
5	all	56	30	bin	3	55	can	36
6	am	13	31	bins	1	56	cannot	26
7	an	3	32	bit	20	57	cash	6
8	and	167	33	bits	2	58	casts	1
9	are	41	34	black	15	59	cat	34
10	as	61	35	blasts	4	60	cats	16
11	ash	12	36	blinks	1	61	chant	1
12	asks	26	37	box	5	62	chat	1
13	at	33	38	brags	1	63	chatting	1
14	back	49	39	branch	1	64	check	13
15	backs	1	40	bring	6	65	checks	5
16	bad	13	41	brings	7	66	chest	42
17	band	1	42	Brisk	10	67	chin	1
18	bandit	7	43	bucket	8	68	chops	1
19	bandits	2	44	bug	1	69	clap	1
20	bang	1	45	bump	1	70	cops	1
21	be	48	46	bumps	2	71	cot	6
22	bed	2	47	bunch	3	72	crack	1
23	beds	1	48	bust	1	73	cracks	1
24	begs	1	49	but	64	74	crafts	1
25	bench	2	50	by	15	75	crash	1

#	Word	Count
76	crisp	1
77	cut	2
78	cuts	1
79	dad	1
80	Dan	114
81	dash	3
82	day	14
83	days	1
84	deck	29
85	deckman	1
86	denim	1
87	depth	1
88	desk	2
89	Dex	98
90	did	28
91	dig	14
92	digging	6
93	digs	1
94	discuss	1
95	dish	8
96	do	56
97	dock	19
98	docks	2
99	does	12
100	down	25

#	Word	Count
101	draft	6
102	drafts	1
103	drag	1
104	drifts	1
105	drill	4
106	drink	2
107	drinks	1
108	drop	5
109	drops	6
110	duck	1
111	dud	1
112	dug	2
113	eggs	2
114	end	5
115	ends	2
116	epic	1
117	ethics	1
118	expects	1
119	fall	1
120	falls	3
121	fan	1
122	fangs	3
123	fantastic	2
124	fast	10
125	fat	3

#	Word	Count
126	fed	1
127	fend	1
128	fill	1
129	fills	1
130	filth	1
131	finish	4
132	finishing	1
133	fish	21
134	fists	1
135	fits	1
136	fix	5
137	flag	2
138	flaps	1
139	flash	3
140	flask	4
141	flinch	2
142	flings	1
143	flop	2
144	for	51
145	forget	1
146	forgets	1
147	fresh	4
148	from	22
149	front	5
150	fun	12

#	Word	Count
151	fuss	1
152	gag	2
153	gang	2
154	gasps	6
155	get	86
156	gets	21
157	getting	3
158	gift	3
159	glad	7
160	glum	1
161	go	32
162	gold	41
163	got	31
164	grab	7
165	grabs	7
166	grand	1
167	grandkids	2
168	grass	1
169	grill	6
170	grills	1
171	grin	5
172	grins	7
173	grip	1
174	grit	1
175	grunts	9

#	Word	Count
176	gut	2
177	ha	4
178	had	13
179	ham	1
180	hand	19
181	hands	24
182	hang	3
183	hanging	1
184	has	19
185	have	38
186	having	1
187	he	172
188	held	1
189	helm	2
190	helms	1
191	help	20
192	helping	2
193	helpings	1
194	helps	1
195	her	14
196	herself	2
197	hey	1
198	hid	2
199	hill	10
200	hills	1

#	Word	Count
201	him	18
202	himself	2
203	hint	1
204	hints	1
205	his	80
206	hiss	2
207	hit	1
208	hits	2
209	hmm	1
210	hops	4
211	hot	3
212	how	17
213	huff	1
214	hugs	1
215	hums	1
216	hunt	12
217	hunting	1
218	hunts	1
219	hush	2
220	hut	1
221	I	93
222	if	24
223	ill	1
224	in	76
225	ink	3

#	Word	Count	#	Word	Count	#	Word	Count
226	insist	1	251	lands	1	276	lug	1
227	insists	1	252	laps	1	277	lumps	1
228	inspect	2	253	last	9	278	lunch	17
229	inspects	3	254	left	13	279	man	10
230	intend	1	255	leg	2	280	map	65
231	into	10	256	legs	3	281	masks	1
232	is	170	257	lent	1	282	mass	1
233	it	111	258	let	17	283	mast	4
234	its	2	259	lets	2	284	may	5
235	Jeb	87	260	licks	2	285	me	17
236	job	5	261	lid	2	286	men	67
237	jobs	6	262	lift	1	287	mess	7
238	Josh	103	263	lifts	5	288	met	3
239	jots	1	264	like	12	289	milk	3
240	jug	1	265	limp	1	290	miss	5
241	jump	6	266	lips	5	291	missing	1
242	jumps	13	267	list	1	292	Mist	58
243	just	55	268	lock	2	293	mocks	1
244	kept	2	269	lockbox	1	294	mop	2
245	kick	3	270	log	1	295	mopping	1
246	kicks	3	271	long	8	296	mops	5
247	kid	9	272	lost	5	297	most	2
248	kids	1	273	lot	4	298	much	8
249	king	1	274	lots	7	299	must	23
250	land	24	275	luck	6	300	my	19

#	Word	Count
301	myself	1
302	nag	1
303	nap	1
304	naps	1
305	neck	1
306	next	20
307	no	31
308	nod	2
309	nods	6
310	not	105
311	now	1
312	O.K.	4
313	odd	4
314	of	102
315	off	35
316	oh	5
317	old	4
318	on	154
319	onto	9
320	or	4
321	our	7
322	out	37
323	pack	2
324	pad	1
325	pal	1

#	Word	Count
326	pals	1
327	panic	3
328	pants	10
329	pass	3
330	past	6
331	path	7
332	pats	6
333	pay	1
334	pen	2
335	pick	1
336	picks	9
337	pig	1
338	pit	1
339	pits	1
340	plan	7
341	plans	6
342	play	1
343	plot	5
344	plus	2
345	pocket	13
346	pockets	2
347	pond	6
348	pops	1
349	pot	1
350	press	1

#	Word	Count
351	prints	5
352	profits	1
353	pub	1
354	puff	1
355	quest	4
356	quests	3
357	quick	10
358	quit	4
359	ran	1
360	rat	14
361	rats	6
362	red	5
363	rest	14
364	rich	11
365	rid	6
366	rip-off	1
367	rips	1
368	rob	7
369	rock	10
370	rocking	1
371	rocks	2
372	rubs	5
373	run	7
374	runs	22
375	rush	5

#	Word	Count
376	rust	1
377	sack	10
378	sad	5
379	sand	10
380	sank	2
381	say	4
382	says	70
383	scam	3
384	scans	2
385	scoffs	1
386	scrap	4
387	scraps	2
388	scrub	2
389	scrubs	1
390	scruff	1
391	scuff	2
392	scums	1
393	selfish	5
394	sells	1
395	send	2
396	sent	1
397	set	5
398	sets	8
399	shall	1
400	sham	2

#	Word	Count
401	she	47
402	shelf	1
403	shift	1
404	ship	75
405	ships	3
406	shock	2
407	shop	3
408	shops	2
409	shot	3
410	shrubs	5
411	shrugs	4
412	shut	1
413	sick	16
414	sink	1
415	sinking	1
416	sinks	1
417	sip	1
418	sips	1
419	sit	4
420	sits	11
421	sitting	1
422	skiff	28
423	skiffs	3
424	skip	1
425	slink	1

#	Word	Count
426	slinks	2
427	slip	2
428	slips	3
429	smacks	1
430	small	12
431	smash	1
432	smell	1
433	smells	1
434	snack	3
435	snacks	3
436	snap	1
437	snaps	3
438	sniff	4
439	sniffs	1
440	so	22
441	son	1
442	sonnet	6
443	spend	3
444	spent	1
445	spill	1
446	spills	2
447	split	2
448	splits	2
449	spot	10
450	spots	12

#	Word	Count
451	springs	1
452	sprint	2
453	sprints	5
454	stack	4
455	stand	3
456	stash	1
457	stay	6
458	step	2
459	steps	14
460	stick	5
461	sticks	2
462	still	21
463	stink	1
464	stinks	3
465	stop	19
466	stops	4
467	straps	2
468	stress	1
469	stuck	4
470	stuff	2
471	stuffs	2
472	such	2
473	sun	3
474	suspect	1
475	swell	1

#	Word	Count
476	swim	3
477	tap	1
478	taps	3
479	tasks	1
480	tell	22
481	tells	12
482	test	1
483	thank	1
484	thanks	2
485	that	85
486	the	513
487	their	18
488	them	21
489	then	47
490	there	34
491	these	2
492	they	68
493	thin	3
494	thing	12
495	things	8
496	think	15
497	thinks	28
498	this	75
499	those	3
500	thrill	3

#	Word	Count
501	thud	2
502	thump	2
503	till	1
504	tin	1
505	tip	1
506	tips	1
507	to	209
508	told	3
509	top	6
510	track	9
511	traps	1
512	trash	5
513	treks	1
514	trick	3
515	tricks	1
516	trips	4
517	trots	3
518	trust	5
519	trusts	2
520	tug	2
521	tugs	2
522	tum	1
523	twig	1
524	twist	1
525	twists	2

#	Word	Count
526	unless	3
527	until	9
528	up	50
529	upset	6
530	us	17
531	valid	4
532	visit	5
533	vomits	1
534	want	27
535	wants	8
536	was	26
537	way	15
538	we	68
539	well	27
540	went	7
541	were	4
542	west	1
543	wet	3
544	what	37
545	when	30
546	where	19
547	which	3
548	who	12
549	why	6
550	will	72

#	Word	Count
551	wind	1
552	winks	1
553	wish	2
554	with	80
555	X	10
556	yank	1
557	yanks	2
558	yell	6
559	yelling	1
560	yells	25
561	yelps	2
562	yes	5
563	yet	7
564	you	89
565	your	14
566	Zack	88
567	zest	1
568	zilch	2
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