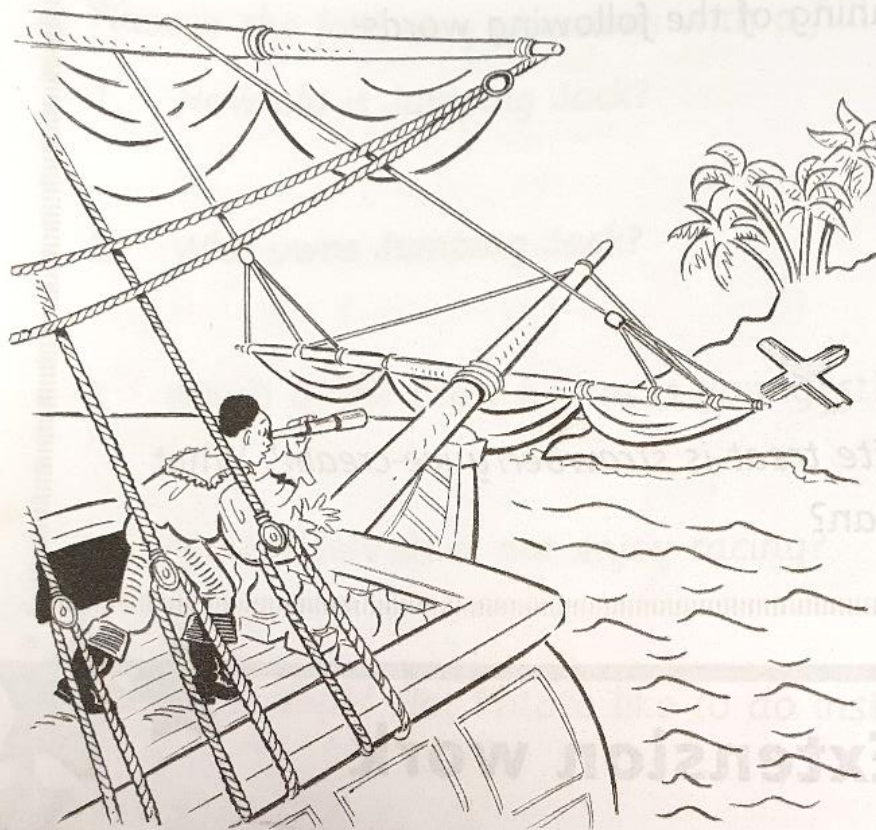


Pirates



As the ship sailed close to the little island, the pirates could see palm trees and hot, yellow sand.

‘The treasure’s here!’ shouted Cut-throat Kacey, ‘I can see the cross marked out in the sand.’

The pirates threw their spades

into the jolly boat, then rowed like mad towards the island. Suddenly, a giant octopus shot out of the water in front of them. It looked very angry. The creature’s tentacles picked the boat out of the water and held it up in mid-air. The pirates were terrified.

‘Steal my treasure, would you?’ hissed the octopus. Then it tossed the boat high into the sky. Up the boat went, up, up, up into space.

And that is where the pirates still float, in their not-very-jolly boat.

Questions

1. Who was on the ship?
2. What did the pirates hope to find on the island?
3. How did they know where the treasure was buried on the island?
4. Did the pirates land on the island?
5. Who did the octopus think the treasure belonged to?
6. What did the octopus do to the pirates and why?