

Resource 3.8: Pirates of the Curry Bean (1 of 5)

Characters

Princess Daisy Flower

Queen Long Legs

King Big Belly

Captain Salty (royal ship's Captain)

Captain Jack Swallow (head pirate)

Blinky (pirate)

Pirates/ship mates/royal servants (non-speaking roles)

Once upon a time, in a land that isn't here, there lived a rich King and Queen in a beautiful castle with their beautiful daughter Princess Daisy Flower. Unfortunately, Princess Daisy Flower had been doing lots of shopping (and I mean a lot!) and had spent half the royal savings on designer items. And they weren't even in the sale!

King Big Belly said 'It's the only solution to our money matters. That Christopher Columbus guy went off in his boat last week and found America. I'm sure I can find a new country too!'

'It would certainly make us rich again if we had more land,' said Queen Long Legs, 'but who will help you sail?'

'Don't you worry about that,' replied the King 'I know just the person who can help. It's the same person who spent all our money in the first place.'

They both looked at Princess Daisy Flower.

'Huh? Why are you looking me?' asked Princess Daisy Flower.

'Because it's about time you started helping out around here,' said the King 'since you also refuse to marry Prince Hogbottom of Snotland.'

Princess Daisy screwed up her face. 'Ewww, of course I won't marry Prince Hogbottom of Snotland! He's awful!' she cried.

'Your father's right,' said the Queen. 'You should help since it was your shopping that got us into this pickle.'

Princess Daisy Flower looked upset. 'But all my designer clothes will be ruined by the saltwater!'

But her mother was strict.

'No arguments!' the Queen replied.

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Then the Queen turned to her husband and said ‘Maybe we should call Prince Hogbottom and tell him Princess Daisy Flower would like to marry him after all?’

Princess Daisy Flower looked horrified and shrieked ‘NO, no, no, no, nooo! I’ll do it. I’ll go, just don’t make me marry Prince Hogbottom!’

‘Wonderful,’ said the King. ‘We set sail tomorrow. Let’s pack!’

So a happy King and Queen and a not-so-happy Princess Daisy Flower went to bed. The next day King Big Belly and his daughter would set sail on an adventure to find new land and bring wealth back to the kingdom.

The next morning, the rooster went ‘Cock a doodle doooooo!’ By sunrise, the King and Princess were already aboard the ship, waving goodbye to the Queen. And with the help of the King’s royal captain, Captain Salty, they set sail as the sun rose up.

The Queen waved. ‘Goodbye! I’ve packed some peanut butter sandwiches in your bags.’

Princess Daisy Flower looked sad and frustrated. But the King smiled and shouted back, ‘Thanks dear! Don’t worry, we’ll be back in no time!’

‘Anchors away! Here we go!’ called Captain Salty.

They set sail with Captain Salty steering the big ship. The King enjoyed the sea air, but Princess Daisy felt seasick as the boat rocked backwards and forwards.

They sailed for two days and two nights and there was no sight of new land. They looked and looked, but there was nothing to see but water. Until the third day, that was...

Captain Salty suddenly shouted loudly, ‘Land ahooooooy!’

They all jumped up and ran to look where Captain Salty was pointing.

‘Land!’ cried the King. ‘Is it on the map?!’

He got out the map to have a look. It was not on the map. It was new land!

Princess Daisy Flower did not look so excited. ‘Hip hooray. Can we go home now?’ she asked.

‘Not yet, petal’ replied her father. ‘We have to explore the island first. Who knows, there could be treasure buried there!’

Princess Daisy Flower sighed.

‘Yeah right. Dad, this isn’t a pirate story.’

The ship pulled into the cove and anchored. The new land was ready to be explored.

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Captain Jack glared at her.

‘What?!’ he said.

‘That’s right,’ continued Princess Daisy Flower. ‘Pirates always fight to win treasure. You haven’t fought at all. You’re rubbish pirates!’

Captain Jack and Blinky yelled together, ‘WHAT?!’

The King looked worried and turned to his daughter.

‘Erm, darling, I don’t think this is the best time to make them angry!’

Captain Jack jumped up.

‘I’ll show you fighting!’ he said.

Princess Daisy Flower was calm.

‘OK, fine. I challenge you! And the winner gets to have all the curry beans and the island!’

‘Fine!’ replied Captain Jack. ‘Pick up your sword!’

The pirate untied the princess.

‘No swords,’ replied Princess Daisy Flower. ‘This challenge is about real strength. The winner is the one who can eat the most curry beans!’

Pirate Jack laughed.

‘Ha ha! That’s soooo easy!’

‘Yes, soooo easy!’ joined in Blinky.

Princess Daisy Flower smiled sweetly.

‘If it’s soooo easy, you can go first.’

Pirate Jack puffed out his chest.

‘Ha! Are you kidding? Come on Blinky.’

The pair of pirates positioned themselves next to the bean bush.

The Princess called out, ‘Ready, set, GO!’

Captain Jack Swallow and Blinky immediately started shoveling the beans into their mouths. After a few seconds, the heat hit their tongues and they looked at each other in horror as the temperature got hotter and hotter until their whole mouths were burning.

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'WAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!' they both wailed.

They ran around desperately trying to fan their mouths, but the heat was too much and they jumped into the water to cool down. They were defeated.

Princess Daisy Flower untied the King and Captain Salty. The King was amazed.

'You saved us! And defeated the pirates!' he beamed.

'Hip-hip-hooray!' they all cheered.

And it was true. The Princess's smart idea had saved them all from the pirates and won them the island that would make them rich once more.

They loaded the curry beans into bags, put the first batch onto the ship, and set sail from the island to return home.

And they all lived happily ever after, sending their curry beans to shops and restaurants near you. But be careful, they are hot!

The end.