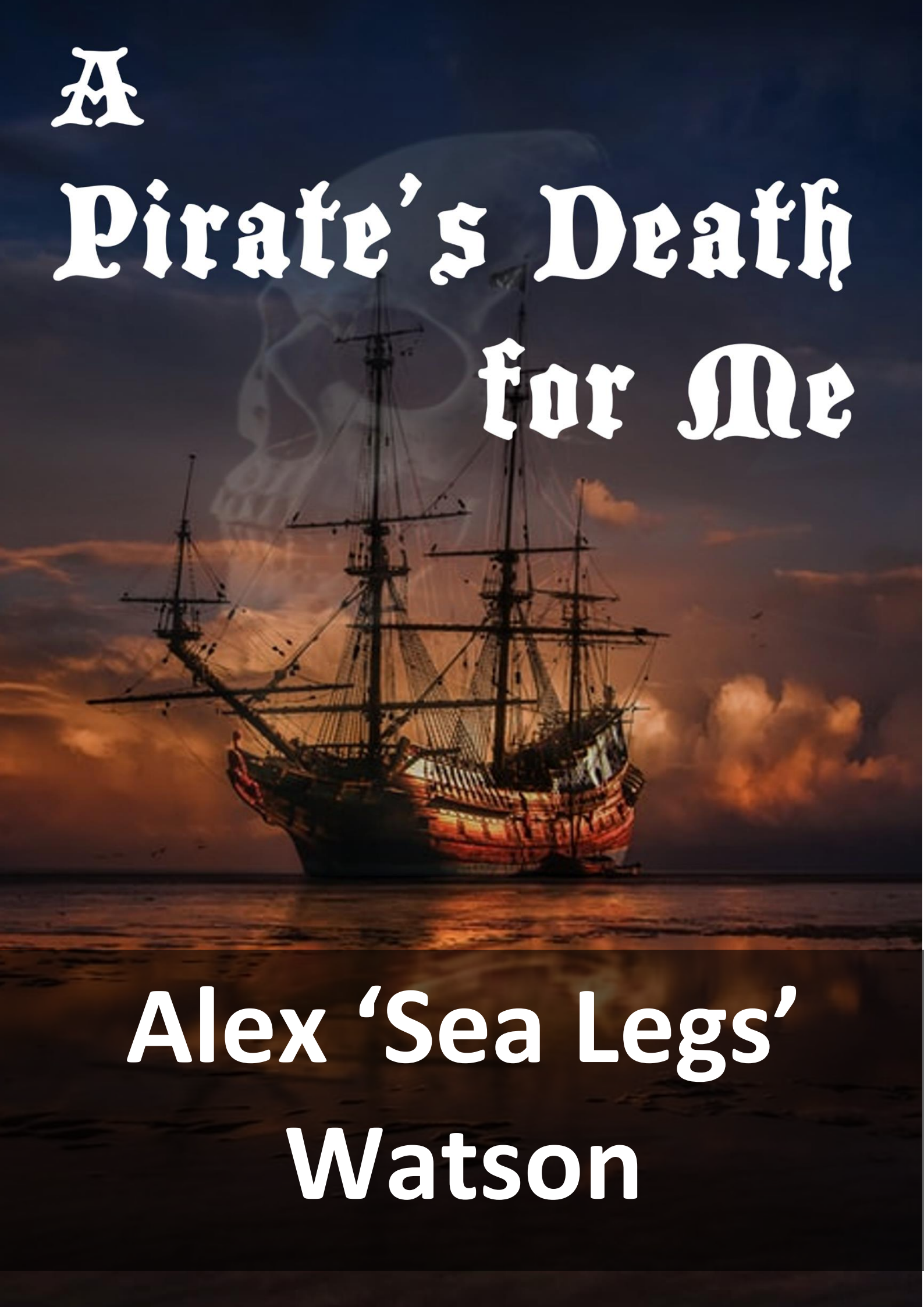


A large, multi-masted pirate ship is silhouetted against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The ship's reflection is visible in the calm water below. A faint, translucent skull is superimposed over the ship's masts. The text is in a white, stylized, gothic-like font.

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Pirate's Death for Me

Alex 'Sea Legs'
Watson

Congratulations!

You are taking part in a murder mystery by Red Herring Games.

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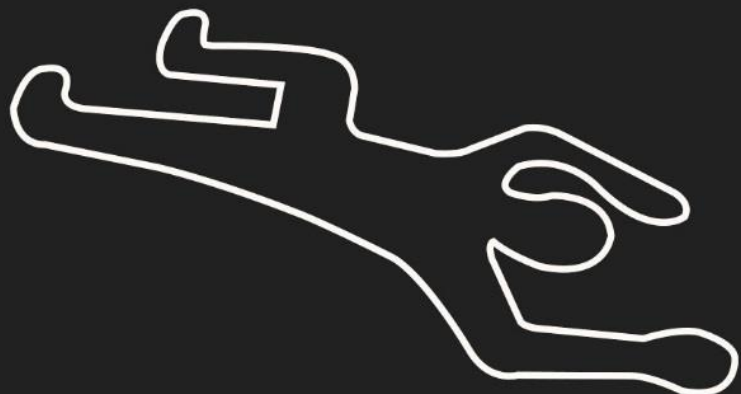
This booklet contains all the information you need to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery; background history, scripted dialogues, questions you should ask and scripted answers to questions you will be asked by the other guests.

You are encouraged to make the most of your part. Feel free to make up new lines and add to your back story or statements if you wish. However, make sure you always provide the information you need to within your answers. We have pre-scripted your statements to make things as simple for you as possible.

Make sure you listen to everyone else's questions and answers.

You won't be told if you're the killer – so feel free to guess yourself at the end – but don't tell anyone else you are! You must protest your innocence until the end!

Lastly: *Have fun!*



Alex 'Sea Legs' Watson

Background Character Information

Keep this information to yourself, and use it to help you to act in character throughout the mystery:

You're one of the longest serving members of the Sea Nymph's crew. You had hopes of becoming Captain long before now, but events haven't gone your way. You still yearn for that Captain's hat though - a hunger which gets sharper every day.

Anyone who has survived as long as you have must be an excellent pirate. You steal, you plunder, you drink rum, you know how to break out of jail and how to survive in rough seas. You're a formidable foe. Now the Captain is dead, this is your lucky day! Of course, a pirate would say he/she makes his/her own luck.

Alex 'Sea Legs' Watson - Introductions

Use the following dialogue to introduce yourself to the other guests, speaking when indicated below.

Sea Legs Watson is the first to speak using the following dialogue:

Arrr, as all of ye know, I be Sea Legs Watson, and I be the first mate aboard the Sea Nymph. Everyone 'ere knows that I was known as Captain Silver's right hand and just as important to him as his left leg... which was the one he still had, if ye be wonderin'. Did I kill the man? You say that as if it were a bad thing and if ye think that, then you're obviously not familiar with the pirate code. Killin' be the approved path to career promotion. That be how we all get our first Captain's hat. But no, I didn't kill 'im. Once again, I missed me chance. It's a dark day. Be there any rum about?

After you have heard from everyone, please continue reading and begin round 1.

Scripted Dialogue - Round 1

- Goldtooth Turner:** Shiver me timbers! Did I hear that Captain Silver has been murdered?
- Grumpy Gatling:** Aye, that's what you heard.
- Nimble Nelson:** And one of us is the killer?
- Grumpy Gatling:** Well, it must be one of us, mustn't it? We're the only ones on the island.
- Sea Legs Watson:** And whose fault be that? Captain Silver's - that's whose.
- Nimble Nelson:** What do you mean?
- Sea Legs Watson:** I mean that it was his idea that we came here, to this island, with its curse.
- Blunder Blenkinsop:** It's true. In a way, it's his own fault he was killed.
- Goldtooth Turner:** You make a good point, Blunder.
- Nimble Nelson:** But how are we supposed to discover the villain? Aren't we all villains?
- EVERYONE:** AYE!!!
- Grumpy Gatling:** Isn't that why we're pirates?
- EVERYONE:** AYE!!
- Sea Legs Watson:** I say we pick someone who's disliked - someone we'd prefer not be a member of the crew - and name that someone as the villain.

Goldtooth Turner: That would be piratey.

Blunder Blenkinsop: Very piratey.

Goldtooth Turner: But what if that person won't go along with it?
What if they protest?

Tideturner Langdon: Well, that's not very sporting. I'd like to think
there's honour among pirates.

Blunder Blenkinsop: Is there though?

Goldtooth Turner: Aye, is there?

Tideturner Langdon: I think our wisest course is to carry on like Captain
Rusty Blade suggested and we can sort it all out
as we go.

Nimble Nelson: 'Tis a plan.

Grumpy Gatling: I'm not committing to anything.

Goldtooth Turner: Of course yer not. Yer a pirate!

Sea Legs Watson: We're all pirates!

EVERYONE: AYE!!

Alex 'Sea Legs' Watson - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Goldtooth Turner, when did you join the crew?

Grumpy Gatling, why did ye agree to navigate towards a cursed island?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Sea Legs Watson, did ye know Captain Silver well?

Say: Aye, I knew Captain Silver well. He came aboard the Sea Nymph a year ago. We found 'im adrift at sea aboard a raft of coconut shells being pushed by a sea turtle and with a parrot perched on 'is shoulder! I know our then-Captain Fowler wondered 'ow long it'd be before Claudius'd be wearin' his Captain's hat. And t'weren't long at all. He beat me to it, savvy?

When asked: Sea Legs, be it true that you're the longest serving member of the crew?

Say: I be one of them. I've watched seven first mates organise mutinies and take their Captain's hat. When I became first mate, I started planning my own mutiny. 'Twas time, savvy? But it weren't to be. I should be a pirate captain - it be me destiny. I know the sea and how to read a map. I also know which of ye scurvy dogs wants to put a knife in me back, so be wary of what ye say durin' this investigation!

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 2

Sea Legs Watson: So we're just goin' to do as we're told, are we? I be thinkin' that that's not very piratey.

Goldtooth Turner: And we be VERY piratey!

EVERYONE: AYE!!

Blunder Blenkinsop: If ye're unhappy with these proceedings, perhaps we should consult the pirate code.

EVERYONE: AYE!!! THE CODE!!

Nimble Nelson: What do the code be sayin' about murder?

Blunder Blenkinsop: Not a great deal.

Nimble Nelson: Not a great deal?

Sea Legs Watson: Ye've got to remember that the code be more like guidelines. And we're pirates. Killin' be one of our strengths.

Blunder Blenkinsop: So where does that leave us?

Nimble Nelson: Where does that leave us? HERE on this island!! And I WANT TO LEAVE!!!

Goldtooth Turner: We ALL want to leave!

Tideturner Langdon: Captain Blade be the only one with a boat.

Goldtooth Turner: Well spotted, Tideturner. Ye've got yer eye on the prize.

Blunder Blenkinsop: I reckon we continue on as the Captain suggested. Now, what was found out about how Captain Silver was killed?

Nimble Nelson: Er... that the Captain be hit on the head and there be a shovel next to him.

Grumpy Gatlin: And he be killed around sunset.

Blunder Blenkinsop: But there be coconuts on the ground too, aye?

Tideturner Langdon: Er... aye.

Goldtooth Turner: Then couldn't this just be an accident? The guilty party being gravity?

Sea Legs Watson: Reckon that be a fine solution.

Nimble Nelson: 'Tis indeed.

Tideturner Langdon: Ye've always had a keen brain, Goldtooth.

Sea Legs Watson: A'course, one of us could've climbed the tree and thrown a coconut down.

Grumpy Gatling: AGH!! Are ye tryin' to make our lives more complicated?

Nimble Nelson: ARRR! I be the only climber here and I tell ye I weren't up that tree.

Goldtooth Turner: Can ye prove it?

Nimble Nelson: Can ye prove I was?

Tideturner Langdon: Stop yer caterwaulin'! Givin' me a headache, so ye are.

Blunder Blenkinsop: I be thinkin' that we start asking more questions and see what we dig up.

Tideturner Langdon: Aye, this be a treasure of a different sort. And I be a pirate who loves treasure!

Sea Legs Watson: We're all pirates!

EVERYONE: AYE!

Alex 'Sea Legs' Watson - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

Goldtooth Turner, how well do ye know this island?

Grumpy Gatling, do any pirates tell the truth?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Sea Legs, when was the last time ye saw Nimble Nelson?

Say: 'Twas late this afternoon, when 'e walked into the tropical foliage with a shovel over one shoulder. Where did the scurvy dog go, eh? That be my question.

When asked: Sea Legs Watson, when be the last time ye saw Captain Silver?

Say: I last saw the Captain earlier today while we were all eatin' our lunch. I noticed Goldtooth Turner lookin' at 'im right fearsome, but that may have been 'cos the Captain had just criticized his cooking. Said the lunch was bland, so 'e did. It were a dangerous thing to say. We all know Goldtooth's temper, savvy? And to criticize the cooking - that be playin' with fire!

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 3

Nimble Nelson: I'm not feelin' overly at ease bein' here with all of ye and that's a fact.

Tideturner Langdon: Be it because one of us be a killer?

Nimble Nelson: No, 'tis because one of us did such a shoddy job of the killin' that now we're havin' to have an investigation.

Goldtooth Turner: 'Tis a bit shamin'.

Sea Legs Watson: 'Tis indeed.

Grumpy Gatling: Dims the reputation of those who call themselves pirates, so it does.

Blunder Blenkinsop: Does it? Does it really?

Grumpy Gatling: An' what do ye mean by questionin' me? Are ye lookin' to get acquainted with the point o' me cutlass?

ALL: Ooooo!

Sea Legs Watson: Get yer minds out of the gutter, ye scurvy dogs!

Blunder Blenkinsop: Calm yerself, Grumpy! What I be meanin' be that I don't think our piratical reputations are less bright.

Nimble Nelson: And why would that be?

Blunder Blenkinsop: Well, because one of us killed the Captain. That's just a pirate tradition, ain't it?

EVERYONE: AYE!!

Tideturner Langdon: So really, whoever did it was celebratin' bein' a pirate.

Nimble Nelson: 'Tis a compellin' argument, I'll be bound.

Sea Legs Watson: I be doubtin' that Captain Rusty Blade would be agreein' with yer sentiments.

Grumpy Gatling: ARRR! Mayhap 'tis time fer another Captain to meet their maker. Surely whoever's first mate aboard his ship would be right pleased.

Sea Legs Watson: Ahem.

Tideturner Langdon: What is it, Sea Legs?

Sea Legs Watson: You be puttin' me in a position of guilt, so ye are, bein' that I'm - well I *was* - the first mate aboard the Sea Nymph.

Nimble Nelson: I've heard tales where the cook killed their Captain.

Goldtooth Turner: I've heard of lookouts.

Blunder Blenkinsop: And head gunners.

Tideturner Langdon: And navigators.

Grumpy Gatling: SHUT YER TRAPS, ALL OF YE! Each of us could have killed Captain Silver, no matter which position he held.

Blunder Blenkinsop: So should we do what Captain Blade said? Should we begin asking questions of each other again?

Tideturner Langdon: We'll do it because WE want to. No pirate dances to the tune of another ship's Captain!

Sea Legs Watson: And we're ALL pirates!

EVERYONE: AYE!!

Alex 'Sea Legs' Watson - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Nimble Nelson, how did ye come to be a member of the Sea Nymph's crew?

Tideturner Langdon, when was the last time you saw Captain Silver?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Sea Legs, have ye always been a pirate?

Say: Almost me entire life. Born to it, ye might say. Me father was also a pirate. Mind you, many of us came to pirating from other professions. Take Grumpy Gatling fer example. Grumpy not only be a fine navigator, and one I'd want on any ship I'd command, but he also be a gifted blacksmith. I gave Grumpy a shovel to mend, savvy, and I knew it'd be returned in fine form.

When asked: Sea Legs Watson, do you spend much time around Skull Rock?

Say: I try me best not to - there's evil there, savvy? Last time I went by there I heard a strange squeaking noise coming from inside. The screams of past sacrifices, I reckon. Oh, 'tis an evil place.

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Alex 'Sea Legs' Watson - Concluding Statement

Use the following dialogue to summarise your position, speaking when indicated below.

Sea Legs Watson is the first to speak using the following dialogue:

Though I be not the one who killed the Captain, I'd like to thank whichever one of ye did. I've yearned to be a captain fer many years and now, thanks to one of you, I am. But if ye be thinkin' that now I'll be owing ye a favour, well... think again!

After you have heard from all the guests make a prediction as to who the murderer is and why.

Tell the others.

Notes

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