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The Voyage of the Polar Bear

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CHAPTER 3



Peg and The Polar Bear worked for the Navy, doing small but important jobs. There were two main areas. Firstly, they carried 5 science officers and a cartographer. A cartographer is someone who

makes maps. The Bear's scientists recorded not only the shapes of land and sea but the birds and animals, and linked them to the time of year they were seen to create a whole picture of who walked, flew, hunted and swam, where and when.

Their second job was to act as pirate-police. There were still a few pirates left. Mostly they were badly-behaved old sea-burglars rather than vicious-murderers. Peg and the Polar Bear patrolled the seas with the tasks of teaching pirates there were better things to be than bad, and keeping other people safe.

Zac was eleven in March and The Bear was to sail in May. Pen began to prepare Zac. She made special clothes for hot and cold weather. She taught him exercises for small spaces and some cooking and first-aid skills. She chose seven good storybooks and bought seven notebooks with green covers and a box of pencils so he could write his own stories and thoughts. She packed a box of his favourite food and she tried very hard not to cry the day The Bear set sail with Zac aboard, waving goodbye.

Read Chapter 4 tomorrow!