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Characters: Captain, First Mate

C: Hail and well met, me shivering mateys! I be the notorious, Captain Morgan!! A-HA!! Some of you know me! In fact, quite a few... mmmm....

M: And I be the Amusing Sidekick, First Mate, Pansy. What can I say, me Mum had a thing about flowers....

Both: And we're pirates! HA AH AHAHAHA!!

C: But fear not! We not be here to steal, pillage, or take liberties upon your womenfolk!

M: That's at 2:30!

C: Right-O! This be a recruiting excursion! Ye see – have you got a minute? – Ye see – our last crew was French and... well...

M: Bunch of cheese eating surrender monkeys. Useless to a man!! Umm... If there are any large French men in the audience, I mean that in that most courteous and respectful way possible...

C: Calm yourself, Pansy! Back to business!! Join me and you will have... Adventure!

M: Adventure!

C: And Rum!

M: Rum!

C: Yes! Imagine getting paid to drink on the job! (Pause) I suspect that for some out there, this not be foreign territory!

M: (Hiding flask) Rum!

C: But first and foremost, for any pirate, it's booty! Sweet booty!!

M: (Drunkenly wanders off to left, showing off his "booty" to woman in audience")

C: Yes me Hearties! Gorgeous, lovely booty! For all to share... (Notices Pansy) What?!! Treasure! Treasure! I meant treasure! (kicks Pansy off to the side)

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C: Sorry, Hard to get good help and all... Right! Of course! Treasure! I can see your interest is piqued! Come up and get your new pirate name from the chest. PANSY, the chest!

M: (Pansy staggers up and starts to unbutton his shirt) Well, alright... This is new to me... but...

C: No! No! Not your chest! THE chest.

M: Oh! Yes! Mmmm you sure I.. (Goes to get chest)

C: GO! GO! GO!

M: I've been fired from better jobs than this..!

C: Now, anyone who wants to can come up on stage and get your pirate name. If you don't want to come on stage, you can always find us after the show, or as we walk the faire grounds.

M: Anyone can join, we need men, woman and children on our crew.

C: That's right, we love children on our crew because they can fit into the hard to clean spaces on the ship.

M: Like inside the cannons!

C: (points to child in audience) How'd you like to be wrapped in sea sponge and shot out a cannon?

M: That job has a high turnover rate.

C: That's right we have to keep firing them. (wait a beat) That's a pirate joke. In addition to your name you will receive this ribbon (subject to change) so that you can identify other members of the crew.

M: And then you can give them the secret pirate handshake. (perform handshake with C)

C: Alright, before we give out the names, you all must first recite the pirate articles. Repeat after me. (read articles)

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### PIRATE ARTICLES

1. I pledge... to uphold the lowest of standards... in both behavior and appearance
2. I vow... to fight all those in authority... with all my might,... feeble as it may be
3. No crocheting
4. And finally, as my last solemn oath: I will.... confound and cross... all who attempt... to present me.... with logic, manners, or... or...

C: WAIT! This is either my 8 year old daughter's diary!..... Anyway!

M: You're all pirates now! Huzzah!

C: Congratulations, and welcome to our crew! Everyone line up to receive your pirate name (like a knighting) and pirate coin (or ribbon or medallion).