

Captain Toe Beard



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For Naoise and Ronan

PIRATES COME AND PIRATES GO...



BUT ONLY ONE PIRATE HAS A BEARD FULL OF TOES!



**CAPTAIN TOE-BEARD
RULES THE SEAS**

AND HE RULES HIS SHIP QUITE MERCILESSLY!



You'll walk the plank if you cross this man
So you'd better pirate the best you can

You'll feel the whip, or you'll scrub the deck
If your pirating isn't up to spec.





**FROM SEA TO SEA, AND FROM COAST TO COAST
HE IS THE PIRATE WHO'S FEARED THE MOST**

**THE TOES IN HIS BEARD MAKE EVERYONE FRIGHTENED
NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THEM!**



**BUT LATE AT NIGHT, ALONE ON THE BOAT
HE REVEALS A SECRET WHEN HE TAKES OFF HIS COAT
BEHIND HIS BEARD HE GIVES A TUG...**

AND OUT POPS HIS DAUGHTER TO GIVE HIM A HUG!

***YES, CAPTAIN TOE-BEARD'S FAMOUS TOES
BELONG NOT TO HIM, BUT TO HIS DAUGHTER ROSE!
SHE HIDES IN HIS BEARD TO STAY OUT OF SIGHT
THEN COMES OUT TO PLAY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.***




Just ten of his beard-toes are actually real
Give them a wiggle, and you'll hear a squeal
It's a good disguise, make no mistake
All the other toes are fake!



**Captain Toe-Beard's secret is an upside-down-girl
And he's upside-down sailed her all over the world**



**He keeps her away from prying eyes
Because nobody would fear him otherwise.**



He's so attached to
his only child,
Just the sight of
her makes him
go tender and mild,

**THEY STAY UP LATE, LAUGHING AND TALKING
AND WHEN NO-ONE'S AROUND,
HE TAKES HER OUT WALKING.**



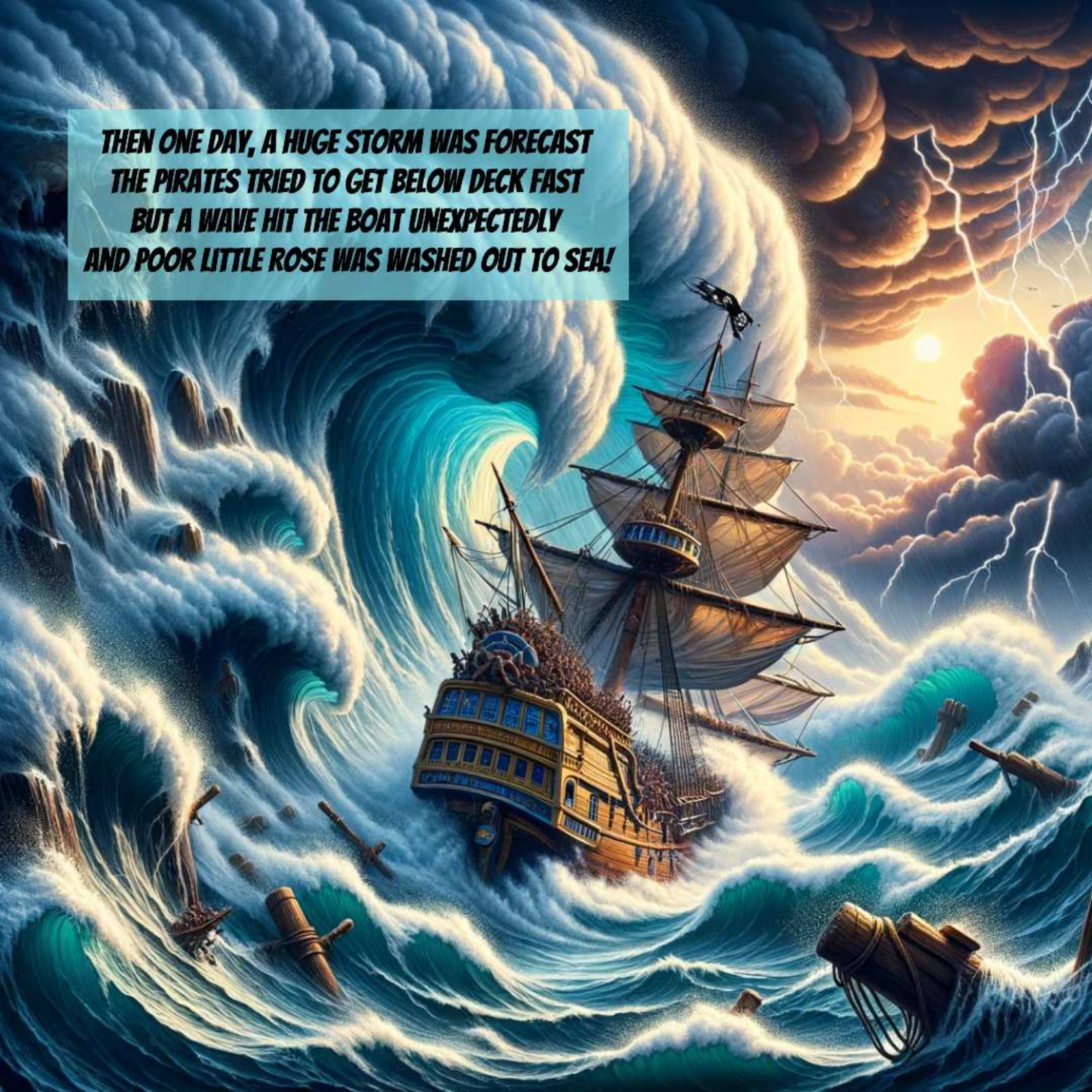
**FIRST THING IN THE MORNING, SHE CRAWLS BACK UP HIS VEST
AS HE CAN'T RISK HER BEING SEEN BY THE REST**




**THEN HE COMBS OUT HIS BEARD,
AND ARRANGES HIS TOES**

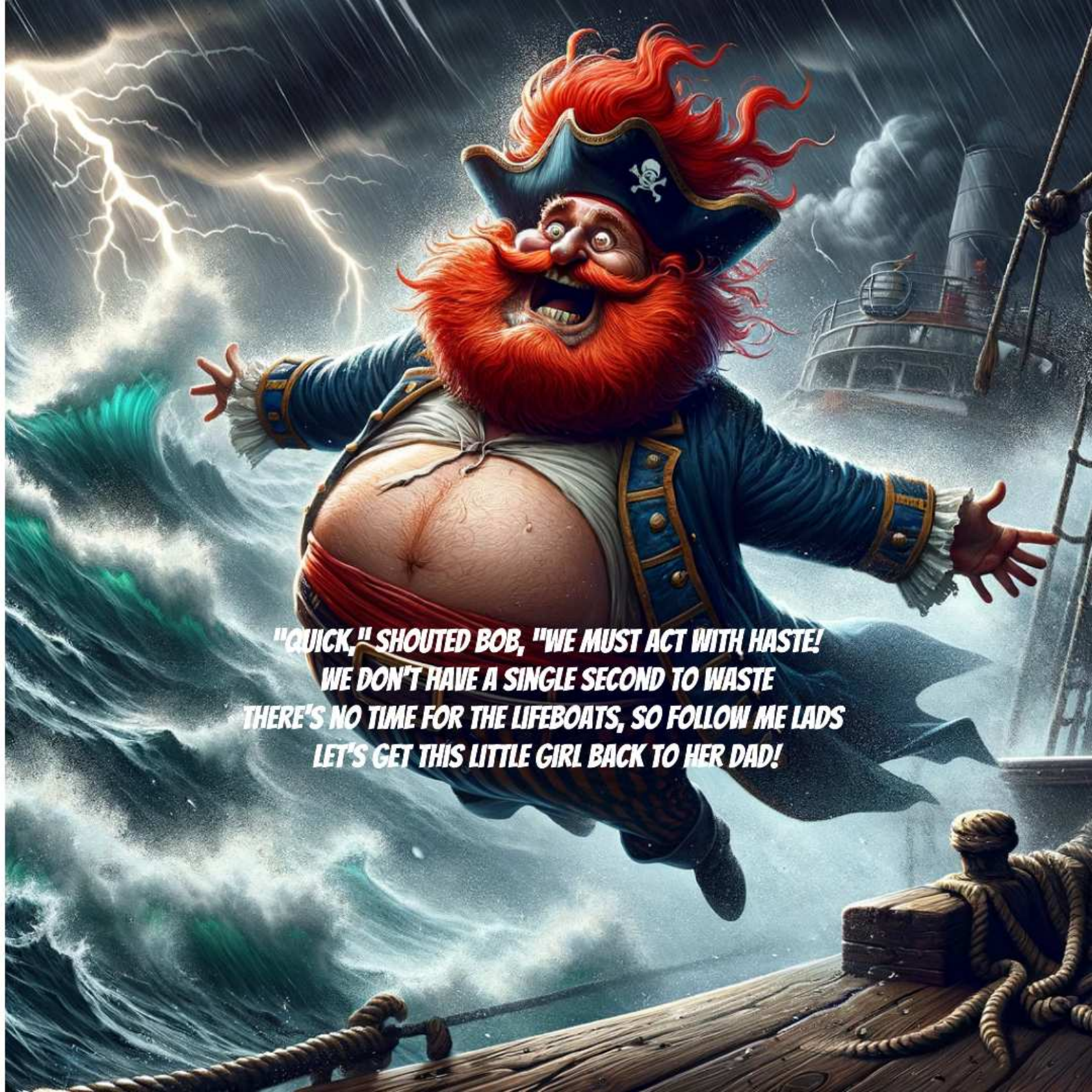
AND BACK OUT, FEARLESS AND FEARSOME HE GOES!

**THEN ONE DAY, A HUGE STORM WAS FORECAST
THE PIRATES TRIED TO GET BELOW DECK FAST
BUT A WAVE HIT THE BOAT UNEXPECTEDLY
AND POOR LITTLE ROSE WAS WASHED OUT TO SEA!**






***THE CREW STOOD STARING IN SCHOCK AND SURPRISE
SOME OF THEM COULD HARDLY BELIEVE THEIR EYES!
THEIR SCARY CAPTAIN WAS HIDING A DAUGHTER?
AND WORSE THAN THAT, SHE WAS NOW IN THE WATER!***



**"QUICK," SHOUTED BOB, "WE MUST ACT WITH HASTE!
WE DON'T HAVE A SINGLE SECOND TO WASTE
THERE'S NO TIME FOR THE LIFEBOATS, SO FOLLOW ME LADS
LET'S GET THIS LITTLE GIRL BACK TO HER DAD!"**



**AND JUST LIKE THAT, HE JUMPED INTO THE SEA
FOLLOWED BY CHRISTIAN AND BARNABY
LUKE AND JIM AND STINKY PAUL
LEAPT OVER THE SIDE, STRAIGHT INTO THE SQUALL.**


***A ROPE WAS THROWN DOWN TO HOIST UP POOR ROSE
(HOW THE REST GOT BACK SAFELY, NOBODY KNOWS)***

***"QUICKLY GIRL, BACK IN MY BEARD!" HER DAD HISSED
"THE MEN WON'T FEAR ME IF THEY SEE US LIKE THIS!"***




***"BUT DAD," SAID ROSE, "IT'S TOO LATE, LOOK ABOUT-
DON'T YOU THINK THAT OUR SECRET IS OUT?"***






“Don't worry Dad,” she said with a smile
“I've known this crew for quite a while
These men who sing, and pull the oars Aren't
they really friends of yours?”

You don't *need* to be fearsome to make friends
You'll end up lonely in the end
It's much better to be loved than feared
Listen to the girl who put *toes* in your beard







We've already got enough treasure to share
The maps are piling up everywhere
You'll never need to be scary again
Just show your soft side to your men!





***WITHOUT HESITATING, THE CREW RISKED THEIR LIVES
SO LET'S SEND THEM BACK HOME TO THEIR WIVES***



**GIVE EACH MAN A MAP AND SAY "THANK YOU"
AND YOU'LL GAIN A FRIEND YOU SHALL NEVER LOSE!"**



THE CAPTAIN LAUGHED AND KISSED ROSE'S CHEEKS
AND CRIED: "MEN, I DON'T CARE IF YOU THINK THAT I'M WEAK,
I'VE GOT TEARS IN MY EYES AND LOVE IN MY HEART
SO LET'S SAIL FOR SHORE AND MAKE A NEW START!"



**ROSE AND HER DAD BUILT A HOUSE NEAR THE BAY
AND FILLED IT WITH HAPPINESS AND JOY EACH DAY**

**BUT SOMETIMES AT NIGHT AS A SPECIAL TREAT...
SHE TICKLES HIS BEARD WITH HER LITTLE BARE FEET!**



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