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Maggie was a pirate.

She had a big black pirate ship. It was called  
*The Pirate Queen*. It had big black sails, and the  
skull-and-crossbones flag flew from the top of  
the highest mast.

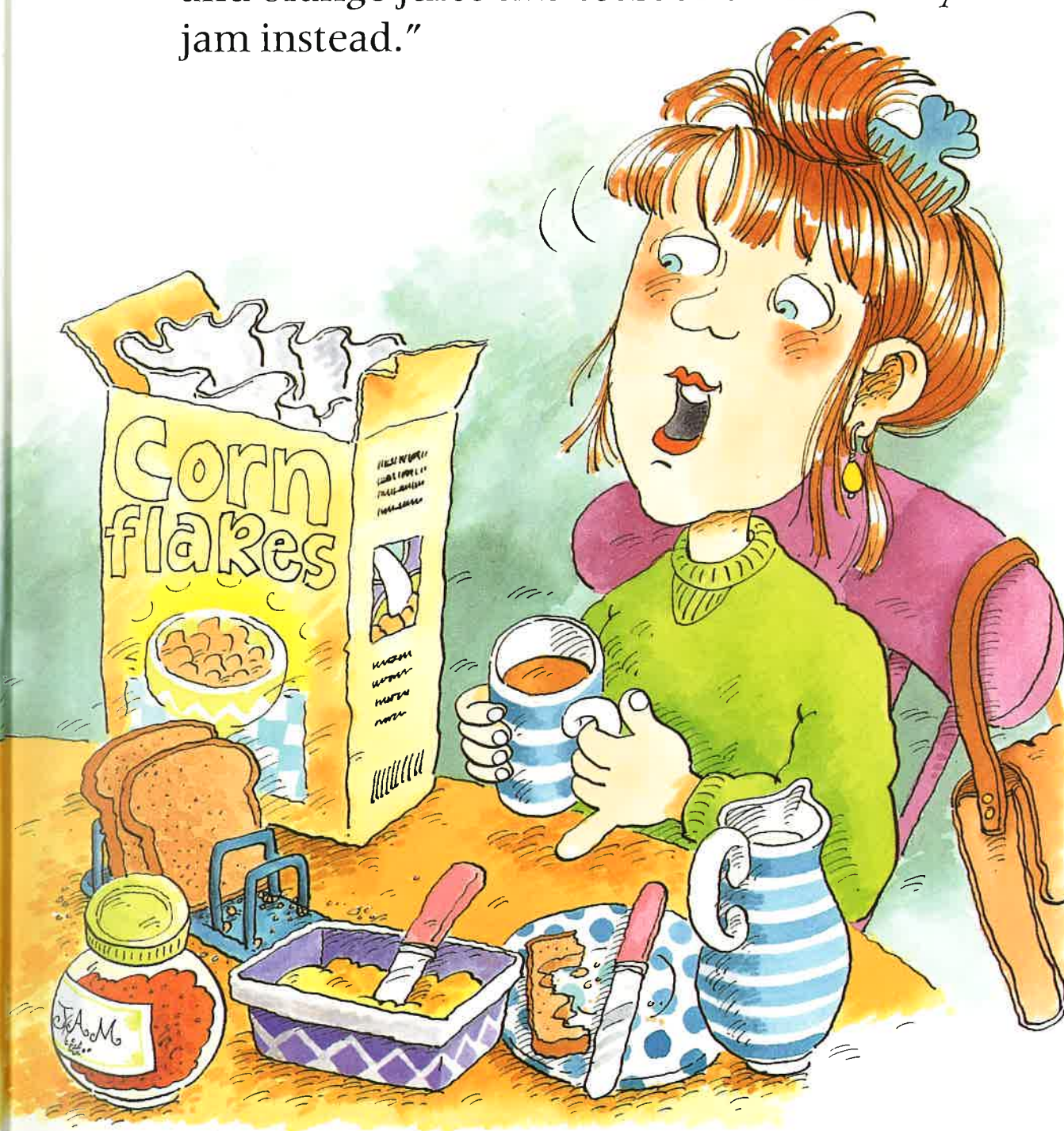


The crew were all desperate pirates, with knives between their teeth; but they all did what she told them, because *she* was Captain Maggie, the Queen of all the Pirates.

One morning, she put on her pirate hat and took her pirate sword, and she went downstairs. And she said to her mother, "Do you have a roast ox? Because I am going on a voyage to look for treasure, and I am VERY HUNGRY."



Her mother said, "I don't have an ox all roasted just now, but you could have cornflakes and orange juice and toast and strawberry jam instead."



And she did.



Then she went and climbed aboard *The Pirate Queen*. And she told the pirates to raise the anchor and sail away in search of treasure.



And they did.

They sailed and they sailed until they came to an island, and there on the island was a table with a great big treasure chest. Maggie said to the pirates, "Stop the ship!"



And they did.

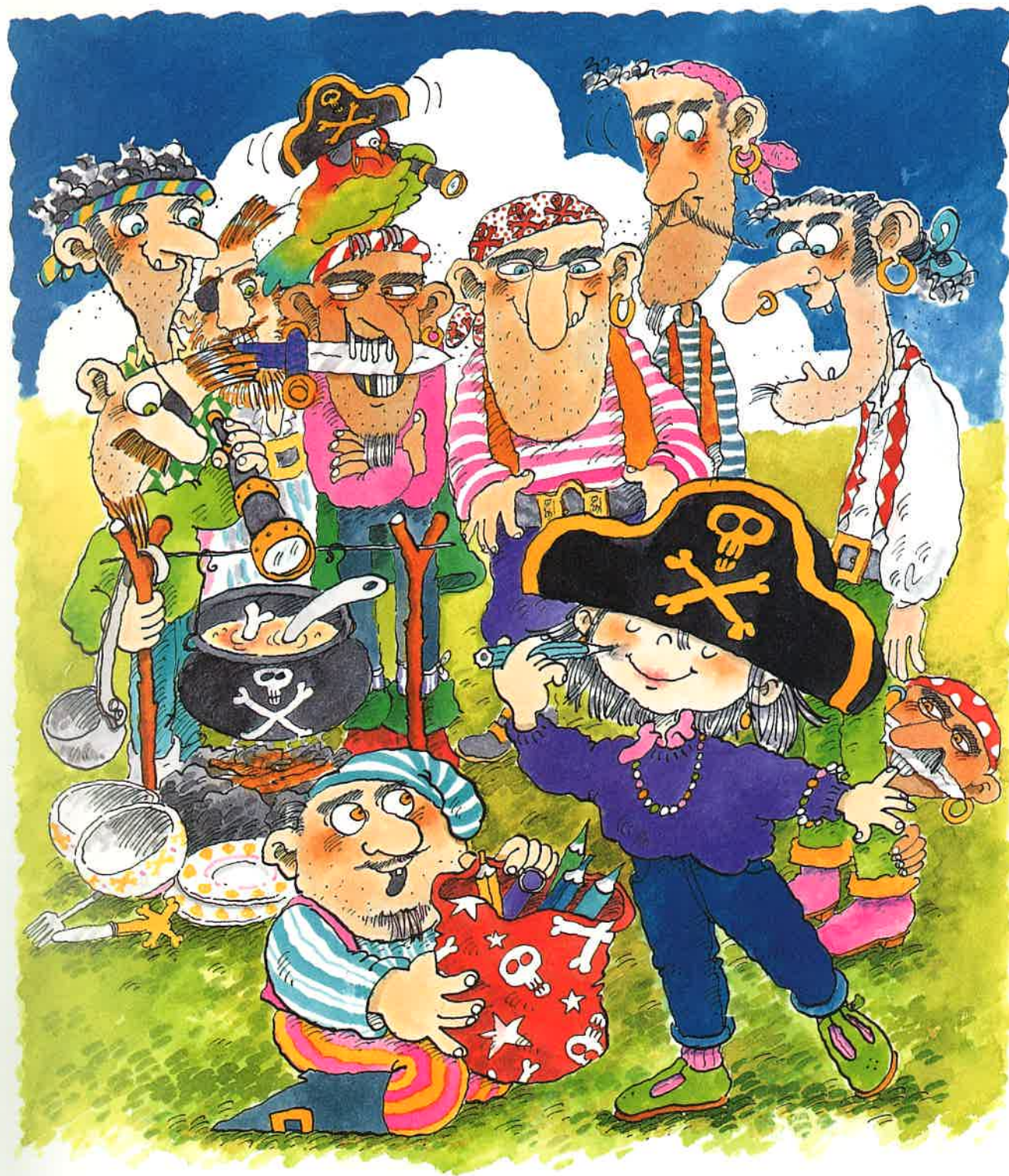


Inside the treasure chest there were gold and silver and jewels. So she put on some golden earrings and a golden necklace and golden bracelets. And then they sailed away.

They sailed and they sailed until they came to the pirates' kitchen, where there was a bag full of magic paints and pencils.



Maggie said, "We'll give ourselves disguises now, and when we fight people they won't know who we are."



And they did.

And then they sailed away.



They sailed and they sailed until they came to a country where there was a castle built of wood. Maggie said to the pirates, "Stop the ship!"



She looked inside the castle, and there were some things: a chariot and some swords and daggers, all covered with jewels – diamonds and rubies and pearls.

And she said to the pirates, "Carry those things outside and pull the jewels off them and take them away."



So they did.

And then they sailed away.



They sailed and they sailed out to the open sea, and there they saw the treasure fleet. The Admiral had disguised his ships so that the pirates wouldn't see them. But when Maggie looked through her telescope, she recognized them at once.



And she said to her pirate crew, "Raise all our sails so that we go as fast as fast! There is the treasure fleet, and that one is the Admiral's galleon, full of gold. We will ram it, and jump on board, and fight the crew until they give us all the treasure."

So they did.



*The Pirate Queen* sailed close to the Admiral's galleon, and bumped into it hard, and the pirates all jumped on board, waving their swords. But the galleon capsized, and all its treasure fell into the sea, and Maggie was wounded on her knee.



So she told the pirates to sail home again, and she went into the kitchen and said to her mother, "Are you the ship's doctor? Because now I am wounded."



Her mother said, "I am not the ship's doctor. But I am the Great Ma. And I can cure your wound by magic. But if I do, you will be IN MY POWER."



And Maggie said, "Yes, please."  
And the Great Ma washed her knee with cool water, and put on some magic ointment and a magic bandage.

Then the Great Ma took her magic wand and waved it and said,

*Dibble-dabble, double-bubble,  
Bibble-babble, pirate-trouble,  
By flits and flutes and cauliflower,  
NOW YOU ARE IN MY POWER!*



"Now you will sail back and pick up that  
rubbish bin and put all the rubbish back inside."



So they sailed back to the Admiral's galleon,  
and they pulled the ship upright and put back  
the treasure. And then they sailed home.

And the Great Ma waved her magic wand  
and said,

*Dibble-dabble, double-bubble,  
Bibble-babble, pirate-trouble,  
By flits and flutes and cauliflower,  
YOU ARE IN MY POWER!*



"Now you will go out into the garden and put  
all those things back in the shed."

So Maggie told her pirates to put everything  
away, and they did. And then they sailed home.

(But they kept the jewels, because the Great  
Ma didn't say anything about those.)





And the Great Ma waved her magic wand  
and said,

*Dibble-dabble, double-bubble,  
Bibble-babble, pirate-trouble,  
By flits and flutes and cauliflower,  
YOU ARE IN MY POWER!*

Now you will go up to my bedroom and take  
jewellery off and put it away – neatly,  
and!”



So they sailed *The Pirate Queen* into the  
bedroom, and Maggie took off the golden  
jewellery and told her pirates to put it all back  
neatly, mind. And they did. And then they  
sailed home.

And the Great Ma waved her magic wand  
and said,

*Dibble-dabble, double-bubble,  
Bibble-babble, pirate-trouble,  
By flits and flutes and cauliflower,  
YOU ARE IN MY POWER!*



"Now you had better go and wash your face  
and hands. And when you get yourself nice  
and clean again, then I will magic two jam  
doughnuts, and you can eat them."

*So she did.*



*And she did!*





And she did . . .