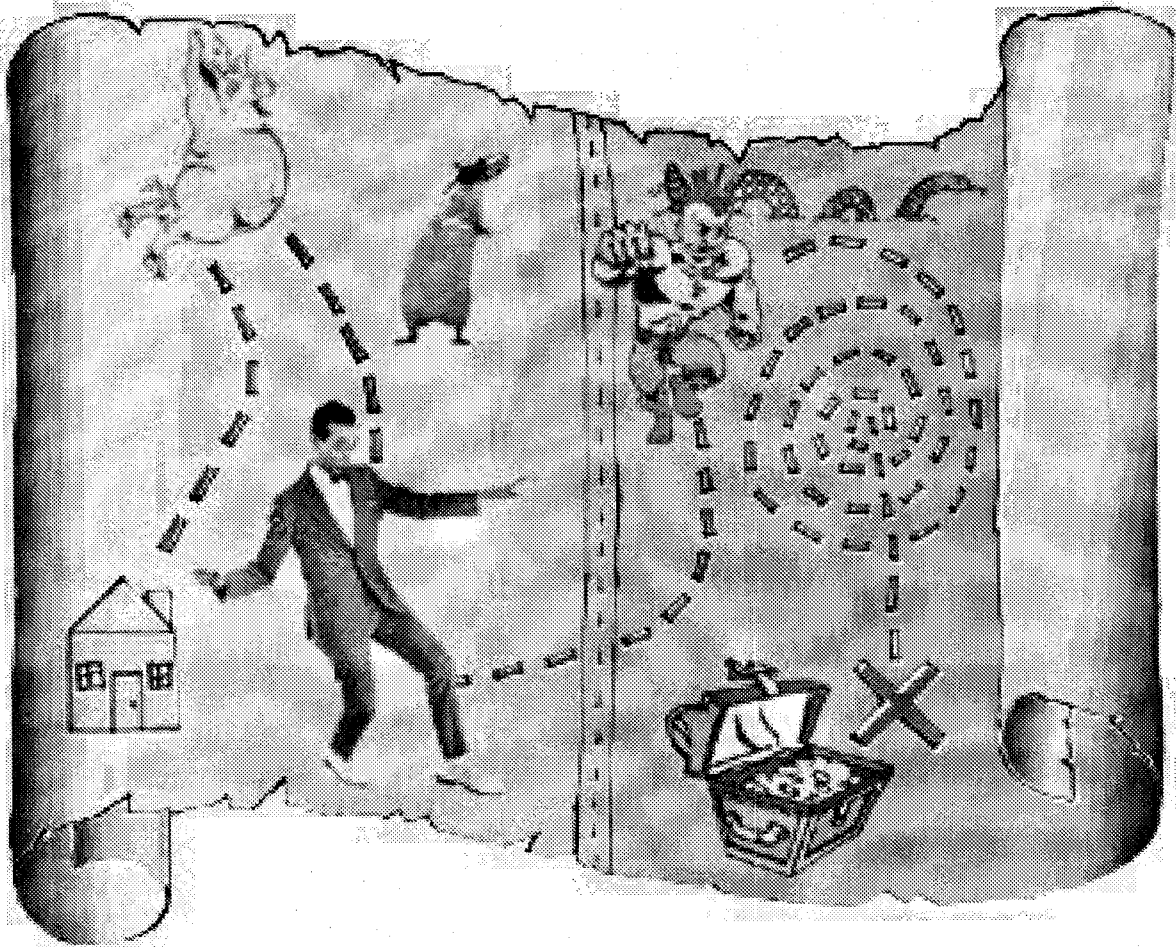


CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

THERE ARE 8 POSSIBLE ENDINGS

FINDING TREASURE



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Ted, Tom, Mary, Sarah and you are best friends of the school. You and your friends are all 14 years and have known each other since you were small children. You all live in a small town which has rich natural environment.

One day, Ted phones you excitedly. He says "Hi! I found very very interesting thing!! Come to my house immediately! Oh, and call them too." He hangs up the phone hardly and you phone Tom, Mary and Sarah.

"What's wrong??" You and others arrive at Ted's house and ask him so.

Ted carefully looks around and silently says "I found a map. Don't be shocked. It's a..... map of treasure!!"

"What's??" you all shout.

"Now, what do we do?" Tom says.

"But is it a real treasure map?" Mary doubtfully asks.

"So, let's go to figure it out whether or not it's real. If it's a real map, we become billionaires, don't you think?" Ted says smirkingly.

You and others think little while and say "Ok, let's find it!!"

Ted smiled and starts talking. "Good!! Now, we have a problem. Look the map. We can see two treasure boxes' picture on it, don't we?"

You can see that the map shows two pictures of treasure boxes on the different points of map. One of them is on the point of Lake of Swan and another is

on the point of Forest of Bear. You see both seem to be same distance, but you have never been there so you are not sure which is better to start with. However, you can not go both points from one point to another easily, so you should decide seriously that which treasure box you aim for.

“Where do we start with, Swan or Bear? What do you think?” Ted asks you.

Now you should decide which point you aim for.

If you choose to go to the Lake of Swan first, GO TO PAGE 3
If you decide to start with the Forest of Bear, GO TO PAGE 5

"The lake is better I guess. Let's go to the lake!" you say.

You and your friends leave Ted's house and head for the Lake of Swan. On the way to the lake, you all talk about uses for the treasure.

"How do you guys use the treasure if we found it?" you ask.

"Let me say!! I will live without working until I die!" Ted says with full of confidence and looks up into space.

"Just like you!" Sarah giggles and says "What do you do if the treasure is not valuable and just a junk box?"

"You are such a realist, Sarah. Be a dreamy girl little more." Mary sighs. "I will buy huge house and live with my family. And buy lots of expensive stuff and clothes!!" She is dreaming.

"May be I don't use them..." Tom says quietly.

"WHY!?" Ted screams and his mouth is wide open with surprise.

Tom says "Perhaps... I can't use it now. I want to save it until I grow up to an adult. Because I can buy cars, and stuff that I can use by myself, don' I? If I use all of it, I will have nothing left at the time I really need money!"

"Exactly..." everyone nods with holding their tongue.

"Hey! Don't be serious!! Take it easy and just dream about it! Enjoy guys" you break the silence and try to tell your story. "Let me say! I will..."

When you start talking, Sarah shouts suddenly "Hey look!"

You suddenly mumble and look where Sarah is pointing to. Then you find the
crossroads which is not in your map.

"Which fork should we go?" Mary says.

You all are lost which way to go, and guess the way you go.

If you go to the right fork, GO TO PAGE 7
If you choose the left fork, GO TO PAGE 13

"Let's go to the Forest of Bear!" everybody agrees. You all leave Ted's house and look at the map Ted has. You can see that the map is near your town, and can guess that it is not so far from your town.

"Maybe here is about where our school is." Tom points to one black dot on the map and keeps talking, "Let's start from our school, it could be easier."

You all walk to your school. The school is closed and nobody is there. You all stand in front of the gate and look at the map again.

"Now, according to the map, we should go this way..." Tom is talking as he shows you the way you go with his finger.

"OK!! Let's go!" Ted exclaims very excitedly and you all start walking to the forest.

You all walk for about 10 minutes, you see many big, long trees in front of you. You go ahead on the road and others follow you.

"The map says that it is straight through from here to the treasure, but don't you think it is too easy?" Sarah frowns doubtfully.

"Uh... Surely, you have a point, but we have no idea with the treasure point, so why don't we just follow the map?" Mary says gently and you all keep walking through.

Soon you find the way which is not on the map. You look at the map and

compare with the way.

"I can't find it anywhere on the map" Tom says worryingly.

"SEE!! I told you!" Sarah yells as she puffs out her cheeks and say meanly,

"Now what will you do, Mary?"

"It's not my fault!" Mary explodes in anger.

"Calm down. Don't be too serious about it. Just take it easy girls." You calm girls the down and say "Perhaps it is a shortcut, isn't it?"

"Absolutely, it is a shortcut!!" Ted is cocksure of your guess.

However, you all don't believe perfectly that it is a shortcut for the treasure except Ted. You all must gamble that you follow the map or take the shortcut.

You and your friends decide to go left. You keep walking. Then on the way to the Lake of the Swan, you meet a strange old man. He seems to be about sixty. You can't see his face well because he wears hat deeply and dress in rags. He is so suspicious. You and your friends suspect him. You want to ask someone how to go to the Lake of the Swan. So, you and your friends worry about asking him where the lake of the swan is.

You talk about a strange man, he approaches you and says "I will guide you!! You want to go to the lake of swan, don't you? I know how to go there."

You're very surprised because he knew that you and your friends want to go to the Lake of the Swan. You wonder if he is witch.

Tom says "he is very strange!! Look, his face... I'm afraid of his guide... I don't want to follow him..." while Mary says "Let's follow him, because we don't know how to go there. We must get lost the way without any guide."

You talk out with your friends. The strange man is waiting, he want you to decide quickly.

"Do you follow me or not?" He asks again and again. Then Mary asked a strange man.

"Please tell me how to go there."

However he answers.

"It is too difficult to tell the way by word of mouth. So come along with me!!"

You and your friends worry a lot. As a result of thinking, you follow a strange old man or not.

You won't follow a strange man, GO TO PAGE 9
You follow a strange man, GO TO PAGE 11

You and your friends don't follow a strange old man's guide. You have to go yourself. On the way to that, you meet a lady.

She talks about a strange old man. "He is so strange and a kidnap repeater. You must not follow him."

You and your friends are relieved not to follow him. Then you ask her how to go to the Lake of Swan. But the lady leaves without any answers. You and your friends are anxious again, and start to walk to the Lake of Swan. At that, you can find that the lady drop many stones along the road. You think the lady signed the way to the lake for you, because she had known you want to go to the Lake of the Swan. The lady keeps dropping stones and you and your friends follow it. Even it was dropped into the bush. You don't bear up against it. After a while, you and your friends reach a house. Maybe it's her house. Then she drops stones for signs to her house, because there is a party and she want a lot of people to come the party. You and your friends are pleased the invitation.

You say "let's take a rest from treasure hunt and join the party!!"

Your friends answer "oh!! Yes!!!"

You and your friends enjoy the party a lot. You are tired because you walk a lot and have fun for the party, so you have slept at her house. Next day, you and your friends get up and go to treasure hunt again. You keep walking..... You have

such a good night's sleep and fun party that forget the way which you passed.

Finally you notice that you are first point again.

End

You and your friends follow a strange old man's guide. He talks to you kindly, so you and your friends are relieved and follow him.

"Why do you want to go to the Lake of Swan?" the strange old man said.

You answer "because we want to get tre....."

Then Sarah whispers your ear "stop!! Don't tell it him. I don't want him to know about treasure. It's our secret!!"

"Oh. Sorry." You say.

Then we keep following him. You go into the forest. You think that it's a little strange to go into the forest, because we want to go to the lake!! The map shows the lake not in the forest.

So you ask the strange old man, "where do you go?"

He is quiet for a while, and changes suddenly. Then shouts "keep quiet!!"

We are surprised it. Beside he dust spray to face of you and your friends. Gradually you are sleepy... It is hypnosis spray!! You and your friends fight sleepiness. But one sleep after another they follow asleep. You keep holding out, but you also sleep finally.....

GO TO THE NEXT PAGE

When you and your friends get up, no one knows where you are. You cannot see anything. You notice that you and your friends are kidnapped by the strange old man.....

End

Ted, Tom, Mary, Sarah and you decide to go the right path. It is so far but you have to walk because there is not something to ride. It takes so much time that you prepare something to eat and drink. Don't forget something to help your walking like stick. Are you ready? You begin to walk on the course to the right lake.

One hour passed, you reach the halfway point. You are very hungry, so you decide to take a break. You eat hamburgers and drink water. Then, three wolves come out of undergrowth.

"Oh, my god," you cry.

One of them says "We are very hungry. If you don't give us food, we will eat you."

You are very hungry, but you obey them because you are afraid of them. Then, they turn to be in a good humor and begin to talk to you.

"Where will you go?" a wolf says.

"We want to go to the lake of Swan," you reply.

"We know the place. We can take you there. You go with us?"

You think a little and you decide to do so. "Please lead me there." You become to be friendly and start to walk again with them.

One hour later, you reach the right lake of Swan at last. It is very dark and horrible, so it seems to be something in it. You are scared. However, you must get into the water because there are treasures in the lake. You begin to discuss who get into the water.

If you choose to get into the water alone, GO TO PAGE 15.
If you want to do it all together, GO TO PAGE 16.

As the result of the discussion, you and your friends decide that you get into the water alone. You approach the water slowly and put only your right leg into it. But it's so lukewarm that you immediately take it out. You feel uncomfortable. However, a friend of yours, Mary, tells you to dip into the lake. "You said by yourself that you do it. You are brave." The rest of your friends also say like the same to you. But it's not true. Though you and your friends discussed for a long time, you finally decided it by "rock-scissors-paper." In this case, you always lose.

"I'm unfortunate," you say quietly and look back to your friends. Then, there is no one. They must have gone back to home on head. You determine to get treasure and talk down them.

And then, you unwillingly dive into the lake. It's very deep, so your legs don't reach the bottom of the lake. You are in haste because you realize now that you can't swim. You go down deeply and deeply. Nobody knows what happen to you after that.

Are you alive and have you found treasure?

Or do you sleep in the lake with treasure?

I hope first one.

END

After the discussion, you and your friends ultimately decide to get into the water all together. It's very dark in the lake, so you dip into it with some lights.

For a while, you find a big ship. It is very old and has a black flag, so it's like a pirate. You all feel so scary but it seems to have treasure in it. You look face to face each other and decide to get into the ship. You are brave and enter into it in the lead. Though you and your friends look for treasure the length and breadth of it, you can't find treasure. You try to give up, but Ted shouts something. You and your friends gather around him. Then, he point to the black flag. There seem to be something under it. You approach to it and timidly have the flag moved. Then, there is a box. It is small and brown. You and your friends think that this must be treasure box. At last you reach at treasure and you are glad to see the box. It has a chain, but it doesn't be locked by the key. You are lucky. You carefully open the box and look at the inside of it. There is nothing in it.

You and your friends are really shocked and cried in your heart, "Oh, my god!"

Maybe, someone has already taken it.

You and your friends can't be rich. Your dreams have finished.

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You and your friends chose shortcut. The path is narrow and it weaves through the wood. Because of many trees, it is dark in the forest.

"I'm very scared. I want to go home!" Mary says.

"You may go home but we won't divide treasure with you!" Ted says.

After a bit silence, "keep going." She gives a reluctant answer.

Your group makes your way through the wood. Though it is an eerie place, there are many interesting plants. You are very fascinated with them.

"Look! What a big cherries they are!" Sarah shouts. The cherry is much as big as an apple.

"But it doesn't look delicious." You reply quickly.

Then she approaches the cherries and wrenches one of them off and eats.

"Wow... Bitter taste." She frowns and puts out her tongue. Every member laughs at her. Then you hear something makes noise in the bush.

"Be quiet! Can you hear the noise over there?" you say, pointing to the bush.

This forest is *the forest of bear*. You all members fear to appear a bear from the bush. The noise is approaching toward you. At last, something shoots out. Then you find out the stranger. It is a big rabbit.

"What? Is that a rabbit, right?" Sarah's eyes widen in surprise and she likes the rabbit.

She starts running after it.

“Wait, Sarah!” you say. You and other members follow Sarah and the rabbit.

After a long chase, you find a big cave instead of catching the rabbit.

“Hey look! This cave is very large and deep. Now we are feeling a little tired, right? Why don’t we rest for a while?” Tom says.

If you agree and take a rest, GO TO PAGE 19
If you decide to keep going, GO TO PAGE 22

You are so tired that you agree with Tom's suggestion. "Ok, Tom. Let's rest." you say.

"Uh...But this cave is too dark and eerie to take a good rest," Mary says.

"Yeah, I think so, too." Sarah adds. Surely, it is very eerie because a dense fog lays around the cave. Gradually you feel chilly and don't want to rest. However once you agree, you can't change your opinion.

"What are you saying!? It is very interesting, isn't it? We can have another exploration in this cave!" Ted says and he is really interesting in this cave. Mary and Sarah look at each other and they agree. Then Ted takes the lead and you and other members follow him.

In the cave, every voice vibrates very loud.

"Ahhhhhh!!!" Ted and Tom enjoy shouting in the cave. The voice attacks the wall of the cave and rebounds. As if many people were shouting.

"Hey guys! You know what I mean! Put yourself in my position!" Sarah says angrily.

"Until when will you be scared? It's ok. No problem. Let's see... there is big stone over there. Let's sit and rest there." Ted says.

At the back of cave, you and your friends sit on a big stone. It is very cold in the cave, however it is comfortable. Since you and your friends walked for a long

time, you all are more tired than you expect. Though Ted is very excited, he falls asleep without notice.

“Look! Ted is sleeping. I knew it would come to this. That figures... But I want to sleep, too. I’m tired...” you say and lay on the stone. At the sight of this, other members lay, too. In the course of time, all members’ snores vibrate in the cave.

After about a few hours later, you wake up with a start. It already gets dark outside. Other members are still sleeping.

“Oh... We must stay here tonight...” You don’t try to wake other members up and you lay again. That is when you hear something, like a tiger or a lion, roar around the entrance of the cave. It gives you goosebumps. You wake Ted up hastily.

“Ted! Wake up!” You say and shake him with rapt attention.

“Well... It’s my treasure...” Ted talks in his sleep. He is still half asleep.

“Ted!!!” You shout. Then not only Ted but also other members wake up. Mary sees your face get pale and realizes that something pressing happened.

“Calm down! What happen?” Mary asks. Before you utter, something roars again. It throws you and other members into a panic. The bark come to bigger and bigger but it is so dark in the cave that you can’t see the identity.

“I will go and see it. Wait everyone.” Ted says and stands up. He heads for

the entrance timidly. You and other members are too scared to utter. The next instant...

“Ahhhhh!!” You hear Ted’s scream from the entrance.

“Ted!” You and Tom rush to the entrance. However what you see there is very cruel thing. There is a bear pouncing at Ted. Your heart is full of anger, and you stand up to the bear.

You don’t know what happens to the next...

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Because the sun is setting, you think that you have to hurry though you are tired. "If we rest here, we cannot find out the treasure today. It will get dark soon. Therefore I think we'd better keep going," you say. Other members nod in agreement and begin walking.

Though it is getting dark, the weather is fine and comfortable. You and your friends walk with a light step, singing a song, except for Sarah.

"Be quiet!! Where's your head at? We must discover the treasure, right? It is already dark. We have little time, don't we? There is no rest time to sing!" Sarah says. You and other members are very surprised.

"Calm down, Sarah. Why are you so serious? You are right but it is better than we journey in anxiety, right?" you say calmly and smile. Other members are still struck dumb with astonishment. At the sight of this, Sarah apologizes that she carelessly flared up. However she still insists that you have to hurry.

There is another worry in your heart. It is a bear. You are worried about bears appearing. There are many bears in *the forest of bear*. Because many people were killed by bears until now, people never try to approach. However you and your friends don't know this truth.

You keep walking along the map. Suddenly you feel soft touch at the foot of you, however it is late...

You and your friends decide to follow the map. You are walking through the bear forest and it looks quite dark. The way you are walking is really narrow and kind of wet. Then suddenly, you see something is shining in the grass.

"Hey, what's that?" Tom says with surprise.

"I don't know. Let's go and figure it out!" Ted says with excitement.

"Are you sure? I think it's pretty dangerous...just be careful!" Mary says uneasily. You and other two boys are getting closer and closer to the shining thing...

"Hey, look! That's a key!" I cried.

"Wow, it looks like we need this key to open the treasure box," Mary says.

"Yeah, it must be," you pick up the key and keep going deep in the Forest of Bear. You keep walking in the forest but it doesn't look like there will be treasure.

"Are we there yet? We are walking too much!" Sarah says.

"Not yet. Probably we are getting there," I say.

"We really should have gone to the other way. It would be much shorter than this way!" Sarah complained loudly.

"Sarah, don't say that. We all decided to go this way. There will be something soon," Mary says kindly.

"...Okay, fine..."

You keep walking through the Forest of Bear. Suddenly, you stop walking

and look at each other. There are 2 boxes under the huge tree and they both have key holes! They are red and blue.

"I think we found it!!" Ted shouts.

"Yeah, I think so, too. But there are 2 boxes...which is real treasure box?"

Tom says with doubts.

"....I have no idea. Does the map say something?" you ask to Mary.

Mary looks at the map and says, "No...it doesn't say anything...which one should we open?"

Then Ted suddenly says, "I think the red one is the real one."

But Sarah against him and says, "No, I think the blue one is the real one!"

"I agree with Ted. This key looks like it fits in the key hole,

" Mary says with confident.

"I'm not sure about it Mary...I think I'm Sarah's side. What do you think?"

Tom asks you quietly.

Now, it's your turn to pick the box.

"Hmm...it's pretty difficult choice but I think the red one is the real one," you agree with Mary and Ted.

The red box looks pretty old and a little bit dusty, too. You remove all the dust by your hands. Tom is getting closer and closer to the key hole. He takes a deep breath and says, "Are we ready?"

When you about to nod your head, you hear someone is screaming, "Oh my gosh! Tom! Look at the box!!" You and your friends all look at the box and everyone walk back a little. There is a huge snake on the top of the box as it's protecting the treasure and it's staring at us.

"What should we do?! What should we do?!" Sarah is in a panic. You are trying to calm her down and then pick the thick, sharp branch and go close to the snake.

"Hey, are you sure that you'll kill it with that branch?!" Tom looks very surprised and he seems like he wants me to stop, but you don't listen to him and say, "Shhh...just watch it."

You get close to the snake and it's still staring at you. You feel very nervous now, but you can't go back anymore. All of your friends are praying for you to be ok and watching you with some worries. You start counting down numbers.

"3...2...1...GO!" You cry and quickly attack the snake with your branch.

You once miss it and the snake tries to attack and bite you from your back.

“HEY!” Tom cries to you but you have some feeling on your back so you quickly turn around and stick the snake into the branch. The snake screams loudly and fall down.

“You did it! I’m so proud of you!!” Everyone is proud of you and now we are ready to open the box.

“Ok...finally, are we ready?” Tom asks again and we all nod our head.

Tom put the key into the key hole and slowly turns it around and it opens!! You look at each other with happiness and take deep breathe once. Everyone hold the box and slowly open the lid...

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"I think the blue one will fit this key," you say confidently.

"Okay...are you sure?" Ted asks you slowly.

"Yeah, I am," you say.

The Forest of Bear is getting darker and darker and it looks pretty eerie. Tom holds the key and gets close to the key hole.

"Okay, are we ready?" Tom says, and slowly, he put the key into the key hole. However, when he tries to turn it, it doesn't move. He tries it several times but it still doesn't move. He is trying very hard and his face is getting contract.

"What are you doing Tom? Just turn it around!" Sarah says anxiously.

"I'm trying! But it doesn't move! It's stuck," Tom says impatiently.

Then Ted comes to Tom and says, "Are you kidding us? You must be too weak to turn it around. Hey, let me do it."

He is very confident about opening the treasure box and Tom hands the key to Ted reluctantly and says, "Fine...here. I don't think you can do it. It really doesn't move!"

"Just be careful with it ok Ted?" you're pretty worried about Ted. You have some feeling about Ted will do something bad, but he doesn't listen to you and then, starts putting the key into the key hole and tries to turn it around...but it still doesn't move. The key hole is really tight and he looks at the key hole and take a rest for a

little bit.

"See, I told you. Maybe we should try another box," Tom says to Ted.

"Yeah I think that's a good idea. Just try another one, Ted," Sarah says with sigh. You are hoping that Ted just gives up and try another box, but unfortunately your hope can't reach Ted, "Wait a minute, I can do it," Ted is slowly getting upset.

"Ahh, why doesn't it open!?" Then he suddenly tries to turn around the key strongly.

"Hey, Ted! Don't!" You cry.

Everyone was very shocked what Ted did just now and they can't believe it for a while. Everyone sigh at the same time. And it starts raining...Ted turns the key so strongly that the key breaks, and now, you'll never be able to open both boxes.

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