

~~Dear Diary,~~  
Captain's Log!

I'm giddy with delight at making my first entry! We are just out of port on a clear morning and the winds are with us! The humble sloop I chartered to take us to Groggy Island is skipping along gaily. I've been in a right fluster to get this far so quickly, what with the large advance for a shipment of Jolly Rover arriving only yesterday, and Uncle being away for at least another month. This opportunity is too good to be true! Two weeks to Groggy Island and two weeks back, ample time to make the delivery to Governor DeSilver and be back before Uncle is any the wiser.

Captain

(Gaius James Rover

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It seems we've had a slight communication breakdown. When enquiring with the first mate about our estimated time of arrival on Groggy Island, he appeared visibly upset, uttering a few sentences that made my tail curl. He claimed I told them 'Doggy Island'. I can't understand what he's all that fussed about really; rumours of pirates! Poppycock! A few colourful rogues are nothing to lose sleep over. I jolly well would like to meet some of these silly scallywags. It may give me a chance to try out a few jigs. I've given up trying to encourage this sorry lot into a rousing shanty.

Captain Gaius James Rover

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Sailing can be downright dull, a week on a small ship with these smelly sailors. None are that interested in my attempts to entertain them. Uncouth wretches! I wish I'd packed my juggling balls.

Captain Gaius James Rover

## Captain's Log,

We're a week out of Groggy Island. I must say the mood amongst the crew has not gotten any better as we've neared our destination. Fortunately we need to make our delivery before anyone can get paid. Indeed it took all my savings and DeSilver's advance to get this far in the first place. Once this journey is over I'll have enough money to leave Uncle and take my act to the sea. Breezing in to wealthy ports to entertain royalty and dogs of stature. Eventually putting together the circus that father always talked about... oh but I'm getting all flustered at the thought of it. Best step onto the deck a moment to catch some air.

Gaius James Rover, famous clown  
(oh ho!)