

*NOTE: Improvised moments in the show are indicated in the script with *[text in brackets and italics]*. This text is provided in the script as examples of how these improvised moments have unfolded in previous workshops, but of course it will be different every time, and up to the participants' imaginations & the actors' quick-thinking.

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CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

What's this? A letter from the Toothy Residence? (as the crew gathers to read the letter) Scurvy? That old honswaggler finally kicked the bucket! Their fortune is up for grabs!

WET SHOE

I got scurvy too! Twins!

SQUID LIPS

You always gotta make it about you.

WET SHOE

I'm just excited.

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

Now lads, we can celebrate Wet Shoe's scurvy when Wet Shoe dies from it. Today is about our ol' Captain Toothy and their treasure that will soon be ours! Thanks to Fungus, we now have something to pursue, and it could change our lives!

FUNGUS

BUT WASN'T CAPTAIN TOOTHY YOUR FRIEND?
ISN'T IT A LITTLE HEARTLESS TO CELEBRATE THEIR END?

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

YOU'RE RIGHT, TOOTHY WAS VERY DEAR TO OUR CREW
I LOOKED UP TO THEM, AND I STILL DO
LET'S SAY A FEW WORDS... CARROT, HOW ABOUT YOU?

CARROT

TOOTHY WAS THE GREATEST PIRATE THAT I EVER KNOW'D
I ADMIRE THEIR EXPERTISE

SQUID LIPS

THEY EARNED THEIR RICHES IN THE EARLY TWO-THOUSANDS
PIRATING DVDS

CARROT

WITH ALL THE CLEVER CUNNINGNESS THEY COULD MUSTER
THEY SINGLE HANDEDLY SHUT DOWN BLOCKBUSTER

SQUID LIPS

THEY MADE A GOOD RETURN ON SOME MANIPULATIVE METRICS
INVESTING IN STREAMING, LIKE HULU AND NETFLIX

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES
 TOOTHY ALWAYS BOASTED THAT THEY'D BE IMMORTAL
 I'D LAUGH AND RAISE A GLASS TO THOSE CRAZY TALKS
 BUT NOW, I SEE, TOOTHY *DID* BECOME IMMORTAL
 BY GETTING THEIR FACE... ON A CEREAL BOX

CAPTAIN holds up a box of "Toothy's Scurvy
 Stopper Cereal."

WET SHOE

Didn't Toothy also, like, kill a bunch of people?

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

Yes, but so did the Titanic, and we still put that on souvenir keychains!

CARROT

All I know is, if we get this treasure, we could finally use the funds to fix up the ship so I don't have to keep duct taping balloon animals to the bilge to make it float!

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

A nice thought, Carrot. But, the treasure might not be cash.

(reading an audience-written response)

It could be something better, like *[a thumbs up from my oldest male cousin]*.

CARROT

Or the treasure could be *[a date with David Tennant]*.

SQUID LIPS

Or maybe it's *[a full night's sleep]*.

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

WHATEVER IT IS, IF WE SWIFTLY OBTAIN IT
 THINK OF THE NOTORIETY ALONE
 WE COULD BECOME THE GREATEST DARN PIRATES
 THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN

FUNGUS

I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE
 I'M JUST ADVOCATING
 TOOTHY'S DEATH MUST HAVE BEEN EXCRUCIATING
 NO PIRATE SHOULD EVER HAVE TO UNDERGO
 A DEMISE SO PAINFUL AND SLOW

ALL

OH FUNGUS... WE CHOSE YOU, YOU'RE OUR CHOSEN CHAP
 BUT YOU GOTTA LEARN WHEN TO SHUT YOUR TRAP

ALL (CONT'D)
 WE CHOSE YOU TO LEAD US, TO GUIDE US
 BUT TO BE A PART OF THIS CREW
 THERE'S ONE THING YOU MUST DO

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

Listen to your captain. I'm going to teach you a little something you need to know about the pirate's life.

SONG #2: "THANK YOU, SCURVY!"

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

WHEN YOUR LIFE IS GOING AWRY
 SCURVY AIN'T THE WORST WAY TO DIE
 A PIRATE KNOWS THAT DEATH IS THEIR FATE
 BUT TYPICALLY NONE OF THE OPTIONS ARE GREAT

DEATH BY SCURVY IS WELL-RENOWNED
 SCURVY WILL MAKE YOU THE TALK OF THE TOWN
 WHEN YOU'VE GOT RICHES AND FRIENDS ARE IN NEED
 THEY'LL JUMP WITH JOY WHEN THEY SEE YOUR GUMS BLEED

THANK YOU, SCURVY
 FOR THE POVERTY YOU WILL NOW END
 THANK YOU, SCURVY
 FOR CONVENIENTLY KILLING MY FRIEND
 THANK YOU, SCURVY x3

SQUID LIPS

SCURVY'S NOT SHAMEFUL IN THIS LIFE
 IT SURELY BEATS BEING SKINNED BY A KNIFE

WET SHOE

OR TORTURED BY MONKEYS LIKE CAPTAIN GEM
 I'LL BET HE WISHED SCURVY WORKED FASTER THAN THEM

CARROT

WHY PUT YOUR TASTEBUDS THROUGH KIWI AND KALE
 WHEN ALL PIRATES END UP DEAD OR IN JAIL?

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

WE DON'T LIKE THE TASTE AND IT'S A LONG WALK

ALL

TO THE OLD TRADER JOE'S ACROSS FROM THE DOCK
 THANK YOU, SCURVY

CARROT
FOR LETTING US EAT WHAT WE PLEASE

ALL
THANK YOU, SCURVY

WET SHOE
FOR LETTING US DIE WITH SUCH EASE

ALL
THANK YOU, SCURVY x4

FUNGUS
HEY, CAPTAIN? I KNOW ALL PIRATES STRIVE TO BE SO EDGY
BUT I DON'T MIND THE TASTE OF FRUITS OR VEGGIES
AND I DON'T THINK A LIME IS VERY TERRIFYING
ISN'T IT BETTER THAN SCURVY OR DYING?

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES
OH, FUNGUS! YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS ARE JUST SO ENDEARING
BUT THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO BUCCANEERING
WE HAVE AN IMAGE TO PROTECT
AND IF WE TAKE CARE OF OUR BODIES THAT IMAGE WILL BE WRECKED

FUNGUS
BUT WHAT IF I CHANGED THAT IMAGE?
WE COULD PUT DANGER ON THE SHELF
PILLAGE WITH SAFETY AND HYGIENE
ADVENTURE AND JOY, BEING YOURSELF
JUST YOURSELF, YOUR FULLEST SELF, AHH AHH!

ALL
THANK YOU, SCURVY
FOR THE TREASURE THAT IS TO COME
THANK YOU, SCURVY

WET SHOE
FOR THE BUBBLY BUMPS ON MY BUM

ALL
THANK YOU, SCURVY x11
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, SCUR-

In a final pose, they hoist FUNGUS up for a
glorious lift. Then suddenly before they finish the

song, FUNGUS falls from the lift off the back of the ship, and begins to drown.

FUNGUS

Ahh! Help!!

SQUID LIPS

Fungus!! Grab this!!

SQUID LIPS throws a life preserver over.
FUNGUS can't grab it, as a shark attacks.

FUNGUS

SHARK!! SHARK!!

CARROT

Kick it in the nose!

FUNGUS

HI-YAH! Okay, got him! Pull me up!

SQUID LIPS

Pulling!

FUNGUS

PIRHANNAS! PIRHANNAS!

WET SHOE

Pee on your leg!

SQUID LIPS

That's *jellyfish*.

FUNGUS

PLEASE PULL ME UP!

SQUID LIPS

Pulling!

Lightning strikes FUNGUS. A beat of silence. Then FUNGUS pops back up in poor condition.

FUNGUS

HELP ME.

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

We got you Fungus!

We hear a siren's song.

FUNGUS

Woah... who's this beautiful mermaid?

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

No Fungus! That's a trap!

FUNGUS

True love's kiss– AHH! SHE'S EATING ME!!

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

Wet Shoe! Fire!

WET SHOE struggles to load the cannon, as both of their hands are hooks. They finally do, and they aim and fire as FUNGUS is climbing on board.

The cannonball quickly fires and hits FUNGUS. FUNGUS is super dead, and hangs over the side of the ship.

WET SHOE

(holding up their hooked hands) Not sure why you guys made me the gunner.

SQUID LIPS

Because I already claimed being the guy who stands up at the lookout and points at stuff.

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

Well I'm glad we sang that cheerfully dark song about imminent and inevitable death. I can sleep knowing I got in a preemptive "I-told-you-so".

CARROT

And that lift looked *really cool*.

WET SHOE

I don't know, mates. This isn't great for us– Fungus was the only member of this crew who ever aspired for anything! I feel like they were finally holding us all together.

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

You're right, Wet Shoe. If you died instead, nobody would know any difference. But Fungus really had main-character energy.

SQUID LIPS

They sure kept me on my toes. Maybe they were onto something with the whole "better life" thing.

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

Well?! They've got a cannonball where their brain should be!

CARROT

Dibs on their organs.

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

No Carrot, this is embarrassing. Please apologize to the onlookers.

CARROT

(Speaking to the audience directly.) Uh, hello. Sorry for our blundering around. We're going a bit adrift without the intuition and drive that Fungus carried. They were the type to ask important questions like, "Is it really necessary to cut off our hands just for the aesthetic?" (they glance at WET SHOE, who has done exactly that.) And... [*Isn't parking going to be difficult for all of those people on a Saturday night?*"]

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

Yes, and now there's not much of a story, is there? Fungus was supposed to teach us a lesson, and then we'd have a change of heart and maybe all become better people.

WET SHOE

Wait a bloody minute. I was just thinking, we could always have one of them folks join the crew. (gesturing to the audience)

See what aspirations they've got... maybe latch on, develop an emotional attachment, hit rock bottom then euphorically climb back up together with a newfound perspective on life.

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

Great idea, Wet Shoe! Carrot, let's find a new protagonist!

CAPTAIN and CARROT go into the audience and find the perfect candidate for the show's new protagonist. They bring this person on stage.

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

What's your name?

NORM

[*Norm.*]

CARROT

And what pronouns do you use?

NORM

[They/them.]

SONG #3: "THE CHOSEN ONE"

CARROT

BEING A PIRATE'S HARD
 BEING A HERO IS HARDER
 WE NEED SOMEONE QUICK-WITTED AND TOUGH
 SO WE'LL ASK AND YOU'LL ANSWER
 SIMPLY AND TRUTHFULLY
 AND WE'LL SEE IF YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT STUFF

ALL

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR WORK AND PLEASURE?

NORM

[I'm a pharmacist. And for pleasure... I love playing D&D.]

ALL

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH YOUR SHARE OF THE TREASURE?

NORM

[I would love to retire.]

ALL

WHAT'S SOMETHING PEOPLE DO THAT YOU FIND ANNOYING OR RUDE?

NORM

[Oh. When people take the muffler off their car.]

ALL

EVERY HERO HAS A WEAKNESS. WHAT'S YOUR LEAST FAVORITE FOOD?

FUNGUS

[Uh... hot sauce. Like Tabasco.]

ALL

[TABASCO] WOULD BRING THEM TO THEIR KNEES

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

I THINK THIS JOURNEY'S GONNA BE A BREEZE

ALL

WITH YOU, *[NORM]*, YOU'RE THE CHOSEN ONE
 WELCOME TO THE CREW, *[NORM]*
 WE CHOOSE YOU!

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

You're a pirate now, *[Norm]!* No take-backsies. Welcome to the crew!

SONG #4: "THE ANSWER"

ALL

IT TAKES A SPECIAL PERSON
TO BE A HERO THROUGH AND THROUGH
THEY OUGHTA BE REAL BRAVE AND STRONG
AND AT LEAST A BIT ATTRACTIVE, TOO

WE FOUND THAT SPECIAL PERSON
BUT THERE'S A CANNONBALL IN THEIR HEAD
SO THIS RANDOM CHAP NAMED *[NORM]*
IS GONNA HAVE TO DO INSTEAD

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

THIS JOURNEY WON'T BE EASY
SOME OF US COULD DIE OUT THERE
BUT IF WE MAKE *[NORM]* OUR LEADER
THAT BURDEN WILL BE THEIRS TO BEAR

ALL

[NORM] WILL LEAD US, *[NORM]* WILL GUIDE US
[NORM] WILL DIRECT US TO TOOTHY'S TREASURE

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

*[WE WERE LOOKING FOR A HERO
WHO DEFIED ALL DESCRIPTION
THEN WE FOUND A PHARMACIST
WHO EVEN BROUGHT ALL OUR PRESCRIPTIONS]*

CARROT

*[A HERO NEEDS A MOTIVE
TO CLIMB HIGHER AND HIGHER
NORM WILL FIGHT AND KILL
IF IT MEANS THEY CAN RETIRE]*

SQUID LIPS

*[THEY WILL ALWAYS KEEP YOU WARM
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE NORM]*

ALL

SOME PEOPLE WANT TO BRING THEM DOWN
THEY'RE JUST JEALOUS CAUSE THEY RULE THIS TOWN
AND WE LOVE TO SAY YOUR GREAT CATCHPHRASE:

NORM

(says something on the spot)
[Save the chicken for later.]

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

(they sing-repeat anything NORM says)
*[SAVE THE CHICKEN FOR LATER
 SAVE THE CHICKEN FOR LATER]*

ALL

*[SAVE THE CHICKEN FOR LATER
 SAVE THE CHICKEN FOR LATER]*

*[NORM] WILL LEAD US, [NORM] WILL GUIDE US
 [NORM] IS THE ANSWER TO LIFE IN PARADISE*

SQUID LIPS

*[A HERO NEEDS A RIVAL
 TO PUSH THEM REALLY FAR
 NORM WILL TAKE DOWN ANYONE
 WITHOUT A MUFFLER ON THEIR CAR]*

WET SHOE

*[THE PIRATE'S LIFE MEANS DANGER
 WE COULD BE KILLED IN A FIASCO
 BUT NORM WILL KEEP US SAFE
 IF WE STAY AWAY FROM TABASCO]*

ALL

THEY'RE A GENIUS THROUGH AND THROUGH
 THEY'RE OUR IDOL AND OUR GLUE
 FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN
 WE GIVE YOU OUR DEVOTION
 AND WE LOVE TO SAY YOUR MADE UP WORD:

NORM

(says something on the spot) *[Splarf nugget!]*

CAPTAIN MOLDY BONES

(they sing anything NORM says)
*[SPLARFNUGGET, OOH
 SPLARFNUGGET, OOH]*

ALL

*[SPLARFNUGGET, OOH
 SPLARFNUGGET, OOH]*