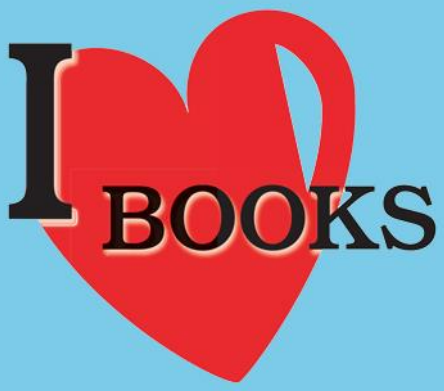


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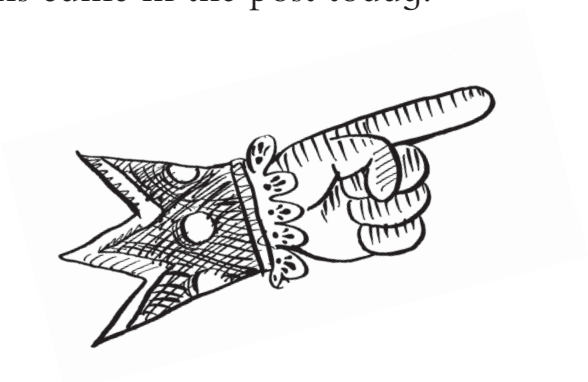
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That's it. My life is over.

This came in the post today.



WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?!!!!



Pirates **A**gainst **R**ubbish **P**iracy **S**ociety

The Best Pirate Ship in the World

Dead Man's Cove

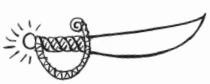
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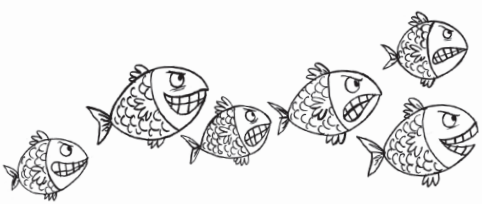
Dear Barnacles Blunderbeard,

PARPS exists to make sure that only the finest and rottenest pirates are allowed to roam the seas. At our recent

Christmas get-together (delicious squid and chips followed by lots of shouting about how rubbish people are) we decided that you are bringing disgrace to the name of pirate. Recent reports of your activities include:



Fainting at the sight of fish.





Getting lost whilst searching for treasure and asking directions from a tourist in a rubber dinghy.



Failing to credit your account at YoHo Bank with any treasure **AT ALL** over the last year.



Wearing a flowery apron when baking cupcakes.

We regret to inform you that unless one hundred pounds' worth of treasure is credited to your account by the end of the year and, unless your reputation really improves (and you stop wearing that stupid apron), you will be stripped of both the title of pirate and your ship. Any cupcakes found on board will be eaten immediately.

Basically, **YOUR LIFE WILL BE RUINED FOREVER**.

Hope you are well and enjoying the good weather, etc., etc.

Yours sincerely,

Blasterous Blackbeard

(Director of PARPS)



P.S. See you at Mum's birthday party.

P.P.S. And, unless you bring me a really nice cupcake with that scrummy rum-flavoured icing, I'll tell Mum about how much trouble you are in with PARPS.





Just when I thought things couldn't get any worse . . .

I went over to Daggers's cage to give him his daily cupcake, but the cage door was open . . .

Daggers has gone!!!

Found the PARPS letter in the cage, covered with bird poo. Great. So Daggers thinks I'm not a good enough pirate for him. Pirate Pete, who runs the local pet shop, did say Daggers was a smart bird when I bought him.

FINE. JUST FINE.