



READER'S THEATER



Cut-Throat Pirates by Jonny Zucker

Characters:

REX

DAVE

CARL

EVIL ERIC, the Pirate Captain

ALBERT, another Pirate

PIRATES, the crew of the Deck of Death

NARRATOR

Genre:

Fantasy

Ages:

10-14

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- Narrator:** Rex Jones had a cell phone that would send him on amazing adventures. One afternoon, he was at the local swimming pool with his friends, Dave and Carl, when his phone buzzed.
- Rex:** Sounds like adventure is calling.
- Dave:** Can we ignore it and say we're busy?
- Carl:** Yeah! You guys remember what happened last time, don't you?
- Narrator:** Rex ignored them and pressed the EXPLORE button on his phone. Suddenly, the three boys found themselves on the deck of a ship.
- Carl:** Where are we?
- Evil Eric:** You are on my ship. It's called the Deck of Death and you are not welcome here!
- Rex:** Wait a minute. You're the famous pirate, aren't you?
- Evil Eric:** You've heard of Evil Eric?
- Rex:** Heard of you? Of course! Everyone's heard of you!
- Evil Eric:** So what are you three doing on my ship?
- Rex:** We just wanted to be a part of the crew and sail the seven seas. Right, guys?
- Carl:** Huh? Oh, yeah, right.
- Dave:** We want to be pirates just like you!
- Carl:** We wanted to learn some cool pirate skills.
- Evil Eric:** You're in luck, boys. Tonight we are planning a big raid. I need as much help as I can get.
- Rex:** Count us in!
- Dave:** Yeah!

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- Carl:** Yeah!
- Dave:**
(whispering to his friends)
- Rex:** Are you kidding? If we hadn't, that crazy pirate would have tossed us overboard.
- Carl:** And turned us into a shark snack.
- Narrator:** Evil Eric gathered the other pirates around.
- Evil Eric:** Listen up, men! These three young mates are coming along for tonight's raid.
- Pirates:** Arrrgh!
- Narrator:** One of the pirates, Albert, didn't like that idea at all. He thought the boys were too young to go on a raid.
- Evil Eric:** Albert, who be the captain of this ship?
- Albert:** You, Evil Eric!
- Evil Eric:** Is that right, boys?
- Pirates:** Arrrrgh!
- Narrator:** Later that day, the boys trained to be pirates. They used swords, checked out the lifeboats, and learned special knots.
- Carl:** This sure is hard work!
- Dave:** I'll say. It's a lot harder to be a pirate than I thought.
- Rex:** Come on, guys, get to work. If we train well, we'll get to steal a treasure!
- Narrator:** That night Evil Eric told the boys they were going to steal treasure from another ship called *The Brave One*.
- Carl:** Cool!

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- Evil Eric:** And once we have the treasure in hand, tomorrow we will bring the treasure to the Queen.
- Narrator:** Evil Eric went down below. Rex looked at Dave and Carl.
- Rex:** I've got an idea.
- Carl:** What's the plan?
- Rex:** Let's keep the chest away from the thieves and the pirates. Let's get it back to the Queen ourselves!
- Narrator:** Will Rex's plan work? How will they get treasure away from a pack of greedy pirates? And will Albert get in the way of their plans? And will the pirates ever learn to say anything besides "Arrrrghh"?
- Pirates:** Arrrrgh!
- Rex:** Yeah, arrrrgh!

THE END