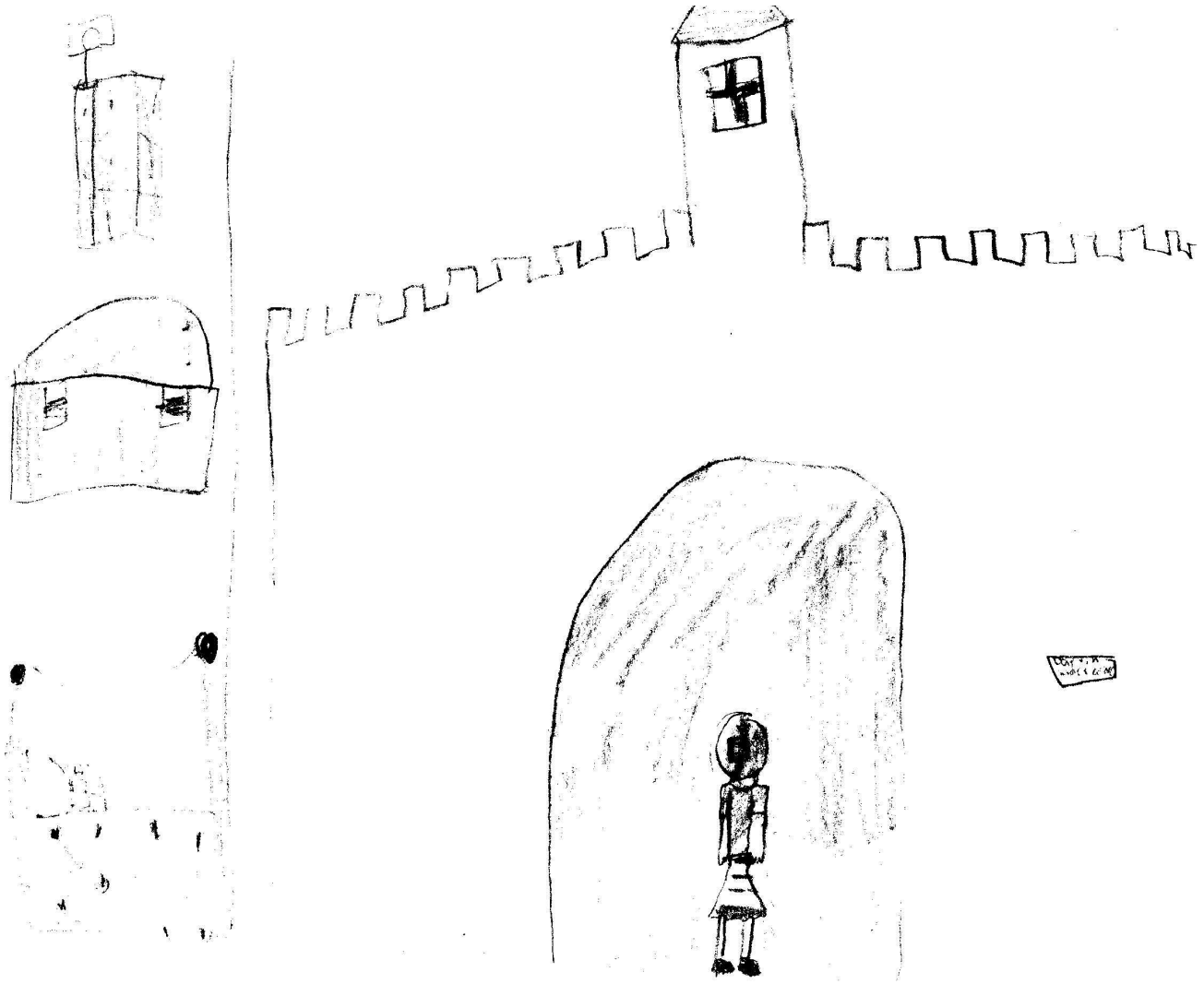


Surprise at the Beach





Once there was a girl named Caroline. It was a hot and sunny day outside but she didn't know what to do. So she decided to go to the beach. She went and asked her mom, she said yes. So Caroline started walking down the road to the beach. She was walking because it was a short distance away. She got to the beach and started walking around. She started collecting shells too. She found brown ones and white ones, big ones and little ones, even a little hermit crab.

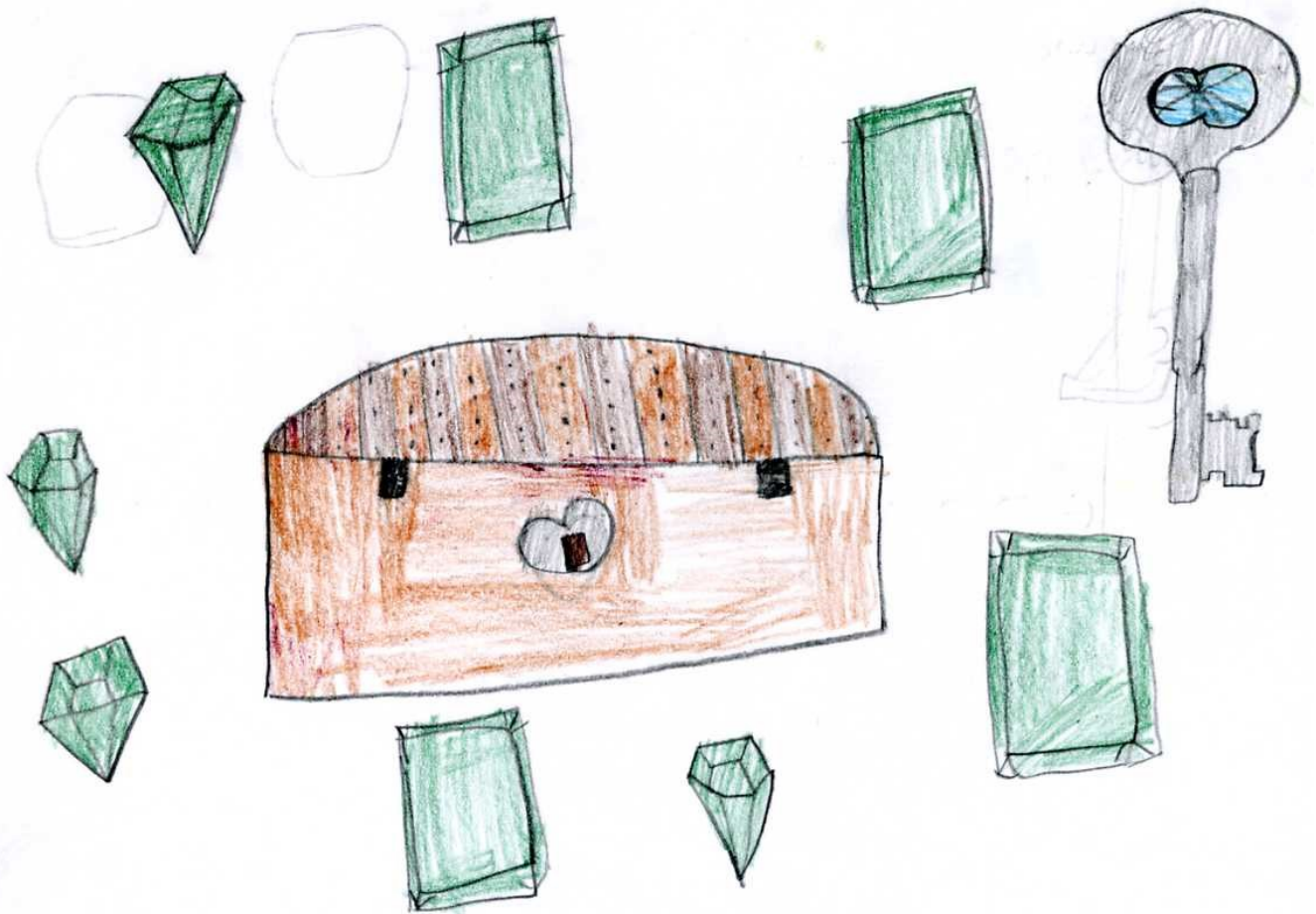


Then suddenly Caroline lifted her head to the sky and that's when she started thinking that she was dreaming. She was looking at a giant sand castle that you can actually walk in. She looked at the castle in amazement and then she saw a sign that said "Captain Blackbeard." She knew that the castle belonged to Captain Blackbeard. He was a legend pirate that she had heard about. Caroline was so amazed that she went right in and when she got in the castle she couldn't believe her eyes. She looked around, then she saw a giant staircase. She walked up and saw a giant room with a grand bed. There was also a grand chest, a grand nightstand, a grand everything! Everything in the whole castle was grand.



She quickly ran back to her house very excitedly to get her parents and show them the castle.

When they were all there, Caroline Parents couldn't speak. Caroline showed her parents the grand bedroom and this time they opened the chest and saw an old hat of Captain Black Beard's and also a spy scope. Then buried at the bottom of the chest was a picture of the Legend pirate, Captain Blackbeard. Caroline said, "I never pictured Captain Blackbeard like that! I pictured him as a pirate with a hook hand, a peg leg and long, black curly hair."



Then they came to a room that was as empty as a mysterious old cave except one thing. There in the middle of the floor was an old, dusty key. Caroline picked up the key and dusted it off. They saw that the key had a light blue diamond in the middle. Nothing about the key was very interesting until... they saw a book in the corner of the room they went to pick it up and they saw a bookmark in it. They went to that exact page and on it, it said "this is the key it belongs to I Captain Blackbeard. Follow this map. Find the X and dig far and you will find the greatest treasure of all times."

When they read this they did follow the map and found the X. They found in the chest that it was true, there the chest was full of emeralds. They were so surprised they went to the library and studied all they could but they never figured out how Captain Blackbeard ever found all those emeralds.