

Pepper Nose and the Pirate

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The Sun shone through the window and woke Pepper Nose up. He looked out of the window and was glad to see that it was a beautiful day for a picnic. Pepper Nose rushed downstairs and packed a bottle of juice and some cups into a basket. Then he went next door to see his best friend, Lemon Head. "Hello," said Pepper Nose cheerily, "Have you got the sandwiches ready?" Lemon Head answered in his usual half-asleep state "Oops!" He didn't even have any bread. "Sorry," he said. Pepper Nose had an idea; they could buy some rolls in Mrs. Bun's shop, so off they went. They were just choosing which rolls to have when Charlotte, Mr. Onion's little girl, ran down the street crying. Pepper Nose went out and asked her what was wrong. "The mean pirate, Black Eye Thunder, took my doll," cried Charlotte. "Don't worry" said Pepper Nose, "We will get it back for you, wont we Lemon Head?" But Lemon Head was still in the shop. He was trying to open a small packet of pepper to put on his roll, but it was stuck. He put the packet in his pocket and went outside to see what Pepper Nose wanted. "Come on" said Pepper

Nose, "We have to rescue Charlotte's doll from Black Eye Thunder." "Okay" said Lemon Head sleepily. They set off up the hill to find the pirate. When Lemon Head saw Black Eye Thunder at the top of the hill he was frightened, "I think I will stay here and eat my roll." He said, sitting down. A loud thundering noise came from up the hill. Black Eye Thunder was laughing. "I am the meanest pirate there is," he shouted. "And I am coming to eat your lunch." He stamped down the hill. Lemon Head hid behind Pepper Nose. Black Eye Thunder dropped the doll and snatched Lemon Head's roll. His loud laugh hurt their ears. Pepper Nose had a plan. He asked Lemon Head for the packet of pepper. He opened it and took a big sniff. The pepper tickled Pepper Nose's big round nose. Then with the biggest sneeze ever, Pepper Nose sneezed Black Eye Thunder right over the hill. "He won't come back here in a hurry," said Pepper Nose. "Come on Lemon Head, let's take Charlotte's doll back and get you another roll."

