

Description of Captain Hook



“In the middle of this gang of villains, resting in a rough chariot pulled by his men, is the blackest and most terrifying of all the pirates, James Hook. Instead of a right hand, he has an iron hook which he raises into the air to get his men to travel more quickly. He treats them like dogs and as dogs they obey him utterly.

Hook is a huge man with a dark evil face and hair dressed in long curls, just like old King Charles 11. His blue eyes can look quite sad, but when he plunges his hook into anyone, two red spots appear in them, his eyes light up terribly. The most awful thing about Hook, apart from his grim hook, is that the more villainous he becomes, the more politely he behaves.

Tonight he lies in his chariot smoking two cigars at once in a gadget he invented himself.

Yet, he is a breed apart from his men. It is rumoured he went to the most famous school in England before he became a pirate. He is a man of great courage and they say the only thing which frightens him is the sight of his own blood , which is thick and strangely coloured. But there is one thing which terrifies Captain James Hook. We will learn about that later.

But before the pirates disappear into the dark in search of the boys, let us kill a pirate to show how Hook works. Skylights will do. As they travel on, Skylights accidentally lurches against Hook and ruffles his lace collar. Hook is furious. His hook shoots out, there is a tearing sound and a single screech. Then the body is kicked aside and the pirates move on. Hook has not even taken the cigars out of his mouth.

Such is the terrible man against whom Peter Pan must pit his wits.”

J Barrie
Peter Pan