

Jackie Starling's Early Days

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Jackie Starling hadn't always been a pirate, but she had always had an adventurous spirit since the day that she was born aboard a fishing boat. (But that's another story!) Her father, Tom Starling, was the innkeeper of the Blue Anchor Inn where sailors would come to drink. Young Jackie had to serve food and drink at the tables. She heard lots of wonderful stories of faraway countries from the sailors and hearing these stories made her want to see the world. One day a mysterious stranger entered the inn. He wore large gold earrings, a black patch over his eye and had a strange tattoo of a monkey on his arm. As she served him his drink he pushed a crumpled piece of paper into her hand saying, "Use this well!" She opened the crumpled paper to find an old key inside. When she looked up the stranger had gone. She looked again at the paper to see if there was anything written on it. It was a map. A treasure map! That night she disguised herself in her brother's clothes and ran away to sea. She has been looking for the treasure ever since.

