

Distractimus Wanderthought



Distractimus likes to party late, and then sleeps until the last minute before he absolutely HAS to get up. Most days he is running out the door in a hurry looking a little scruffy, hair uncombed, needing a shave. His eyes are puffy and blood-shot because he never gets enough sleep. His socks don't match and his pirate shirttail is hanging out on one side. He got dressed in such a blazing hurry because he couldn't get up on time. As a matter of fact, he hurries through anything that takes mental effort. He'll do anything to avoid actively thinking and planning. Rumor has it that he once sailed his ship through the front window of a ladies' tea room on the dock because he wasn't paying attention to where he was going. After the screaming died down, witnesses claim he came out wearing a teabag instead of a proper pirate earring.

Windy Luftkopf



Windy has a great brain and lots of knowledge. She doesn't want to wear them out by using them too much, so she keeps them both locked up securely in a treasure chest hidden under her bunk. Sadly, this has left her head completely empty and now wind blows steadily in one ear and out the other. She's easy to recognize for two reasons. First, her red hair always stands on end because of the breeze that constantly swirls around her head. Secondly, she carries a strange object instead of the scimitar she once wielded. They say that a traveling merchant convinced her to trade her pirate sword for a big wooden spoon that he found in a trash can in the alley behind the fish market. He promised her that it would "stir things up" in a fight. If she had been using her knowledge instead of keeping it locked up she would have told him to take a hike.

Cutis Anserina

Of all the brigand commodores, Cutis is the one who least looks the part. He's a slightly built redhead with skin the color of one of those whitish mushrooms that spring up in a circle after a good rain. Some people think he's kind of cute. Older ladies have been known to pinch his freckled cheek and exclaim, "My, aren't you a sweet little fellow!" But if you knew him, you probably wouldn't think he was especially sweet. In fact, you might say he wasn't nice at all, and not nearly as weak as he seems. The truth is, Cutis is one of the most powerful of the pirate captains and yet, at the same time, the most cowardly, for he loves above all else to sow the seeds of self-doubt without exposing himself to real danger. He creeps in at quiet moments to whisper words such as "You can't . . .", "It's too hard . . .", "You're not smart enough . . .", then steps back to watch as his victims fall, crippled by fear, never reaching out to claim the victory that is rightly theirs. Failure is his favorite subject. Confidence and self-trust are his mortal enemies.



Fanny Dolittle

When Fanny was in fifth grade her teacher asked her to "do her best on the test", and now, forty years later, everybody's still waiting for that to happen. But Fanny couldn't do her best because she was always in such a hurry to get finished. Following directions, using good test-taking strategies and even reading passages before trying to answer questions about them took too much time and effort to suit her, so she simply didn't bother. She's been sitting so long with her test booklet, hoping to make this approach work for her that her hair is getting kind of gray and it looks like a spider has started weaving a cobweb in her red pillbox hat. She sits around with her arms crossed a lot.



Somnambulus Slumberbottom

To look at him, Somnambulus seems quite the fearsome fellow, with his bushy dark beard, strong muscles, and wide black skull-and-crossbones hat. You would think that he was the richest buccaneer sailing the seas if you didn't know that he didn't have a speck of treasure to his name. No, he doesn't have even a single gold coin—his treasure chest is empty except for an old, wadded-up bathroom pass he managed to talk his teacher out of in fourth grade and some raggedy math workbook pages that he never finished. Whenever the pirate fleet goes out in search of jewels, silver doubloons, or stacks of cash, he goes to sleep, plays with his spyglass and sword, or starts some kind of commotion that distracts everybody else from their mission. Sometimes he doesn't even show up to participate! Worse, he has been known to cheat and pretend that somebody else's treasure belongs to him instead of trying to find his own. By now, the other tough pirate captains have figured him out and have started making faces and laughing at him when he's not looking. Once when he was blustering that "nobody could make him do anything he didn't want to do", one of them held up two fingers like bunny ears behind his head and snickered.

