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The Little Glass Bottle

“Heave to, there’s something floating to the leeward” the speaker was a short stockily built man whose name was William Jones. he was the captain of a small cat boat in which he a party of men were sailing at the time the story opens.

“Aye aye sir” answered John Towers the boat was brought to a stand still Captain Jones reached out his hand for the object which he now discerned to be a glass bottle “Nothing but a rum flask that the men on a passing boat threw over” he said but from an impulse of curiosity he reached out for it. it was a rum flask he was about to throw it away when he noticed a piece of paper in it. He pulled it out on it read the following

Jan 1 1864

I am John Jones who writes this letter my ship is fast sinking with a treasure on board I am where it is marked * on the enclosed chart

Captain Jones turned the sheet over the other side was a chart on the edge were written these words dotted lines represent course we took

“Towers” Said Capt. Jones excitedly “read this”