

“Untitled”

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Hi, I'm Lucia Fare and all my life I've been told stories about the Fare family treasure. A treasure, hidden by my great great grandfather, Harrison Fare, right before the civil war. It was hidden somewhere near Charleston, so when my parents announced that the Fare family was going to Charleston for our family vacation, I had big plans to find the treasure.

There was a clue, but unfortunately, it was written in code. This is what it read:

Zit Zktqlxkt ol iorrtf yoct nqkrl ykod zit lzqss egct of Ygssn Olsqfr. Of ol roltezs of ykgfz gy q sqkut pquutr kgea.

Can you understand that? Because I definitely can not. Well after many many hours of staring at this jiberish, I finally figured it out! The code is not that complicated. The code is if the keyboard were in alphabetical order. For example, Q=A, meaning all the Q's in the code are actually A's, so the code actually reads,

The treasure is hidden five yards from the shoreline of the small cove on Folly Island. It is directly in front of a large jagged rock.

I can't believe no one has ever figured it out yet! I mean it's a pretty simple code, and typewriters have been around since 1868.

Okay, I figured out the code, so now I just need to find the treasure.

A few days later, we finally arrived in Charleston! So what does the clue say again? Oh, right - 5 yards from the shoreline of Folly Island. Right in front of a large jagged rock.

We are staying in a nice resort, my parents, big brother, little sister, and I. It has a pool, a spa for the whole family, a restaurant, and a game room.

We are only staying in Charleston for seven days, so I have a week to find the treasure. We are only going to Folly Island for one day, so I really only have one day to find the treasure! I'm going to need to hurry!

I brought my jewelry box just in case we find the treasure. I really really hope we find it!

It's only the first day and I can not wait until tomorrow when we go to Folly Island! I already printed out a map of Folly Island and identified the cove.

But anyway, today we went to Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams shop. I got Banana French Toast, My mom got Salty Caramel, My dad got Brambleberry Crisp, my brother, Charlie, got Dairy-Free Lemon Bar (because he is lactose intolerant), and my little sister, Katlynn, got Milkiest Chocolate. They were delicious! We also went to the South Carolina Aquarium. We got to see all sorts of cool sea creatures!

It's officially day two of the vacation! Today is the day we go to Folly Island! I could barely sleep last night. I spent all night looking at old maps and documents about Folly Island and the treasure. I found out the most valuable item in the treasure is a heart shaped diamond necklace that Harrison intended to give to his wife, Mary Fare, however he died in the war before he could give it to her.

After breakfast, we left for Folly Island. As soon as we got there, Kaytlynne asked Charlie and I to help her build a sandcastle, so that's what we did for the first two hours of our day trip. After that the three of us asked Mom and Dad if we could go "exploring," so we followed the map I had printed out.

After about a half hour of searching we finally found a cove! Actually, the only cove, but there was one problem: we could not find a large jagged rock. Instead there was a small smooth stone.

Let's see, there was something about this in science class. What was it? Oh, I remember! Over time, jagged rocks smooth out and shrink down because of weathering!

Kaytlynne and I measure from 5 yards from the shoreline. And now we get to dig and dig and dig. We went super far down until... finally! We hit something hard, like a box!

We finally uncovered the box! We got it out of the ground and dusted it off.

And it's locked, of course... Luckily, Kaytlynne has a bobby pin and I have a phone with youtube, so I watched a Youtube video on lock picking. It took me about thirty minutes to figure it out, but I did eventually.

We opened the treasure, and... the priceless diamond necklace was right on top! Along with gold, rubies, sapphires, emeralds, silver and pearls! They are all so beautiful! We grabbed the treasure and ran back to the beach. We didn't open it at first because we did not want everyone to see it. We spent the rest of the day at the beach swimming and building sand castles. Whenever we got back to the resort, we ran up to our room

and opened the treasure. Mom and Dad were amazed by the amount of the treasure in the box. There was even more treasure in it than I thought!

We decided to spend the rest of the vacation around Charleston. But when we got home we put all the treasure in our super secure safe with five different types of locks.

Every now and then we open the safe and take out the treasure just to look at it. We are all still in shock that we found the legendary Fare family treasure!