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Welcome!

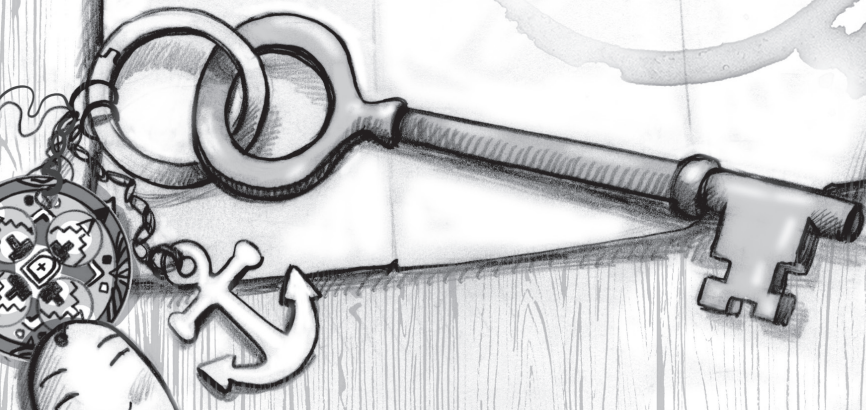
Sorry I can't be here to meet you,  
but I have been summoned to the  
port. They need my help preparing  
the submarine for hunting the  
Kraken.

Make yourselves at home.

Back soon.

Morton

PS I've left food in the cupboard  
for the dragons.



**From:** Edward Smith-Pickle

**To:** Morton Pickle

**Date:** Saturday 2 April

**Subject:** Scotland



**Attachments:** This way up

Dear Uncle Morton

We've arrived!

Gordon picked us up from the train station and brought us to your island in his boat.

Thanks for leaving the note and the key.

Your dragons were very pleased to see us. I couldn't find their food in the cupboard, so I gave them some chocolate instead.

Ziggy had eleven Twixes, six Snickers and two boxes of Maltesers.

Arthur had nineteen mini Mars Bars.

They haven't been sick. Yet.

Mum says when will you be back?





She's worried you've forgotten about giving her away at the wedding, not to mention making a speech at the dinner afterwards.

She's in a bit of a panic because of the arrangements. Apparently getting married is very complicated, even if you've done it before.

I hope she cheers up before next Saturday, or she and Gordon aren't going to enjoy their own wedding.

Love from

Eddie

PS What's a kraken?