

Hi, I'm Kai and I'm always dreaming about treasure hunting. I just love those stories about deep-sea explorers who find treasure on sunken ships that disappeared in the olden days. And archaeologists who find the coolest stuff from people lost to history. I'm always talking about treasure. That's why people call me, "Treasure Kai."

"This is where I live – in the apartment above my parents' store, "The Treasure Shop". It's filled with the most magical and fun things you could imagine (mostly cool, old stuff). And it's the best playground ever.

"This is Kate. Kate lives next door to us above her dad's antique bookshop. The best part of his shop is the back where the really old maps are kept. He even has some real treasure maps in his shop, but we haven't found one yet that makes any sense.

And this is our secret hideaway. Kate and I spend hours in here. We love to find the coolest treasures in the shop, bring them here, and make up stories about them.

Every time something new comes in to the shop, we check it out for hidden treasure. Once, we found some old coins inside a music box.

For my tenth birthday, Kate gave me a really cool lamp with a globe at the top. And that's when it all began...

It was late on the night of his tenth birthday. Kai put Kate's lamp on his bedside table and ran his hand over the Atlantic Ocean.

He'd just heard the news report about "The Black Swan," a sunken ship that had been found in the Atlantic with hundreds of thousands of silver and gold coins inside.

He started imagining all the sunken treasure still buried deep in the ocean. "Wouldn't that just be the best thing ever?" he thought as he crawled into bed and fell asleep.

As he began to dream, he saw himself rowing to Shark Island. On the beach was a treasure chest!

Kai's heart raced as he ran to the chest and flung it open. "It can't be this easy," he thought.

It wasn't!

Inside was a small treasure chest with the words:

Welcome to this hunt for gold.
You will find it if you're bold.
Find a clue within this chest.
Use the map, no time to rest!

Kai opened the small treasure chest to find a map and his first clue.



Map: Rock Mountain

If you want to break the lock,
You must dodge the raining rock.
A magic word will save your head;
The rocks will stop when it's been said!

Kai looked at the rocks raining from the sky and thought, "I've got to figure out the magic word fast!"

He could see the chest, so he took a step forward. At first the rocks came down one at a time. "This is kind of fun -- like dodge ball," he laughed.

"Abracadabra!" he yelled, sure that it would be the magic word. Nothing happened.

The more steps he took, the faster the rocks fell. Soon, he was jumping around like a funky dancer. "Hocus Pocus!" he yelled. Nothing.

"This isn't fun anymore and it hurts," he wailed as more and more rocks came down.

Soon, he was stuck! In panic, he cried out, "Someone help me, PLEASE!"

The rocks stopped! "Please" was the magic word!

He dug himself out and stumbled to the chest. He cracked it open with a rock!

Open any chest.



MAP: Monkey Rock

In the rock you'll find the chest;
The guards in there are a real pest.
The only way to get the clue
Is eat the ones the shade of blue.

At Monkey Rock, Kai could see the chest with bugs crawling all over it. "Hmmm – surely I don't have to eat bugs," he said. "There must be another way."

He got a stick and tried to pull the chest out. It wouldn't budge.

He tossed a snake in the hole, thinking the bugs would flee. But the snake fled!

"I guess I have to eat bugs," he cried as he picked out a blue one. "Oh, I'm going to puke!"

But as soon as the bug was in his mouth, it turned into chocolate!

Kai couldn't believe it. When he ate the last two blue bugs, the other bugs turned into jelly beans. Kai opened the chest while he ate them all!

Open any chest.



Map: Shark Beach

On the island of Lone Tree,
Look up high and chest you'll see.
But just how strong is your greed?
Will you risk being a shark's feed?

Kai started to shake in his boots. He could see the chest in the tree, but there were dozens of fins in the water between him and it!

He jumped in his boat and started to row. A shark attacked! And Kai fell into the water!

A dozen fins raced towards him as the shark returned, jaws open, to eat him alive! Kai screamed the loudest scream that was ever heard. He was hit.

But there was no pain. Or blood. He was being pushed through the water to the island, by dolphins!

I can't believe those fins were friendly," he rejoiced as he climbed the tree and got the chest.

He stared in amazement as his new friends pushed his boat to shore. He climbed in and rowed to Shark Island, escorted by his dolphin guards.

Kai was saved! The fins were dolphins – not sharks!

The dolphins pushed Kai and his boat to the island, where he climbed the tree and got the chest. He then rowed to shore with the dolphins beside him!

With joy, he opened the chest.

Open any chest.



MAP: Death Cave

Look inside the Dead Witch Tree.
Drink it up so you can see.
Inside the cave the chest does wait,
But you are now the hunted bait!

Kai took one look at Dead Witch Tree and almost ran away. He crept up to the hole in the trunk and saw a bottle of green liquid.

As he grabbed the bottle, the tree grabbed him! He screamed and fought.

The clue said to drink the liquid, so he gulped it down.

Poof! He became a bat! Now the clue made sense! As a bat, he would be able to see in the dark cave to find the chest! So off he flew.

Something whizzed past his wing. It was a cave racer – the bat-eating snake! The walls were crawling with them. “Eeeeeeeeeeeek,” squeaked Kai.

He flew zigzag until he found the chest. He grabbed it and made it out alive.

As soon as he hit the sunlight, he turned back into Kai. He opened the chest!

Open any chest.



MAP: Snake Maze Valley

Beware the dangers in this maze.
Be smart or you'll be trapped for days.
The snakes may all look the same.
The one that's different saves your game.

Kai went into the maze walking left and right, left and right. On every wall was a drawing of a snake with its tongue sticking out.

Kai walked for hours, jumping water pits, climbing through sticks, and stepping over bones. The same snake was on every wall and Kai felt like it was laughing at him!

He was lost and trying not to cry. He flopped to the ground and stuck his tongue out at that stupid snake.

Then he saw it!

The snake's tongue looked like an arrow – not forked like the other snake tongues. He ran to the other drawings. Most of the snakes had forked tongues, but a few had arrow tongues.

“They must be pointing the way out!” Kai shouted.

Within minutes Kai found the exit and the chest. He opened it and read the next clue!

Open any chest.

Map: Treasure Stream

The chest you seek sits in the stream.
You must get past the dancing team.
Put on the ring to get the clue.
If you're seen they'll all eat you!

Kai hid in the bushes and wondered, "How's a ring going to help me get past them?"

He slipped the ring on his finger and saw his finger disappear! He was invisible!

"Now, if they can't see me, I can get that chest!" he thought. But he could still see his clothes. So he took them off, hid them, and started to tiptoe to the stream - naked.

But then he sneezed! The headhunters stopped dead, then swung around towards Kai.

"Whoop!" they yelled, as they threw their spears right at him. But he ducked, and watched the headhunters run past to search for him.

While their backs were turned, he grabbed the chest, fetched his clothes, and ran back to the beach. He opened the chest while still wearing his Birthday Suit!

Open any chest.



Map: Skeleton Beach

On the sands of Skeleton Beach,
In the skull your hand must reach.
A word of warning, beware the sand!
Or soon your bones will join this land.

Kai ran down the beach toward the skulls thinking, “This is so easy!”

About 10 steps away he ran into quicksand. The more he moved, the deeper he sank. Panic gripped him.

Then he thought of a lesson from science class! “If I lay out flat on my back, my feet will pop free.”

It took all of his bravery to lie down, because while his head was sure it was the right thing to do, his heart thought he was history!

Finally his feet popped free. He slowly swam to solid ground.

As he opened the chest he said, “This treasure is going to be the death of me!”

Open any chest.



Map: Shipwreck Cove

Somewhere on the ocean floor
The treasure chest you're looking for
Lays in the wreck, but do beware
The guard who may give you a scare!

Kai was filled with joy and hope as he swam to the wreck. He saw gold coins near a pile of wood.

“Wooohoooo, I’ve found it!” he thought as he pulled the wood aside.

Suddenly, a skeleton popped out at him!

Kai flew back in horror. His heart was pounding and he was freaked!

But he could see the treasure chest behind the skeleton guard.

“It’s just a bunch of bones,” he told himself over and over again as he pushed the guard aside and took hold of the chest.

It took all afternoon to pull the chest to shore but only seconds to bust open the lock.

“It’s better than my dreams!” he shouted. There were gold coins, jewels and the coolest looking locket. Kai was the happiest treasure hunter ever!

And then, he spotted a message...

Here's the treasure of your dreams.
It's more real than it may seem.
Time to open up this locket.
Find the next clue in your pocket!

Smoke exploded out of the locket and Kai woke up!

“Wow,” thought Kai. “That was the best dream ever.” He sat up and fished in his pocket. He found a map and a clue!

It was then that Kai saw that this had been no ordinary dream.

The Amazing Adventures of Treasure Kai had begun!