Dear Reading Traveler,

You would have to come from the most cut-off, backwater spot in all existence not to have heard of the legendary Pirate Stream. But many of us have never actually sailed its glowing waters ourselves. What can you expect out on the open Stream? Well, it’s all about the unexpected here, so the best way to learn is to dive right in!

WARNING: Do not, under any circumstances, dive right into the Pirate Stream. Its waters are pure, undiluted magic, and touching them, drinking them, sniffing them, or thinking unkindly about them could and absolutely will result in bad things happening. The authors of this guide are not responsible for spontaneous vaporization, uncontrollable transmogrification, prefrontal stankalation, or anything else that sounds made up until it happens to you.

It is said that the Pirate Stream touches all the worlds of creation, at some place and some time. All we know for sure is that if you can imagine it—whether it’s a forest full of gossiping trees, a land of lizard-riding plants, or a city that likes to eat spectacles—it’s probably out there somewhere! Just be sure you have a good ship, a captain who knows what he or she is doing, and of course, a good map, because you never know where you might end up and who you might meet when you get there.

So dip into this guide and then grab the books to see where they take you!

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