Chapter Six – “The Survivor”

Molly’s “Beaufort Town”
by Lynn Allred

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The diver inspects a 18th century cannon pulled from what has been identified as Queen Anne’s Revenge, the flagship of Blackbeard the pirate. The now-owned site is on the island’s southeast coast, close to the tip of the island. The site has been turned into a park, and the area is open to the public for exploration. A 10-chapter story celebrating Beaufort and colonial history.

The “Beaufort Town” chapter is set in the early 18th century, when the area was a center for shipbuilding and trade. The story follows a young girl named Molly as she helps her brother Jacob find a lost shipwreck. Along the way, they encounter a variety of challenges, including strong currents and dangerous storms. The story also includes information about the history of the area and its people, as well as tips for exploring the local coastline.

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Jacob smiled triumphantly then returned to the boys that they had found the captain. "It’s a homemade boat paddle!" he said. "Stay with him until the others arrive and keep him calm and still. I’m going for help!" He then pushed it into the water, jumped in, and swam back to the shore. Much to Molly’s surprise, the boat floated! Molly smiled. "I knew she was clever!" she thought.

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