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	Answer: He is hopeful that they will find the ship.	Answer: He is afraid of Captain Melián.
Captain Melián		
	Answer: He is in a hurry to get the treasure.	Answer: He is loud and cruel.

