Erik and the Dogfighters

While Erik and his men were staying at the palace of the old Enchanter and his daughter, an even stranger adventure happened.

One morning they were hard at work on their ship, Golden Dragon, having almost finished repairing the great hole in the stern that the Sea Dragon had made, when they saw another ship far out to sea.

Erik strained his eyes and then said: 'I have never seen a ship like that before.'

Ragnar Forkbeard too peered into the distance and then said: 'This is the strangest ship I ever saw!'

Thorkhild raised his hand to his eyes and said: 'It has six sails and each sail is round like the sun. And how tall the masts are!'

The old Enchanter came to the shore, and when he saw the ship approaching he shook his head, and sighed a deep sigh. 'I fear your work on Golden Dragon has been in vain. None of us shall live to see another sunrise.'

Erik put his hand to his sword and so too did each of his men.

'Farewell, daughter,' said the old Enchanter, 'even I am not powerful enough to save you from this evil

that now approaches.' And tears came to the old man's eyes.

But Erik gripped his arm and said: 'What is this strange ship that approaches? What foe does it bring that strikes such terror into your heart?'

The old Enchanter gazed at him and said: 'I know this ship from the fearful past. I have seen it once before from another land. It brings death and destruction for it brings the Dogfighters to our peaceful shore.'

Erik and his men looked out at the ship that was fast approaching, and they could see dark figures lining the deck and the glint of many swords.

'Whoever it brings,' said Erik, 'we shall defend this island to the last breath in our bodies.'

But the old man shook his head. 'How can you succeed where all have failed before?' And all the time the Dogfighters' ship drew nearer and nearer.

'Take your daughter to the great cave in the mountain, and we shall find you when the fight is done,' said Erik.

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LO: To make inferences and use a dictionary

Locate the following words in the text. Read and re-read the sentence carefully and write what you think the words means. Now use the dictionary to check.

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Word located in the text	What I think the word means	Definition in the dictionary
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