



Background

Scene One: The play begins at the harbour in the port of Tierra del Fuego; a group of islands off the tip of South America. Captain Greenbeard, Briny Surfrider and the crew of The Flying Porpoise are preparing for their next voyage in Antarctica. They learn that Poll Ooshun and the crew of The Krill Hunter have a plan to carry out large-scale fishing of krill, to turn them into fast food krill burgers. Greenbeard tries to stop Poll but she escapes and sets off for Deception Island.

Scene Two: On board The Flying Porpoise and The Krill Hunter. The two ships race across the Southern Seas. If Poll can reach Antarctica before Greenbeard she will claim her right to fish for krill. The chase is fast and furious when Poll comes up against a giant iceberg.

Scene Three: On board The Flying Porpoise at anchor, in the middle of the ocean. Greenbeard has rescued Poll and her crew and he is now ready to give them a legal notice which will stop them from fishing for krill. But Poll has one more plan to get her way!

Deception Island is located in the South Shetland Islands off the Antarctic Peninsula. It has provided a safe harbour for whaling ships since the 19th century.

Krill is a Norwegian word meaning 'whale food'. Krill are small, shrimp-like sea creatures and are the diet of many creatures including whales, squid, seals, fish and penguins. They live in big groups and their red, translucent colour makes the sea look pink. People are worried that too many krill are being taken from the sea. They are used in some health supplements (like Omega 3 oil) and in food for fish farms. Krill mince is also eaten by humans, so the idea of using krill as a fast food product is not impossible!

