

FREEDOM'S CIRCUS



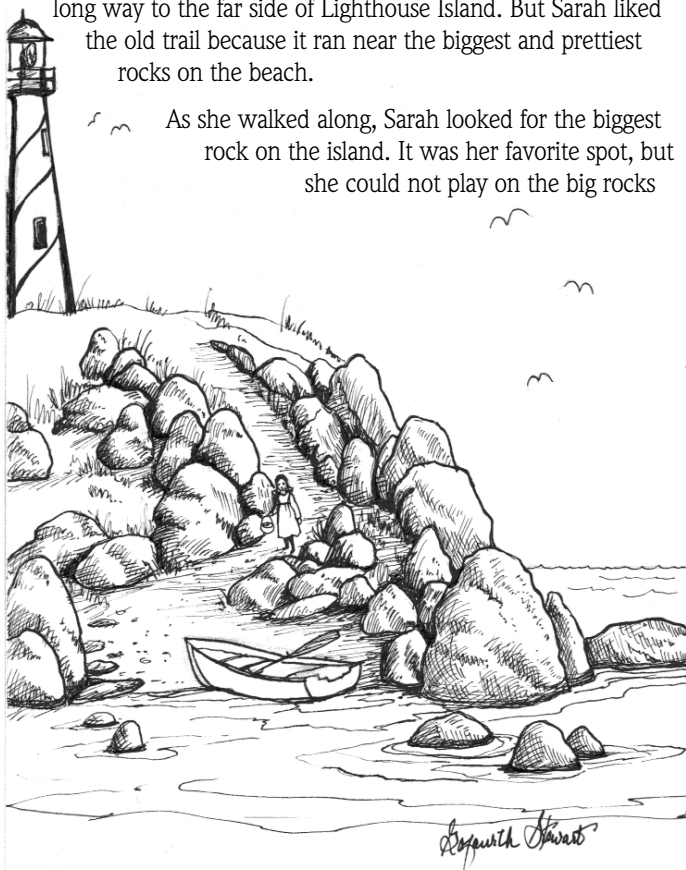
Chapter Four – by Kay Hively

The second day of summer was as beautiful as the first day of summer. Sarah and her mother got up very early and made jam, using the berries Sarah had picked. Mamma also baked bread. When the work was done, all the family enjoyed a mid-morning snack of hot bread and jam.

While Mamma was putting away the pots and kettles, Sarah took her basket and started to the berry patch. If the berries weren't picked soon, they would be wasted.

Sarah took the "old trail" to the berry patch. The old trail was the long way to the far side of Lighthouse Island. But Sarah liked the old trail because it ran near the biggest and prettiest rocks on the beach.

As she walked along, Sarah looked for the biggest rock on the island. It was her favorite spot, but she could not play on the big rocks



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Learning Extensions – Things to Think About and Do

A. Sarah called the little boat a "dinghy." Find a picture of a dinghy. Make a model dinghy using recycled materials such as paper or little pieces of wood and glue.

B. Write a little story, telling who you think is on the island with Sarah's family. Tell why you think a stranger has come to Lighthouse Island.

Next Week: Chapter 5 – Something missing