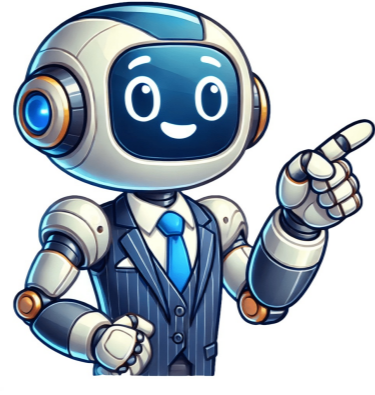


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what to do about the imminent attack. During the meeting, Barbosa claims that according to the code, an act of war can only be declared by the Pirate King, who is elected by popular vote. The rule is confirmed by Captain Teague (Keith Richards), who is introduced as the Keeper of the Code. Teague lends some weight to the law by enforcing it through violence, eliminating anyone who suggests the code be ignored. When a physical copy of the law is brought out in the form of an ancient volume entitled the "Pirata Codex," a hushed reverence falls over the room. With the rule verified, Jack uses it to his advantage, helping elect Elizabeth as Pirate King so everyone will go to war in accordance with his plan. When Teague opens the Pirata Codex, he refers to the section governing the Pirate Lords and King, and in doing so, makes visible a couple of other rules written in the code. According to the Pirata Codex, someone can only be named a Pirate Lord if they've captained their own ship and killed a man in the last seven years. A Pirate Lord should also hand down his piece of eight to his successor "so all may know who be the Lords of the nine seas," the code states. This rule comes into action when Sao Feng (Chow Yun-Fat) is killed in battle against the Flying Dutchman and hands off his piece of eight to Elizabeth, making her both captain and Pirate Lord. The rule is also important when it comes to Jack and Barbosa in Pirates of the Caribbean, both of whom were revived from death with the help of Tia Dalma (Naomie Harris) because they died before naming a successor. In Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides, it's revealed that anyone refusing to serve on a pirate ship will be put to death. The rule is exemplified by the actions of Blackbeard (Ian McShane) who, after capturing a ship, kills everyone onboard save missionary Philip Swift (Sam Claflin). Philip is spared in violation of the code, with Blackbeard being persuaded to keep him alive by his daughter Angelica (Penélope Cruz). Later, Philip does perform some duties for Blackbeard, albeit unwillingly. Image via Disney Parks Not all of the known rules of the Pirates Code can be found in the Pirates of the Caribbean feature films. In a short film entitled Tales of the Code: Wedlocked, an unnamed pirate — the auctioneer — references a rule saying he can resell products he owns at a profit. In this case, the auctioneer is referring to two "working girls," Giselle (Vanessa Branch) and Scarlett (Lauren Maher) whom he is selling in a bride auction. As bidders fight over who should take home the ladies, the rule is used by the auctioneer to lay claim to the astounding amount of money offered. Like all scenes in Tortuga, the conflict ends in a physical fight — but the dozens of pirates in the room do respect the code. Two rules concerning the division of treasure are also revealed in Pirates of the Caribbean: The Complete Visual Guide. According to the Article II, Section I, Paragraph VIII of the code, each crew member is entitled to an equal share of any treasure they find. The rule calls back to a moment in The Curse of the Black Pearl when it's explained that Jack revealed the location of the Isla de Muerta treasure when the crew demanded his information be shared equally. According to Article II, Section II, Paragraph I of code, whoever first spots a treasure-laden ship can choose the best pistol for themselves. This rule never comes into play in the series, but it does fit with the character of the code, which embraces a first-come, first-served philosophy. In addition to the explicit rules of the Pirates Code, there are a couple of rules that are followed throughout the Pirates of the Caribbean series but are not identified as being part of the code. When discussing how Jack was marooned by Barbosa and the crew of the Black Pearl, Gibbs says that whenever a pirate is marooned, he's given a pistol with a single shot, presumably with which to commit suicide. Jack cites this rule when he is later marooned with Elizabeth and is subsequently given back his pistol. The pistol in question is eventually used to kill Barbosa, Jack's mutinous first mate, as he planned. A rule against mutiny is also mentioned in passing by Pintel and Rigetti as they discuss how "Bootstrap" Bill opposed Barbosa's mutiny against Jack. According to Pintel, Bill "said it wasn't right, with the code." The punishment for mutiny can vary, but mutineers are typically put to death, according to Blackbeard in On Stranger Tides. "Our laws be clear," he says to Angelica as she asks him to show mercy on a mutineer. More: Every Pirates of the Caribbean Movie Ranked Worst To Best