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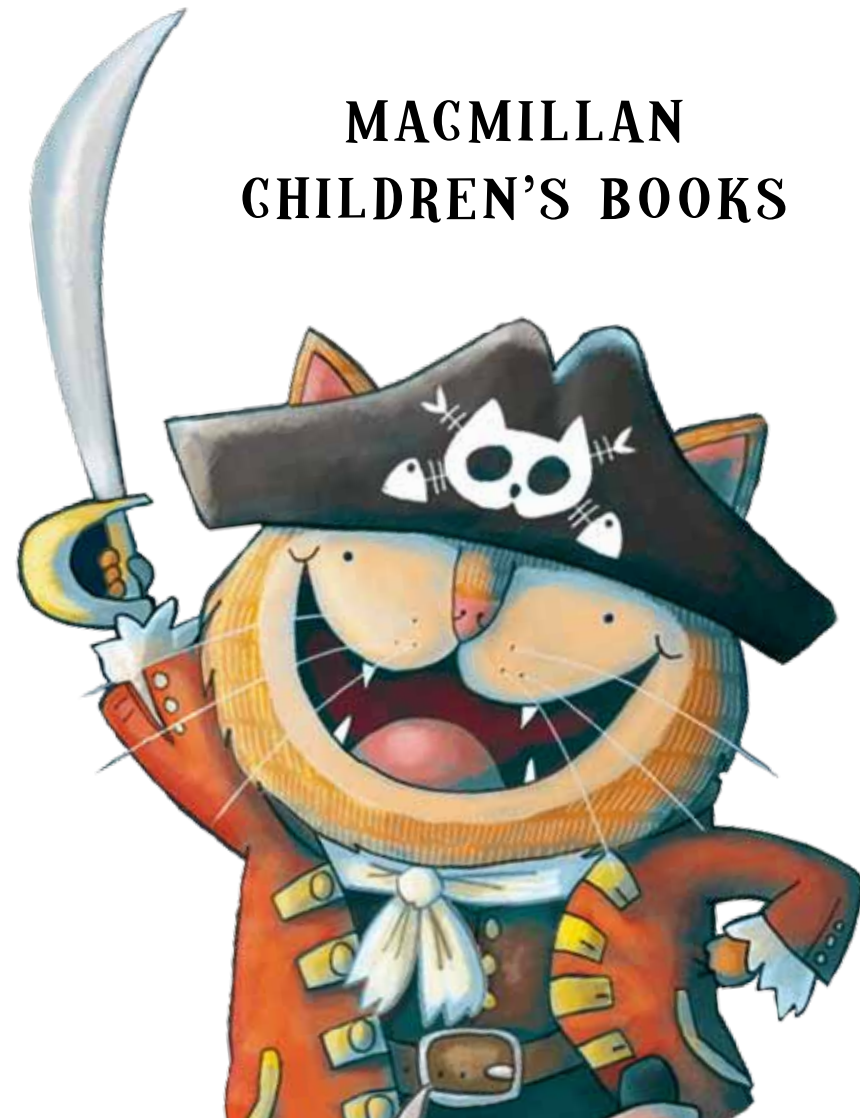
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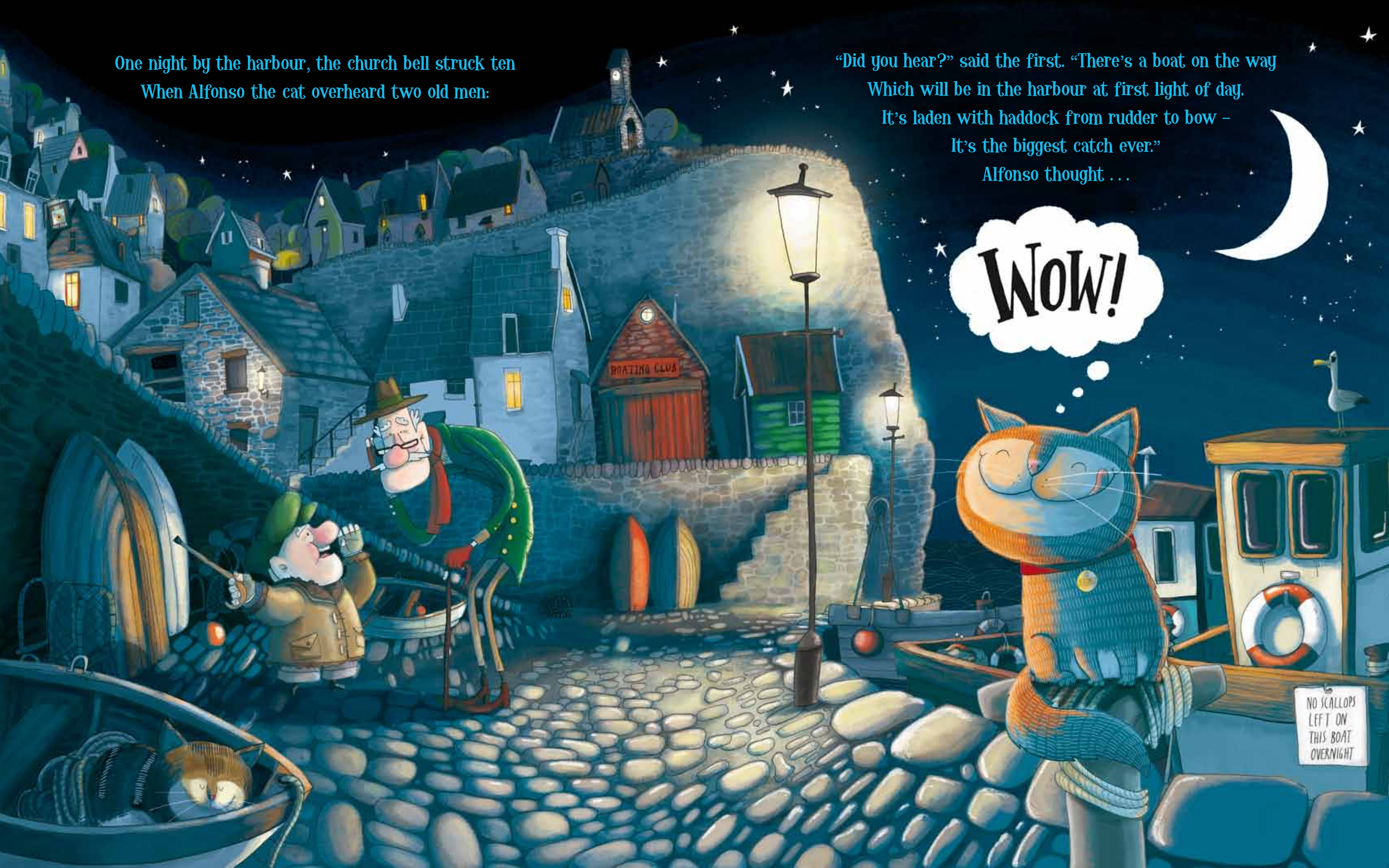




One night by the harbour, the church bell struck ten  
When Alfonso the cat overheard two old men:

“Did you hear?” said the first. “There’s a boat on the way  
Which will be in the harbour at first light of day.  
It’s laden with haddock from rudder to bow –  
It’s the biggest catch ever.”  
Alfonso thought ...

**Wow!**





Off shot Alfonso as swift  
as an arrow



Through alleys and gardens and  
streets dark and narrow.



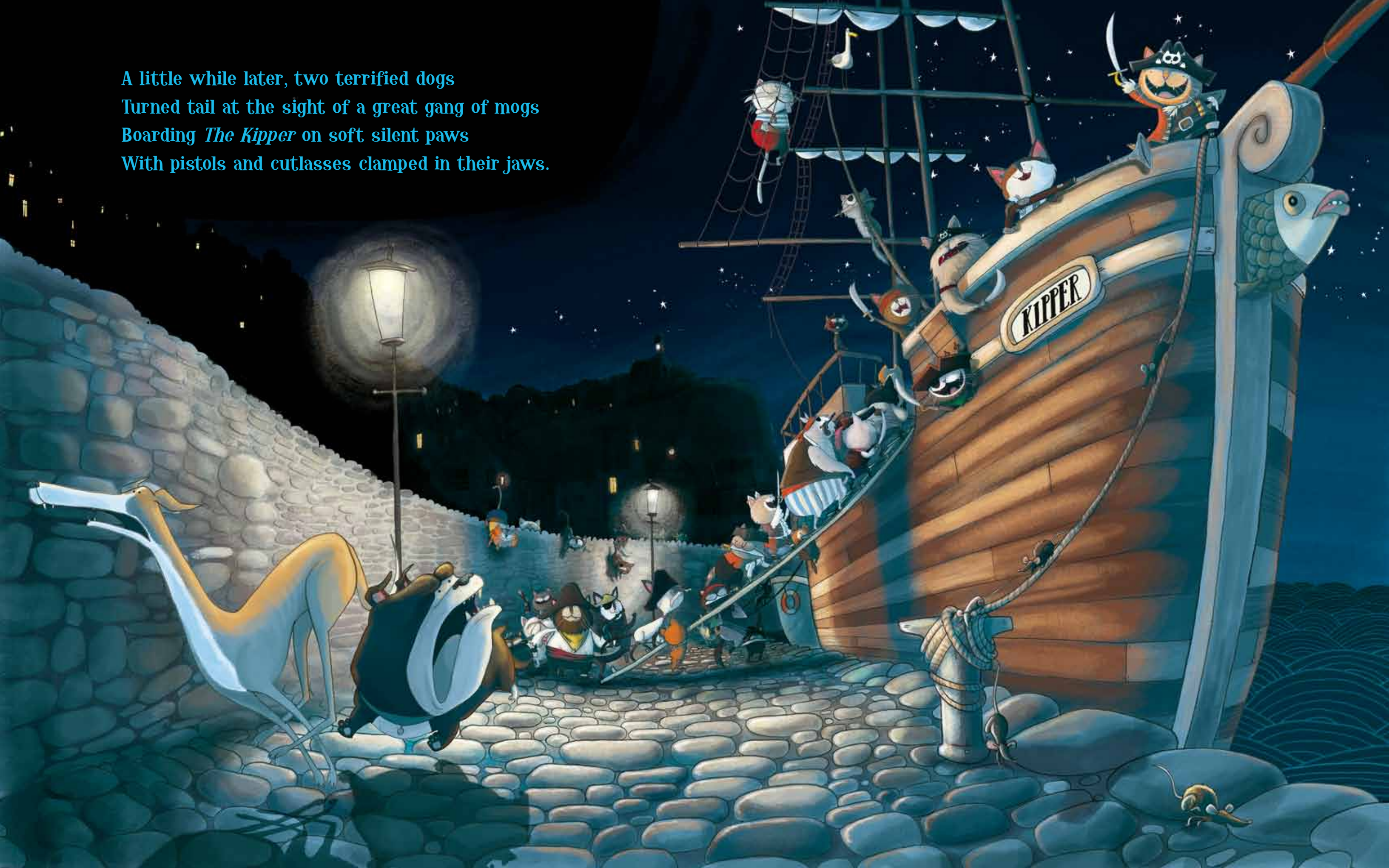
He told every cat to  
prepare for a treat:  
“Follow me and you’ll get all  
the fish you can eat!”



“There’s a ship standing empty,  
a three-masted clipper.  
Meet there at midnight.  
Her name is *The Kipper*.”



A little while later, two terrified dogs  
Turned tail at the sight of a great gang of mogs  
Boarding *The Kipper* on soft silent paws  
With pistols and cutlasses clamped in their jaws.





And then, while the townsfolk were tucked up and snoring,  
*The Kipper* weighed anchor and slipped from its mooring  
And steered a straight course for the deep ocean blue  
With Captain Alfonso and all of his crew.

