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## Opening extract from The Snorgh and the Sailor

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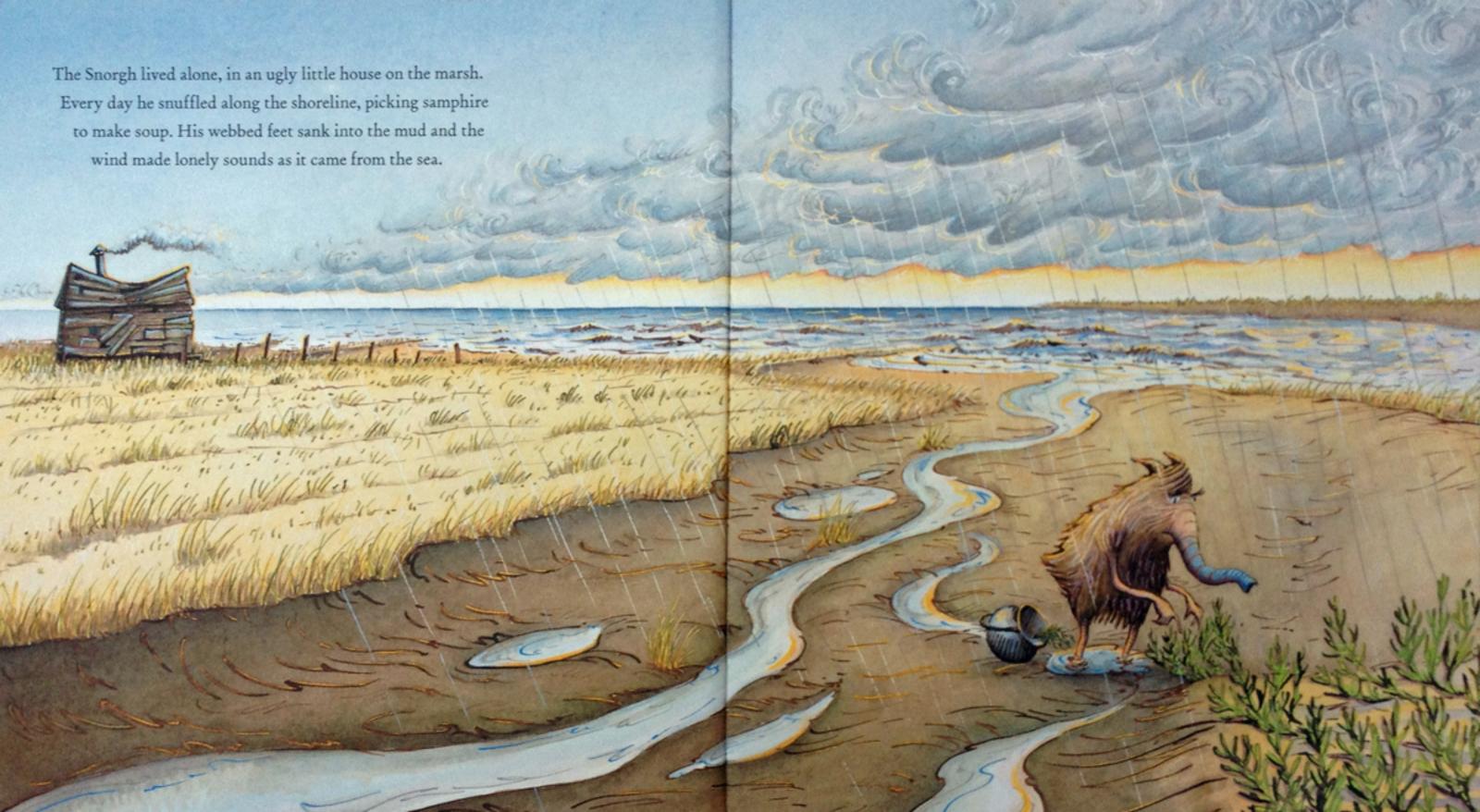
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Every evening the Snorgh huddled in his chair by the fire.

> "How lucky I am," he muttered, "to have nobody to share my fire." He took a slurp of salty soup. "How nice," he said, "to have my soup to myself."

But one night a terrible storm blew up.

The Snorgh was listening to the howl of the wind when he heard a sound at the door:

Knock!

Knock!

KNOCK!

Knock! Knock!

Nobody had ever knocked at the Snorgh's door before. He shuffled over and opened it just a crack.