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Level control

Information, structure and vocabulary are controlled to suit the students' ability at each level.

The number of words at each level:

Starter	about 300 basic words
Beginner	about 600 basic words
Elementary	about 1100 basic words
Pre-intermediate	about 1400 basic words
Intermediate	about 1600 basic words
Upper	about 2200 basic words

Vocabulary

Some difficult words and phrases in this book are important for understanding the story. Some of these words are explained in the story and some are shown in the pictures. From Pre-intermediate level upwards, words are marked with a number like this: ...³. These words are explained in the Glossary at the end of the book.

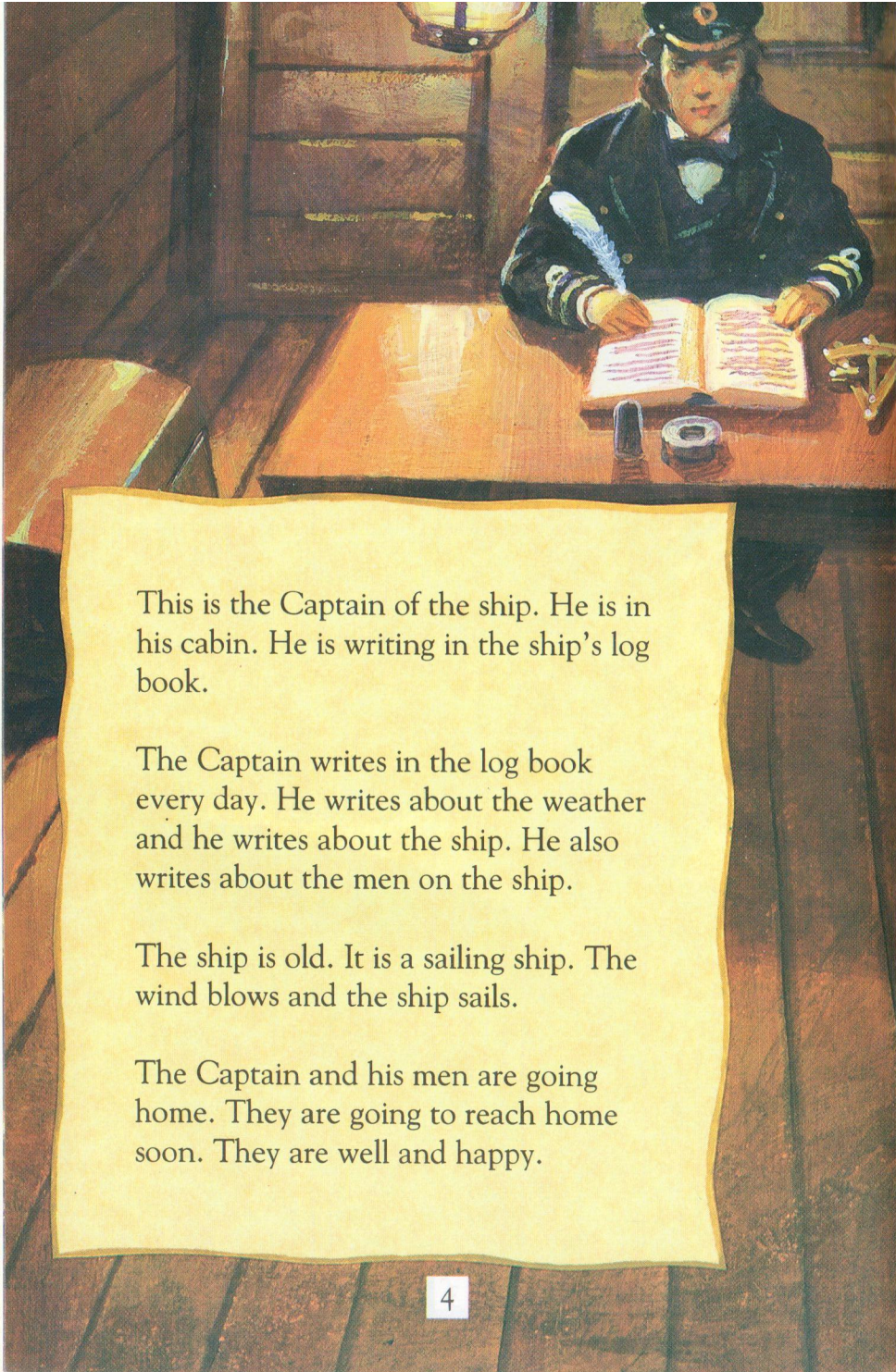
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The Lost Ship

Sunday,
5th. December 1872

The weather is
fine. The wind is
blowing and the ship
is sailing quickly.
The men are happy.
We are sailing
between Cuba and
Florida.
We are going to be in

Florida soon. We
are going to reach
Florida in three or
four days.

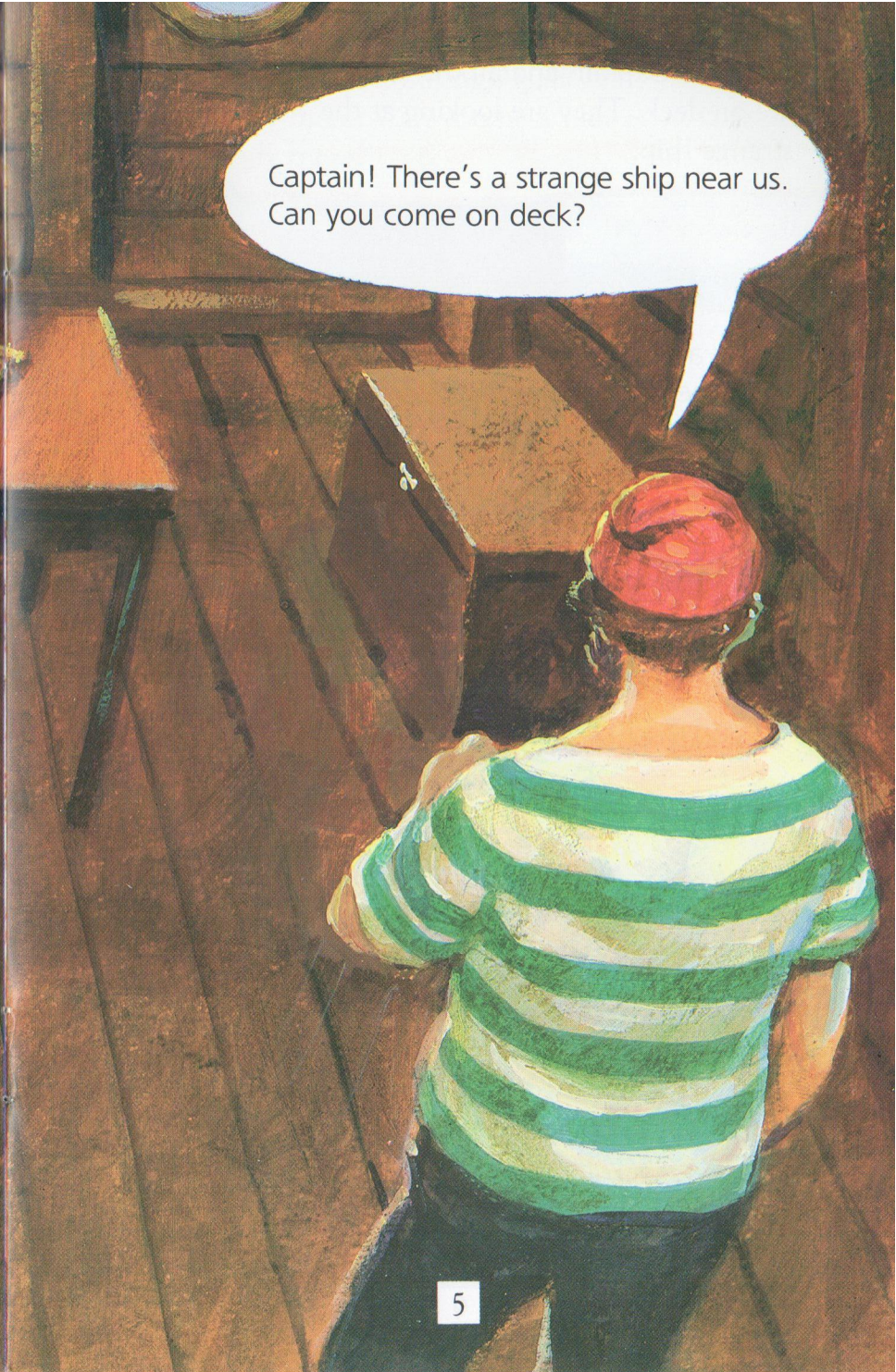


This is the Captain of the ship. He is in his cabin. He is writing in the ship's log book.

The Captain writes in the log book every day. He writes about the weather and he writes about the ship. He also writes about the men on the ship.

The ship is old. It is a sailing ship. The wind blows and the ship sails.

The Captain and his men are going home. They are going to reach home soon. They are well and happy.



Captain! There's a strange ship near us. Can you come on deck?

Now the Captain and all the men are on deck. They are looking at the strange ship.

It's a very strange ship. There's no name on the ship. There are no men on deck. Where are the ship's men?

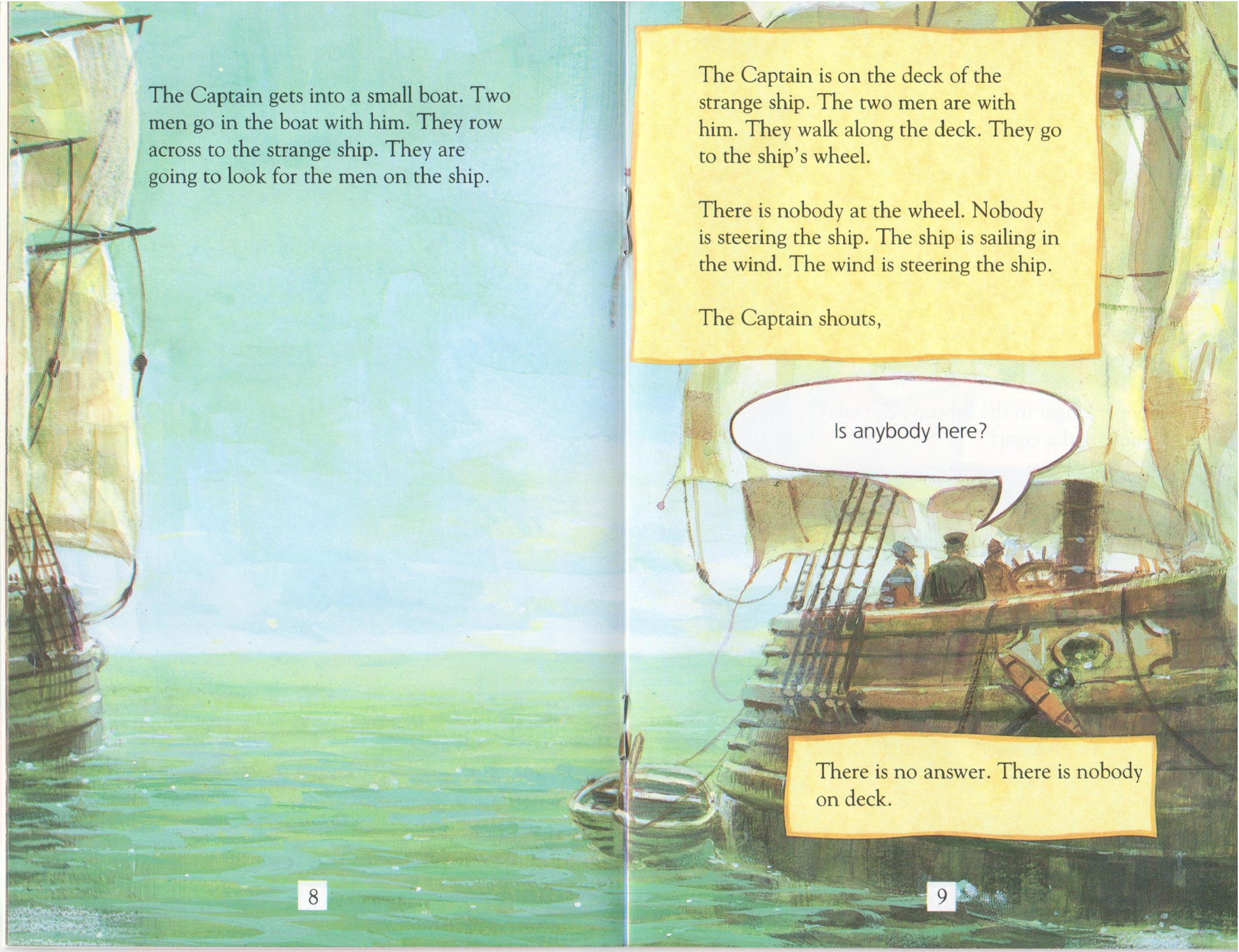
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The Captain is shouting, 'Hallo! Is anybody there? Can you hear me? Is anybody there?'

But there is no answer from the strange ship.

Where are the men on the ship?
Are they ill?

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The Captain gets into a small boat. Two men go in the boat with him. They row across to the strange ship. They are going to look for the men on the ship.

The Captain is on the deck of the strange ship. The two men are with him. They walk along the deck. They go to the ship's wheel.

There is nobody at the wheel. Nobody is steering the ship. The ship is sailing in the wind. The wind is steering the ship.

The Captain shouts,

Is anybody here?

There is no answer. There is nobody on deck.

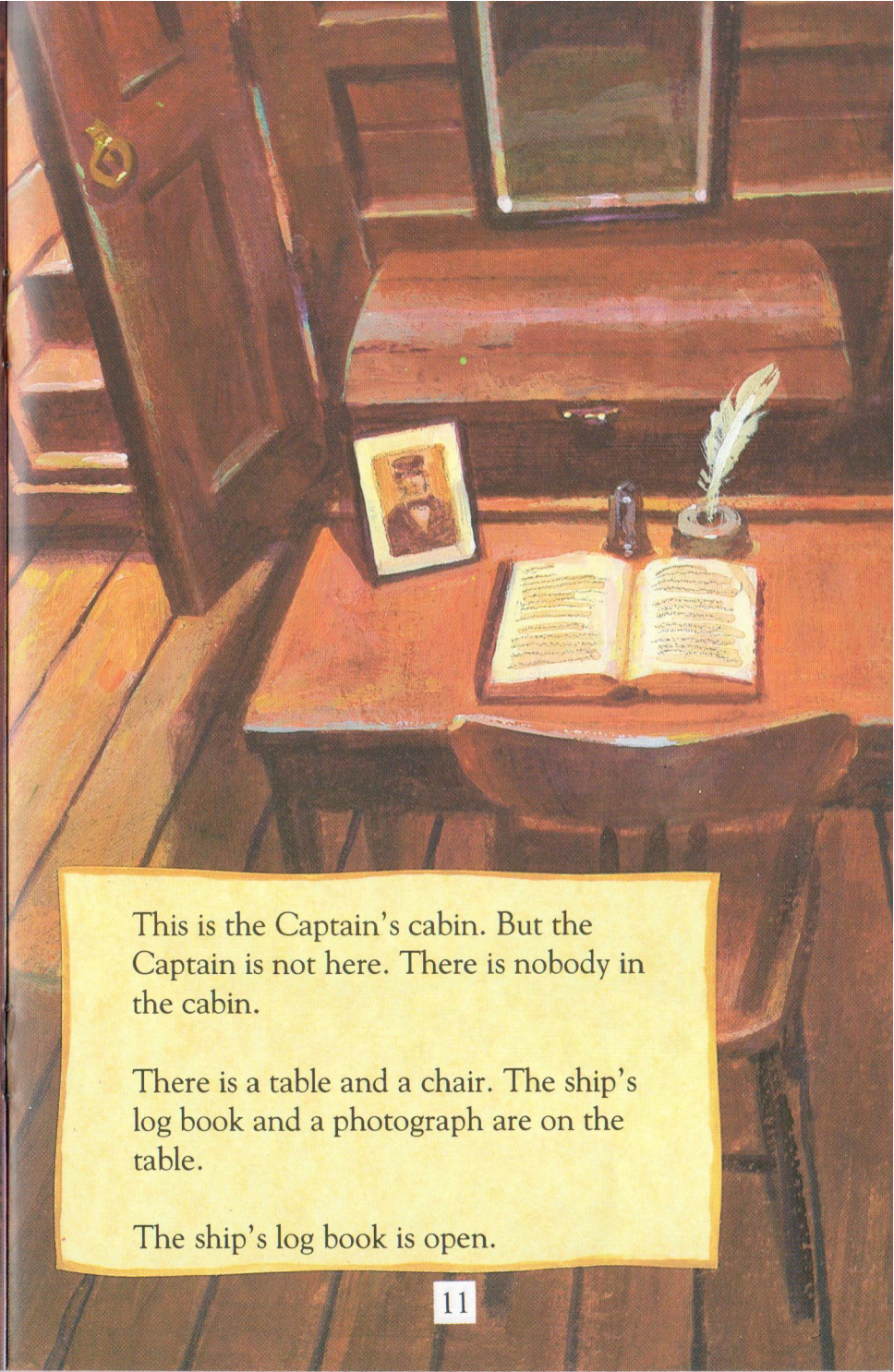
The Captain is below deck. He is looking for the ship's men. He cannot find them.

Now he is in the cabin where the men eat. There is a table.

There is food on the table. But who is going to eat the food?

There is water in the jug. But who is going to drink the water?

There is a cigar in the ashtray. But who is smoking the cigar?



This is the Captain's cabin. But the Captain is not here. There is nobody in the cabin.

There is a table and a chair. The ship's log book and a photograph are on the table.

The ship's log book is open.

Thursday
25th November 1869
Where are we? Somewhere
in the Atlantic Ocean?
Somewhere between
Bermuda and Florida?
I don't know.
The ship is in a thick,
white mist. I cannot
see the sun or stars.
There is no wind. The
ship is not moving.
Every day I pray for
wind. When will the
wind come?
The men are angry.

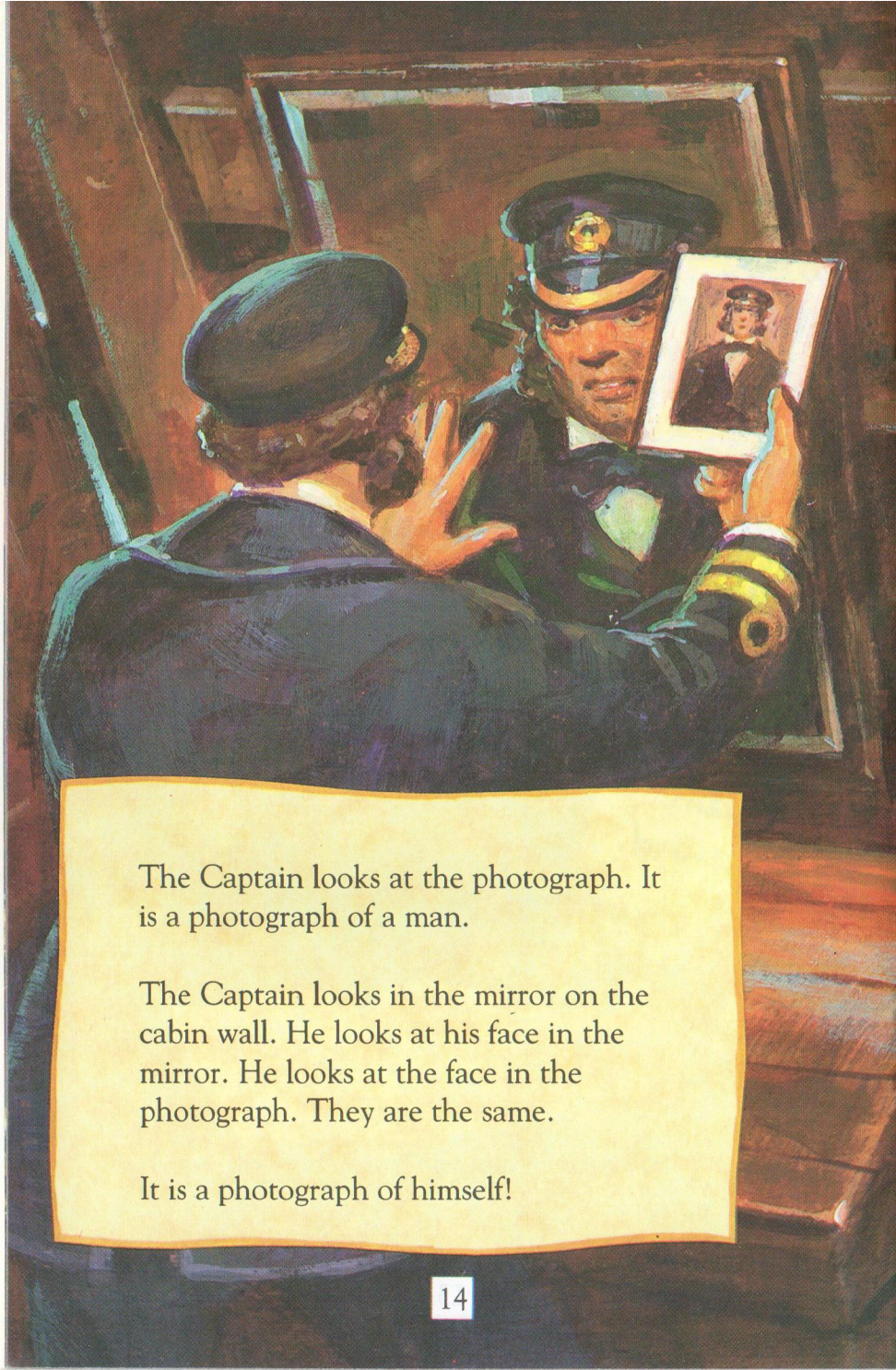
They want to leave
the ship. They want to
take the small boat.
They want to row to
Florida. They want to
go home.

Friday
26th November 1869
The men are getting into
the small boat. They are
going to row to Florida

Saturday
27th November 1869
I am alone. I am
waiting for the wind.

The Captain reads the log book. He sees the photograph on the table. He picks it up. He looks at the photograph.

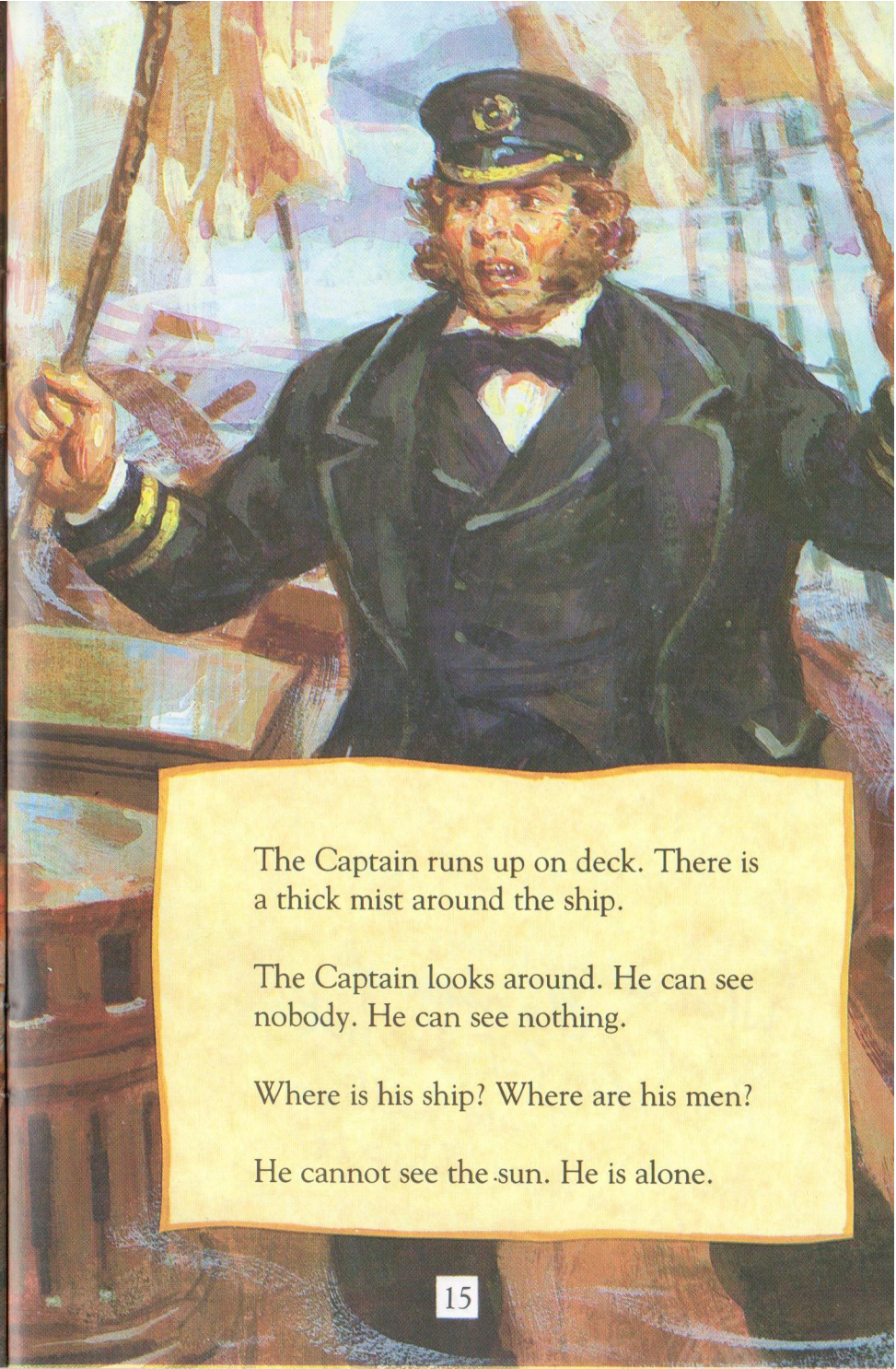
No! No! It can't be!



The Captain looks at the photograph. It is a photograph of a man.

The Captain looks in the mirror on the cabin wall. He looks at his face in the mirror. He looks at the face in the photograph. They are the same.

It is a photograph of himself!

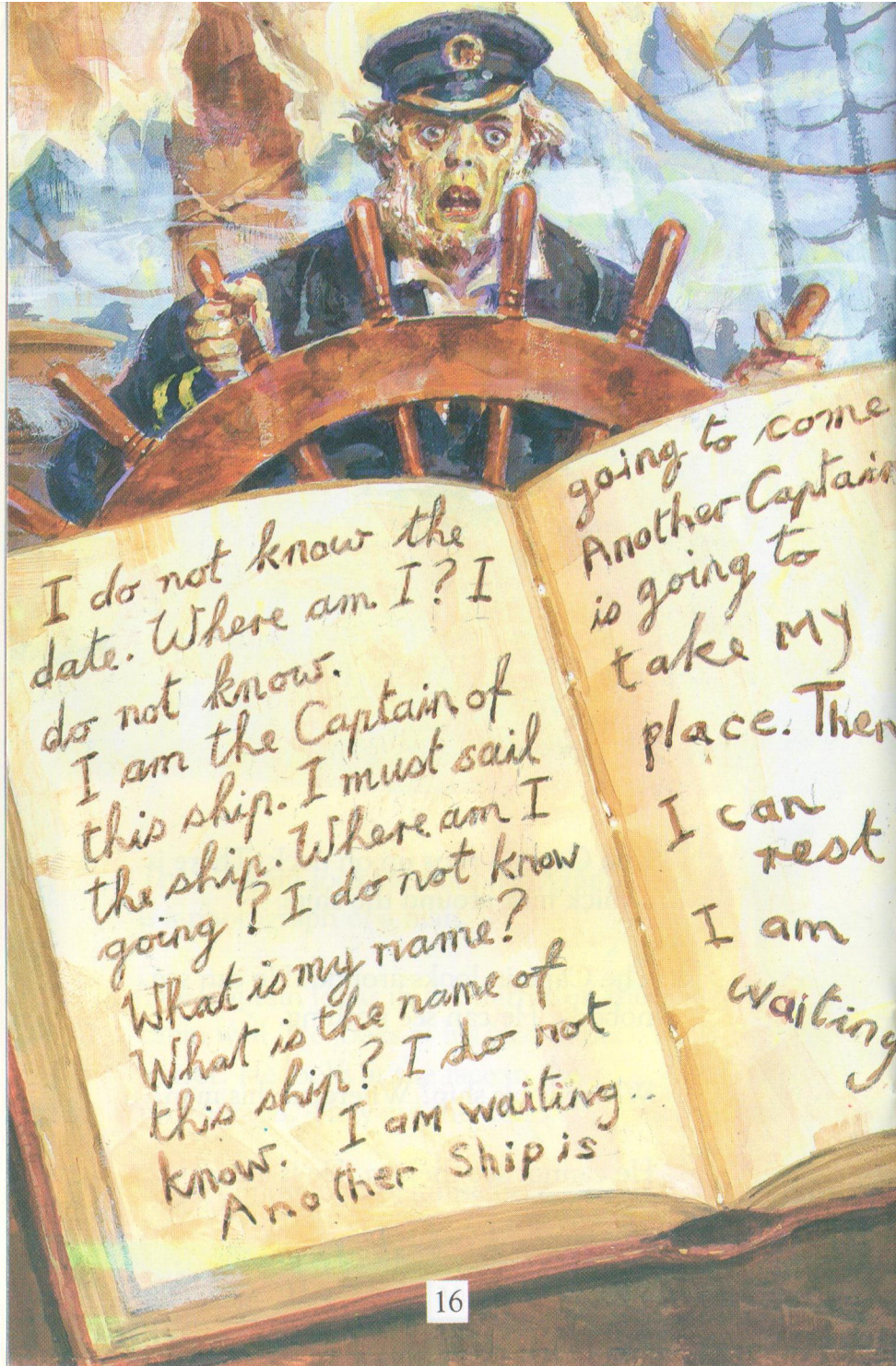


The Captain runs up on deck. There is a thick mist around the ship.

The Captain looks around. He can see nobody. He can see nothing.

Where is his ship? Where are his men?

He cannot see the sun. He is alone.



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