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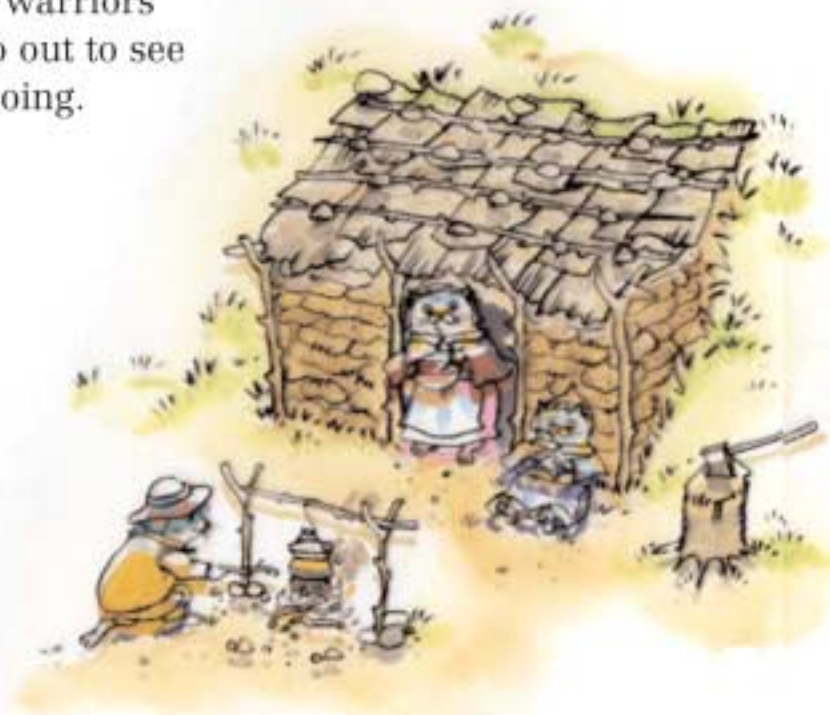
THE FIRST
THANKSGIVING
of
Low Leaf Worm

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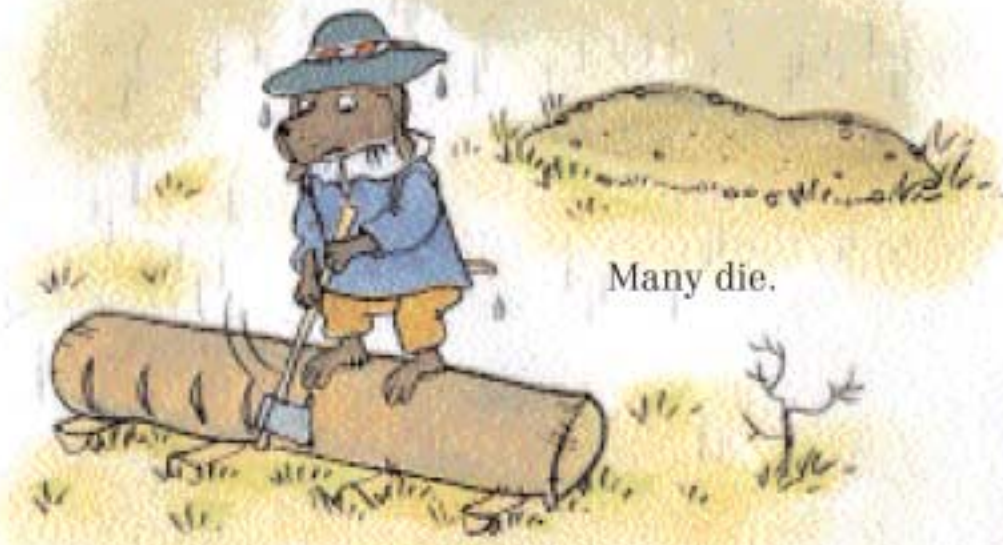
 LITTLE SIMON
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During the winter our brave warriors called *pniesog* (pa-NEE-sog) go out to see what the English visitors are doing.



But the winter is wet and cold.
The English people have little to eat.



Many die.



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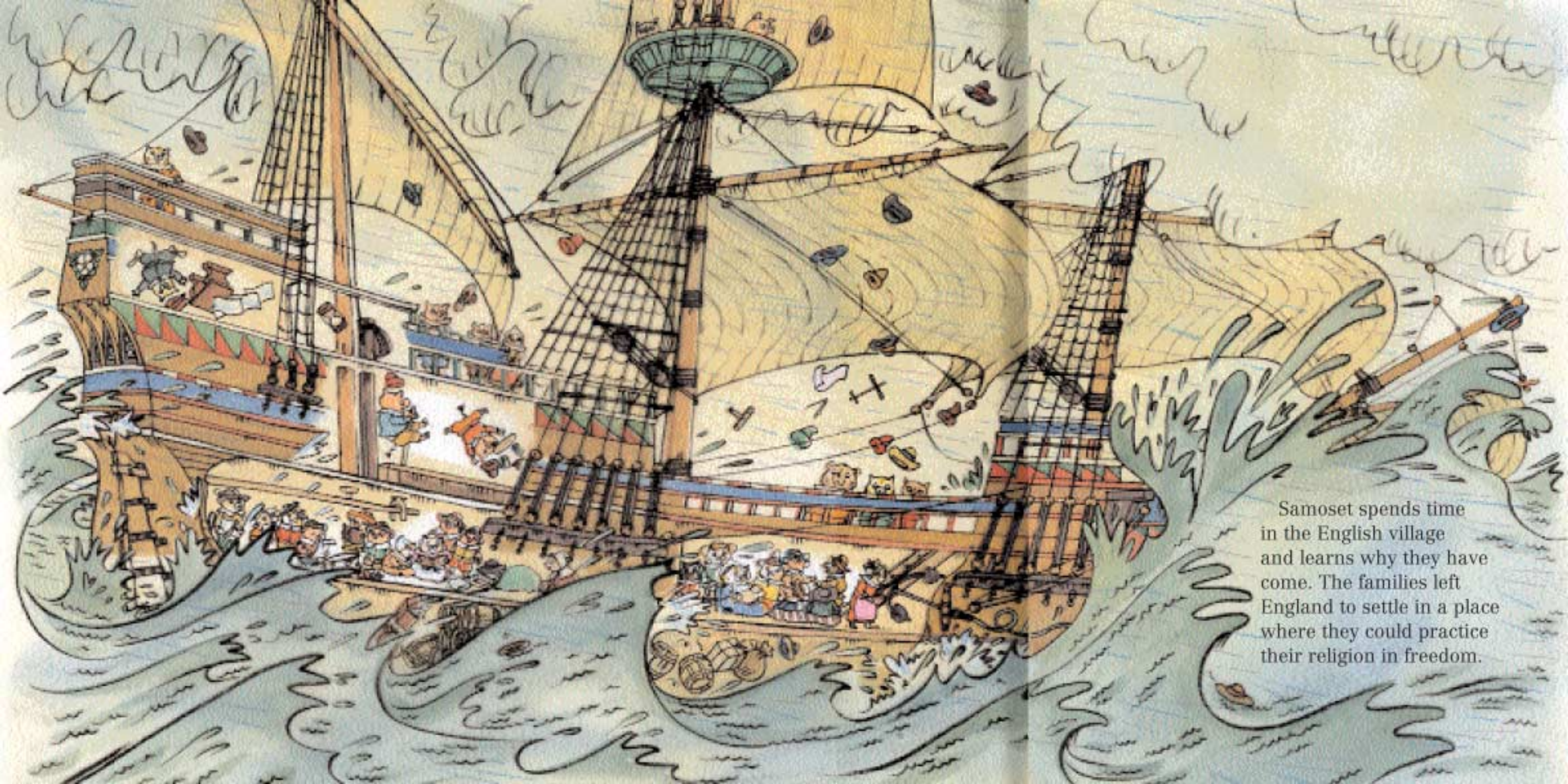
“Welcome, Englishmen!” he says.



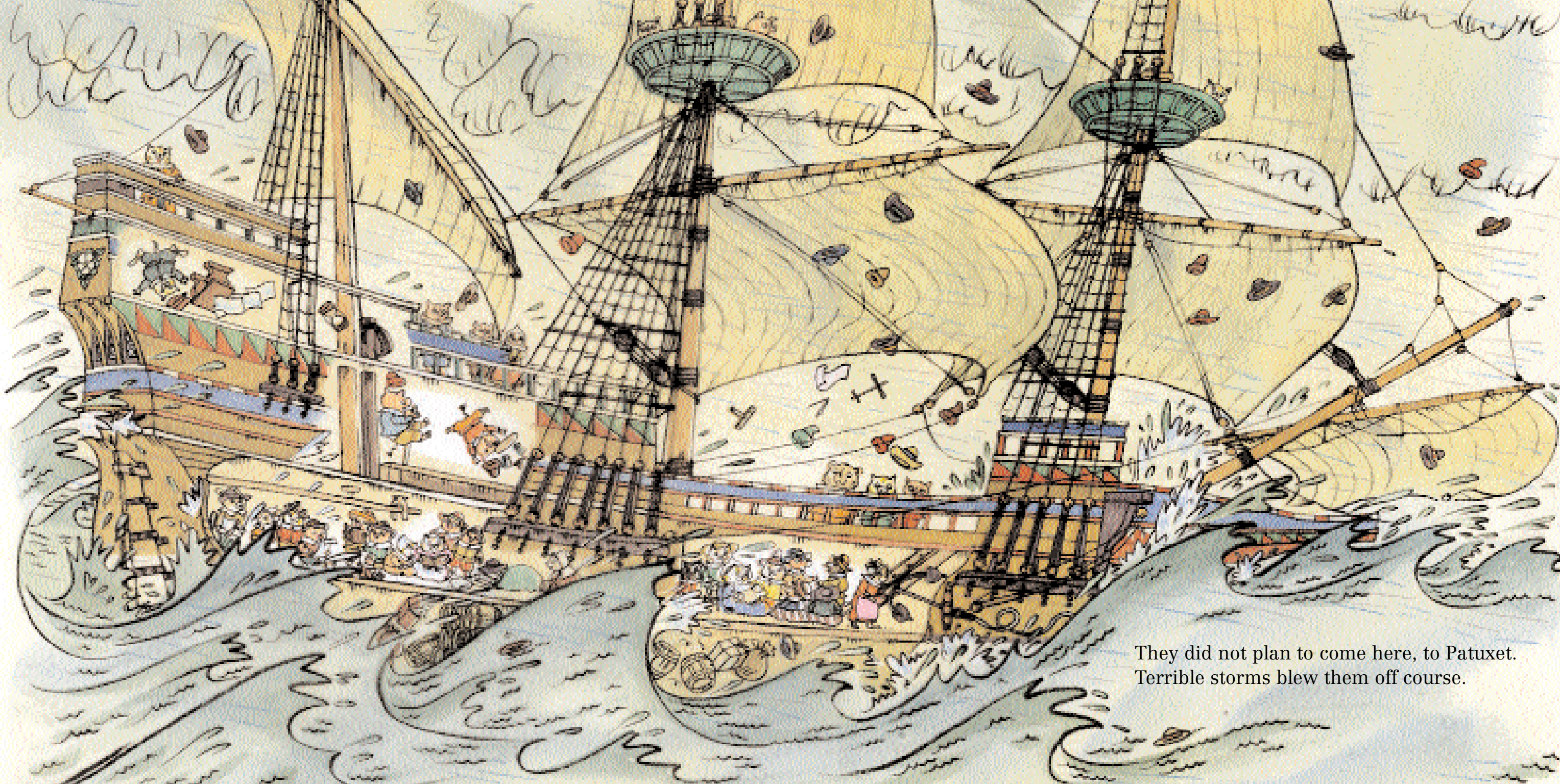
Arriving in a winter wilderness, the passengers of the *Mayflower* did not have houses to live in. They did not have very much food and did not know how to farm the new land. They spent the winter cramped inside their ship while they began to build huts on land.



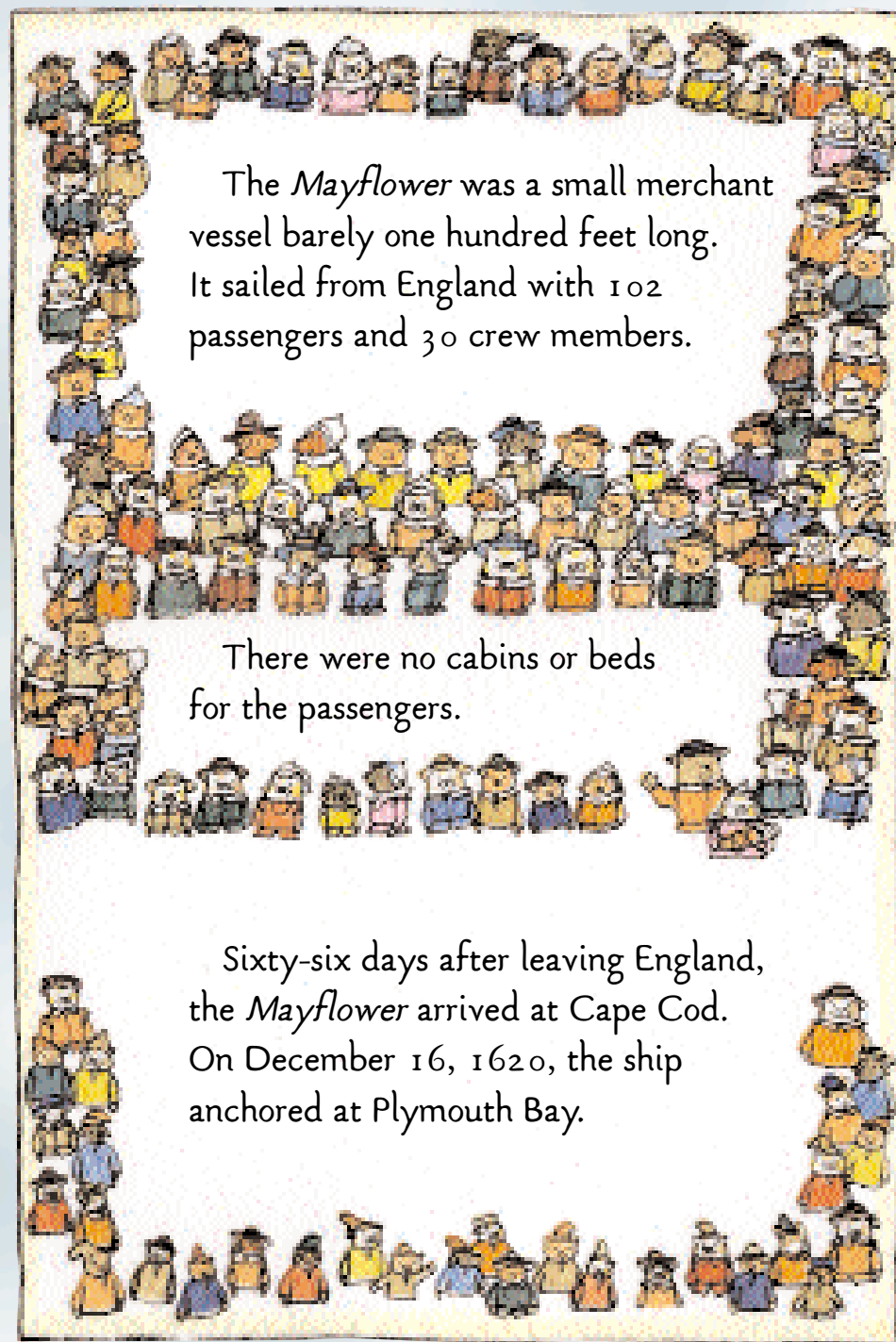
Because of the cold weather and lack of food, half of the settlers and half of the crew died that terrible winter. The natives knew that the Pilgrims needed their help.



Samoset spends time in the English village and learns why they have come. The families left England to settle in a place where they could practice their religion in freedom.



They did not plan to come here, to Patuxet.
Terrible storms blew them off course.



The *Mayflower* was a small merchant vessel barely one hundred feet long. It sailed from England with 102 passengers and 30 crew members.

There were no cabins or beds for the passengers.

Sixty-six days after leaving England, the *Mayflower* arrived at Cape Cod. On December 16, 1620, the ship anchored at Plymouth Bay.

• THE STORY OF THE MAYFLOWER •



1. 1606

A group of "Separatists" decides to leave Scrooby, England, to settle in Leiden, Holland, to practice their religion in freedom.



2.

JULY 22, 1620

Unhappy with life in Holland, a number of Separatists decide to settle in faraway "Virginia." (This is what they called the eastern American seaboard.) They obtain a license from the London Virginia Company to settle at the mouth of the Hudson River. This group sails aboard the *Speedwell* from Delftshaven to Southampton, England, where a second group joins them aboard the *Mayflower*.

3.

AUGUST 5, 1620

The *Speedwell* and the *Mayflower* set sail from Southampton, but the *Speedwell* begins to leak. The ships dock at Dartmouth for repairs. They sail again, but the *Speedwell* continues to leak. The ships stop at Plymouth, England.

4.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1620

The *Speedwell* is abandoned, and everyone boards the *Mayflower*. The *Mayflower* sets sail with 102 passengers and 30 crew members.



5. NOVEMBER 9, 1620

Battered by storms, the *Mayflower* is blown off course. Land is sighted at Cape Cod. It is impossible to continue toward the Hudson.

7.

DECEMBER 11, 1620

A small group is sent to explore the area and chooses Plymouth Bay for their future settlement.

NEW PLYMOUTH or PATUXET

(2 days walk from Pokanoket)

POKANOKET (Massasoit's village)

8.

DECEMBER 16, 1620

The *Mayflower* arrives at Plymouth Bay, also called Patuxet by the natives. Building begins. Between December and March half the settlers and crew die.

6. NOVEMBER 11, 1620

The *Mayflower* anchors in what is now Provincetown Harbor.

Mayflower from England

Cape Cod

Cape Cod Bay

9. MARCH 16, 1621

Samoset enters the new English village of Plymouth. Several days later he visits again and brings Tisquantum (Squanto). Soon, Massasoit, the native chief, also visits.

10. SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1621

The English settlers begin a harvest feast. Massasoit sets out with his men and joins them for three days of feasts and games. There were fifty-two settlers and more than ninety natives at the "First Thanksgiving," as it was later called.