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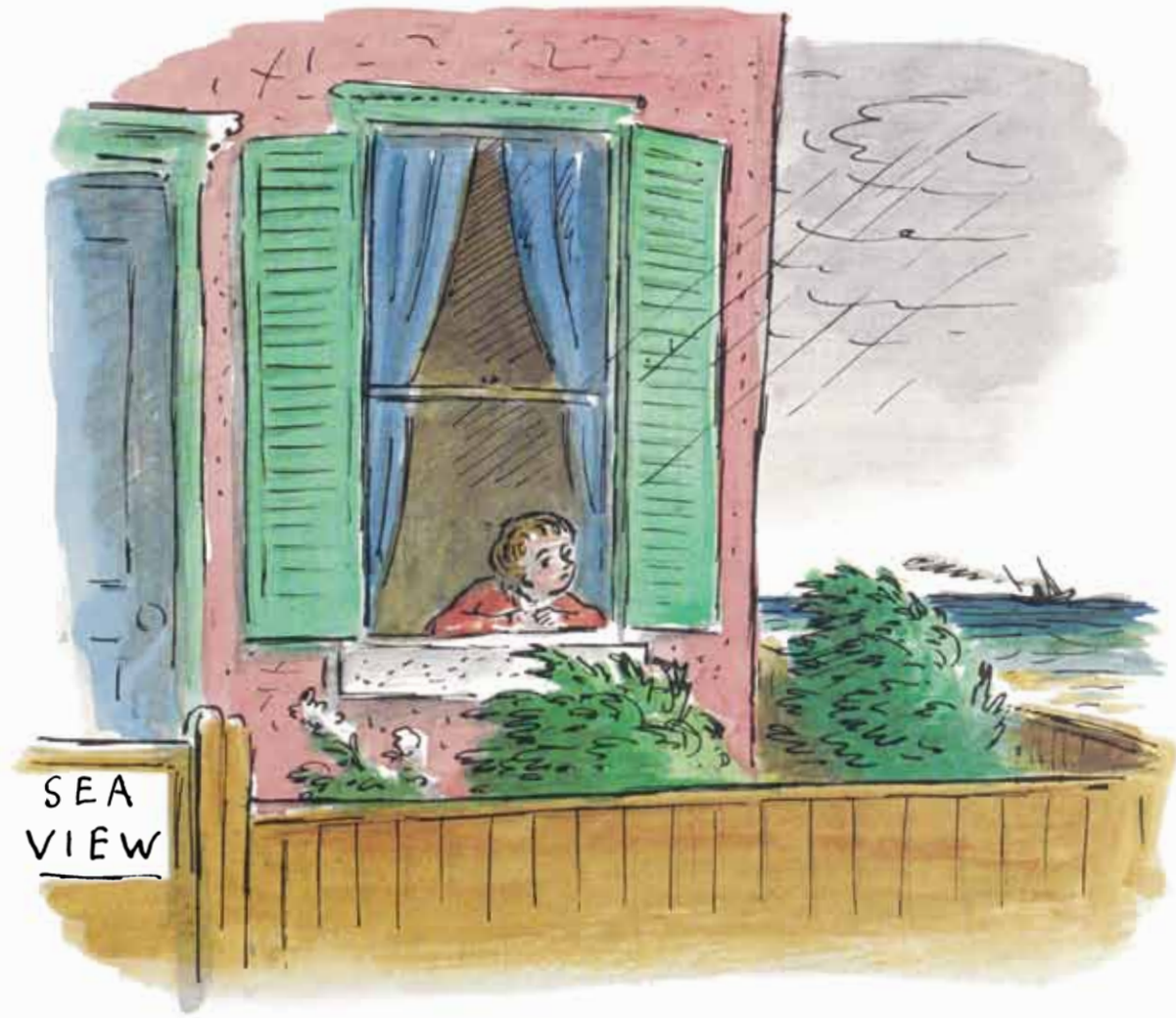
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Little Tim was in his house by the sea. It was stormy weather and Tim who was tired of his books and lessons was

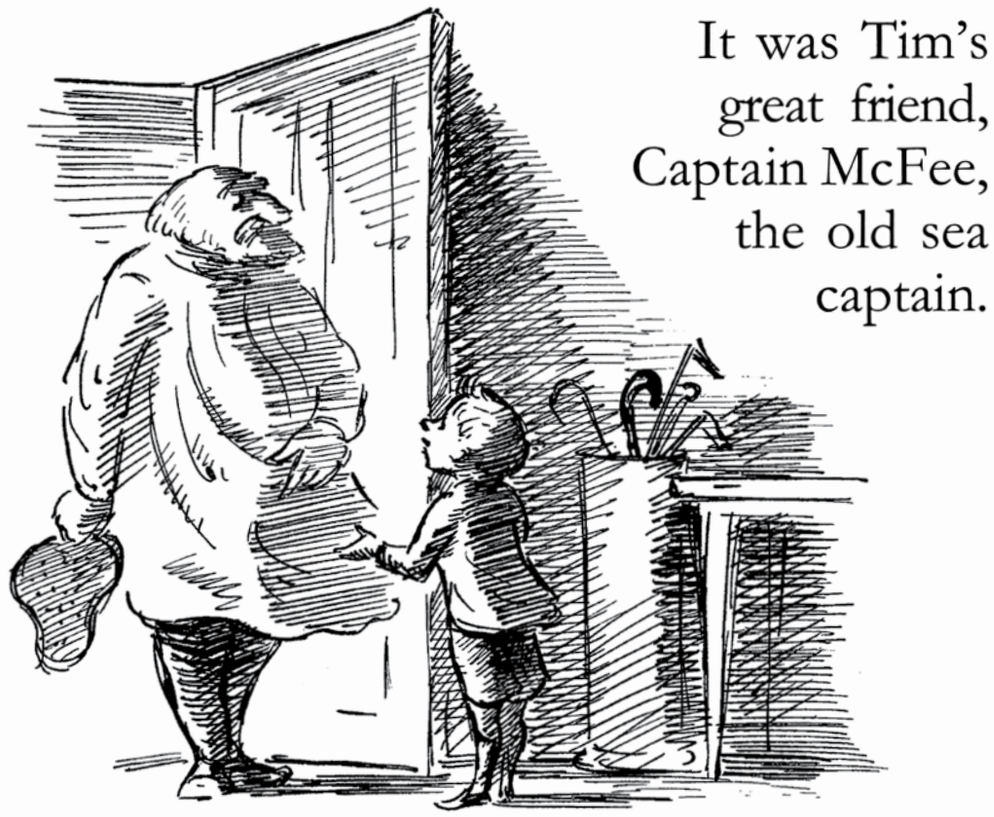
looking out of the window and was wishing that he was at sea again and having tremendous adventures on some ship tossing about among the waves.

But Tim had promised his parents to stay at home and work hard and a promise like this has to be kept.

"Oh dear," said Tim to himself, "I am bored with my sums, but I suppose I must learn them if I am to become a real grown up sailor."

Suddenly there was a knock at the door.





It was Tim's great friend, Captain McFee, the old sea captain.

"Fine news, my boy," said McFee. "I am tired of being a landlubber so I have got a ship again. The *S.S. Fidelity* of 3000 Tons."

Tim longed more than anything else to go to sea with the captain and he begged his mother and father to let him go.

At last, as he had been a good boy and had worked hard at his lessons, they agreed, but said that he could go for one voyage only, and that he must promise to work at his lesson books in his spare time.

Captain McFee was pleased. He would take Tim as second ship's boy, but he warned Tim that once on board they could not be the same sort of friends as before. On board he was the skipper and discipline must be maintained. "Aye Aye, Sir," said Tim.



Soon the great day for leaving arrived. Tim's father and mother came



to see him off. His mother cried a little when he waved goodbye. Tim could not help feeling rather sad and lonely too.