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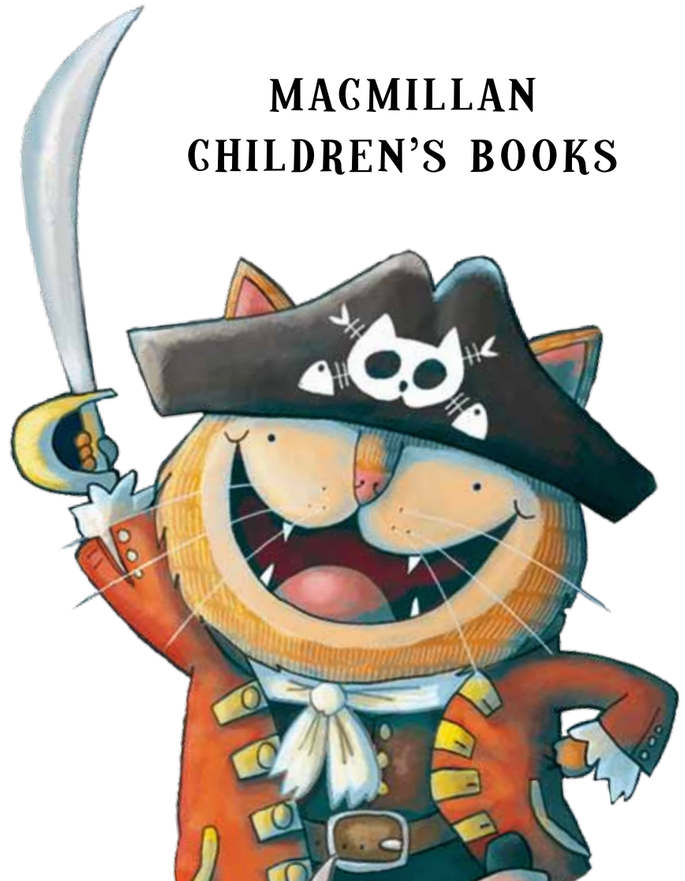
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One night by the harbour, the church bell struck ten
When Alfonso the cat overheard two old men:

"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!

BOATING CLUB

NO SCALLOPS LEFT ON THIS BOAT OVERNIGHT

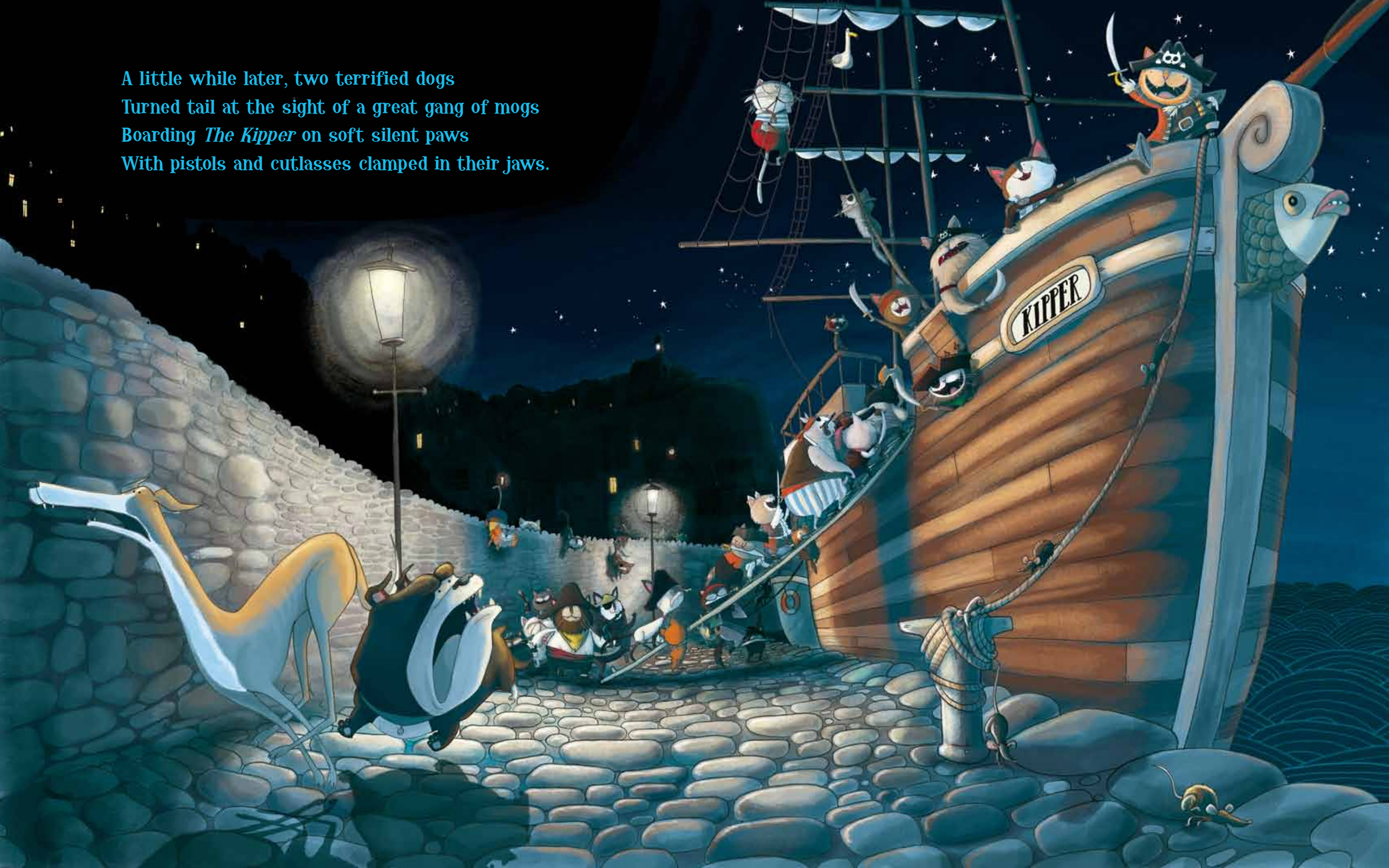
Off shot Alfonso as swift
as an arrow

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.

