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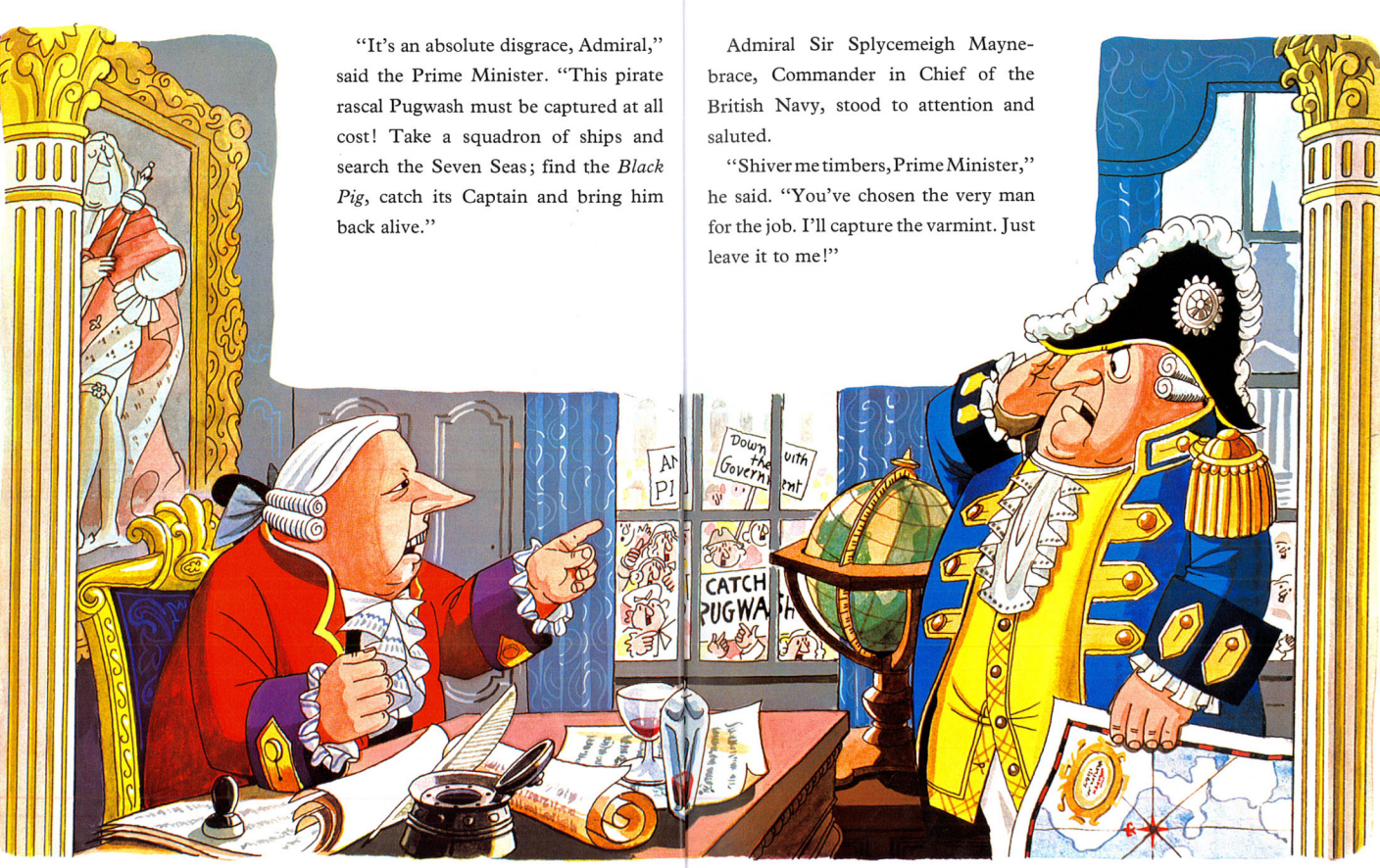
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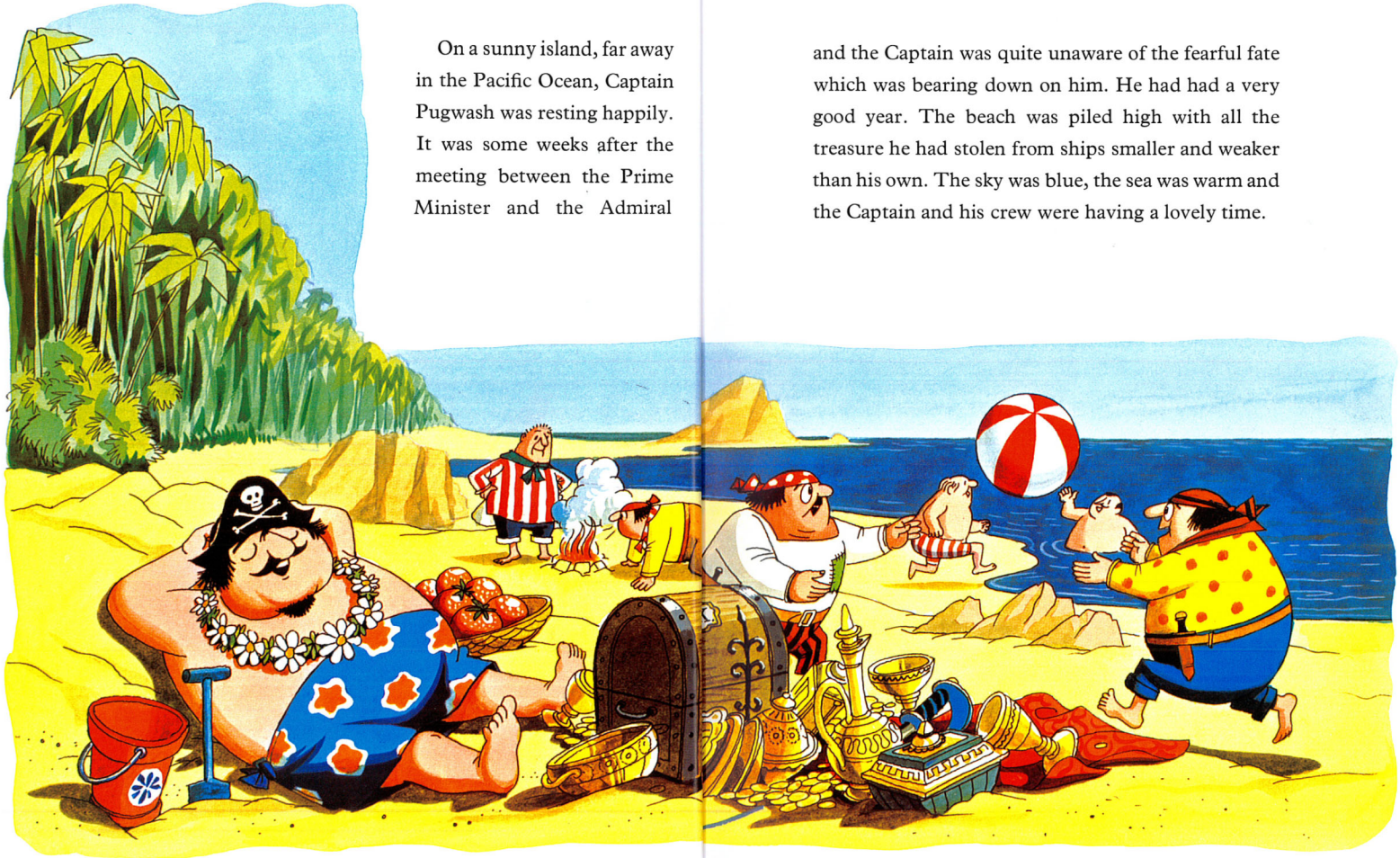
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"It's an absolute disgrace, Admiral," said the Prime Minister. "This pirate rascal Pugwash must be captured at all cost! Take a squadron of ships and search the Seven Seas; find the *Black Pig*, catch its Captain and bring him back alive."

Admiral Sir Splycemeigh Maynebrace, Commander in Chief of the British Navy, stood to attention and saluted.

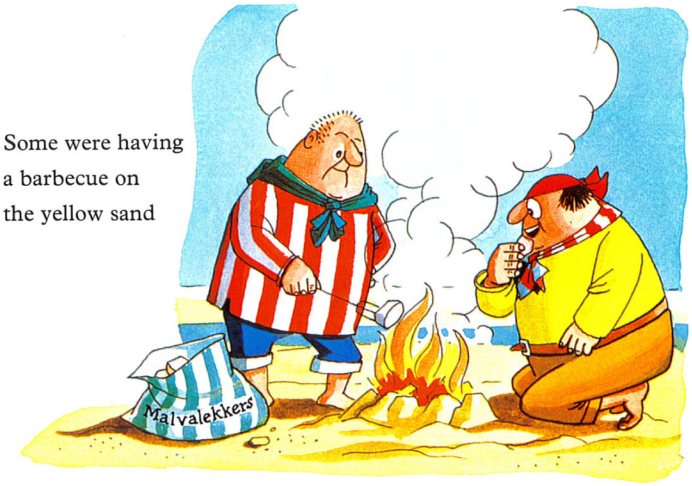
"Shiver me timbers, Prime Minister," he said. "You've chosen the very man for the job. I'll capture the varmint. Just leave it to me!"

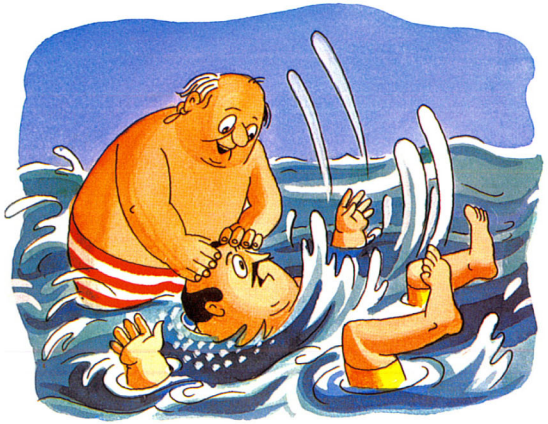




On a sunny island, far away in the Pacific Ocean, Captain Pugwash was resting happily. It was some weeks after the meeting between the Prime Minister and the Admiral and the Captain was quite unaware of the fearful fate which was bearing down on him. He had had a very good year. The beach was piled high with all the treasure he had stolen from ships smaller and weaker than his own. The sky was blue, the sea was warm and the Captain and his crew were having a lovely time.

Some were having
a barbecue on
the yellow sand





and others were
playing in the
blue-green sea.



Suddenly Tom the cabin boy came running out of the jungle.

"Cap'n, Cap'n!" he cried. "Terrible news! The British Navy . . . they're after you!"

"How-how do you know?" gasped Pugwash.

"From one of the inhabitants on the other side of the island," answered Tom. "The Navy are searching the whole coast; they could be here any minute!"