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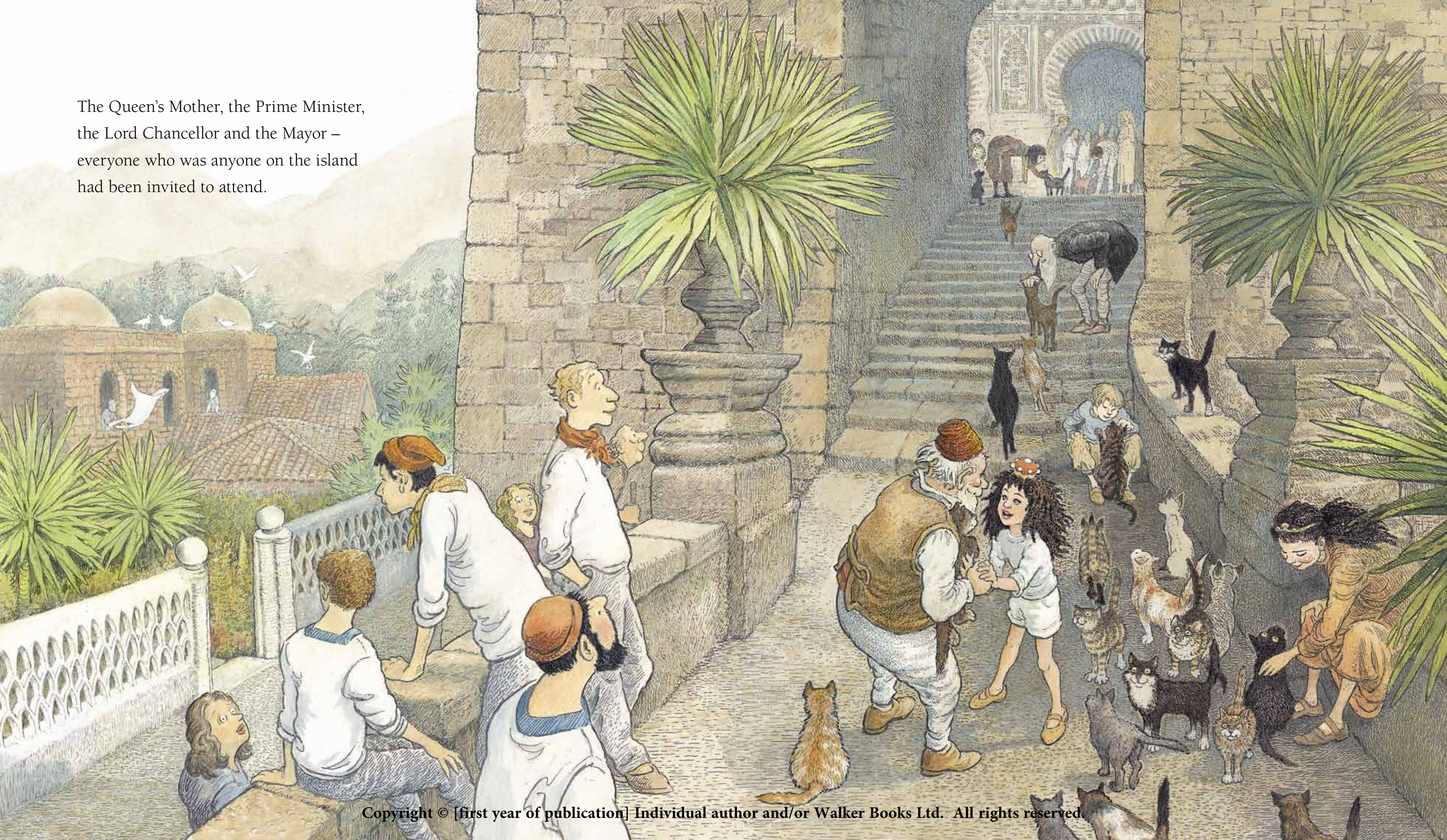
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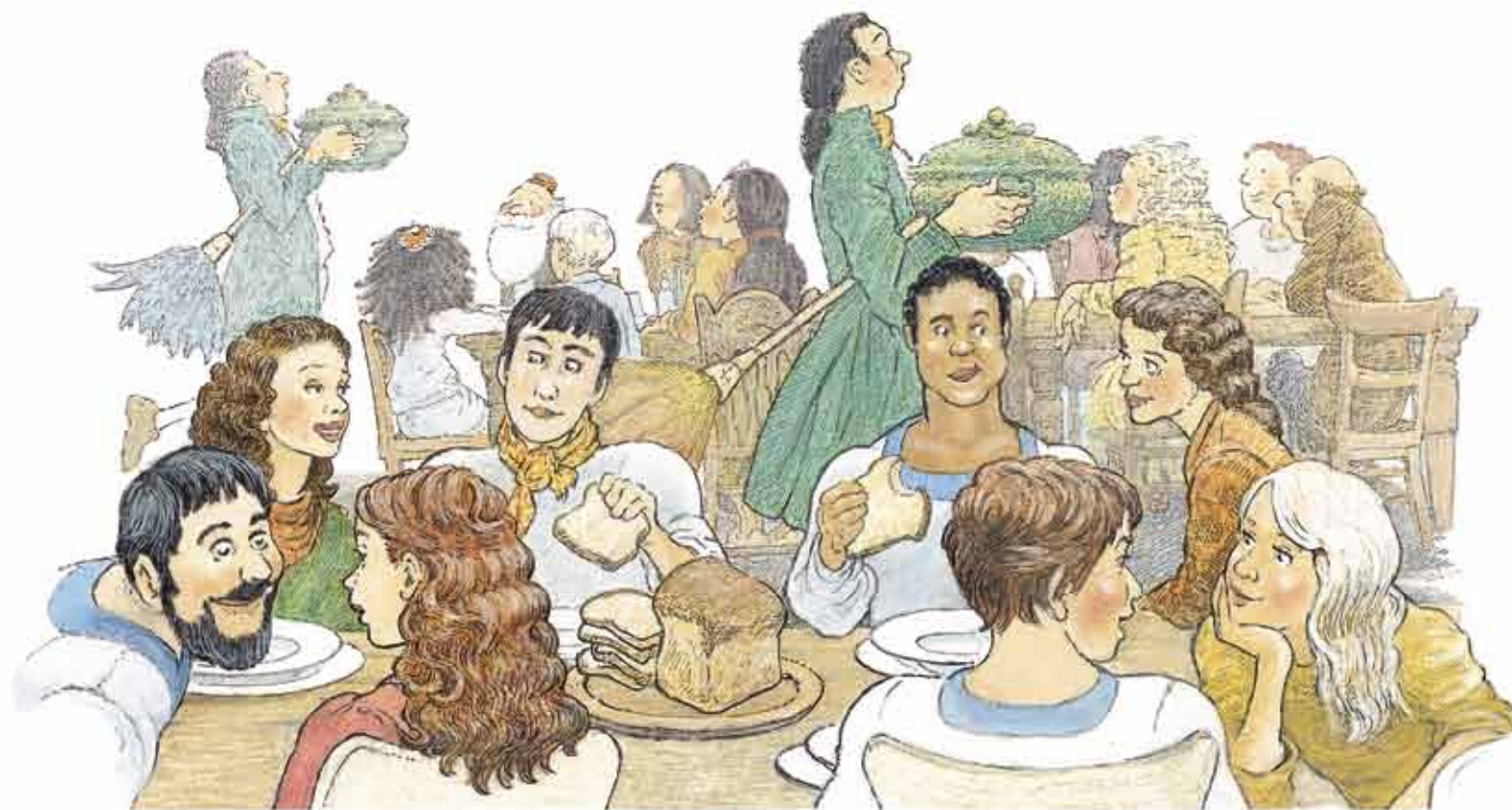
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The Queen's Mother, the Prime Minister,
the Lord Chancellor and the Mayor –
everyone who was anyone on the island
had been invited to attend.





But no sooner had they sat down together and the soup was brought in, than out from behind the skirting boards of the Royal Dining Room popped hordes of hungry rats.

The Queen's footmen tried to fend them off, but the rats were too quick. Up the table legs they shot, and in among the soup plates.



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