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What is best, buddy—sitting alone here under the dreary skies of England or living as a lighthouse keeper on a sunny island on the far side of the world?



NEW ZEALAND

This piddling little dot in Cook Strait is Stephens Island.



1894



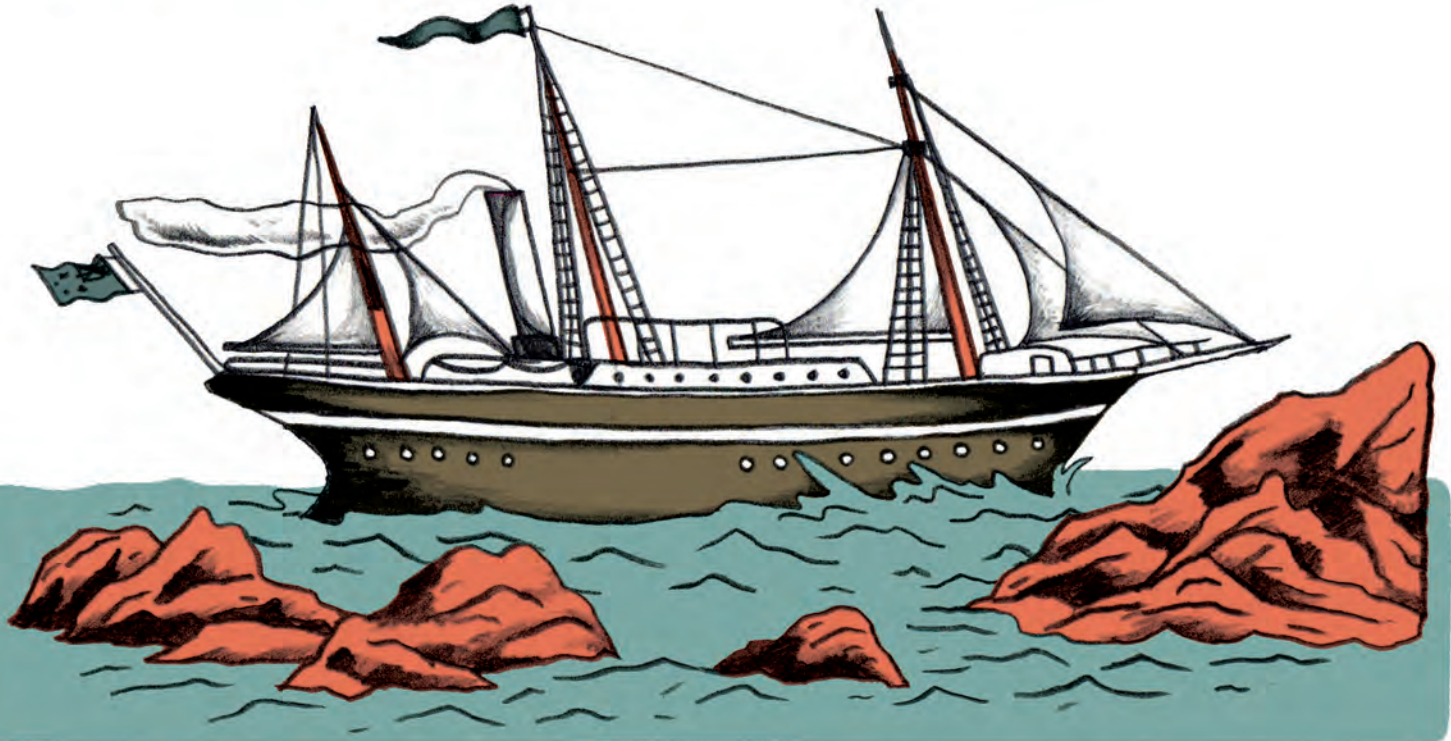
On this little island, a lighthouse has recently been built. Here comes the new lighthouse keeper David Lyall and his faithful companion, the Tibbles the Cat.



As a bachelor, Lyall has plenty of time on his hands. He is knowledgeable about lots of things, because he's read a lot of books, and his favorite hobby is ornithology: the study of birds. But never before has he seen such a strange bird in any of his books.



Thank you for taking this box, Captain. I've packed the bird herein in sheep's wool, but please handle it with care.



The package arrives safely and is handed to scientists at the Colonial Museum in Wellington.



The ornithologist Sir Walter Buller confirms that it is a previously unknown species of bird.



This quirky comic book recounts a true story that happened on a small island just off the coast of New Zealand in 1894. The tragicomic hero of our tale is a funny little cat named Tibbles, who belongs to the island's lighthouse keeper. When Tibbles discovers a rare species of previously undescribed flightless bird—the Stephens Island wren—she recklessly causes its demise, accidentally raising global awareness of the dangers of bringing non-native animal species to new habitats.



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