

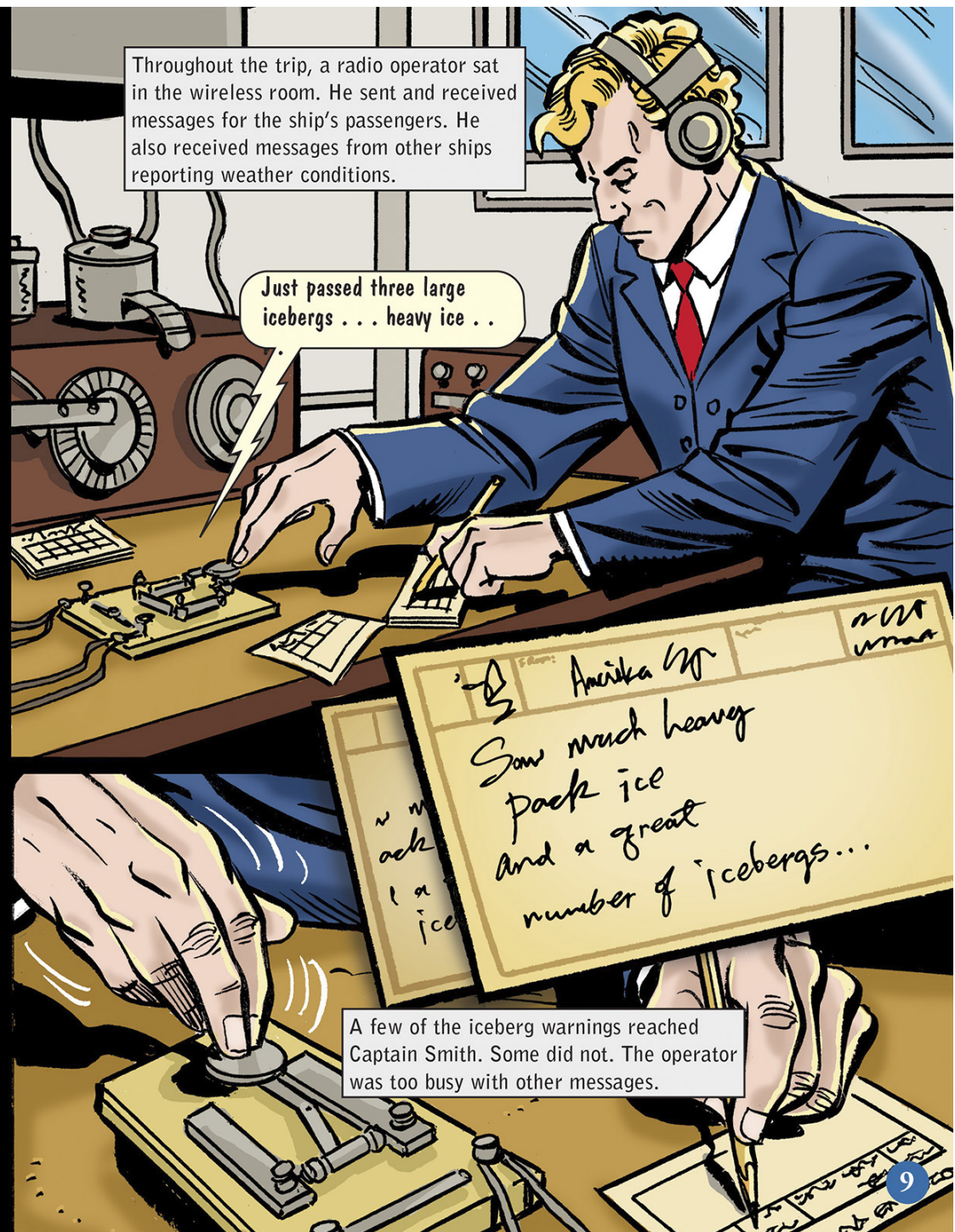
The sea is so calm.

What a beautiful evening.

The great ship made excellent time as it crossed the cold North Atlantic. Passengers walked along *Titanic's* decks and enjoyed perfect weather. They danced to the ship's band in the ballroom.



Titanic's passengers and crew were unaware of the trouble ahead.



Throughout the trip, a radio operator sat in the wireless room. He sent and received messages for the ship's passengers. He also received messages from other ships reporting weather conditions.

Just passed three large icebergs . . . heavy ice . . .

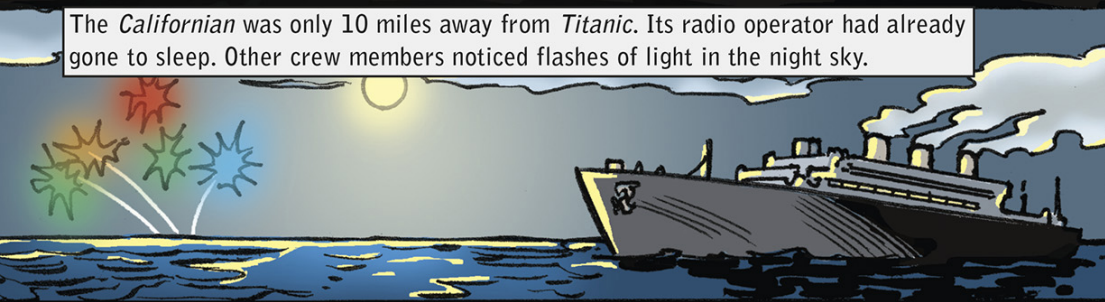
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Saw much heavy
pack ice
and a great
number of icebergs...

A few of the iceberg warnings reached Captain Smith. Some did not. The operator was too busy with other messages.



Immediately, the radio operators sent distress calls, hoping another ship in the area could help.

Have struck iceberg and sinking. We require immediate assistance.



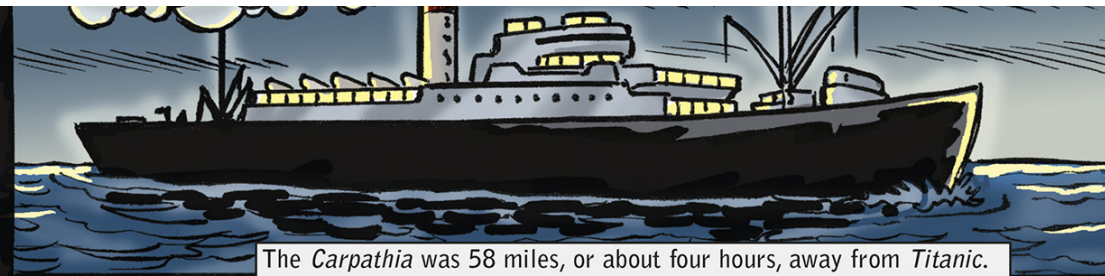
The *Californian* was only 10 miles away from *Titanic*. Its radio operator had already gone to sleep. Other crew members noticed flashes of light in the night sky.



On board the *Californian*, an officer woke the captain.

Captain, we've spotted signal rockets in the distance. It might be a distress signal.

It's probably just fireworks. Don't worry about it.



The *Carpathia* was 58 miles, or about four hours, away from *Titanic*.



The radio operator on the *Carpathia* was still awake and received *Titanic's* distress call. He quickly sent the message to Captain A. H. Rostron.



Captain, *Titanic* is going down and is requesting help.

Go! Go as fast as we can to get there!

We'll never make it in time.

Wake the crew.