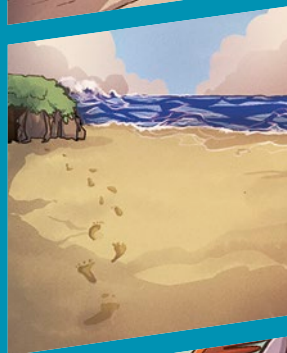
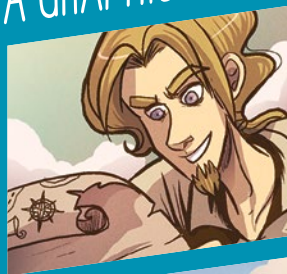


DANIEL DEFOE'S

ROBINSON CRUSOE

A GRAPHIC NOVEL



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A REAL-LIFE CASTAWAY

Published in 1719, Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe* tells the story of a man stranded on a desert island after a shipwreck. It is a work of fiction, but some of the elements of the classic tale were inspired by a real-life castaway named Alexander Selkirk, a buccaneer (or pirate) who voluntarily chose to live on a deserted island.

Selkirk and his shipmates visited an island called Más a Tierra in October of 1703. When they were ready to depart, Selkirk deemed the ship unseaworthy and chose to remain behind, alone on the island. Sure enough, the ship later sank, killing most of the crew in the process.

Because of the shipwreck, Selkirk was able to gather a number of useful supplies from the wreckage, including a musket, gunpowder, tools, and clothing. He lived on the island for eighty-eight months by creating shelter, hunting the local game, and collecting rainwater.

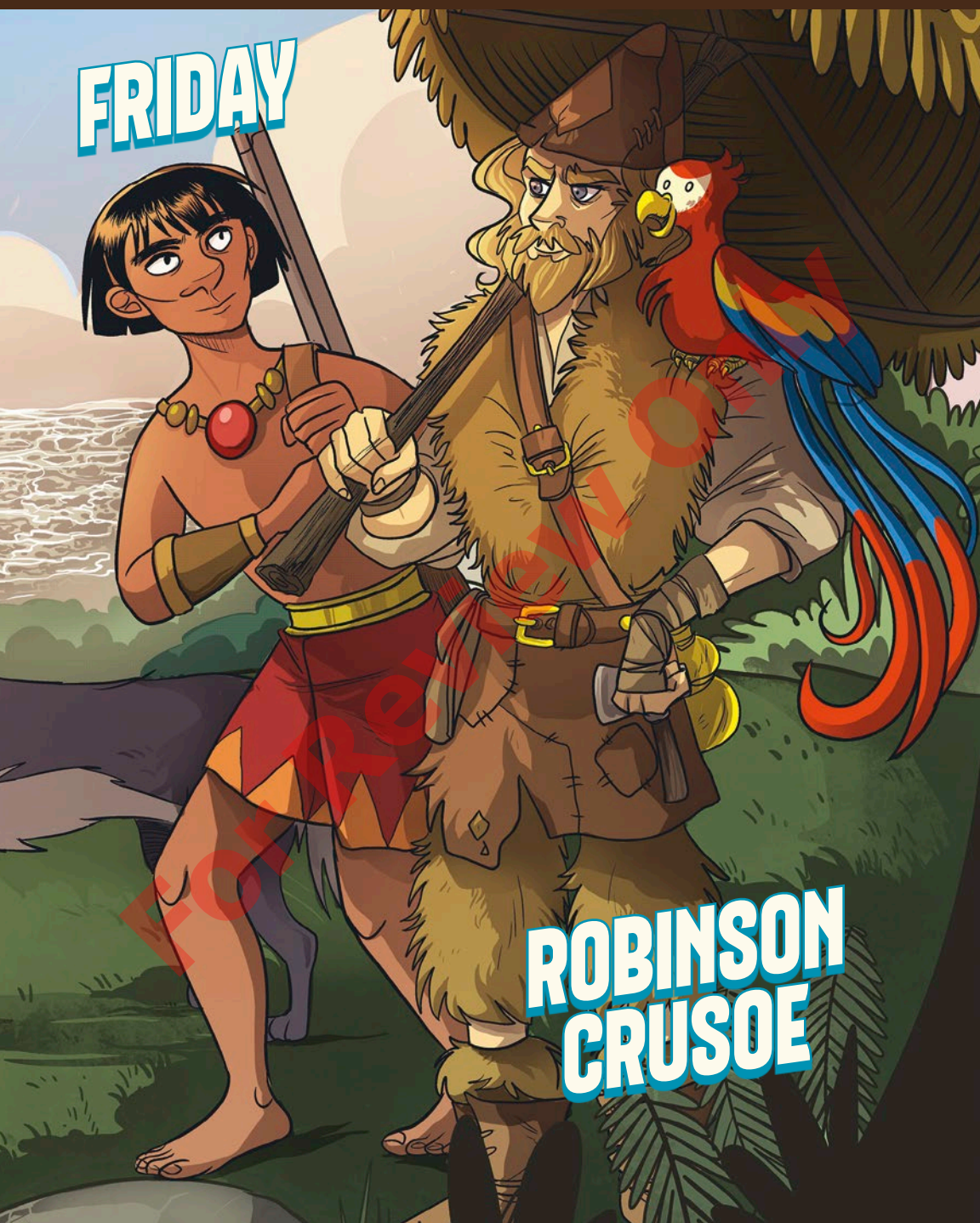
A ship finally came to Selkirk's rescue on February 2nd, 1709. Selkirk's real-life adventures are said to have heavily influenced Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*. Because of the book's massive popularity over the next two centuries, the island of Más a Tierra was renamed Robinson Crusoe Island in 1966.

Some would argue that Alexander Selkirk was more deserving of the honor, but the fact that he was a pirate (and returned to his thieving ways after being rescued) might have led to the decision to honor the fictional Robinson Crusoe instead.

CAST OF CHARACTERS



FRIDAY



**ROBINSON
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CHAPTER 1

THIRST FOR ADVENTURE

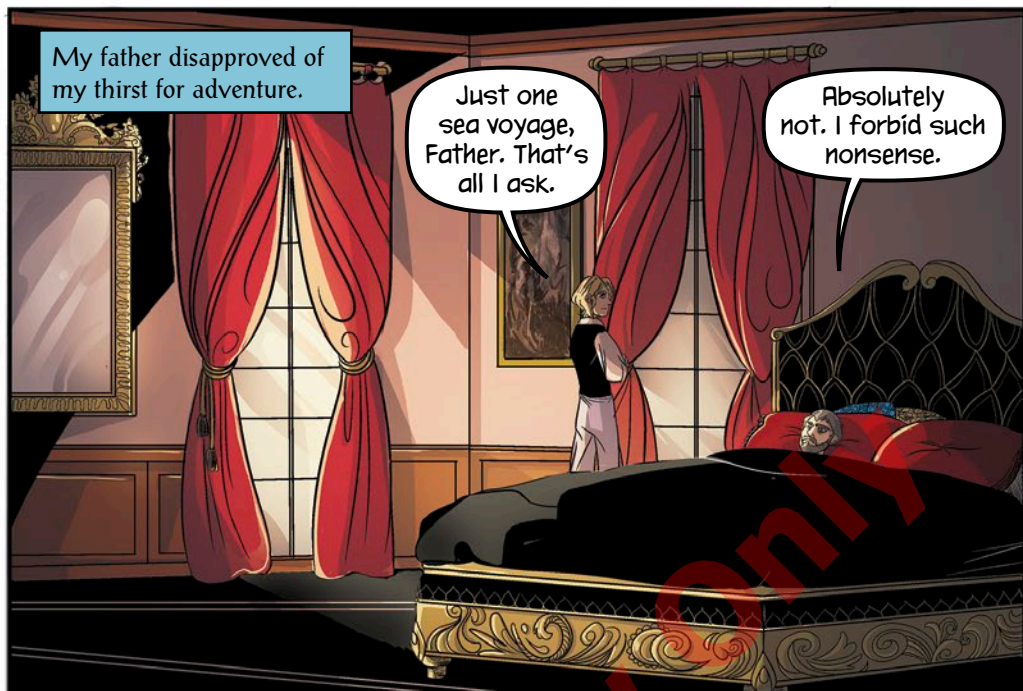
I am Robinson Crusoe, born in 1632, in the city of York, England.

As the son of a successful merchant, I was given a fine education. My father encouraged me to start a career in law.

For as long as I could remember, everything had been planned out for me. Certainly, I had everything I ever needed.

And yet, all I ever wanted was to go to sea.





My father disapproved of my thirst for adventure.

Just one sea voyage, Father. That's all I ask.

Absolutely not. I forbid such nonsense.



But Father, please--



Enough. It's time you grew up. Think of more practical things.

Knowing my mother could sometimes change Father's stubborn mind, I spoke to her one quiet evening.

All I want is to see other parts of the world.

It would be better to have Father's approval.

It's not fair.

Your father is reminded of your older brother. He went off to war and never returned home.

You're all we have left, Robinson.

Please stay here with us.



For several weeks, Mother's plea had changed my mind.

But one day, I ran into my friend Daniel by chance...

It's good to see you again, Robinson!

Listen, I'm traveling to London on my father's ship. Would you like to go?



Don't worry about money, you'll be my guest.



A free sea voyage to London? Of course I'll go!

Since the journey would last only a few short weeks, I left without saying farewell to my parents.

I knew they would gravely disapprove.



It was wonderful to finally be at sea.



Little did I realize that I was beginning the adventure of a lifetime.

Before long, I had my first experience with a terrifying storm. The most frightful waves slapped at the ship.

Mountains of seawater hurled at us with fury.

I was certain we were doomed.

The ship began to sink. We escaped in the lifeboats just in time.

