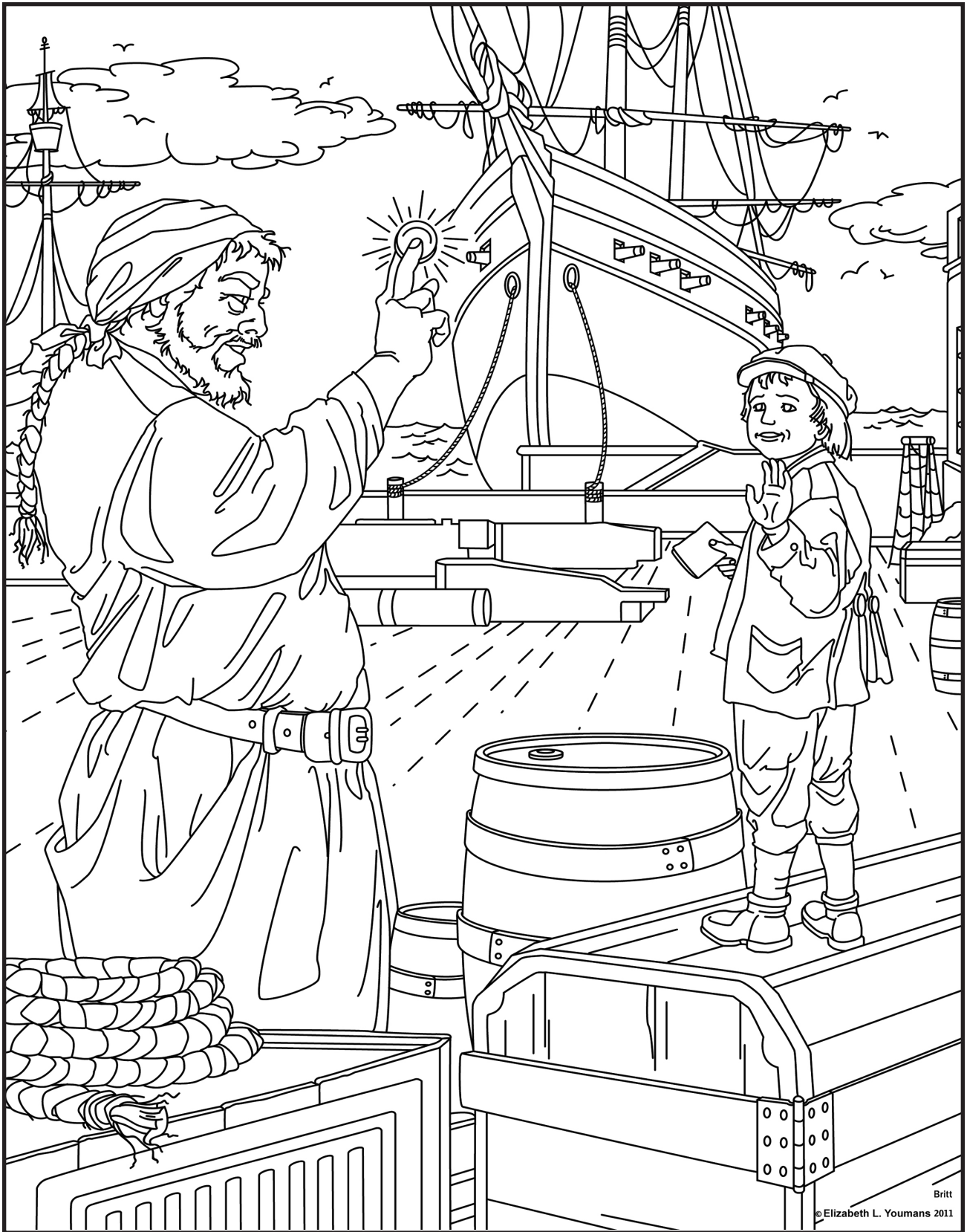
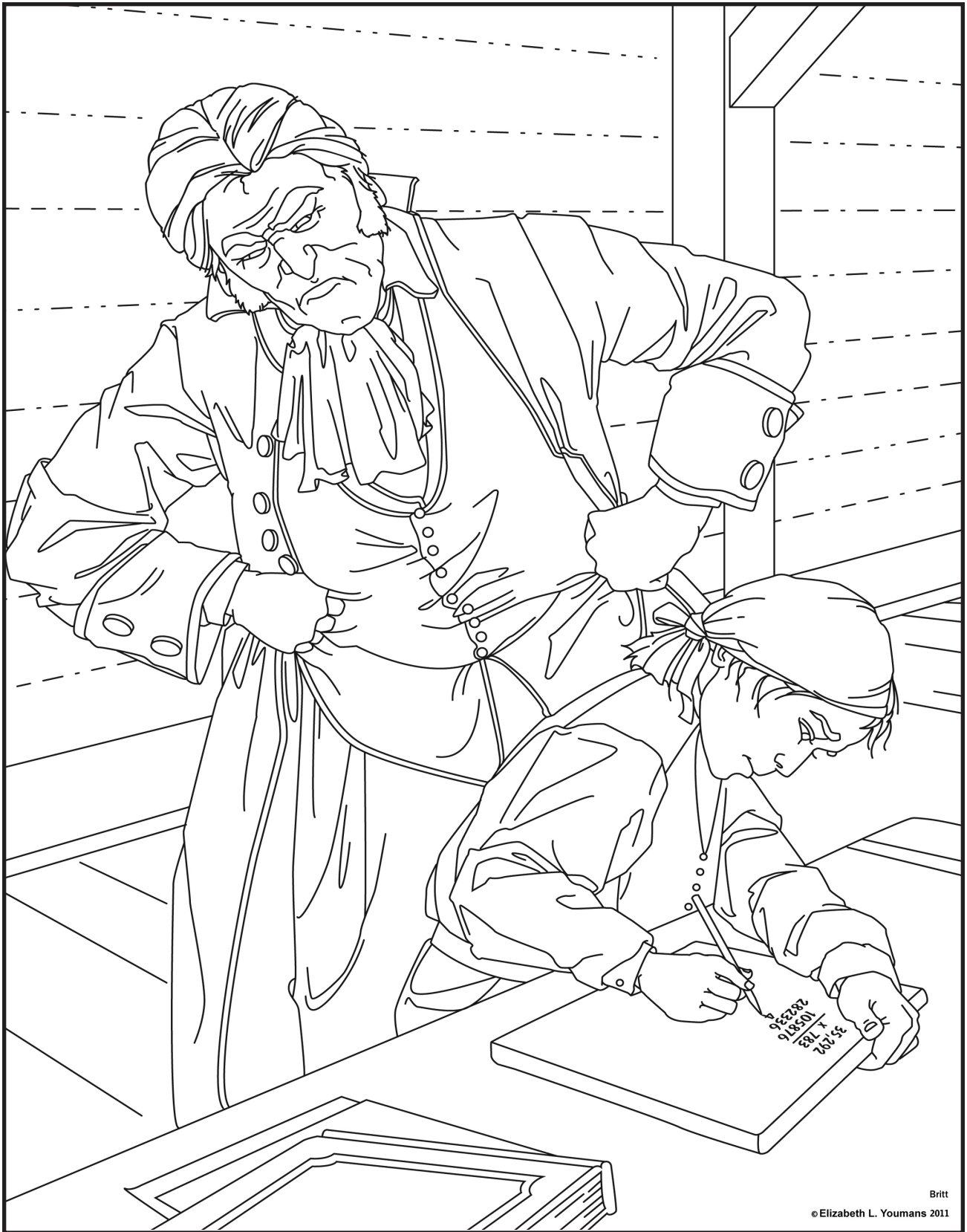


Essex Street in Salem, Massachusetts, 1779



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"It's a bargain, Mate. But keep it a secret!"



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"It will come out right. Arithmetic always does!"





An apprenticeship with Ropes and Hodges ship chandlery!

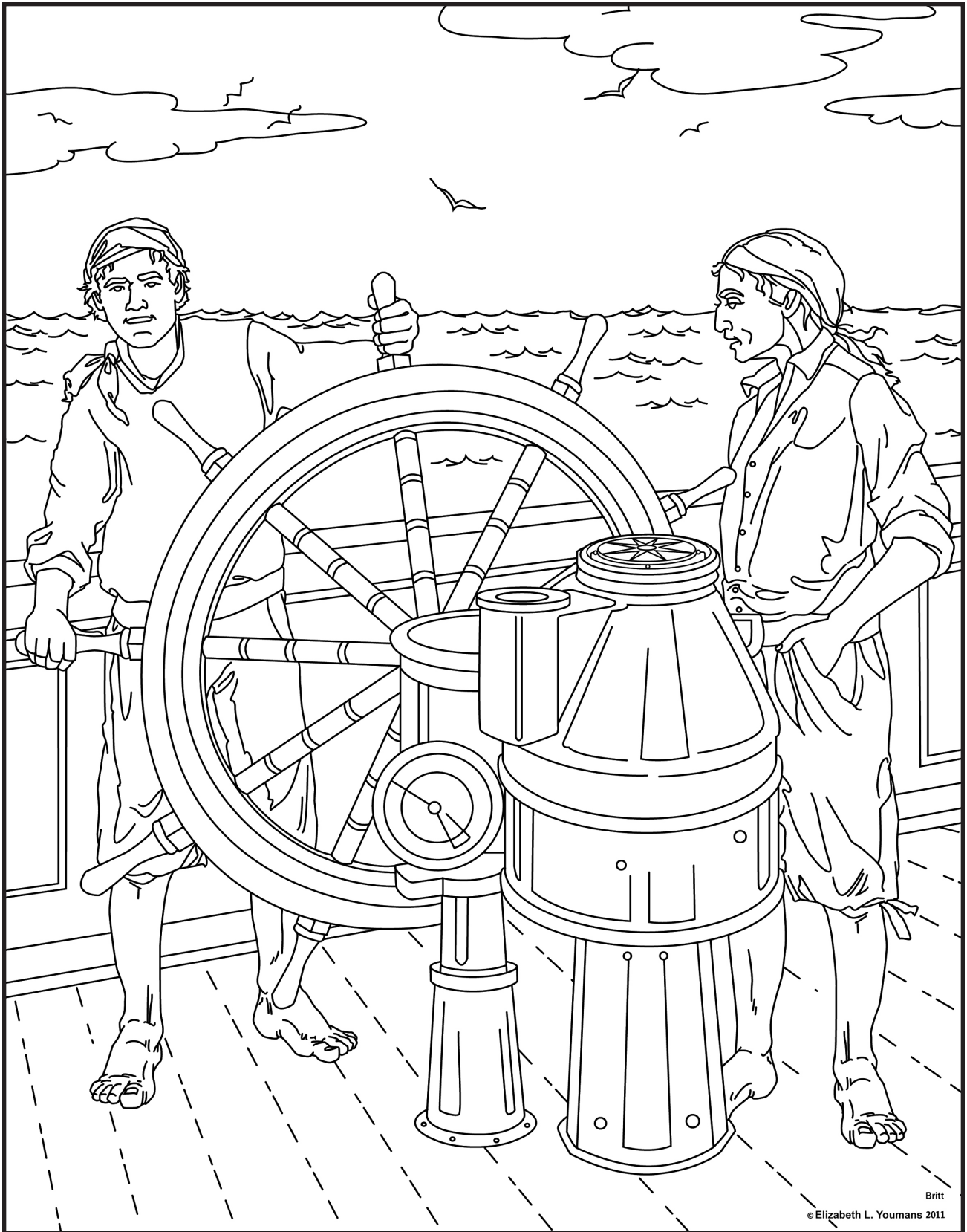




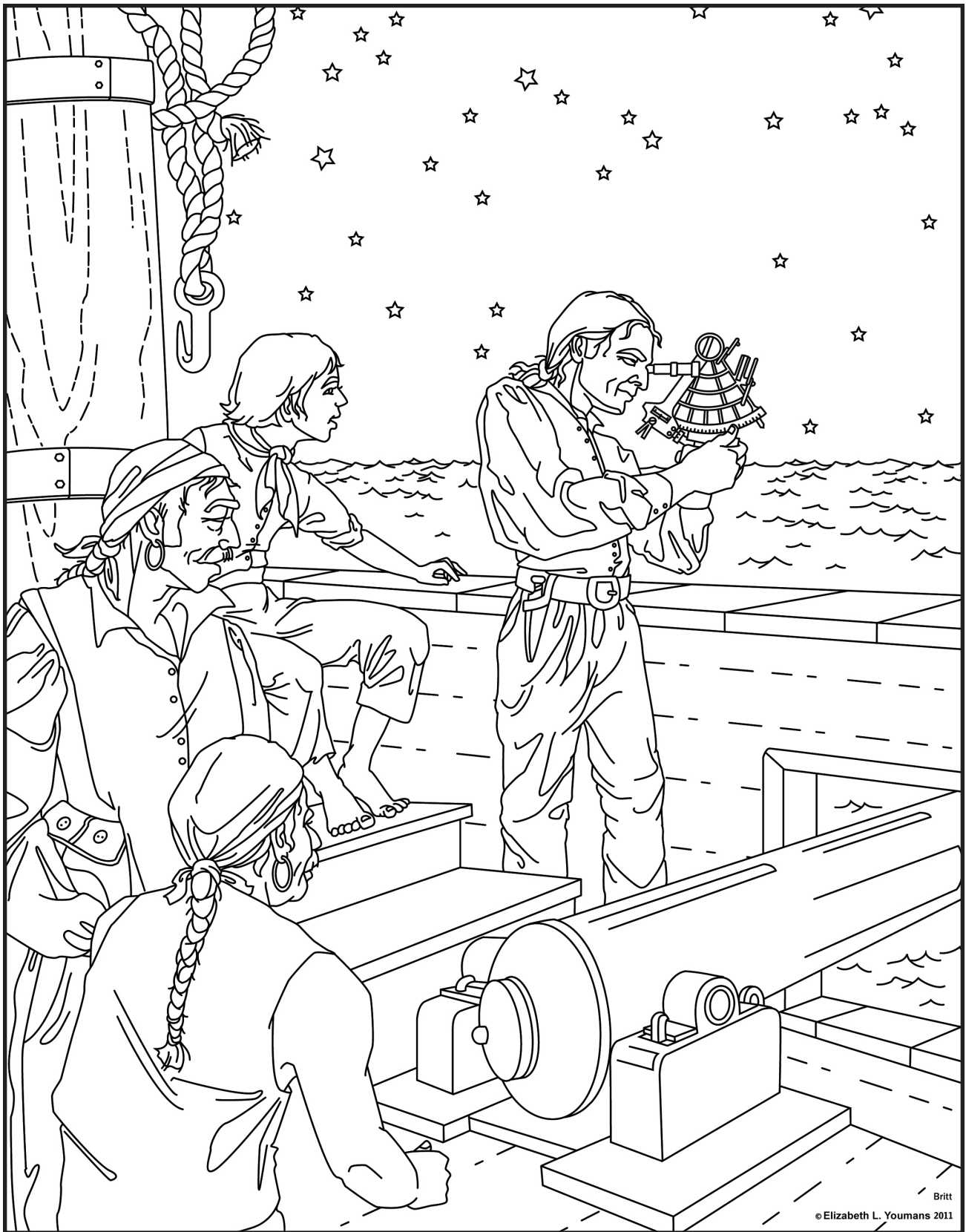
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"I'm going to watch for his ship on the captain's walk."

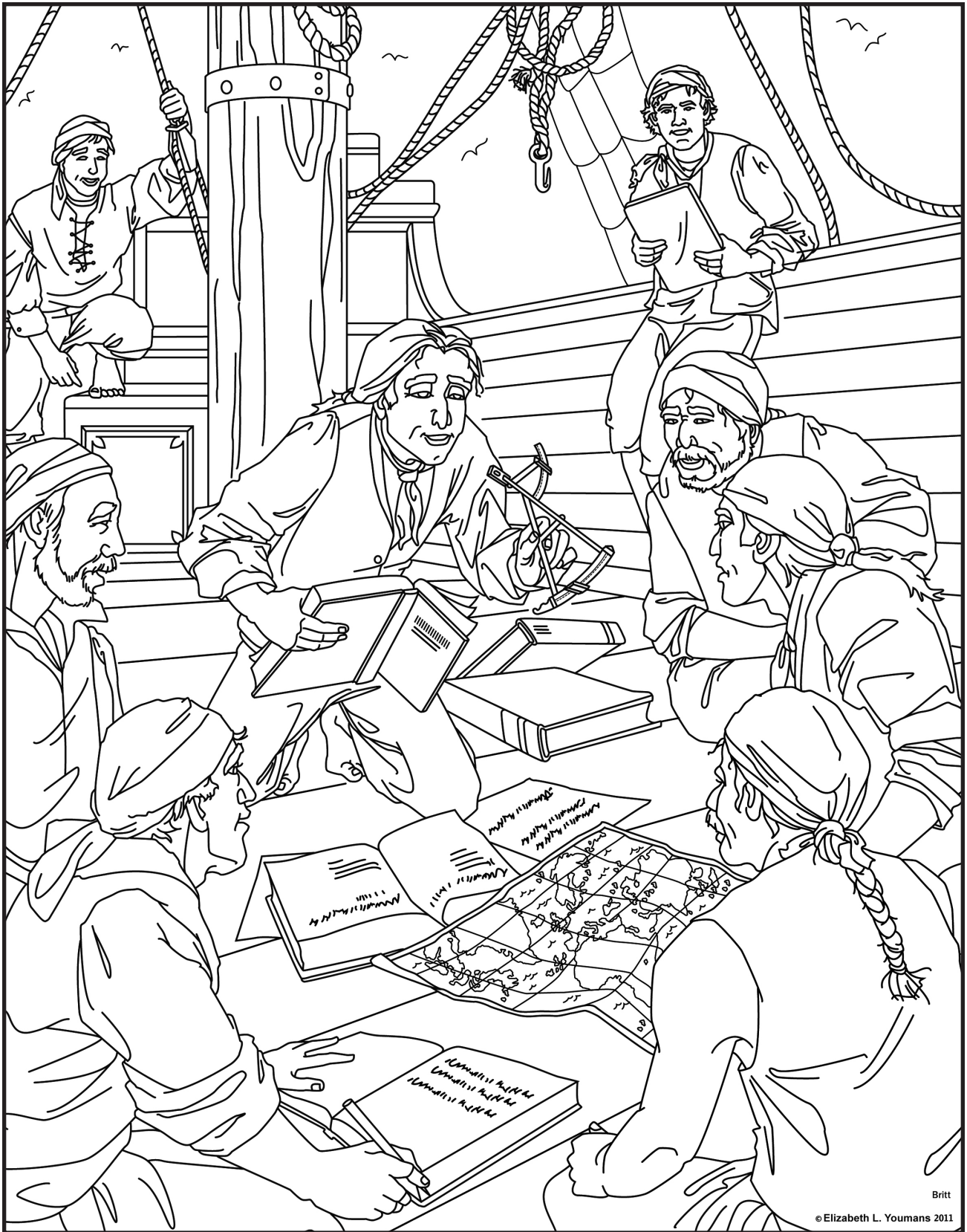


On Nat's first watch at sea, he watched the compass.



"There ought to be a better way to work a lunar!"

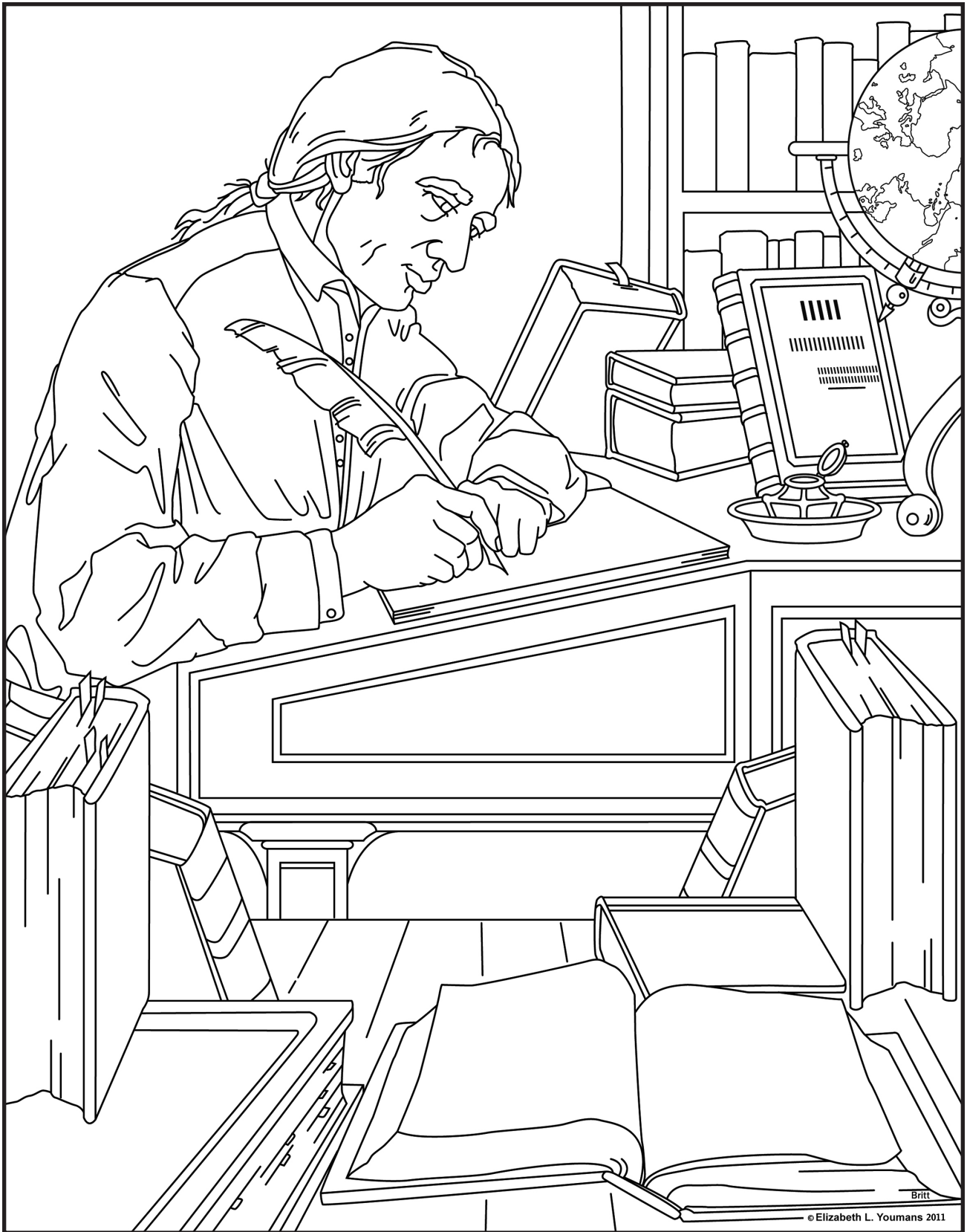




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"It did things to a man to find out he had a brain."



As he wrote, he thought of the men he had taught.



"It's really you, Captain Bowditch, I'm very proud of you!"