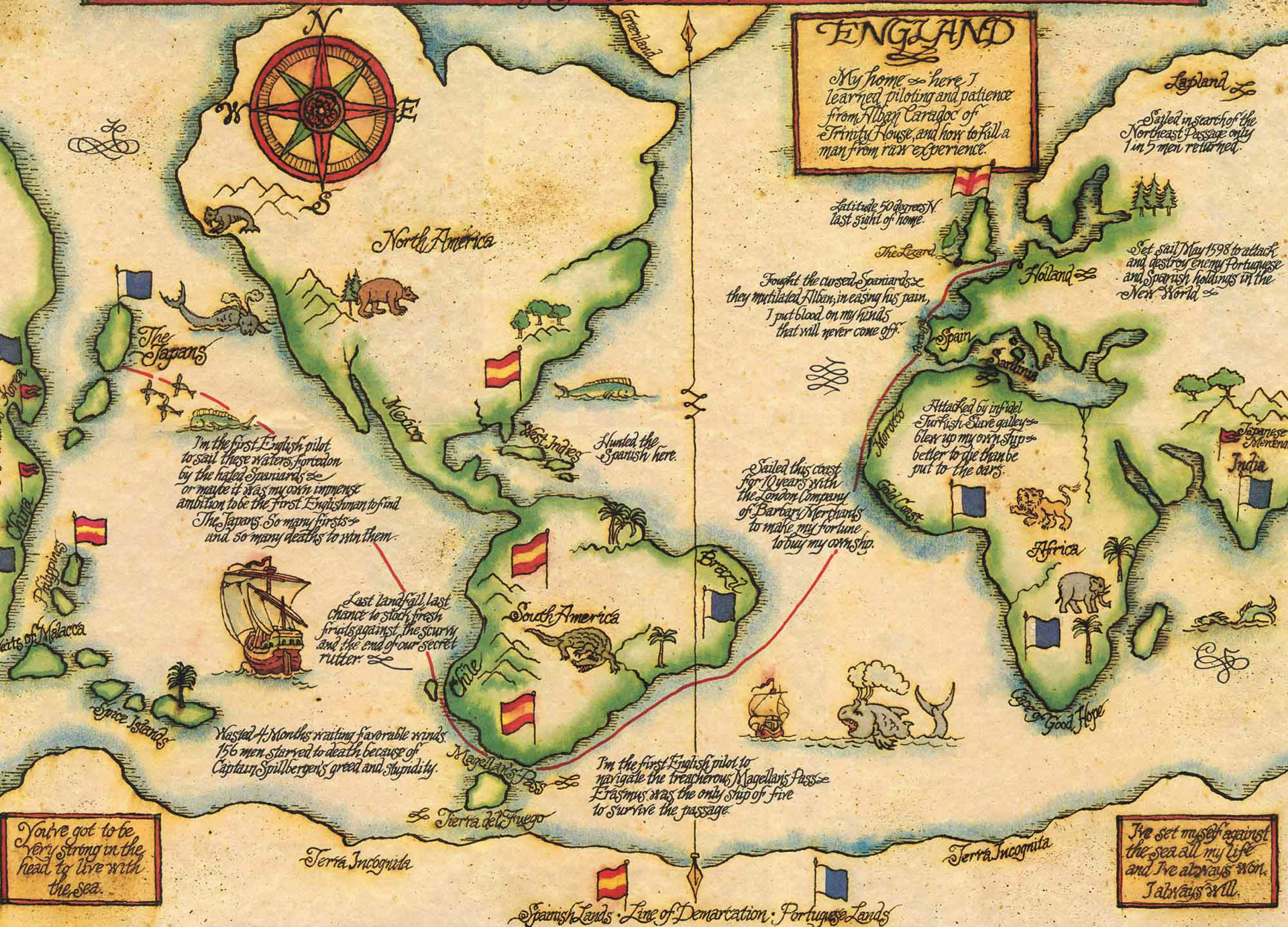


THE KNOWN WORLD 1600

Pilot Major John Blackthorne



ENGLAND

My home - here I learned piloting and patience from Alban Caradoc of Trinity House, and how to fall a man from raw experience.

Latitude 50 degrees N
last sight of home.

Fought the cursed Spaniards &
they mutilated Alban, in easing his pain,
I put blood on my hands
that will never come off.

Sailed this coast
for 10 years with
the London Company
of Barbary Merchants
to make my fortune
to buy my corn ship.

I'm the first English pilot to
navigate the treacherous Magellan's Pass &
Erasmus was the only ship of five
to survive the passage.

Lapland &
Sailed in search of the
Northeast Passage only
1 in 5 men returned.

Set sail May 1598 to attack
and destroy enemy Portuguese
and Spanish holdings in the
New World &

Attacked by infidel
Turkish Slave galley &
blew up my own ship &
better to die than be
put to the oars.

I'm the first English pilot
to sail these waters, forced on
by the hated Spaniards &
or maybe it was my own immense
ambition to be the first Englishman to find
The Japans. So many firsts &
and so many deaths to win them.

Last landfall, last
chance to stock fresh
fruits against the scurvy
and the end of our secret
rutter.

Wasted 4 Months waiting favorable winds.
156 men starved to death because of
Captain Spillbergen's greed and stupidity.

I've set myself against
the sea all my life
and I've always won.
I always will.

You've got to be
very strong in the
head to live with
the sea.

Spanish Lands • Line of Demarcation • Portuguese Lands