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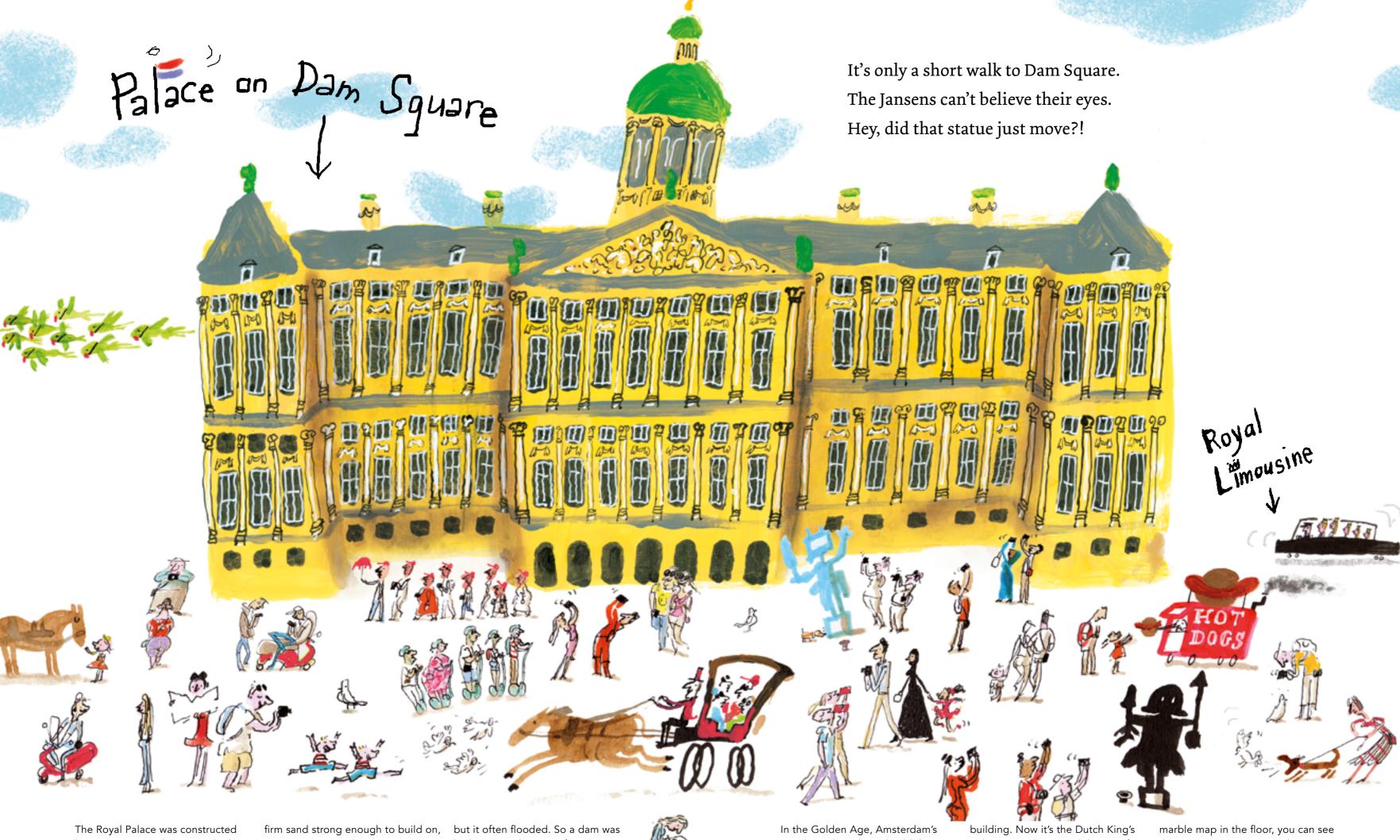




Amsterdam Central Station was built between 1881 and 1889 on an island in the harbour. It was designed by the Dutch architect Pierre Cuypers, who also designed the Rijksmuseum. In earlier days, the port was full of large sailing ships that traded with the whole world and made Amsterdam a wealthy city. The building of the North-South Dutch Coffee House was constructed in 1912. From here you can take a boat

tour of the city and the harbour, where large cruise ships dock nowadays. Opposite the train station you can

visit the Saint Nicholas Church, named after the patron saint of Amsterdam.



The Royal Palace was constructed between 1648 and 1665. It's built on wooden poles called piles, like all of Amsterdam's old houses. These piles go deep into the mud until they hit

sometimes as much as 13 metres below ground. Just imagine: 13,659 piles were needed for the palace!

The River Amstel once flowed here,

but it often flooded. So a dam was built to stop the water from overflowing. That's how Amsterdam got its name: Dam in the Amstel.



merchants bought and sold their goods all over the world. The palace was then town hall and anyone could walk in and out of the

building. Now it's the Dutch King's palace. Here he signed the transfer of the throne, and he got married in the church next door. In a grand room called the *Burgerzaal*, on a

the universe in miniature: the eastern and western hemispheres with the northern hemisphere's starry sky in-between.