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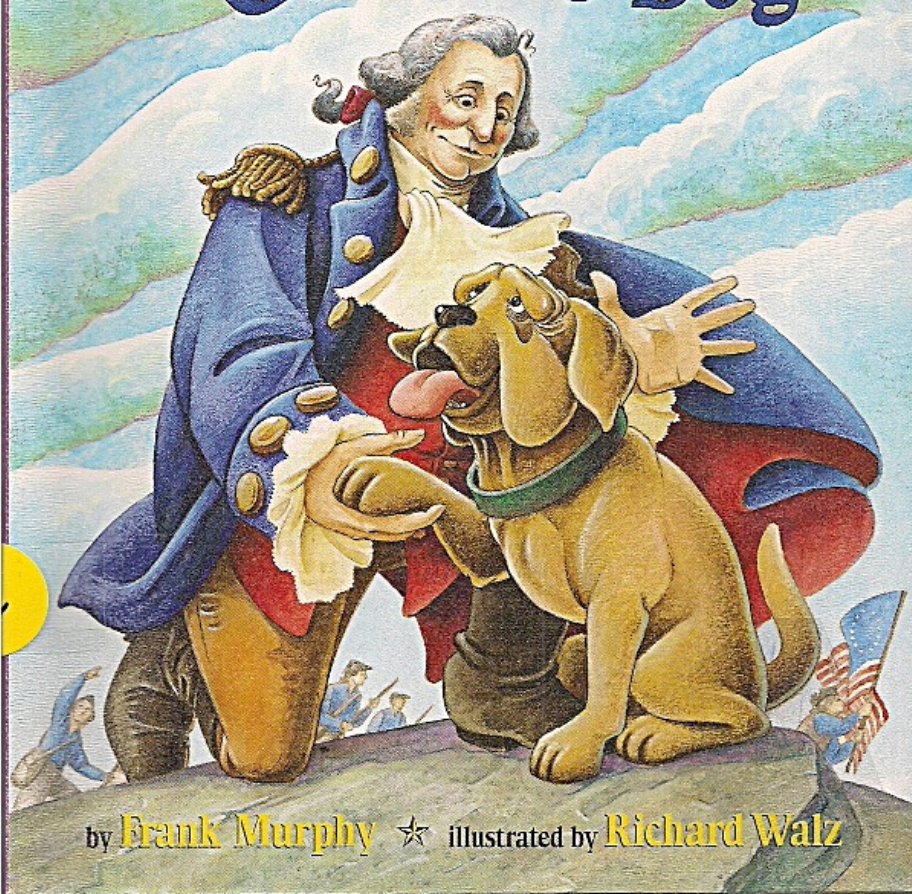
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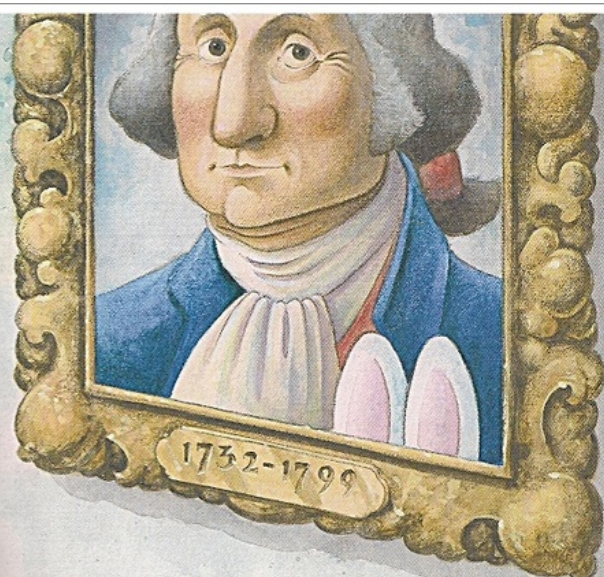
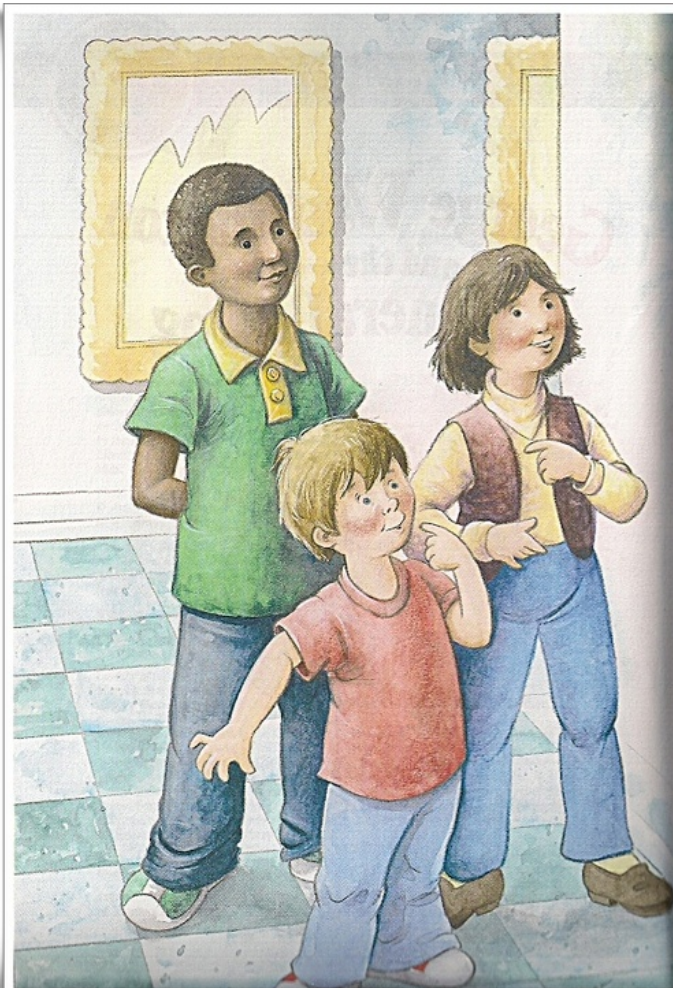
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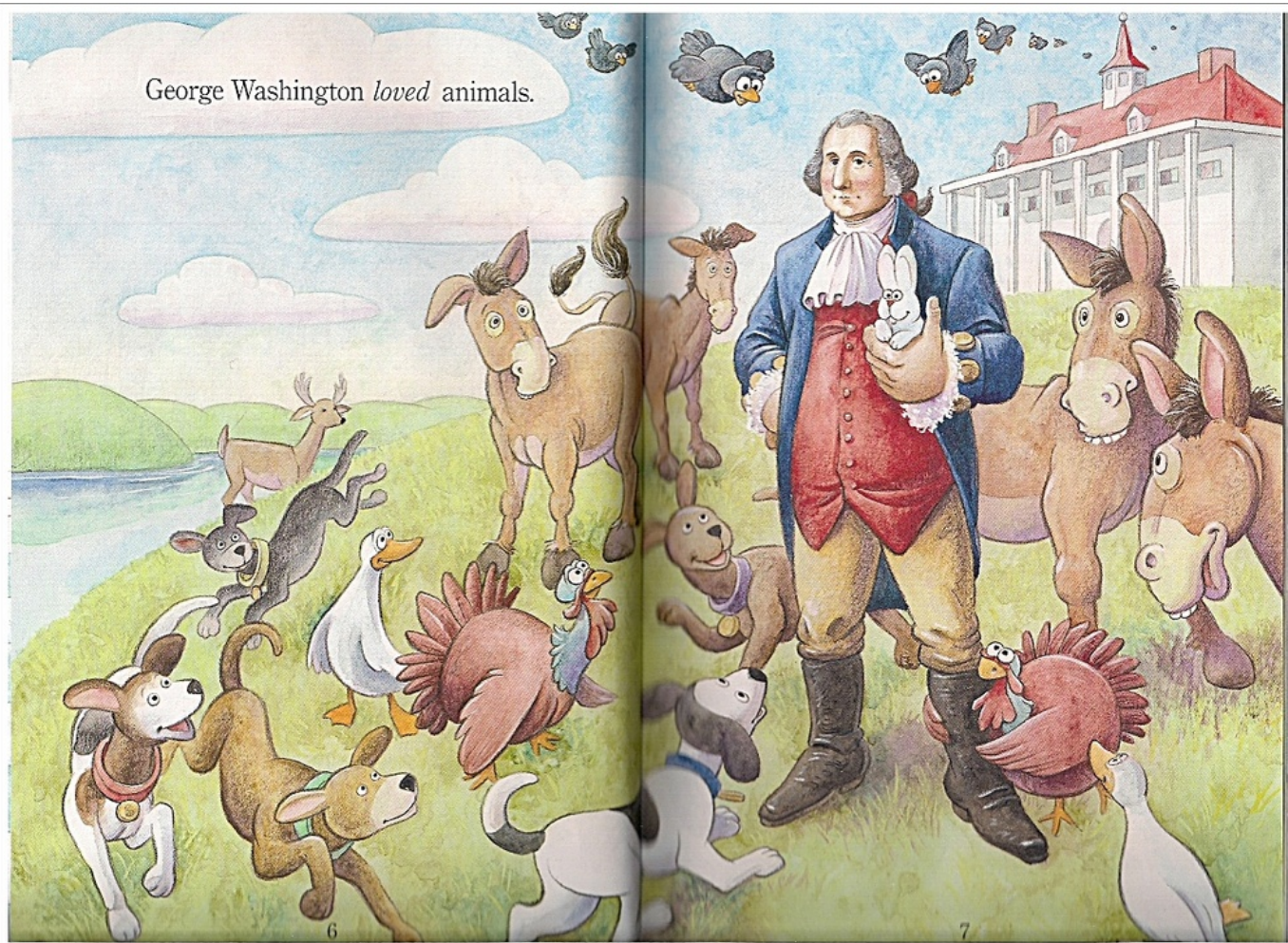


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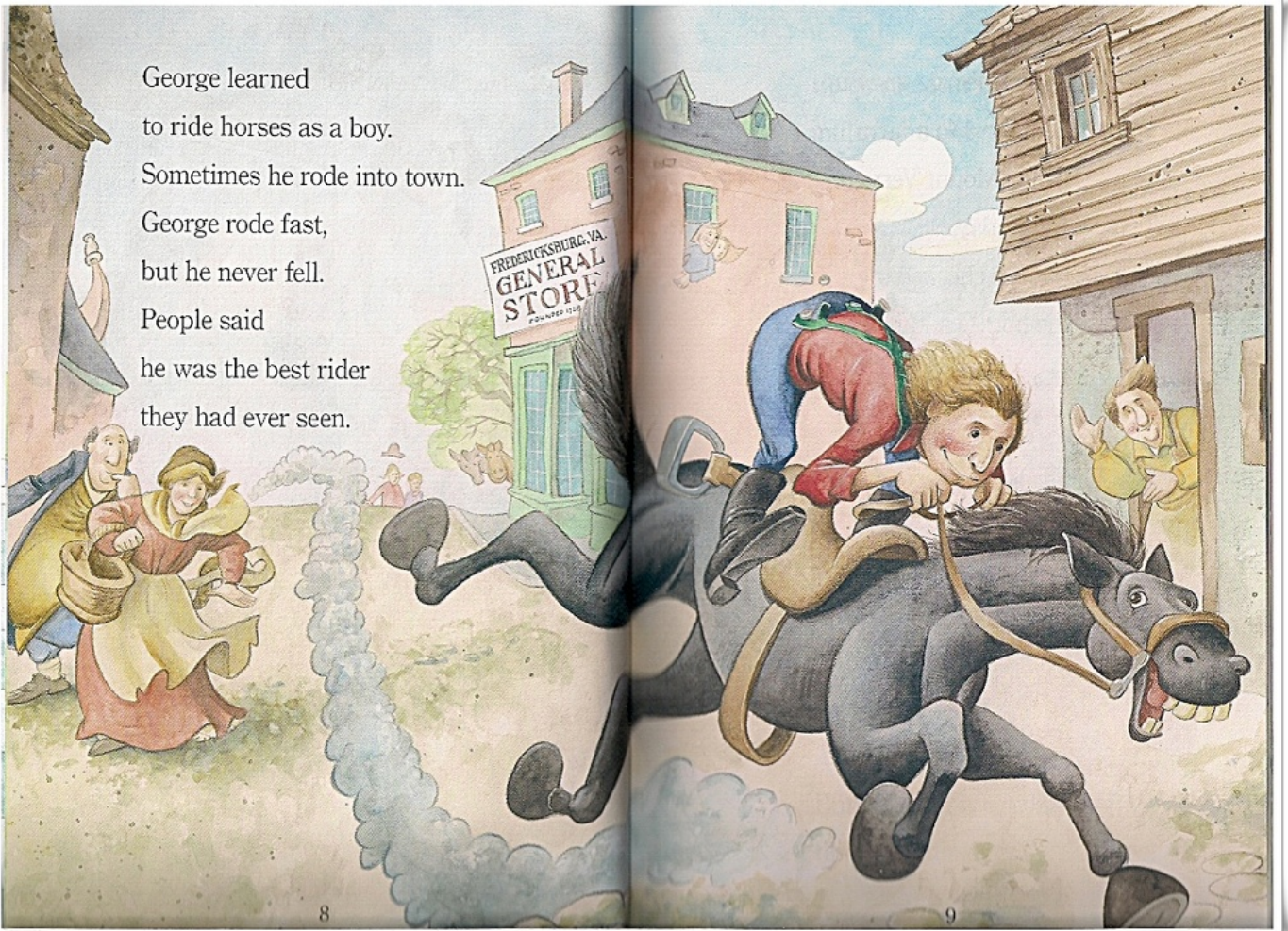


George Washington is one of
America's greatest heroes.
Most people know that
George was honest and brave.
But there is something
about George that people
don't always know.

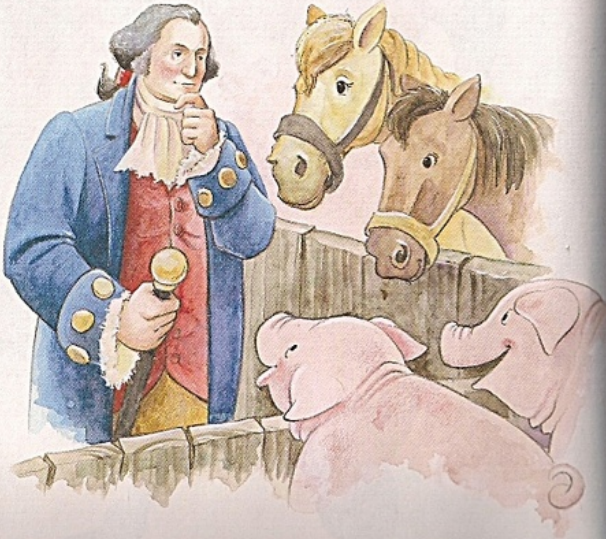
George Washington *loved* animals.



George learned
to ride horses as a boy.
Sometimes he rode into town.
George rode fast,
but he never fell.
People said
he was the best rider
they had ever seen.



When George grew up,
he moved to a farm
called Mount Vernon.
Every day,
George checked on
the horses and hogs.

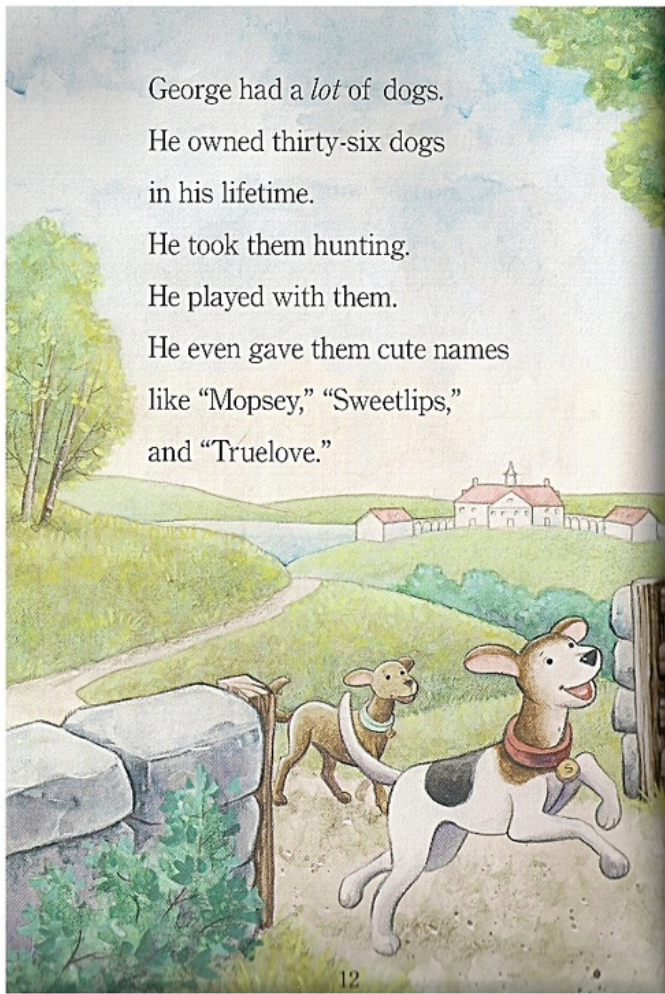


He checked on the oxen,
mules, and sheep.

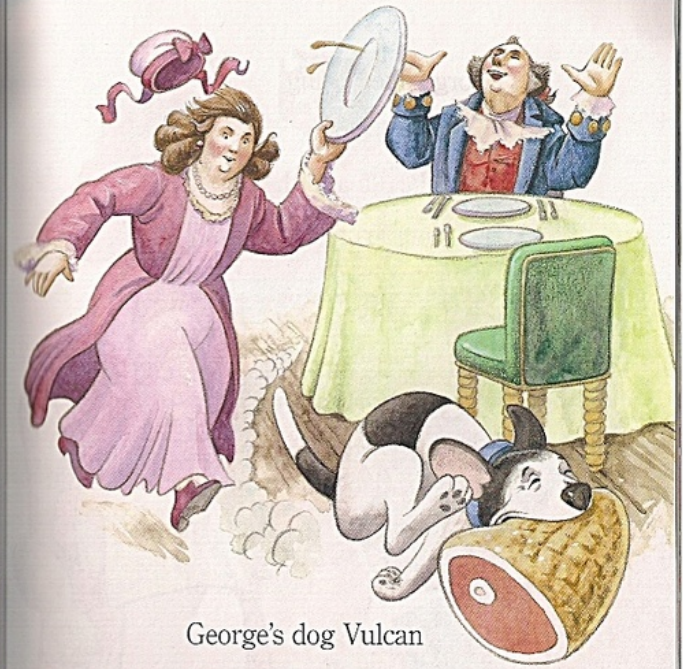


But he spent the most
time with his dogs.

George had a *lot* of dogs.
He owned thirty-six dogs
in his lifetime.
He took them hunting.
He played with them.
He even gave them cute names
like "Mopsey," "Sweetlips,"
and "Truelove."



Sometimes George
spoiled his dogs.
He let them run
around the house.
One day,
George's wife, Martha,
cooked a ham for dinner.



George's dog Vulcan
jumped up and
stole the ham—
right off the table!
Martha chased after him.
But George just laughed.

George liked being
at Mount Vernon
with Martha and the animals.
But America needed him.



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America was not yet
its own country.
It was an English colony.
That means it belonged
to England.
Many American colonists
wanted to be free
from England.
So they went to war.
The war was called
the American Revolution.

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The colonists chose George
to be their general.
George chose his favorite dog,
Sweetlips, to go with him.
He said goodbye
to Martha and Mount Vernon.
He jumped on
his horse, Nelson.
Then he rode into battle.



Sweetlips was right beside him.

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In George's day,
soldiers often brought
dogs with them to war.
Dogs helped hunt.



Dogs helped track the way.



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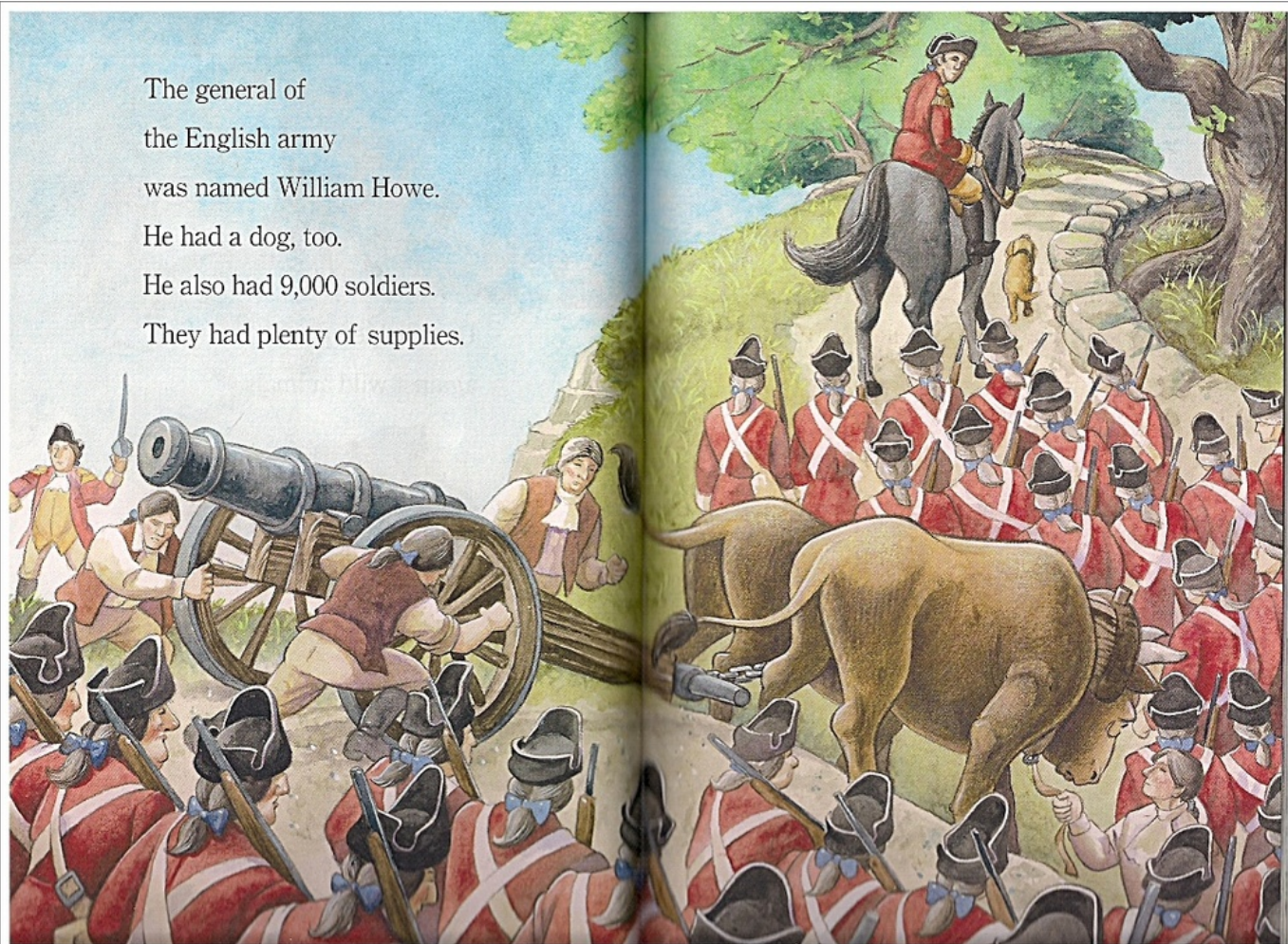
Dogs helped guard
against wild animals.



Best of all,
dogs were great partners!

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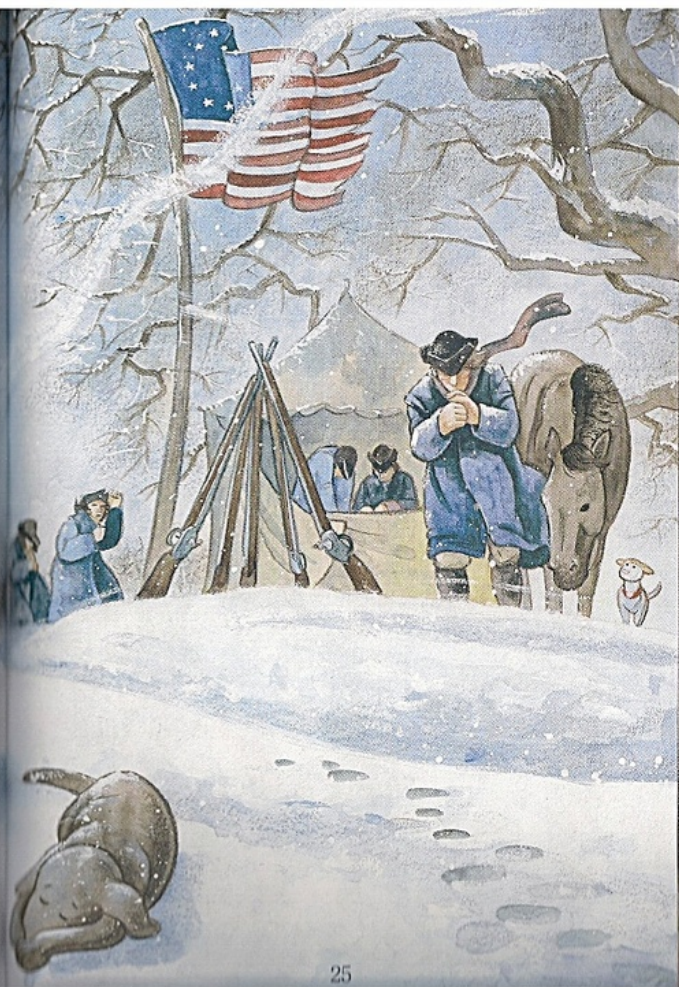
The general of
the English army
was named William Howe.
He had a dog, too.
He also had 9,000 soldiers.
They had plenty of supplies.



George did not have
nearly as many supplies.
Sometimes his soldiers
were cold.
Sometimes they were hungry.
But they did not give up.



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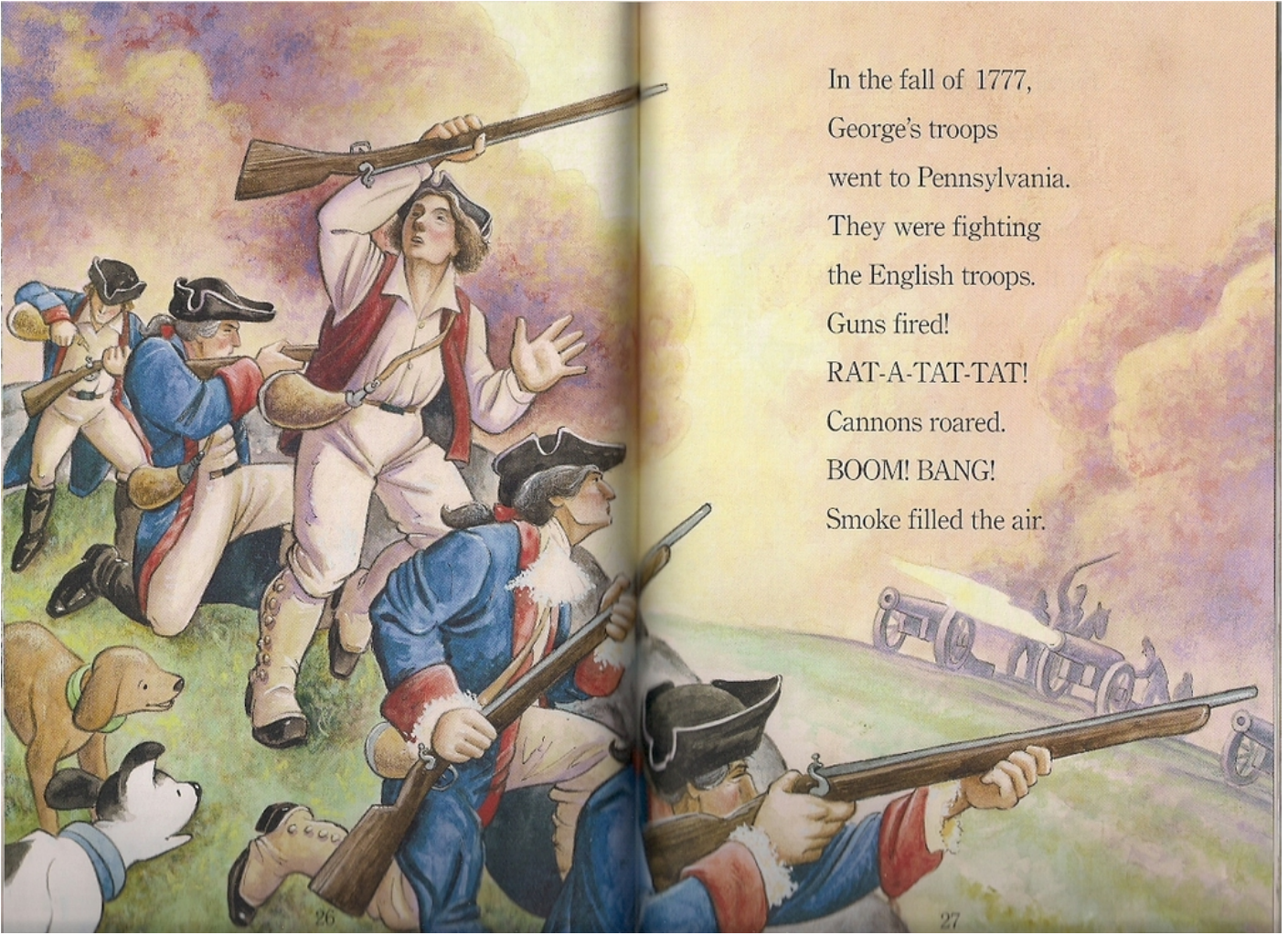
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In the fall of 1777,
George's troops
went to Pennsylvania.
They were fighting
the English troops.
Guns fired!
RAT-A-TAT-TAT!
Cannons roared.
BOOM! BANG!
Smoke filled the air.

Finally, the fighting ended.
The English soldiers
went back to their camp.
The battle was over
for the day.



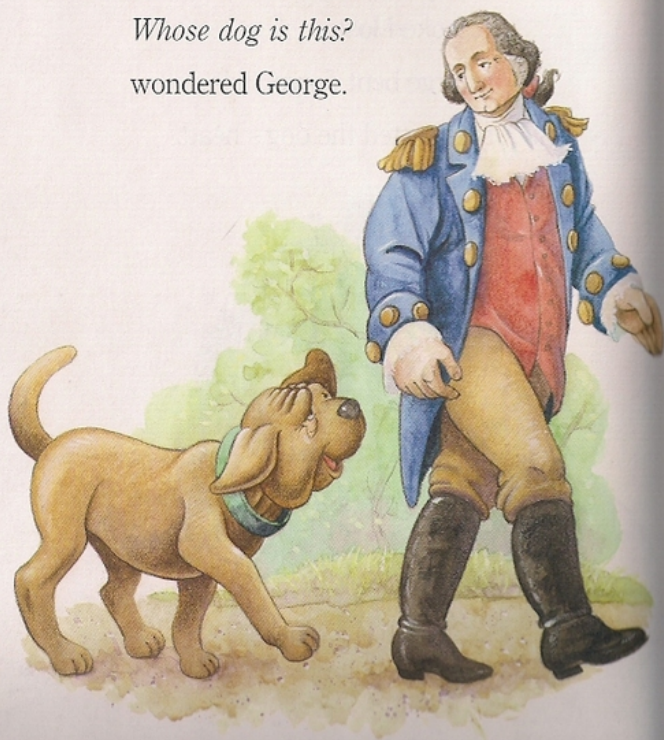
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The smoke began to clear.
George noticed a dog
without a soldier.
It looked lost.
George bent down
and patted the dog's head.

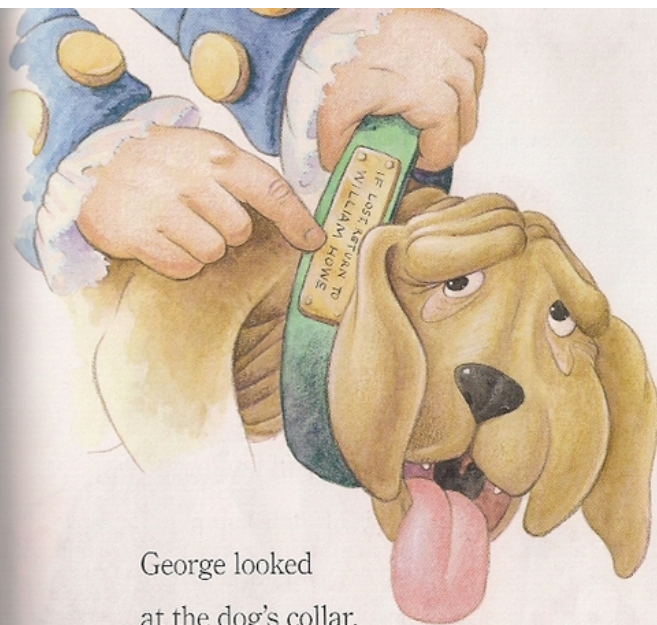


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The dog followed George
back to the colonists' camp.
He wagged his tail.
Whose dog is this?
wondered George.

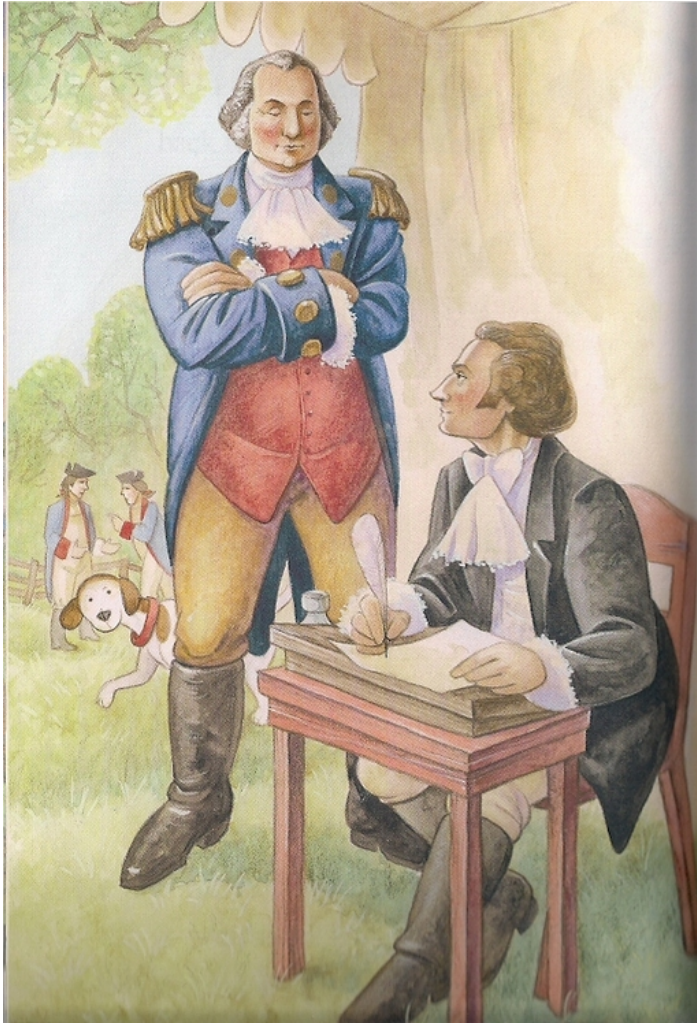


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George looked
at the dog's collar.
The tag had
a man's name on it.
That name was William Howe.
William Howe!?
George couldn't believe his eyes!
William Howe was the enemy!

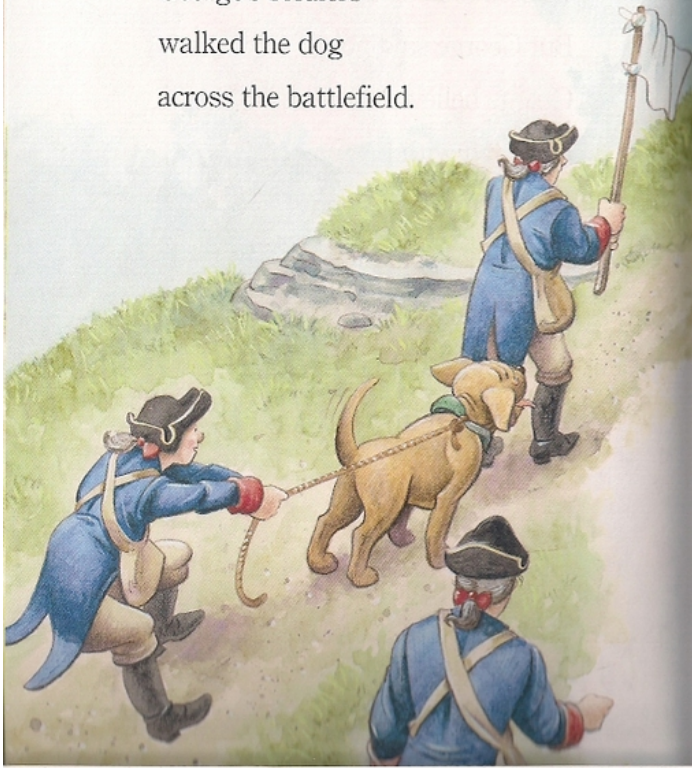
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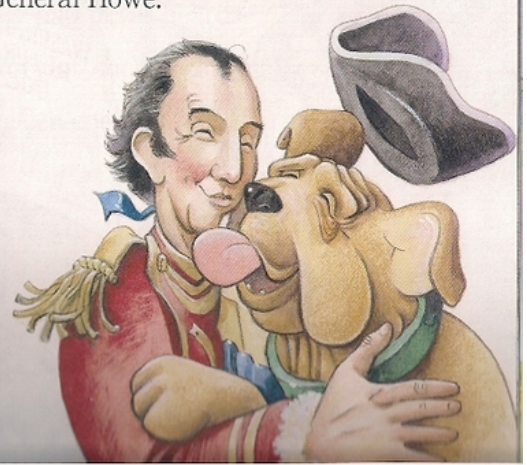
Word about the enemy dog
spread through camp.
Some of George's men
wanted to keep the dog.
But George said no!
George believed the dog
belonged with his master.
George had his friend
Alexander Hamilton
write a note to General Howe.
The note said that George
wanted to return the dog.

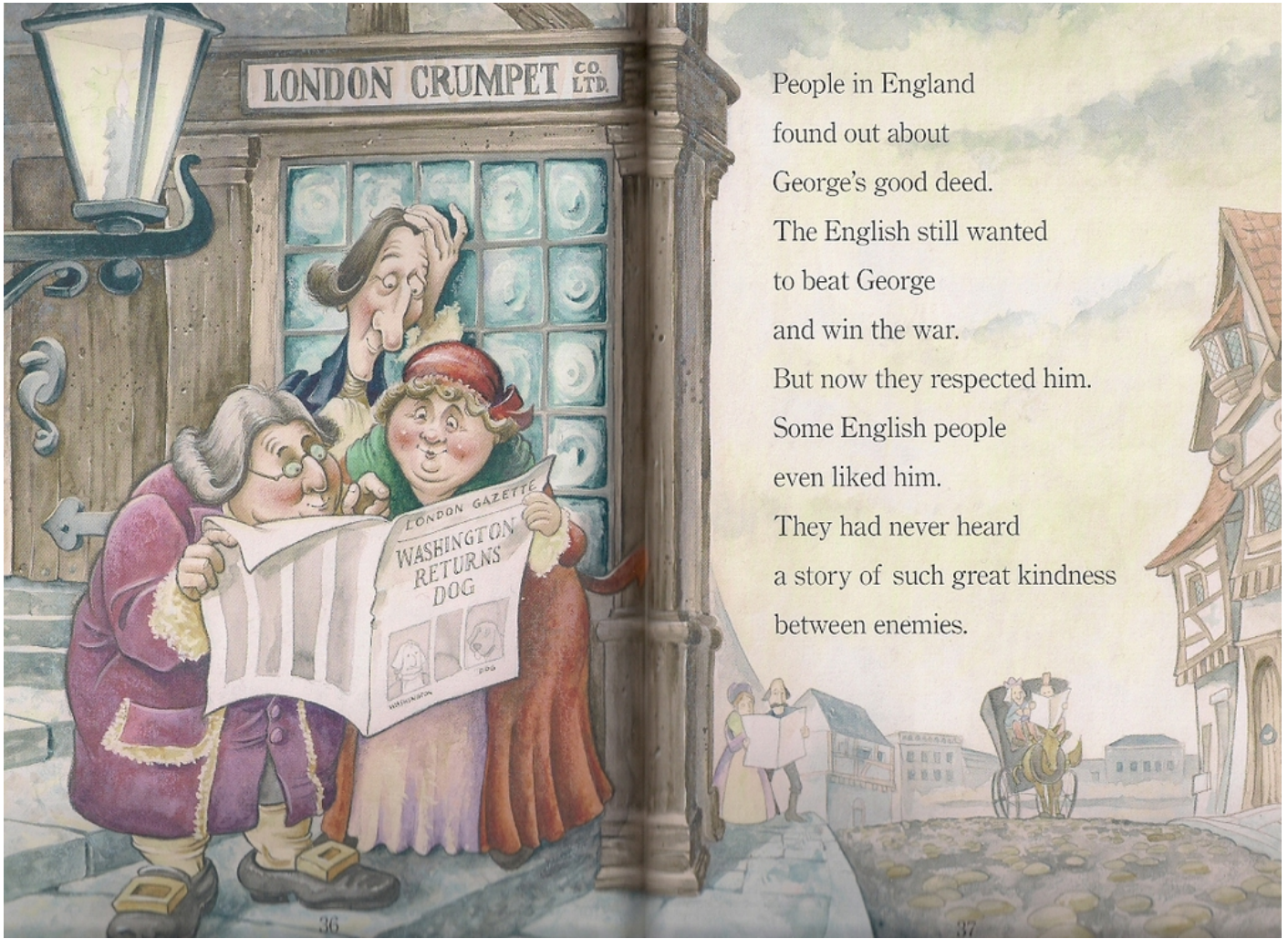


Both sides raised white flags.
The white flags meant
no one could fight.
George's soldiers
walked the dog
across the battlefield.



They gave him back
to General Howe.





People in England
found out about
George's good deed.
The English still wanted
to beat George
and win the war.
But now they respected him.
Some English people
even liked him.
They had never heard
a story of such great kindness
between enemies.

In 1783, America won
the war against England.
America became
its very own country.
George Washington
went home to Mount Vernon.



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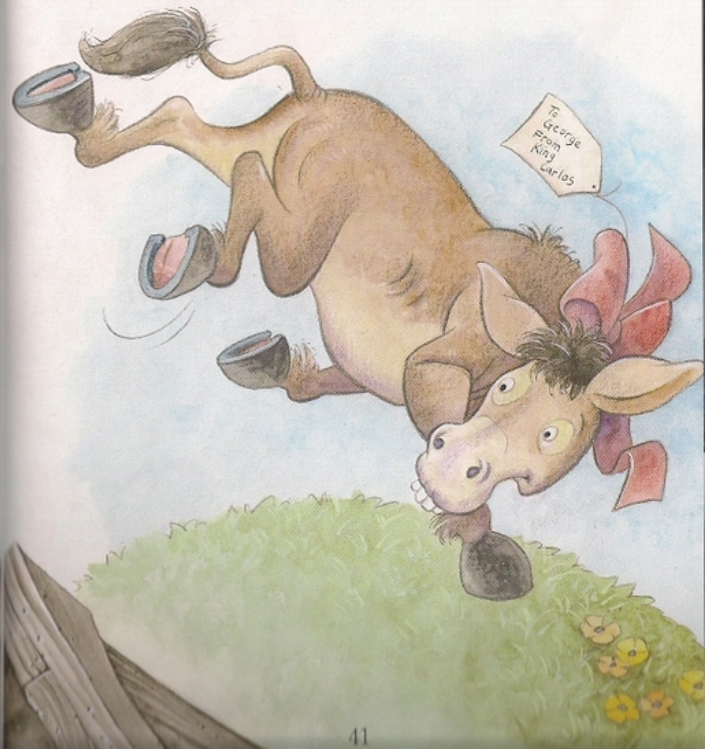


Friends around the world
wanted to honor George.
They wondered what
he would like.

Then they remembered
the story about the dog.
Soon, presents started
arriving at Mount Vernon.

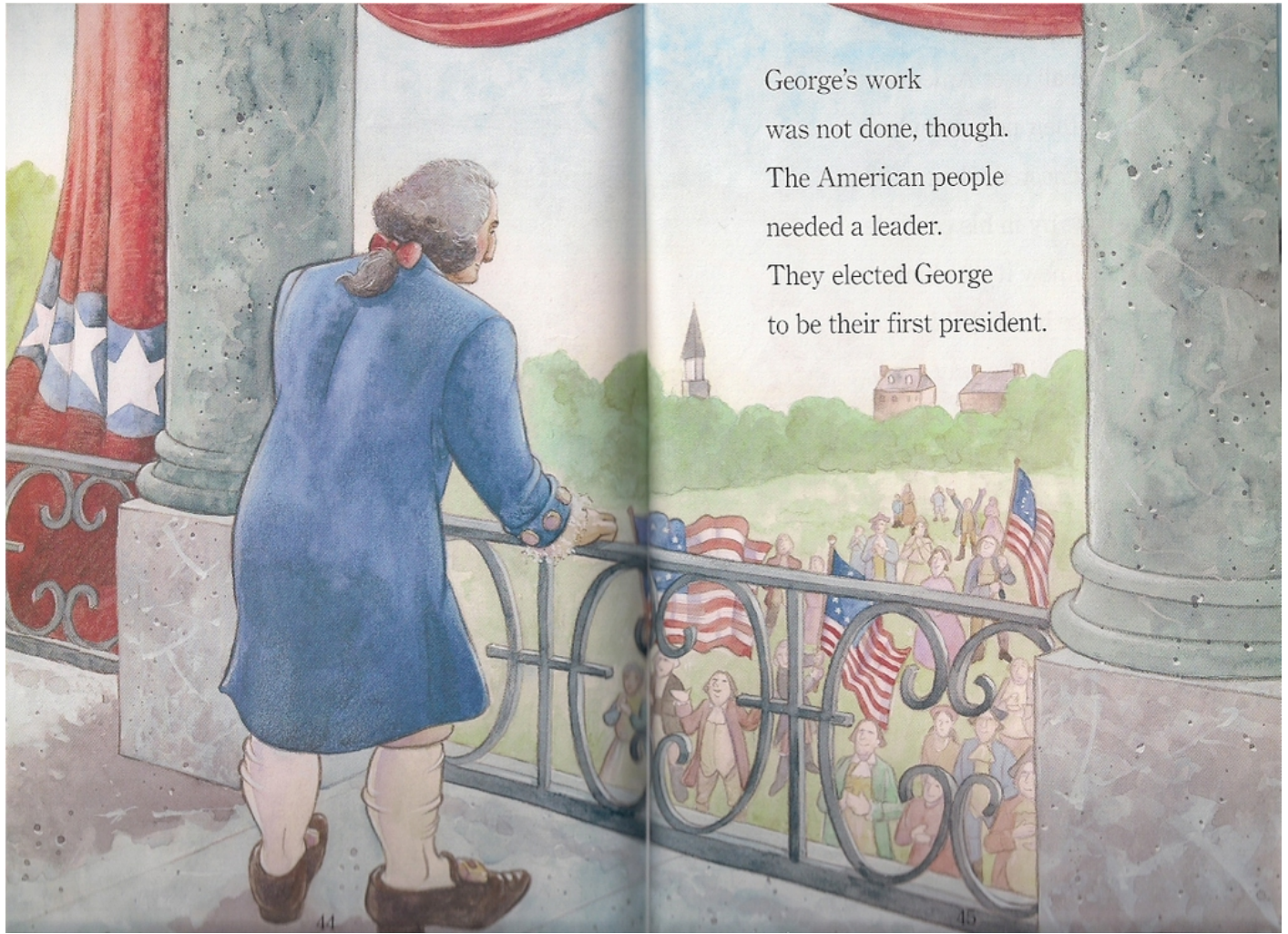


The King of Spain
sent George a mule!
George named him
"Royal Gift."



A friend from France gave George
an even bigger gift—
seven dogs!





People all over America
loved their new president.
They cheered when
he rode by in his carriage.
They knew it was him
because his six white horses
always led the way.

