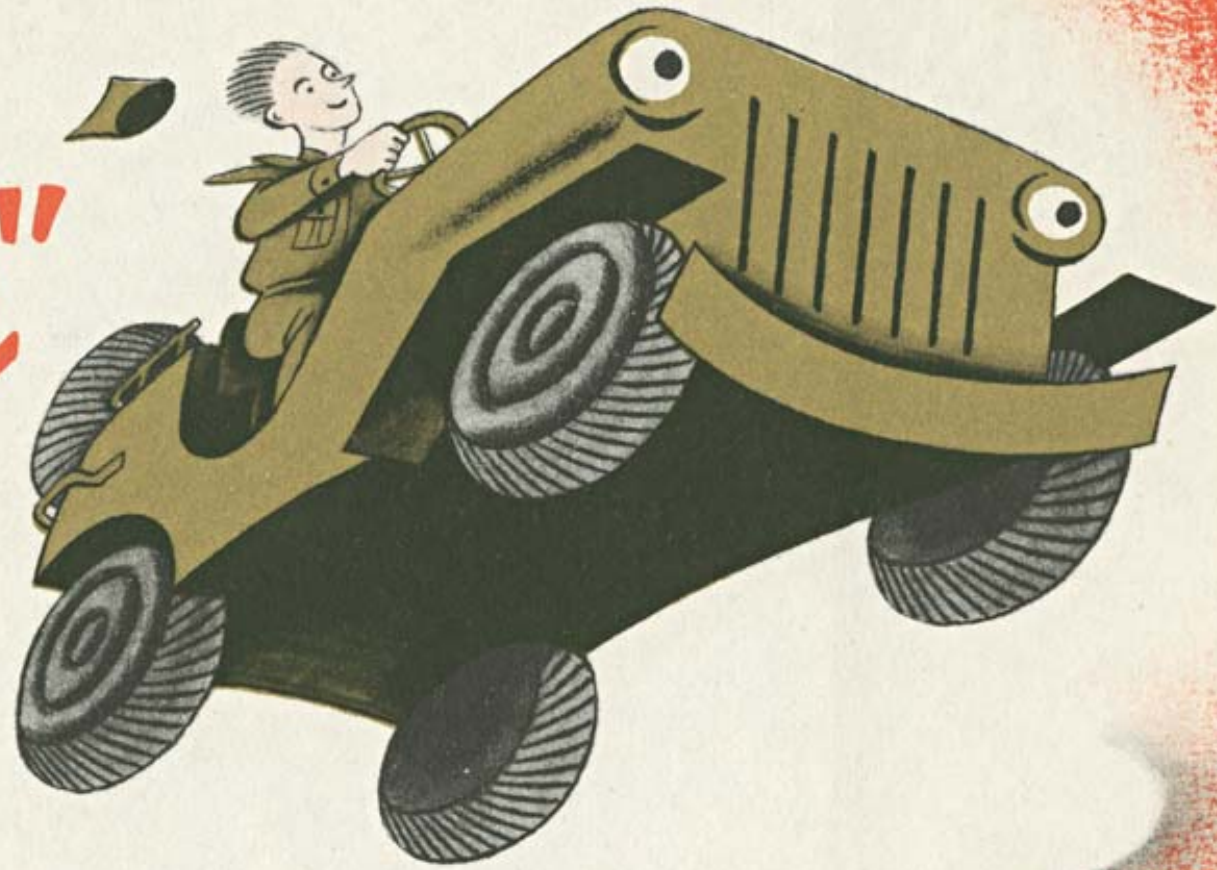


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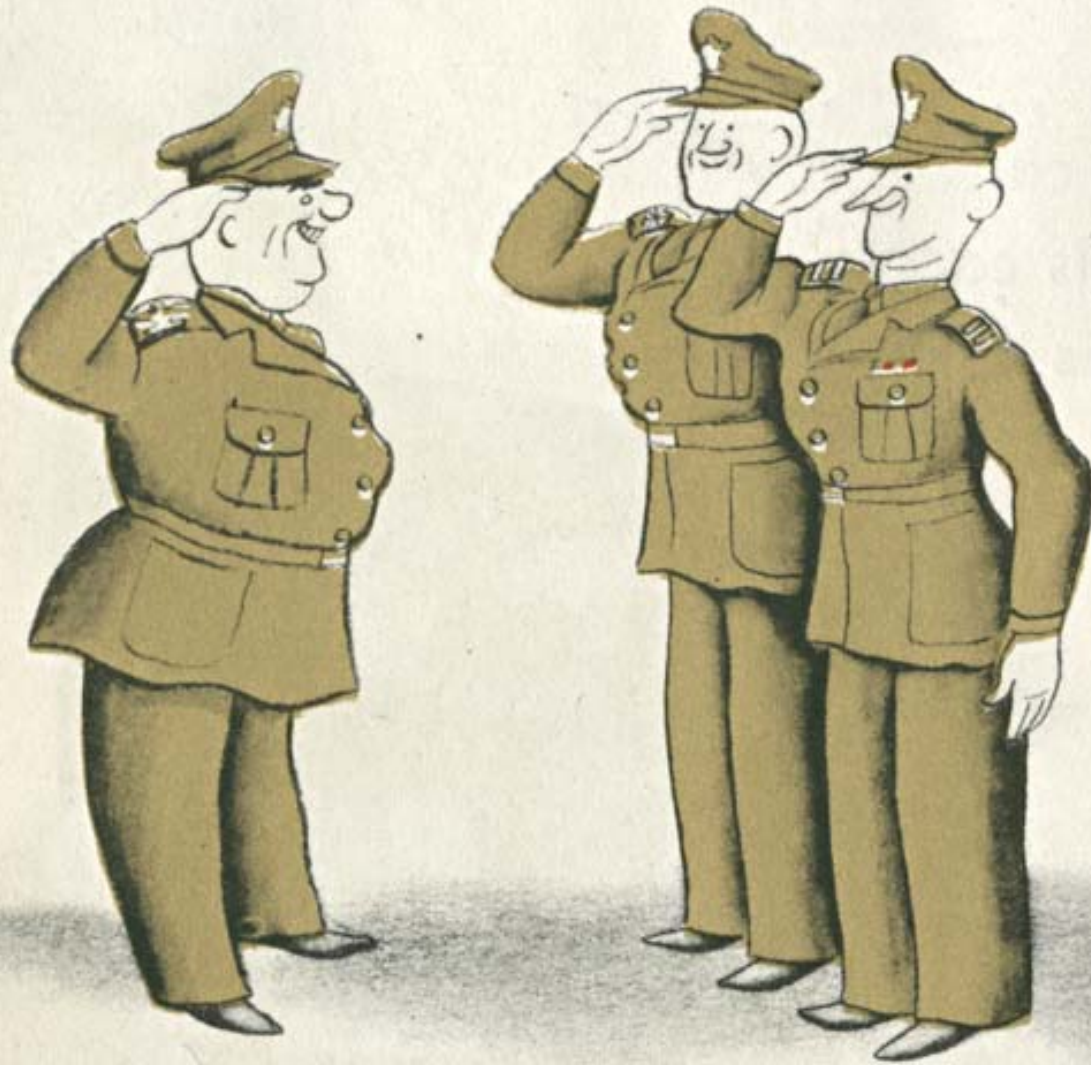
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Once there was



A Colonel.  
And a Major.  
And a Captain.



And a Jeep.

"I'm going to camp," said the Colonel.

"So am I," said the Major.

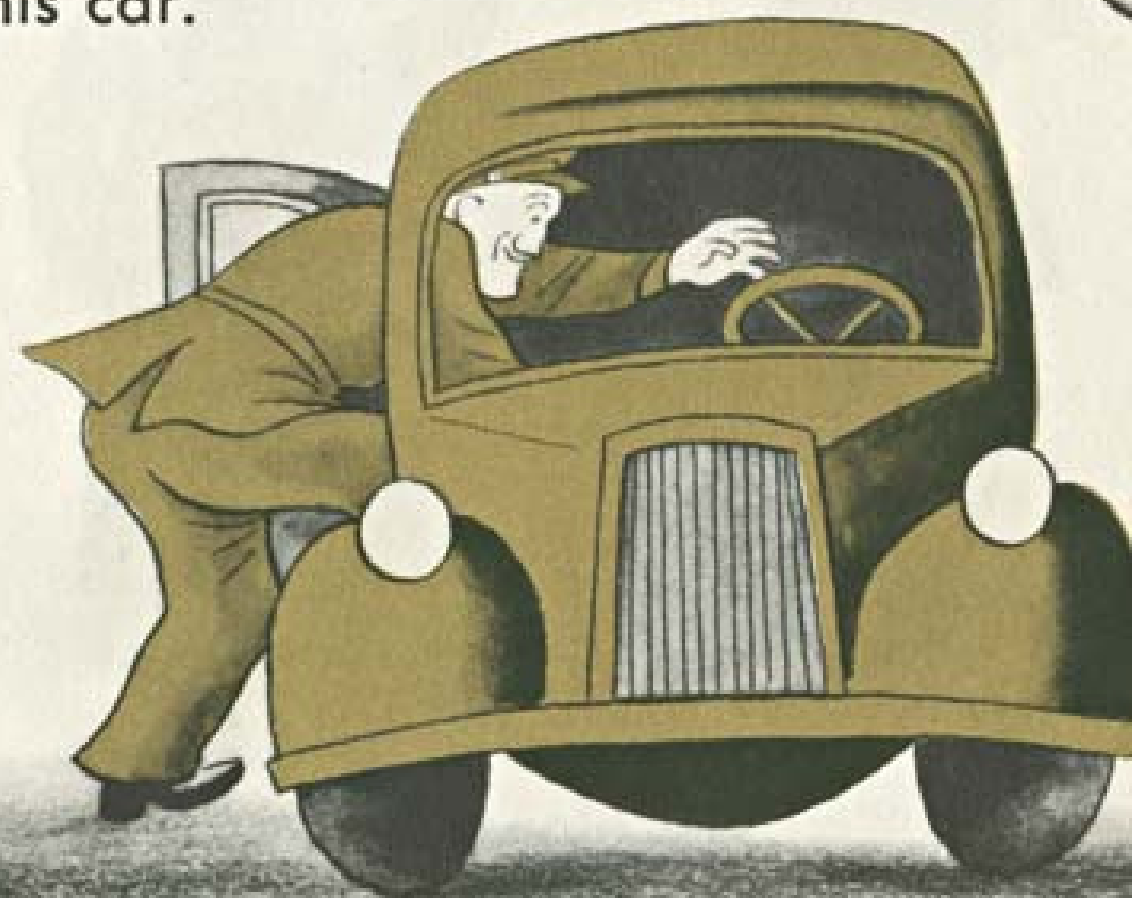
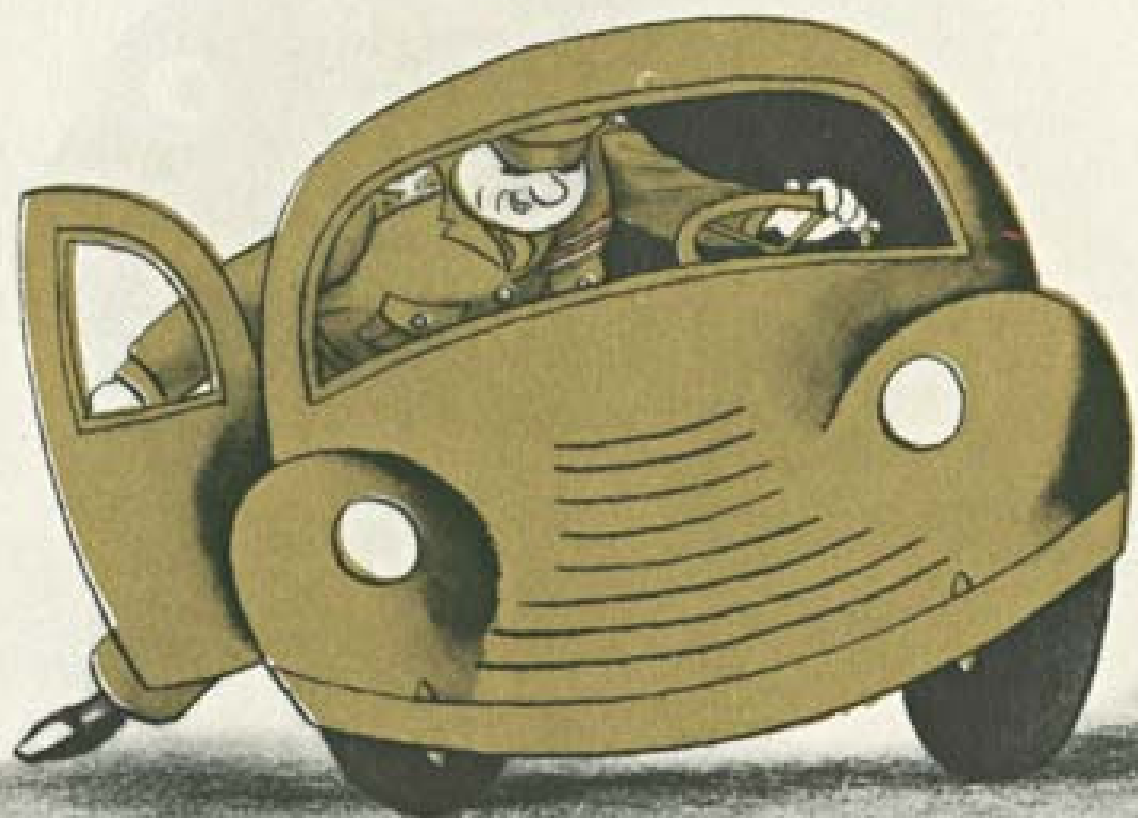
"So am I," said the Captain.

"So am I," said the Jeep.

"I'm first," said the Colonel, jumping into his car.

"I'm second," said the Major, jumping into his car.

"I'm third," said the Captain, jumping into his car.

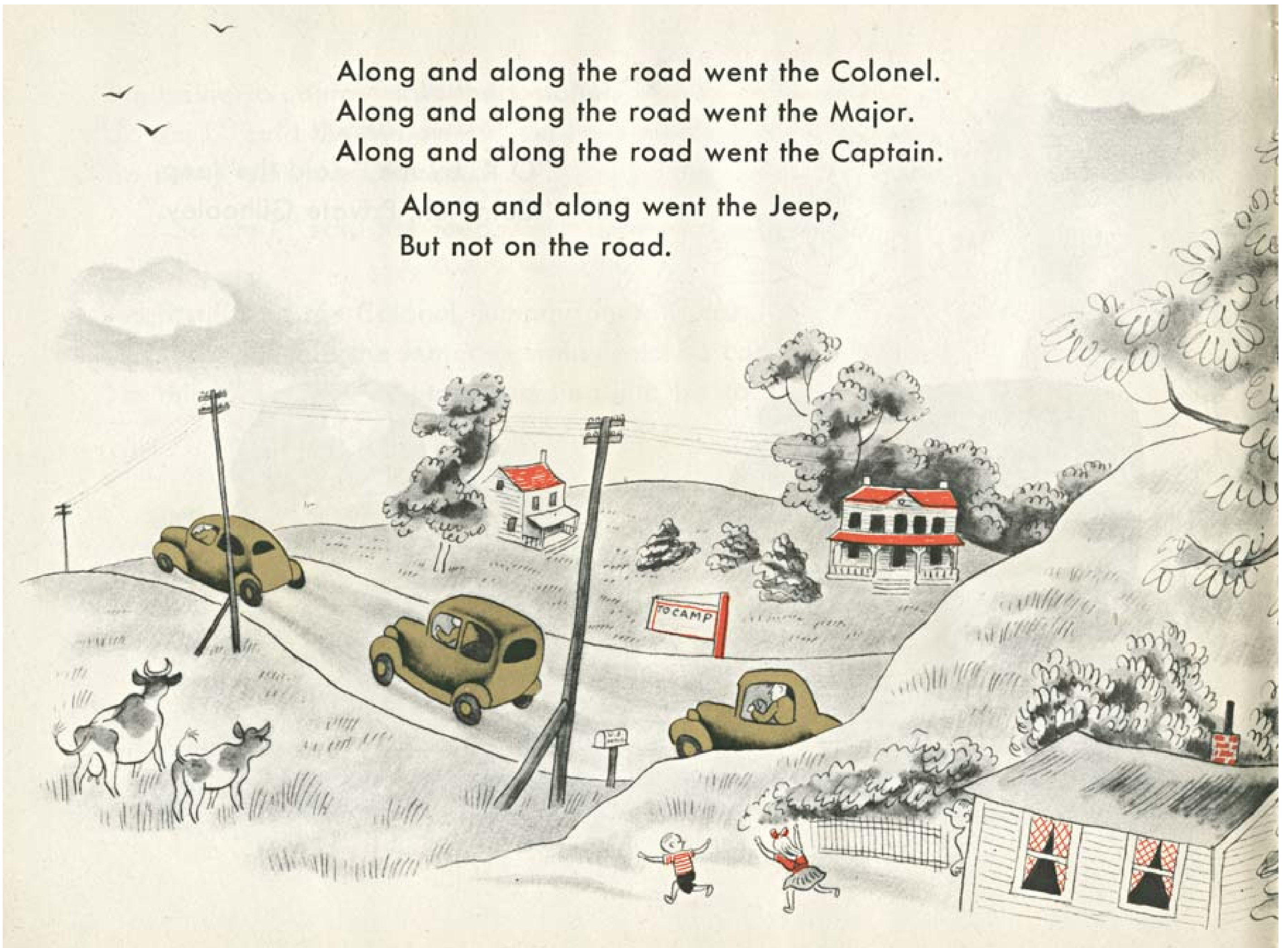




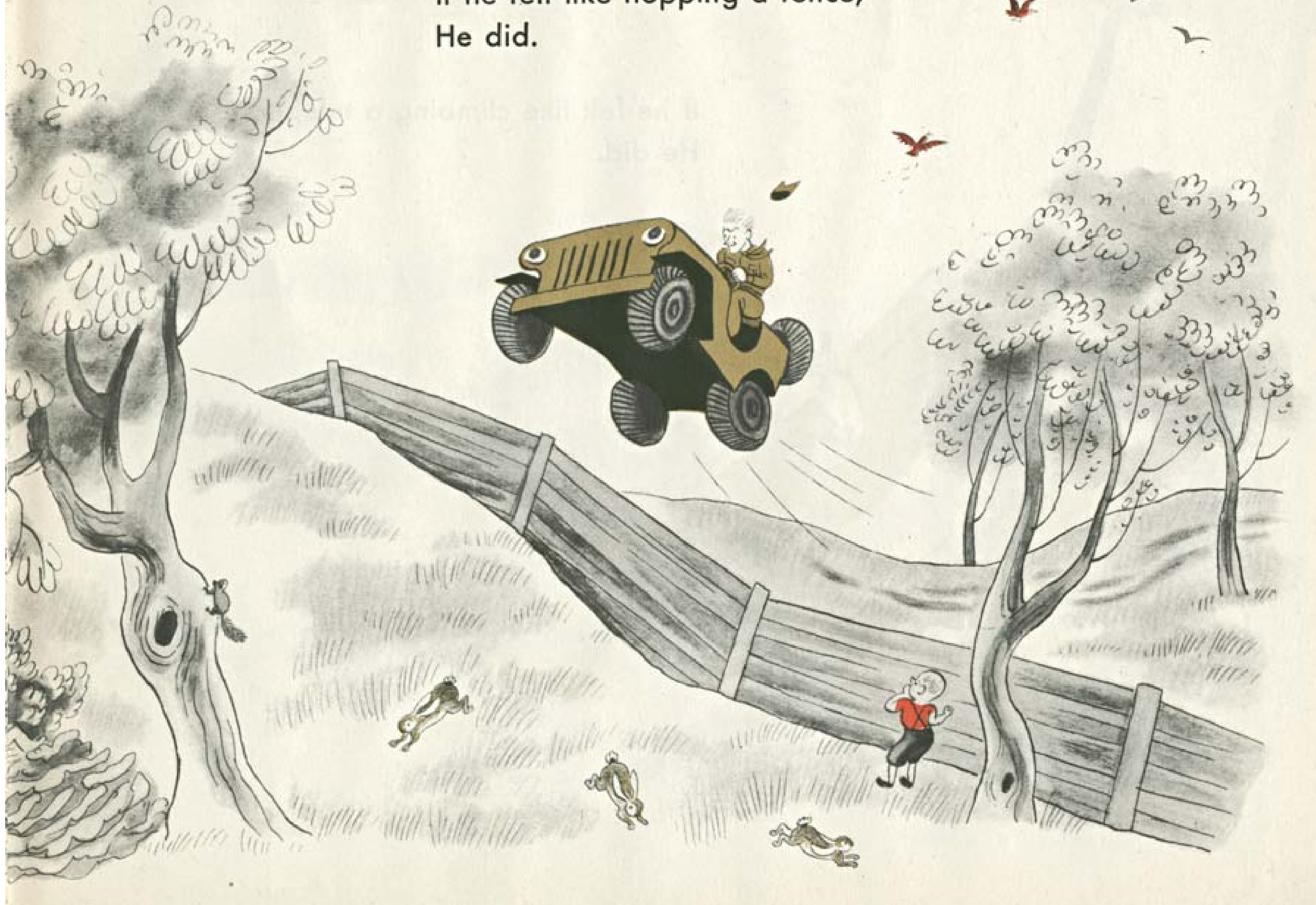
"O.K. by me," said the Jeep.  
"Come on, Private Gilhooley."

Along and along the road went the Colonel.  
Along and along the road went the Major.  
Along and along the road went the Captain.

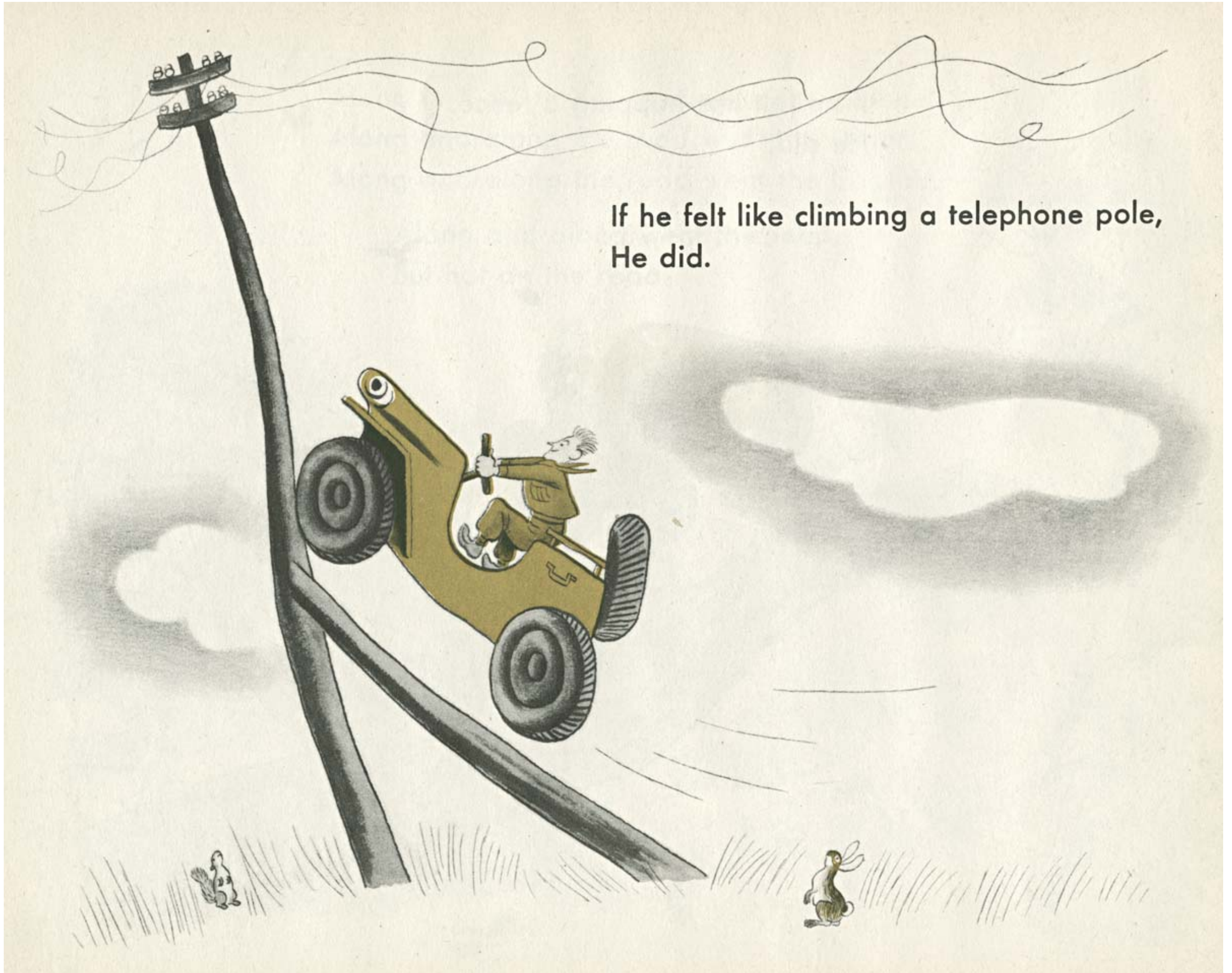
Along and along went the Jeep,  
But not on the road.



If he felt like hopping a fence,  
He did.

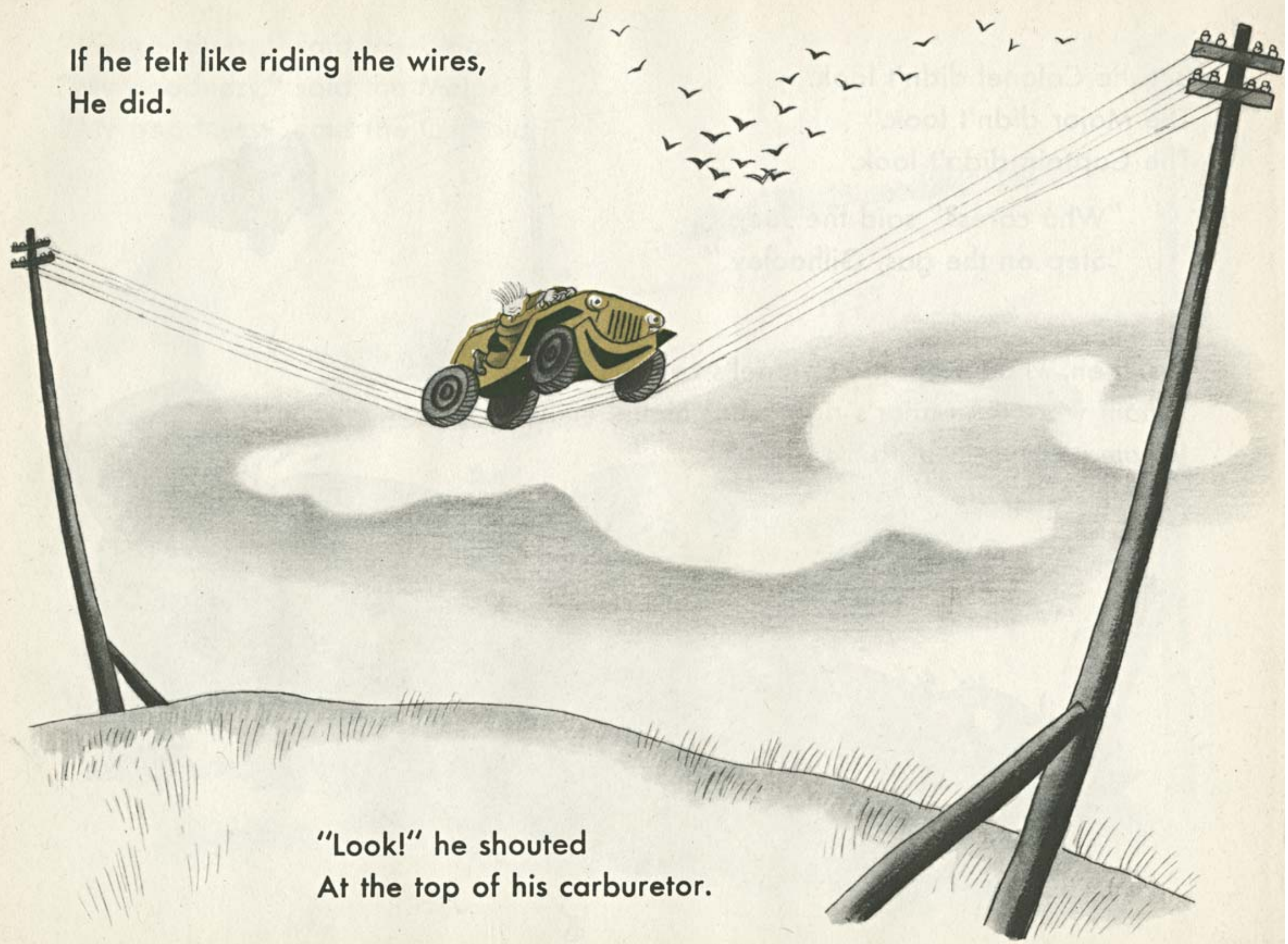


If he felt like climbing a telephone pole,  
He did.





If he felt like riding the wires,  
He did.

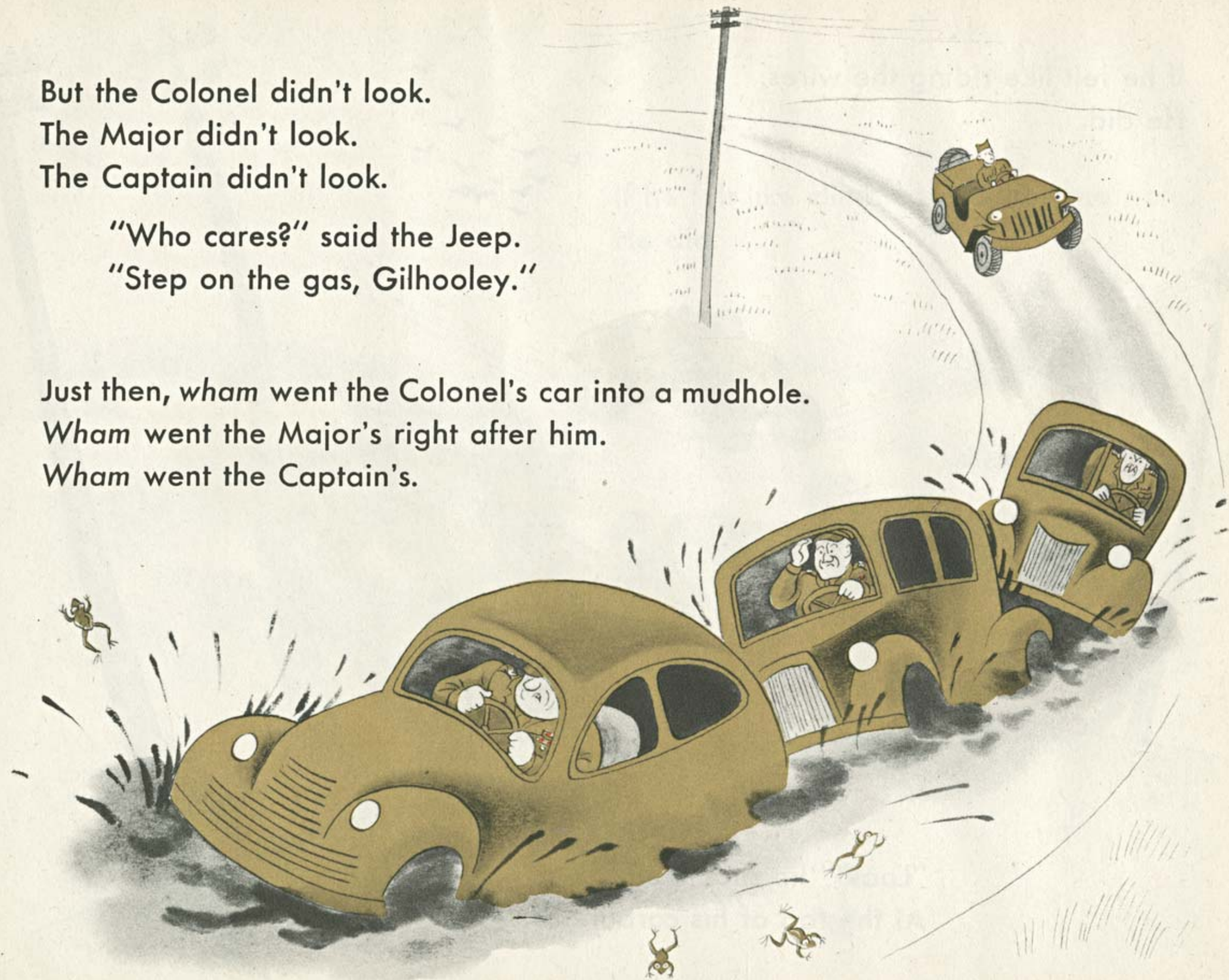


"Look!" he shouted  
At the top of his carburetor.

But the Colonel didn't look.  
The Major didn't look.  
The Captain didn't look.

"Who cares?" said the Jeep.  
"Step on the gas, Gilhooley."

Just then, *wham* went the Colonel's car into a mudhole.  
*Wham* went the Major's right after him.  
*Wham* went the Captain's.



"My goodness," said the Colonel.

"My goodness," said the Major.

"My goodness," said the Captain.



"Watch me," said the Jeep.



"Much obliged," said the Colonel.

"Much obliged," said the Major.

"Much obliged," said the Captain.

"We'll look for you in camp."

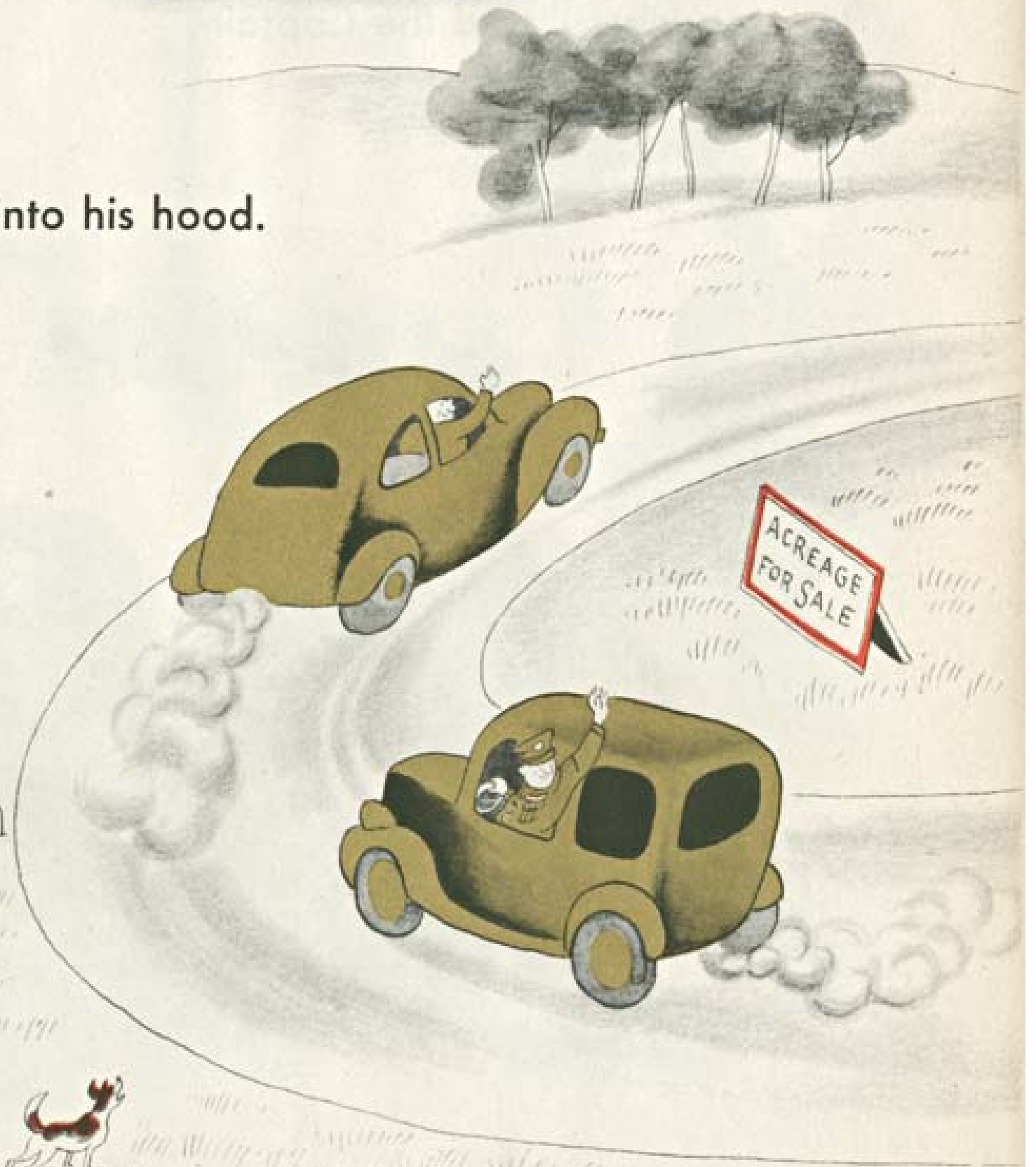
"Says who?" muttered the Jeep into his hood.

"Stick around, Gilhooley."

Along and along went the Colonel.

Along and along went the Major.

Along and along went the Captain.



Along went the Jeep  
In the middle of the road  
For a change.



Whee-ee went the Colonel's brakes.

Whee-ee went the Major's.

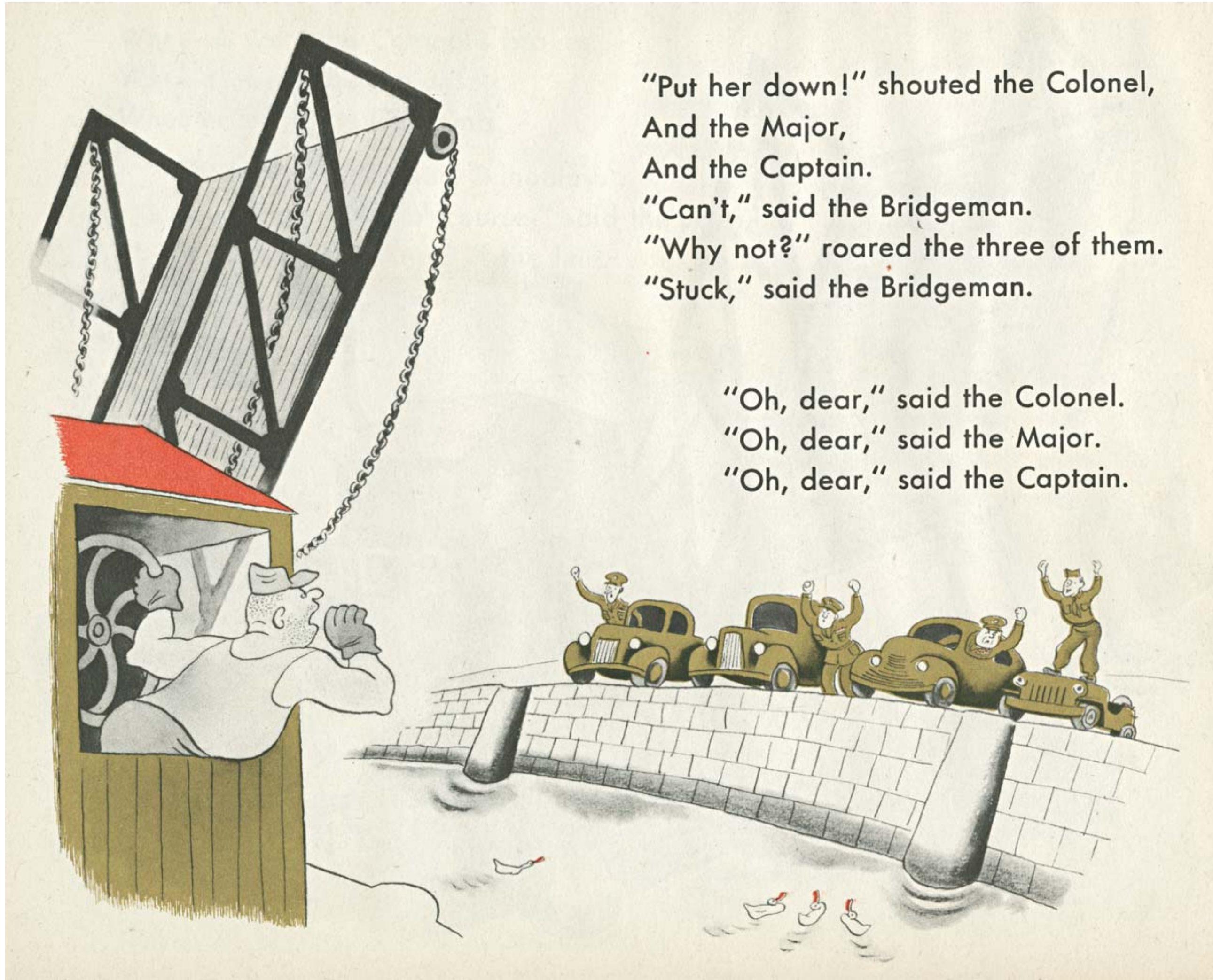
Whee-ee went the Captain's.

"What's up?" asked Gilhooley.

"A drawbridge, of course," said the Jeep,  
Buzzing to the head of the line.







"Put her down!" shouted the Colonel,  
And the Major,  
And the Captain.

"Can't," said the Bridgeman.

"Why not?" roared the three of them.

"Stuck," said the Bridgeman.

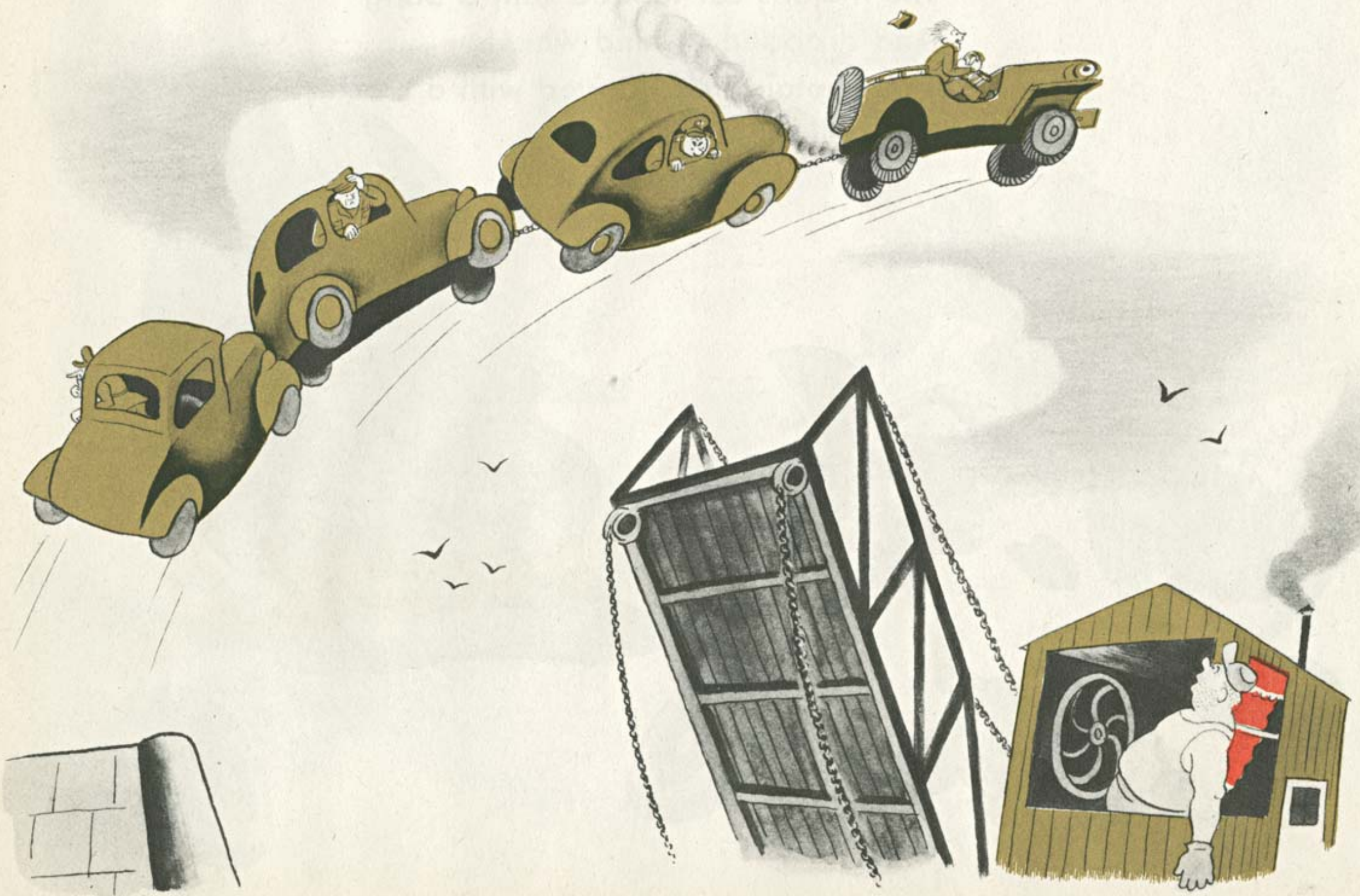
"Oh, dear," said the Colonel.

"Oh, dear," said the Major.

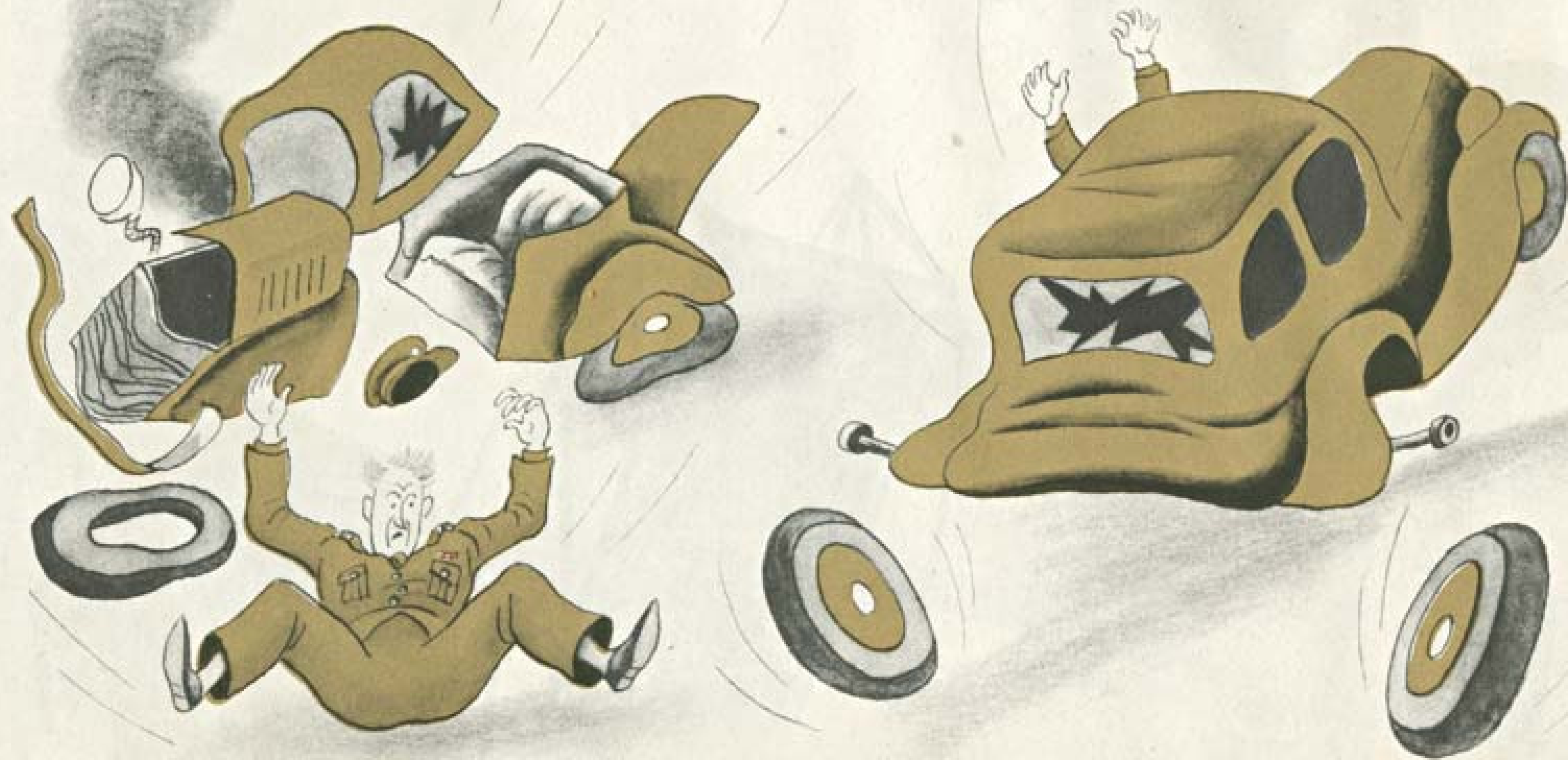
"Oh, dear," said the Captain.

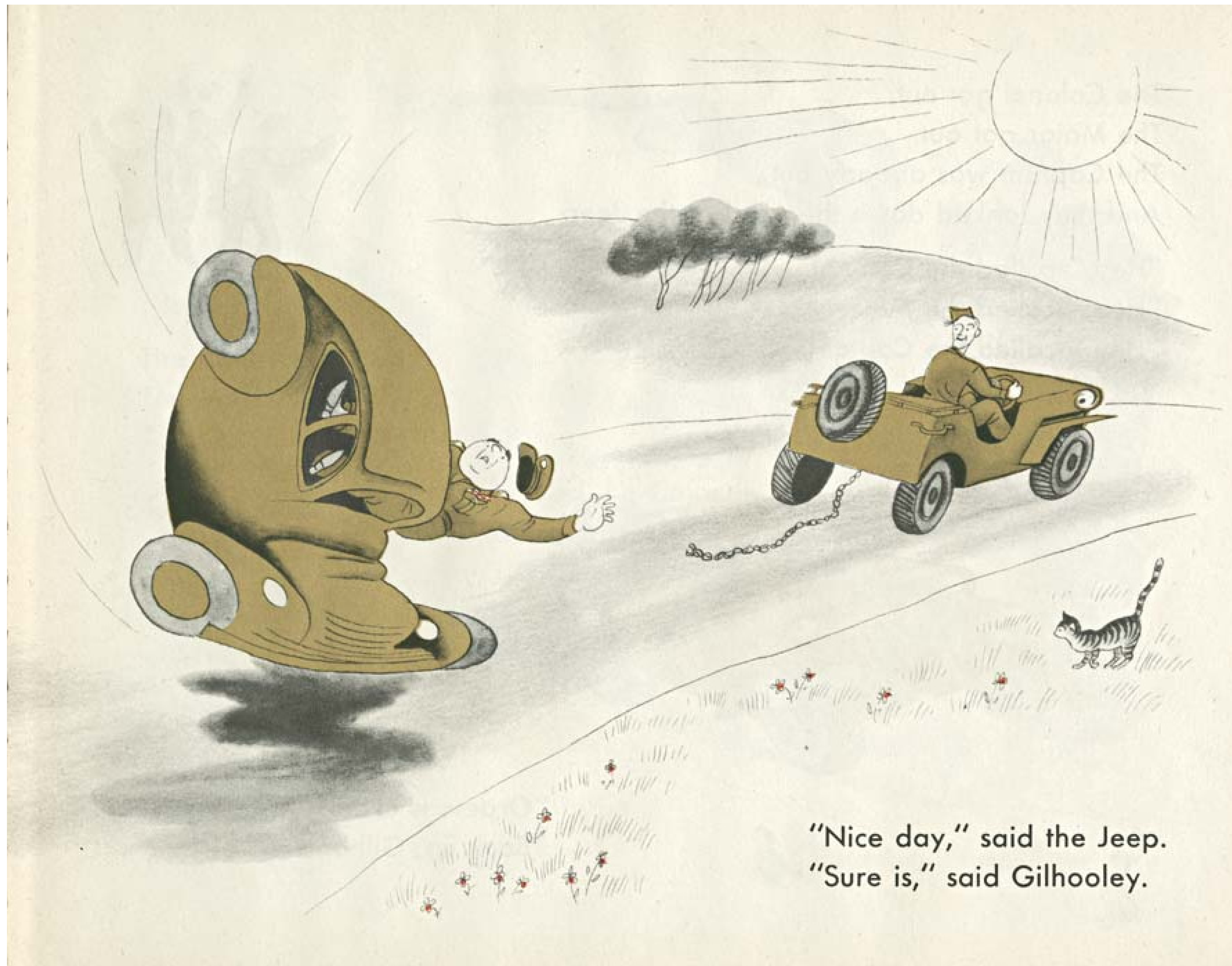


"Watch me," said the Jeep.



The Colonel's car landed with a bounce  
And lost its gasoline.  
The Major's car landed with a bang  
And dropped its hind wheels.  
The Captain's car landed with a crash  
And fell all to bits.

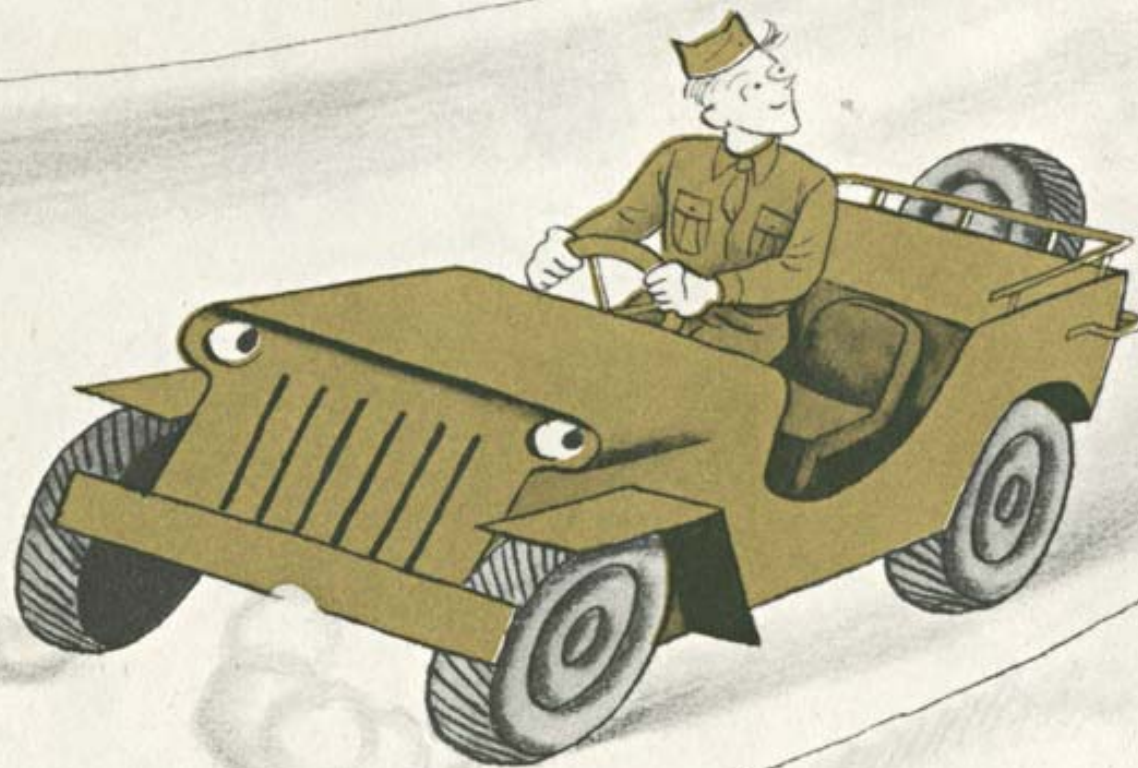




"Nice day," said the Jeep.  
"Sure is," said Gilhooley.

The Colonel got out.  
The Major got out.  
The Captain was already out.  
And they looked down the road at the Jeep.

"Hey," called the Colonel.  
"Hey," called the Major.  
"Hey," called the Captain.



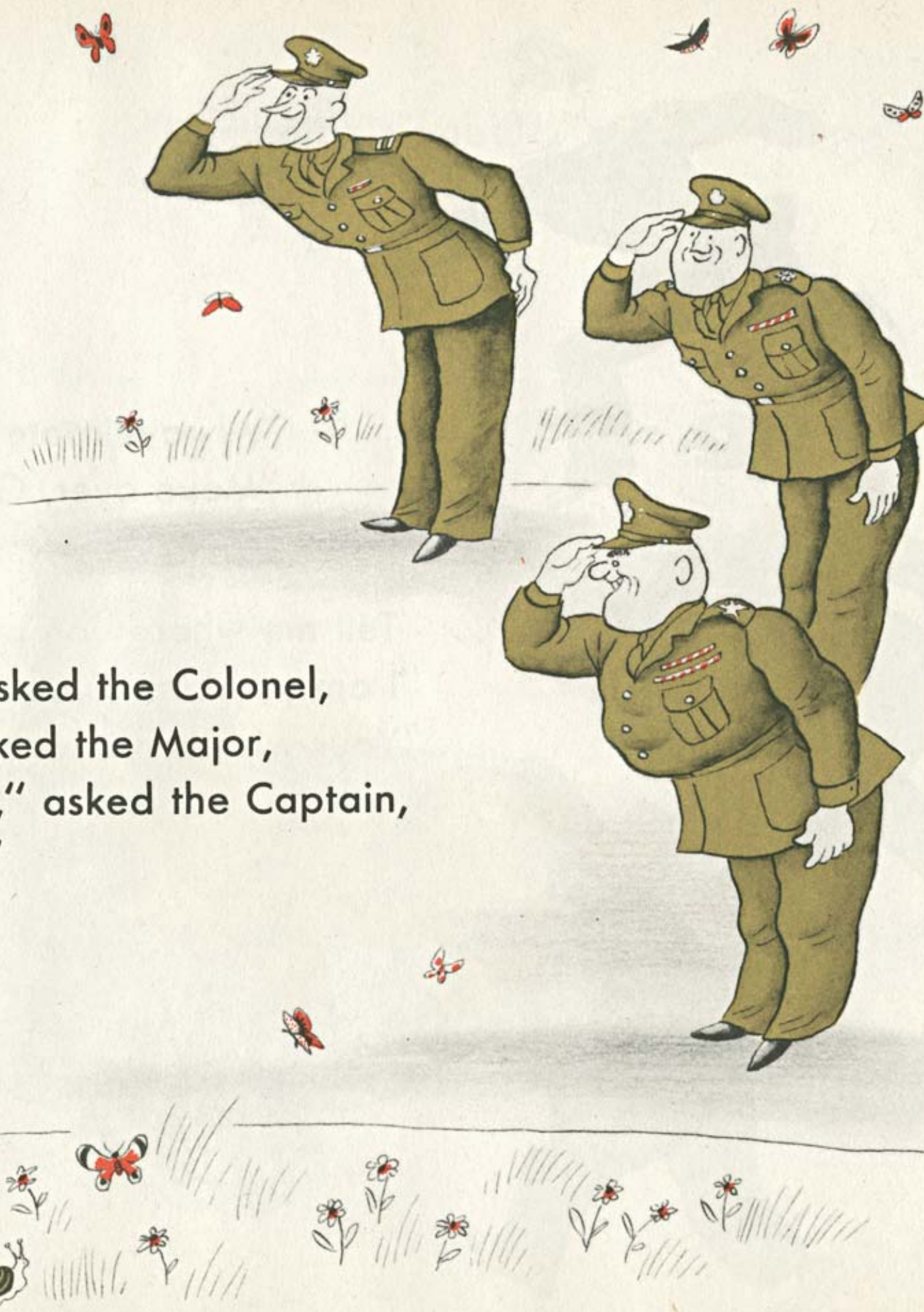
"Orders is orders," said the Jeep.  
"Back up, Gilhooley."





The Colonel saluted.  
The Major saluted.  
The Captain saluted.

"Would you be so good," asked the Colonel,  
"Would you be so kind," asked the Major,  
"Would you be so generous," asked the Captain,  
"As to let us ride with you?"





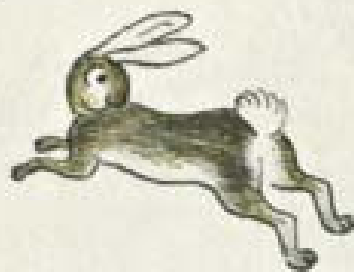
Along and along and along went the Jeep.  
Along and along and along went the Jeep.  
Along and along and along went the Jeep.

With the Colonel,  
And the Major,  
And the Captain,  
And Gilhooley.

"This is the life," grinned the Colonel,  
Winking at the Major.

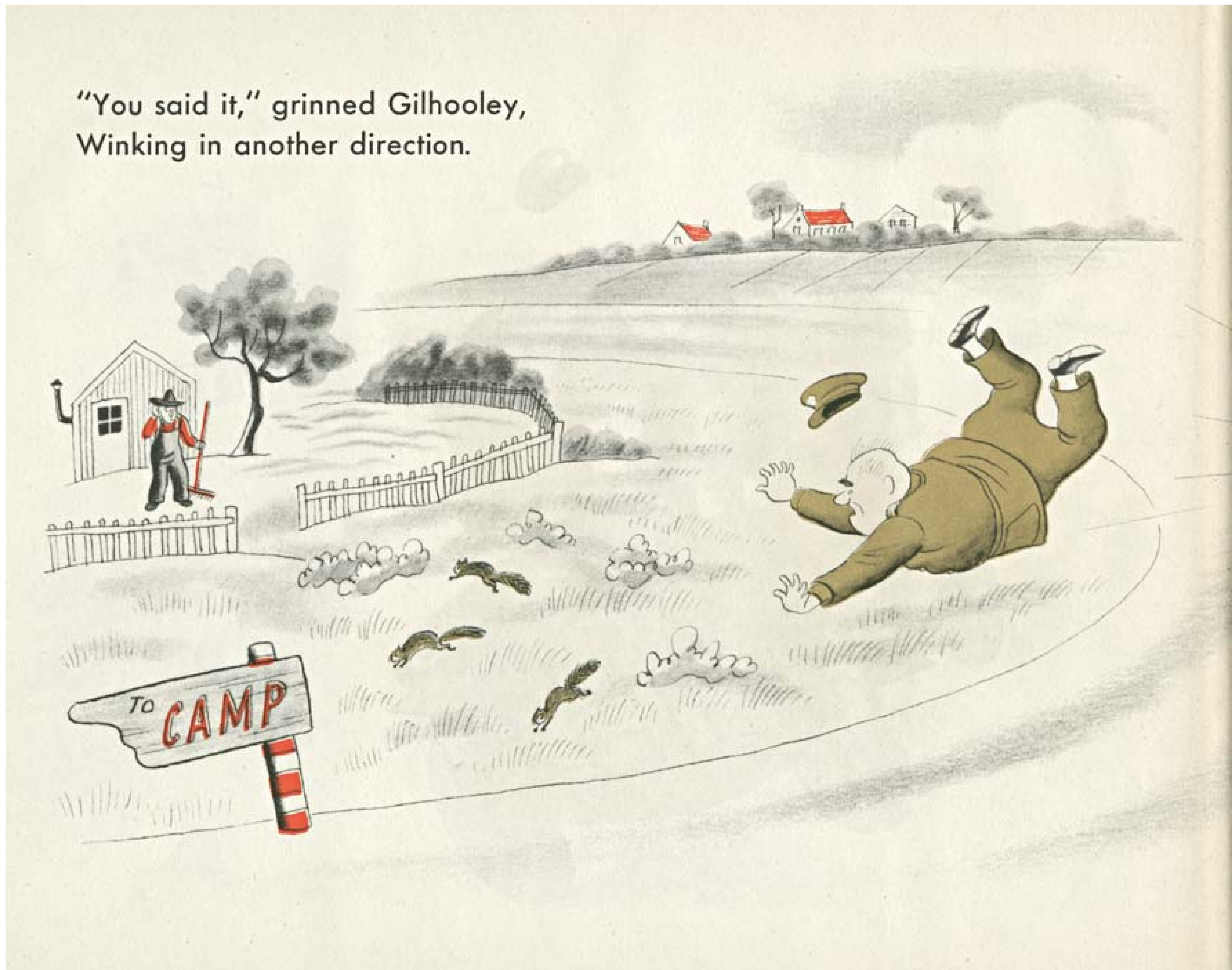
"This is the life," grinned the Major,  
Winking at the Captain.

"This is the life," grinned the Captain,  
Winking at Gilhooley.





"You said it," grinned Gilhooley,  
Winking in another direction.







"Watch me," said the Jeep.

