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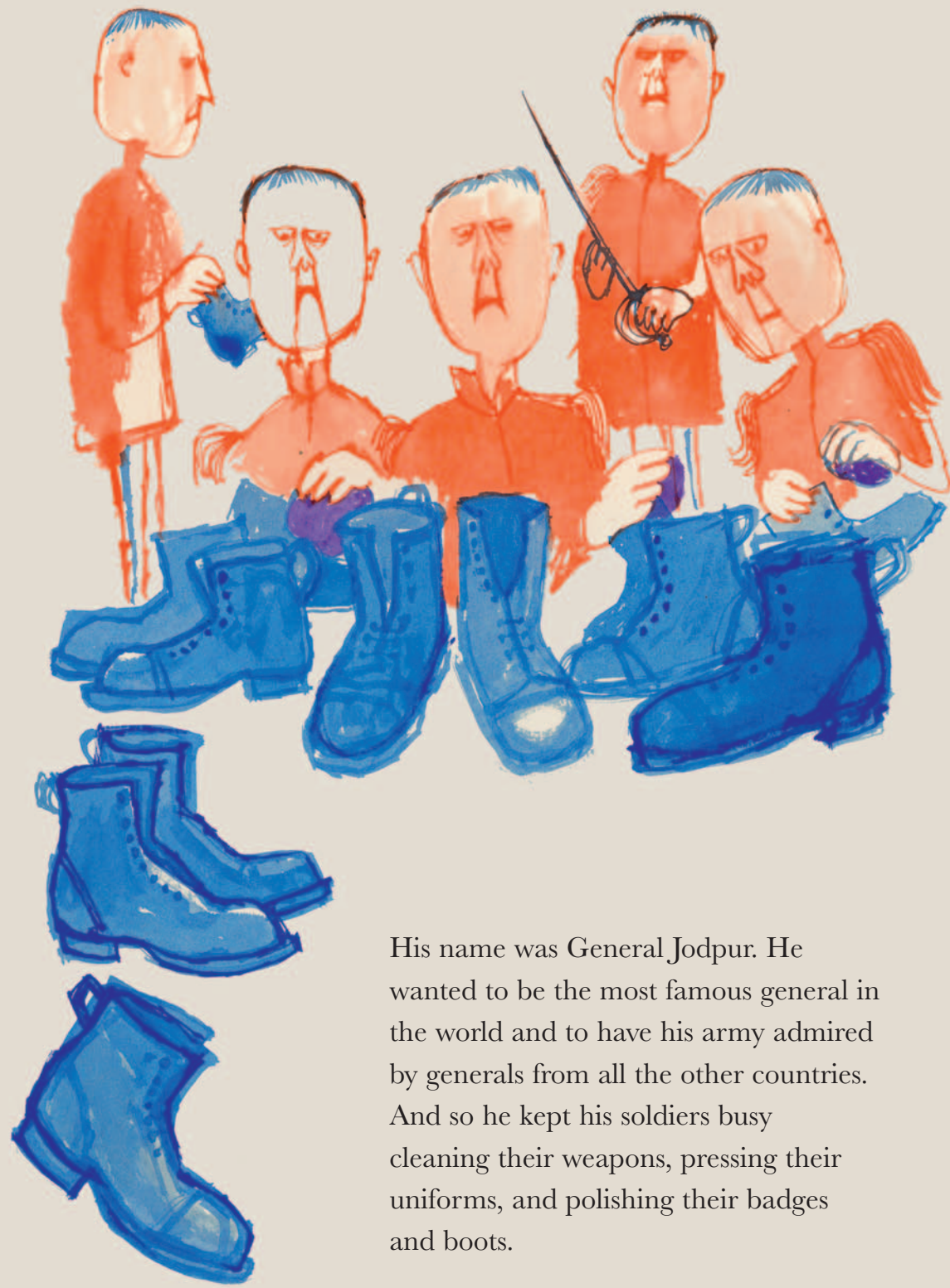
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There was once a general.





His name was General Jodpur. He wanted to be the most famous general in the world and to have his army admired by generals from all the other countries. And so he kept his soldiers busy cleaning their weapons, pressing their uniforms, and polishing their badges and boots.

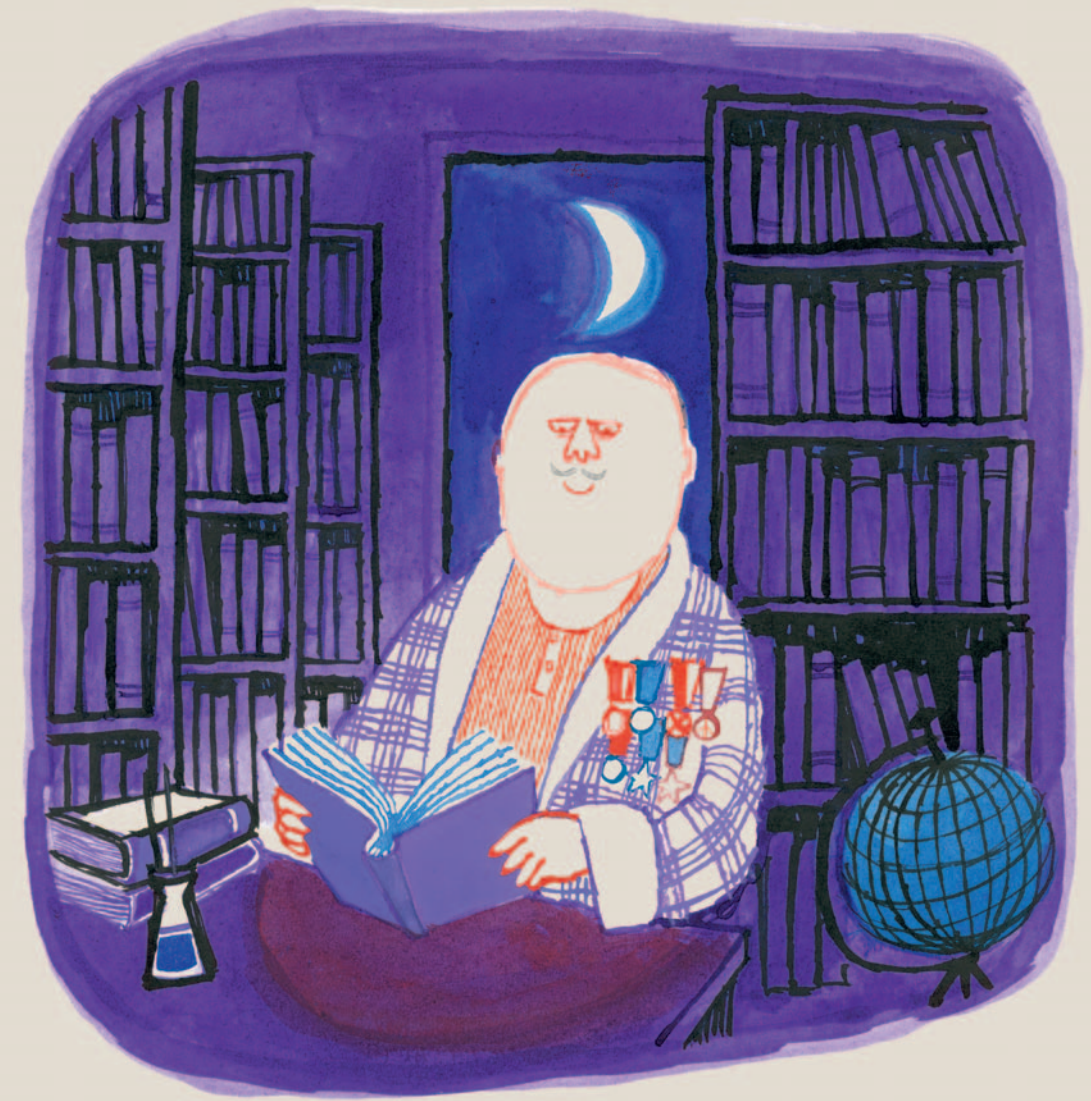


Every morning very early, as soon as the sun was up, the soldiers had to be out on the parade grounds smartly dressed and ready to practice marching.

When they had finished marching, the soldiers divided into several groups. The cooks went to the kitchens to prepare the meals. The cavalry went to the stables to groom and feed the horses.



The other soldiers went to the rifle range to practice shooting, and the officers made sure that the men did their jobs correctly.



In the evening when the camp was quiet, General Jodpur liked to sit up late and read about other generals and about the famous battles their armies had won. How he longed for the day when he and his army would be so famous that a book would be written about them.