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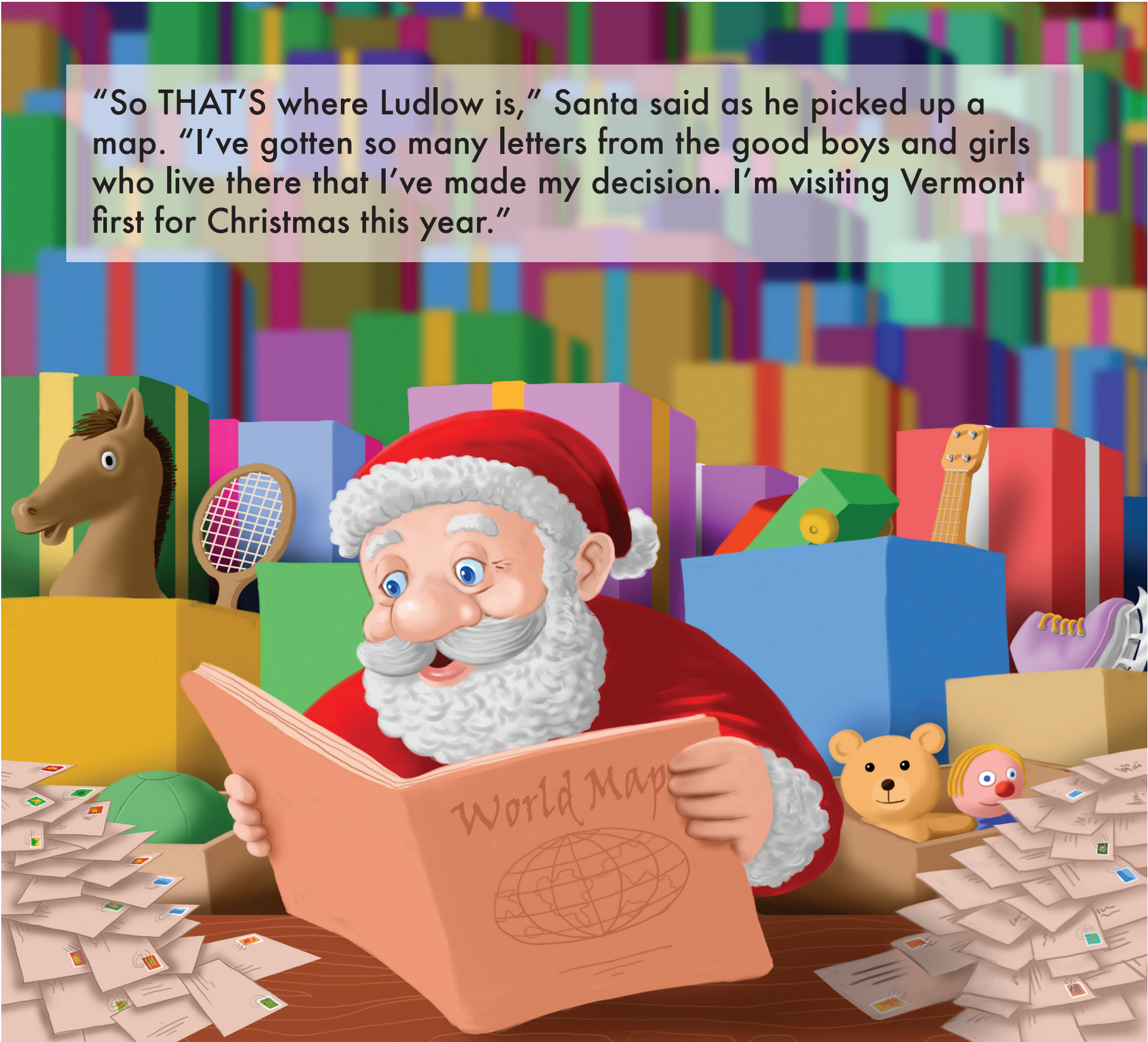
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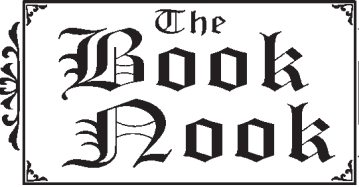
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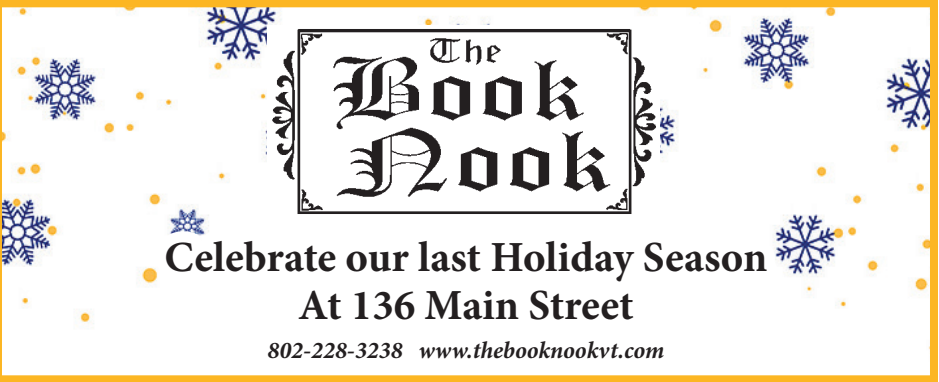
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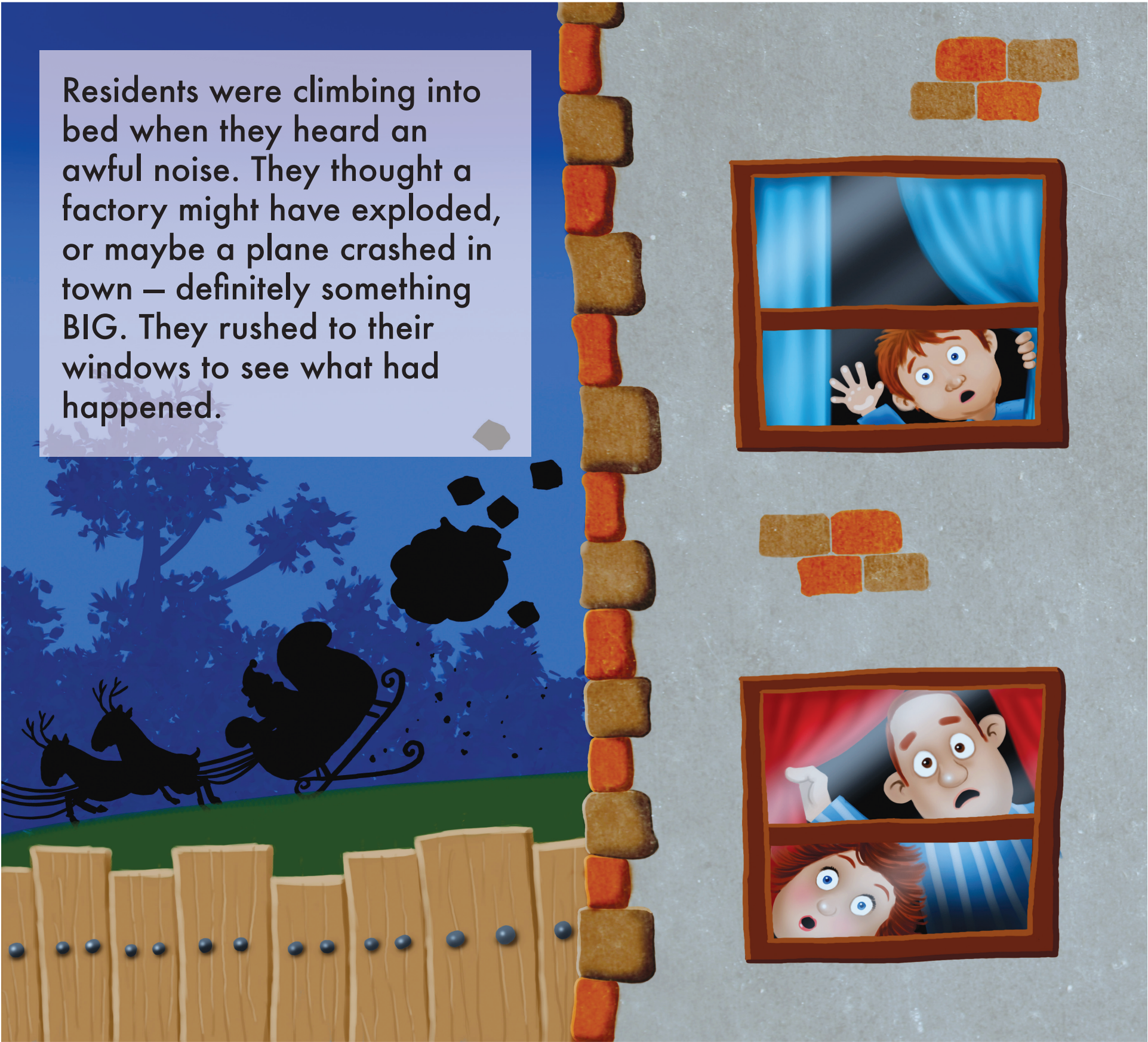
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Neighbors quickly called the police to check it out, and they couldn't believe what they discovered. There was a mangled sleigh, several bruised reindeer, and toys scattered all around. And there, in the middle of it all, slumped over beside the sleigh, was Santa himself with a big bump on his forehead.





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The police officers rushed to help Santa. “Oh, what have I done?” Santa said. “I crashed on my very first stop! If I don’t get help soon, children all over the world are going to wake up disappointed.” He looked around at the wreckage – the scattered toys, the limping reindeer – and lowered his head.



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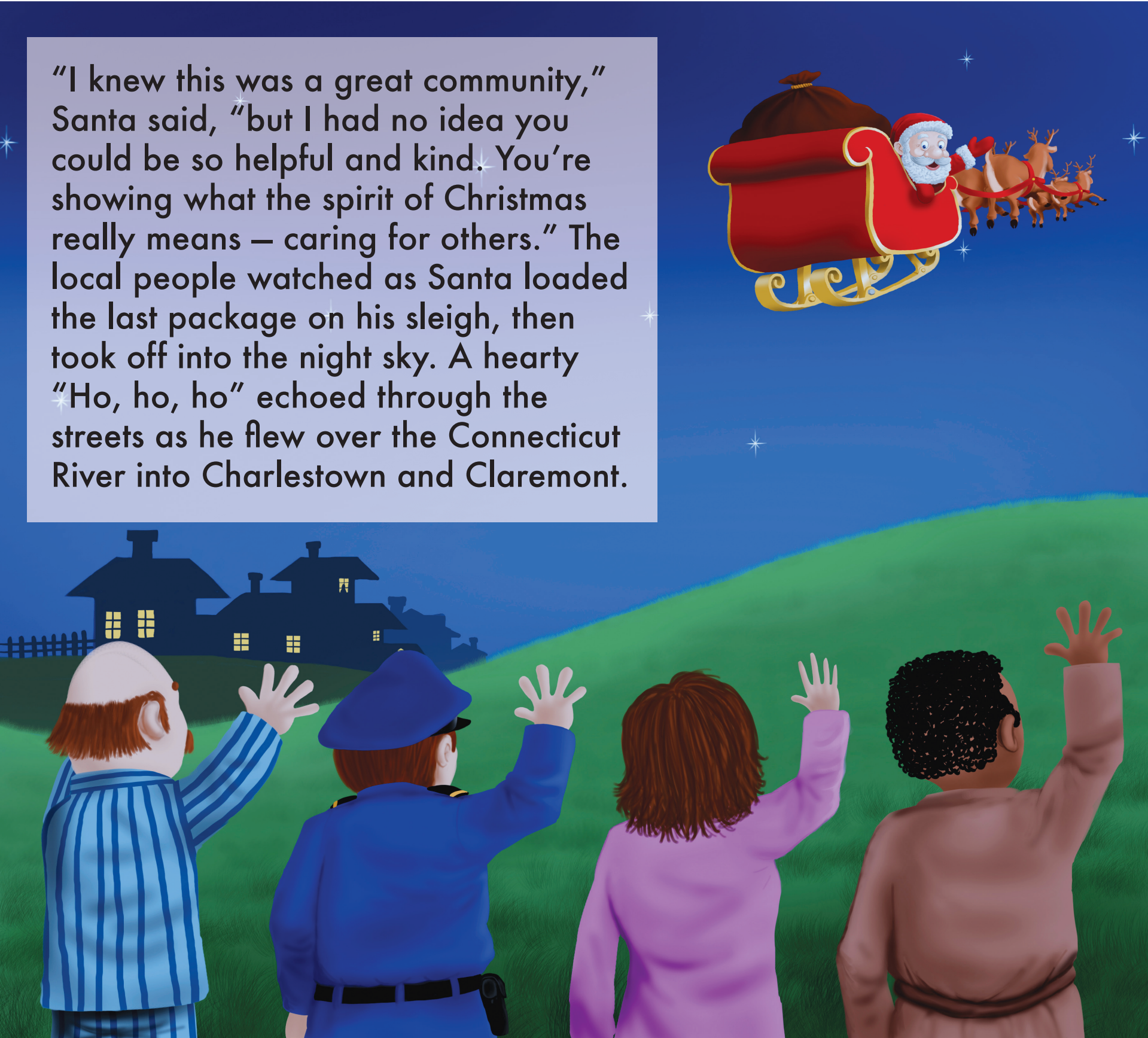
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