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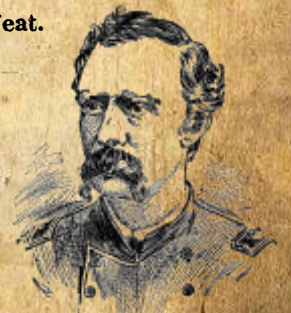
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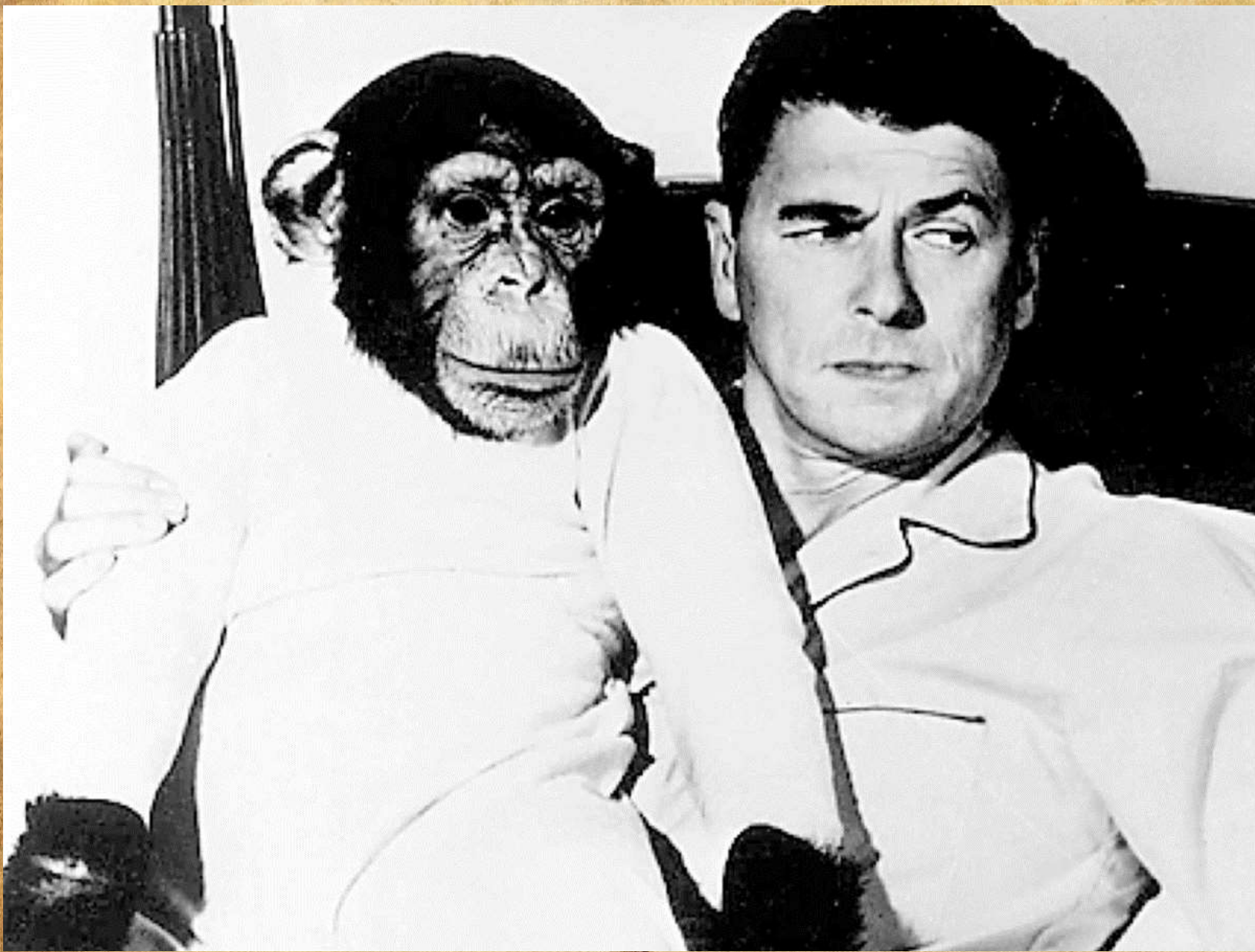
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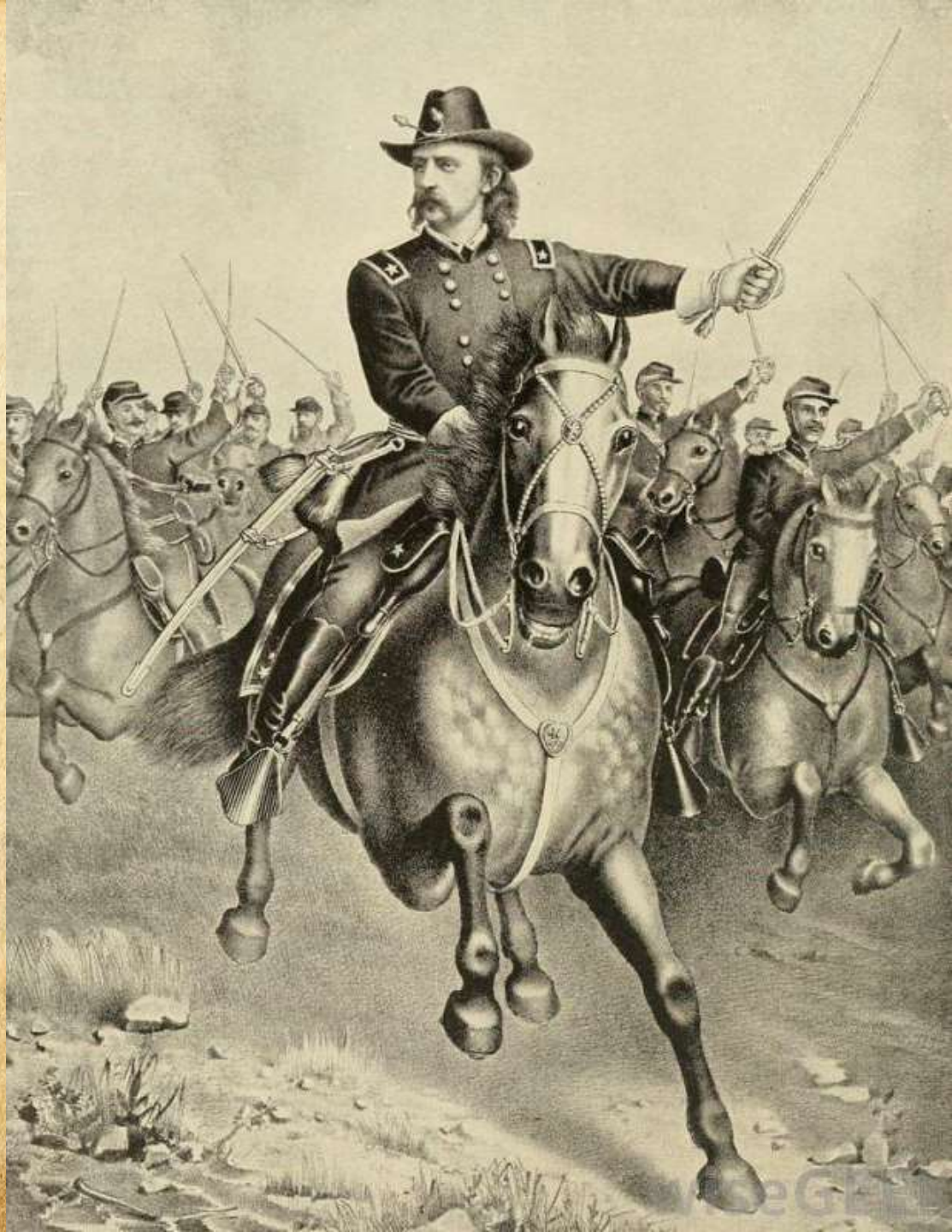




















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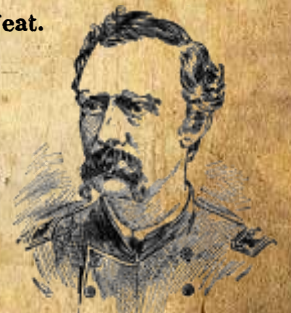
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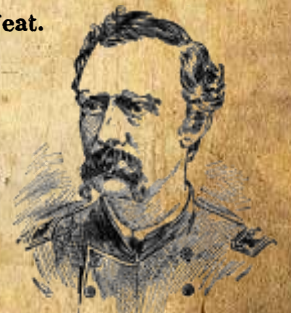
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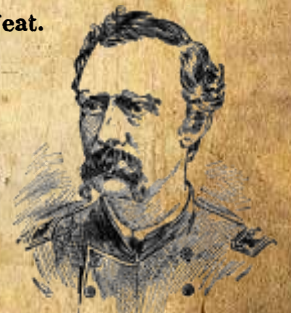
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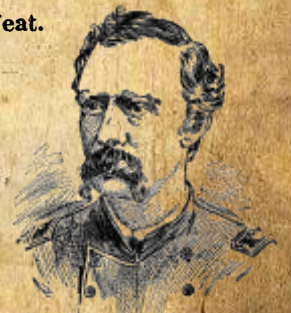
Controversial Civil War General Goes Down in Defeat in Montana

George Custer was born December 5, 1839, in New Rumley, Ohio, and his personality was larger-than-life from the beginning. The poor little guy had to get a tooth pulled at just 4 years old, but as his father recalled, he didn't even cry! And he skipped home telling his father that he was so tough that there was no one he couldn't lay a whooping on. George loved playing practical jokes on his family members, and the practical joking continued when he enrolled in West Point. No one thought that George Custer would ever amount to anything as a military officer. He graduated in 1861 as the goat of the class as the lowest-ranking cadet. With the record he compiled at West Point, under normal circumstances he would have been sent to some obscure post to languish for the rest of his military career. But lucky for Custer, the Civil War had just broken out, and the Union Army was in desperate need of young officers. And Custer did not disappoint. As a cavalry officer, he was fearless in battle. Some would say reckless.

Tradition has it that eleven horses were shot out from underneath him. Never one to shy away from the camera, the handsome, mustachioed officer carefully crafted his public image. And it wasn't long until his superiors noticed his uncanny instincts in battle and his willingness to do whatever it took to get the job done. Then, in June of 1863, George Custer was promoted to brigadier general. He was the youngest general in the Union Army at just 23 years of age, earning him the nickname the "Boy General." Can you imagine? And Custer picked the gaudiest general's uniform available. Some said it was a sign of his vanity. But Custer insisted on standing out on the battlefield for his men to see him leading the charge from the front. He refused to send others to do what he wasn't willing to do himself. But it was at Gettysburg that General Custer made a name for himself as he squared off against J.E.B. Stuart. Despite being outnumbered, Custer's brigade withstood charge after charge from Stuart's cavalry. Running out of ammunition, Custer's men repelled the confederates in vicious hand-to-hand combat. And in the end, Custer threw off his hat so his men could recognize his

long, golden hair, drew his saber, and led the final cavalry charge with such force that the collision caused many of the horses to tumbled head over heels. Out of the 400 men in Custer's brigade, 247 were lost. But they forced Stuart to retreat. And it was the beginning of the end for the Confederate army. The next year, Custer's cavalry blocked General Lee's final retreat. And General Custer was present at Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House. As a matter of fact, the table upon which the surrender was signed was gifted to Custer for his gallantry in battle, and it sits on display at the Smithsonian Institute today. And George Custer became a national hero. But the life of a military officer was much less glamorous after the war. Custer was assigned to the western frontier to defend America's interests against the Indians. Actually, they were pushing the Native Americans off their own land as America continued to expand. And this is when his reputation began to suffer. No one wanted to be on the western frontier, including Custer's men. So he had to brutally discipline his band of malcontents to keep them in line, and he was criticized for shooting deserters without a trial.

Then he viciously ransacked an Indian village in Cheyenne that resulted in the death of more than 40 women and children. These were some dark times in American history that happened with remarkable frequency. And, of course, there was the incident at Little Bighorn in Montana. There is still a debate raging today over who's to blame for Custer's defeat there. Some believe that Custer led an irresponsible, foolhardy charge against the enemy, while others argue that he had no choice considering the orders he was given. But one thing's for sure, in the end Custer and every one of his men were cut down at the hands of the Lakota Sioux, including Custer's two younger brothers, his nephew, and his brother-in-law. The nation was shocked at the news of Custer's spectacular defeat.



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“Custer found most of [the men] still there, lounging about, smoking, telling stories, and pleasantly whiling away the hours, but as soon as they saw him, all bedlam broke loose. ‘Hallow, General,’ roared one officer. Another, snapping to attention and delivering a mock salute, announced, ‘Gentlemen, General Custer.’ From every corner of the tent similar irreverent greeting tumbled from malicious grins....”

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“...‘You’re looking well, General.’ ‘How are you, General?’ ‘Why General, I congratulate you.’ Custer loved a good joke as well as any man, and his sense of humor was usually inexhaustible, but tonight he was drenched, beat, and in no mood for silly games. ‘You may laugh, boys,’ he spat back brusquely. ‘Laugh as long as you please, but I will be a general yet, for all your chaff. You see if I don’t, that’s all.’...”

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“...This sincere little speech reduced the occupants of that tent to hysterics, which only pushed Custer’s temper to the breaking point. His eyes narrowed and then flashed with anger, but before he could act, Lieutenant George W. Yates, a close hometown friend from Monroe, shook off his mirth and said, ‘Look on the table, old fellow. They’re not chaffing.’ Turning around, he picked up a large official envelope and read the inscription....”

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“...Instantly he felt his knees give way and his eyes fill with tears, and all he could do was sink onto a campstool, still grasping the unopened envelope. It was addressed to “BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE A. CUSTER...’! The aides were still laughing, but now they were crowding around to slap his back, shake his hand, and offer their heartfelt congratulations. It was all Custer could do to keep from crying and making an utter fool of himself.” (From Gregory J.W. Urwin’s biography *Custer*

Victorious: The Civil War Battles of General George Armstrong Custer, page 43)



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