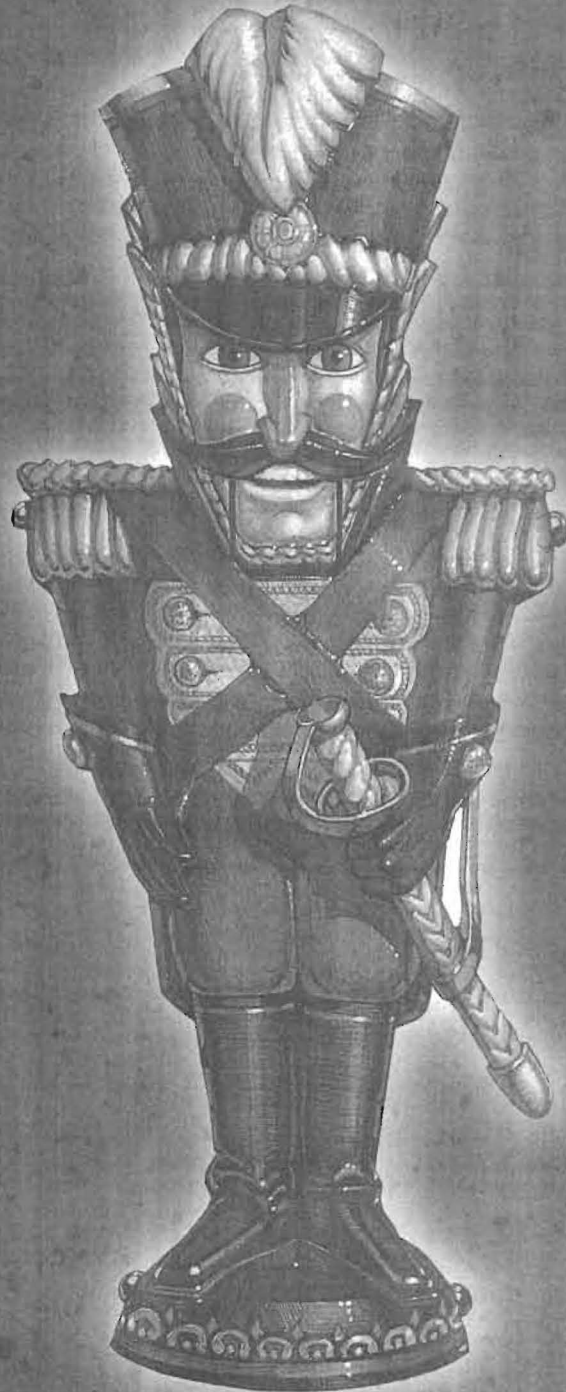


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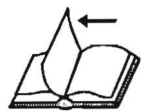
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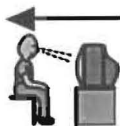
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Chapter

1



Maria



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the



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in



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Today



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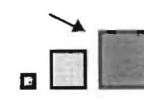
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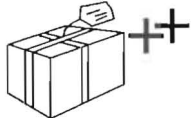
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party.



Food,



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and



family



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be



at



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if



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snow



did not



keep



people



home.



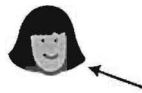
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Maria



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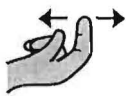
window.



People



began



to arrive



for



the



party.



Fritz



and



Maria



waited



for



Papa



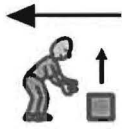
Drosselmeyer.



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Fritz



picked up



Maria.



Maria



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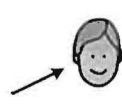
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snowball



at



him.



Maria

&

and



Fritz



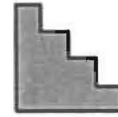
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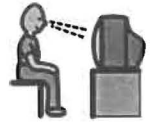
the



stairs



to



watch



the



adults



decorate.



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Maria



ran



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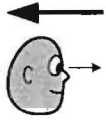
the



stairs.



She



saw



a



mouse.



Mice



scare



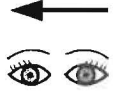
Maria.



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Children



looked



through



the



door



hole.



The



tree



was



lit.



Children



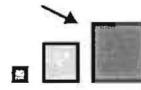
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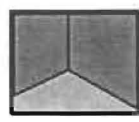
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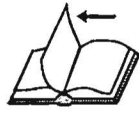
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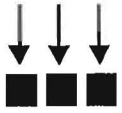
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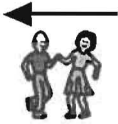
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Chapter

2



Everyone



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&

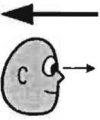
and



ate.



Maria



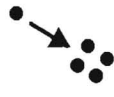
saw

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doll



with

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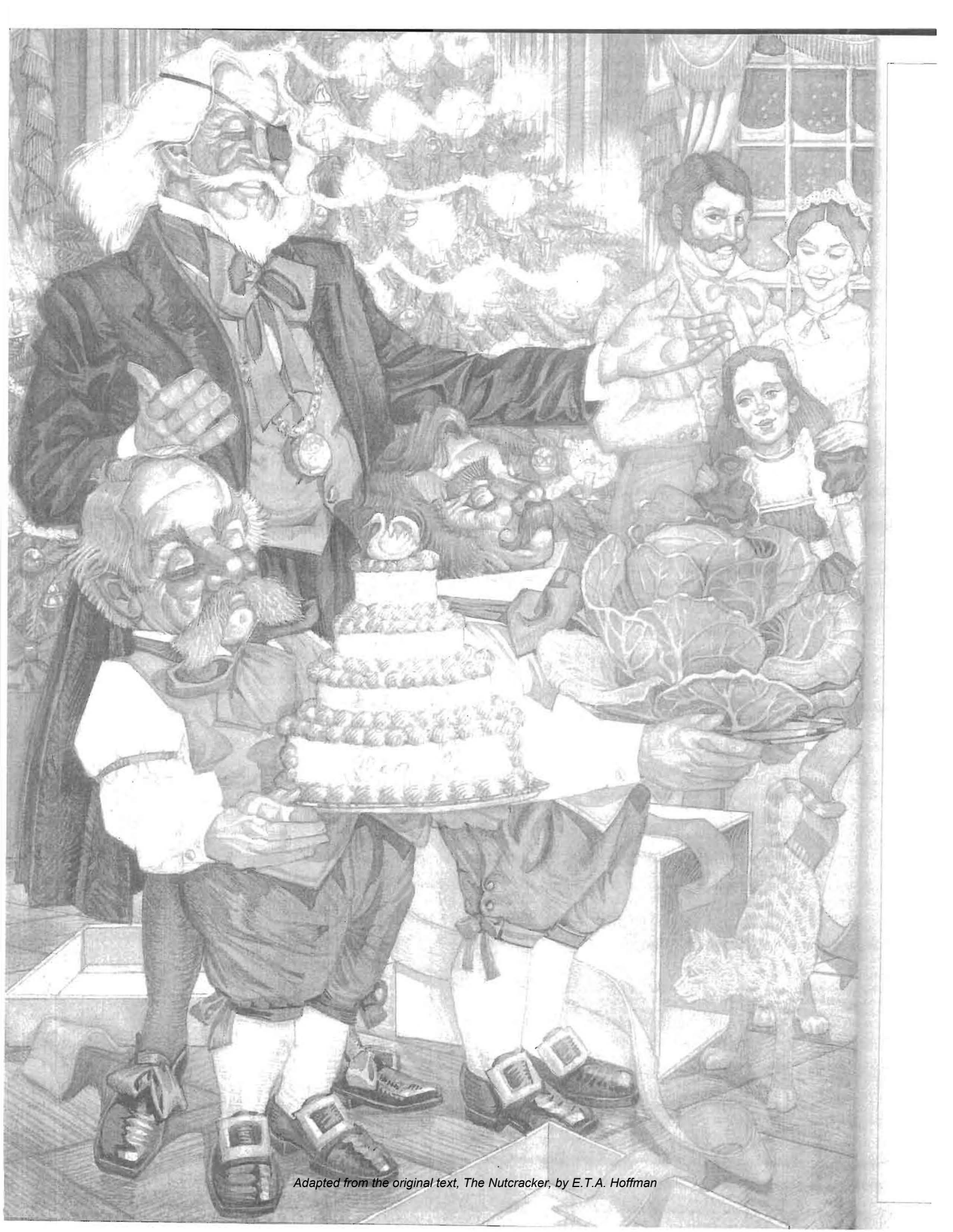
moustache.



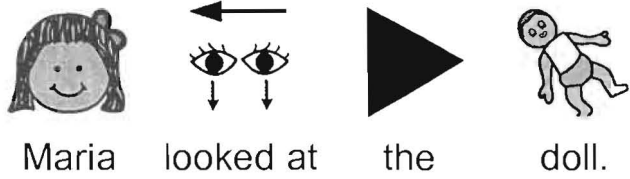
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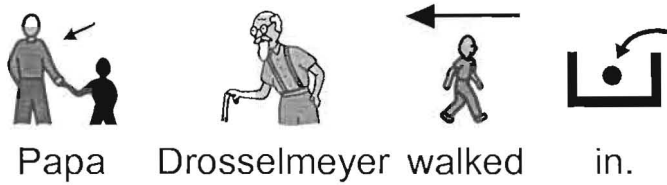
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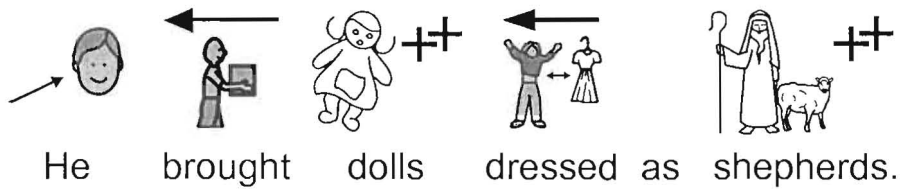
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Maria looked at the doll.



Papa Drosselmeyer walked in.



He brought dolls dressed as shepherds.



Papa



Drosselmeyer showed



Maria



the



doll



cracks



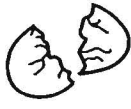
nuts.



The



nut



cracker



was



magical.



Fritz



took



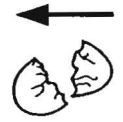
the



doll.



Fritz



broke



the



nut



cracker.



Maria



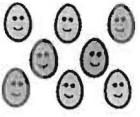
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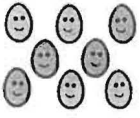
doll.



People



sang.



People



danced.



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Papa



Drosselmeyer



made



the



nut



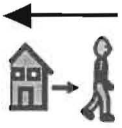
cracker



alive.



He



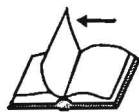
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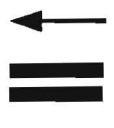

house.



3

Chapter 3

      
Mice were making noise in the walls.






    
Downstairs the mice were running.


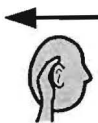








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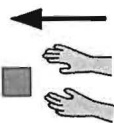
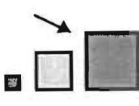


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Maria picked up the nut cracker.

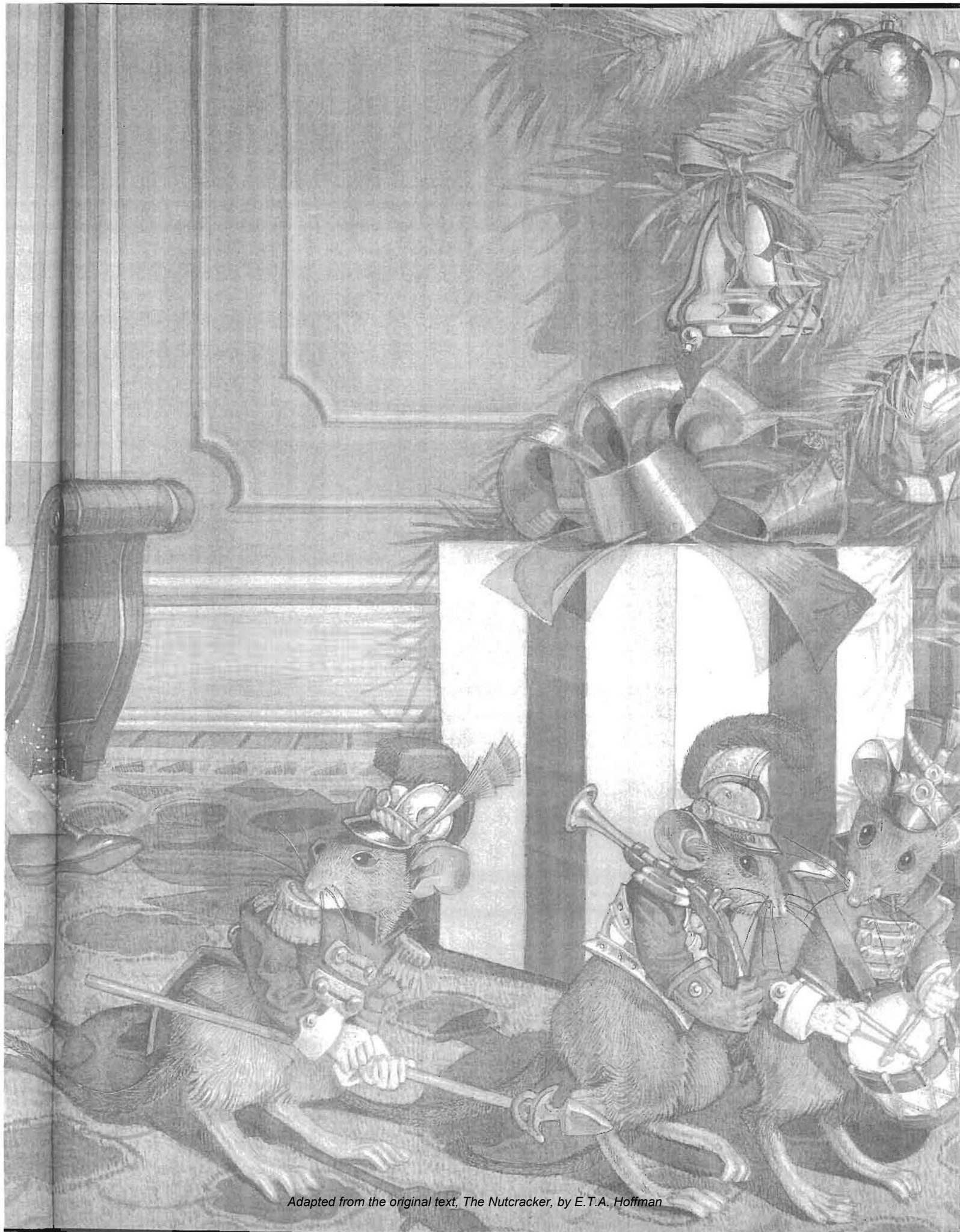
  
She heard mice.

    
She hid under the couch.

     
Everything in the room got larger.



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The



mice



and



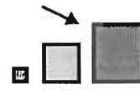
nut



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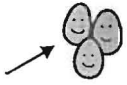
were



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adults.



They



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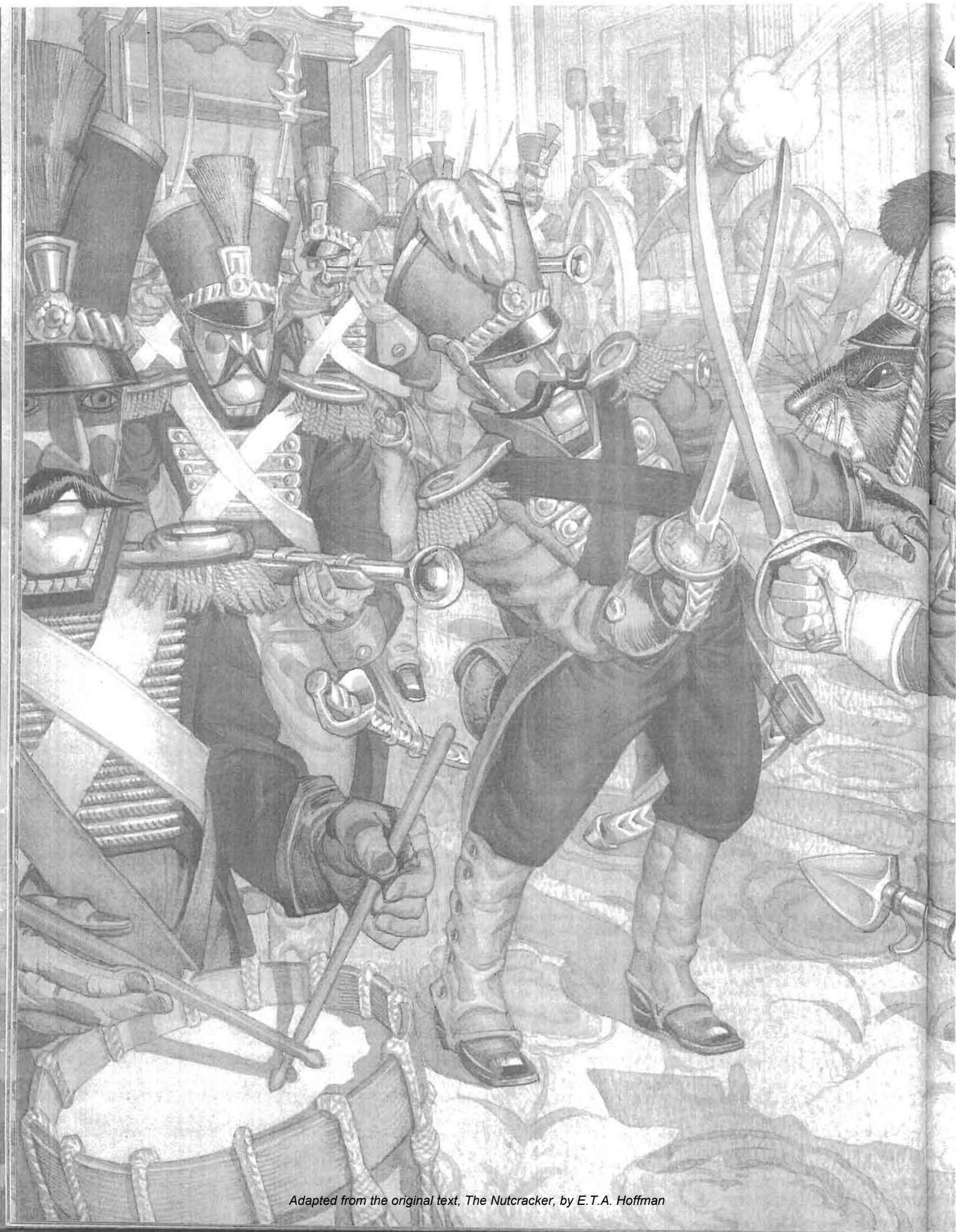
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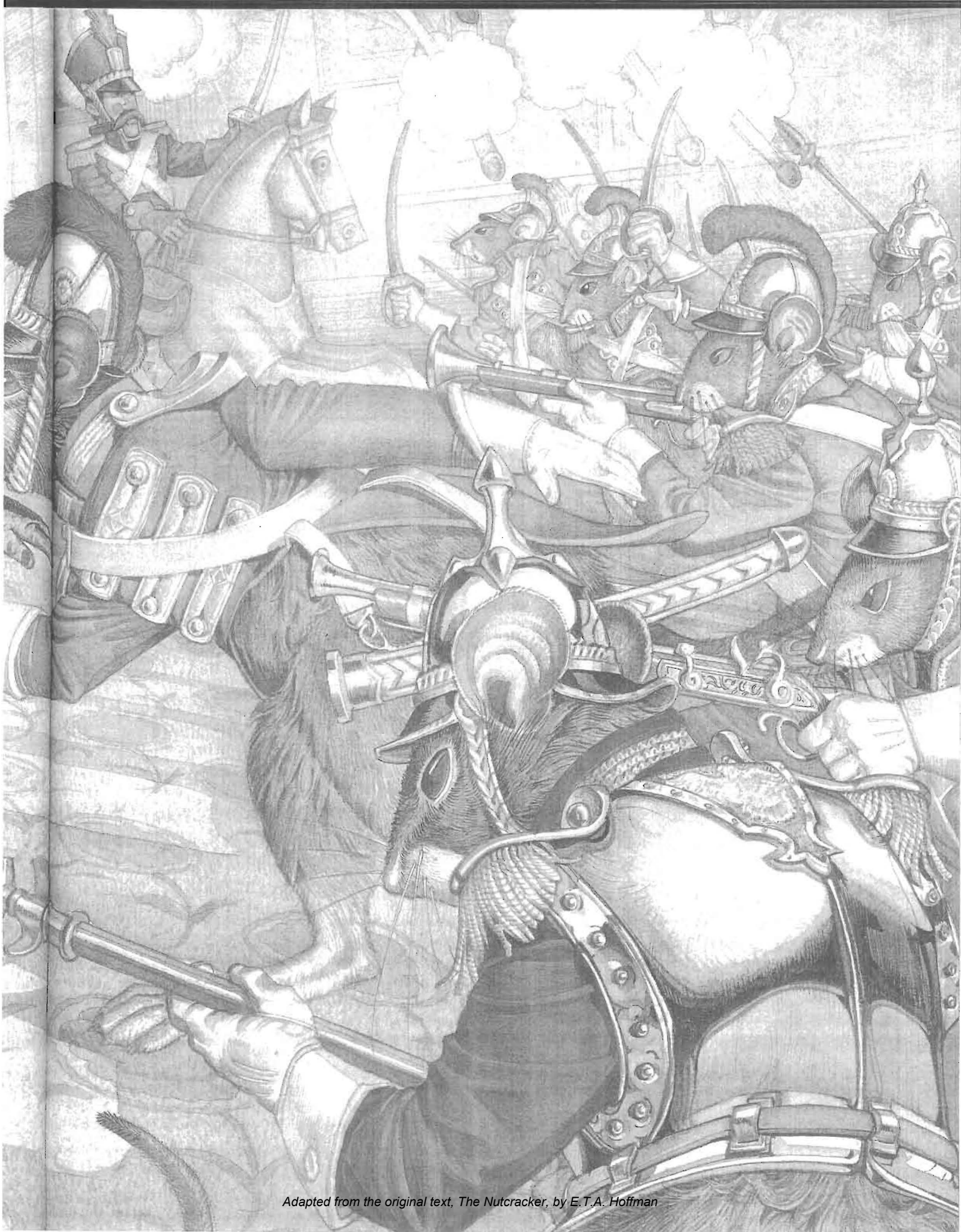
battle.



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The



Mouse



King



attacked



the



nut



cracker.



Nut



cracker



stabbed



Mouse



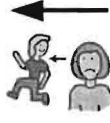
King.



Mouse



King





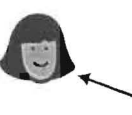




ran away.


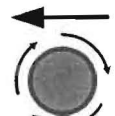
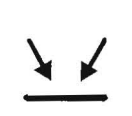
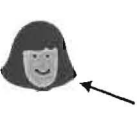







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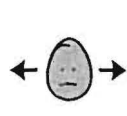


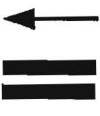
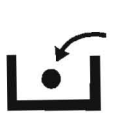




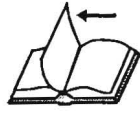
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Maria threw her slipper at Mouse King.

   
He turned to her.

    
Nut cracker stabbed Mouse King.

      
No more mice were in the house.

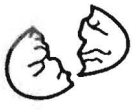


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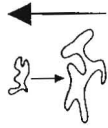
Chapter 4



Nut



cracker



became

a



prince.



She



broke



the



magic spell.



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Nut



cracker



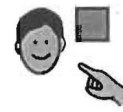
brought



Maria



to



his



castle.



She



rode



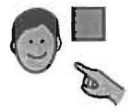
a



magic



sleigh.



His



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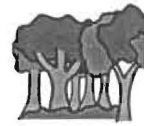
was



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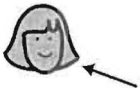
forest.



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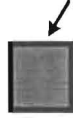
She



saw



fairies,



it



was



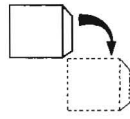
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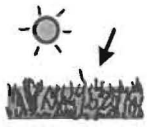
The



snow



disappeared.



Grass



was



green.



Her



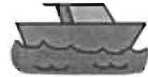
sleigh



was



a



boat



now.



The



castle



appeared



on



the



horizon.



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Sugar



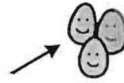
Plum



Fairy



brought



them



inside.



At



the



castle



Maria



and



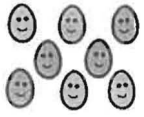
Nut



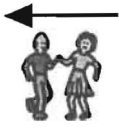
cracker



ate.



People



danced.



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a tall woman danced with little children who ran

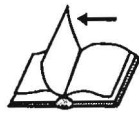
from under her skirt.

Sugar Plum Fairy and a man danced for Maria

and Nut cracker.




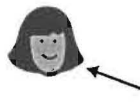



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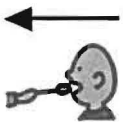
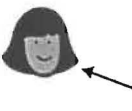

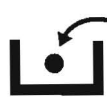



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Chapter 5

 Maria woke up from her dream.

 Mother fed her breakfast in bed.









 They went downstairs, Christmas morning was here!



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