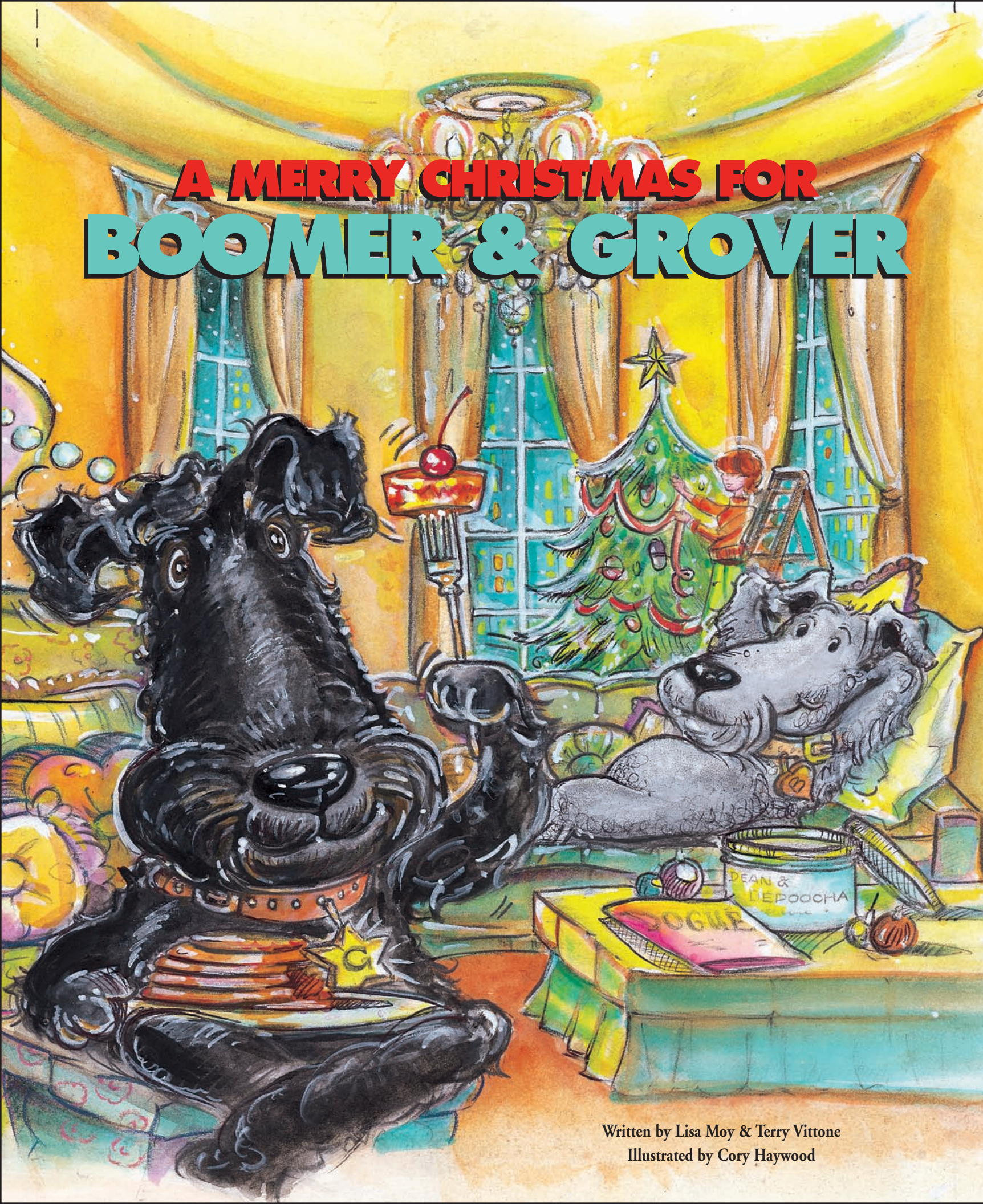


# A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR BOOMER & GROVER



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Everyday after work, Annie takes Boomer and Grover for a walk in the park. They are always happy to run into their friends.

"Hi, Boomer!" "Hey, King!" "Hi, Grover!"  
"What's up, Duke?" "Is that a new Furberly scarf, Tiffany?"  
"Nah, it's just a knockoff." she replies.





Boomer and Grover are very lucky dogs. They live with Annie, who loves them a lot.  
"Those are their favorites! I'll take two please." says Annie.

"These pomegranate pancakes are so yummy!" says Boomer. "Annie is so good to us; I wish we could buy her a really special gift for Christmas." Grover says.



"Everything is so expensive! We might only be able to buy one thing for Annie." sighs Boomer. "What about a handbag or a coat, or how about a watch or some jewelry or maybe new pajamas?" Grover asks.

"We're going to need a lot of money." thinks Boomer.







Christmas is just weeks away so Boomer and Grover decide to find jobs right away to make sure they can afford a nice present for Annie.

"See anything good"? asks Boomer.  
"Hmmm, I betcha I could do that."  
thinks Grover.





"Yikes, there's more? It's never ending!" gasps Grover. He was shocked at how many gifts he had to carry for Mrs. Cashburn. "I can't believe I have to do this for the next eight hours. It seems like every guest comes back with a million Christmas presents." Grover realizes that his new job is no walk in the park.

"My back is killing me, and I didn't get many tips. "I need a better job." thinks Grover.



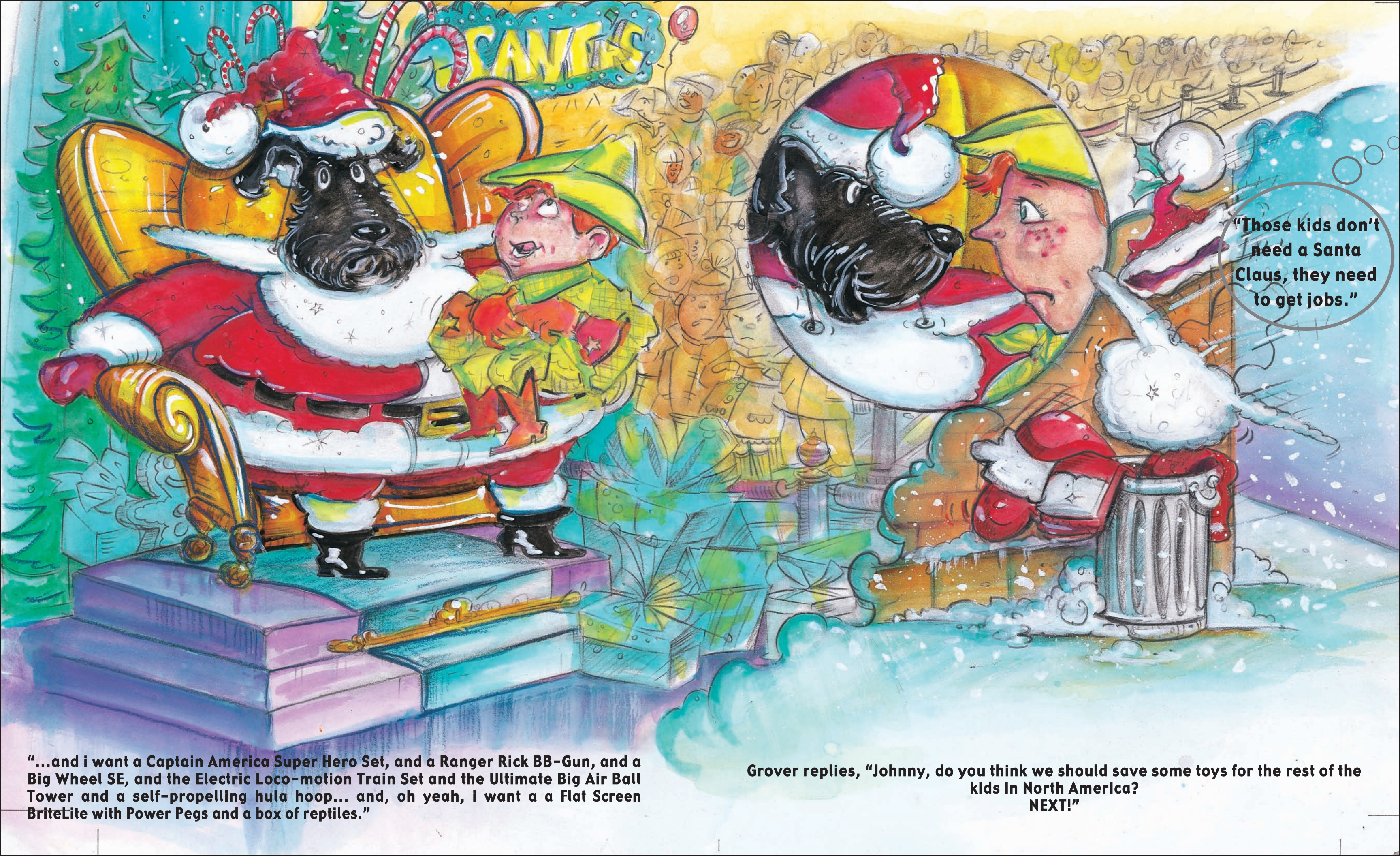


**It was very crowded at Chow's Bistro!**

**"They say it's always busiest at  
Christmastime. Lucky me!" thinks Boomer.**

**"Doggonitt! I'm too  
clumsy to be a waiter.  
Maybe they're  
hiring at the post office."**

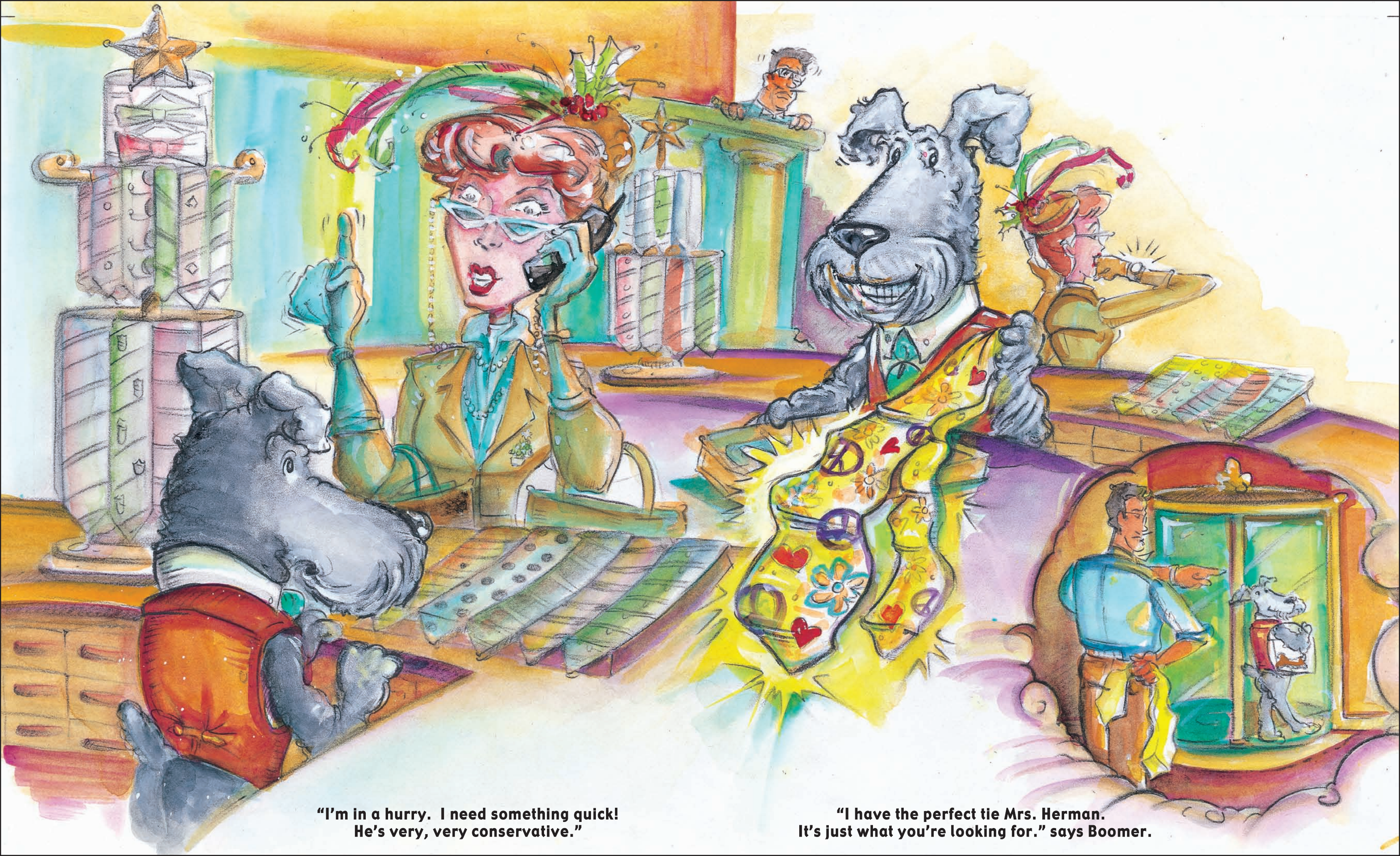




**"...and i want a Captain America Super Hero Set, and a Ranger Rick BB-Gun, and a Big Wheel SE, and the Electric Loco-motion Train Set and the Ultimate Big Air Ball Tower and a self-propelling hula hoop... and, oh yeah, i want a a Flat Screen BriteLite with Power Pegs and a box of reptiles."**

**Grover replies, "Johnny, do you think we should save some toys for the rest of the kids in North America?  
NEXT!"**





**"I'm in a hurry. I need something quick!  
He's very, very conservative."**

**"I have the perfect tie Mrs. Herman.  
It's just what you're looking for." says Boomer.**





**“Now this is a job I could do for more than one day!” thinks Grover.**

**“Wow, they sure were happy to see each other.” thought Grover.**

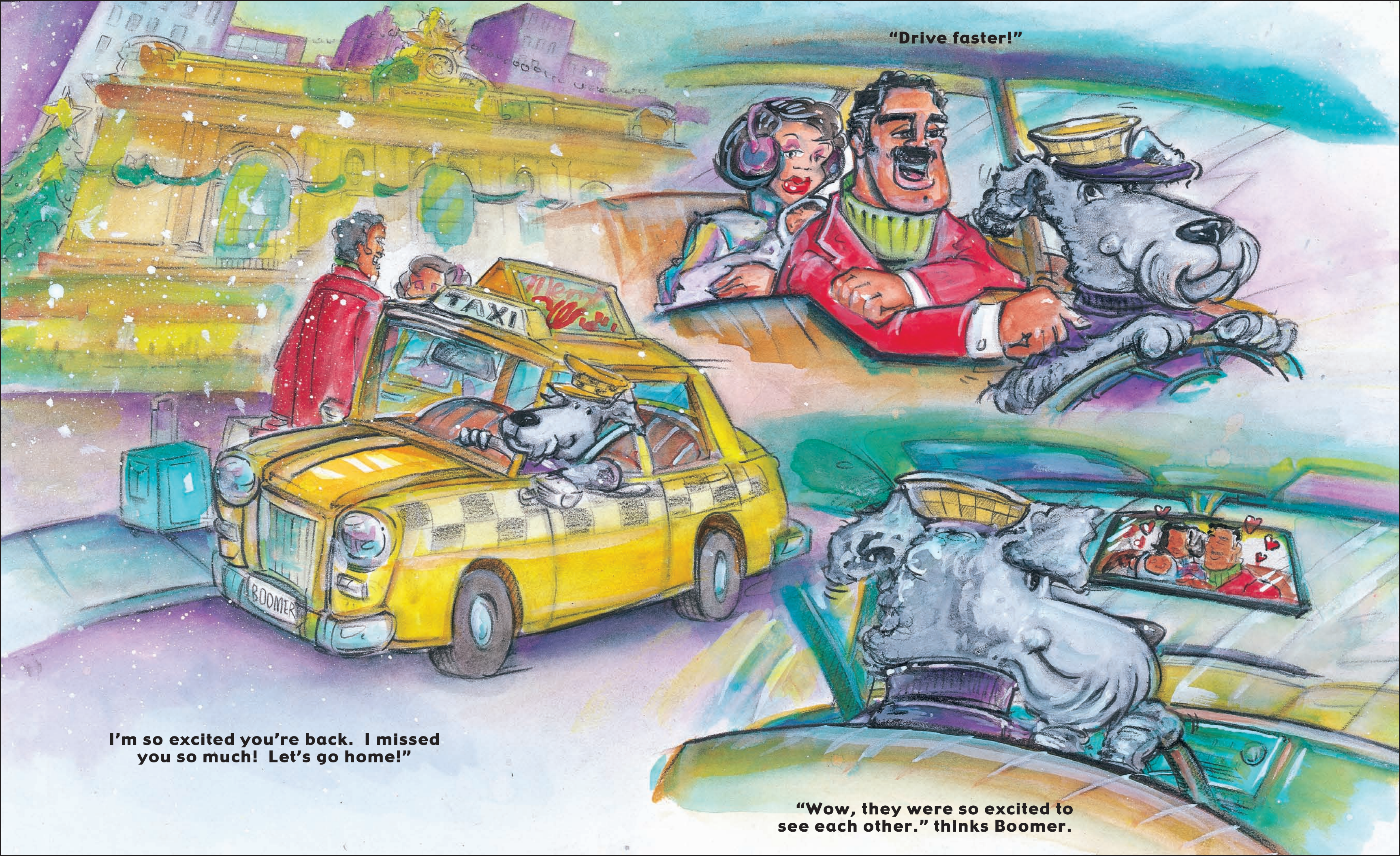
**“We just couldn’t wait to see you again!” says Mr. Toy. “This is going to be a very special Christmas.”**



**"Drive faster!"**

**I'm so excited you're back. I missed you so much! Let's go home!"**

**"Wow, they were so excited to see each other." thinks Boomer.**







**"What a week!" exclaims Boomer. "Tell me about it." says Grover. Wearing that Santa suit made me really Clause-trophobic!"**

**"I really liked my last job. I got to drive a car!" says Boomer.  
"Except for the uniform, I liked my last job too." replies Boomer.  
"You got the money?"**





**"I wonder who could be at the door on Christmas eve?"  
thinks Annie.**

**Oh my gosh! It's my sister Frannie!  
This is the best Christmas gift ever."**





**"I love Christmas." Grover sighs.**

**"What's for lunch?" asks Boomer.**



