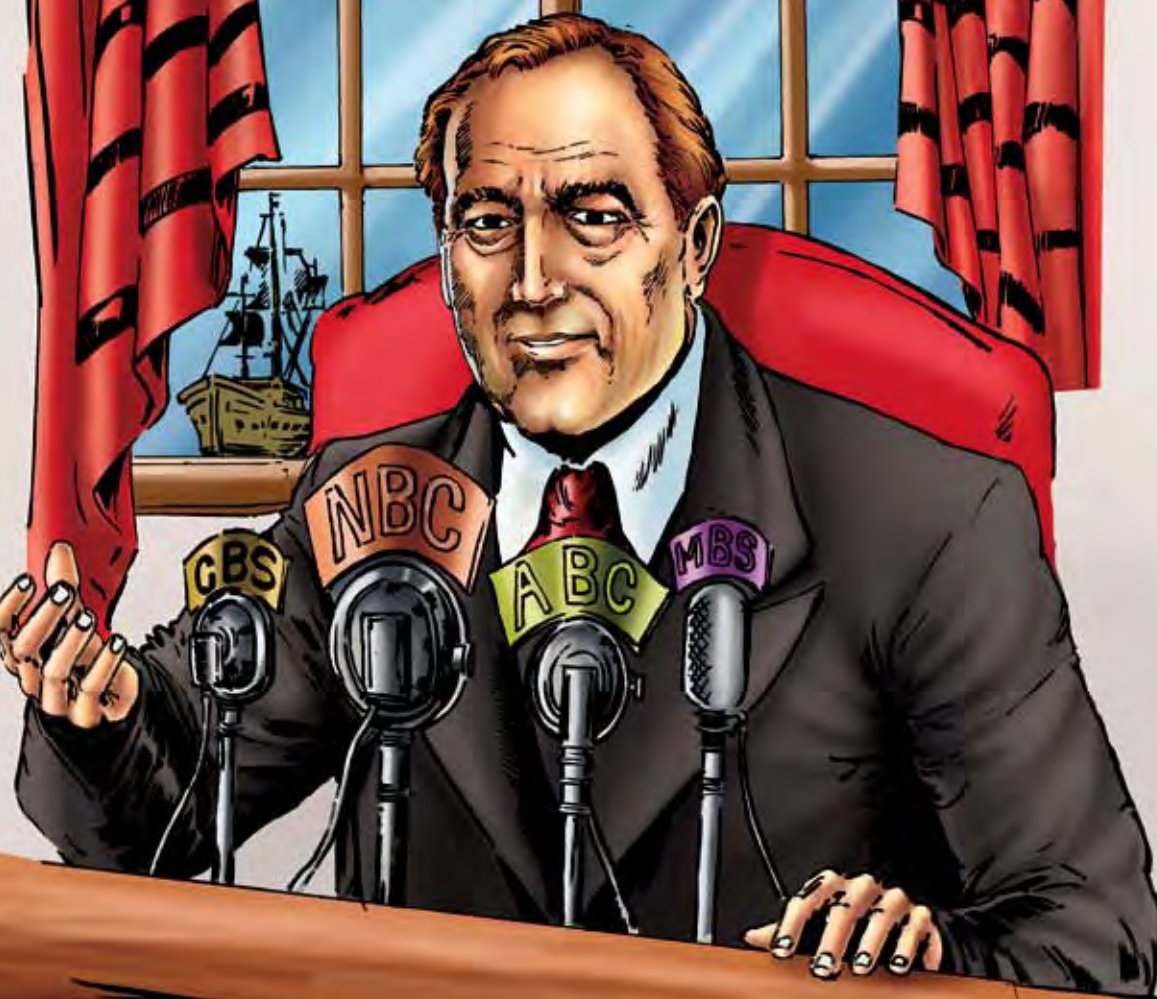


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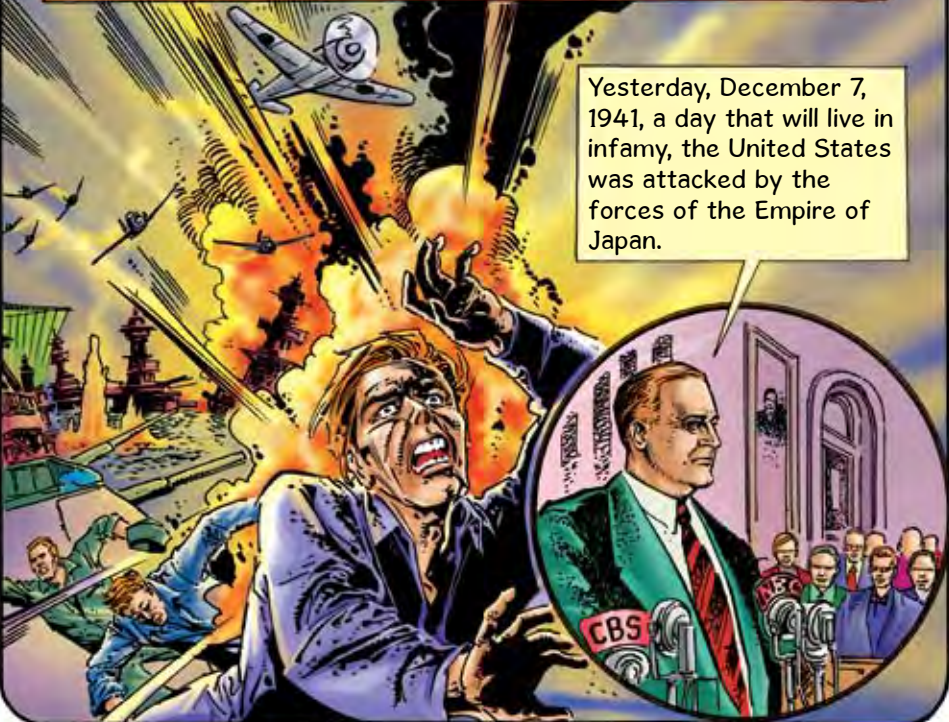
FRANKLIN

D. ROOSEVELT





Franklin Roosevelt was called the most loved and the most hated American president since Abraham Lincoln. Like Lincoln, he had to hold the country together—first against the internal threat of economic disaster, then against the military dictators who wanted to make slaves of the free world.



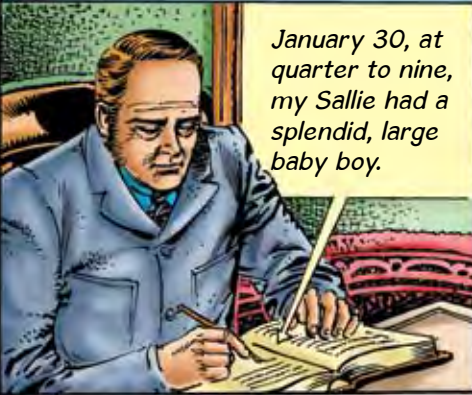
Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a day that will live in infamy, the United States was attacked by the forces of the Empire of Japan.

The year was 1882. A doctor's buggy hurried to Springwood, an estate in Hyde Park, New York.



Good evening, sir.

The next morning, James Roosevelt wrote in a diary.



January 30, at quarter to nine, my Sallie had a splendid, large baby boy.

Soon the baby's mother was strong again.



Let me bathe him ma'am!

He is so plump and sweet, I want to do it myself.

In a few weeks he was christened* at the nearby chapel.



His name?

Franklin Delano Roosevelt!

* to give a name to at baptism

As Franklin grew, his father taught him many things.

To swim ...



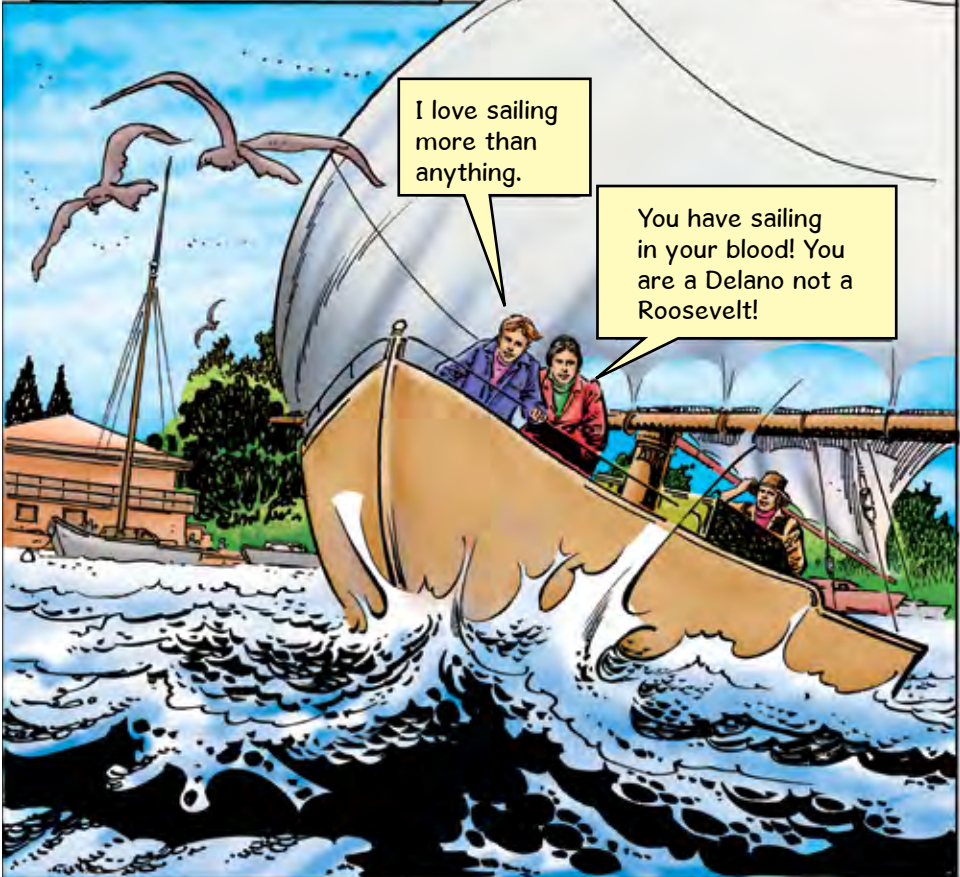
To ice skate ...



To ride ...



Then there was sailing.



I love sailing more than anything.

You have sailing in your blood! You are a Delano not a Roosevelt!

When I was eight years old I sailed to China on one of my father's sailing ships!



There were indoor things too ...

Read any books you find interesting!

Thank you. I like geography and history, especially naval history.



You get letters from all over the world. Could I start a collection of interesting stamps?

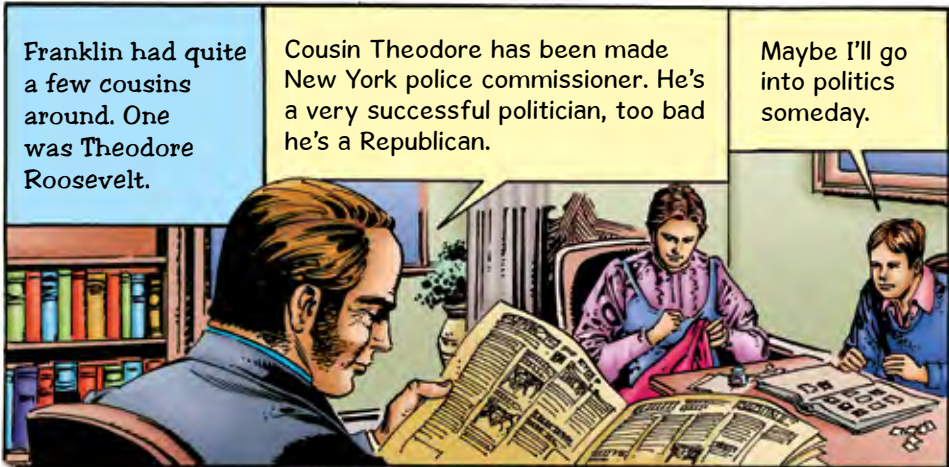
Of course!



For school he had a private teacher and had to follow a strict schedule.

Your winter schedule: up at seven, breakfast at eight, lessons from nine to twelve. Then outdoors for an hour of exercise, lunch, and lessons again until 4 o'clock.





Franklin had quite a few cousins around. One was Theodore Roosevelt.

Cousin Theodore has been made New York police commissioner. He's a very successful politician, too bad he's a Republican.

Maybe I'll go into politics someday.

Nonsense! Politics is no career for a gentleman.



At fourteen, Franklin was to go away to school.

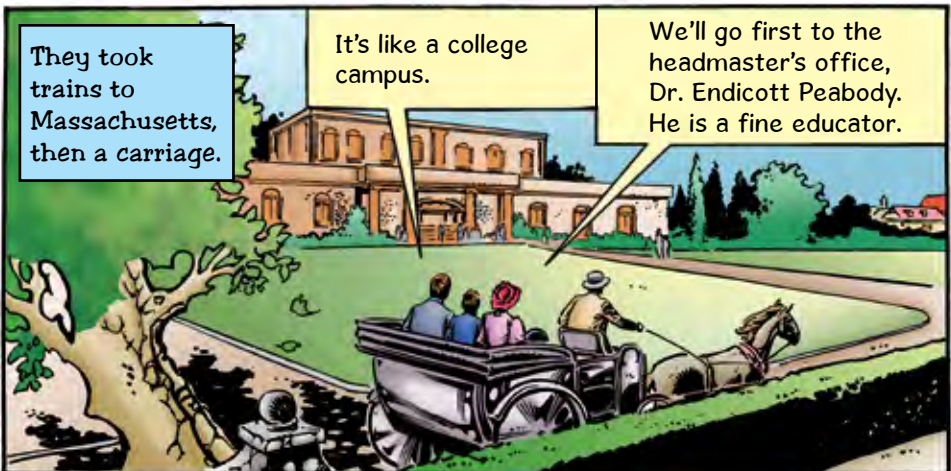


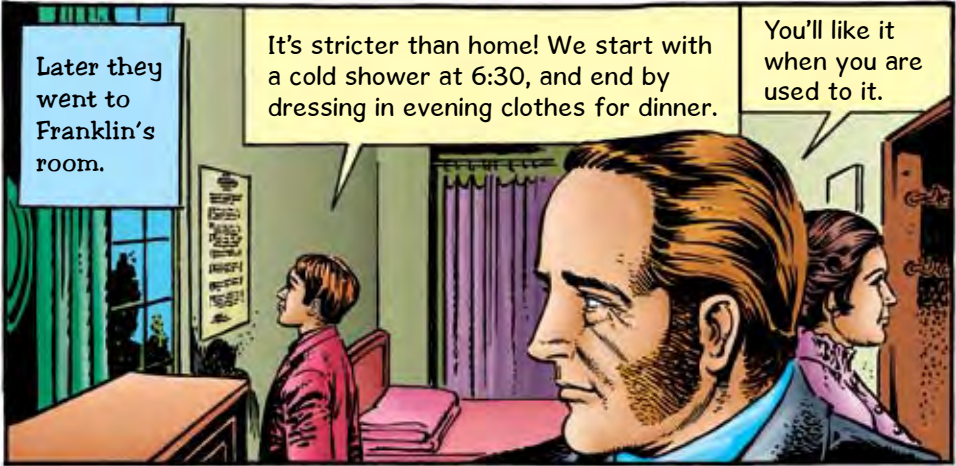
Groton is the finest school in the country. We entered you the year it opened, when you were two years old.

They took trains to Massachusetts, then a carriage.

It's like a college campus.

We'll go first to the headmaster's office, Dr. Endicott Peabody. He is a fine educator.





Later they went to Franklin's room.

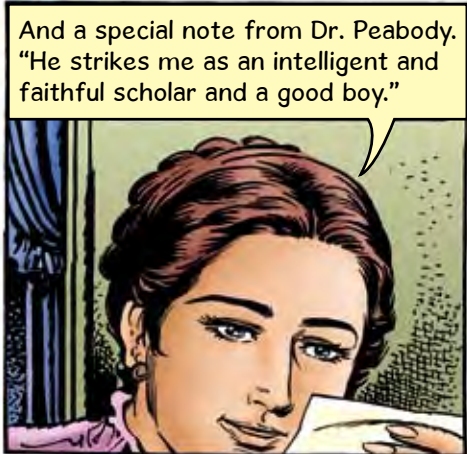
It's stricter than home! We start with a cold shower at 6:30, and end by dressing in evening clothes for dinner.

You'll like it when you are used to it.



Franklin's first report card was sent home.

His grades are very good!



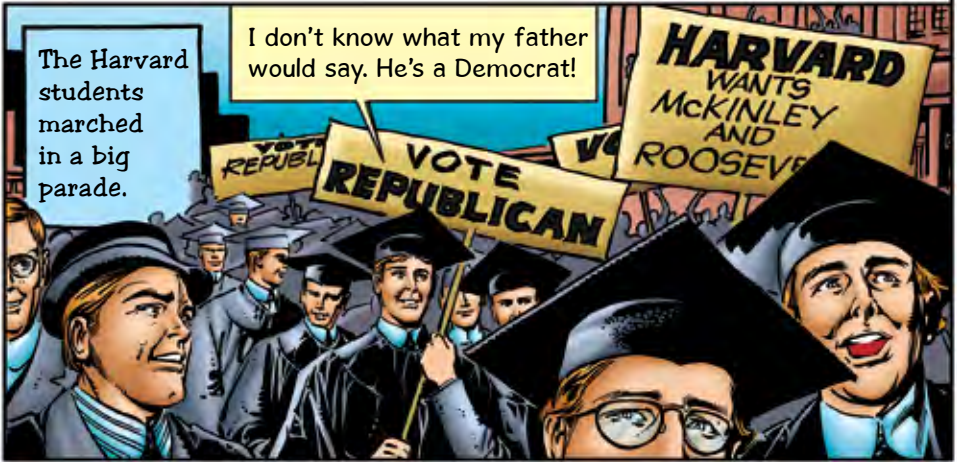
And a special note from Dr. Peabody. "He strikes me as an intelligent and faithful scholar and a good boy."



The school year passed quickly. The boys began to talk about summer plans.

We have a summer place on Campobello Island up between Maine and Canada and a sailboat called the *Half-Moon*. It's super!



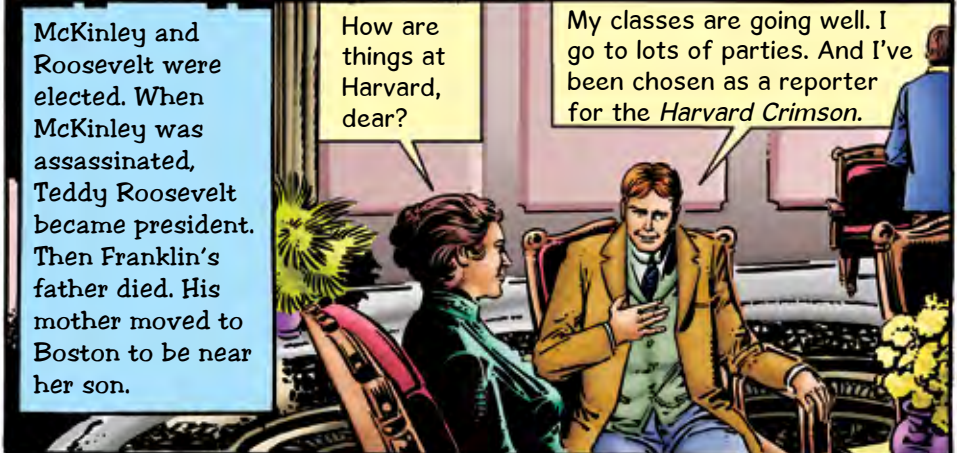


The Harvard students marched in a big parade.

I don't know what my father would say. He's a Democrat!

HARVARD WANTS MCKINLEY AND ROOSEVELT

VOTE REPUBLICAN



McKinley and Roosevelt were elected. When McKinley was assassinated, Teddy Roosevelt became president. Then Franklin's father died. His mother moved to Boston to be near her son.

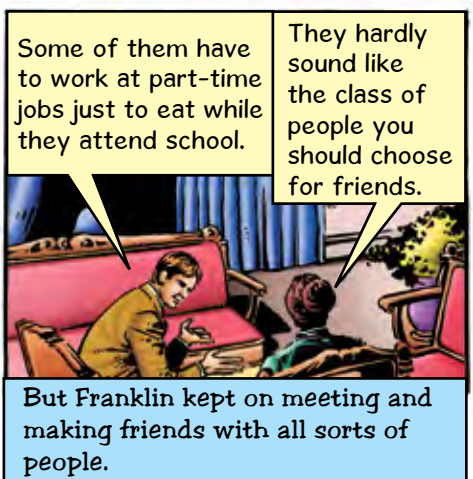
How are things at Harvard, dear?

My classes are going well. I go to lots of parties. And I've been chosen as a reporter for the *Harvard Crimson*.



But Franklin, have you been asked to join a good club?

I suppose I will be, Mama. But I've met lots of splendid fellows who don't even care about clubs.



Some of them have to work at part-time jobs just to eat while they attend school.

They hardly sound like the class of people you should choose for friends.

But Franklin kept on meeting and making friends with all sorts of people.

One holiday, Franklin traveled by train to Hyde Park.

Why, aren't you my cousin Eleanor?

Franklin Roosevelt! How nice to see you.



Mother is in the parlor car. Won't you come back and chat with her?

Certainly!



Eleanor Roosevelt, an orphan, was Franklin's fifth cousin. They had not met for several years.

Later ...

I've only just returned from three years at school in England. This winter I'll live with Aunt Edith in New York.

Of course, my dear!



I hope to see you there!

On weekends and holidays Franklin went to New York.

I don't really care much for dances and parties. I prefer my work at the Children's Aid Society and the settlement houses.

I admire that! I am just learning how many poor people there are who need help.

