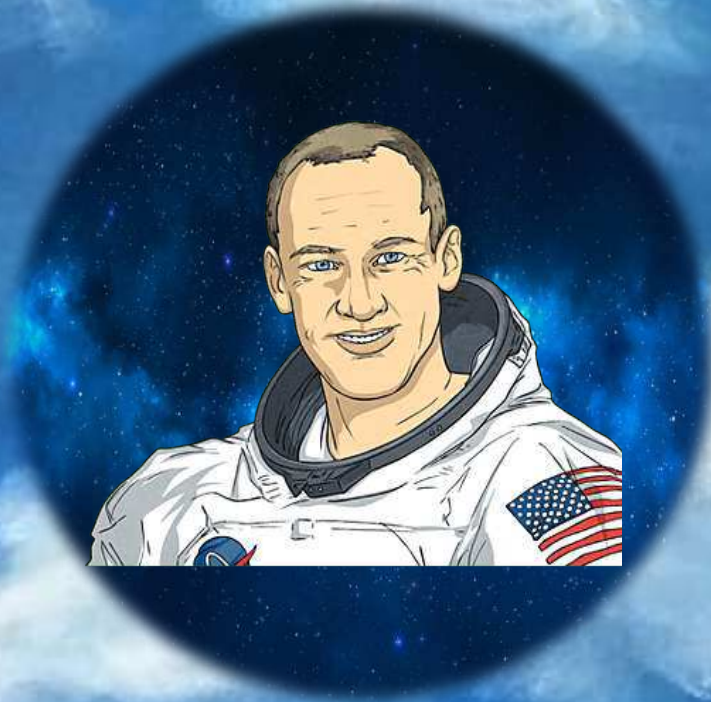


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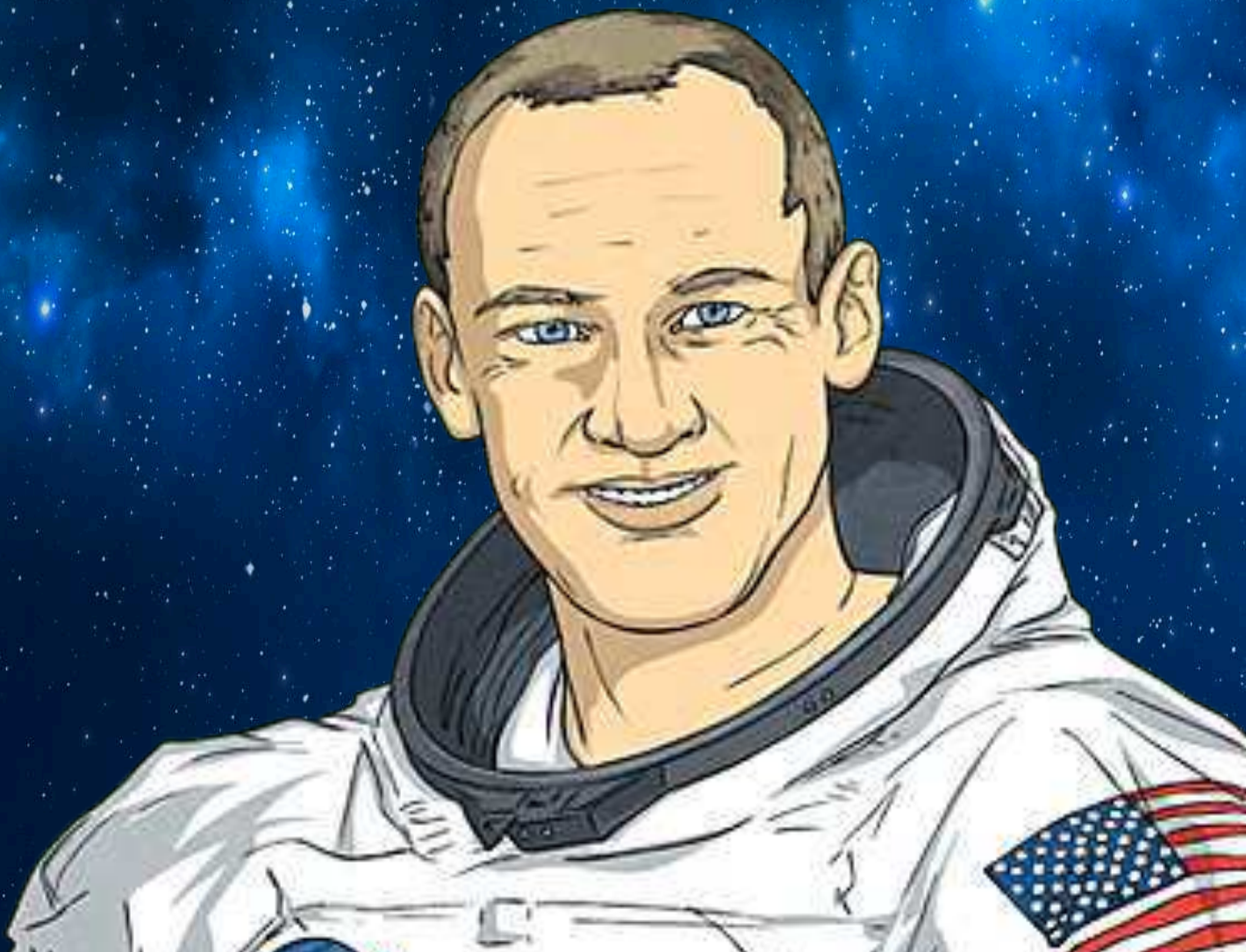
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Frederick Douglass

Eugene Cernan

(1934-2017)



Eugene Cernan was the last man to walk on the moon.



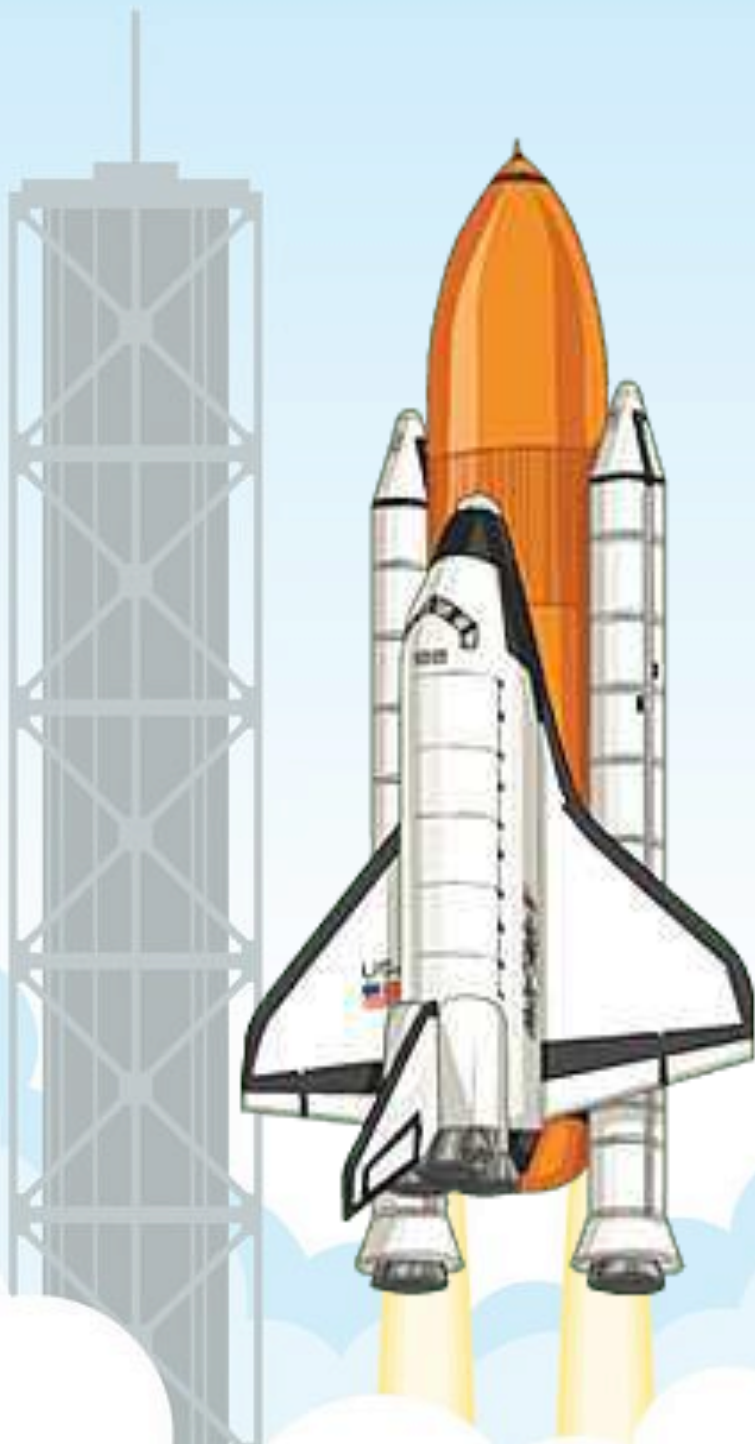
Before going to space, he was just a young fighter pilot with the US Navy. He didn't apply for the space mission and hadn't gone to advanced pilot school, but for some reason NASA chose him.



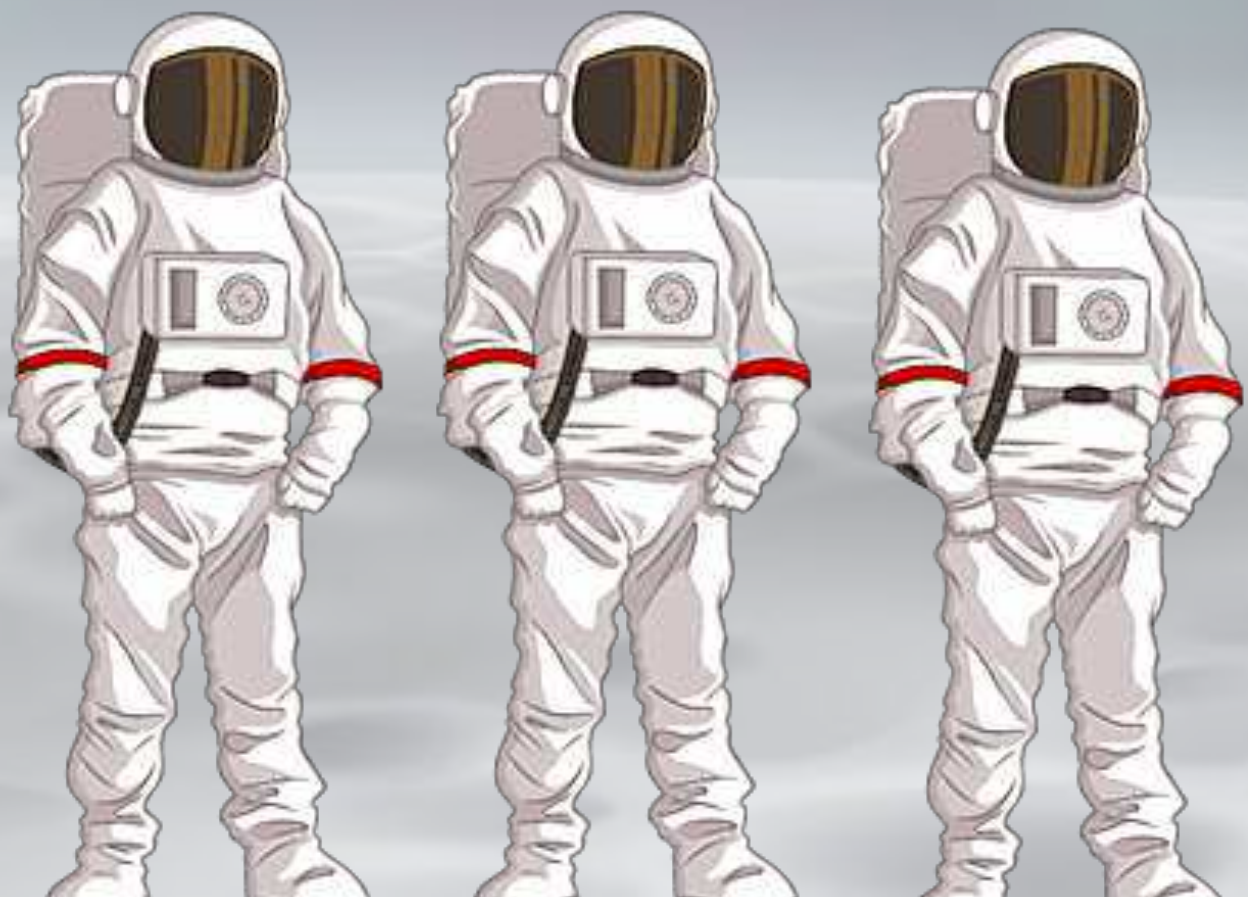
At the time, he thought walking on the moon wouldn't be possible. He'd never even considered going to space and he wasn't sure he was up to the challenge.



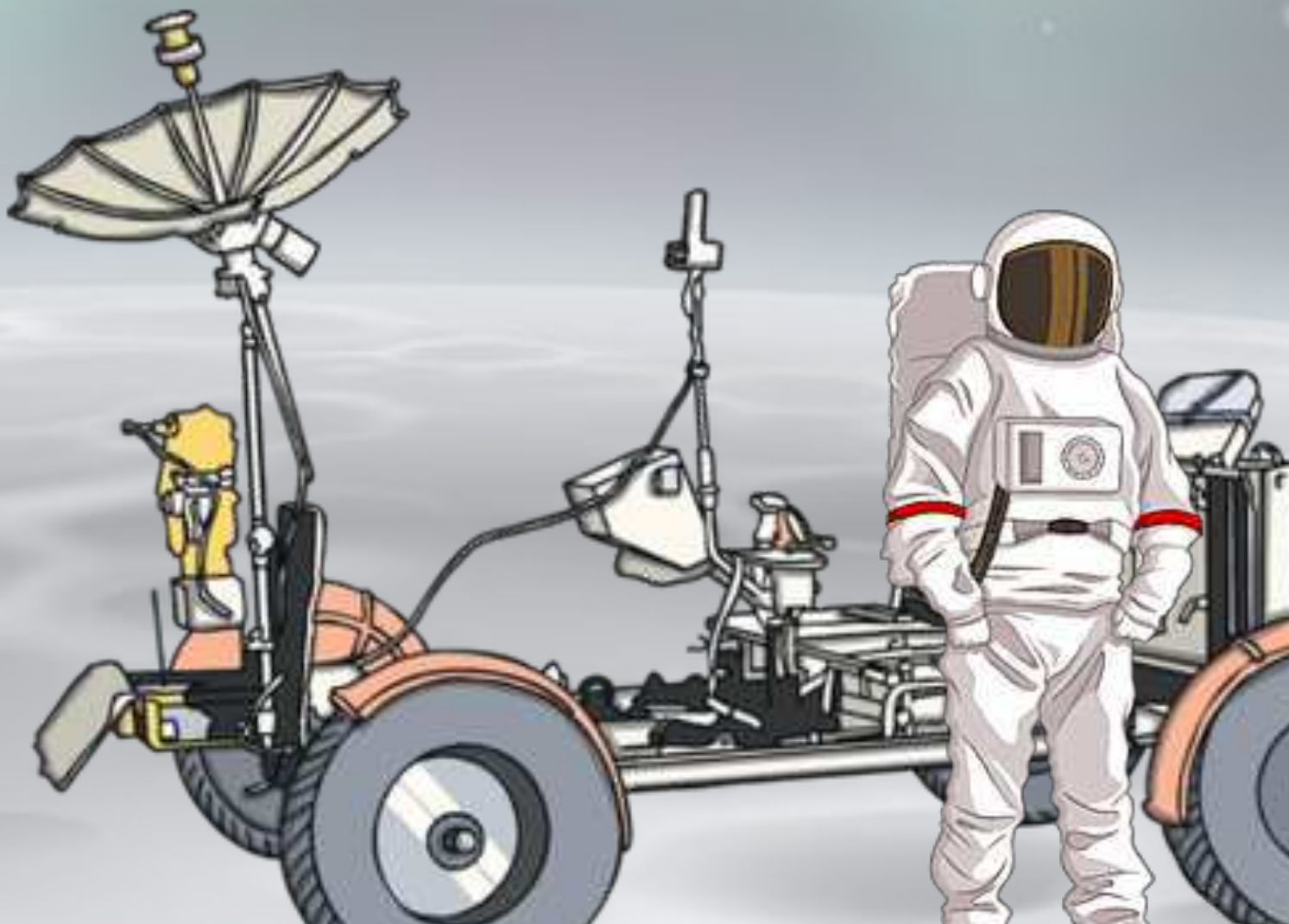
Ten years of training later, he got there.



With his team, he roamed around the surface of the moon, staring back at the distant earth while conducting experiments.



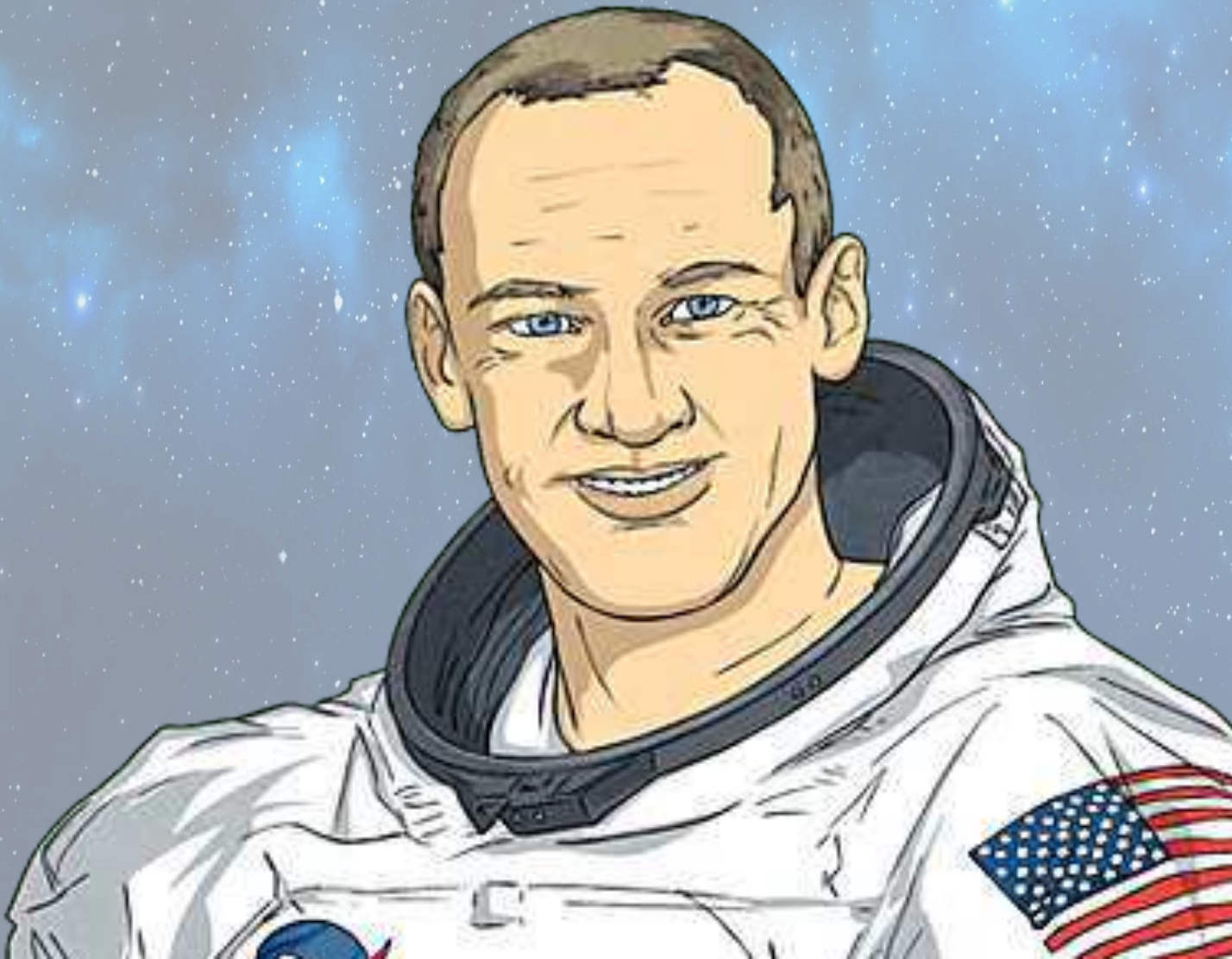
They collected samples to learn about the moon's history, covered over thirty-five kilometres in the lunar rover and even broke the unofficial moon land-speed record by going at eleven miles per hour!



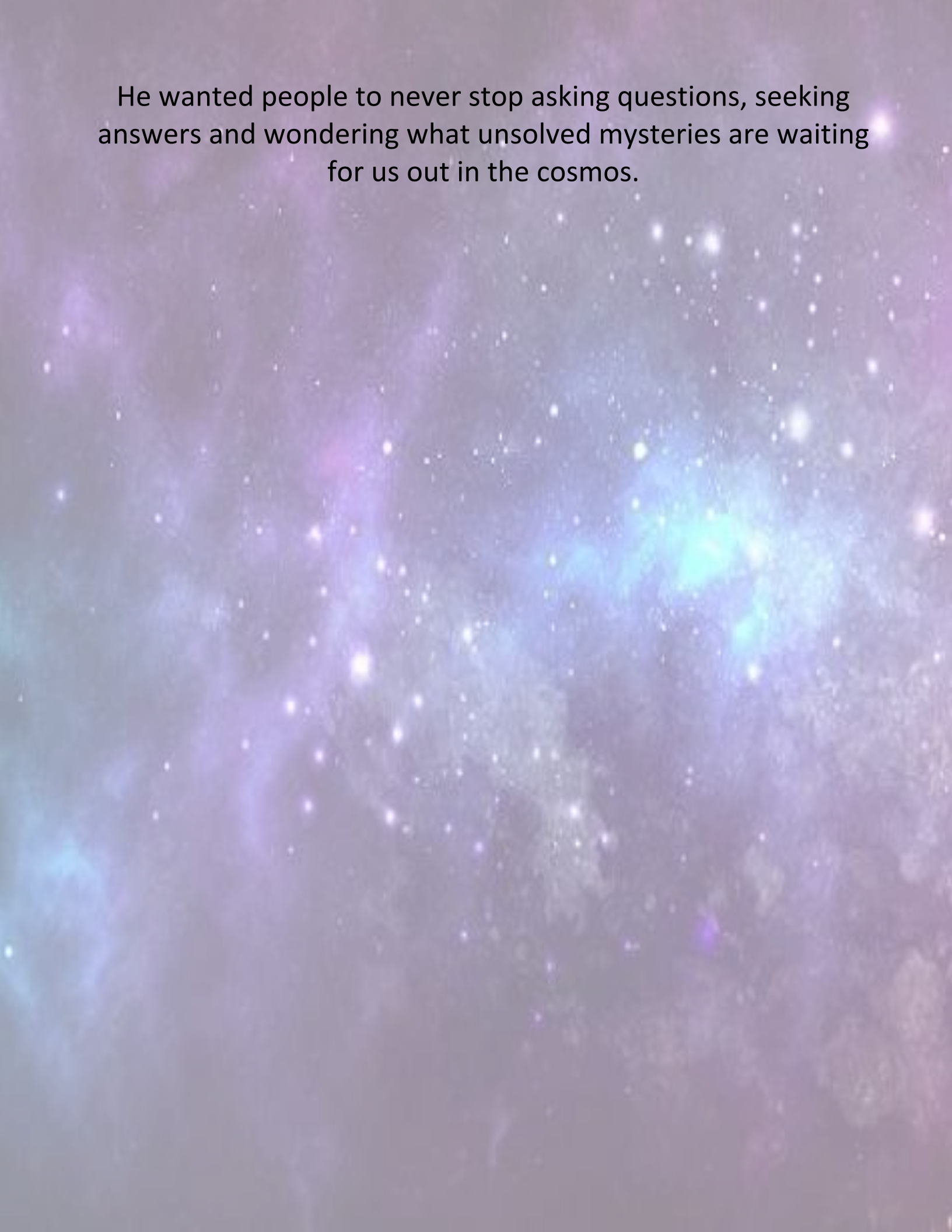
The last thing he did before he left was to crouch and write his daughter's name in the dust: Tracy Dawn Cernan. Now it will stay there for over 50,000 years.



Even though he was the last man on the moon, Eugene hoped it wouldn't stay that way. He thought it was sad that countries were no longer interested in reaching the moon and hoped that the next generation would be inspired to keep pushing the limits of space exploration.



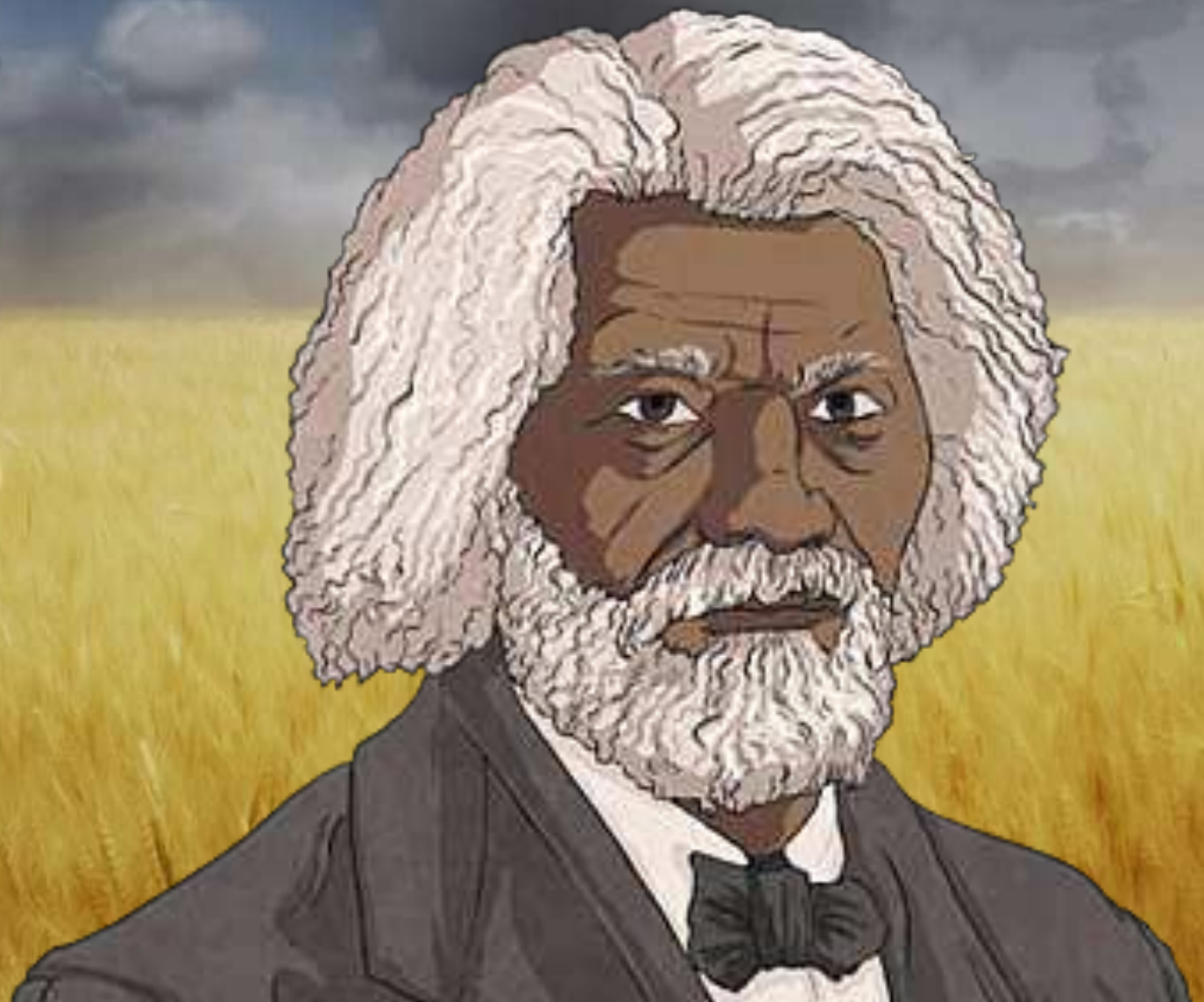
He wanted people to never stop asking questions, seeking answers and wondering what unsolved mysteries are waiting for us out in the cosmos.



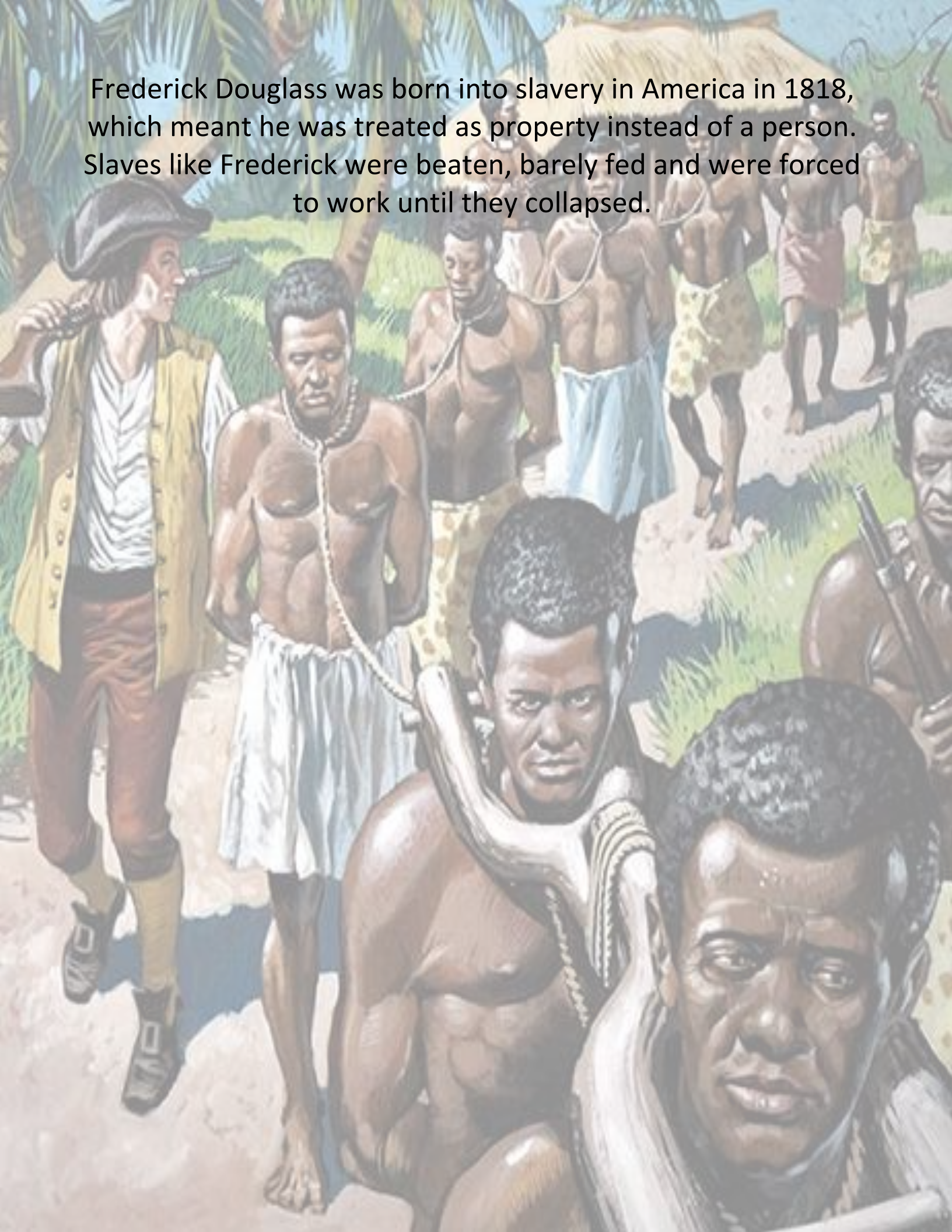
'I'm quite disappointed that I'm still the last man on the moon,' Eugene said before he died. Hopefully someone will change that soon.



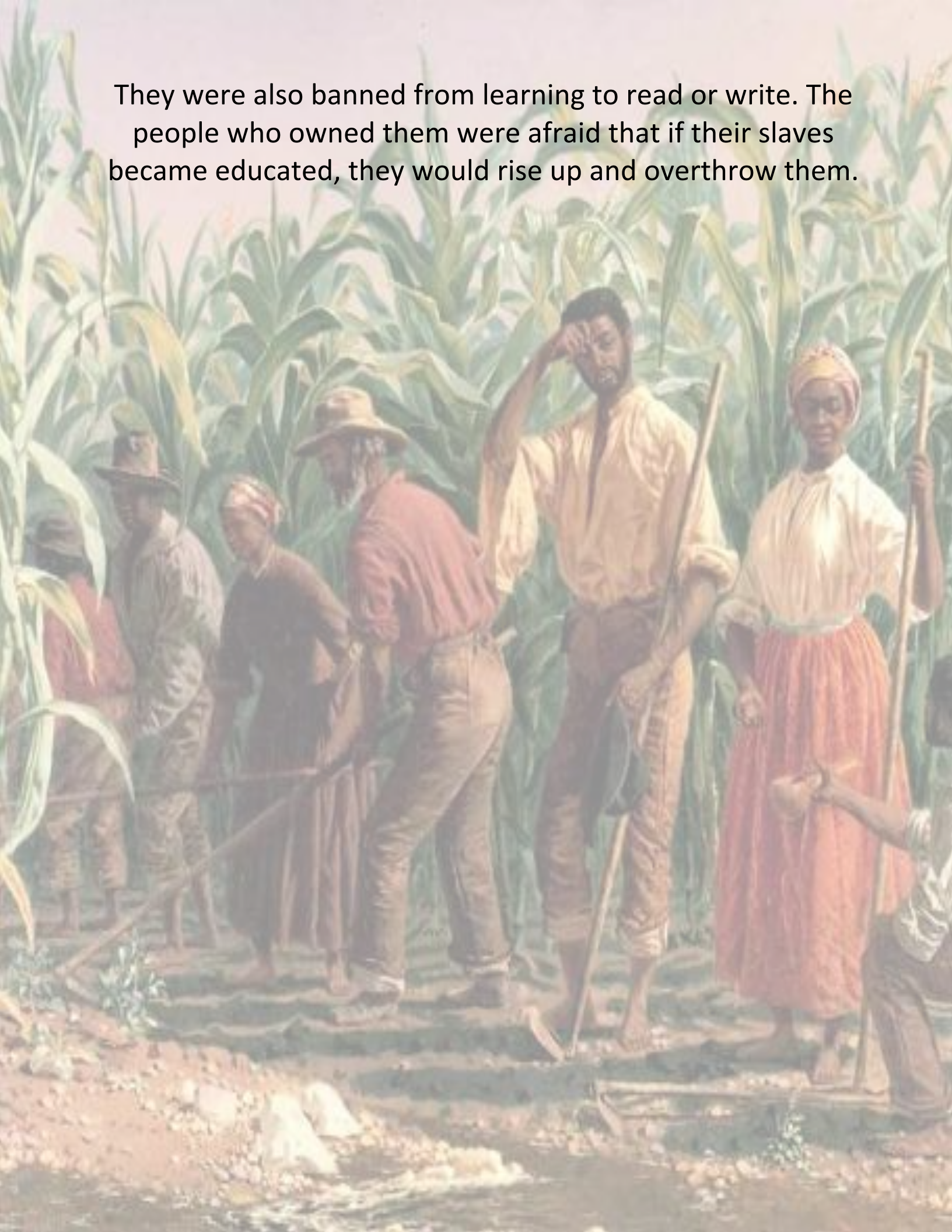
Frederick Douglass (1818-1895)



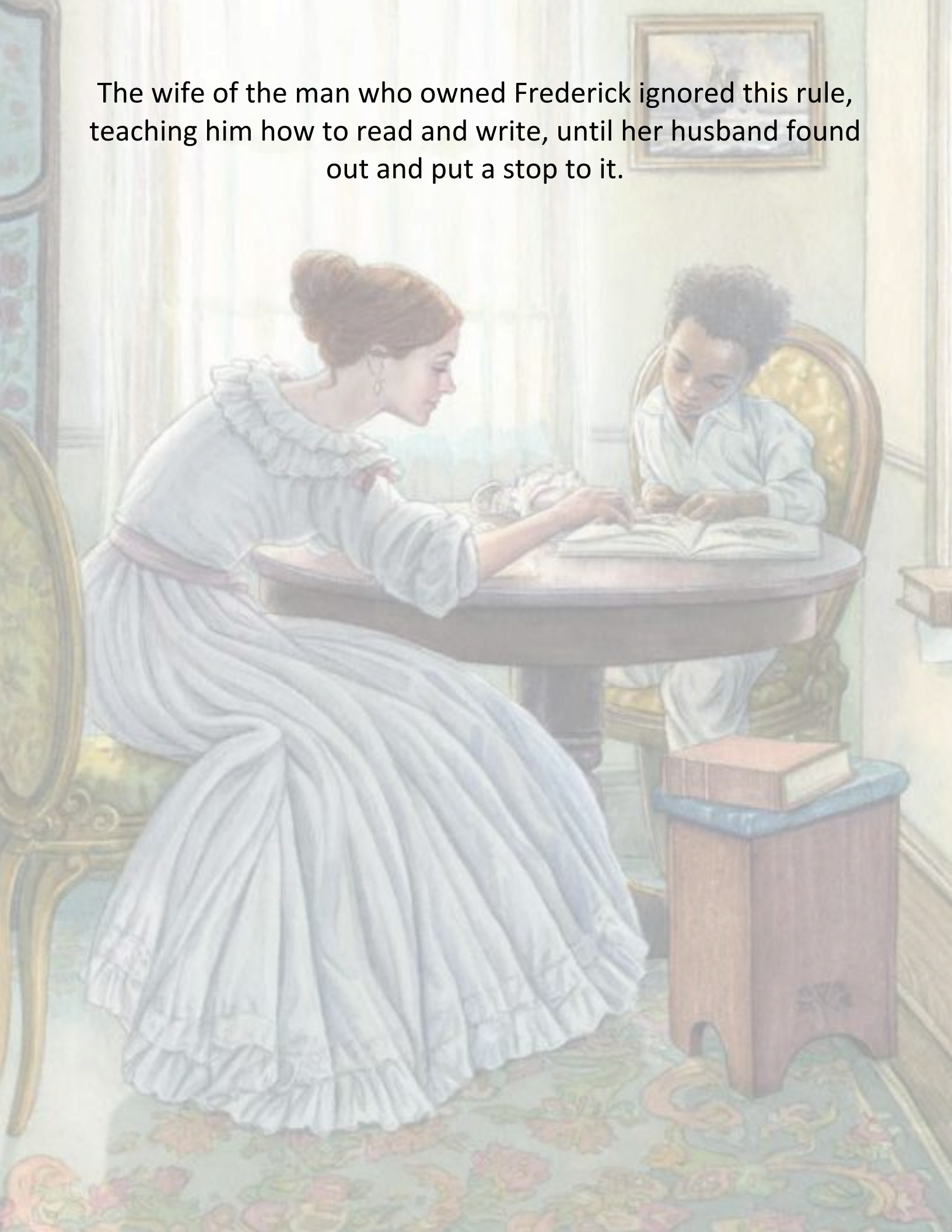
Frederick Douglass was born into slavery in America in 1818, which meant he was treated as property instead of a person. Slaves like Frederick were beaten, barely fed and were forced to work until they collapsed.



They were also banned from learning to read or write. The people who owned them were afraid that if their slaves became educated, they would rise up and overthrow them.



The wife of the man who owned Frederick ignored this rule, teaching him how to read and write, until her husband found out and put a stop to it.



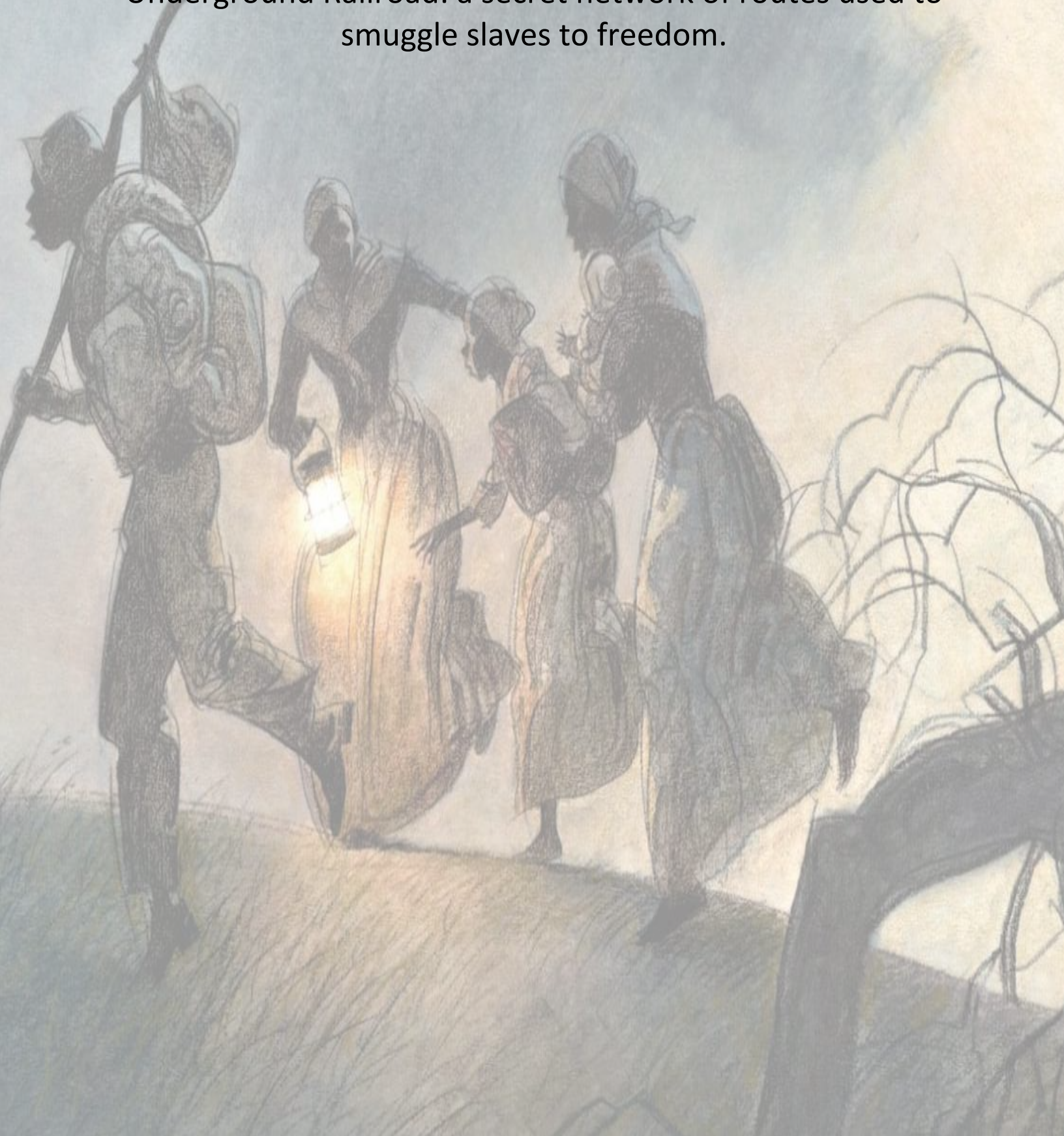
He couldn't stop Frederick though, who carried on learning whatever he could from local white children and neighbours, even though it put him in danger.



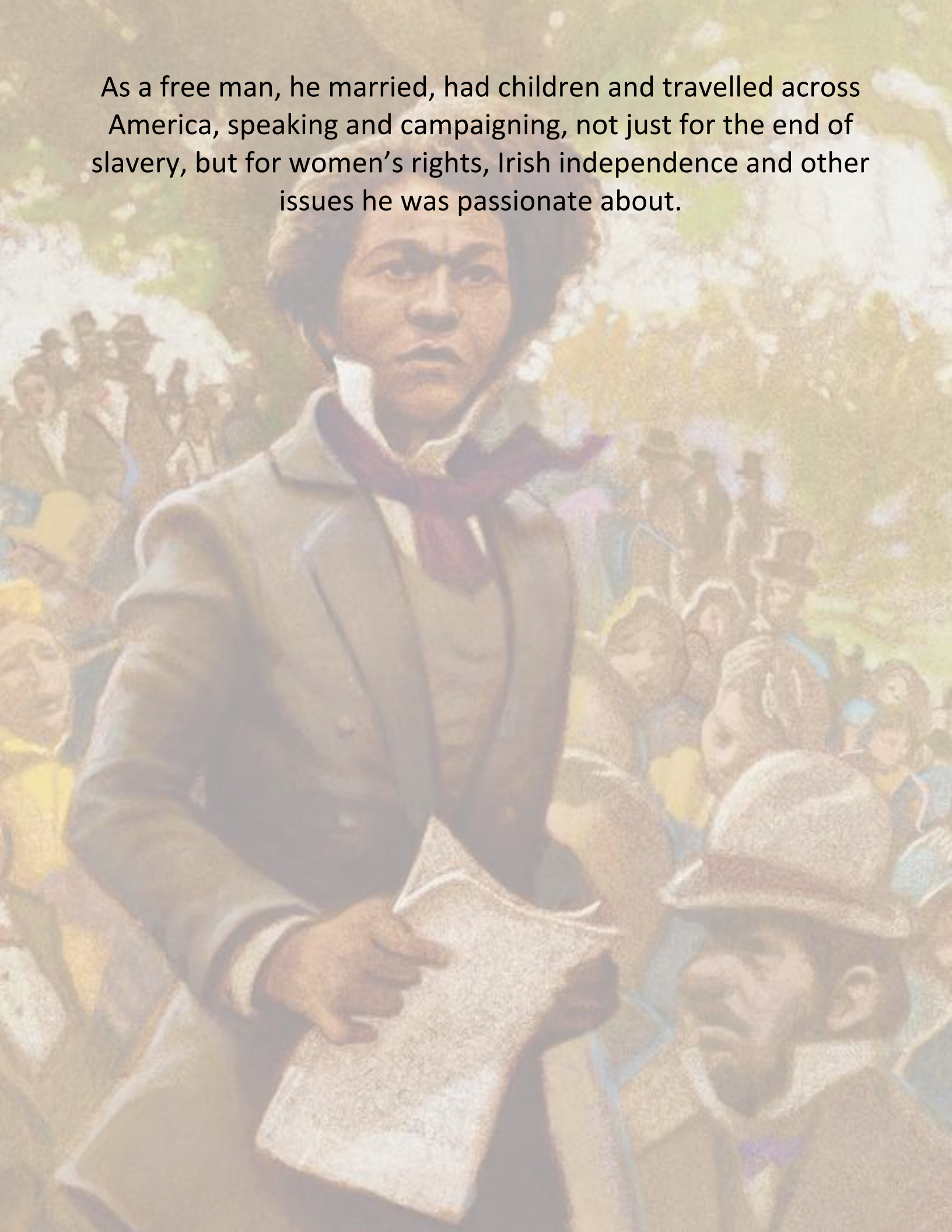
Once he could read, Frederick read everything: leaflet, newspapers, novels, the Bible. From reading, he learned about slavery and started to form his own ideas and arguments against what was happening. He shared these ideas with other slaves and his knowledge spread.



Frederick tried to escape from slavery twice, but was recaptured. He was successful on the third attempt, when he was transported along part of what was known as the Underground Railroad: a secret network of routes used to smuggle slaves to freedom.



As a free man, he married, had children and travelled across America, speaking and campaigning, not just for the end of slavery, but for women's rights, Irish independence and other issues he was passionate about.



He advised presidents and lectured students. He also published three books about his life, which went on to be bestsellers.



Thanks in part to the work of Frederick, all slaves were declared free in 1865. Black people in America have been fighting for equality ever since.





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