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GEORGE WASHINGTON'S SILVER DOLLAR TOSS
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EXT. SHIP ON THE POTOMAC - DAY

(GEORGE WASHINGTON, CAPTAIN BURNSIDE, YOUNG SAILOR, OLDER SAILOR)

GEORGE WASHINGTON AND CAPTAIN BURNSIDE ARE TALKING ON THE DECK OF THE USS HOOD

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Oh, hey Captain Burnside, could I trouble you for a dollar coin.

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE

Sure, General Washington. Let me just say what an honor it has been to have you aboard.

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE SCOURS HIS POCKETS FOR A COIN AND FINDS ONE

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE (CONT'D)

Ah, here we go.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Great, thanks.

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE

It's none of my business what you plan on purchasing with it but-

GEORGE WASHINGTON TOSSES IT IN THE RIVER

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE (CONT'D)

What the? You just threw my dollar in the Potomac!

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Darn. I was trying to throw it over the Potomac. You sure it didn't clear it?

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE

Sir, the Potomac River is over a mile wide, no man has ever thrown anything that far.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Yeah, well, I'm feeling extra strong today. Can I borrow another coin?

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE

Sir, with all due respect a dollar is a lot of money.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

I will pay you back.

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE

That's not the issue.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Oh, you don't have any more money.

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE

No, I do.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Well, what's the problem, you don't think Admiral Washington's good for it, then? Need I remind you that I got a plantation back at the Forge-

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE

Okay, sir. Just promise me you won't
try to throw this one ove-

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE GIVES THE SECOND COIN TO WASHINGTON WHO
IMMEDIATELY THROWS IN THE WATER BEFORE HE ENDS UP SPEAKING.

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE (CONT'D)

Oh my god.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Did it clear the river.

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE

No. That one didn't even go as far as
the last one.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Another one.

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE

No!

GEORGE WASHINGTON

What?

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE

No! Sir, this idea is stupid, not to
mention random. I mean, why such a
large amount of money? Why such a
wide river?

GEORGE WASHINGTON

You don't think I can do it?

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE

No, sir. I don't.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

I'll prove you wrong, let me have a
coin.

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE

No.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

You doubt me, Captain, let me prove
you wrong.

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE

No. This is stupid, you're stupid. I
don't know why everyone makes such a
big deal about you.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Anyone have a dollar coin?!

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE

Men, please ignore the admiral.

YOUNG SAILOR

I do.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

You have a dollar coin?

YOUNG SAILOR

Yes, sir. It's my lucky dollar.

GEORGE WASHINGTON TAKES IT AND THROWS IT VERY WEAKLY INTO THE
WATER. EVERYONE IS QUIET. GEORGE WASHINGTON POPS HIS HEAD UP
TO THE CREW

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Did I clear it?

BEAT

YOUNG SAILOR

Yes, sir.

BEAT

OLDER SAILOR

George Washington just threw a silver
dollar across the Potomac River!

THE WHOLE CREW CHEERS, CAPTAIN BURNSIDE SHAKES HIS HEAD IN
DISBELIEF

BLACKOUT.