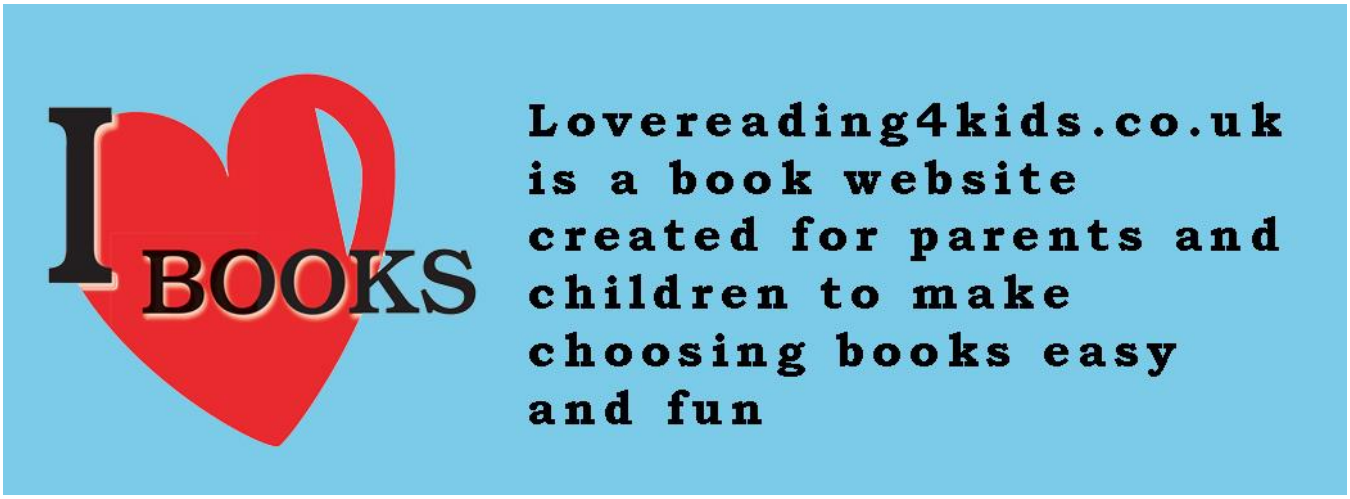


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Some very suspicious people



An enormous glitzy gold cup



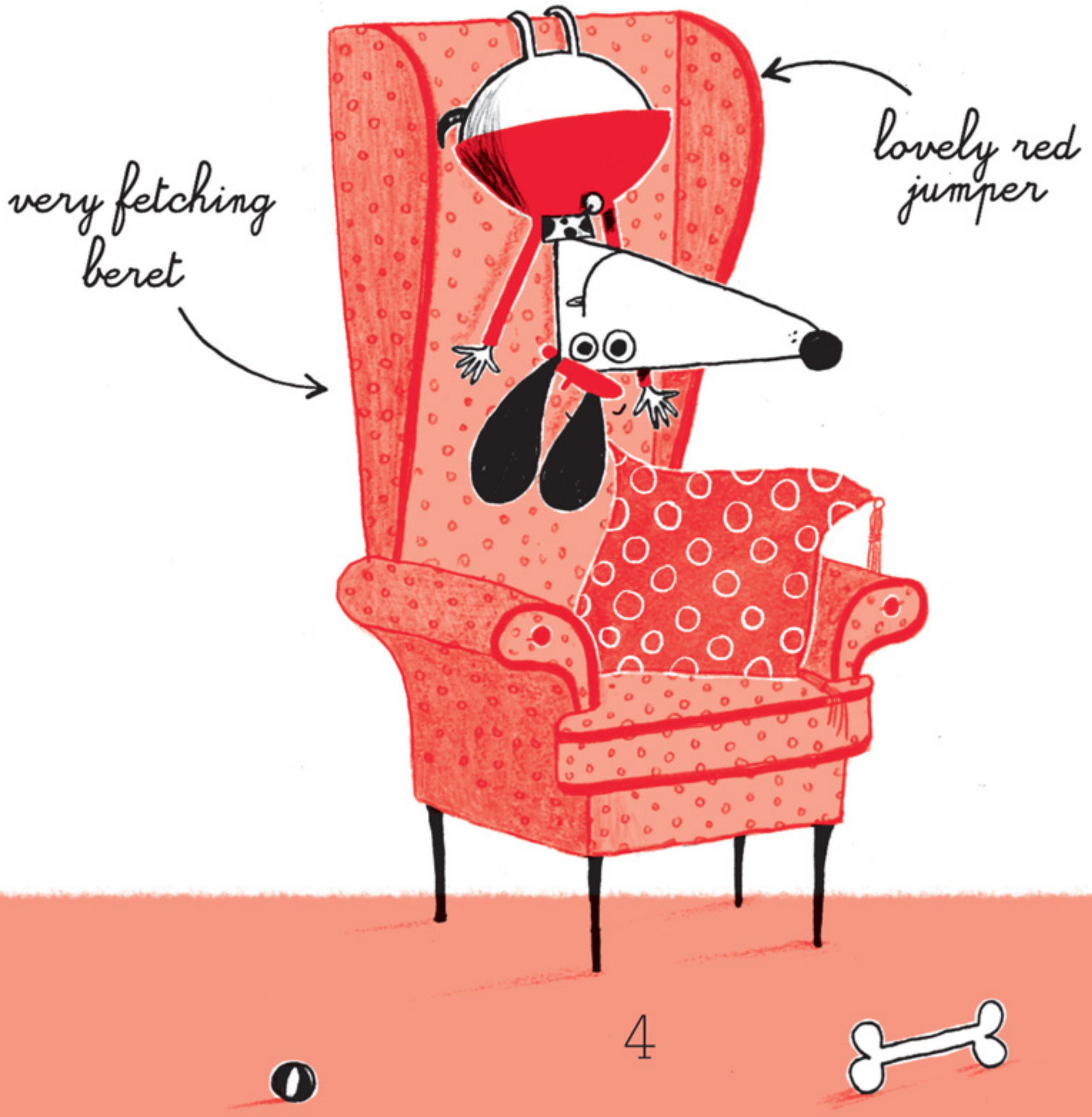
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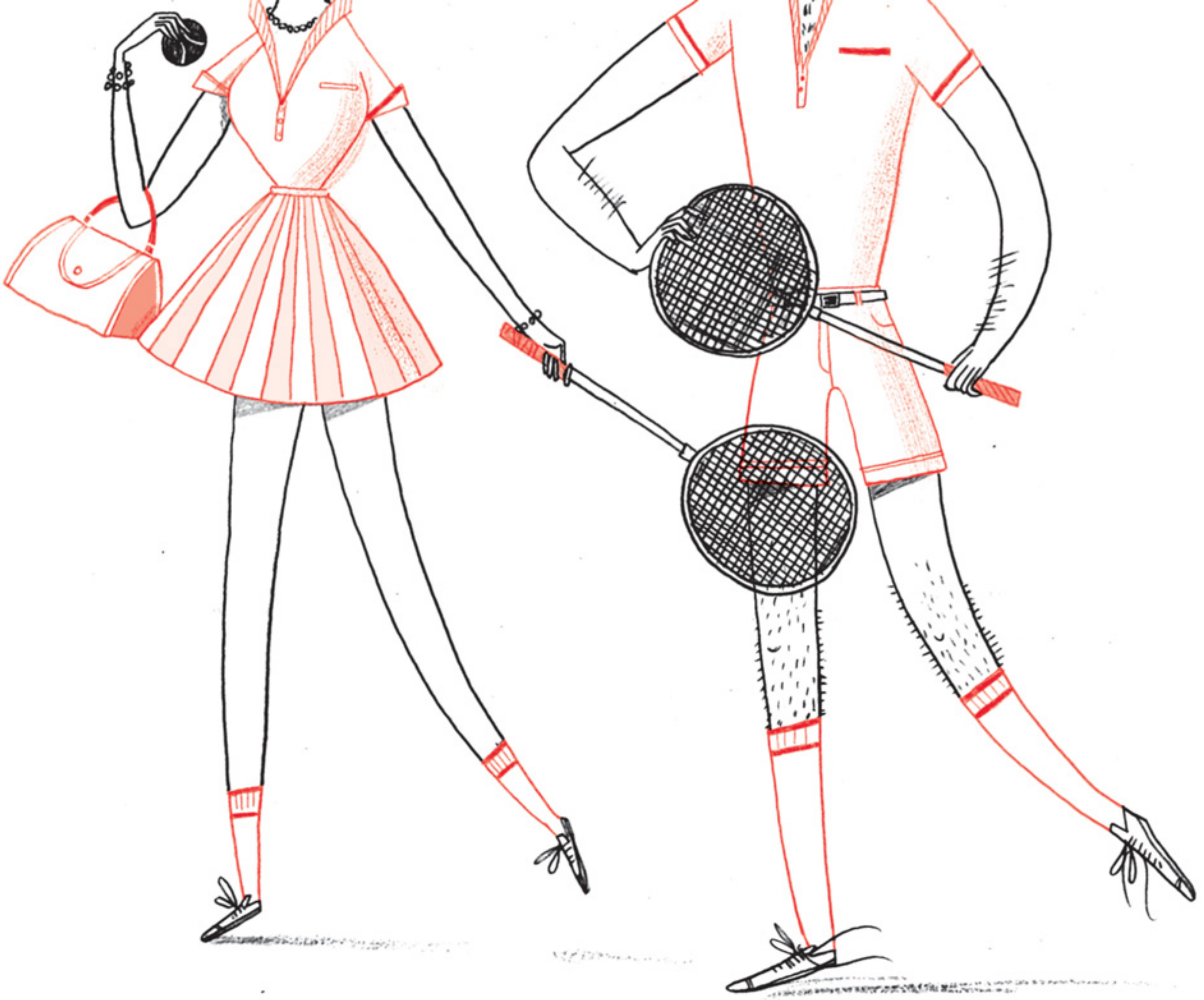


Some enormous sports knickers



Claude is a dog.
Claude is a small dog.
Claude is a small, plump dog
who wears a lovely red jumper
and a very fetching beret.





He lives at 112 Waggy Avenue
with Mr and Mrs Shinyshoes and
his best friend Sir Bobblysock.

This is Sir Bobblysock.



Every day, after Mr and Mrs Shinyshoes have cried, 'Toodle-pip, Claude!' and left for work, Claude and Sir Bobblysock go on an adventure.

Where will they go today?



It was a Tuesday and, for once, Sir Bobblysock couldn't wait to get out of the house.

Claude, you see, had woken up with ants in his pants. Not REAL ones, of course (that had been yesterday's excitement). He simply couldn't sit still!

He ate his breakfast with his bottom waggling about.

He brushed his teeth hopping on one leg.



And putting his beret on took approximately 45 minutes because he had to pretend that it was first a pancake, and then a flying saucer whizzing through space. (A flying saucer that knocked over two packets of cereal and an entire jug of milk.)

Eventually, however, the two chums made it out of the front door.

