

The Adventures of Moose & Mr Brown



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To Pauline (and, of course, Moose, Monty and Mr Brown) – PS

To Amy and Nick – SU

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I'd like to introduce you to two good friends of mine.

The first is Mr Brown. Like me, Mr Brown is a fashion designer. Mr Brown is in charge of my studio, which is in London's Covent Garden. He is a gentle boss, he's charismatic, charming and I look forward to coming to work every day knowing that he'll greet me with a smile and a wave!

The second person I'd like to introduce you to is Moose. I met Moose by chance when he first arrived in London from Alaska. When we first met, Moose took an instant interest in my world of design and creativity. I was immediately struck by how curious Moose was and how fascinated he was by all of the things he encountered as he went about his day.



Mr Brown



Moose works with Mr Brown in my studio alongside lots of other wonderful characters. My studio is a busy place with lots going on all of the time - the phone never stops ringing and the door never stops swinging! The studio is jam-packed full of things - everything from toys to bikes, books to bunnies, and lots and lots of them! Moose and Mr Brown have the perfect temperaments for the busy studio. They find inspiration in everything that surrounds them, and in the busy studio that means there is plenty to inspire them.

I hope you enjoy their story.

Paul Smith

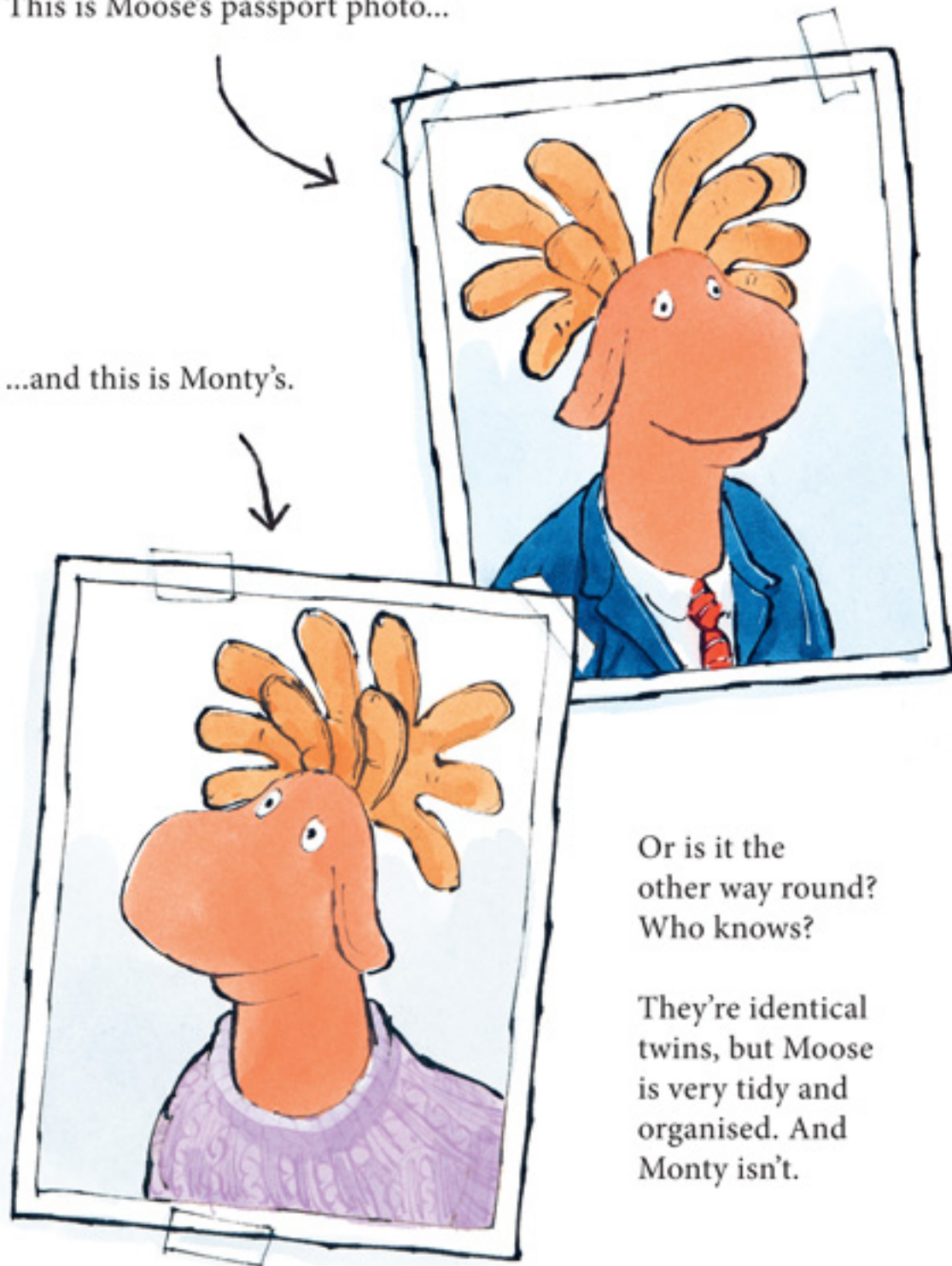


Moose



This is Moose's passport photo...

...and this is Monty's.



Or is it the other way round?
Who knows?

They're identical twins, but Moose is very tidy and organised. And Monty isn't.

You can tell by their baby photos – here they are in their pushchair. Monty is the one upside down...



...and this is Monty falling off his potty.

Despite their differences, the twins were very close.

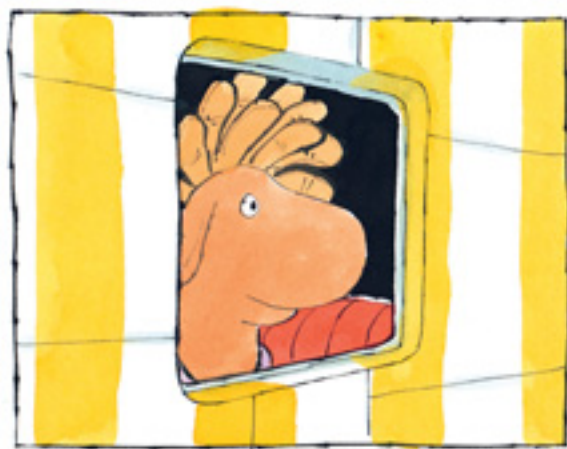
They had never been apart until the day they left Alaska and...



...lost each other at the airport. They were going on holiday to London.

Moose got on the right plane and...

...Monty didn't!



Moose felt so alone without his twin. A tear rolled down his cheek – and *that* was when he first met Mr Brown!

Mr Brown was a famous fashion designer. When he saw Moose looking so sad, he lent him his hanky.

"Sorry to be a cry baby," sniffed Moose, as he explained about losing Monty.

"Not at all," said Mr Brown. "If I lost my brother, I'd need an elephant hanky to dry my eyes."

"An *elephant* hanky?" said Moose. "Is there such a thing?"

