For Albie and his cats, Bear and Carlos. Love Mummy x - P.B.

To Achille and Colette and all their magical adventures - C.R.



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Penelope Snoop was the **BEST**
Finder-Outer-in-the-Whole-Wide-World.



After all, with her **trusty DOG, Carlos**, she had:

1. **CRACKED** the Case of the Curious Croaking
2. ***SOLVED*** the Mystery of the Missing Homework
3. **DISCOVERED** Dad's Disappearing Chocolate



But **today** she had an **even**
BIGGER CASE to solve . . .

Sidney the Smelly Sock Snake had
DISAPPEARED!
She **COULDN'T** find him **anywhere**.

Sidney had DEFINITELY been in her bed when she woke up that morning – because she remembered *WIPING* dribble from his face.





And he had DEFINITELY sat on her knee when she ATE her breakfast – because she remembered DROPPING some *runny* egg yolk on his head.

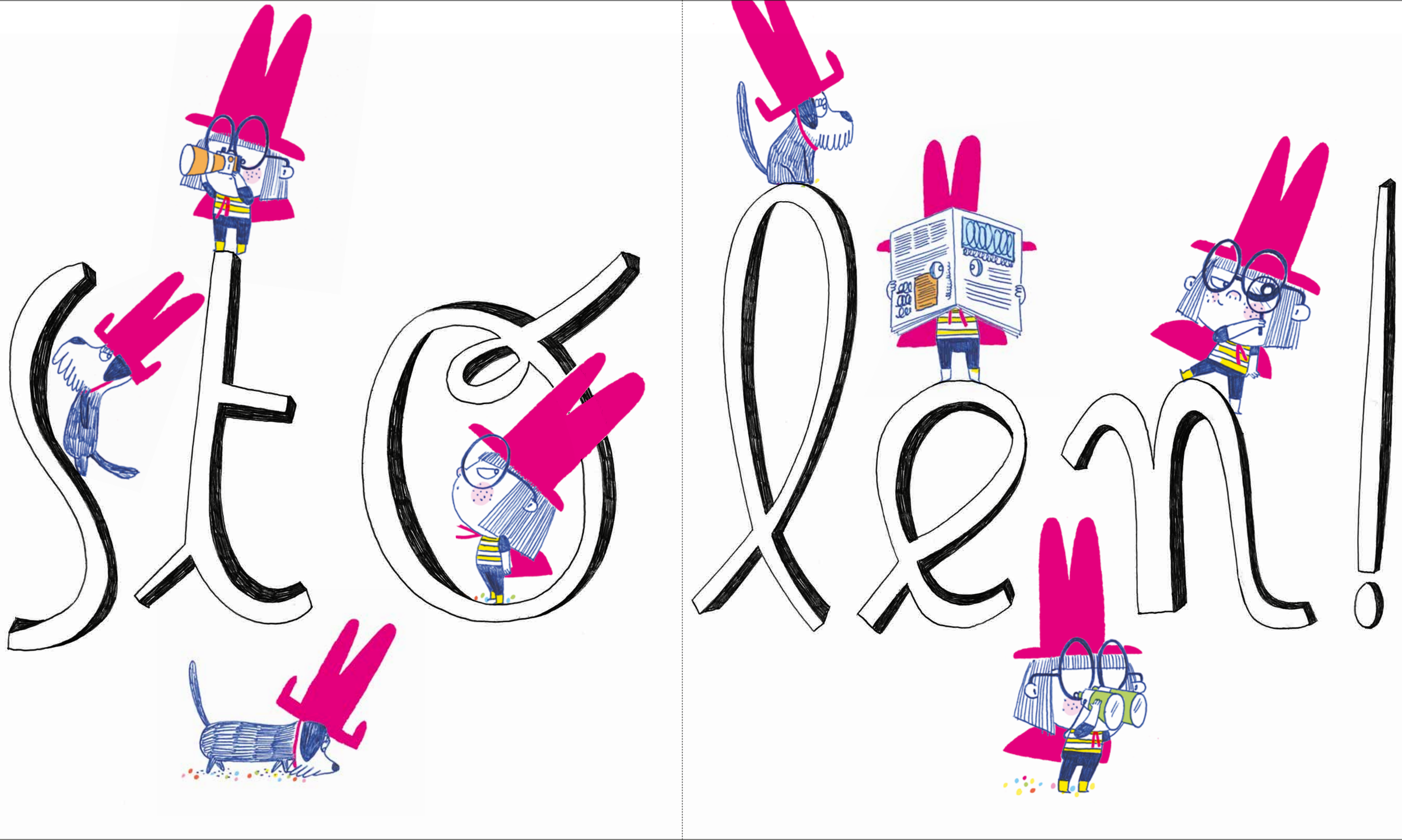


And there was NO DOUBT he was sitting on the bath stool when she was *CLEANING* her TEETH (because she remembered making funny faces at him in the mirror).

BUT WHERE WAS HE NOW?

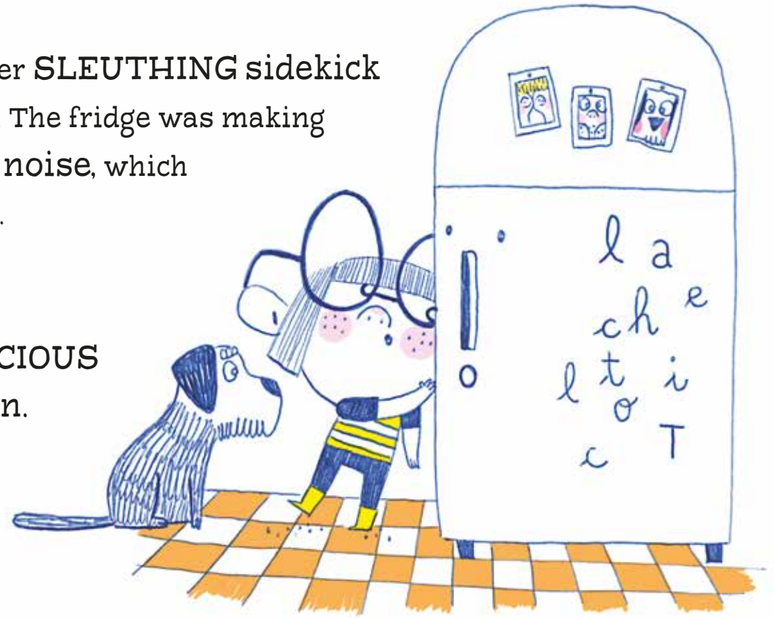


There was NO DOUBT about it. *Sidney* the Smelly Sock Snake had been . . .


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Penelope Snoop and her SLEUTHING sidekick ran into the kitchen. The fridge was making its weird *WHIRRING* noise, which ALWAYS meant . . .

something SERIOUSLY SUSPICIOUS was going on.



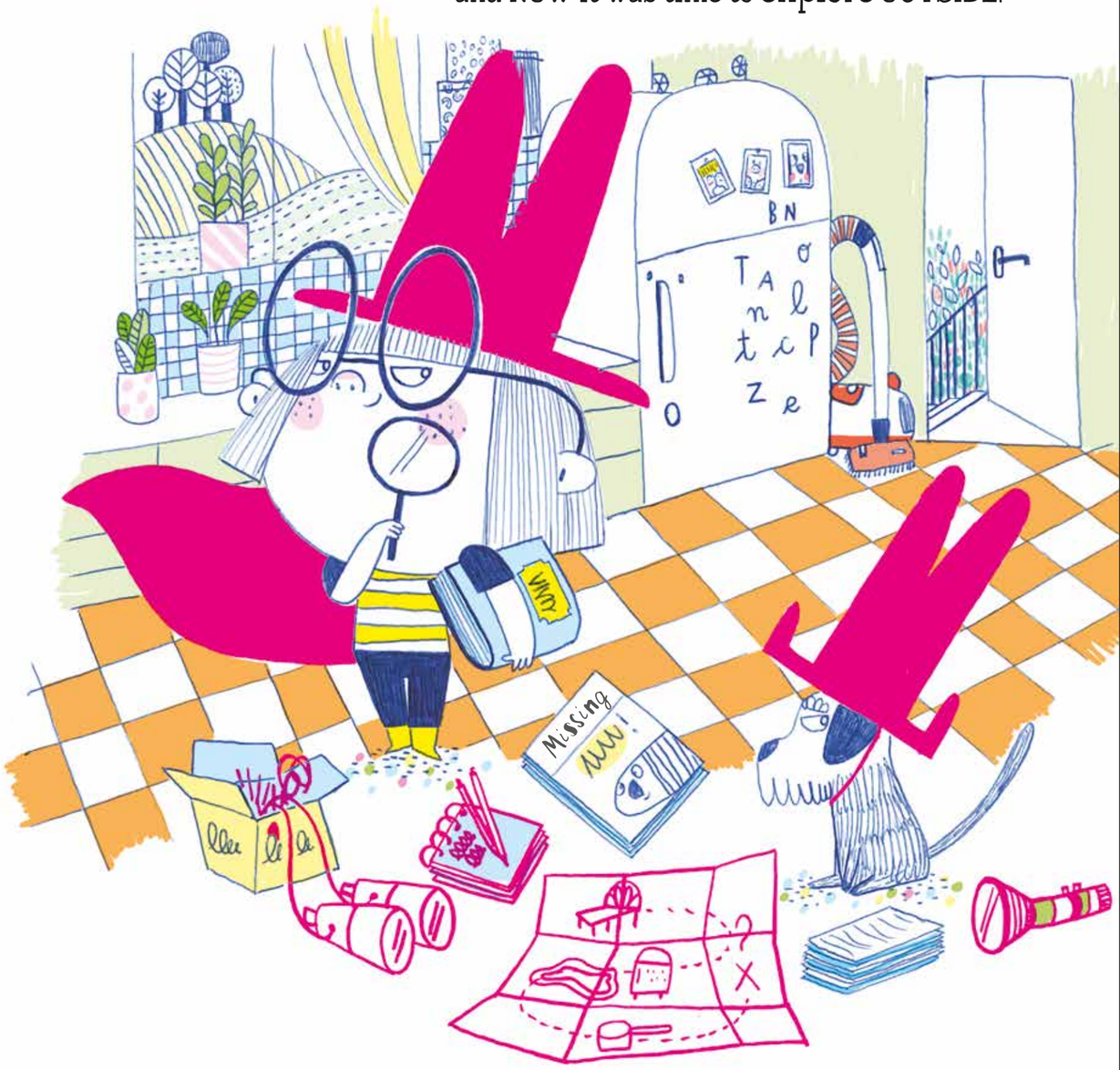


The ACE Detective ran to her SUPER-SECRET hiding place and dug out her FINDER-OUTER KIT.

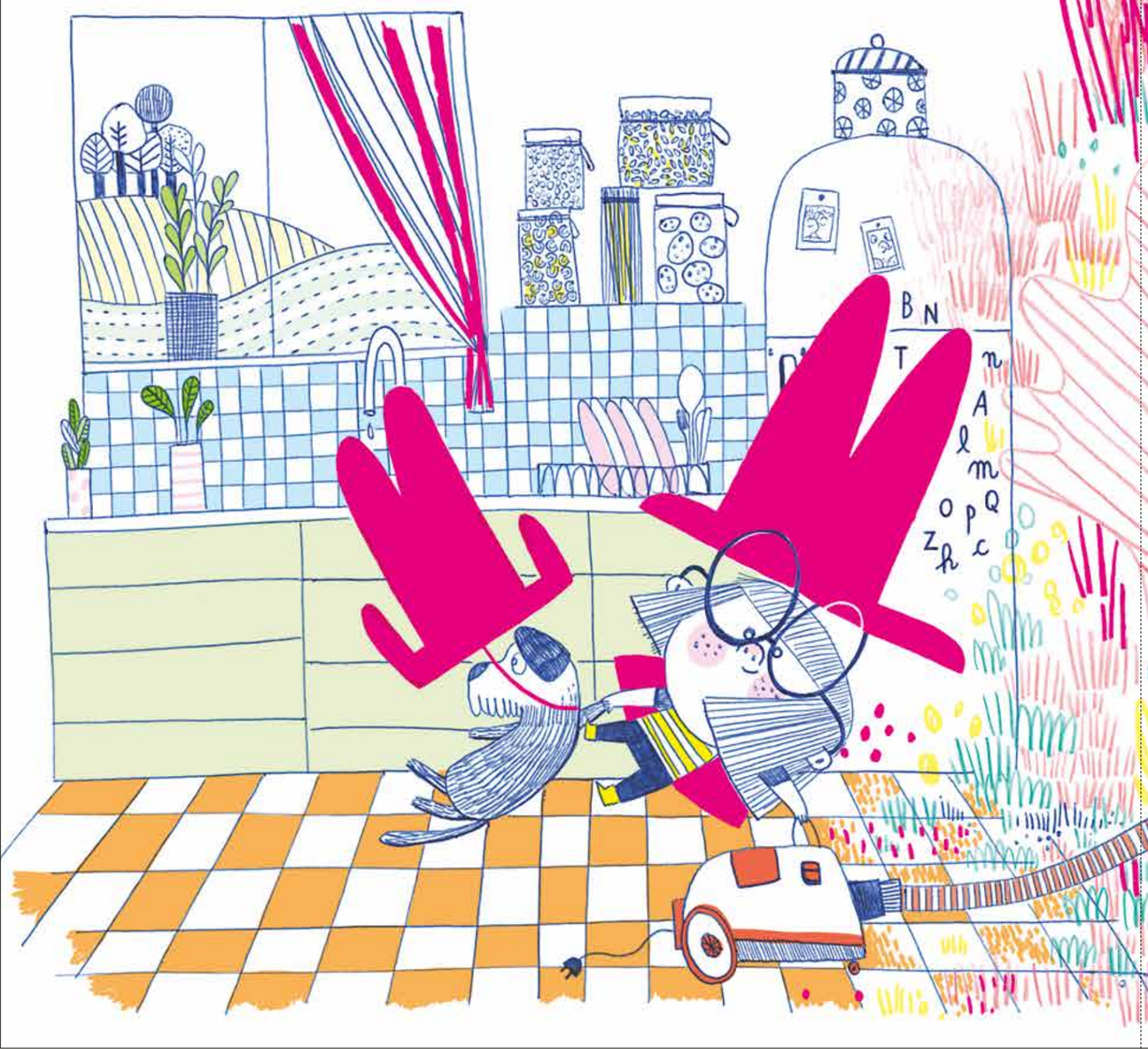
Carlos DIDN'T like wearing his hat very much but Penelope Snoop insisted because this was a SERIOUS investigation.

The CASE of the STOLEN Sock Snake was OFFICIALLY OPEN.

Penelope Snoop had looked everywhere INSIDE, and NOW it was time to explore OUTSIDE.



So they JUMPED onto her SUPER-TRANSPORTER
and rode ALL THE WAY to the back garden.



And THAT'S when they found
their first CLUE . . .