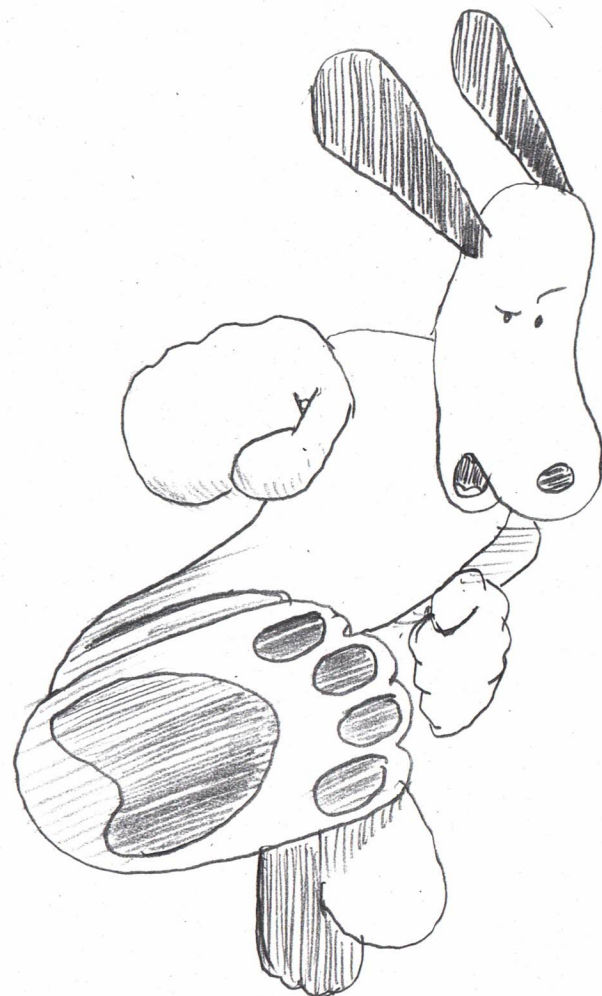


REAL DOGS WEAR SHOES

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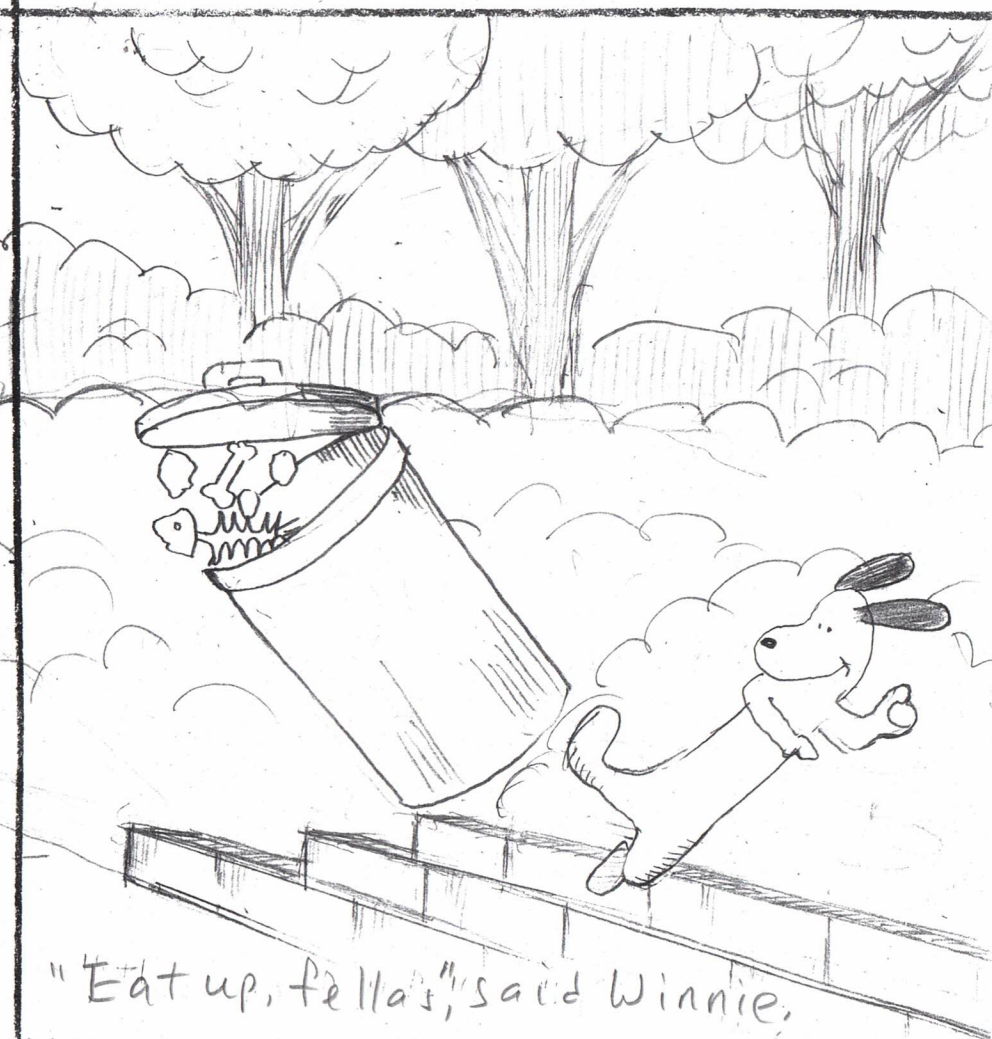
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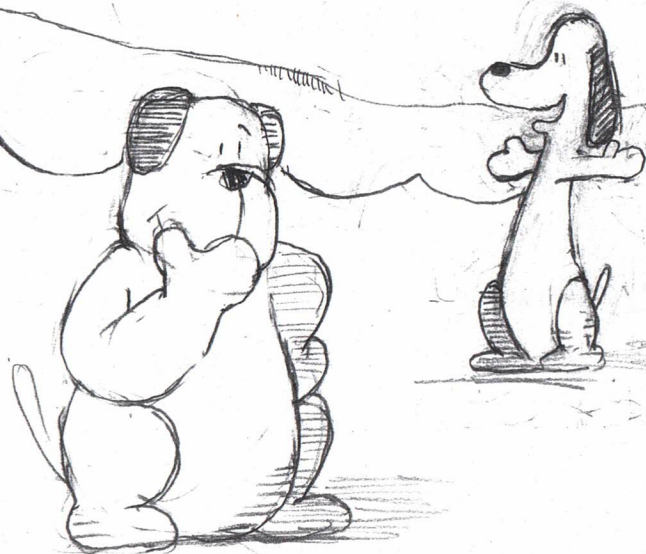
That's the sound of Winnie... ③

No. getting breakfast for his
pals, the street dogs.



"Eat up, fellas," said Winnie.
"You're a good cook," said Lev.
"Oi! Bit of a chill," said Bernard.
"It'd be nice to be indoors"

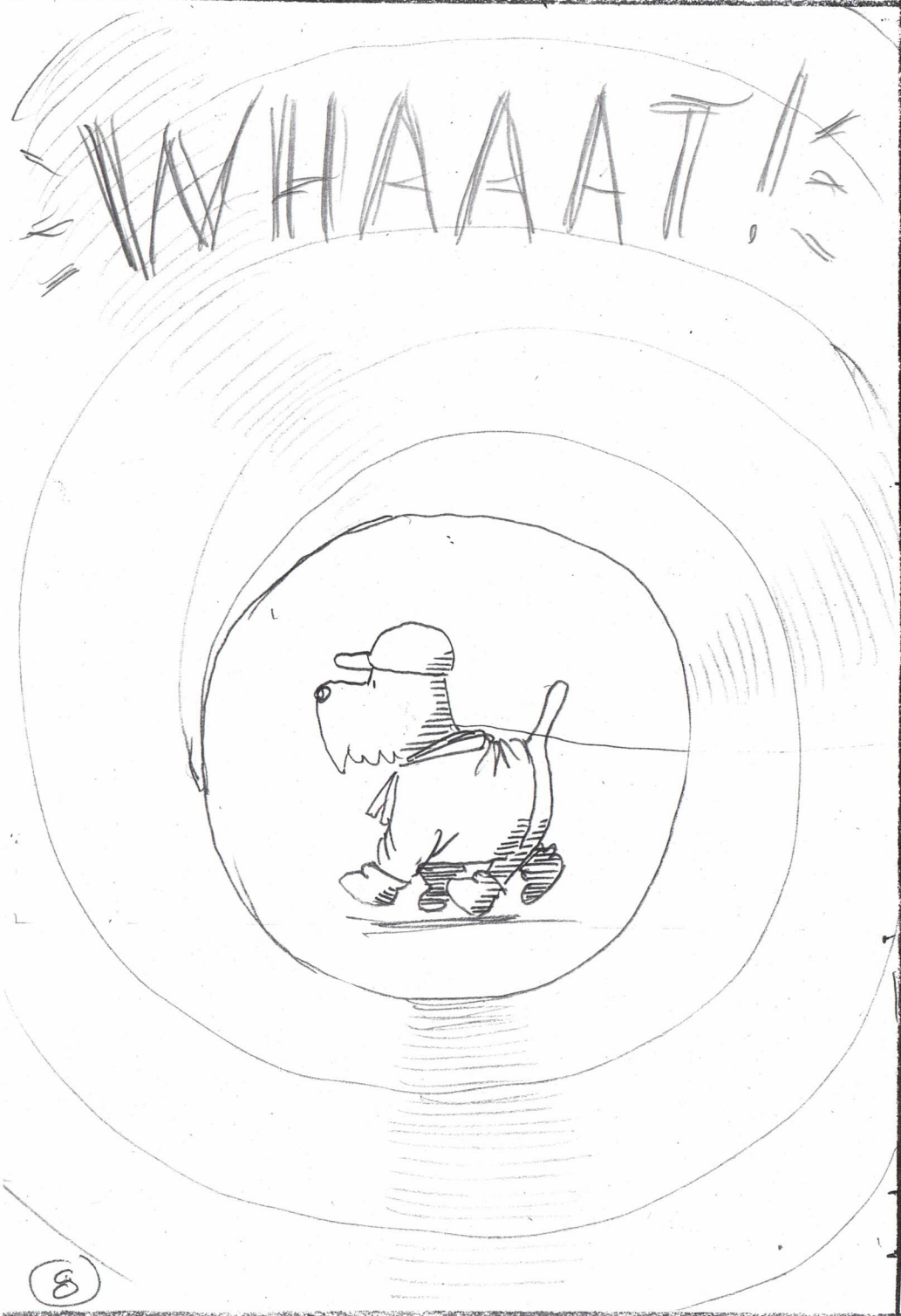
"Why?" asked Winnie.
"The outdoors is the best!
No walls!
To sleep, eat, and play."



"And our fur gives us warmth.
No need to bargain hunt
for clothes."

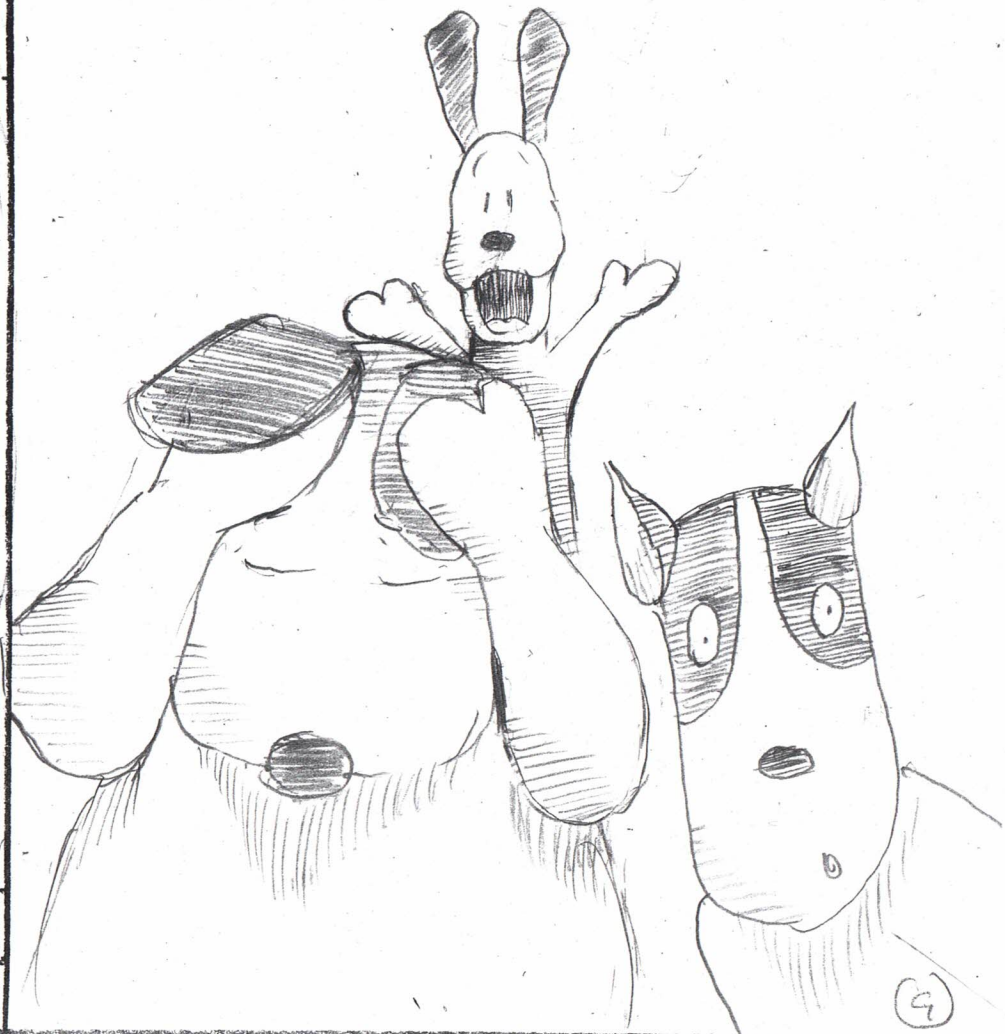
"That doesn't look like
bargain clothes to me," said Levi.





"He's wearing a hoodie!
And a hat!
And... and... SHOES!" cried
Winnie.

"Hmm. If he's wearing a hoodie
does he really need a hat?" asked
Levi.



"He's heading for the park.
We gotta save this guys"
said Winnie.

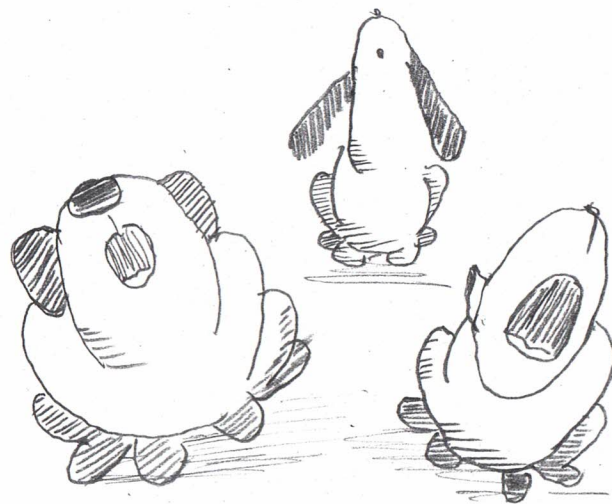


"From what?" asked Bernard.

"From becoming... a human,"
said Winnie.

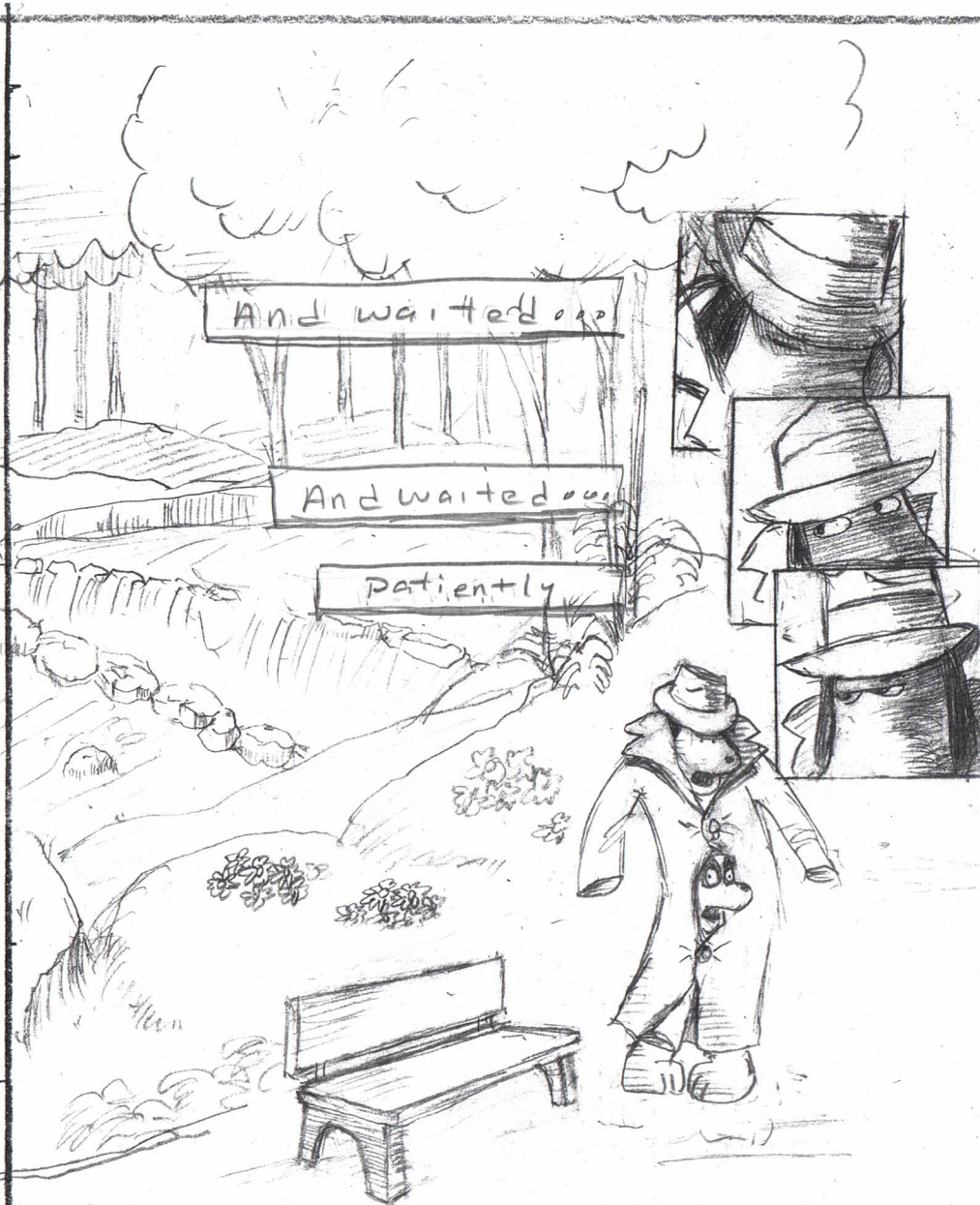
Levi gasped.

The friends put their muzzles
together and came up with a plan.
They then sealed the bargain
with the ceremonial howl.



== AAAA OOOOOW! ==

Winnie, Bernard and Levi gathered their clothes of their own and ran to the park.



When the time was right,
Winnie gave the command.



Bernard scooped up the
tastefully dressed Westie
and ran.

"I'm Bernard. These are my mates,
Winnie and Levi."

"A pleasure, I am Alistair.
Question."

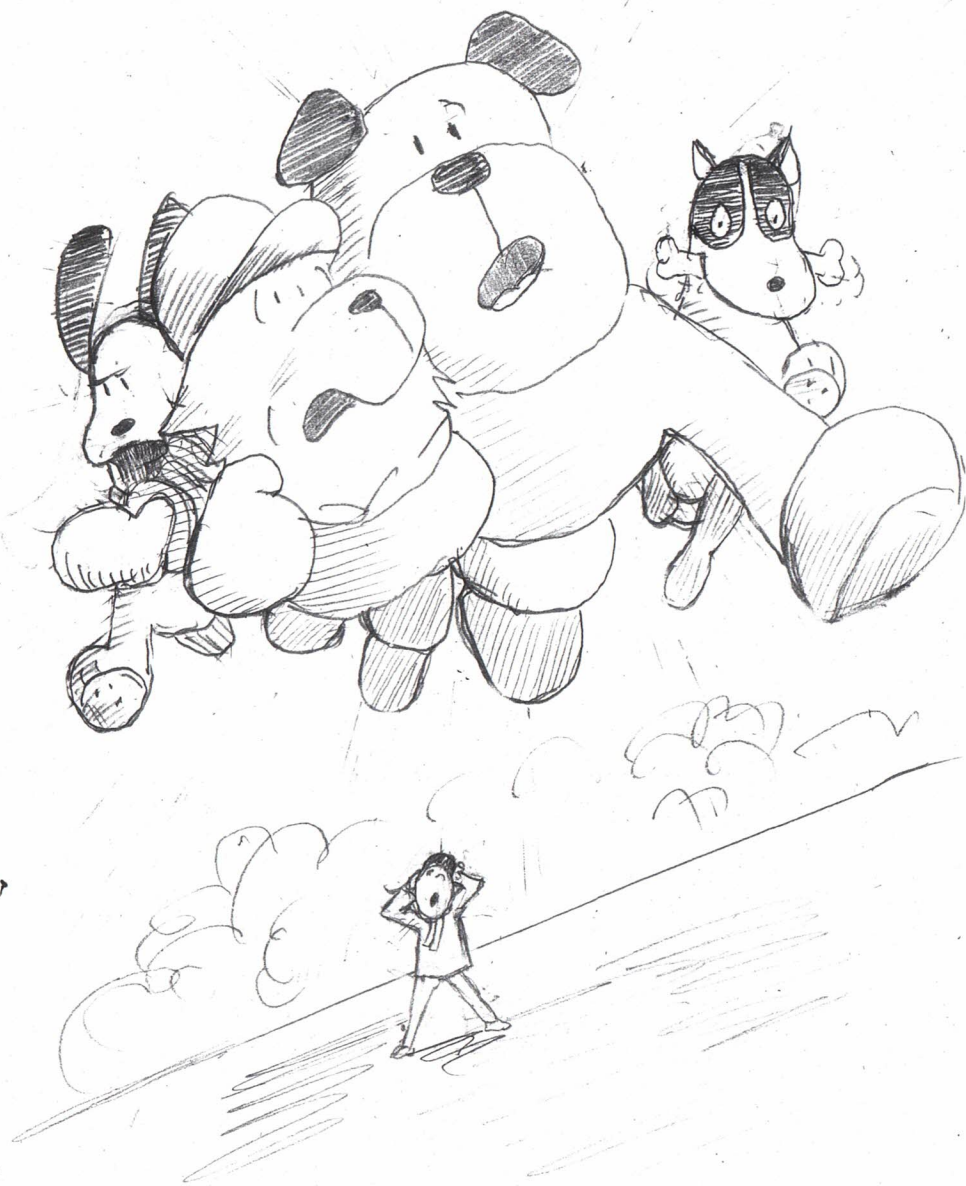
"Yes?"

"WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?"

"You'll see," said Winnie.

"So I will."

"To be honest, I'm not sure."



They soon reached a bluff.
"You'll be safe here," said Winnie.
"Safe?" asked Alistair.
"Safe to be a dog," said Winnie.



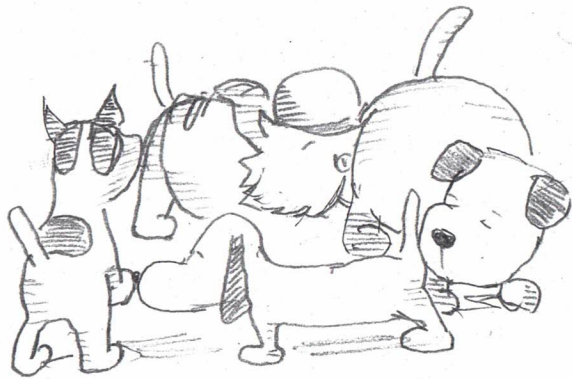
"Is your eyesight as bad as your breath?
I AM A DOG!" said Alistair.
"No dog wears a hoodie, a hat and... and...
SHOES!" said Bernard.
"Soon you'll be walking on two legs,"
said Levi.
"Enough!" said Winnie.



Howdy

"Let's take it one step at a time
and get you back to being a dog!"

After the traditional
greeting...



And peed like a dog...



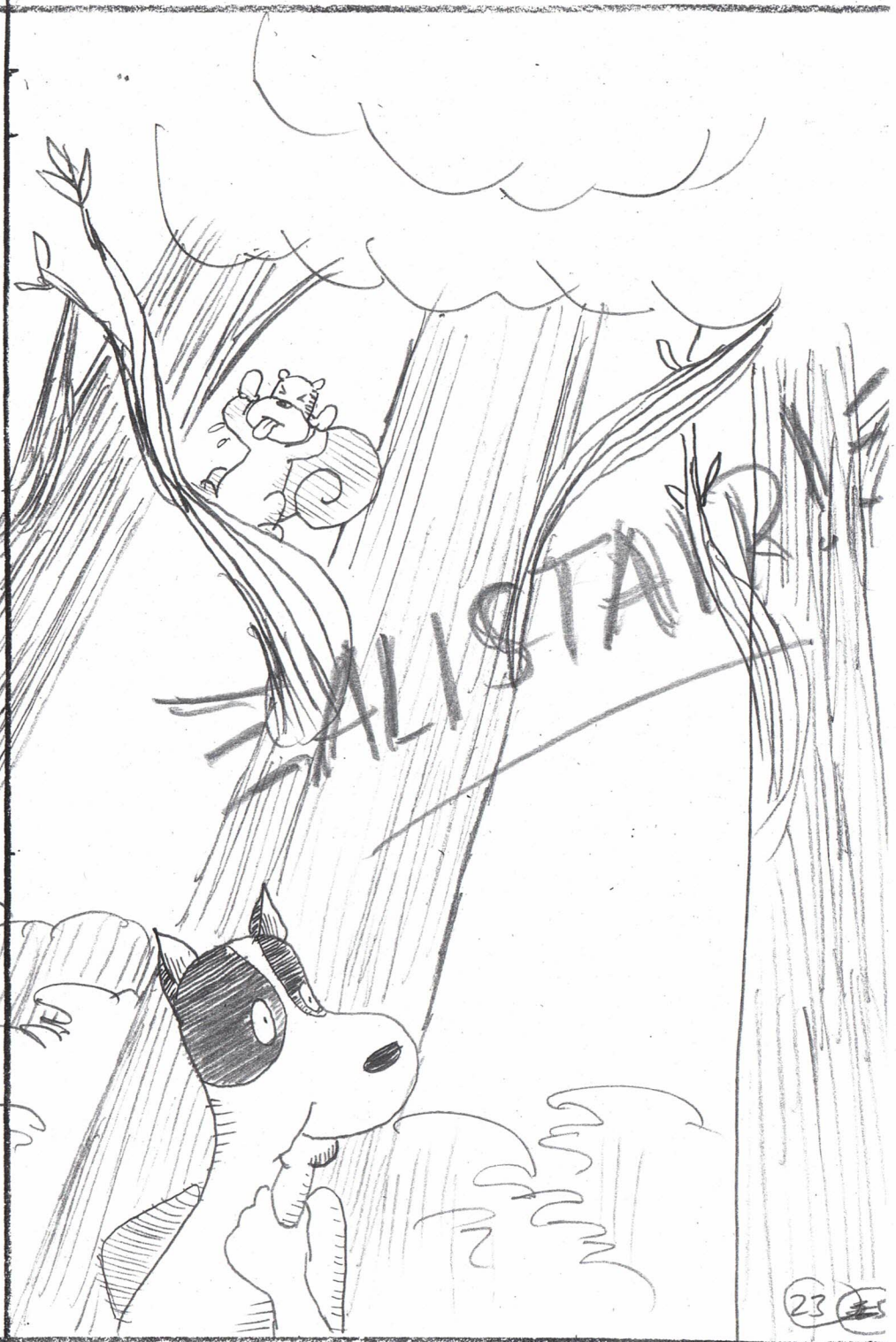
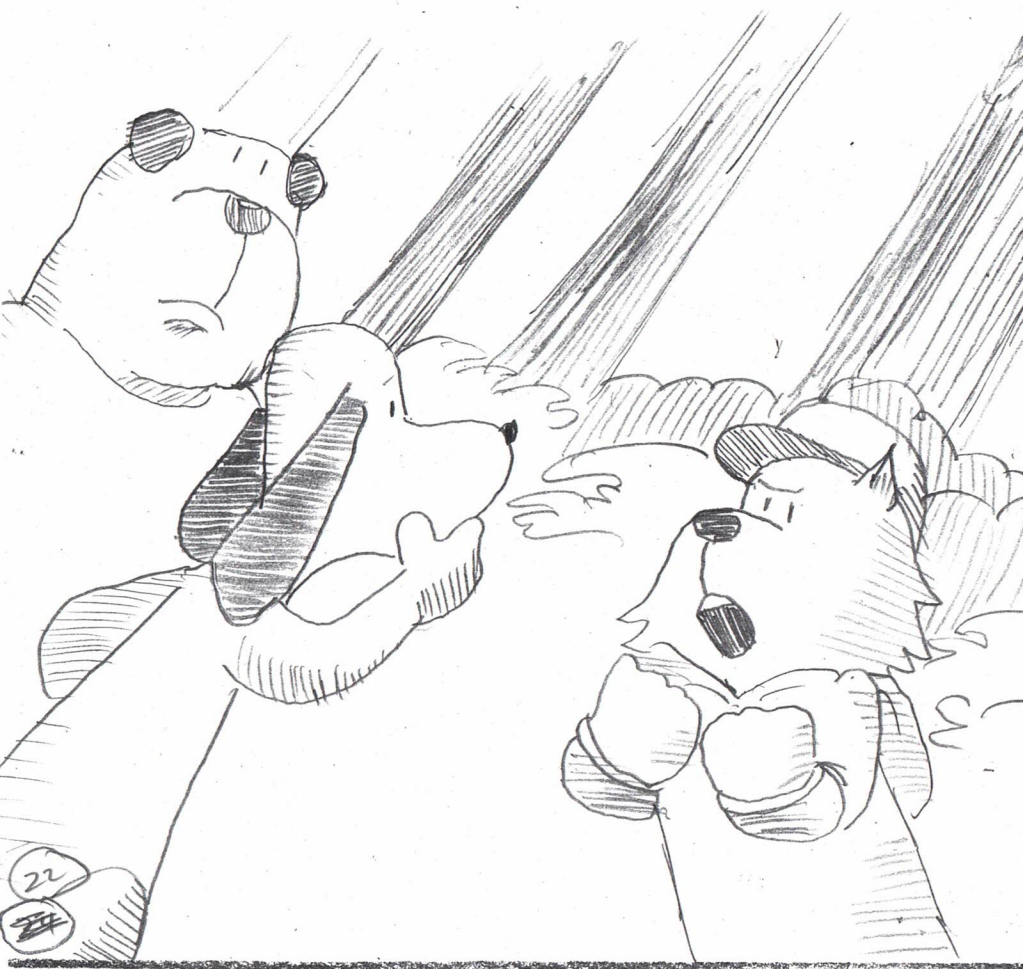
Alistair played
like a dog...



Saw a squirrel,
and ...



Well! I am 'impressed" said Winnie.
'You chased that squirrel,
and played
and peed like a dog."
"Because underneath this hoodie and
hat I am a dog!" said Alistair
Winnie rubbed his muzzle and
thought.



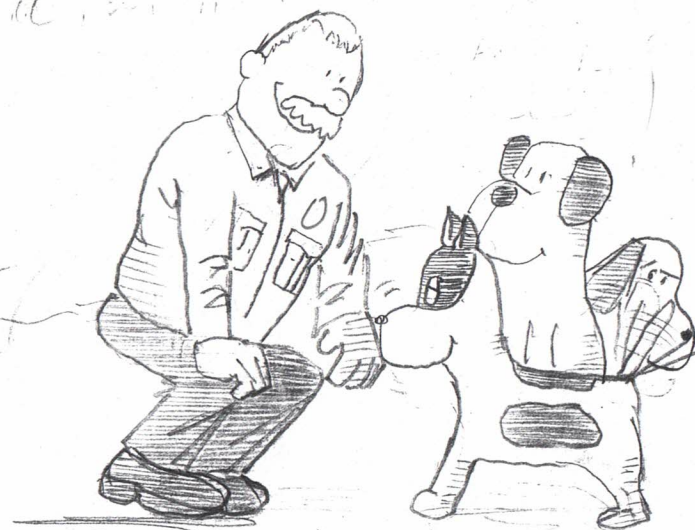
"Alistair! We found you!"
said Tiffany.



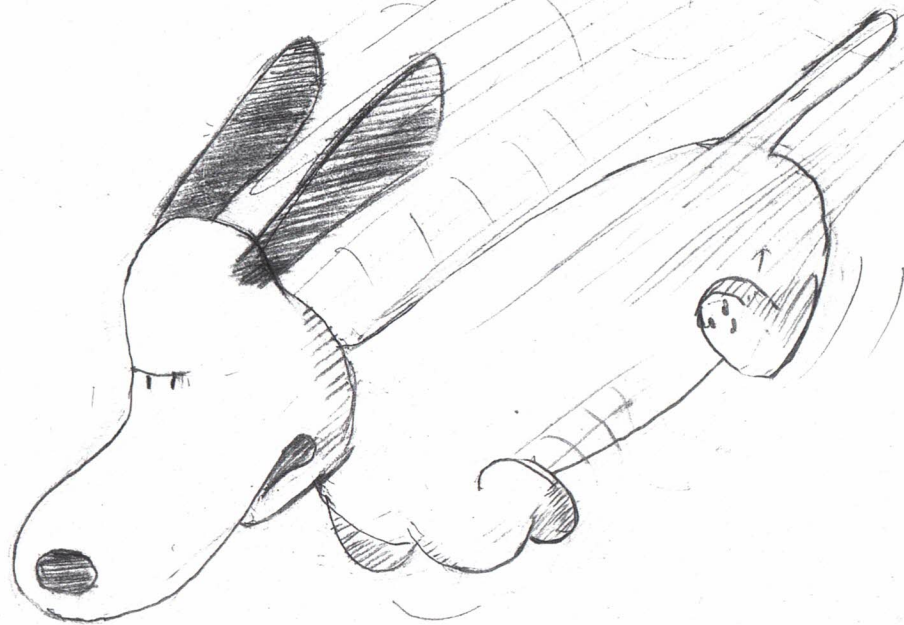
"Looks like he just wanted to
play with his dog friends, Tiffany,"
said the Ranger.

"Dogs will be dogs."

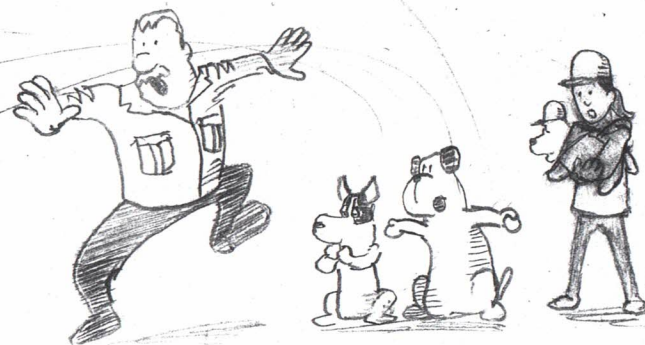
"Maybe we should take these guys
to the shelter and find them a home.
Would you guys like that?
A home. With four walls?"



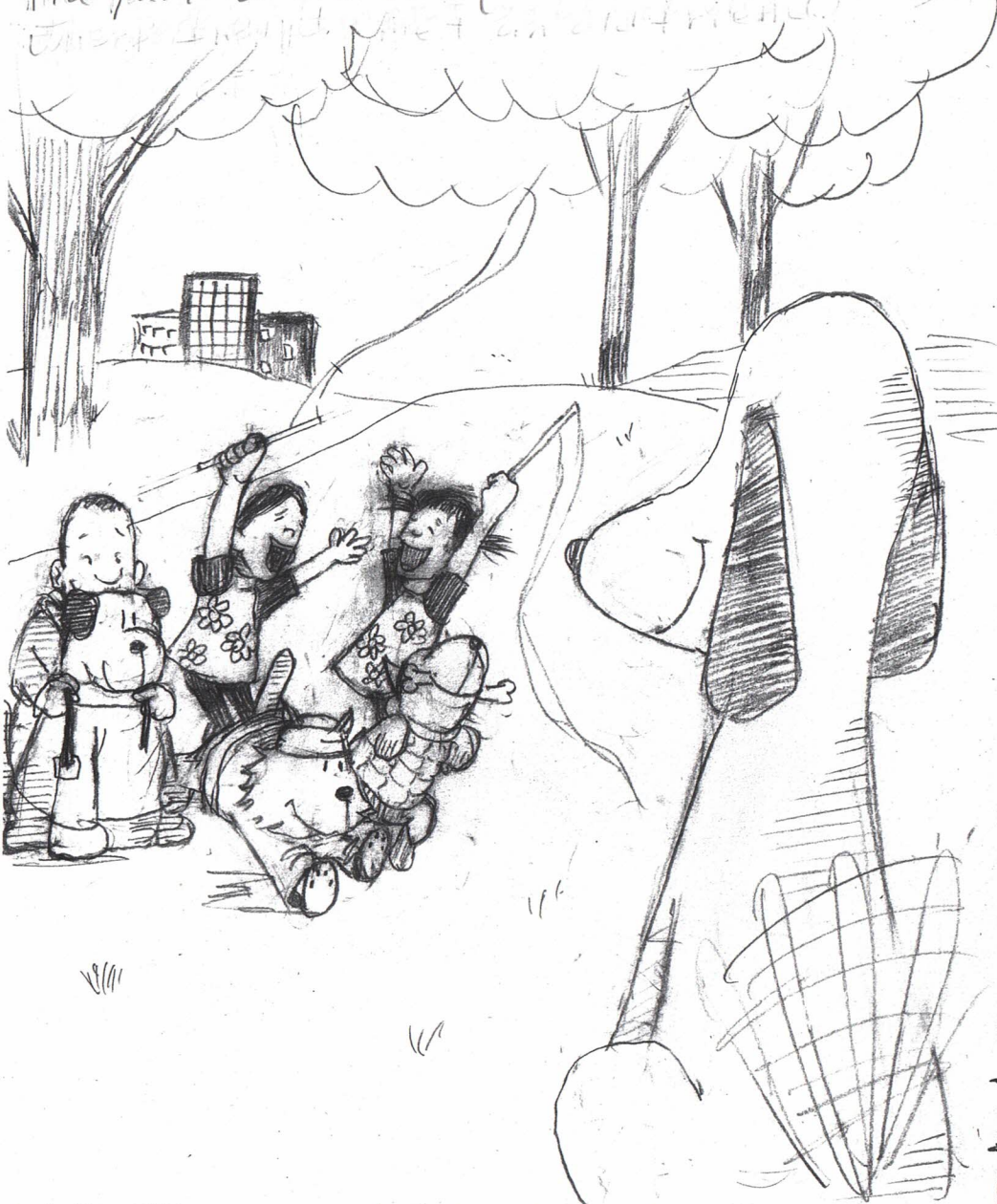
Winnie let out a
"Growww! Woof!"
At least that's what Tiffany
and the Rongler heard.
Alistair, Bernard and Levi heard,
"NO WALLS! EVER!"
And he was gone.



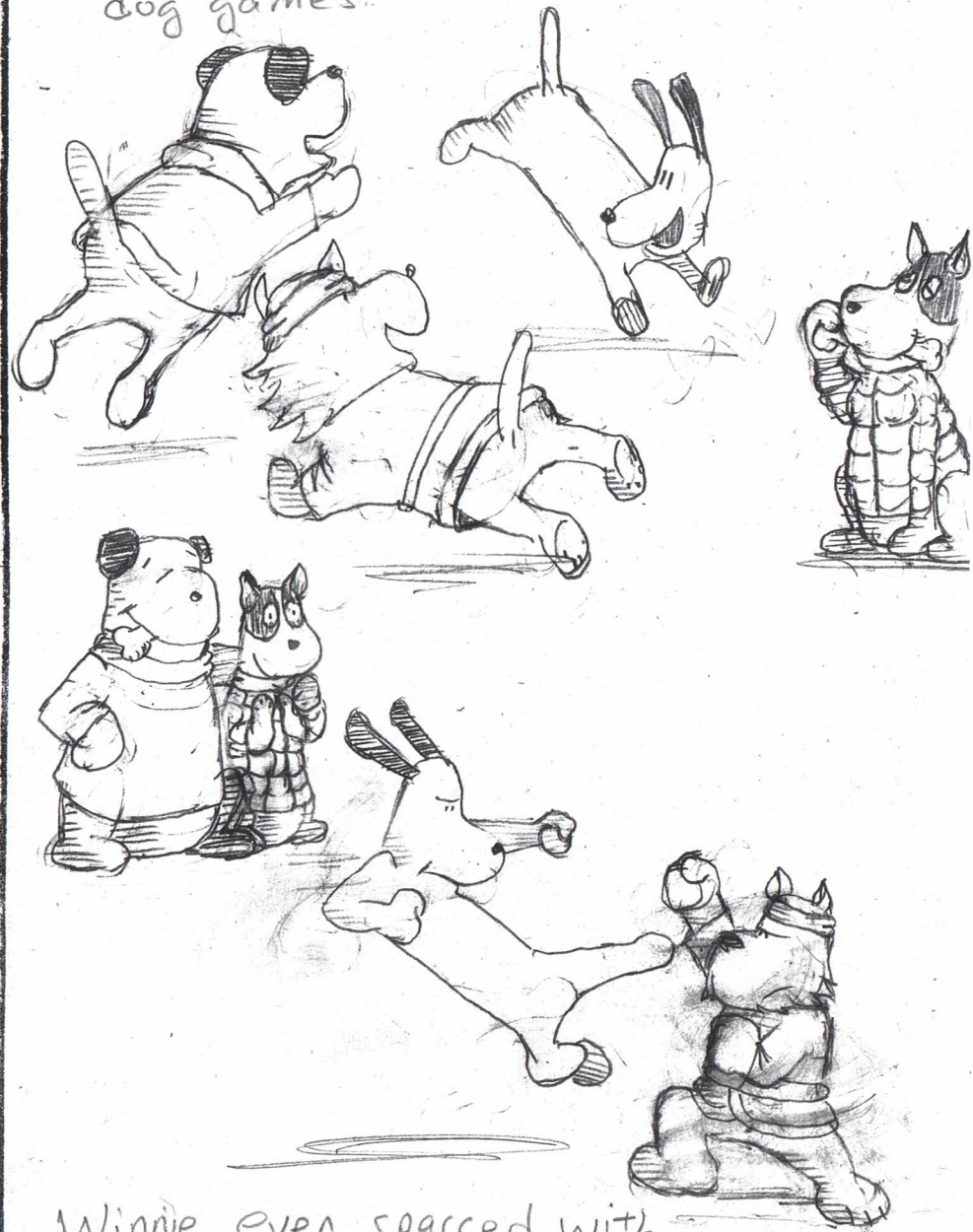
Alistair whispered to Bernard
and Levi,
"Don't run, give it a try."
You know, 'one step at a time!'"



And they did give it a try.
Soon, they were adopted by T. Flan's
friends, and one day they returned to
the park where they saw an old friend.

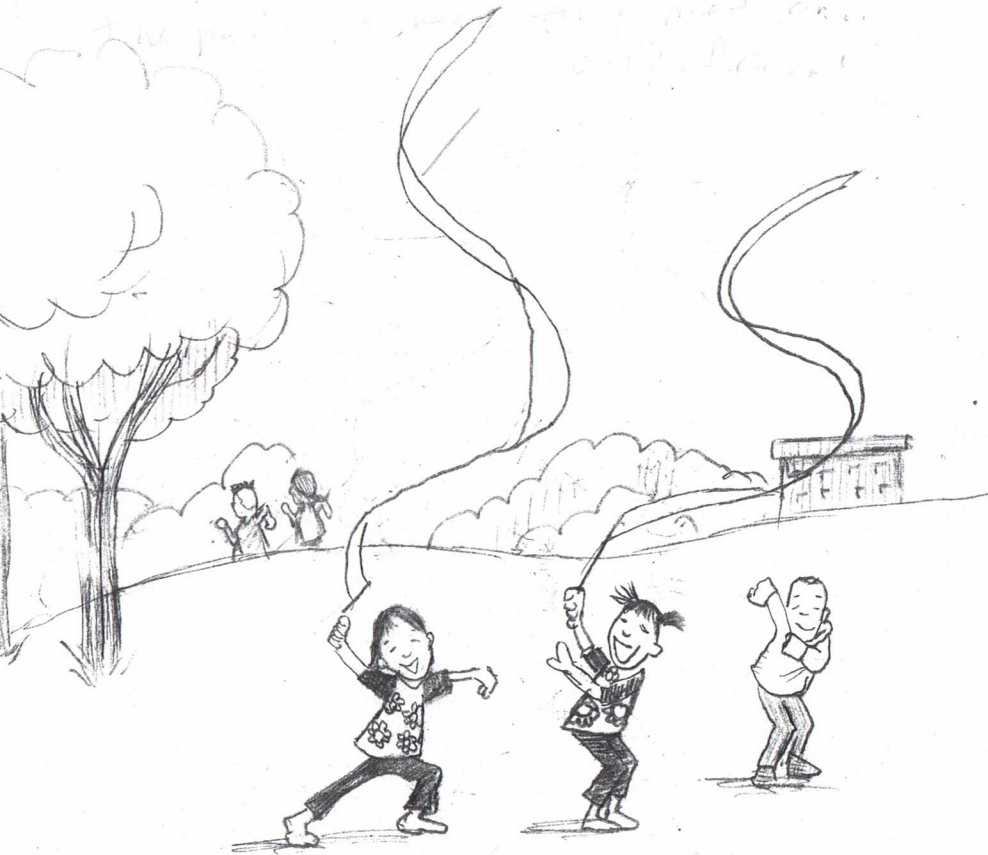


They spent the day playing
dog games.



Winnie even sparred with
Alistair.

After a while, Winnie turned
to leave.

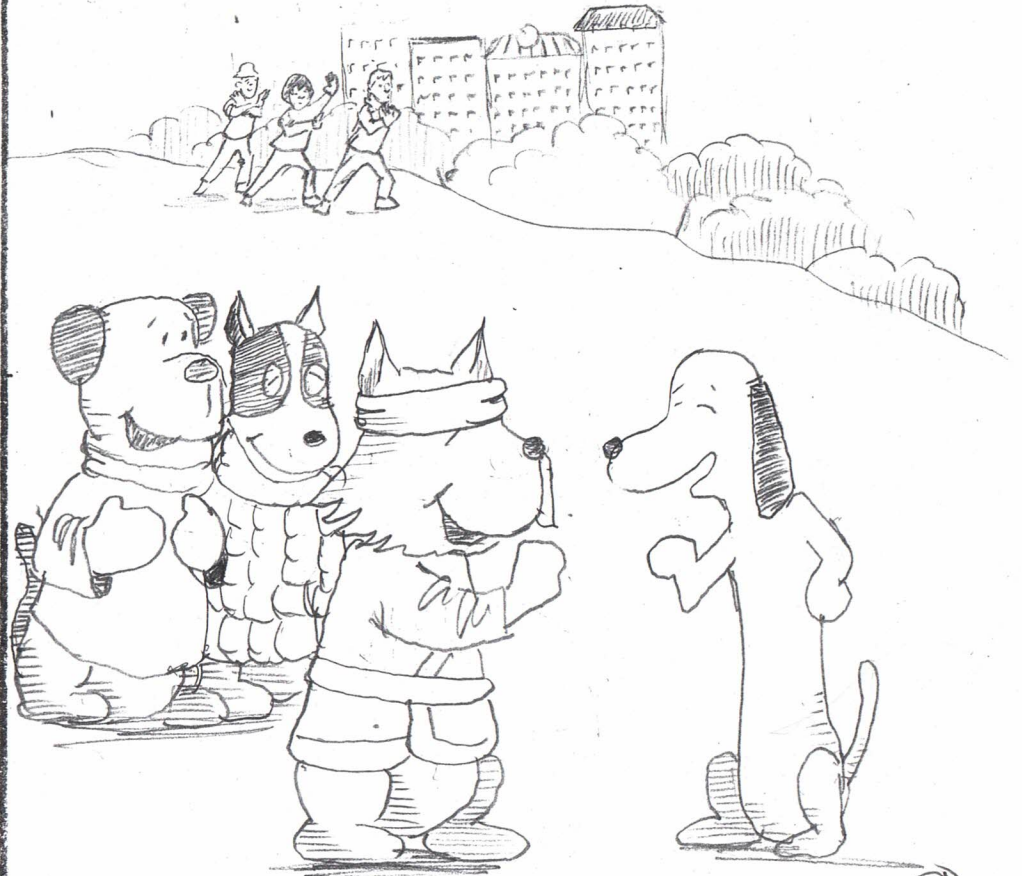


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"Do you think you will give
being an indoor dog a try?"
asked Alistair.

"Who knows?" said Winnie.

"Maybe. One day. I just gotta
take it..."



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... one step at a time.

