

SAVING  
ALISTAIR

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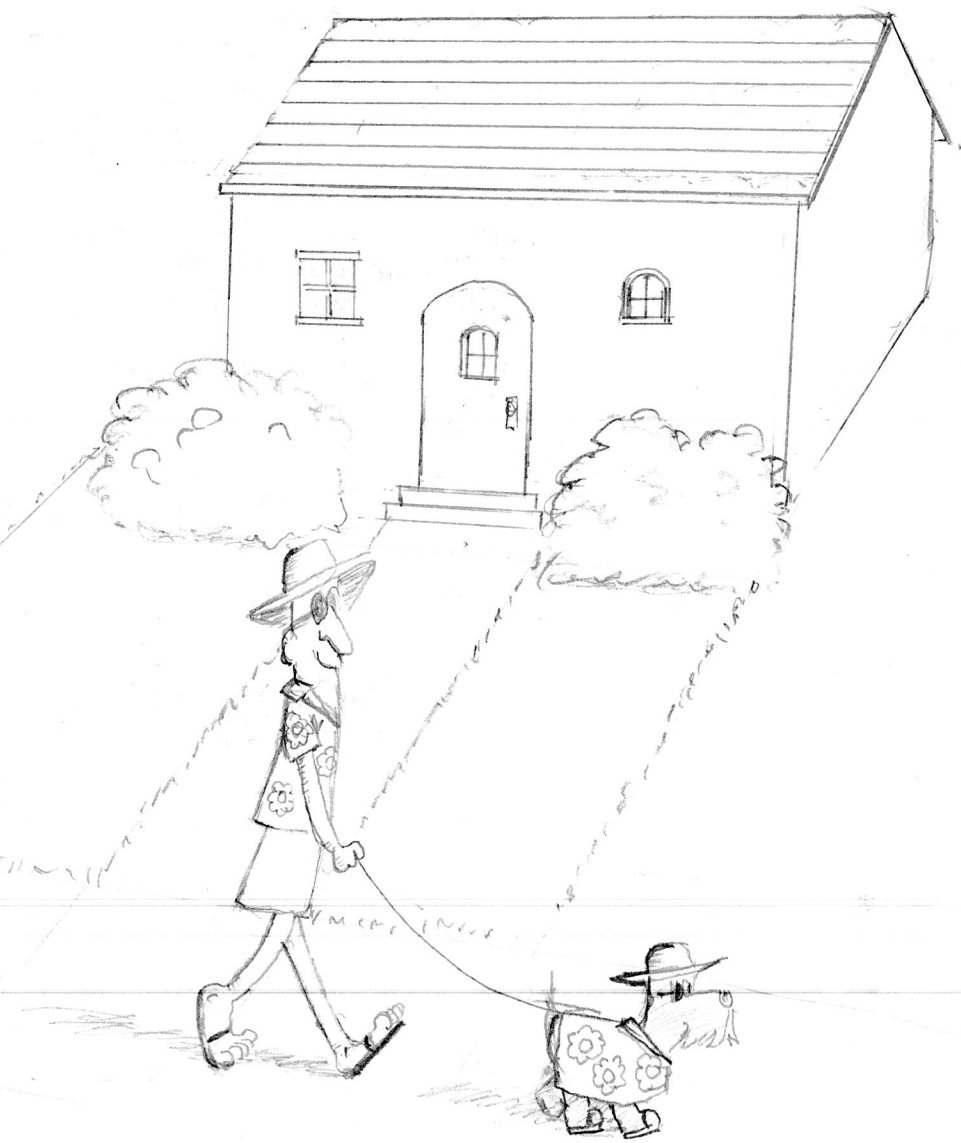


When Alistair and his  
human, Wilfrid, went for a  
walk they were matching  
outfits.

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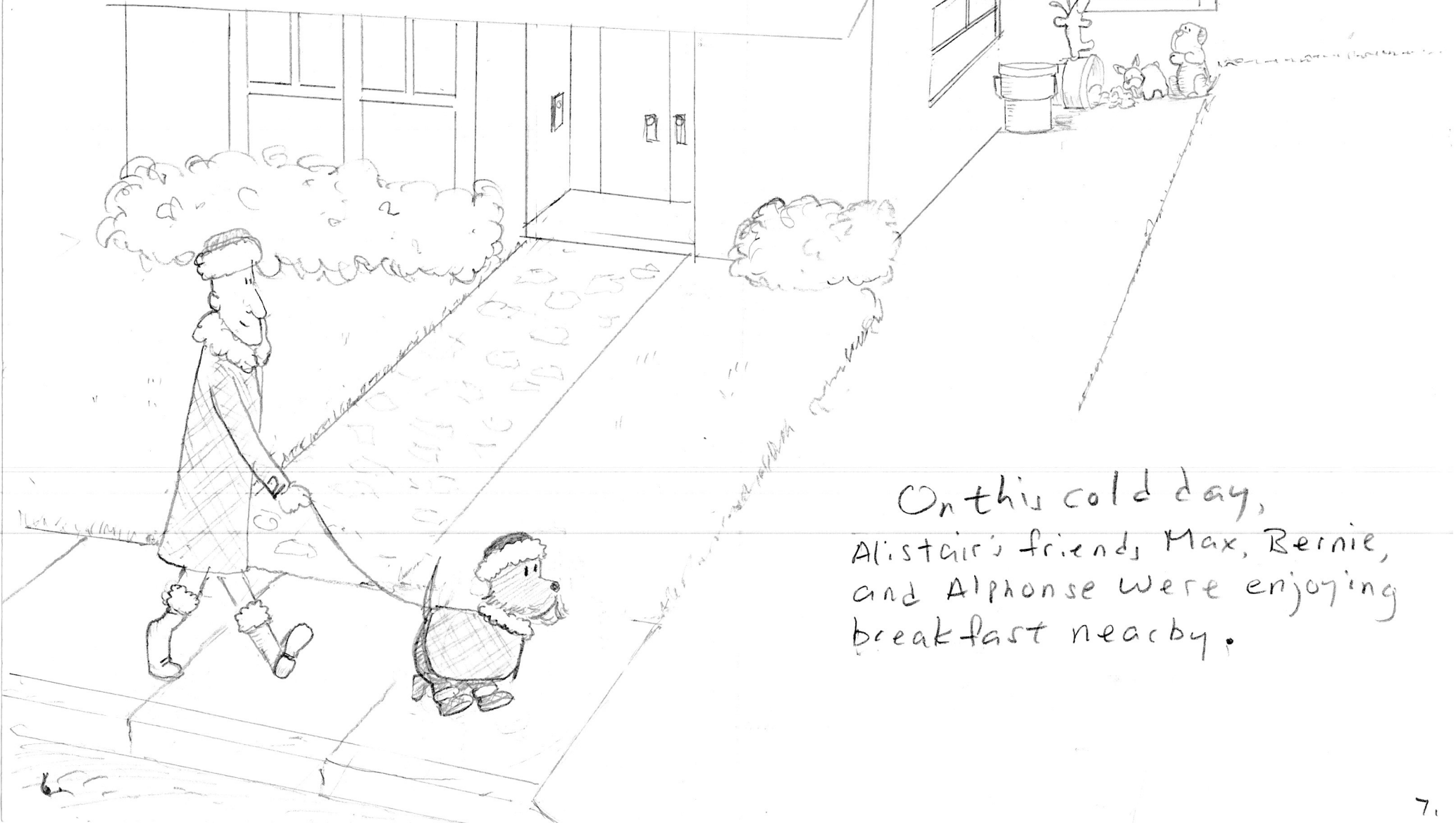


On rainy days, they wore raincoats and boots.

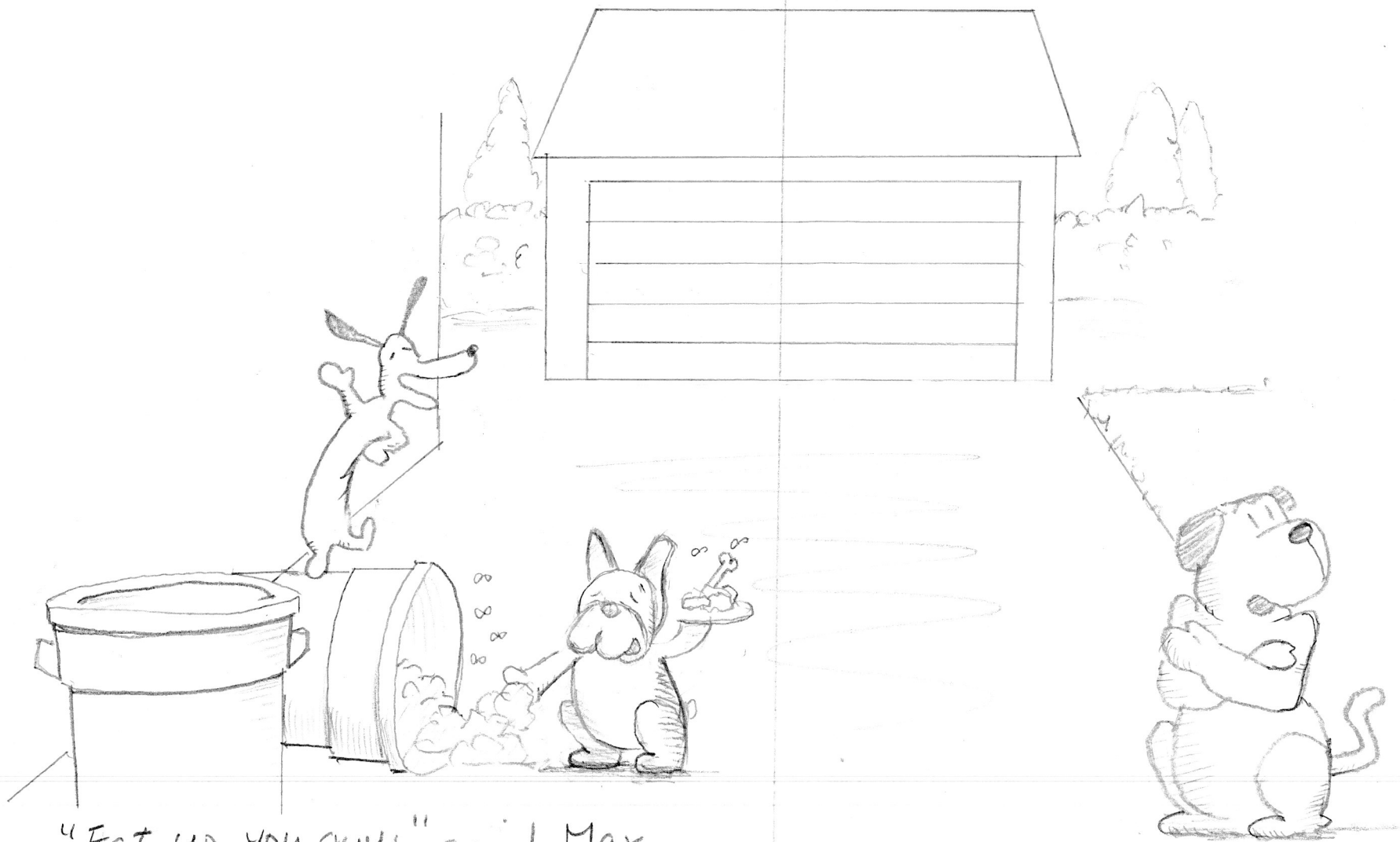


On warm days, they wore sunglasses, broad-brimmed hats and sandals.

And on cold days, they wore  
red plaid coats, with  
fur collars, and  
fur hats, and  
fur-trimmed boots,

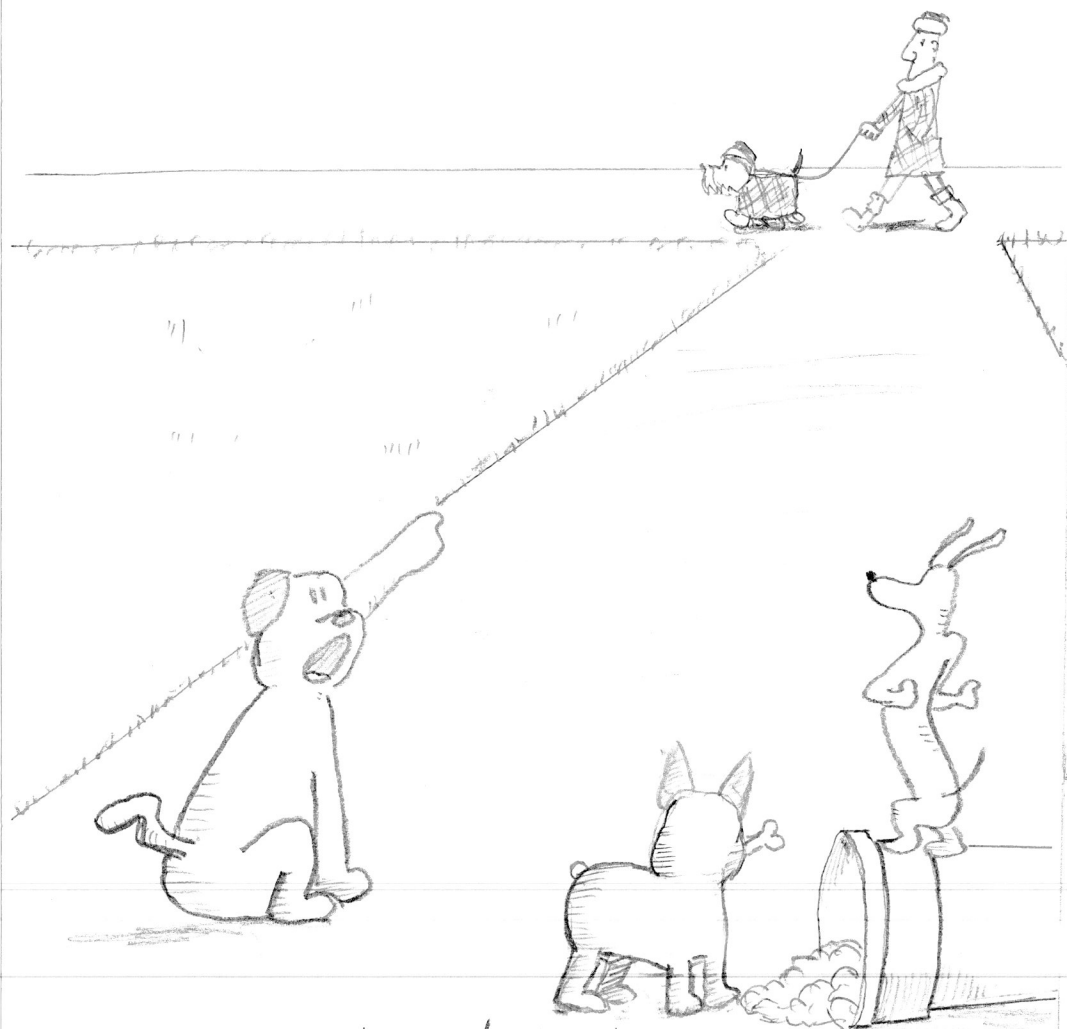


On this cold day,  
Alistair's friends, Max, Bernie,  
and Alphonse were enjoying  
breakfast nearby.



"Eat up, you guys," said Max.  
"I always say, 'McMurty's got  
the best garbage.'"  
"Life of a stray; nothing like  
it," said Alphonse.

"I hope we find a warm  
place to sleep tonight,"  
said Bernie.



Berric then looked up and  
could not believe his eyes.  
"Hey, fellas. Look!"



"It's Alstair!"  
cried Alphonse.



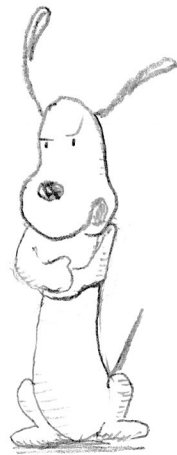
"Whaaagat!" cried Max.  
"Why is he wearing a coat?  
He was born with one!"

Alphonse shook his head.  
"Poor Alistair."

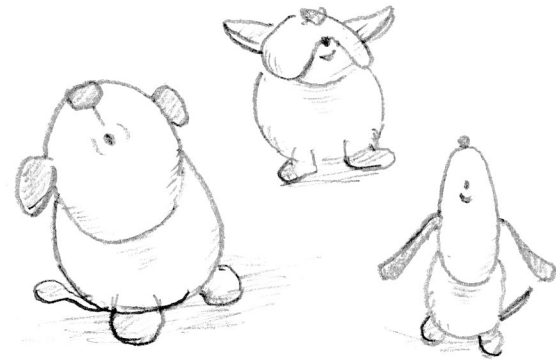


"Poor Alistair' is right," said Max.  
"He's being turned into a... a... a  
Human!  
Soon, he'll be walking like this."

"NOOOOO!!" cried Bernie.



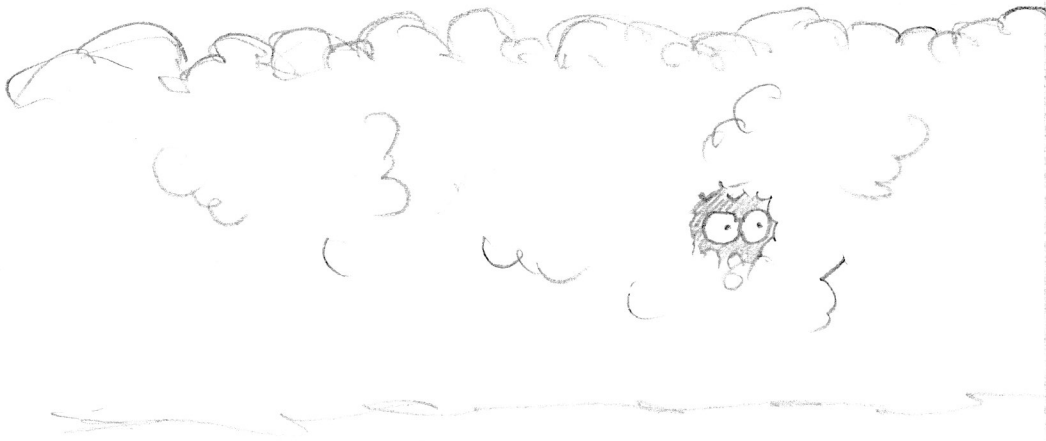
"Fellas, we have to  
save Al!"



Bernie and Alphonse nodded.  
They then raised their heads,  
and howled.

"DWWOOOOOOOOO!"



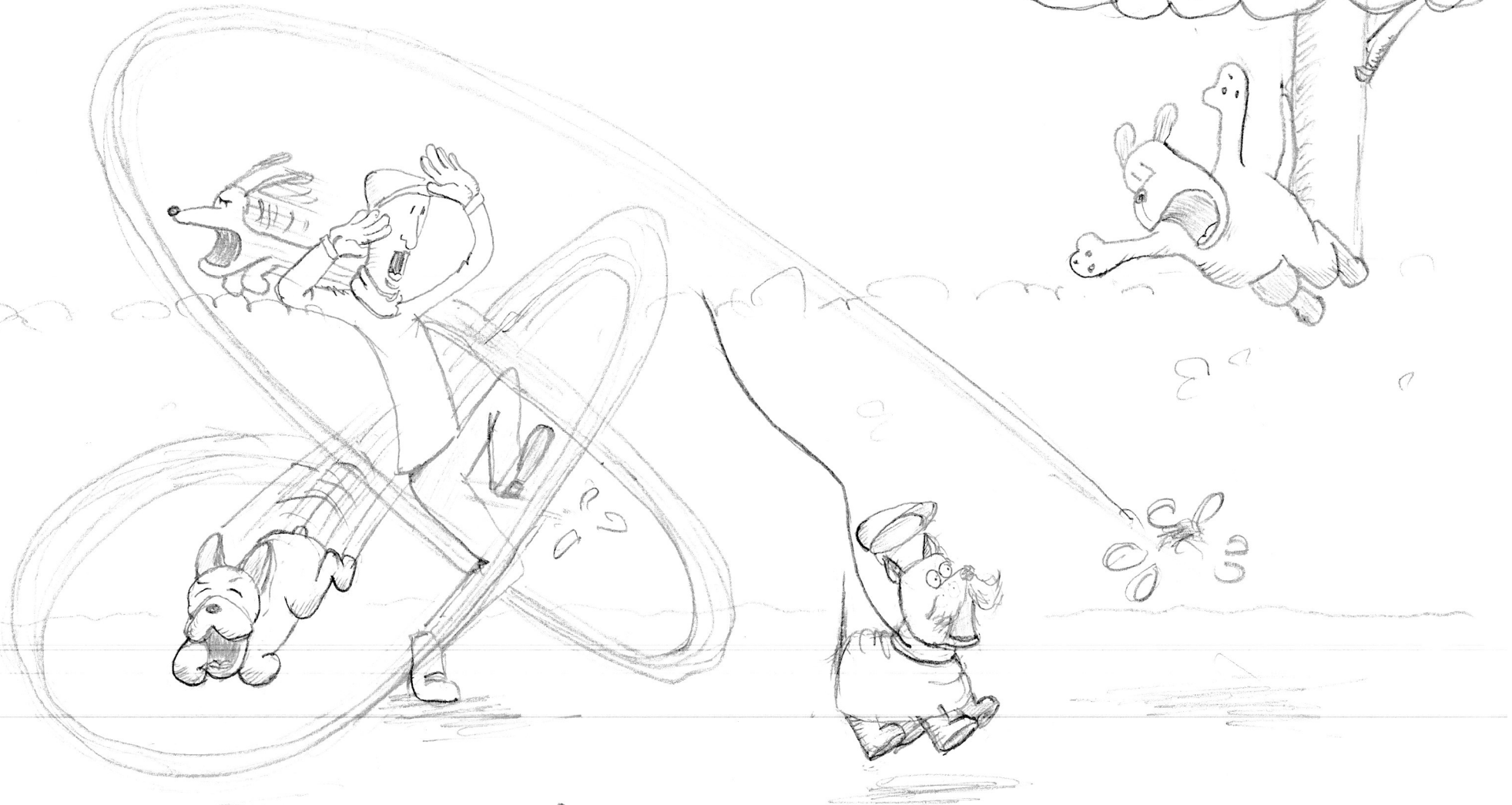


The next day, Max, Bernie  
and Alphonse waited for  
Alistair and Wilfrid to  
take their walk.



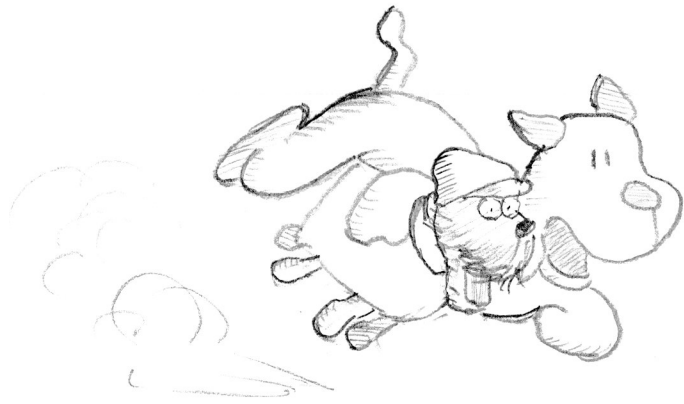
Then, when the moment  
was right...

... THEY STRUCK!

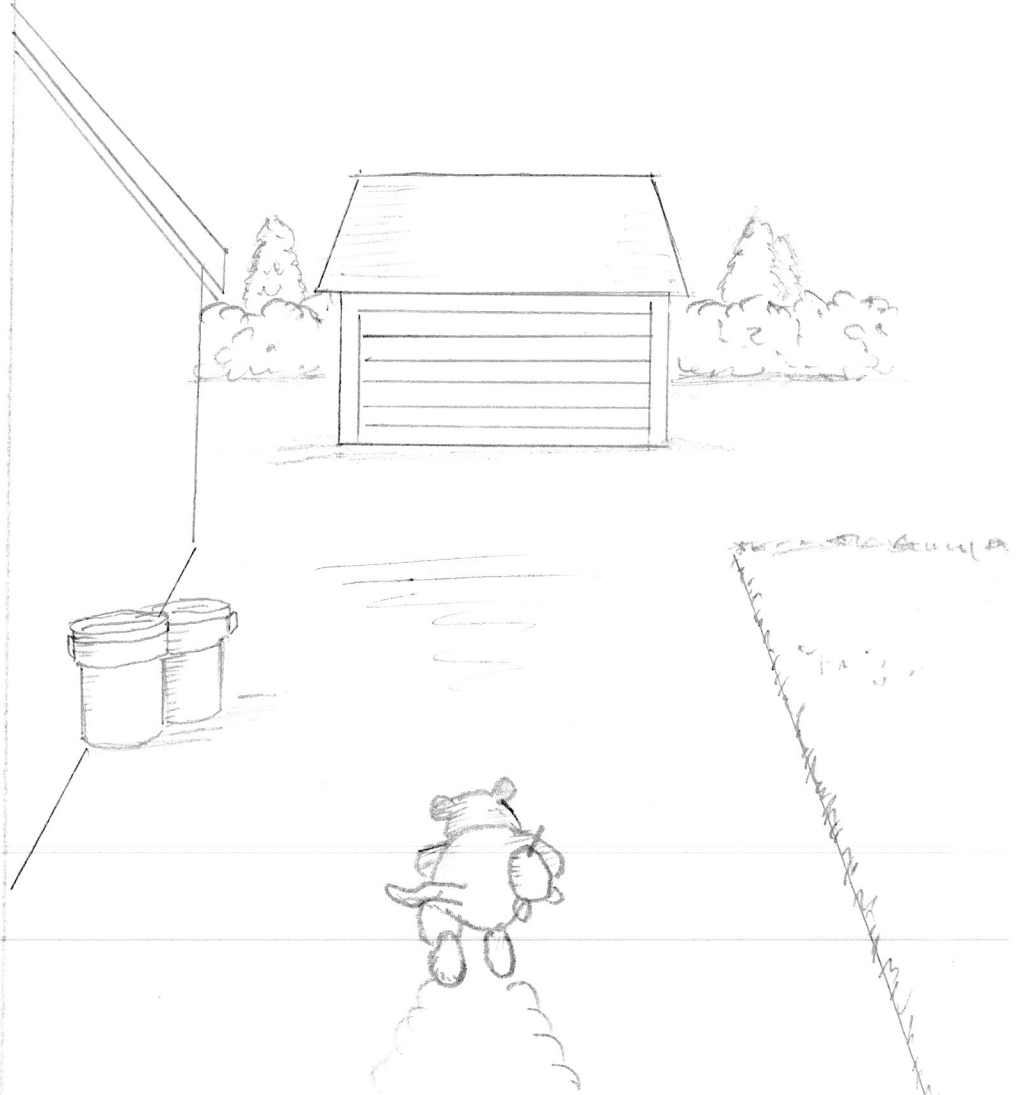


"Get away!" cried Wilfrid.  
"Get away, you mongrels!"

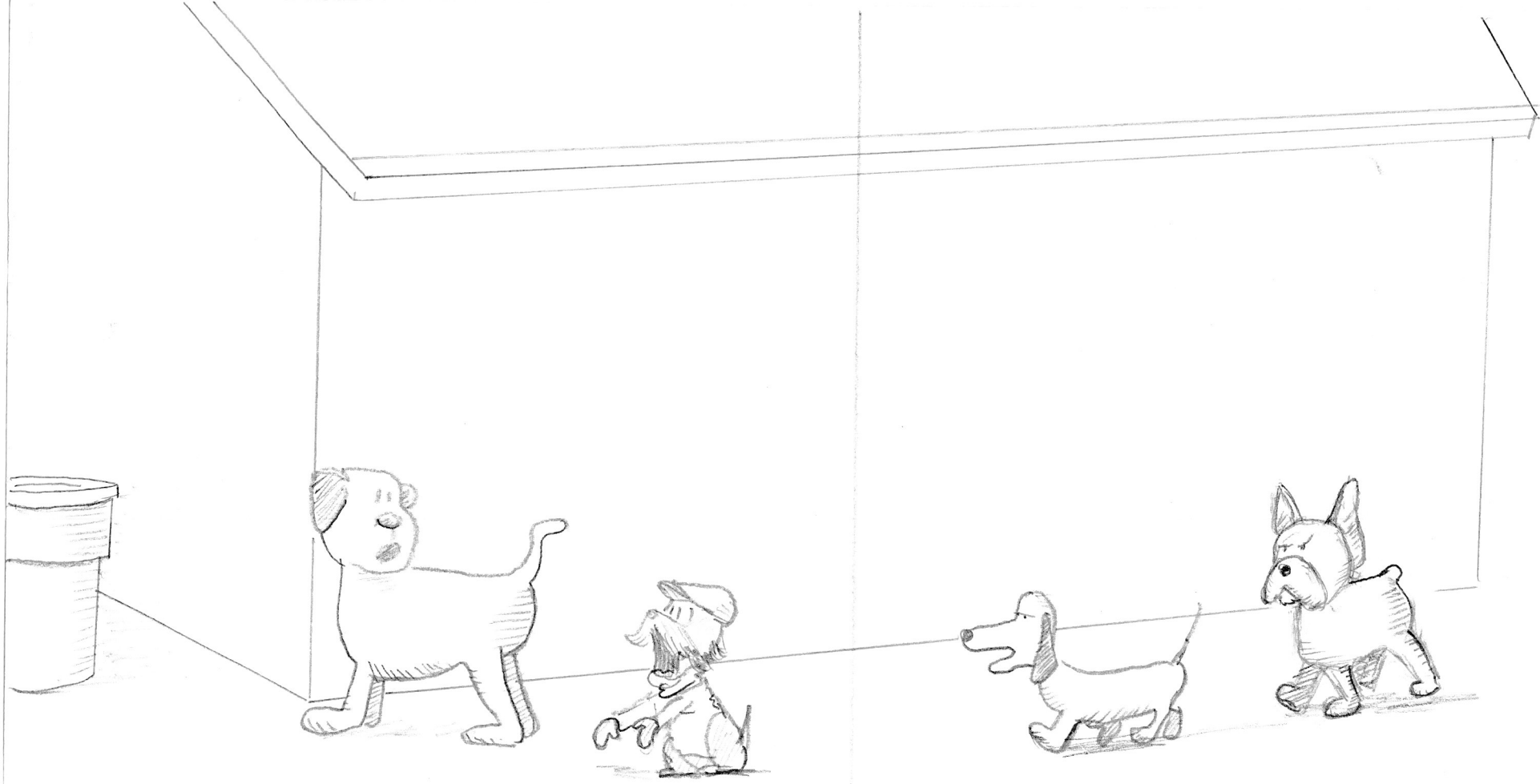
With Wilfrid distracted,  
Bernie grabbed Alistair.



"I got you, Al," said Bernie.  
"It's 'Alistair,' Bernard, and where  
are we going?" said Alistair.  
"It's 'Bernie,' Al, and we're  
going to meet the guys."  
"Where?"



"Behind McMurty's garage."

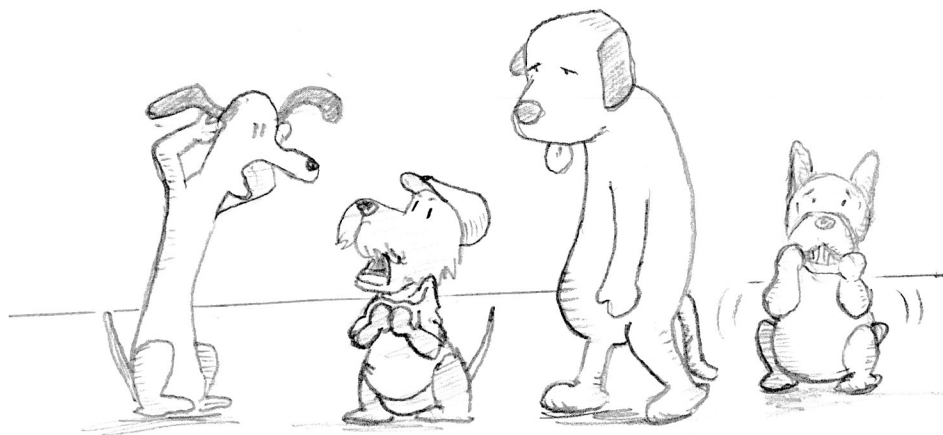


"You're safe," said Bernie.

"Safe?" "Safe" from what?  
asked Alistair.

"Safe to be a dog," said Max

"Safe to be who YOU are!"



"I AM who I am! I'm a dog," said Alistair.

"But, you get all dressed up," said Max.

"And soon, you'll walk like this," said Bernie.



Alistair sighed.  
"Listen. I'm just a more complete dog."  
Alistair then heard a familiar voice.



"The GPS says he should be here, McMurty," said Wilfrid.

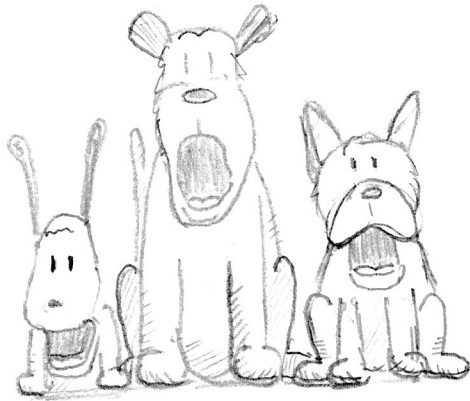
"ALISTAIR!"



"I'll take these strays to the shelter. Maybe they'll get adopted," said McMurty.

WHAAAT?!

ADOPTED?! By.....

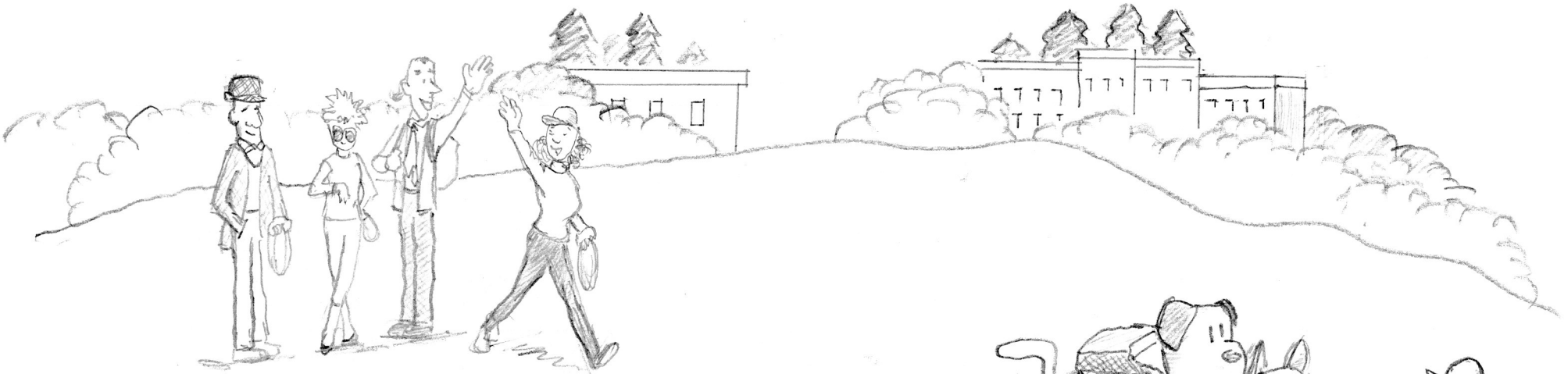


... HUMANS?"



Alistair looked  
at his friends,

"Give it a try.  
You might like it."



Two weeks later,  
Alistair and Wilfrid met  
Max, Bernie and Alphonse  
at the park,  
with the trio's new  
humans.



"Spiffy sweater, Max,"  
said Alistair.  
"Well, I guess I'm a weenie dog  
in a bun, now."





"And, I couldn't be  
more complete."