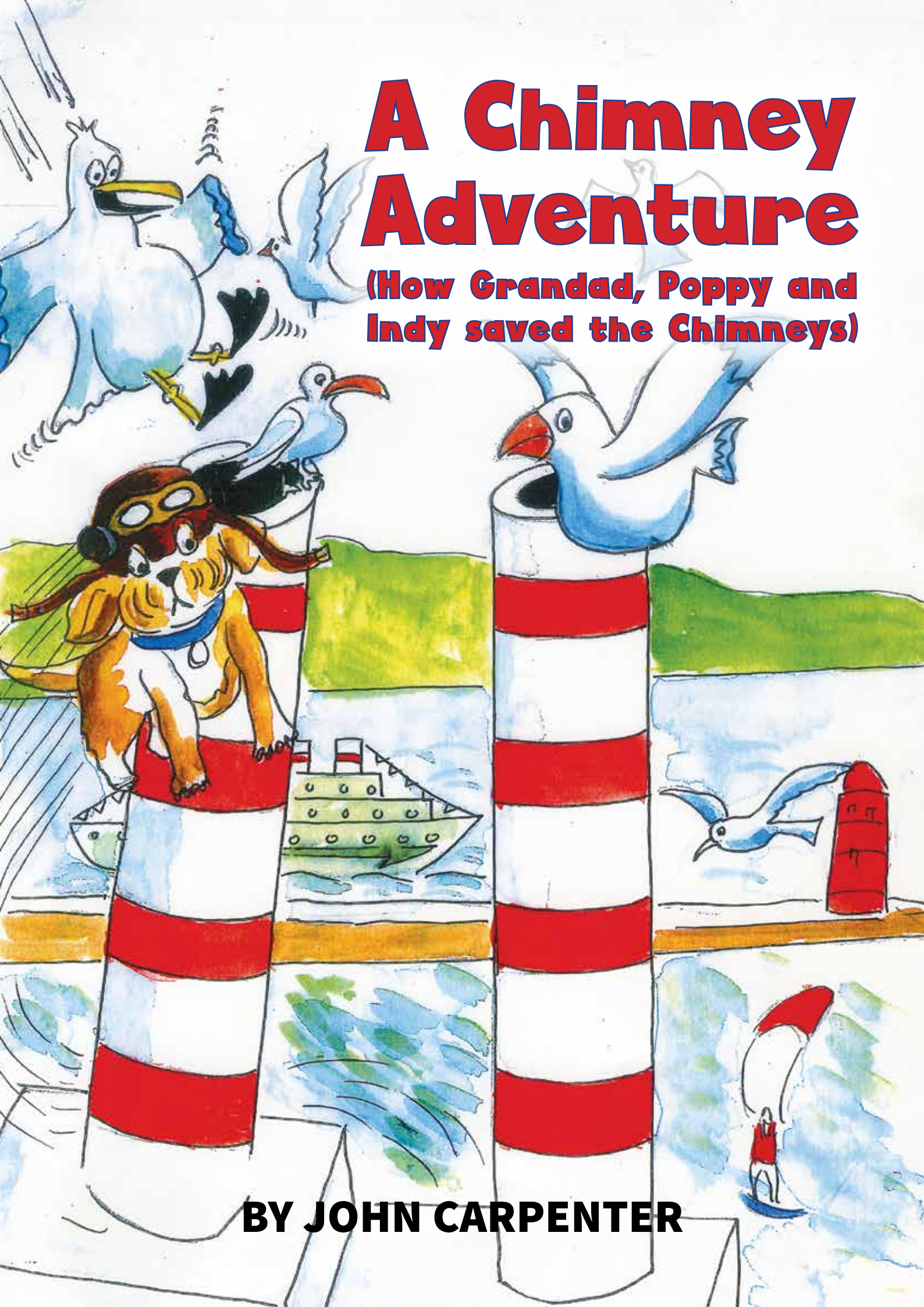


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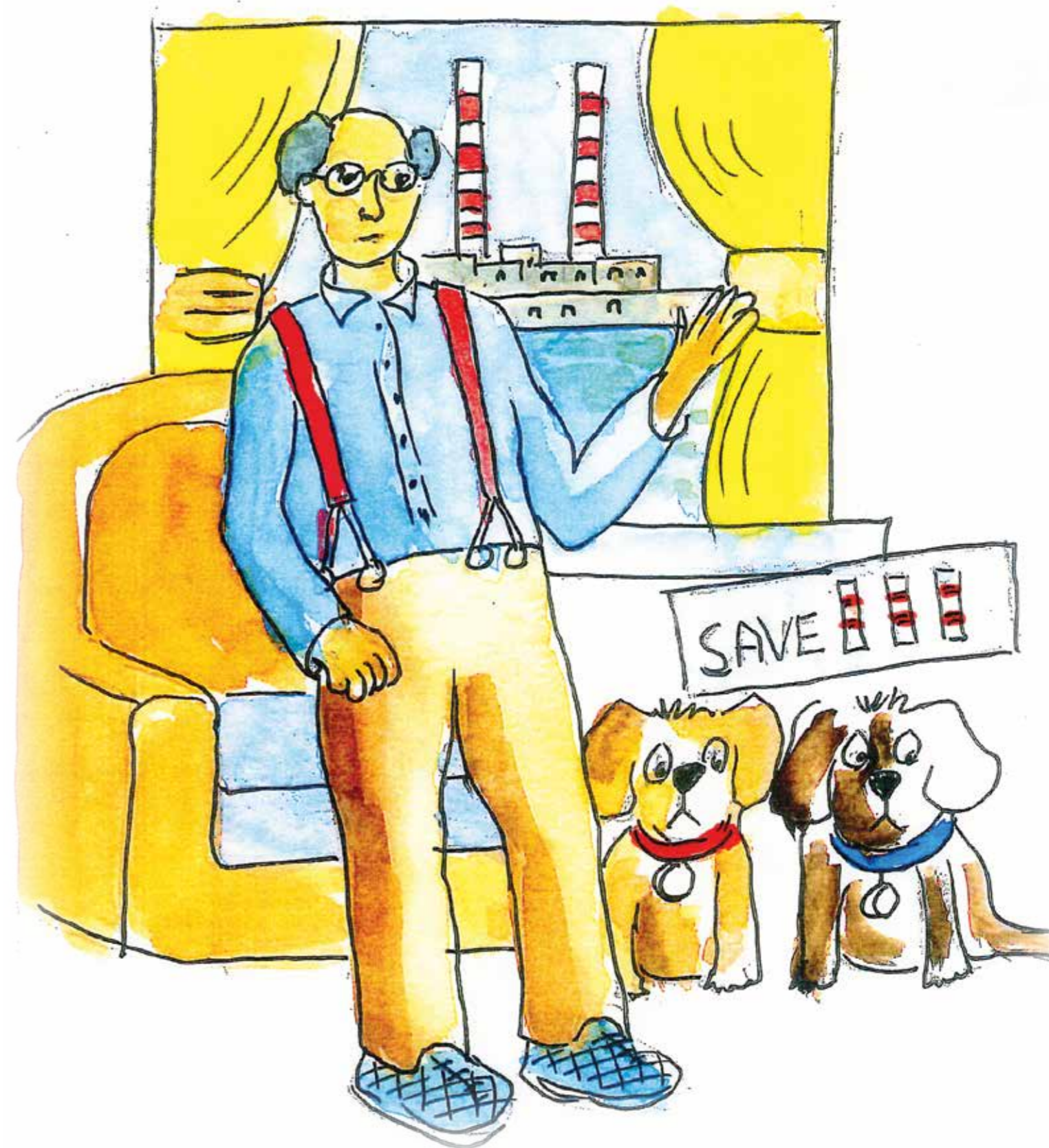


The ESB chimneys at Poolbeg, Dublin were built in the 1960s/70s to provide electricity for the people of Dublin. When the power station was closed it was reported that the chimneys would be demolished. The people were unhappy with this decision, because they had become an iconic feature on the skyline, for Dubliners and people travelling into Dublin.

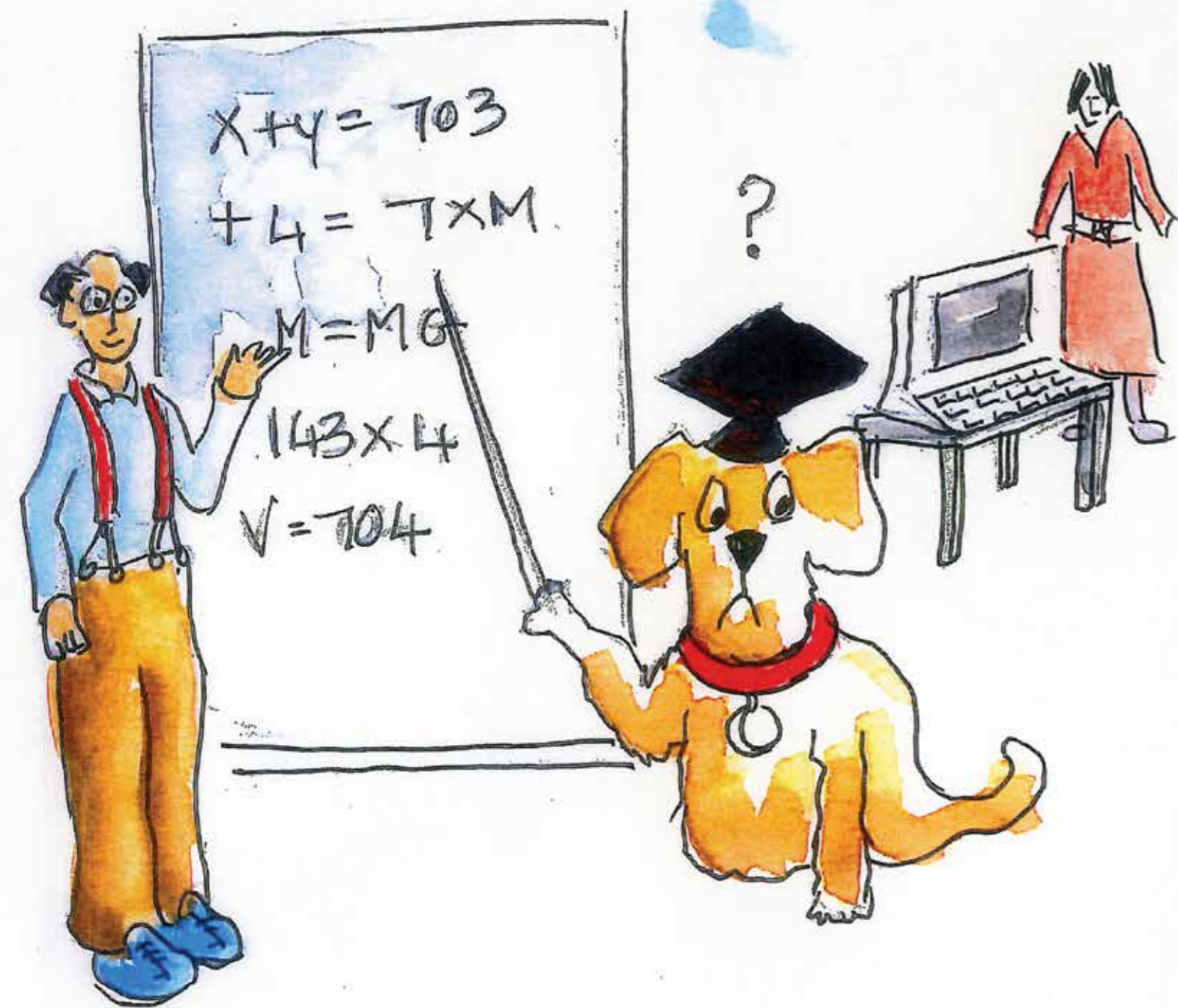
Grandad and Nanny lived near the sea at Irishtown, with their two dogs, Poppy and Indy. They loved walking along the seafront, with magnificent views past the chimneys, Poolbeg lighthouse, the Hill of Howth and the sea stretching all the way to Wales.



When the news broke about the chimneys being knocked down, grandad and the dogs were shocked into action.



Grandad and the dogs sprang into action!
We will save the chimneys;
we can't let them knock them down.
Let's make a plan!



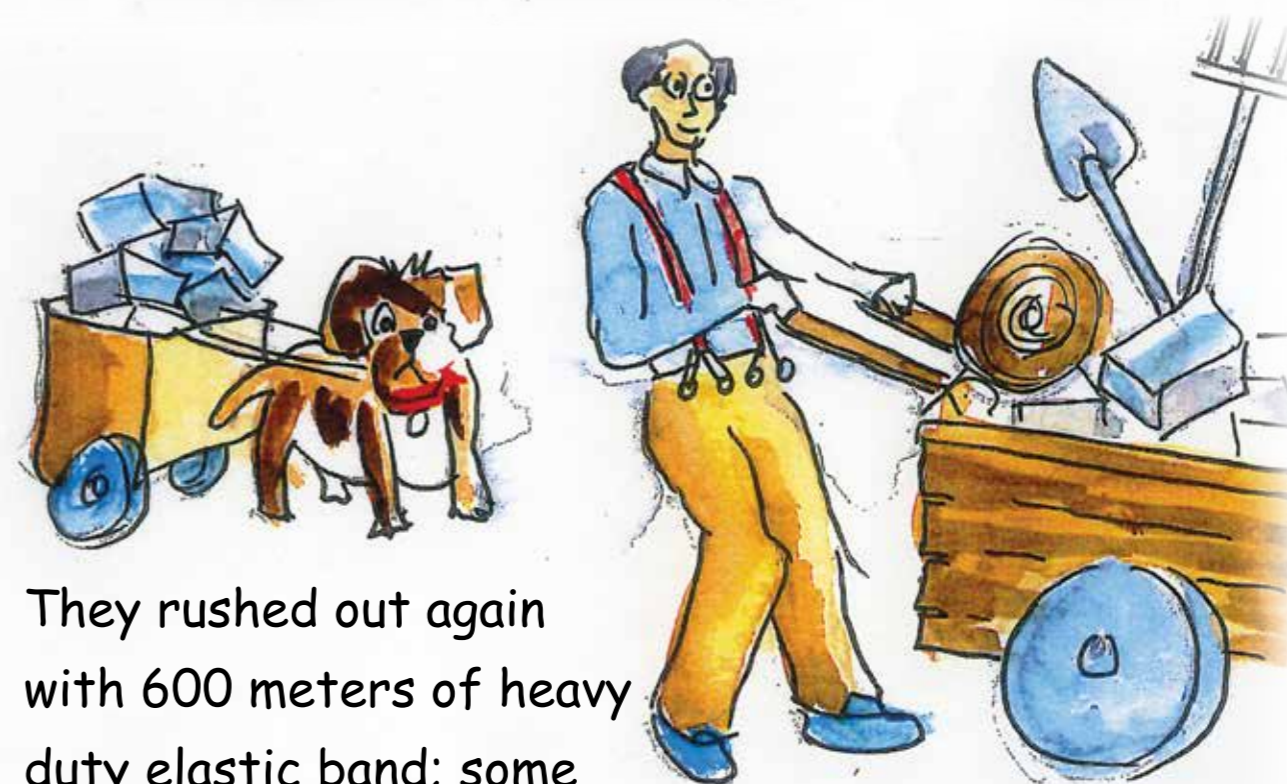
Grandad, Poppy and Indy set up a Planning Room at grandad's house, and they began to brainstorm.

Nanny came to help, because she was good at computers.

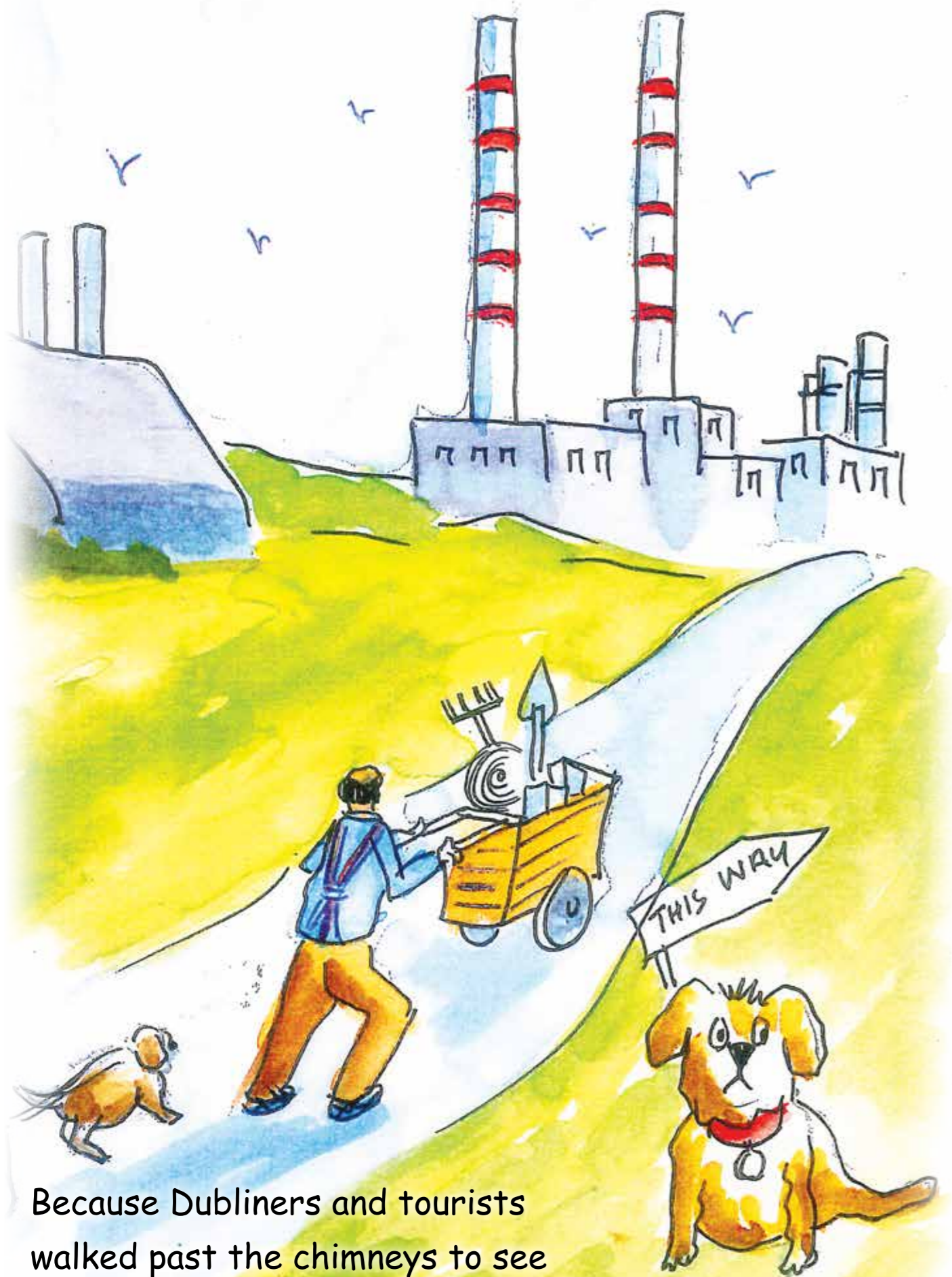
It turned out that Poppy was good at Maths!



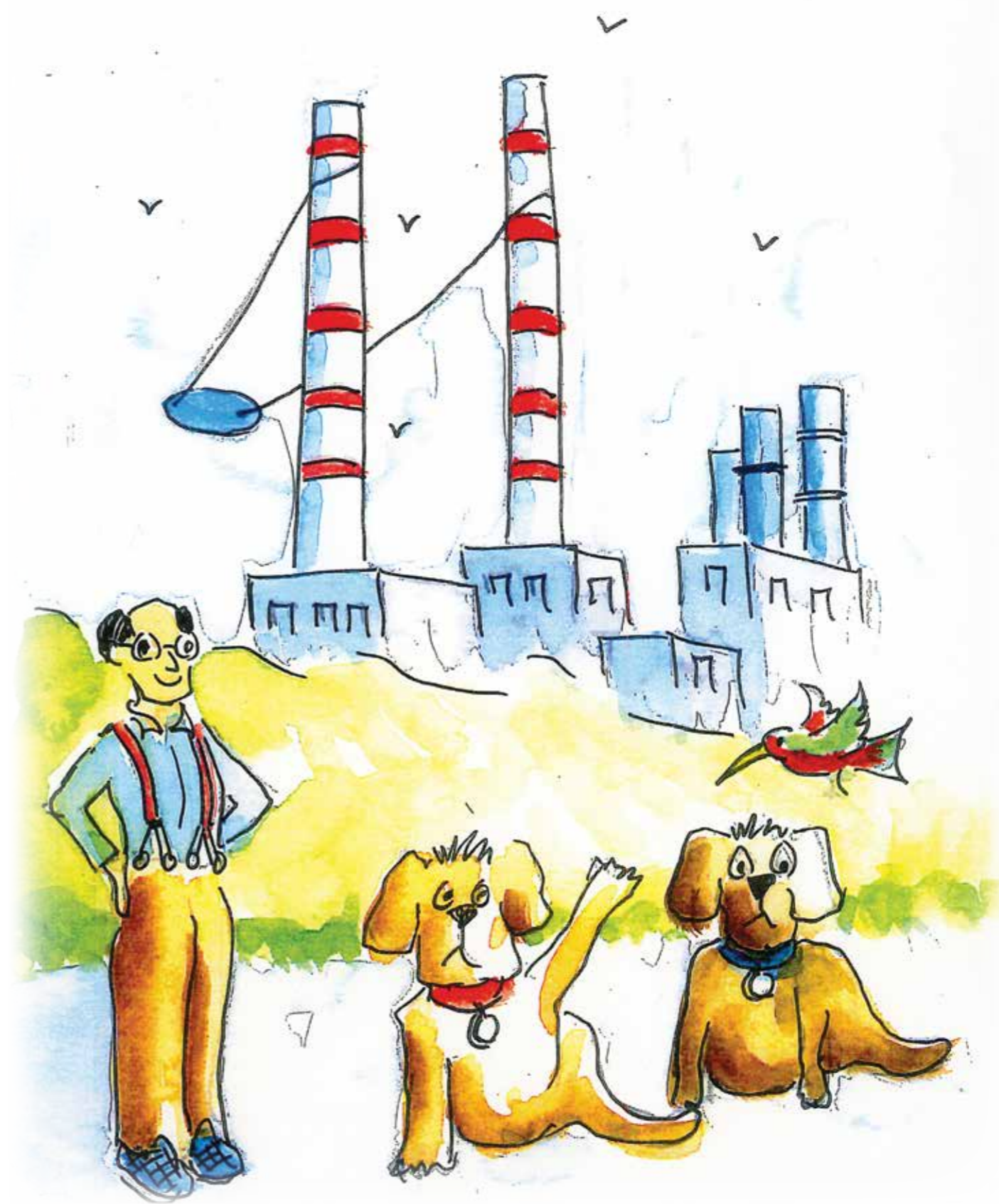
At last they came up with a plan, and they rushed off to the Hardware Store.



They rushed out again with 600 meters of heavy duty elastic band; some soft cushions and various tools, and headed off to the Chimneys.



Because Dubliners and tourists walked past the chimneys to see Poolbeg Lighthouse, they had a long, long walk back to Sandymount Beach.



Their plan was to make a giant Catapult, using the chimneys and the strong elastic band to fly the people back to Sandymount Strand, in superfast time.

At last, the work was done.

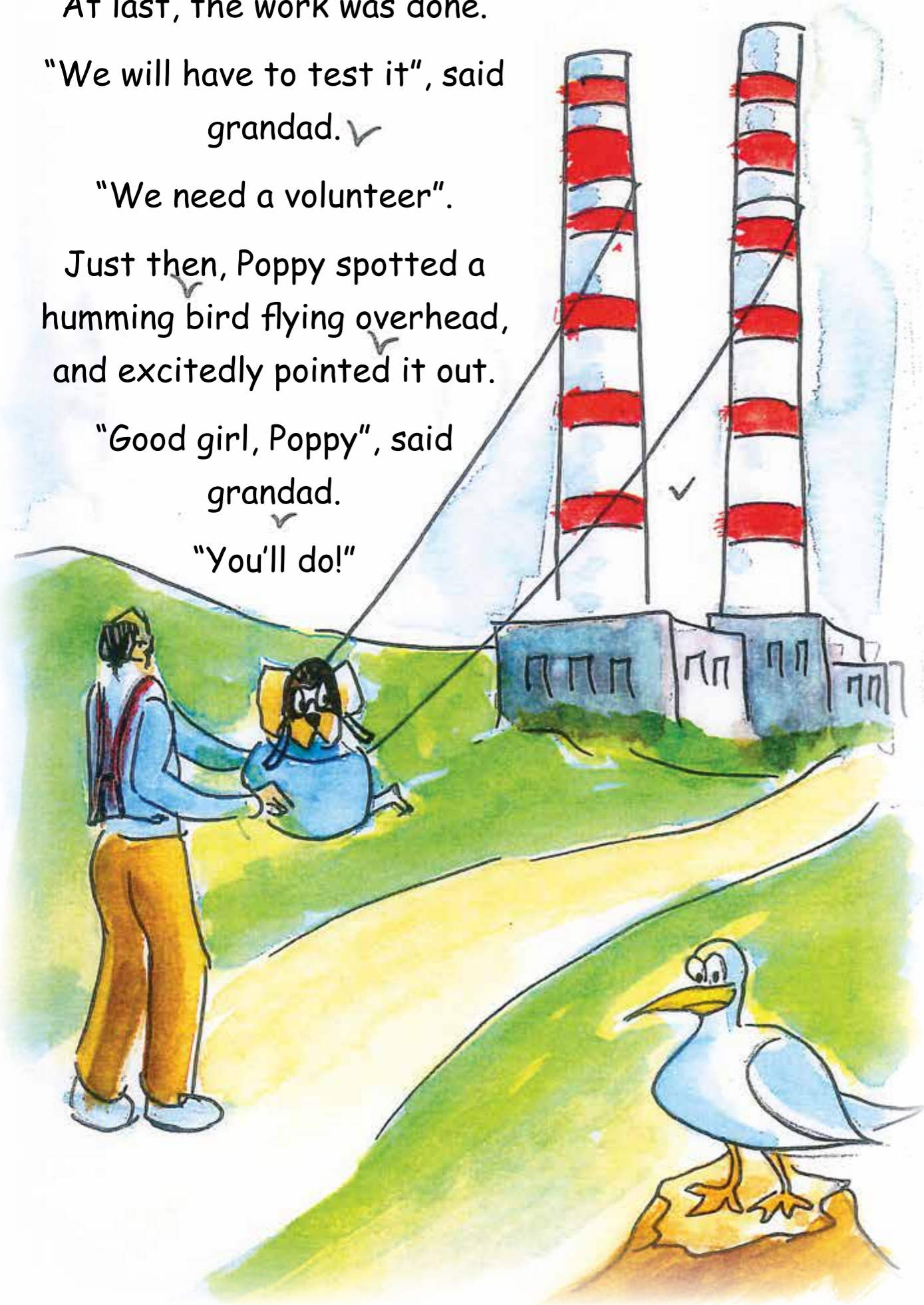
"We will have to test it", said grandad. ✓

"We need a volunteer".

Just then, Poppy spotted a humming bird flying overhead, and excitedly pointed it out.

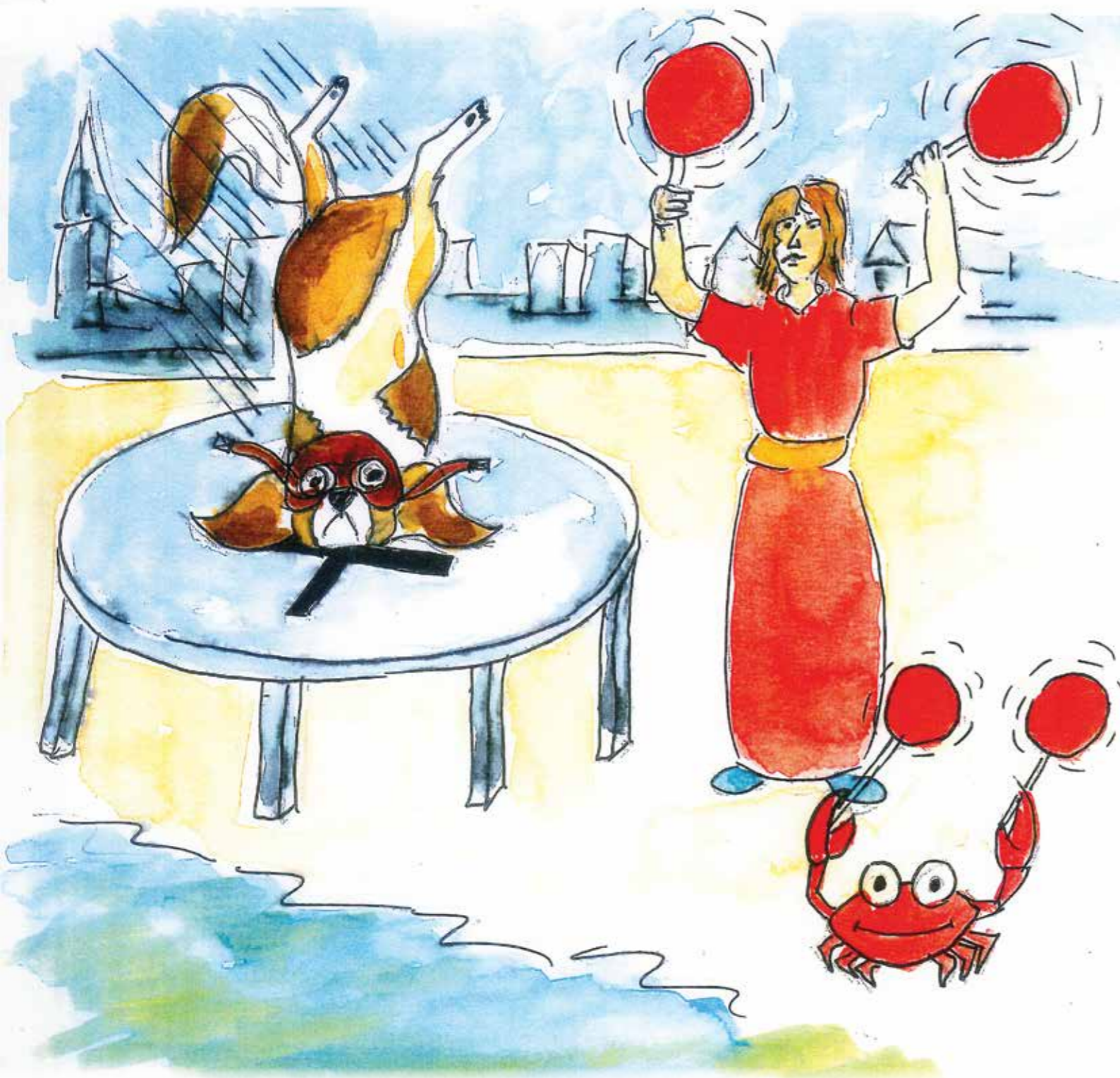
"Good girl, Poppy", said grandad.

"You'll do!"



With a Read, Steady, Go Poppy soared into the sky.

Past the chimneys, surprising local residents,



And landed on a trampoline on Sandymount Strand.
Nanny was there to make sure Poppy landed safely.

(Health and Safety, you know"!)



YIPPEE!

Grandad and Indy were so happy that Poppy had
landed safely, that they danced for joy.

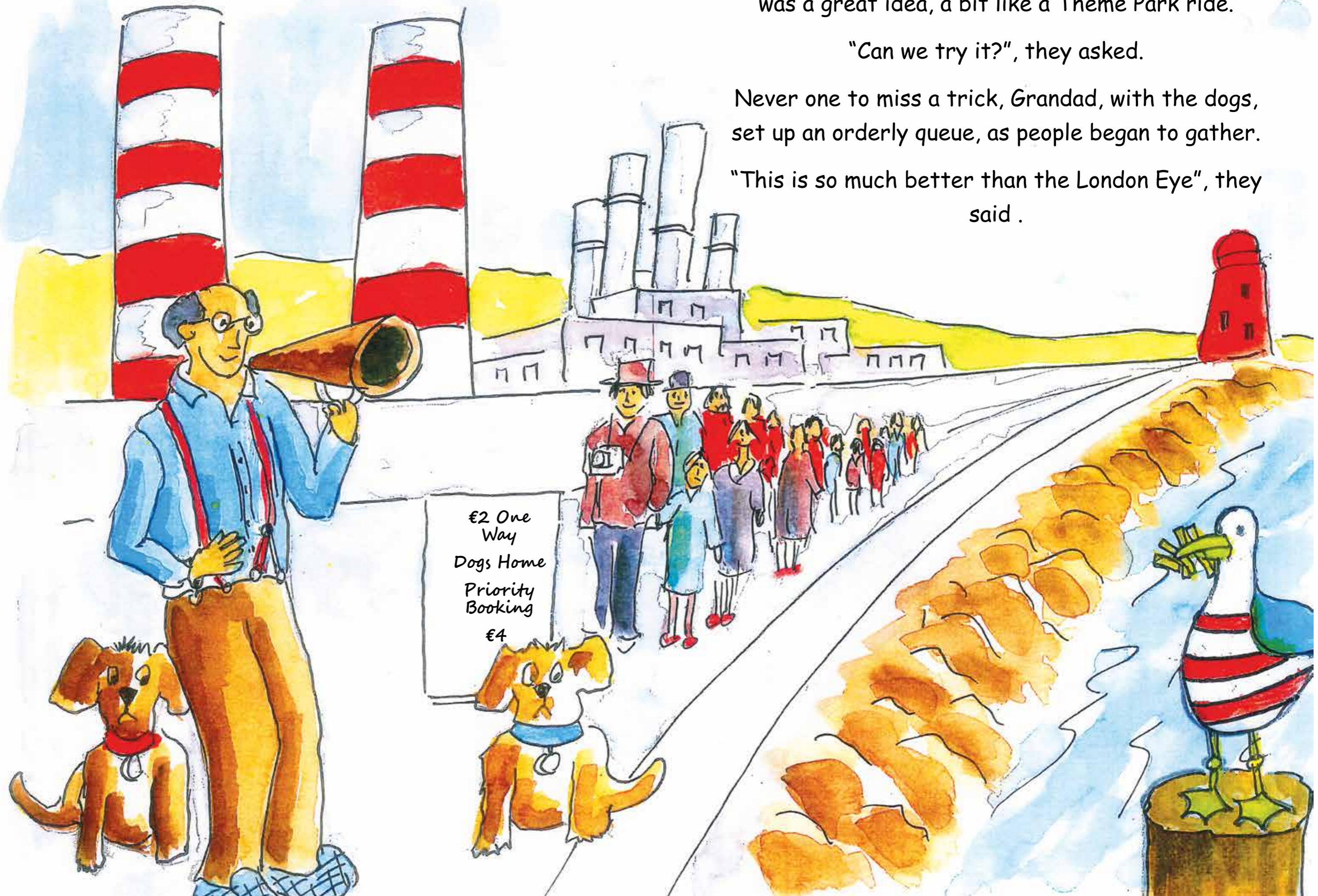
Indy dabbled!

Some tourists, seeing what was going on, thought it was a great idea, a bit like a Theme Park ride.

"Can we try it?", they asked.

Never one to miss a trick, Grandad, with the dogs, set up an orderly queue, as people began to gather.

"This is so much better than the London Eye", they said .

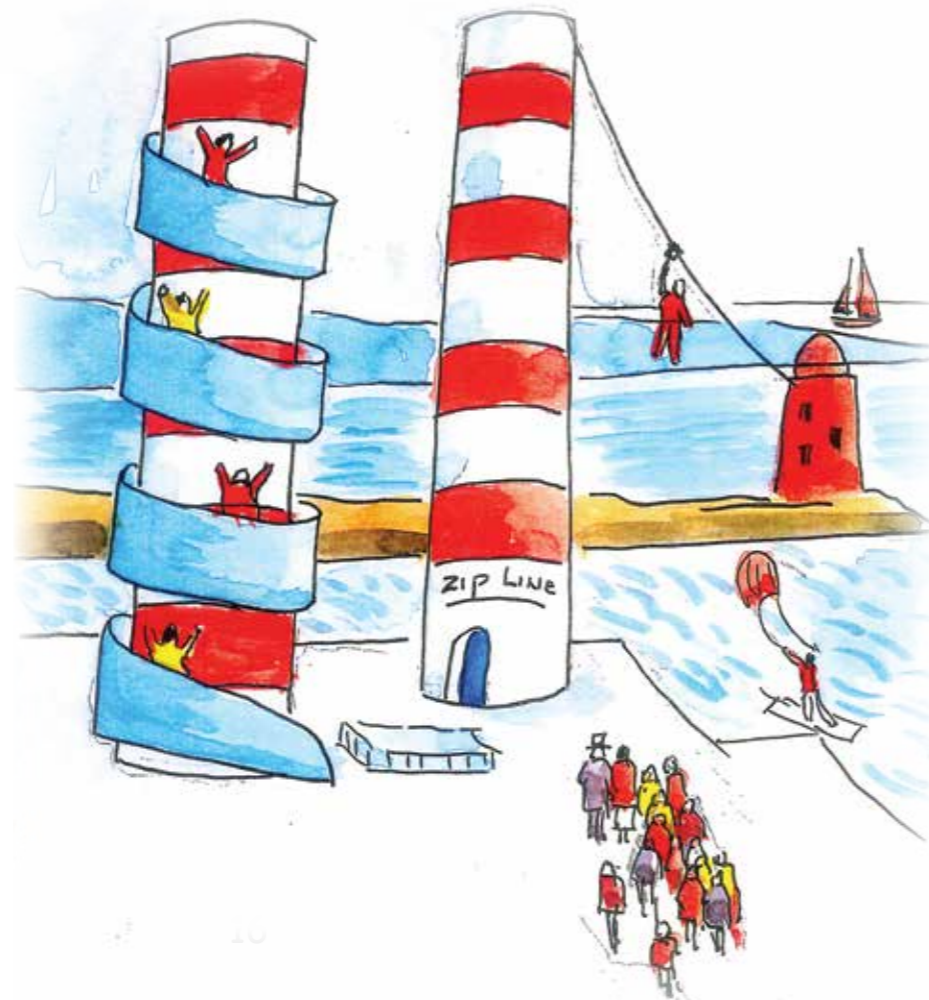




Now on to Stage 2, as the plans were rolled out.



Before too long the Pals were open for business, with a Zipline and Helter Skelter ready to go.

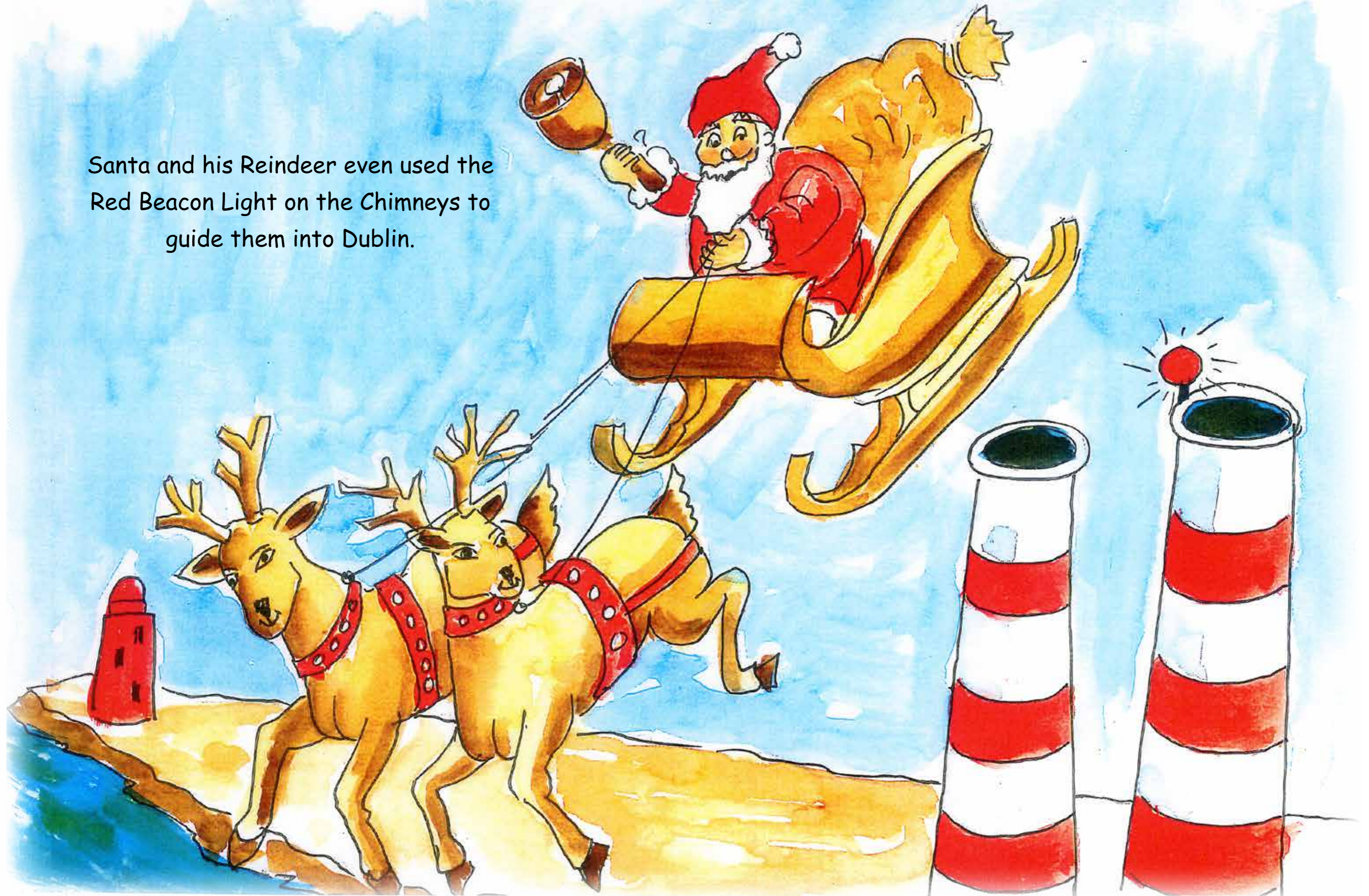


The Chimney Experience became so popular that even members of the Irish rugby team came down to practise.

Poolbeg and the Chimneys had never been so busy, with cruise liner passengers now joining in the fun.



Santa and his Reindeer even used the Red Beacon Light on the Chimneys to guide them into Dublin.





Grand, Nanny and the Dogs were so pleased, and before long, were sending all sorts of people across the Bay, filling their days and sending money to Dogs Home.



After all, it was Poppy's idea that saved the Poolbeg Chimneys!

THE END



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