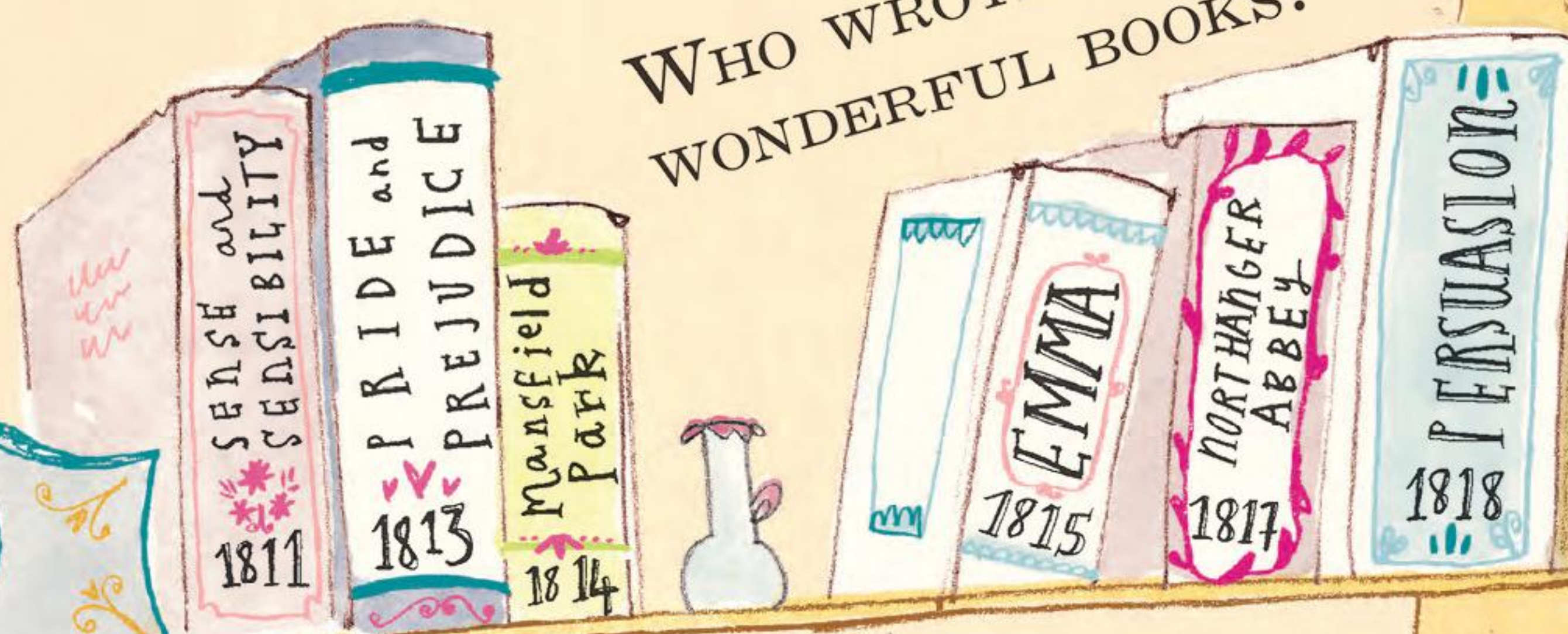


WHO WROTE THESE
WONDERFUL BOOKS?



Shhhh! When her first book was published, British writer Jane Austen couldn't tell anyone she was the author! In 1811 people thought it wasn't right for a woman to have a job, no matter how talented they were.

The books Jane wrote were SO heartbreaking, romantic and thrilling that they are still enjoyed two hundred years later. They are some of the best stories ever created.

MEET SOME OF JANE'S
HEROINES, HEROES
AND VILLAINS ...

Jane Austen

Mr Darcy is such a BORE!



A witty heroine who speaks her mind even though a proper 'lady' was not supposed to have an opinion.

Elizabeth Bennet and Mr Darcy
PRIDE and PREJUDICE

Why won't you marry me?!



Dashingly handsome, and wealthy. Changes his snooty ways to win Elizabeth Bennet's heart.

Decides to help her friends and family find the right husband, but discovers she has a lot to learn about life and love.



How romantic!

Emma Woodhouse
EMMA

Who does she think she is?



Mrs Norris
MANSFIELD PARK

A beastly woman in a bonnet who is really horrible to her niece, Fanny Price, who comes from a poor family.

GASP!



Catherine Morland
NORTHANGER ABBEY

Struggles to learn that real life doesn't work out like the dramatic novels she loves to read.

In secret letters to her sister, Jane writes of having her own heart broken, just like the heroines she wrote about, by a man called Tom Lefroy. The two weren't allowed to marry because Jane's family was not rich.

With no husband, Jane had to rely on her family for money, until her books became popular!



A vain and nasty upper class man, who thinks being beautiful is more important than being a nice person.



Sir Walter Elliot
PERSUASION

How UGLY!



"A GIRL SHOULD BE TWO THINGS: WHO AND WHAT SHE WANTS..."

COCO CHANEL

Fashion designer, Gabrielle Chanel, or 'Coco' to her friends, opened her first shop in Paris, France, in 1910.

At that time, women dressed in a very formal way. Coco didn't think this suited the changing lives of women. It was time for a new approach to fashion. Coco SNIP, SNIP, SNIPPED different parts from clothing, making them into garments suitable for the modern woman - to do whatever she pleased in!

Coco designed clothes for rich customers, but she came from a poor family and worked hard to build her business.

UNCOMFORTABLE CORSETS?

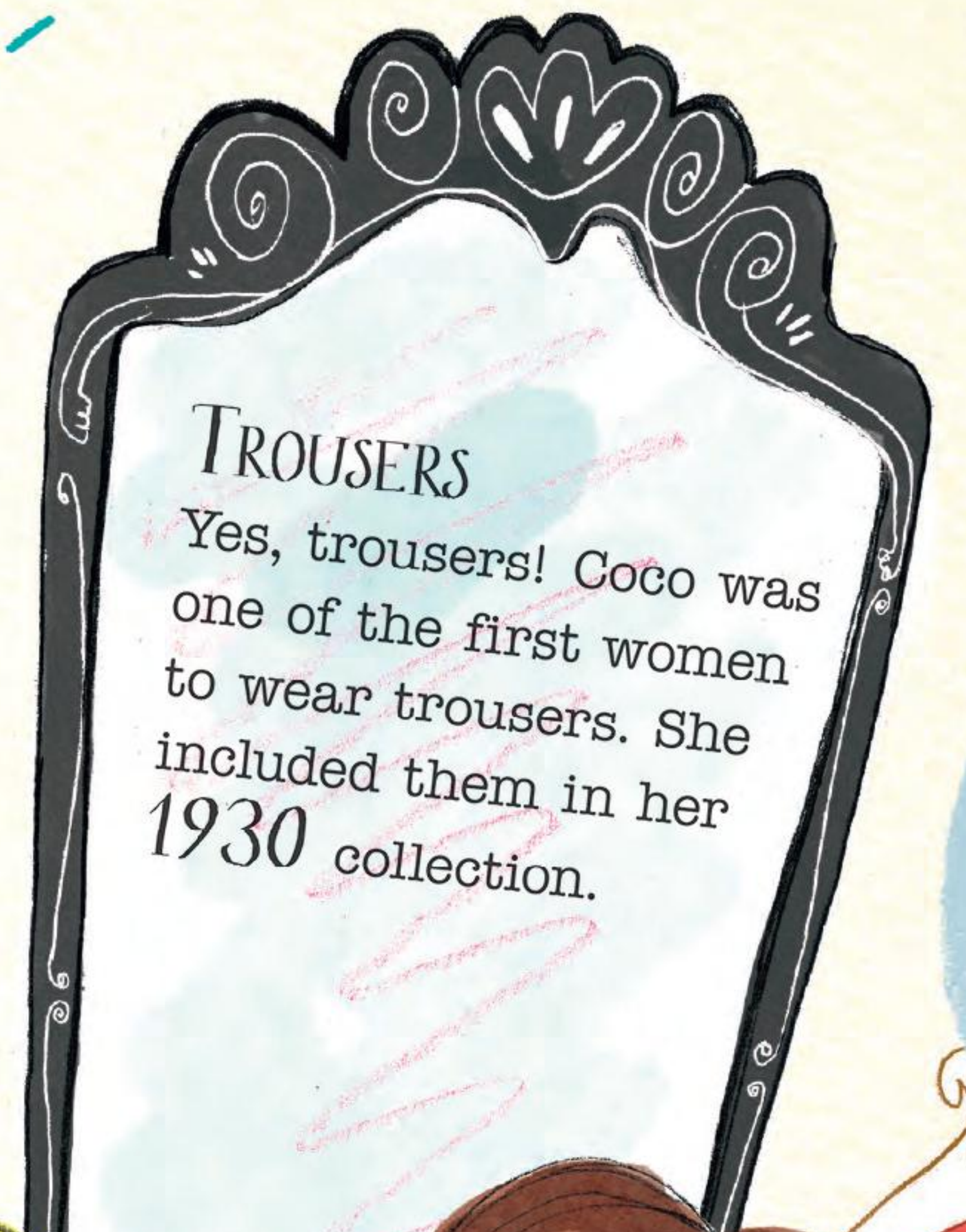
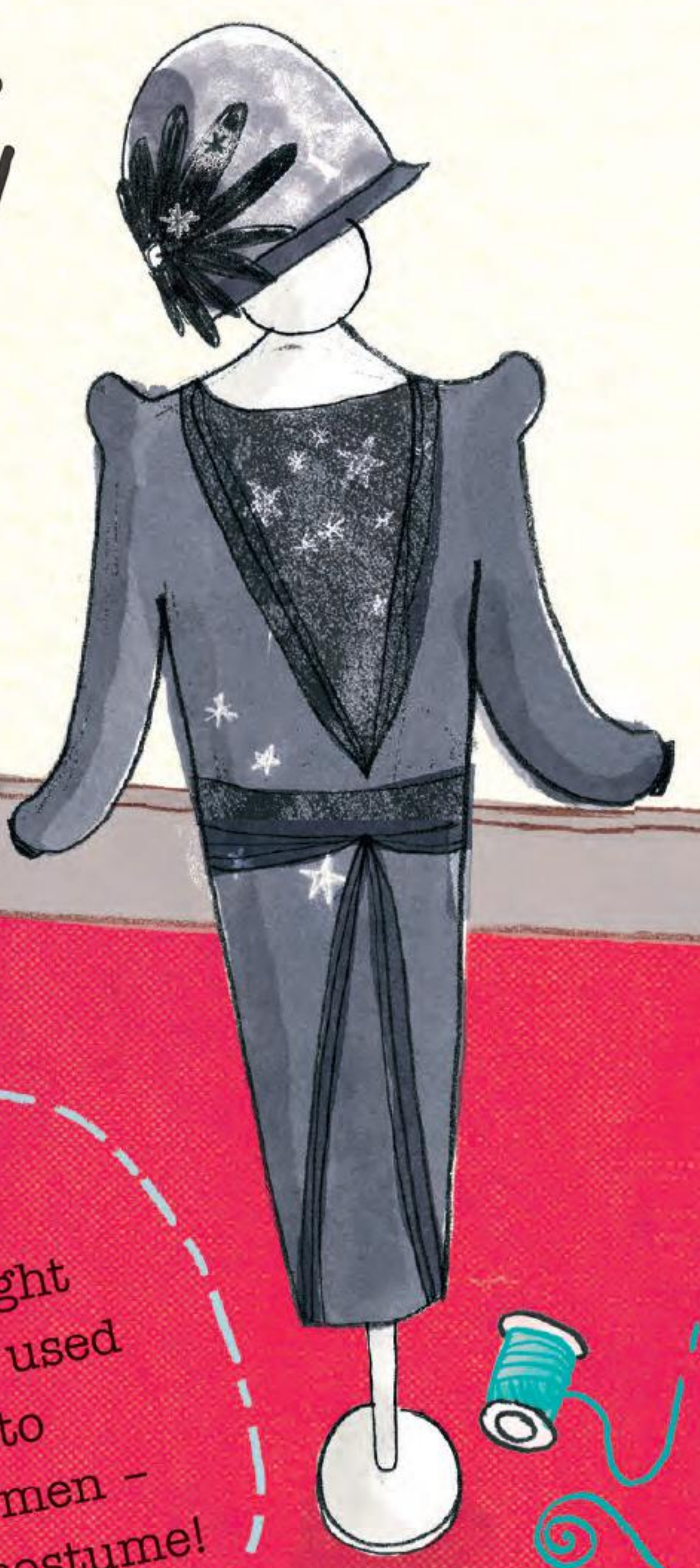
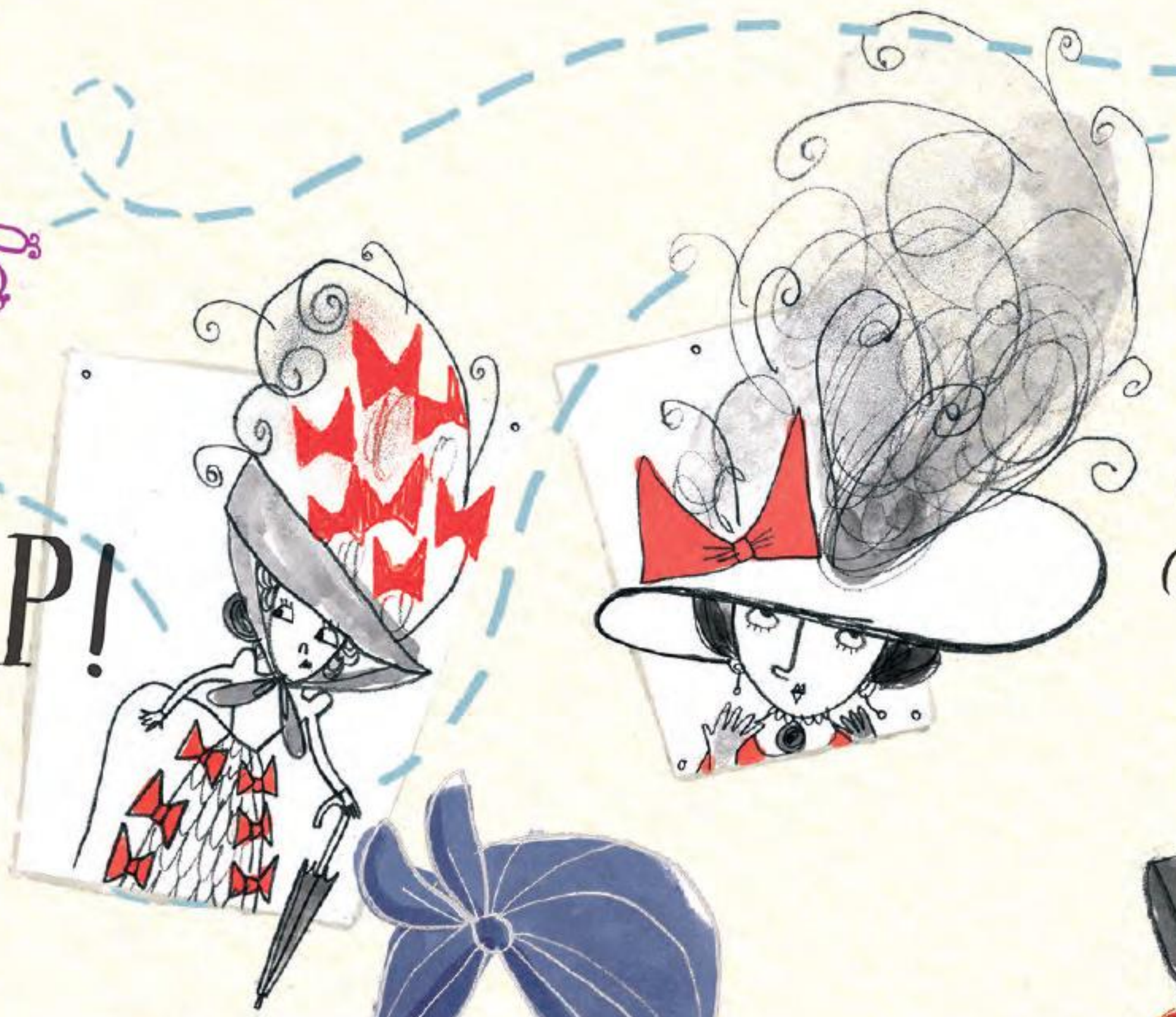
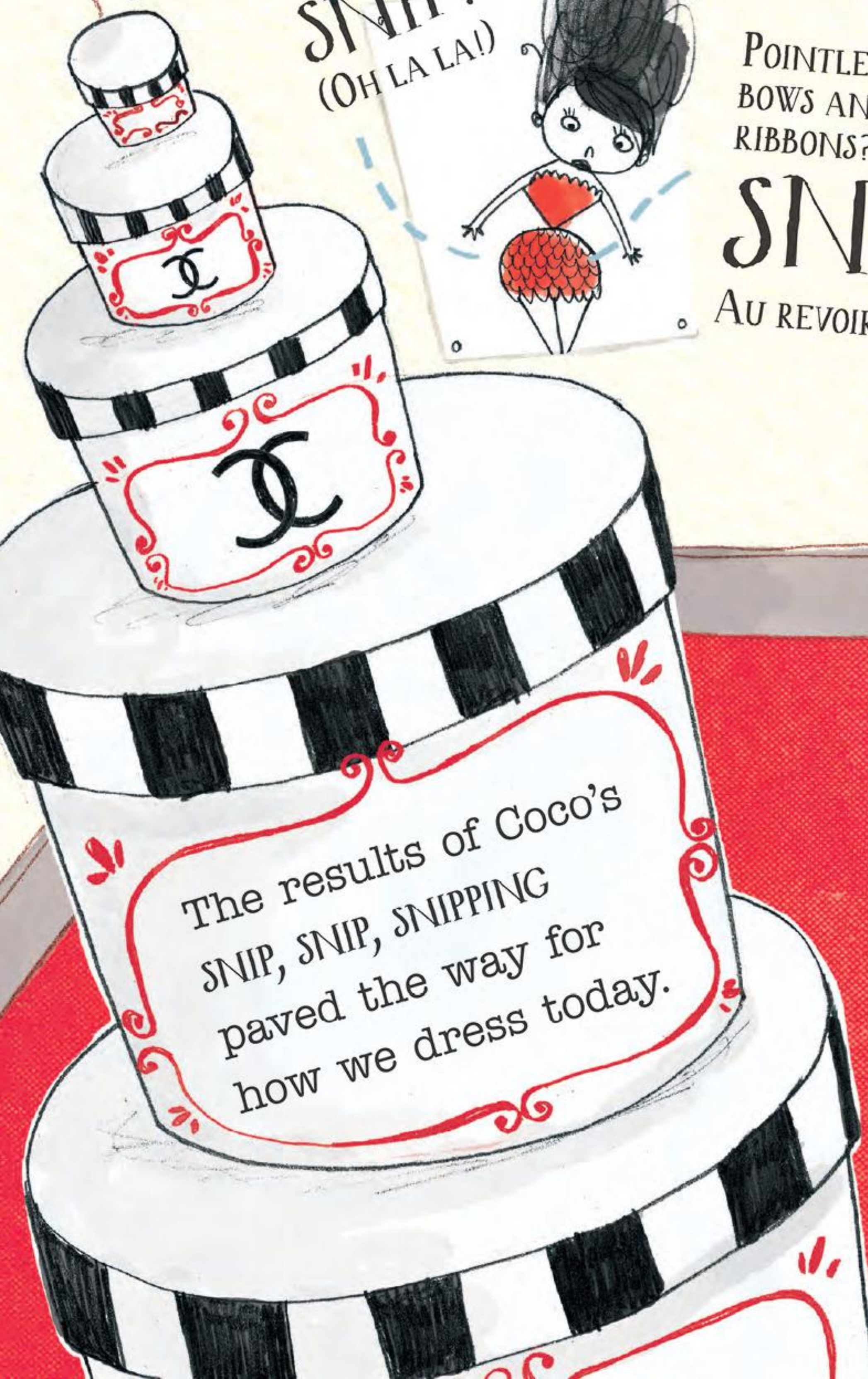
SNIP!
(OH LA LA!)

POINTLESS BOWS AND RIBBONS?

SNIP!
AU REVOIR!

GIANT FANCY FEATHERY HATS?

SNIP!
(SACRÉ BLEU!)



PYJAMAS
Until Coco launched a range of women's pyjamas in 1918, they were only ever worn by men.

TROUSERS
Yes, trousers! Coco was one of the first women to wear trousers. She included them in her 1930 collection.

Coco caused a stir in 1917 when she cut her hair short!

"Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only. Fashion is in the street, fashion has to do with ideas. The way we live, what is happening?"

SPORTS WEAR
In 1914 Coco used lightweight fabric, previously only ever used to make clothes for active women - including this swimming costume!

THE LITTLE BLACK DRESS
Before Coco designed this dress in 1926, a black dress wasn't considered fancy enough to look good.



Marie Curie

Questions, questions. Marie had SO many questions about science.

Marie came from a poor family in Poland. She saved and struggled to study science at university in Paris, France - and dedicated her life to finding answers that gave the world treatments for serious illnesses.

It was in Paris that Marie became intrigued by a recent mind-boggling scientific discovery... X-rays!

Fascinating! Hmm. I wonder if there are any natural substances that give off radiation?

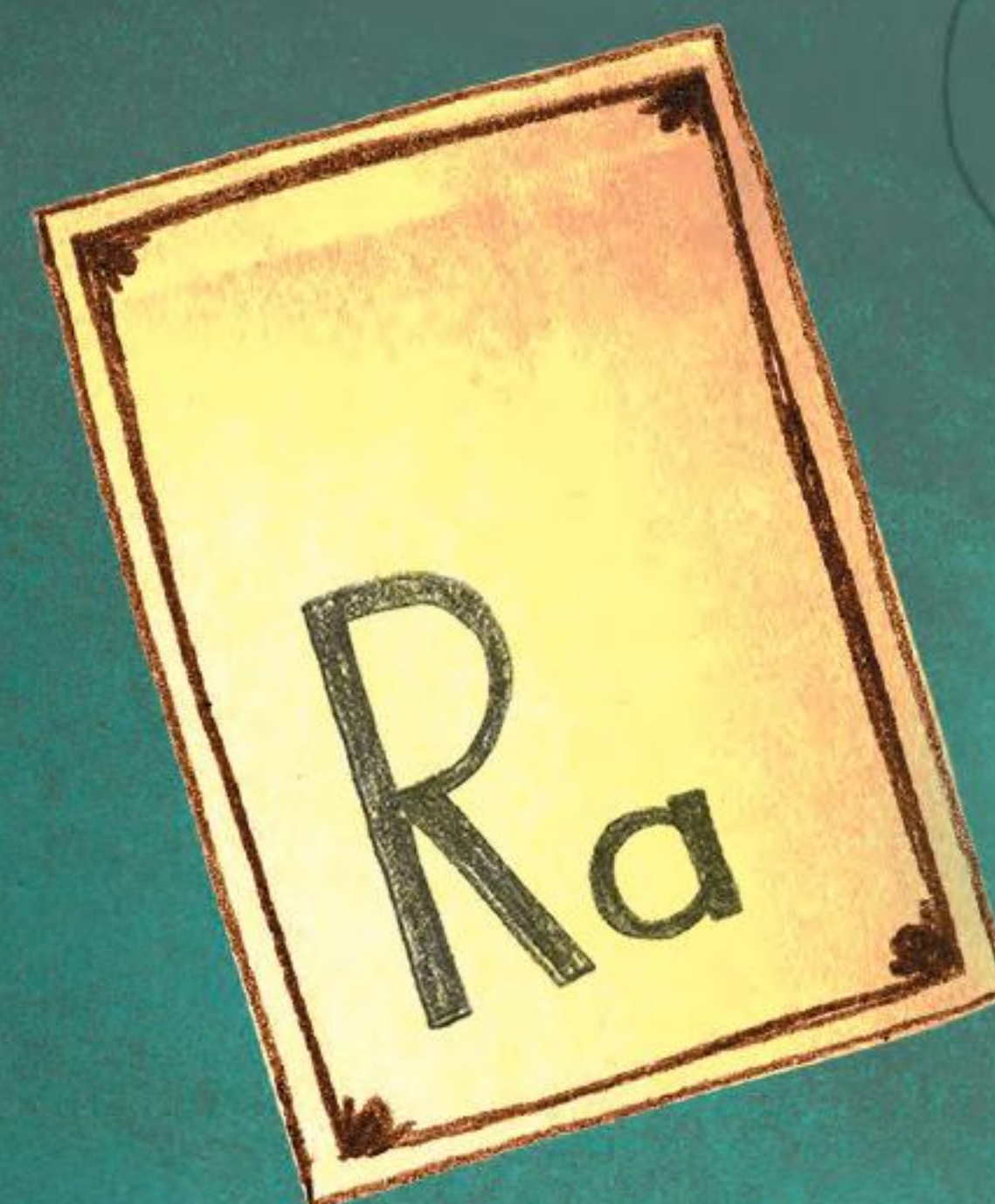
X-rays were first studied in 1895, by German physicist Wilhelm Röntgen. They are invisible rays that pass through solid objects, like our bodies. X-rays are a type of radiation.

Marie's research wasn't all fizzing and whizzing and exciting explosions. There was lots of watching and waiting until ...

WOW! I have discovered two brand new elements* - polonium and radium! Both glow and give off a strange invisible radiation. They are **RADIOACTIVE!** Hmm. I wonder if either of them is useful?

***Element:** The metals, minerals, liquids and gases that the world is made up of. Finding a new one is BIG news!

***RADIOACTIVE:** Marie said that substances that gave off radiation were radioactive. (Marie Curie was the first person to use this term.)



Further experiments revealed that radium was a wonder element - it could be used to treat people with cancer.

In 1903 and 1911 Marie was given the world's top award for science - the Nobel Prize. She is the only woman to have won the prize twice.



RISKY RADIATION

Marie liked to sleep beside a gently glowing jar of radium but didn't realise this was dangerous! Marie felt ill a lot of the time. We now know she was suffering from radiation poisoning.



AMELIA EARHART

THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

20th May 1932, Amelia takes off from Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, Canada headed for Paris, France.

Adventure-loving American pilot Amelia Earhart wanted to become the first ever woman to fly solo across the vast Atlantic Ocean. Even though the dangerous journey had only been completed solo by one man before, and many others had died attempting it, Amelia was still determined to let her dreams take flight ...



Only 3200 kilometres to go!

Aviator ATTIRE



STORMY SKIES!

Strong winds and icy conditions cause mechanical problems. Amelia realises she isn't going to make it to Paris ...



Uh! Oh!

ATLANTIC OCEAN

FLYING HIGH!

Thinking quickly, Amelia changes course and lands safely, in Londonderry, Northern Ireland! (Pheew!) 14 hours and 56 minutes after setting off Amelia becomes the first woman to fly the Atlantic solo!



I DID IT!

Londonderry

United Kingdom

PARIS

où est Amelia?

ADVENTURES of an Aviator

On 11th July 1935 Amelia became the first ever person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean. Amelia took a flask of hot chocolate on the 3875 kilometre journey to sip as she soared above the world!



In 1937 Amelia's plane vanished over the Pacific while she was trying to become the first woman to fly around the entire world. Despite a huge rescue attempt, Amelia was never found. Nobody is sure what went wrong on her final flight but what is certain is how Amelia showed the world what amazing things a girl with adventure in her heart can achieve.