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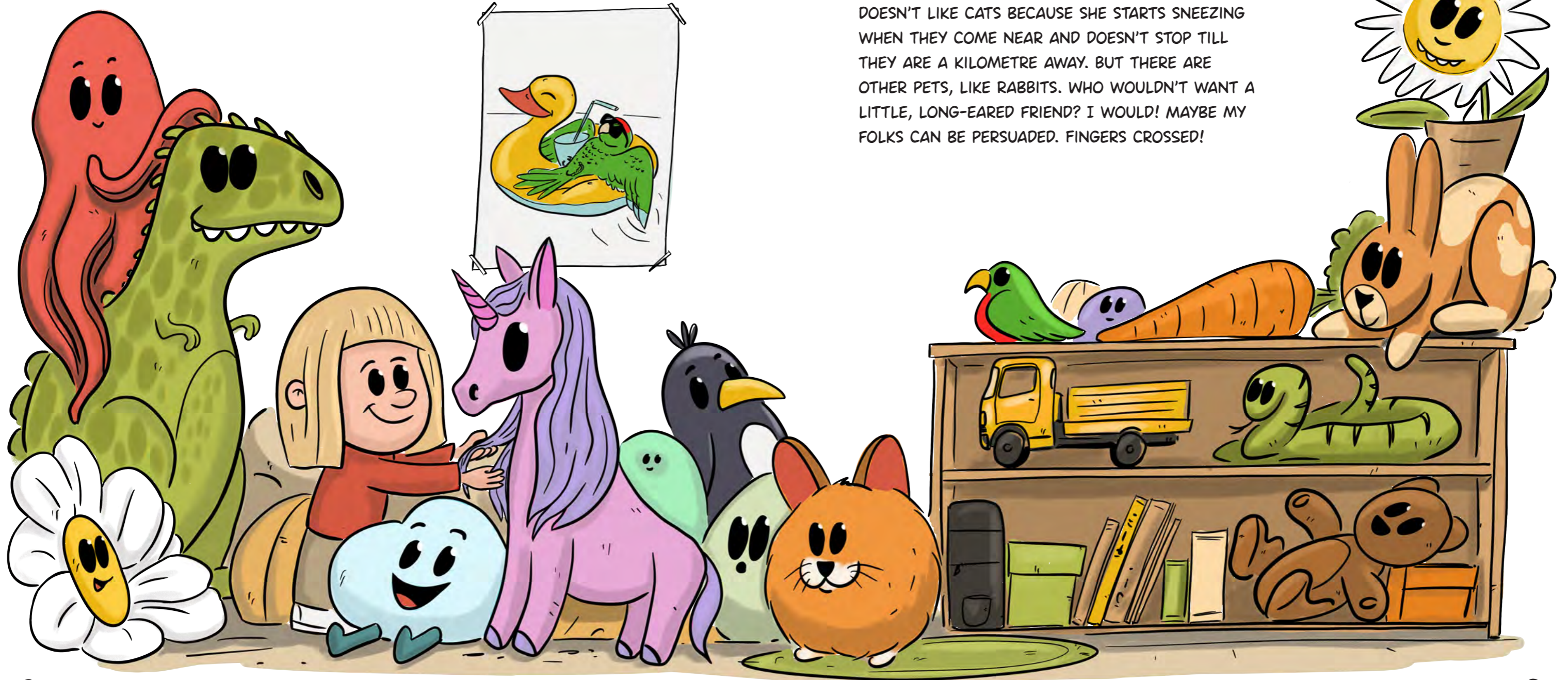


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WE HAVE A RABBIT AT HOME!
IT'S GREAT, BUT ...

WHAT DO I HAVE MOST OF IN MY ROOM? CUDDLY TOYS, OF COURSE! I HAVE THEM EVERYWHERE: ON THE WARDROBE, IN THE WARDROBE, ON THE SHELVES, UNDER THE SHELVES, ON THE BED, UNDER THE BED... THERE'S NO PLACE WITHOUT AT LEAST ONE LITTLE CUDDLY ANIMAL ON IT. IT'S GREAT, AS FAR AS IT GOES ... BUT THEY'RE JUST TOYS. I CAN PET THEM LIKE CRAZY AND STILL THEY'LL NEVER COME TO ME. I SO MUCH WISH I HAD A REAL ANIMAL!

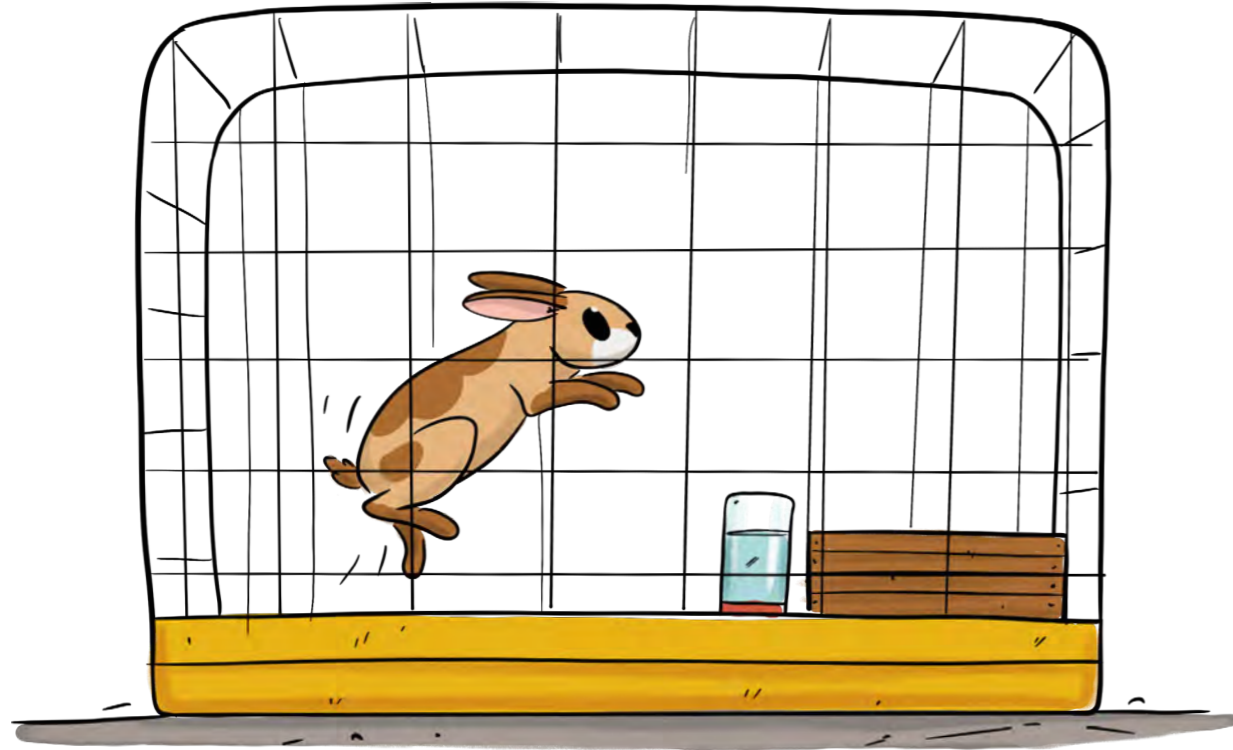
BUT THERE'S A SMALL PROBLEM. MY LITTLE BROTHER IS AFRAID OF DOGS, AND MY MOTHER DOESN'T LIKE CATS BECAUSE SHE STARTS SNEEZING WHEN THEY COME NEAR AND DOESN'T STOP TILL THEY ARE A KILOMETRE AWAY. BUT THERE ARE OTHER PETS, LIKE RABBITS. WHO WOULDN'T WANT A LITTLE, LONG-EARED FRIEND? I WOULD! MAYBE MY FOLKS CAN BE PERSUADED. FINGERS CROSSED!



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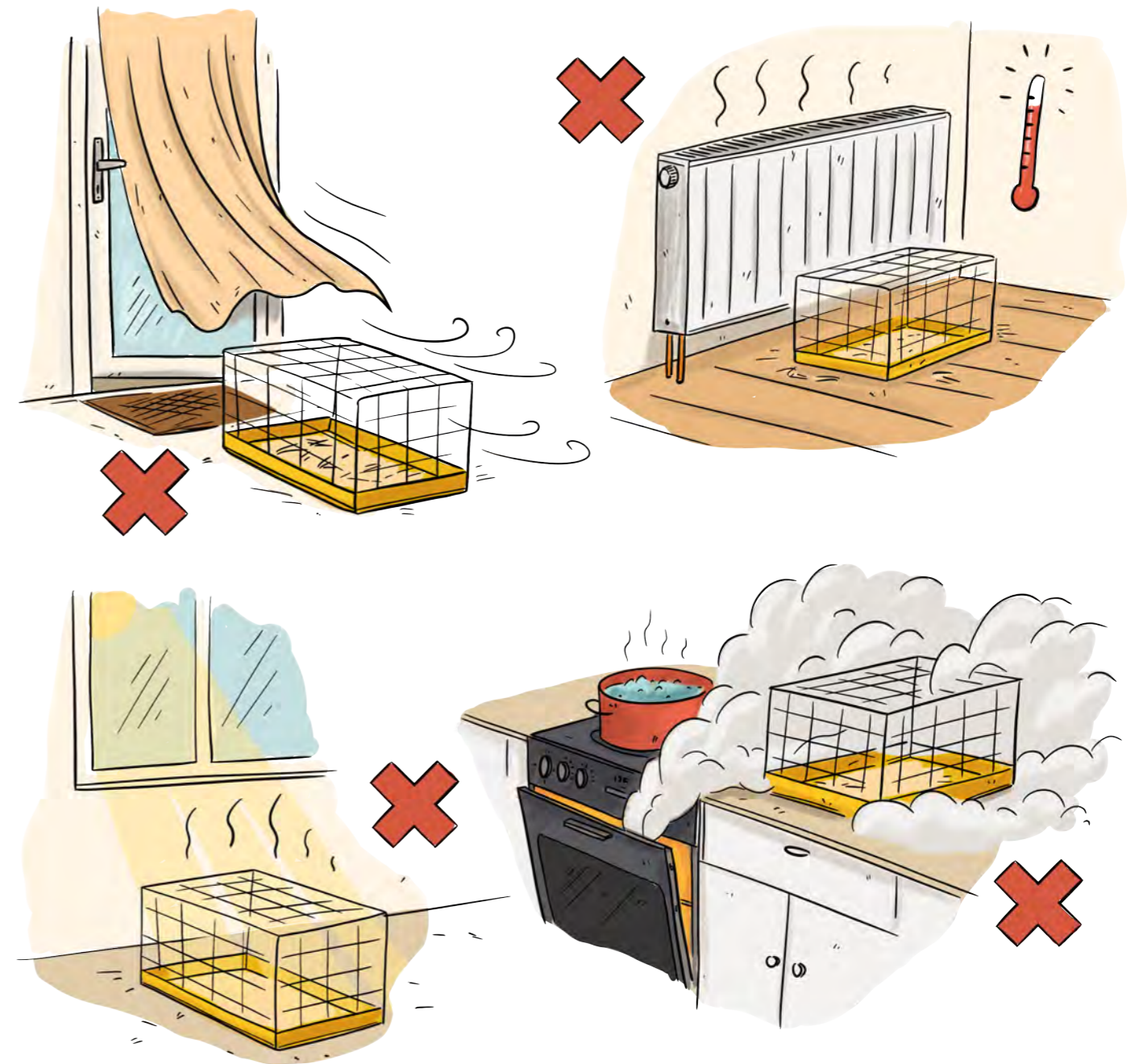
BUT WHERE WILL SHE LIVE?

I NEED TO MAKE A COMFORTABLE HOME FOR DUCKY. THE VERY BEST KIND IS A COSY CAGE IN WHICH SHE WILL FEEL WONDERFUL AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, SAFE! A PROPER RABBIT CAGE IS AT LEAST A METRE LONG, SO THAT THE ANIMAL CAN JUMP AND STRETCH.



AS FOR HEIGHT, THE HIGHER THE CAGE, THE BETTER. RABBITS LIKE TO STAND ON THEIR HIND LEGS AND LOOK INTO THE DISTANCE, SO WHY NOT GIVE HER THIS LUXURY? ALTHOUGH A CAGE IS A GREAT THING, IT IS NO GUARANTEE OF YOUR RABBIT'S HAPPINESS. SHE MUST BE LET OUT TO ENJOY HER FREEDOM FOR AT LEAST FOUR HOURS A DAY.

YOUR BUNNY'S CAGE SHOULD BE IN A QUIET PLACE – DEFINITELY NOT IN THE KITCHEN, WHERE THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING GOING ON! A RABBIT SHOULD BE ABLE TO REST UNDISTURBED WHENEVER SHE NEEDS TO. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE CAGE BE IN A DRAFT, NEAR A HEATER, OR BY A WINDOW WHERE THE SUN WOULD SHINE ON HER CONTINUOUSLY. REMEMBER THAT A RABBIT WOULD RATHER BE COLD THAN TOO HOT!

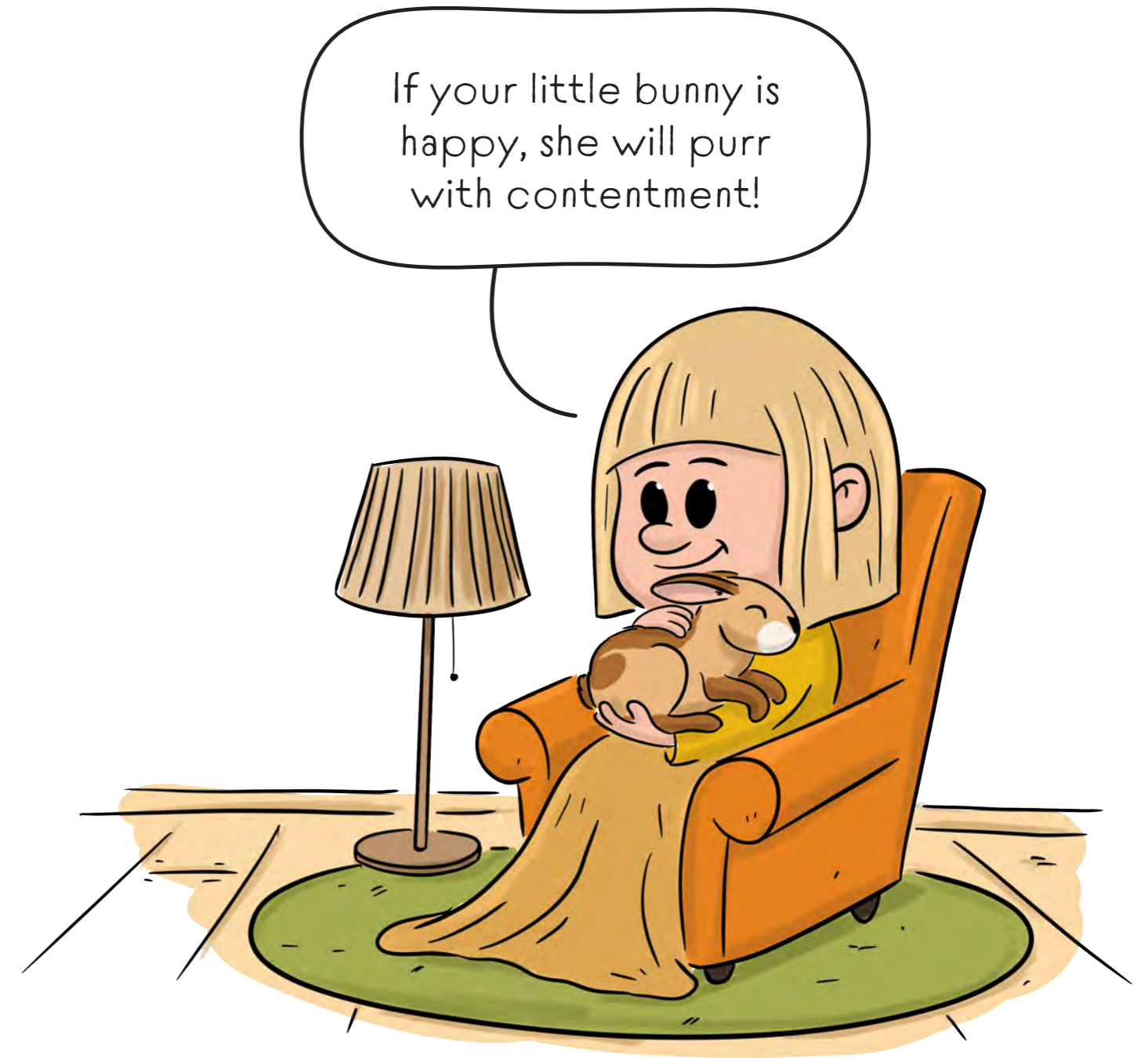
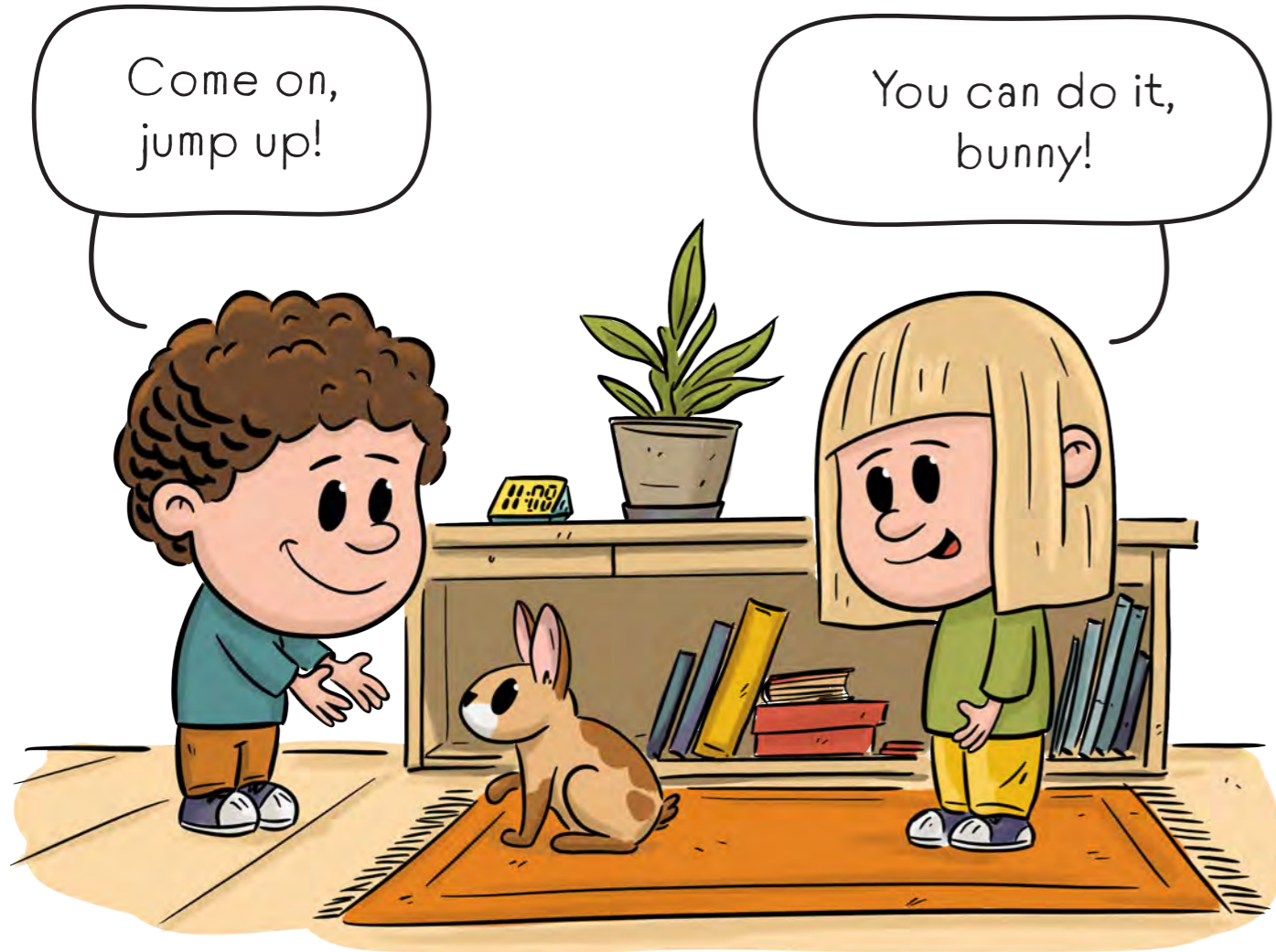


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BUT I REALLY WANT TO CUDDLE HER!

RABBITS ARE EXTREMELY SOCIAL ANIMALS. THOUGH THEY LIKE PEACE AND QUIET, THEY ALSO LOVE THE PRESENCE AND ATTENTION OF OTHERS. WE DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THEM FOR WALKS AS WE DO DOGS, BUT WE DO NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO THEM, PET THEM, AND PLAY WITH THEM.

CARRYING A RABBIT IS NOT THE SAME AS CRADLING HER IN YOUR ARMS, AS WE KNOW. A RABBIT WILL APPRECIATE IT IF YOU SIT ON THE GROUND TO PLAY WITH HER WHERE SHE FEELS SAFE. ONCE SHE GAINS YOUR TRUST, SHE WILL HAPPILY JUMP ONTO YOUR LAP ...



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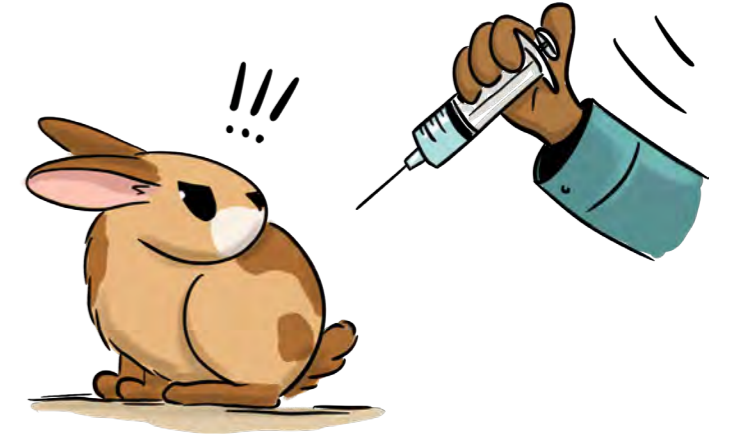
BUT SHE ISN'T FEELING WELL ...

IT IS PLAY-TIME, BUT YOUR BUNNY DOESN'T WANT TO JOIN IN. SHE IS LOOKING SAD AND OUT OF SORTS. HER EYES ARE CLOSED, HER NOSE IS RUNNING, SHE WON'T TOUCH HER FOOD, AND THE SLIGHTEST MOVEMENT SEEMS TO GIVE HER TROUBLE. OBVIOUSLY, SHE ISN'T FEELING RIGHT. NO ONE CAN HELP BUT A VETERINARIAN – A PERSON WHO TREATS ANIMALS.



IT MAY HAPPEN THAT YOUR RABBIT'S TWO GNAWING TEETH GROW SO BIG THAT SHE CAN NO LONGER EVEN EAT. AN ANIMAL DOCTOR WILL MANAGE THIS PROBLEM EASILY.

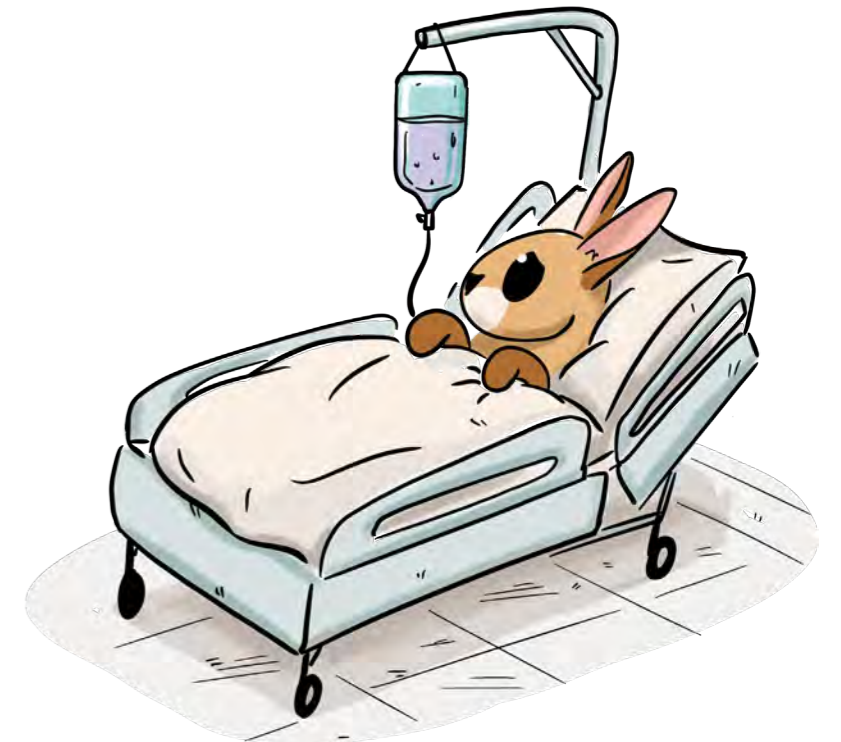
RABBITS NEED TO BE TAKEN TO A VET'S REGULARLY, EVEN WHEN THEY ARE HEALTHY. THEY MUST BE VACCINATED ANNUALLY AGAINST THE INCURABLE DISEASES RHD AND MYXOMATOSIS, WHICH ARE TRANSMITTED BY INSECTS.



RABBITS ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO COLDS. LEAVE YOURS IN A DRAFT AND SHE COULD EVEN CATCH PNEUMONIA. A RABBIT WITH A COLD HAS TROUBLE BREATHING AND A RUNNY NOSE. HUMANS DEAL WITH THEIR COLDS EASILY. BUT IT IS NOT ADVISABLE TO UNDERESTIMATE THIS ILLNESS IN A RABBIT BY TREATING IT AT HOME.

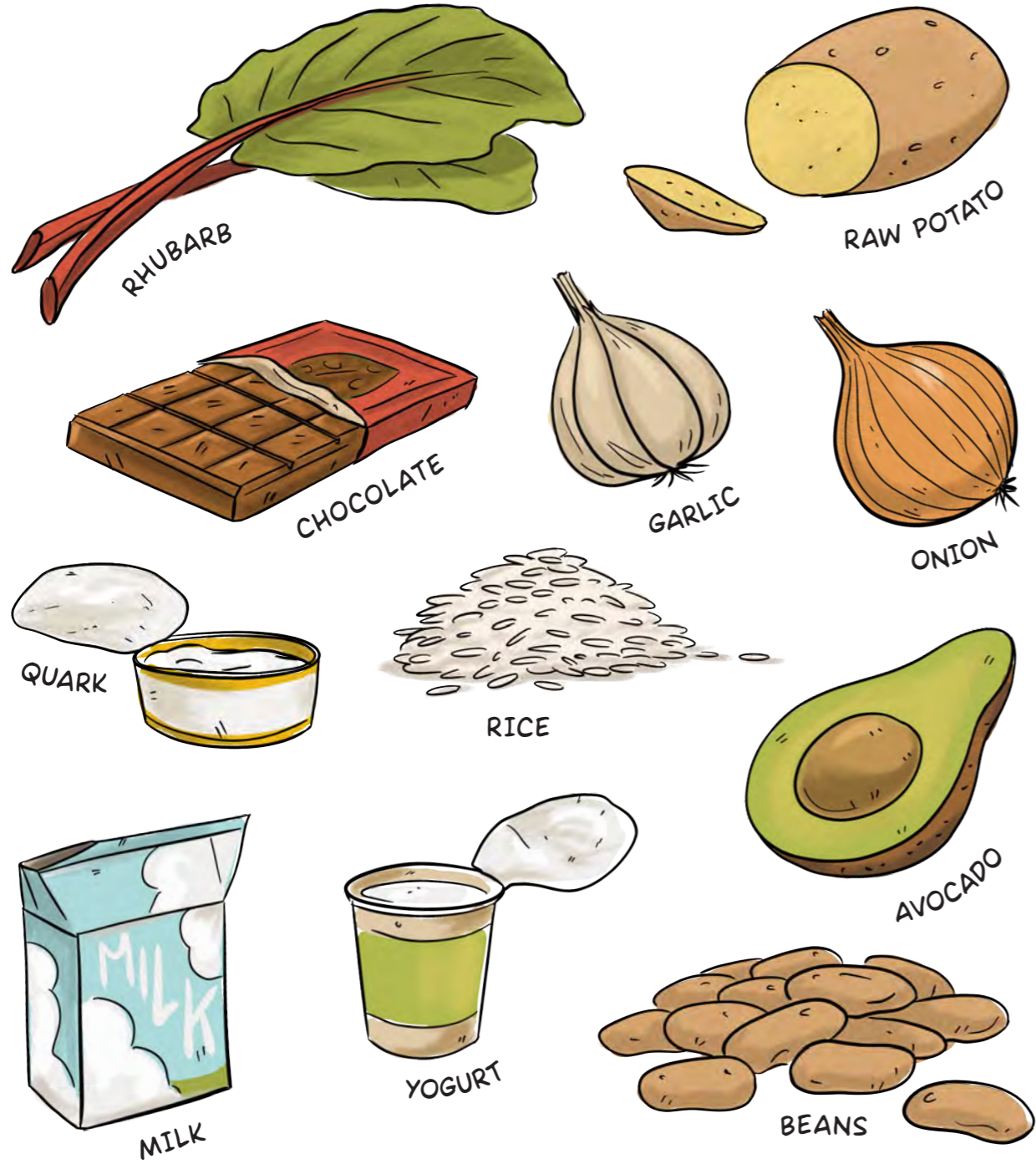


WHAT ABOUT FOOD? NO ONE CAN LIVE WITHOUT IT! STILL, BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU GIVE TO YOUR LITTLE ONE, AS POORLY CHOSEN FOOD CAN CAUSE SERIOUS TUMMY TROUBLE. HAIR OR FOREIGN BODIES IN AN ANIMAL'S DIGESTIVE TRACT, TOO, CAN BE DANGEROUS. IF YOUR LITTLE ONE IS GRINDING HER TEETH AND HUNCHED OVER, SHE NEEDS PROFESSIONAL CARE FOR SURE.





FOODS RABBITS MUSTN'T EAT



FOODS SUITABLE FOR RABBITS



A SMALL DICTIONARY OF RABBIT LANGUAGE

A RABBIT HUNCHED OVER AND GRINDING HER TEETH



'Help! Everything hurts!
I need a doctor!'

ROLLING



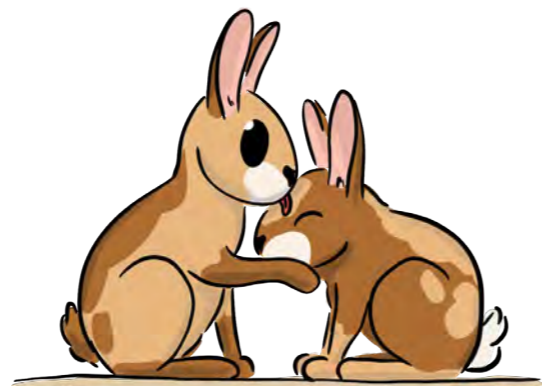
'I feel great!'

STAMPING THE HIND LEGS



'Caution - danger is near!'

TWO RABBITS SITTING TOGETHER ON THEIR HINDQUARTERS, LICKING EACH OTHER'S HEADS



'We're in love!'

LICKING YOUR HAND



'I love you very much
and I'm grateful to you.'

YOU'LL LEARN TO UNDERSTAND US IN NO TIME ...

SEATED ON THE HINDQUARTERS, RELAXED, EARS BACK



'I'm taking a breather, so
please leave me be.'

LYING LOW TO THE GROUND



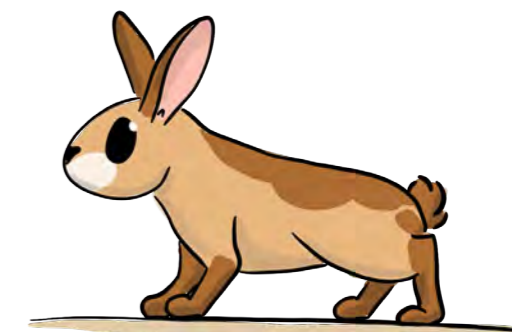
'I hope no one can see me.'

LYING ON HER SIDE, LEGS OUTSTRETCHED



'I want to sleep.
Don't disturb me.'

FRONT PAWS AND HEAD FORWARD, HIND LEGS STAYING BACK



'I don't know what's about to
happen, so I'm ready to run away.'

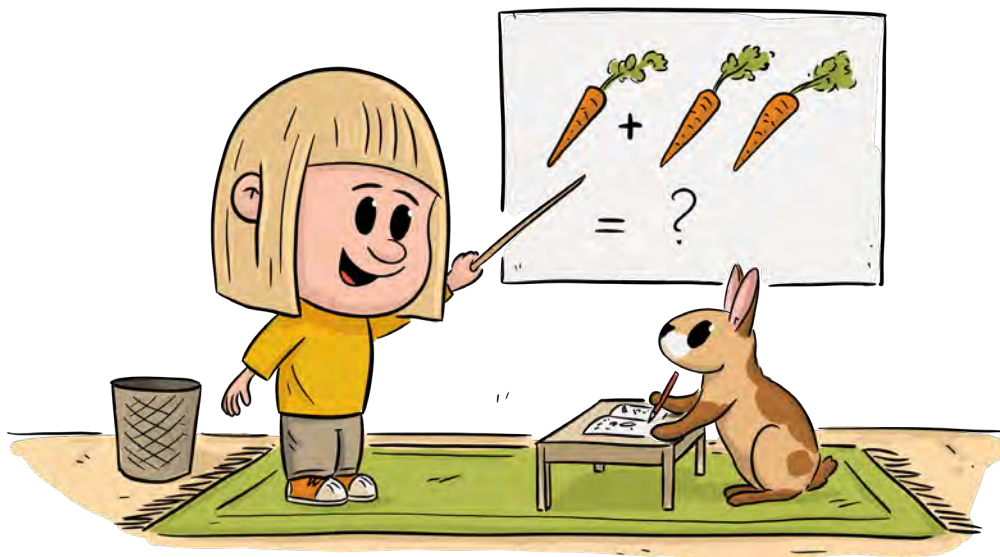
SITTING UP STRAIGHT



'I can't see properly!' or, 'Aha!
Something good to eat is on
its way.'

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WHO WOULDN'T WANT A PET AT HOME? PERHAPS EVERY SINGLE CHILD HAS BEGGED AND PLEADED WITH THEIR PARENTS TO GET THEM A FOUR-LEGGED FRIEND. THEY SWEAR TO TAKE REALLY, REALLY GOOD CARE OF IT. IT IS NOT UNHEARD-OF FOR LOVING PARENTS TO SOFTEN AND GET THEIR CHILD THE PET. IT MAY BE A VERY SMALL ONE, SUCH AS A RABBIT THAT LOOKS LIKE A CUDDLY TOY. BUT UNLIKE A TOY, A RABBIT NEEDS TO BE CARED FOR, WITH PATIENCE AND LOVE. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SHE MOVES INTO YOUR HOME? HOW CAN YOU MAKE HER HAPPY? HOW CAN YOU MAKE HER TRUST YOU, SO THAT SHE BECOMES YOUR LOYAL FRIEND? READ THE BOOK TO LEARN HOW TO DO IT STEP BY STEP. AS A BONUS, YOU WILL LEARN TO UNDERSTAND RABBIT LANGUAGE AND HAVE FUN WITH ADAM WOLF'S JOLLY PICTURES.



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