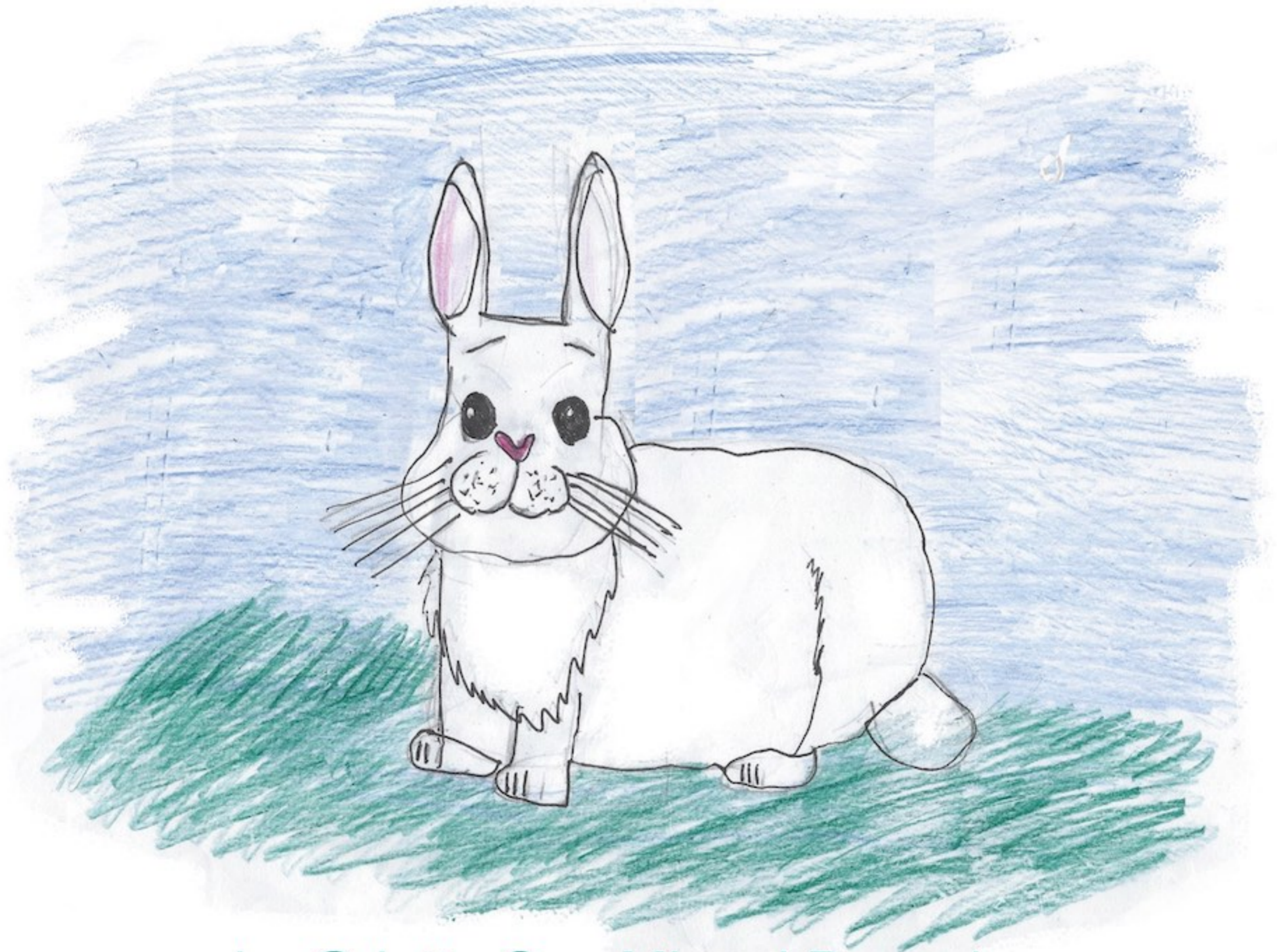



The homeless rabbit



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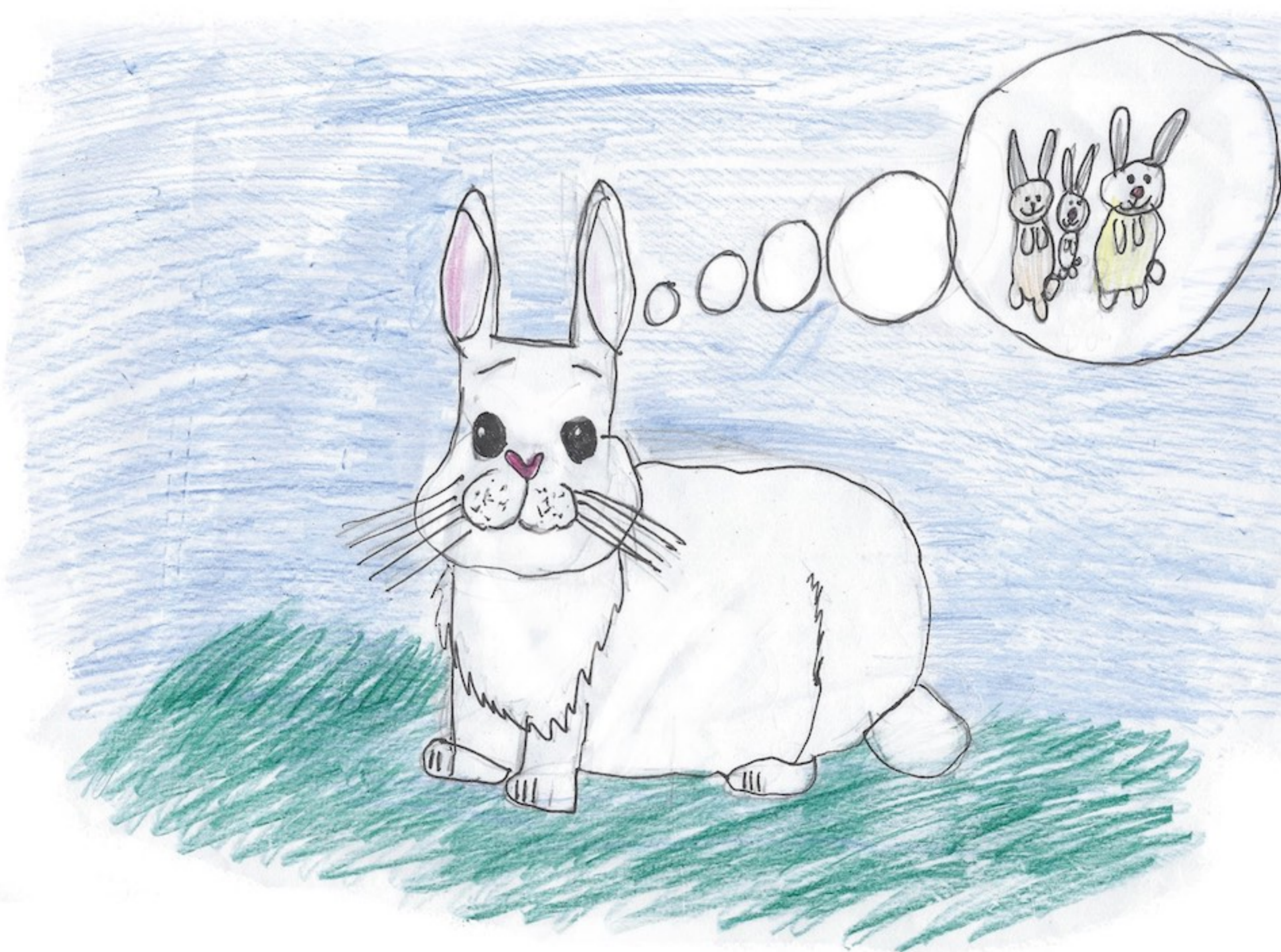
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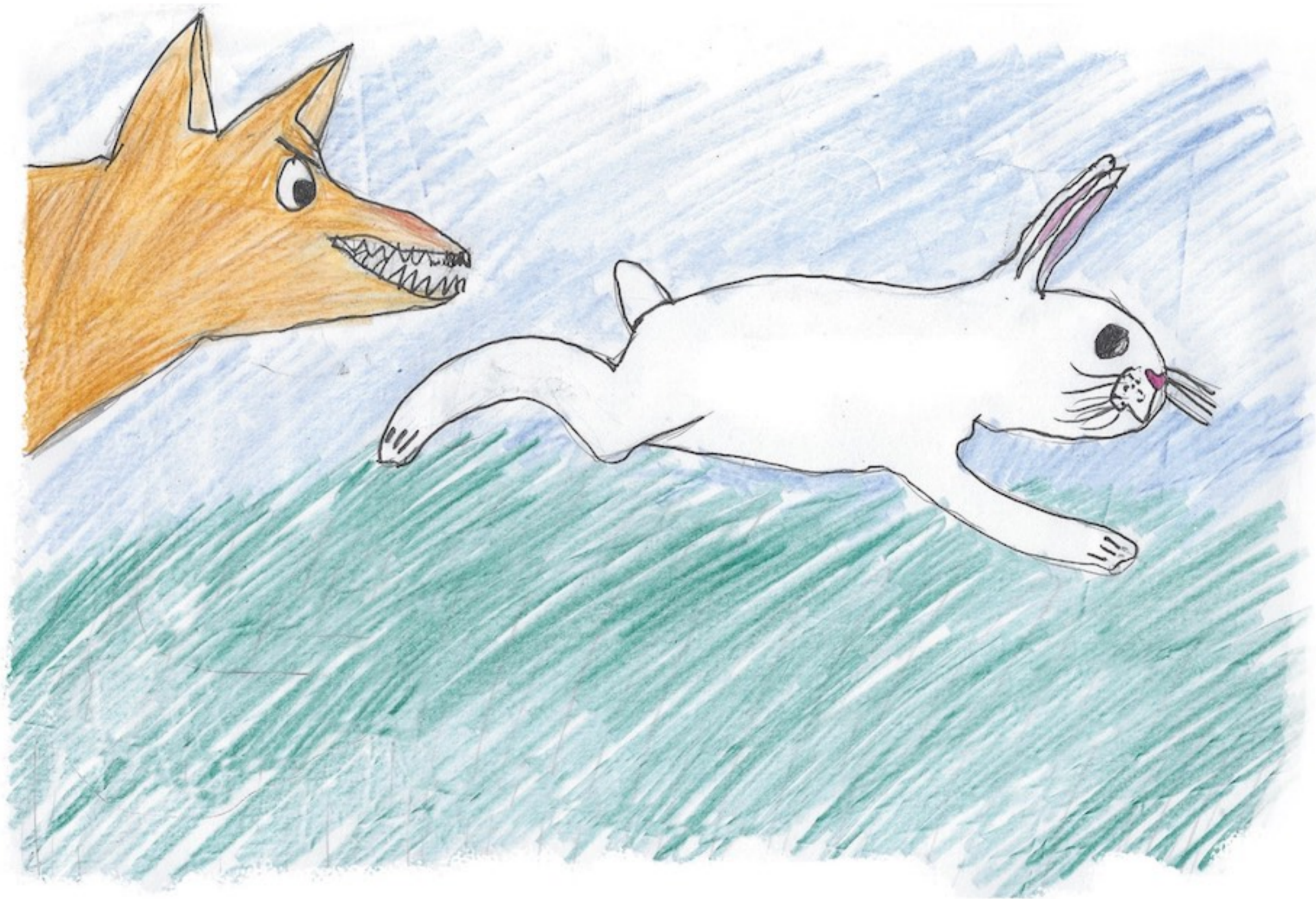
Once upon a time, there was a rabbit called Joey.

Joey was an all-white rabbit with a pink spot on his nose, and very pointy ears. Joey liked hopping about and finding new adventures, but he didn't have a house and he dreamt of having a family to play with.



On Christmas day, while Joey was out on the meadows,
right in front of him appeared a giant fox bigger than a watermelon.

When Joey saw the fox, he ran as fast as he could.



Suddenly, Joey looked up and he saw a giant dinosaur staring at the fox. Joey knew it would scare away the fox, so he ignored it and hid under a boot.

The fox, super scared, ran away as fast as he could.



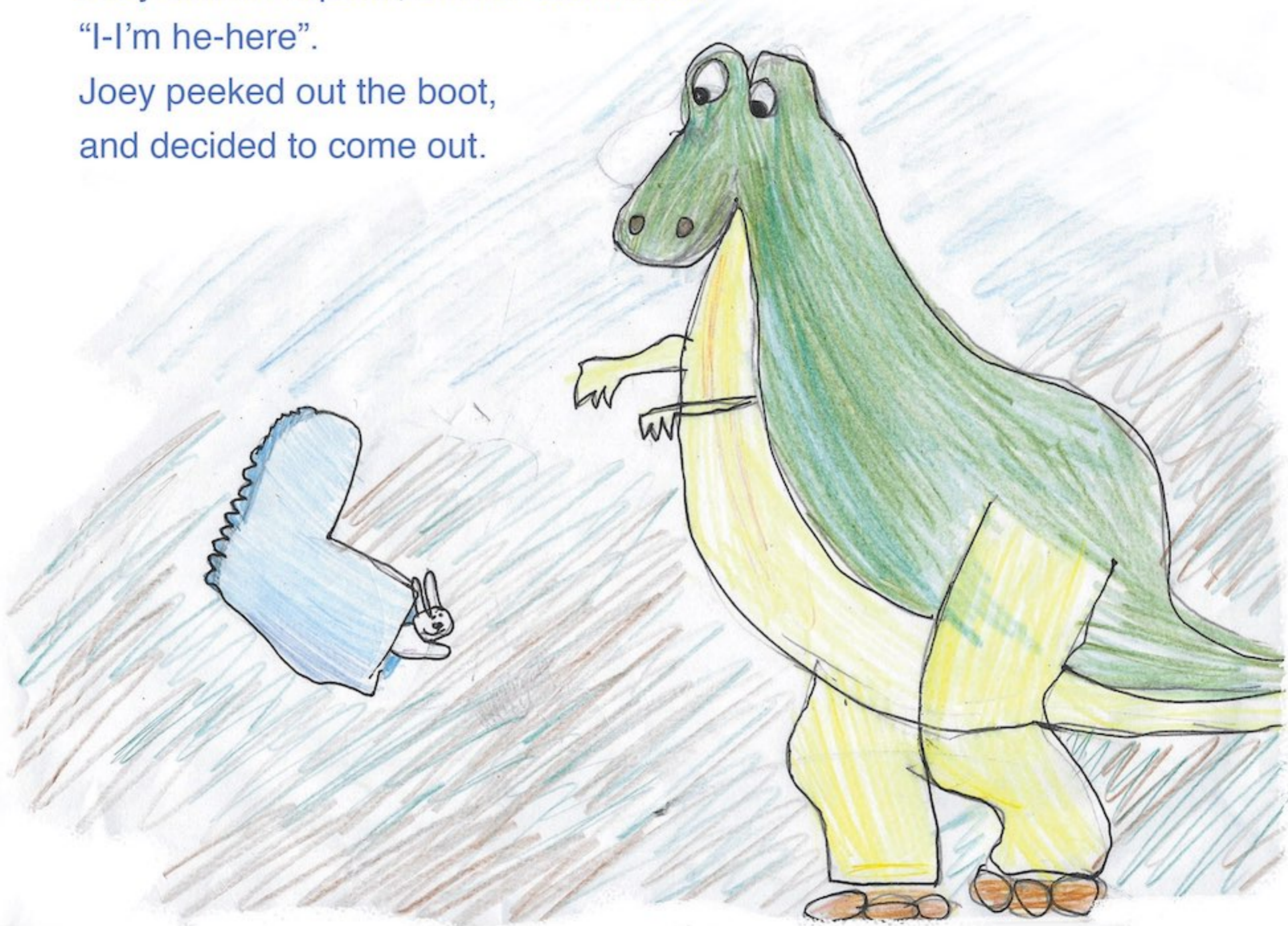
Joey was very scared under the boot and he whispered to himself, "I wish I wasn't homeless and had friends and a family to help me from predators"

The dinosaur heard him and said, "Where are you little rabbit?"

Joey couldn't speak, but he stammered

"I-I'm he-here".

Joey peeked out the boot, and decided to come out.



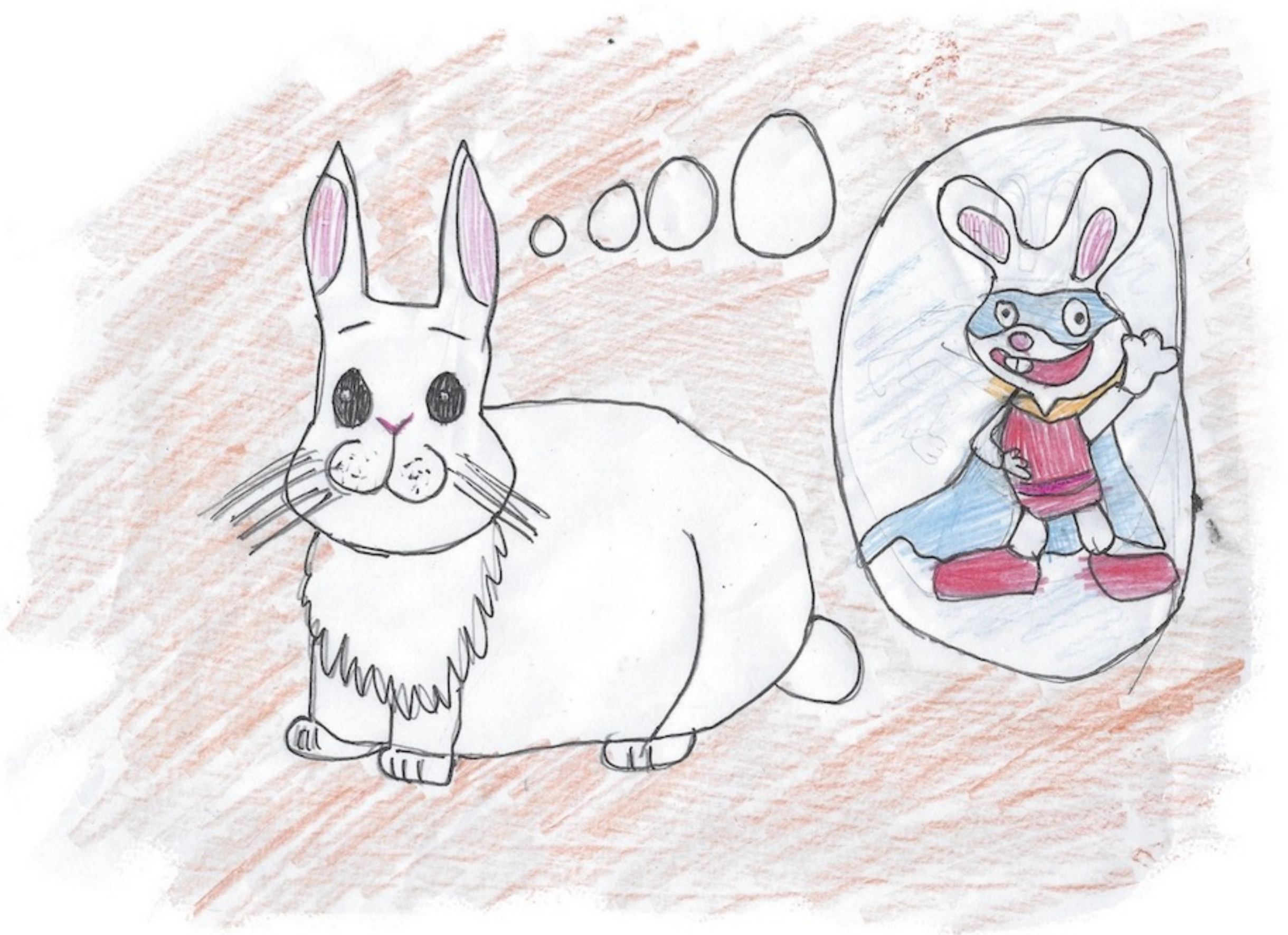
The dinosaur stared down at the tiny rabbit and said,
“shall we be friends? I’m homeless too. My name is Sam”.

That made Joey sooooo **HAPPY** that he jumped up in joy
with tremendous energy, reaching so high he went over Sam.



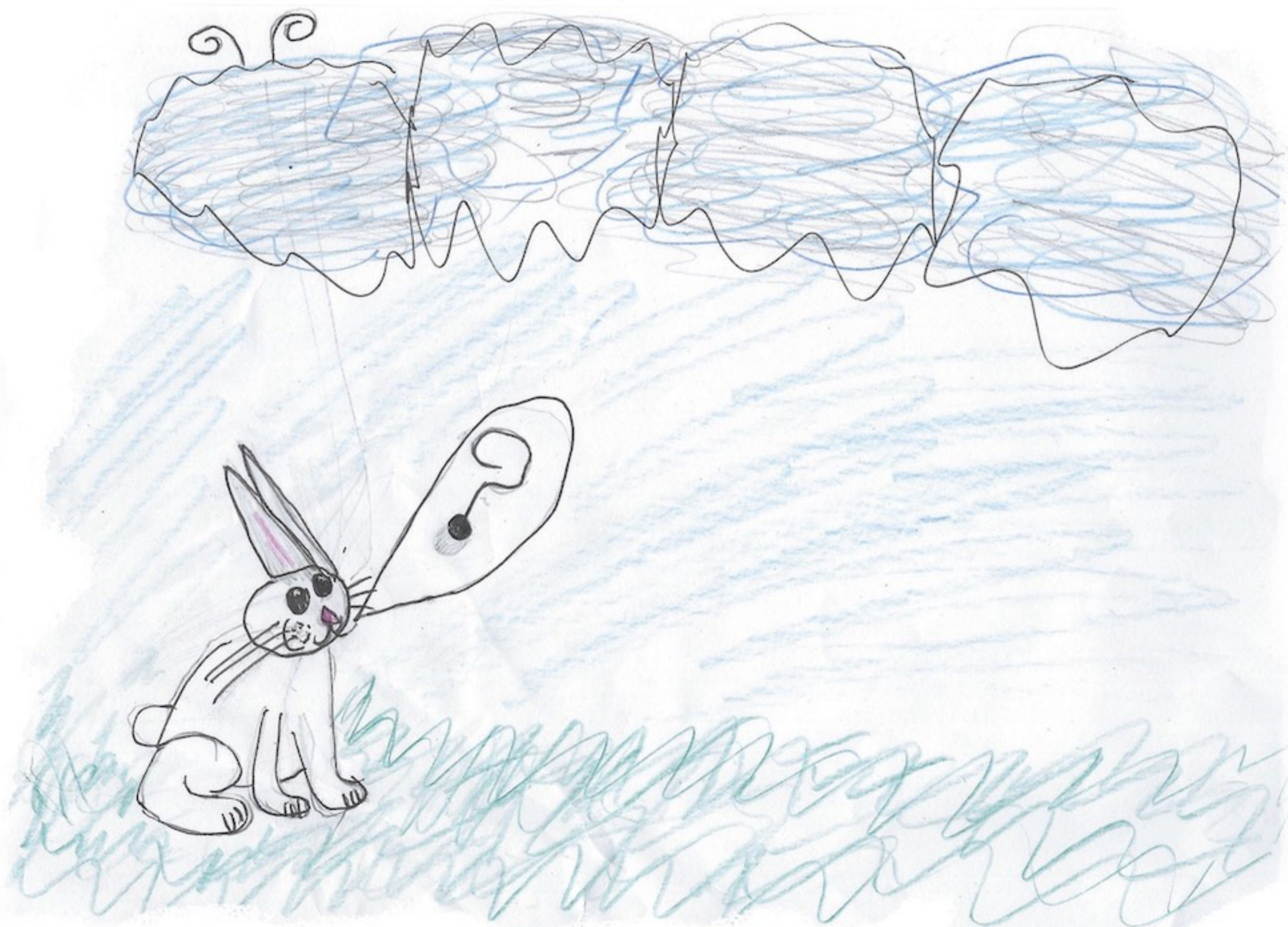
Sam looked at Joey and said,
“Cooool! How did you do that?!”

“I don’t know” said Joey, “I must have some **powers!**”



“How high can you jump?” shouted Sam, “could you touch the clouds?”
Joey thought and said, “Ok, I’ll try...”

He bent down, his ears went up high and he stretched his legs
as he went up high over the clouds, a n d





He crashed into.... *Santa's Sleigh!!!!*

Santa Claus looked behind him and said, “Hello little rabbit, where did you come from?”

“Um, um... I-I j-just jumped over the clouds” stammered Joey, “my name is Joey and I think I have powers”

Santa looked surprised. He thought for a minute and said, “Would you like to help me deliver the presents? You can be my ***rabbit-elf!***”



“Yes, please!” said Joey with excitement, “could Sam come too?”

“Who is Sam?” asked Santa.

“Sam is my friend. He is a dinosaur”

Santa stammered, “I-I am a bit scared of dinosaurs”



“Don’t worry” said Joey, “Sam is a good dinosaur”.

Santa went down to the ground.

“Hello Sam”, said Santa.

Sam looked confused.

“How do you know my name?” He asked.



“Your friend Joey crashed into my sleigh and told me about you”
Santa started explaining, “you and Joey seem very special,
and I would love if you could be my special *‘rein-dino’*
(as in a reindeer/dinosaur)”

Sam was very excited!!

Then Santa sprinkled magic dust on Sam and he began to float.



Santa tied Sam to the sleigh, and Joey hopped on the seat next to Santa.

And Joey and Sam finally got the best family in the **whole world!!**

THE END



*Joey is an all-white rabbit with a pink spot on his nose,
and he is homeless.*

*Have fun with him in his adventures as he finds
a very special family for Christmas.*



This book has been written and illustrated by Odette,
a pupil at Bruntsfield Primary School, who has decided
to donate all the profits of this book to **CRISIS** and other
local charities that support the homeless.

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