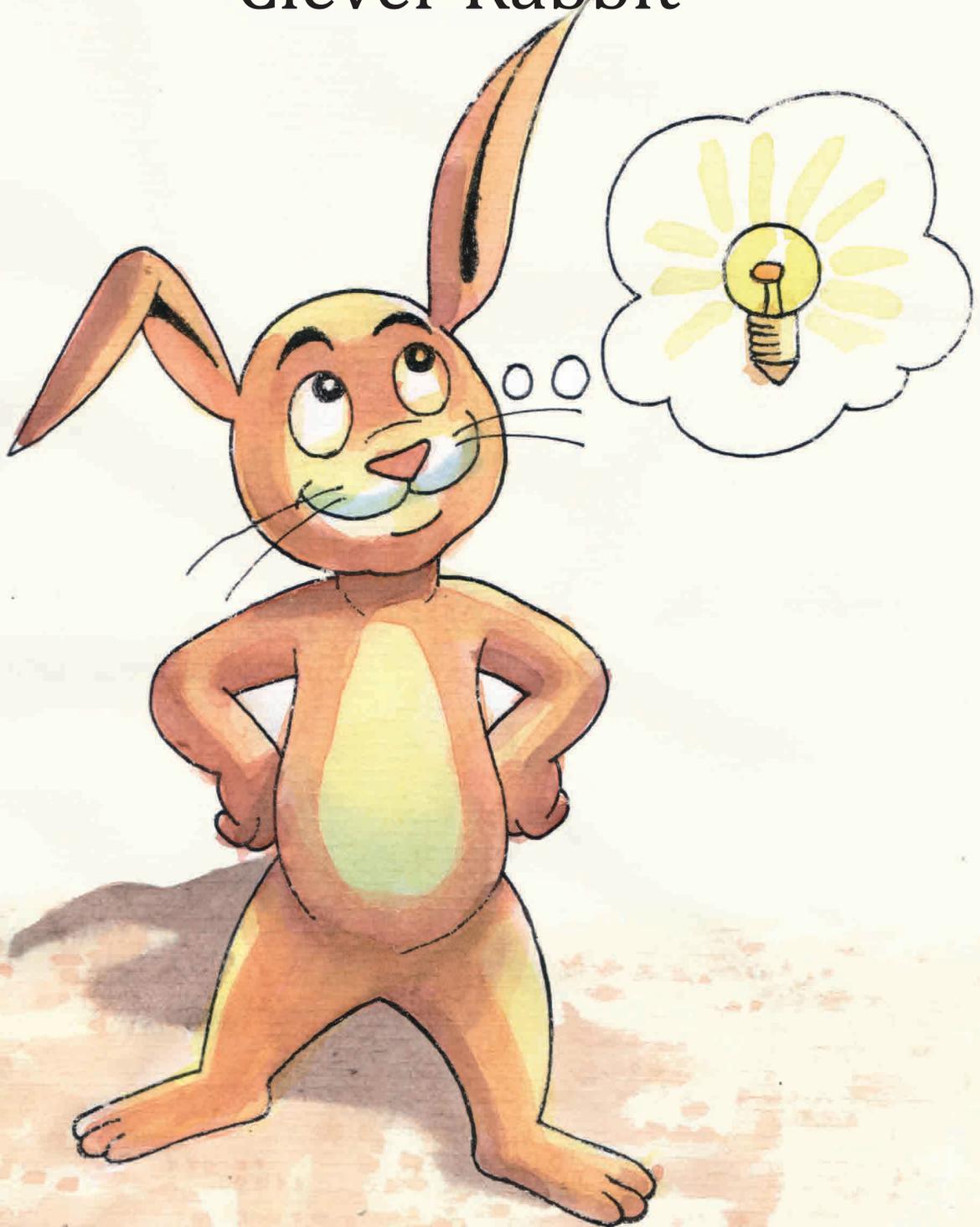


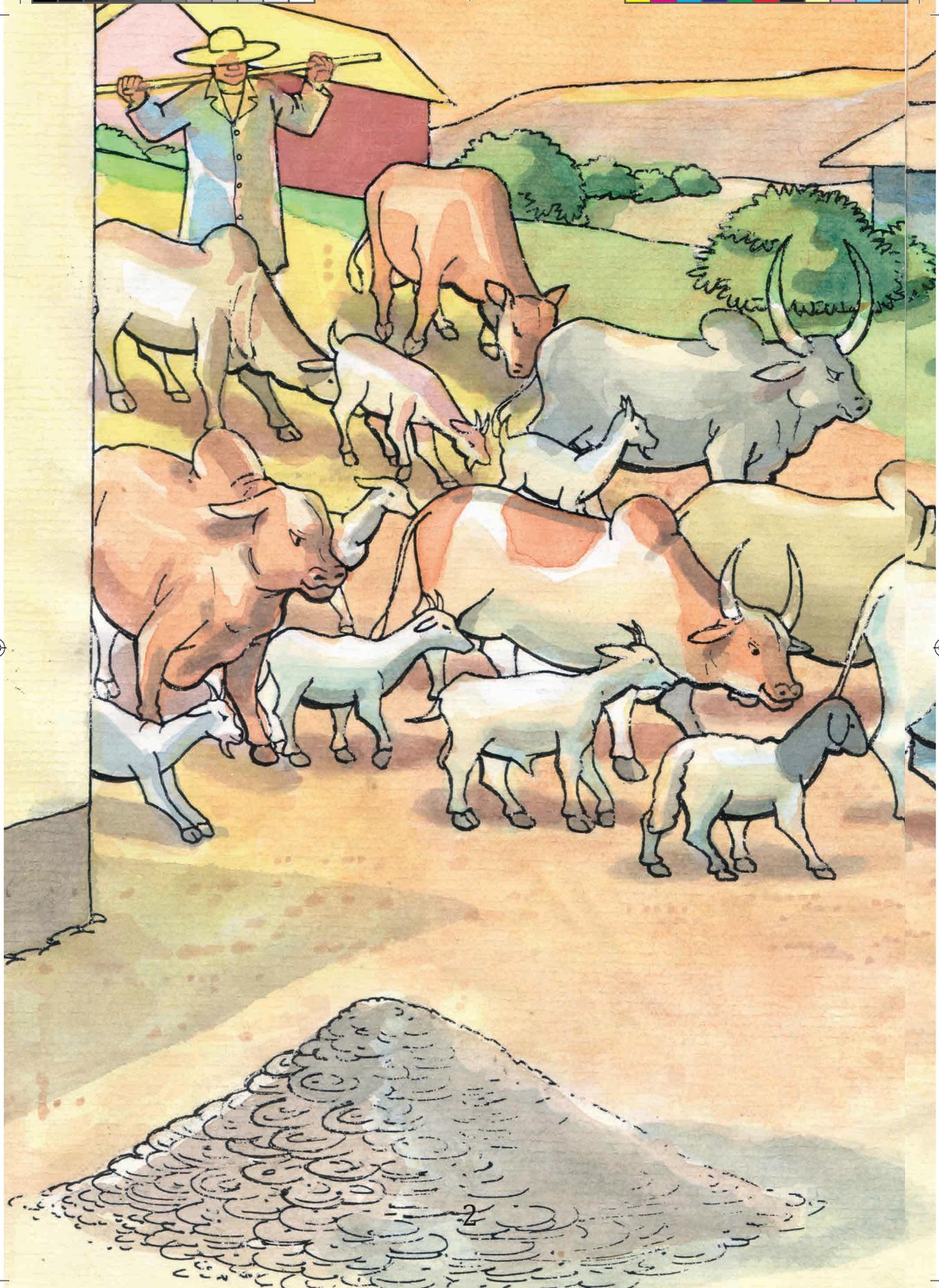


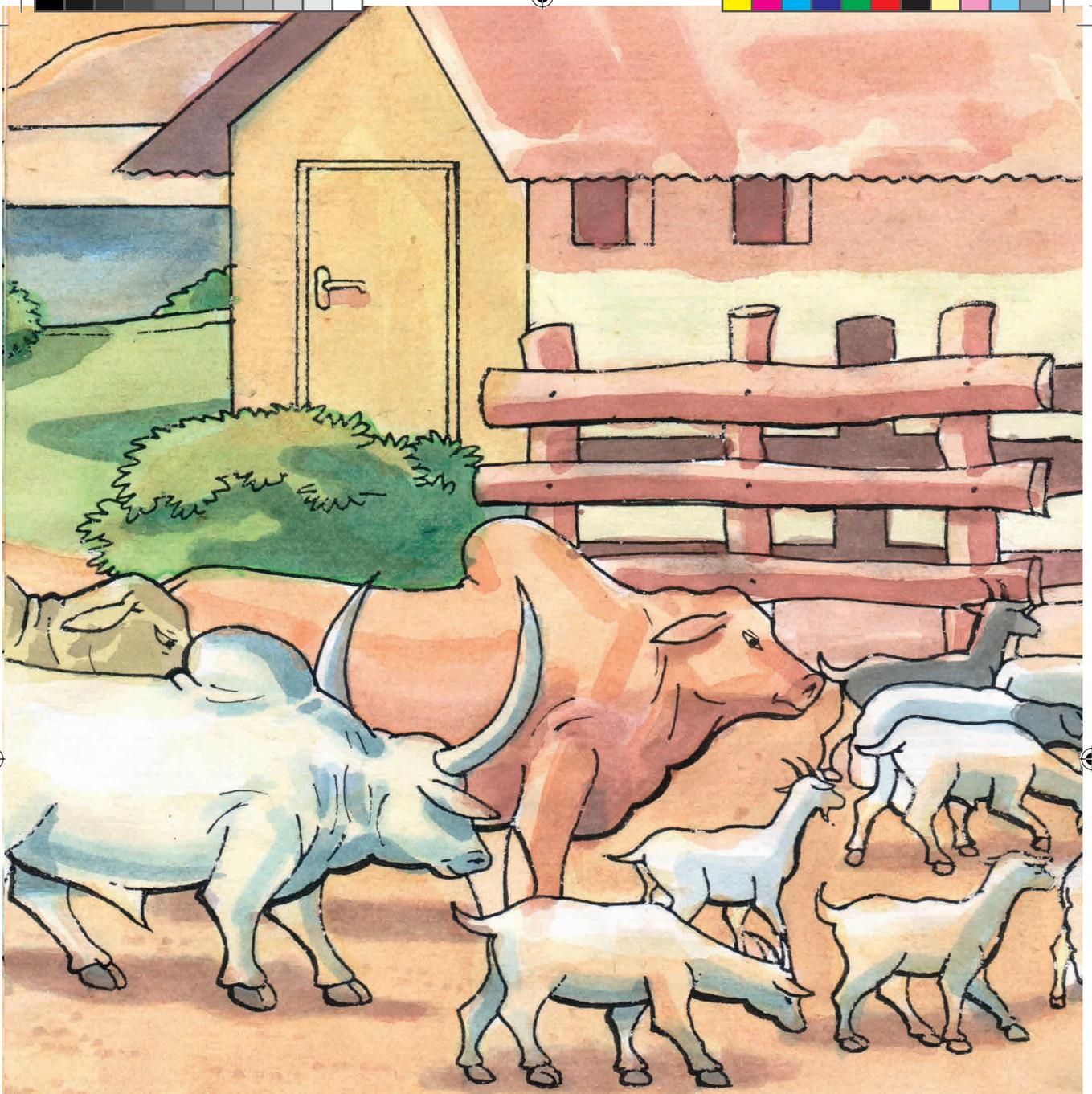
Clever Rabbit



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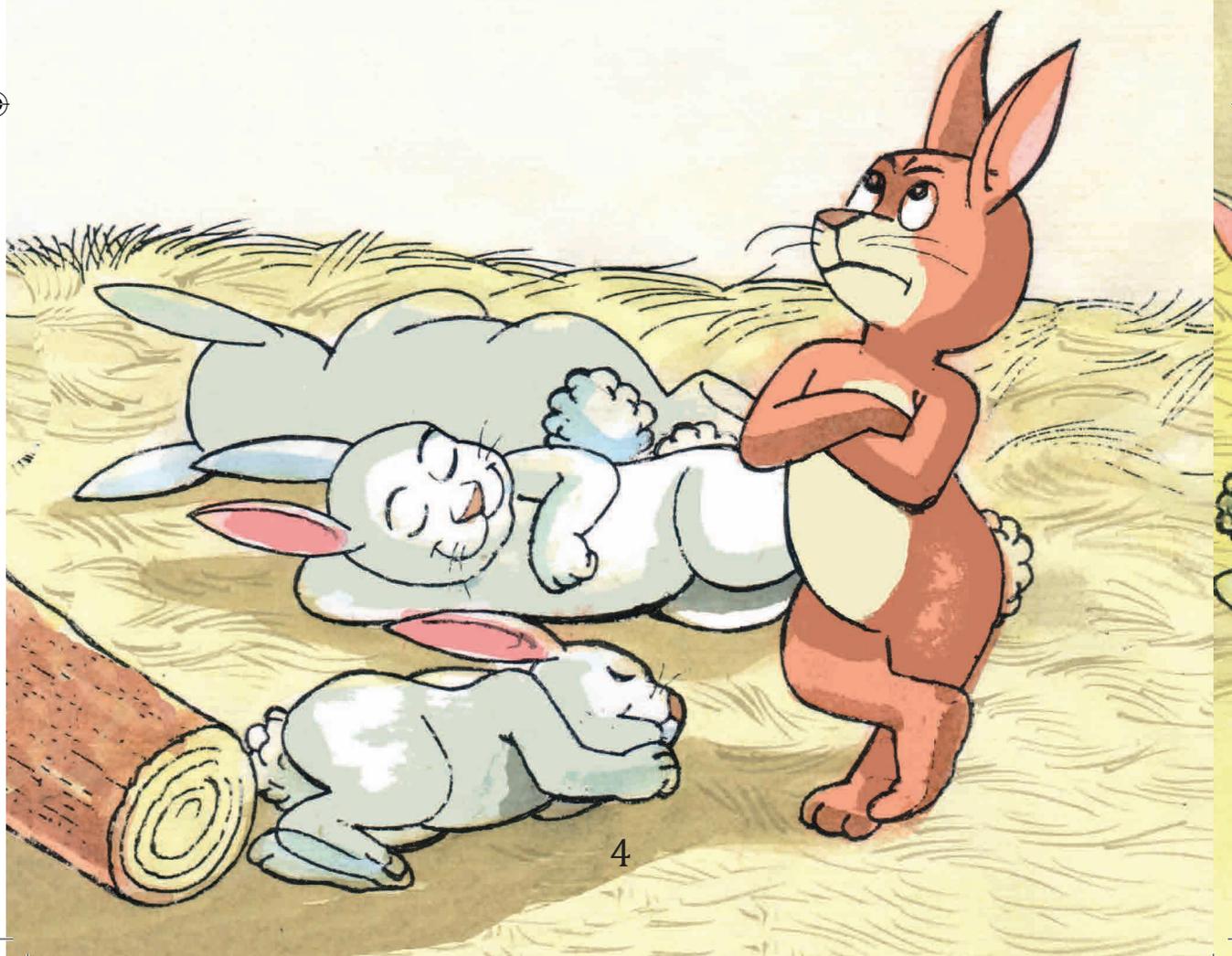




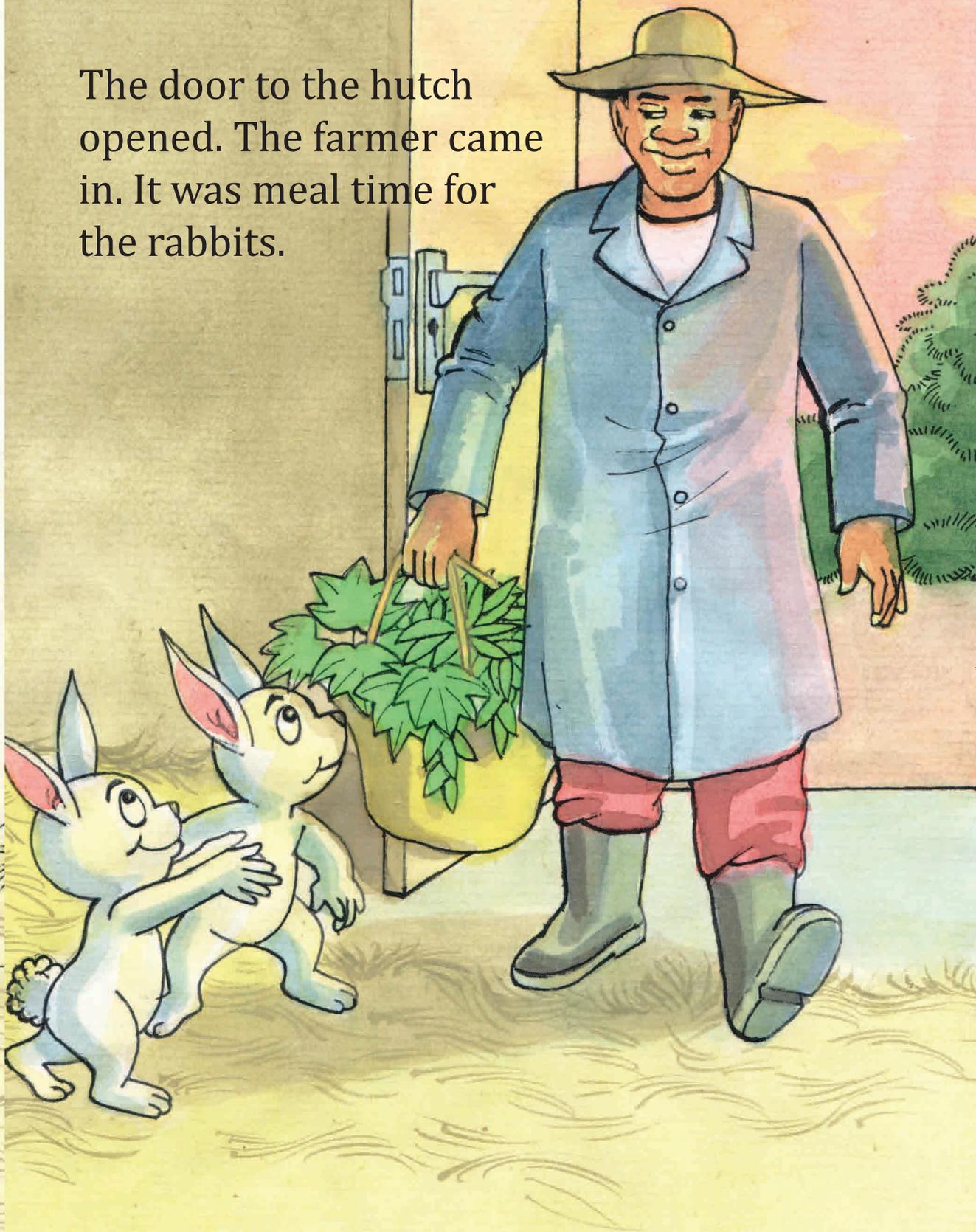
It was evening on the farm. Cows, goats, and sheep were going back to their sheds. The farmer made sure they all returned home safely.



Clever Rabbit was awake inside his hutch. He was thinking, "I want to explore the outside world." The other rabbits were dozing.

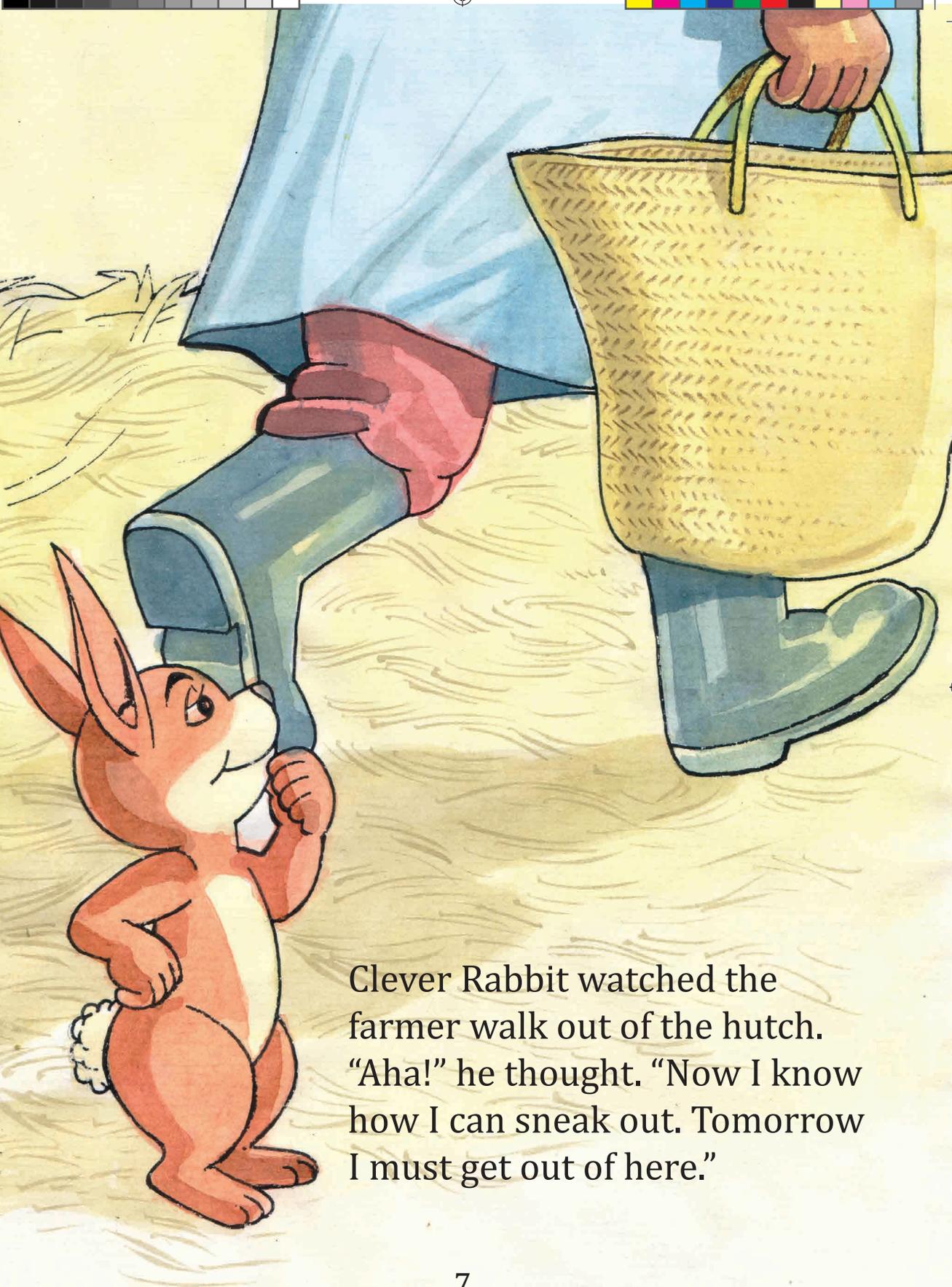


The door to the hutch opened. The farmer came in. It was meal time for the rabbits.



The food smelled nice. All the other rabbits were awake now. They hopped closer to the farmer.





Clever Rabbit watched the farmer walk out of the hutch. "Aha!" he thought. "Now I know how I can sneak out. Tomorrow I must get out of here."



“I’ll hop into the basket when the farmer brings in the food,” Clever Rabbit thought.

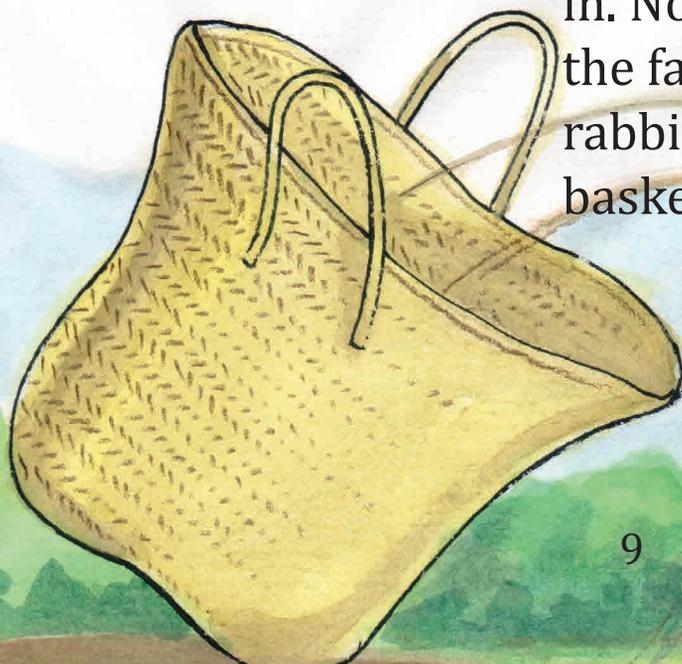
The other rabbits quickly finished their meal and fell asleep.



In the morning, the farmer brought in food for the rabbits. "Today is the day," Clever Rabbit thought. "I must get out of this hutch."



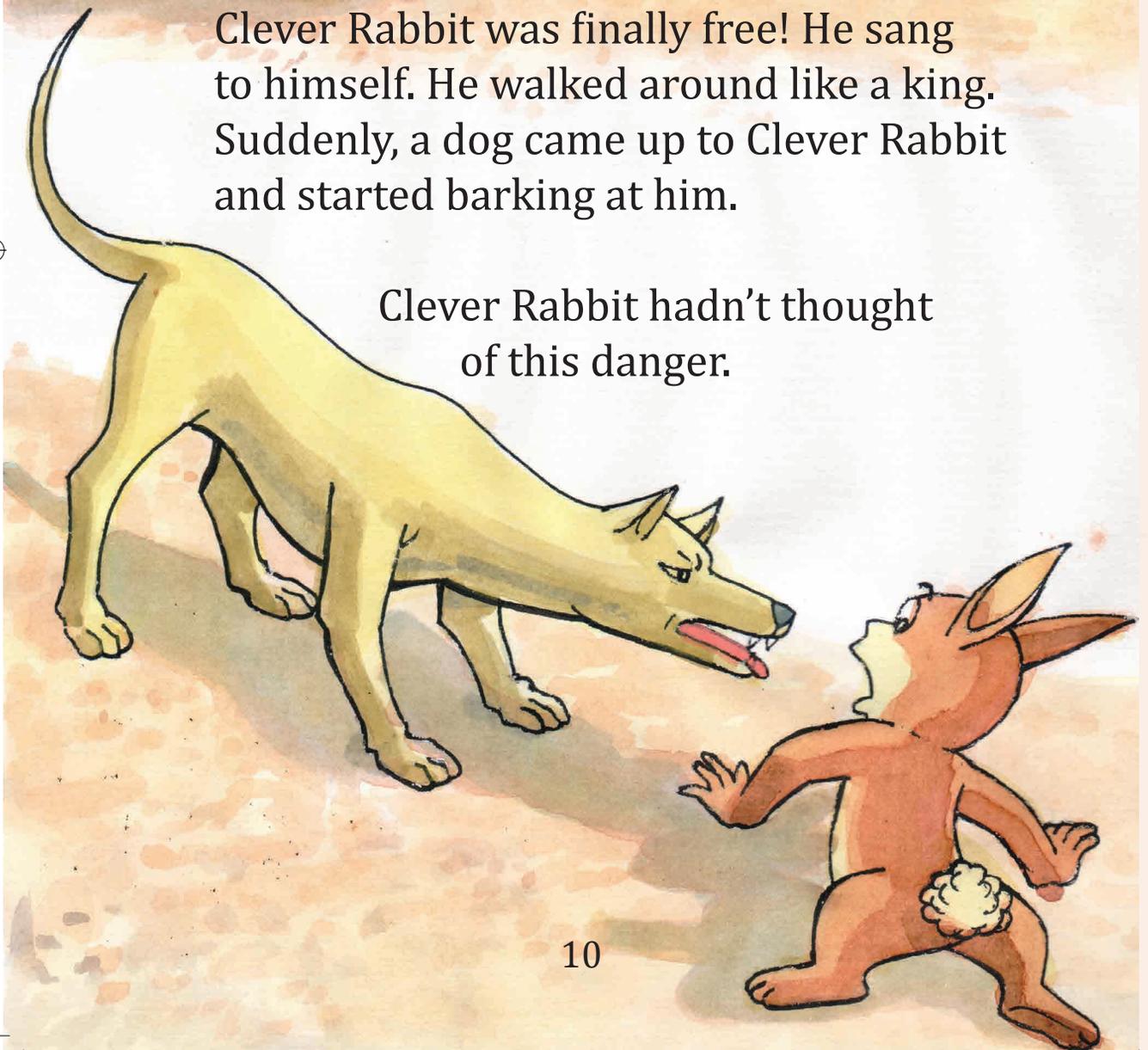
As soon as the farmer put the basket down, Clever Rabbit quickly jumped in. No one saw him. After the farmer had fed the other rabbits, he carried the basket outside.

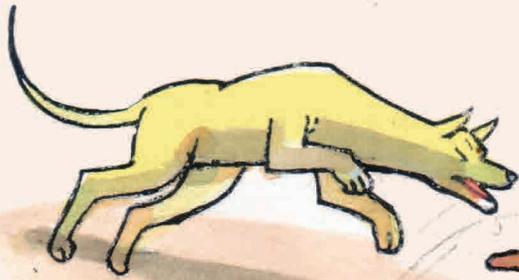




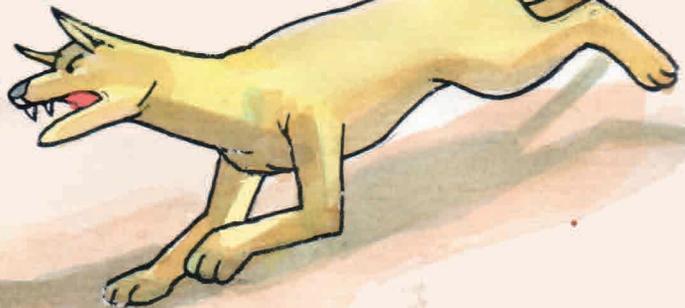
Clever Rabbit was finally free! He sang to himself. He walked around like a king. Suddenly, a dog came up to Clever Rabbit and started barking at him.

Clever Rabbit hadn't thought of this danger.

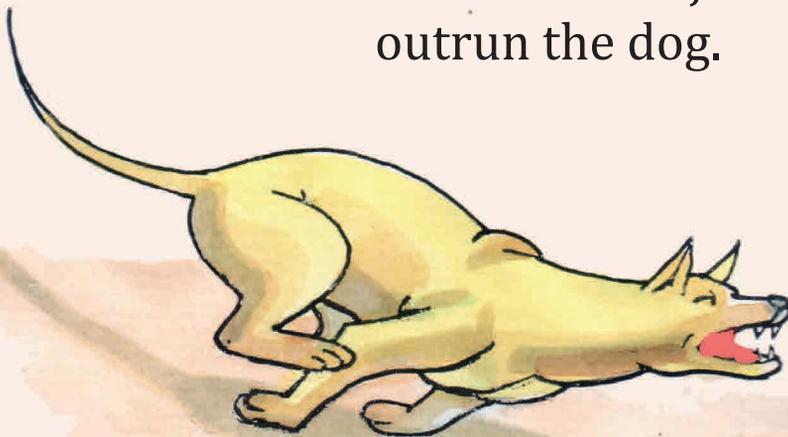




The dog chased Clever Rabbit, who ran and ran and ran.



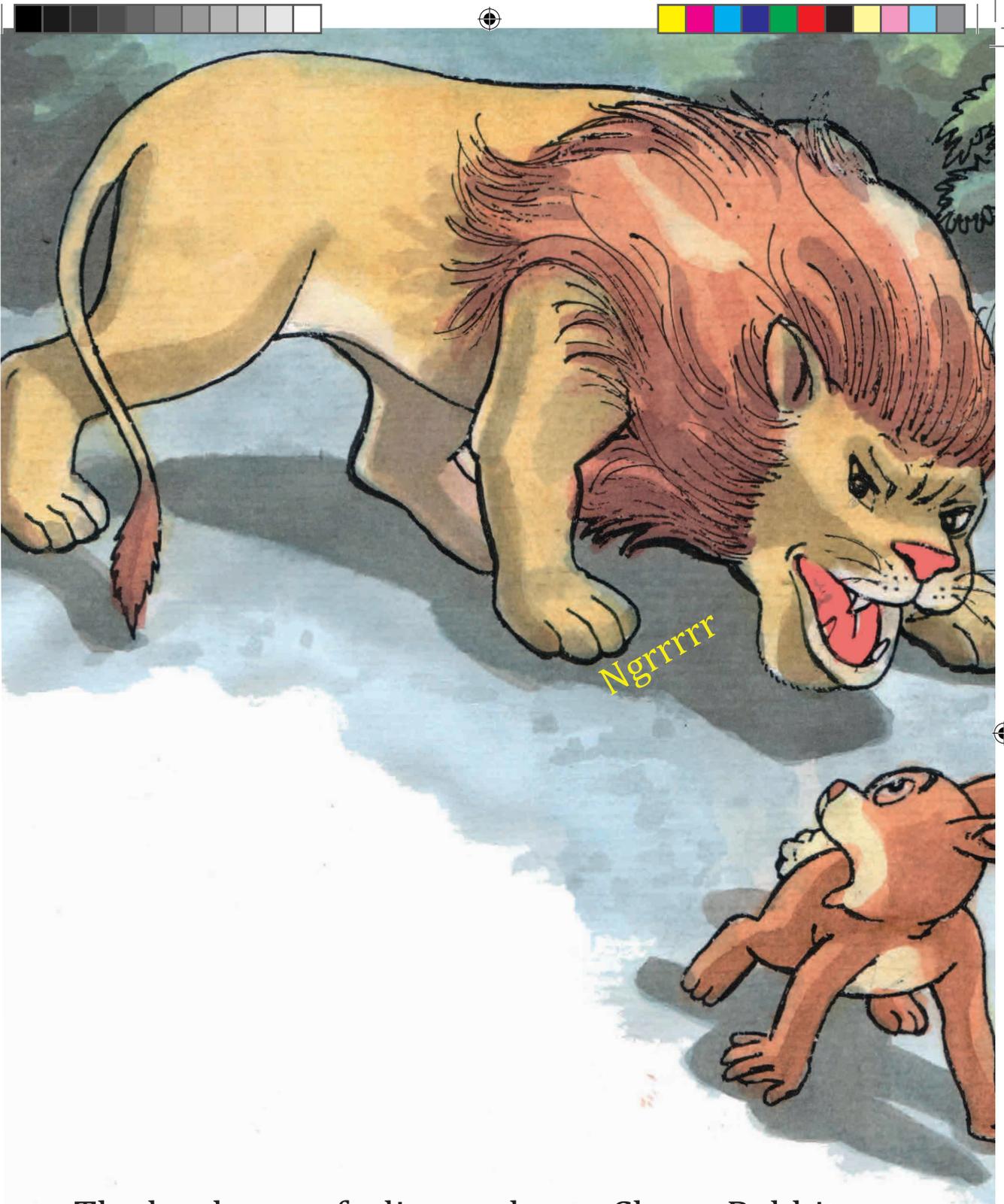
Clever Rabbit just managed to outrun the dog.





Clever Rabbit was now in the forest. He found some tender, sweet grass to eat. Food had never tasted so good back in the hutch. Once he was full, he dozed off.





The loud roar of a lion woke up Clever Rabbit.
Grrrrr! Grrrrr! The sound was terribly scary.

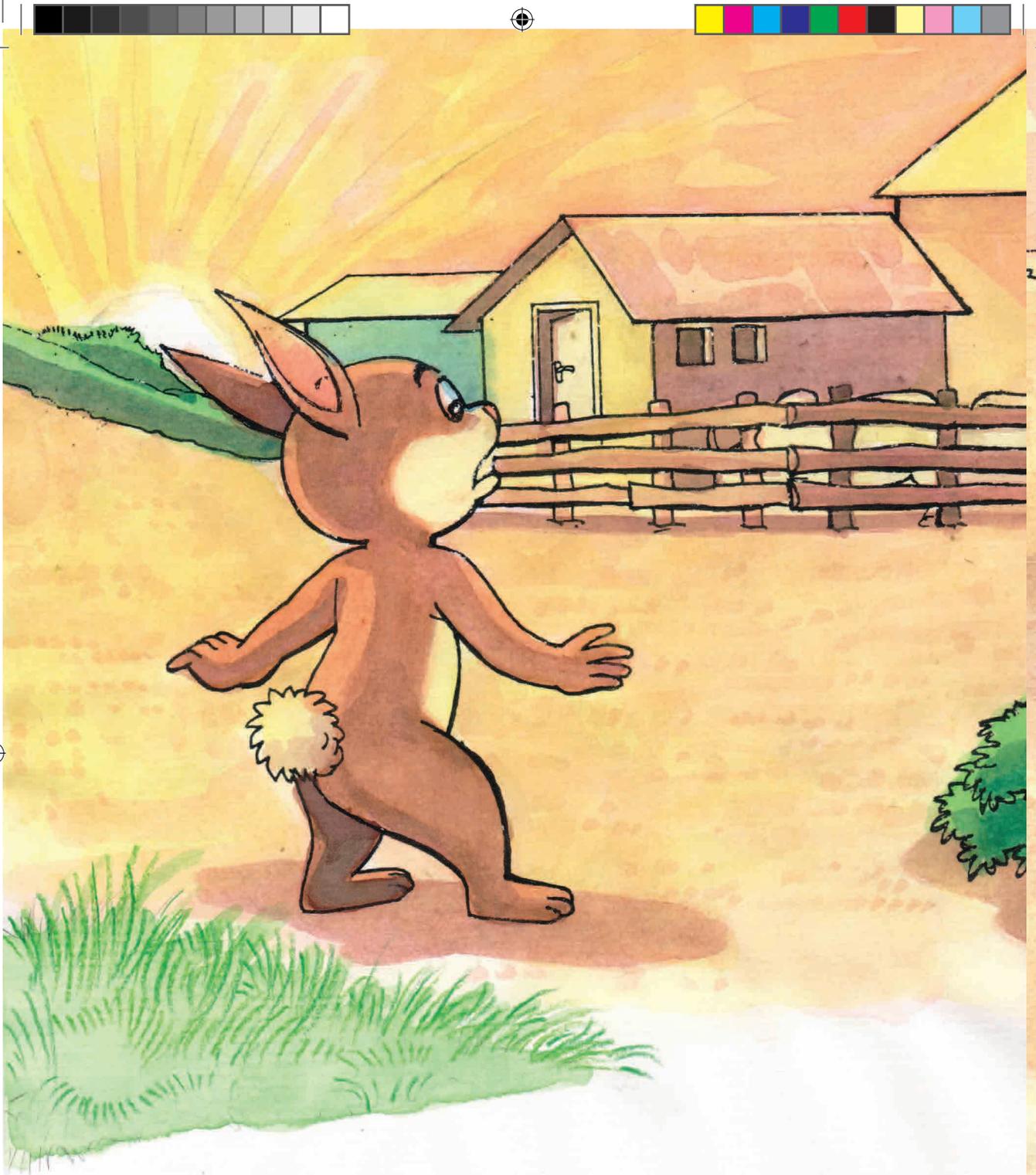


The lion was hungry. He chased Clever Rabbit.
Clever Rabbit ran for his life.

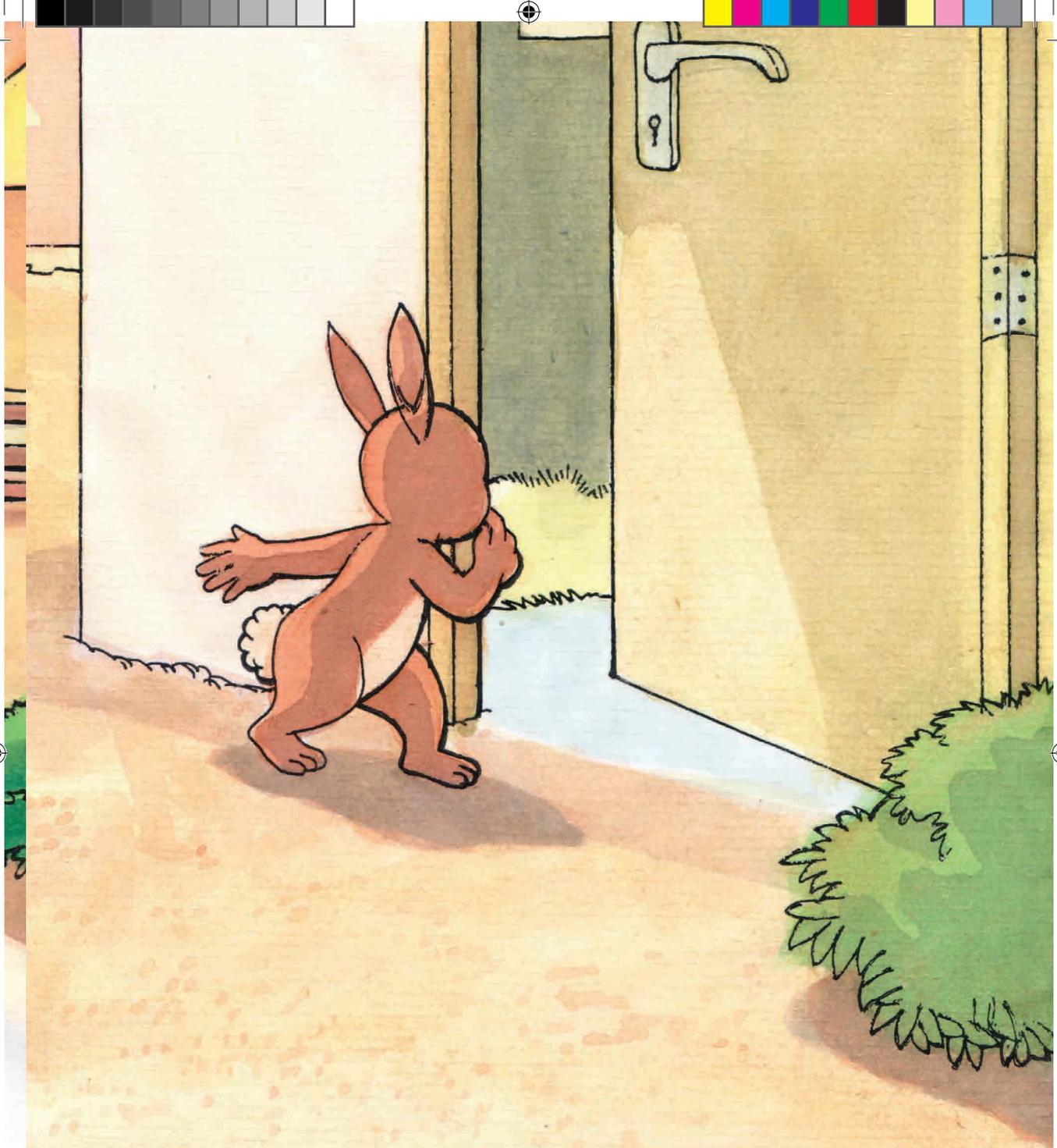


“Will I escape alive?” he wondered.

Clever Rabbit ran all night long.



When the sun came up, Clever Rabbit couldn't believe his eyes. He was back at the farmer's house!



The door to the hutch was open. He saw the farmer feeding the other rabbits.



Clever Rabbit snuck in behind the farmer.



He was starving. He ate until he was full again.
“I know better now. The outside world is sweet,
but it is also bitter,” he told himself.

From that day on, Clever Rabbit learned more and more about his world inside the farm.

He even gave advice to the other rabbits!

