



**The
Discontented
Rabbit**

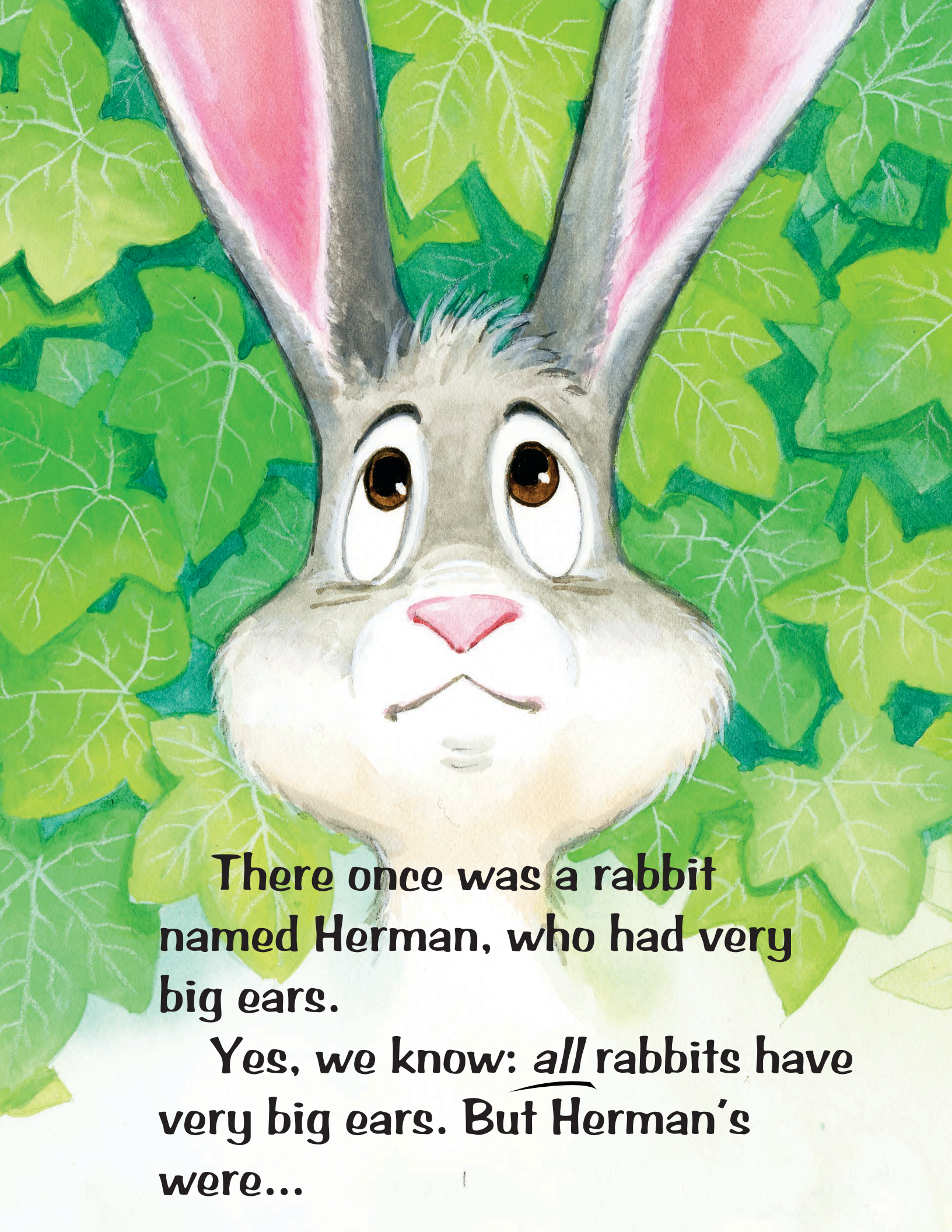
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There once was a rabbit named Herman, who had very big ears.

Yes, we know: all rabbits have very big ears. But Herman's were...

...EXCEPTIONALLY big!



And not only that, but they seemed to have a mind of their own:

Sometimes, and with no warning, they'd just stick straight up, so Herman couldn't get into his house!



**And other times they'd droop, and
get into his soup!**



**Or his brothers and sisters,
with time on their hands, would
sneak up on Herman, when he
was asleep...**



**...and tie his ears in
all sorts of knots!**



And when his Mother's backyard clothesline got full...

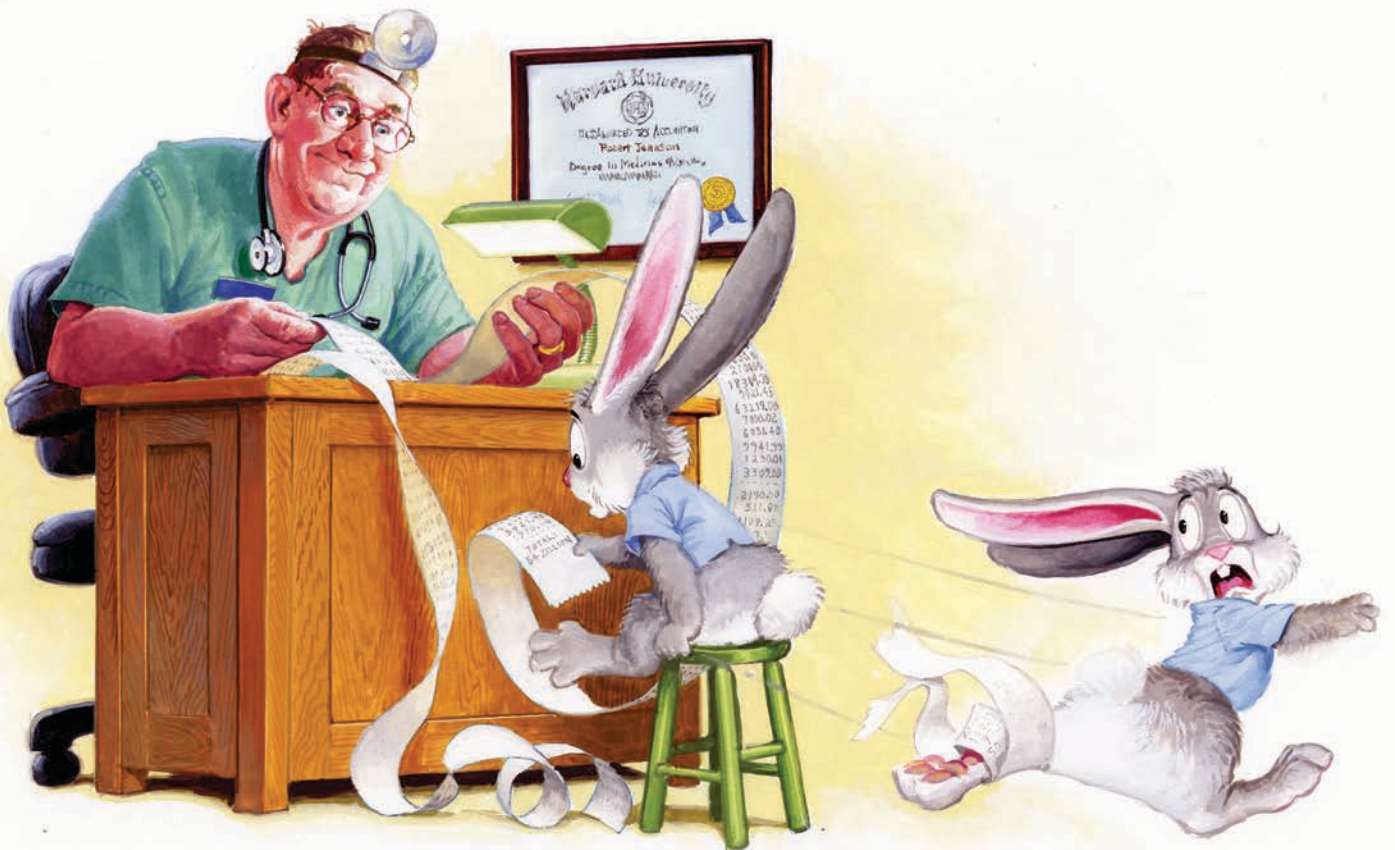


**Finally, Herman had had enough.
“I hate my ears!” he cried, and
vowed, right then and there, to do
something about them!**



His first stop was at a plastic surgeon's, to see if the nice man could make Herman's ears smaller.

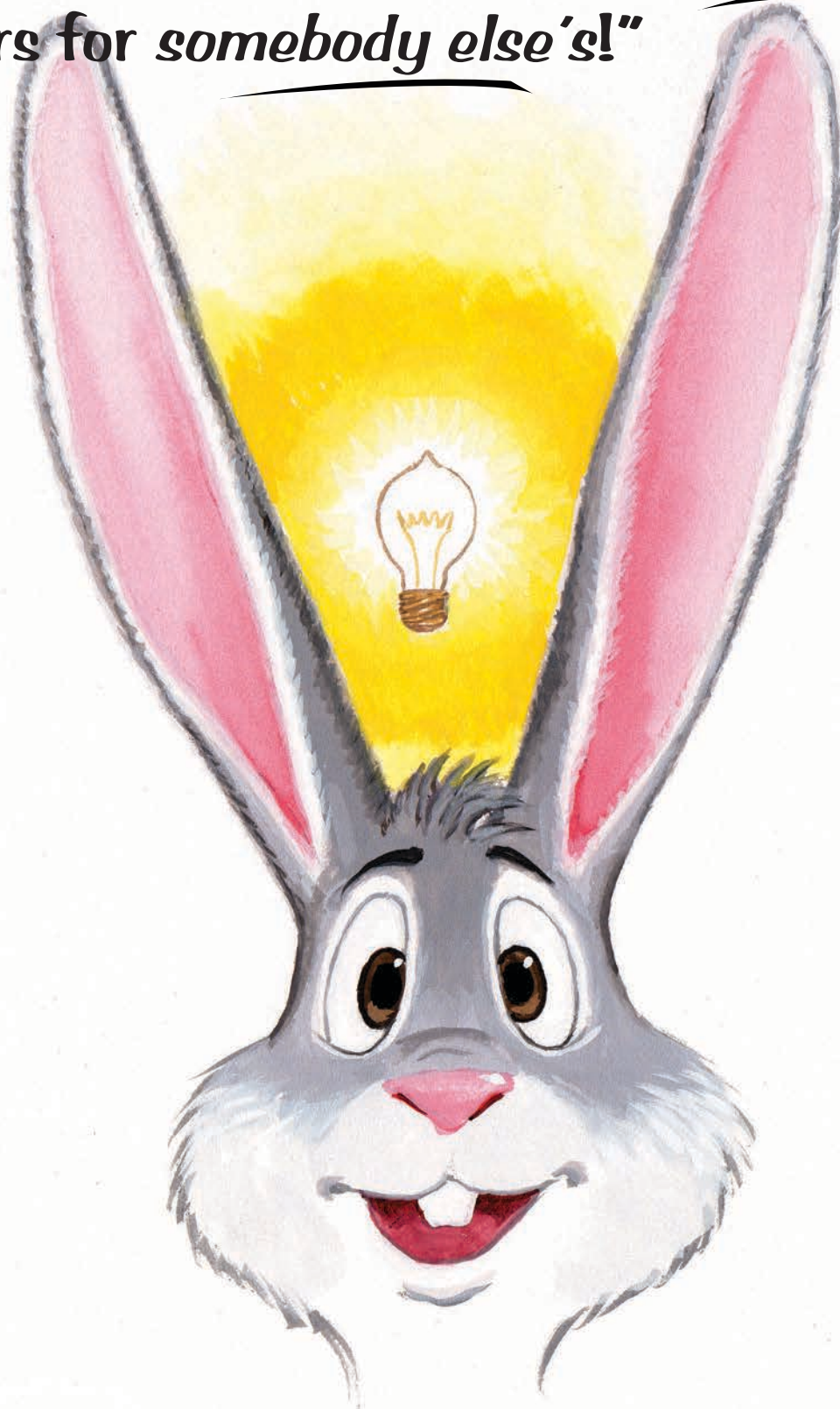
"Of course I can," the surgeon said, "and here's what it'll cost you."



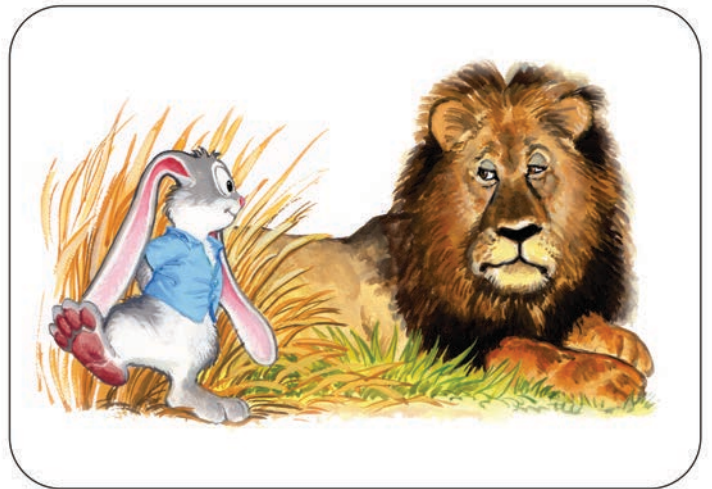
Herman couldn't remember the last time he'd moved that fast!

Then one day, when he was picking stickers out of his ears, Herman got the idea of a lifetime:

"I know," he said, "I'll just trade my ears for somebody else's!"



Which is exactly what Herman sets out to do -- leading to one of the most charming, insightful odysseys in the history of children's literature!



Other Books by David A. Rives

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Luck 'n Pluck Airlines

The background of the entire page is a watercolor illustration of various green leaves. The leaves are rendered in different shades of green, from light lime to deep forest green, with white veins visible. The style is soft and painterly, with some leaves overlapping others. The overall composition is dense and organic.

And there's a lot more of Herman to come:

- *Herman Goes to College*
- *Herman Starts a Family*
- *Herman Goes to Congress*

—and so much more!

So, “stay tuned!”