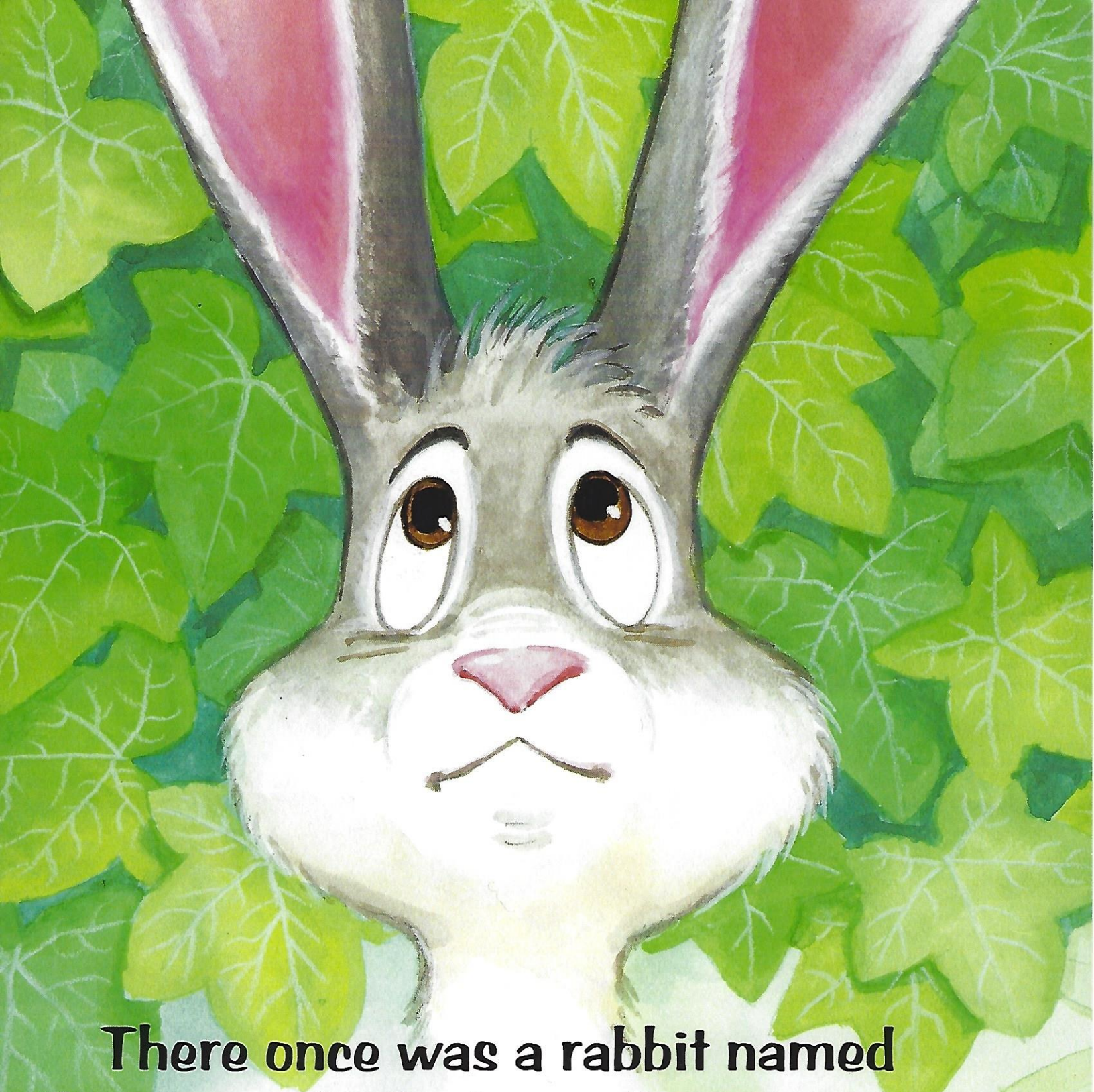


**The  
Discontented  
Rabbit**

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

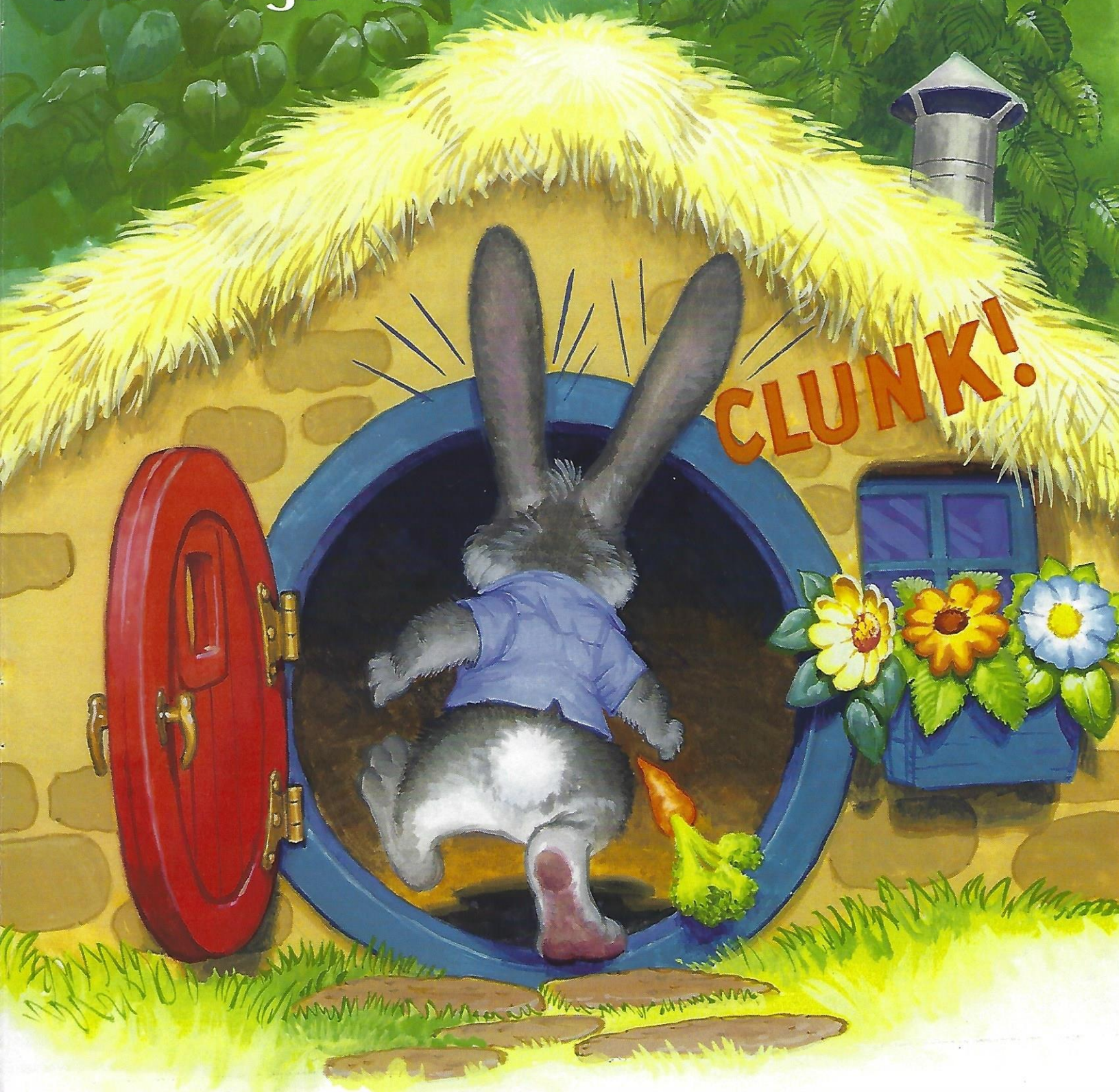
**Yes, we know: all rabbits have very big ears. But Herman's were...**

**...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...**



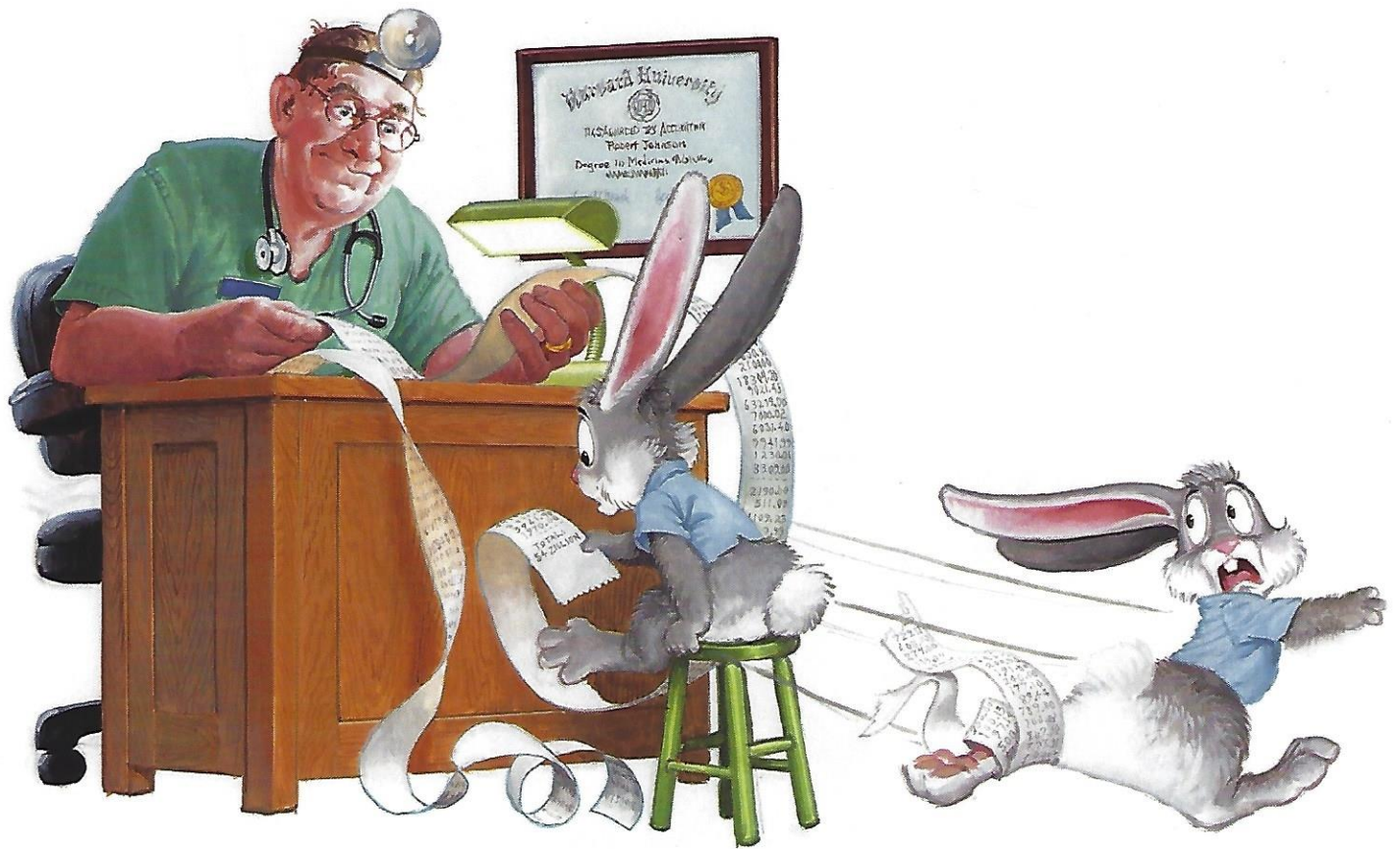


Finally, Herman had had enough.  
"I hate my ears!" he cried, and  
vowed, right then and there, to do  
something about them!



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

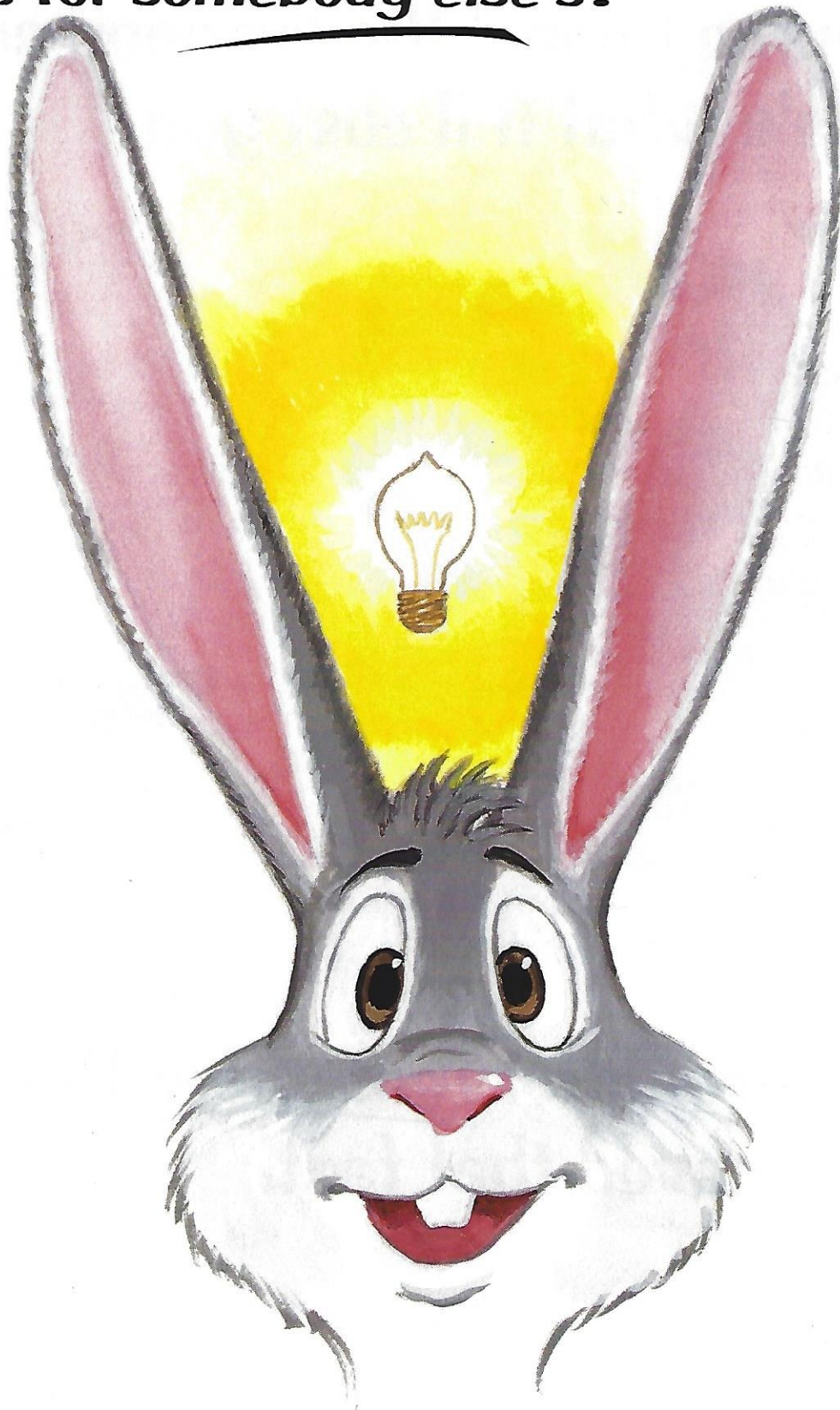
"Of course I can," the surgeon said. "And here's what it'll cost you."



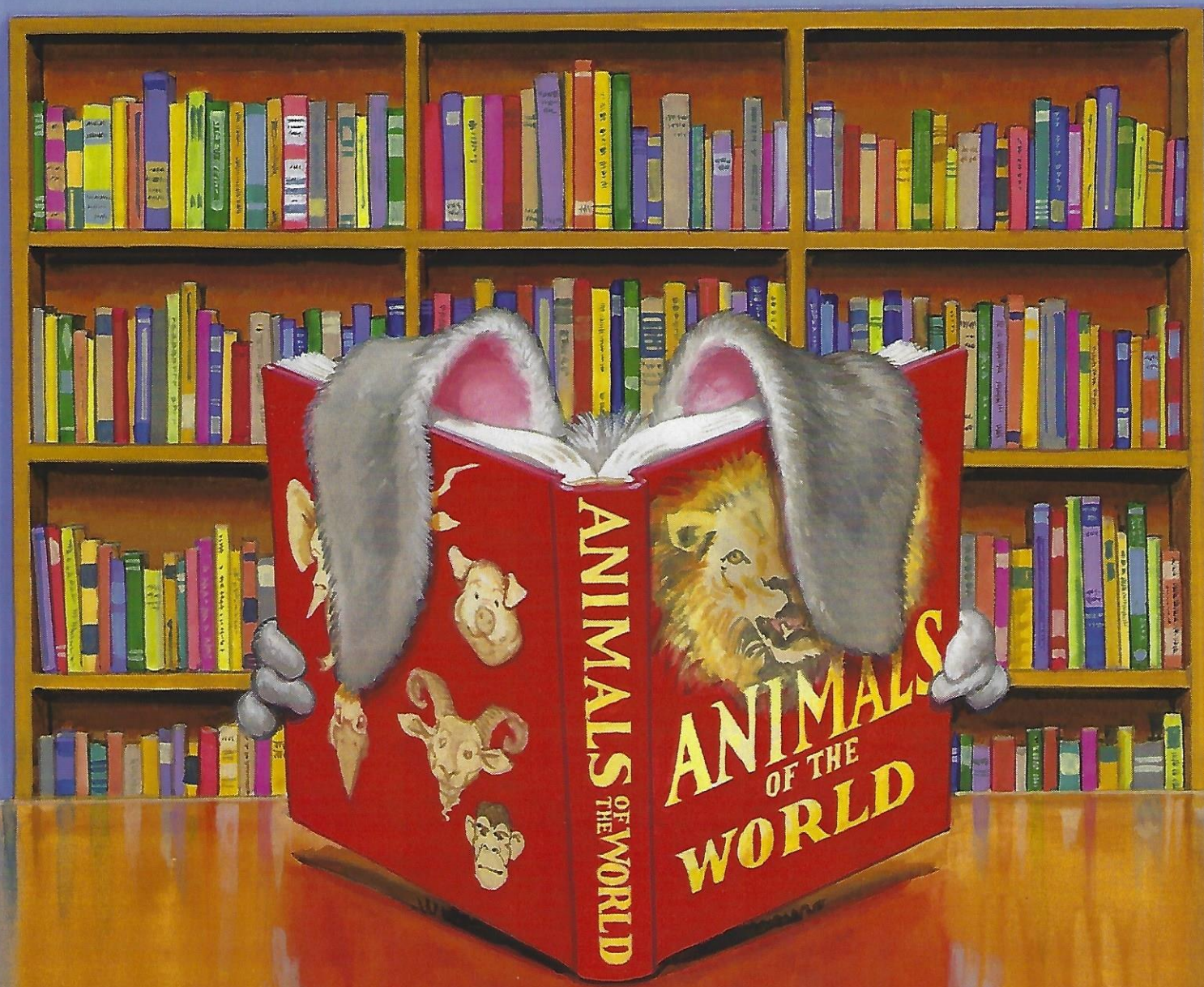
Herman couldn't remember the last time he'd moved that fast!

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!"



So, off to the library Herman went, to see whose ears he could possibly trade for.



**Well, it didn't take long for Herman to realize that the place with the most animals in the world had to be Africa, so that's where he knew he had to go.**



Which is exactly where Herman does go, leading to one of the most charming, suspense-filled odysseys in the history of children's literature!

