

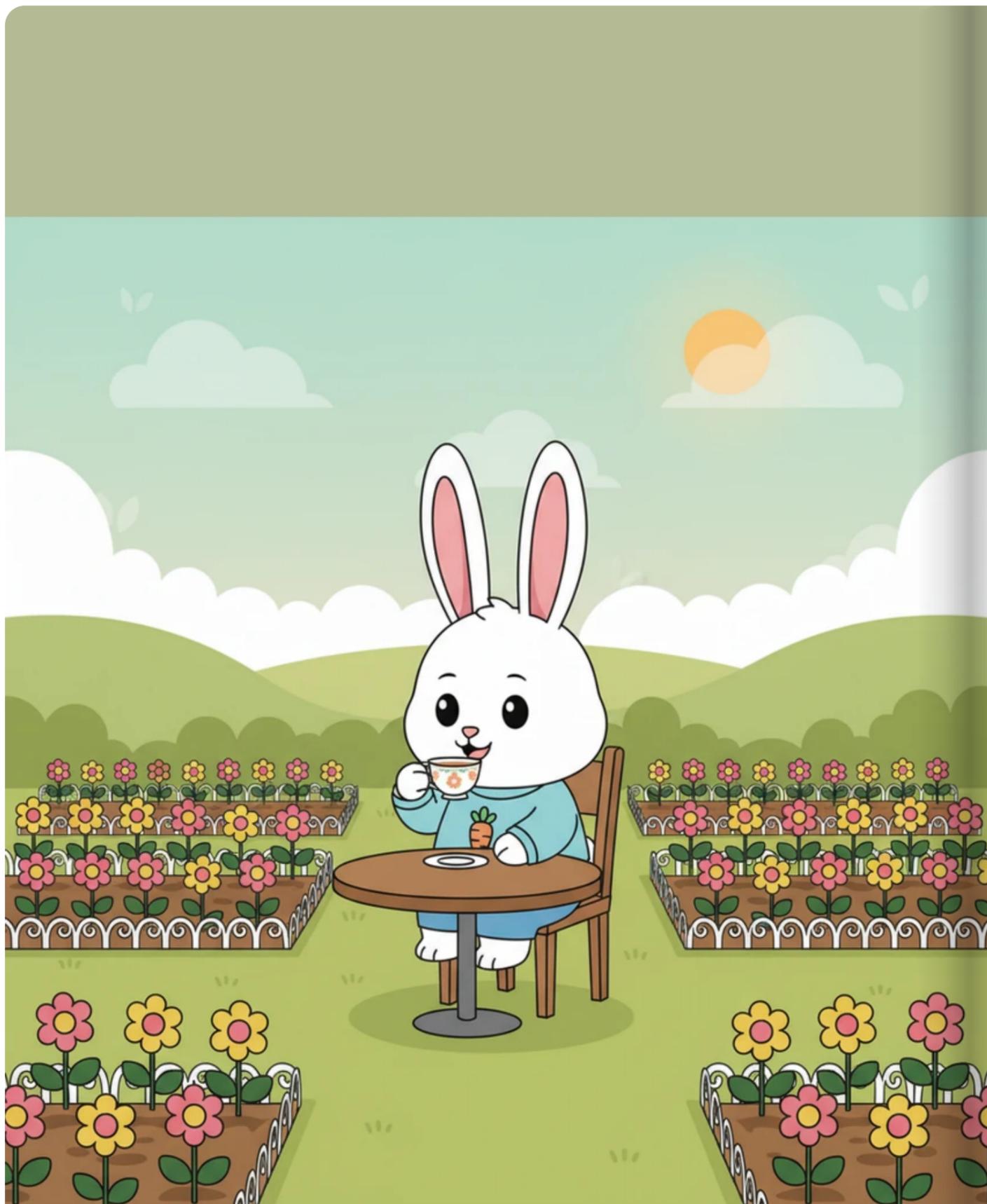
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A heartwarming tale of friendship and forgiveness



Lili the Bunny sat in her perfectly organized garden, sipping tea and admiring her rows of neat flowers. Everything was in its place, and the sun felt warm on her soft, white fur as she enjoyed the quiet afternoon.



Suddenly, Bruno the Wolf bounded over the fence with a wide, toothy grin and a wagging tail. He was new to the forest and so excited to see his friend that he didn't notice his big paws landing right in the middle of Lili's flowerbed.

## A GARDEN TALE



In his excitement, Bruno bumped the garden table, sending a glass of bright purple berry juice splashing across Lili's favorite hand-woven rug. The deep purple stain spread quickly, soaking into the beautiful white patterns Lili worked so hard to keep clean.



A DIFFICULT CONVERSATION

Lili felt a prickle of frustration behind her ears, but she closed her eyes and took a long, slow breath through her nose. She told herself it was just an accident, even though her heart was thumping a little faster than usual.



While Lili went to get a cloth, Bruno saw a basket of giant, crunchy carrots and decided to be helpful by "cleaning" them with his teeth. By the time Lili looked up, her prized, award-winning snacks were nothing but a pile of orange crumbs on the grass.



This time, Lili's ears turned bright red and her paws began to shake as a hot wave of anger bubbled up inside her chest. She felt like a tea kettle about to whistle, wanting to stomp her feet and yell at Bruno for being so careless.



Instead of shouting, Lili remembered to count to ten slowly, imagining her anger as a dark cloud floating away in the wind. She squeezed her eyes shut and waited for the hot feeling to cool down before she said a single word.

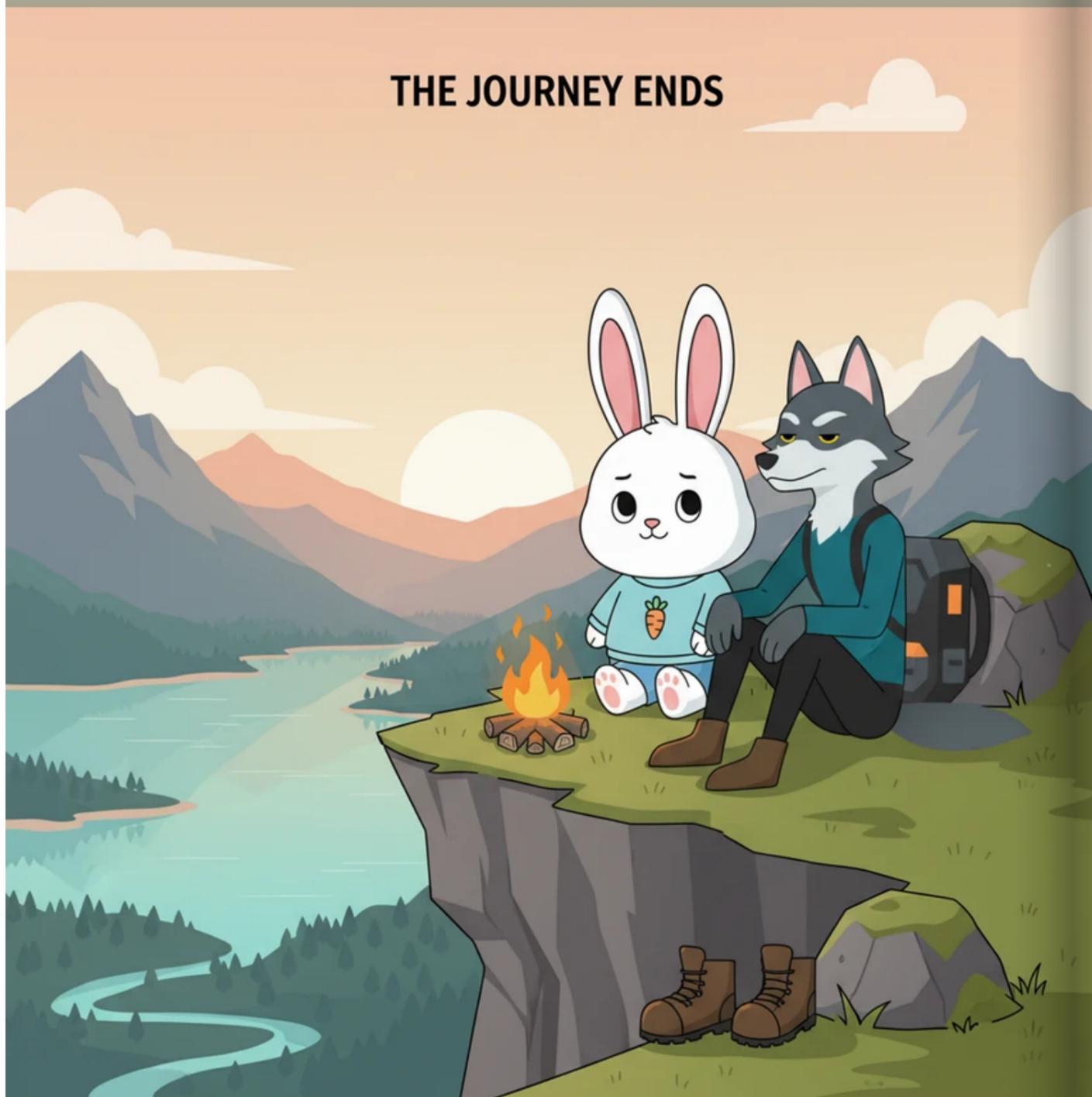


Bruno looked down at the empty basket and the stained rug, his ears drooping low with sadness as he realized he had made a mess of Lili's day. "I'm so sorry, Lili," he whimpered softly, "I just wanted to be a good guest, but I keep making mistakes."



Lili took another deep breath and reached out to pat Bruno's fuzzy shoulder, choosing kindness over her anger. Together, they spent the afternoon scrubbing the rug with soapy water and planting new carrot seeds in the warm, brown soil.

## THE JOURNEY ENDS



As the sun began to set, Lili and Bruno sat side-by-side on the porch, watching the garden together in peace. They learned that while rugs can be cleaned and carrots can regrow, a patient and forgiving friendship is the most precious thing of all.