Mother Rytasha's Animal Tails Rabbit and Raccoon





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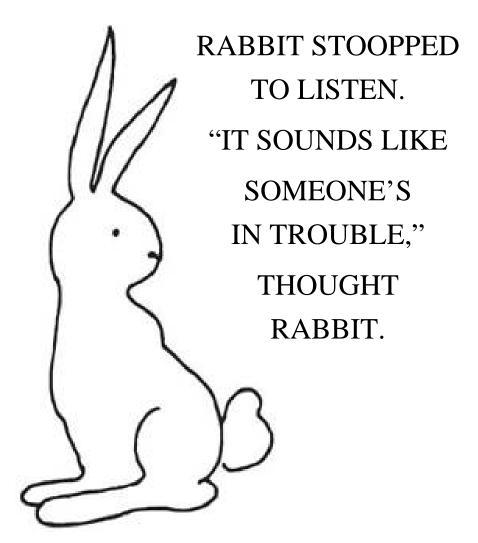




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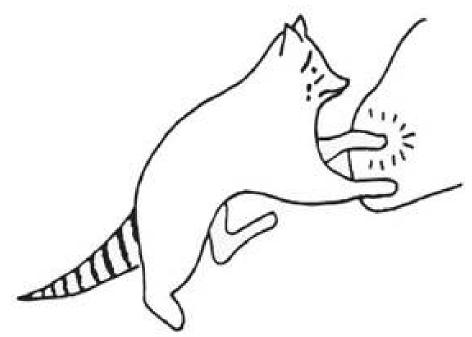
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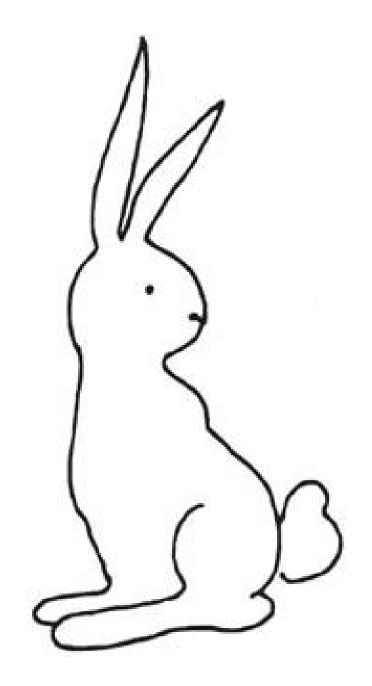


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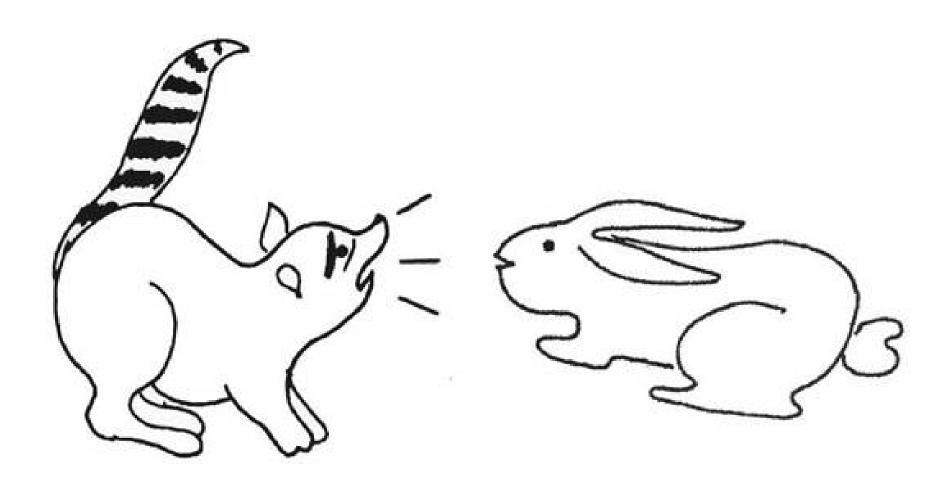




IT WAS RACCOON. HE HAD **HURT HIS PAW ON THE BIG ROCK. RACCOON WAS** CRYING, JUMPING UP AND DOWN, AND SHOUTING AT THE ROCK. "YOU SILLY ROCK," SHOUTED RACOON. "BAD, BAD, BAD, VERY BAD, **ROCK!" THEN RACCOON** KICKED THE ROCK AS HARD AS HE COULD. "***....!!!!!!OW!OW!OW!!!" CRIED RACCOON.



RABBIT LOOKED ON IN WONDER.



"WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT," SNARLED RACCOON AT RABBIT.

BEFORE RABBIT COULD ANSWER,
RACCOON STOPPED SHOUTING AT THE ROCK
AND BEGAN TO SHOUT AT RABBIT.
AND HIS WORDS WERE SO MEAN, SO HURTFUL,
THAT WITH ANYONE ELSE THERE WOULD
HAVE BEEN A FIGHT.

RABBIT WAS SPECIAL.

RABBIT DIDN'T FIGHT WITH RACCOON.

AND RABBIT DIDN'T THROW BACK

MEAN WORDS TO HURT RACCOON.

AND RABBIT DIDN'T RUN AWAY FROM RACCOON.

NO! RABBIT DIDN'T DO

ANY OF THESE THINGS.

WHAT RABBIT

DID DO

AND THIS

WAS SING.



IS WHAT

YES!

HE SANG.

SING!

"I AM RUBBER. YOU ARE GLUE. EVERYTHING YOU DO BOUNCES OFF ME AND STICKS TO YOU." RACCOON WAS SO SURPISED HE STOPPED SHOUTING. STOPPED JUMPING UP AND DOWN, AND LISTENED. "I AM RUBBER, YOU ARE GLUE," SANG OUT RABBIT, "EVERYTHING YOU DO BOUNCES OFF OF ME AND STICKS TO YOU."

"COULD THIS BE TRUE?" WONDERED RACCOON. "HMM, I'LL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THIS



SO RACCOON THOUGHT AND THOUGHT. HE TURNED THE SONG THIS WAY AND THAT WAY TRYING TO DISCOVER WHAT THE SONG MEANT, AND WHY RABBIT HAD SUNG IT TO HIM. NO, NOT TO HIM. FOR HIM. OF THAT RACCOON WAS CERTAIN. FINALLY HE TURNED THE SONG ON HIMSELF. "IF?"...HE

WHY EVEN THE BIG ROCK WAS TEACHING
THE VERY SAME LESSON. THINGS WERE
BECOMING CLEARER AND CLEARER TO
RACCOON. "SO," REASONED RACCOON, "IF
I DO BAD, THE BAD WILL COME BACK TO ME.
AND IF I DO GOOD, THEN GOOD

WILL COME BACK TO ME. YES!--- BUT WAIT,"
THOUGHT RACCOON, "JUST BECAUSE
SOMEBODY SAYS SOMETHING, DOESN'T
ALWAYS MEAN IT'S TRUE. I'LL HAVE TO TEST IT
OUT FOR MYSELF." AND THAT IS JUST WHAT
RACCOON DID.

FIRST RACCOON USED HIS MIND TO CHOOSE ONLY GOOD THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

OF COURSE THEY HAD TO BE TRUE.

AND IF A BAD THOUGHT CAME UP RACCOON WOULD TAKE A BIG BREATH AND JUST BLOW IT AWAY.

AND WHEN

RACCOON SPOKE, HE CHOSE TO SPEAK ONLY GOOD AND TRUE THINGS. AND FINALLY RACCOON DID ONLY GOOD DEEDS. AS BEST HE COULD, RACCOON THOUGHT, SPOKE, AND DID, THE GOOD. IT WASN'T EASY. BUT RACCOON TRIED AND TRIED. BEING ANGRY, BLAMING, AND HURTING OTHERS WAS A HABIT OF HIS, AND HABITS ARE HARD TO BREAK. AFTER ABOUT 21 DAYS,

SOMETHING

RACCOON WAS HAPPY!

WONDERFUL

HAPPIER THEN HE HAD

EVER BEEN. RACCOON

WAS SO HAPPY HE EVEN

STOPPED LOOKING TO

SEE IF ANYTHING GOOD

WAS COMING BACK TO

HIM.

HAPPENED

TO RACCOON.



"THINKING THE GOOD, SPEAKING THE GOOD AND DOING THE GOOD, MAKES ME FEEL GOOD! MAKES ME HAPPY! AND HAPPY," SAID RACCOON, "IS ALL I EVER REALLY WANTED TO BE!"

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