

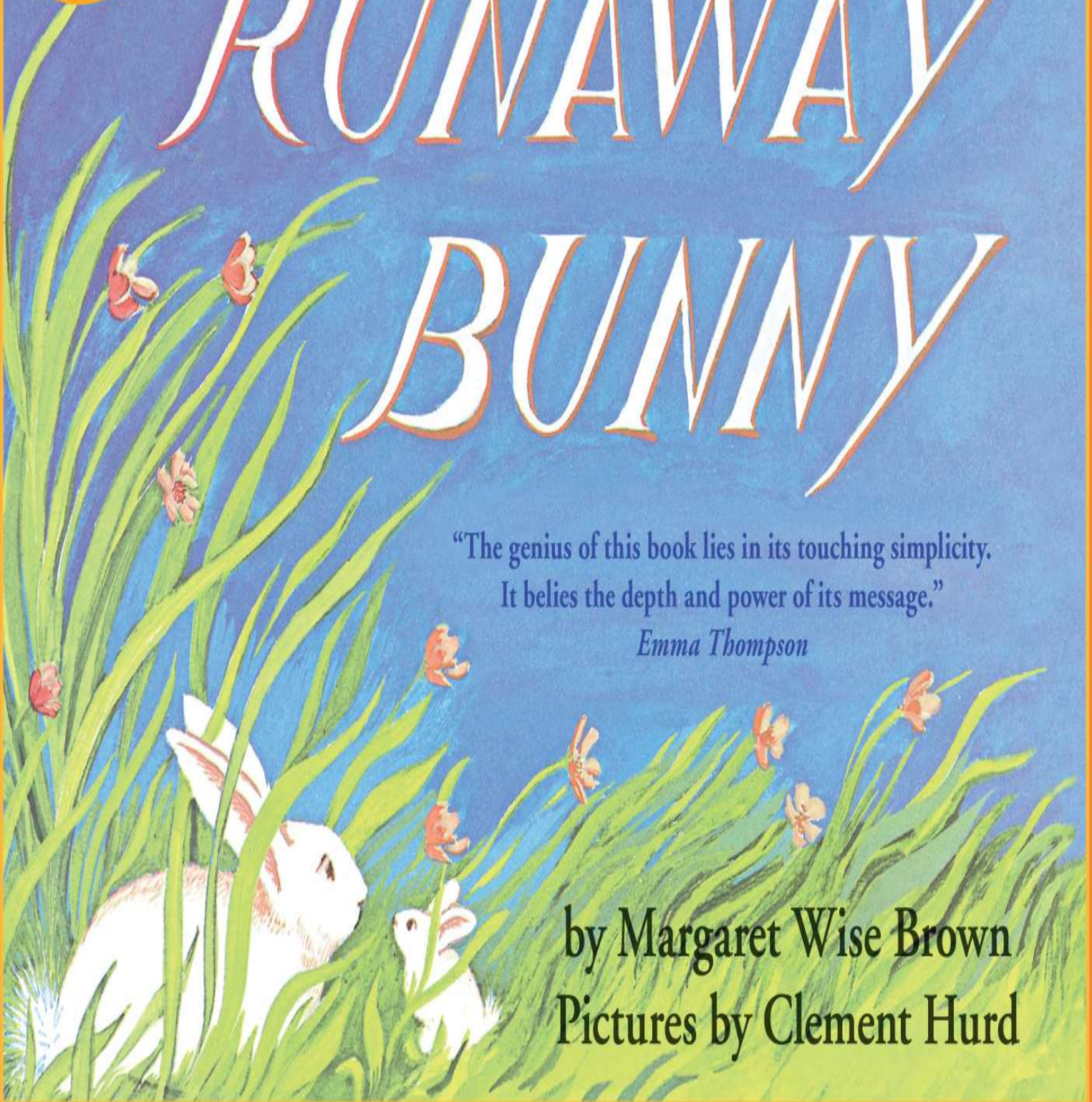
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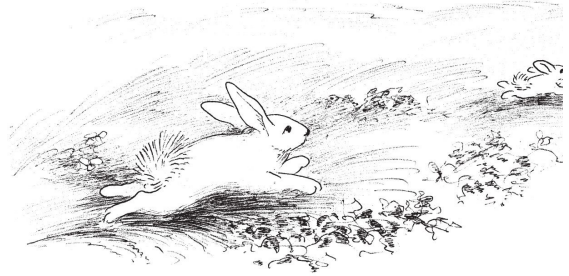
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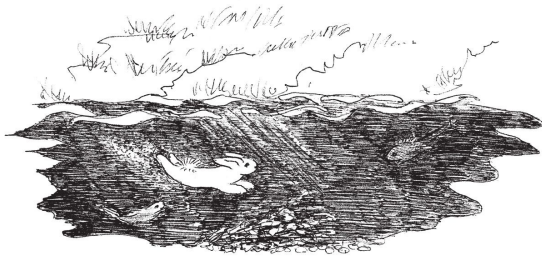
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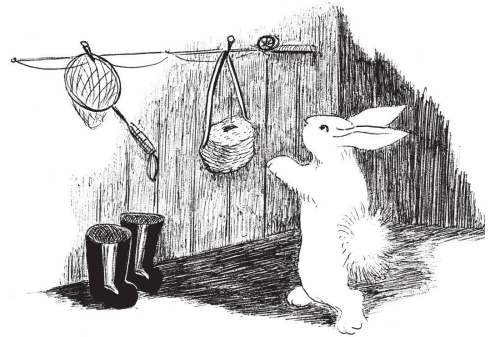
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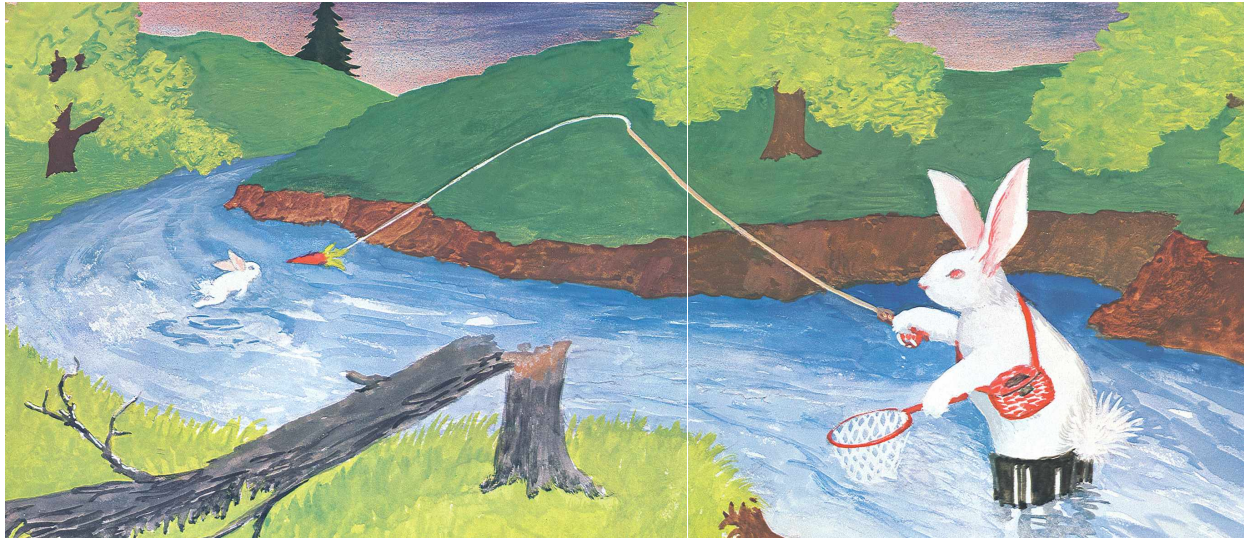
Once there was a little bunny who wanted to run away
So he said to his mother, "I am running away."
"If you run away," said his mother, "I will run after you."
For you are my little bunny."

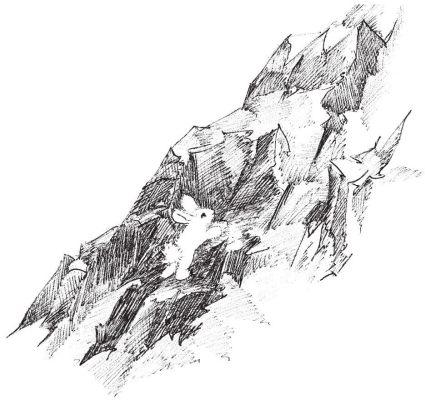


“If you run after me,” said the little bunny,
“I will become a fish in a trout stream
and I will swim away from you.”

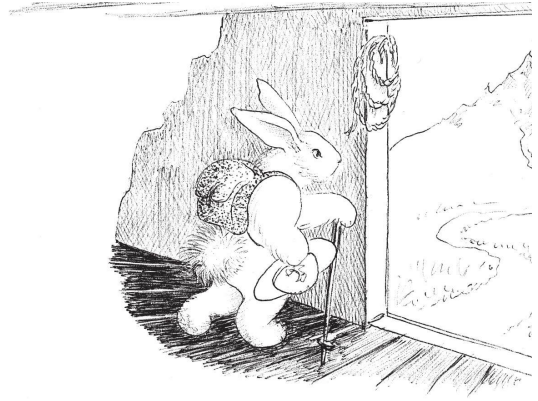


“If you become a fish in a trout stream,” said his mother,
“I will become a fisherman and I will fish for you.”





“If you become a fisherman,” said the little bunny,
“I will become a rock on the mountain, high above you.”



“If you become a rock on the mountain high above n
said his mother, “I will be a mountain climber,
and I will climb to where you are.”





“If you become a mountain climber,”
said the little bunny,
“I will be a crocus in a hidden garden.”



“If you become a crocus in a hidden garden,”
said his mother, “I will be a gardener. And I will find

