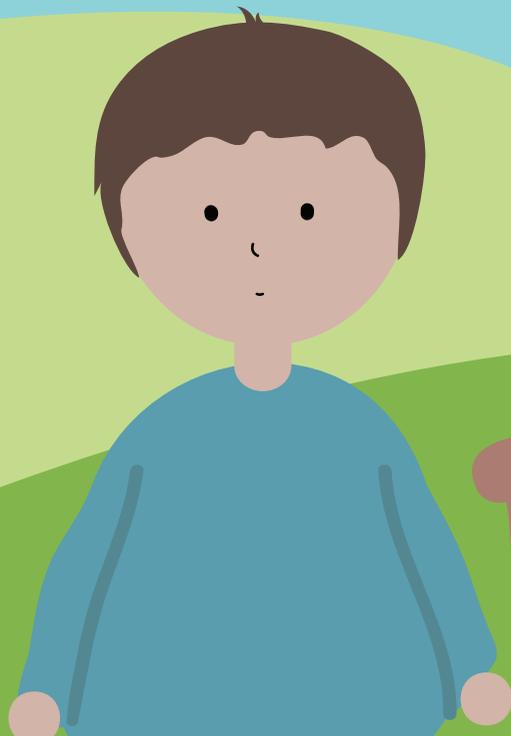


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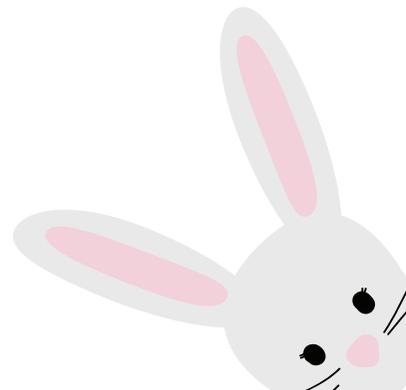
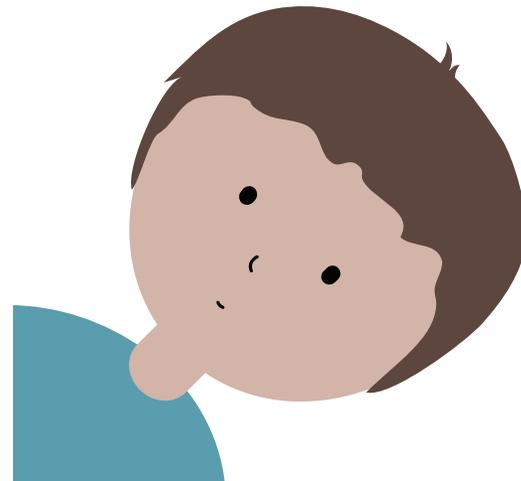


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"Snowy is crying, mum,"
said Sam.

"Stop pulling his ears. At
once! Leave him alone."

'Bang' went a loud noise
outside the fence.

BANG



The white rabbit sprang into the
air, and disappeared under the low
deck.

Sam bounded after him.

"Mum, it's dark. I can't see him."

"Come out. Right now!"

"I can't."

"Crawl backwards."

"I can't...mum...help me..."



She was expecting a brother or sister for Sam, and couldn't bend down that far.

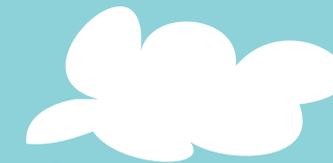
There was no one in the house. The neighbours were at work. Her hand shook as she dialled emergency.

"Fire, ambulance or police?" asked the operator.

"Fire," she blurted out.

"What's wrong, lady?"

"My little son. He's stuck under the deck. I'm heavily pregnant. I can't bend."



"Okay. Don't panic. Stay calm. The fire engine's coming. Talk to him. Tell him we'll get him out."

It came thundering with lights flashing and siren wailing.

Slim, the young fireman, went down on his stomach, and flashed his powerful torch inside.



"Hello son" he said, "What's your name?"

"Sam. I want my mummy. I'm scared."

Slim reached out for his legs, tried to pull him out, but couldn't.

He asked Sam's mother whether they could rip out some of the planks.

"Yes. Yes. Just do it. I'm feeling faint."



They lowered her into a chair, got a big wrench, and pulled out a few planks. Then they gently lifted the screaming Sam, and put him on his mother's lap.

Mother and son clung to each other, tears flowing down their cheeks.

"That's a lesson for you, son, not to get into tight places. Bye for now."

Sam watched in awe as the shining, red fire-truck rumbled out of sight.





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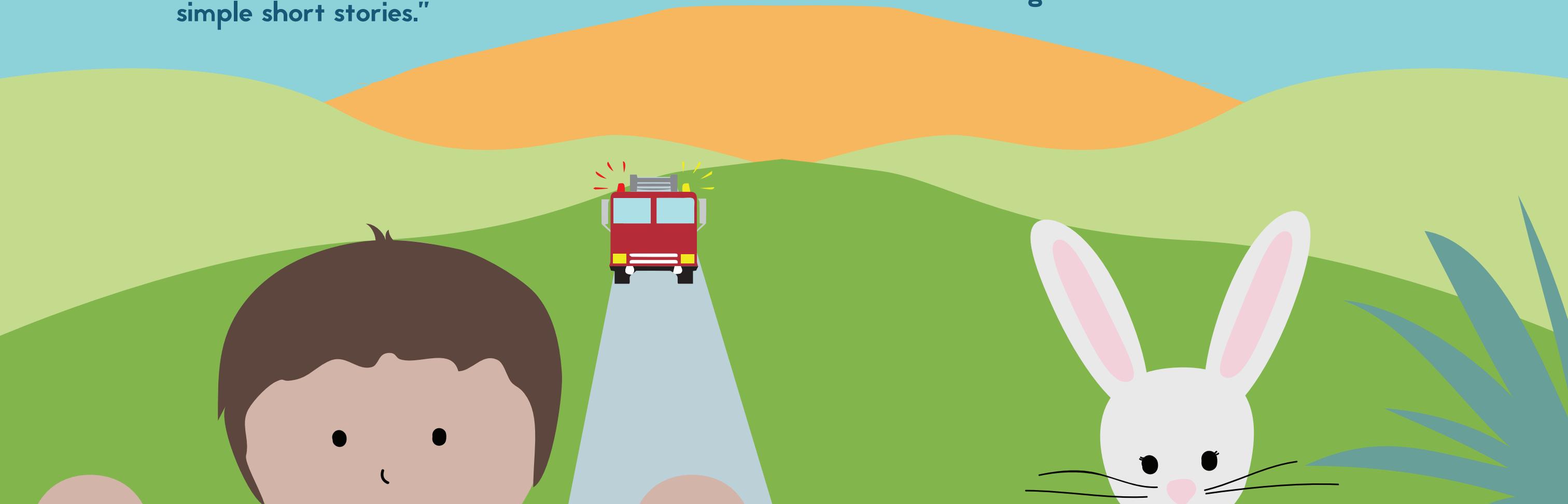
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