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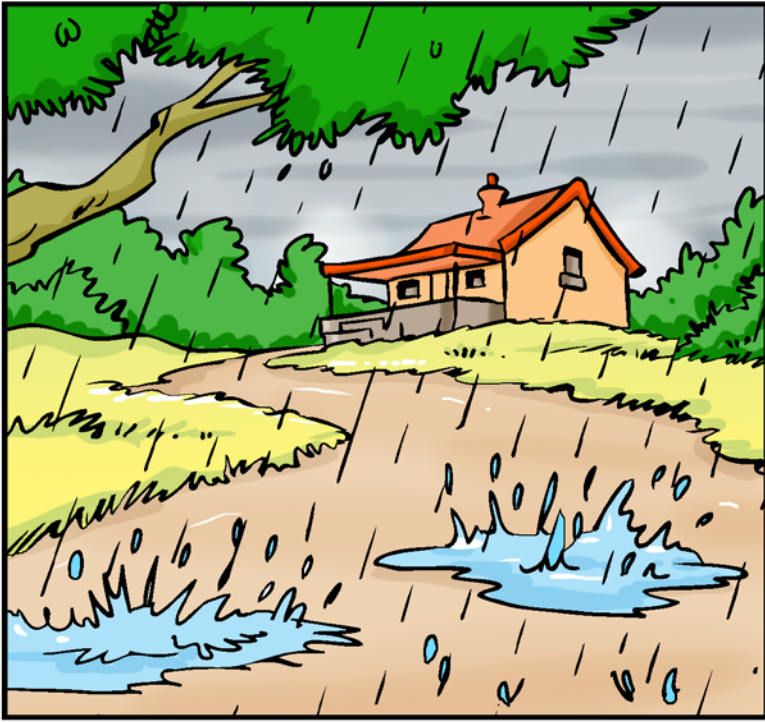
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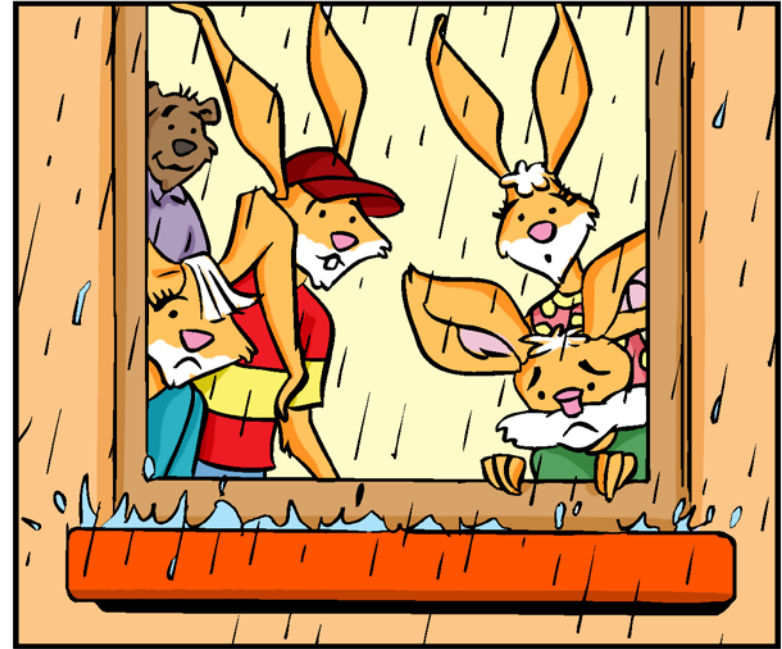
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The Hoppers had one week left before school began. They were supposed to go camping with Grandpa Grizzly. But it rained and rained.

“Come on, Hoppers. We’ll go camping, rain or shine,” said Grandpa Grizzly.



“Won’t the tent get wet?” asked Floppy Ears.

“We won’t be able to build a campfire,” said Speedy Legs.

“Our hot dogs and marshmallows will get soggy,” said Fluffy Tail.

“Camping isn’t any fun in the rain,” sniffed Snubby Nose.

“But fish always bite when it rains,”
said Grandpa Grizzly. He pulled
out four new fishing poles for the
Hoppers.

“We’ll go fishing!” cried the Hoppers.
“Thank you, Grandpa Grizzly.”

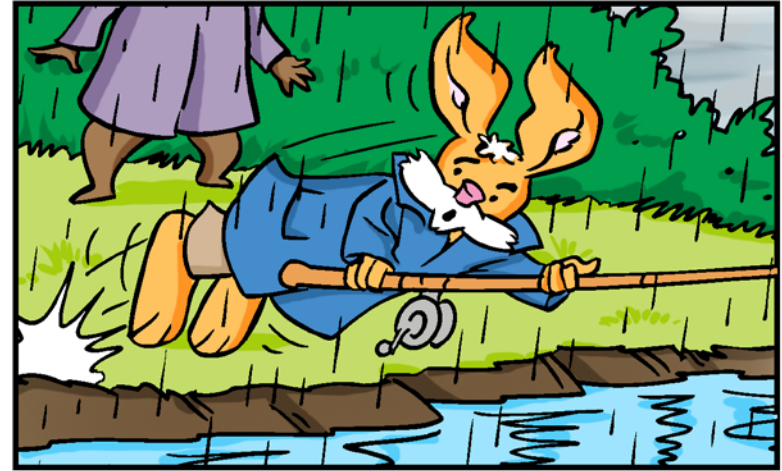
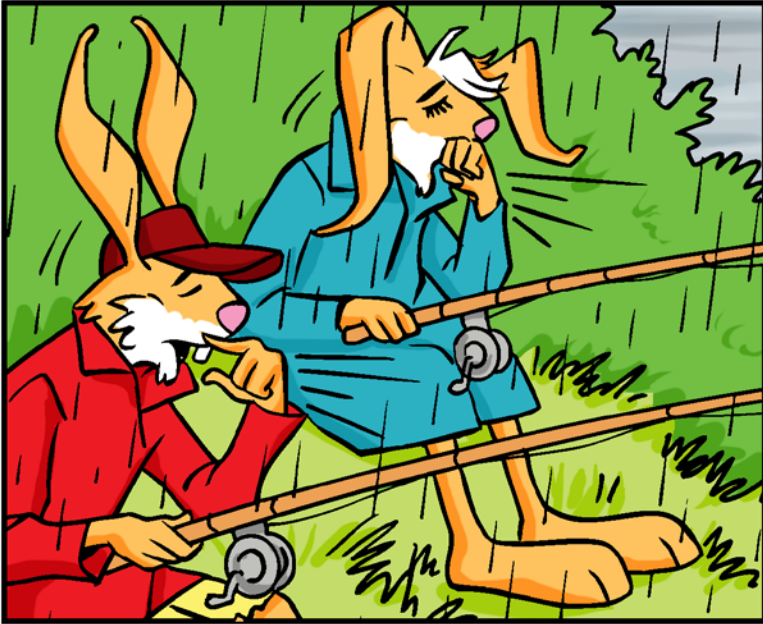


The four Hoppers carried their poles
into the woods. Grandpa Grizzly set
up his big tent. Inside, it was dry
and comfortable. But the Hoppers
didn’t mind the rain. They sat on
the banks of the river and fished.

Grandpa Grizzly said, “You must be very quiet so you don’t scare the fish.”

Just then, Speedy Legs began to sneeze. He sneezed so loudly that not a fish would bite.

Then Floppy Ears began to cough. She coughed so much that the fish all swam away.



“I think we have been in the rain too long,” said Grandpa Grizzly. “We should go in the tent before you all catch colds.”

“But I want to fish some more,” said Snubby Nose.

“You can cast one more time,” said Grandpa Grizzly.

Snubby Nose cast as far as he could. But he cast so hard that he fell right into the water!

“Help me!” cried Snubby Nose.
“I can’t swim!”

Grandpa Grizzly jumped into the river and pulled Snubby Nose up. Then he carried Snubby Nose to shore and wrapped a towel around him.



“Oh no, my fishing pole is still in the water!” cried Snubby Nose.

Grandpa Grizzly leapt bravely back into the chilly river. He found Snubby Nose’s pole on the muddy bottom. Then he handed it to Snubby Nose before getting out of the water.

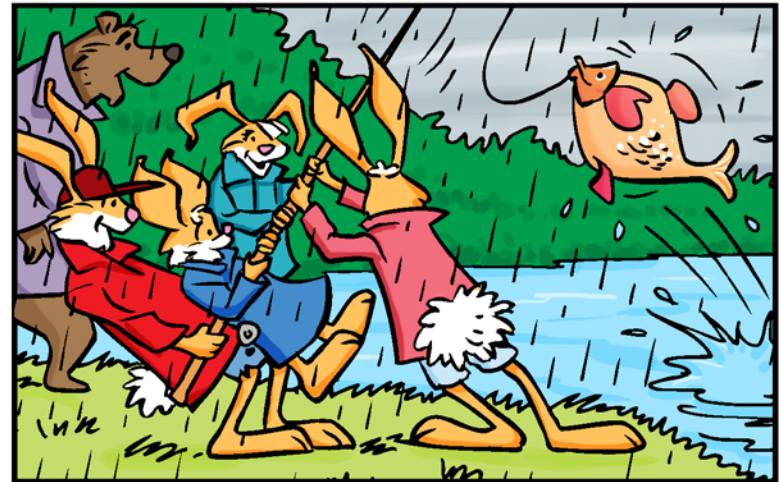
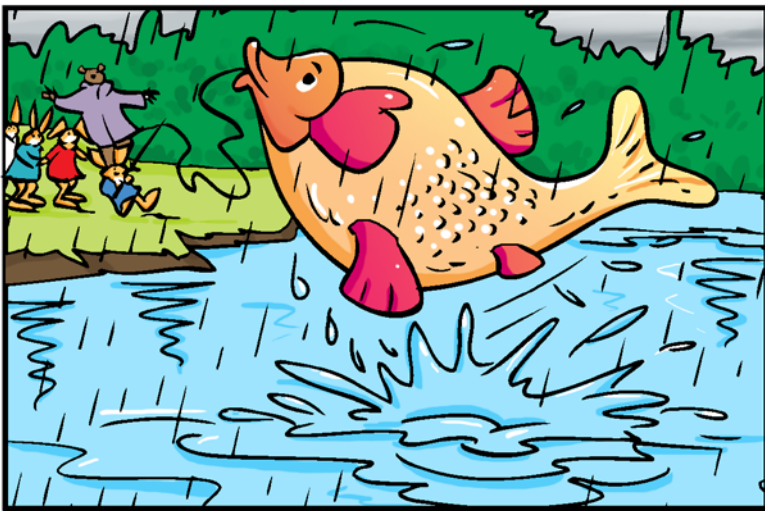
“My hook is caught on something,”
said Snubby Nose.

“Something is pulling on the line,”
said Speedy Legs.

“It’s wriggling around,” said Fluffy
Tail.

“It’s bending your pole!” said Floppy
Ears.

“You’ve caught a fish, Snubby Nose!”
said Grandpa Grizzly. “Reel it in.”



Snubby Nose pulled on the pole and
reeled the line in. The fish was so
strong, all the Hoppers had to help
him pull. Finally, they caught the
biggest fish they had ever seen.

“Let’s go into our tent and have a fish
dinner,” said Grandpa Grizzly. All
the Hoppers went into the tent, dried
off, and ate a fresh fish dinner. They
went camping and fished for five
days. And Grandpa Grizzly was the
only one who caught a cold.