

Educational Tales for Children
From 8 to 10 years

Majed the Magician



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Preface

These entertaining and educational tales are meant to meet the reading needs of 8 to 10 years old children. They also provide easy and enjoyable reading for children slightly order.

This series seeks to achieve the following objectives:

1. Suitability of the story subject to the addressed age group.
2. Choice of words that are within the range of this age-group's vocabulary.
3. Necessity of having a lively story language: a simulation of the child's world, thinking, and psychological life.
4. Language expressed easily and simply, with no complicated expressions or difficult structures.

To achieve these objectives, we made it a point to:

1. Enrich the story with bright and expressive visuals that fuel the child's imagination and speak to his senses and sentiments.
2. Match the visual with the reading text to help child understand the situation and relate to similar situations.
3. Use large, readable characters.

We have all through aimed at creating an exciting atmosphere in which the child recognizes the language, uses the story, and identifies him/herself with the main characters. In this sense, the child's sense of creation will develop, and his/her skills and abilities will grow in a balanced world that combines interest with fun.

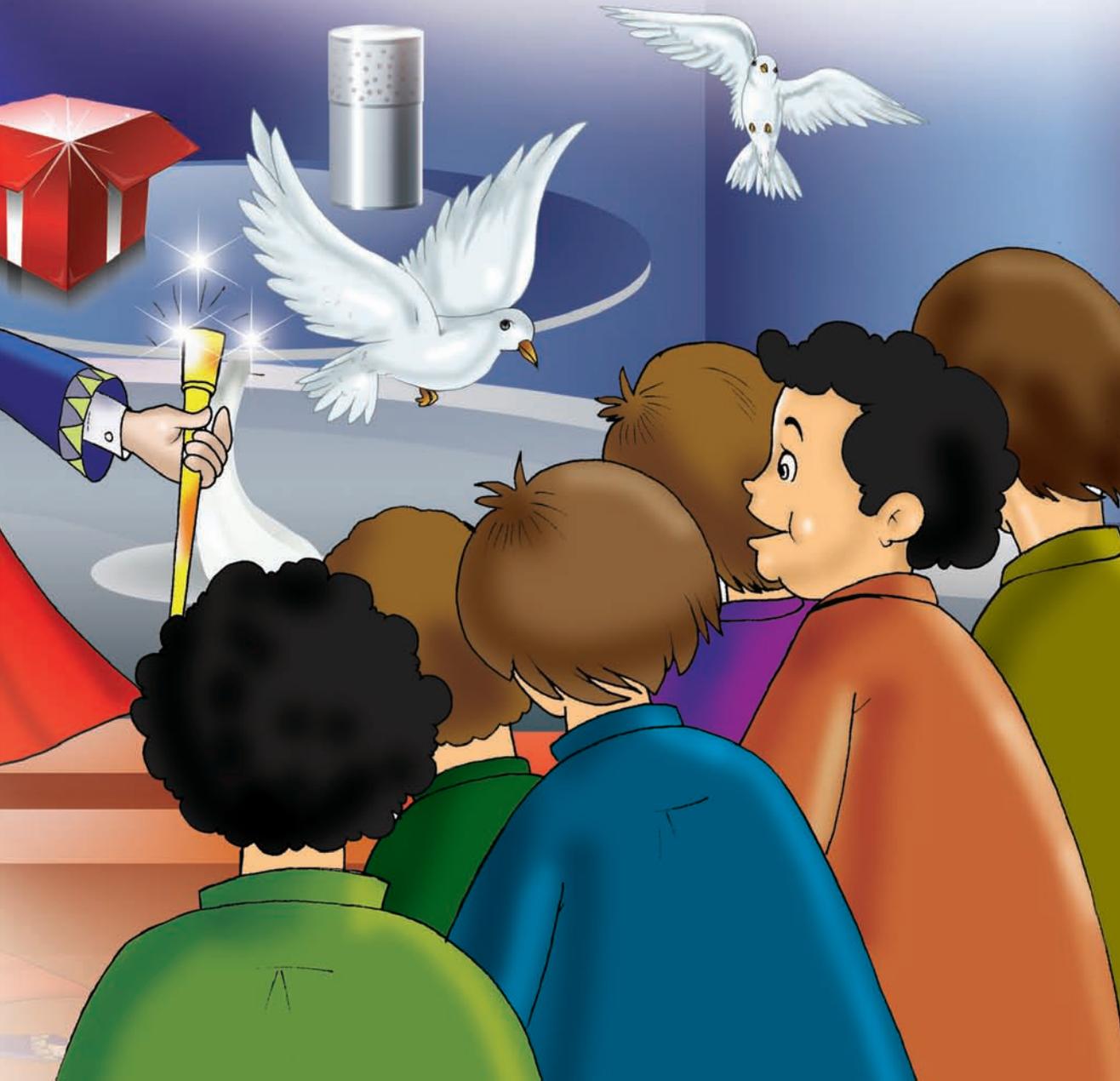
The child may need some help at the beginning but later he/she should be left on his/her own for independent reading, starting from the second half of the eighth year.



Majed was a clever magician. The boys loved his entertaining movements and strange tricks. He removed pigeons that flew from his

empty sleeve and yellow and red balls from his mouth.

Surprised, the boys clapped their hands and laughed. Then, Majed bowed and expressed his thanks.



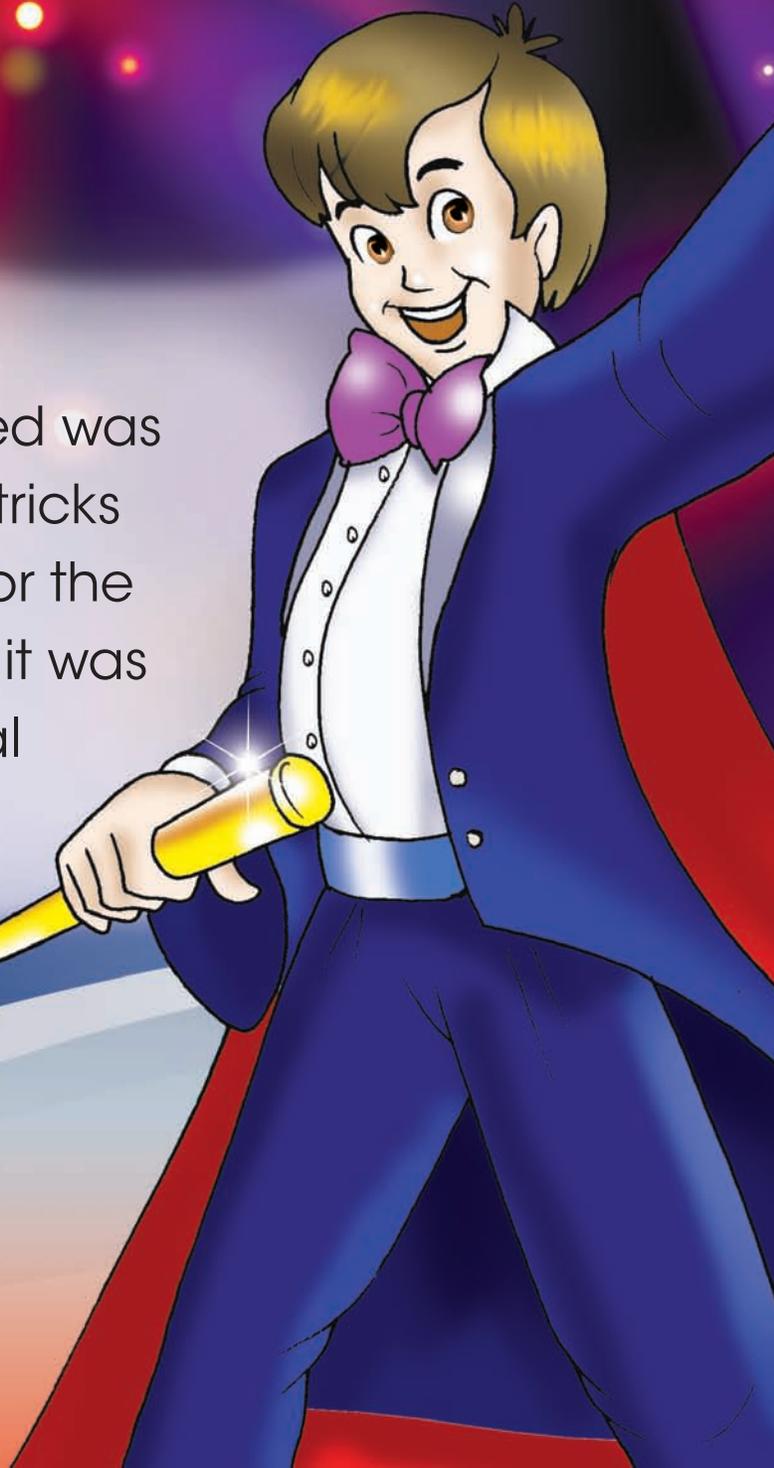
Majed's favorite trick was to remove a white rabbit from his black hat. The rabbit was called "Ruby", and it had shiny eyes.

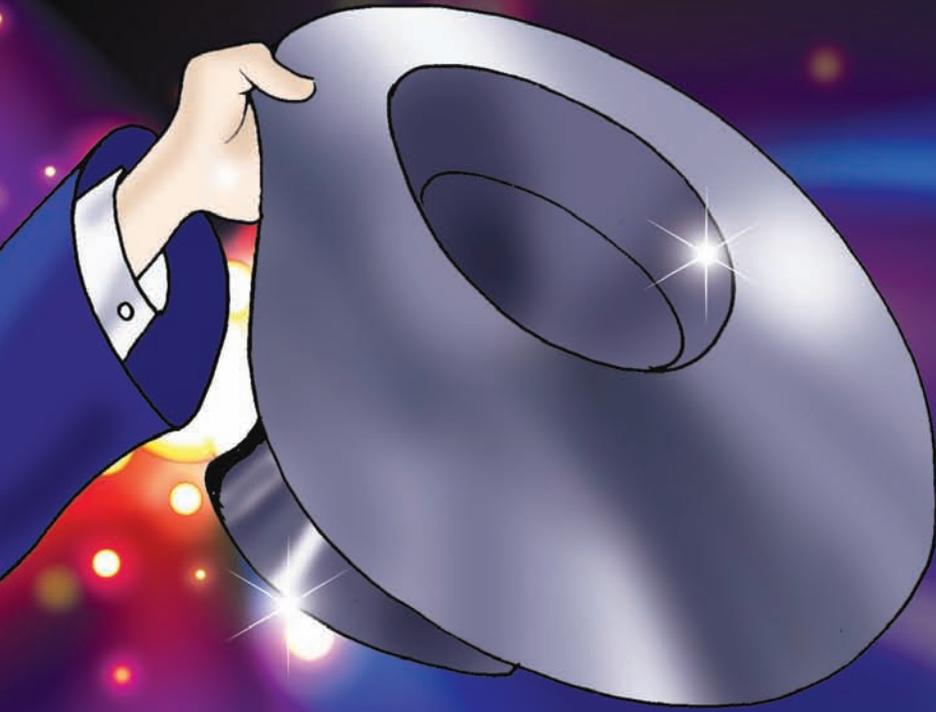


Suddenly, the very beautiful rabbit appeared in the hat. It moved its nose, so the boys laughed and shouted "Ruby...Ruby!"



One day, Majed was performing his tricks in a big party for the children. When it was time for the final act,





he lifted his hat and showed the boys that it was empty. Then, he put his hand in the hat to remove Ruby. But Ruby did not appear, and the hat remained empty.

Majed did not believe what had happened. He shook the hat and began to look here and there. He could not find any sign of Ruby.



He lifted his hat, and then he bowed, hiding his annoyance. He greeted the children, and they returned home.



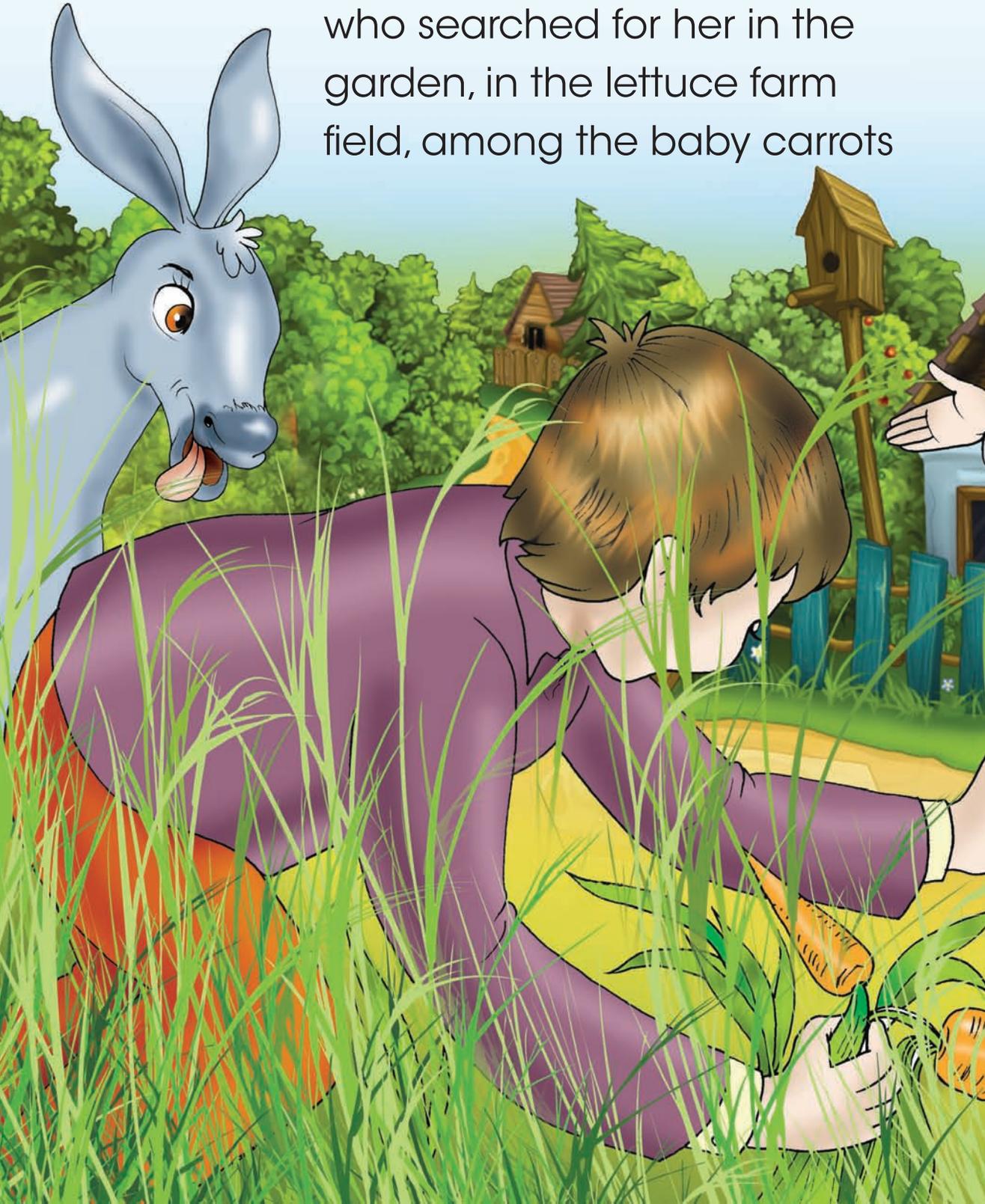
The days passed, but no one knew where Ruby was. Majed was very sad. He asked his neighbor Salma about her. She did not find her among her ten rabbits.



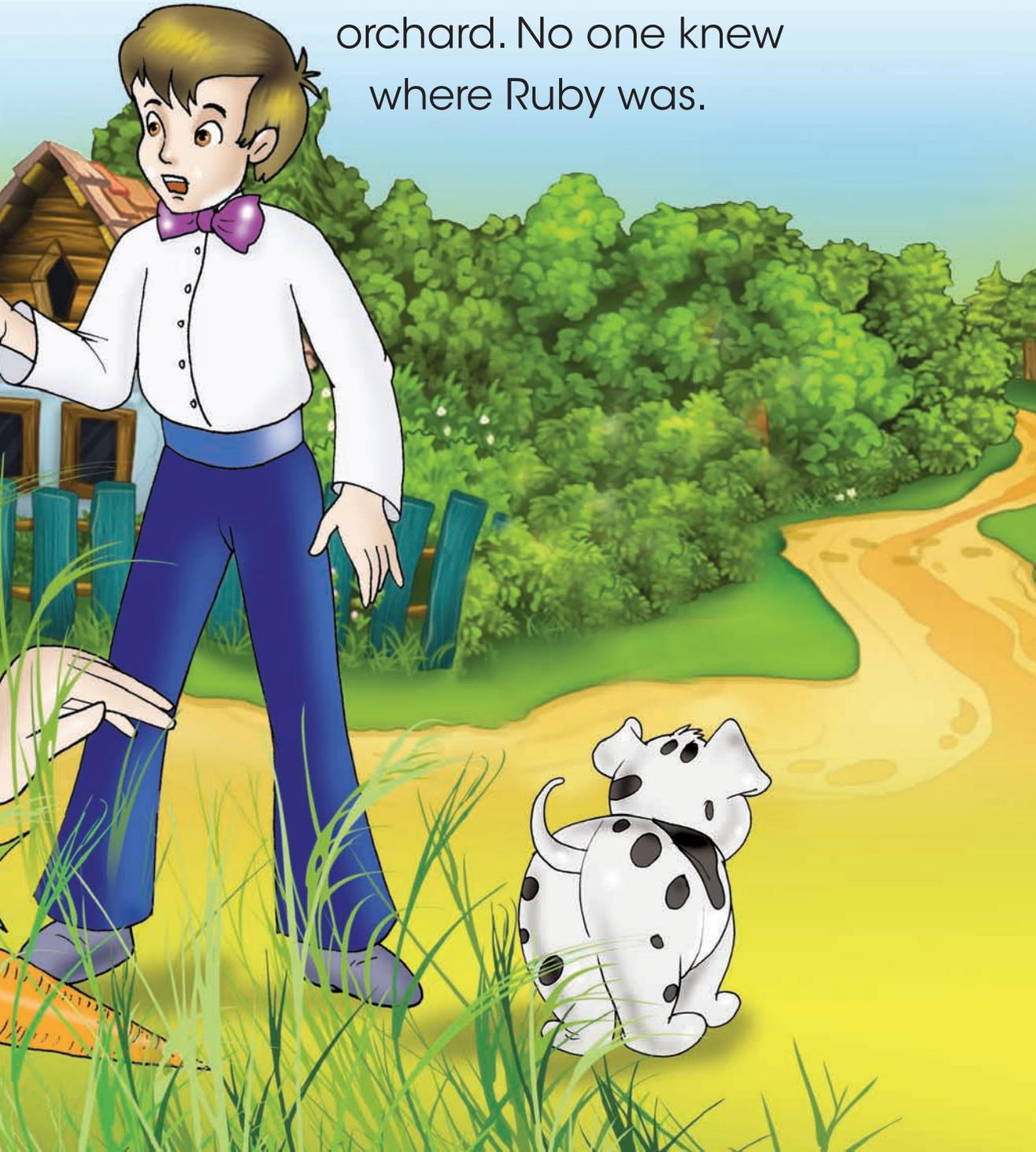
Of course, she was not in the chicken coop, nor in the cow shed. The duck Lucy said, "I have not seen her for a long time."



Majed asked his neighbor Saleh, who searched for her in the garden, in the lettuce farm field, among the baby carrots



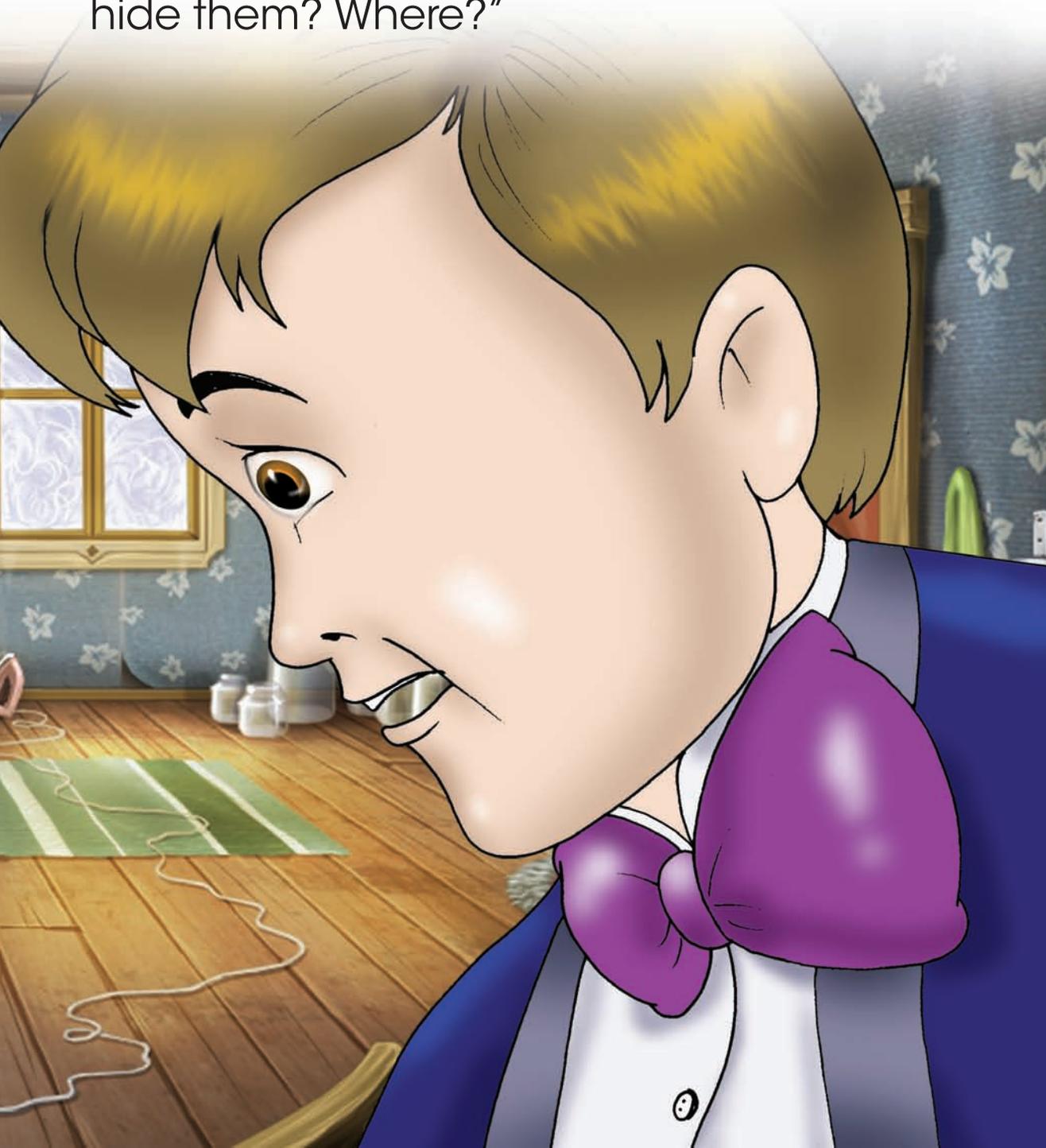
and the heads of cabbages. His donkey did not see Ruby, and his dog Rex searched for her in the apple orchard. No one knew where Ruby was.



What could Majed do? He was sad and worried; the next day, he must perform magic tricks at a child's birthday party.



Majed thought about it and decided to use colorful handkerchiefs instead of the rabbit. He asked himself, "Where did I hide them? Where?"





The handkerchiefs were hidden in an old box. He had to search for the box quickly. Anxious, he wondered, "Where is the box?"

He remembered that the box was in the storage room that was full of useless things. The room was dark, and he was in a hurry. "I have to find it now."



Despite the darkness, Majed found the box quickly in a corner of the room. He placed his hand inside the box to search for the silk handkerchiefs. He felt the softness of fur.

He removed some of the things from the box, looked inside it and saw two shiny eyes looking at him. Majed was surprised and shouted with pleasure, "It is Ruby!"





Then, Majed saw six other eyes. He thought that he was dreaming. He did not only find Ruby; he found three other small rabbits.





The rabbits stuck to Ruby to stay warm. They were looking at him with their glittering eyes. Majed said, "Thanks God!"

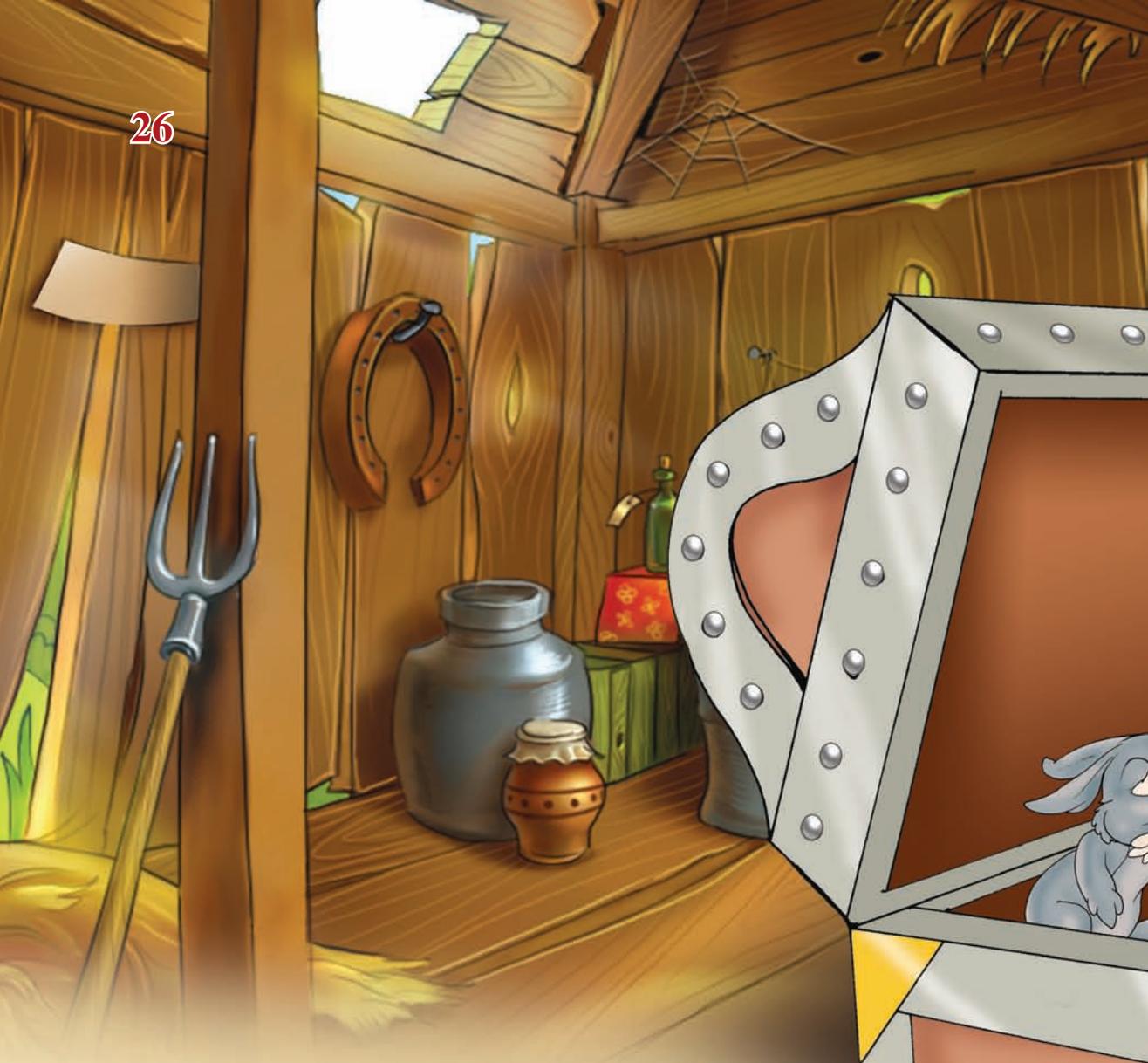
He felt great happiness and joy.

Majed said, "I know that you are an energetic rabbit. You used to visit Salma's rabbits and play with them.

Ruby moved her nose in agreement and her ears with pleasure. Then, she gathered her little ones with care.





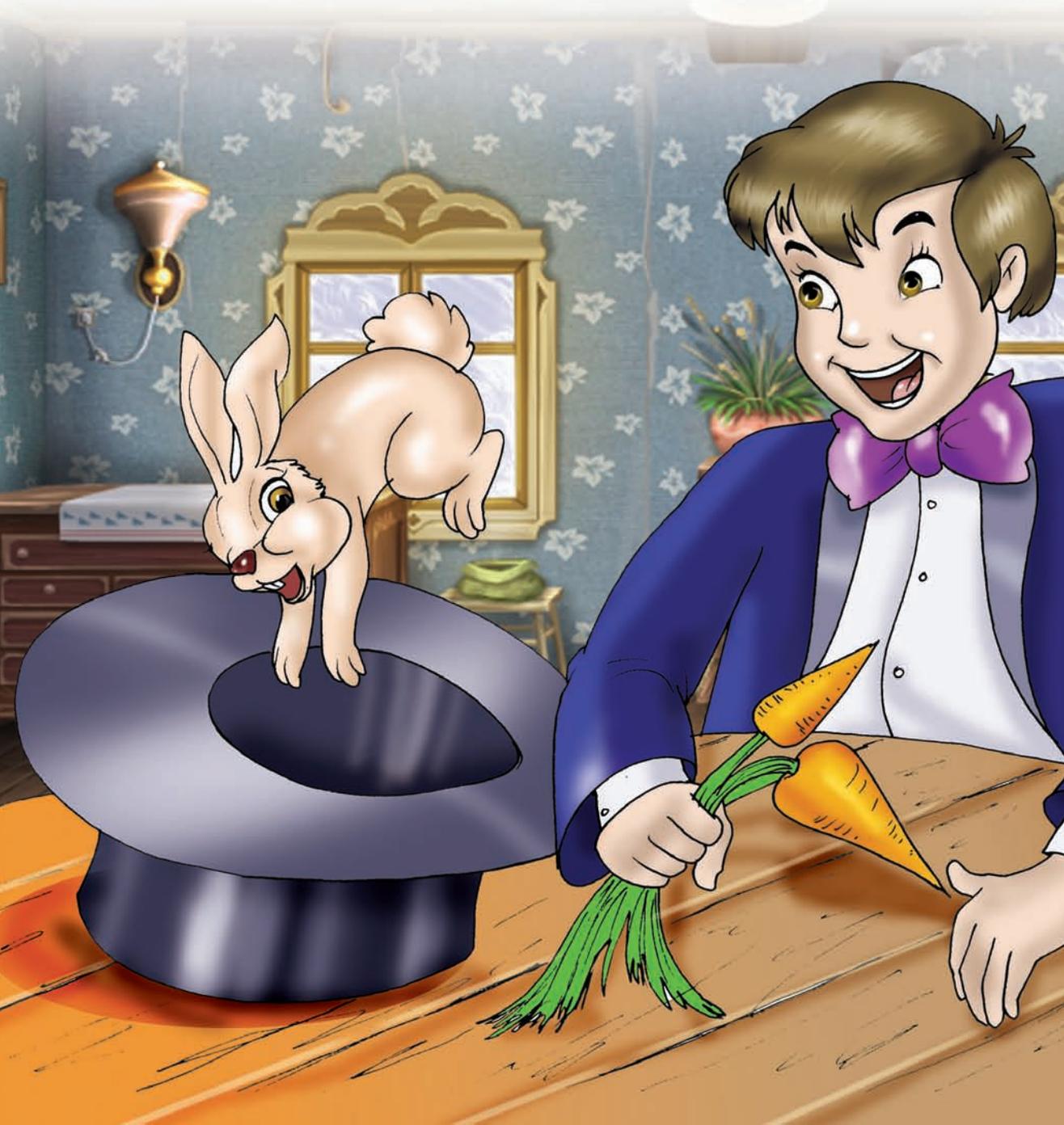


In the following days, Majed started to bring carrots and lettuce for her to eat well and to feed her little ones. At this time, when he performed his magic tricks, he removed the silk



handkerchief from his black hat. He also removed blue and pink puppets from his punctured pocket. The boys were extremely happy.

As time passed, the little rabbits showed that they were very energetic, like their mother. Majed started to train them to hide in his black hat.

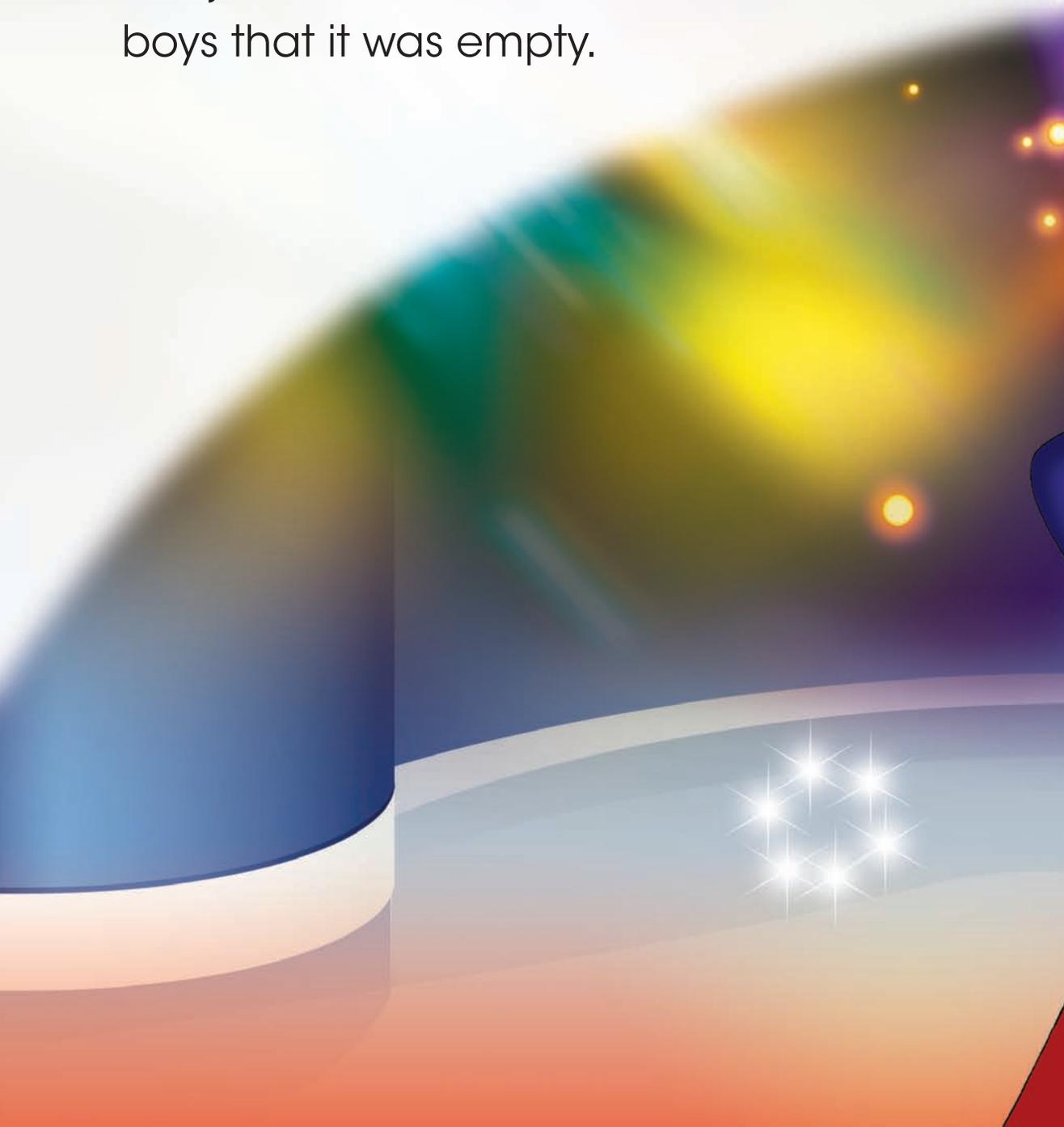


He found that they jumped perfectly, so he taught them new movements. He said, "They will be a surprise for the next party."



On Children's Day party, after Majed performed an entertaining act, the children yelled "Ruby...Ruby"

Majed lifted his hat and showed the boys that it was empty.



Then, he put his hand inside it to remove Ruby. She appeared with sparkling eyes as she moved her nose and ears.



The children were really surprised when he removed two small rabbits from his punctured pocket. He also removed a third rabbit from his sleeve! Everyone clapped their hands with joy.



I- Answer the following questions.

1- What is the genre of the story? Explain.

2- Name two things Majed could do?

3- Did the kids like Majed's show? Support your answer by using two pieces of evidence from pages 4 and 5.

4- Describe Majed. Write one trait and support your answer by using evidence from the story.

II- Fill in the following narrative elements map by referring to Majed the Magician.

Title

Characters

Setting

Conflict

Plot Events

Resolution

**III- If the sentence is correct, write correct.
If the sentence is false, rewrite it correctly.**

1- The rat was missing.

2- Salma found Ruby among her ten rabbits.

3- Ruby gave birth to six rabbits.

4- Majed was happy when he found Ruby.

**IV- Complete the following sentences by
referring to the story.**

1- I can tell that Majed loves Ruby because _____

2- Majed's favorite trick was _____

3- Majed could not find Ruby because _____

4- When Majed could not find Ruby, he decided to use _____

V- Fill in the blanks using the words in the box.

tricks - box - carrots - magician - energetic - annoyed - warm

1- Majed found the handkerchiefs in an old _____ .

2- Majed was a _____ .

3- The kids loved his _____ .

4- Majed was _____ when he could not find Ruby.

5- The rabbits stuck to Ruby to stay _____ .

6- Majed fed the rabbits _____ .

7- The rabbits were as _____ as their mother was.