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For ages 3 and up

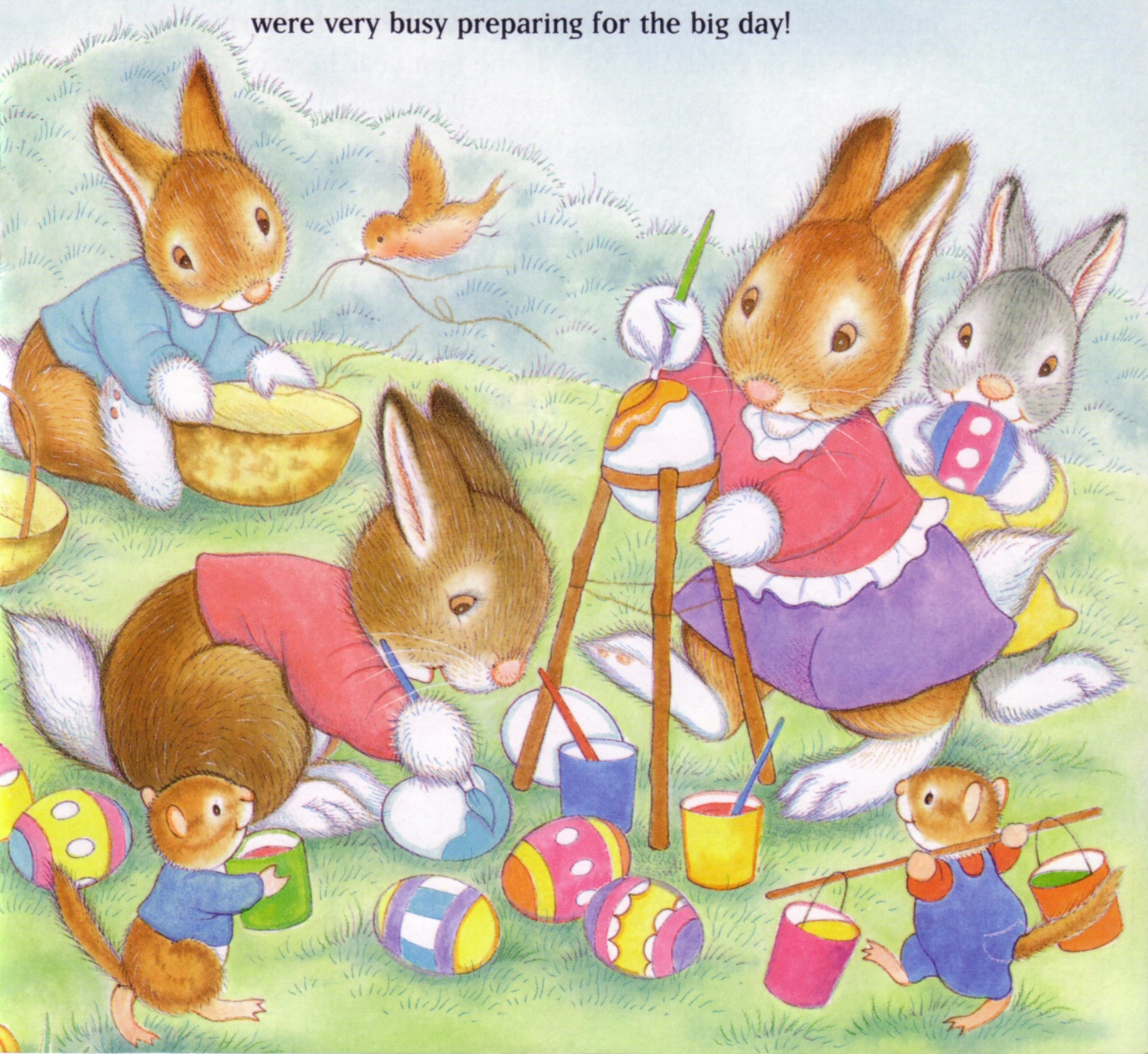
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Easter was just around the corner, and all of the bunnies were very busy preparing for the big day!



All of the bunnies went to a special school to learn how to make Easter baskets. One bunny, named Albert, was especially excited. This was the first year he was old enough to fill an Easter basket all by himself! He paid very close attention in class.



The day before Easter, Albert was given his basket to fill.
First he filled it with grass and flowers. It looked very pretty.



Then he went to the chocolate house and picked out two chocolate bunnies to put inside the basket. Yummy!







"Now all I need are Easter eggs," thought Albert. He looked very carefully at all of the pretty eggs. There were some with polka dots, and some with stripes, and so many different colored ones! He chose three, and placed them in his basket.







"What could it be?" thought Albert. He ran into his friend Sammy the Squirrel. Sammy said, "I'd put nuts in the Easter basket!" Albert shook his head. "Thanks Sammy", he said, "but I think it needs something a little sweeter."

Mrs. Bear happened to overhear their conversation, and she said, "Well, if you need something sweet, I've got just the thing—honey!" Albert said, "Thank you Mrs. Bear, but honey is awfully sticky and messy. I just don't think it's quite right for an Easter basket."





Albert hopped home and sat staring at his basket. "Maybe I could put carrots in it," he thought. "Oh, no-no, that's not right either. Bunnies like carrots, but what do little girls and boys like?"

And just when he was about to give up, he finally remembered.
"I've got it!" shouted Albert. "Girls and boys love..."



"... Jellybeans!"

He eagerly hopped over to the jellybean store and filled his basket with lots of jellybeans. Now his basket was perfect!





If you're lucky, maybe Albert's basket will end up in your house on Easter!

(Don't forget to leave him a plate of carrots!)