



Bea and Red Roger

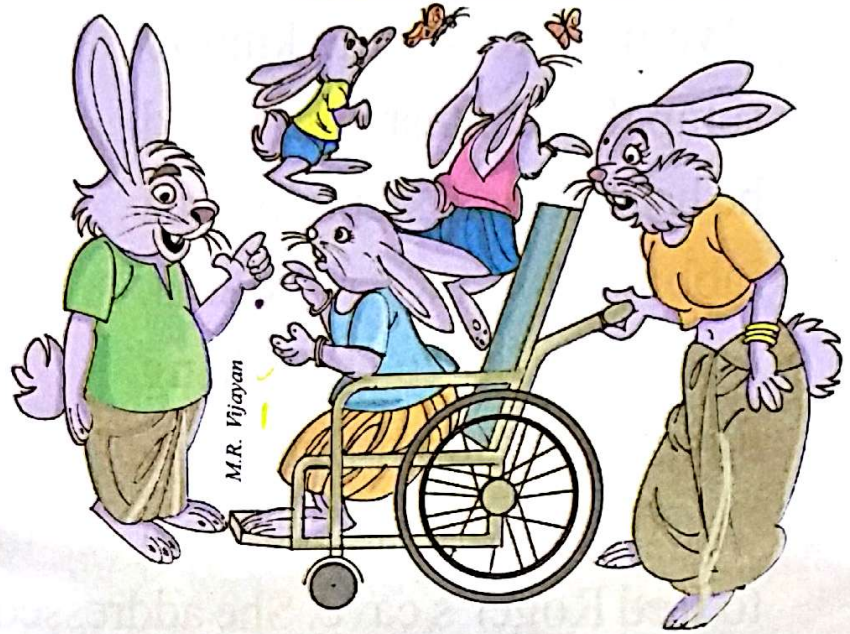
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Dear Parents and Teachers
Read out this story to the little ones
with suitable gestures and voice
modulation so that they listen to you
with rapt attention.

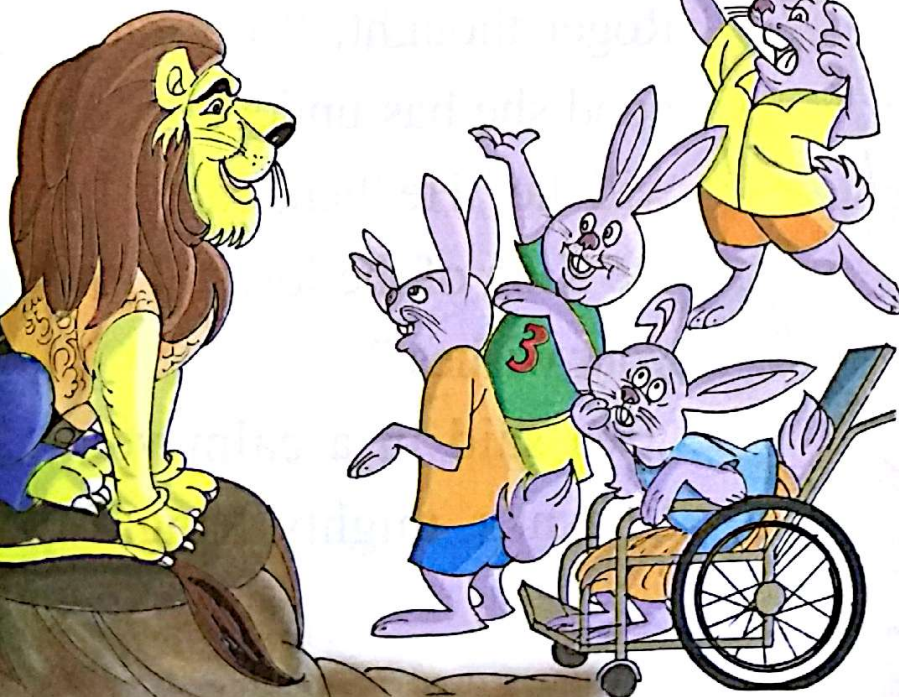
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Long time ago, in the beautiful Blossom forest lived a rabbit family. Mama and Papa rabbit lived with their three children Bea, Betty and Ben. Bea, the eldest, was fun loving, bold and intelligent. Bea's leg muscles were not strong. So she used a wheelchair to move around. Everyone in the forest loved and admired Bea.



The King of Blossom forest, Red Roger, the lion created fear among the animals.

One day Red Roger announced a race for the rabbits. The rabbits knew this was a trick by the King to find food for the



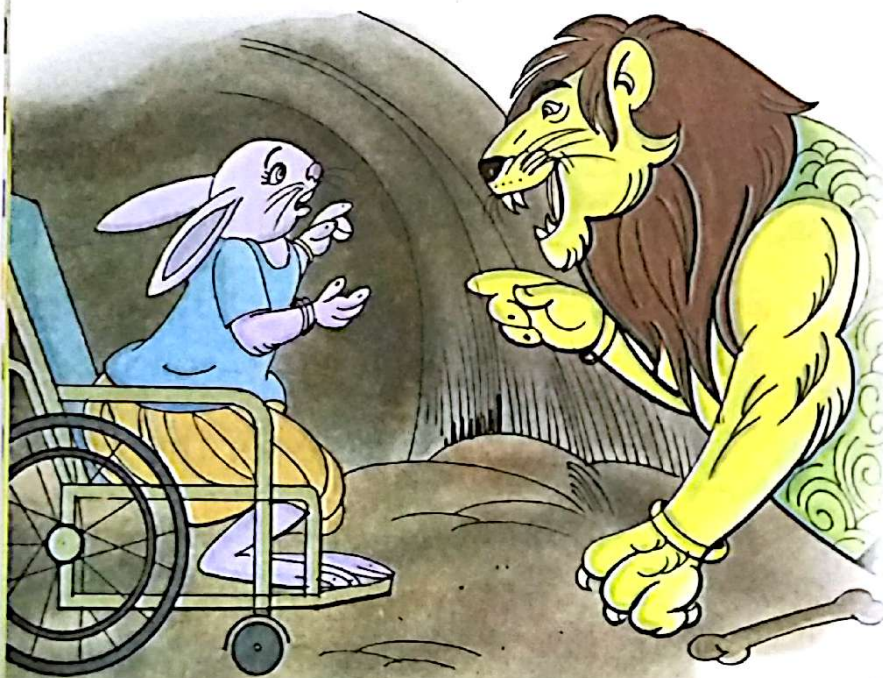
day. They were terrified. Bea's family was the most terrified. "How will Bea run?" cried Ben and Betty. "We need to tell the king to scrap this contest, but would he listen to us?" sighed Mama rabbit. "Don't worry, Mama, I will talk to the king directly," assured Bea.

The next day Bea went to Red Roger's cave. She addressed him calmly. "Your Majesty, as I am wheelchair-bound I cannot win the race and will be your next



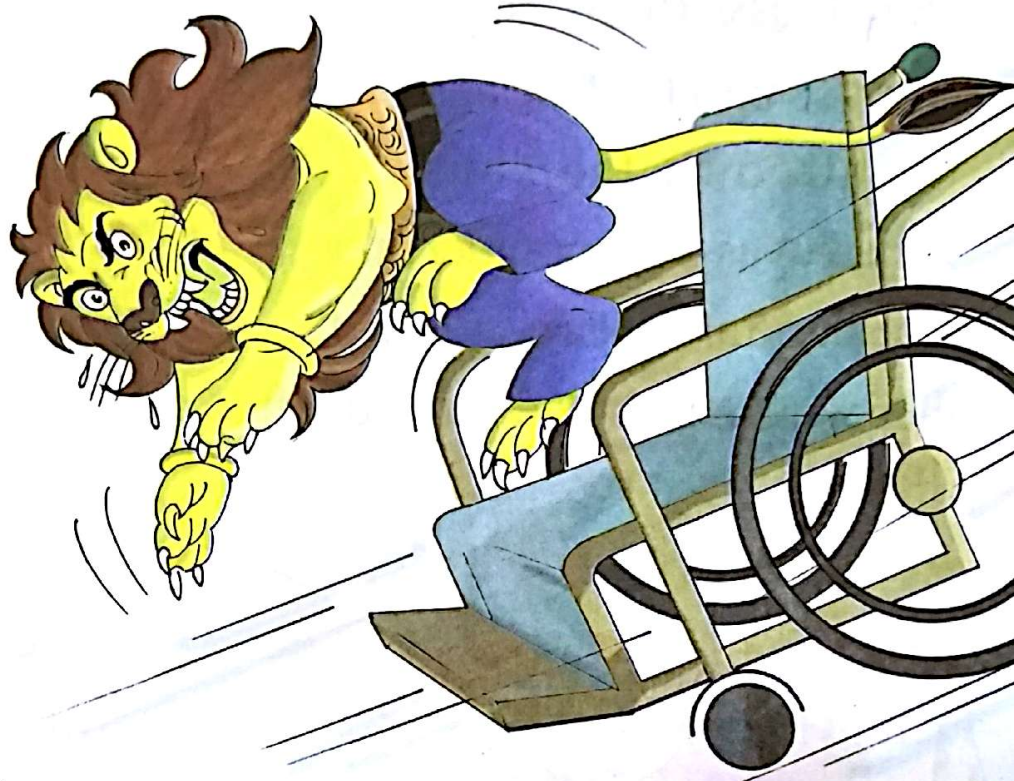
prey. Before I die I have two wishes which I hope you will be kind enough to agree." Red Roger thought, 'Silly rabbit, good she has understood she will die.' He then roared. "As the King of the forest, I grant your wishes."

Bea said in a calm voice, "Thanks, mighty King. My



first wish, you and I would compete in a race. Secondly, you need to be on a wheelchair as well.” Red Roger thundered, “Let us have the race tomorrow.” Bea thanked the King and hoped her plan would work.

All the animals gathered at the spot where the race was to begin. The race began. Bea used her hands on the wheels and moved ahead while Red Roger struggled with the wheel. The animals



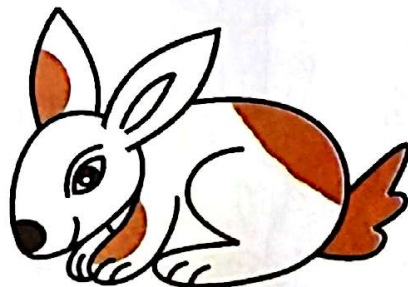
Match the body parts and words by drawing a line.

EAR

TAIL

NOSE

EYE



LEG

(V)

Favourite food items of a rabbit are given below. Fill in the blanks and read.

C__RR__T ● **C__BB__GE** ● **GR__S__**

cheered "Bea, Bea, Bea..." Red Roger pushed the wheels hard. By then, Bea moved past the lane and went down the slope. There was a big boulder on the slope and Bea controlled



her wheelchair and moved left to avoid a crash. Red Roger was at

top speed along the slope and when he saw the boulder his eyes popped out. He tried all his tricks to control the wheelchair but failed. In full speed, Red Roger crashed against the boulder... "THUD."

Red Roger lay in a pool of blood, dead. The animals were happy to see Red Roger dead. From that day, Blossom forest was once again peaceful. ●

