

Who will help the Easter Bunny

An intercultural picture book





"Shall I tell you a secret? I'm the Easter Bunny. Every spring I hide lovely Easter treats for children. Today I'm getting the colours ready, tomorrow I'll paint the eggs. This year I'll paint them especially beautifully. It won't be long until the Hen and the Rooster bring the eggs. In the meantime, would you like to see the chocolate Easter Bunnies?"





"It is dark and cool here in the cellar. All the chocolate Easter Bunnies are ready and waiting. Oh what pleasure the children will have! Oh the Rooster is crowing. Now the eggs will be delivered."





"So many eggs!" The Easter Bunny is pleased.

The Rooster calls out: "We're leaving the trailer with the eggs here."

"Cluck, cluck," cackles the Hen,

"my friends and I laid them! And they are already boiled."

As he leaves, the Rooster crows: "Cock-a-doodle-do!"

"Wait for me!" calls the Easter Bunny.

"I want to come part of the way with you on the tractor. It shakes and rattles so splendidly."



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It really does shake and rattle! The Easter Bunny laughs out loud with pleasure. But – bumpity bump – he tumbles down off the tractor.

"Ouch! My paw!" he complains.







"Oh dear, oh dear, you must have sprained your paw," cackles the Hen.

"Stay still! I'll bandage it for you.

You mustn't move your paw for two weeks!"

"Not move it? That's impossible!" shouts the Easter Bunny in horror.

"I have to colour all the eggs before Easter!"

"Cluck, cluck, we can help you."

"No, dear Hen, you can't," says the Easter Bunny.

"Only we Bunnies can paint the eggs with our soft paws.

What on earth can I do? I can't paint or hide the eggs!

There's no Easter without painted eggs!"

Some pigeons are sitting on the fence. They have heard every word. They coo some words to each other and then fly off.

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The Easter Bunny is sitting in the grass, very sad.

But what's that?

He hears the lolloping of hundreds of rabbit paws.

Surprised, he jumps up and exclaims:

"How lucky I am you have come!

Will you give me a hand with my Easter preparations?"

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More and more rabbits jump along, from all corners of the Earth. The Easter Bunny is immensely delighted.

He shows them how to mix the colours for the eggs.



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The new friends start to work eagerly.

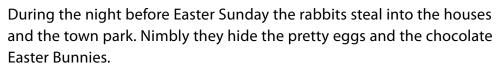
They carefully paint the eggs.

They laugh and gossip and tell each other tales about their trips.

The Easter Bunny watches them in delight.

Each egg looks more beautiful than the other.





"Look, a carrot!" whispers the Easter Bunny.

"The children have left something nice for us to eat!" All the Easter things are hidden before daybreak.



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"Now let's have a bunny party!" shouts the Easter Bunny.

"With music and wild dancing and dandelions and lettuce and carrots!" All the rabbits hop and tumble and nibble and munch all day and all night long.



And when they leave, they say goodbye in many languages:

"Hasta luego!"

"Güle, güle!"

"Arrivederci!"

"Auf Wiedersehen!"

"Good bye! We'll be back again next year!"

