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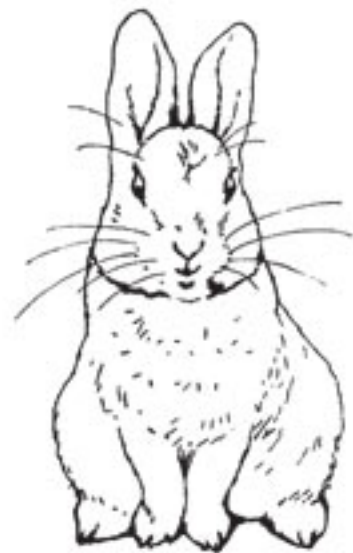
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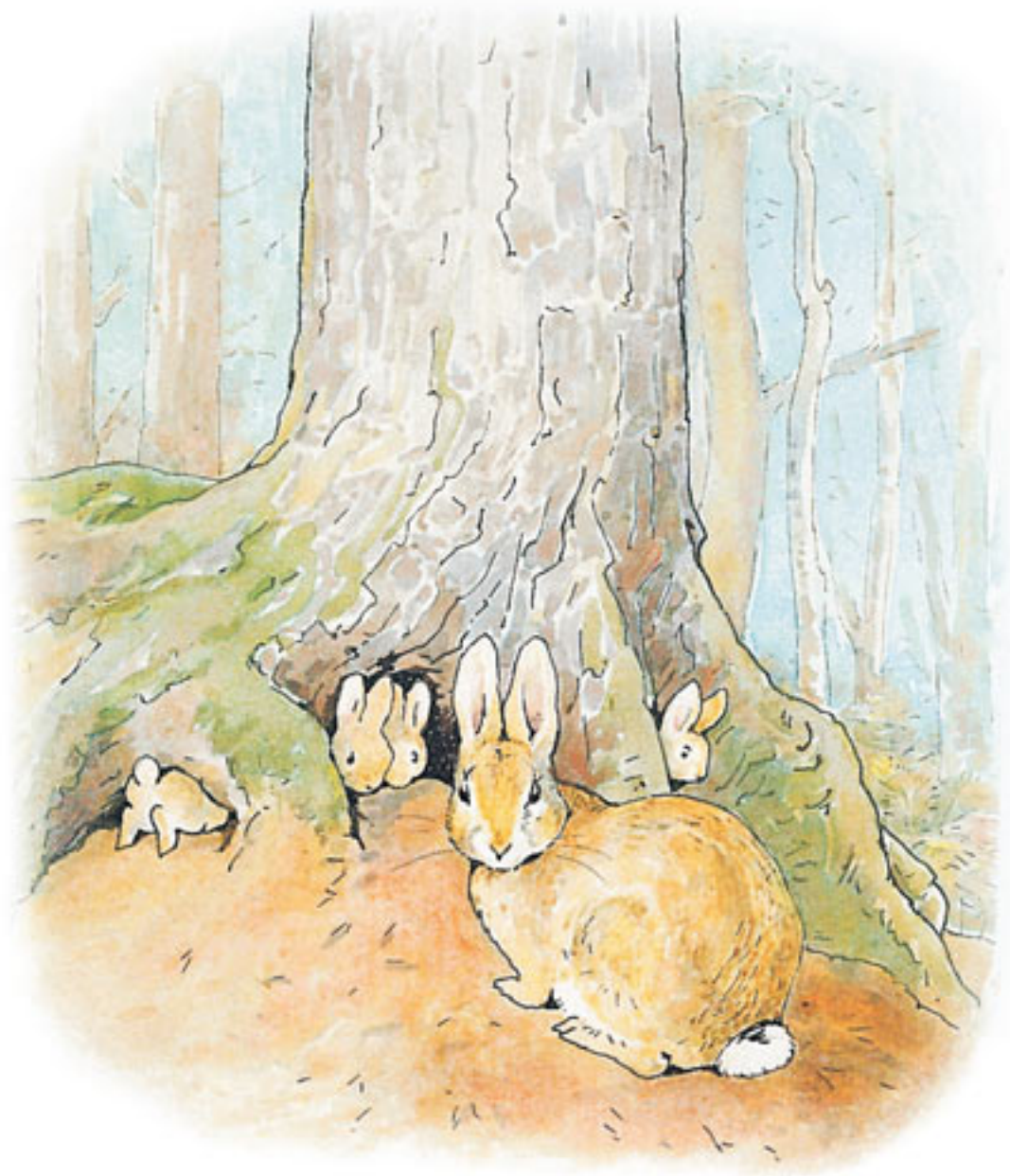
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THE TALE OF  
PETER RABBIT

BY  
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ONCE UPON A TIME there were four little Rabbits, and their names were —

Flopsy,  
Mopsy,  
Cotton-tail,  
and Peter.

They lived with their Mother in a sand-bank, underneath the root of a very big fir-tree.

“Now, my dears,” said old Mrs. Rabbit one morning, “you may go into the fields or down the lane, but don’t go into Mr. McGregor’s garden.





“YOUR Father had an accident there; he was put in a pie by Mrs. McGregor.

“Now run along, and don’t get into mischief. I am going out.”





THEN old Mrs. Rabbit took a basket and her umbrella, and went through the wood to the baker's. She bought a loaf of brown bread and five currant buns.

FLOPSY, Mopsy and Cotton-tail,  
who were good little bunnies,  
went down the lane to gather  
blackberries;





BUT Peter, who was very naughty, ran straight away to Mr. McGregor's garden,

AND squeezed under the gate!

