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Chapter 1

The Bunny Bungalow

Annie had been waiting for a pet rabbit for weeks and weeks – it felt like that anyway.

When Mum and Dad said yes at last – and that was after Annie had been talking about rabbits for ever – she'd thought they'd go to a pet shop and get

a rabbit right away. But Dad said that rabbits were only good pets if you looked after them properly.

"They don't like being shut up in a small hutch all day," he told Annie and Mum, and Annie's little sister, Lara.



"They want to jump and stretch and dig. They like to explore too. If we're going to have pet rabbits, then we need to make a proper rabbit home for them."

And that was what they did. Everyone helped. Even Lara.





The rabbit home they made to go in the garage was more like a rabbit palace.

It had lots of little ramps for the rabbits to scurry up and down. There was a bedroom full of cosy straw for the rabbits to snuggle away and be quiet.

They had an outdoor space too. Dad said it was the rabbits' summer house. It was a special garden run with a low wire fence all round it and a roof on top. The rabbits could hop around in it and nibble grass.

When it was warm, Annie could carry the rabbits outside and pop them in the run. Mum was looking forward to not mowing the lawn so often.

It was the best home that Annie could think of for a rabbit, but it took for ever to build – weekend after weekend after weekend.

Annie loved helping Dad with the sanding and the painting, and sometimes he even let her have his saw to cut a little bit of wood, but mostly Annie just wanted to get the rabbit home finished so some pet rabbits could come and live in it.

Annie painted a sign for the front of the rabbit house. She decorated it with little carrots, and it said BUNNY BUNGALOW in her best swirly writing.


Bunny
Bungalow

The perfect rabbit home was ready – and that afternoon, they were going to meet the rabbits who were coming to live in it.