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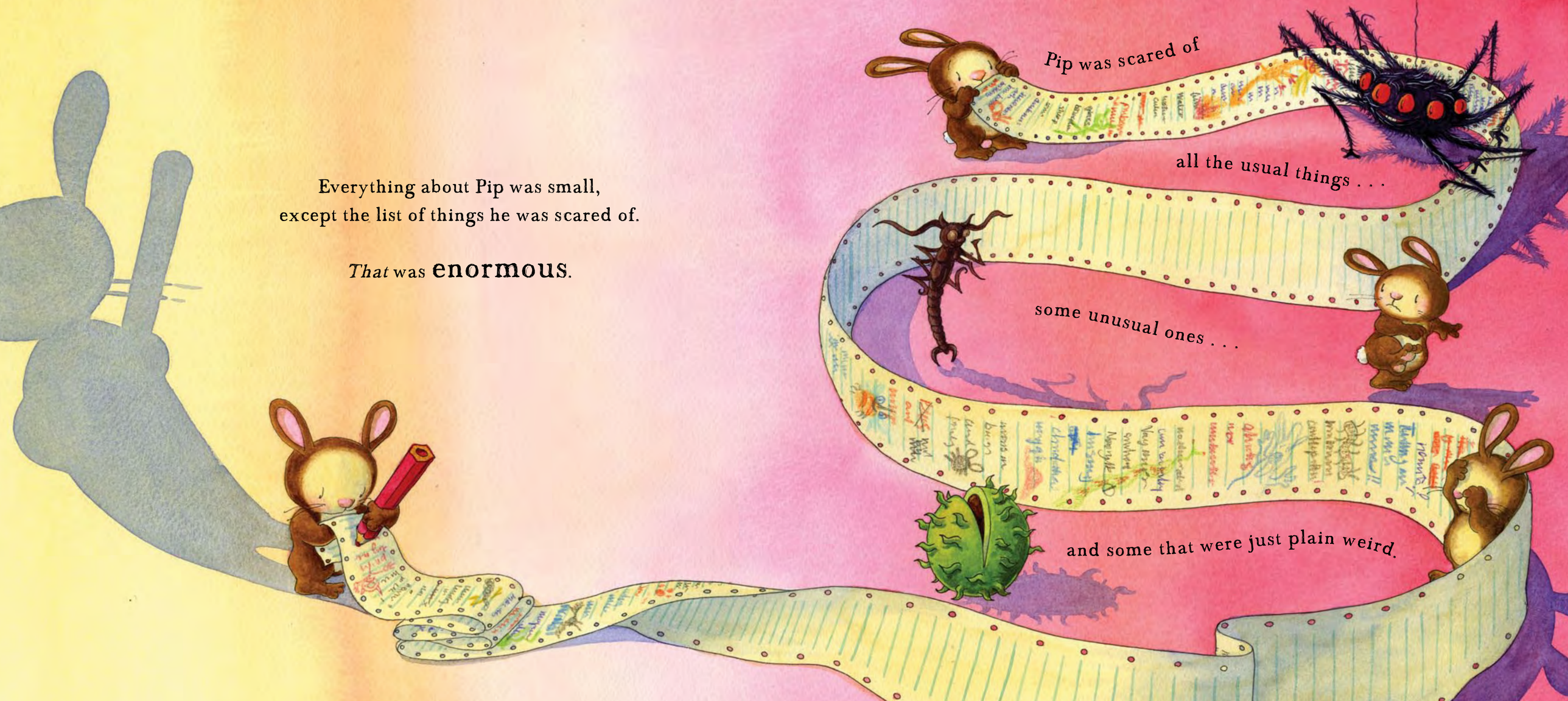
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Once upon a wild wood,
deep down in a burrow, lived a family of rabbits. There were big rabbits, medium-sized rabbits, small-to-medium-sized rabbits and one very, very little rabbit called Pip.

Everything about Pip was small,
except the list of things he was scared of.

That was **enormous**.




Poor Pip. He couldn't help it.
To him, even the most harmless things were full of menace.
To Pip, the sound of rainfall was exactly like the sound a vast hisster makes as it weaves its web.
He just *knew* it was a gobbler blowing bubbles at the bottom of the lily pond.
Those tree stumps?
Pip was ninety-nine point nine per cent positive that they were the teeth of the giant wood troll.
And those fluffy pink clouds?
Those ones that looked just like
STOP RIGHT THERE.