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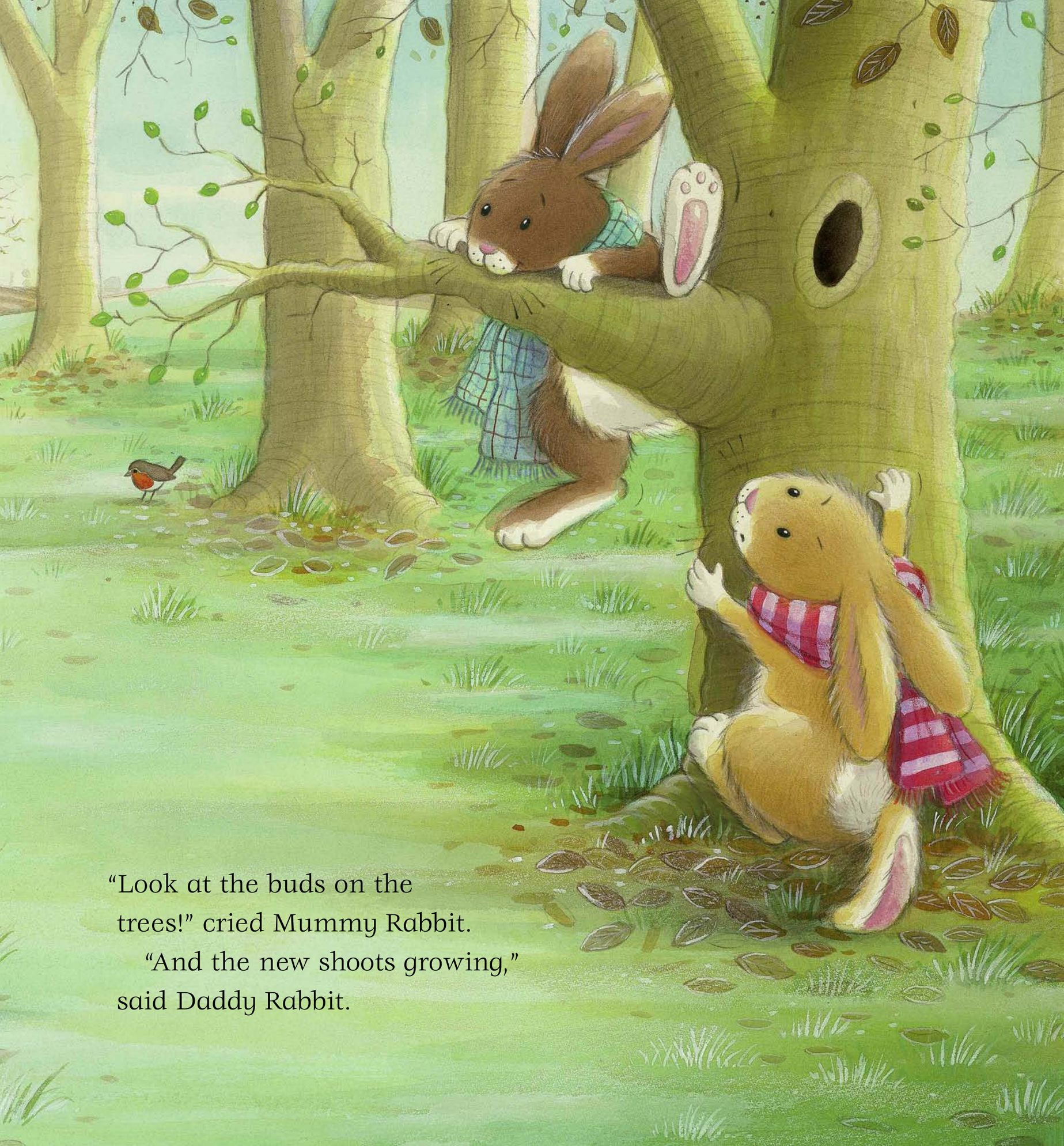
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It was a bright, crisp morning.
"Wheee!" squeaked Little Daisy
Rabbit, doing big bunny hops
through the woods.



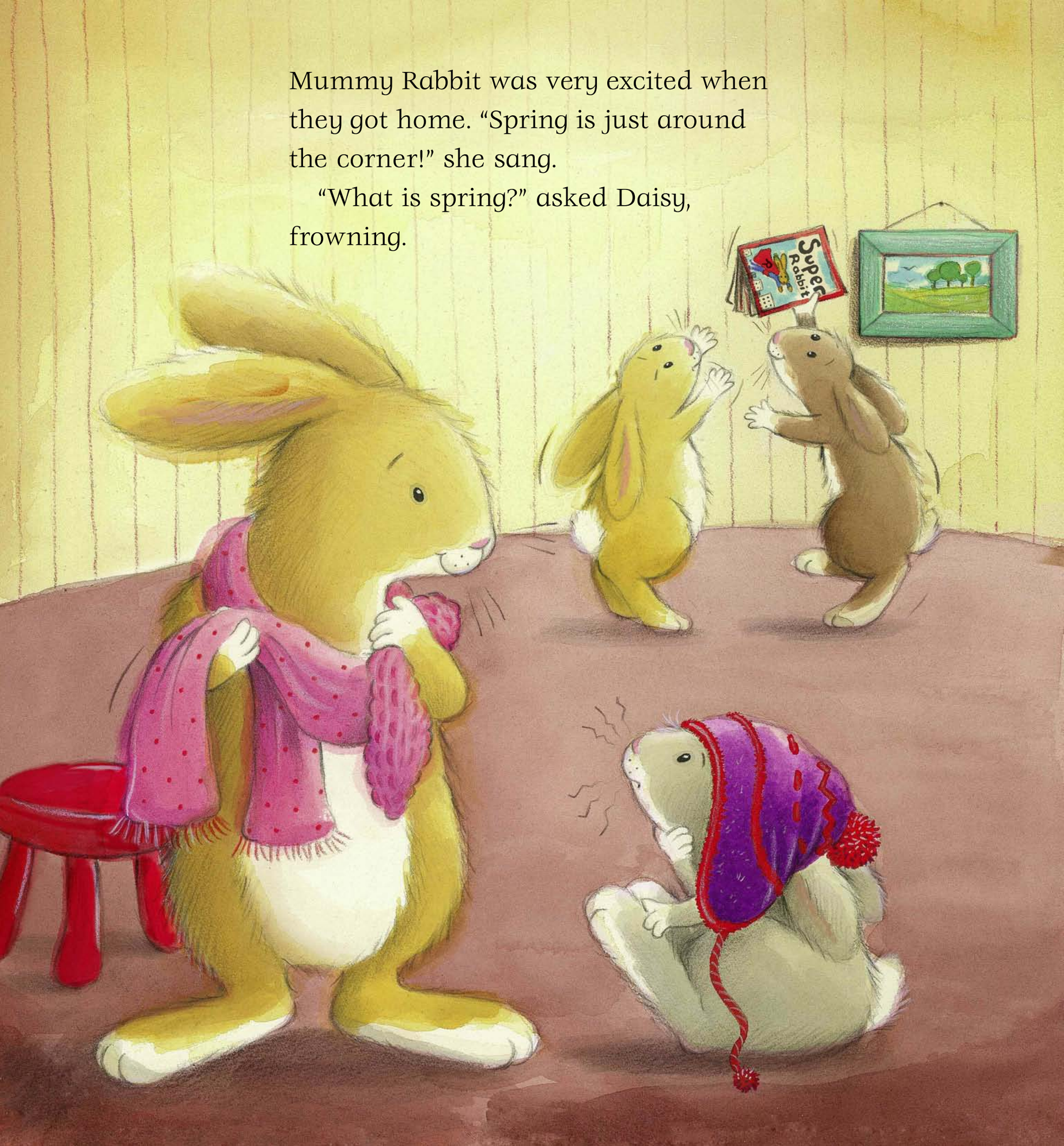


"Look at the buds on the trees!" cried Mummy Rabbit.

"And the new shoots growing," said Daddy Rabbit.

Mummy Rabbit was very excited when they got home. “Spring is just around the corner!” she sang.

“What is spring?” asked Daisy, frowning.





"Birds singing, flowers everywhere," replied Mummy Rabbit dreamily.

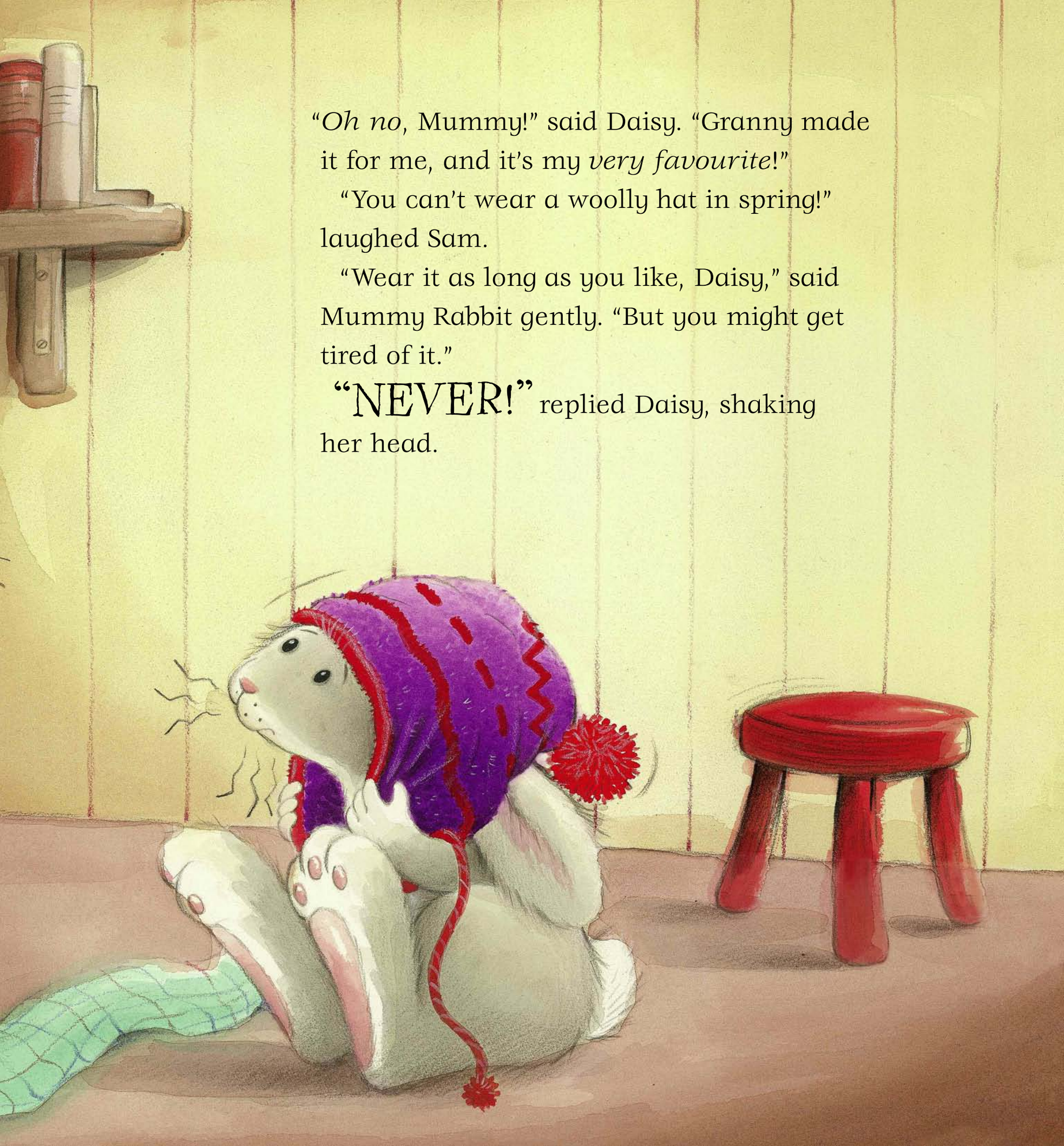


"Playing in the stream!" cried Archie and Sam.



"We won't be needing these!" smiled Mummy Rabbit, hanging up her woolly hat and scarf.
"Can I have your hat please, Daisy?"





"*Oh no*, Mummy!" said Daisy. "Granny made it for me, and it's my *very favourite*!"

"You can't wear a woolly hat in spring!" laughed Sam.

"Wear it as long as you like, Daisy," said Mummy Rabbit gently. "But you might get tired of it."

"NEVER!" replied Daisy, shaking her head.