

Book Layout:

Through the Rabbit Hole

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Book Opens to Rabbit Home-- (Illustration based page= to encourage discussion about observations) [Multiple siblings shows how large rabbit families are]

Two siblings running around house

- One sibling has a possession from the other. Second is chasing first around calling for mom to intervene, so that first sibling will have to return the item.

Avery- teasing whilst combing locks of hair

- Haha. Oh, look at me and my silky fur.

Sage- Mom! Avery took my hair brush!"

**depicts common familial interactions*

Three in kitchen eating (Frances, Emerson, Piper)

- Frances and Piper are eating carrots and radishes by the table
- Emerson is standing, grabbing jug of water from the kitchen counter

Mother Rabbit bathing youngest (Indiana) in kitchen sink

In the distance, Charlie is sitting by the window. Charlie looks past the family garden and wanders what lies beyond the trees.

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Charlie: Mom?

Mom: Yes dear

Charlie: What is there after the trees?

Mom: Well, there are other animals in their own homes.

Charlie: *excitingly*

- Can we visit?

Mom: Oh no no no Charlie. Those animals are dangerous. They can hurt you and maybe us. Don't you want to be safe here with your family?

Charlie: *dispirited, knees up to chest, holding up arm, head resting on hand*

- I guess, yes.

Mom: Good. Now go on and get ready for bed.

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The next morning, before the sunrise, Charlie awakes and lies in bed. Charlie looks around and sees that everyone is still asleep. Charlie wanders. I could go out for a little while, see what there is and be back before anyone finds out. After debating the options, Charlie decides to go for it and slowly slipped out of bed. Once Charlie made it out of the door, Charlie ran.

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After running past enough trees to not be seen by the family, Charlie stops to catch a breath.

Once Charlie's heart rate is stabilized, Charlie begins to look up and admire the sunlight as it travels between the tree's crowns and strikes the ground.

All of a sudden, Charlie hears movement and looks down.

Sees a snake slithering out from beneath a rock.

Charlie: *startled*

- What are you?

Leila: I am a snake.

Charlie: I've never seen one of you before.

Leila: We tend to remain hidden between what lies on the ground. That is what helps us be so good at hunting; our prey never see us coming.

Charlie: Interesting! What do you usually eat?

Leila: Not to scare you, but we eat rabbits, birds, rodents, insects, and frogs.

- Mmm all this talk is making me hungry. Let's go scope out the field.

Charlie: Ok. Lead the way!

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Leila and Charlie walk into the field.

Irene: Hey, be careful where you walk, I almost sat on you.

Charlie: Oh, we're sorry. Thank you for telling us.

Leila is hungry and decides to go hunt, Charlie: bye Leila

Charlie: So what are you doing?

Irene: Right now, I'm watching my children play in the field and eating from the grass.

Charlie: *looks out to the field and sees the herd of deer*

- Do you all of you normally travel together?

Irene: Yes, we feel more safe as a group.

Charlie: Safe from what?

Irene: Well, there are many animals that we are prey to and if we are a large group, our chance of survival is higher.

Sun begins to set.

Charlie: I better head home now, my mom must be waiting for my return.

Irene: That's good. It's best not to make her worry.

Exchange goodbyes and waves.

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Charlie is walking back home when all of a sudden there is a series of noises that seem to come from the river close by. Charlie decides to go investigate.

Beavers building dam, eating, younger ones wrestling in the background

Charlie: *speaking to beaver closest to proximity*

- What are you doing?

Nisha: I'm eating and collecting tree sticks to add to my lodge. Would you mind passing me that one next to you?

Charlie: Of course, here you go.

Nisha: Thank you.

Munches away at tree bark.

Charlie helped Nisha build the lodge for another hour, and then decided to sleep nearby.

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Charlie wakes up and hears laughing and playful fun. Looks toward the river and sees a family of bears washing up. In awe, Charlie keeps staring, and all of a sudden sees MamaBear catch a fish in mid-air.

Charlie: Wow! How'd you catch the fish?

Stevie: The fish are swimming upstream to prevent them from falling off the cliff. You just have to be ready to catch them when they pass you by. I'm teaching my cubs.

You're welcome to stay and learn with us.

Charlie: Wow! Thank you.

Stevie: *after catching another, offers some to Charlie*

Charlie: Thank you so much, but I only really eat veggies and grasses.

Stevie: That's nice. Well we are going to head back to our den now. Would you like to come?

Charlie: Yes! I would love that.

Follows Stevie and cubs back to den

Stevie: I'm teaching these two how to hunt and climb trees.

Charlie: Oh cool, I hunt by looking for growing grasses or veggies.

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Charlie finally arrives back home.

Takes a breath, feels at home, walks through the door.

Charlie's siblings see him, screech and run towards Charlie.

They all hug him at once.

Mom comes out of room to see what all of the commotion is about.

Mom: Oh my word! Charlie, where have you been all this time? Don't you ever disappear like that again!

Hugs Charlie

Charlie: I went into the forest. I made friends.

Mom: *checks for injuries on body*

- What?! Who? Did they hurt you?

Charlie: No, they were really nice and they're just like us. They have big families and play around and love each other.

Siblings: What else happened?

Charlie sat down with everyone on the floor of the living room and told of what was experienced that day.

Siblings: *to mom*

- Oh please mom, can we go visit Charlie's friends? Pretty please.

All begging, hand crossed, puppy eyes

Mom: *reluctantly*

- Well, if they're as nice as Charlie says, I guess it would not be the worst thing.

- Yes, we can go.

Siblings: *jump up in celebration*

- YAY!!!

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(four section page, each section showing the family meeting one of the four forest friends)

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All rabbit children ask mom if they can move further into the forest to be closer to the other families.

Mom rabbit agrees and they move.

Last scene:

Shows rabbit children in front of new home with other animal friends

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