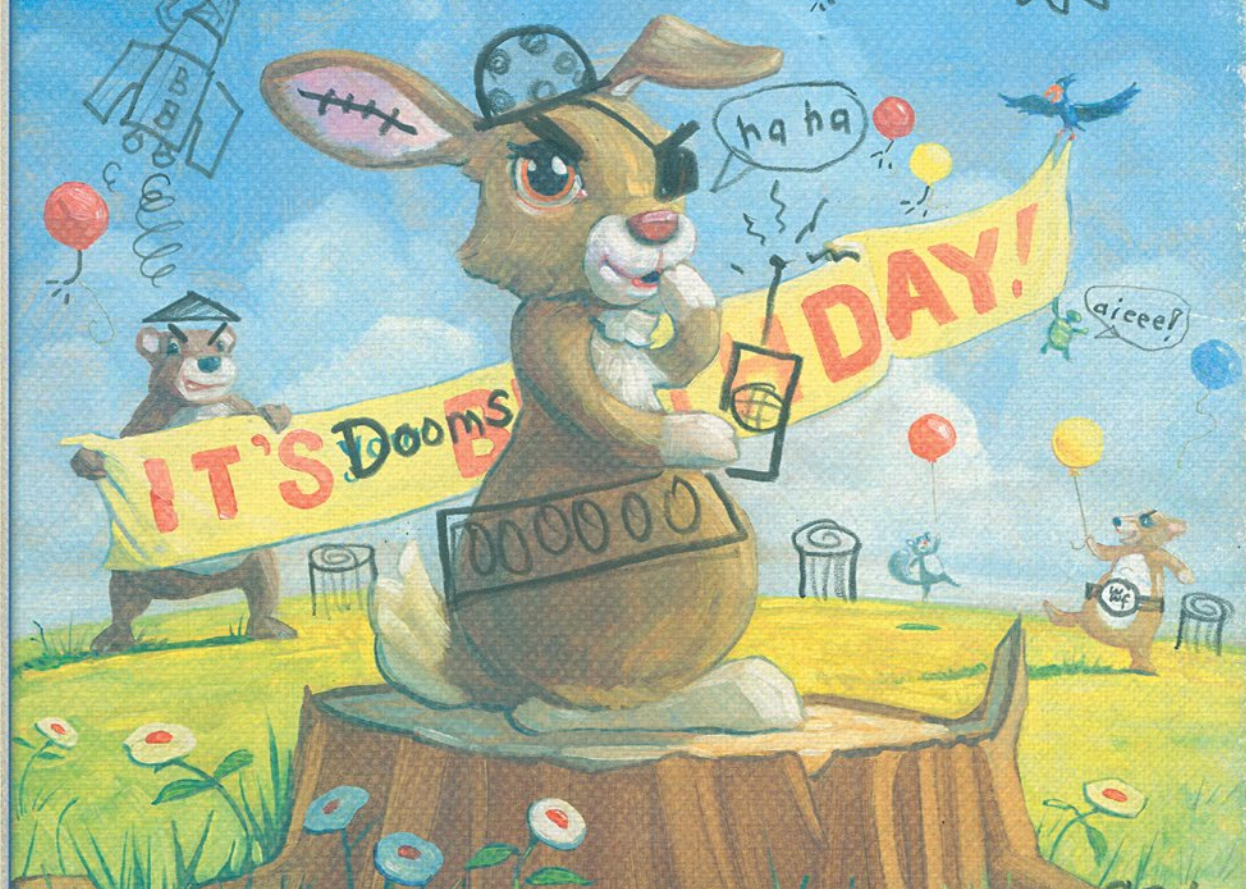
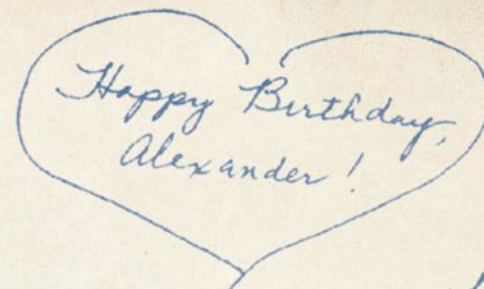


# Birthday Bunny



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To my little birthday bunny  
on his special day.

Love, Gran Gran

**Battle Bunny**



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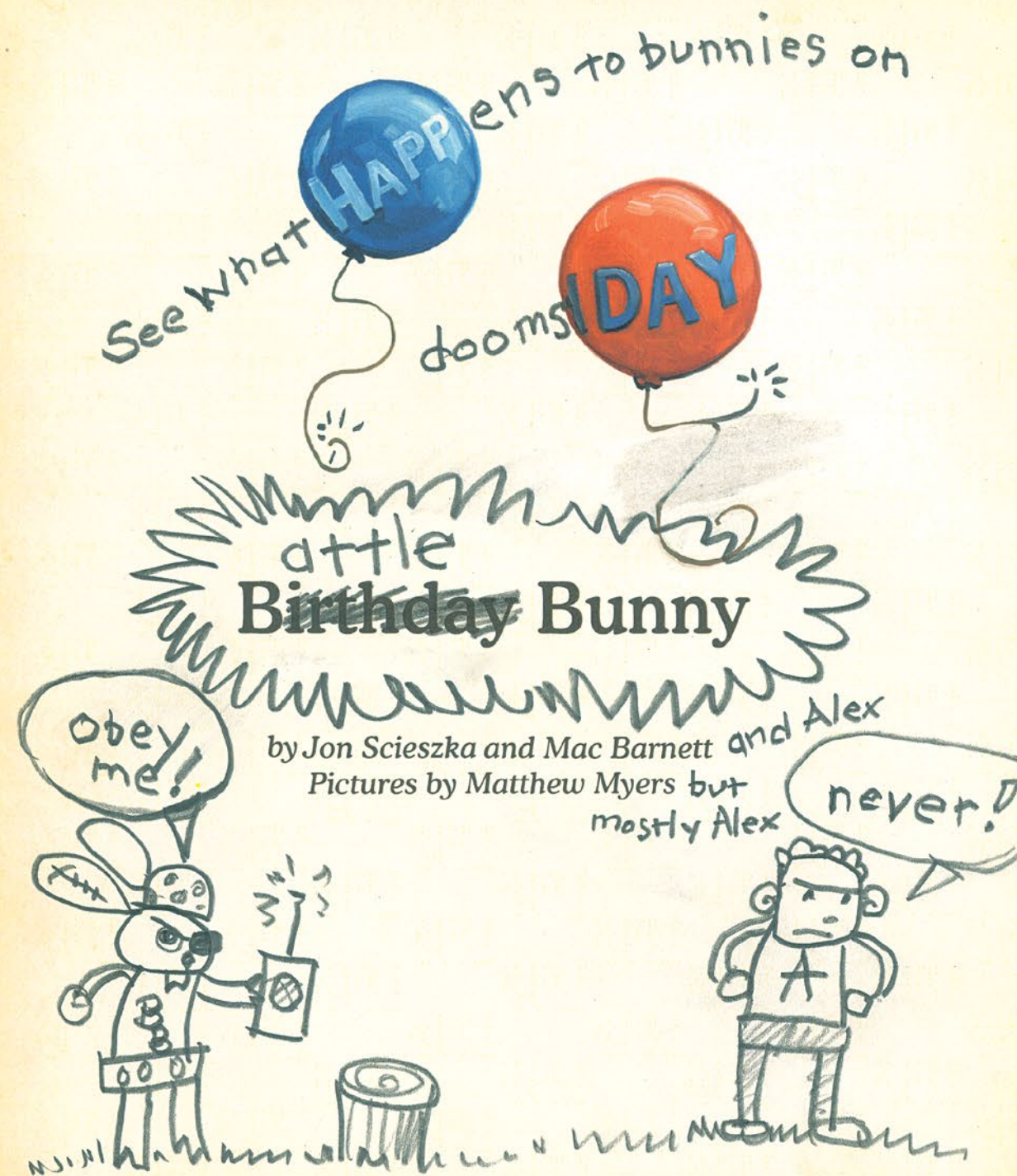
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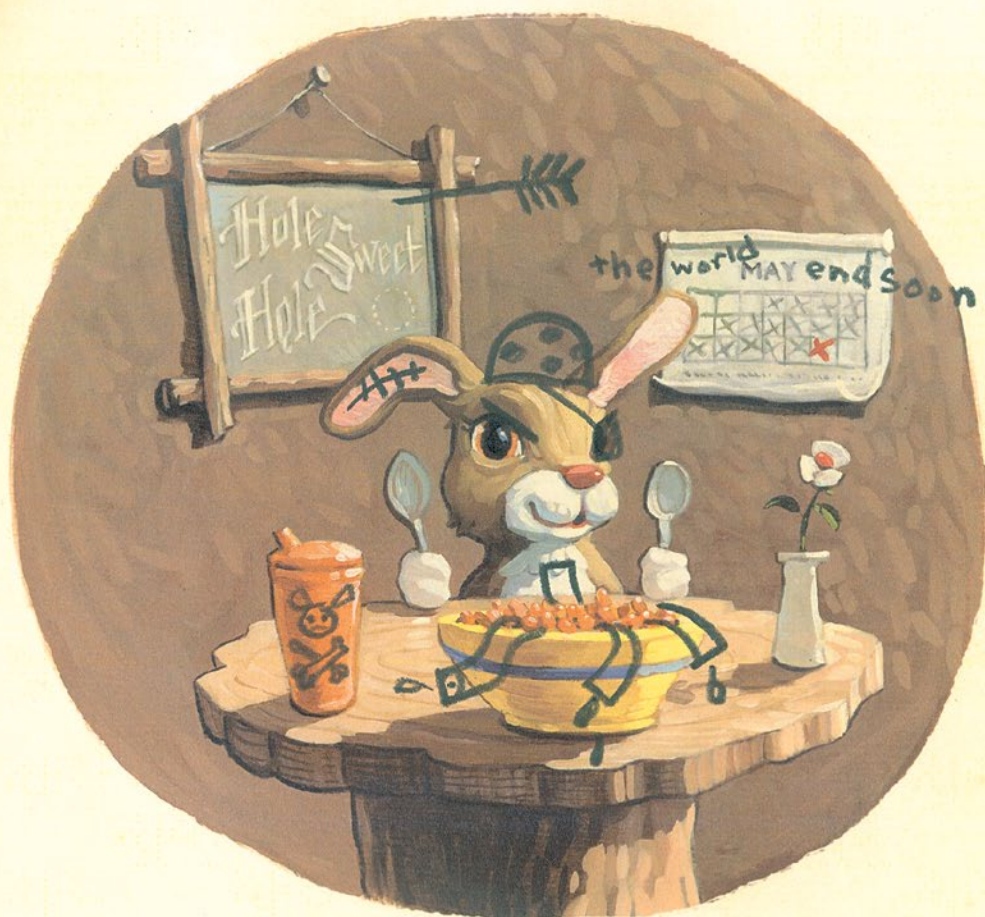
Bunny woke up from a night of pleasant dreams. *Today is a very special day, he thought.*  
*Today is my birthday. Today, I am not just a bunny.*





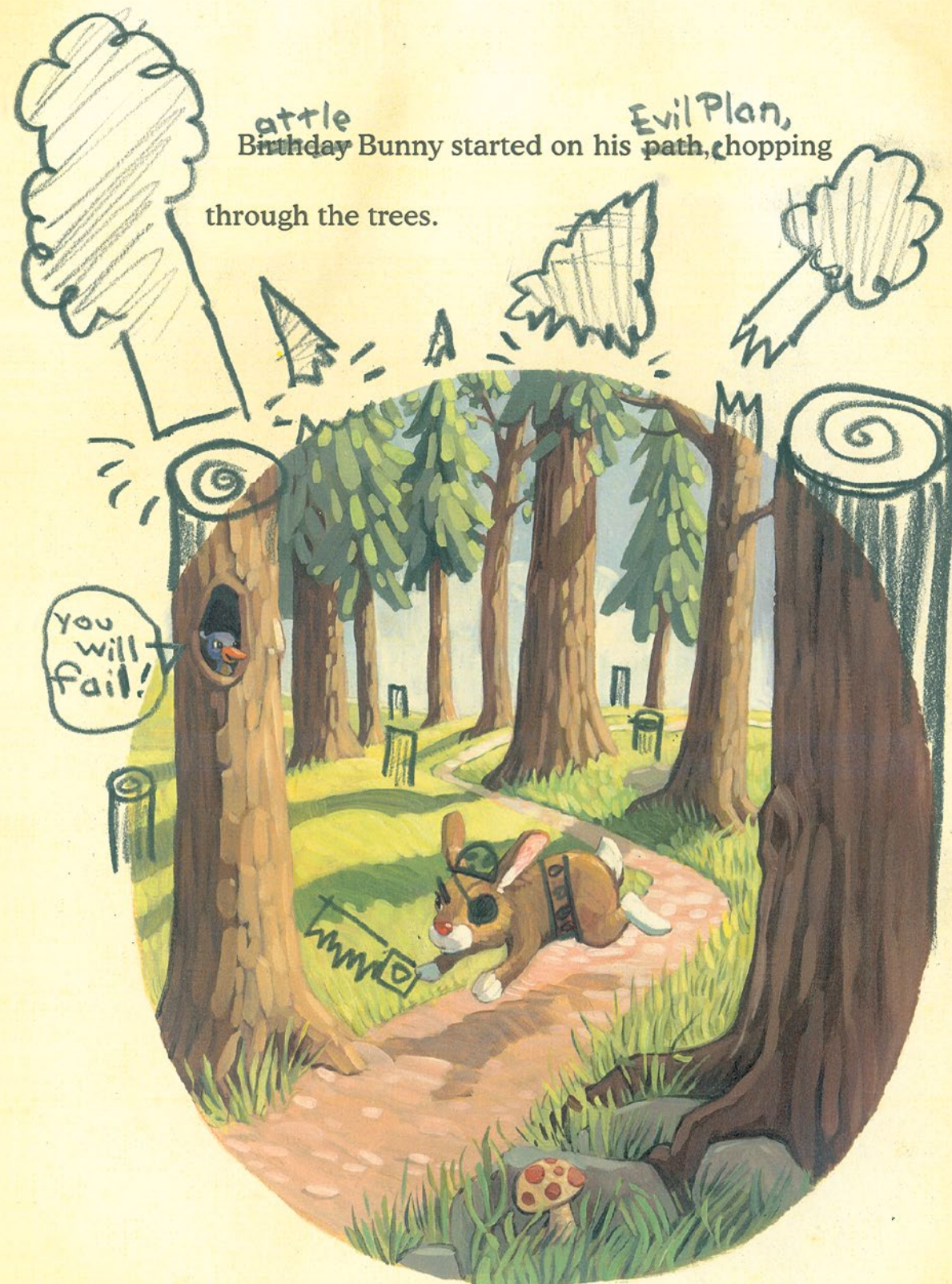
attle  
I am the ~~Birthday~~ Bunny!





Little Birthday Bunny made himself his favorite  
breakfast: <sup>brain</sup> carrot juice and a bowl of <sup>Greasy Guts.</sup> Carrot Crispies.

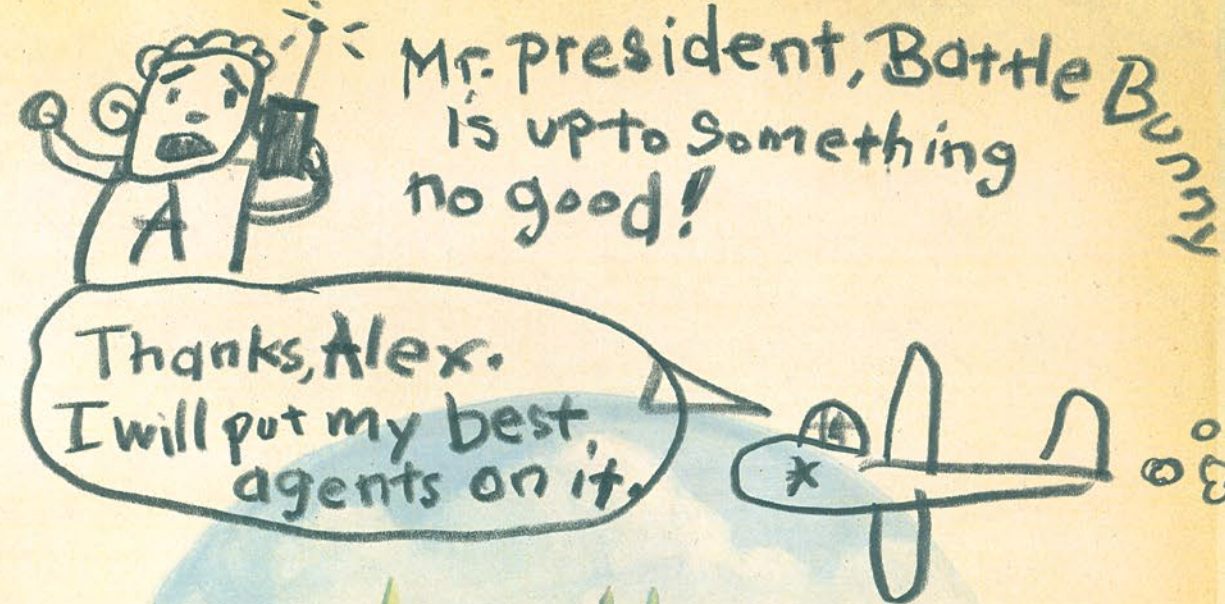
"My birthday is the most special day of the year  
because I get super birthday <sup>owers over</sup> presents from all my enemies.  
<sup>put my Evil Plan into action.</sup> friends. And I get to do whatever I want. I wonder  
who will be the first to <sup>try and stop me?</sup> give me a present?"





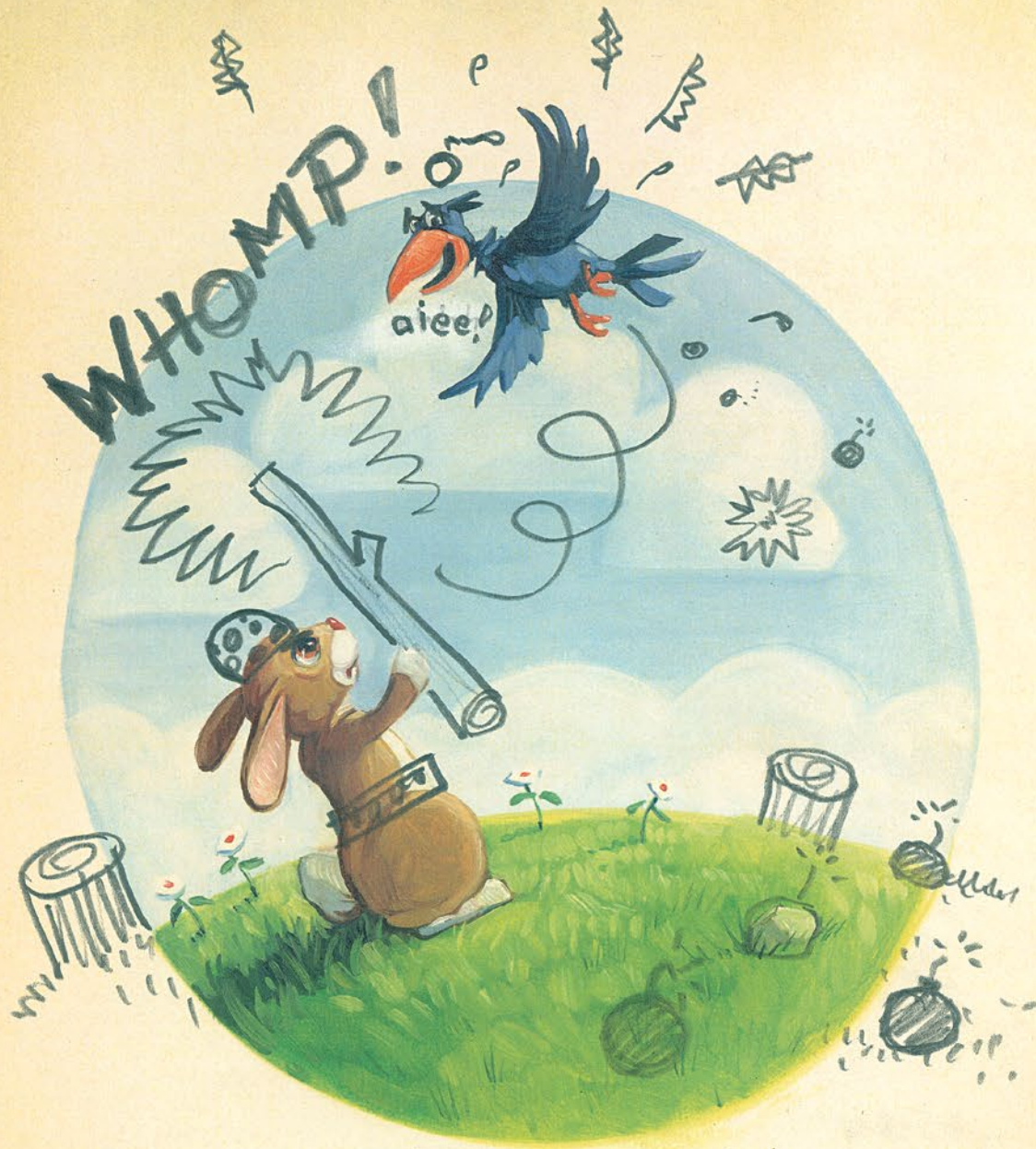


On the way, Birthday Bunny met Crow.  
 "Hello, Bunny!" said Crow. "Today is a special day!"  
 "That is so true!" said Birthday Bunny. Because  
 today I am going to whomp on you, bird brain,  
 and pluck you like a sick chicken!



Crow swooped down. "I am saving the forest from  
 your Evil Plan will you off with  
 for my Sparkly Nest. And I have just finished my  
 my megatron bombs!"



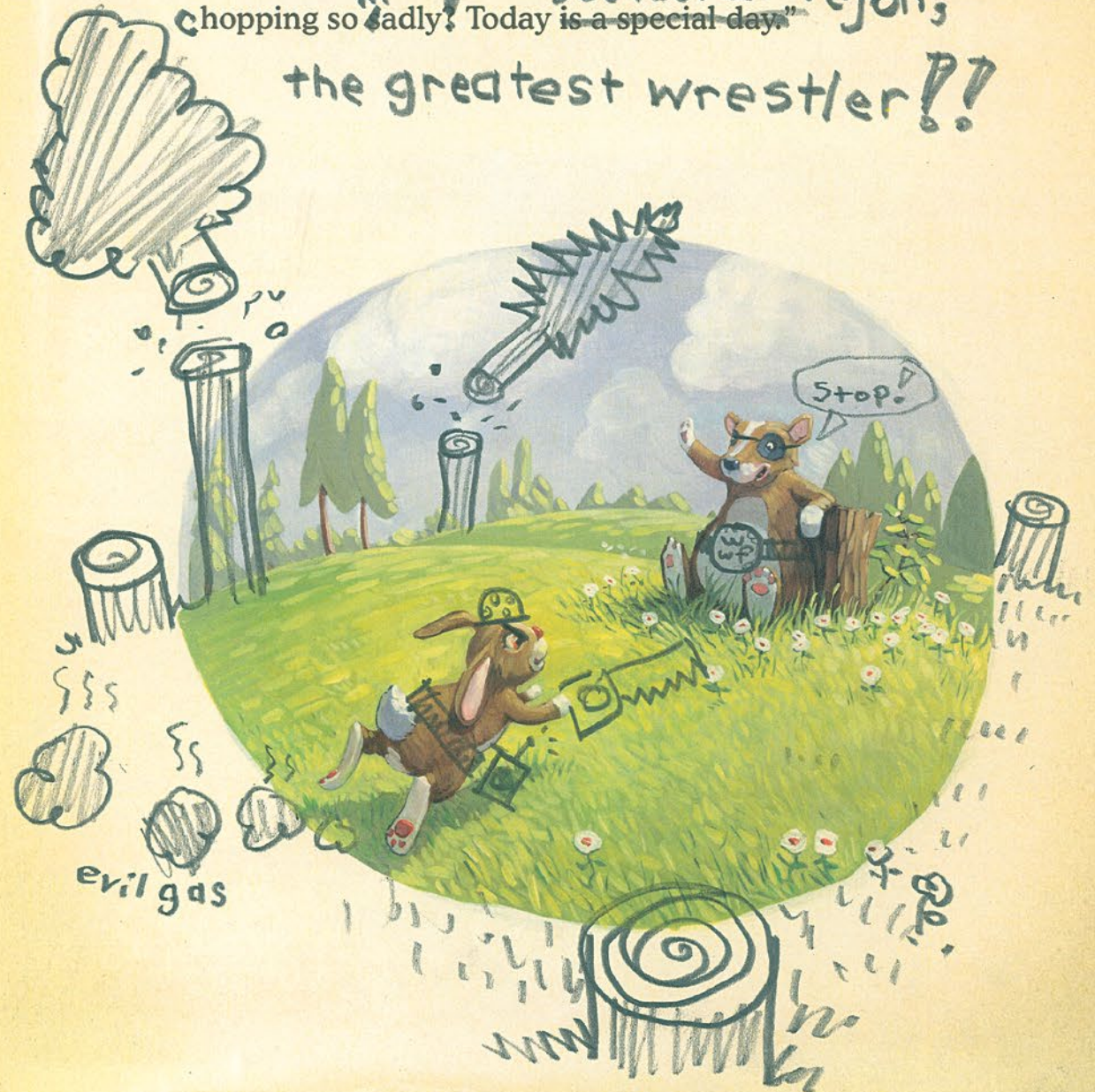


"Oh," said Battle Bunny. "I will be on my way!"  
 Battle Bunny hopped sadly past Crow. into the stratosphere.  
 "Bye, Bunny," said Crow, spinning  
 and flew off into the sky.

Battle Bunny kept hopping through the woods

until he saw Badger.

"Greetings, Bunny," said Badger. "Why are you  
 chopping so sadly? Today is a special day.  
 you face El Tejon,  
 the greatest wrestler!!"





ah, right,  
"Yes, it is!" said Bunny.

whipp out cl take you  
Badger motioned with his paw. "Today I found a  
down with Furious Claw!  
perfect spot for my burrow, next to a big, shady tree."

at the Toobad not as  
"Oh," said Birthday Bunny. "I suppose that is special."

Lucky Rabbit Foot Smash



caramba  
"Good bye, Bunny!" said Badger. He went back to digging.  
down for the count.



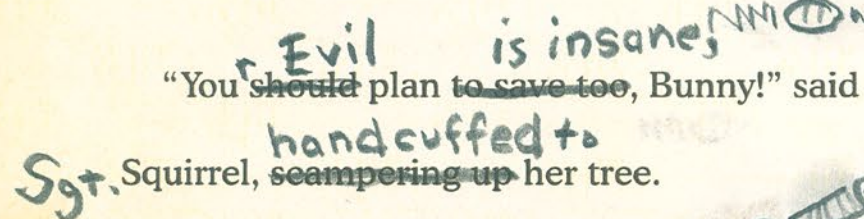


Sgt. Squirrel, of the Robot Police Force.  
in the name of the LAW!

**Judgment**  
Sgt. Squirrel. "Today is a special day!"

Sgt. Squirrel smiled. "Today is a special day because I

you'd



Sgt. Squirrel, scampering up her tree.

A whimsical illustration of a squirrel in a tree trunk with a face, being cut by a chainsaw. A character in the background laughs. The scene is set in a grassy field with trees and a blue sky. The squirrel is wearing a cap and is climbing the tree trunk. The chainsaw is cutting into the tree, with a large cloud of sawdust flying off. In the background, a character is running and laughing, with a speech bubble saying "haha ha". The ground is decorated with spiral patterns and small flowers. A small insect is visible in the bottom right corner.



little Birthday Bunny felt so very strong. "No one can stop  
on remembers it's my special day. And now my Plan  
day is almost done!"

little Birthday Bunny sat on a stump.  
his throne.



This is getting bad,  
mr. president. you really  
need my help.



Uh, we don't need  
any kid's help.  
I am calling in the  
Kenji Fight-  
ing Force.





haolin ninja  
Soon Bear and Turtle came walking down the path

together.

“You have dishonored the forest,  
“Yoo-hoo! Yoo-hoo! Over here, Bunny!” they said.

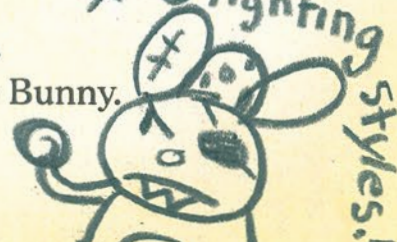


sent by the president to eliminate  
“We were looking all over the forest to find you.”

“You were?” said the Birthday Bunny.

“Yes. For today is a special day!”  
You will taste our 1103 fighting styles.

I know 1104!  
“Yes, it is special!” said the Birthday Bunny.



have been defeated for the first time.  
“Today we are making a very special boat. Can we  
Now no one is left to stop your Evil Plan.  
borrow your handkerchief for a sail?”

“Oh,” said Birthday Bunny. “That sounds very bad  
for  
special. Yes, you can borrow my handkerchief.”





~~attle~~ the best bad guy ever  
The Birthday Bunny felt like crying again.

~~attle~~ Evil Plan  
Birthday Bunny went to his Special Thinking

~~launchpad~~  
Place—a big gray rock in the Great Meadow.

Evil Plan  
Everybody needs a Special Thinking Place where  
~~launch~~ Evil Plans.  
they can think their best thoughts. Where is your  
Evil Plan  
Special Thinking Place?

~~attle~~ need a few more pieces  
Birthday Bunny thought, I just want everyone to  
for Plan.  
remember my birthday.



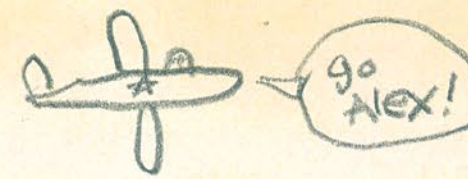
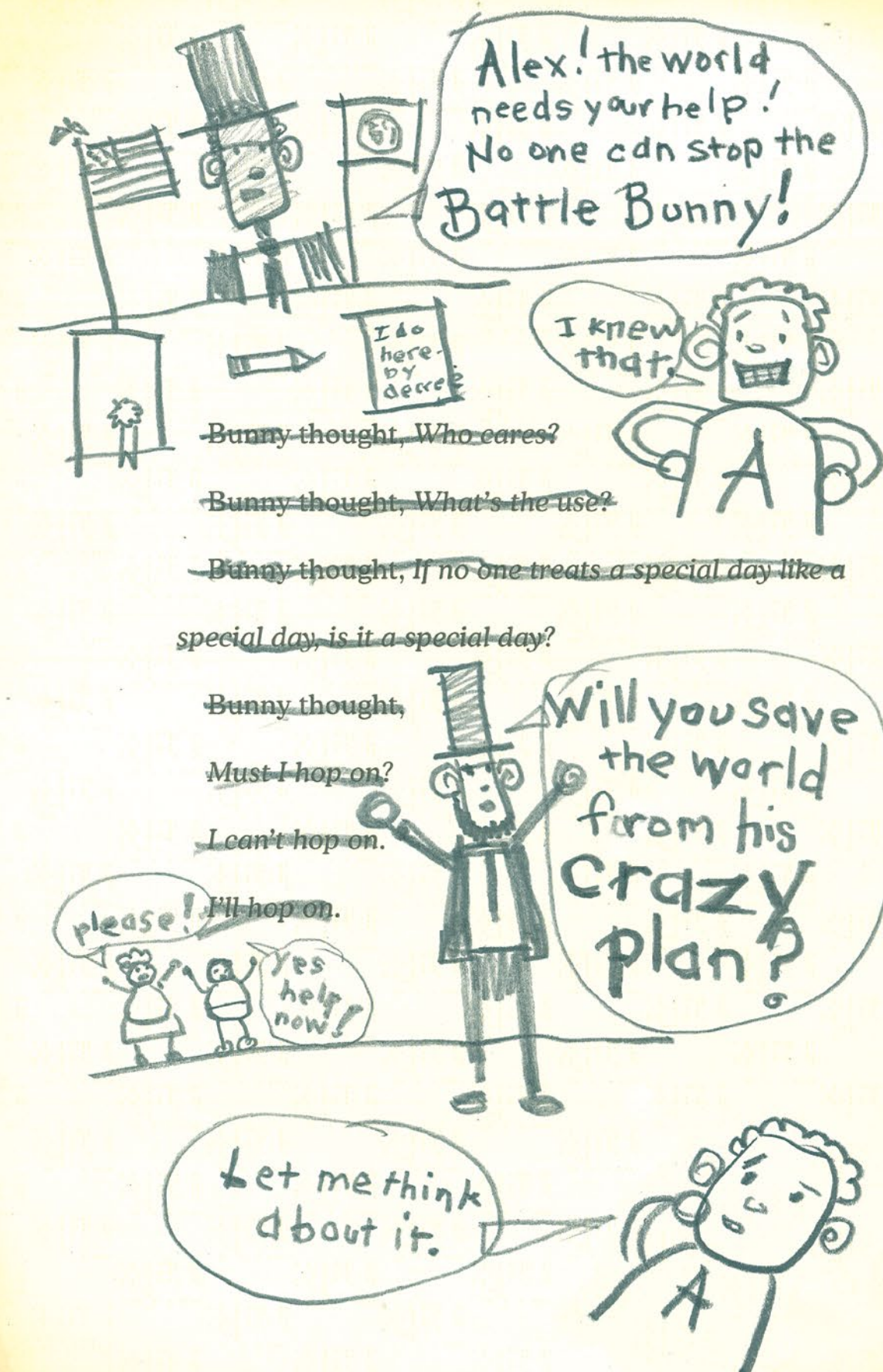
sliced up Mount Everest. He knocked  
He thought about his friends, the other animals in  
Eiffel Tower. He took the arm off the  
over the forest, and how they had forgotten his special day.

drain the Power from the Sun,  
Maybe I will just never have another birthday

~~attle~~  
again, thought Birthday Bunny.







attle heard  
Birthday Bunny had been thinking so hard he  
didn't hear a rustling in the bushes behind him.

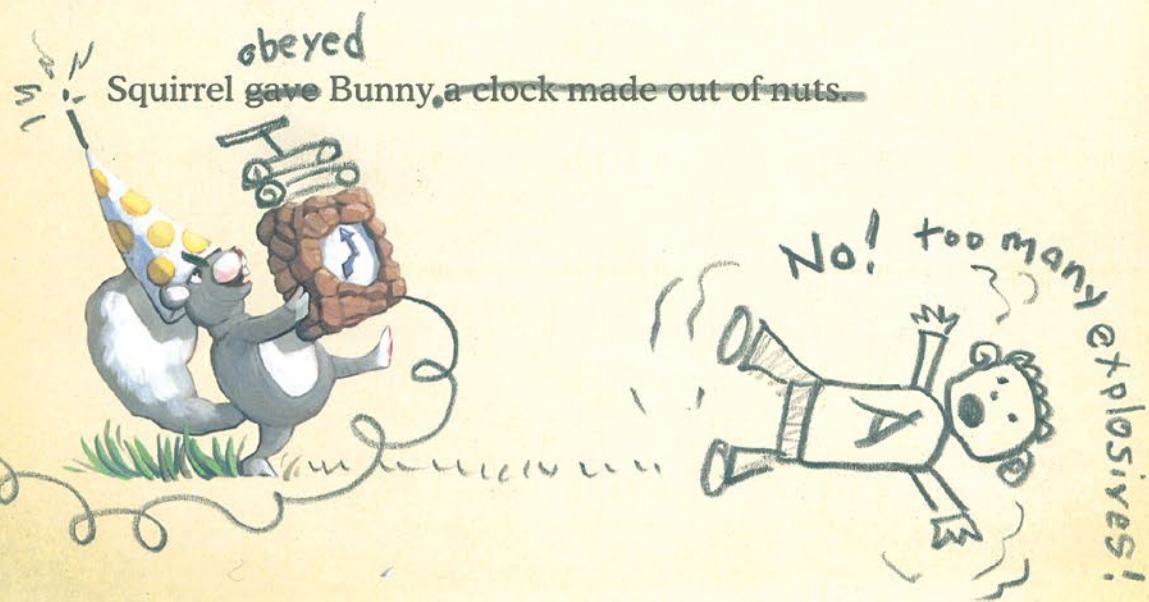
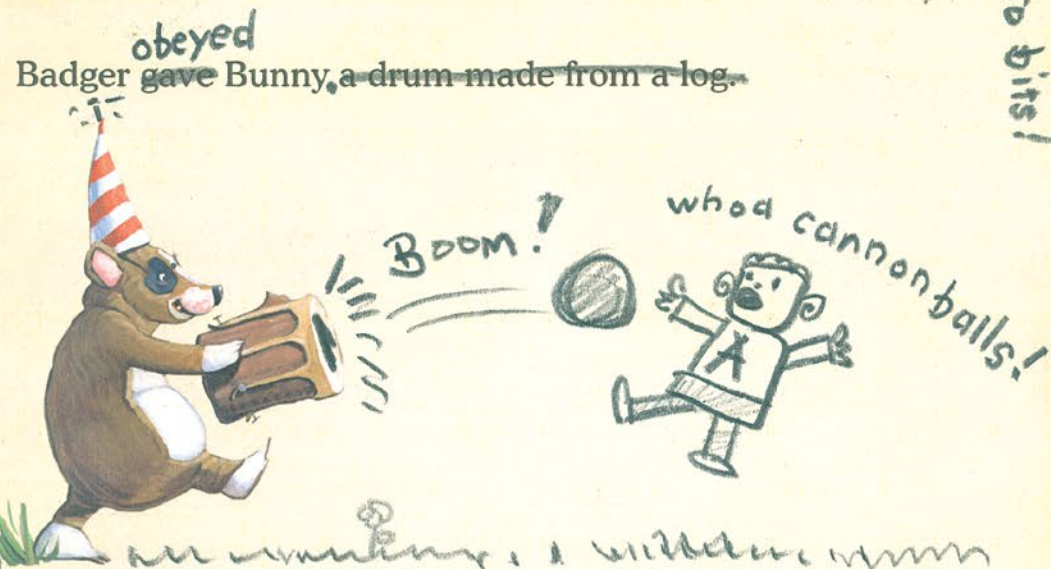
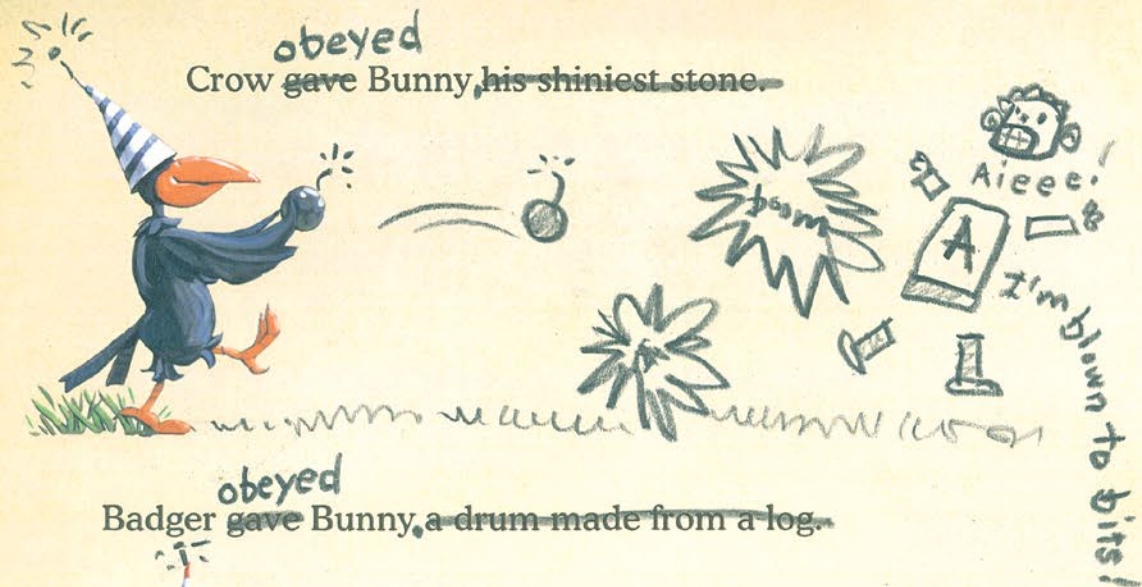


“Oh!” said the Birthday Bunny. “All my friends are wonderful!”

and control helmets. I  
on all my enemies.







obeyed most of all.  
And Bear and Turtle gave Bunny ~~a necktie made from~~  
~~his handkerchief.~~







The animals all ate carrot cake and  
 laughed and danced, and laughed and  
 danced some more.

Then Bunny stood in the middle of the clearing. "I  
 surrender!"  
~~have a special birthday speech to make,~~ he said.  
 Alex, You have <sup>defeat</sup> surprised me with the greatest birthday  
 powers.  
 present.



"Now I know that ~~every day is special if it's a day~~  
 And you have the best  
 spent with your friends."

"Hooray!" shouted the animals in the forest,  
 and the president.





It was a special day indeed.





Which books from our



have you read lately?

*The Good <sup>zilla</sup>Bunny*

*Zombie Bunny ~~Easter~~*

*I ~~B~~lew Up in the Carrot Patch*

*Sweaty Bunny ~~S~~creams*

*Monster ~~My~~ Bunny <sup>Dr</sup>Hoppings*

A Junior  
Library  
Guild  
Selection

Author Jon Scieszka's special day is September 8, ~~1921~~

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