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## Cora and a Baby Rabbit

One by one the house lights turn off mysteriously in the dark. The moon is rising happily in the night sky as the stars whistle in the downpour of the rain. The last house light turns off and everyone is sleeping as the rain is pouring like a lion roaring loudly. It is noisy, the rain is pouring so loud that a lot of people can't sleep. Cora patiently watches and waits for the last house light to turn off. She watches for hours and hours and finally it turns off, but the people are still outside where her food is. The baby rabbit: she needs to get it for her cubs, but she can't if the people are there.

Now they are inside. Time to hunt for it. She needs to get that baby rabbit for her cubs. She steps and rolls. There she has spotted her and her cubs' dinner. She gets closer and closer and closer but it has vanished somewhere. She needs to find it to give it to her babies. She searches for hours and hours but can't find it. But then, before she gives up, she finds it. But it is in a cage. She needs the baby rabbit because her and her cubs are starving but needs to find a way to get it out. Then she has an idea. She has to get into the cage, and she does.

Slam! The backdoor angrily slams shut. A creepy figure comes to the cage to see what is happening to his baby rabbit. He is shocked; his poor baby rabbit is dead. Cora thinks he is going to hurt her so she thinks on how to get out of the cage but the cage is made out of strong steel for the top and unbreakable metal for the sides. The kind stranger doesn't want to hurt her, but her instincts think he does. She thinks. Crash! Hiss! Stumble! Rip! Crash! Hiss! Stumble! Rip!

She opens the cage calmly, cautiously and carefully, and then she scampers back to the den with the baby rabbit, but the stranger is chasing her, but she is way too fast for him to keep up. So, she takes the baby rabbit into the long grass. She watches him return to his home crying. He will miss his baby rabbit but for the good it was better for Cora to have it instead of him. Cora thinks of how nice he was, but she needs to take it back to her cubs immediately. She is so worried about them that she must desperately go.

When she gets home, they are gone. She is really, really, really upset until she realizes that they are sleeping deeper in the den happily. Cora is relieved and then she falls asleep peacefully and no one hunts her and her cubs.

In the morning Cora wakes up to her cubs roaring in the den happily. She gives the baby rabbit to her cubs to eat and she has some too. She will go back to his house again tomorrow night.