

## Zoomy Rabs & the Pool

Kaia hugged her sleeping teddies. There was Ned Kelly and Zoomy Rabs. The family cat named Stinky Puss lay at the foot of the bed with his face semi-buried in the old duvet.

As her teddies started to wake-up they made loud yawning sounds and rubbed their eyes with their paws. Kaia whispered to them; "Shush...be quiet, big sister Heidi is still asleep."

"Can we throw something at her?" Zoomy Rabs asked.

"No way!" "She'd get really grumpy!" Giggled Kaia!

"What a stupid idea!" Ned Kelly scoffed.

Zoomy looked mischievously at Heidi, but he was feeling too warm and cosy and so he couldn't be bothered moving! But as he watched Heidi sleeping, his long and furry left ear bent into a curious fold just above half way! One day he thought with glee!

Can you draw Zoomy Rabs with his long and furry ear bent over?

The three friends were excited because Mum was going to make them a picnic lunch and fill up their pool under the lemon tree!

"I can't wait to have a swim" said Kaia!

"I'm going to do a big dive bomb!" Zoomy Rabs boasted!

"You can't go into the pool! Ned Kelly scoffed! You can't even swim!"

Kaia asked Zoomy to make a promise not to go into the pool. "But that's not fair!" Shouted Zoomy Rabs! And he didn't promise.

**"Will you all be quiet?"** Said Heidi in a very grumpy and loud voice! "I can hear you all talking, and you've woken me up!"

Kaia, Zoomy and Ned, slid quietly out of bed and made their way down to the kitchen for breakfast. Stinky Puss followed them, landing with a heavy plop on the floor!

As they ate their toast at the kitchen table, Mum told them that after breakfast she would fill their pool and make their picnic!

**"Tumeke!"** They all shouted out together - this is going to be a choice as day!

Stinky Puss who was lying curled in a patch of sunlight was watching Zoomy Rabs closely. He knew that Zoomy Rabs would be brewing mischief because the rabbits left ear was bent in half and that always meant trouble!

"Look at that bad rabbit mumbled Stinky Puss. He'll be planning something!"

Stinky Puss washed his face with his white mittened paw. His golden eyes were half closed, but firmly fixed on Zoomy Rabs!

By lunch time the water in the pool was warm enough to swim in and so they sat down to eat their picnic. Mum had made ham sandwiches cut into the shape of triangles and strawberry cake with fresh cream. She had also made some homemade lemonade and it was sweet and syrupy and really tasted good!

After the picnic lunch, Ned Kelly was so full, that he lay on his back with his round belly poking up in the air!

"That was too much", he said, as he slowly drifted off into a deep sleep.

Kaia was soon fast asleep lying in the shade of lemon tree as well.

Stinky Puss, who'd been watching everything that was going on below from up in the apple tree, meowed and growled to himself... "Look! I can see that naughty rabbit and I know that he's up to no good!" He meowed to himself worryingly, as he watched Zoomy Rabs... watching his friends!

Zoomy got up slowly and crept over to Ned Kelly. "Are you awake?" He asked, and just to be sure, he shook Ned a little! "Yay! He's asleep!"

Zoomy then hopped over to Kaia...and leant in so close that his whiskers tickled her face, making her to giggle in her sleep! "Are you awake?" He whispered in her ear. She only smiled softly in response to his naughty questions!

Zoomy cast a last sneaky look over towards the house to make sure that Mum or Heidi wasn't watching him.

He then ran around the lemon tree twice, hopping and leaping high in the air! But he had saved his last and biggest leap for the pool!

He flew through the air with his long ears flapping and landed right in the very middle!

Can you draw Zoomy Rabs as he 'flew through the air with his ears flapping?'

**But!** As soon as he hit the water he started to sink!

"Help!"

He cried out. But his two friends were fast asleep, and Mum and Heidi were inside and couldn't hear him!

Luckily, Stinky Puss had seen it all! With a loud screeching- and- a- howling he leapt off the apple tree and ran as fast as he could! His fat belly was-a-wobbling and his golden eyes-a-flashing!

He leapt into the nasty wet water, making all his fleas-go-a-jumping! And he grabbed the naughty rabbit in his mouth and pulled him out just in time!

Mum came running when she heard Stinky Puss screeching!

The noises woke Kaia and Ned up with a fright! Stinky Puss then plopped the wet little rabbit, who was now crying in between big gulps of air, on the ground under the lemon tree!

**"I'm sorry Zoomy cried out! I just wanted to do a dive bomb! I didn't mean to be naughty!"**

"Oh, you a naughty rabbit!" Scolded Kaia!

"And I told you, that you can't swim!" Cried Ned.

"I'm sorry! Zoomy Rabs repeated between his tears. I promise I won't ever do it again!"

Mum took them all inside and made them all a big mug of creamy milo and she made Stinky Puss, who was all wet and cold, a big bowl of warm milk!

Then big sister Heidi put on their favourite Disney DVD so that they could all get snuggled in for the evening and try to forget what had nearly happened to Zoomy Rabs!

Stinky Puss mumbled and meowed to himself quietly as he sat drying his wet fur by the fire. "Look at that naughty rabbit!"

Stinky Puss growled, with his golden eyes blazing! "He is such a bad rabbit!"

Because even as Zoomy Rabs tearfully promised to his two best friends over and over "that he would never be naughty again" Stinky Puss saw that...

**His naughty left ear was folded in half! (*& we know what that means!*)**

**Can you draw a picture of Stinky Puss looking at Zoomy?**