

## Zoomy Rabs and the Big Box of Chocolates

Today big sister Heidi was having her birthday party!

Everyone sang Happy Birthday to her at the top of their voices and then she blew out her candles with a big whoosh!

Can you draw everyone singing happy birthday and the big box of chocolates?

Heidi had been given many presents, but Zoomy Rabs eyes were focussed on the big box of chocolates that she'd got.

Zoomy Rabs had never seen such a big box of chocolates before and his mouth watered as he imagined how good they would taste.

"Zoomy Rabs!" "What are you doing?" Ned Kelly asked him. "Your eyes are closed, and it looks like you're eating as your mouth and whiskers are moving!"

"Oh, I was just thinking about something" mumbled Zoomy.

Stinky Puss was watching him closely. "Look at that naughty rabbit! He's up to no good!" Stinky Puss knew this, because Zoomy's left ear had a funny little bend in it about half way down!

Later that day, Kaia and her two teddies, Ned Kelly and Zoomy Rabs were playing in their bedroom when Heidi brought in all of her presents to put away.

Zoomy watched her very closely from the corner of his eye and he saw her put the big box of chocolates in her bottom drawer.

Zoomy Rabs smiled craftily to himself!

The next day Mum was folding some washing and had sorted everyone's clothes into tidy piles.

"Mum can I help you put those clothes away?"

"Oh thanks!" Said Mum, who was surprised, because Zoomy Rabs was usually a bit lazy! "Can you carry these down to your room and put this pile in Kaia's top drawer and these socks in Heidi's middle drawer".

"Sure Mum" said the naughty rabbit! Zoomy saw that his friends were busy and so he gleefully hopped down to the bedroom!

He quickly squashed the clothes Mum had carefully folded into any drawer and then he quietly opened Heidi's bottom drawer and there was the big box of chocolates.

Zoomy's nose twitched when he smelt the chocolate smell, all heavy and sweet in the air and his little pink tongue licked his lips in anticipation!

"Zoomy" called Mum and Zoomy Rabs quickly slammed the drawer shut!

"Coming Mum!"

"Zoomy your cheeks are flushed! Are you feeling okay? Mum asked him.

"Oh I don't feel too good! Lied Zoomy. I might go and lie down on my bed for a while". Zoomy Rab's coughed and groaned, as we walked out of the kitchen.

Stinky Puss who was sitting by the oven watched him with his golden eyes half closed. "Bad rabbit", Stinky Puss meowed to himself. "He's up to no good! Look at his naughty ear, it's bent over!"

Zoomy Rabs had soon got the chocolates out and was hiding under his blankets scoffing them as quickly as he could!

His stomach got fuller and fuller and soon there were no chocolates left!

Zoomy Rabs now felt worried as he had just realised that Heidi would find the empty box!

But Zoomy had thought of a cunning plan.

He hopped over to the window and opened it wide and then he scurried back into bed!

"Mum! Help me!" Shouted the naughty rabbit! And everyone came running as fast as they could!

"What's wrong?" Asked Mum, "um, said Zoomy...I was asleep, and I woke up and I saw the Pohutakawa people jump out the window with Heidi's chocolates!"

"Oh really?"

So, you're telling me that they came in and took Heidi's chocolates?"

"Yes" said Zoomy in a voice no louder than a whisper.

"Then why do you have chocolate all over your paws and around your mouth"?

Zoomy Rabs sat there with tears running down his face and both of his long ears flopping sadly downwards.

"Zoomy!" How could you have eaten all of Heidi's chocolates?" Cried Ned Kelly!

"You are a mean and naughty rabbit" declared Heidi! "I was saving them for us all to share!"

Stinky Puss hissed at Zoomy and his eyes were blazing, and his striped tail flashed from side to side!

"I'm sorry! Please forgive me!" Zoomy Rabs felt very alone, as he stood there, with all of the people he loved, looking at him with such disappointment!

"Zoomy Rabs go and get me your favourite toy" said Mum.

Zoomy hopped over to his toy box and brought back his Furby teddy bear and showed it to Mum.

"Since you ate Heidi's birthday present, you will now give her a present in return".

Zoomy looked at his Furby and then back up at Mum begging her with his eyes, not to make him give away his prized possession.

But he could tell that she would not change her mind.

Can you draw Zoomy giving big sister Heidi his Furby Teddy?

I'm sorry Zoomy told Heidi.

I'm sorry I ate all of your birthday chocolates and he gave her his Furby.

"Thank you" said Heidi a little sadly as she couldn't help but feel sorry for Zoomy Rabs.

"We'll that's all sorted, Mum declared and now you three young ones can go outside and play".

Zoomy Rabs felt really sad because he couldn't understand why he was naughty. He was sure that Kaia or Ned would never even think of doing such a mean thing!

Poor Zoomy leant against the old apple tree with his long ears drooping and then ouch! A big red apple bounced off his head, and then another!

Zoomy hopped up and saw that up in the apple tree was a whole lot of angry looking Pohutakawa people!

Zoomy Rabs suddenly remembered that he had told a lie about them today, and then he remembered what happened last time he had told a lie about them!

"Mum, Kaia, Ned, help me...the Pohutakawa people are after me again! Help!"

Stinky Puss, who was also sitting up in the apple tree watched the little rabbit hopping from person to person all after-noon, trying to get anyone to believe him!

But everyone just thought that Zoomy Rabs was just telling more lies... again!

Can you draw the Pohutakawa people throwing apples at Zoomy Rabs?