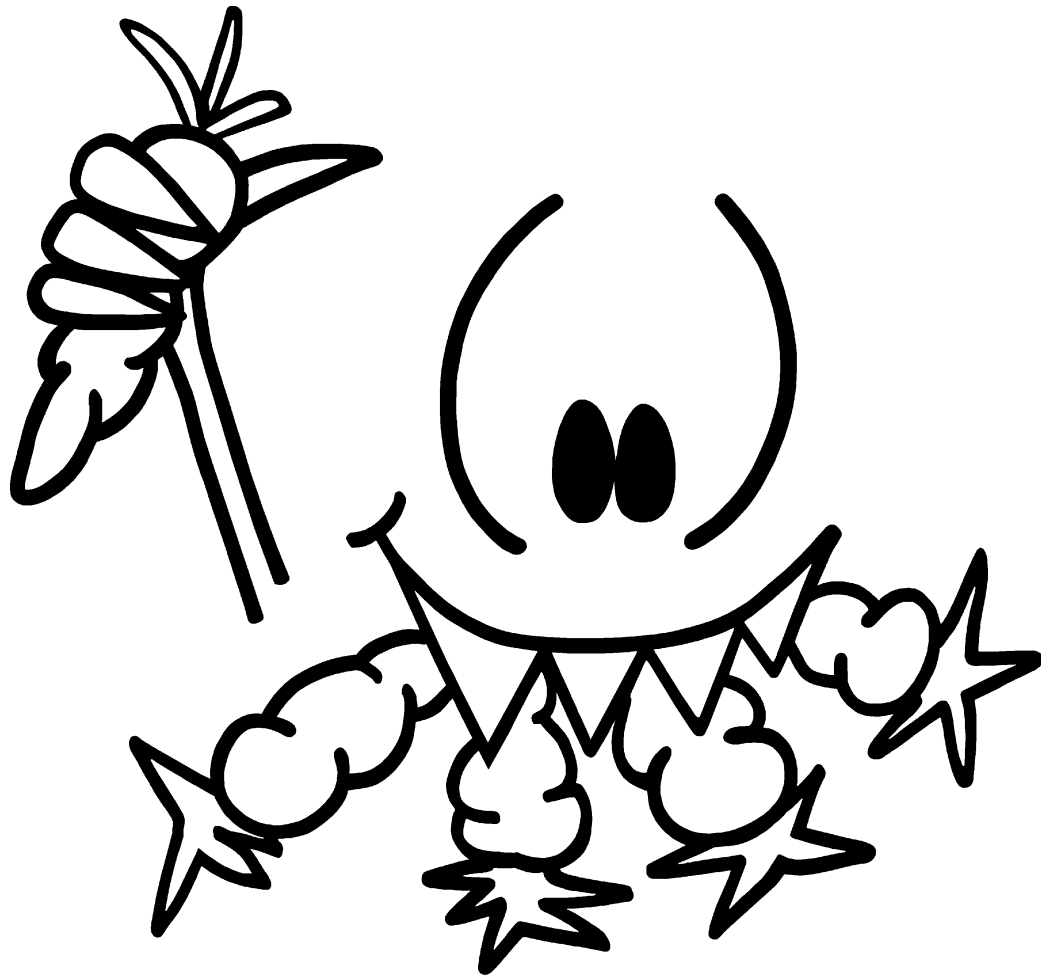


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For Jameson Atticus, who always eats his carrots

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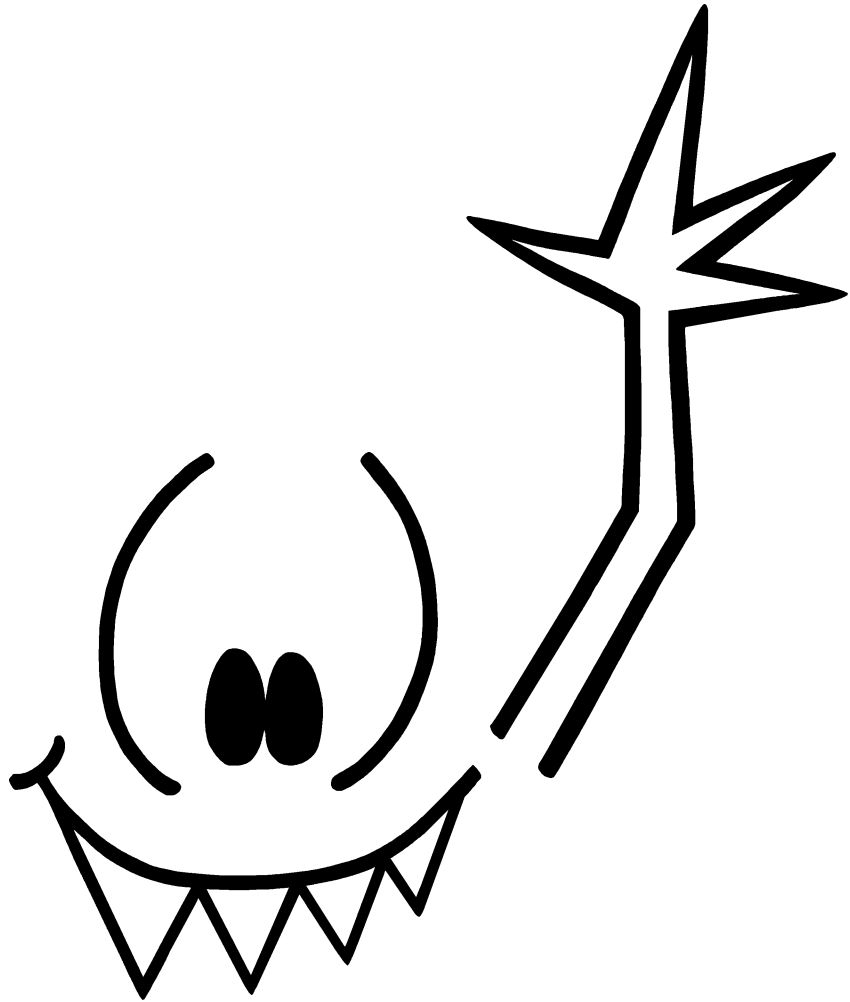
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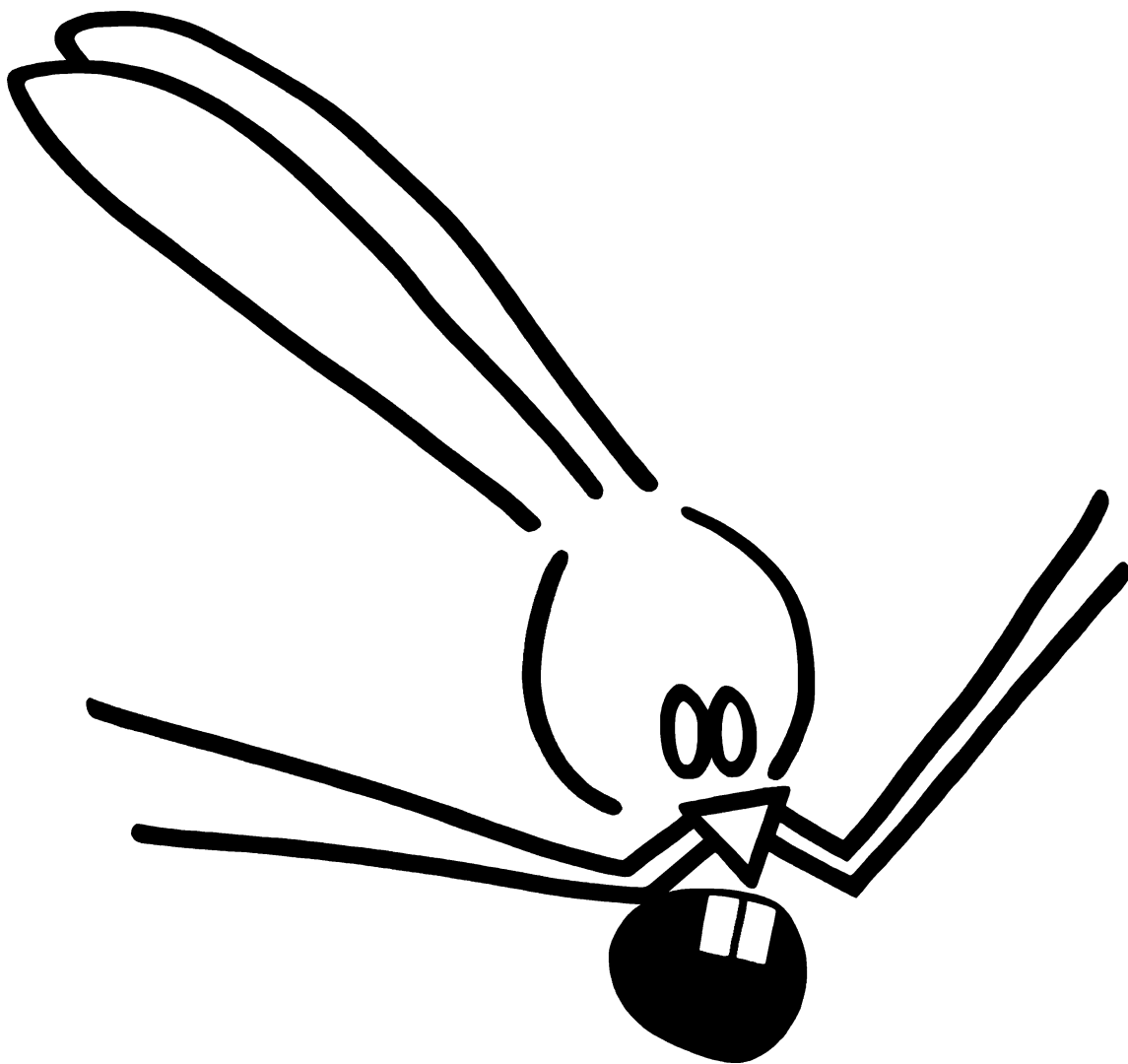
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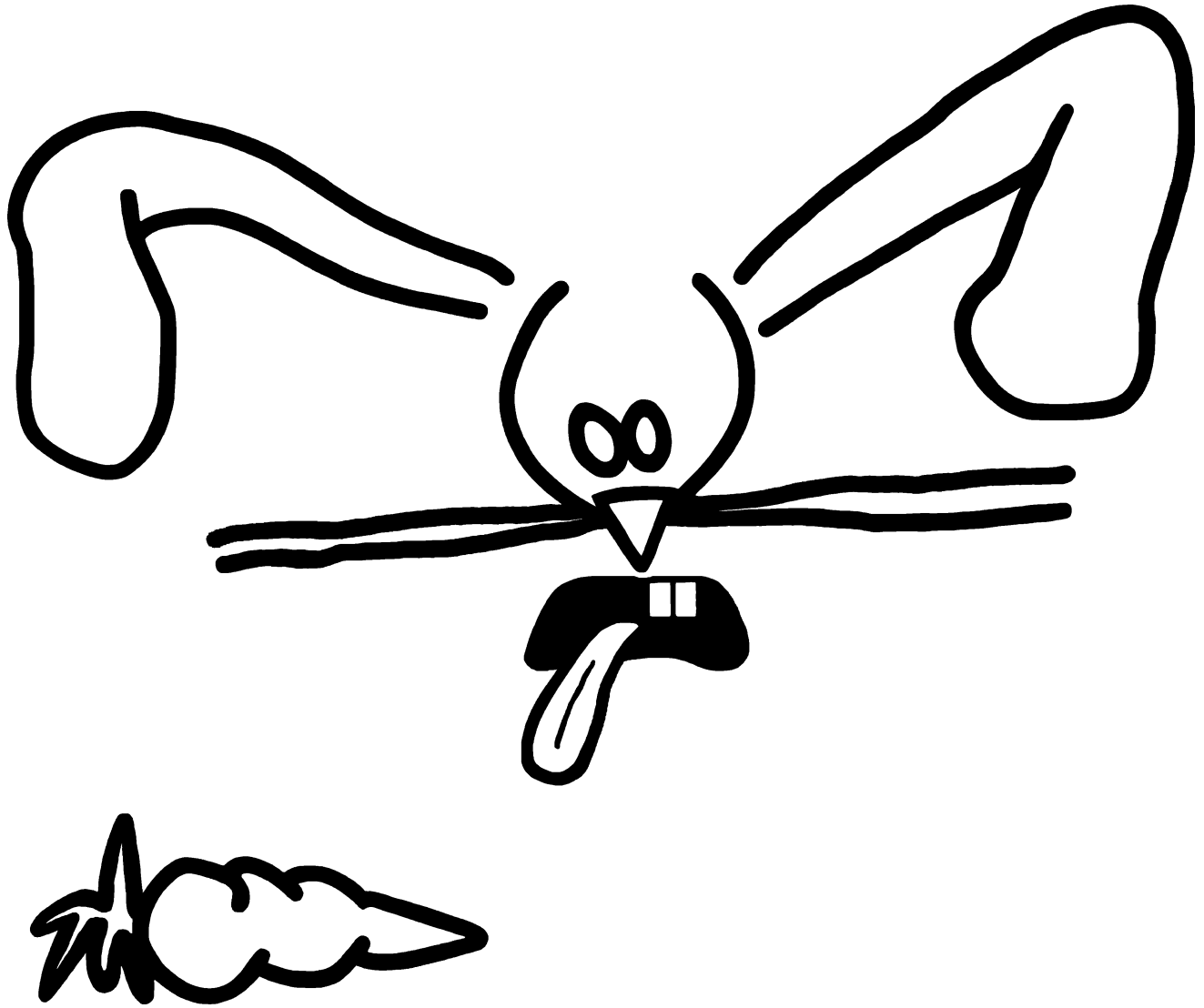
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ScribbleMonster isn't a monster in the bad sense of the word. In fact, he only looks like a monster. He doesn't act like a monster, at least not most of the time.

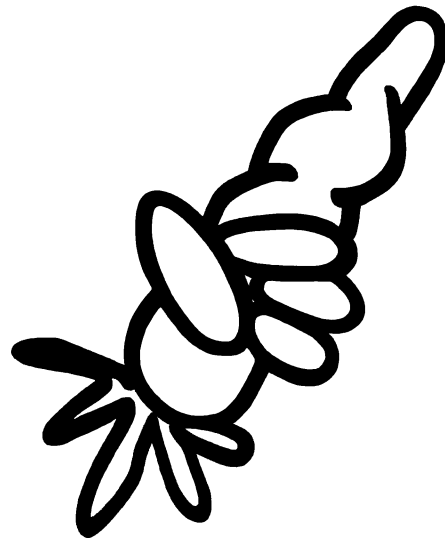
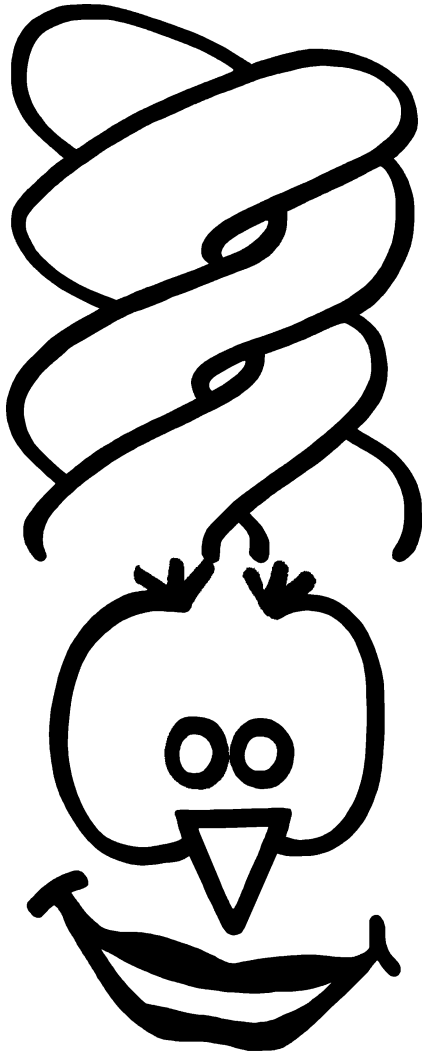
But ScribbleMonster does enjoy scaring people,  
especially his friend, scribbleBunny.

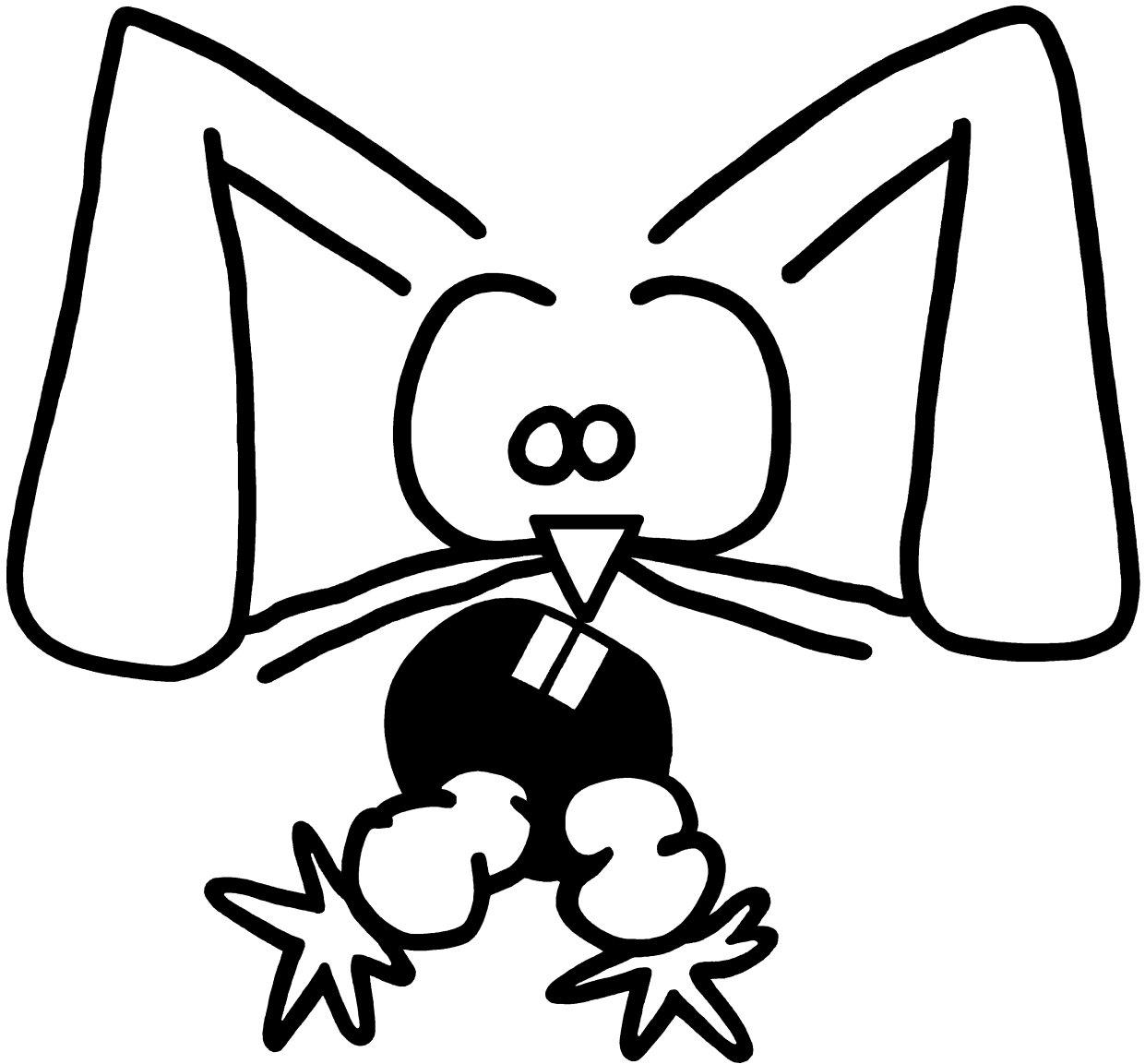




SchibbleBunny isn't fond of eating his vegetables, carrots in particular, which is quite unusual for a young rabbit.

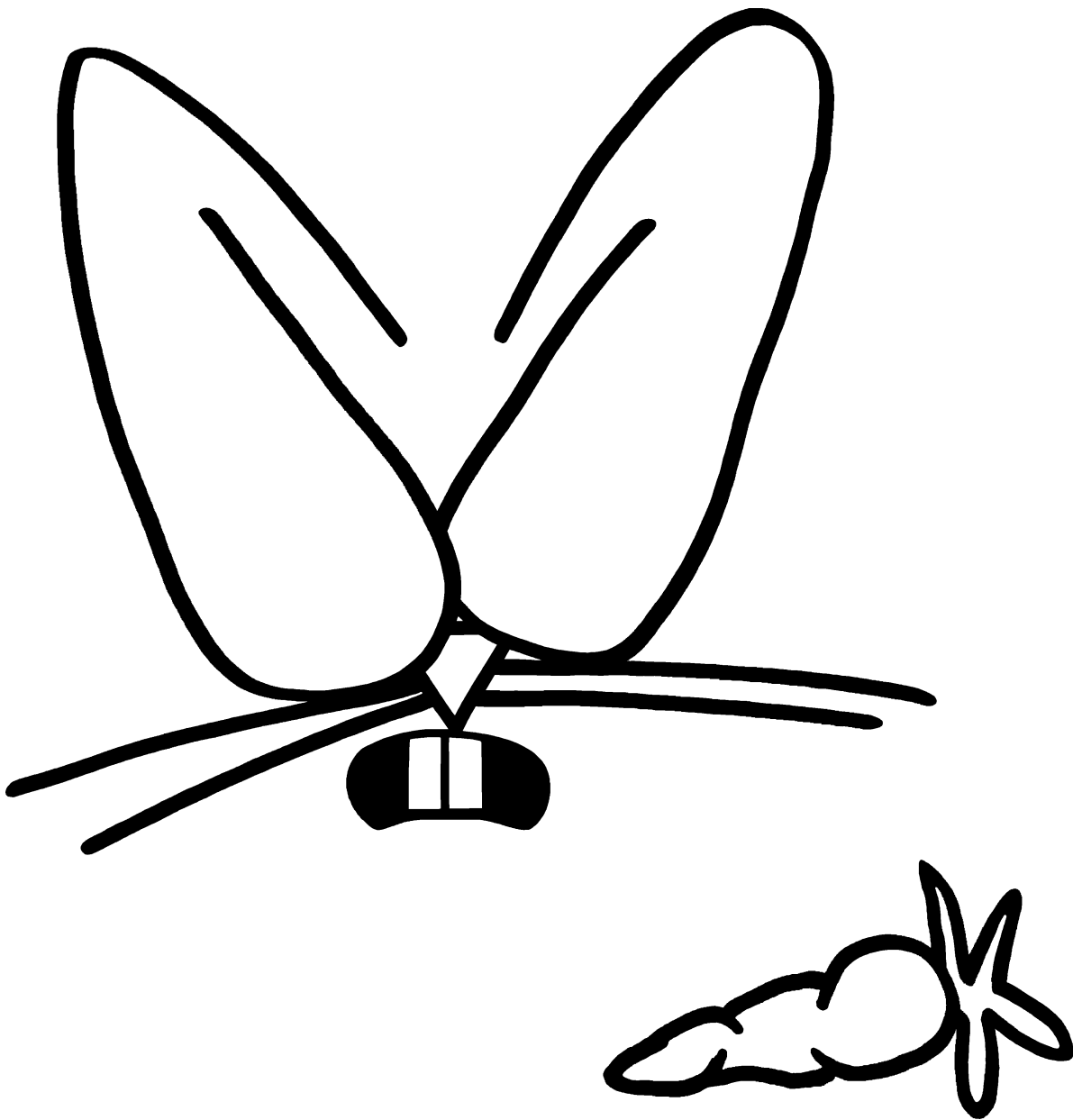
Whenever ScribbleBunny's mother served him carrots for breakfast or lunch or dinner, she would always say in her motherly voice, "Eat your carrots. Everyone knows carrots are good for your eyes."



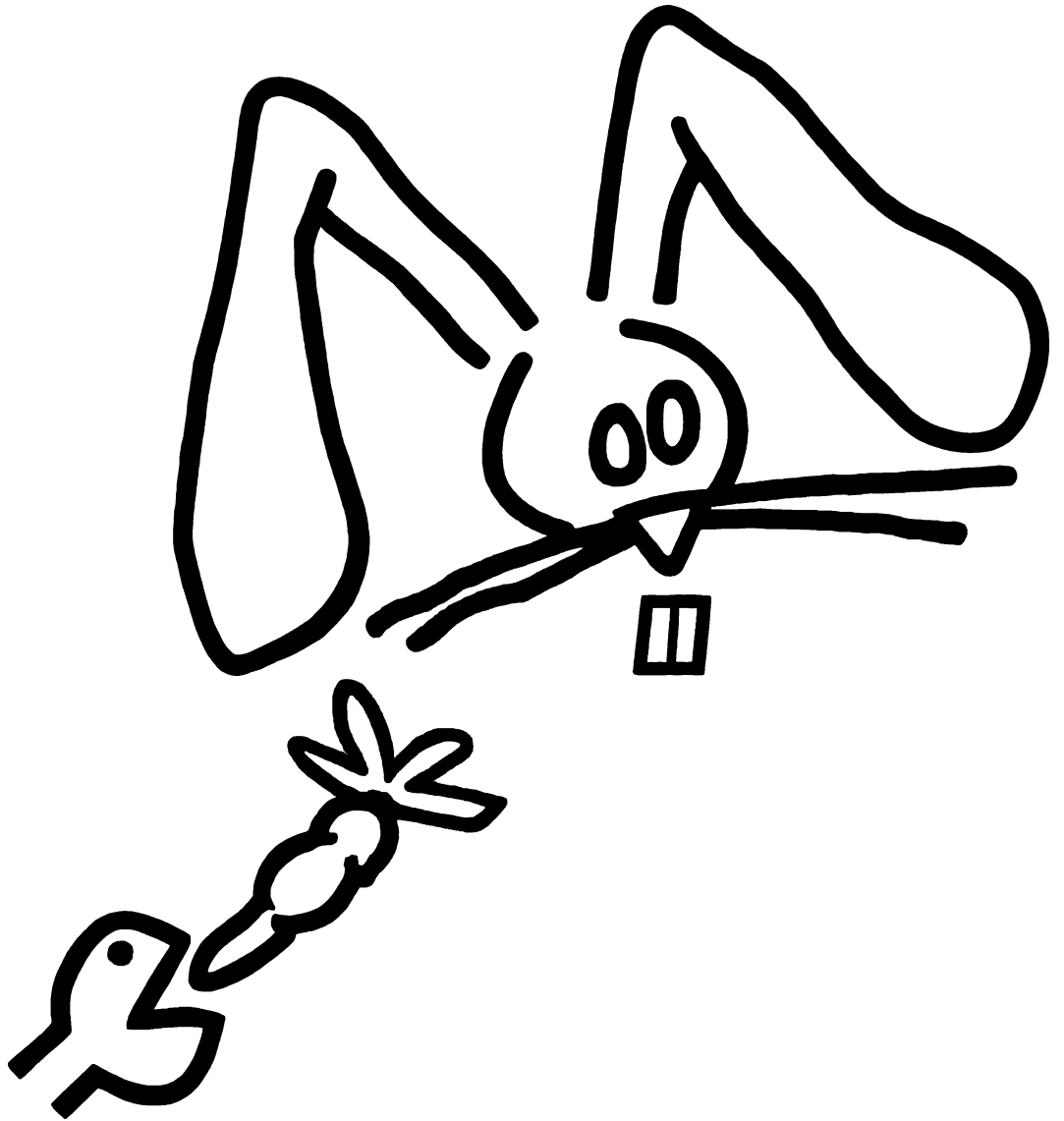


But ScribbleBunny never ate his carrots. He only pretended to eat them. He didn't like the chunch, chunch, chunch of carrots on his teeth . . .

... or the orangey-orange color of carrots on his plate.

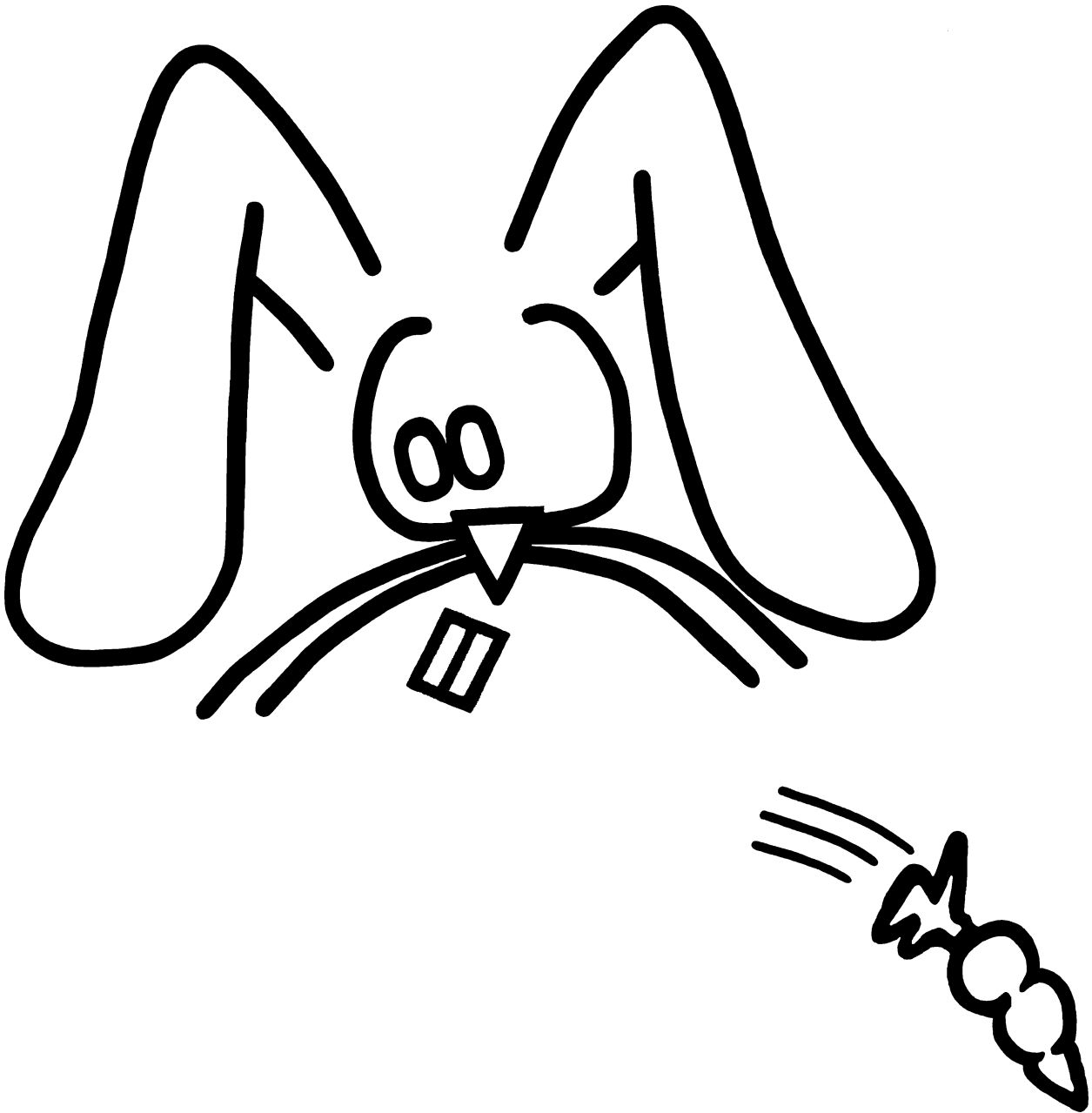


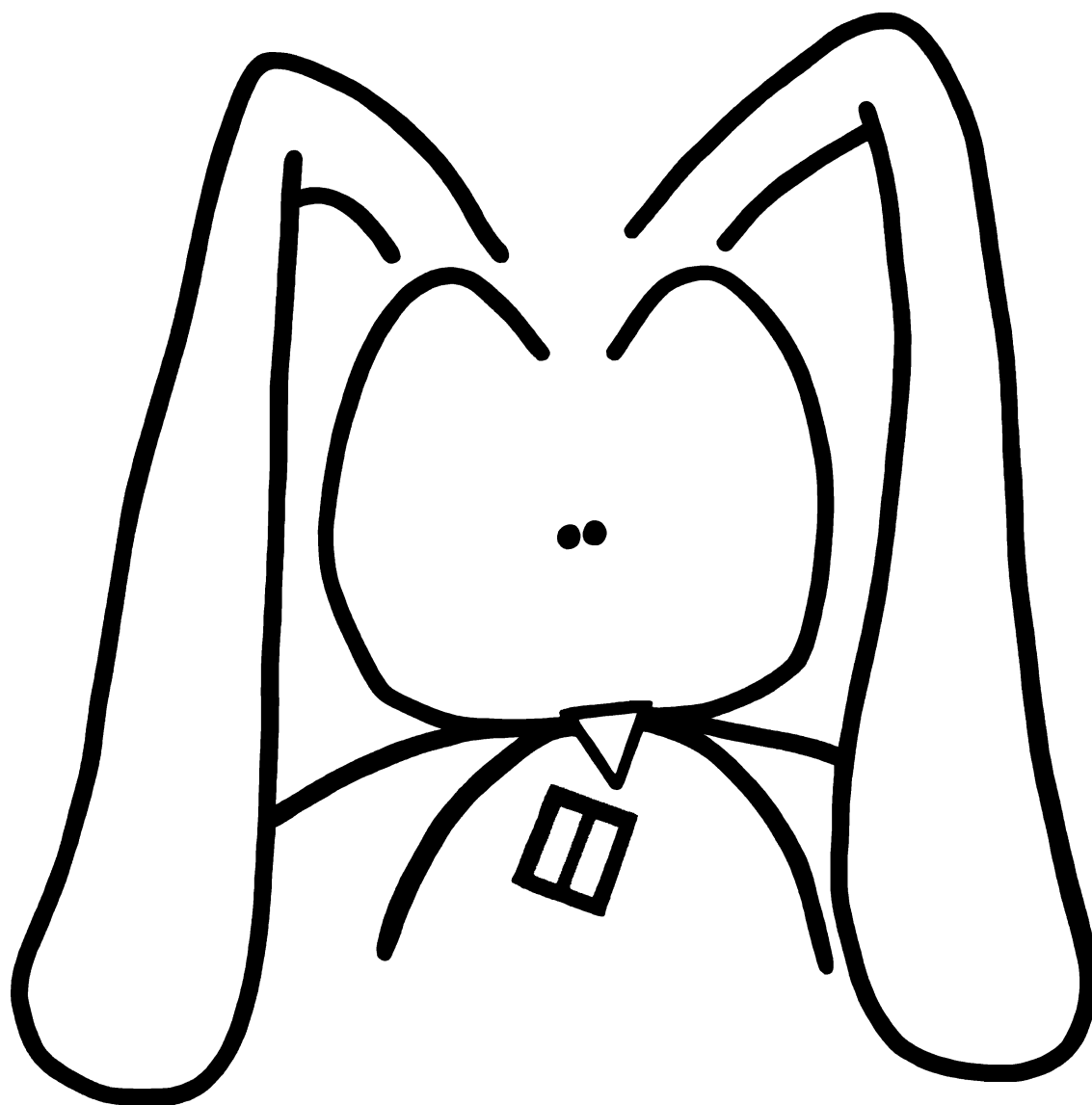




When his mother wasn't looking, ScribbleBunny fed the carrots to his pet, ScribbleTurtle...

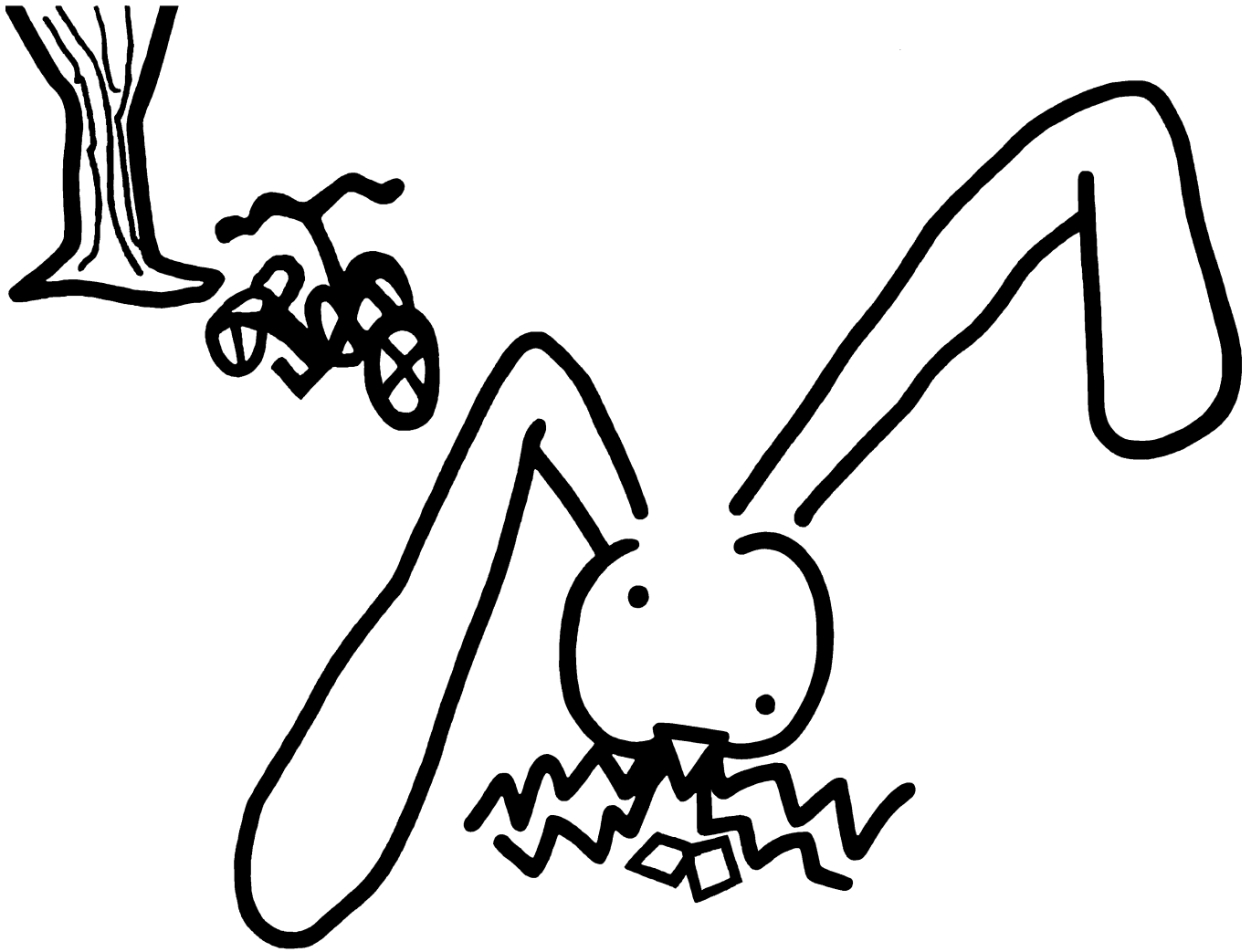
... or threw them down the basement stairs.

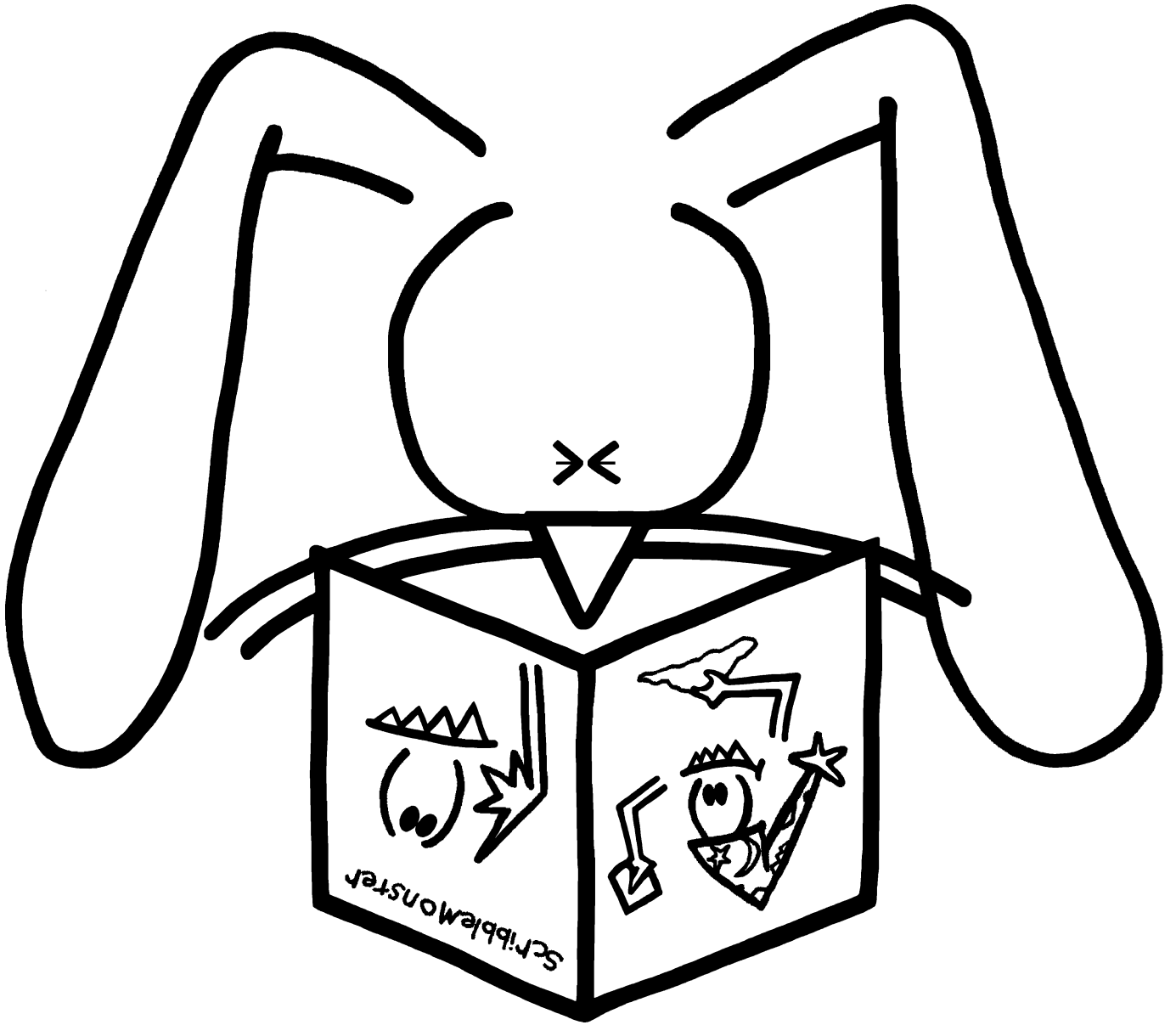




Soon ScribbleBunny's eyesight began to fail.

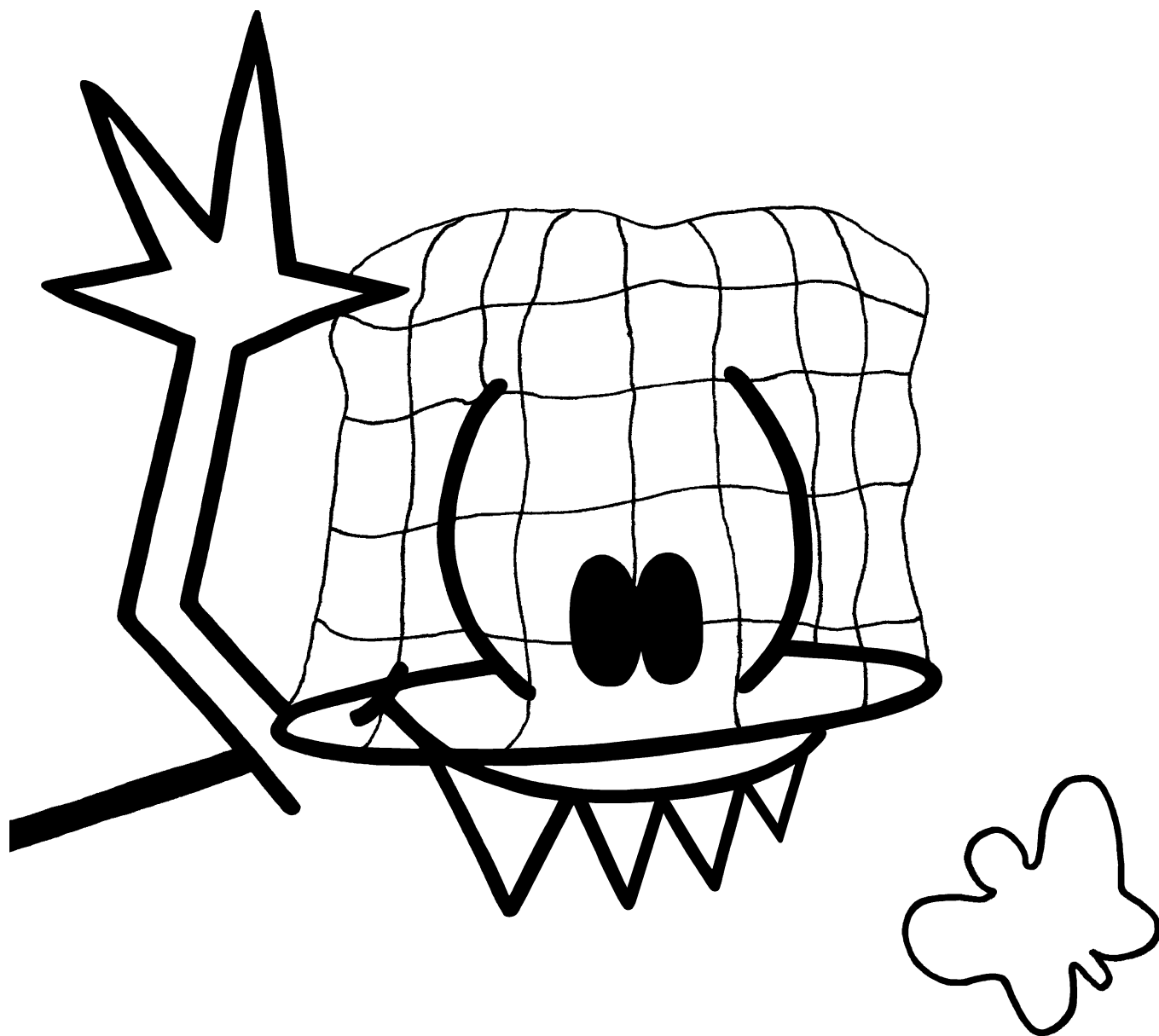
He couldn't hide his bike with ScribbleMonster anymore,

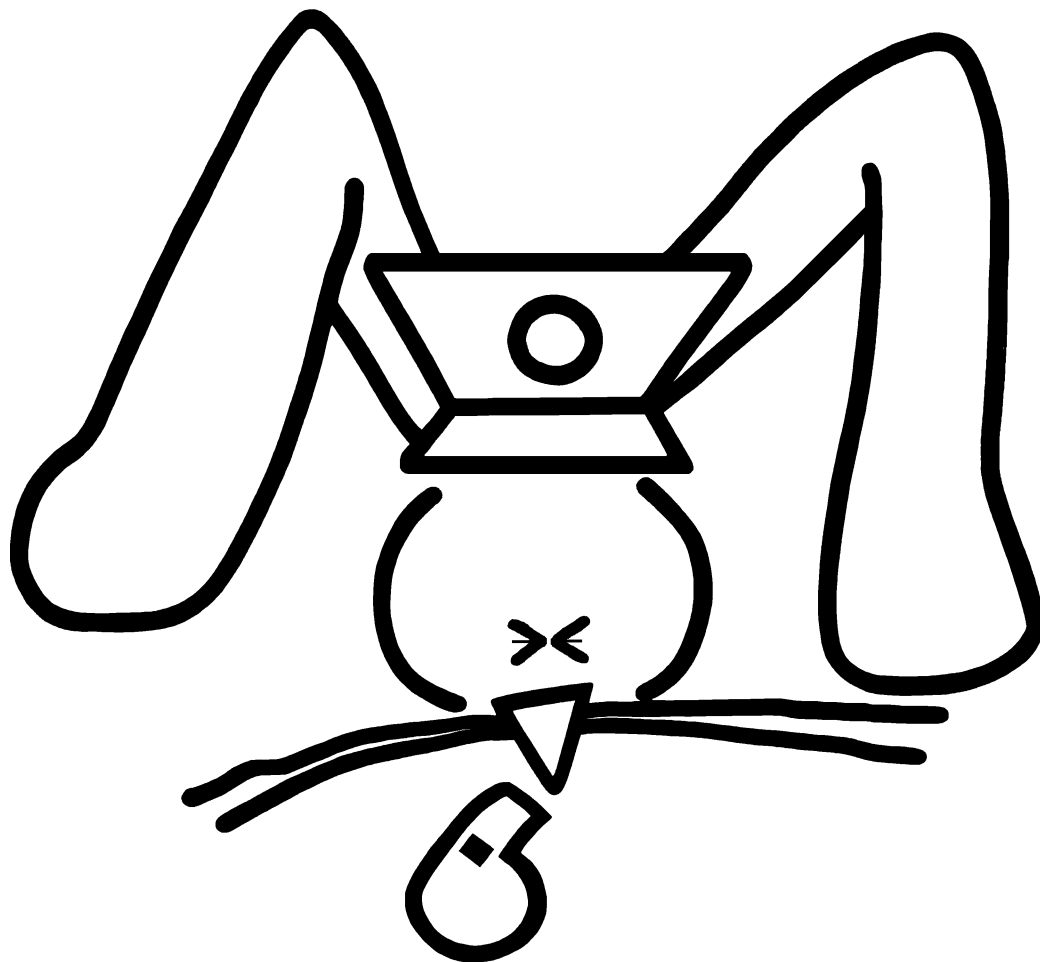




or read his books.

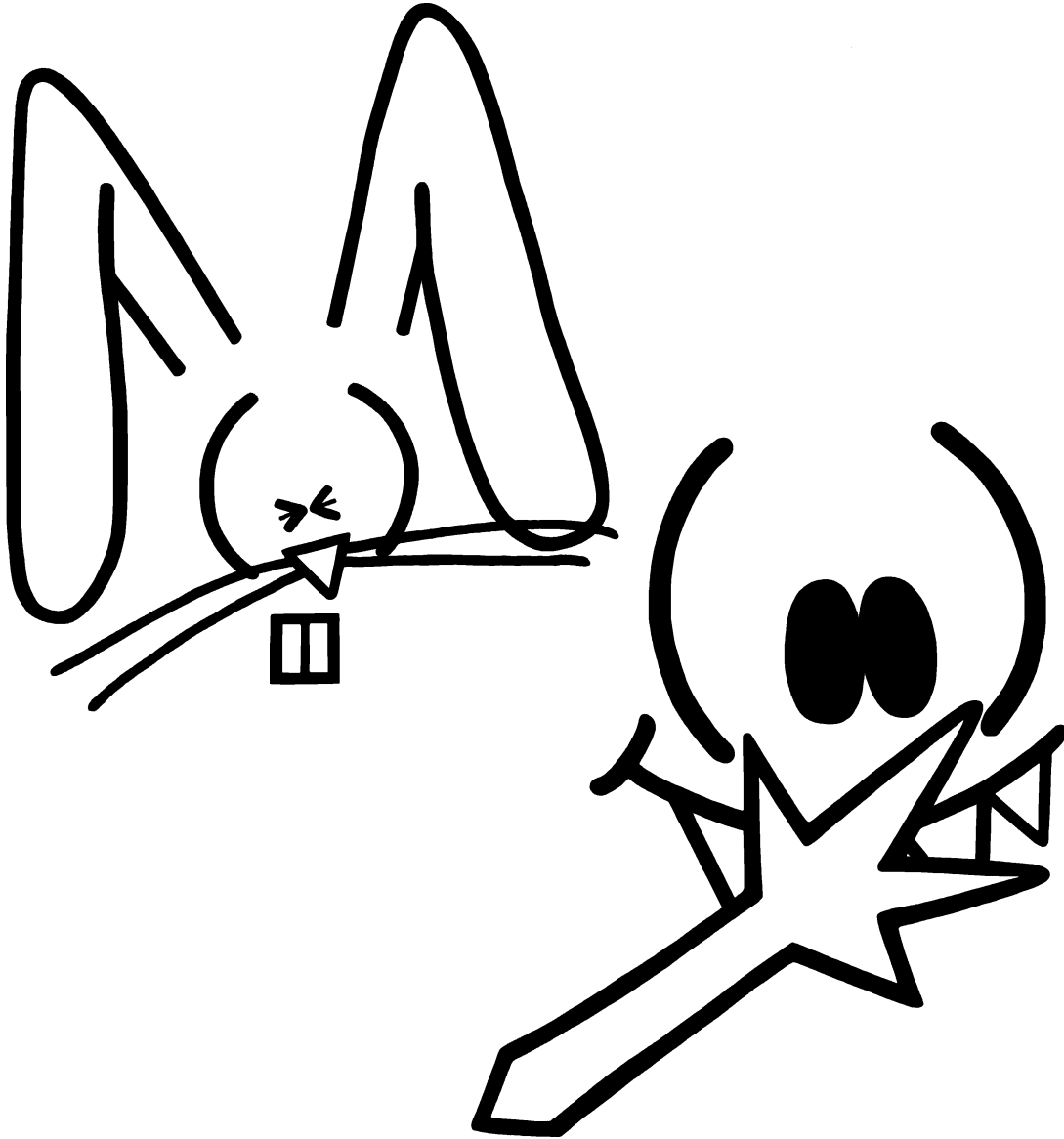
He had a hard time catching butterflies and lightning bugs,



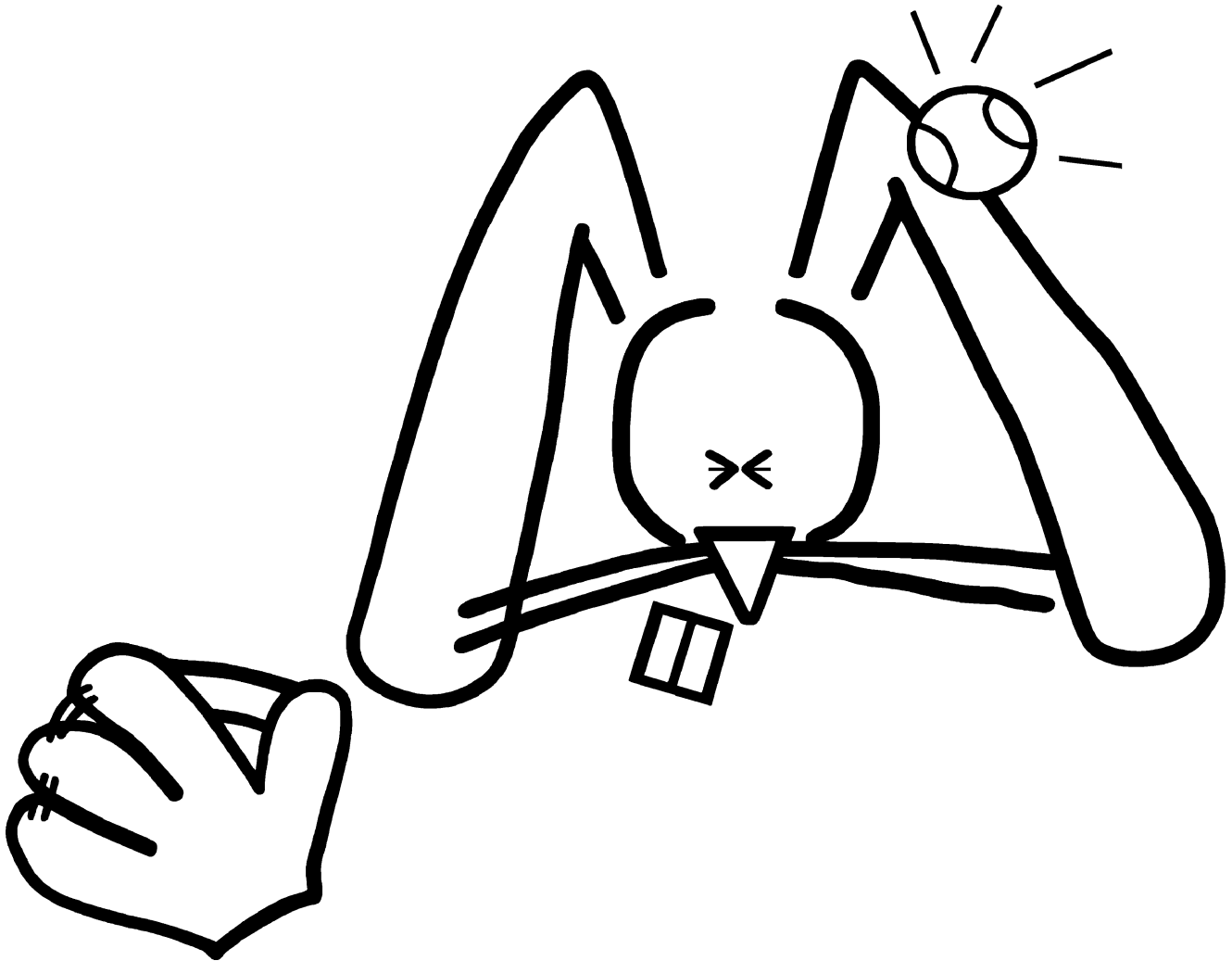


and playing traffic cop,

and hide 'n seek (well, ScribbleBunny could hide,  
but he couldn't seek very well).

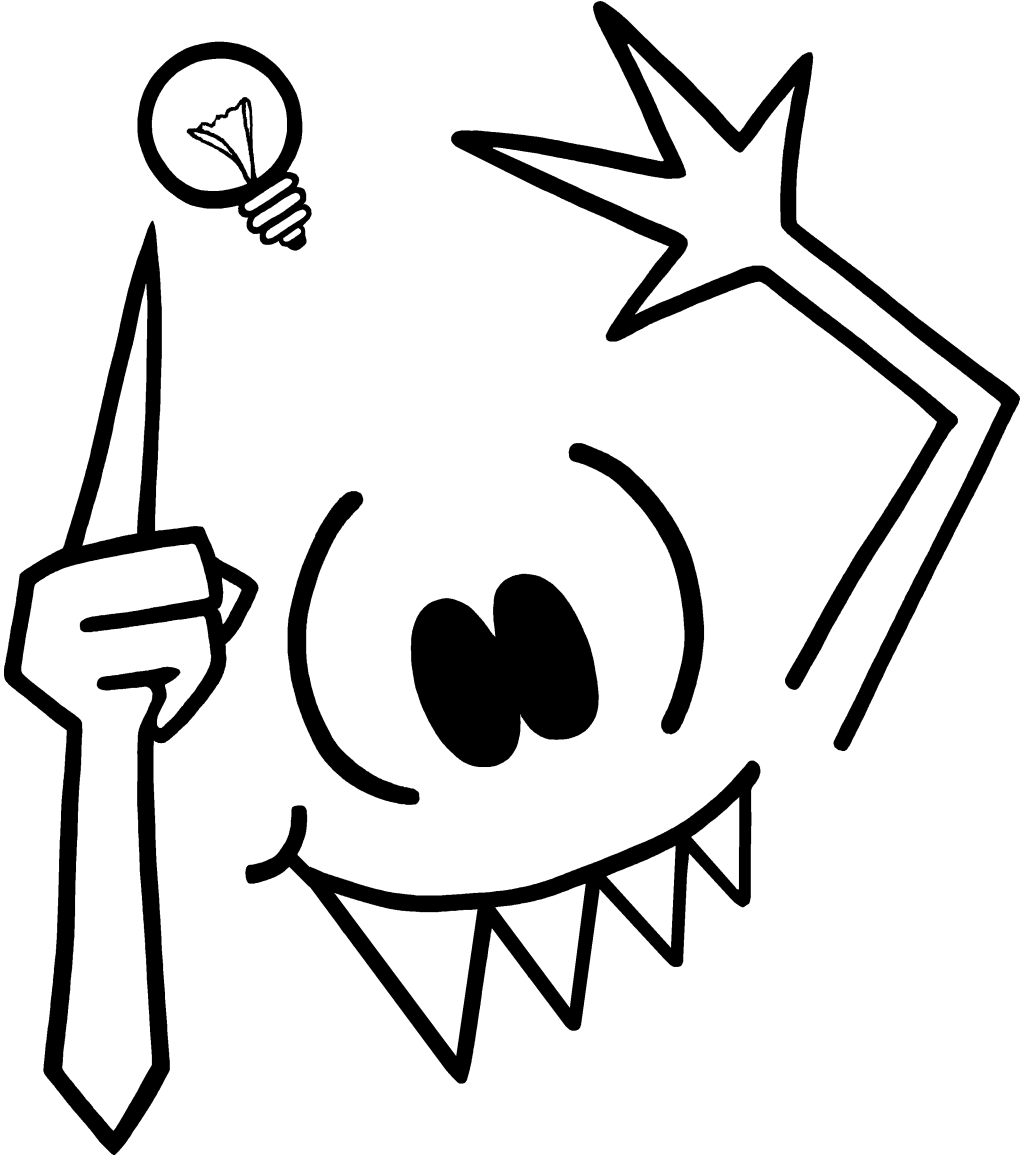


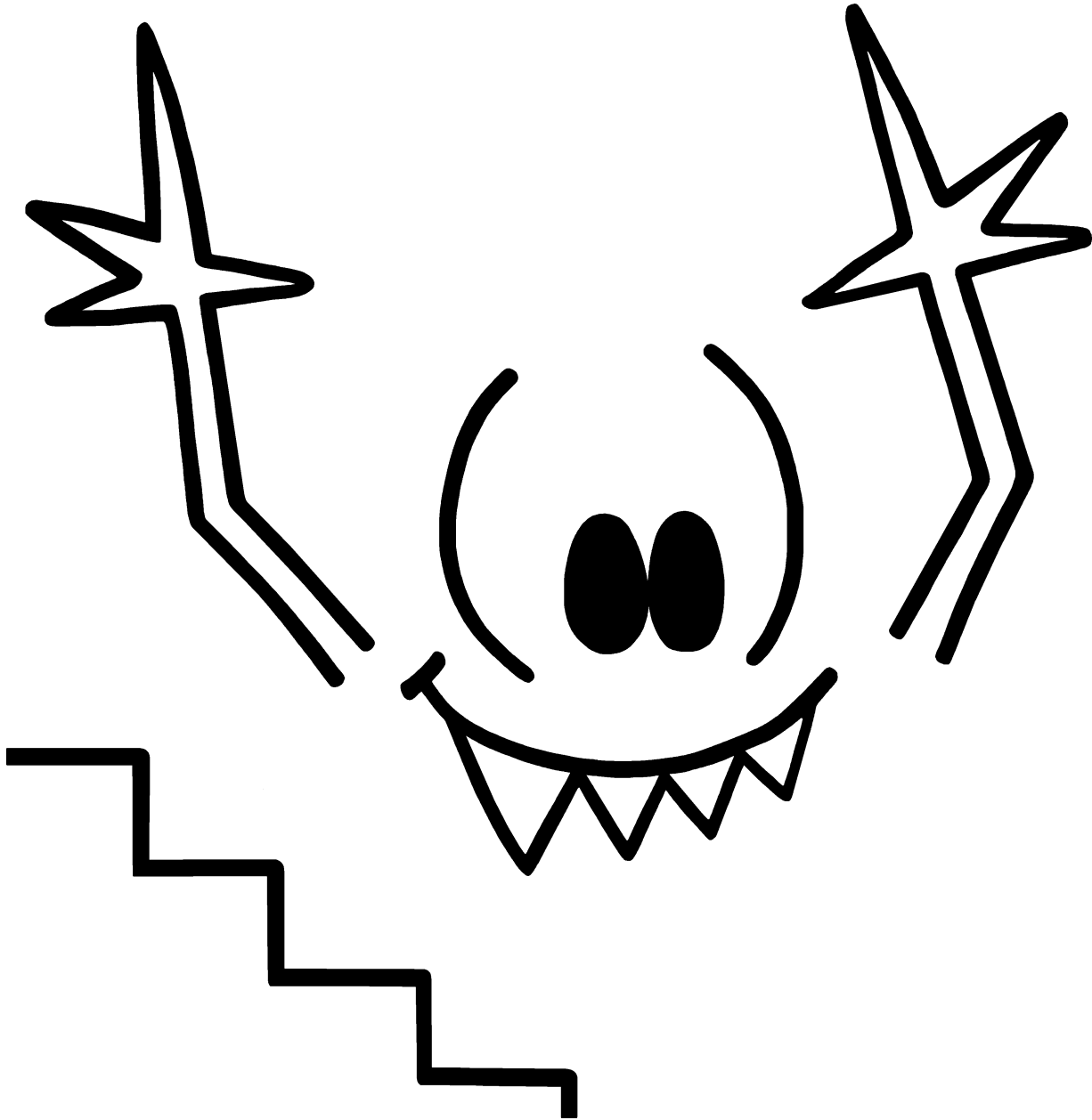




ScribbleBunny was not much fun to play with anymore.

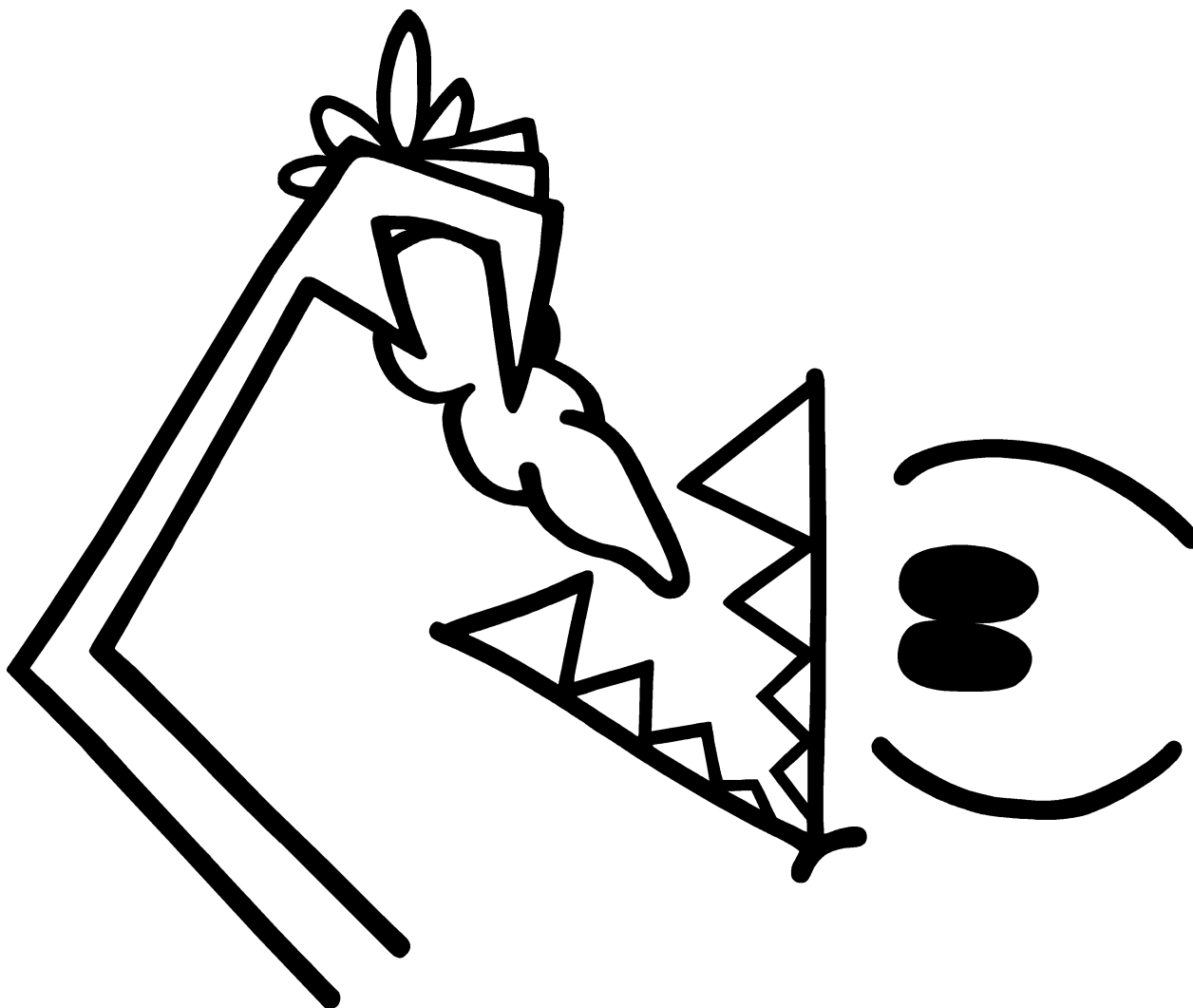
ScribbleMonster missed having fun with his friend, so he decided to do what he loves best. He came up with a plan to scare ScribbleBunny.

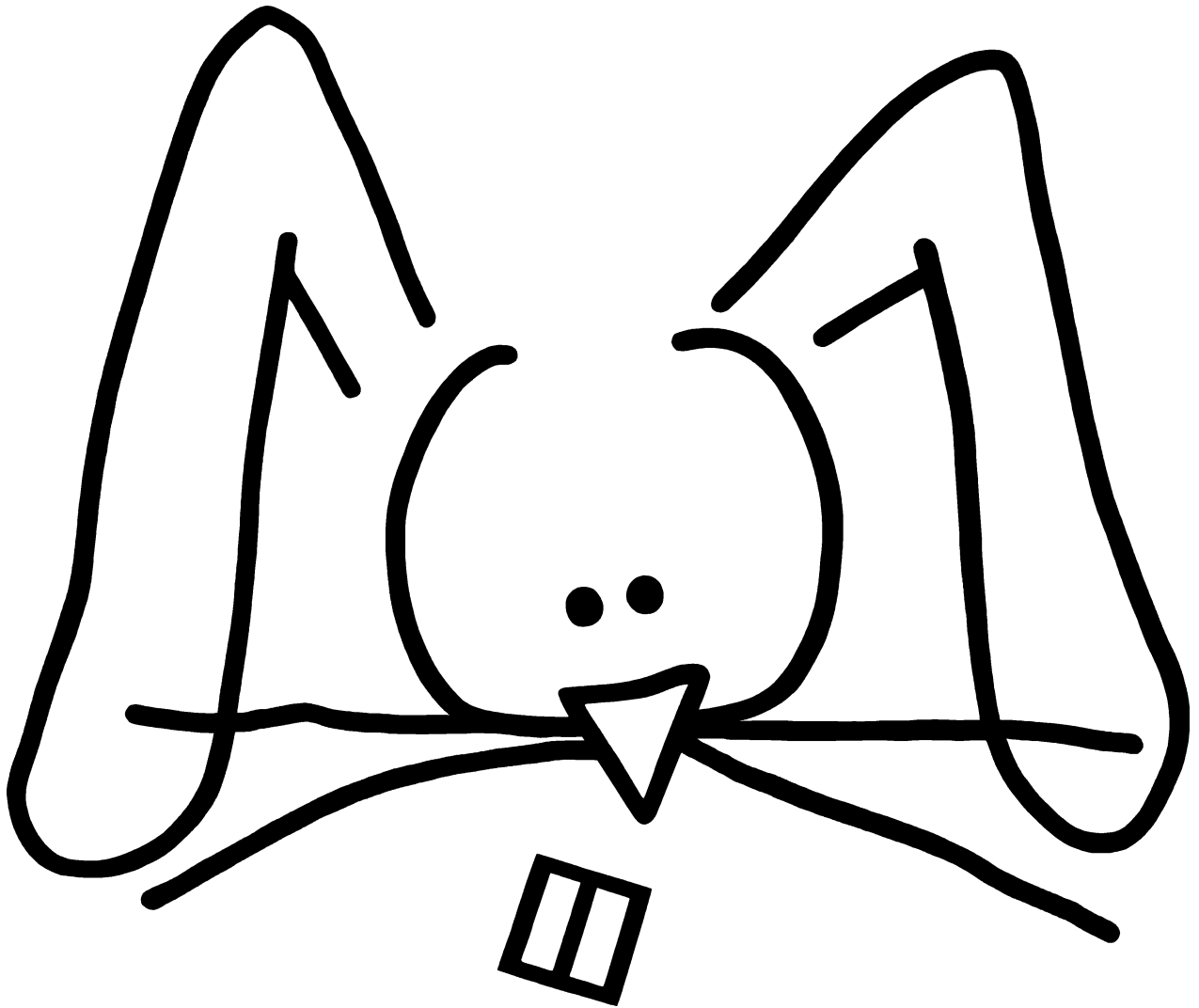




He hid in the basement of ScribbleBunny's house,  
where it was very, very dark.

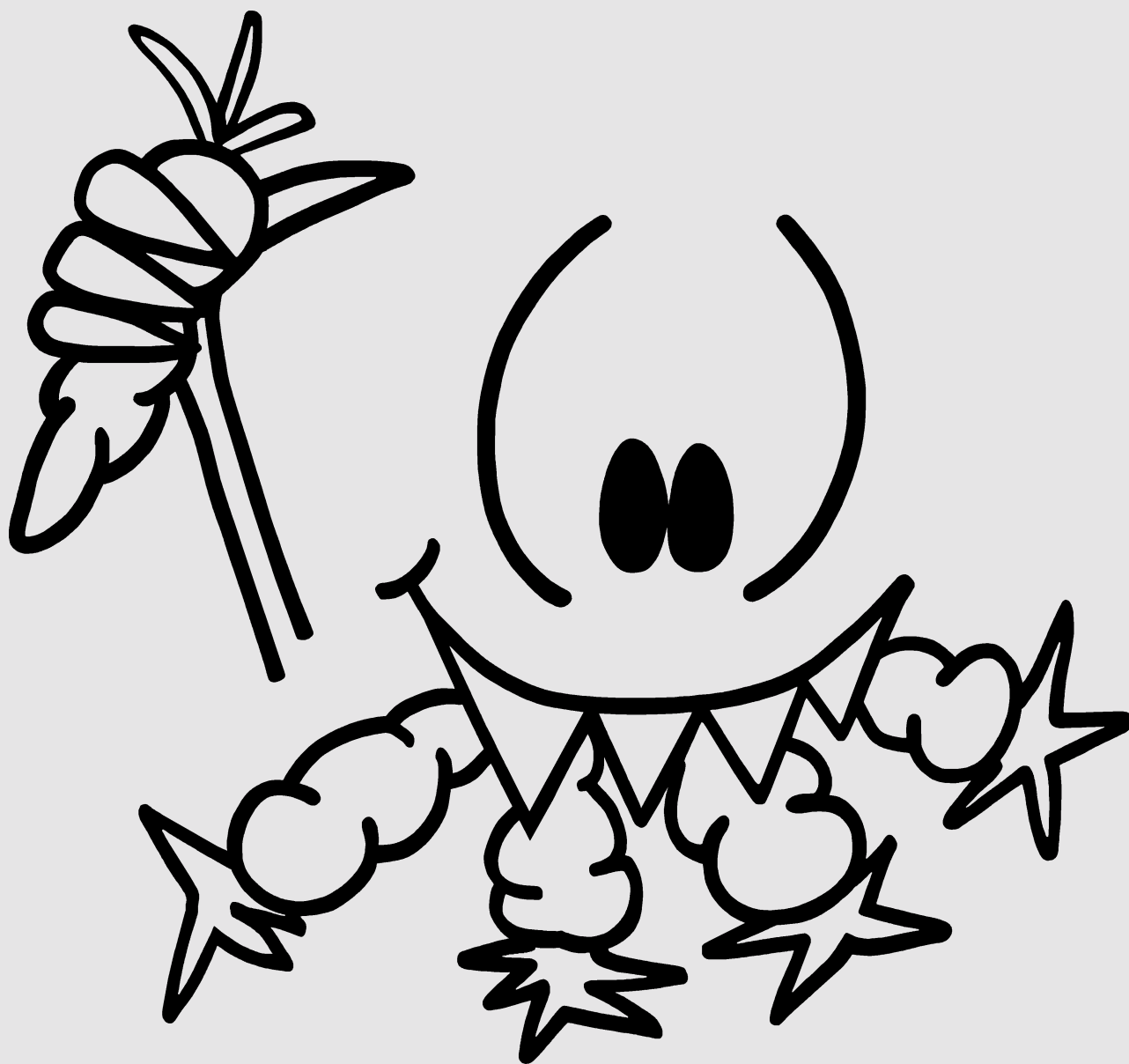
When ScribbleBunny came downstairs, ScribbleMonster began crunch, crunch, crunching on the carrot sticks that ScribbleBunny had thrown down there.

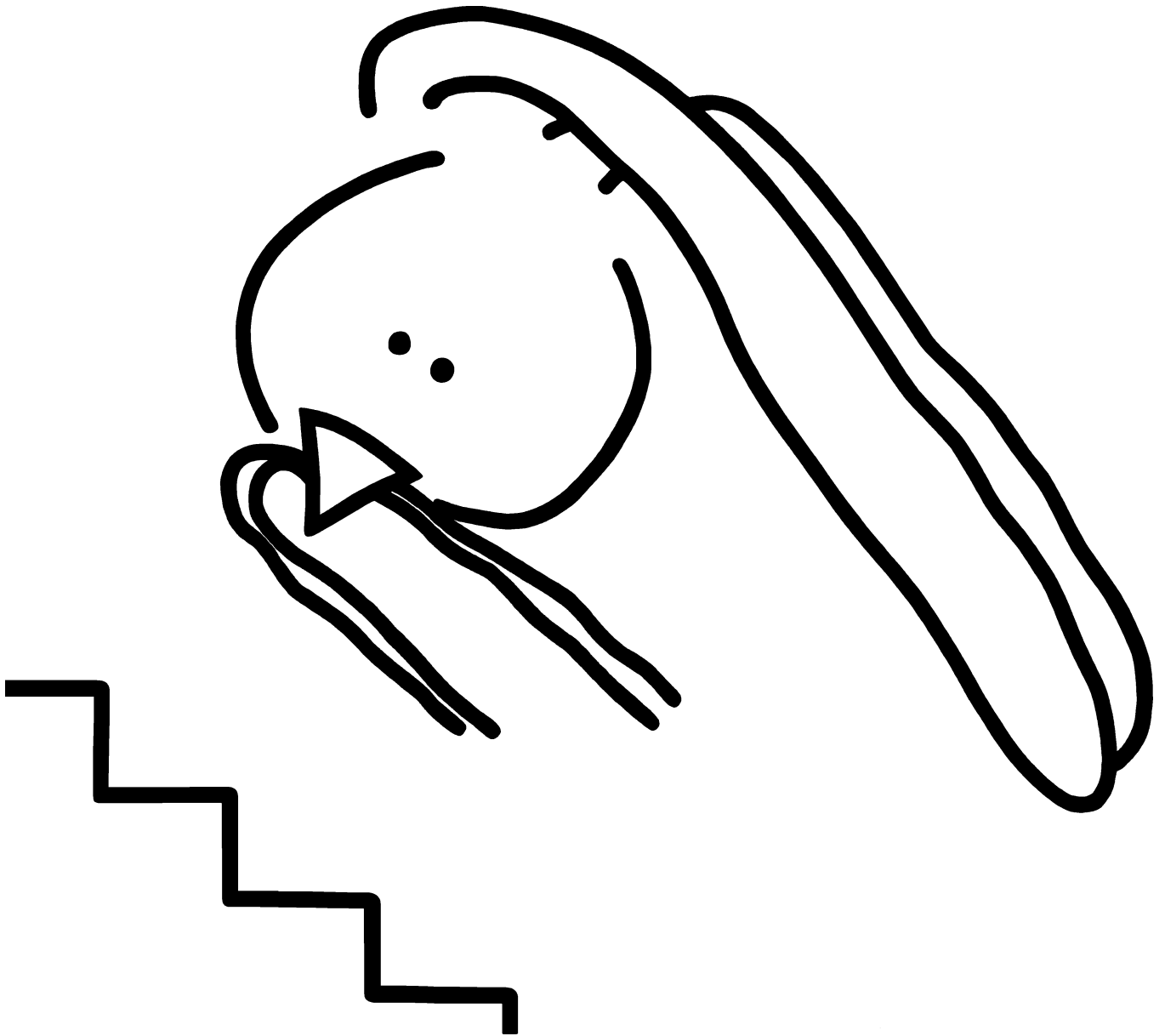




He kept crunch-munching  
louder and louder and louder  
until the sound was unbearable.

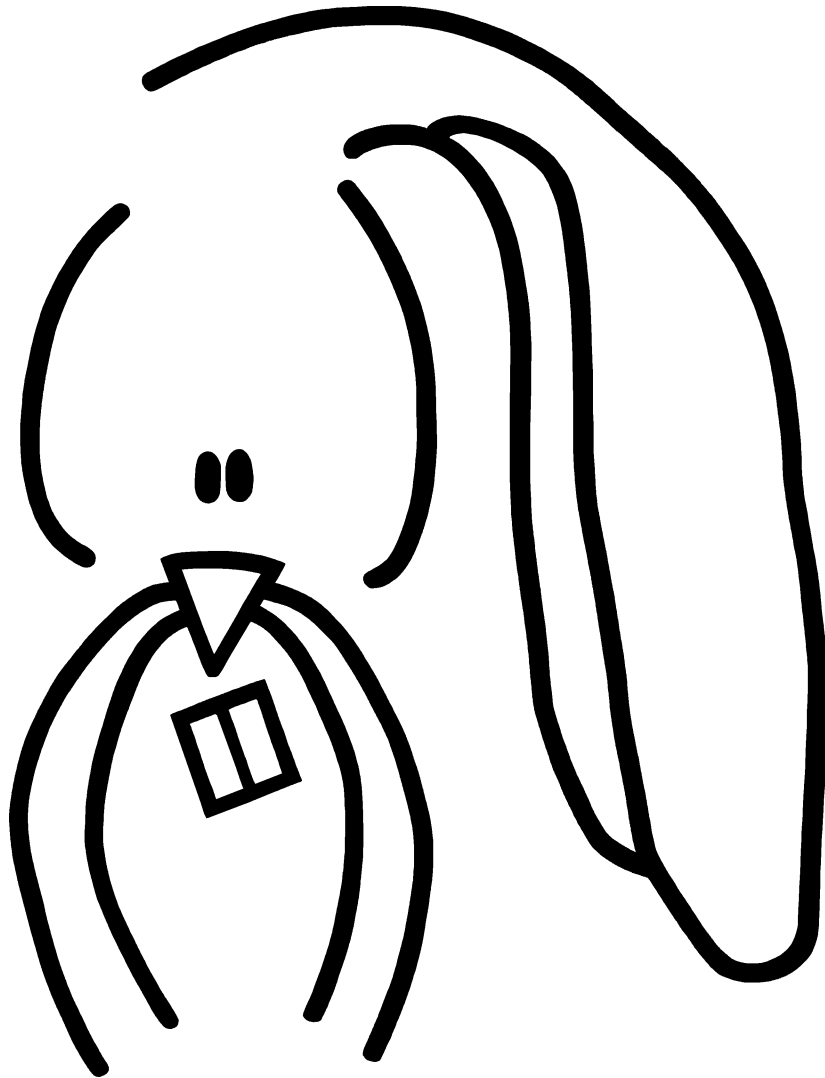
The noise frightened ScribbleBunny, who was unable to see his friend eating carrots in the dark. "Who's th-there?" he asked.



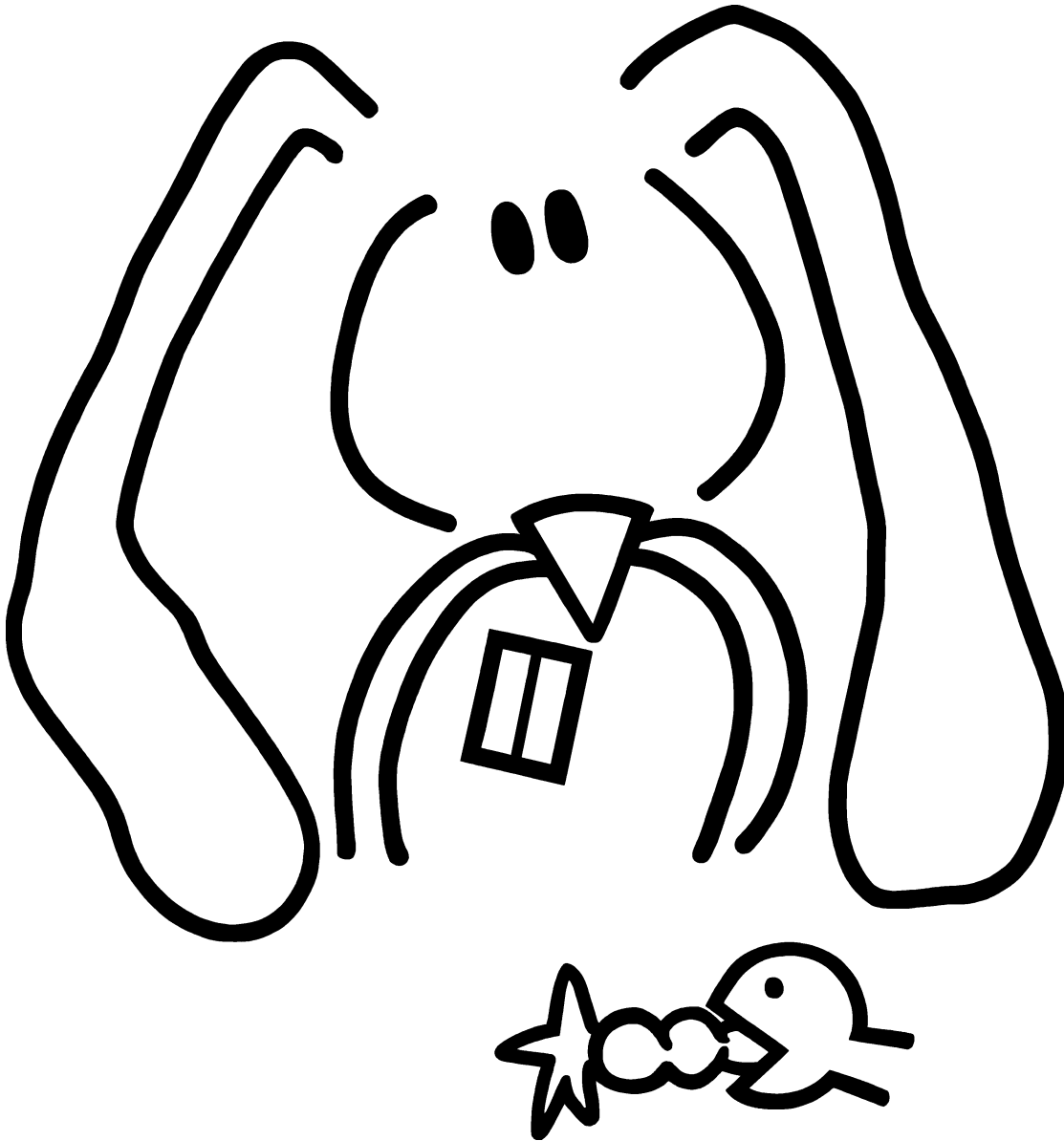


Without waiting for an answer, ScribbleBunny raced upstairs to tell his mother about the crunch, crunch, crunching in the basement.

"Well, what was it?" Mrs. ScribbleBunny asked.  
"I don't know. I couldn't see it," ScribbleBunny replied  
with his head hung low.



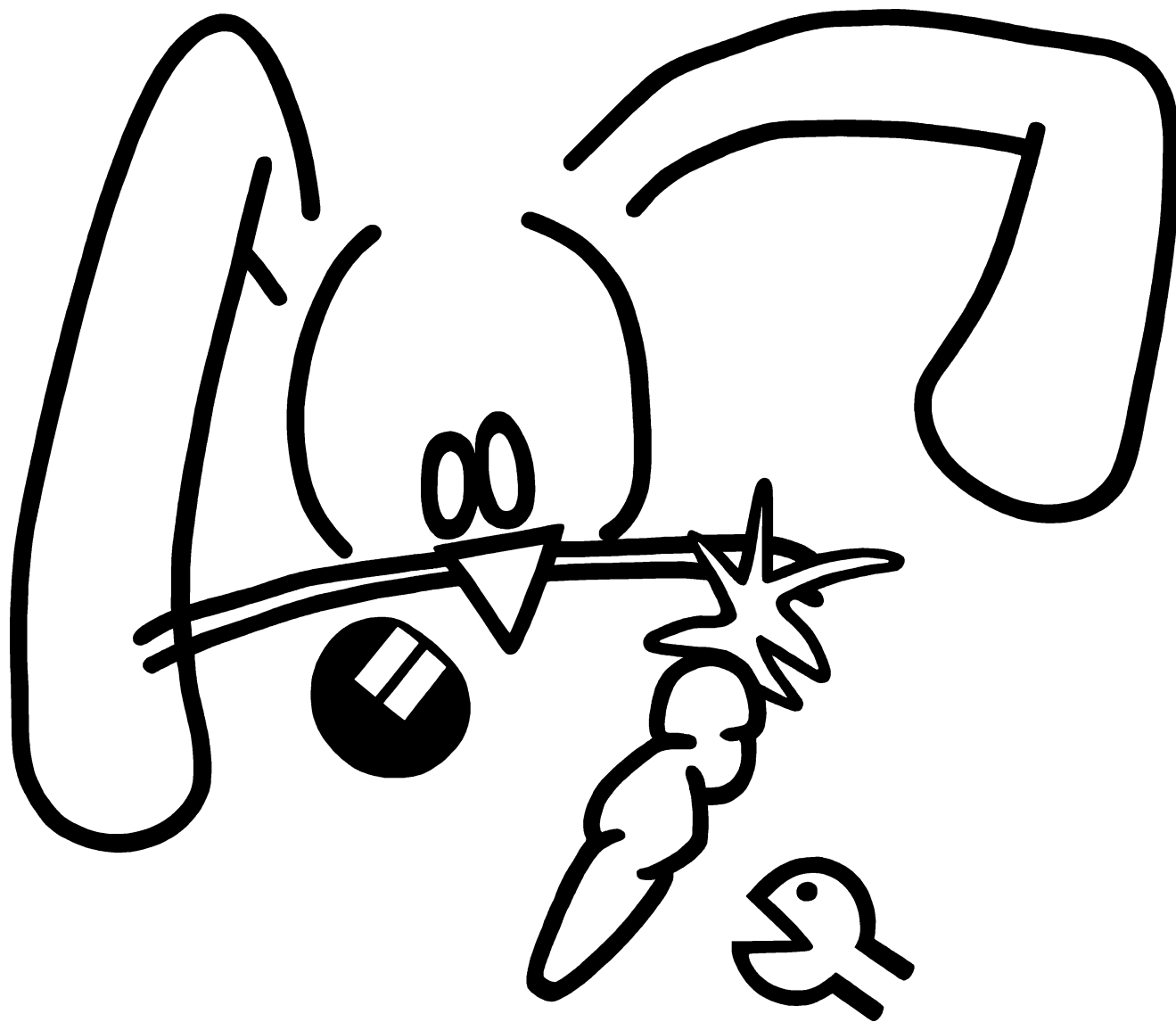




"But why couldn't you see in the dark?  
you always eat your carrots."

ScribbleBunny knew this wasn't true, and at that very moment, he decided to eat one.  
"CRUNCH, CRUNCH . . ."

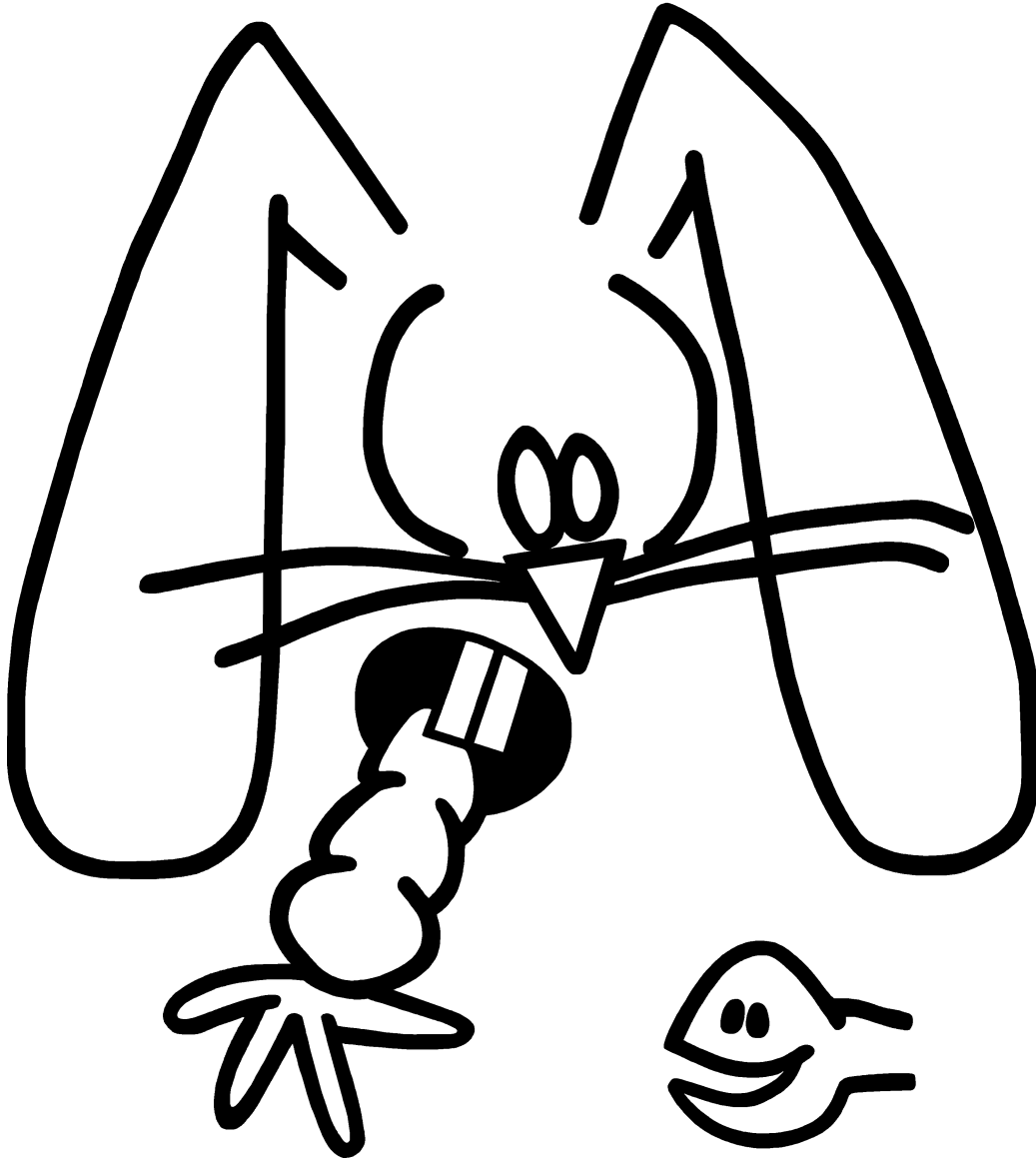




He focused on the familiar orangey-orange color of the carrot in his hand.

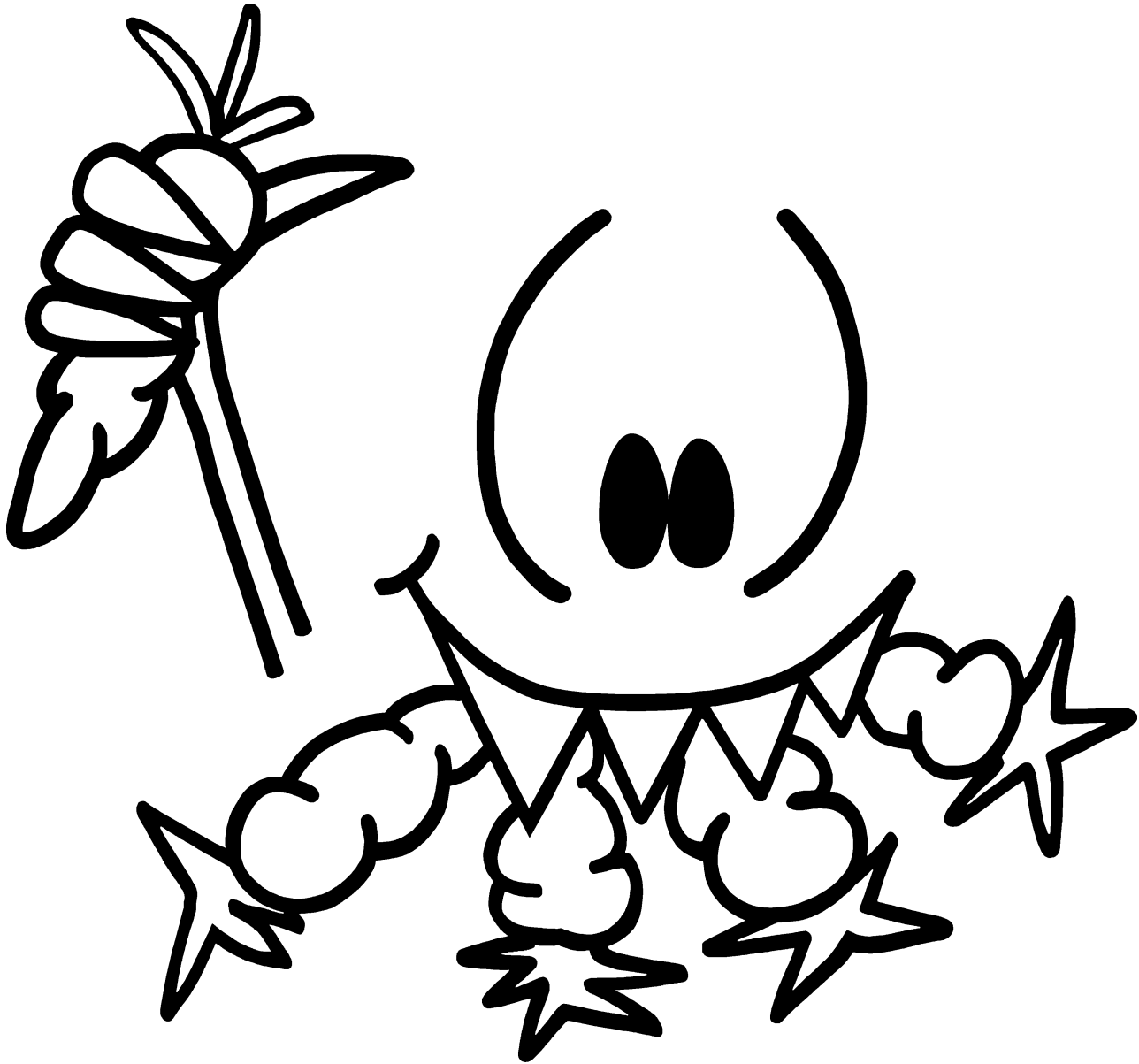
Just then, there came a low blustery voice from the basement,  
"Everyone knows carrots are good for your eyes!"

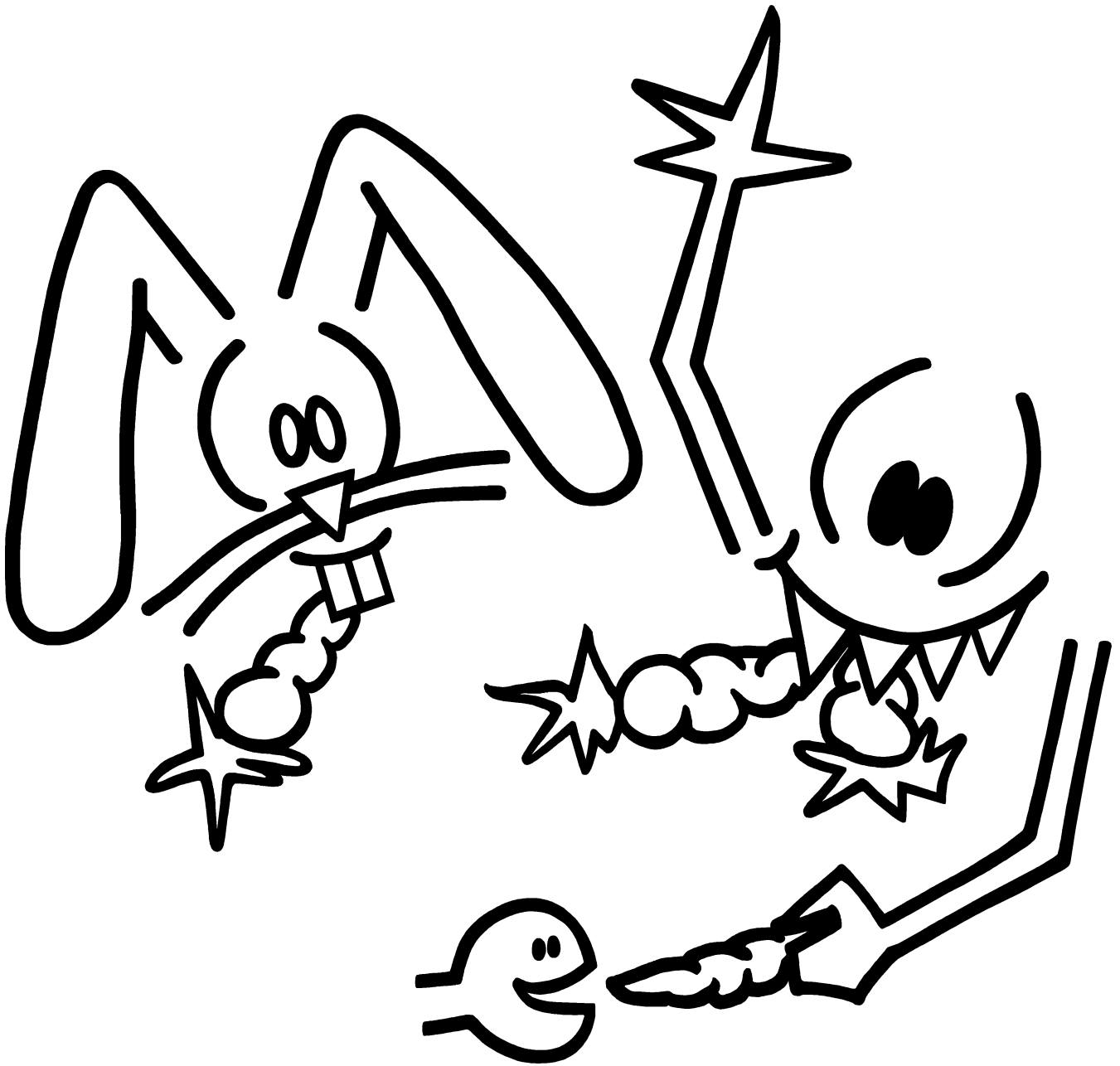




"CRUNCH, CRUNCH . . ."

... and ScribbleBunny could see his friend  
coming up the basement stairs.





ScribbleMonster smiled while ScribbleBunny crunched some more.

## Questions to Generate Discussion with Your Child

No one knows your child like you do. Please choose the questions you feel are age-appropriate for him or her and, of course, feel free to come up with your own.

1. Carrots are supposed to be good for your eyes. What food do you think would be good for your ears? Your nose? Feet? Belly-button?
2. Carrots are orange. What are some other things that are orange?
3. How many different ways can you think of to eat a carrot?
4. Oranges are orange. How many other colors can you name? Can you think of other things that have color names?
5. ScribbleBunny wasn't eating his carrots. What food don't you eat as often as you should?
6. Most bunnies love to eat carrots. What do most dogs like to eat? Cats? Birds? Kids? Grown-ups? Cows? Fish? Turtles? What do you love to eat?
7. What things would you have a hard time doing if you couldn't see well? If you couldn't hear? Stand? Smell? Digest?

## An Activity to Try: Scribble With a Carrot!

Ask a grown-up to pour a thin layer of salt, sugar or rice onto a cookie sheet. Now you can hold a carrot like a crayon and make a scribble path through the salt, sugar or rice. When you're finished scribbling, wash the carrot and eat it!

## A Game to Play: Eating With Your Eyes Shut

Carrots and apples are both crunchy. Can you tell them apart with your eyes closed? You can use your nose, hands, mouth and ears. Will your ears be helpful? Make sure your eyes are still closed and try some other fruits and vegetables. How many do you know?

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