

*Maira's*  
BIRTHDAY GIFT



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A story about our first experience  
meeting an unexpected guest in our backyard.



One fine day,  
it was the during the month of May,  
right after Mother's Day.



The air was fresh,  
and it was bright and sunny!

I am going to tell you a tale  
that's not so funny.



It was the day I found a round  
baby BUNNY!

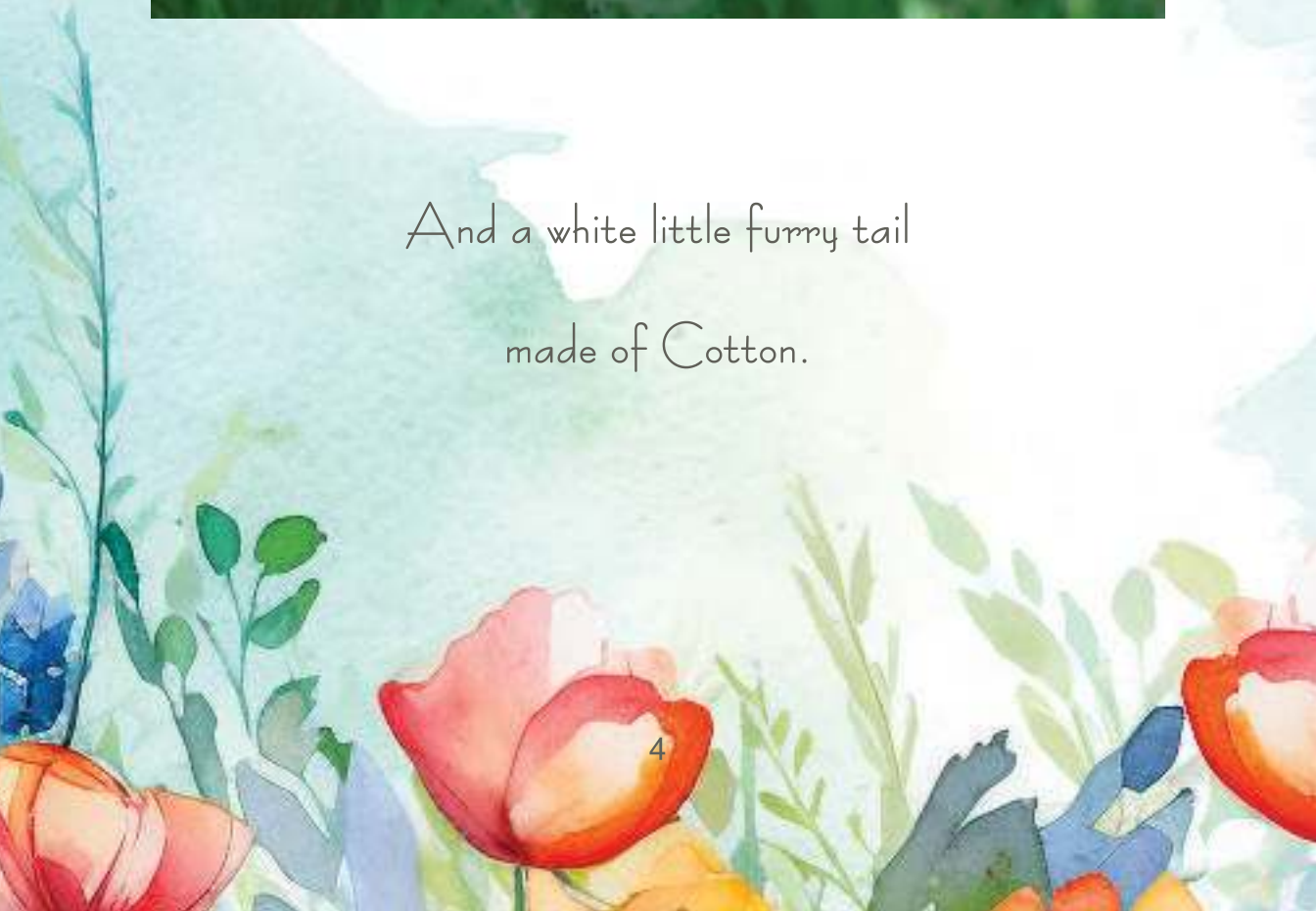
He looked at me with eyes like

Buttons.



And a white little furry tail

made of Cotton.



I wasn't quite sure  
whether it was a  
hamster or a mouse?



Until he twitched his nose  
and opened his mouth.

Oh No! I exclaimed,  
a baby bunny it is.



Did he fall from the sky or  
gave his home a miss?

He surely forgot  
his way back home.



And now that he is in my garden,  
I'll make sure he doesn't feel alone.



So, I asked my Daddy,  
what do bunnies eat for Lunch?



Oh! Nothing!

Mostly grass.

It's enough for them to munch.

But Daddy,  
what about a little treat?



Of Banana's, carrots,  
lettuce and Beet.  
To make our little bunny  
healthy, strong and sweet!

For days Bunny ate the food  
aplenty.



Soaked in the sunshine,  
hopped around,  
relaxed and was very friendly.

He grew a bit strong and  
explored our garden.



Sometimes shielded himself  
from stranger danger  
and remained hidden.

A few experiences left him shook  
but when it was safe to come out,  
he peeked.



It was only love and friendship  
and (Carrots) that he seeked.

He warmed our hearts  
much better than  
the summer sun.



Until it was time for me to turn  
two years old plus one.

He explored the garden a bit more  
before I was going to turn three.



I think he was finding something  
so he could gift it to me.

But all I could see was  
him digging a burrow.



Maybe he wanted to look forward  
to a brighter tomorrow.



And finally,  
when it was my birthday eve.



Bunny hinted about something  
I could not believe.

He said,

“Life is all about Love you can give,  
to be able to receive”



To be truthful, hopeful

and fearless

and to fulfill all your dreams.

That same night Bunny hopped  
across the road turned around to  
say one final goodbye and LEFT.



But Bunny,

if you ever need me again, you can be my Guest.



Good luck Bunny, I will always miss you.