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**WAITING  
ON  
MAGIC**

**A STORY AND ACTIVITY BOOK**

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Rabbit's ears twitched closer to the portal. She heard children running and longed to give chase! Her quivering nose caught a sweet scent - even sweeter than honeysuckle.



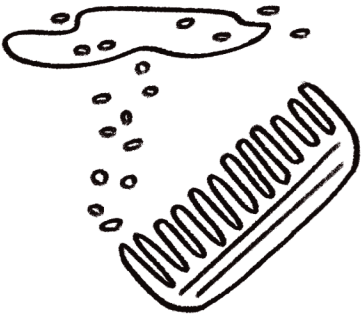
2. Rub the balloon on your head, run the comb through your hair, rub the spoon on a dishcloth or unpeel a piece of plastic cling from the roll.



WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Everything has invisible electric charges floating around inside of them. Most of the time, half of the invisible charges are positive and half are negative. But your wand is made of a material that picks up extra negative charges when you rub them.

3. Now that your wand is charged up with extra negative charge, let's cast a spell! Lower your wand over the salt and pepper, and watch the pepper jump up and stick to your wand! Some salt may jump up, but will mostly fall down since salt crystals are heavier than pepper.



Positive and negative electrical charges can pull on each other without even touching. So all those extra negative charges on your wand are pulling on the positive charges in the pepper, making the pepper jump!

ABRACADABRA! THAT'S SCIENCE!

# MAKE MAGIC WITH SCIENCE!

Every good magician needs a magic wand. Let's make one to cast a floating pepper spell! You'll need:



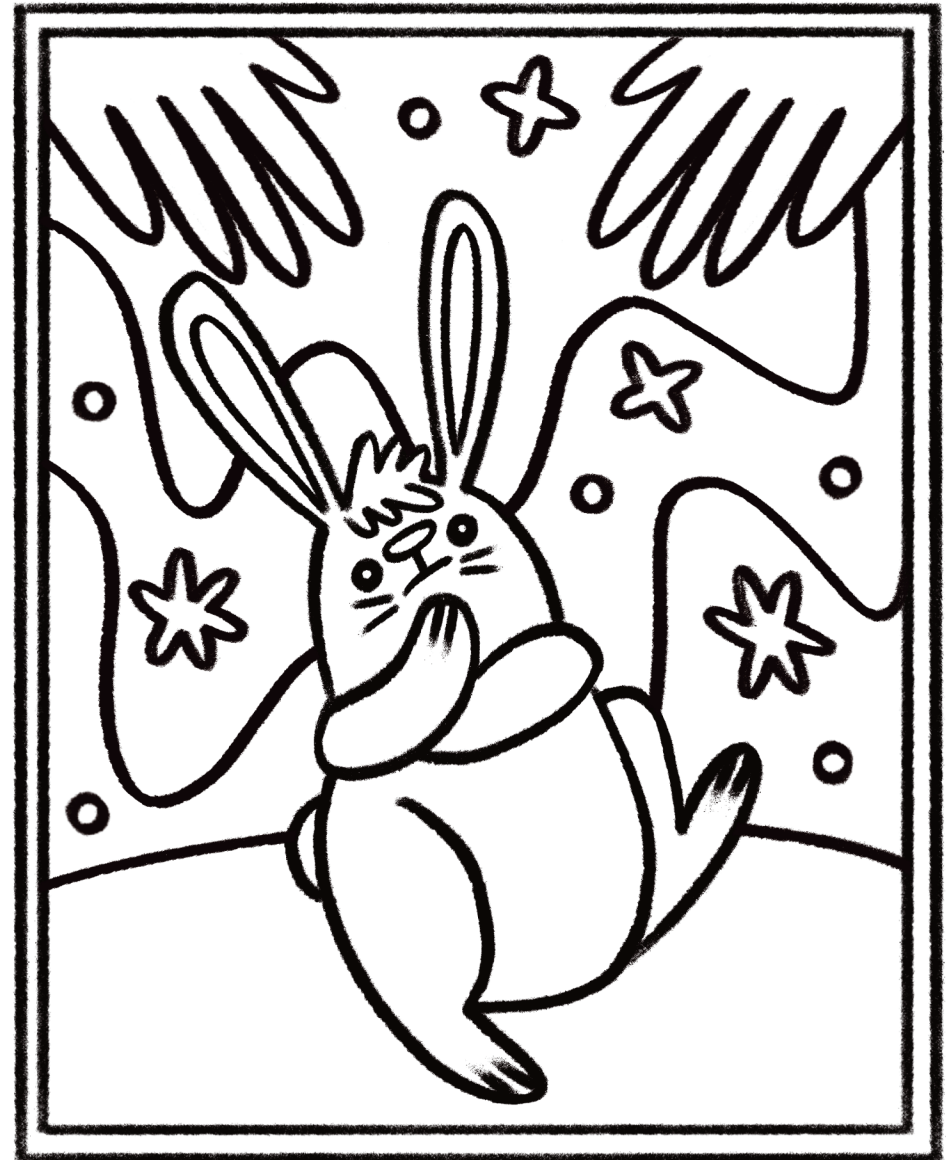
a balloon, plastic comb,  
plastic spoon **OR** some plastic  
wrap (for your wand)

some salt and pepper

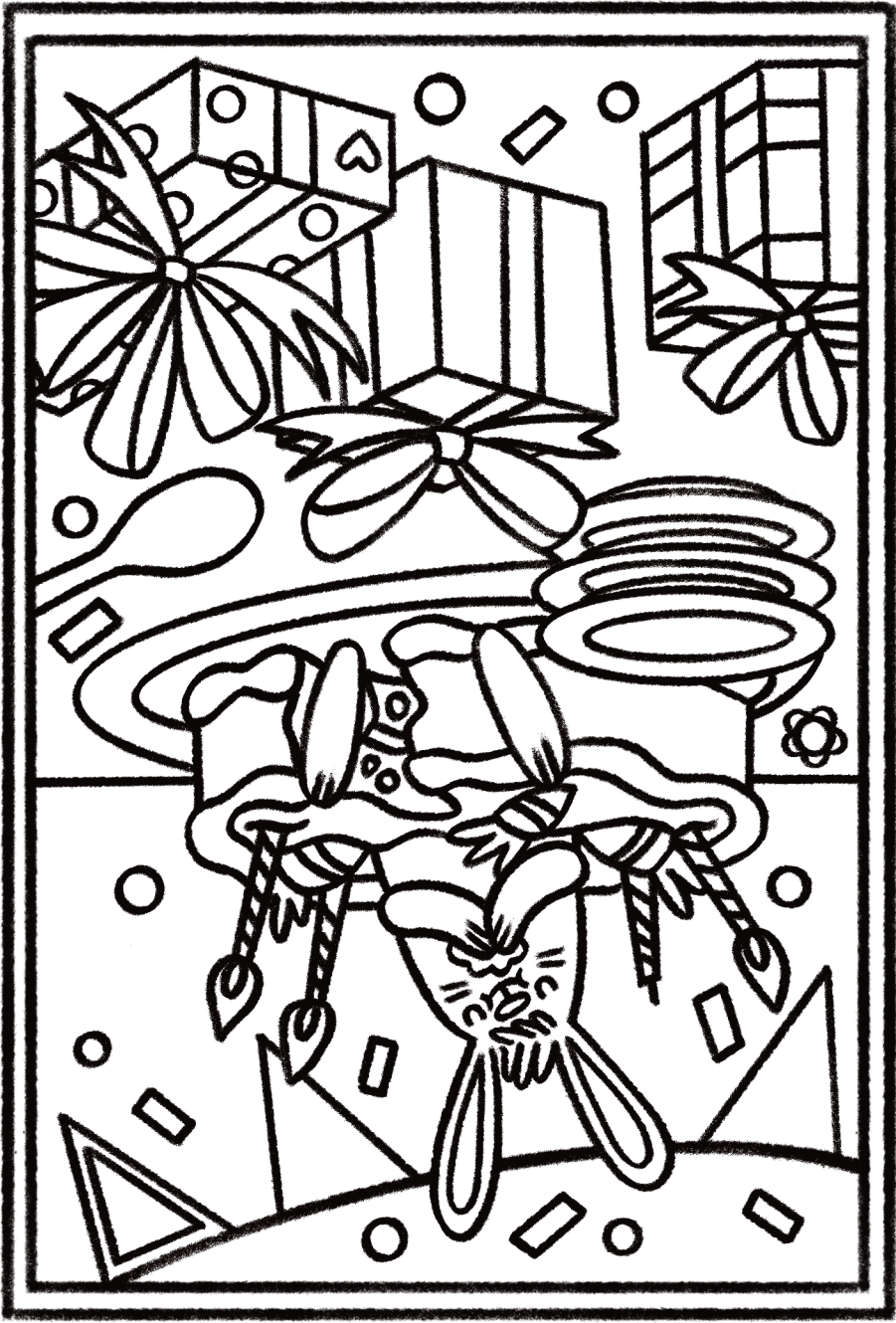
1. Pour a bit of salt and pepper out on a plate.



Now let's charge up your magic wand - literally!



Rabbit bounced on one foot, then the other. The Magician had promised her birthday cake, if only she could wait. She was bursting to know what birthday cake was! What if the Magician had forgotten? Maybe she should just - oh!



Can you spot the ten differences in the two pictures below?

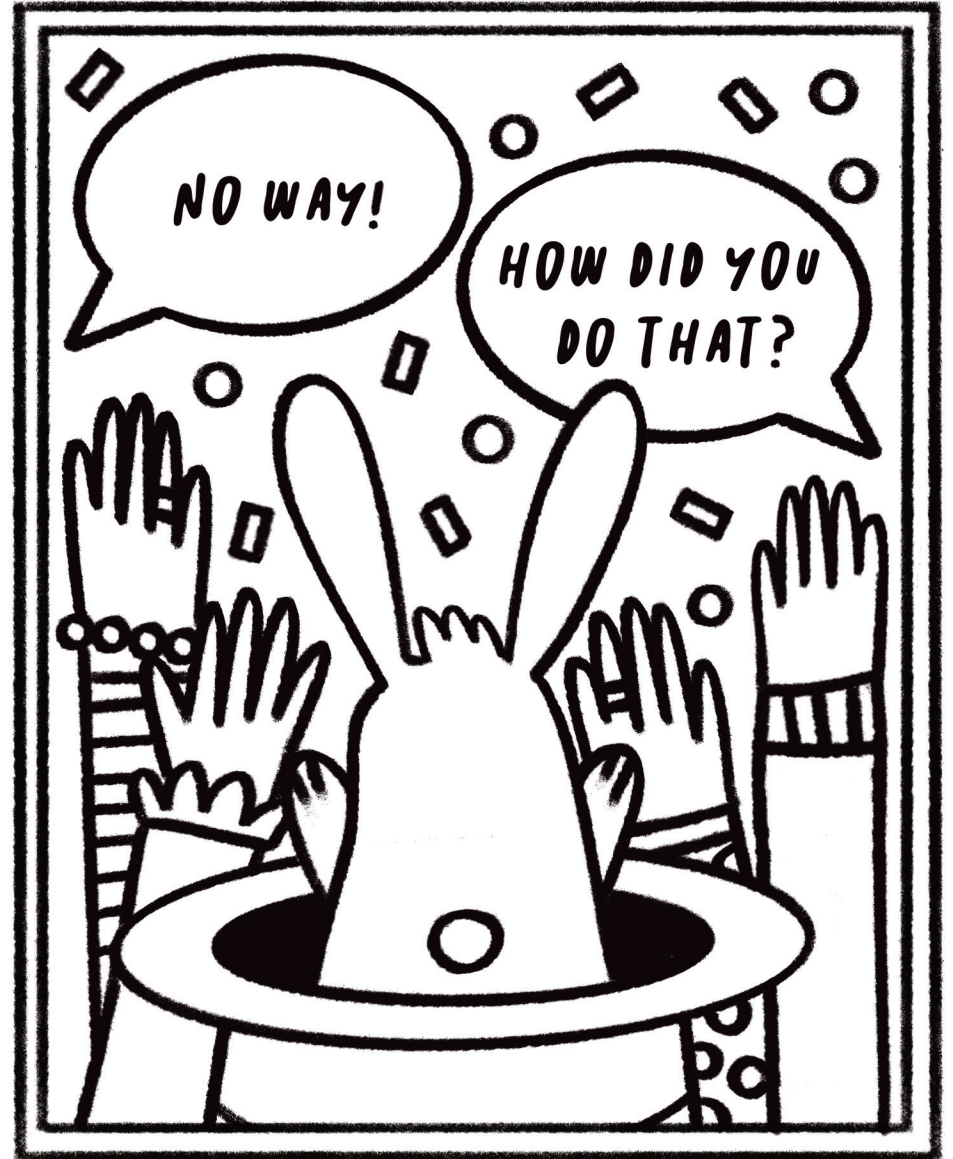


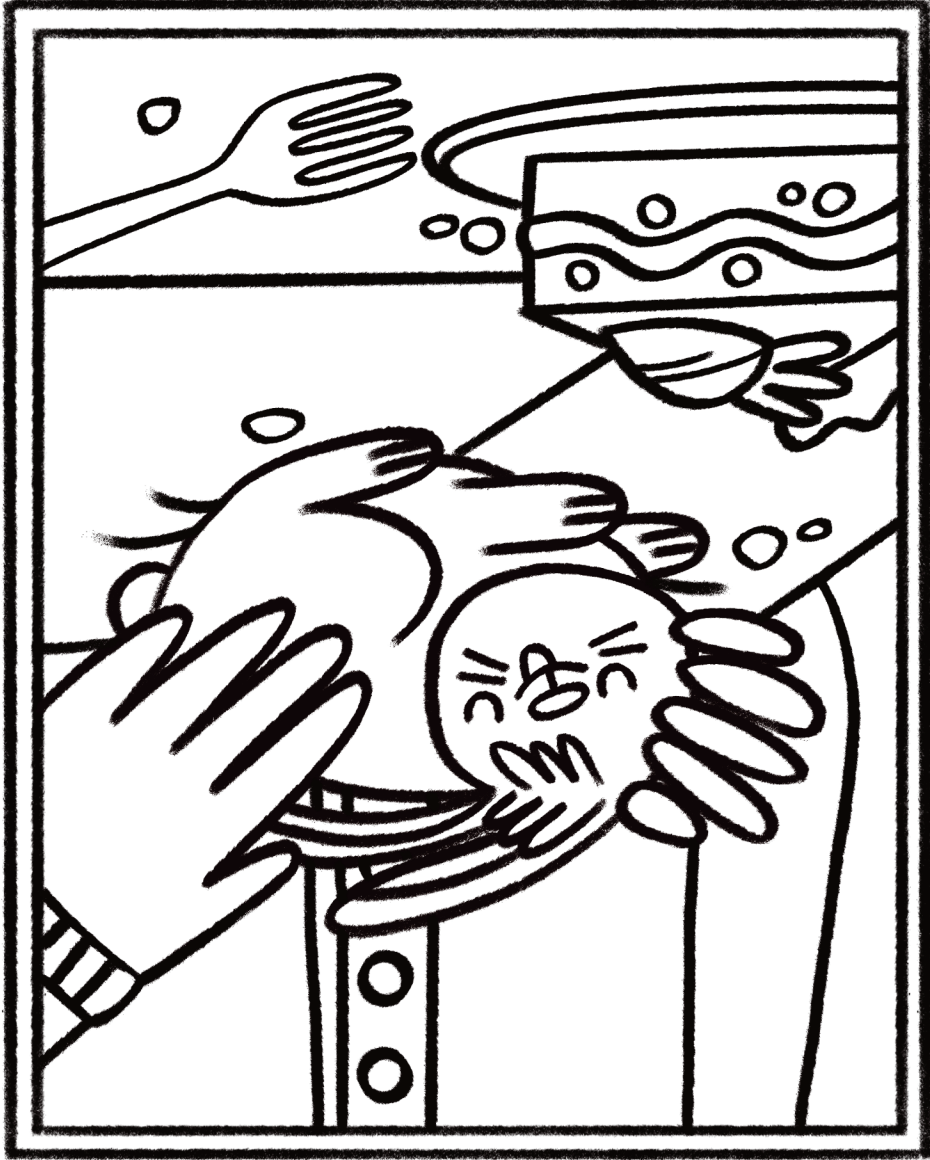
Two hands appeared and pulled her through the portal.

Rabbit has found the birthday cake!



Suddenly there was a chorus of voices exclaiming,





The hands released her onto a soft lap, and a small hand stroked her fur. She snuggled into the warmth and nibbled at a crumb by her foot. It was all even sweeter than honeysuckle.

Now that Rabbit knows what birthday cake is, she wants more! Help Rabbit find the path to more birthday cake sweetness.

