

THE ABC BUNNY



By **WANDA GAG**

WANDA GAG (1893-1946) was born in New Ulm, Minnesota. As a child she was surrounded by an almost European atmosphere of old world customs and legends, of Bavarian and Bohemian folk songs.

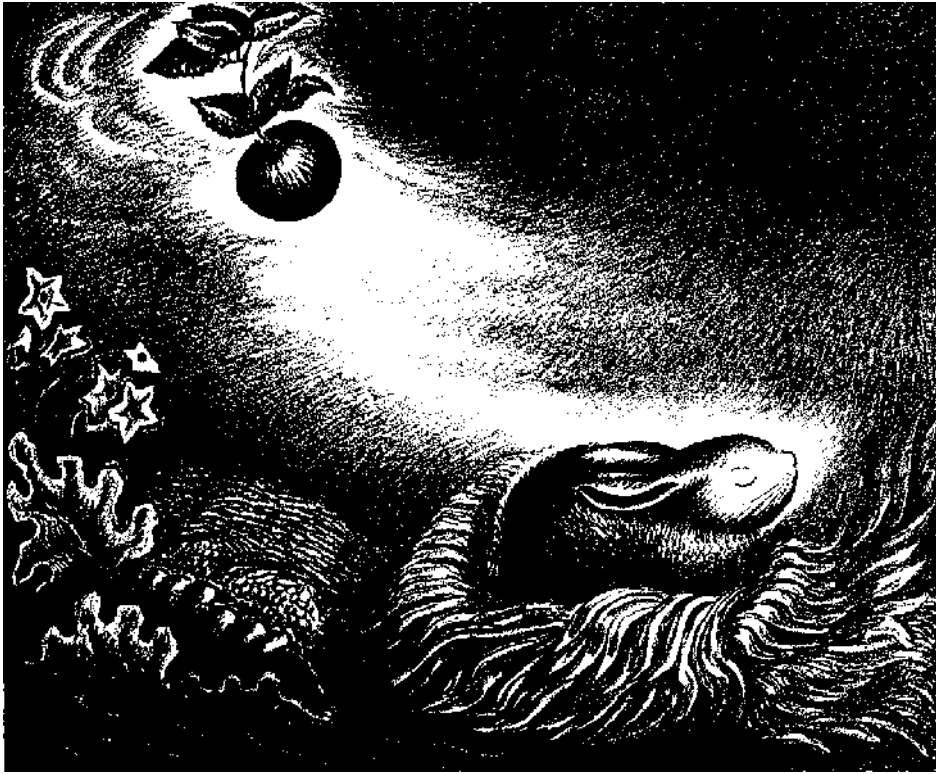
The daughter of a Bohemian artist and the eldest of the seven Gag children, Wanda was part of a family that sparkled with creativity. Drawing and story-telling were as much a part of her life as eating and sleeping, and she was surprised to grow up and find that there were some people who did not draw at all.

Wanda Gag created **THE ABC BUNNY** in 1933 for Gary, her small nephew. And, as part of a talented family's work, the "ABC Song" which appears with the text was composed by Flavia Gag, Wanda's sister. The text was hand-lettered by Howard Gag, her brother.

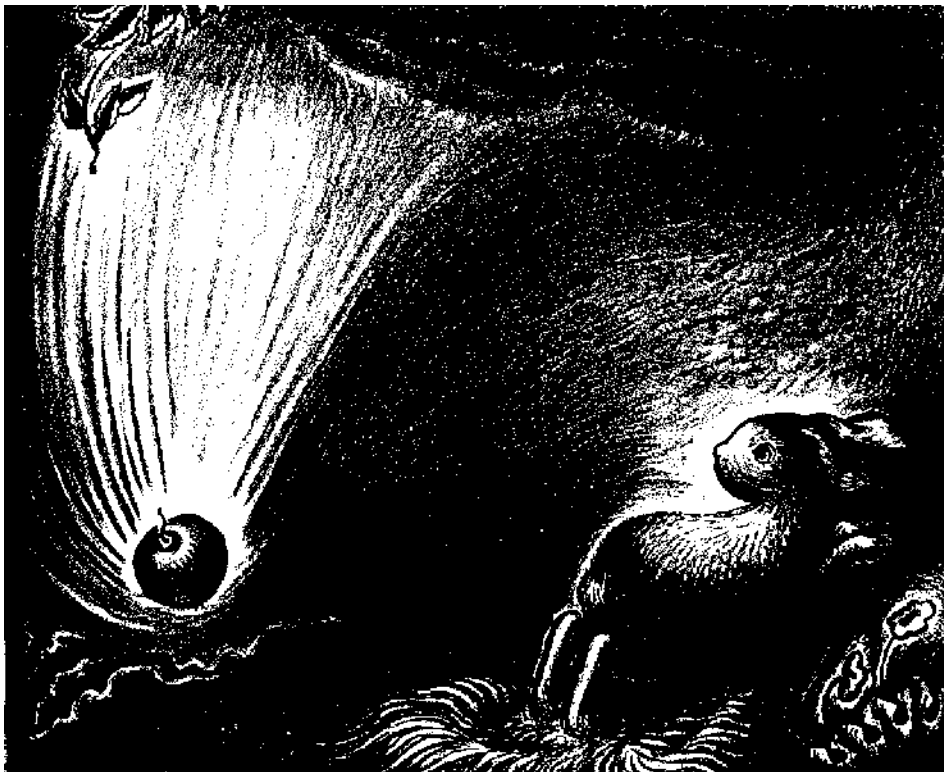
In recognition of Wanda Gag's artistry, she was posthumously awarded the 1958 Lewis Carroll Shelf Award for her 1928 picture book, **MILLIONS OF CATS**, and the 1977 Kerlan Award for the body of her work, which includes **THE FUNNY THING, GONE IS GONE, NOTHING AT ALL, SNIPPY AND SNAPPY, SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS, TALES FROM GRIMM**, and **MORE TALES FROM GRIMM**.



A for **A**pple, big and red



B for **B**unny snug a-bed



C for **C**rash!

D for **D**ash!



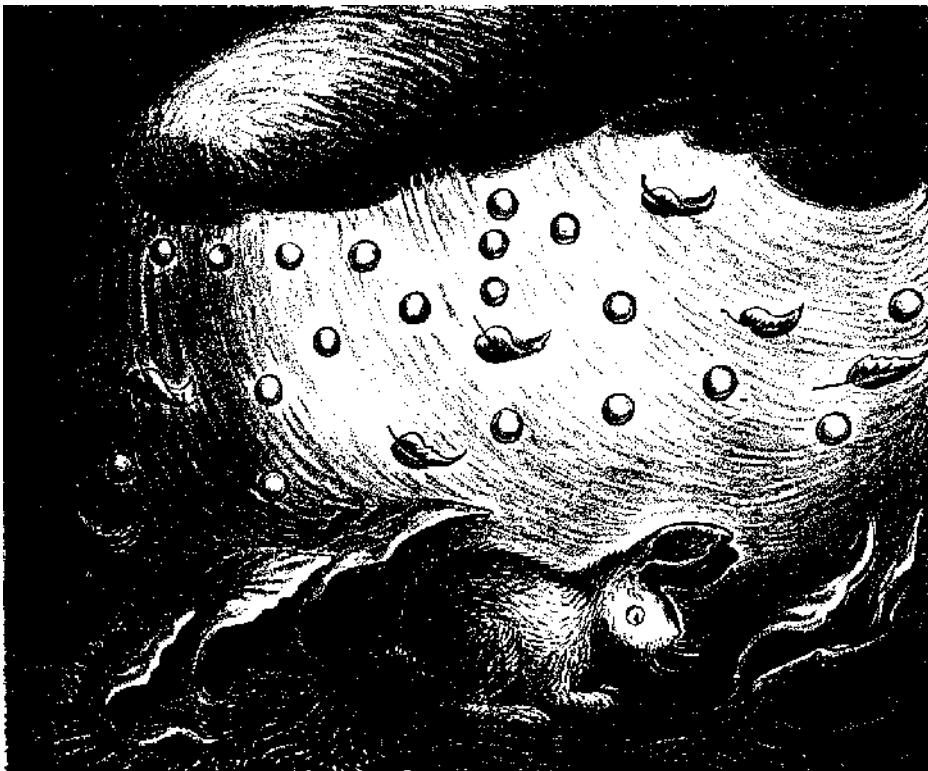
E for **E**lsewhere in a flash



F for **F**rog – he's fat and funny



“Looks like rain,” says he to Bunny



G for **G**ale!
H for **H**ail!



Hippy-hop goes Bunny's tail



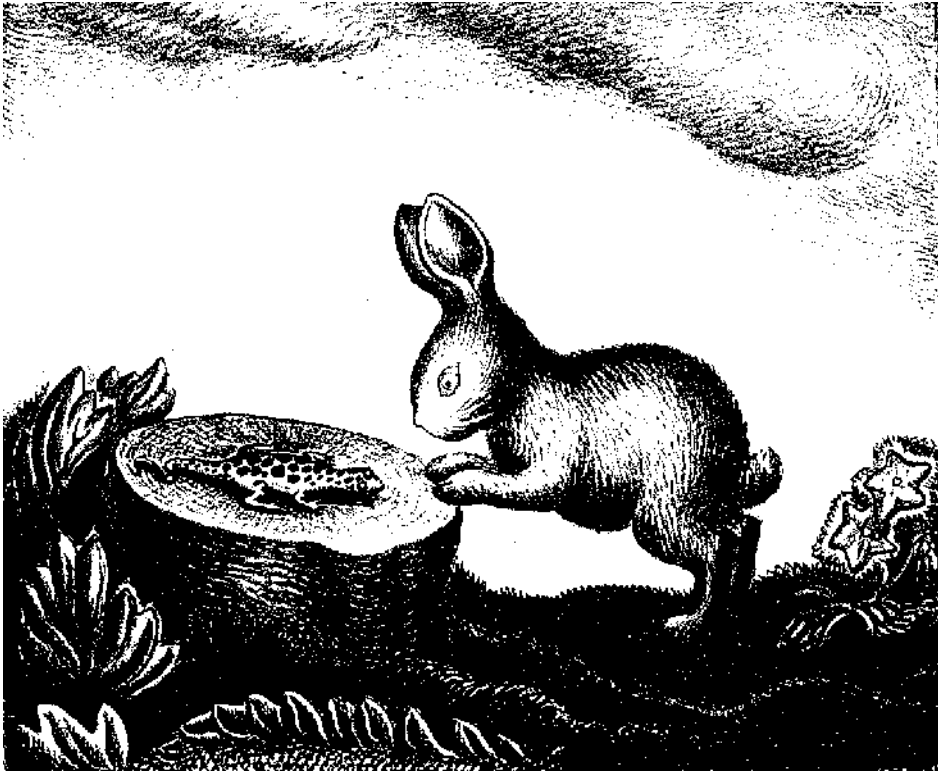
I for **I**nsects here and there



J for the **J**ay with jaunty air



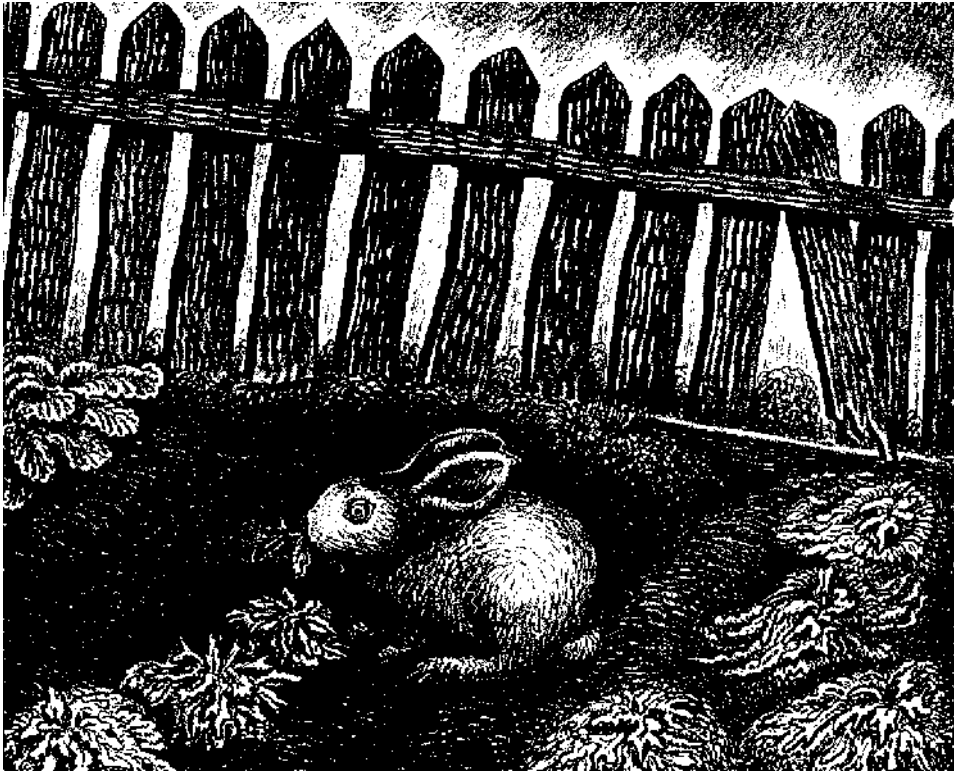
K for **K**itten, catnip-crazy



L for **L**izard – look how lazy



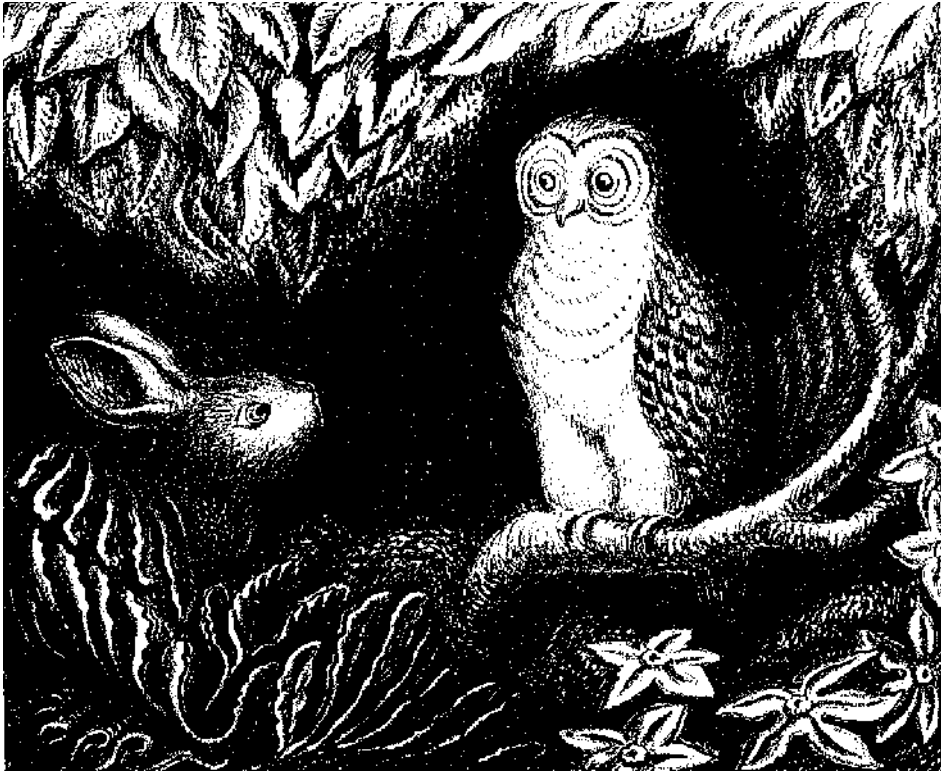
M for **M**ealtime – munch, munch, munch!



M-m-m! these greens are good for lunch!



N for **N**apping in a **N**ook



O for **O**wl with bookish look



P for prickly **P**orcupine



Pins and needles on his spine

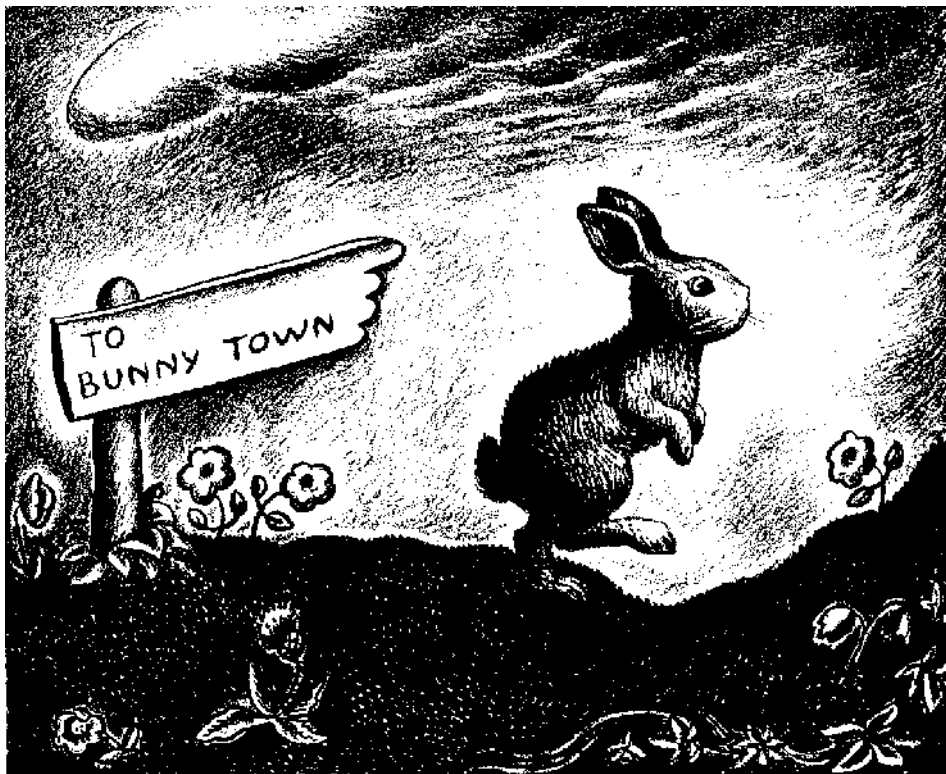


Q for **Q**uail

R for **R**ail



S for **S**quirrel **S**wishy-tail



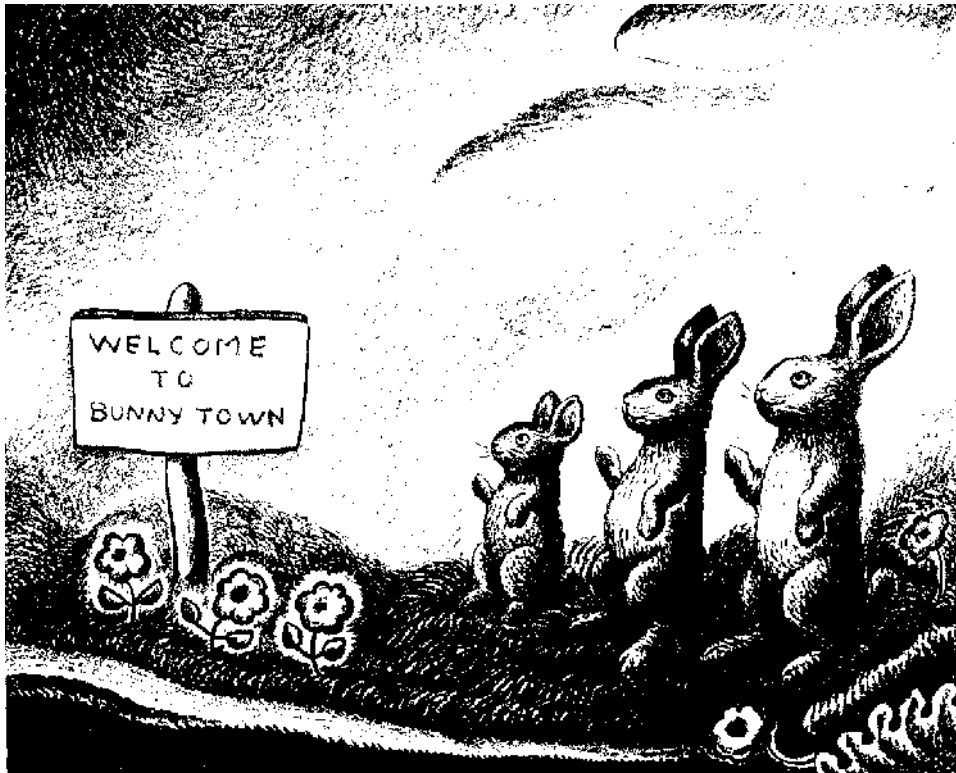
T for **T**ripping back to **T**own



U for Up and Up-side-down



V for View
Valley too



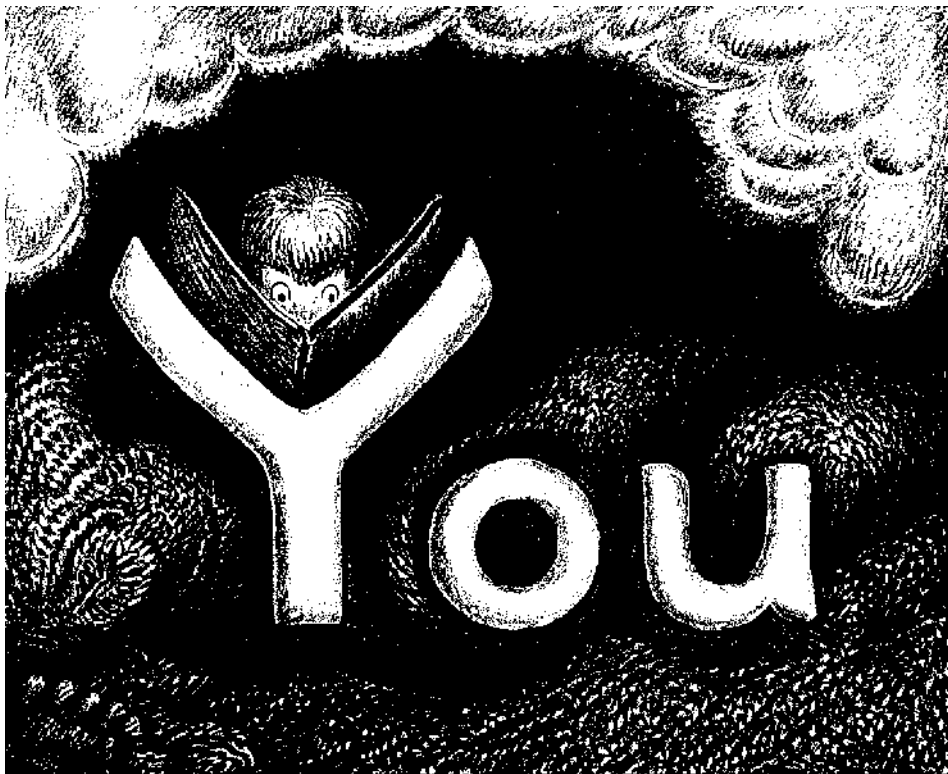
W – “**W**e welcome you!”



X for e**X**it – off, away!



That's enough for us today



Y for **Y**ou, take one last look



Z for **Z**ero – close the book!

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