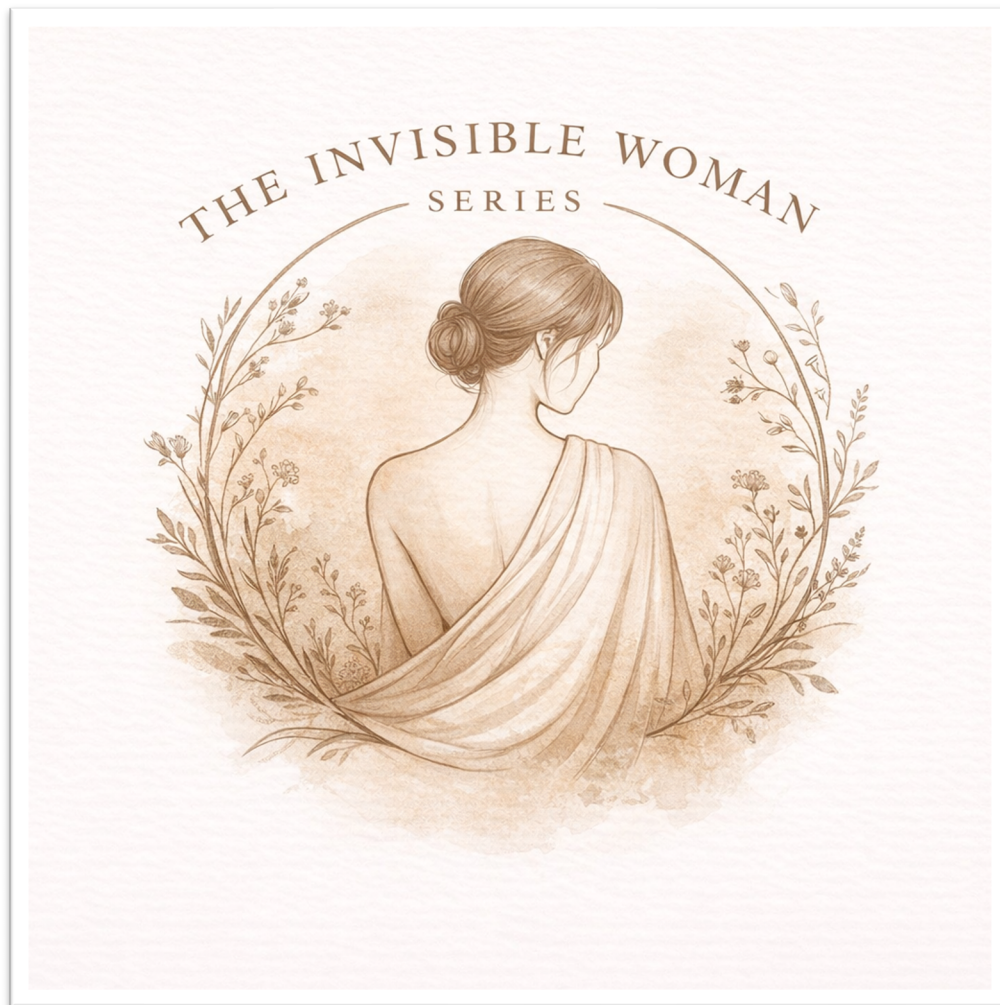


The Secret Life of Juniper Snow's Rabbits



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Life in the Backyard



Three rabbits named Flopsy, Mopsy, and Big Bertha lived in a backyard in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Their home belonged to Juniper Snow, a kind woman with five energetic children.

The backyard was full of grass, sunshine, and space to play. A white fence surrounded it, keeping the rabbits safe.

It was a peaceful and happy place to live.



Flopsy the Food Lover



Flopsy, the oldest sister, loved to eat.

She had soft brown fur and a twitching nose that helped her find tasty snacks.

She enjoyed grass and hay, but she was always looking for something better.

Flopsy often snuck into the garden to eat carrots, peas, and flowers. Her favourite treat, besides bananas, was petunias.

She knew she should stay out of the garden—but temptation was hard to resist.



Mopsy the Adventurer



Mopsy was smaller but full of energy.

She loved exploring and trying new things. She dug holes, ran quickly, and searched for excitement.

Mopsy also loved children and enjoyed playing with them.

Still, she was never satisfied for long. She always wanted to discover what was beyond the fence.

Big Bertha the Homebody



Big Bertha was large, gentle, and content.

She had everything she needed—fresh grass, vegetables, and treats from Junie.

She loved her safe and quiet home.

Big Bertha did not understand her sisters.

Why leave a place where everything was already perfect?

Different Choices



The three rabbits wanted different things.

Flopsy wanted more food.

Mopsy wanted adventure.

Big Bertha wanted to stay safe.

Big Bertha believed there was no need to leave.

But Mopsy believed something exciting was waiting outside.

Restless Night

One night, Mopsy could not sleep.

The yard was quiet, and everyone was resting—but Mopsy felt full of energy.

Earlier that day, she had found a soft patch of dirt near the fence.

Now, she decided to dig.



Digging Under the Fence



Mopsy began digging slowly.

Soon, she worked faster and faster. Dirt flew behind her as she dug deeper.

Her small tunnel grew larger until she reached the other side of the fence.

She had found a way out.

A World Beyond



Mopsy stepped into the front yard and looked around.

The night felt wide and full of possibilities.

Behind her was safety.

Ahead of her was adventure.

For a moment, she paused.

Then she took a step forward.

A brand-new journey had begun.

Vocabulary (Level B)

- temptation – wanting something even if you shouldn't have it
 - content – feeling happy and satisfied
 - restless – unable to relax
 - possibilities – things that could happen
 - journey – a trip or adventure
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Comprehension Questions (Level B)

Literal

1. Where do the rabbits live?
2. What is Flopsy's favourite type of food?
3. What does Mopsy do at night?

Inferential

4. Why does Big Bertha prefer to stay in the backyard?
5. Why does Mopsy want to leave?

Critical Thinking

6. Do you think Mopsy made a good choice? Why or why not?
7. Which rabbit are you most like? Explain.