

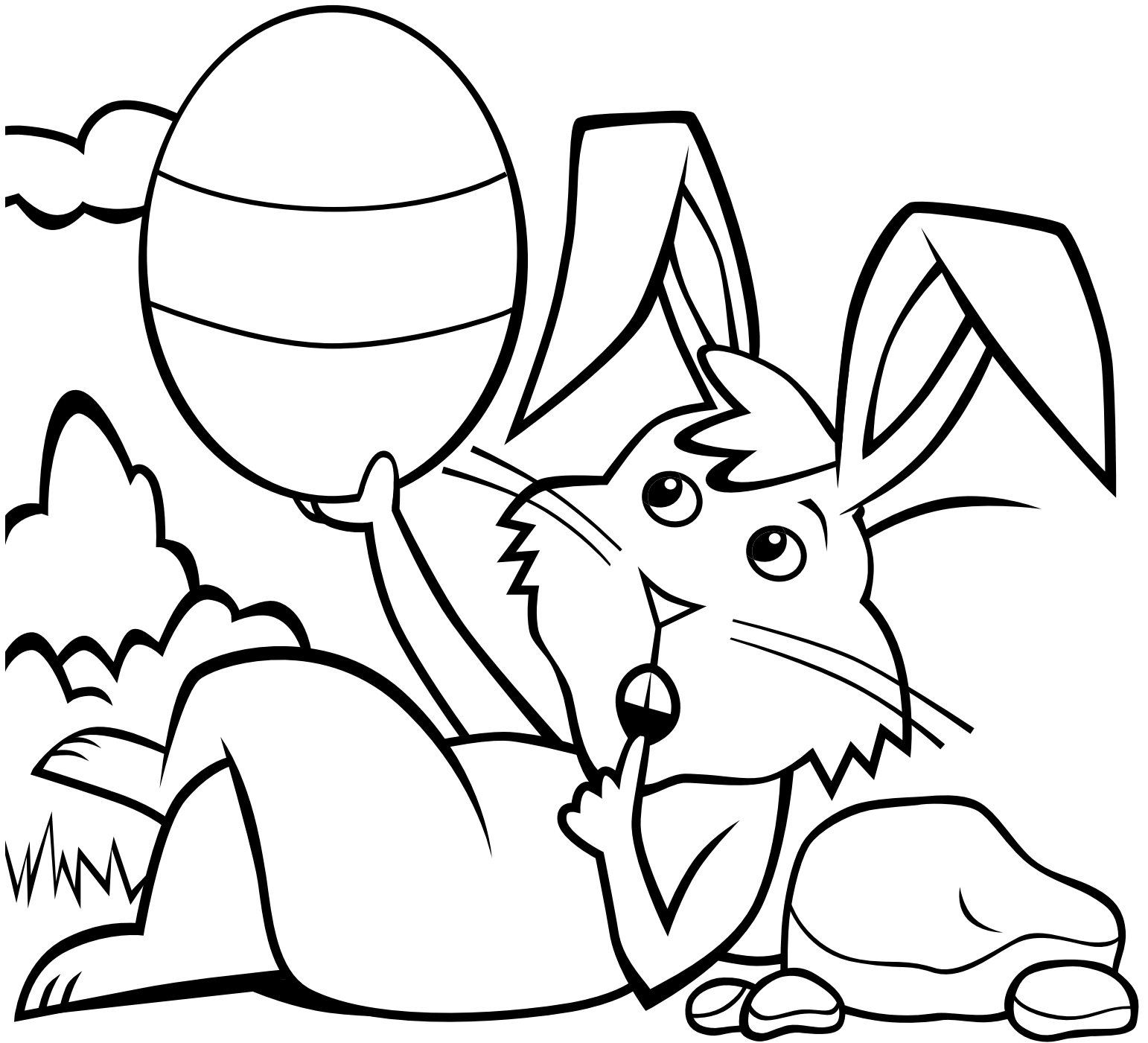
How The Easter Egg Hunt Began



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Back before we knew Easter like it is today, it was not as exciting. The Easter Bunny had just one simple egg for the children and it seemed after years of the same old Easter egg design that kids were starting to get a little tired with it.



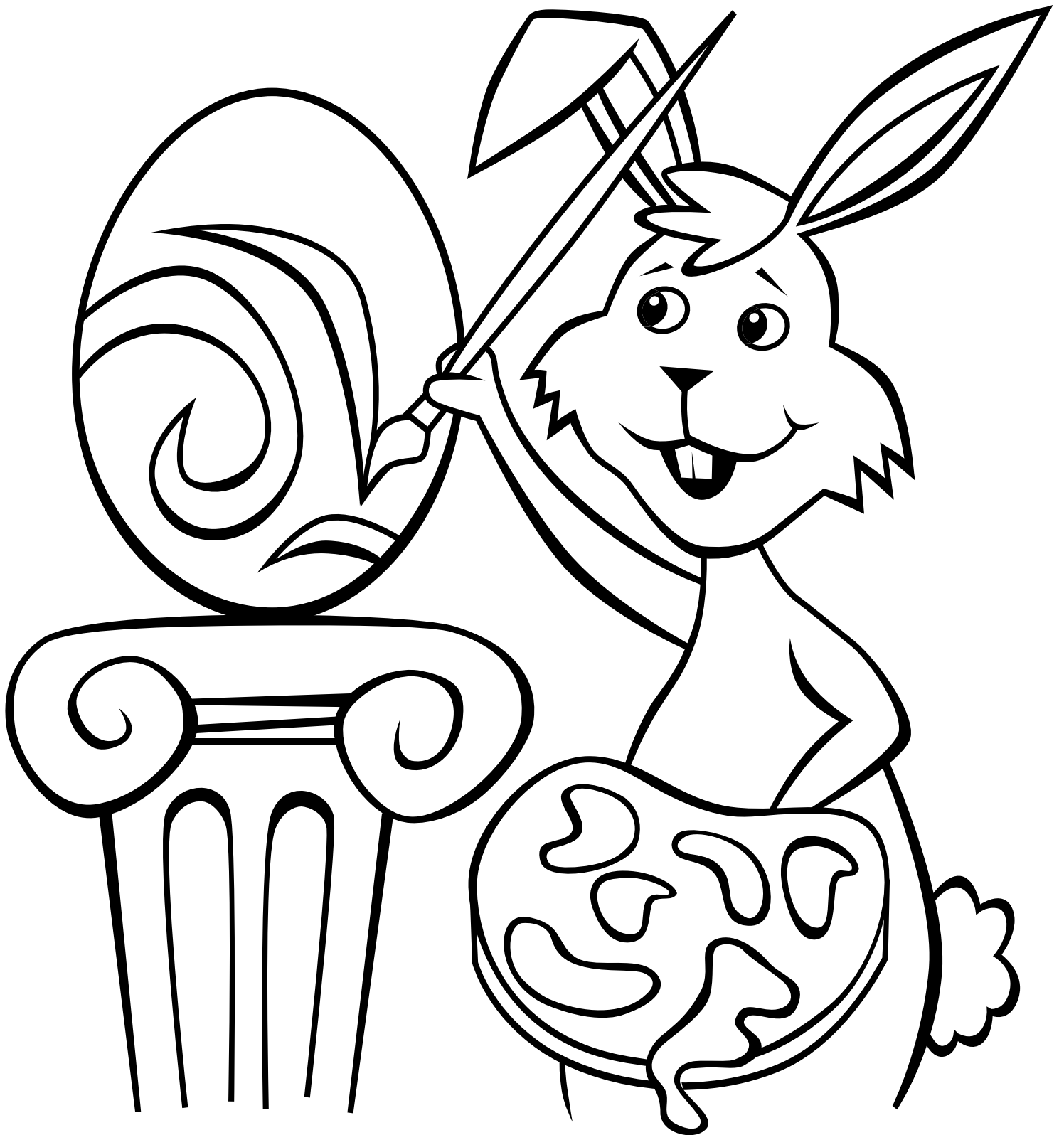
The Easter Bunny was tired with the plain egg as well so he decided to ask some of his friends what they thought. He asked Santa and Rudolph in the North Pole, and then he ran into the Tooth Fairy and asked her what to do. The he ran into one of his cousins, Peter Rabbit.



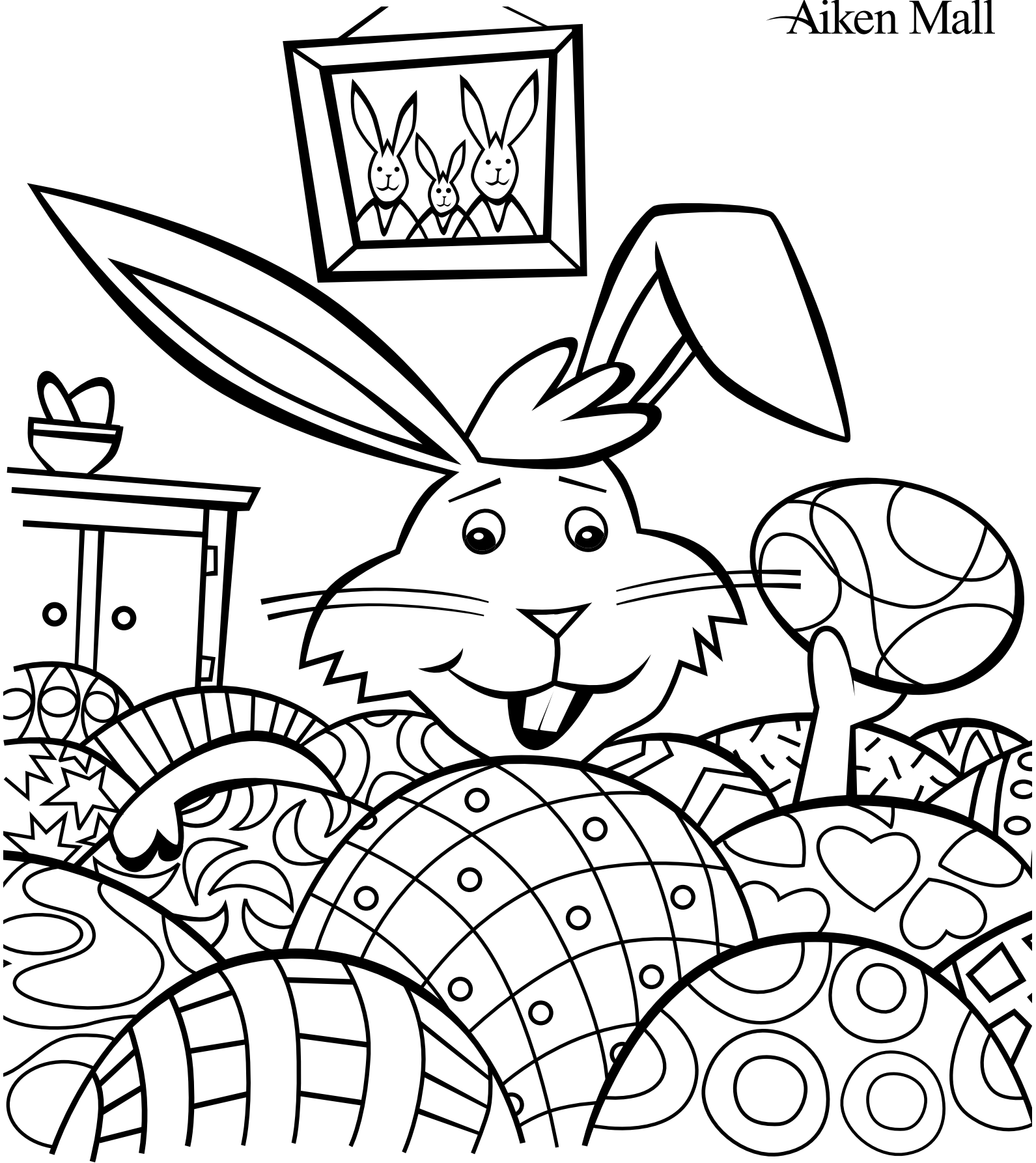


After he talked to his friends he decided that he would have a big Easter egg design contest! The egg with the best design would be the new Easter egg!

The word started spreading and children were getting excited about Easter again. What would the perfect egg look like? It could be chocolate, candy coated, it could have nuts, it could be big or small.



The Easter Bunny even tried some of his own egg design ideas. He could carve into the chocolate all sorts of different designs or he could paint in different kinds of candy coatings.

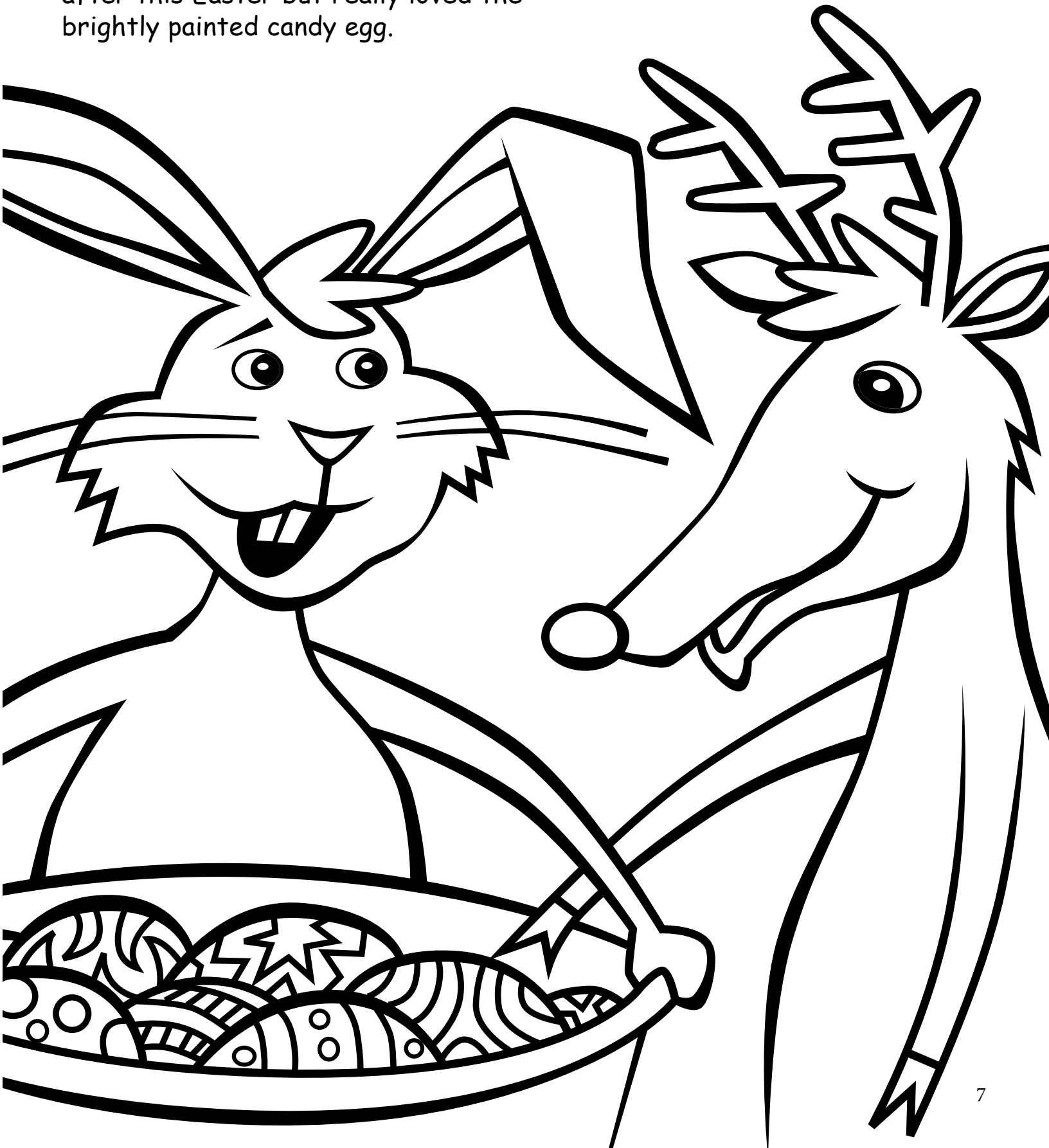


The Easter Bunny's rabbit hole was soon getting full with hundreds of eggs that kids around the world were sending him in hopes that their egg would be the one picked for the new Easter egg.

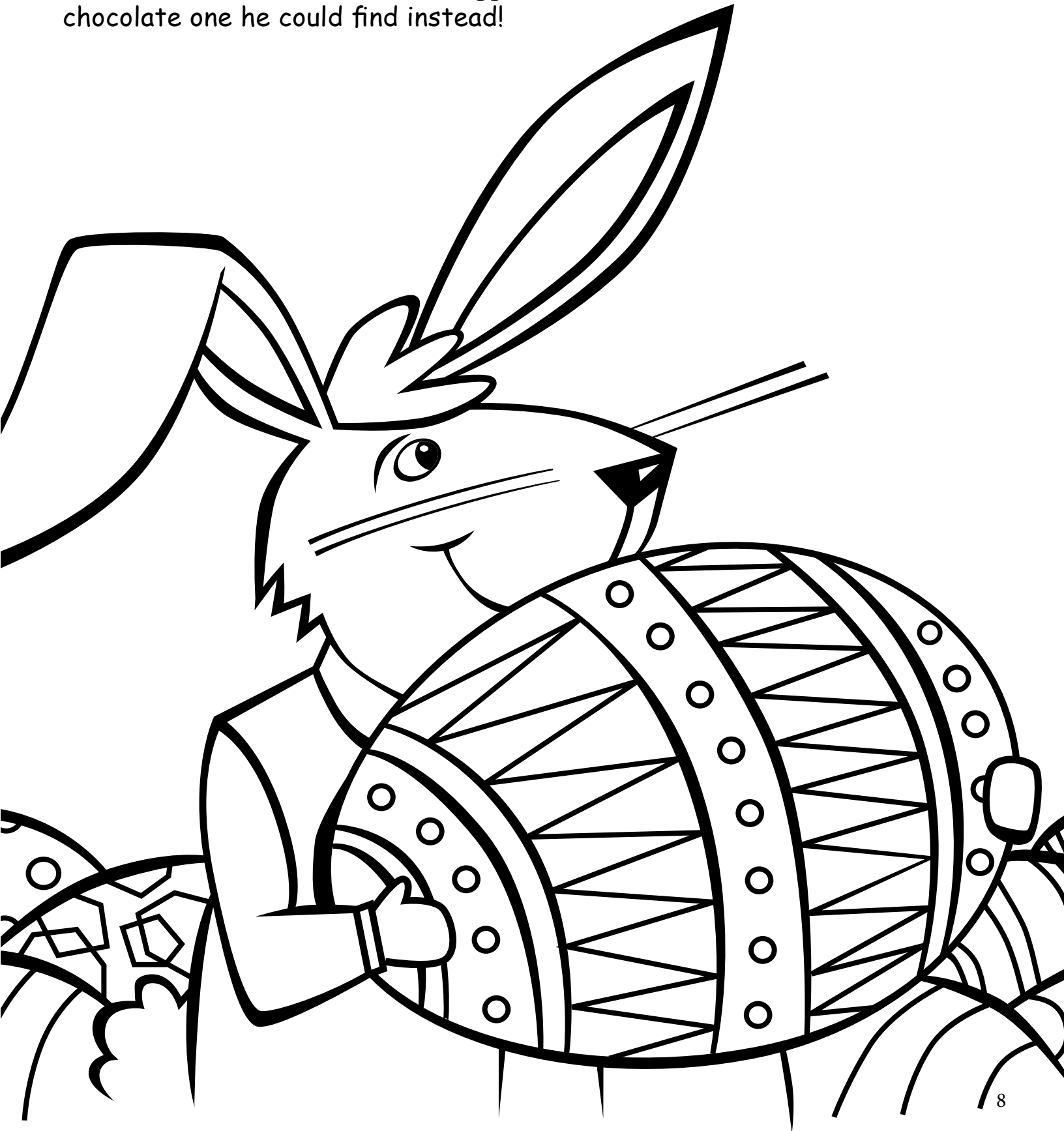
He was so overwhelmed with eggs that he thought it would be best to ask his friends again if they could help him choose the new Easter egg. Santa and Rudolph flew in from the North Pole to have a look at the eggs. Santa had no problem with testing the eggs especially, the chocolate ones.



Rudolph liked the bright red egg. Then the Tooth Fairy came by to check out the eggs. She was worried about how many kids might be losing their teeth after this Easter but really loved the brightly painted candy egg.



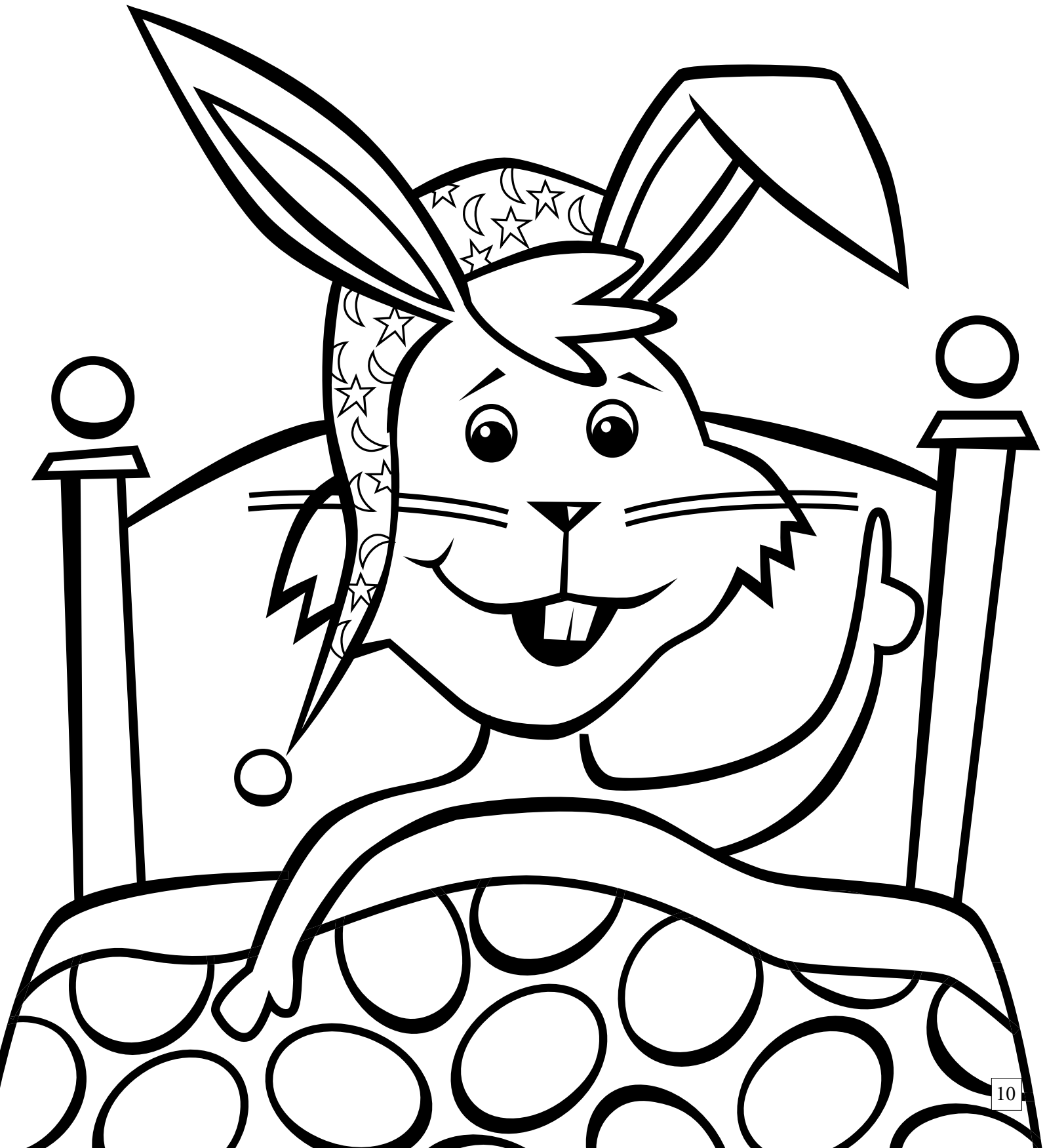
Peter Rabbit came by to inspect the collection of egg designs that filled the Easter Bunny's home. He was disappointed that none of the eggs tasted like carrots. He would have to settle on the biggest chocolate one he could find instead!

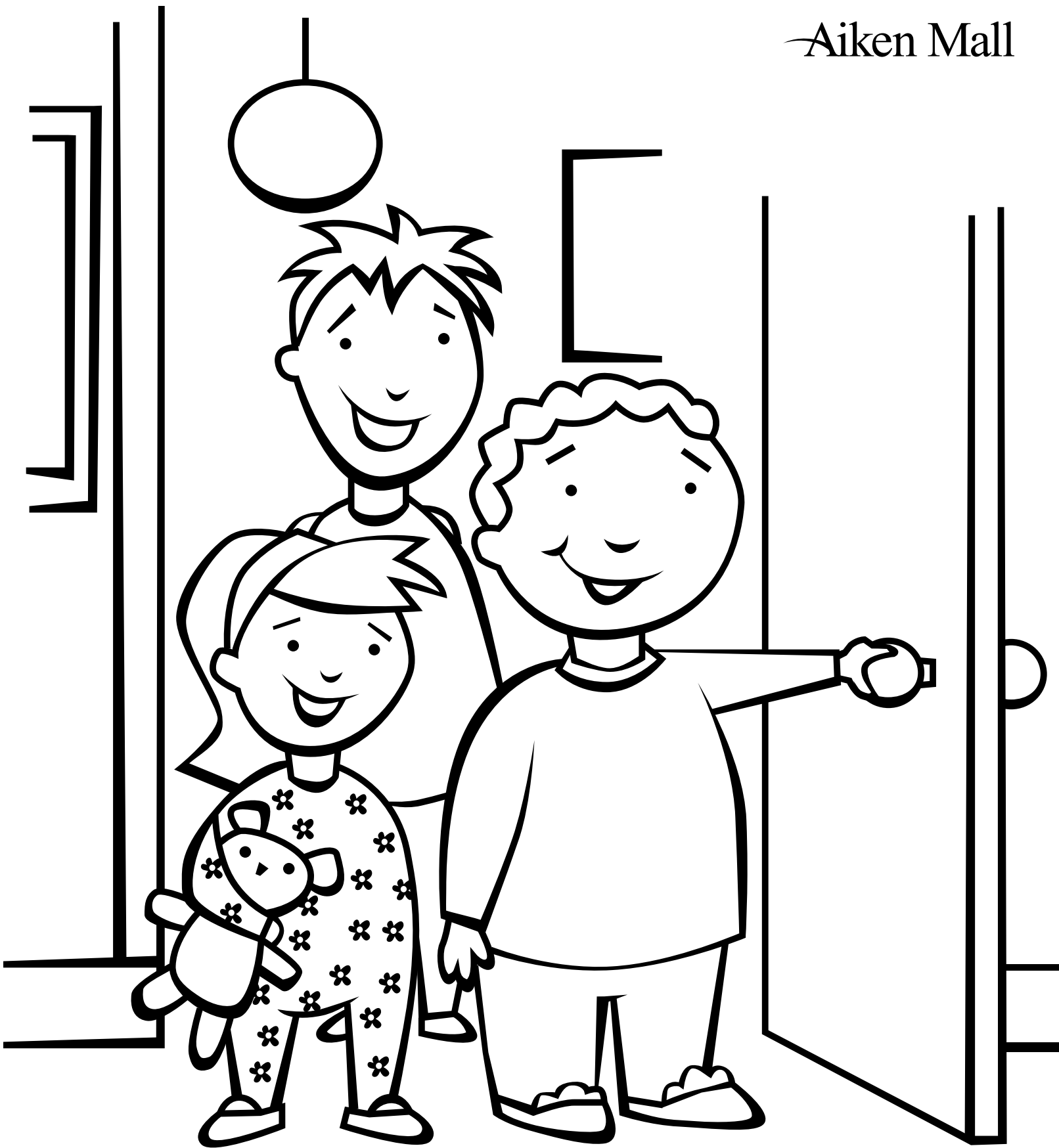


The Easter Bunny was still not sure which egg he liked the best but he had to pick one. Easter was only a few days away and his friends had all picked different eggs. What was he going to do?



The day before Easter he woke up and knew exactly what to do. Why had he not thought of this idea before? Now he had to get to work getting enough eggs made and delivered.





The next morning when the children all over the world woke up they had no idea what egg was going to be waiting for them! Would it be chocolate? Big? Small? Candy coated? Well, when they discovered what waited for them, they could not believe their eyes!



All over the room were all different types of eggs! Chocolate, candy, big and small, black, blue, white, pink, red, even one that looked a little like a carrot. The more the kids looked around the room the more eggs they found! There were all kinds of eggs hidden inside and out! They loved discovering all the new Easter eggs!



The Easter Bunny was so happy that everyone loved all of the different eggs and the hunt to find them all. The kids were so excited searching for all of the different kinds of eggs, not knowing what they might stumble onto. The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success and so the tradition began.