Clever Rabbit

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It was evening. Cows, goats and sheep were returning to their sheds.

The farmer made sure they all returned home safely.
The clever Rabbit was awake inside his hutch. He was thinking, “I want to explore the outside world.” The other rabbits were dozing.
The door to their hutch opened. The farmer came in. It was meal time for the rabbits.
The food smelled nice. All the other rabbits were awake now. They hopped closer to the farmer.
The clever Rabbit watched the farmer walk out the hutch. “Aha! Now I know how I can sneak out. Tomorrow I must get out of here.”
“I’ll hop into the basket when the farmer brings in food,” the clever Rabbit thought.

The other rabbits quickly finished their meal and fell asleep.
In the morning, the farmer brought in food for the rabbits. “Today is the day,” the clever Rabbit thought to himself. “I must get out of this hutch.”

As soon as the farmer put the basket down, the clever Rabbit quickly jumped in. No one saw him. After the farmer had fed the other rabbits, he carried the basket outside.
The clever Rabbit was finally free! He sang to himself. He walked around like a king. Suddenly, a dog came up to the clever Rabbit and started barking at him.

The clever Rabbit hadn’t thought of this danger.
The dog chased the clever Rabbit,
who ran and ran and ran.
The clever Rabbit just managed to outrun the dog.
The clever Rabbit was now in the forest. He found some tender, sweet grass to eat. Food had never tasted so good back in the hutch. Full, he dozed off.
The clever Rabbit was awakened by the loud roaring of a lion. “Ngrrrrr! Ngrrrr!” The sound was terribly scary.
The lion was hungry. He chased the clever Rabbit. The clever Rabbit ran for his life.

“Will I escape alive?” he wondered.

The clever Rabbit ran all night long.
When it was daybreak, the clever Rabbit couldn't believe his eyes. He was back at the farmer's house!
The door to the hutch was open. He saw the farmer feeding the other rabbits.
The clever Rabbit snuck in behind the farmer.
He was starving. He ate till he was full again. “I know better now. The outside world is sweet, but also bitter,” he told himself.
From that day on, the clever Rabbit learned more and more about his world inside the farm. He even advised other rabbits on their issues!
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Clever Rabbit lives inside a hutch but he wants to see the world outside. What can he do to get out of the hutch without putting himself in danger?

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