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043 BEATRIX (V.O.)

Peter and Benjamin left a great many odd little footmarks all over the bed, especially little Benjamin, who was wearing clogs.

044 BENJAMIN

First things first. We must get back your clothes, Peter, so that we can use the pocket handkerchief.

045 PETER

What for?

046 BENJAMIN

Why, to carry onions or lettuces in.

047 PETER

I don't know about that -

048 BENJAMIN

Old McGregor has plenty to spare.

049 BEATRIX (V.O.)

And so the cousins made straight for the scarecrow and pulled down the hat, shoes, and old hat. There had been rain during the night; there was water in the shoes, and the coat was somewhat shrunk.

PETER HUFFS AS HE SQUEEZES INTO HIS COAT.

050 PETER

My coat is too small now!

051 BENJAMIN

Wear it without buttoning up the buttons.

052 PETER

That's a splendid plan.

053 BEATRIX (V.O.)

Benjamin tried on the hat on, but it was too big for him.

054 BENJAMIN

Now give me your pocket handkerchief, Peter. Let's fill it with onions as a little present for Auntie.

BENJAMIN LEADS THE WAY TOWARDS THE ONIONS, PETER
LAGGING BEHIND HIM.

055 PETER
I think we should go home now -

056 BENJAMIN
Mr. & Mrs. McGregor won't be back
for hours, Peter.

A TWIG SNAPS

PETER STOPS SHORT

057 PETER
Did you hear that?

058 BENJAMIN
It was only a twig snapping. Come
on, Peter. Have a lettuce leaf!

BENJAMIN PICKS THE LETTUCE LEAF AND NIBBLES
QUICKLY.

059 BENJAMIN (CONT'D)
Ah. What excellent crisp lettuce.
(beat)
You know I come into Mr. McGregor's
garden every week with my father.
We get lettuces for Sunday dinner.

060 PETER
I want to go home.

061 BEATRIX (V.O.)
But Benjamin was quite determined
to bring home a load of vegetables.
So the two bunnies filled the
pocket handkerchief with onions and
then made their way back to the
garden wall.

THE TWO MARCH SIDE BY SIDE UP TO THE WALL.

062 PETER
Let's hurry, Benjamin.

063 BENJAMIN
Have a radish, Peter. Enjoy the
outing!

HE SNAPS A FRENCH BEAN HIMSELF.

064 BENJAMIN (CONT'D)

(mouthful)

I highly recommend these French beans.

PETER STUMBLES AND DROPS HALF THE ONIONS. THEY ROLL OUT ACROSS THE GRAVEL PATH.

065 PETER

Oh dear. I dropped half the onions!

066 BENJAMIN

Pick them up, Peter!

PETER FRANTICALLY GATHERS THE ONIONS UP AGAIN.

067 BENJAMIN (CONT'D)

(assessing the situation)

Hmmm... I don't think it is possible to get back up the pear tree with a load of vegetables.

068 PETER

What? Then - then how are we going to get out of the garden?

069 BENJAMIN

Follow me.

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TRAVELING MUSIC

070 BEATRIX (V.O.)

He led the way boldly towards the other end of the garden. They went along a little walk on planks, under a sunny, red brick wall. The mice sat on their doorsteps cracking cherry-stones; they winked at Peter Rabbit and little Benjamin Bunny. Presently Peter let the pocket-handkerchief go again.

ONIONS SPILL OUT OVER THE PLANKS

071 PETER

There go the onions again!

072 BENJAMIN

Pick them up, Peter Rabbit! And hold the handkerchief ends together tightly this time!