



Daddy tells lies to 6-year-old

Dear Barbara

What can I do about my 6 year old daughter's father telling her things about me that are not true — for example that I really do not want her to be living with me? I do not want to devalue her father because I know she loves him but this simply is not the truth. She has been with me since we separated when she was 1 1/2 years old.

Dear Parent:

When one parent tells child something about the other parent that is untrue, it is important that the truth be told. Otherwise, the child becomes very confused. Telling the truth in a way that does not devalue the other parent is always best.

Hearing her father make such a statement may make your daughter wonder if you and her father have been speaking privately and you told him this yourself. Assure her that if there were ever to be a change in living arrangements, that she, her father and you would discuss it very, very carefully to decide what would be the best plan for her.

Her father probably was not intentionally lying to your daughter; rather, his own hurt or angry feelings cause him to somehow distort

reality. Your daughter could also have misunderstood what he meant. Speak to her father and ask if she understood correctly and then explain the reality gently and kindly to her — together if possible.

If you can't get a clear answer from him, ask your daughter if she believes that her daddy is right when he says that you do not want her living with you. If she says yes, what would make her think this? Perhaps you lost patience with her and she thinks this proves her daddy right. Remind her that you and she have both lost patience with each other many, many times. Does she want to live with her dad because you lost your patience? This will help her understand that losing patience does not mean people do not want to live together.

This matter of fact approach of trying to winnow out her mixed up ideas does not devalue her dad but helps her feel less confused when you help her get things clear in her own mind. Then, if her father tells her something that is different from what she already knows, she can determine whether his statement is truthful for herself. ☺



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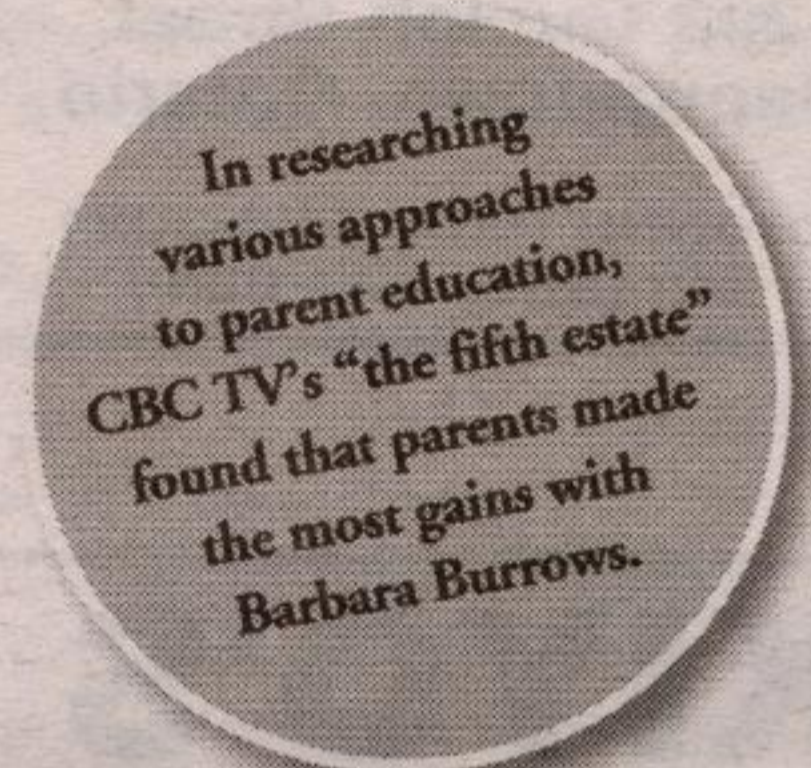
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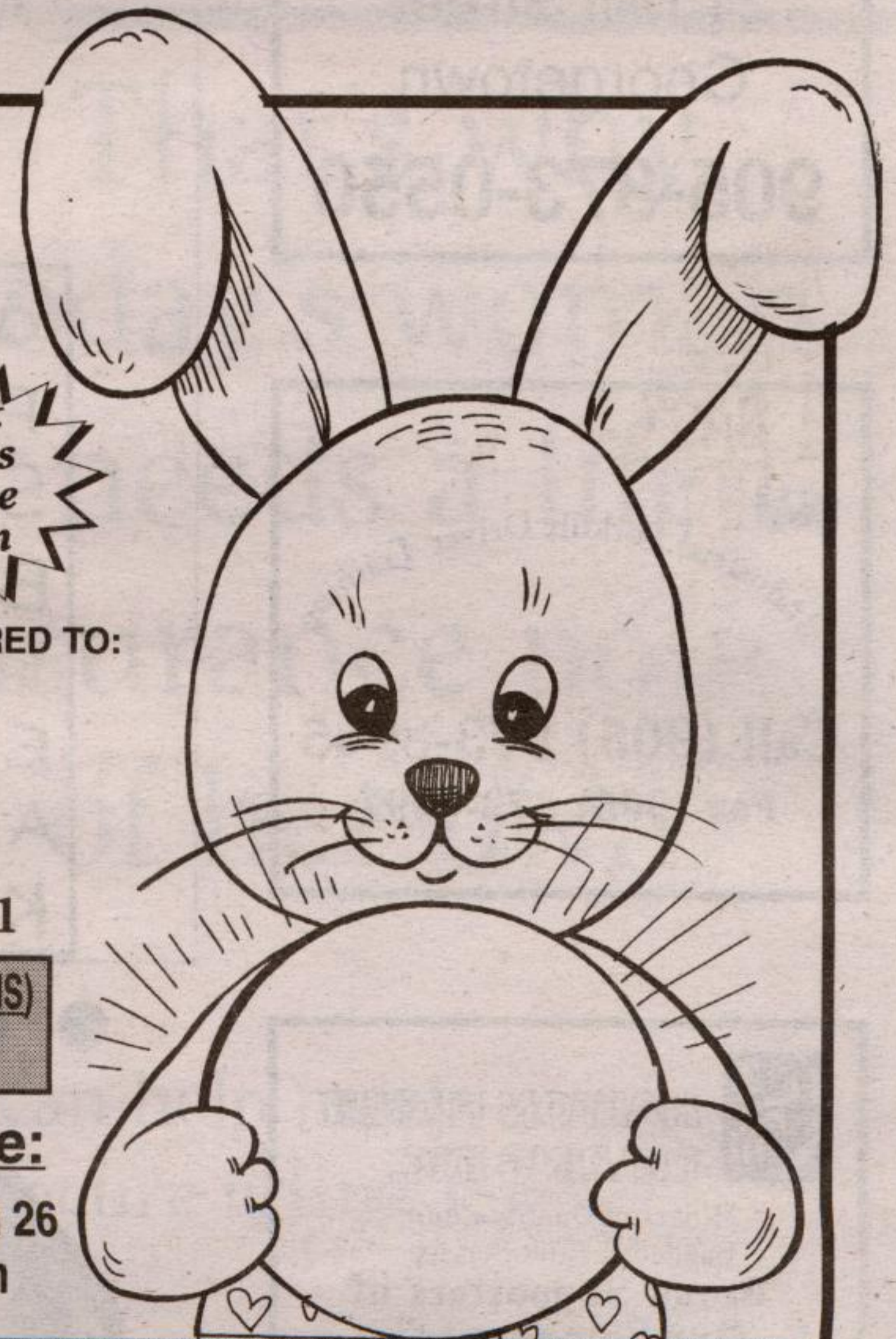
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