

# DUMB BUNNY

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**APRIL:** *(yawning as if waking up)* Oh, geesh. Another day. School. Homework. Teachers. Plagues and diseases. *(looking around)* I hate school. I hate morning. What was I gonna wear today? *(picks something up)* Whoa! They'd never allow this little number in homeroom. *(shrugs)* Aw, who cares. *(begins to dress)*

**CONNIE:** *(turning from US and appearing over April's tight shoulder)* Better not.

**APRIL:** *(pause, then)* Excuse me?

**CONNIE:** Better not, It's pretty short.

**APRIL:** *(still not turning to Connie)* Uh ... I hate to be ... you know ... nosy, but who in the heck are you and what are you doing in my bedroom?

**CONNIE:** I'm Connie. I'm your conscience.

**APRIL:** My what?

**CONNIE:** Your conscience. The little voice inside your head that reminds you of what's right.

**APRIL:** My conscience. Great. I try to get dressed in the morning and some weirdo drops into my bedroom and tells me she's my conscience. Am I on America's Funniest Home Videos?

**CONNIE:** I hope not. You're in your underwear.

**APRIL:** *(reacts)* What? *(looks at herself)* Oh gosh! *(turning to Connie)* Get out of here!

**CONNIE:** Cool it, April. I'm your conscience. I've been with you since the day you were born

**APRIL:** You gotta be pullin' my leg.

**CONNIE:** No, that was the doctor. Listen, I'm the one who's kept you on the right track all these years.

**APRIL:** You mean like the cartoons? Bing! ... and a little angel appears on Bugs Bunny's shoulder?

**CONNIE:** Yeh, that's the general idea.

**APRIL:** What about the other guy?

**CONNIE:** Huh?

**APRIL:** The little devil who appeared on the other shoulder?

**CONNIE:** Well, actually, Bugs Bunny has no bad conscience but you ... you don't need one of those.

**APRIL:** What?

**CONNIE:** Look, we've been short of help lately and frankly being your good side is just a ... part-time job.

**APRIL:** What's that supposed to mean?

**CONNIE:** You don't listen, girl! That's why I had to show up in person. I mean, I've been talking to you for (15) years and you've been ignoring me. That's why they assigned me to play both parts.

**APRIL:** I'm that bad?

**CONNIE:** How about a test?

**APRIL:** Huh?

**CONNIE:** Tammy Dillard.

**APRIL:** (*quickly without even thinking*) That jerk!

**CONNIE:** See!

**APRIL:** What?

**CONNIE:** See how you are?

**APRIL:** That just slipped.

**CONNIE:** April, you do a whole lot of slipping.

**APRIL:** Tammy Dillard blabs all my secrets around school!

**CONNIE:** So stop telling her!

**APRIL:** But she's my best friend! (*Connie sighs*) Look ... are you like ... going to stay with me all day?

**CONNIE:** Until we can straighten you out.

**APRIL:** (*not thrilled*) Oh, Joy. (*crosses stage*) I think I'll go back to bed.

**CONNIE:** (*stopping her*) No way.

**APRIL:** Why not?

**CONNIE:** Because your conscience is telling you not to.

**APRIL:** Figures. (*puts on clothes*) Well, I might as well get this over with.

**CONNIE:** Hurry up. Here comes the bus.

**APRIL:** Oh, no. My earrings. I can't find my earrings.

**CONNIE:** (*pointing*) Right there.

**APRIL:** How'd you know?

**CONNIE:** Just let your conscience be your guide.

**APRIL:** You're a scream, you know that?

**CONNIE:** (*grabbing her and circling with her, indicating getting on the school bus*) Come on, April. The world is waiting.

**APRIL:** Some world this is gonna be. (*looking around the "bus"*) Shoot. All the good seats are taken.

**CONNIE:** Sit with Wanda.

**APRIL:** Are you nuts? Nobody sits with Wanda!

**CONNIE:** You should.

**APRIL:** But ...

**CONNIE:** Go ahead.

**APRIL:** (*to Connie as she moves to sit next to Wanda*) If you needed a job, why didn't you try Wal-Mart?

**CONNIE:** (*easing April into the seat and stands over her right shoulder*) Atta girl.

**APRIL:** (*a growling sneer*)

**CONNIE:** Well, go ahead. Talk to her.

**APRIL:** (*in a loud whisper that only Connie can hear*) Look, I already sat beside her, I don't have to ...

**CONNIE:** (*sternly*) Talk to her!

**APRIL:** (*quickly, smiling*) "Hey! Wanda! How's it goin'?" (*keeping the same smile and turning sarcastically to Connie*) Better?

**CONNIE:** (*smiling*) Just great.

**APRIL:** (*answering Wanda*) "Me? I gotta tell you, Wanda, if the rest of the day goes like this, I'm gonna ... (*Connie nudges her rather violently*) ... be the happiest girl on the block!" (*to herself*) I can't believe I'm saying this. (*Wanda speaks*) "What? Lunch? Sit with me at lunch? Well, I already promised ... (*another healthy nudge from Connie*) ... Why I'd be glad to eat lunch with you, Wanda. We could share Twinkies." (*looking at the audience, wide-eyed with disbelief*) I must be out of my



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