

LANGTIME CHAT, EPISODE 48

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# TALKING TENSE & ASPECT

**THE SUN IS SUPERBLY ASPECTED BY  
YOUR RULER MARS ON THE 19TH.**

**Example sentence in the Dictionary**

**TENSE V. ASPECT**

# Tense

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- Timeline relative to point of speaking or point of view when narrating

# Tense

- ❁ Prioritizes *when* something occurs
- ❁ Timeline relative to point of speaking or point of view when narrating

# Aspect

- ❁ Prioritizes state of completion or state of being in progress
- ❁ States are relative to point of speaking or point of view when narrating

# Inflected

- Marked on the verb
- Follows same patterns as other grammatical inflections

# Inflected

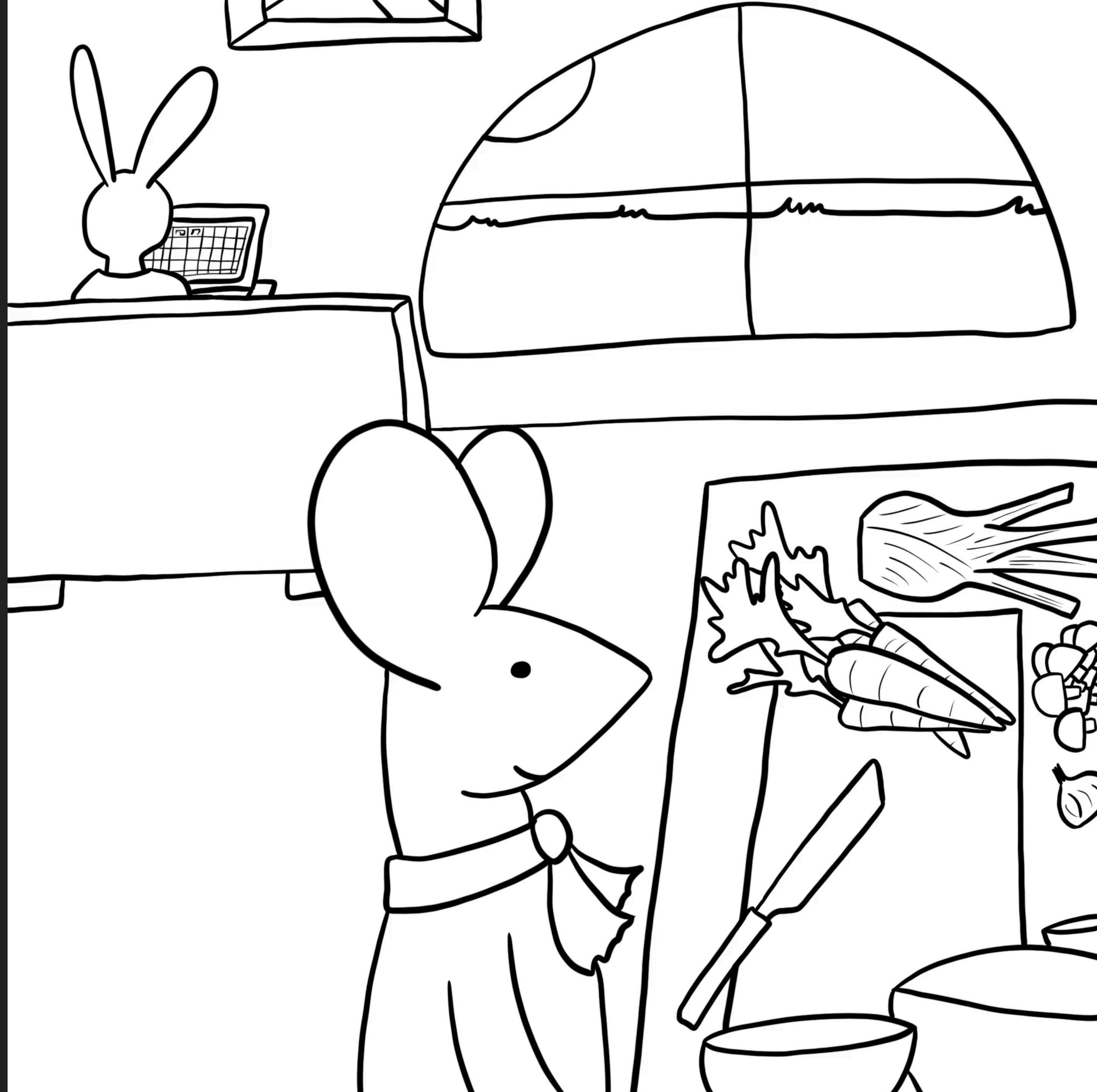
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# Periphrastic

- Stage of the grammaticalization cycle
- Requires construction or phrase (e.g. combination of auxiliaries and verb)

**ANIMATION!**





# JMouse



Vegetable chopping

# JMouse



Vegetable chopping

# DBunny



Font work



Three text notifications

# JMouse



Vegetable chopping

# DBunny

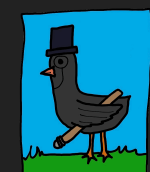


Font work



Three text notifications

# Bird



Flight by window

## Activities

- 🌀 DBunny creating
- 🌀 JMouse chopping
- 🌀 Bird flying

## Accomplishments

- 🌀 JMouse chopping the vegetables
- 🌀 Bird flying past window

## Achievement

- 🌀 Text dinging

# Atelic

- 🌀 DBunny creating
- 🌀 JMouse chopping
- 🌀 Bird flying

# Telic

- 🌀 JMouse chopping vegetables
- 🌀 Bird flying past window
- 🌀 Text dinging

# Tenses for this example

 Past

 Present

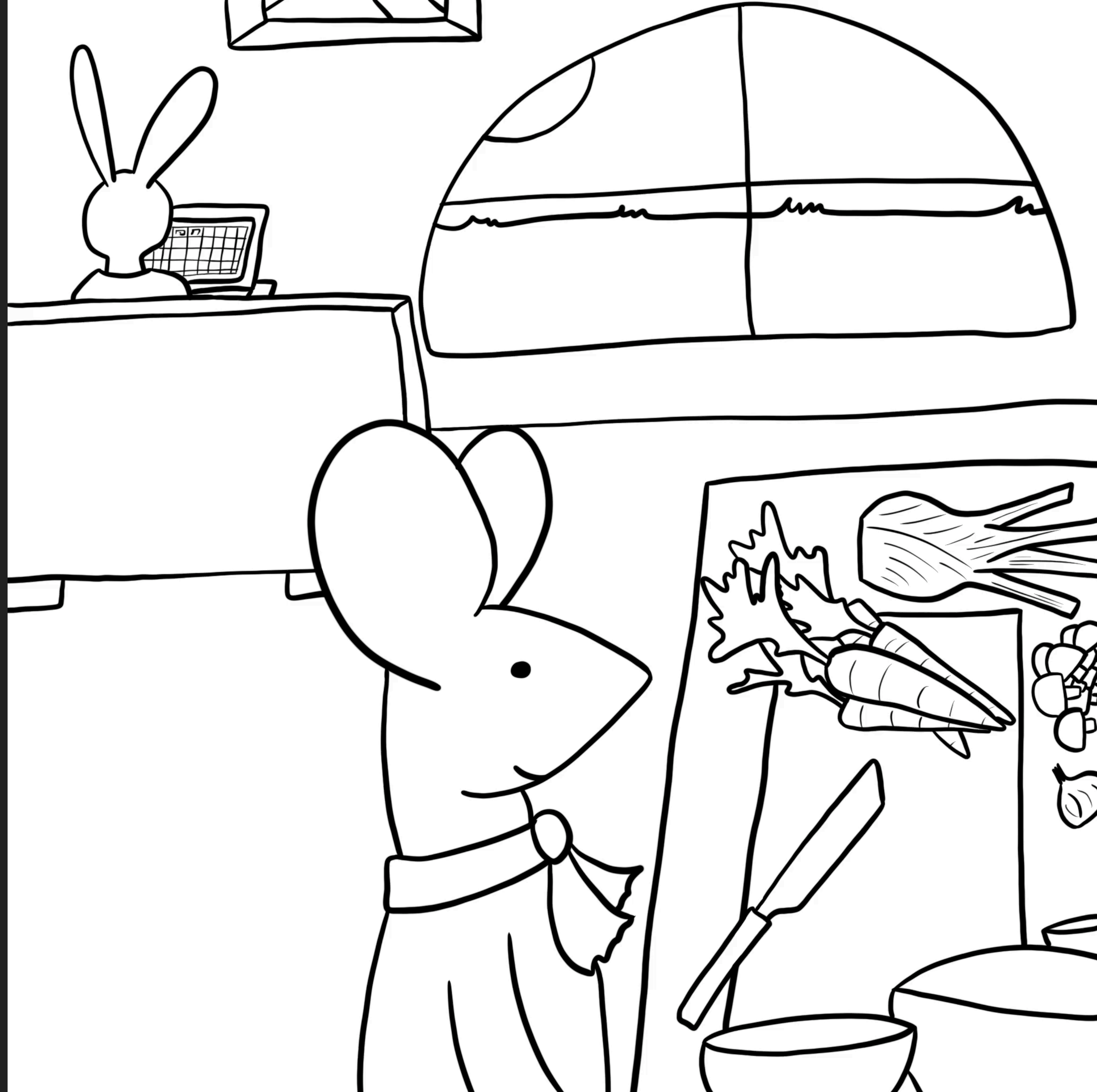
 Future

# Aspects for this example

 About-To

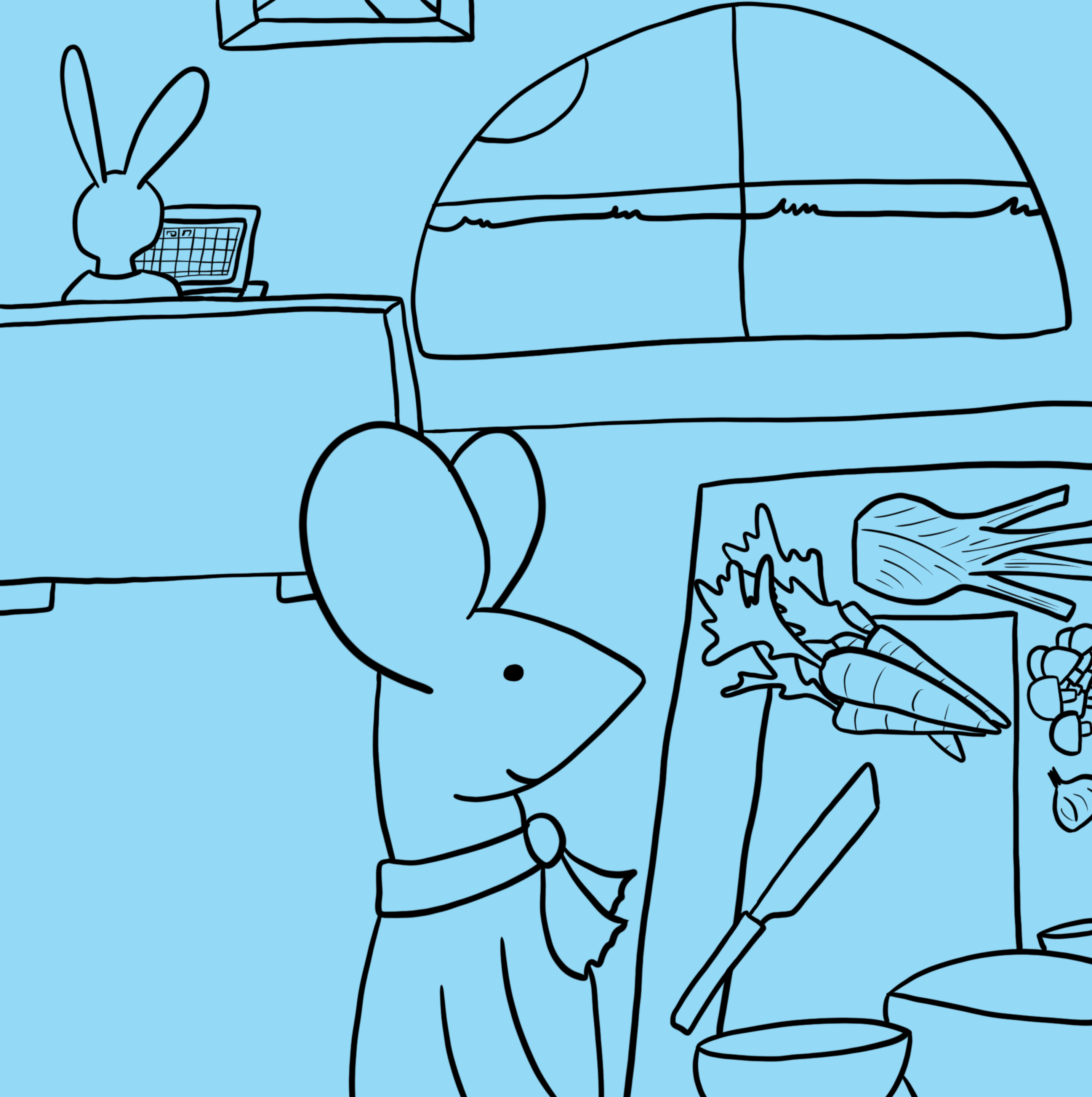
 Continuing

 Complete



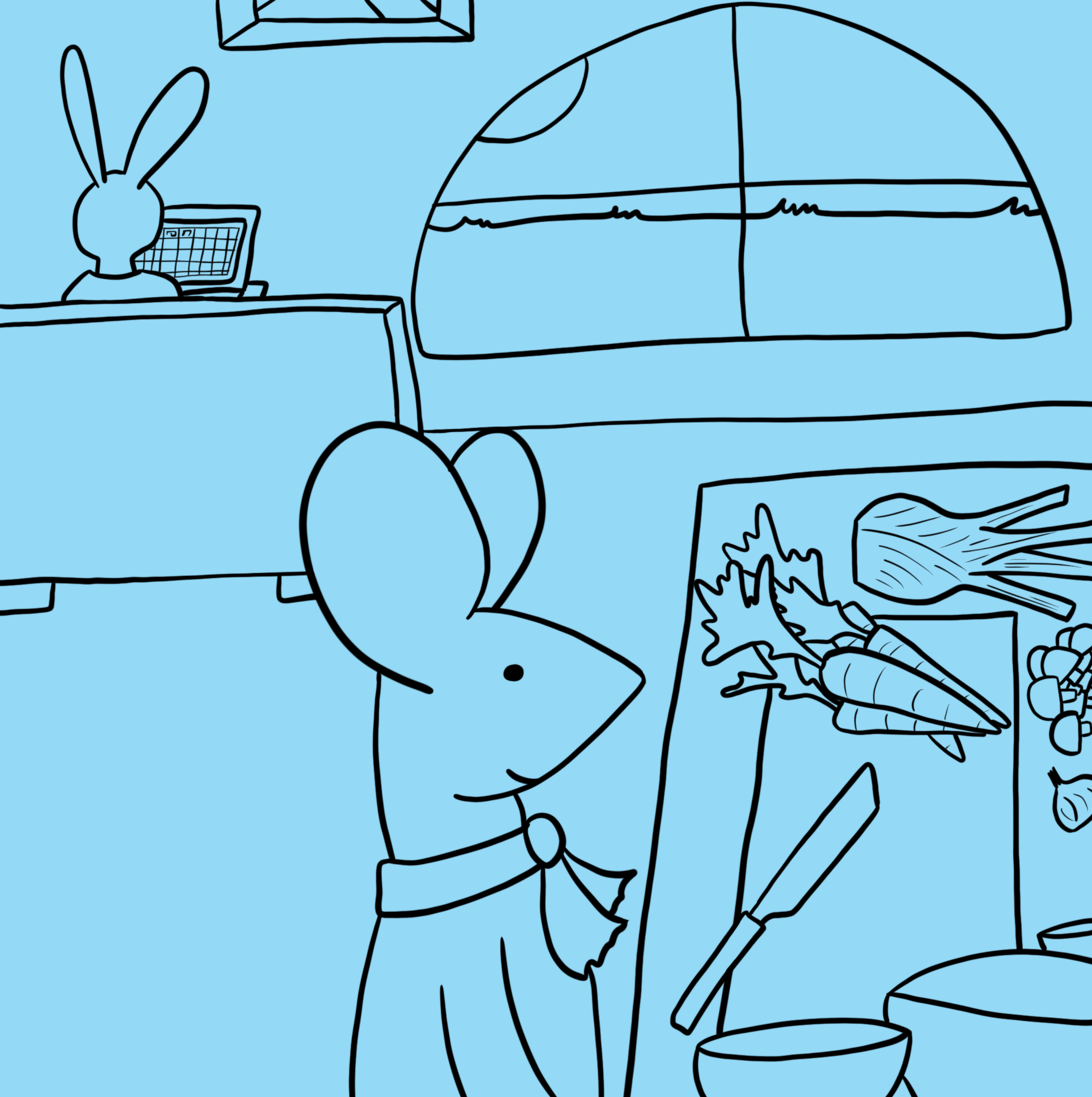


**BREAKING IT DOWN**



# Events

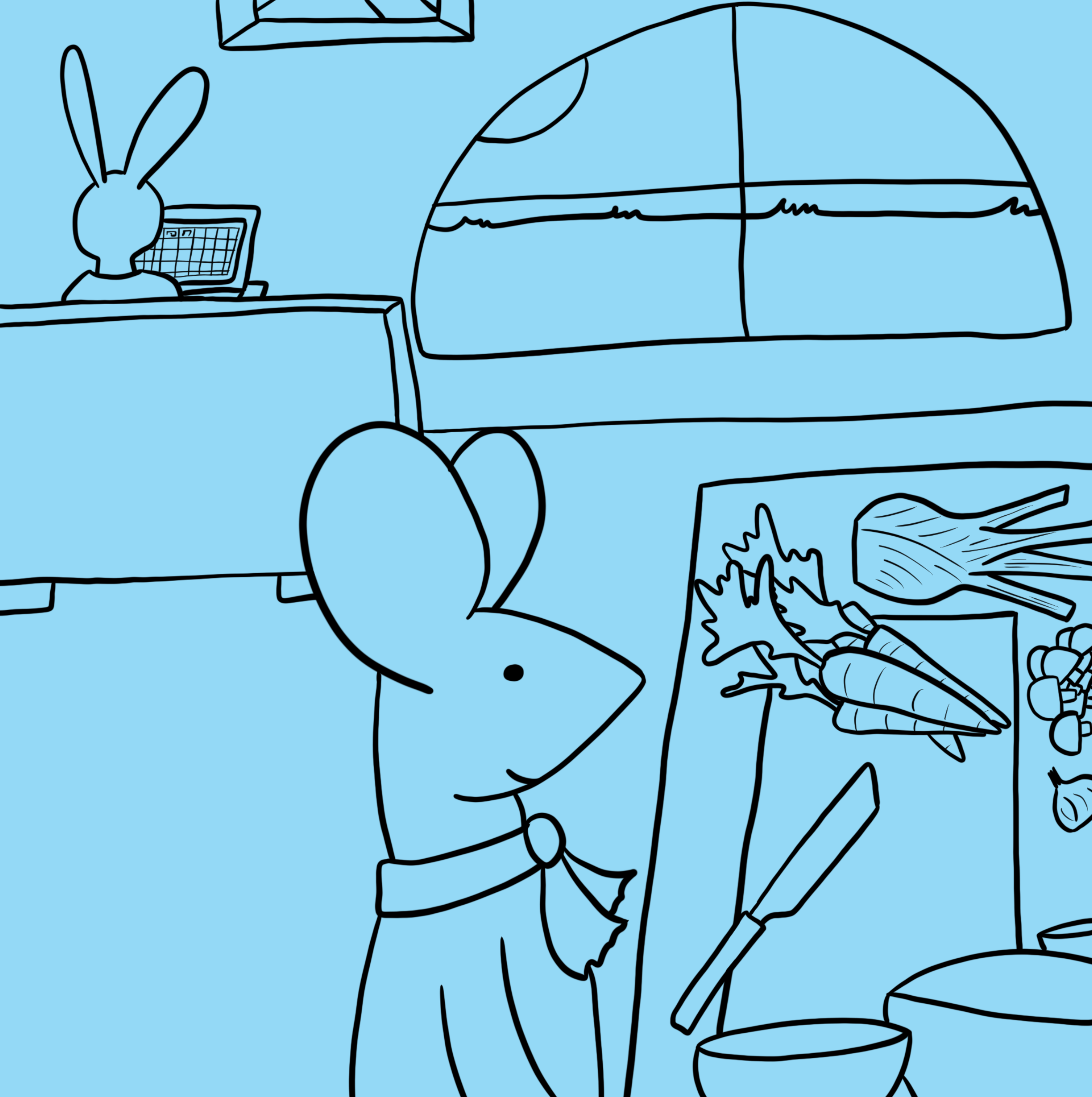
- 🌻 DBunny creating
- 🌻 JMouse about to start chopping



# Events

 create .

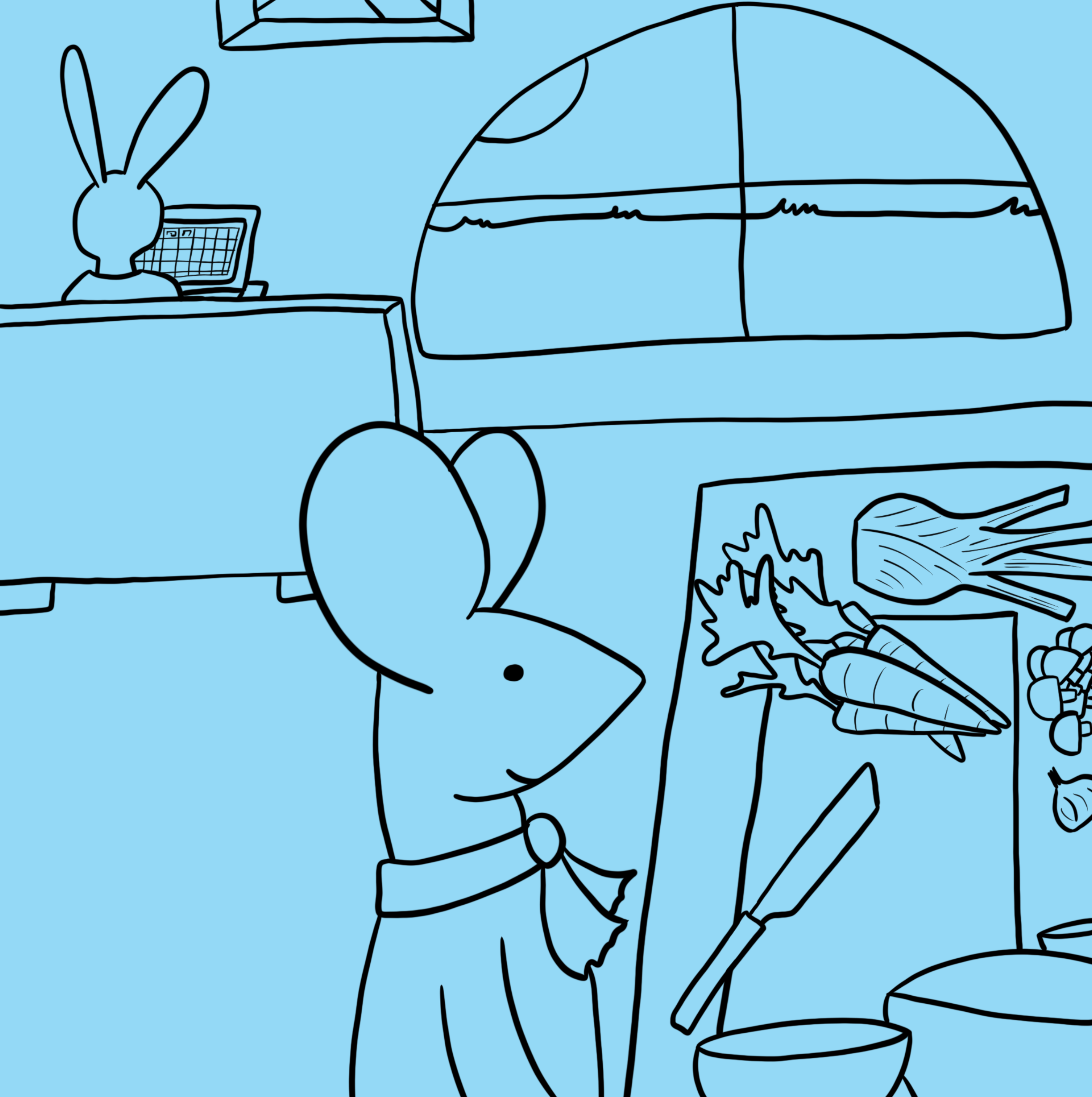
 chop .



# TENSE

 create[PRES] .

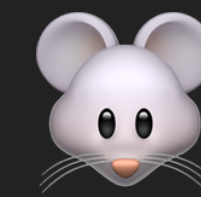
 chop[FUT] .



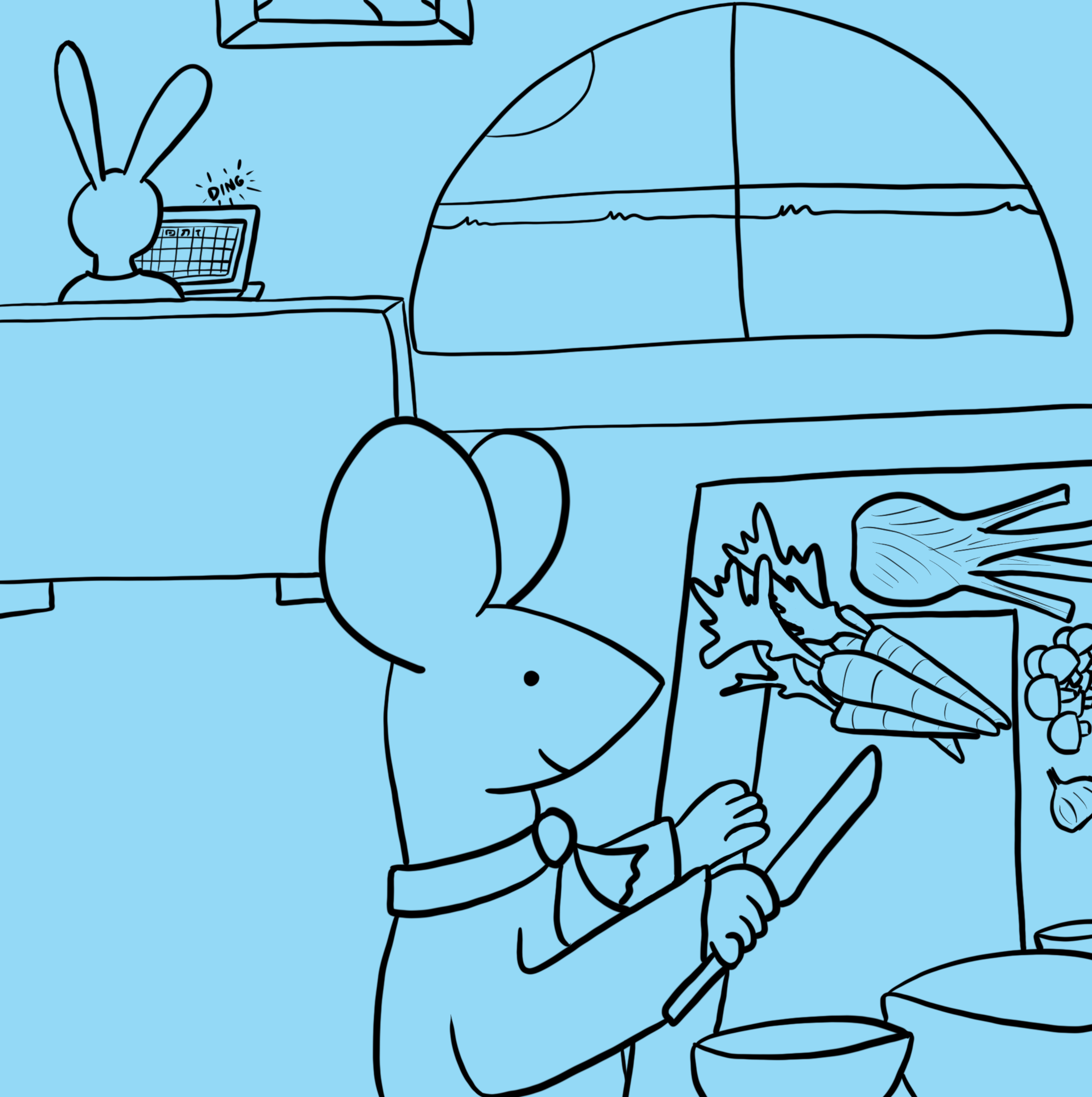
# ASPECT



create[CONT] 🎧🎧.

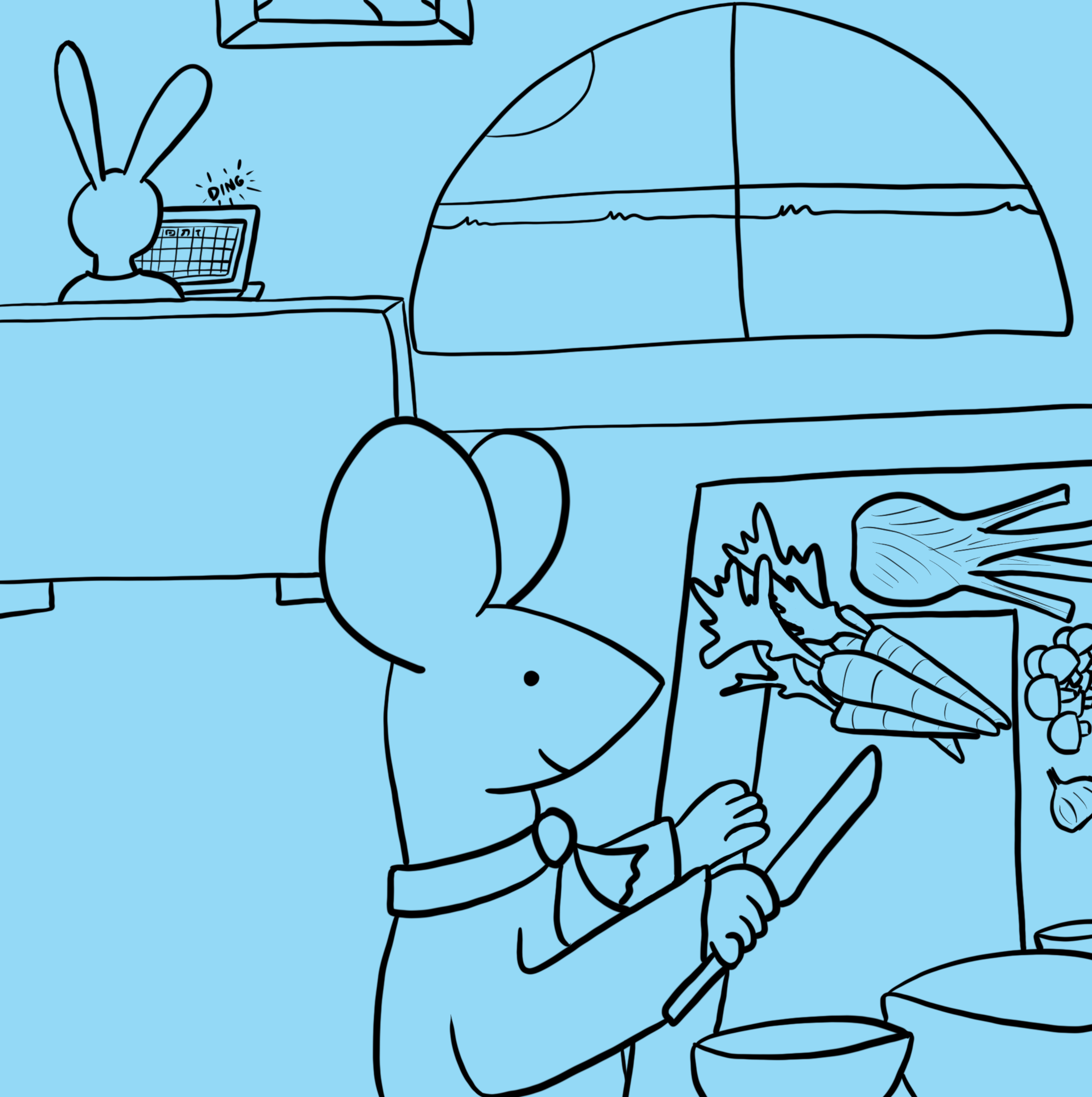


chop[ABOUT] 🥕.



# Events

- 🌀 DBunny creating
- 🌀 DBunny receives text
- 🌀 JMouse about to start chopping

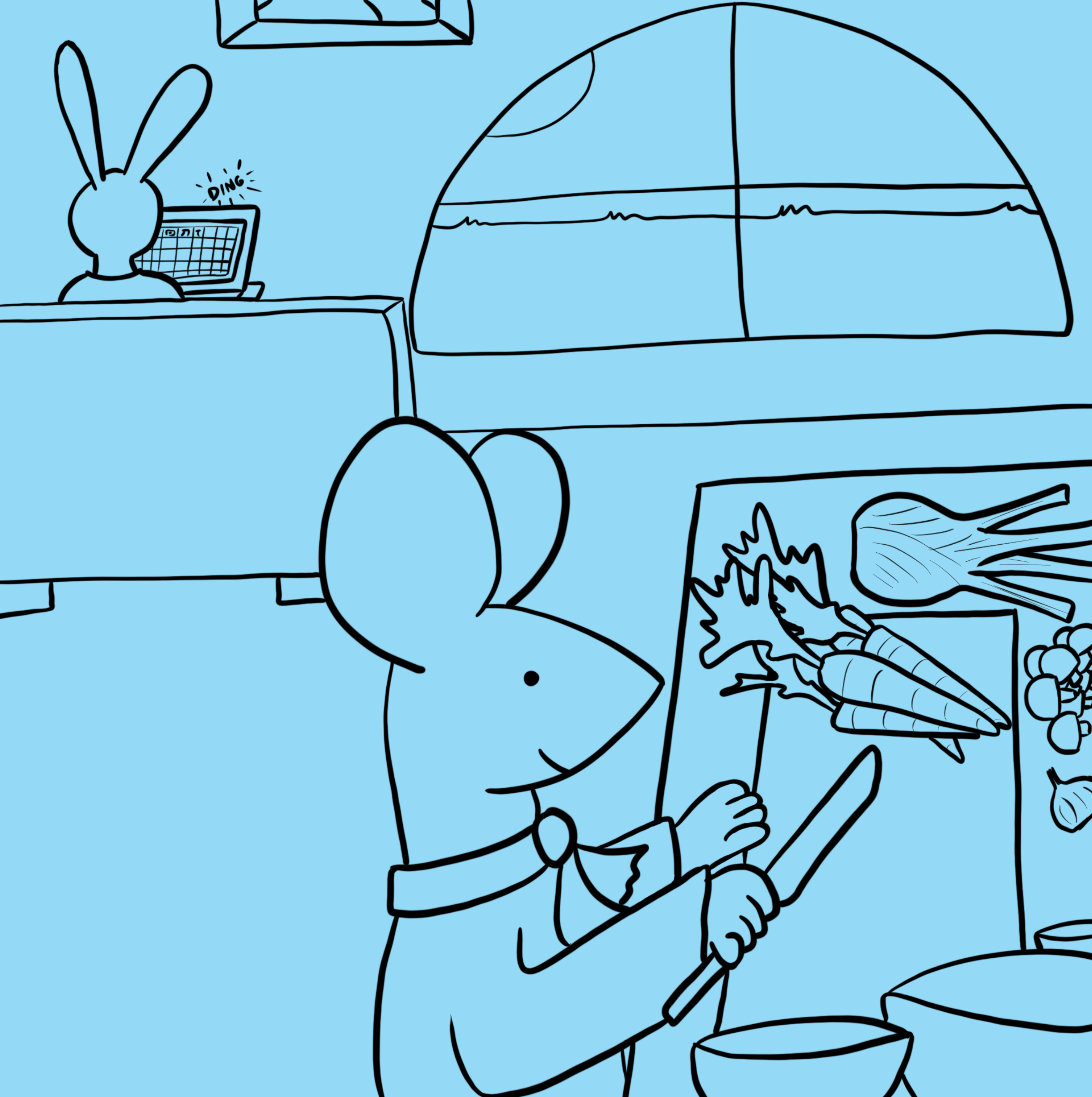


# Events

 create .

 ding.

 chop .



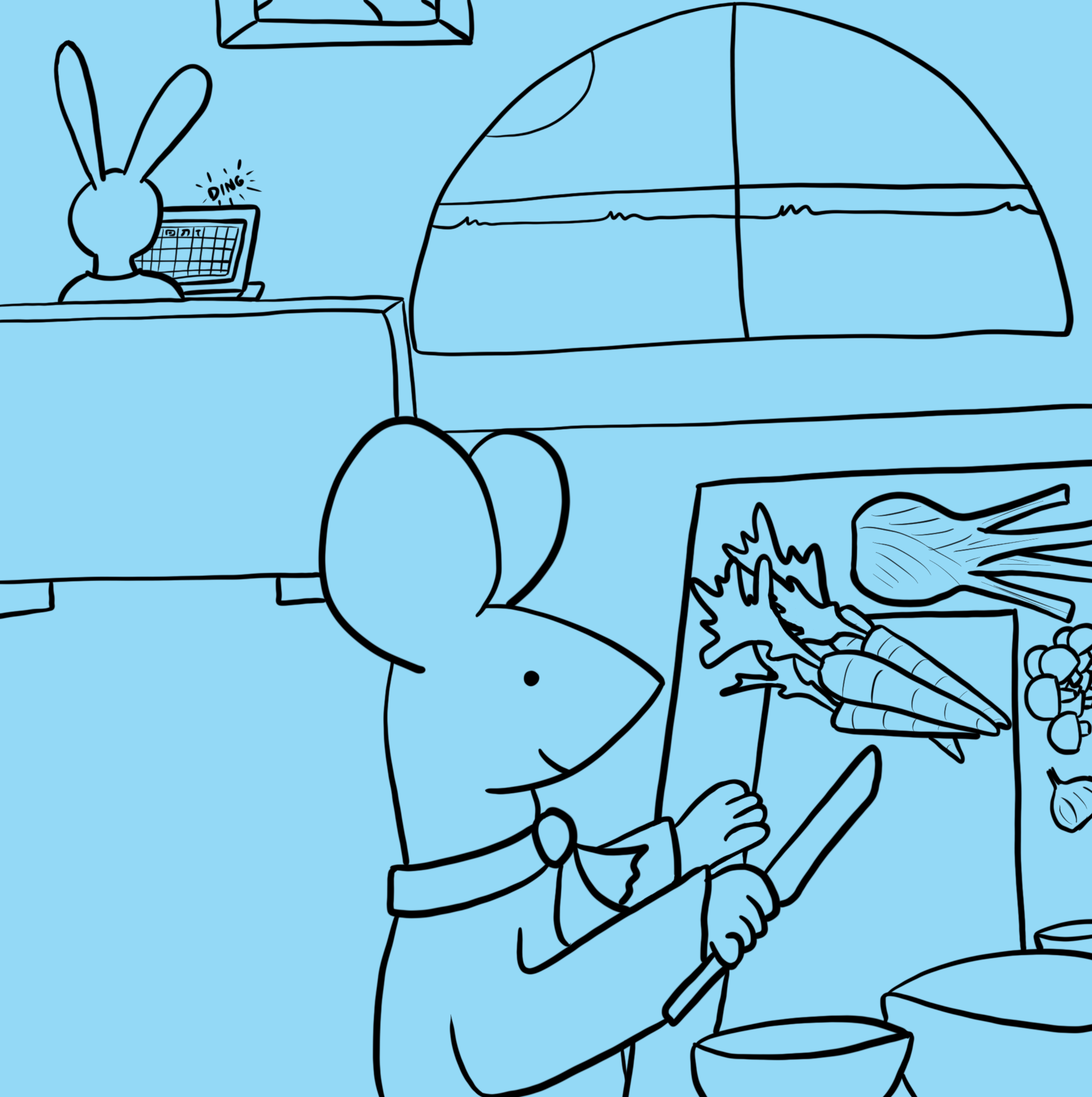
# TENSE

 create[PRES] .

 ding[PRES].

 chop[FUT] .





# ASPECT

 create[CONT] .

 ding[COMP].

 chop[ABOUT] .



# Events

- 🌻 DBunny creating
- 🌻 Bird flying past window
- 🌻 JMouse chopping



# Events

 create .

 fly .

 chop .



# TENSE

 create[PRES] .

 fly[PRES] .

 chop[PRES] .

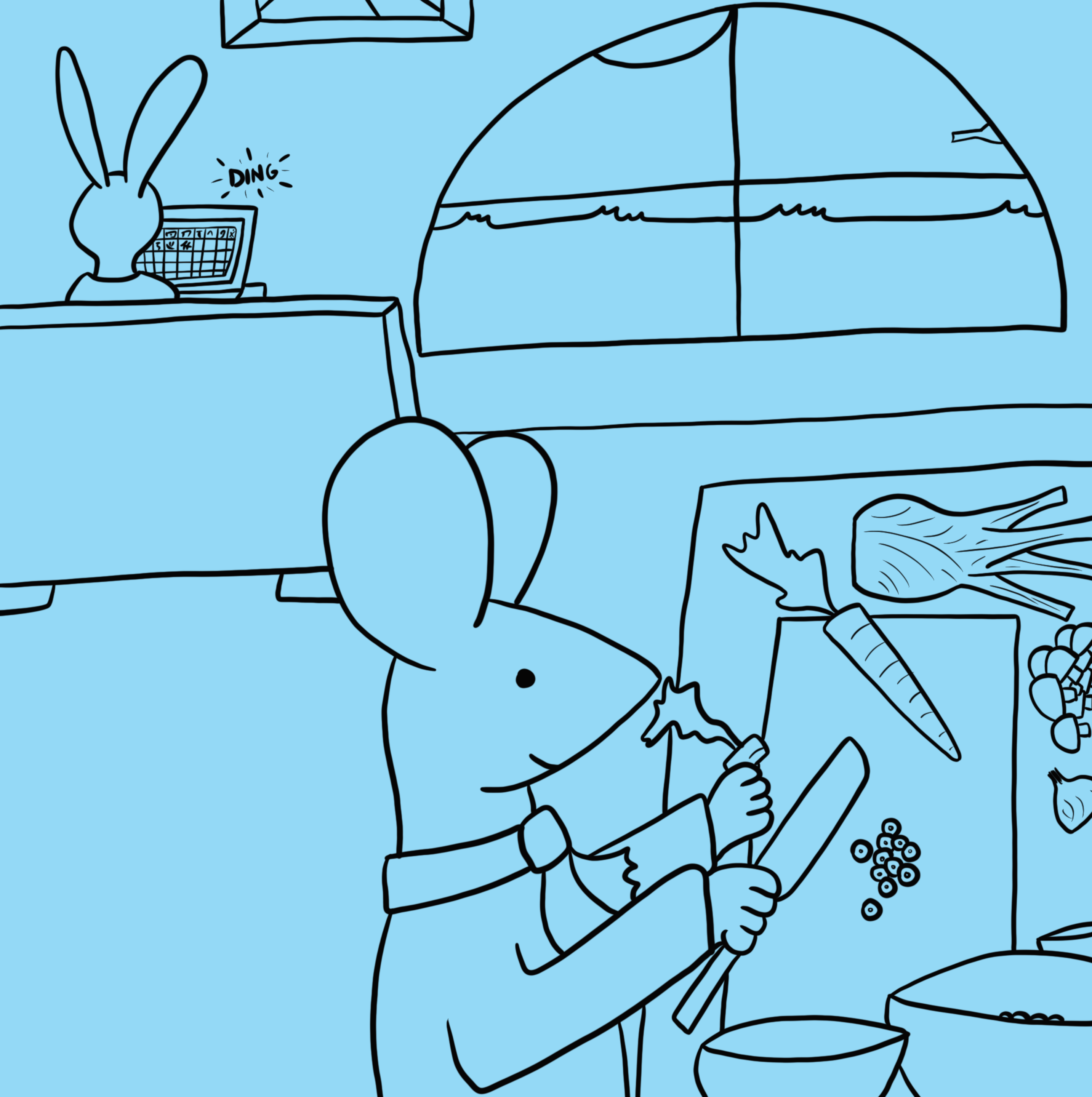


# ASPECT

 create[CONT] .

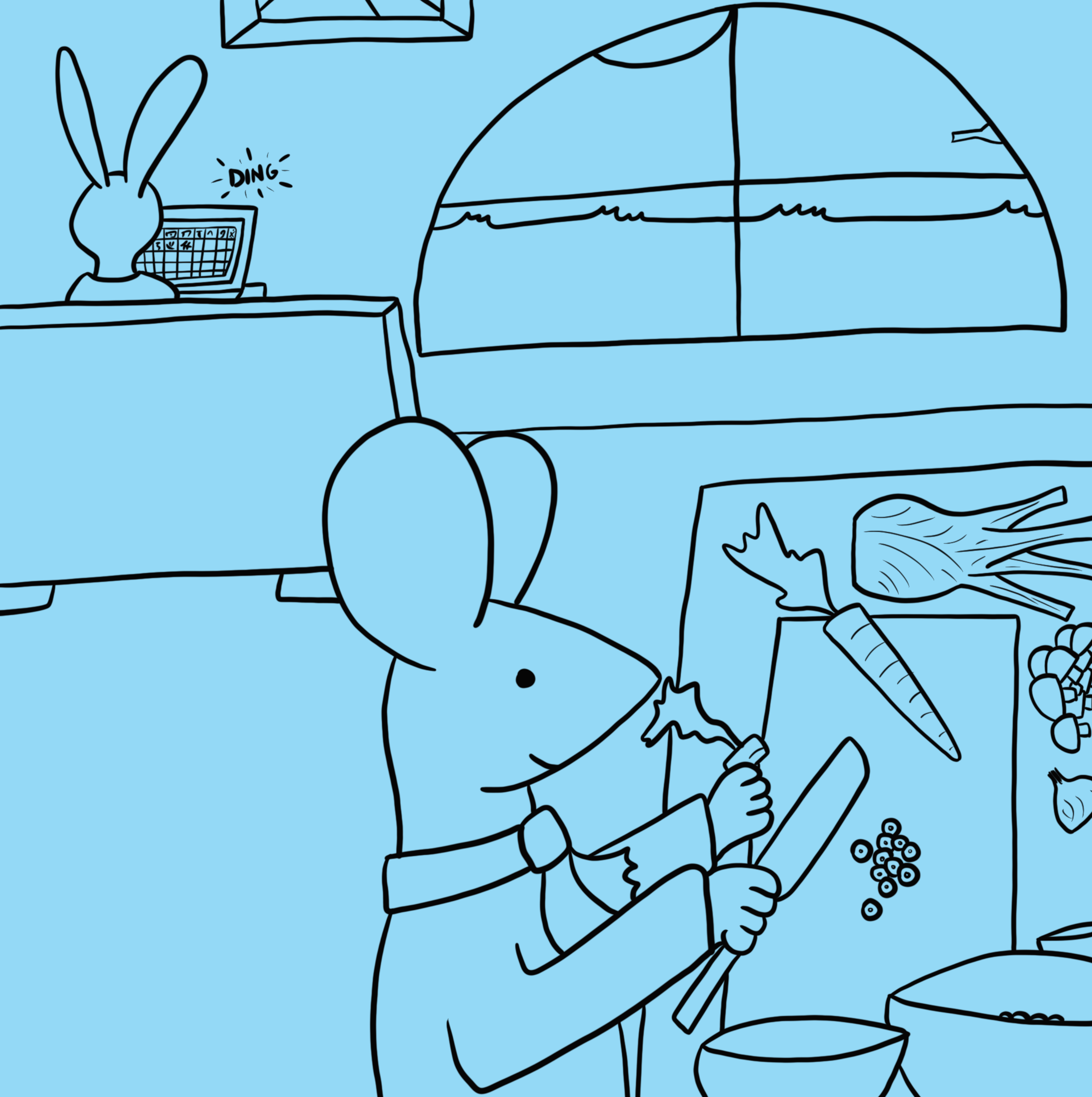
 fly[CONT] .

 chop[CONT] .



# Events

- 🌸 DBunny creating
- 🌸 DBunny receives text
- 🌸 Bird flew past window
- 🌸 JMouse chopping



# Events

 create .

 fly .

 chop .

 ding.



# TENSE

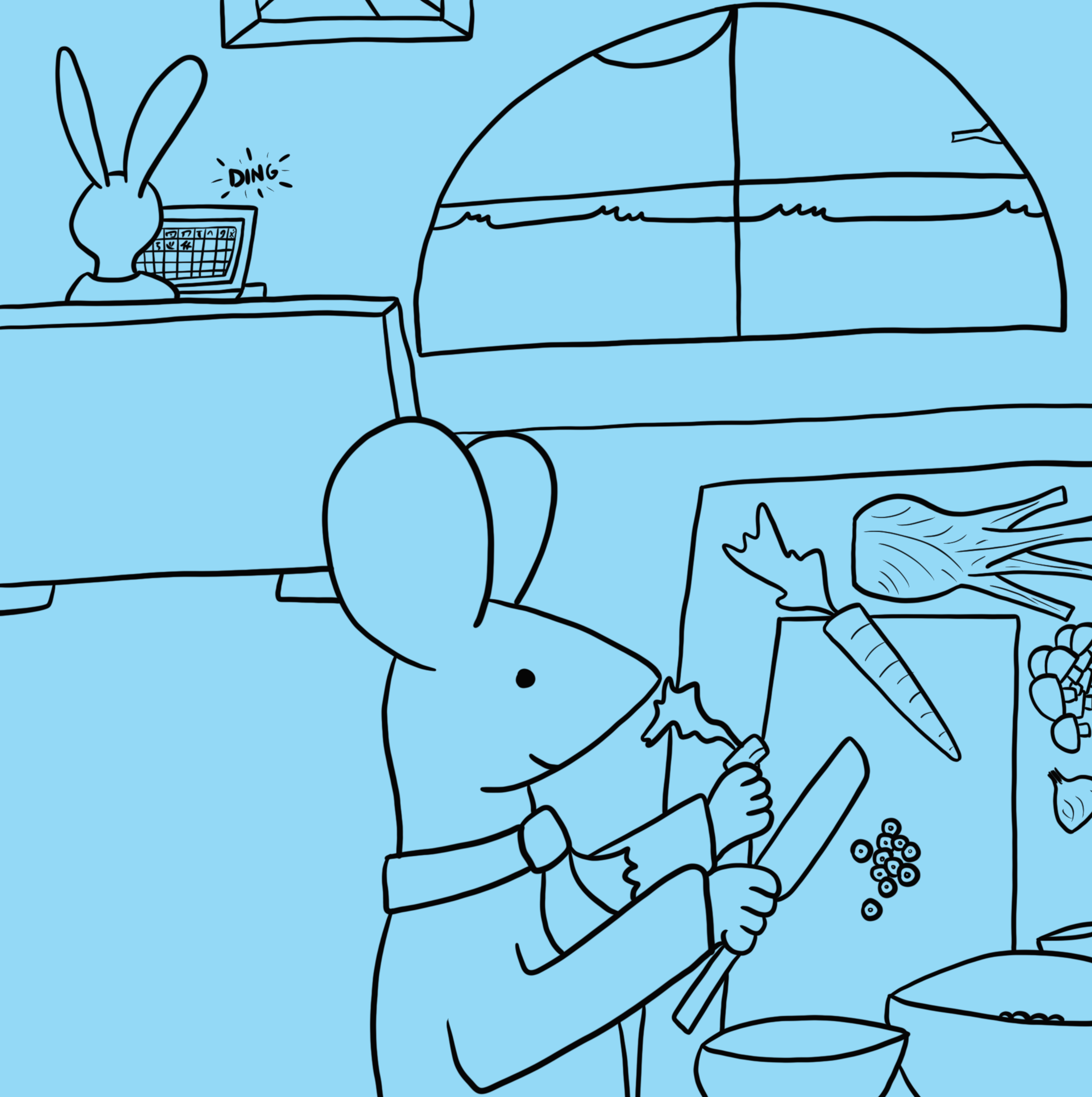
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 fly[PAST] .

 chop[PRES] .

 ding[PRES].





# ASPECT

 create[CONT] .

 fly[COMP] .

 chop[CONT] .

 ding[COMP].



# Events

- 🌸 DBunny creating
- 🌸 JMouse chopping



# Events

 create .

 chop .



# TENSE

 create[PRES] .

 chop[PRES] .



# ASPECT



create[CONT] 🌀🌀.



chop[CONT] 🥕.



# Events

- 🌀 DBunny creating
- 🌀 DBunny receives text
- 🌀 JMouse finished chopping



# Events

 create .

 chop .

 ding.



# TENSE

 create[PRES] .

 chop[PAST] .

 ding[PRES].





# ASPECT

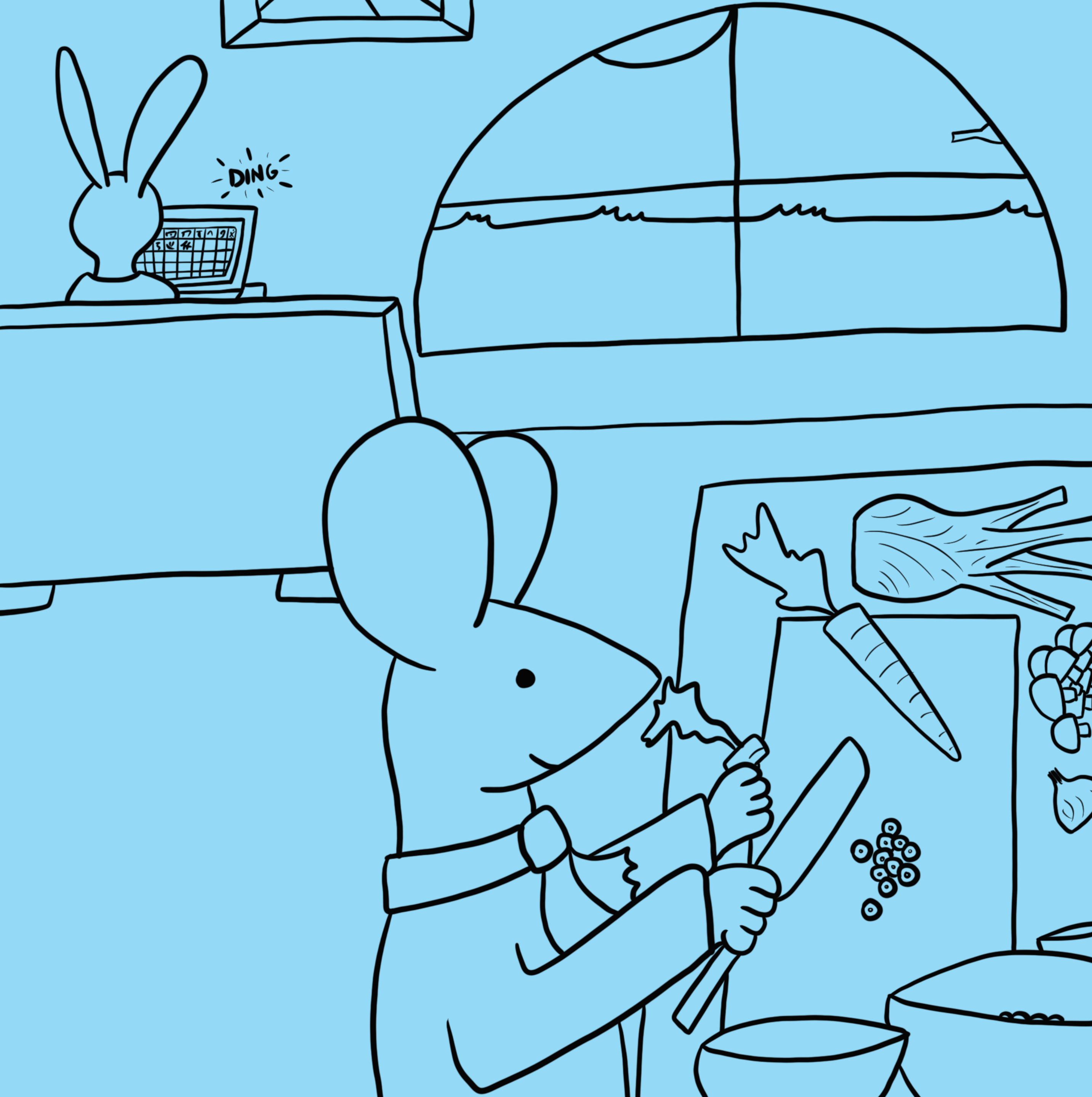
 create[CONT] 🌀🌀.

 chop[COMP] 🥕.

 ding[COMP].

**IN-THE-MOMENT**

**VERSUS NARRATION**



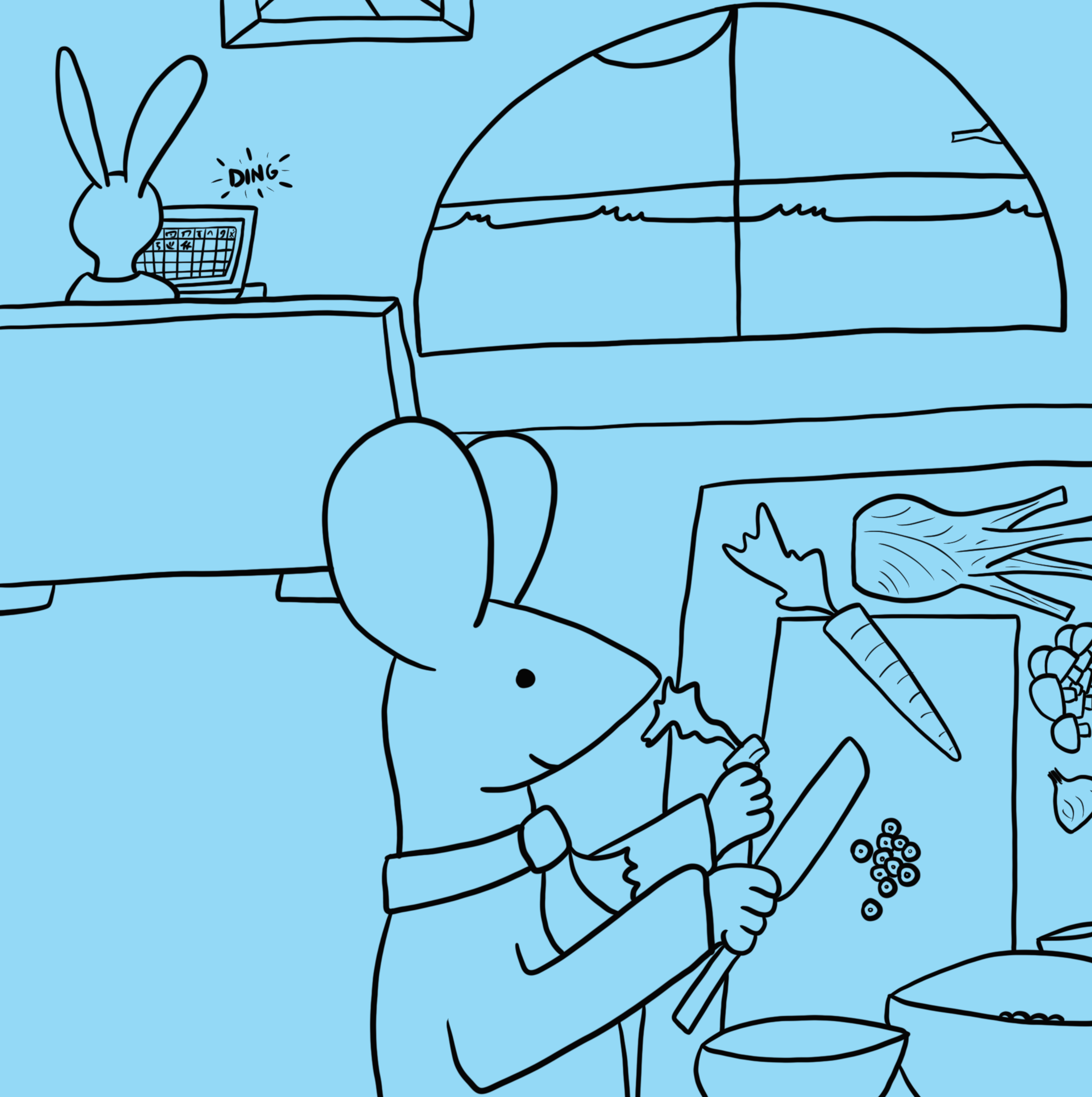
# Events

 create .

 fly .

 chop .

 ding.



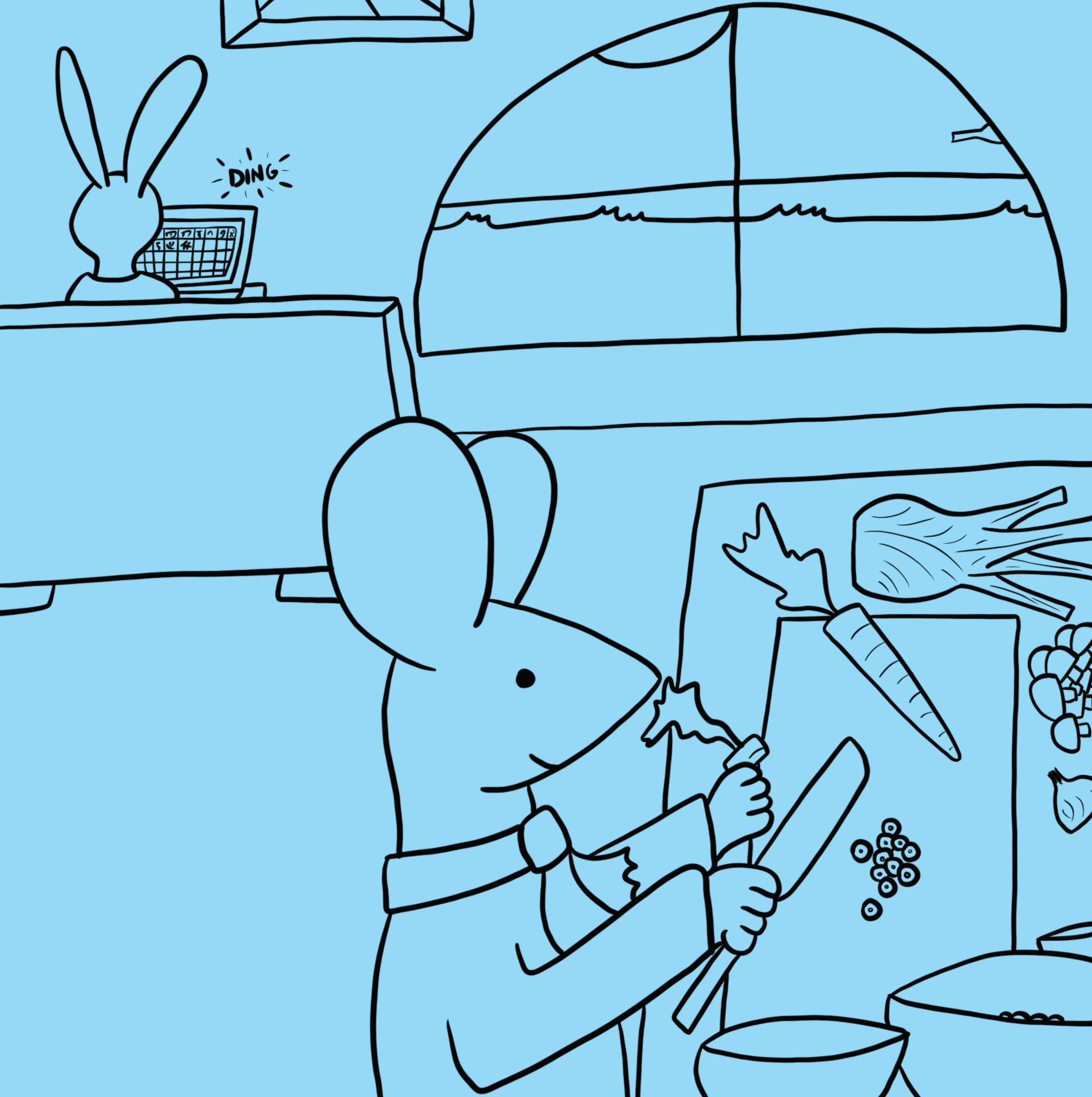
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 create[PRES] .

 fly[PAST] .

 chop[PRES] .

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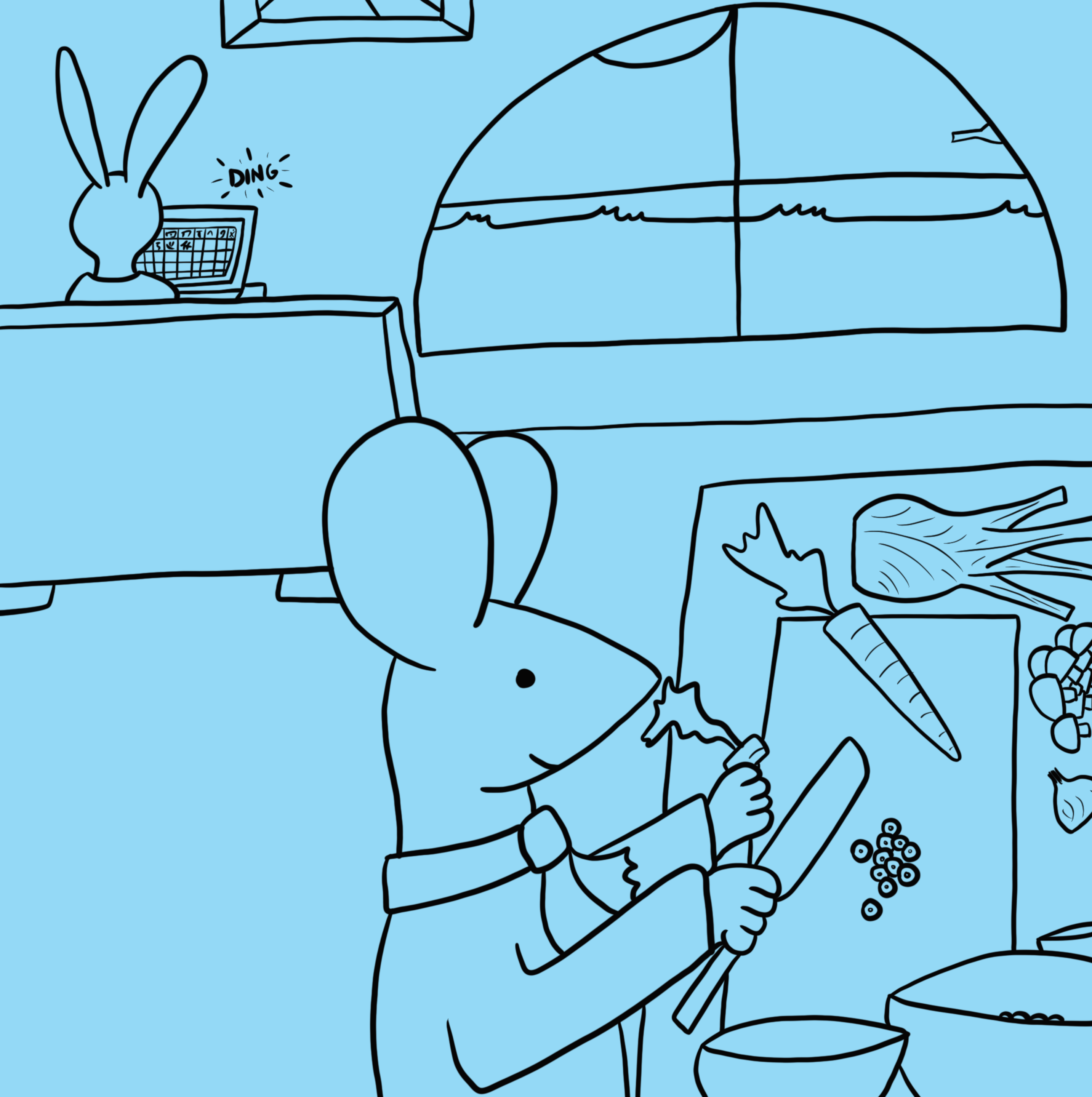
# TENSE

 create[PAST] 🌀.

 fly[PAST] 🪟.

 chop[PAST] 🥕.

 ding[PAST].



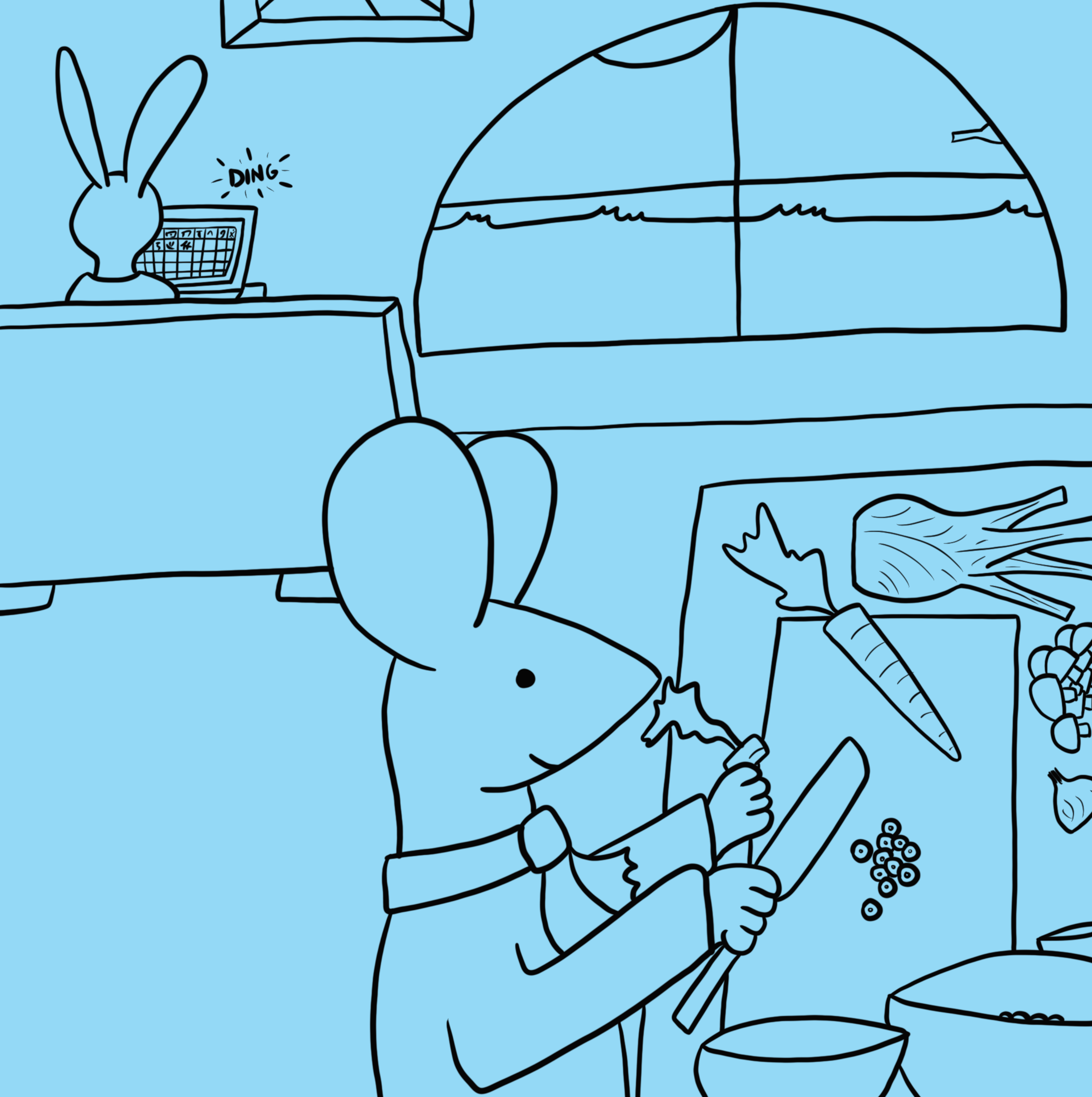
# ASPECT

 create[CONT] 🌀.

 fly[COMP] 🪟.

 chop[CONT] 🥕.

 ding[COMP].



# ASPECT

 create[CONT] .

 fly[COMP] .

 chop[CONT] .

 ding[COMP].

# ENGLISH VERB PHRASES



# English inflected tenses

 Past

 Present

# English inflected tenses

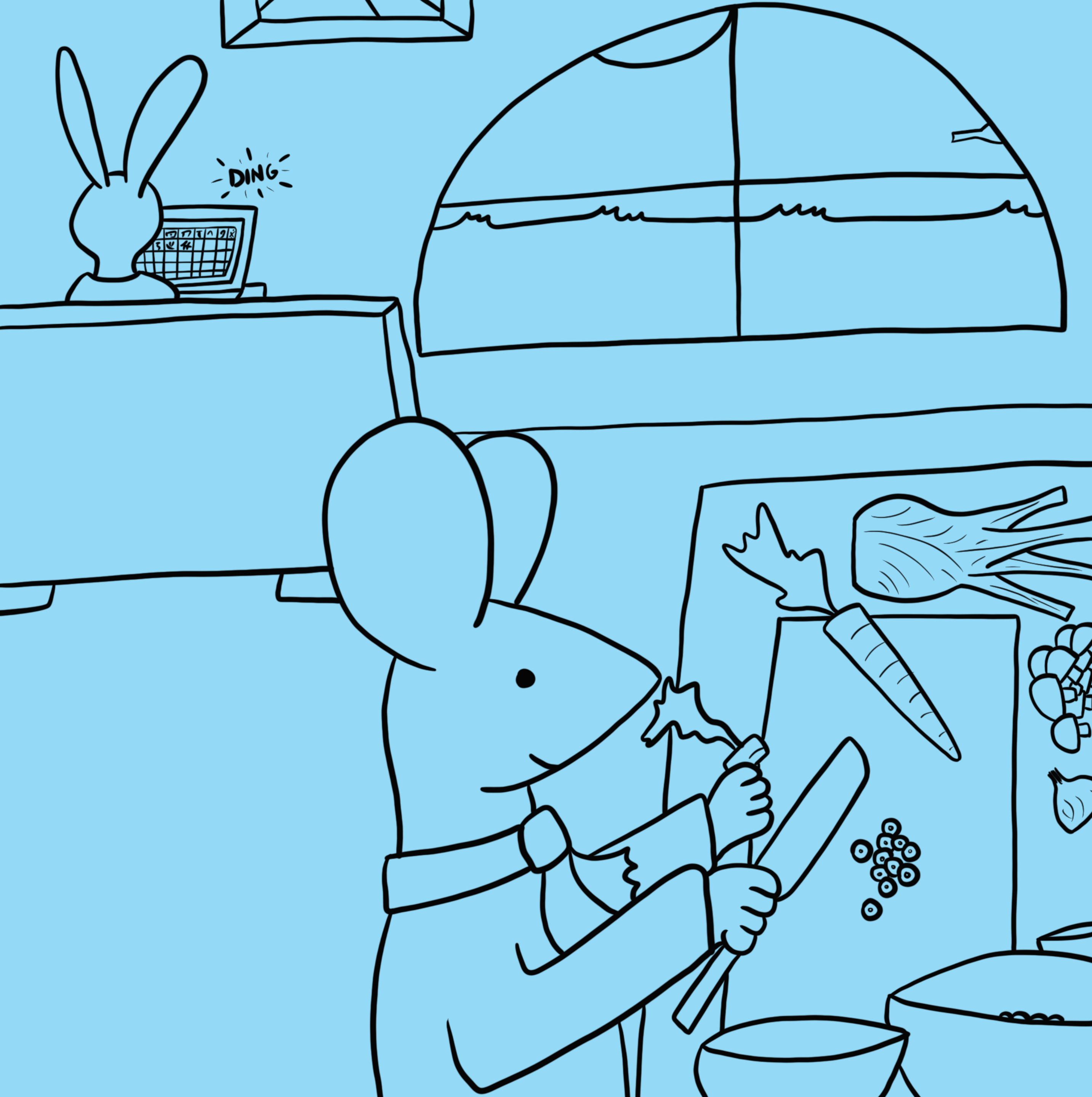
 Past

 Present

# English aspect- marking

 Progressive

 Perfect



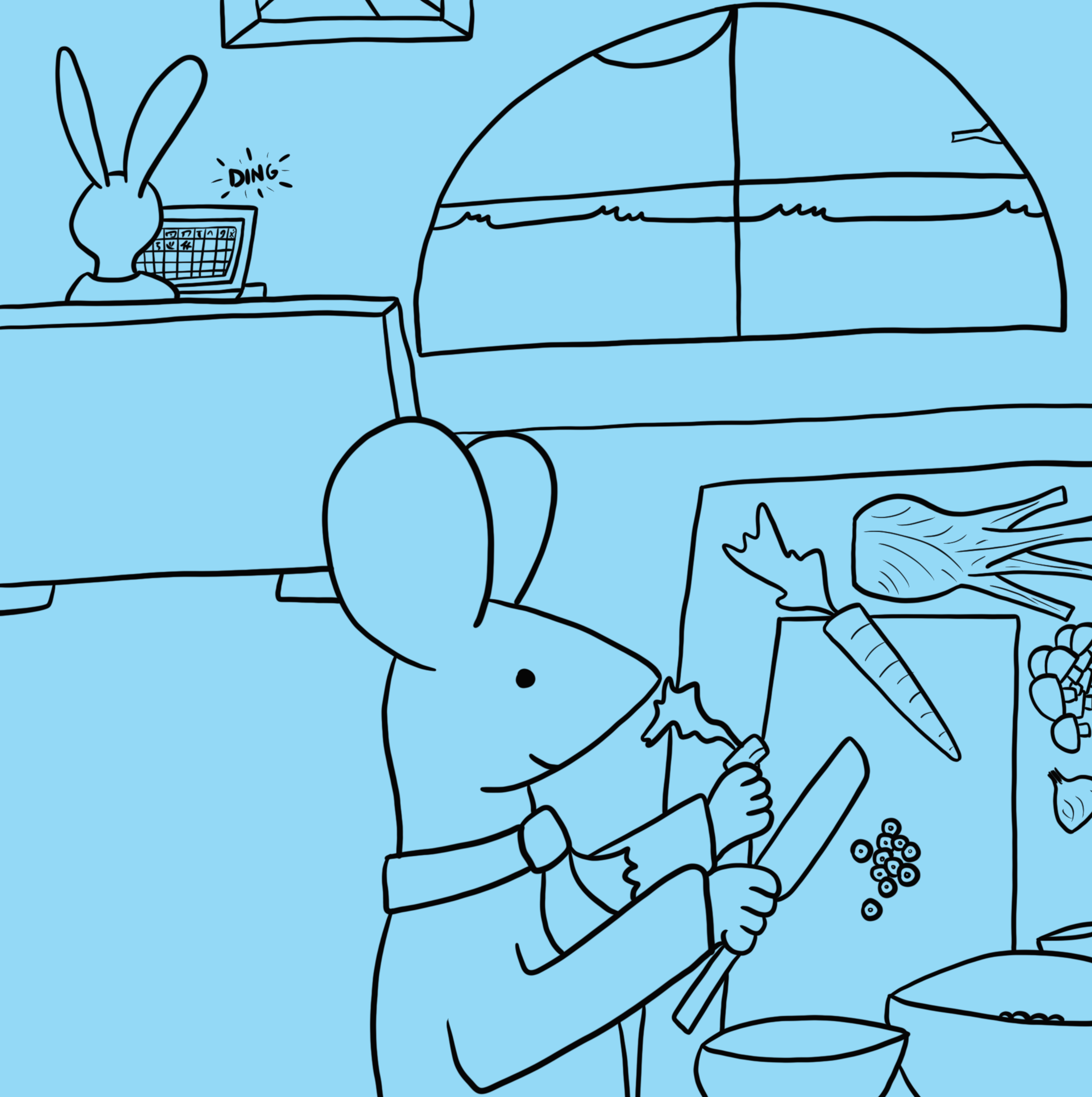
# Events

 create .

 fly .

 chop .

 ding.



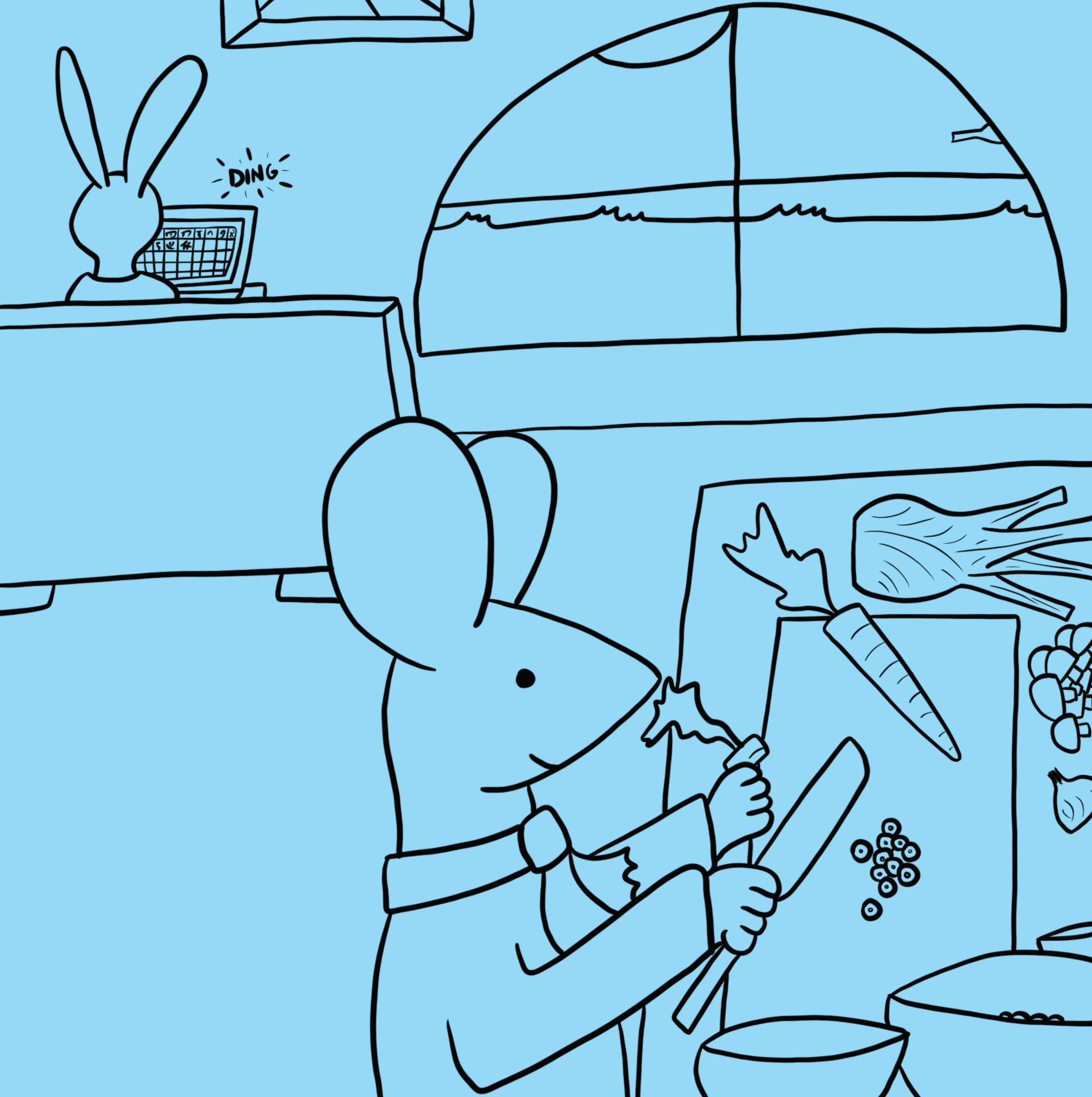
What is happening  
now?

 is creating .

 just flew .

 is chopping .

 dinged.



# What is happening now?

 **is creating** 🎧🎧.

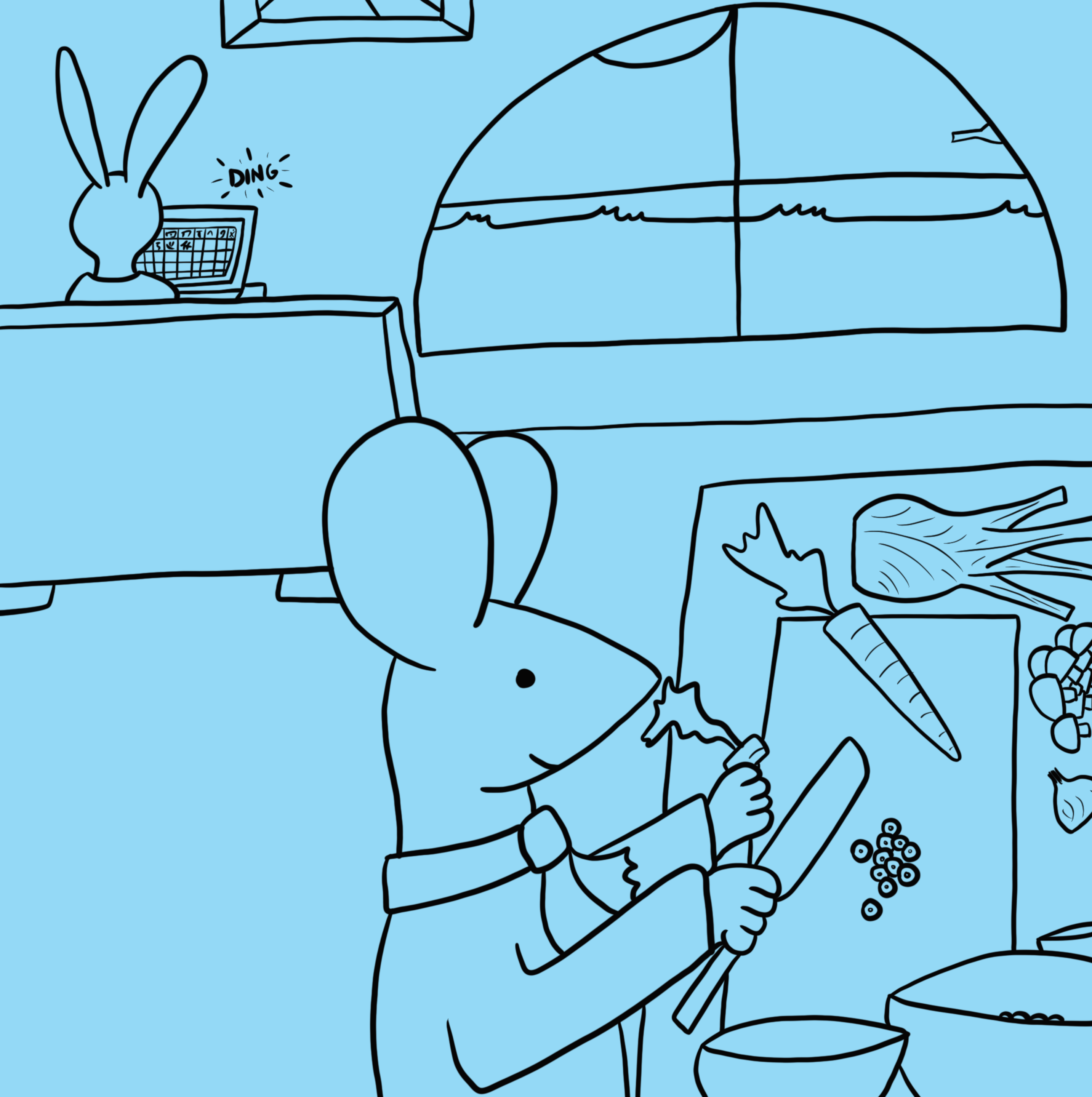
Present

**BE + -ing = progressive**

 **just flew** 🪟.

 **is chopping** 🥕.

 **dinged.**



# What is happening now?

 **is creating** 🎨🎨.

Present

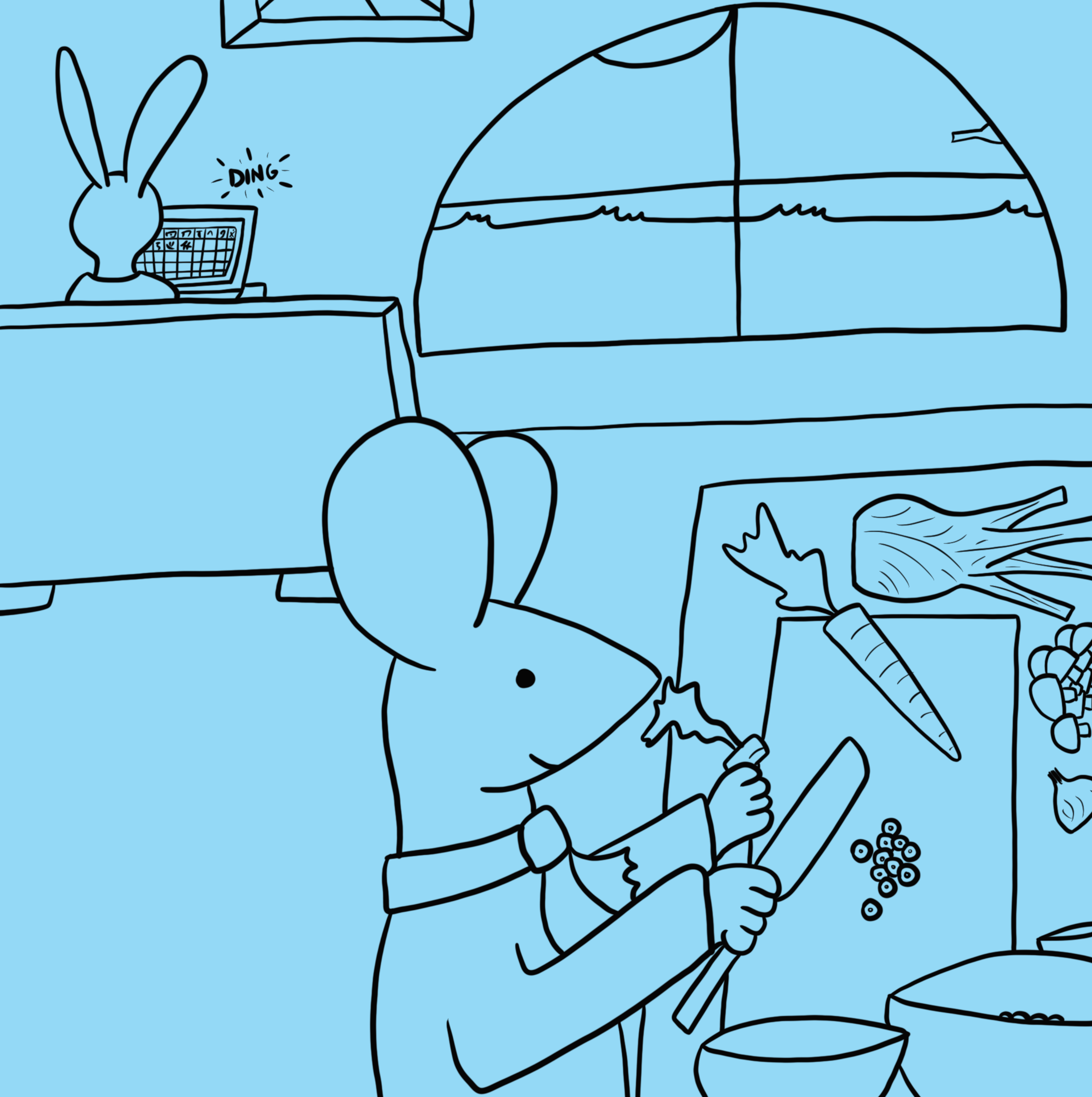
BE + -ing = progressive

 **just flew** 🪟.

Past

 **is chopping** 🥕.

 **dinged.**



What happened  
then?



was creating 🐰🐰.

Past

BE + -ing = progressive



flew 🪟.



was chopping 🥕.



dinged.



What happened then?



was creating 🎧🎧.

Past

BE + -ing = progressive



flew 🪟.

Past



was chopping 🥕.



dinged.



**As DBunny was creating glyphs and  
JMouse was chopping vegetables,  
DMouse's computer dinged and a bird  
flew past the window.**

**As DBunny created glyphs and JMouse  
chopped vegetables, DMouse's computer  
dinged and a bird flew past the window.**

**FINAL DISCUSSION**