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Bunny is unhappy when Mama has to go on a business trip. Bunny wants to go, too! Sadly, the trip is only for big bunnies, and little bunnies have to stay home. But Papa has a grand idea! They’ll go on a trip, too. Throughout the week of Mama’s business trip, Papa and Bunny use their imaginations to craft a magical staycation. Bunny still misses Mama, so they prepare a surprise for Mama’s homecoming as a grand conclusion to their staycation.

Lori Richmond’s art tells a story beyond the words. From the first page you can see that Bunny is crafty with a table full of colorful paper, glue, crayons, and paint brushes. The words of the story don’t even describe their adventures to the tropics, a wintry wonderland, or a safari adventure. If only listening or reading the words, the reader might miss out on the fact that Papa and Bunny are creating their own adventure with a box turned into a car, a bathroom turned into a beach, a wintry landscape straight from the kitchen freezer, and paper-crafted safari animals. The story shows all the creative ways someone can go on an adventure while never leaving the house.