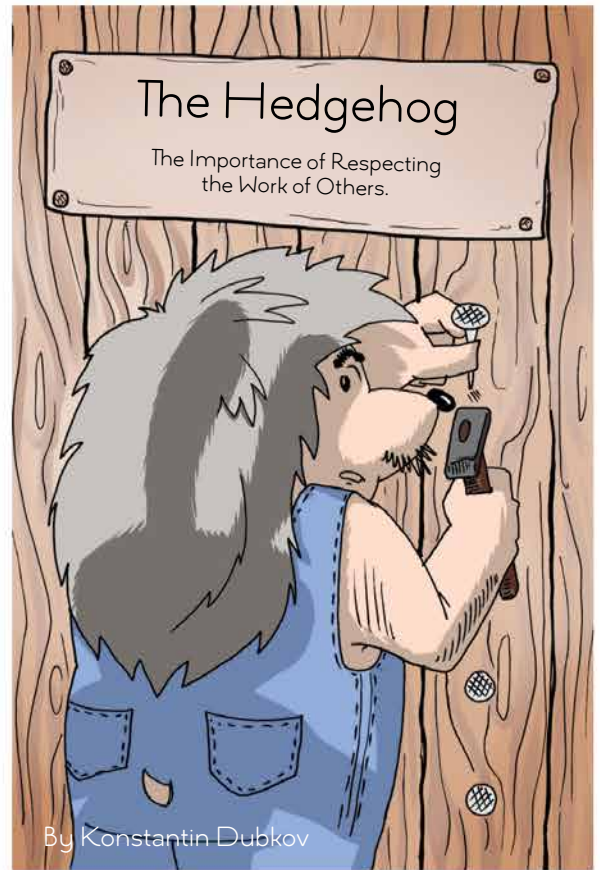


Artist Konstantin Dubkov created “The Hedgehog” as part of the International Comics Project RESPECT, organized by KomMissia, the Moscow Festival for Illustrated Stories, the Goethe Institute in Moscow, and the Voronezh Youth Rights Organization. The group’s slogan is “You are not required to love your neighbors, but you should RESPECT them.” The project seeks to speak to real social issues of tolerance, mutual respect through the accessible, clear language of images. To see more comics, visit the website respectcomics.com

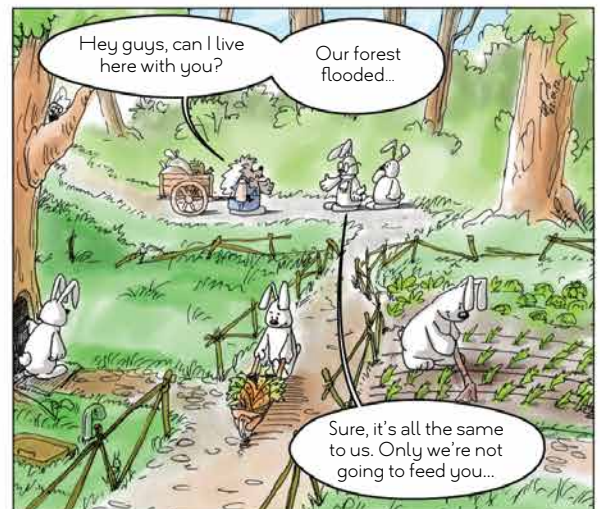
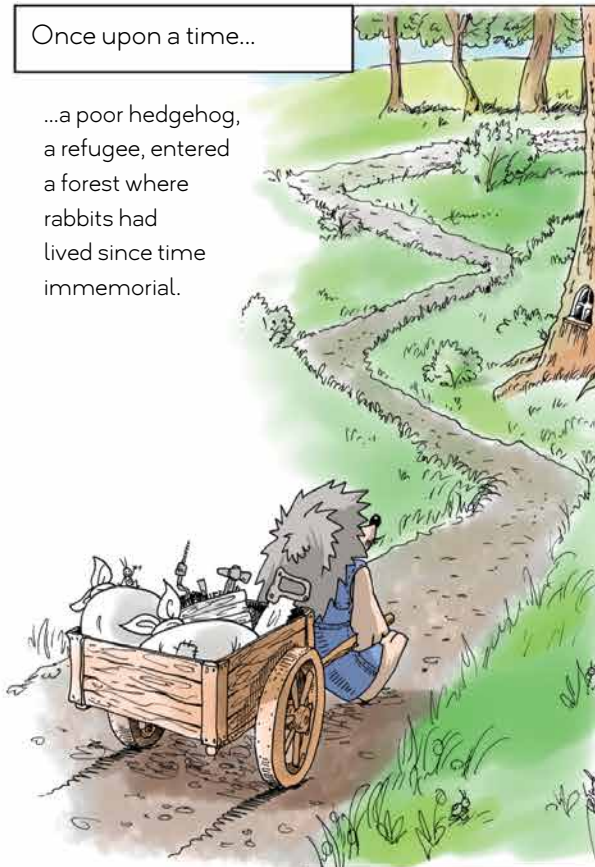
In late September, “The Hedgehog” won first place in the comics division at the All-Russian Fantastic World Festival.

An animated, video version of the comic is available at bit.ly/hedgehog-comic



Once upon a time...

...a poor hedgehog, a refugee, entered a forest where rabbits had lived since time immemorial.





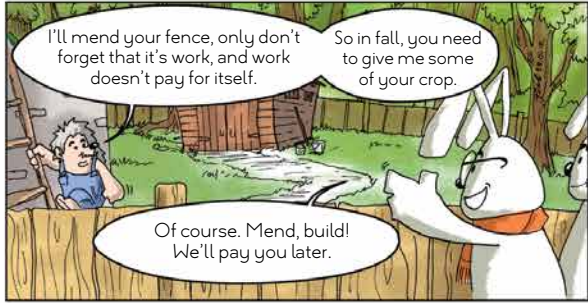
It turned out that the Hedgehog was an excellent carpenter, and, in general, a good worker.



He build himself a home, a barn and a windmill, and fenced off a garden.



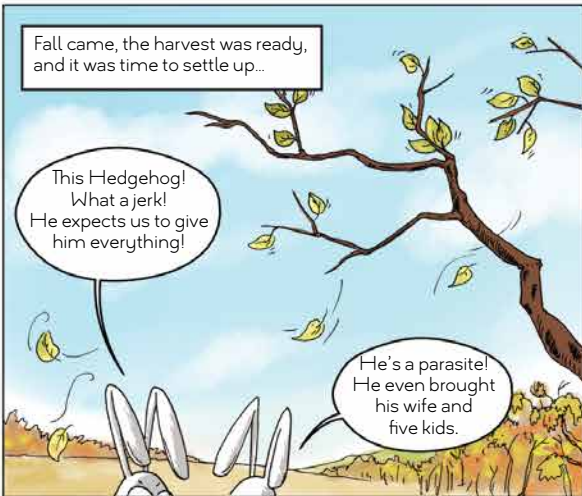
Hey, can you make my fence look nice, like this?



I'll mend your fence, only don't forget that it's work, and work doesn't pay for itself.

So in fall, you need to give me some of your crop.

Of course. Mend, build! We'll pay you later.



Fall came, the harvest was ready, and it was time to settle up...

This Hedgehog! What a jerk! He expects us to give him everything!

He's a parasite! He even brought his wife and five kids.



Hey guys, you promised to give me some of your crop... when you asked for my help...

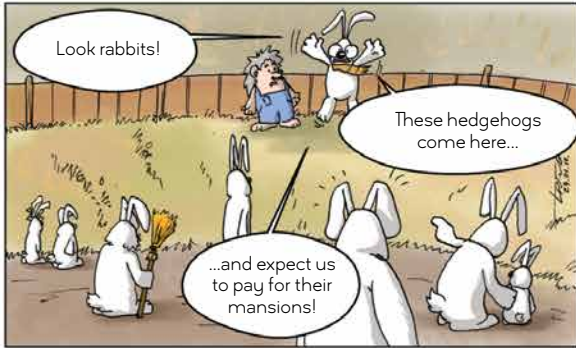
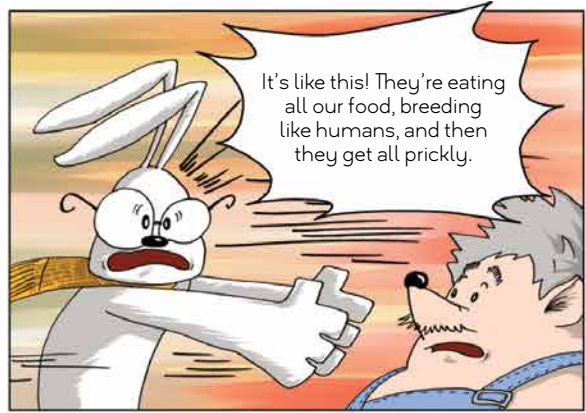


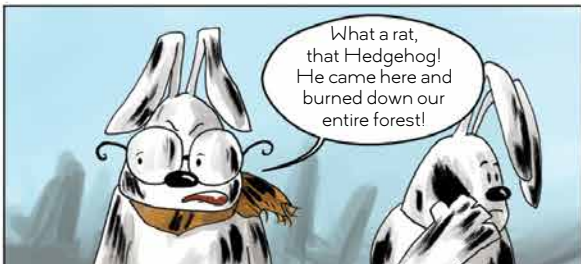
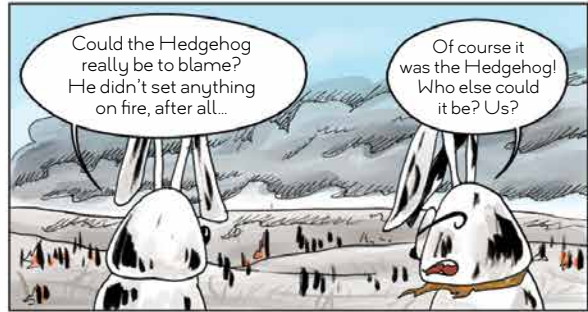
They'll eat us out of house and forest!



Really, I asked for your help? I've mended that fence myself for 100 years, long before you showed up.

And my father mended it, and his father before him. Why would I let you mess with my fence?





What do you think?

Do you have a Hedgehog you blame for all your problems?