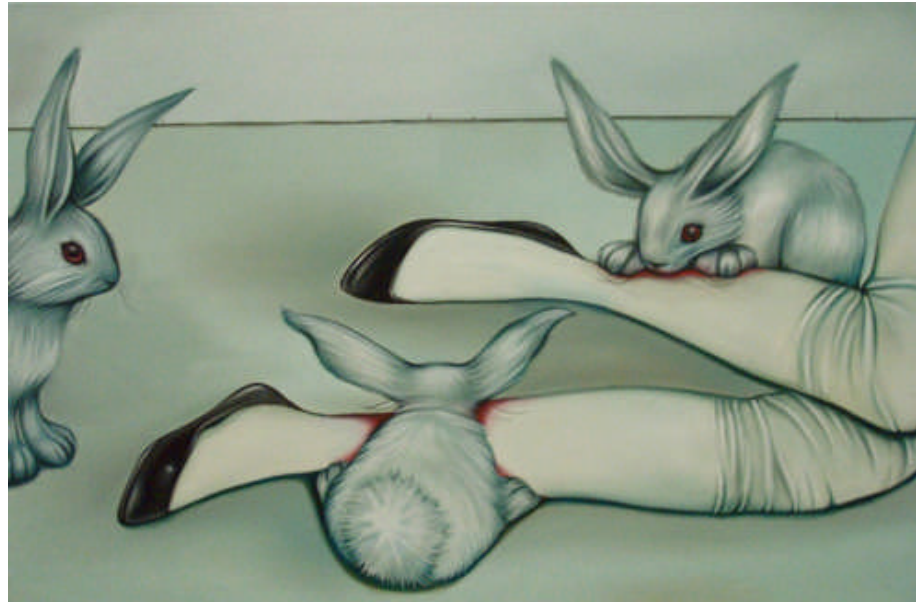


# Whence the Red Nose?



Children have loved the tale of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer ever since it first appeared in print in 1939. Over the years, the cheery caribou has gone on to experience many other thrilling adventures, but never in all that time has he explained just how he got his red nose. It's not a pretty story and involves membership in a marauding gang that liked to dress up in bunny costumes and had a taste for human blood. Children can be very forgiving, it's true, but would they dismiss Rudolph's horrid actions if they knew that he still willingly engaged in them?