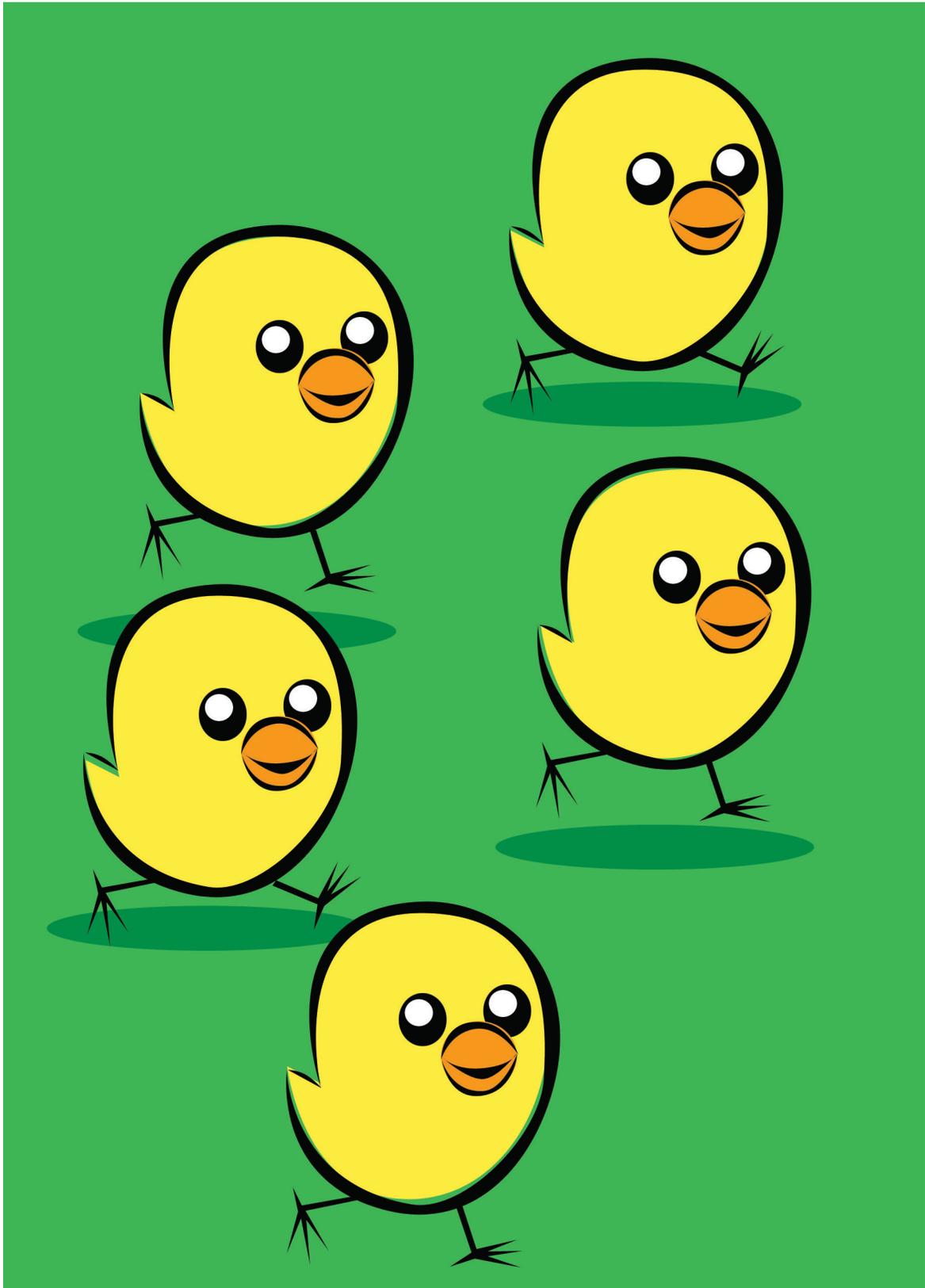




A CHICKEN'S LIFE

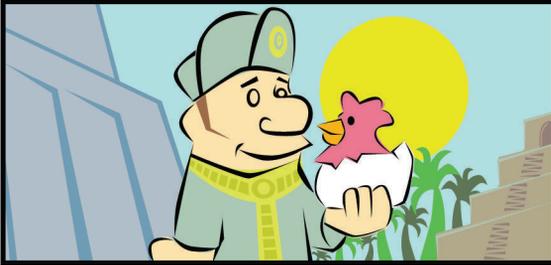




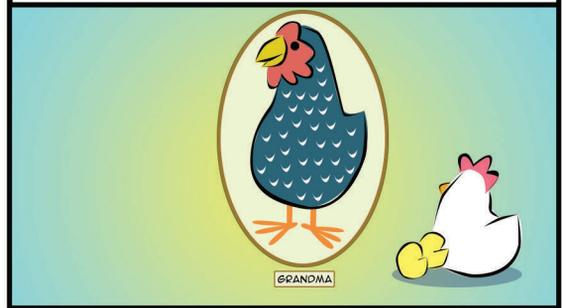
AWESOME CHICKENS!

CHICKENS ARE FASCINATING ANIMALS! DID YOU KNOW ...

CHICKENS WERE DOMESTICATED ABOUT 8,000 YEARS AGO. THE CHICKEN WAS ONCE CONSIDERED A SACRED ANIMAL SYMBOLIZING THE SUN.



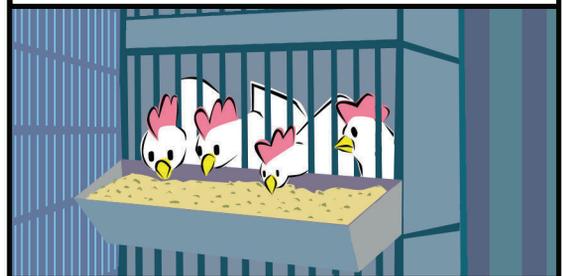
ALL DOMESTIC CHICKENS ARE RELATED TO *GALLUS GALLUS*, THE RED JUNGLE FOWL.



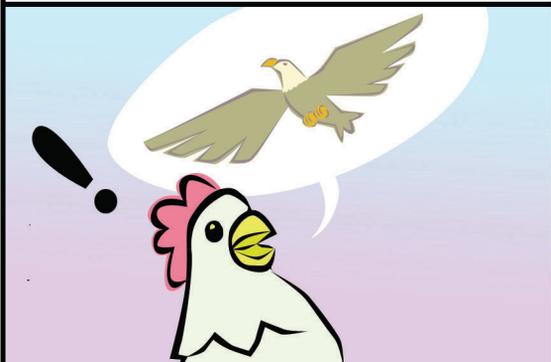
IN 1888, THE AVERAGE HEN LAID ABOUT 100 EGGS PER YEAR. TODAY'S OVERWORKED, STRESSED CHICKENS AVERAGE ABOUT 256 EGGS PER YEAR.



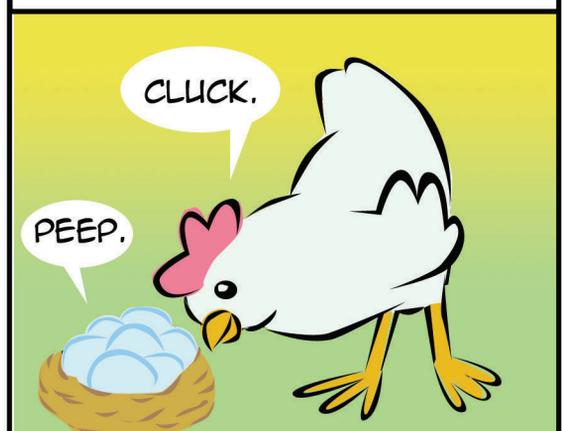
CHICKENS ON BIG FARMS ARE OFTEN FED THEIR OWN WASTE AND FEATHERS — AS WELL AS GROUND-UP CATTLE, PIGS, AND EVEN OTHER **CHICKENS**.



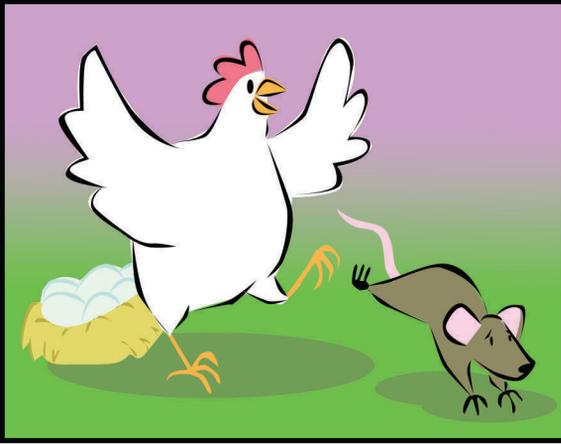
CHICKENS MAKE SOUNDS WITH SPECIFIC MEANINGS. THEY GIVE DIFFERENT ALARM CALLS WHEN THREATENED BY DIFFERENT PREDATORS.



HENS AND CHICKS TALK WITH EACH OTHER ... EVEN WHILE THE CHICK IS STILL INSIDE THE EGG!



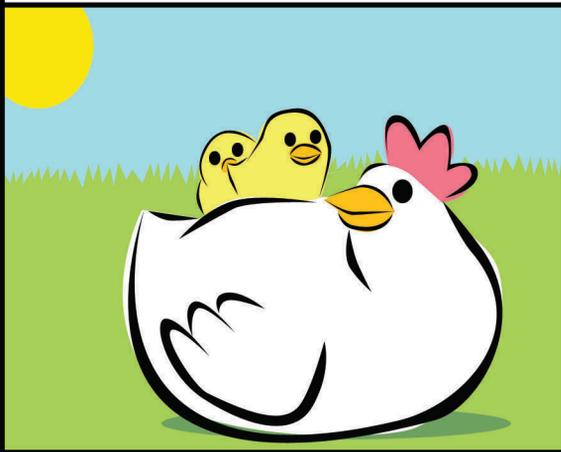
A MOTHER HEN WILL PROTECT HER BABIES FROM DANGER.



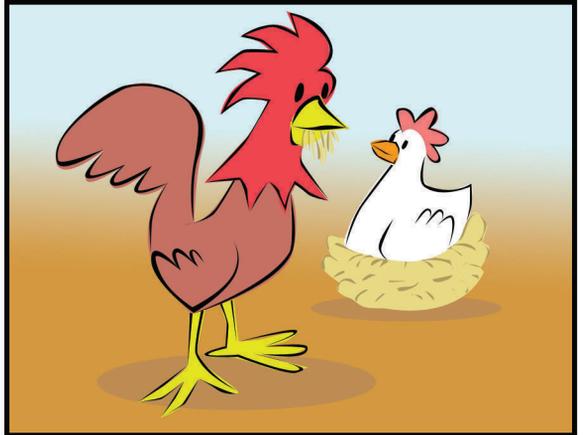
HENS WILL LET THEIR BABIES HIDE UNDER THEIR WINGS WHEN IT RAINS ...



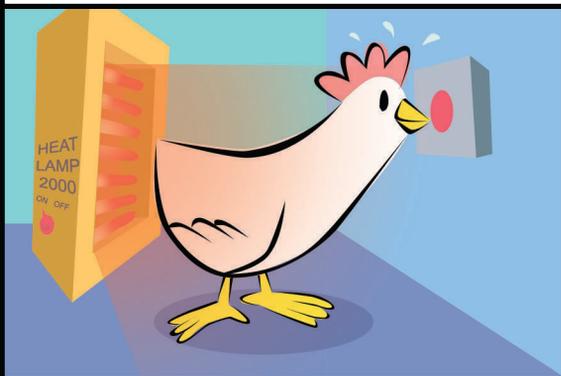
... AND SIT ON THEIR BACKS WHEN IT'S SUNNY!



ROOSTERS HELP HENS BUILD NESTS OUT OF TWIGS, HAY, FEATHERS, AND DIRT.



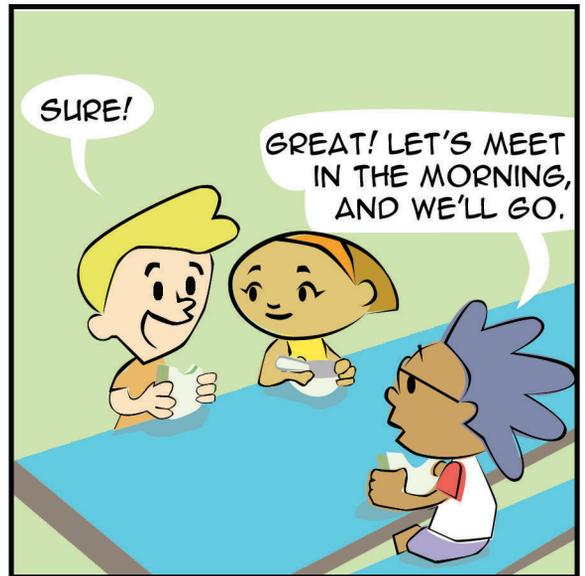
CHICKENS ARE SMART! THEY HAVE LEARNED TO OPEN DOORS AND TURN OFF THE HEAT WHEN THEY WANT TO COOL OFF.

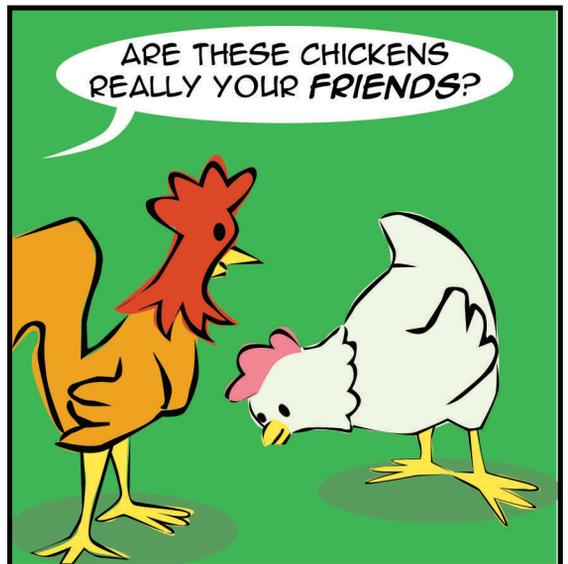
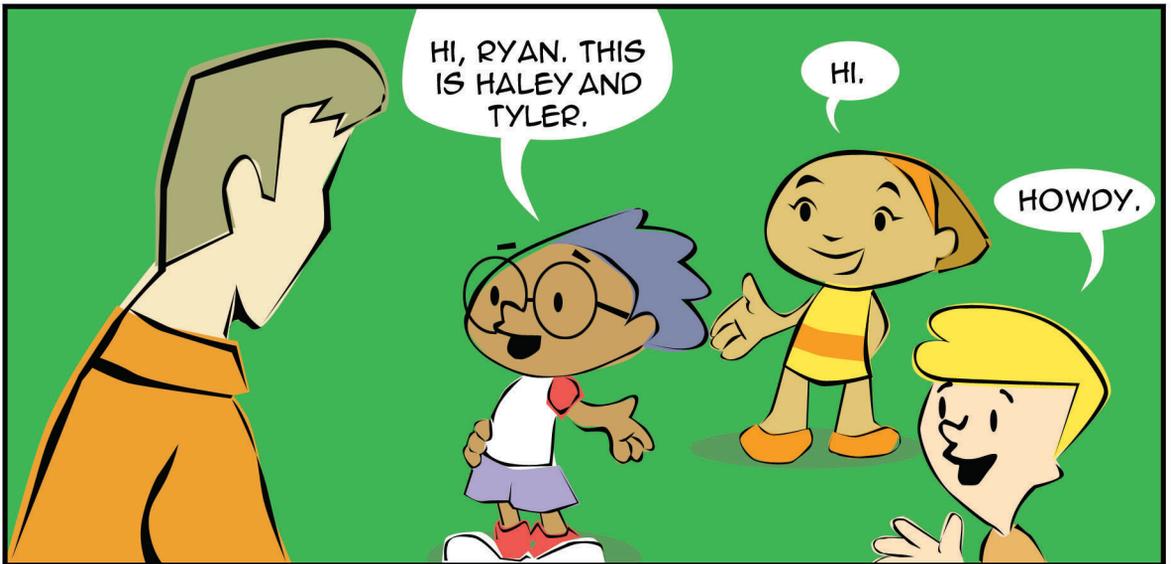
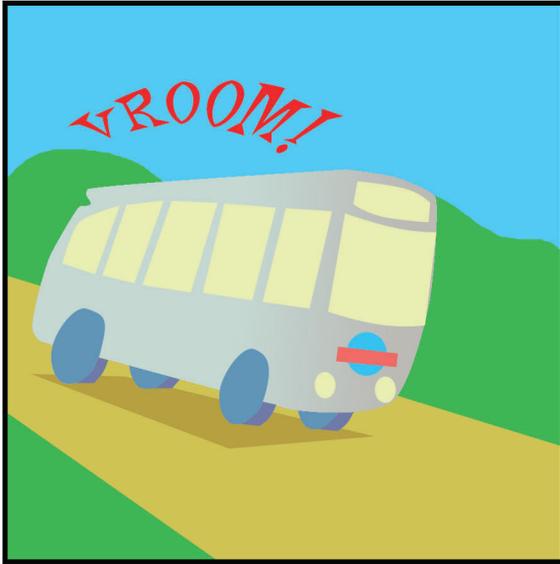


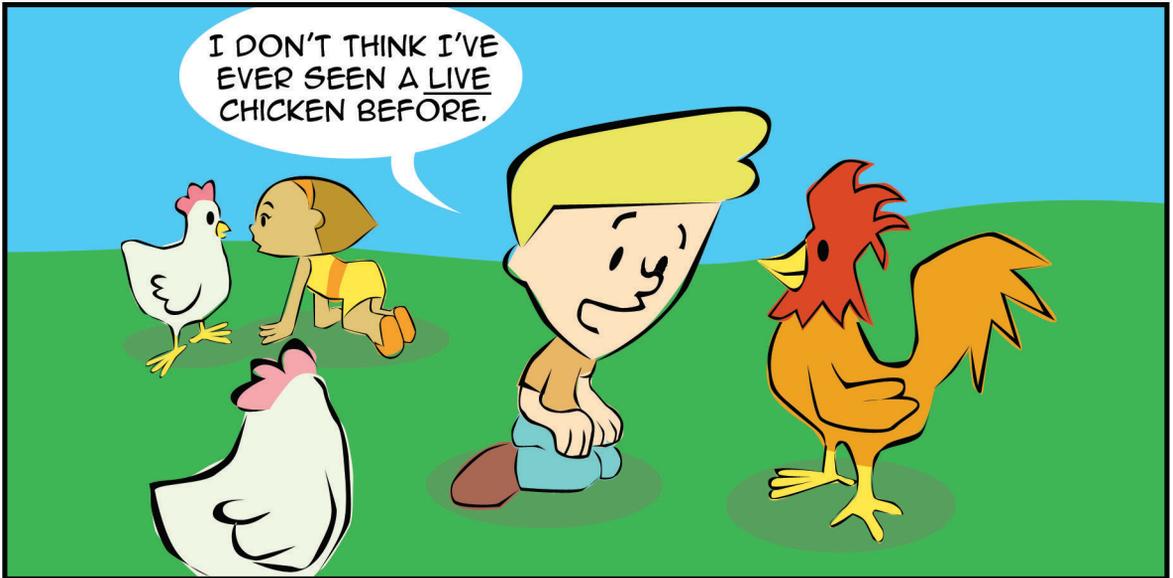
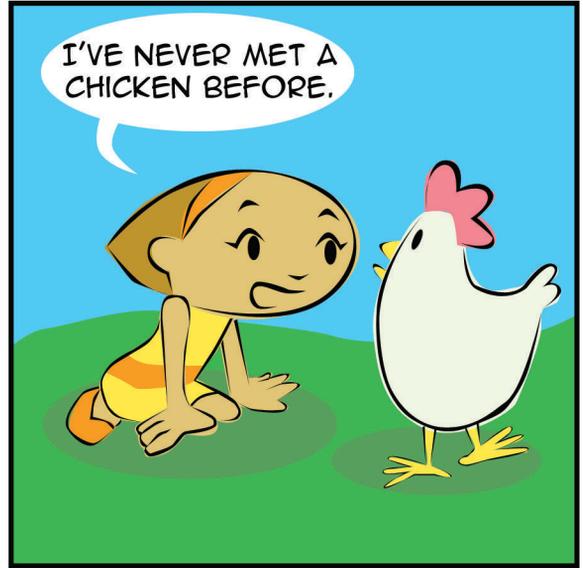
CHICKENS WHO ARE TREATED KINDLY ARE FRIENDLY — SOME LIKE TO SIT ON PEOPLE'S LAPS.

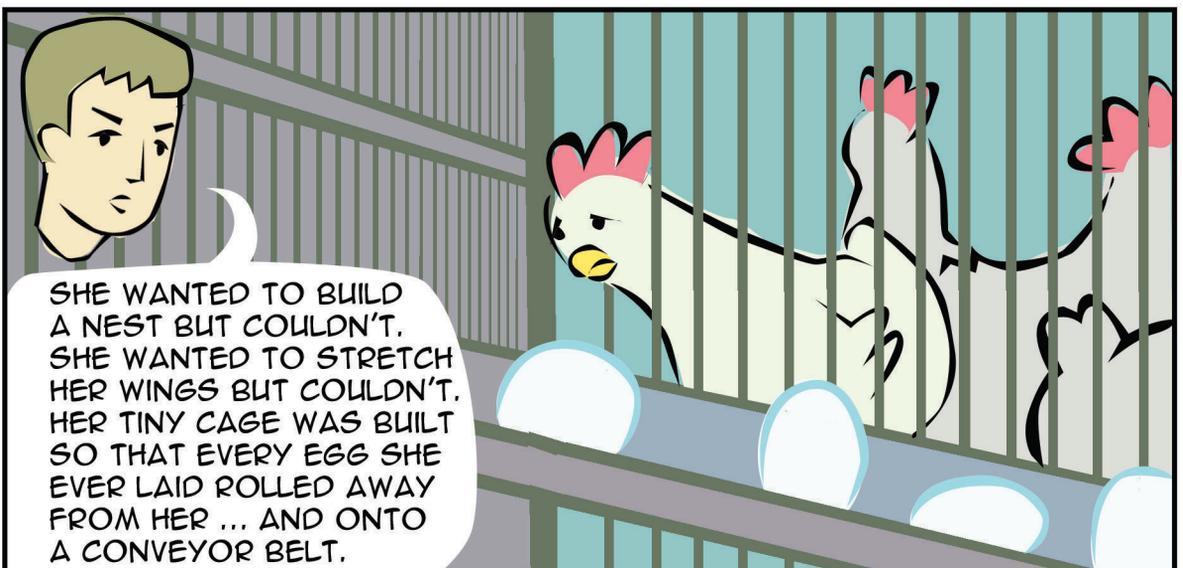
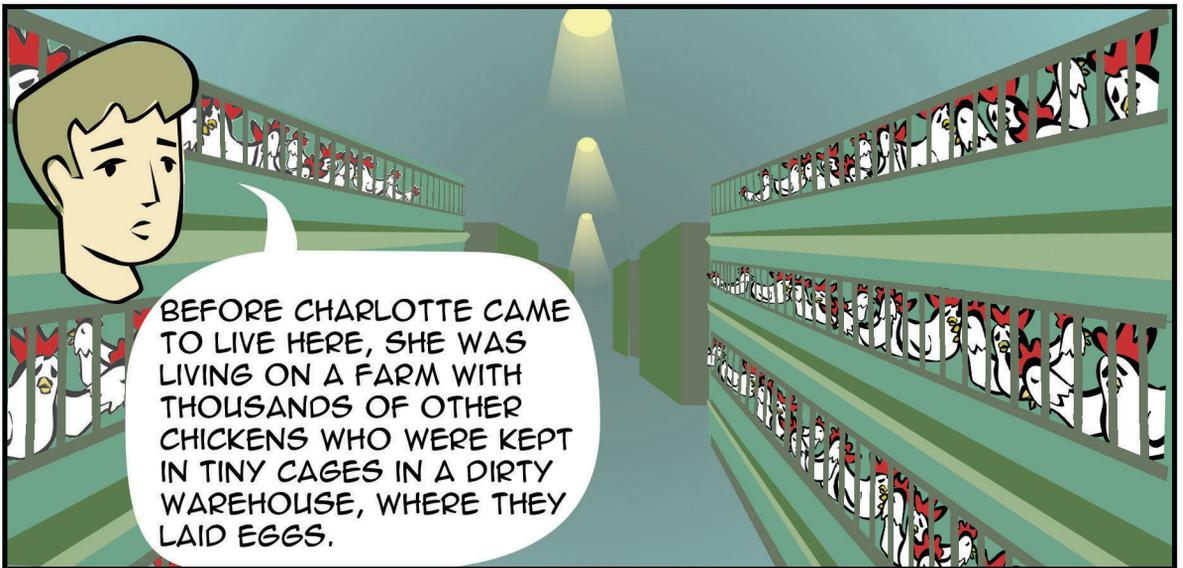
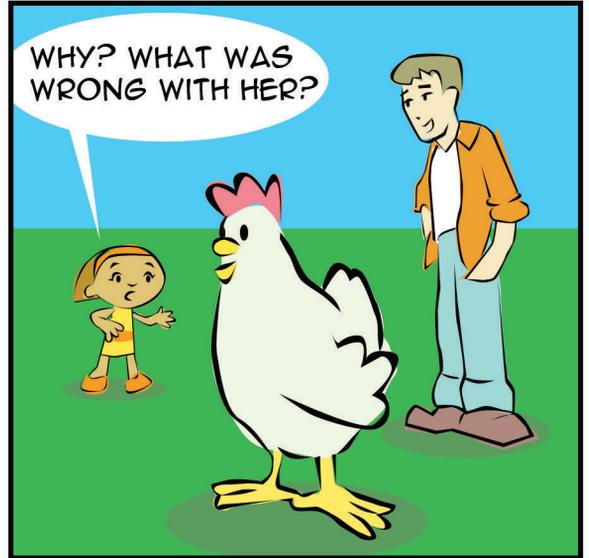


MEETING OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS: CHICKENS

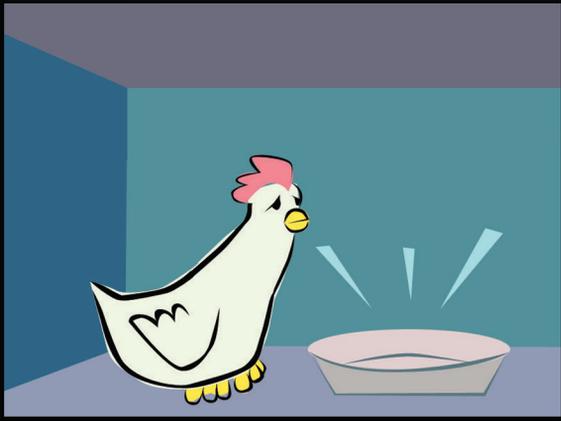




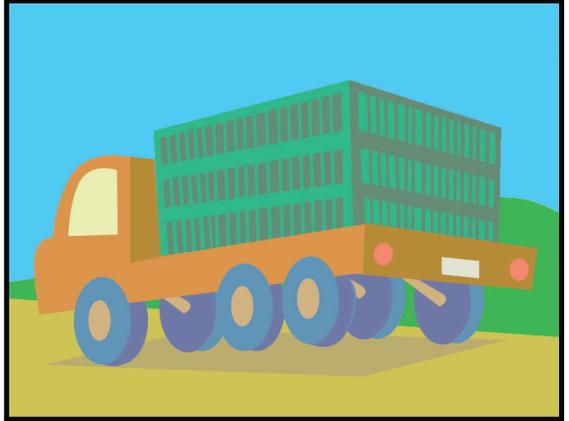




SHE WAS SO BORED, LONELY, AND SCARED. ALL SHE COULD DO WAS SIT THERE.



ONE DAY, ALL THE CHICKENS WERE LOADED ONTO A TRUCK AND SENT TO A SLAUGHTERHOUSE.



CHARLOTTE AND 900 OTHER CHICKENS WERE JAMMED ONTO THE TRUCK FOR THEIR LONG JOURNEY IN THE BURNING SUN.



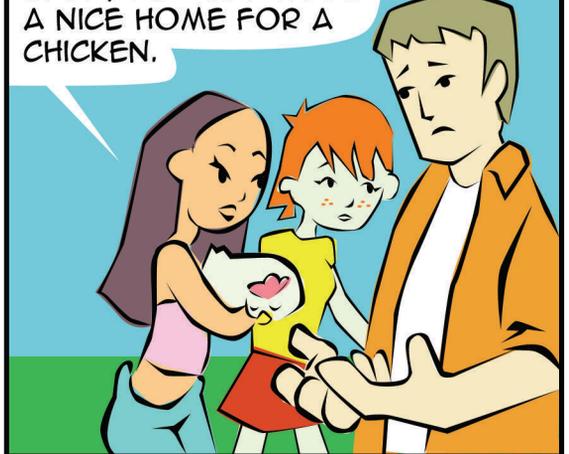
BUT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, CHARLOTTE AND SOME OTHERS FELL OFF. SHE WAS TIRED, BRUISED, AND WEAK, SO SHE SAT AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, NOT MOVING. ABOUT 10 OF HER FRIENDS WERE ON THE ROAD, TOO ... THEY DIDN'T MAKE IT.



A COUPLE OF MY FRIENDS FOUND THEM ... AND BROUGHT CHARLOTTE TO ME.



RYAN, WITH THIS BIG FARM AND THAT COZY BARN, YOU CAN MAKE A NICE HOME FOR A CHICKEN.



WE TOOK HER TO THE VET, WHO GAVE HER SOME MEDICINE, AND BROUGHT HER BACK HERE.



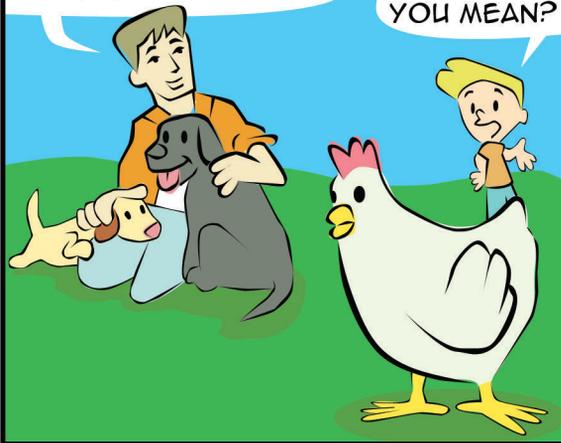
I DIDN'T KNOW VETS TAKE CARE OF CHICKENS!

YEP. MY VET TAKES CARE OF ALL THESE CHICKENS AND MY BUDDIES EDDIE AND GINGER.

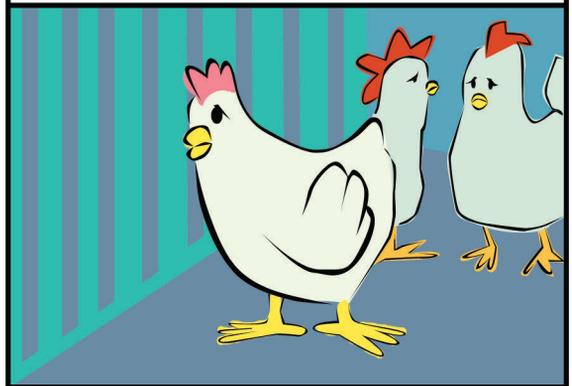


WHEN CHARLOTTE FIRST CAME HERE, WE WEREN'T SURE THAT SHE WOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO.

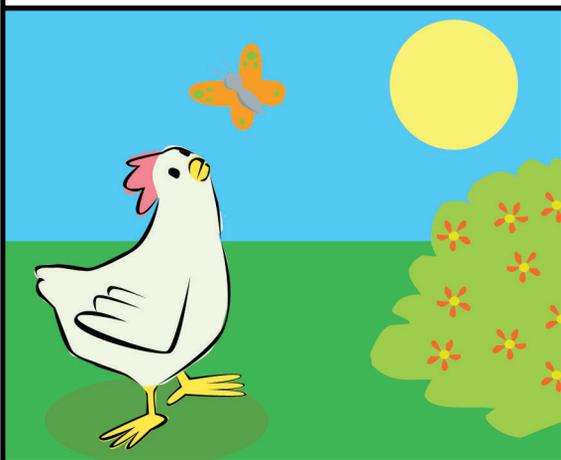
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



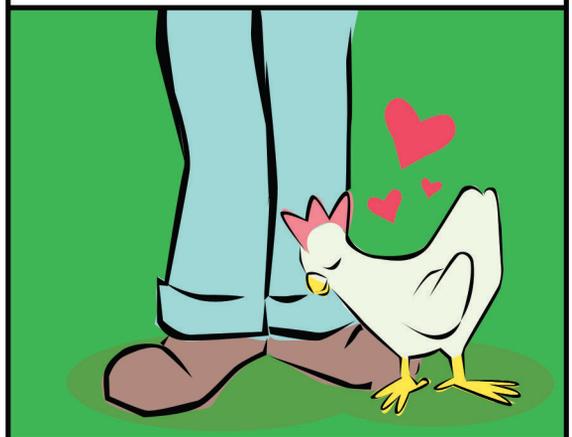
WELL, SHE'D NEVER TOUCHED THE GROUND WITH HER FEET UNTIL SHE FELL OFF THAT TRUCK. BEFORE THAT, SHE HAD ONLY KNOWN A WIRE CAGE.

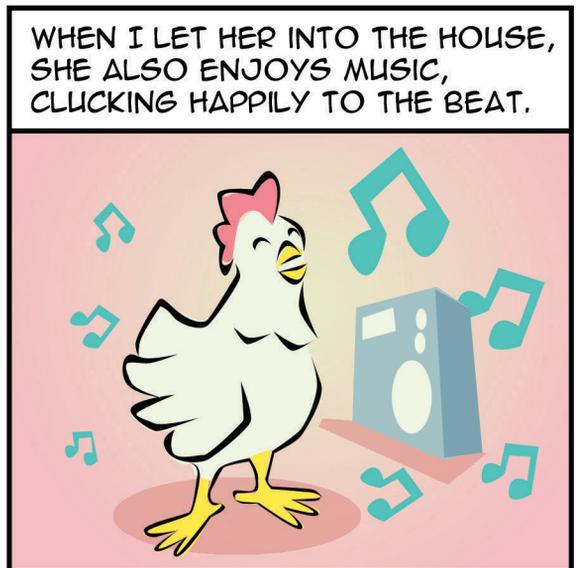
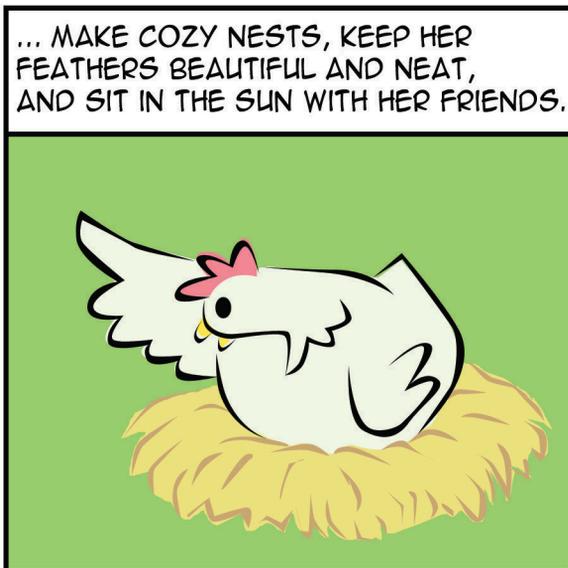
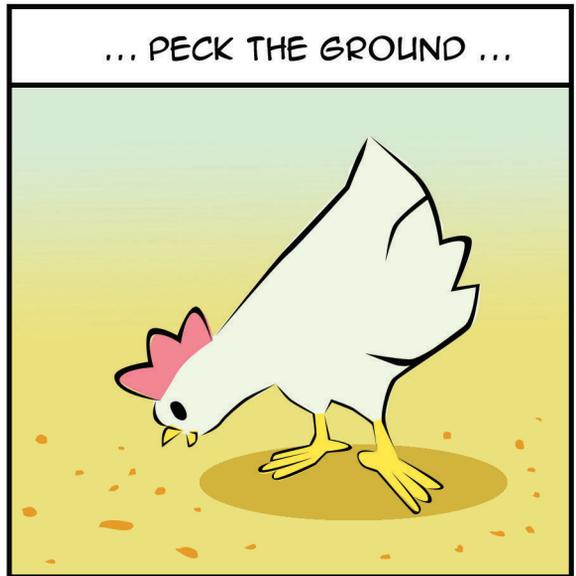
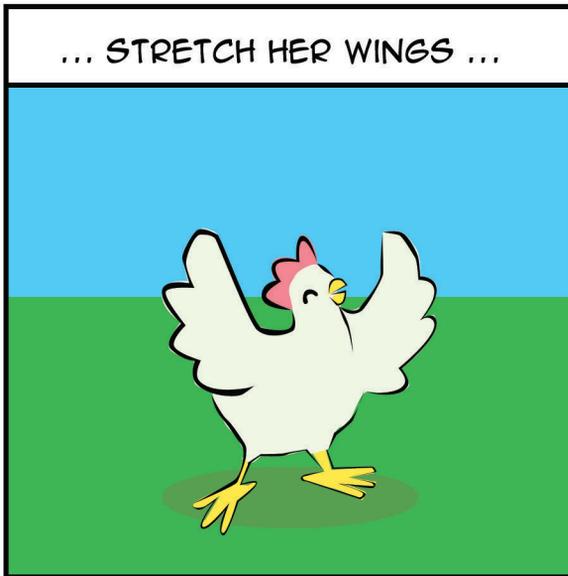


SHE'D NEVER EVEN FELT THE SUN ON HER BACK BEFORE.

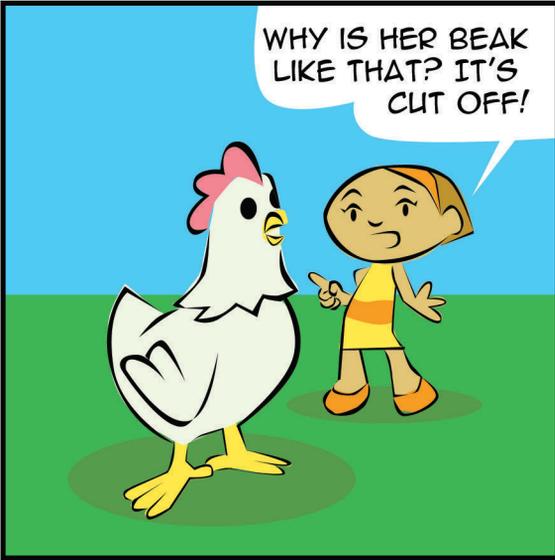


BUT JUST AS WE KNOW WHAT WE WANT, SO DO CHICKENS. CHARLOTTE HAS TOLD ME THAT SHE'S HAPPY NOW.





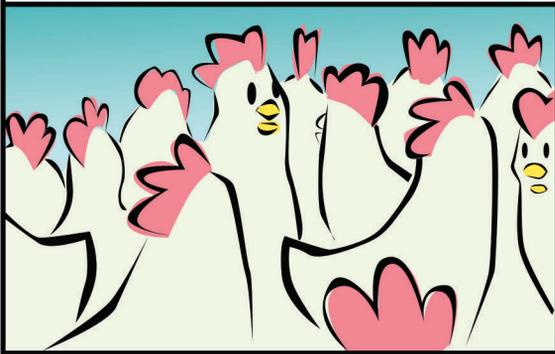
WHY IS HER BEAK LIKE THAT? IT'S CUT OFF!



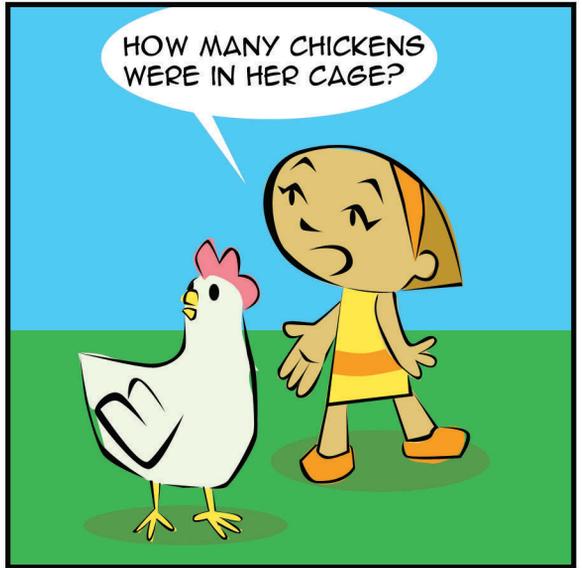
WHEN SHE WAS A BABY, THE FARMER CUT PART OF HER BEAK OFF SO THAT SHE WOULDN'T PECK OTHER CHICKENS IN HER CRAMPED CASE.



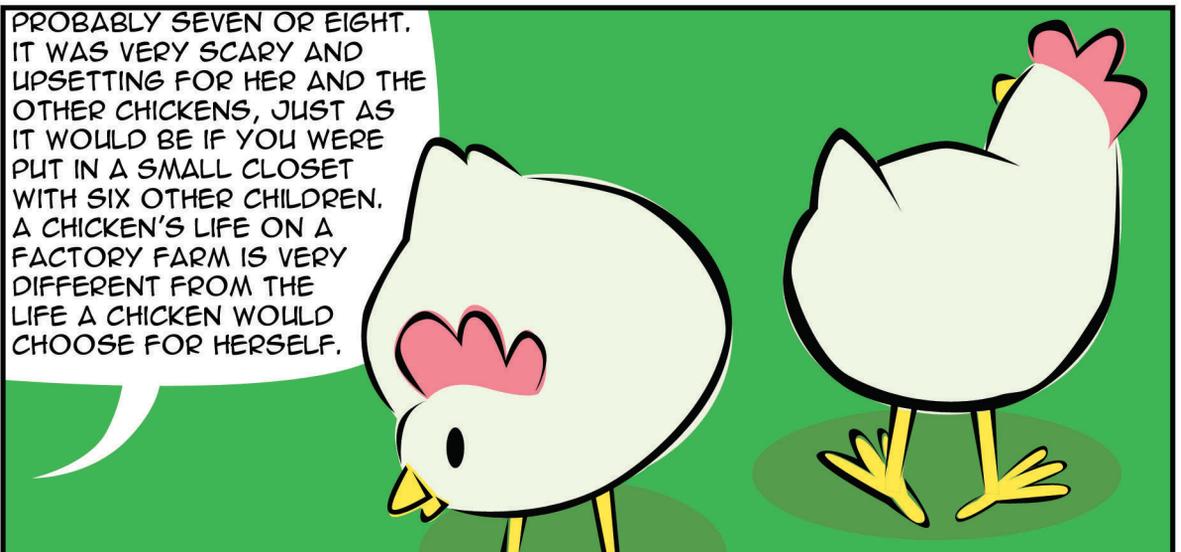
CHICKENS GET ALONG BY CHOOSING PLACES FOR MEMBERS OF THEIR FLOCK, FROM THE "TOP BIRD" ALL THE WAY DOWN. IT'S CALLED A "PECKING ORDER." BUT WHEN THERE ARE TOO MANY BIRDS, THEY MUST FIGHT FOR SPACE AND FOOD.



HOW MANY CHICKENS WERE IN HER CASE?

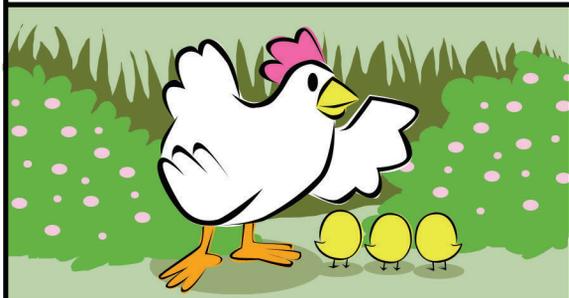


PROBABLY SEVEN OR EIGHT. IT WAS VERY SCARY AND UPSETTING FOR HER AND THE OTHER CHICKENS, JUST AS IT WOULD BE IF YOU WERE PUT IN A SMALL CLOSET WITH SIX OTHER CHILDREN. A CHICKEN'S LIFE ON A FACTORY FARM IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE LIFE A CHICKEN WOULD CHOOSE FOR HERSELF.

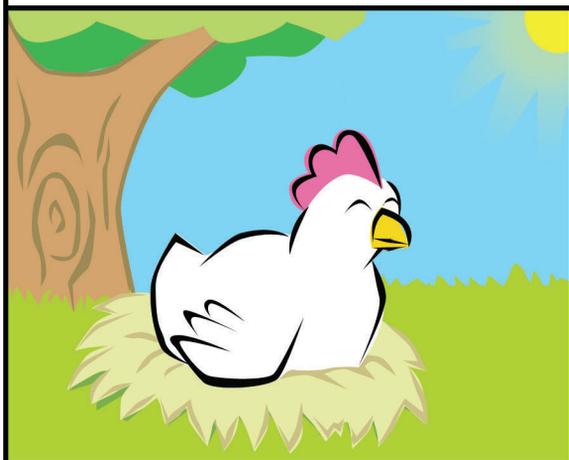


NATURE'S WAY

CHICKS HATCH FROM EGGS THAT THEIR MOMS SIT ON, THEN AS THEY GROW UP, THEY LEARN FROM EXPERIENCES AND FROM THEIR MOMS.



CHICKENS PICK OUT SPOTS TO MAKE COZY NESTS OUT OF STRAW OR GRASS.



CHICKENS LIKE TO WALK THROUGH GRASS AND UNDER BUSHES, LOOKING FOR YUMMY THINGS TO EAT.



THE FACTORY FARM WAY

EGGS ARE TAKEN FROM HENS AND SOLD IN STORES FOR FOOD.



CHICKENS ARE KEPT IN WIRE CAGES AND AREN'T GIVEN ANY MATERIALS TO MAKE NESTS.



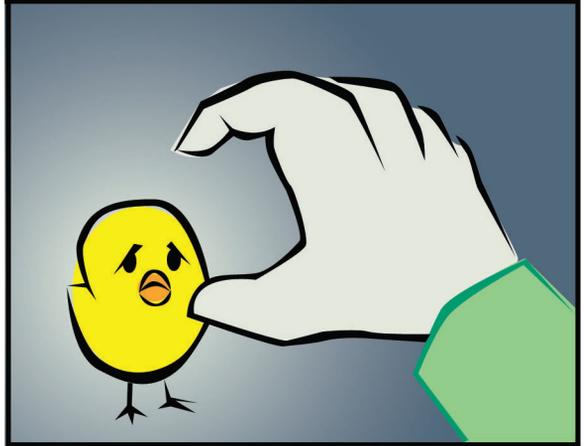
FARMERS GIVE CHICKENS PLAIN, BORING PELLETS TO EAT THAT HAVE BLOOD AND CHICKEN FEATHERS IN THEM.



WHEN THEY ARE ALLOWED TO LIVE NATURALLY, CHICKENS CAN LIVE AS LONG AS 20 YEARS!



BUT ON FARMS, HENS RAISED TO LAY EGGS LIVE LESS THAN TWO YEARS ...



AND CHICKENS RAISED FOR FOOD ARE KILLED FOR MEAT WHEN THEY'RE STILL BABIES —JUST A FEW WEEKS OLD!

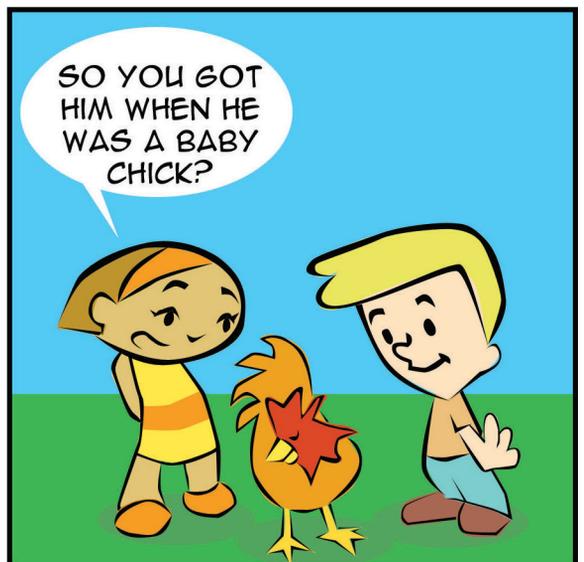


THAT'S HORRIBLE! WHAT'S STEVE'S STORY?

A YEAR AGO, STEVE WAS JUST A LITTLE BALL OF FLUFF—ABOUT THE SIZE OF A PING-PONG BALL.



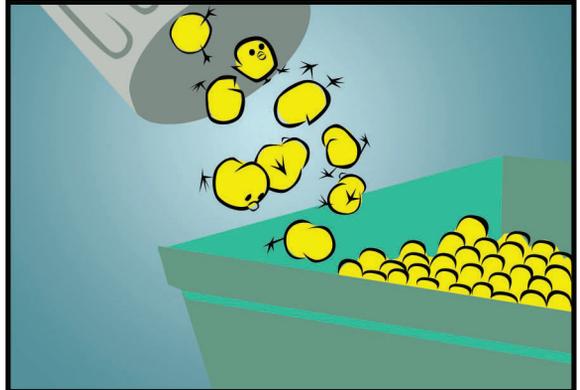
SO YOU GOT HIM WHEN HE WAS A BABY CHICK?



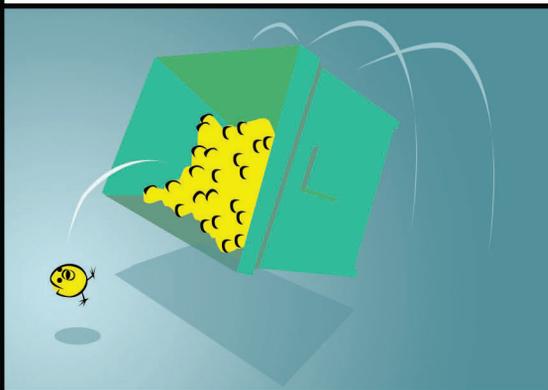
YEP. STEVE HATCHED WITH HUNDREDS OF OTHER CHICKS UNDER A BRIGHT LIGHT IN A HUGE SHED. HE NEVER KNEW HIS MOTHER OR FATHER.



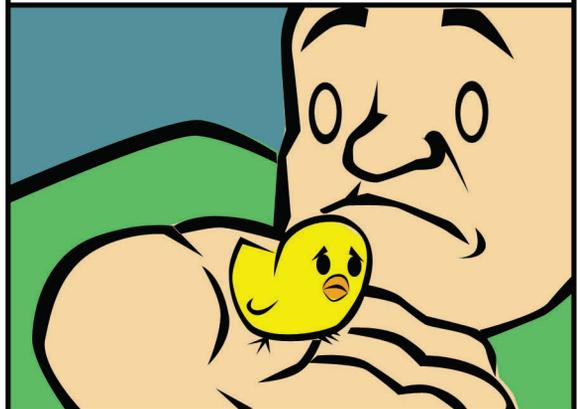
THE FARMER WANTED TO KEEP ONLY THE HENS (SO HE COULD SELL THEIR EGGS), SO HE SEPARATED THE MALE CHICKS FROM THE FEMALES ... AND TOSSED THEM INTO A BIN.



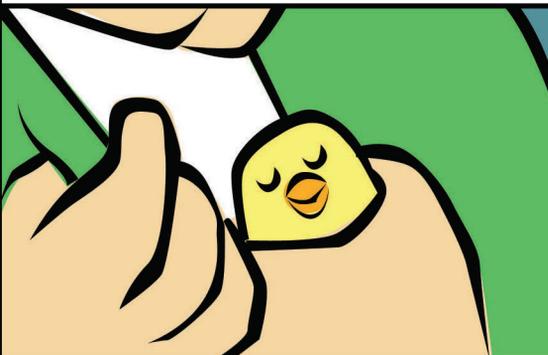
STEVE WAS ONE OF THEM. HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE GROUND UP FOR FERTILIZER, BUT HE FELL OUT WHEN THE BIN TIPPED OVER.



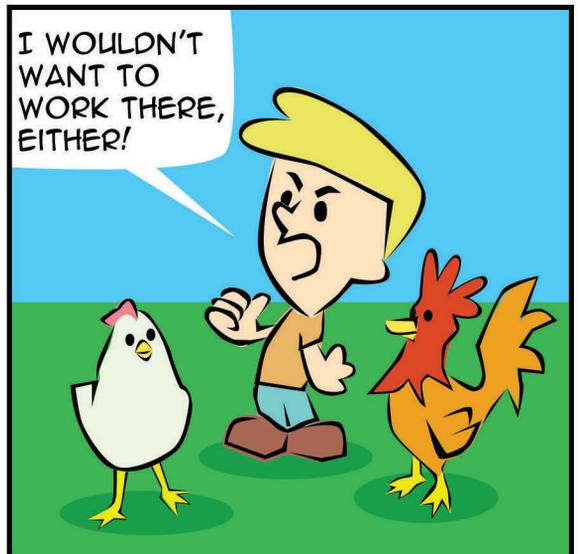
A KIND MAN WHO HAD STARTED WORK AT THE HATCHERY THAT DAY FOUND HIM UNDER A PIECE OF MACHINERY, SHIVERING.



HE PICKED HIM UP, PUT HIM INSIDE HIS SHIRT TO KEEP HIM WARM, AND BROUGHT HIM TO ME. THE KIND MAN DECIDED NEVER TO GO BACK TO WORK THERE.



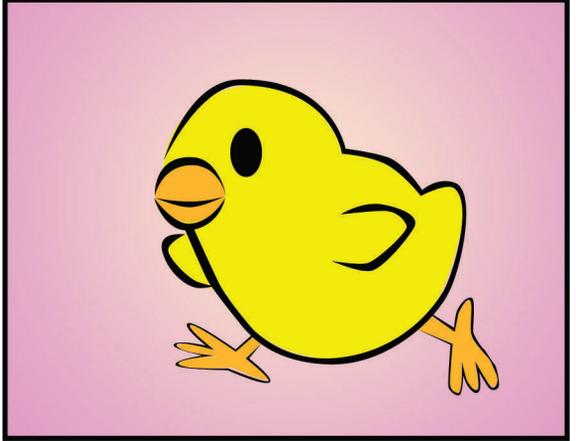
I WOULDN'T WANT TO WORK THERE, EITHER!



WHAT ABOUT ANNA,
THE OTHER CHICKEN?



I VOLUNTEER AT OUR LOCAL ANIMAL
SHELTER. ANNA WAS BROUGHT IN WHEN
SHE WAS A COUPLE OF WEEKS OLD.



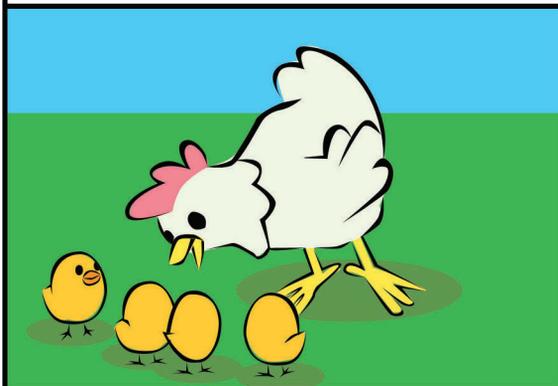
SHE WAS THE ONLY CHICK WHO
HATCHED IN A DUMB SCHOOL
EXPERIMENT. THE SCHOOL DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HER, SO
THE TEACHER TOOK HER TO THE
ANIMAL SHELTER.



HEY! WE HATCHED CHICKS
IN MY SCHOOL BACK IN
SECOND GRADE. AFTER
THE CHICKS HATCHED,
OUR TEACHER DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT TO DO,
EITHER. HE TOOK THEM
TO THE POUND.

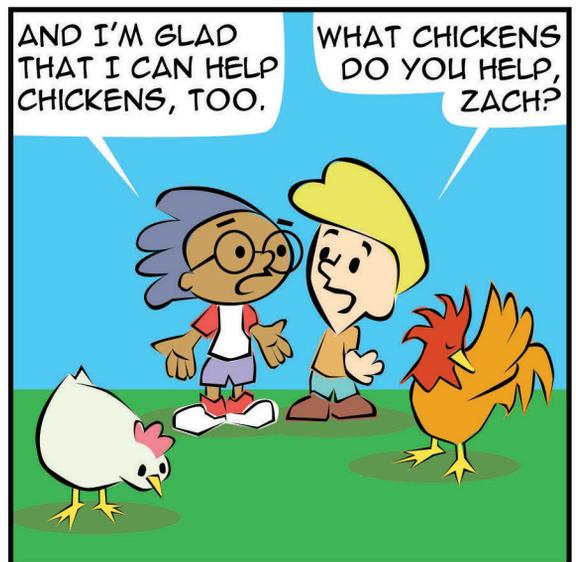


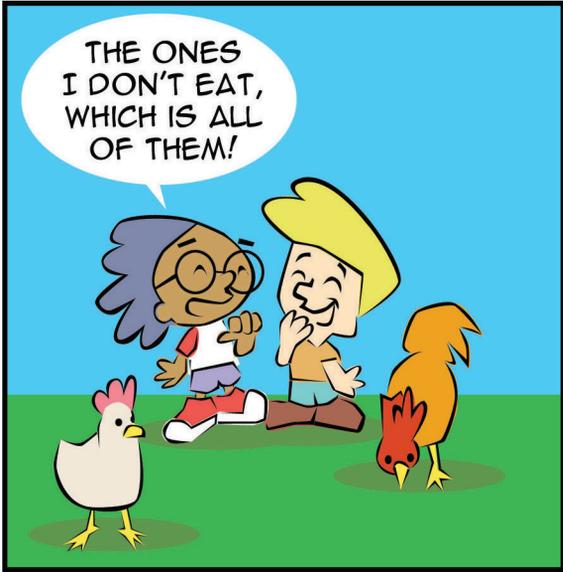
PEOPLE DON'T KNOW HOW TO TAKE
CARE OF CHICKS THE WAY A
MOTHER HEN CAN! I'M GLAD THAT
I CAN HELP THESE CHICKENS AS
MUCH AS I CAN.



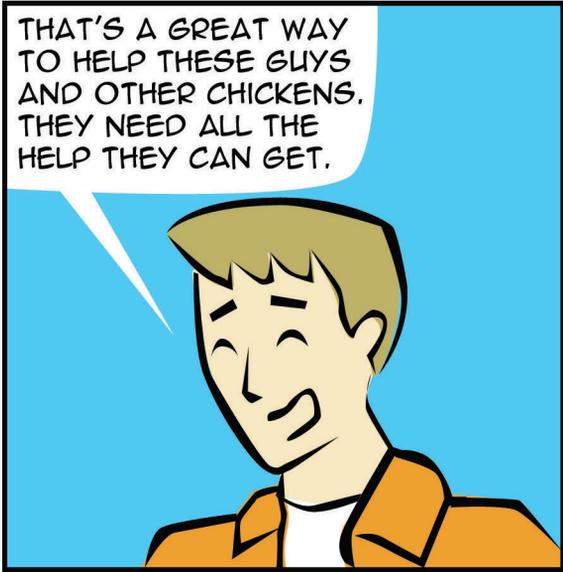
AND I'M GLAD
THAT I CAN HELP
CHICKENS, TOO.

WHAT CHICKENS
DO YOU HELP,
ZACH?

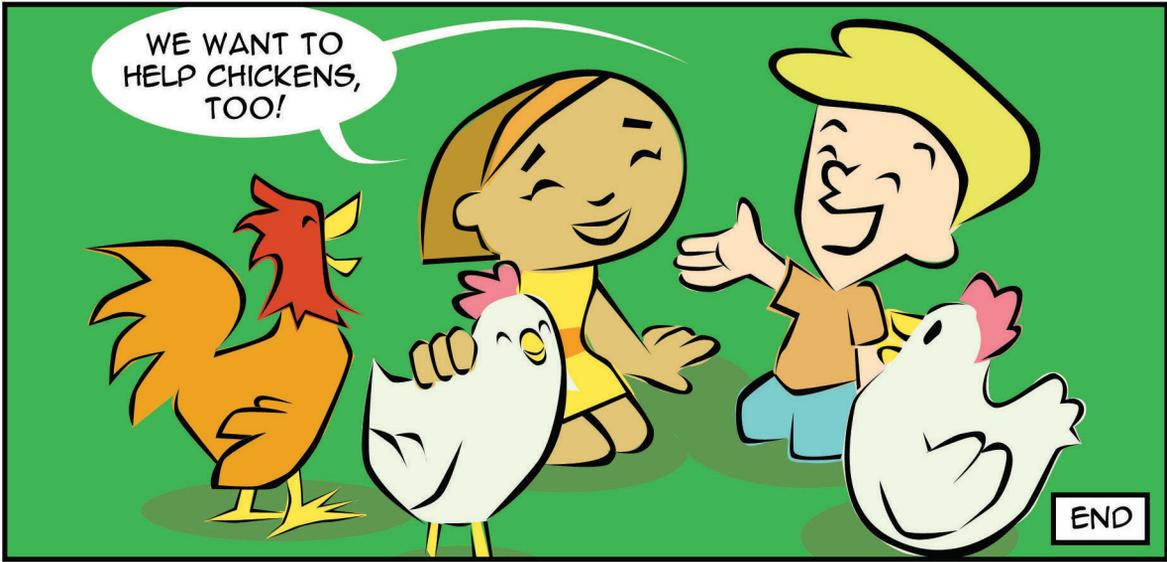




THE ONES I DON'T EAT, WHICH IS ALL OF THEM!



THAT'S A GREAT WAY TO HELP THESE GUYS AND OTHER CHICKENS. THEY NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET.



WE WANT TO HELP CHICKENS, TOO!

END



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SAVE THE CHICKENS!

CHICKENS ARE AMAZING ANIMALS. DUH! THAT'S A NO-BRAINER! THEY'RE SHY, SENSITIVE BIRDS WHO MAKE GREAT FRIENDS, DON'T YOU THINK? SO HELP CHICKENS TODAY BY NOT EATING THEM!

ALL THE WORDS LISTED BELOW APPEAR SOMEWHERE IN THE PUZZLE SIDEWAYS, FORWARD, BACKWARD, DIAGONALLY, OR UP AND DOWN. CIRCLE EACH WORD (AS SHOWN IN THE EXAMPLE).



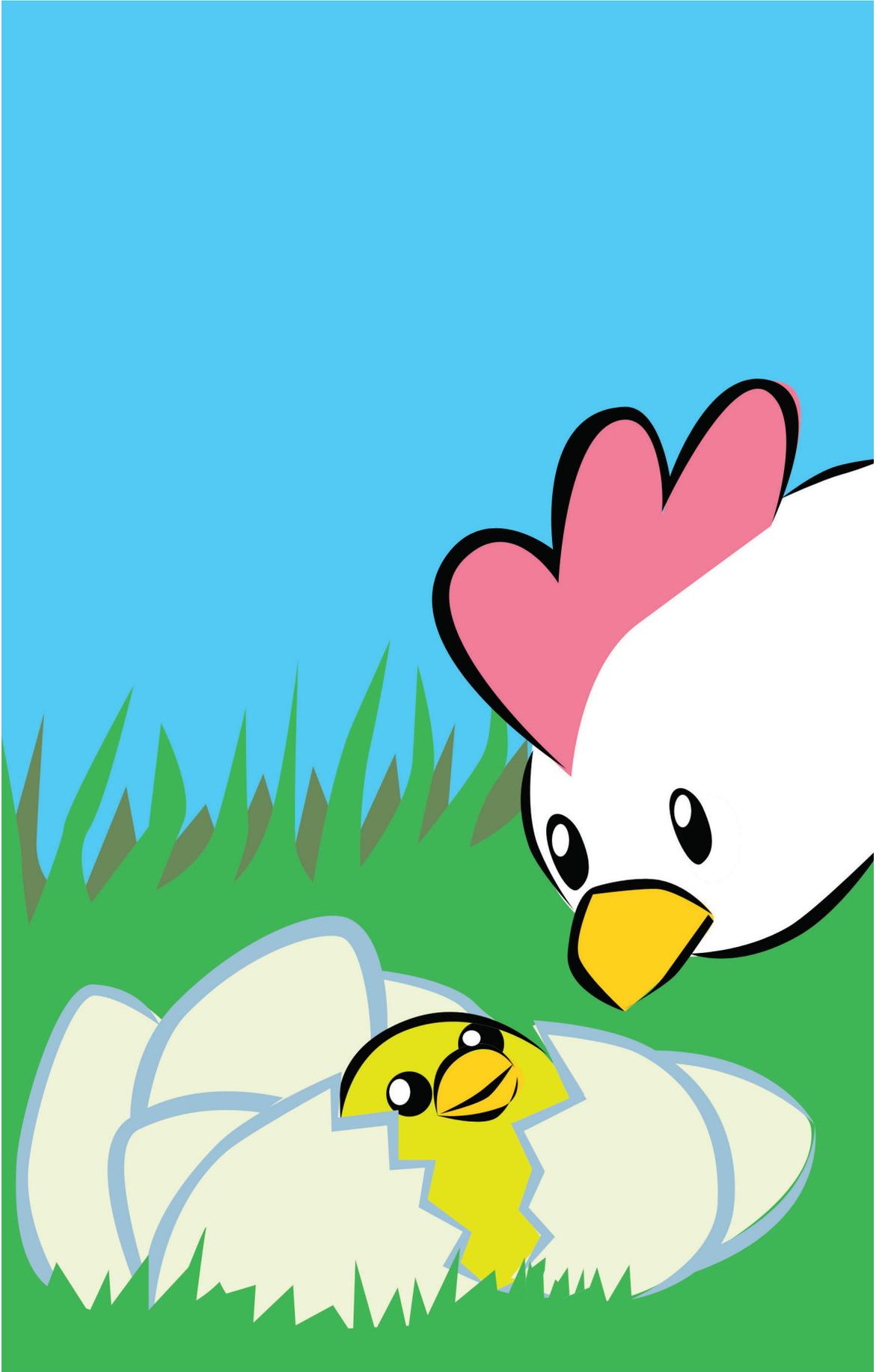
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CHICK
CLUCK
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HATCH
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