

Nigel the Nasty Rabbit



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Nigel was a nasty rabbit. He spent his days watching Farmer Bob work, and his nights eating Bob's crops. When Farmer Bob saw him, he quickly jumped into one of his many burrows hidden over the farm.



Farmer Bob's farm was perfect for Nigel and his family. Every year Farmer Bob would plant juicy carrots and the sweetest, freshest canola that the rabbits loved to feast on. Nigel's family grew and grew.



Poor Farmer Bob was very busy. He spent hours in the hot, summer sun and the cold, wet winter to make everything ready, hoping for a good harvest. Every year he prayed for a good harvest.



The whole time Farmer Bob was working, eyes watched him from behind the tractors and machinery. Farmer Bob had no idea what was watching him. Each time he looked around there was nothing there.



As Farmer Bob inspected his farm, he found more and more holes all through his paddocks. He began to find dung heaps everywhere. He soon realised he had a big problem...rabbits!



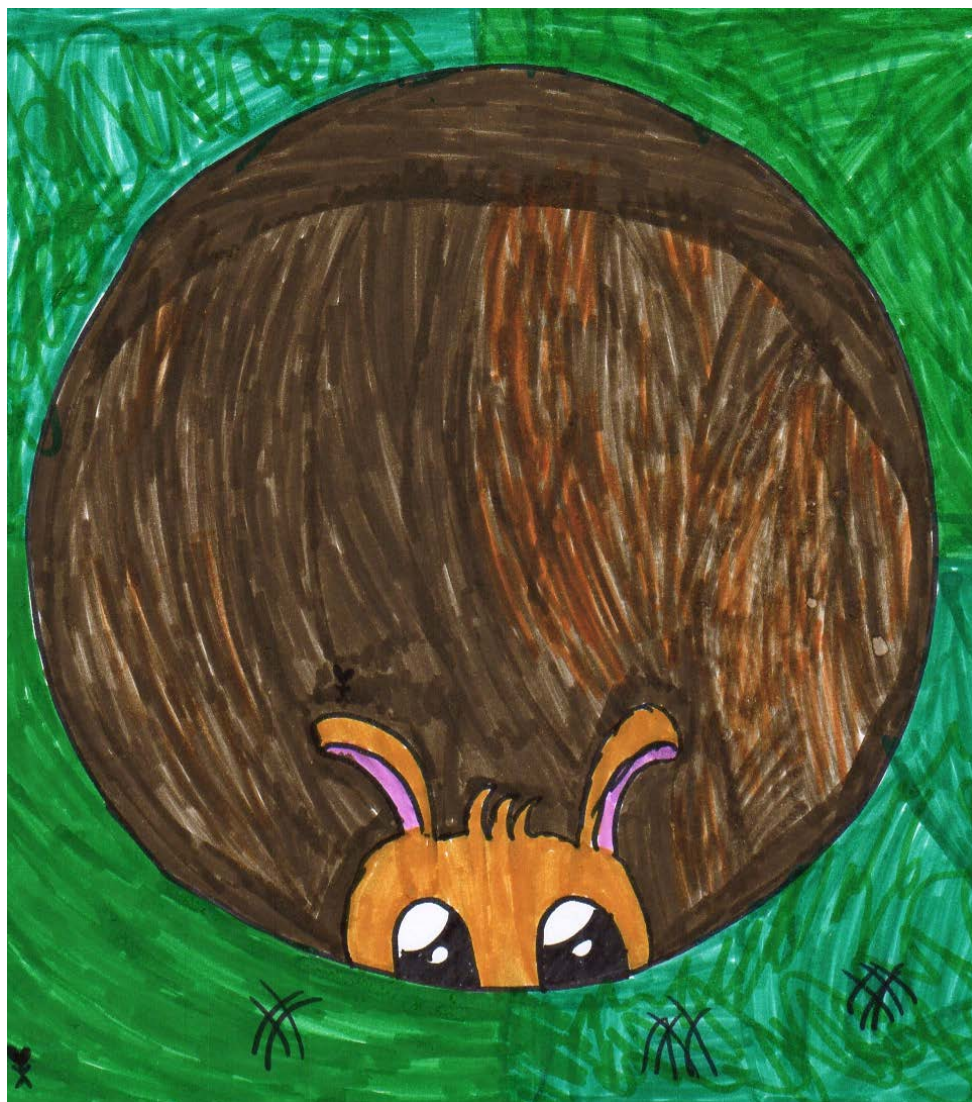
When it finally came time to harvest the carrots, Farmer Bob was horrified to find that his precious crop had been munched and crunched. Poor Farmer Bob was miserable. His whole crop had been destroyed.



While Farmer Bob and his family grew thinner and sadder, the rabbit grew fatter and happier.



The rabbits had won. Farmer Bob gave up trying to produce crops and decided to try to make some money by raising sheep and cattle. He could sell the wool from the sheep and eat the meat from the cattle.



Nigel watched Farmer Bob work day and night to ready the pastures for his livestock. Nigel couldn't wait to taste that lovely grass. When Farmer Bob went inside late at night, Nigel and his family came out to feast.



Poor Farmer Bob. While the sheep and cattle grew thinner and thinner, Nigel and his family grew even fatter and happier.



Farmer Bob had finally had enough. He needed the help of the experts at the Local Land Services. They quickly helped Farmer Bob plan an effective rabbit reduction program to stop those pesky rabbits once and for all.



Farmer Bob jumped on his trusty tractor and started destroying the rabbits homes. In the winter, Nigel's family had no way to keep warm and eventually some started to die. Finally, there were not as many rabbits destroying the farm.



Next, Farmer Bob got rid of all the old farm machinery lying around the farm. The rabbits used the old trucks and tractors as shelters. After a good clean up there was nowhere left for the rabbits to hide.



Finally, Farmer Bob put the poisoning program into action. The burrows of Nigel and his family were fumigated with special poisons to help reduce the rabbit population.



Farmer Bob's crops began to grow again. His sheep and cattle graze on the lush, green pastures getting fatter and fatter. Farmer Bob's farm was finally making money again. Farmer Bob could feed his family – no more nasty Nigel!



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