

Who got the Chickens?



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- Some Help for Harry
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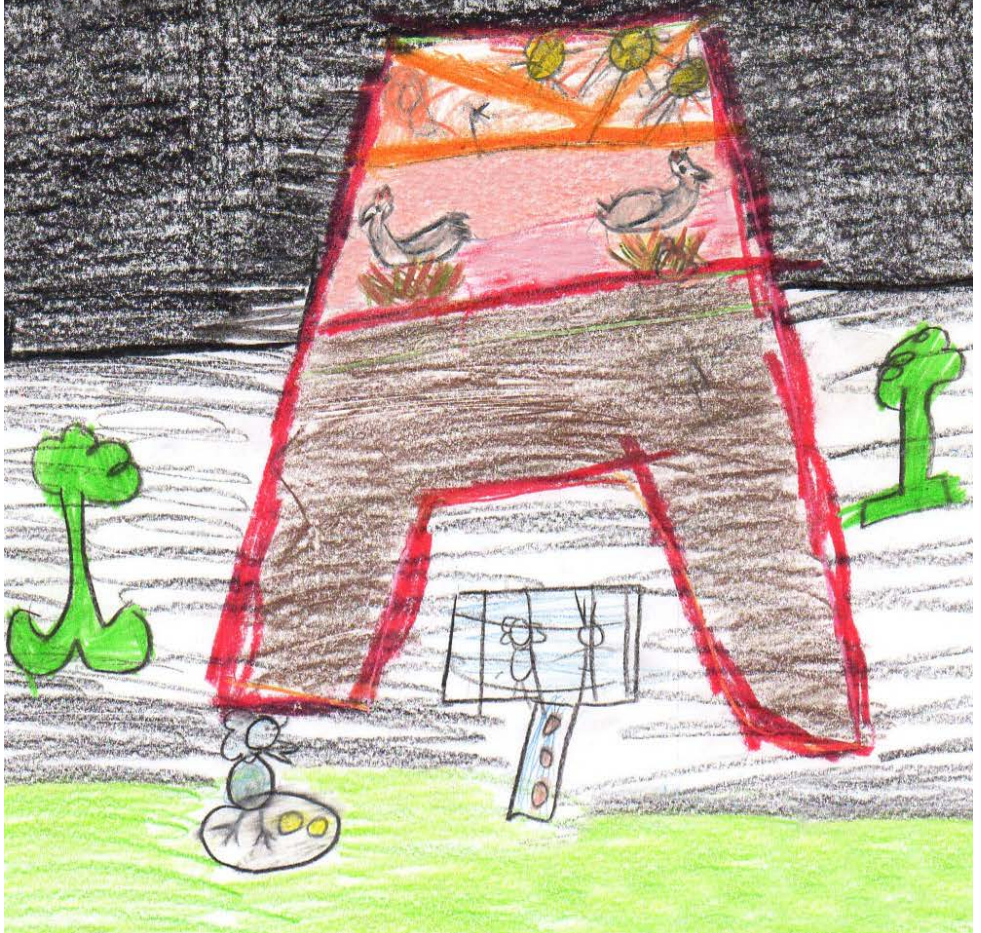
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One cold and windy night, Mr. McNeil's chickens were fast asleep in their big, red and white roost.





Just after midnight, the sneaky fox family dug their way under the fence into the chicken coop.

All of the chickens were taken. All but one.



Mr. McNeil decided to call the last surviving chicken - Lucky!

Lucky was very confused and upset because she couldn't find her friends and family. She was now a very lonely chicken. Lucky decided that she needed to go and find out who got the chickens.





Along the dusty road Lucky came across Cocky, the noisy cockatoo.

Cocky told her, "It must have been the sneaky fox family, they are very cunning. They smell their prey on the wind and then creep up on them. That's who got your chickens!"



Next, Lucky met Eggbert the emu at the big red rock.

"I think it would have been the sneaky fox family.
They have sharp claws to scratch and hold their prey.
That's who got the chickens!"



At the entrance of the caves, Lucky found Licky the blue-tongued lizard.

Licky was very upset. He told Lucky that the fox family had taken eggs from his nest as well. Licky agreed with the others; it was the foxes who got the chickens.



Just a few metres away, Lucky saw Boulder the hairy-nosed wombat.

“It must be those foxes. They dug around my burrow and now I can’t get into my house. It must be them who got the chickens!”

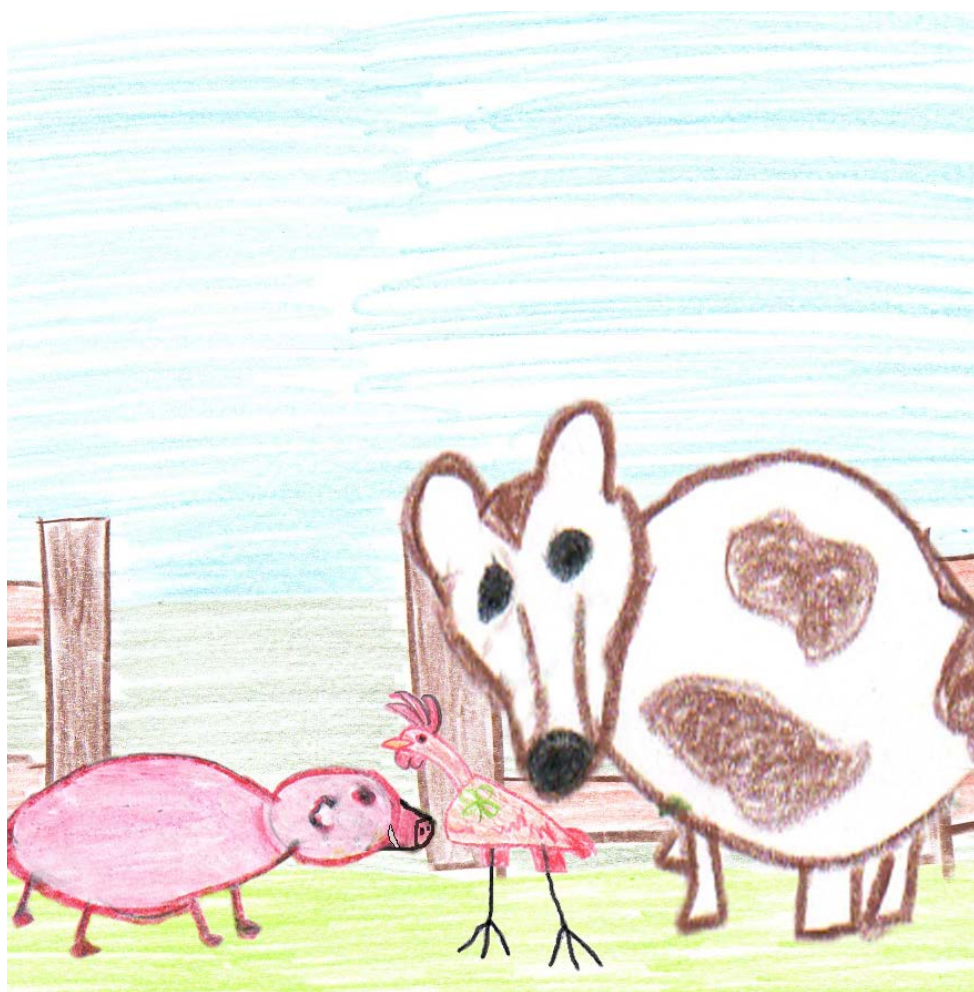
Lucky was upset and lonely. She needed to find some new friends who would dare to help her find this nasty fox troop.

Milky, the dairy cow, saw Lucky and said she would love to help her find the foxes because they chase her and her calves, nipping at their heels. Milky said that they would need more help.



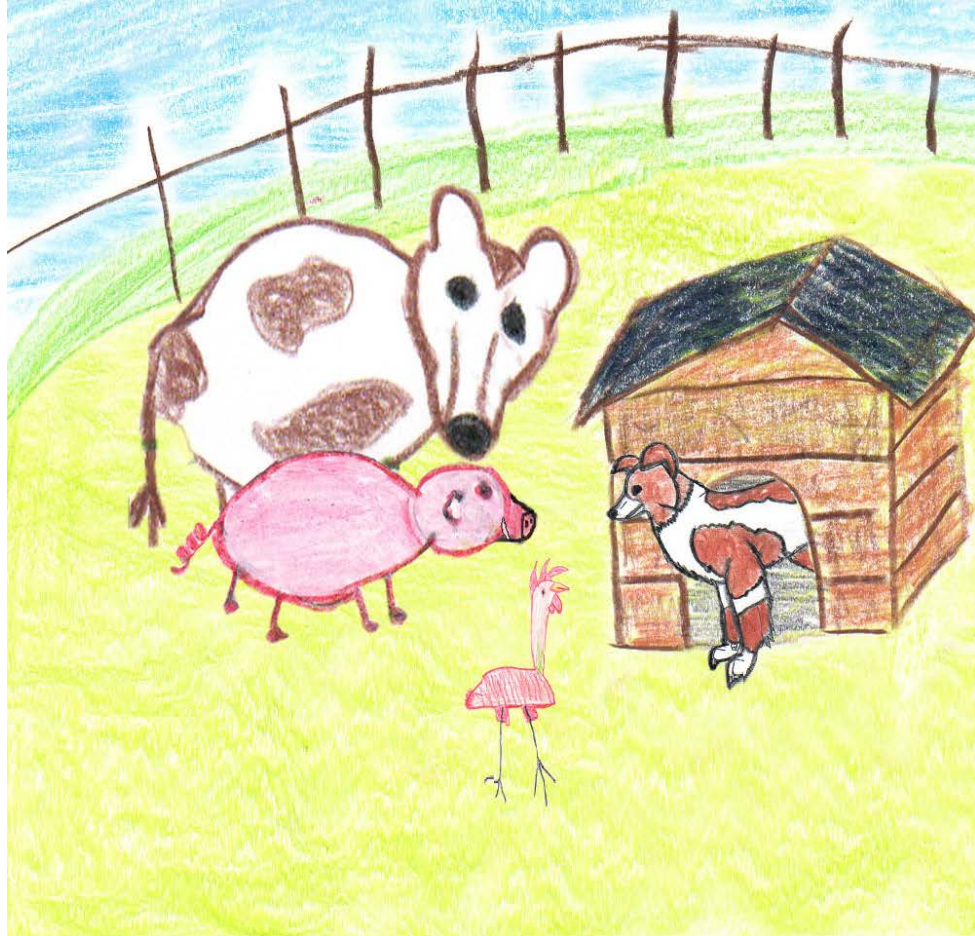
Floyd, the boar, overheard their conversation and volunteered to help. He was sick of the foxes chasing his sows and piglets. Floyd suggested they find the fearsome Louie to help.

Lucky went to find Louie, who was Mr. McNeil's dog, to see if he might help her find who got the chickens.



Finally, she found Louie the dog. He was sleeping in the kennel.

Louie told her, "Mr. McNeil puts out bait and shoots the foxes, but there are still many on our farm. I will help you find these pesky foxes."





Louie led them to the chicken coop to try and find a clue in the case of the missing chickens. All of a sudden his nose kicked into action. He was off, following the scent trail through the farm.

“Look guys, I can see an old log that is big enough to fit the fox family. It is dark, warm and I can see some fox tails poking out,” said Milky.

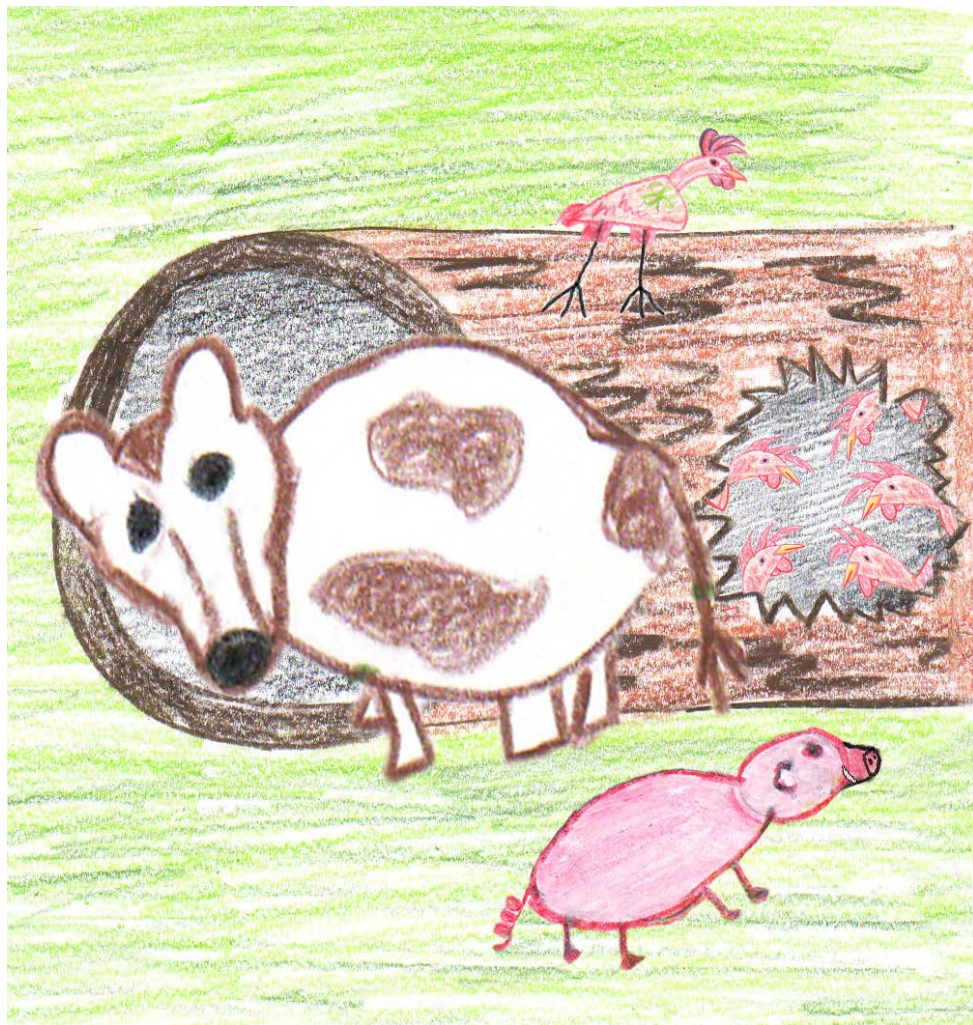
“How are we going to get the chickens out?” asked Floyd.

Louie grabbed an old, smelly bone from the paddock and dragged it downwind along the dirt to make a trail. The foxes smelt the sweet meat and it was more than they could resist. They left their den and followed the scented trail.



Quick as a flash, Lucky, Milky and Floyd ran towards the log. Lucky ran straight in and found his family trapped deep in the back. The foxes were storing them to eat at their leisure.

Milky kicked the log apart and they freed the surviving chickens. Lucky happily led them back to their coop.



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Now we know for sure who got the chickens!



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