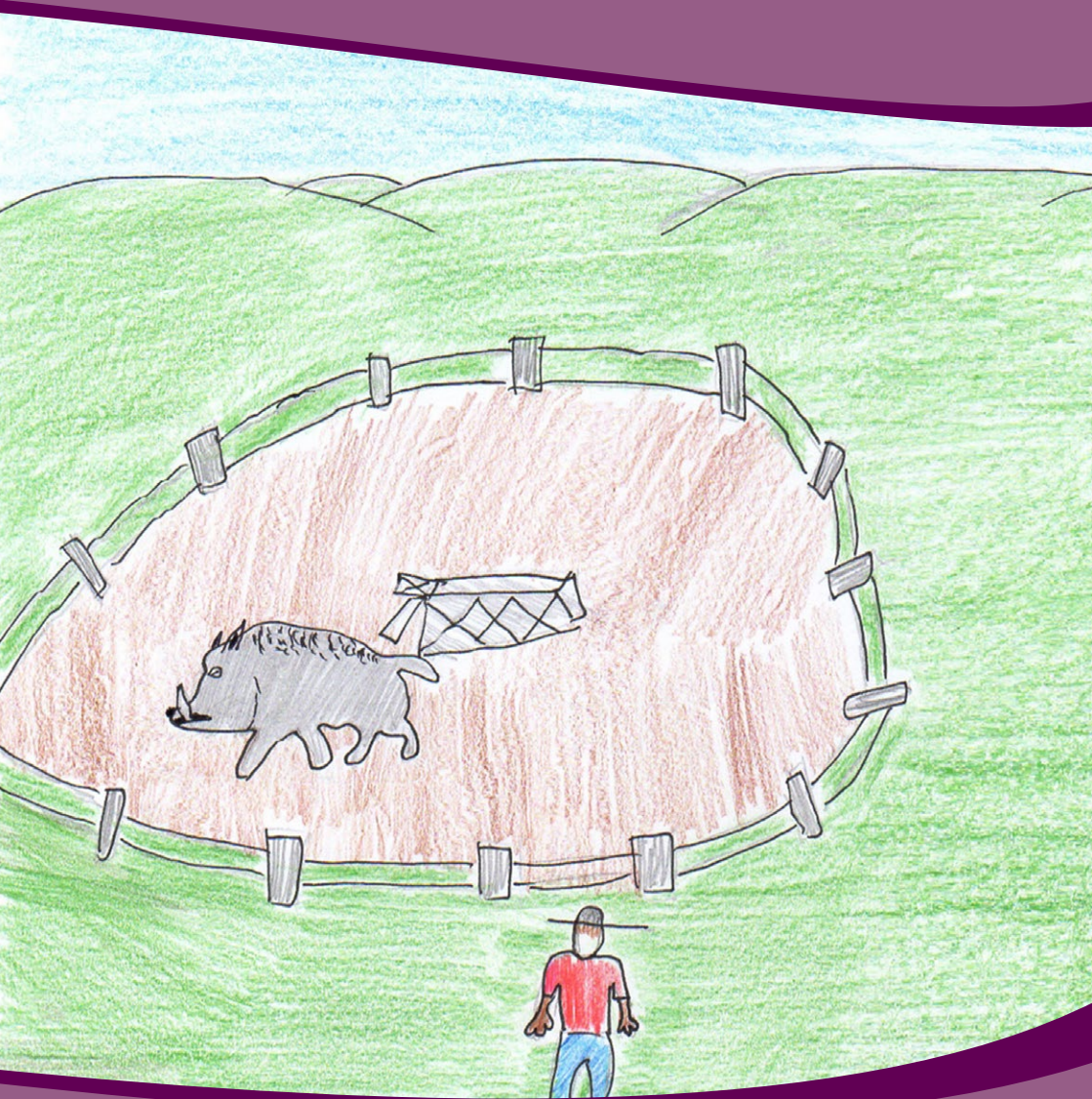


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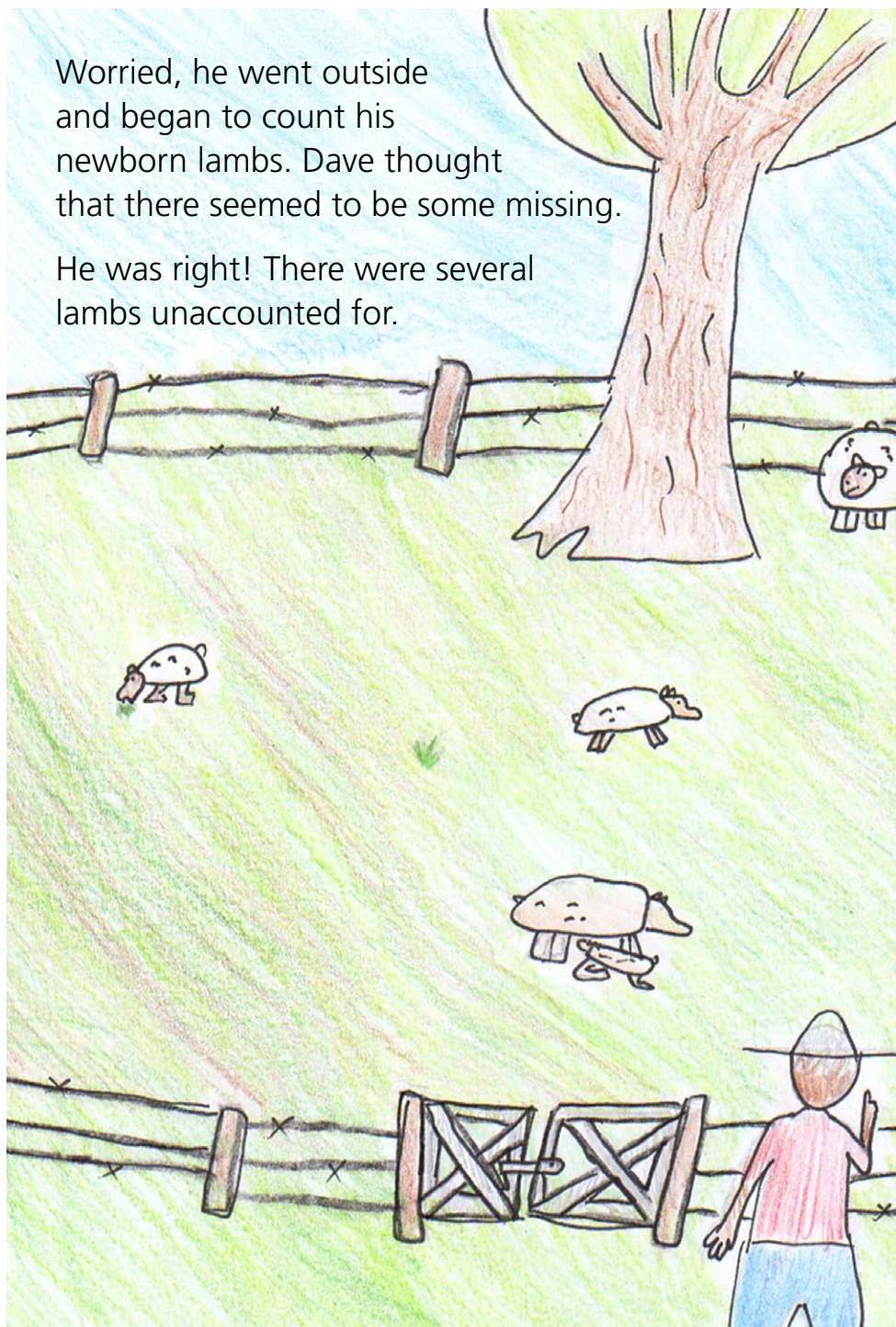


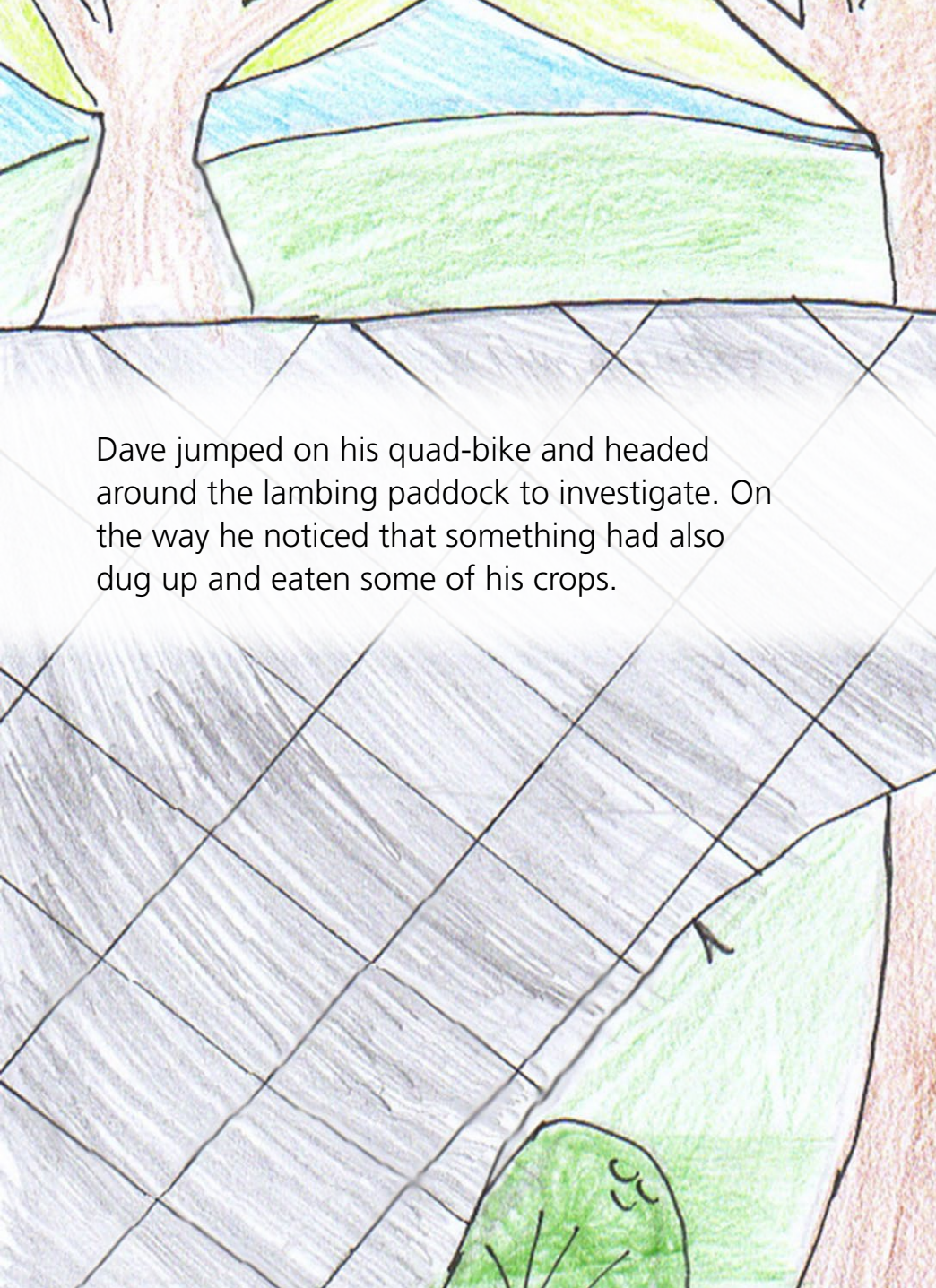


One evening Dave the farmer was having a cuppa when he looked out the window and saw something suspicious.

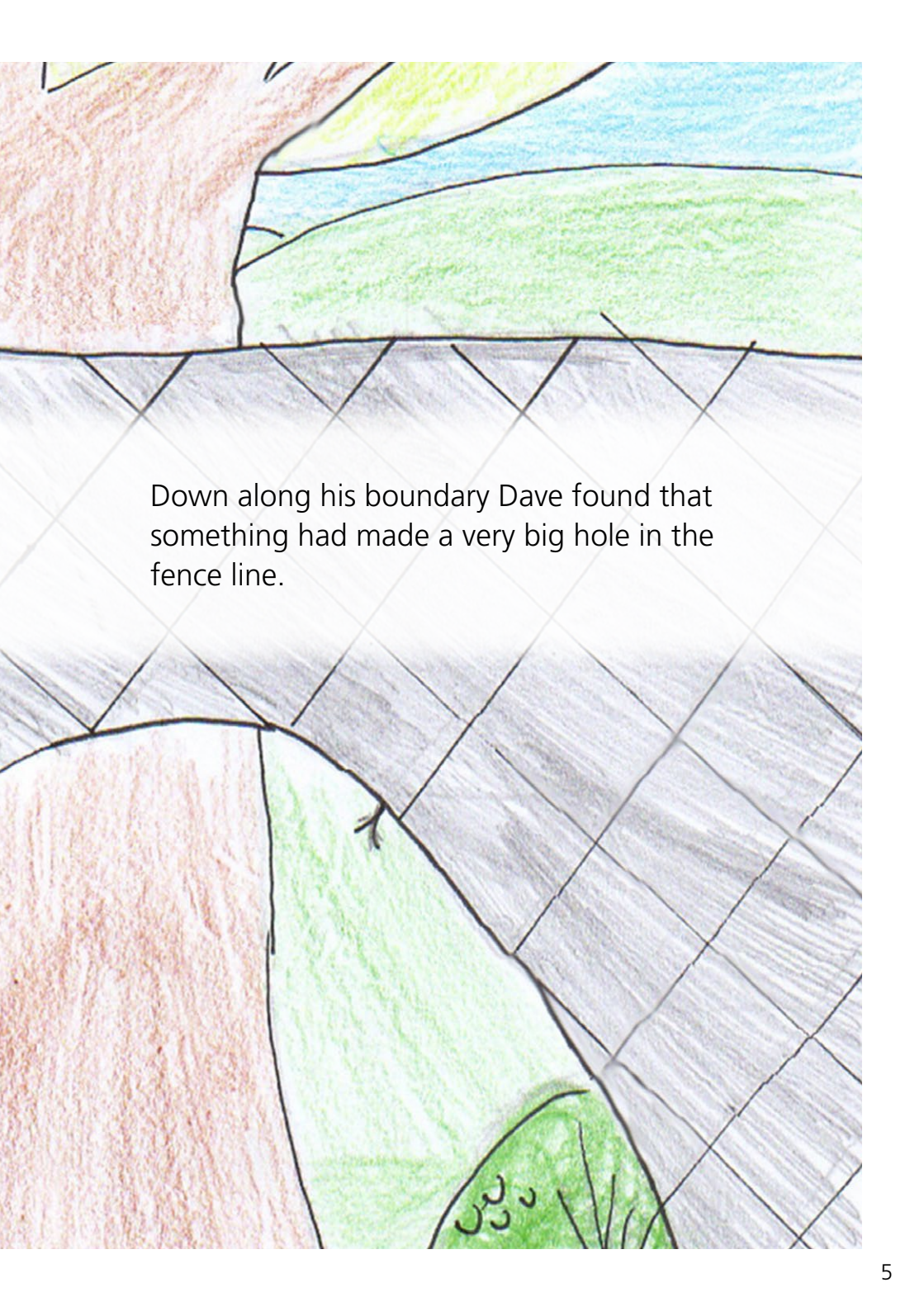
Worried, he went outside and began to count his newborn lambs. Dave thought that there seemed to be some missing.

He was right! There were several lambs unaccounted for.

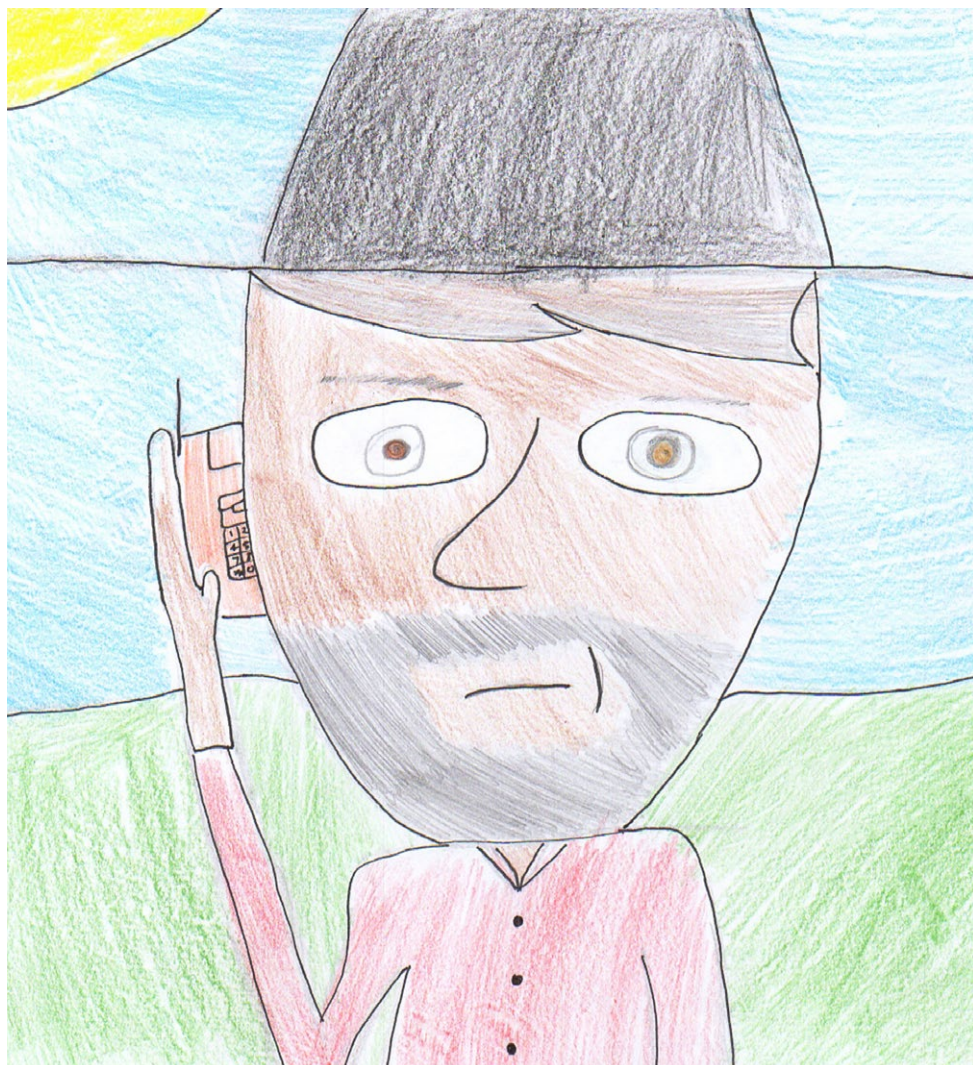


A child's drawing of a landscape. At the top, there is a tree with a brown trunk and green foliage. To the right of the tree is a green field. Above the field is a blue sky. The foreground is dominated by a large grey area with a diamond-shaped pattern, possibly representing a field or a path. In the bottom right corner, there is a small green shape with a face, possibly a character or a plant. The drawing is done with colored pencils and black outlines.

Dave jumped on his quad-bike and headed around the lambing paddock to investigate. On the way he noticed that something had also dug up and eaten some of his crops.



Down along his boundary Dave found that something had made a very big hole in the fence line.



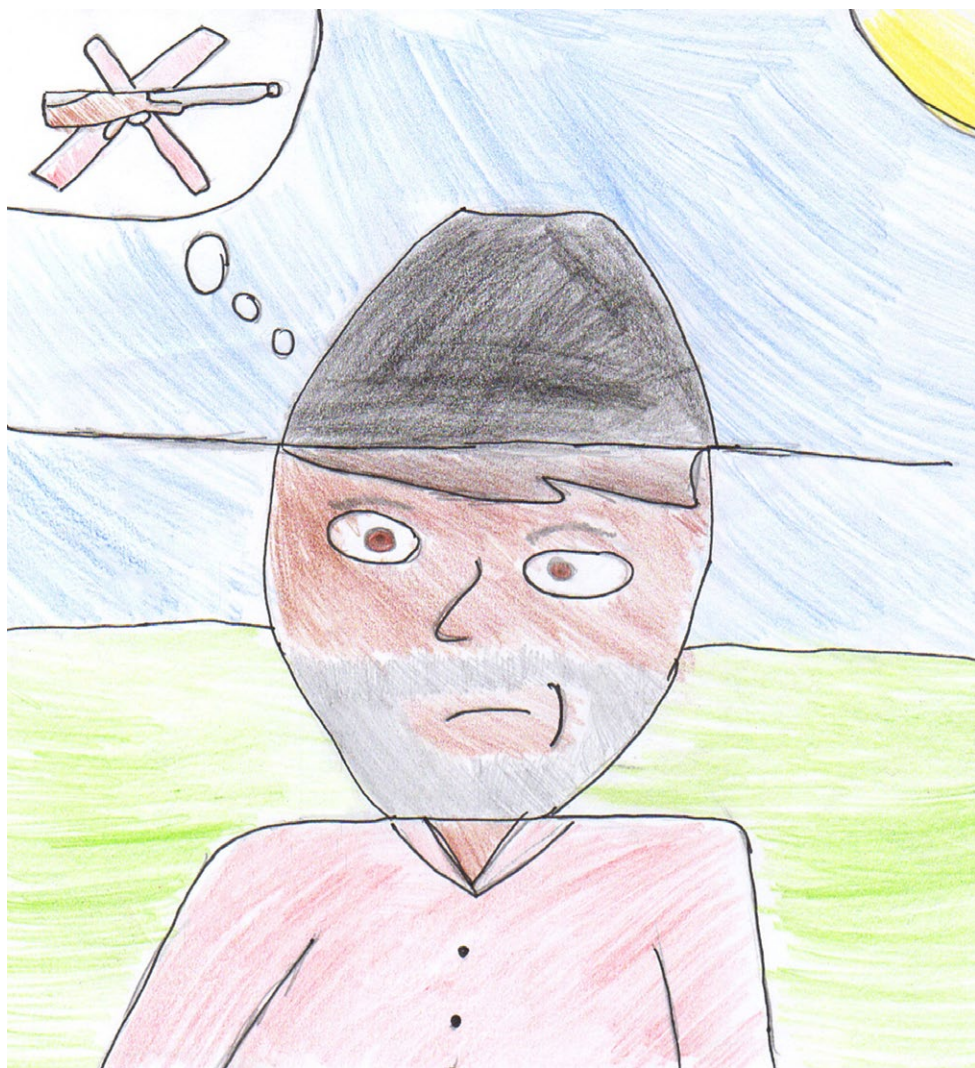
Dave was shocked at the size of the hole in the fence. What eats both crops and lambs and could have made that hole.

Dave just wanted to know what he was dealing with, so he called his mate who hunts wild animals.



When Dave was told what it was, he wasn't happy at all! His mate told him that it would almost definitely be a feral pig. And from the size of the hole it would be a big razorback boar.

"I'll get that razorback!" he grunted angrily.



Dave didn't have a gun to shoot the feral pig.

As the days went by, more and more damage was being done to his crops and more lambs went missing.



Wondering what he could do about the razorback, an idea suddenly shot into Dave's head.

'Maybe I could make a trap! Hmmm... but what would I need,' he thought to himself.

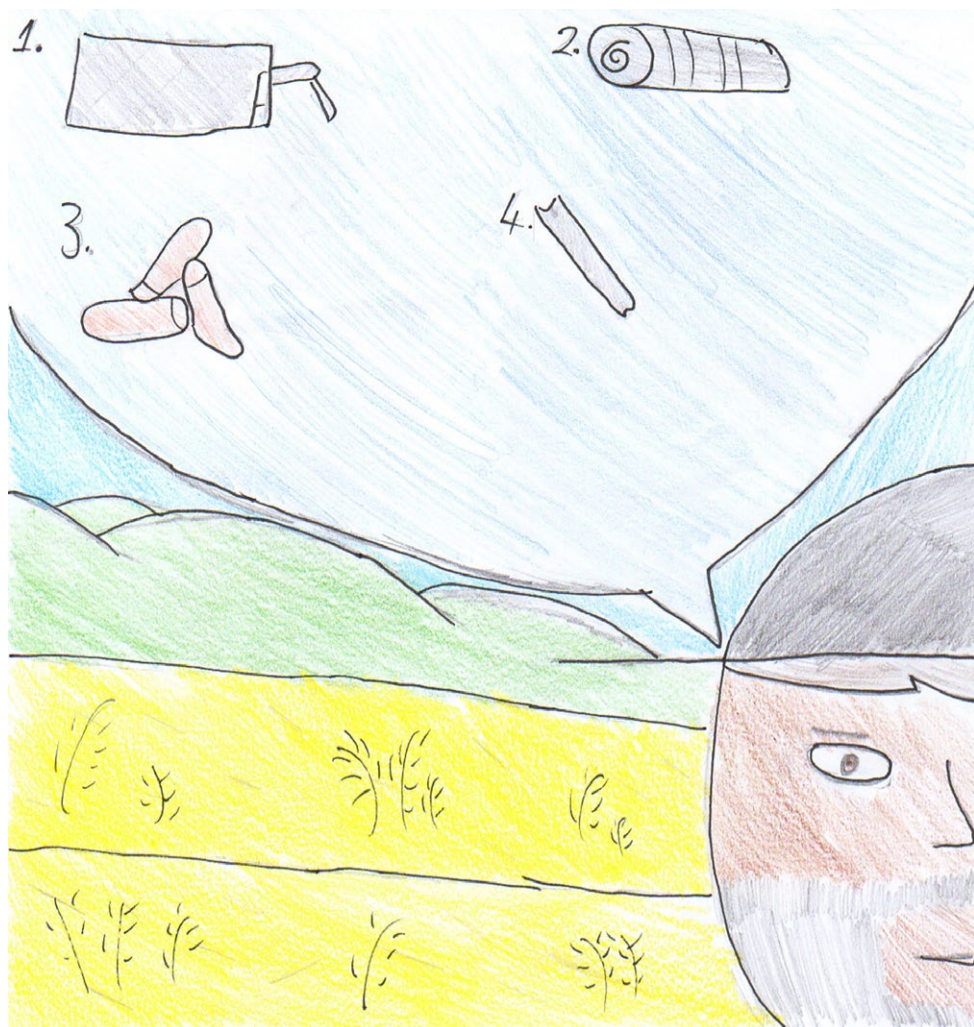
While Dave was working hard fixing the fence line, he made a list of things in his head that he would need to build his trap.

☒ One big cage

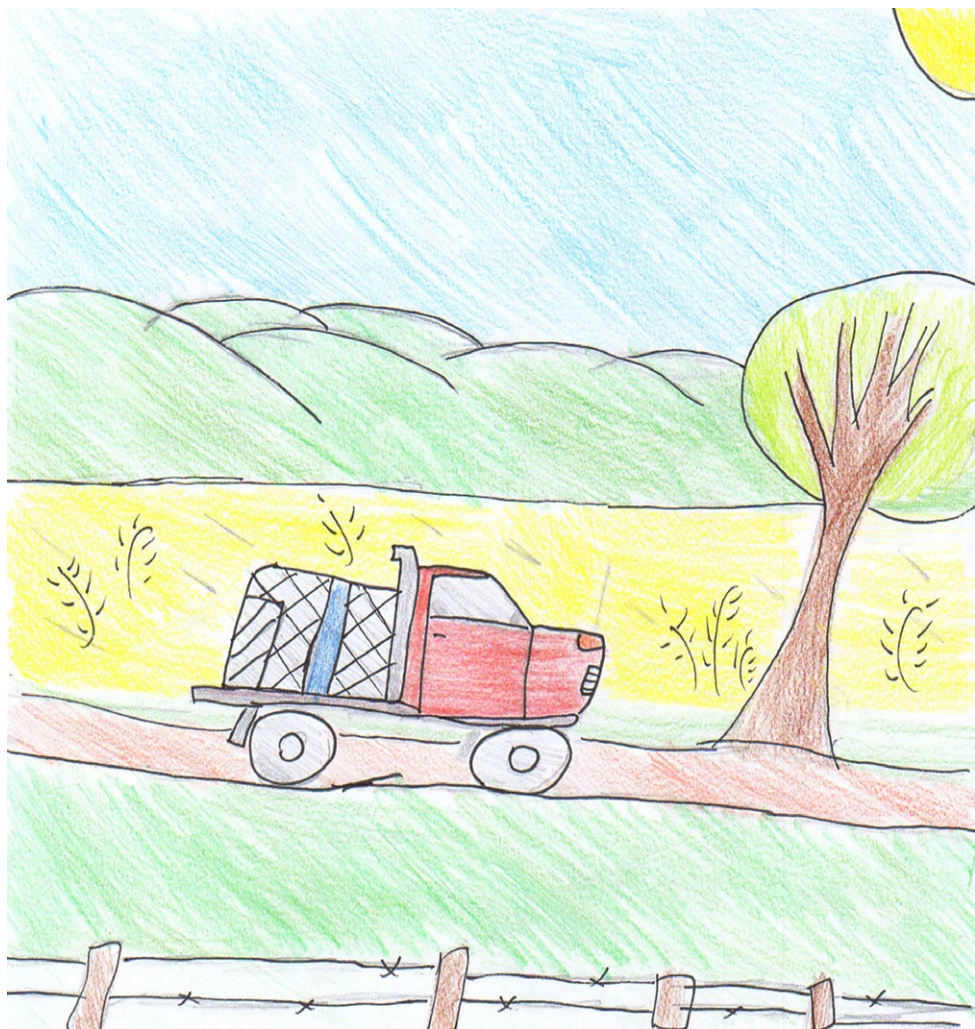
☒ An electric fence

☒ Bags of grain

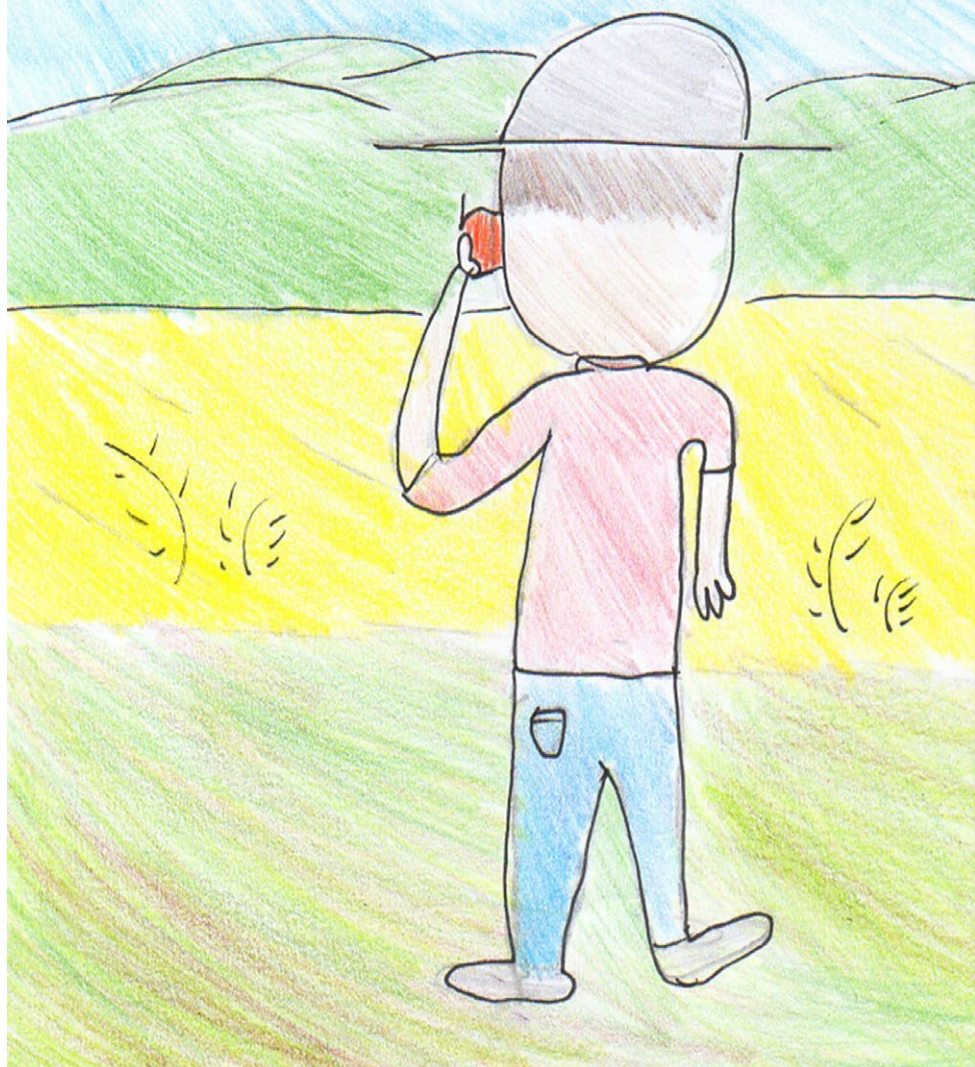
☒ A large metal pole

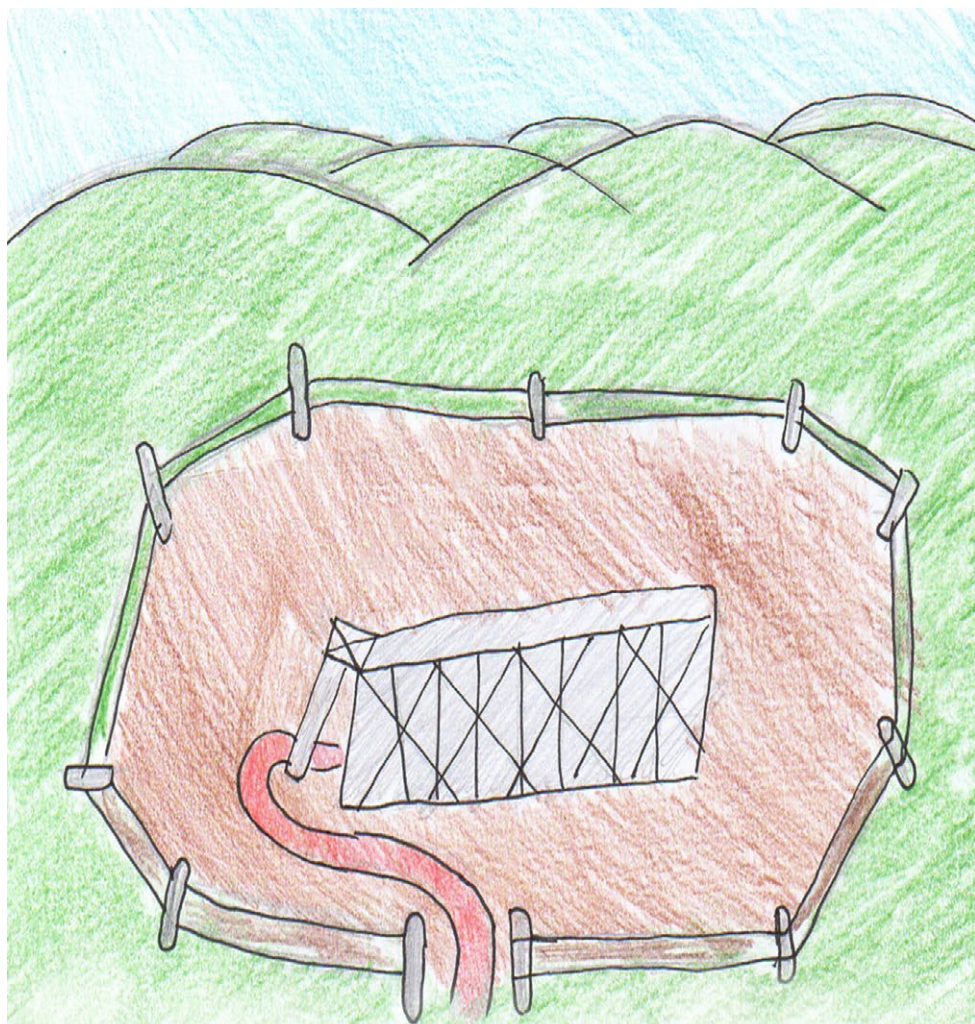


Dave drove to town to the farm supply store that he knew sold cages. He bought the biggest cage he could find. He also found the metal pole, grain and the exact type of electric fence he wanted. After loading everything into his truck he headed back to the farm.



The following morning Dave phoned his mates Jeff, Bob, Deano and Nic the hunter. He asked them to help him build a trap for the pesky razorback that was destroying his farm.

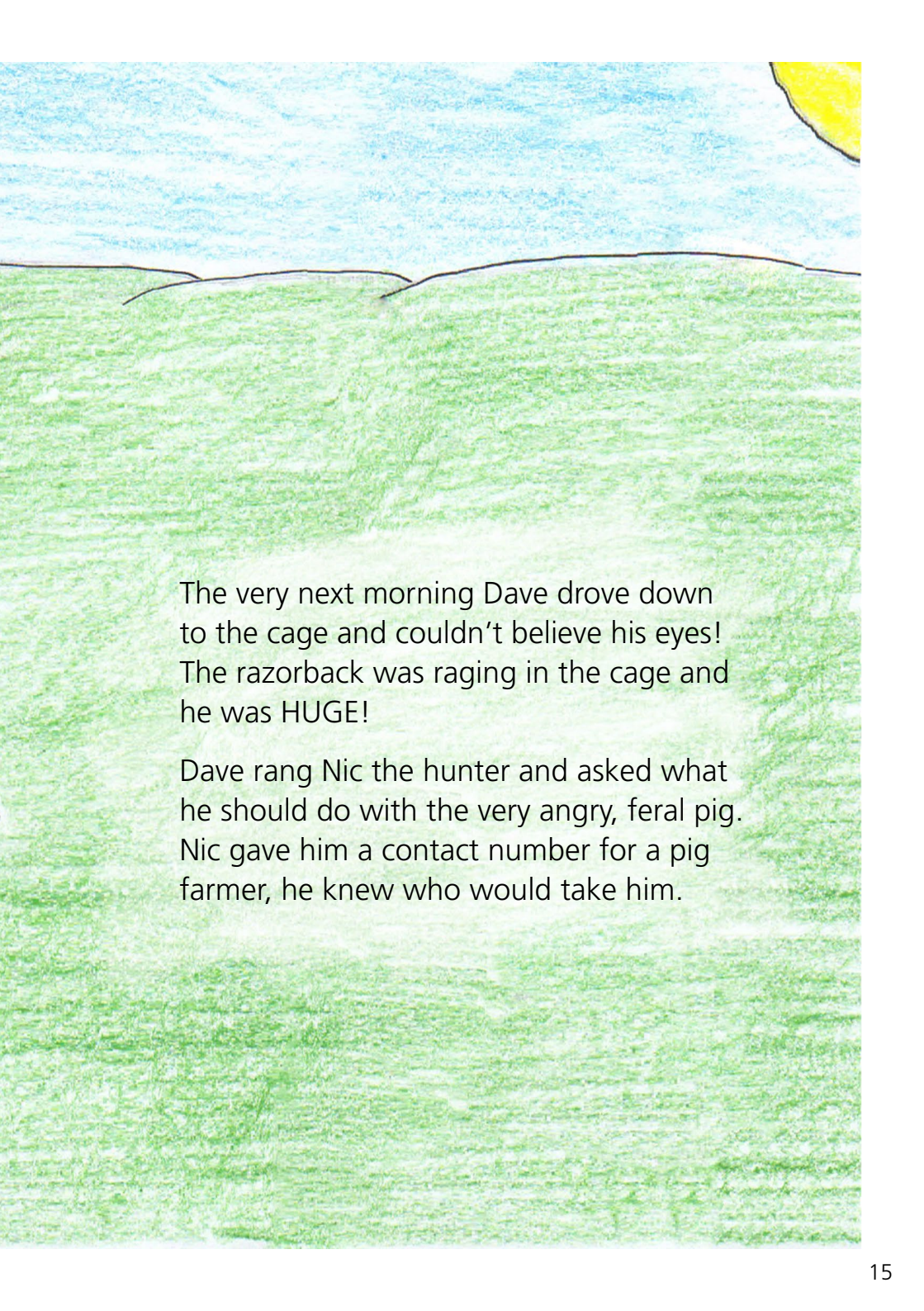




Dave and his mates worked hard all day. When the cage was finished all the men looked impressed with what they had built. They were sure that they would catch the razorback now.

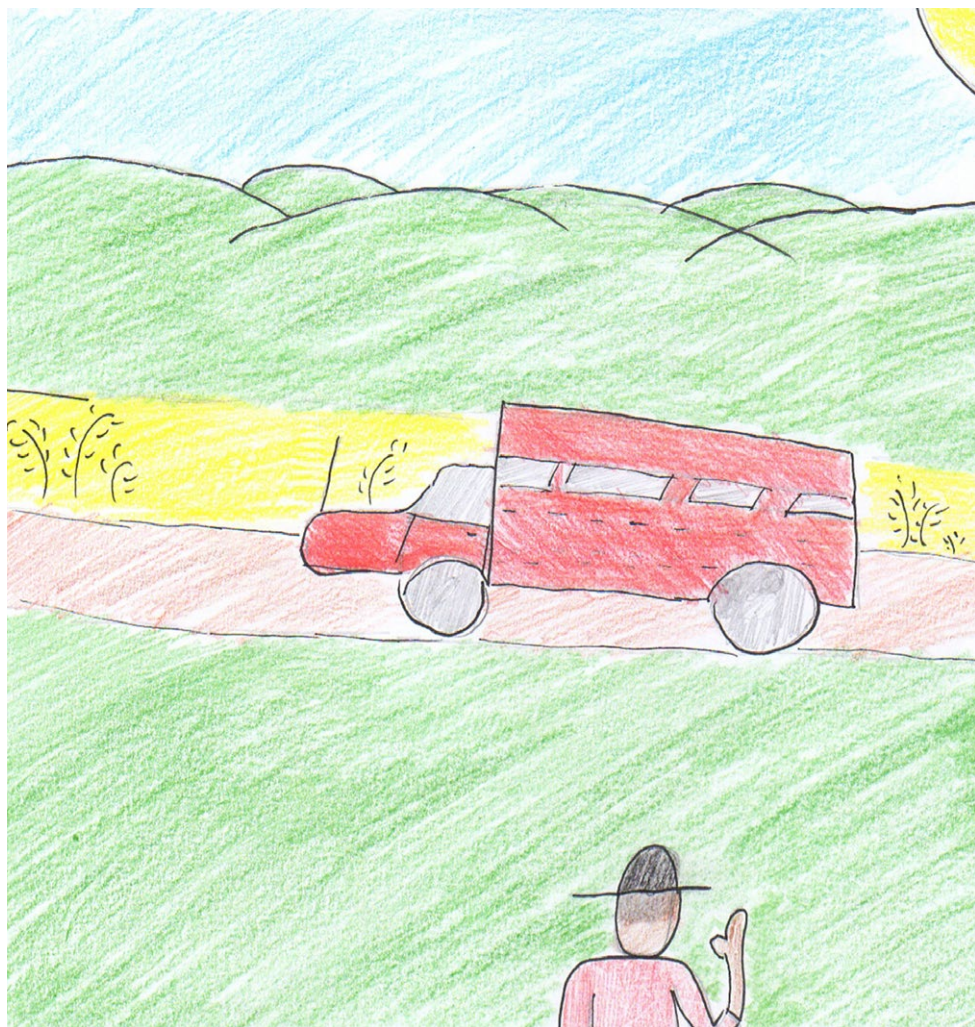






The very next morning Dave drove down to the cage and couldn't believe his eyes! The razorback was raging in the cage and he was HUGE!

Dave rang Nic the hunter and asked what he should do with the very angry, feral pig. Nic gave him a contact number for a pig farmer, he knew who would take him.



So he called the pig farmer and told him to bring a big cattle truck.

"I have a pre...pre...present for you," Dave stuttered excitedly!

Dave was extremely happy that he had gotten rid of the razorback from his farm.



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