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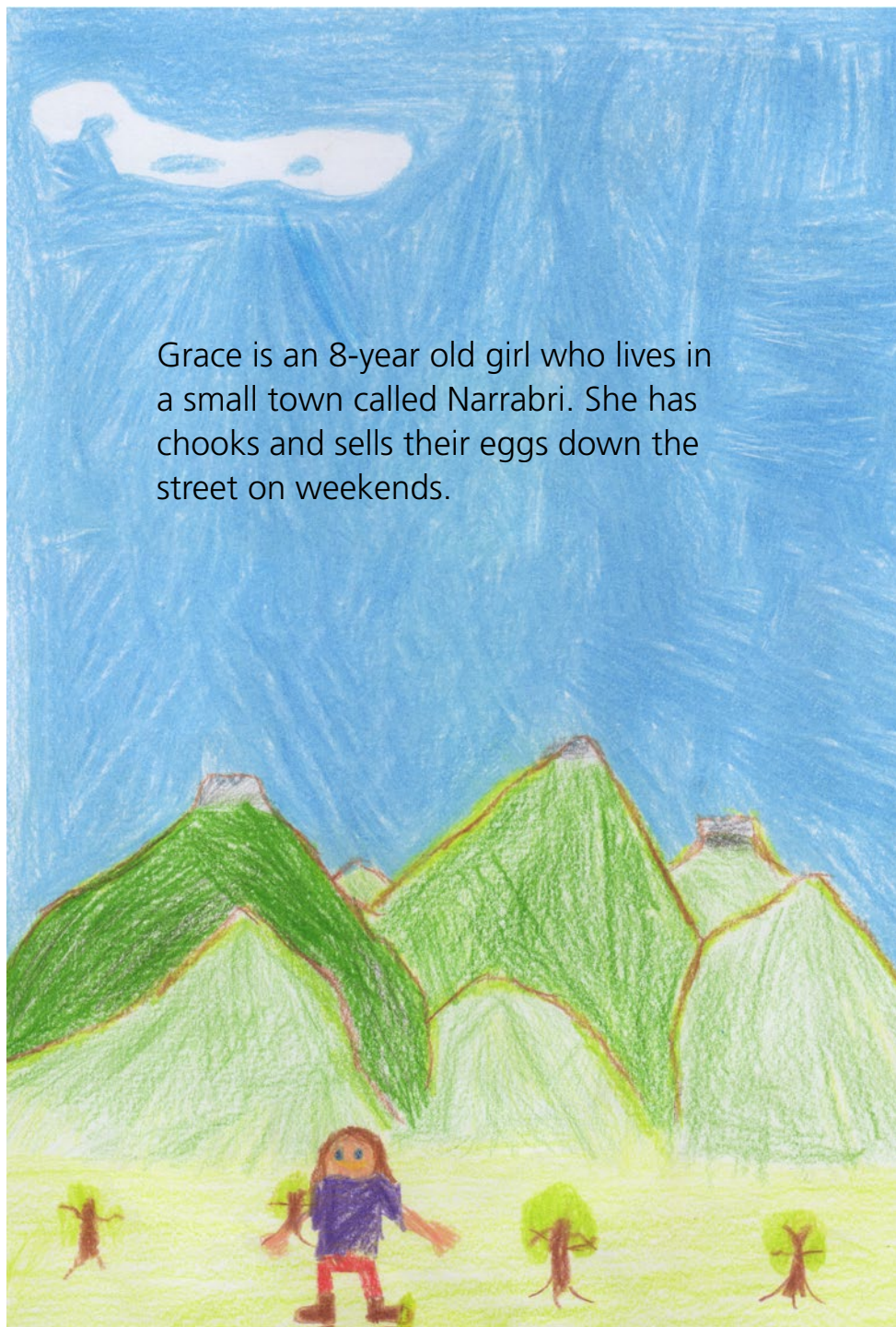
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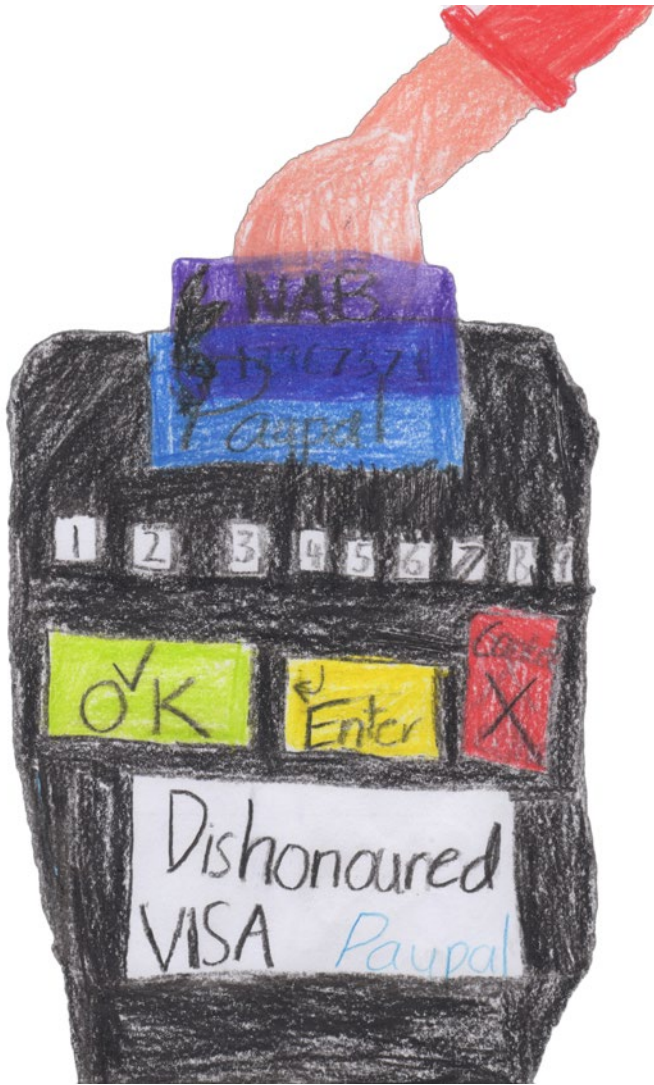
Grace is an 8-year old girl who lives in a small town called Narrabri. She has chooks and sells their eggs down the street on weekends.







One day Grace went shopping with her parents at the local supermarket. When they were checking out, Grace noticed a farmer at another checkout trying to pay for his groceries.



Grace remembered the farmer from her trips down the street to sell her eggs. He always bought a dozen, but today as he was trying to use his credit card and it kept dishonouring.

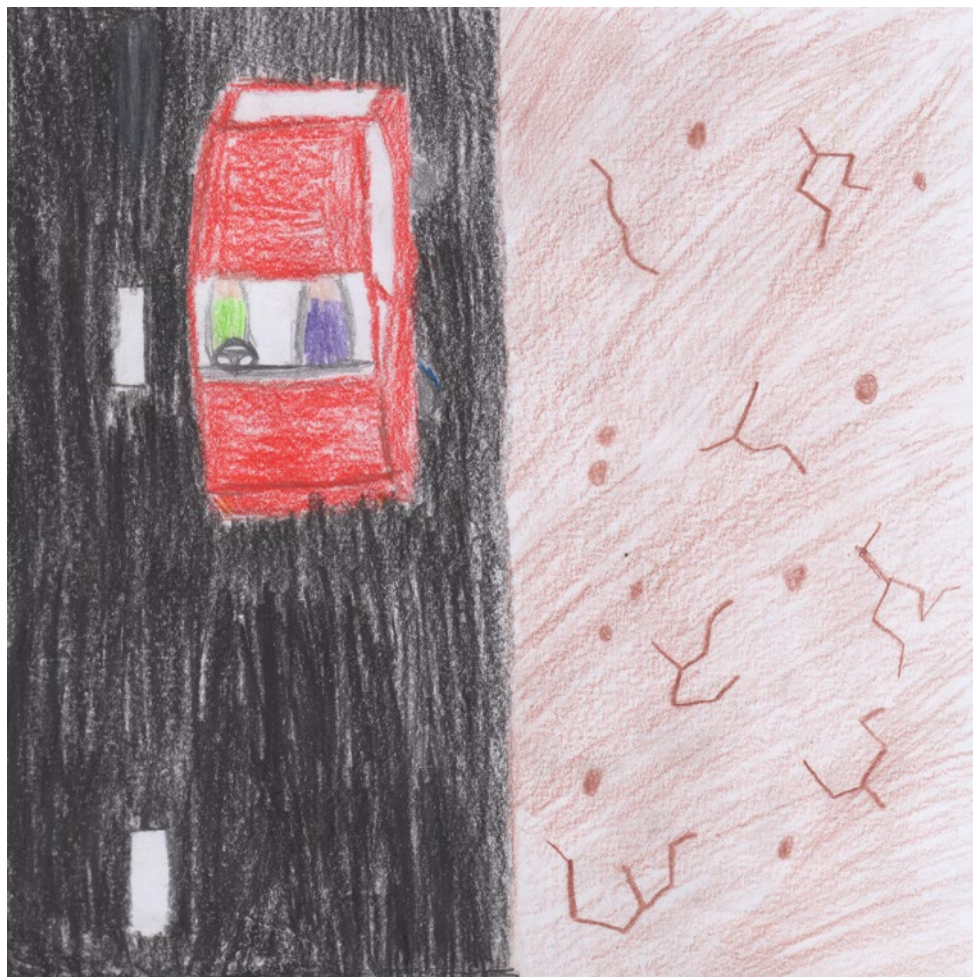


Grace asked her Mum why he couldn't pay for his groceries. Her mum told her that they'd talk about it in the car because it was a personal matter.



On the way home her mum told Grace why the man couldn't pay for his food.

"There is a bad drought affecting our community. His farm is suffering as there is not enough water to produce crops and raise livestock. This means he doesn't have much to sell and isn't able to make enough money."

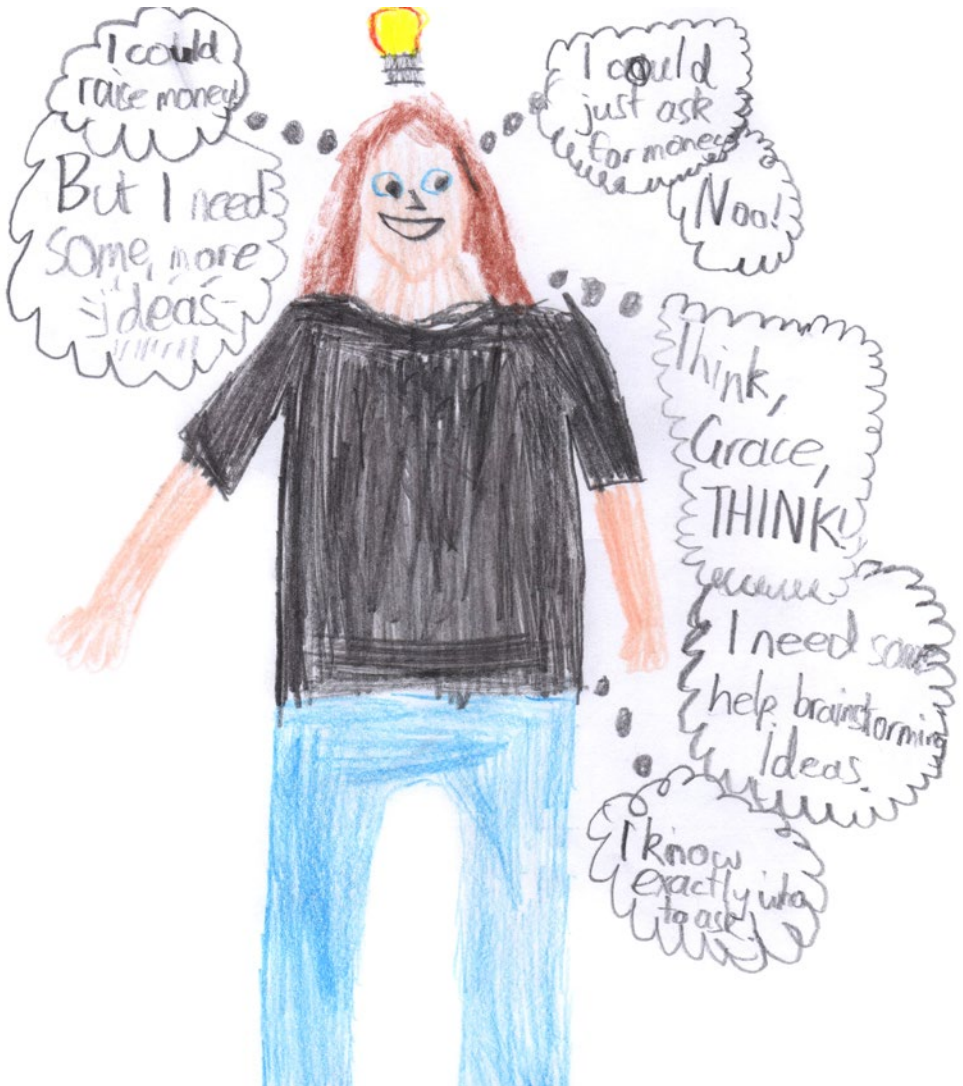




Grace asked her mum if there was anything people could do to help. She said that some people fundraise to help farmers in rural areas like them.



When they got home Grace decided she wanted to help fundraise for farmers to help them during the drought. She was going to need some help to brainstorm a couple of ideas.





Grace went to her father's study and asked him how they could make money to help farmers.

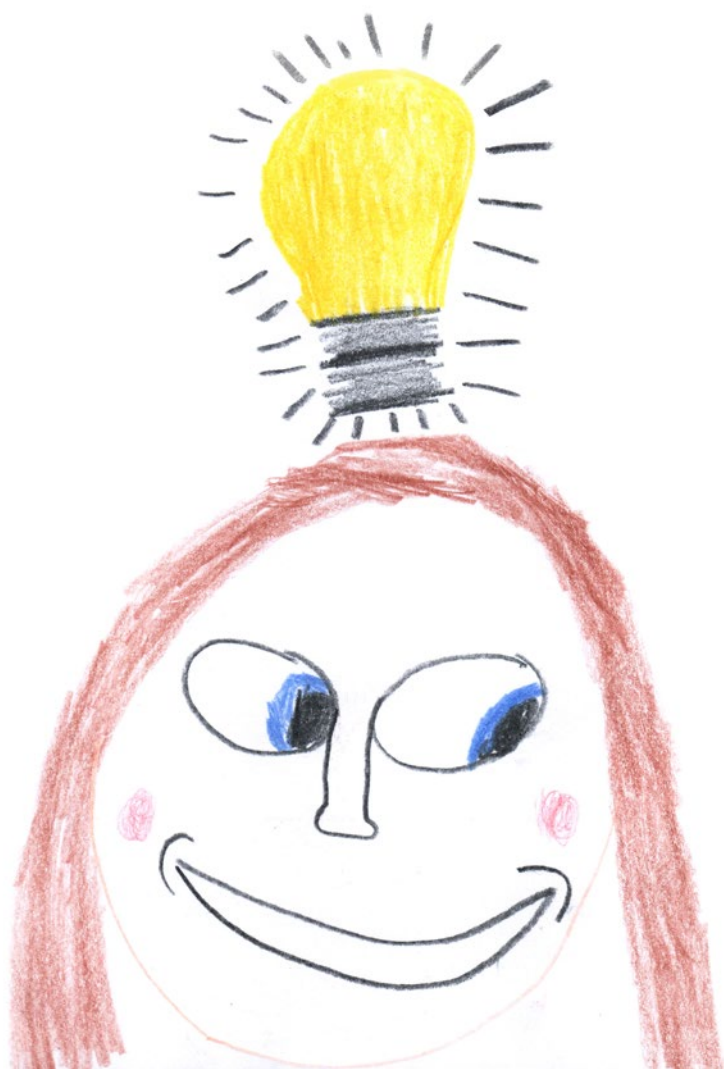
"Maybe we could sell something and donate the money raised to a local farmers' fundraiser," her dad suggested.



The next morning Grace went out to sell the eggs as usual, feeling gloomy because she hadn't found a way to help the farmer yet.



Then it came to her. The greatest idea in the history of ideas. Maybe she could use the money she got from her eggs to fundraise for farmers.

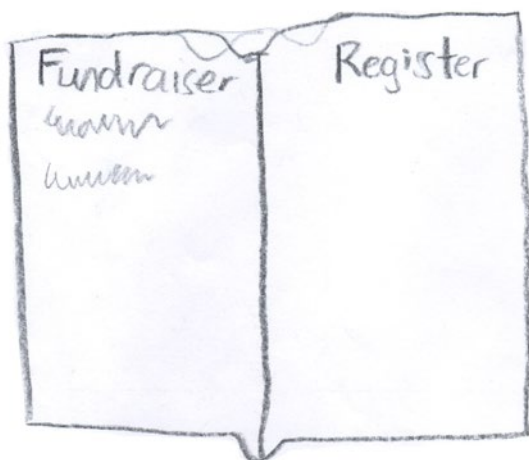


When Grace got home she drew a plan for her idea to help the farmers by selling her eggs. Once she was finished she showed her parents.





**EGGS FOR FARMERS**



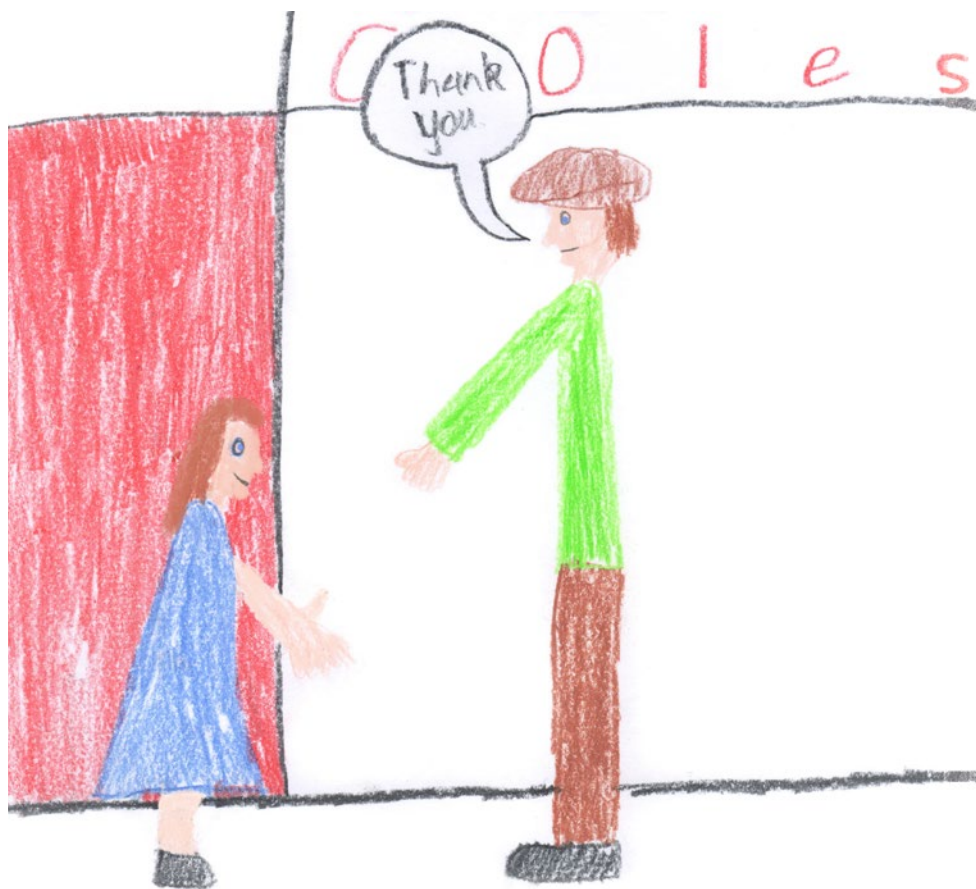
Together as a family, they contacted a local drought relief charity and told them they would like to sell eggs and donate the profits to help the farmers.

They made some signs to announce why Grace was selling eggs and who the money was going to.

Over the following weeks and months Grace went down the street every weekend to sell her eggs. She would tell anyone who stopped to listen that she was fundraising to help the farmers.

People were very supportive and would always stop to talk to Grace and buy her eggs. Some even made extra donations to support the cause.





Over time, Grace's great idea raised thousands of dollars to support drought relief.

Grace later came across the farmer that she'd seen in the supermarket. She told him that he was her inspiration for the fundraising idea. He was very grateful and cried as he told her that it was efforts like these throughout their community that helped farmers in hard times caused by the drought.



Three years later, Grace still fundraised to help farmers suffering through drought. People in other towns even joined in, selling their eggs and other produce to support Grace's fundraising efforts.

Grace's support of her community was even acknowledged nationwide when she received the Young Australian of the Year Award.

To this day, she still remembers that one farmer who gave her the inspiration for fundraising.







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