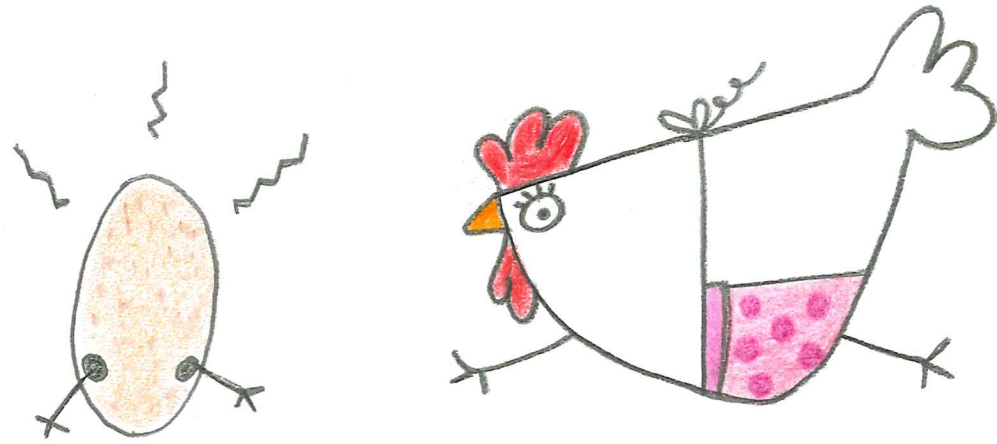


A Day on the Farm: The Missing Egg

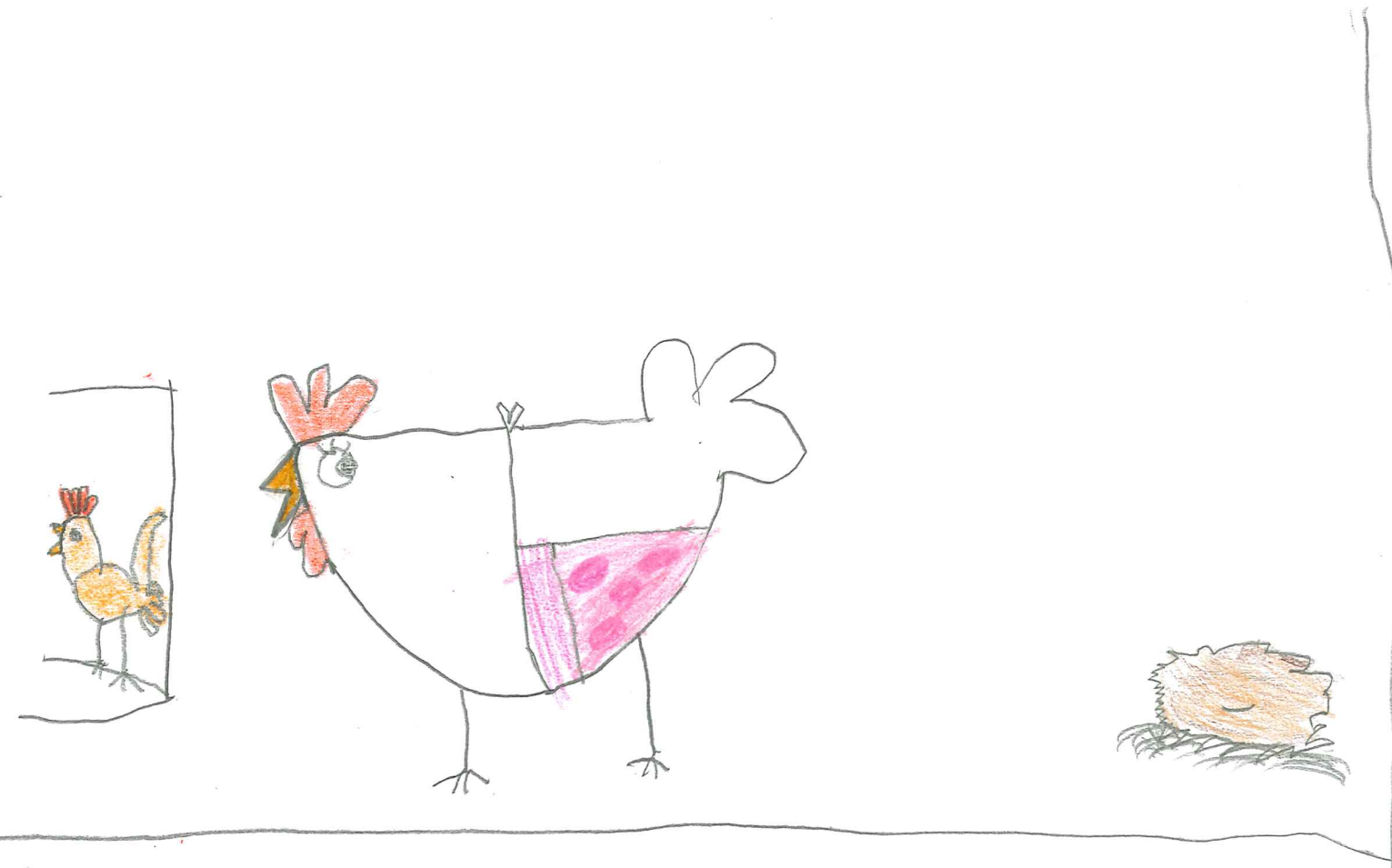


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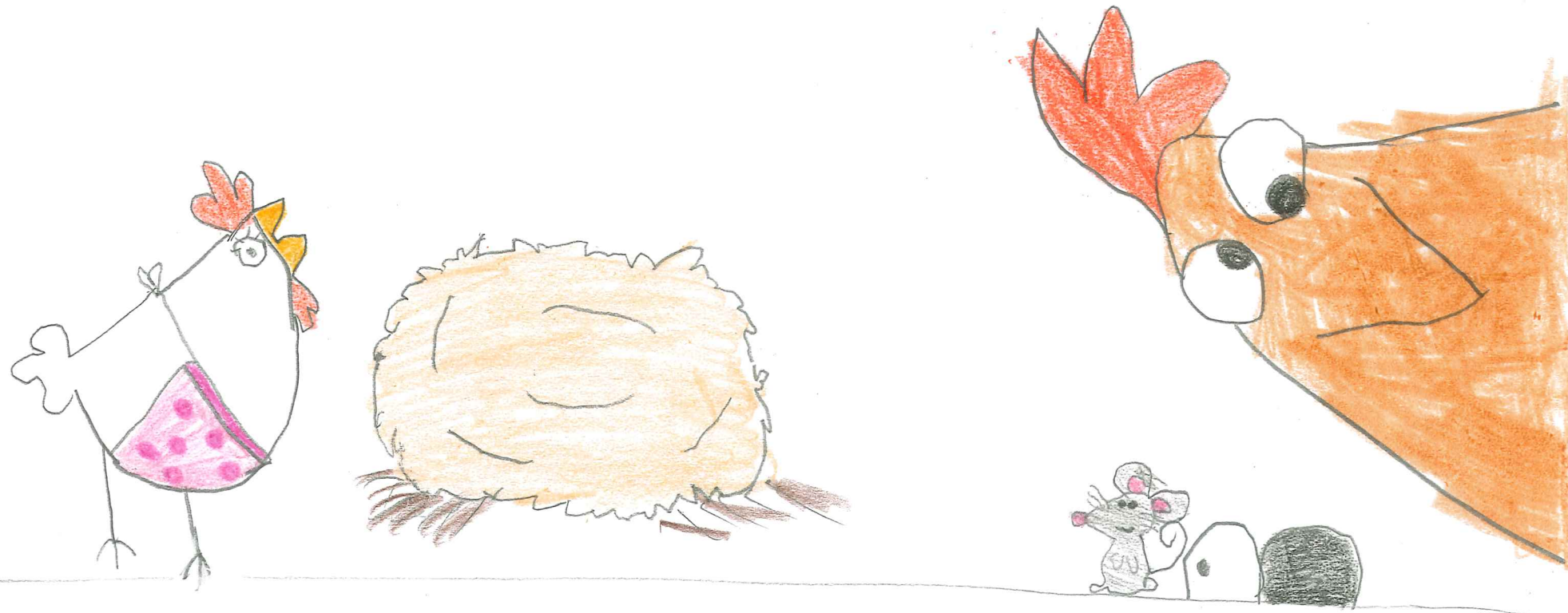


It was a perfect spring morning, or so Helen thought...

The fresh morning air filled the coop and the warm sunrise painted ombre colors of red, orange, and yellow across the farm.



Roo-Roo the coo-coo rooster was crowing...it's time to get up!
Helen, the mother hen, put on her pink, polka-dot apron and started for the run when, suddenly...
She realized something didn't feel right. Something was...different. Something was...MISSING!
"MY EGG!" Helen gasped in horror.



Helen quickly rushed over to her nest, carefully looking for her darling, brown-speckled egg.

"What are you cock-a-doodle-doing?" Asked Roo-Roo.

"My egg is m..m..MISSING!" Cried Helen.

Helen's panic woke Murphy the mouse.

"What's wrong, Helen?" She asked as she opened her tiny door located at the corner of the coop.

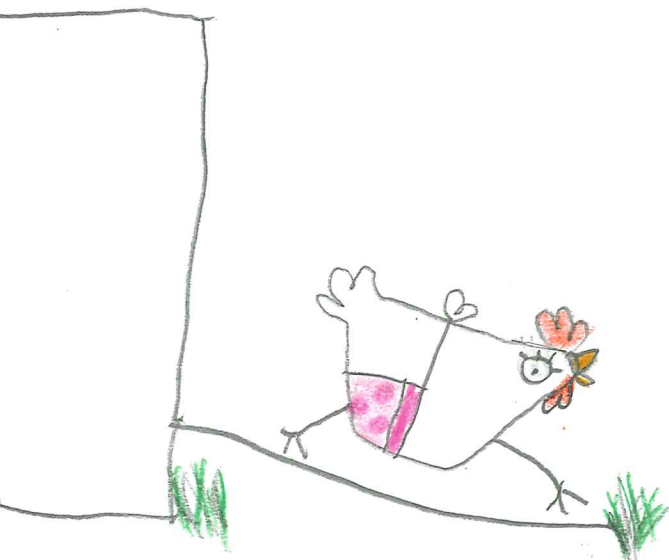
"My egg is missing! It was here last night and now IT'S GONE!" Helen explained.

"Well, it couldn't have gone far." Murphy said calmly.

Murphy began hunting for the missing egg all around the rest of the coop.

"It didn't just GET UP AND ROLL AWAY!" Helen exclaimed.

"...or did it?!" She thought.



Helen dashed out of the coop desperately in search for her missing egg.
"I know just the animal to ask for help!" Helen thought.
Billy G. Gumshoe, the farm's pet detective.



"DETECTIVE GUMSHOE!" Helen shouted at him from behind.

He jumped and fainted!

A few minutes later, Helen apologized for frightening him and asked for his help.
After Detective Gumshoe gets the description of the egg, he begins making missing egg posters to hang up around the farm.



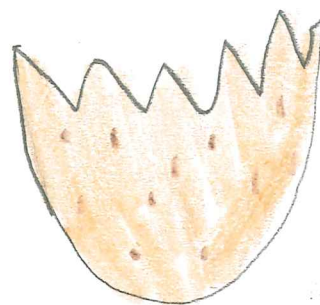
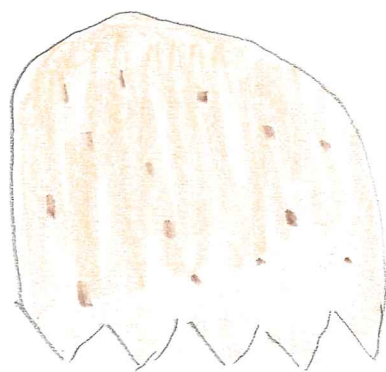
Helen asked Peaches the puppy, Chewy the cow, Blossom the bunny, Daphne, Delilah, and Daisy, the ducks, Tank the turtle, and Pistachio the pig...
but, nobody has seen her missing egg.



Feeling discouraged, Helen lays on a haystack and starts to cry.
Just then, she felt something wiggling inside.
A baby chick pops out!
"My missing.....BABY CHICK?!" Helen shouted, relieved with joy!



All of the farm animals gather around them.
"Welcome to the farm!" They all said, celebrating.



The end.