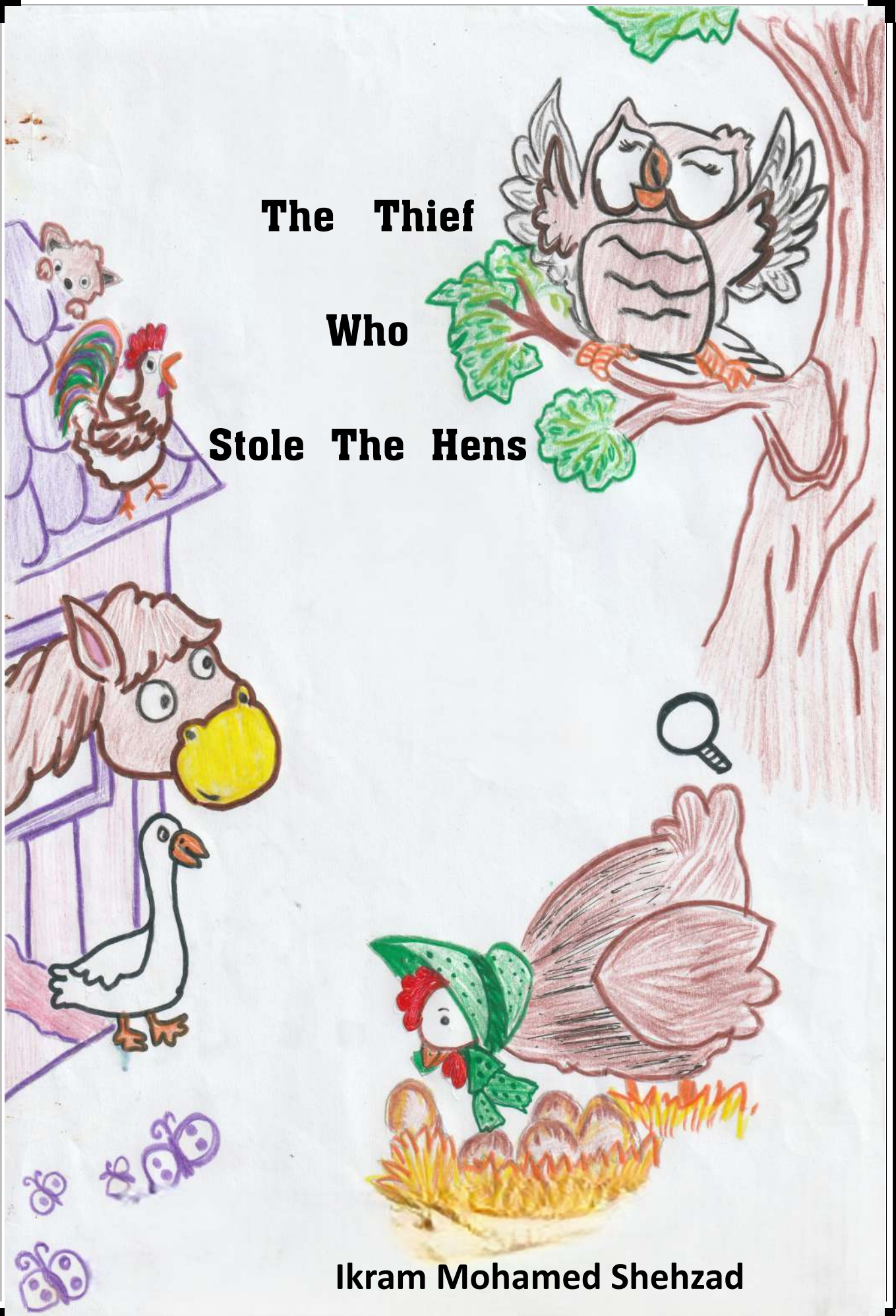


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Dedication

This book,

**Which I have compiled by hand, is dedicated to
my parents, brother, sister, teachers, friends and
to you, dear reader. Thank you for giving my
words a chance.**



Foreword

In an increasingly complex global future, the "Hemamala Upahara" book project, led by Mahamaya Girls' College, stands as a turning point in girls' education. Over a decade, it has successfully nurtured thousands of children to become young authors.

This year, by collaborating with other schools, we aimed to provide students with a wealth of new experiences. The goal was to develop multi-faceted skills, including communication, values, and creative growth. As a result, children have written books that pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic—the supreme symbol of the Buddhist world—to the Hill Country (Kandy).

I extend my gratitude to everyone involved, including the students who contributed their creativity and the teachers who guided them.

Shashikala Senadhira

Principal

Mahamaya Girls' College

Foreword

Principal's Message

I am pleased to extend my greetings on the occasion of this e-book project organised by Mahamaya Girls' College Kandy collaborating with our School Library Council.

This initiative reflects the creativity, critical thinking, and enthusiasm of our students. It is encouraging to see young minds engaging in reading, writing, and sharing knowledge through modern digital platforms.

My sincere appreciation goes to the Librarian, Library Council, teachers, and students whose efforts made this publication possible. May this project inspire a continued love for learning and discovery.

A special word of thank you to Mr. Seneviratne Mahalekam for his continuous guidance given to our teachers and students.

Wishing you every success.

Dr. Lalith Navaratne

Principal

Greenhill international school Kandy

Congratulatory Message

It is a great honor for me, as the Governor of the Central Province, to send a congratulatory message for the launch of the books created through the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project initiated by Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy.

Education is the fundamental foundation for the progress of society, and it is further strengthened through books and literary creations. It is clearly commendable that students' talents, creativity, and intellectual abilities are emerging through projects such as this.

I believe that this book creation project will provide valuable knowledge and a precious literary contribution not only to the students but to the entire society. Furthermore, I hope that through such efforts, future writers who will bring pride to Sri Lanka will emerge.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation and blessings to the Principal, the academic staff, the students, and everyone involved who dedicated themselves to this successful endeavor. I wish this project and the book launch ceremony great success.

Sarath B.S. Abeykoon

Governor, Central Province

Emeritus Professor, University of Peradeniya

2026-05-10

Congratulatory Message

I highly appreciate the noble and outstanding effort of the Principal and the academic staff of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, the student daughters, the students of other participating schools, and everyone who dedicated themselves to plan and implement this book publication project. The project was organized under the leadership of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, with the participation of other schools in the Kandy Zone, with the aim of encouraging children toward book creation within the current school system, as a tribute to Hemamala Kumariya who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic to Sri Lanka.

For several decades, Sri Lanka has been committed to providing free, compulsory, quality, and equitable education to all children, thereby producing a future generation of intelligent and skilled citizens. In such a context, this book creation program for school children helps develop creative ability, critical thinking, and other positive qualities for a balanced and well-rounded personality, and contributes to building a future knowledge-based society.

May all activities of the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project be successful through the blessings of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Pradeep Nilanga Dela

Diyawadana Nilame,

Sri Dalada Maligawa.

2026.05.10.

Once upon a time, there was a large farm owned by a farmer named Tim.



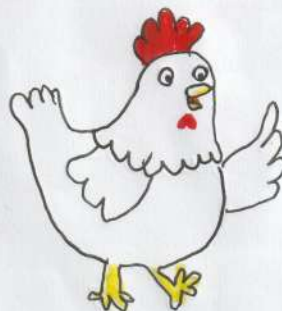
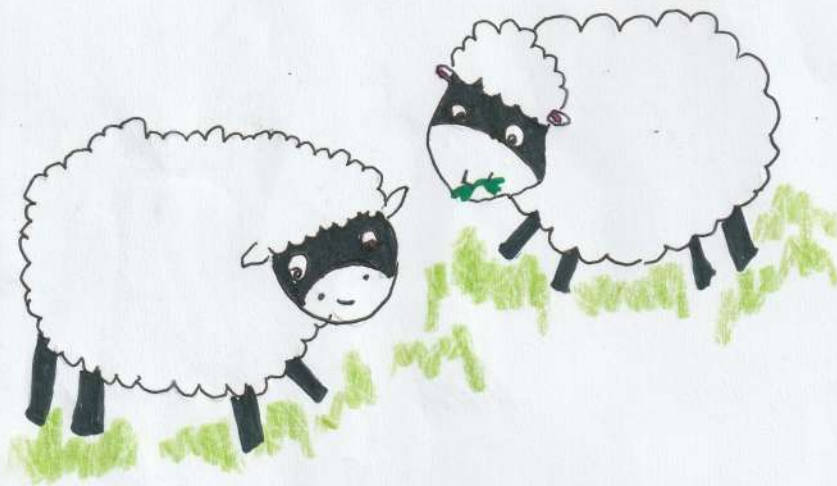
**The farm had a lot of animals like cows,
sheep, horses etc.**

The most common on the

Farm are hens.



One day, a fox was very hungry and went to Tim's farm nearby, Caught a to hen and ate it.



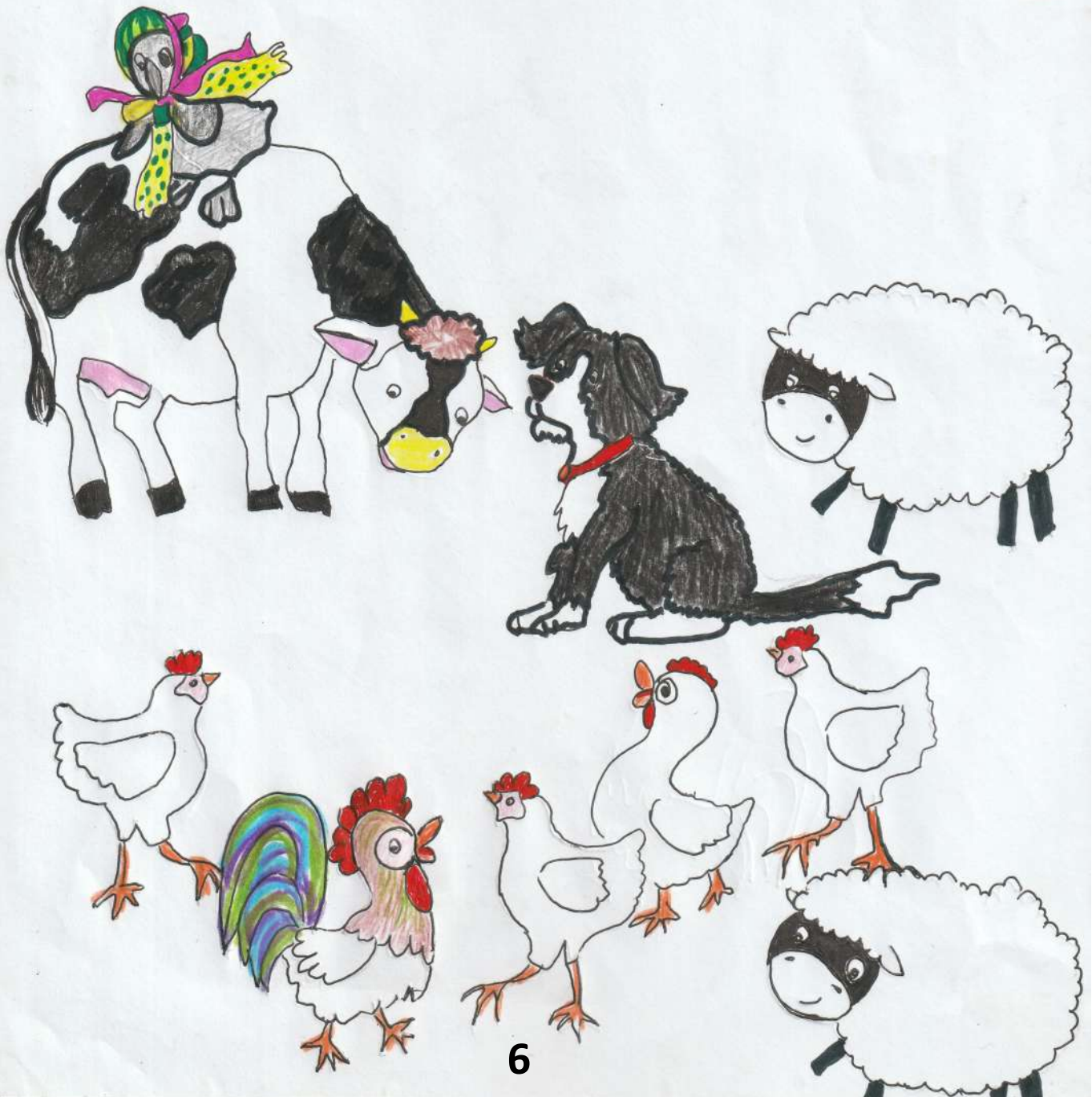
This was the easiest way to hunt without getting tired, so he got into the habit of going to the Farm every day to catch a hen.



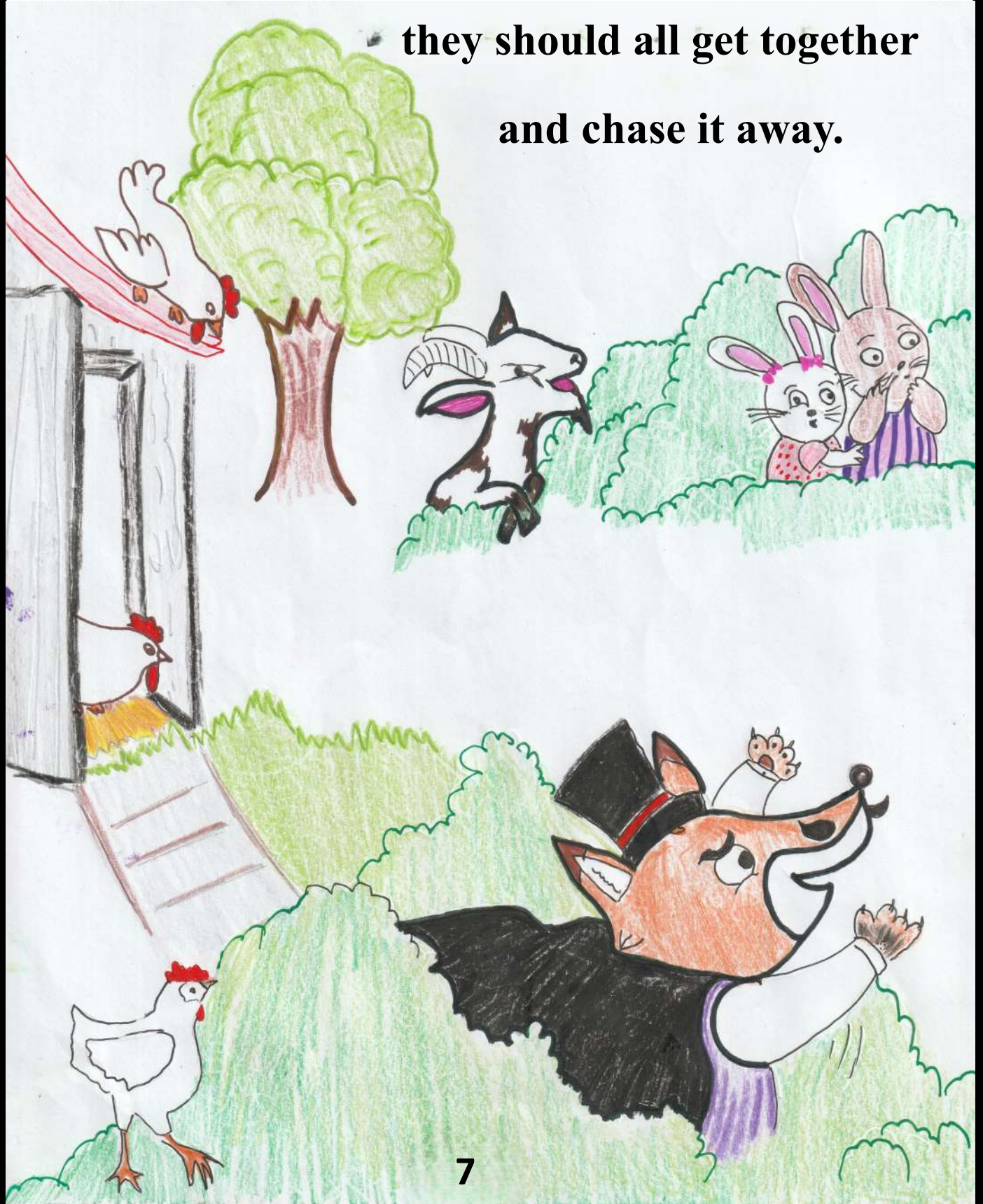
The animals, sensing that the number of hens was gradually decreasing, called a meeting to discuss the matter.



The animals on the farm
discovered that a fox was
responsible for this.

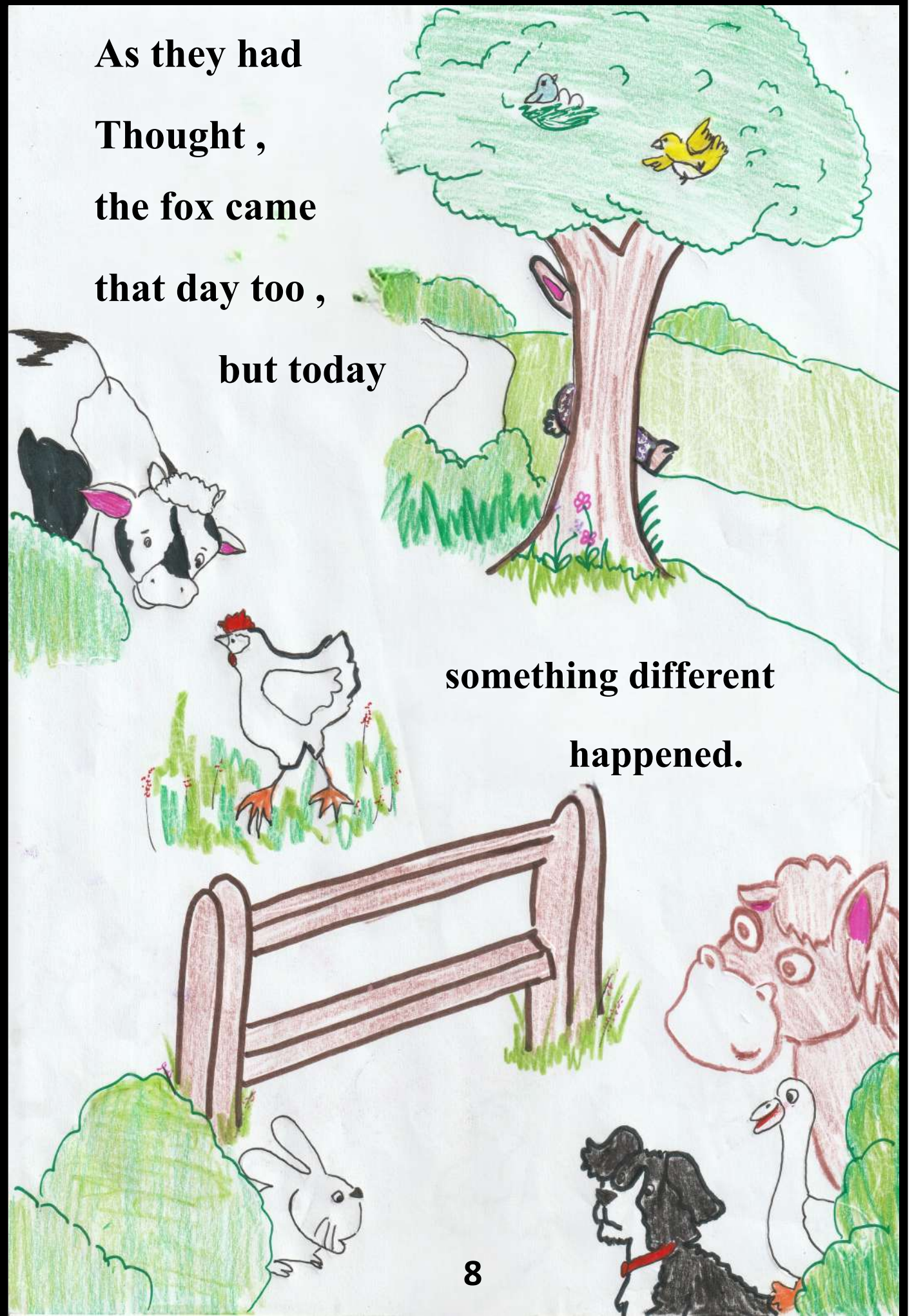


**They decided that instead of
being afraid if the fox Came back,
they should all get together
and chase it away.**



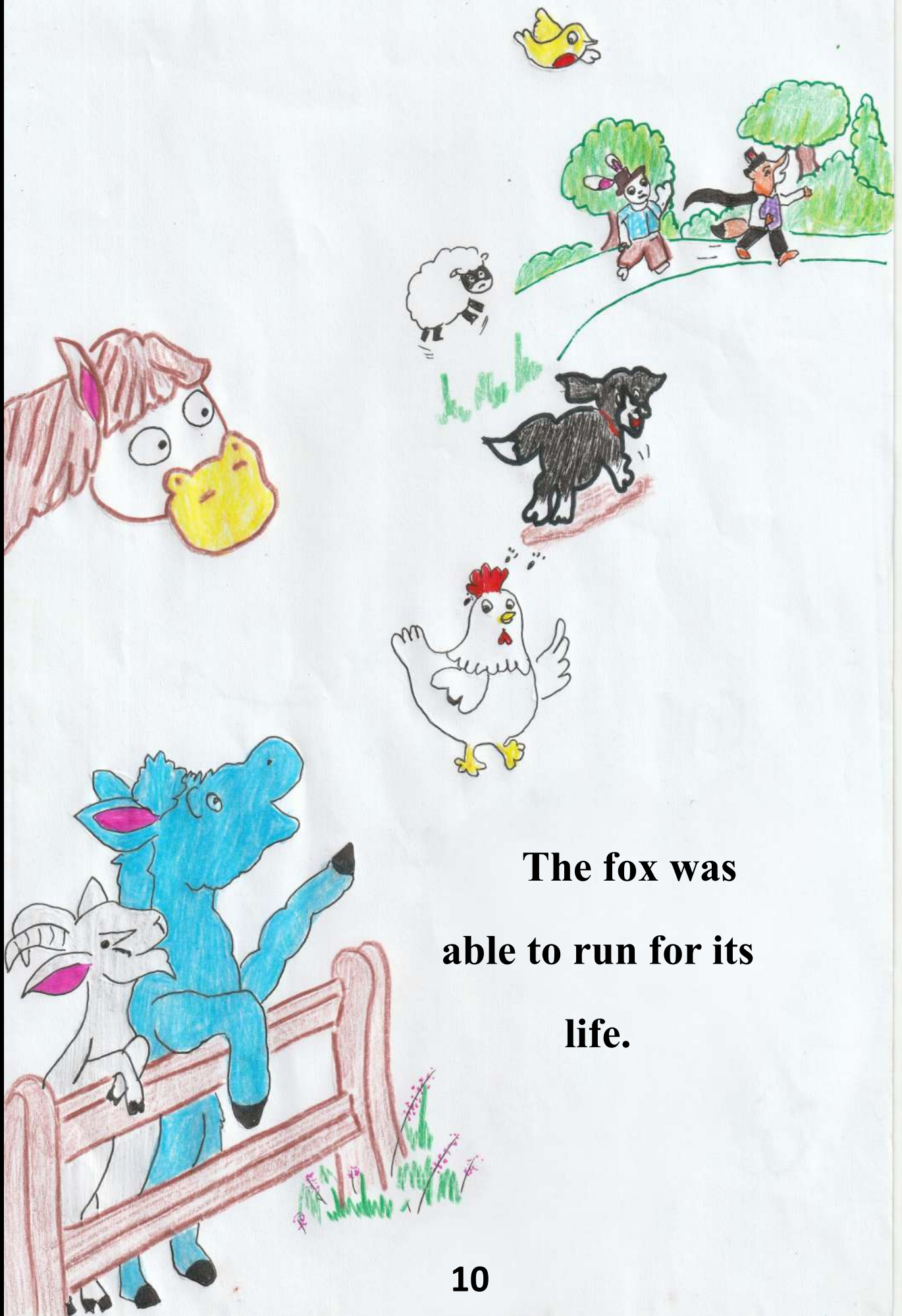
**As they had
Thought ,
the fox came
that day too ,
but today**

**something different
happened.**



**All the animals on the farm got
together and chased away
the fox.**





**The fox was
able to run for its
life.**

**The fox , who saved his life,
never returned to the farm.
So the farm was a happy place
as usual.**



The moral

Unity is power





Afterword

With the approval of the Ministry of Education, this research-based project has empowered thousands of student authors for over ten years. Educationists recognize it as a program that significantly enhances the quality of school education.

In alignment with modern educational reforms, encouraging students to author a research work is a milestone in this journey. In this digital age of "Smart" technology, the modern school must demonstrate through research that books and technology should be used together. This is because the unique joy a child receives from a book cannot be replaced by anything else.

To prevent children from drifting away from books—which remain our primary educational tool and storehouse of human knowledge—Mahamaya Girls' College has spearheaded the "Hemamala Upahara" project for many years. Its primary objectives are to foster academic discipline, promote values, and pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who fulfilled a historic mission to empower women.

We express our gratitude to the Principal, teachers, parents, alumni of Mahamaya Girls' College, representatives of other schools, the Diyawadana Nilame, and the staff of the Sri Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic) for their support.

**Seneviratne Mahalekam
(Project Creator)**

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