

All four of the chickens in the coop have lovely eggs.

They sit on them to keep them warm and safe . . .





... through
freezing nights,



and heavy rains,



and wild winds.



But the cold weather
soon passes,

and the eggs
begin to hatch.



First Philomena's egg cracks open—
and out hops a magnificent chick.

She is a big, strong chick.



Philomena is very proud.

She'll be an
athlete, just like
her father!



The next to hatch is Karen's egg.

Her chick finds a stick of charcoal and he draws a lovely picture on the coop wall.



Karen is thrilled.

I think we
have an artist
in the family!

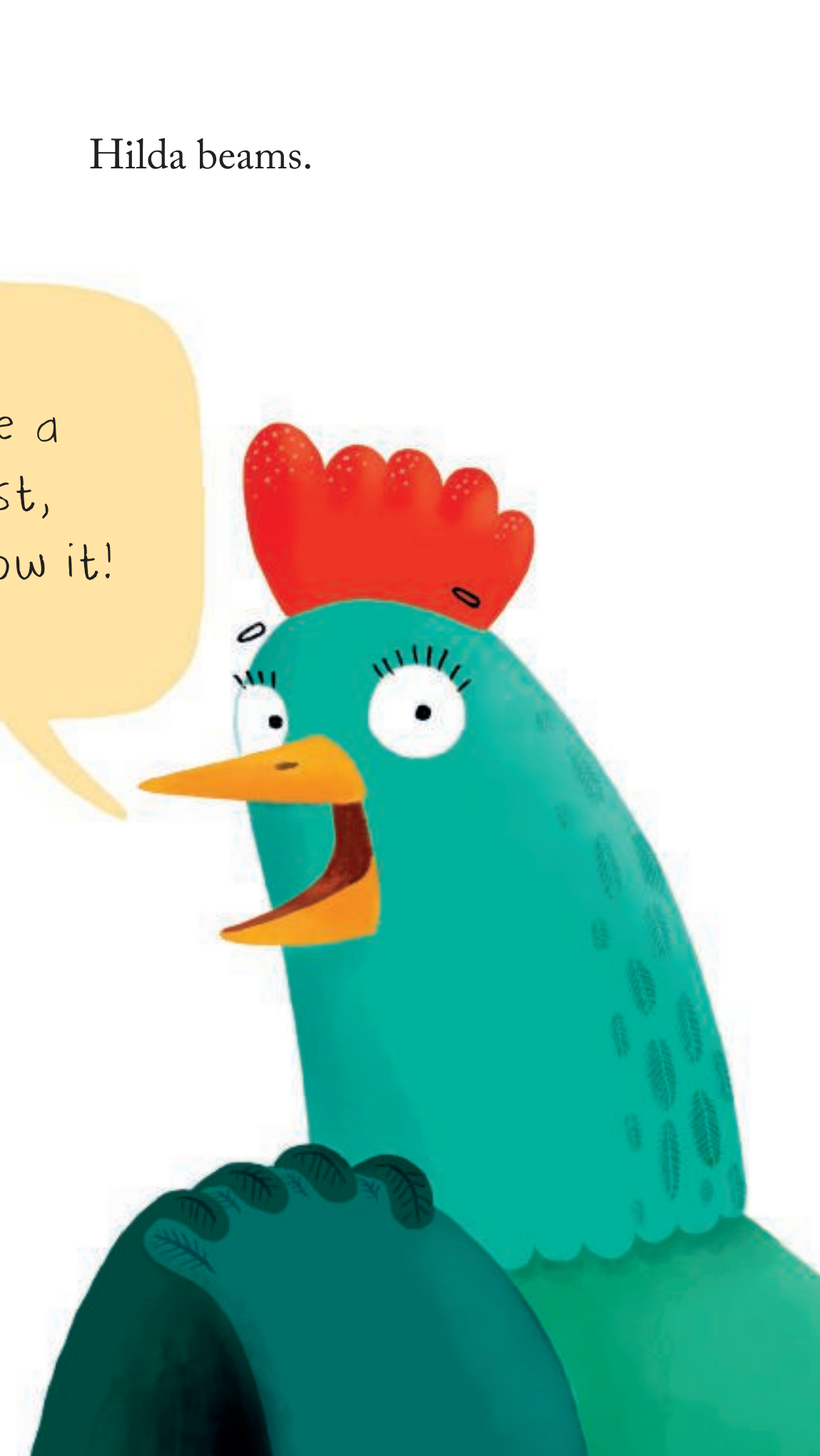
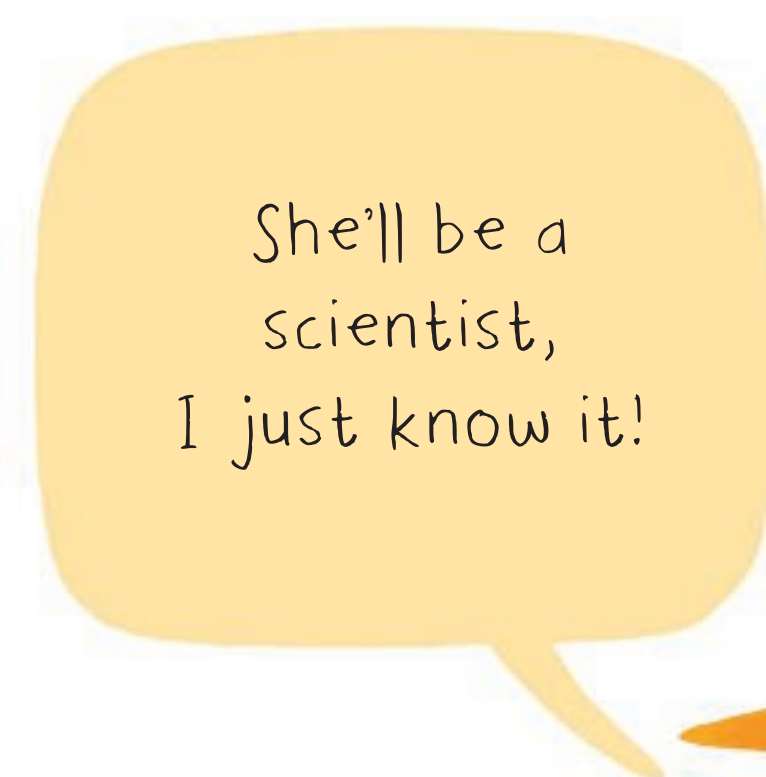




Then comes Hilda's chick.

From the moment she emerges from her shell, it is obvious that she's very smart.

Hilda beams.



She'll be a
scientist,
I just know it!



And lastly Barbara's egg hatches.
And out hops . . . well, just a chick.

A small, fluffy chick.

