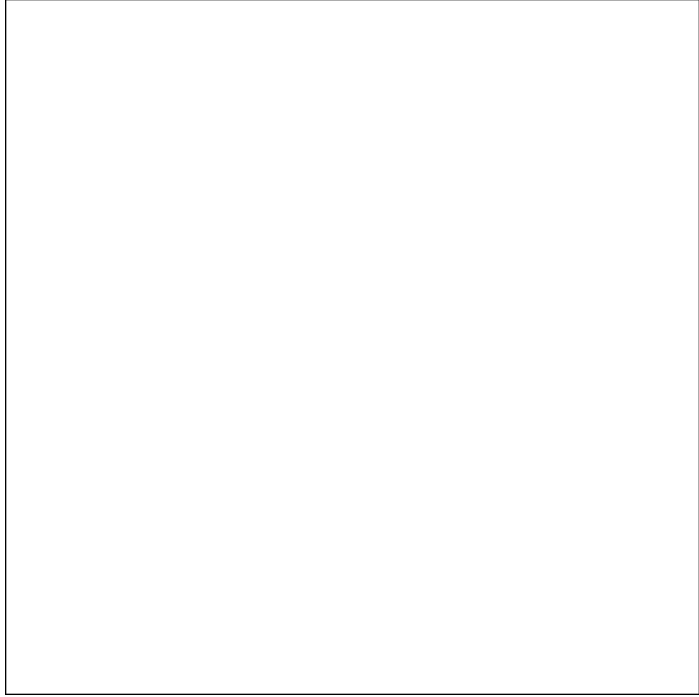




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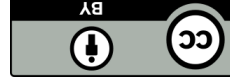
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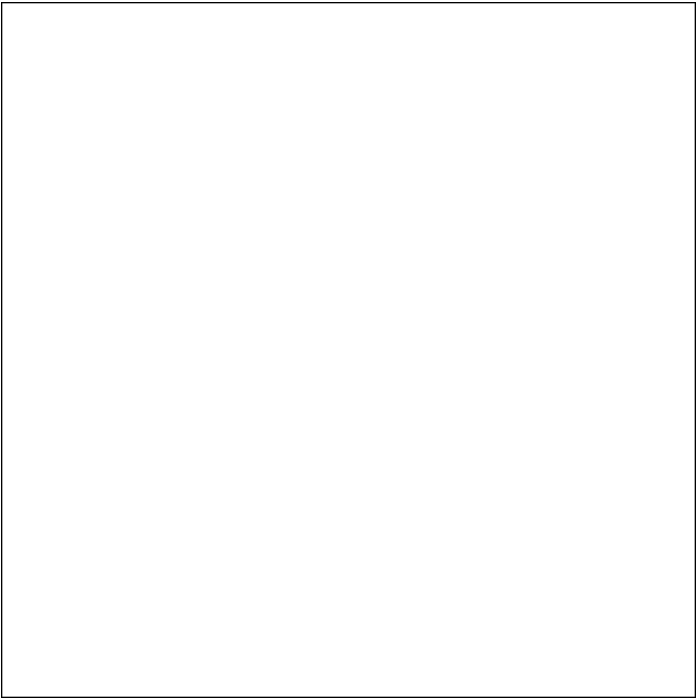


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Chicken and Millipede were friends. But they were always competing with each other. One day they decided to play football to see who the best player was.

They went to the football field and started their game. Chicken was fast, but Millipede was faster. Chicken kicked far, but Millipede kicked further. Chicken started to feel grumpy.

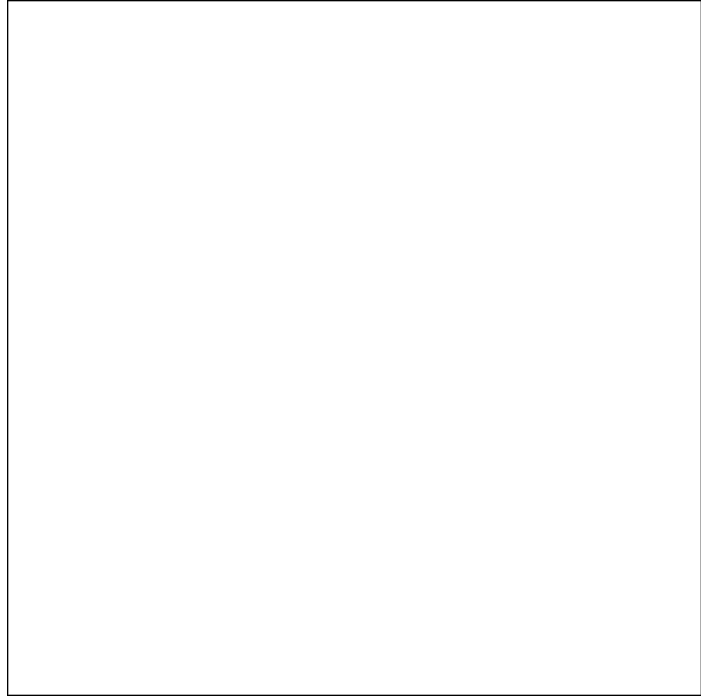




They decided to play a penalty shoot-out. First Millipede was goal keeper. Chicken scored only one goal. Then it was the chicken's turn to defend the goal.



From that time, chickens and millipedes were enemies.



Millipede kicked the ball and scored.  
Millipede dribbled the ball and scored.  
Millipede headed the ball and scored.  
Millipede scored five goals.



Chicken coughed until she coughed out the  
millipede that was in her stomach. Mother  
Millipede and her child crawled up a tree to  
hide.

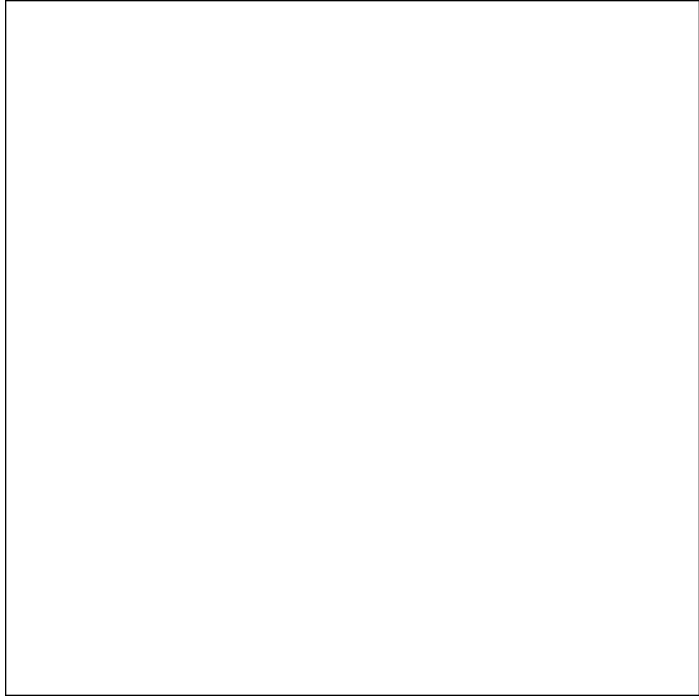


Chicken was furious that she lost. She was a very bad loser. Millipede started laughing because his friend was making such a fuss.

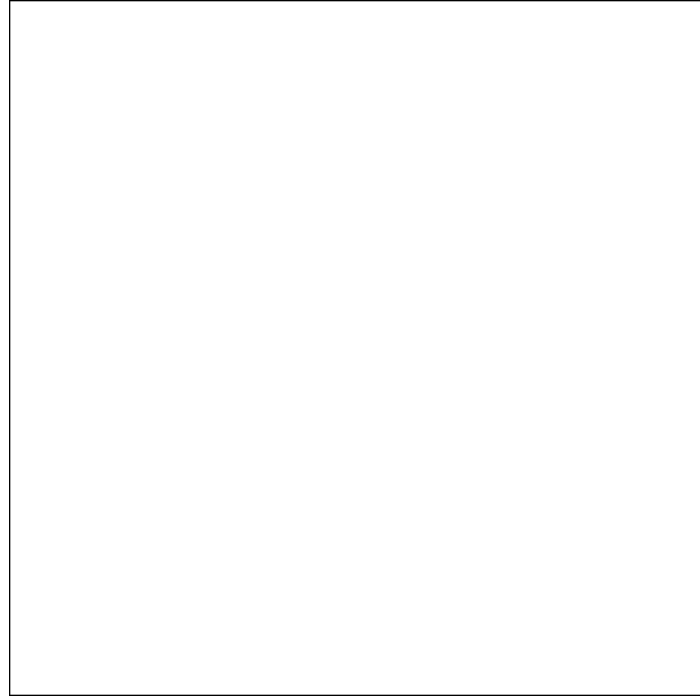


Chicken burped. Then she swallowed and spat. Then she sneezed and coughed. And coughed. The millipede was disgusting!

Chicken was so angry that she opened her beak wide and swallowed the millipede.



Mother Millipede shouted, "Use your special power my child!" Millipedes can make a bad smell and a terrible taste. Chicken began to feel ill.





As Chicken was walking home, she met Mother Millipede. Mother Millipede asked, "Have you seen my child?" Chicken didn't say anything. Mother Millipede was worried.



Then Mother Millipede heard a tiny voice. "Help me mom!" cried the voice. Mother Millipede looked around and listened carefully. The voice came from inside the chicken.