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READER 1: Not too long ago, in the farmlands of Ontario, there lived a farmer

(FARMER SMILES AND WAVES TO AUDIENCE).

5/FARMER: "Howdy folks!"

READER 1: who owned an extremely intelligent hen.

(ALL READERS FLAP ELBOWS AS THEY SAY THE FOLLOWING):

ALL: "CLUCK CLUCK CLUCK!"

READER 2: One day, the farmer said to the hen,

5/FARMER: "I am tired of farming! My wife and I would like to retire, but we can't afford it. You have always been an extremely intelligent hen. Fly away and bring us some money – lots of money!"

(ALL READERS FLAP ELBOWS THROUGHOUT NEXT PARAGRAPH. STOP WHEN READER FINISHES THE WORDS "MINISTER OF FINANCE").

READER 3: So off flew the hen. And, being an extremely intelligent hen, she knew just where to look for money in Ontario. She flew directly to the office of the Minister of Finance.

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READER 2: The hen flapped her way through the Minister's window and perched herself on the edge of the Minister's large rosewood desk. Then the hen began to sing,

(ALL READERS FLAP ELBOWS AND RECITE FOLLOWING TOGETHER):

ALL: CLUCK CLUCK CLUCK
CLUCK CLUCK CLUCK
THE MINISTER IS A LAZY DUCK
AND HE KNOWS HOW TO PASS THE BUCK!

(FLAPPING STOPS).

READER 3: Needless to say, the Minister was furious. He threw his pen at the hen. Then he called out,

(MINISTER ANGRILY SHAKES FINGER AT AUDIENCE).

4/MINISTER: "How dare you slander my name and my good reputation?"

READER 1: The Minister called for the security guards who guarded his building.

(MINISTER SHAKES FIST IN AIR. GESTURES OUT AND OVER AUDIENCE MEMBERS HEADS TO INDICATE THE PENNY PLACE. HE POUNDS HIS FIST ON HIS KNEE).

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4/MINISTER: "Guards! Guards! Take this silly hen to the mint and lock her in the PENNY PLACE where the government keeps all its pennies. I never want to see that hen again!"

READER 2: The security guards did as they were told and locked the hen in a large room which was filled, wall to wall, with Canadian pennies.

READER 3: Now, the hen was hungry. So she began to peck away at the Canadian pennies. Soon she had gobbled them all up. The room was bare.

READER 5: And the hen, being an extremely intelligent hen, escaped through an open window. She then flew right back to the minister's rosewood desk, perched herself on the edge, and began to sing,

(ALL READERS FLAP ELBOWS AND RECITE FOLLOWING TOGETHER):

ALL: CLUCK CLUCK CLUCK
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THE MINISTER IS A LAZY DUCK
AND HE KNOWS HOW TO PASS THE BUCK!

(FLAPPING STOPS).

READER 1: The Minister turned purple with rage.

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(MINISTER MIMES EXTREME ANGER. HE STAMPS HIS FEET IN PLACE. HE MIMES THROWING TELEPHONE TOWARD AUDIENCE).

READER 1: He threw his telephone at the hen and shouted loudly,

4/MINISTER: "You won't get away with this! I'll call the press!!"

(MINISTER THINKS ABOUT THIS STATEMENT FOR A MOMENT, THEN SHAKES HEAD "NO" TO THE AUDIENCE).

READER 2: But, instead, the Minister called his secretary and ordered her to lock the impertinent bird in the NICKEL NOOK where the government keeps all its nickels.

READER 3: The secretary did as she was told and the hen found herself in a large room filled, top to bottom, with Canadian nickels.

READER 5: Now, the hen was hungry. So she began to peck away at the Canadian nickels. Soon she had gobbled up most of them.

READER 6: And the hen, being an extremely intelligent hen, escaped through an air vent. She flew right back to the Minister's rosewood desk, perched upon it, and began to sing,

(ALL READERS FLAP ELBOWS AND RECITE FOLLOWING TOGETHER):

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ALL: CLUCK CLUCK CLUCK
CLUCK CLUCK CLUCK
THE MINISTER IS A LAZY DUCK
AND HE KNOWS HOW TO PASS THE BUCK!

(FLAPPING STOPS).

READER 1: This time the Minister took off his shoe and threw it at the hen.

(MINISTER MIMES THE ABOVE ACTION).

READER 1: He screamed,

READER 4: "HELP!"

(MINISTER THROWS ARMS OVERHEAD, SHAKES FOLDER IN AIR, AND STAMPS HIS FEET).

READER 2: Government aides from all over the building ran through the halls and descended upon the Minister's office. They carried clubs, bricks, and nets. They shouted,

(READERS JUMP TO THEIR FEET AS THEY READ THE NEXT THREE LINES).

READER 5: "We've got her now!"

READER 6: "You'll never see this hen again!"

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READER 1: "We'll lock her in the QUARTER QUARTERS!"

READER 2: And they did.

(READERS FIVE, SIX, AND ONE SIT).

READER 2: The hen became a prisoner in the QUARTER QUARTERS where the government keeps all its quarters. A guard was put on duty at the door.

(READER ONE JUMPS UP, STANDS AT ATTENTION, AND CALLS OUT THE WORD "Right!").

READER 3: But the hen was hungry. She began to peck away at the Canadian quarters. Soon, she had gobbled up at least three fourths of them.

(READER ONE MIMES FALLING ASLEEP, SLOWLY SINKS INTO CHAIR, CLOSES EYES, AND SNORES LOUDLY).

READER 5: And the hen, being an extremely intelligent hen, tiptoed out past the sleeping guard and flew right back to the Minister's rosewood desk. She began to sing,

(ALL READERS FLAP ELBOWS AND RECITE FOLLOWING TOGETHER):