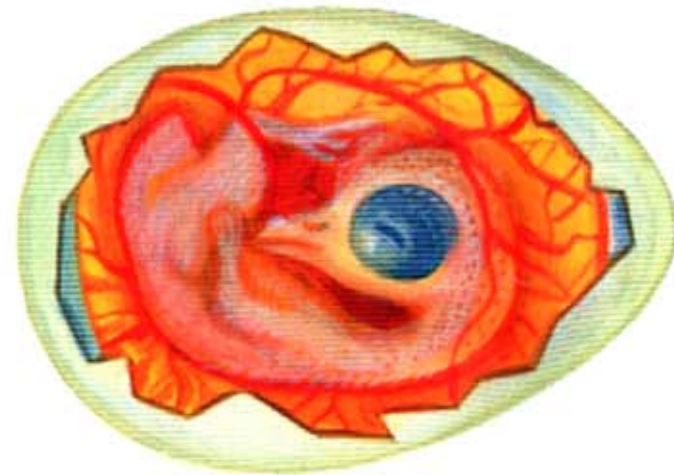


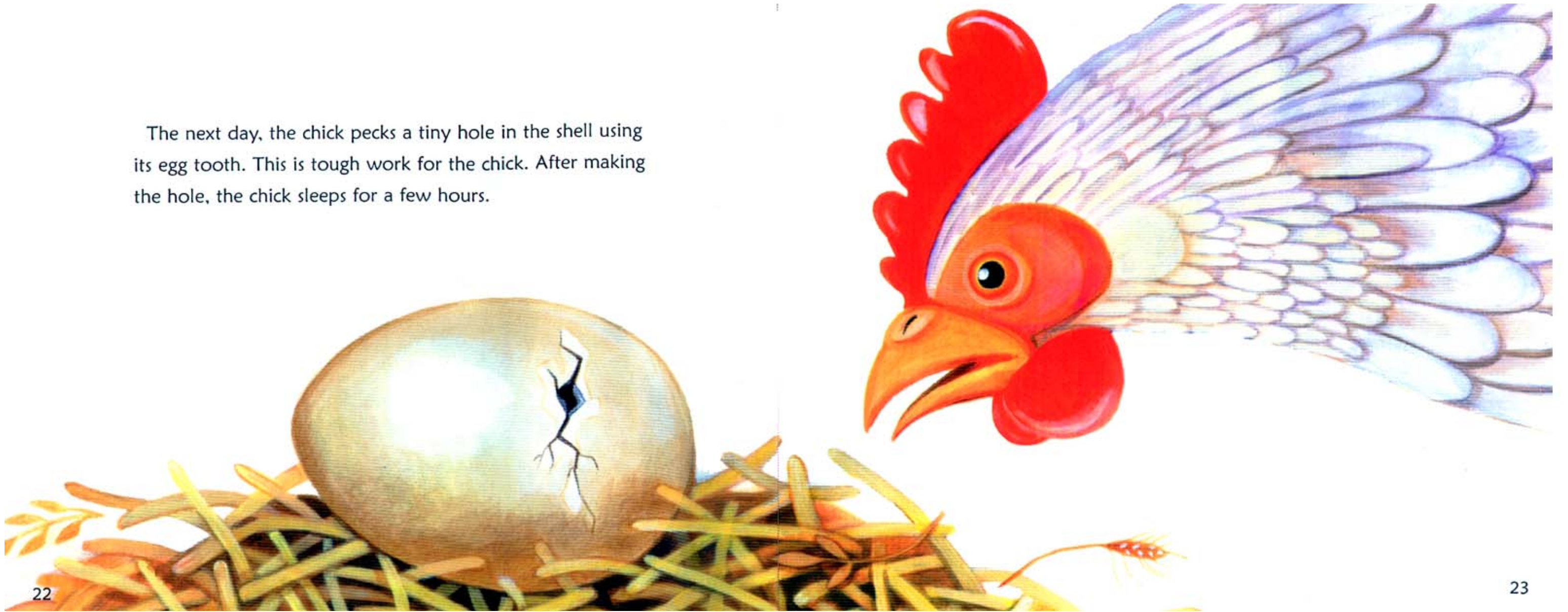
DAY 11: The chick can open and close its beak now. It wiggles and bends within the albumen. Tiny bumps appear all over the chick's skin. In a few days feathers will grow from these bumps.

DAY 14: The chick is tightly curled inside the egg. It turns to lie on its side. As the chick uses up more and more of the yolk and albumen, the waste bag expands. The chick has grown a special bump on the end of its beak. This is called the egg tooth.



The hen clucks softly and turns her eggs again. The chicks are learning to recognize the sound of their mother's voice. The hen no longer leaves her eggs. She will not eat or drink again until after they have hatched.

The next day, the chick pecks a tiny hole in the shell using its egg tooth. This is tough work for the chick. After making the hole, the chick sleeps for a few hours.





The hen fluffs her feathers and spreads her wings to cover and warm her new chicks. The babies nestle close to their mother and sleep. As they rest, their down dries. Their legs and necks grow stronger.