

# Eight Eggs

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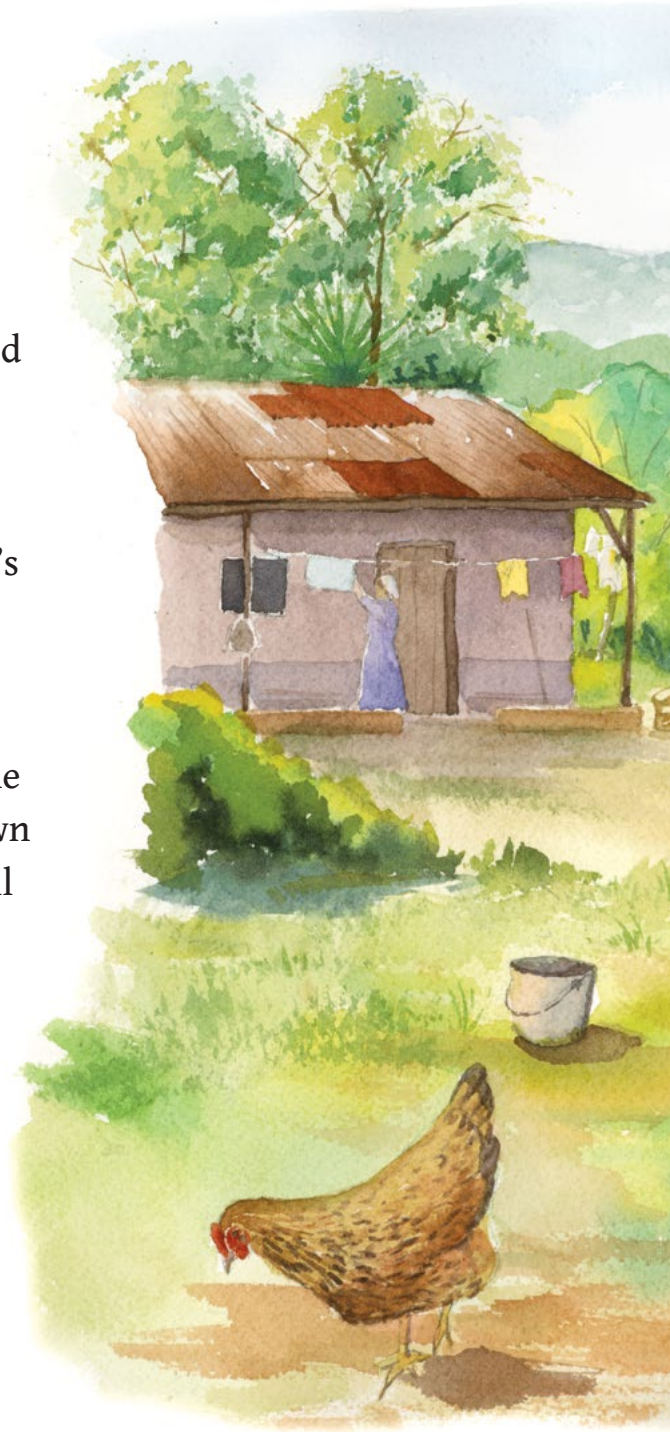
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**I**n a land far, far away where the hills are steep and tall, Carlos lives with his mami and papi. Carlos has brown skin and sparkling brown eyes. He is six years old.

**C**arlos has six speckled chickens. Every night before dark the six speckled chickens go clucking up their little ladder to a tiny house that Carlos's papi made for them. It is Carlos's job to go out at night and close the door so the chickens are safe. In the morning when he opens the door, the chickens run down their ladder. They spend all day scratching in the yard and pecking under the coffee bushes as they look for bugs.







**O**ne day Carlos heard a chicken saying, “Gawk, gawk, gawk! Gawk, gawk, gawk!” Quietly, Carlos crept behind the house. His brown eyes sparkled. “Where is that chicken?” he asked himself.