

The life of a laying hen



You say I am the **lucky one ...**



because I get to live ...



and my **brothers** don't.



You **incarcerate me in a wire cage,**



in a space so tight



I can't even **stretch** my wings.



To prepare me for life in a cage ...



you cut off my beak.



My beak is to me ...



what your **fingers & lips are to **you**.**



You do this because ...



you say I am a cannibal ...



and peck my cage-mates.



But in my **natural environment ...**



I peck up to 15 000 times a day.



My whole being is to forage & peck.



You laugh ...



when I try to dust-bath **on wire.**



What a **stupid bird**, I hear you say.



but that's what I've **always done**



to keep myself clean ...



before I became a unit ...



of mass production.



To get to the **food in front ...**



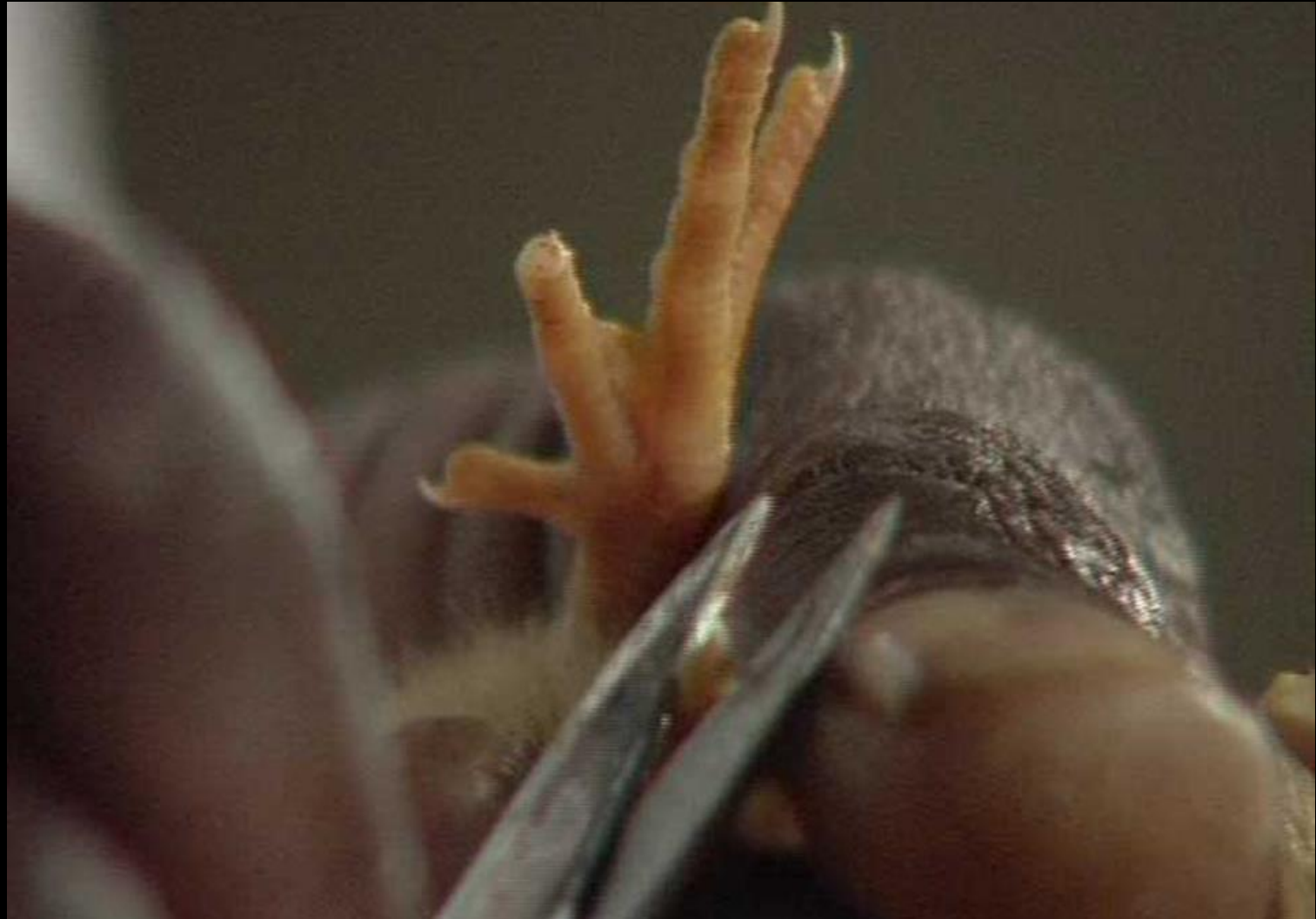
I have to clamber over my cage-mates.



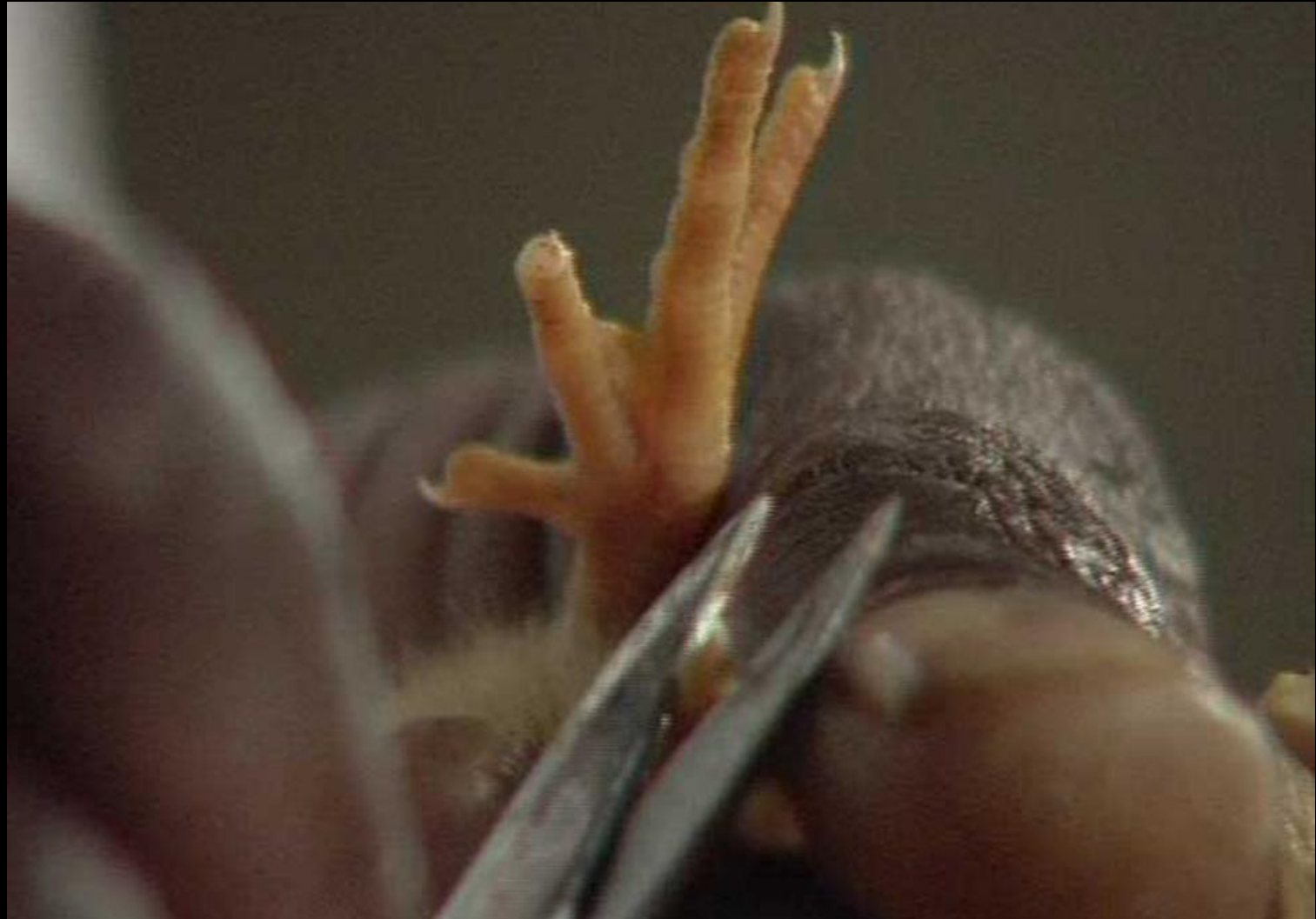
That's why you **detoe me,**



so that I **won't scratch** out ...



their **feathers in the process.**



I will **die** never having **basked ...**



in the warmth of the sun ...



nor felt the **earth beneath my **feet**.**



DID YOU KNOW?

My **visual sense** is highly developed ...



I see more **colours** than you.



DID YOU KNOW?
I have at least 31 vocalizations.



Chicks vocalize to one another ...



from **within** their eggs ...



as well as to their **mother** sitting on the eggs.



DID YOU KNOW?

According to a **recent study**

by Siobhan Abeyesinghe of the Biophysics Group at Silsoe Research Institute in London....



chickens do not just live in the present,



but can anticipate the future ...



and demonstrate **self-control,**



attributes previously **only credited ...**



to **humans** and other **primates**.



In South Africa there are ...



24.5 million hens like me ...



trapped in battery cages for life.



Do you still think I am the **lucky one?**



Our fate is in your hands.



Know the truth behind your **purchase**



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SQUASHED BUT ABLE TO STRETCH



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FREE TO ROAM AND FORAGE



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