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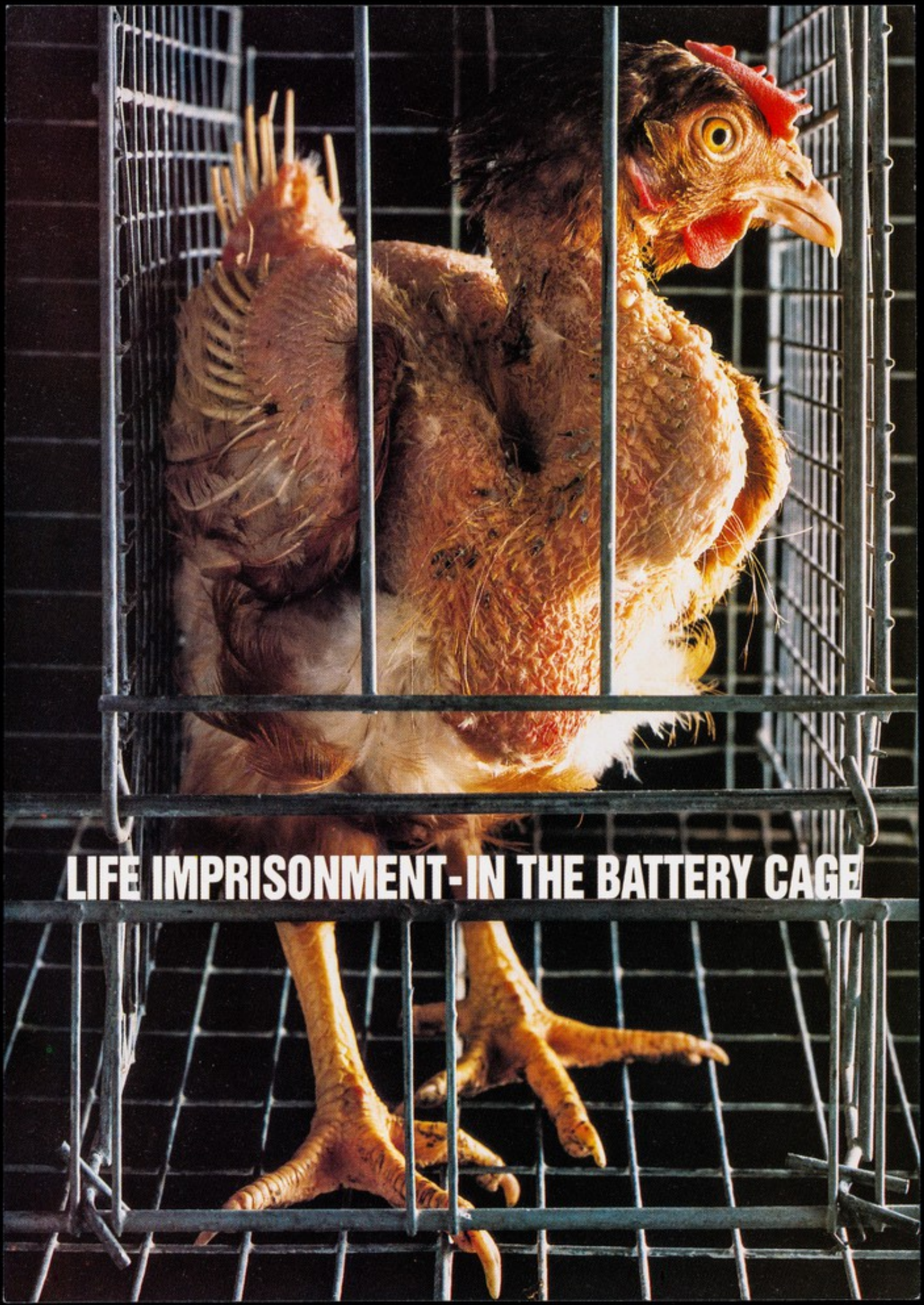
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**LIFE IMPRISONMENT - IN THE BATTERY CAGE**

**T**his is the face of a hen sentenced to life long misery in a battery unit. Kept caged in a windowless shed, she will be unable to experience sunshine, fresh air or freedom.

She will often lose her feathers from rubbing against the cage or from being pecked by other hens in her cage.

Lack of exercise may cause her to suffer brittle bones and a fatty liver.

The sheer frustration of living in this unnatural environment may send her mad.



## Accommodation – Factory Style...

Treated as little more than egg laying machines, hens are forced to live in cramped cages on uncomfortable sloping wire floors.

They can never perch, dust-bathe, ground-scratch, seek seclusion or nest in this barren environment. They cannot exercise or even stretch their wings. Each bird has a wingspan of about 32 ins. Five hens are crammed for life into a cage measuring 18 ins x 20 ins.

Frustrated, they may peck at the feathers and flesh of cagemates, sometimes pecking



them to death. Factory solution? . . . the birds are often debeaked using a red hot blade to curb what the factory farmer terms 'vices'.

Up to 30,000 birds are imprisoned in one darkened shed in this way, all day, every day. Finally, when worn out, they are slaughtered to make soups and sandwich paste.

## There is an alternative – Free Range eggs...

Produced by hens allowed to roam freely, these eggs are increasingly available from shops and supermarkets. But beware! Many battery eggs are labelled 'Farm Fresh', 'Country Fresh' or 'Farm Gate'. Unless eggs are labelled 'Free Range' then they are not.

'Barn' eggs are from hens loose-housed

in sheds but unable to venture outside. Although better than the battery, *only* free-range provides a fair deal for the hen.

**Please don't buy battery eggs.**

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