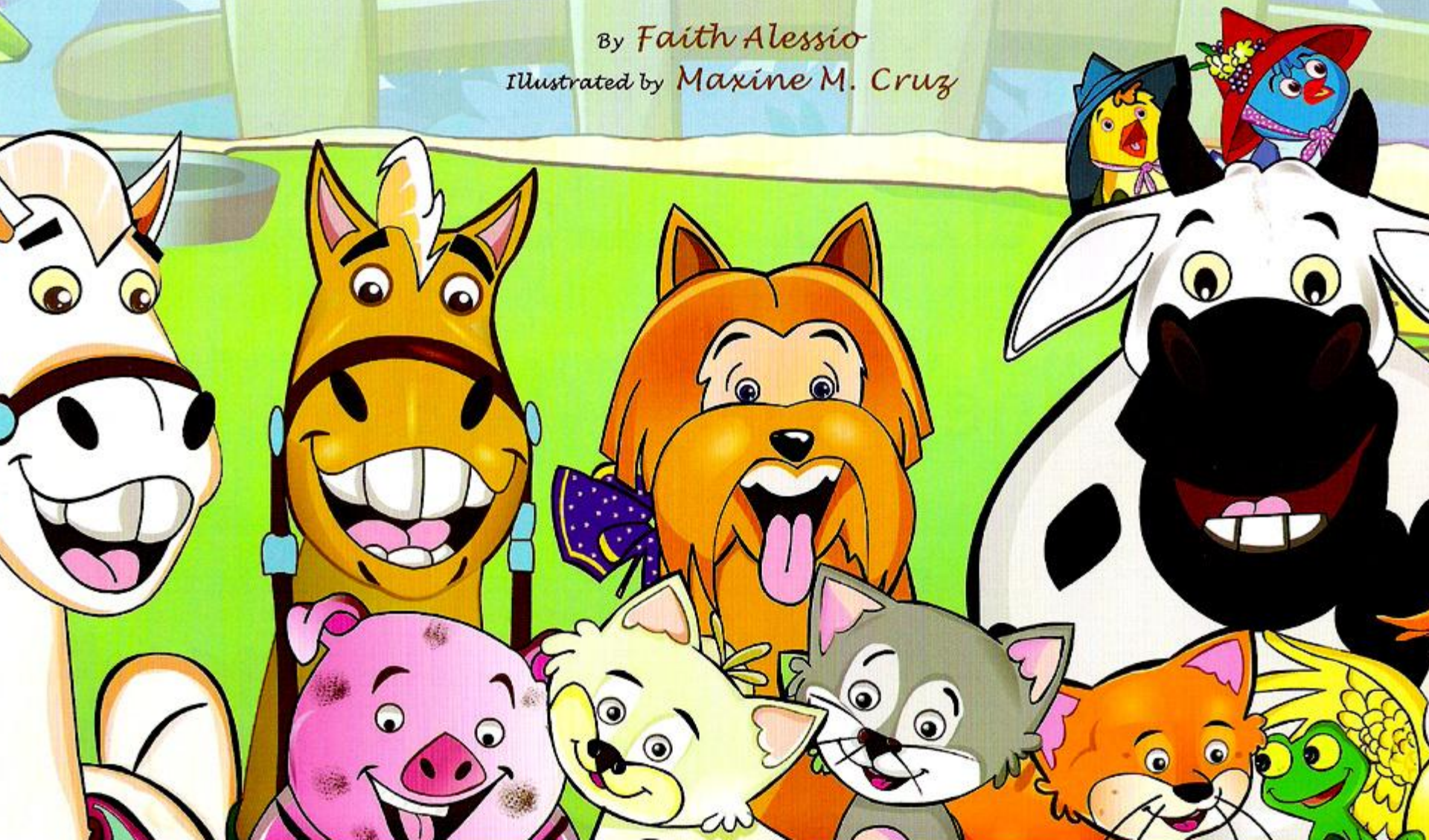


FRIENDS

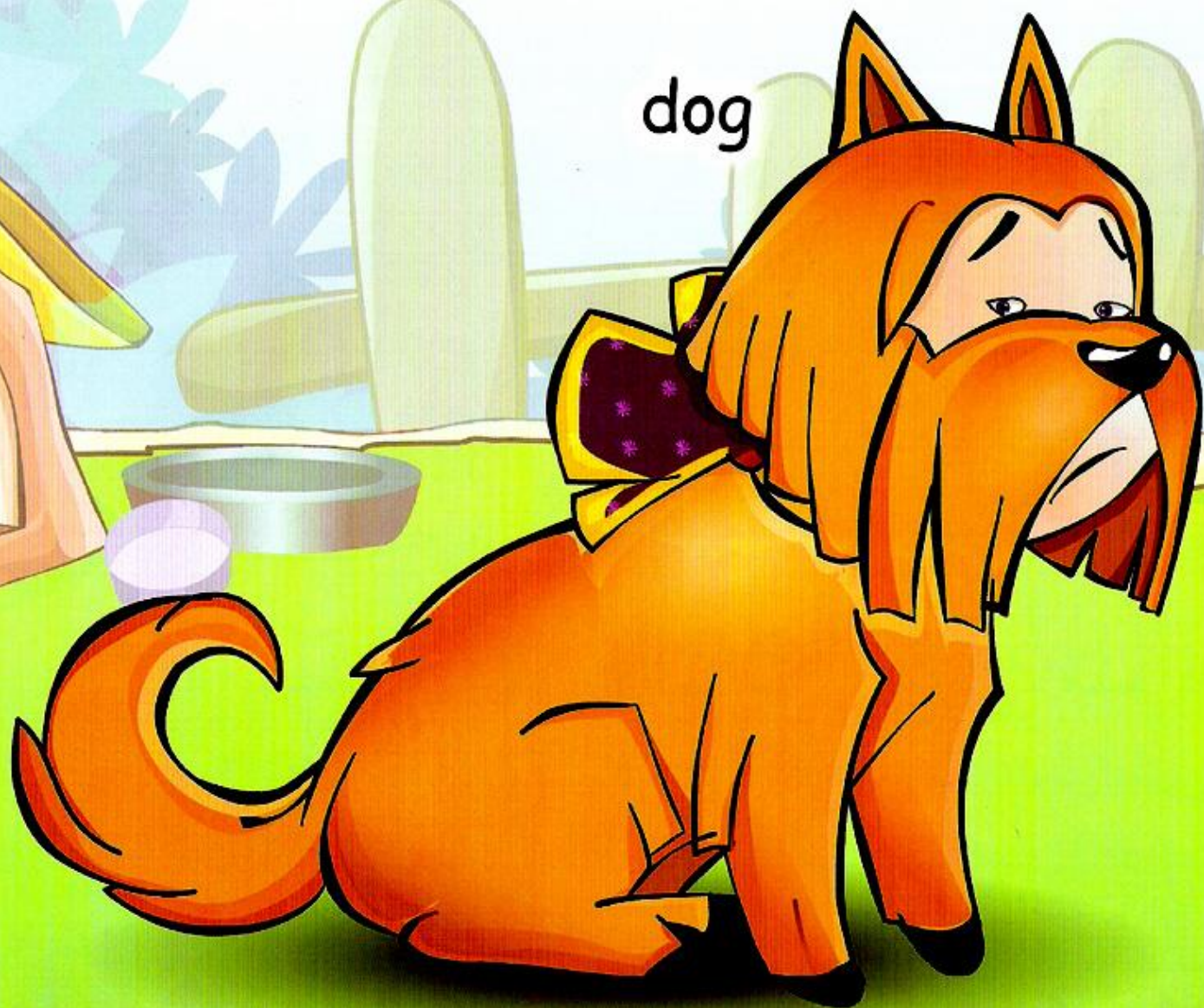
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Here is a dog –
one lonely dog.

dog



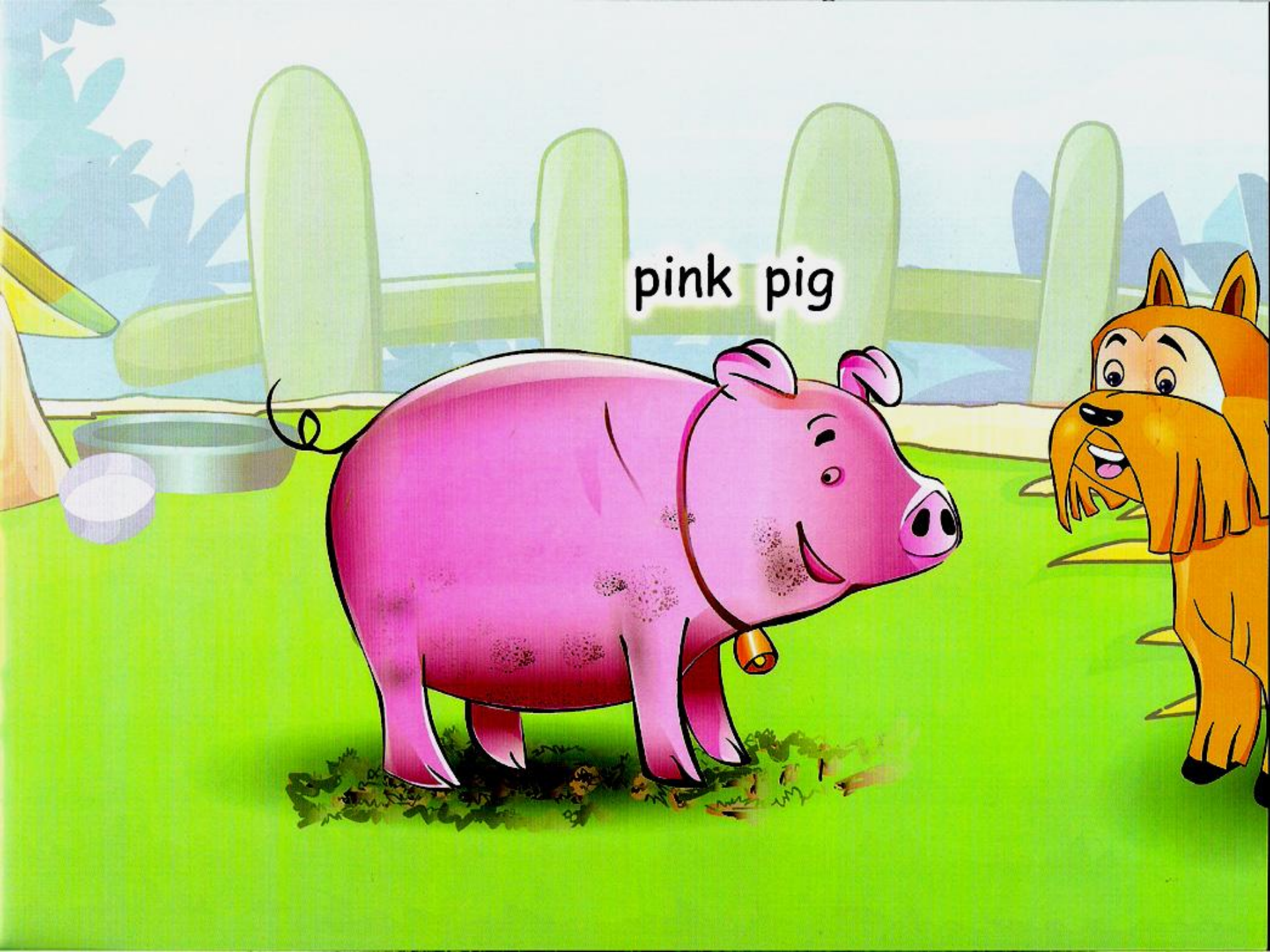
But here comes a friend –
a little **green frog**.

green
frog



And one dirty **pig** –
a **pink** one, of course,

pink pig



And along with the pig
comes a big friendly horse!



horse



pig



The **horse** brings a friend –
there are two **horses** now,

horses

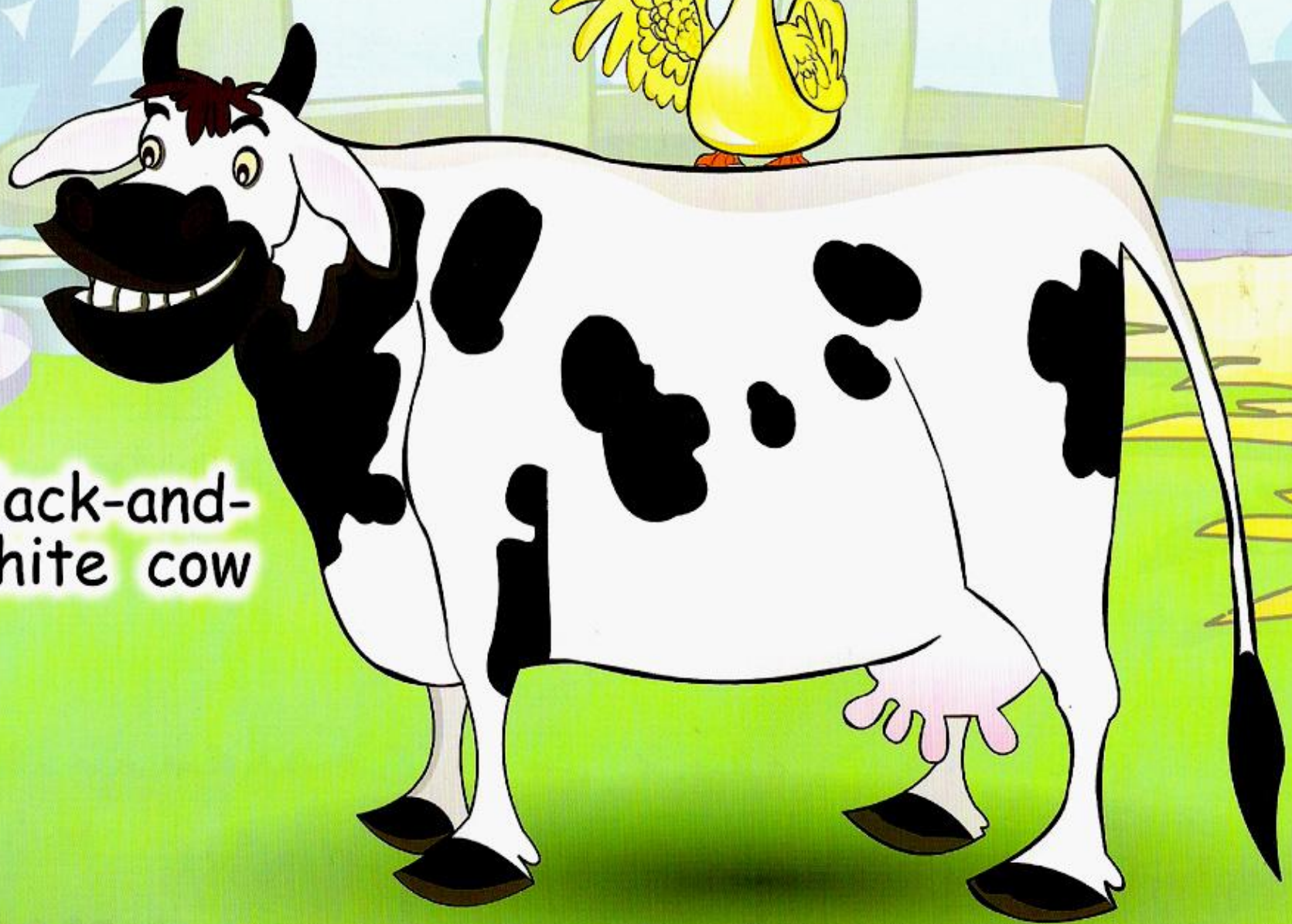


And a **duck** that is riding
a **black-and-white cow**.

duck

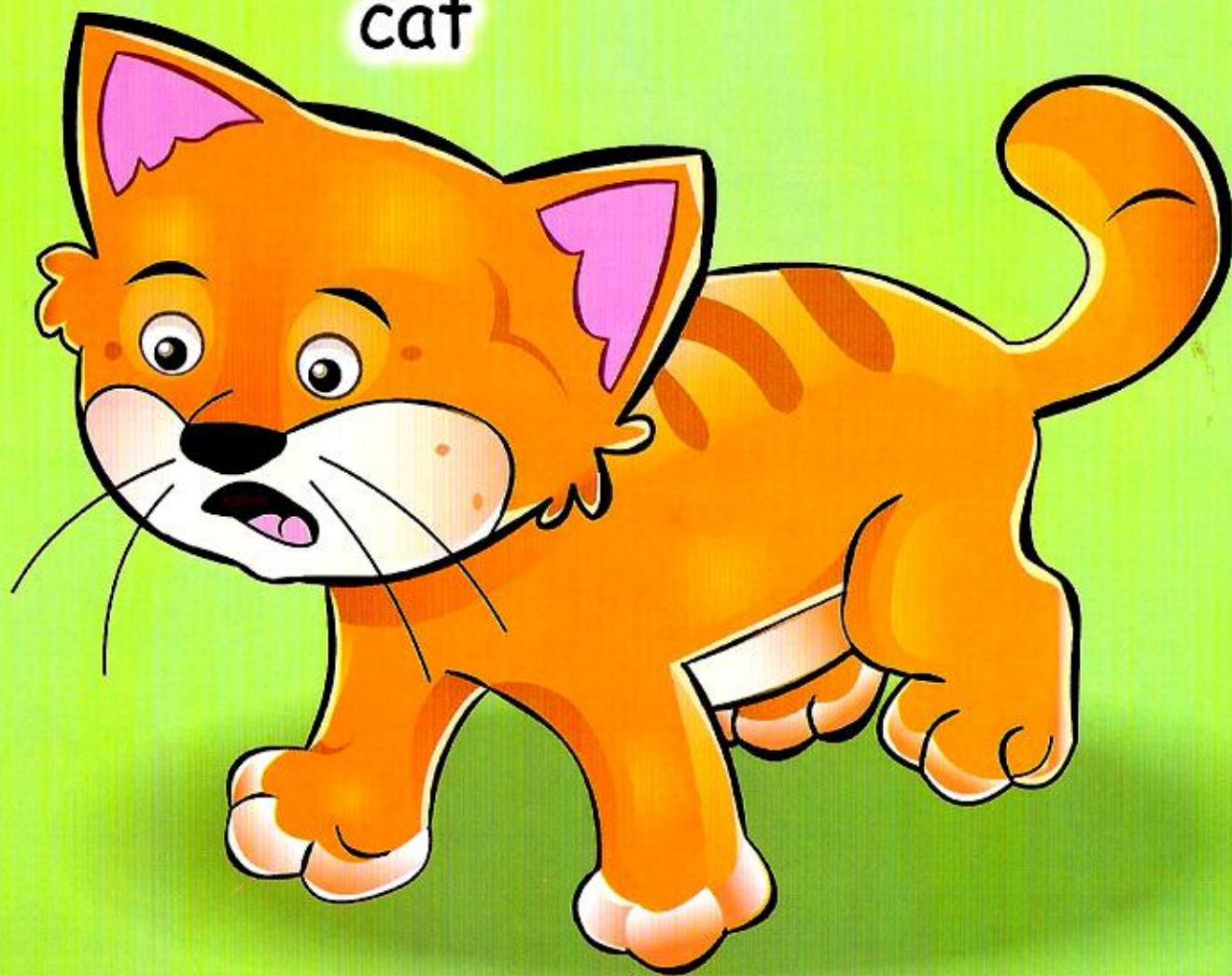


black-and-
white cow



All out of breath,
along comes a **cat**.

cat

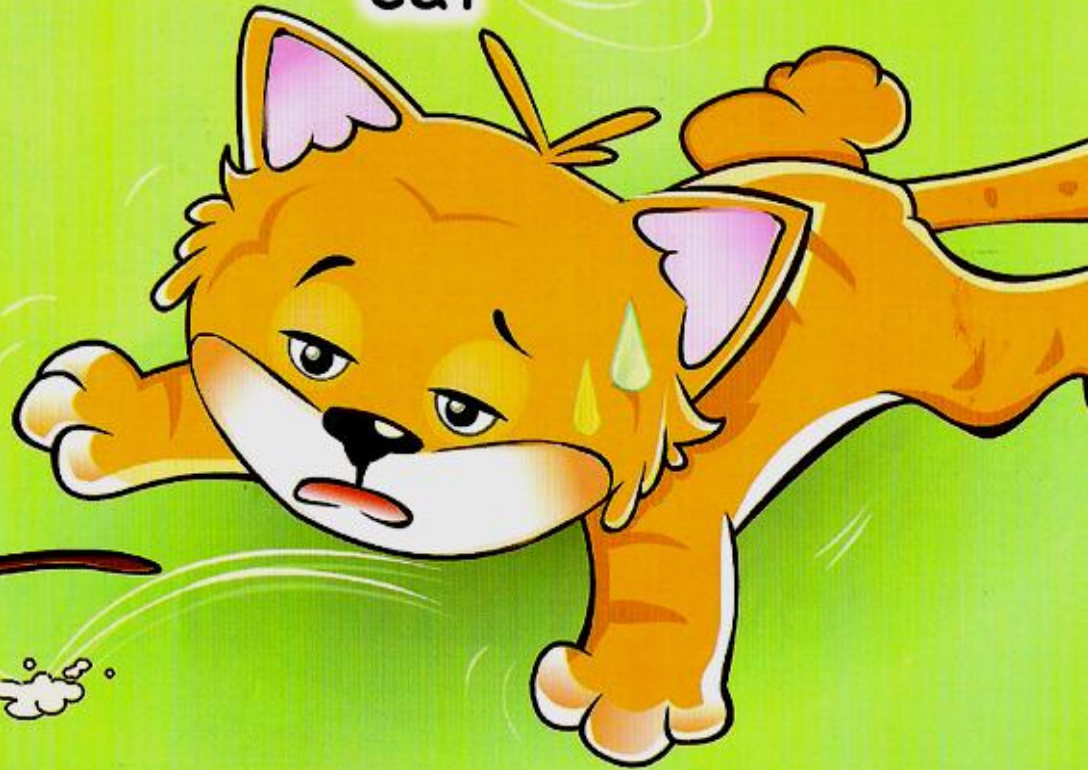


She is so very tired from
chasing the **rat**.

rat



cat



Here come her brothers –
now there are three **cats**,

cats



And two little **birds**
that wear funny **hats.**

hat

hat

birds



There are so many friends,
some **big** and some **small**.



So the **dog** is not lonely –

oh no, not at all!



dog