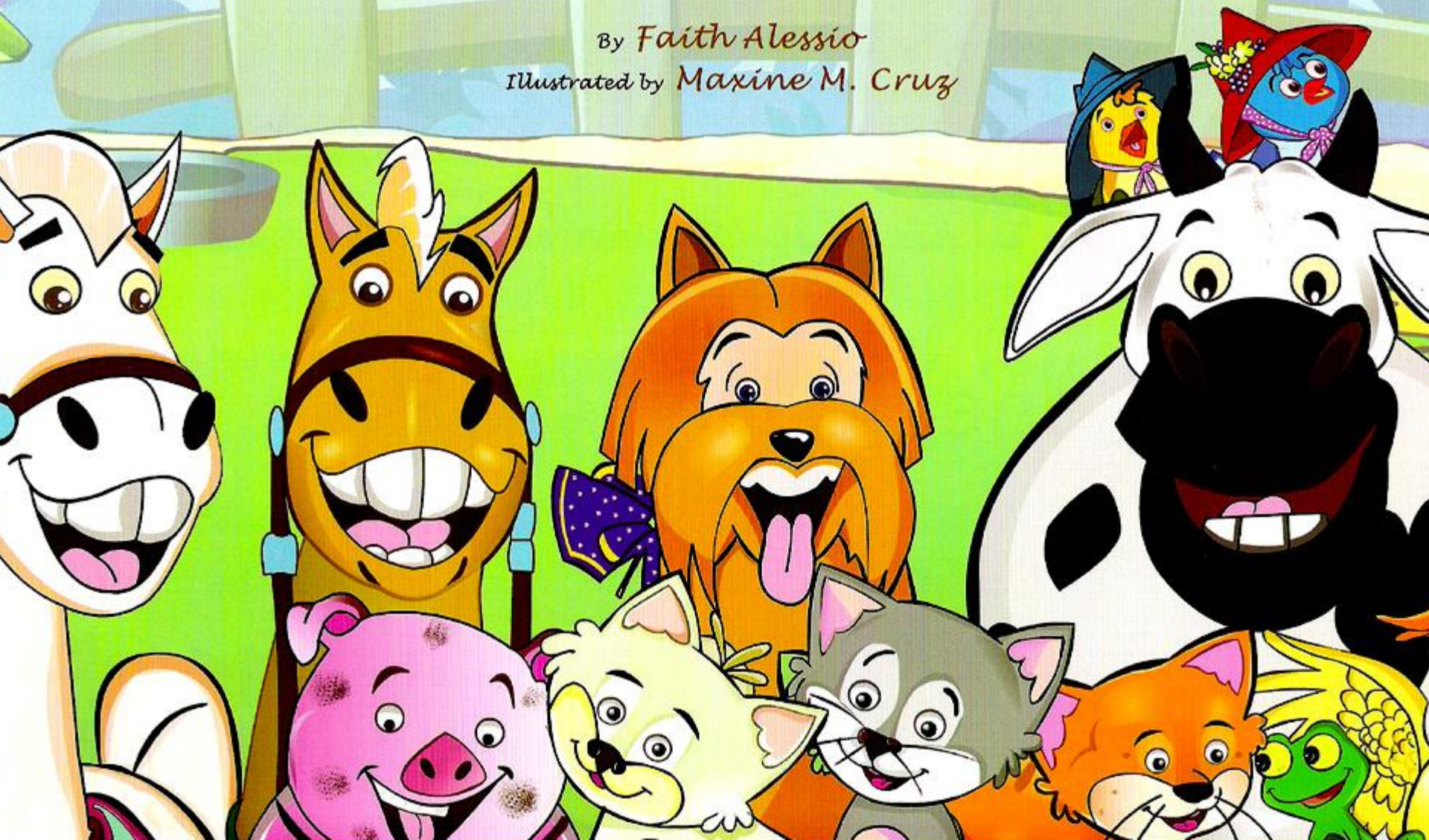


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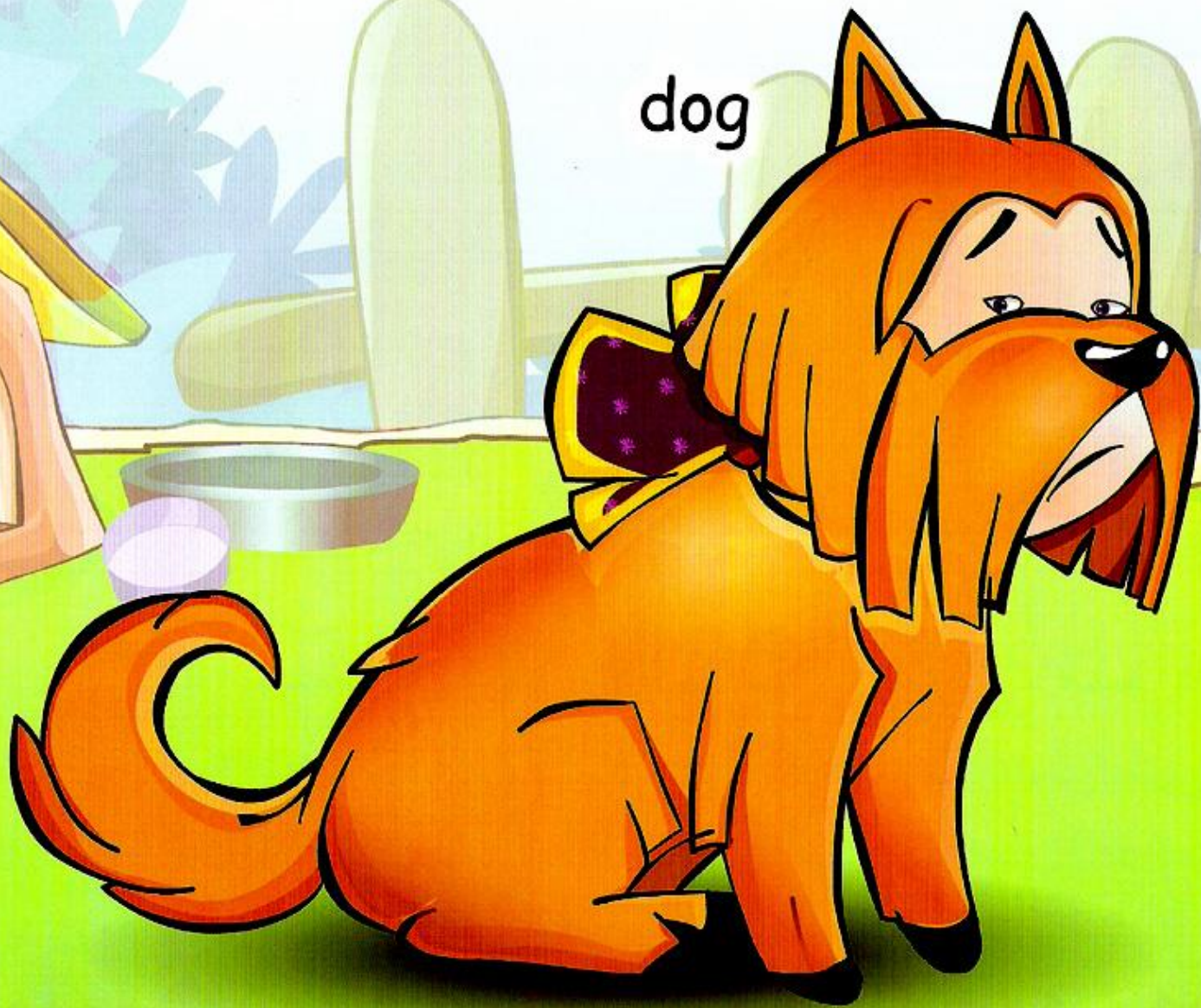
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Here is a dog -
one lonely dog.

dog



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

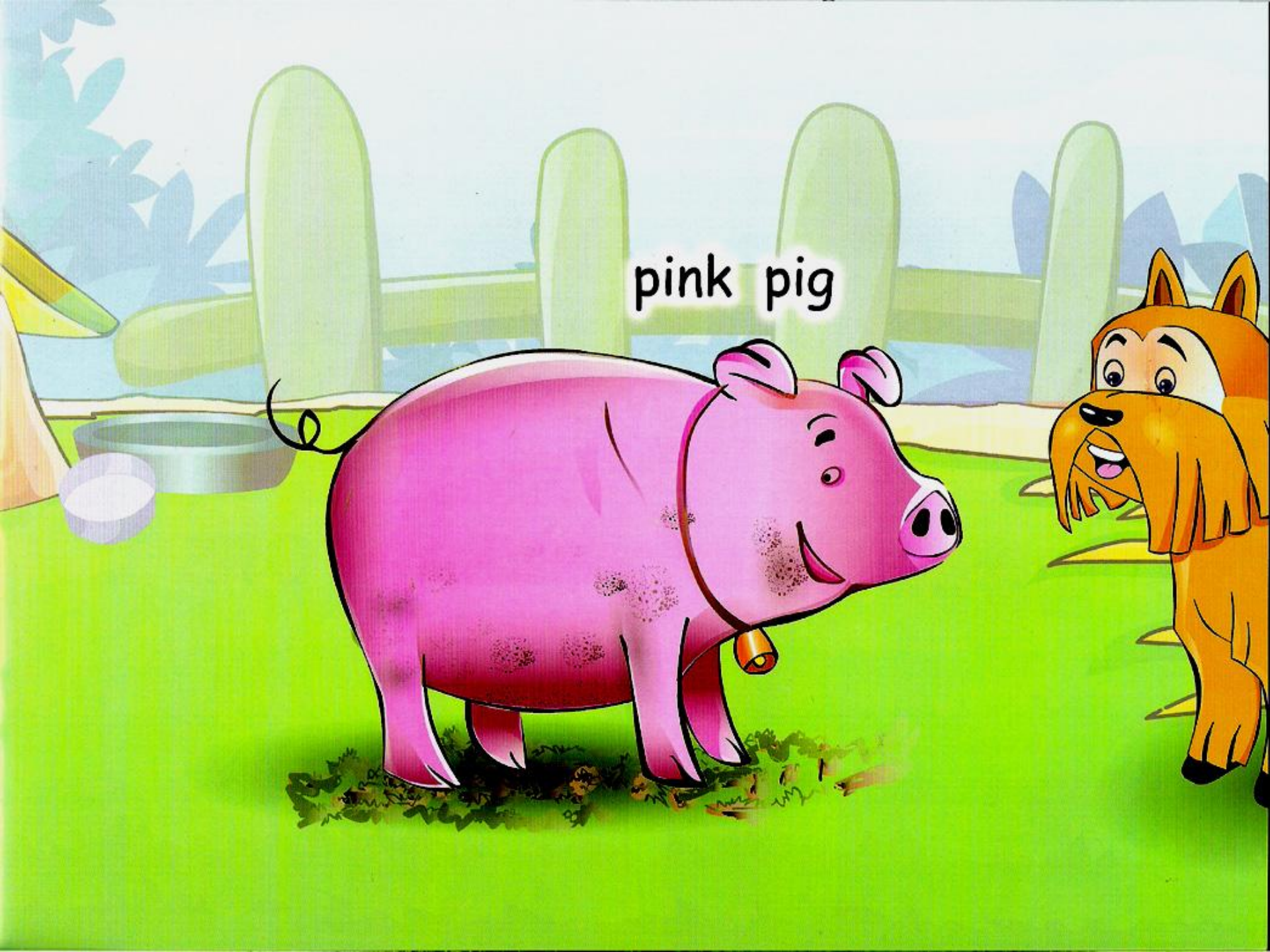
green
frog



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

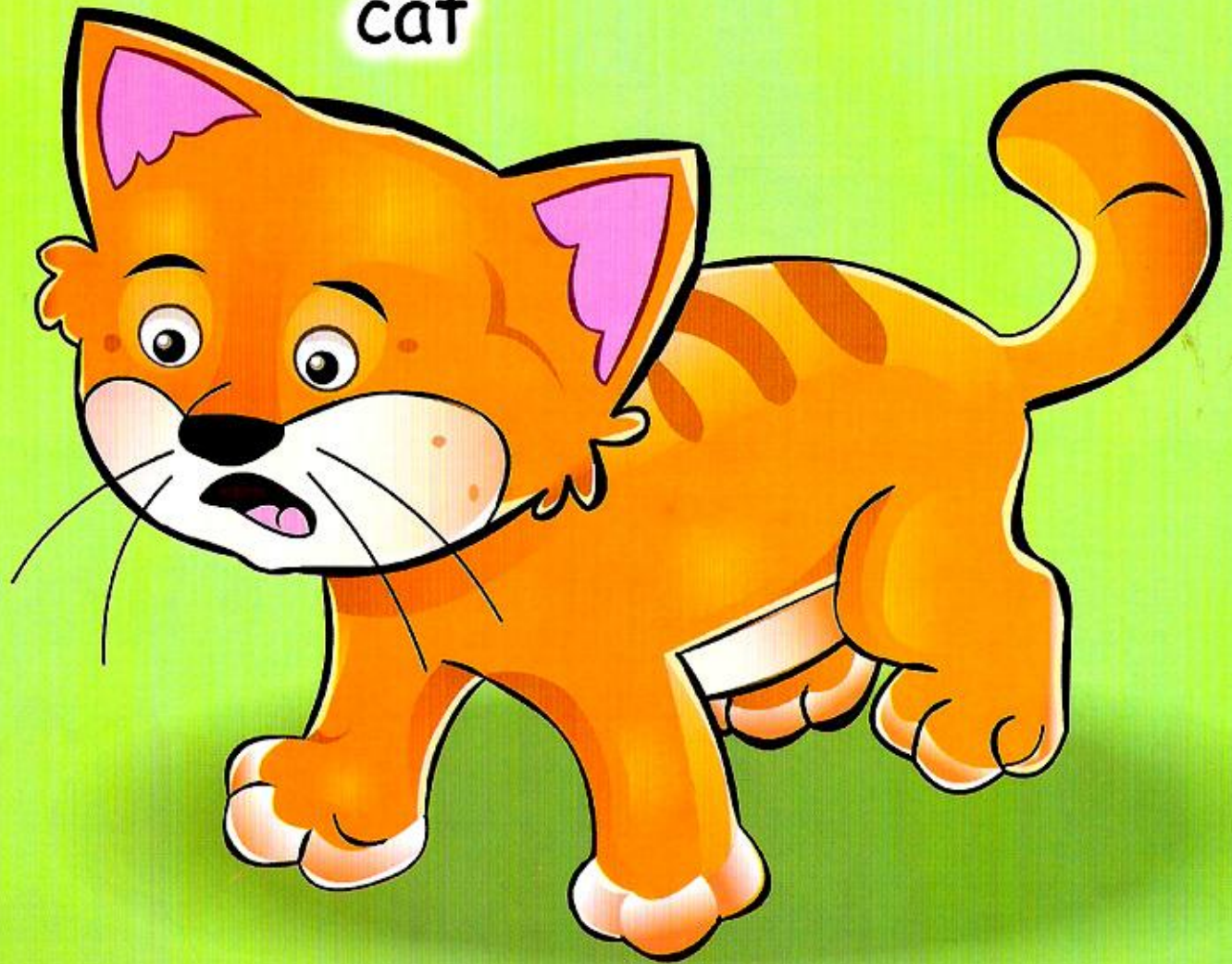


black-and-
white cow



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

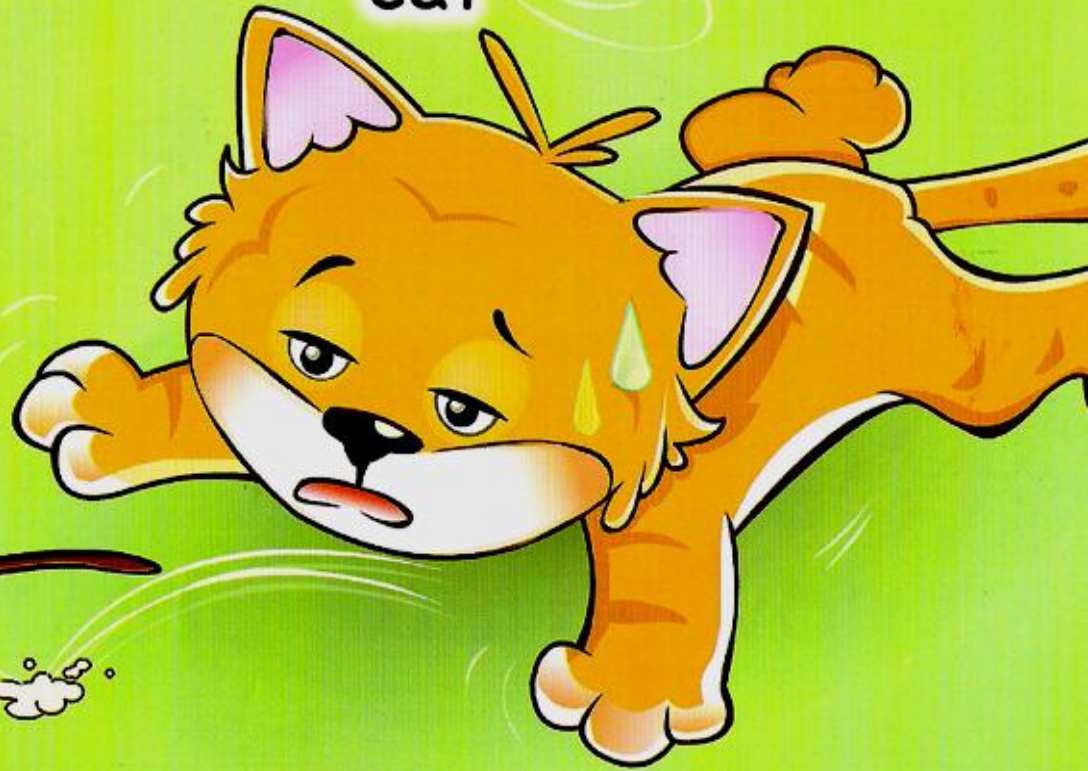
cat



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



cat

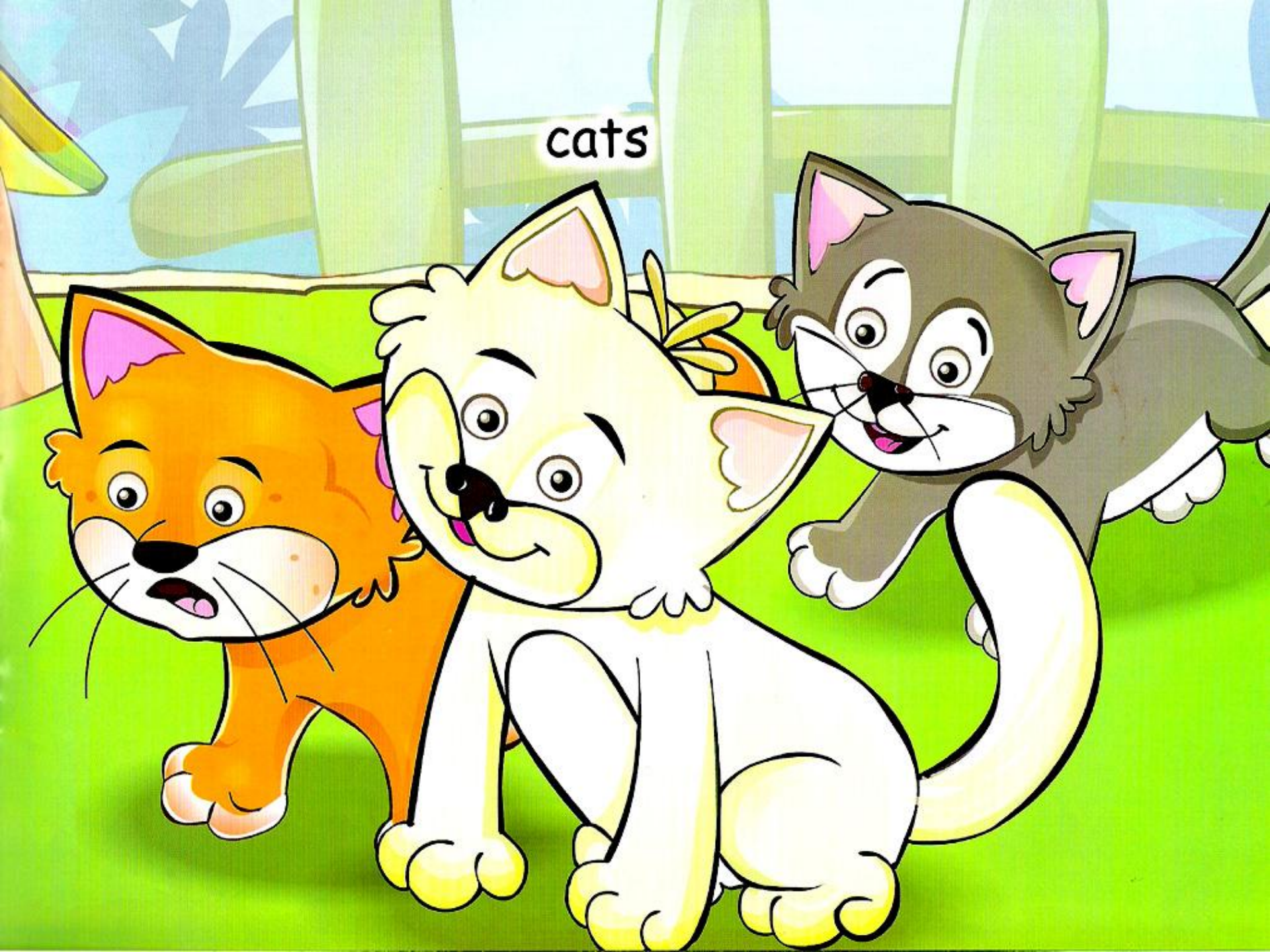


rat



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