

TALES OF FARM FRIENDS

SCAREDY DOG

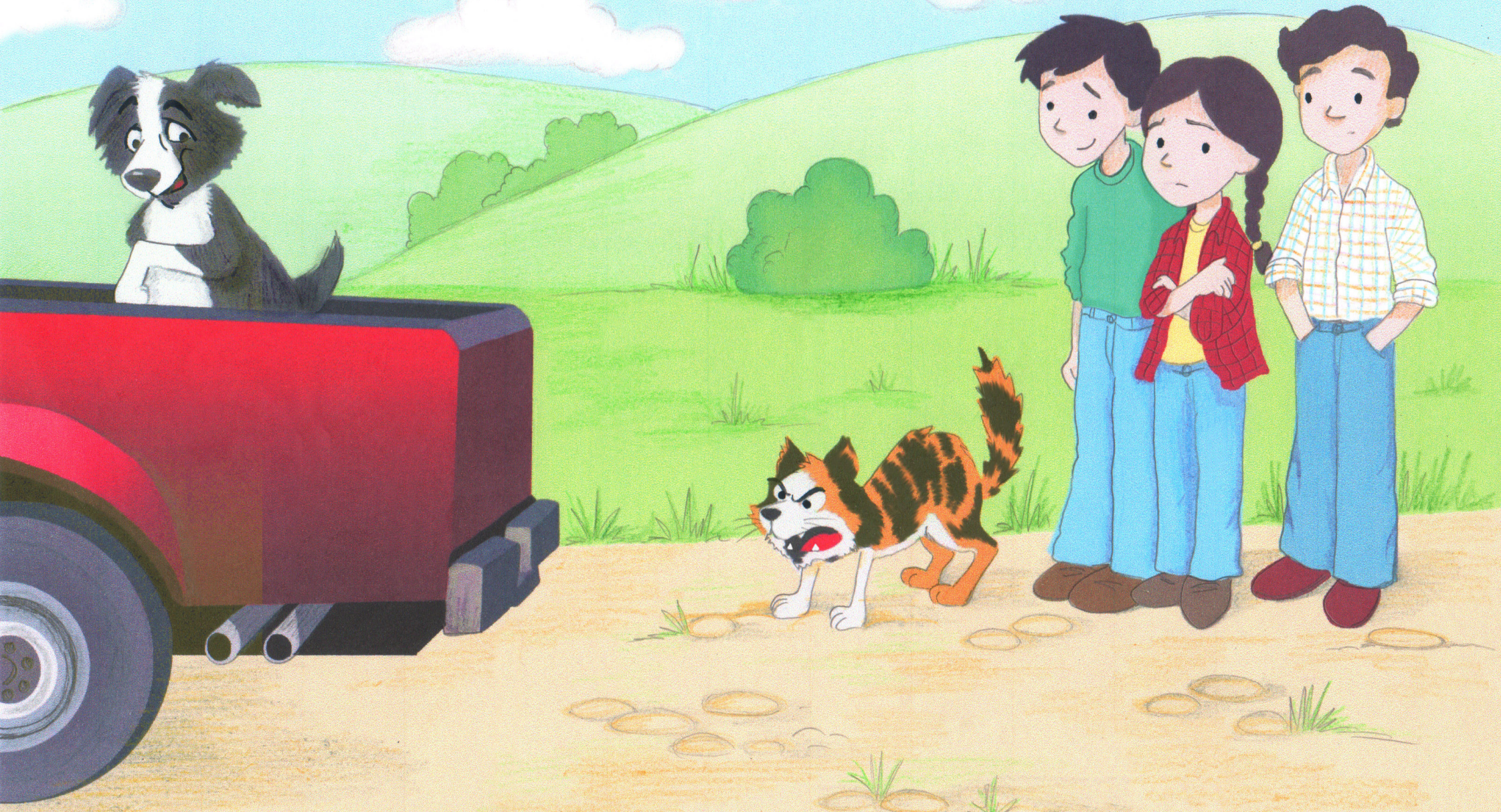


THE TERM "SCAREDY CAT" IS SOMETIMES USED TO DESCRIBE TIMIDITY OR FEARFULNESS. THIS STORY IS ABOUT A CAT THAT WASN'T "SCAREDY," BUT WAS SO BRAVE SHE SCARED A DOG!

OUR DAD'S COUSIN HAD A DOG NAMED BLUE THAT WAS A GOOD WATCHDOG, PROTECTING HER FARMHOUSE AND PROPERTY WELL. BUT BLUE WOULD ALWAYS BARK AT US CHILDREN WHEN WE VISITED. SHE DIDN'T BITE, BUT SHE LIKED TO FRIGHTEN US WITH HER BARK.

ONE DAY, DAD'S COUSIN BROUGHT BLUE WITH HIM ON ONE OF HIS VISITS. BLUE GOT OUT OF THE TRUCK, AND RIGHT AWAY BEGAN BARKING AT US. BUT BLUE WASN'T PREPARED FOR OUR BRAVE CAT, CALICO. CALICO DIDN'T LIKE BLUE FRIGHTENING US. SO WHAT DID SHE DO?

"GROWL!!!" CALICO YELLED, AS ALL OF THE HAIR ON HER BACK STOOD UP AND SHE RAN TOWARD BLUE. BLUE HAD CHASED CATS BEFORE, BUT SHE'D NEVER EXPERIENCED A CAT THAT WAS BRAVE ENOUGH TO RUN TOWARD HER READY TO ATTACK, AND SHE WAS SCARED! BLUE QUICKLY JUMPED ON THE BACK OF THE TRUCK TO GET AWAY FROM CALICO, AND HID THERE UNTIL HER OWNER TOOK HER HOME.



BRAVE CALICO WAS OUR HERO THAT DAY! SHE DIDN'T HURT BLUE, BUT SHE WARNED THE DOG OFF.

"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE FRIGHTENED, AND DO NOT BE DISMAYED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO"
(JOSHUA 1:9 ESV).



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