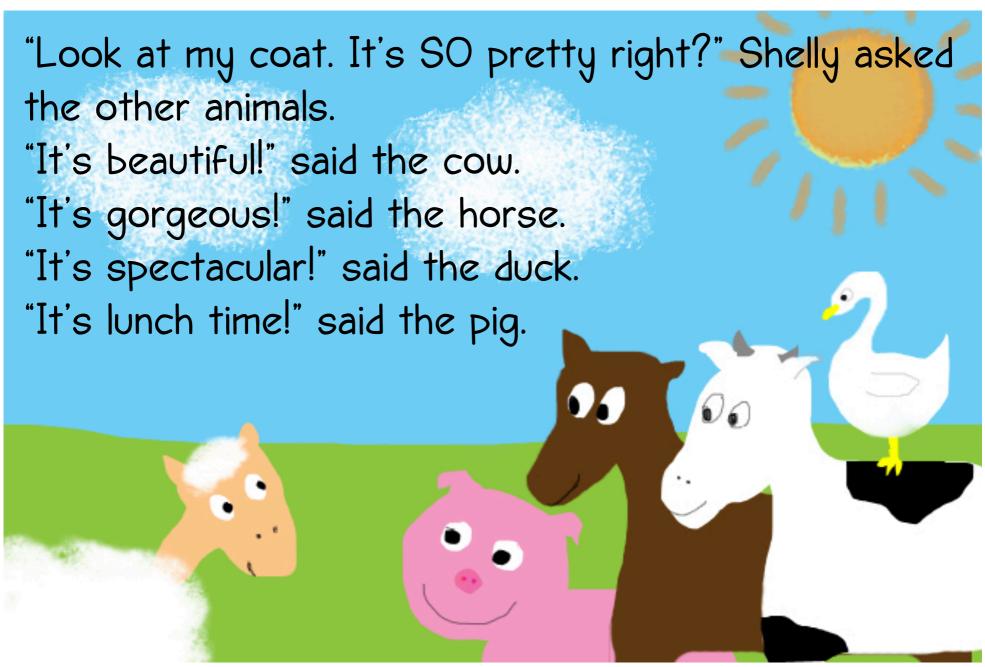


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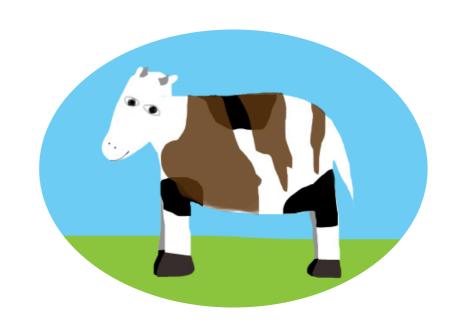


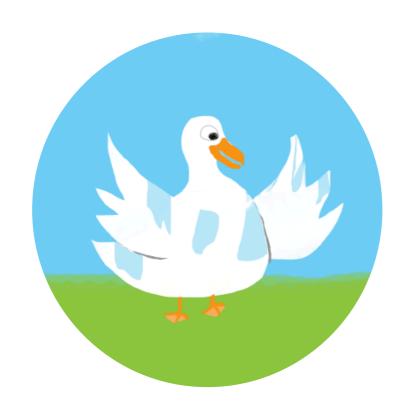
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"I should go FIRST! I need the cleanest water to keep my wool clean," Shelly said.
"But I have mud on my body!" said the cow.





"I have mud in my hooves" said the horse.

"I'm covered in pond water!" said the duck.

"I like staying dirty!" said the pig.

"Anyway, it's bedtime!"



"I should get the comfiest straw. So my wool will stay beautiful." Shelly said.

"I'll sleep in the barn!" said the cow.

"I'll sleep in the horse stables!" said the horse.

"I'll sleep in the pond," said the duck.

"I'll sleep in the mud puddles," the pig said.





Cockle Doodle-doo! The rooster crowed the next morning.

"I'll eat breakfast fir... st?" Shelly said.

All the animals were gone. Shelly couldn't find any of them.

She looked in the barn. No cows.



She looked in the horse stables. No horses.

She looked in the pond. No ducks. She looked in the mud puddles. No pigs. "Where are all my friends?" Shelly asked.

She walked and walked and found them in the field. "Why didn't you guys wait for me?" Shelly asked her friends.

"We wanted to have breakfast first," said the cow.



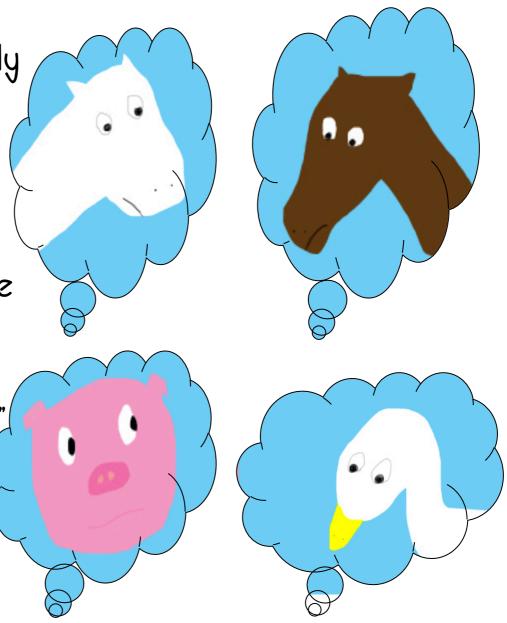
"But I thought that you thought, I was pretty?" Shelly said.

"You are pretty," the cow said.

"But that doesn't give you any right to go first" said the horse.

"Yeah. Being pretty doesn't mean you get EVERYTHING," said the duck.

"We all want to be treated the same," said the pig.

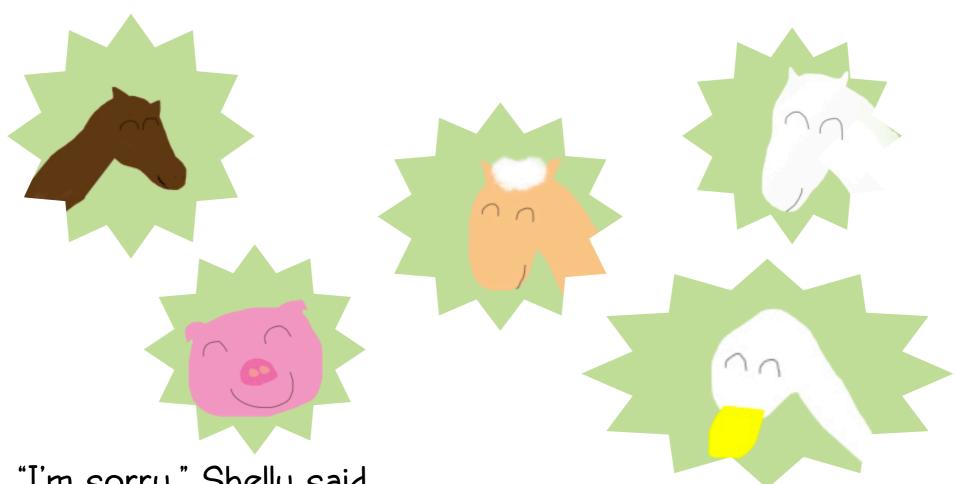




"What do you mean?" asked Shelly.

"You were full of pride, because of your beauty" the cow said. "And you thought that you deserved more then us," said the horse.

"And you thought you had the right to be first," said the duck.



"I'm sorry," Shelly said.

"I didn't know that I was being selfish. Can you forgive me?" Shelly asked

"Of course!" all the animals replied at once!

Since then, Shelly never used her beauty as a reason to get the best. She would always let the other animals go first. She never boasted about her beauty ever again. All the animals liked her.