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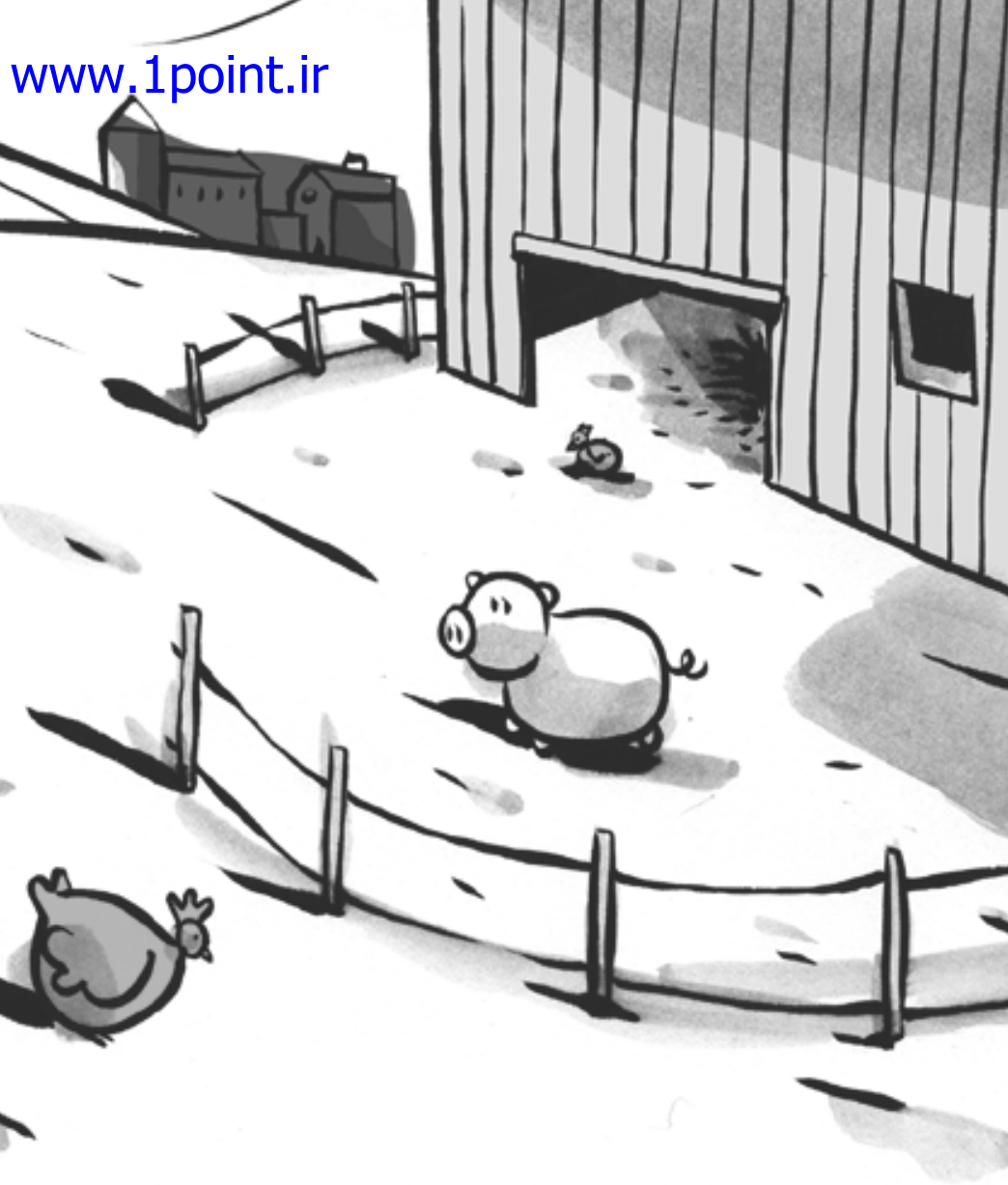
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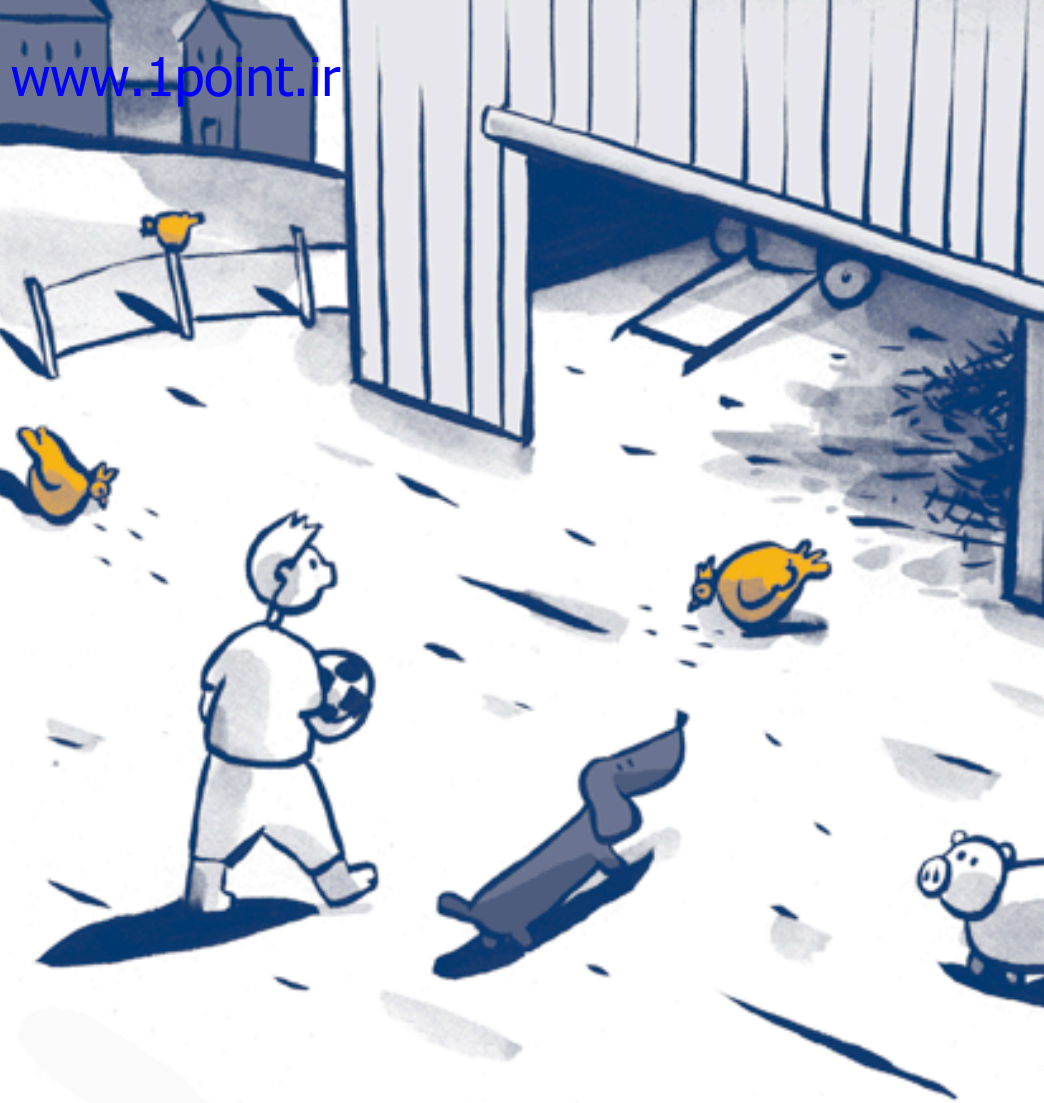
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▶ Mark was sad. He had no friends to play with on his granddad's farm.



▶ Mark had friends back home in the city.



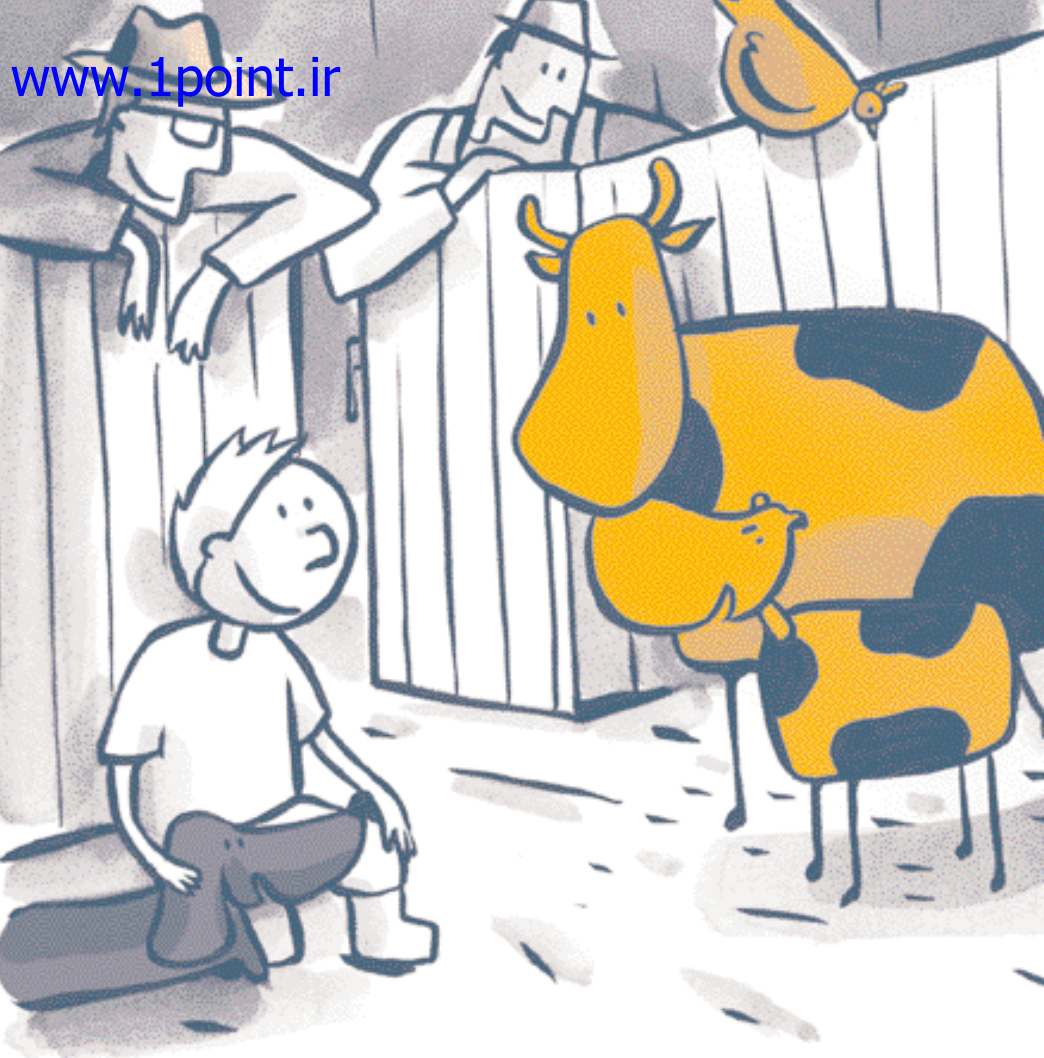
So Mark went to see Bess. He liked Bess the best.



▶ Mark's granddad was in the barn with Bess. Mr. Parker was there, too.



- ▶ Mr. Parker lived in the house next to the farm.
- ▶ “Take a look at Bess and her baby,” he said.



▶▶ Mark ran to see. There was Bess. There was Tess! Tess was so small.



It didn't take long for people to come by.



▶▶ “Can I see Tess?”

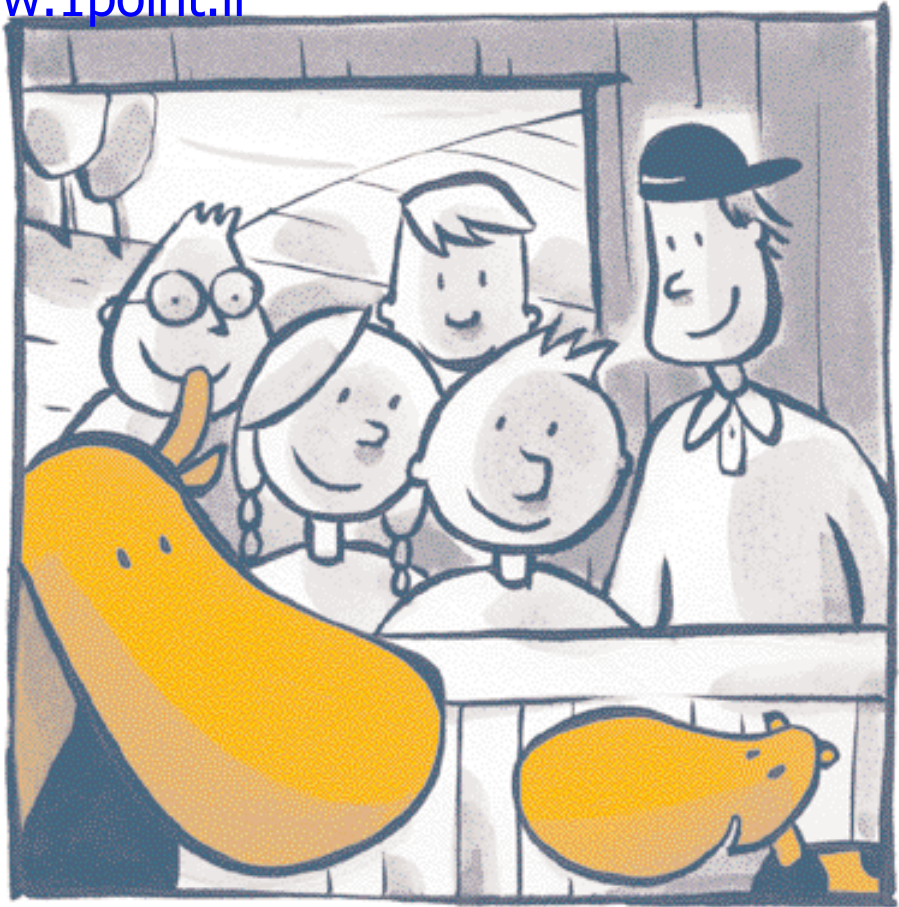
▶▶ “Yes,” said Mark.

▶▶ “Come in. Take a look.”



“Can we see Bess and Tess?” two more asked.

“Yes,” said Mark. “Come on in. Take a look.”








▶ Mark saw all the kids in the barn. Sometimes things turn out just right.



Thanks to Bess and Tess, Mark had many new friends.

Think and Respond

-  1 Where does this story take place?
-  2 Why is Mark sad at the beginning of this story?
-  3 What is Mark's favorite animal on the farm?
-  4 Why is Mark happy at the end of the story?
-  5 Would you like to visit a farm? Why or why not?



Fun with Friends Draw a picture of some things you and your friends like to do together. Share it with your friends.



School-Home Connection Read aloud the story to a family member and talk about your favorite farm animals.