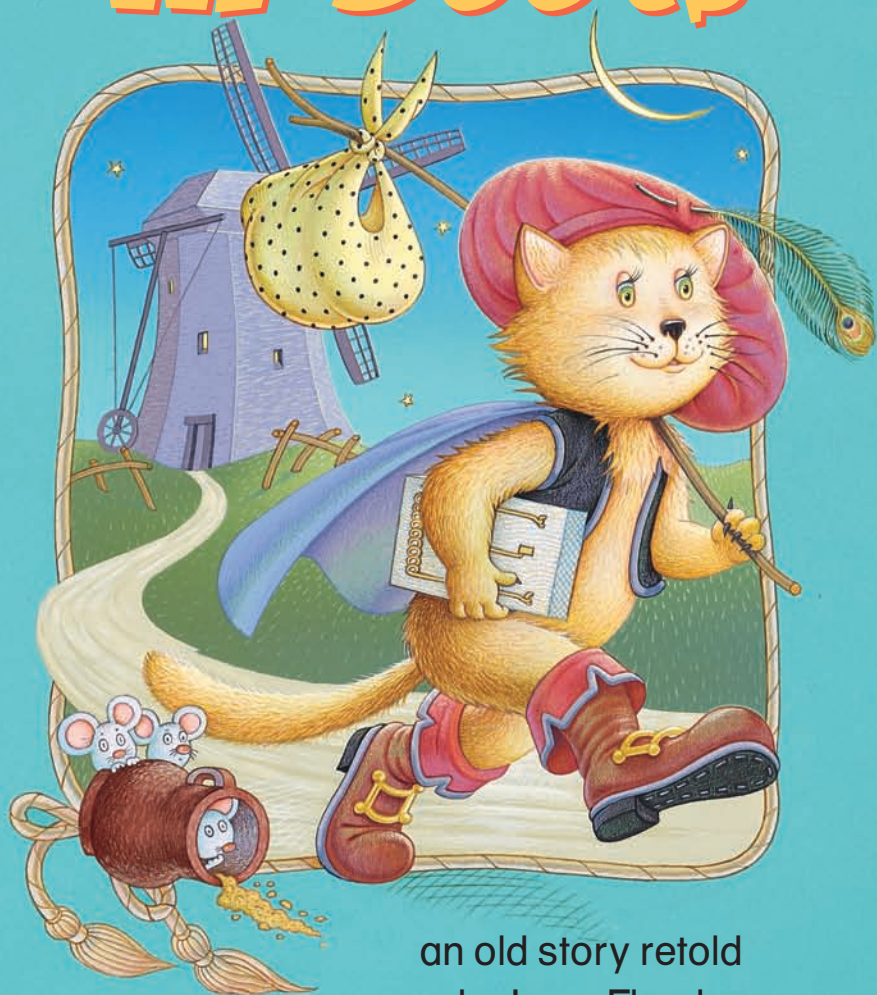


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|| A miller said to his cat, “A mean beast is in the land! He is eating all the wheat!”





“I know how to help you,” said Cat.
“It will be simple. I need only boots
and a bag.”





Cat put her bag in the yard, and geese ran into it. Then she went to see the king.





“Those geese are gifts from the miller,” Cat said.

“We thank him!” said the king.

“We do!” said Princess Lee.





||| Cat found the miller by the sea.
“The king comes by here,” she
said. “Now jump into the sea!”





“See the miller?” Cat yelled.
“He sent me the geese!” the king
said. “We should help him!”
“Please!” cried Princess Lee.





Then Cat went to see the mean beast. “I know you can do anything,” said Cat. “Can you squeeze your body into a ball?”





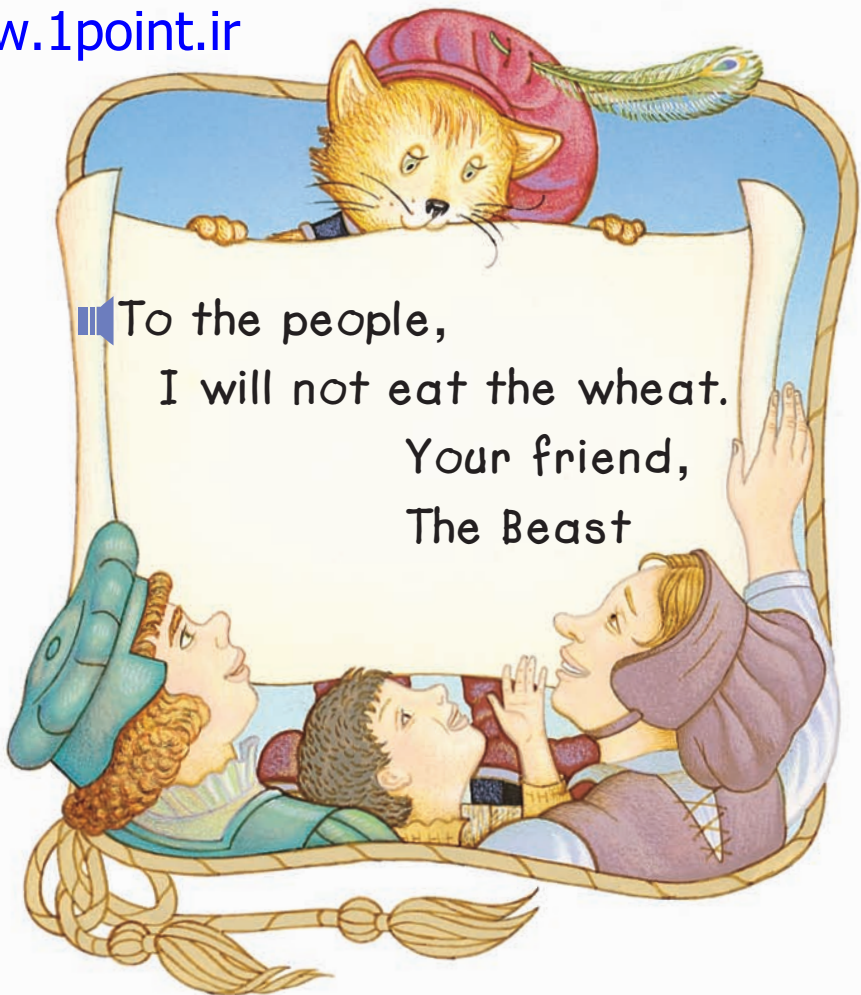
“Easy!” screeched the beast.
Cat moved fast. She put her boot
heel on the beast. “Please be still,
Beast!” she said.





“Stop!” screeched the beast.
“Now write here, Beast,” said Cat.
“Write that you will not eat the
wheat.”





🔊 To the people,
I will not eat the wheat.
Your friend,
The Beast

🔊 From then on, there was a lot
of wheat to eat.










▶ The miller and the princess were wed in a room filled with people. Cat was also there. “See?” she said. “I helped!”



Think and Respond

-  1 What is the miller's problem?
-  2 What does Cat get the beast to do?
-  3 How does the beast's letter affect people in the land?
-  4 How does Cat get the king and the princess to notice the miller?
-  5 Would the princess and the miller have married without Cat's help? Explain.



Make a Boot Book Draw a picture of yourself in boots you would like to have. Write about someplace you would go in your boots. Make a class book titled *Our Class in Boots*.



School-Home Connection Talk with a family member about foods made with wheat. Examine labels to see which foods contain wheat.