58.The Little Lazy Pig

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Once there was a little pig. He was the laziest of all the animals that lived on Happy Farm. Each animal had its own job.

The ox helped pull the plow. The pony helped carry hay. The hens laid eggs and took care of their chicks and the rooster’s job was to wake everybody up.

Only the pig had an easy life, no job. He would eat, sleep, and roll in the mud.

All the animals on Happy Farm were angry that the pig didn’t have to work he got the best food and care.

**“Hey pig, how come you get such yummy food?”** asked the pony.

**“Oh I’m so tired.”** complained the ox.

**“I work so hard and all you do is laying around in the mud all day.”**

**“Ya!”** cried the hens. **“It’s not fair!”**

**“Well, the farmer like me better.”** said the pig.

**“Don’t you feel ashamed that you don’t have to work?”** asked the pony.

**“No! I like being lazy.”**

Many days and weeks passed. The pig became fatter and fatter. So fat that he could hardly stand up. All he did was eat and sleep.

He grew from a little lazy fat pig to a big lazy fat pig. He was so lazy that no one wanted to be his friend.

Winter soon came. The farmer told his wife. **“Christmas is coming. I think that pig is fat enough. We should sell him at the market. We will definitely get a good price.”**

Hearing this Mimi the mouse ran out of the kitchen to spread the news to all the animals.

**“Hey pony, rooster, everyone come quick. I’ve got some news. Listen! The farmer is going to sell the pig.”**

**“When?”** asked the pony.

**“Christmas time.”** answered Mimi.

**“You must have heard wrong! The farmer would never sell the pig. He treats the pig the best. He likes the pig most of all.”** said the rooster.

**“I’m not mistaken. I heard him say that he will sell the pig.”**

The pony sighed, **“Ah, I never thought the reason the farmer treated the pig so well was because he wanted to make him fat and then sell him. I just thought the farmer was unfair.”**

After hearing the real reason why the farmer treated the pig so well, all the animals felt sad for the pig.

**“Oh, poor piggy.”** said the hen.

Christmas came nearer. Everybody was decorating the home with beautiful Christmas trees and busy wrapping presents.

It was also the day the farmer was going to sell the pig. As the farmer loaded the pig into the truck, the pig was still sleeping. **“ZZZ…ZZZ…”**

As the truck left the farm, all the animals sighed and watched the truck drive off. Feeling a bit sad knowing that they would not see the pig again.

From that day on, the animals never complained about having to work hard. Just remember, you reap what you sow.

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