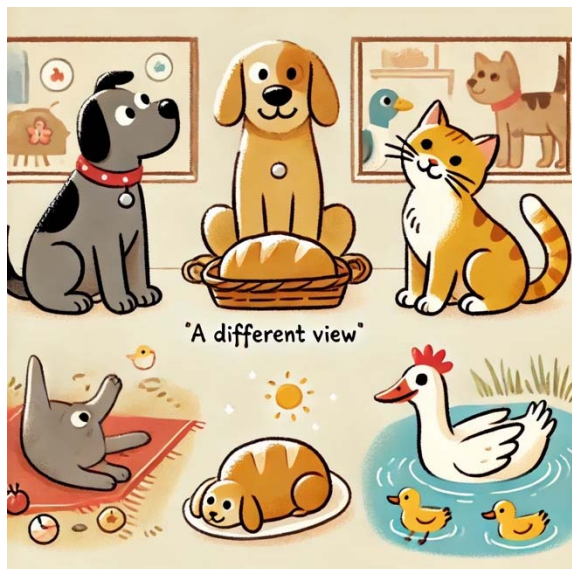


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A Different View

The Little Red Hen's story is well known, but what if the Dog, the Cat, or the Duck told it instead? Perhaps their version would be quite different.

From the Dog's point of view, the story might begin with him napping in the warm sun. "The Hen is always busy," he might say, stretching out. "She never stops working, and she never asks nicely for help. She just expects us to drop everything! When she asked if I would help plant the wheat, I was

about to chase my tail! I didn't want to be rude, so I just said, 'Not !!' and went back to my game."

The Cat might tell the story another way. "I love a cozy nap in the barn, and I don't see why that's a problem. When the Hen called out, asking for help with the wheat, I was in the middle of a very important stretch! It takes a lot of energy to stay so graceful. Besides, she never told us we'd get bread in the end. If she had, maybe I would have considered it."

The Duck, of course, would have a completely different story. "I was enjoying a swim in the pond," he would say. "I work hard, too! Swimming takes skill, and keeping my feathers clean is a big job. When the Hen asked for help, I didn't think she really needed me. She's so good at getting things done on her own! And honestly, I thought she was just being dramatic. I never imagined she would keep the bread all to herself!"

From their perspectives, the animals might believe they were being treated unfairly. Maybe they didn't realize how much effort the Hen put into her work. Maybe they thought she would share no matter what. But in the end, when they saw her enjoying the warm, golden bread alone, they began to wonder—had they made a mistake?

The story of The Little Red Hen is often about hard work and responsibility, but from another point of view, it might also be a lesson about communication and fairness. If the Hen had explained that the work would lead to delicious bread, would the animals have helped? If the animals had paid attention, would they have realized the Hen needed support? Every story changes depending on who tells it, and sometimes, understanding another perspective is the best lesson of all.