



Munch's Adventure

Once upon a Munch Time, there was a cow called Munch, who lived with her friends in a large field near Munch Town.

Munch was a very friendly cow and she liked to know everything that was going on. Her friends said that she was nosy, but Munch was just very interested in people and other cows.

Her field was green with lots of grass to munch on, but one day a strange box with wheels had appeared in one corner. It must have come when all the cows were fast asleep, because no one knew where it had come from, or what it was for.

Munch walked over to it. Munch walked all around it. Munch stood and stared. Munch still did not know what it was for. She licked it, but it did not taste very nice. She sniffed it, but it only smelt faintly of hay. She bumped into it and jumped back in surprise when a long piece of wood crashed down beside her.

The wood looked strong and was still attached to the box at one side. Munch was very puzzled and sniffed again. She could definitely smell hay! She crept slowly up the piece of wood and put her head inside the big box. More hay smells! Munch was nosy and also a bit greedy, so she nervously went further into the box. It was quite large and the hay was stored right at the back. Munch slowly went to the hay store and then did what she did best. She munched and munched and munched!

She was so busy munching that she did not notice the sound of two people approaching. One man exclaimed, **"look at this ramp! It's fallen open again. We must get it fixed."** He then picked up the ramp and slammed it shut. He was in a hurry and had not looked inside the horse box and so had not seen Munch in the darkness at the back.

The box was moving!

Munch's friends had been watching her and had seen her being driven away. They thought and thought, but could come up with no ideas, no plans, no rescue. Poor Munch! Were they going to do nothing? At this point the farmer came into the large field to close the gate behind the big box.

The cows started mooing loudly and they surrounded the farmer, bumping him with their heads. Tom, the farmer, did not know why they were doing this. They had never done anything like it before and he was very puzzled. They slowly began to push him towards the corner of the field where the box had been and they stood there mooing and nodding. Still farmer Tom did not understand and they began to push him towards the gate, still mooing and nodding. Farmer Tom could see they were very upset and tried to work out this puzzle. The herd of cows were making so much noise that he could not hear himself think. He tried patting them and making shushing noises and eventually they quietened a bit.

Farmer Tom looked around at them and realized that Munch was not in the group surrounding him. He looked around the field, but he could not see her. Farmer Tom said aloud, **"Where is Munch?"** When they heard this, the herd of cows began nodding towards the gate and mooing very loudly again.

"Oh no! Has she gone off in the horse box?" farmer Tom exclaimed. He was not expecting an answer and so was very surprised when all the cows began nodding. Farmer Tom was starting to realise that he had a herd of very clever cows. He calmed them down by saying that he would get the phone number of the owner of the horse box. The cows were relieved and moved out of his way.



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When farmer Tom reached the farmhouse his wife was busy baking some bread. **"What's the matter, Tom? You look a bit worried."**

Farmer Tom explained what had happened, although he did not mention the clever cows. Just then his phone rang. Farmer Tom again explained what had happened to a very angry man on the end of the phone and asked them to turn round and bring Munch home.

Eventually the box bumped slowly into the field and the ramp was let down. Munch moved happily and slid down the ramp to meet her friends. Farmer Tom patted Munch and said **"I wish you were as clever as the rest of the herd."** Munch just moed and happily began munching again.