



Munch's Magical Present

Once upon a Munch Time, there was a cow called Munch who had a marvellous magical adventure.

It started when her cousin Meryl sent her a birthday present. Munch loved getting presents and was very excited as she un-wrapped the pink spotty paper – and she was even more excited when she saw the present inside – pink spotty shoes! Munch loved shoes as much as she loved presents and put them on at once.

She read the note Meryl sent with the present:

Dear Munch,

I know you'll love these shoes, but be careful - they are made of special magical material, so don't wear them on windy days!

Love

Meryl Moo

Munch tried very hard to only wear them when there was no wind but she loved them so much she wanted to wear them every day. She was admiring her pink spotty shoes one day when her friend Percy Pig came over.

“Guess what Munch? The sheep are having a party in the next field! There's going to be green cake and purple ice-cream and all the grass you can eat!”

Munch was so excited about the party she forgot to check the weather forecast before she trotted off after Percy.

The sheep had done a great job getting the field ready for the party; they'd blown up balloons and tied them to the gate and made a giant green cake decorated with little white chocolate sheep. All of the animals from the farm were there dancing to the music played by the Big Barn Band.

It was a very windy day and Munch was tucking into some cake when a really strong gust of wind whooshed up and lifted her off her feet! Munch looked down and moored in amazement. Oh no! She was wearing the magical pink spotty shoes on a windy day! This must be what Meryl was talking about!

Munch was flying!

The other animals came trotting over to see what the strange thing in the sky was.

It was Munch!

The sheep panicked as sheep always do. The goats laughed as they always do. Percy the pig was practical as he always was. He ran over to the gate and gathered up all the balloons, telling the other animals to tie all the strings together.

“Quick!” said Munch, **“before another gust of wind blows me into space!”**



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The other animals got the string and Sally Sheep managed to lasso Munch so she was floating in the sky on a string like a balloon.

Just then, they heard a faint baa and Sally looked around and gasped.

“Oh no! Where’s Bernard? Where’s baby Bernard?”

Everyone looked around, but in the excitement of Munch flying, no-one had noticed the little lamb wandering off.

Luckily, Munch was high enough in the air to see all round the farm. Munch suddenly let out a loud moo.

“There he is! He’s in the river, holding onto a rock!”

Sally baaed loudly and started the stampede towards the river. Percy was still holding Munch’s string so she trailed after them in the sky, ears flapping in the breeze.

When they got to the river, Sally was trying to reach poor Bernard, but he was too far out. Percy skidded to a halt. He forgot he was holding Munch who ended up tangled in a tall tree.

Munch looked at the tree branch she was floating above and at the pretty pink spotty shoes she loved so much. Then she looked down at Bernard. With a sigh, she kicked off the spotty shoes and watched them fall down into the river. As soon as the shoes were off, she fell straight down, landing on the tree branch, which broke with a huge CRA-ACK!

And then she was falling down, down, down... SPLASH! into the river.

She kept hold of the long branch, which landed with one end on the river bank and one end on the rock Bernard was clinging to.

“Quick Bernard!” she called. **“Climb along the branch before it breaks!”**

And Bernard quickly scrambled to safety and a big cuddle from his mum. Munch was happy to see Bernard safe and tried not to feel sad as she saw her shoes floating down the river.

Three days later, the sheep had another party. When Munch got there, they all gathered around her.

“Munch – you saved Bernard from the river. We know how much you loved your shoes, so we got you a little something to say thanks.”

Sally handed over a present wrapped in green stripy paper. Inside were four green stripy shoes.

“But be careful,” said Sally. **“Don’t wear them on rainy days!”**

Munch wondered what happened on rainy days ...

But that’s another story.