



STORY: THE LITTLE RED HEN MAKES PIZZA

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Twice as long as long ago, there lived a little red hen. Her favorite food in the whole world was pizza! One day, she decided to make herself a giant pizza. She needed flour for the dough, tomatoes for the sauce, mozzarella cheese and pepperoni. When she checked the cupboard, she saw that she was out of flour. When she checked the refrigerator, she saw that she was out of tomatoes, mozzarella cheese and pepperoni. She needed to go shopping!

On her way to the store, she saw her friends, the dog, the cat, and the duck. The little red hen asked, "Who will help me shop for the ingredients for my pizza?"

"Not I," said the Dog,

"Not I," said the Cat,

"Not I," said the Duck.

And that was that.

"Never mind then. I'll do it myself," said the little red hen and she did. When she finished shopping, she needed help preparing the ingredients for her pizza. She saw her friends, the dog, the cat, and the duck. The little red hen asked her friends, "Now who will help me prepare the ingredients for my pizza?"

"Not I," said the Dog,

"Not I," said the Cat,

"Not I," said the Duck.

And that was that.

"Never mind then. I'll do it myself," said the little red hen and she did. When she finished preparing the ingredients for her pizza, she needed help baking the pizza. The little red hen asked her friends, the dog, the cat, and the duck, "Now who will help me bake the pizza?"

"Not I," said the Dog,

"Not I," said the Cat,

"Not I," said the Duck.

And that was that.

"Never mind then. I'll do it myself," said the little red hen and she did. When the pizza was finished, it was very hot. She carried it to the table and set it down. She opened the window so

that the pizza could cool off. The smell of the pizza drifted to the noses of her friends, the dog, the cat and the duck. Suddenly, they came knocking at the door.

The little red hen answered, “Yes?”

They said, “We smell pizza!”

The little red hen said to her friends, “That’s right! Now who will help me eat the pizza?”

“I will,” said the Dog,

“I will,” said the Cat,

“I will,” said the Duck.

And that was that.

“Oh no, you won’t,” said the little red hen. “None of you helped me shop for the ingredients for my pizza, prepare the ingredients for my pizza, or bake my pizza! I’m going to eat it myself!”

Her friends, the dog, the cat, and the duck began to cry! The little red hen did not like seeing her friends cry. She said, “I’ll tell you what. If you promise to help me clean up the mess, I will share my pizza with you.” The three friends agreed.

When they finished eating the giant pizza, there was a huge mess. The little red hen asked her friends, “Now who will help me clean up this mess?” Guess what they said?

“I will,” said the Dog,

“I will,” said the Cat,

“I will,” said the Duck.

And that was that.

From that time forward, whenever the little red hen needed help, she could always count on her friends, the dog, the cat, and the duck. And that was that!