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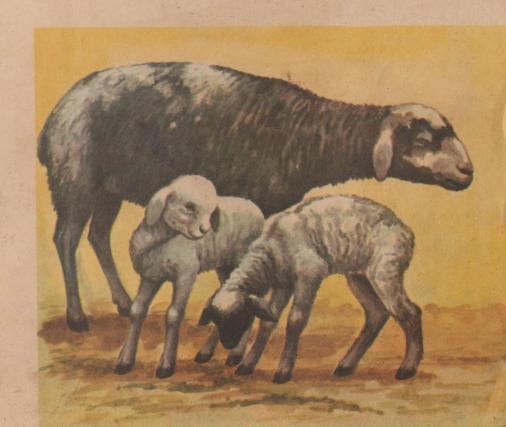


Once on a big farm lived a Mother Goat with her two kids. One kid was a handsome buck, the other was a pretty doe. Both the kids were very playful. On the same farm, lived

Mother Sheep with her two lambs.

One lamb was a ram,

strong and healthy. The other was
a sweet little ewe. Everyone
on the farm loved them.



Though Mother Goat fed her kids with milk twice a day—in the morning and in the evening—the kids seemed always hungry. They ate almost anything they found.





The lambs too knew when it was time to have their milk. They would stop in the middle of the maddest game and race towards Mother Sheep as fast as they could.



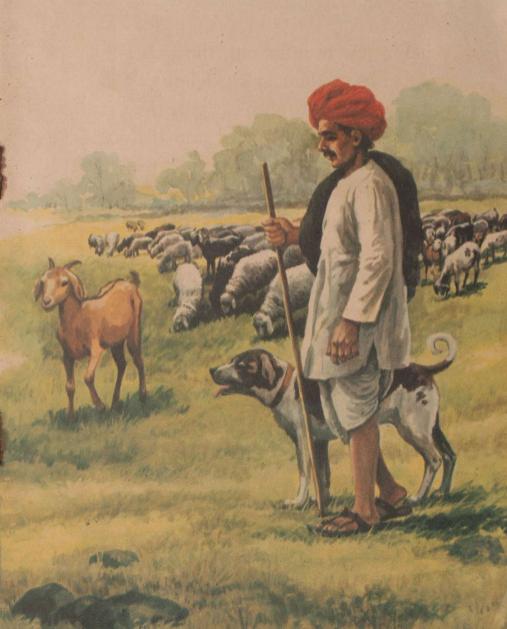
Every day Mother Goat and Mother Sheep went to graze with the farmer's other goats and sheep. The lambs and kids were too small to go with their mothers. So they were left in the pen. At first they were very unhappy.

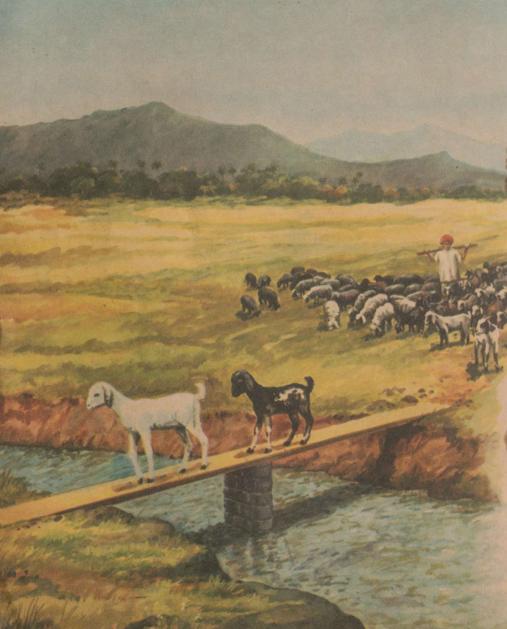
But soon they began to play with each other and became good friends. In the evening when the flock returned and the kids saw their mother, they bleated "Ma-a-a" with joy. The lambs too joyously bleated "Ba-a-a" on seeing their mother.



When a few months old, the kids and lambs to their great delight, were taken out to graze. Soon they made friends with the shepherd and his dog. Once while playing 'catching cook', they wandered away from the flock. The dog ran after them and guided them back to the flock. Their mothers scolded them and warned them never to leave the flock again.









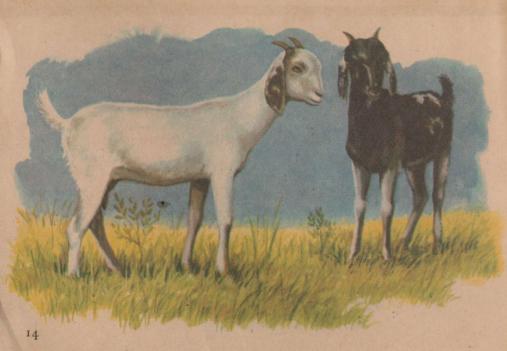
One afternoon, the shepherd led the flock towards a river. The grass there was green and soon the flock got busy eating. But to the buck, the grass looked greener on the other side of the river. So he crossed the narrow bridge carefully. The doe who always thought her brother to be very clever, followed him. But when the buck saw that the others were not crossing the bridge he turned back. Midway, he came face to face with his sister.





"Oh, dear! They will surely fall into the river," thought Mother Goat sadly. Every one was worried, but not the buck. He said to his sister, "You sit down and I shall jump over you. When I have crossed the bridge, you follow me."

Soon, both the kids were back with Mother Goat. She patted them for being clever. Their playmates, the lambs were also very happy to see them safe. From then on, the buck became the favourite of the whole flock for he was really a clever kid. And when the buck grew a beard he looked very smart and handsome.





The lambs too, as they grew older, looked beautiful in their fluffy woollen coats. Then, one day their coats were sheared. Like a great show-off, the buck teased the gentle lambs. But the lambs did not mind because Mother Sheep had said that a new coat would soon grow on them.

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