

(Ladies and gentlemen, the story I'm going to read is....)

(四) The Horse and the Dog 🐶

A dog and a horse, which served the same peasant, began to discuss each other's merits one day.

"How grand we are, to be sure!" said Barbos. "I shouldn't be sorry if they were to turn you out of the farmyard. A noble service, indeed, to plough or to draw a cart! And I've never heard of any other proof of your merit. How can you possibly compare yourself with me? I rest neither by day nor by night. In the daytime, I watch the cattle in the meadows, at night I guard the house."

"Quite true," replied the horse. "What you say is perfectly correct. Only remember that, if it weren't for my ploughing, you wouldn't have anything at all to guard here."

(Thank you very much for your attention.)