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List of Characters

(in order of appearance)

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| Group 1: | Green |
| Group 2: | Blue |
| Dog: | Orange |
| Donkey: | Red |
| Cat: | Light Blue |
| Rooster: | Purple |
| Robber 1: | Light Green |
| Robber 2: | Pink |
| Donkey, Dog, Cat
and Rooster: | Brown |



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Group 2: The next morning, the old donkey, the shaggy dog, the fat cat, and the noisy rooster awoke to a beautiful day. They looked around and were surprised by their good fortune.

Donkey: Here we have a cozy home and everything we need. We don't have to go to Bremen to be professional singers.

Dog: We could stay here, live in this cabin, and make music together for the rest of our days.

Cat: What a fabulous idea!

Rooster: Let's celebrate our good fortune by singing.

Donkey, Dog, Cat, and Rooster: Hee-haw!
Hee-haw! Bow-wow! Bow-wow!
Meow! Meow! Meow! Cock-a-doodle-doo!



Group 1: Once there lived an old donkey that worked for a mean master. The donkey labored all day without a break. At night, he often went to sleep hungry. The donkey would sing whenever he could. Singing helped him forget his troubles.

Group 2: The donkey always dreamed of going to the town of Bremen and being a professional singer. So one day, when his master was particularly mean to him, the donkey made a plan.

Group 1: That night, while the master slept, the donkey sneaked out of his stall and ran away into the moonlit night.



Group 2: As the sun came up, the old donkey continued on his way, singing happily while he trotted down the road. Rounding a corner, the donkey came upon a shaggy dog.

Dog: Well, hello there! Where are you going?

Donkey: I ran away from my mean master, and I am on my way to the great town of Bremen. I am confident that people will pay money to hear my magnificent voice. Then I can live happily for the rest of my days.

Dog: What a wonderful plan! I am also a fine singer, and my master isn't very kind either. May I join you?

Donkey: Yes, of course, you may. I would be delighted to have a companion on this journey.

Group 1: Together, the shaggy dog and the old donkey sang and talked as they followed the road to Bremen.

Robber 1: That was one hungry troll! I could feel its teeth on my leg!

Robber 2: That troll hit me on the head with a club!

Robber 1: He had long, sharp nails; and he nearly scratched out my eyes!

Robber 2: And, oh, the terrible noise that troll made!

Group 1: The robbers never returned to the cabin again.



Group 2: The robber bent down to light the coals. But instead of being coals, they were the eyes of the fat cat! The cat hissed and clawed the robber's face.

Robber 1: Yowwww!!!

Group 1: The robber's scream woke up the other animals. The donkey, the dog, and the rooster hurried to help the cat. They thought that something or someone was attacking their friend. At the same time, the other robber rushed over to help his partner.

Group 2: The old donkey lashed out with its hooves. The shaggy dog snarled and bit the robbers. And the noisy rooster crowed as loud as he could.

Group 1: Terrified, the robbers bolted out of the house again.

Group 2: Once they were a safe distance away, the robbers discussed what had happened to them inside the dark cabin.

Group 2: Soon they met a fat cat.

Cat: Good afternoon! Where are the two of you going?

Dog: We are on our way to the great town of Bremen. We are confident that people will pay money to hear our melodious voices. Then we can live happily for the rest of our days!

Cat: What a wonderful plan! My master ignores me. I am an outstanding singer, too. May I join you?

Dog: Yes, of course, you may. We would be happy to have a new companion on our journey.

Group 1: Together, the old donkey, the shaggy dog, and the fat cat sang and talked as they followed the road to Bremen.



Group 2: Later that day, the animals encountered a noisy rooster.

Rooster: Hello, hello, hello! Where might the three of you be going today?

Cat: We have left our masters, and we are on our way to the great town of Bremen. We are confident that people will pay money to hear our harmonious voices. Then we can live happily for the rest of our days!

Rooster: What a wonderful plan! I fear if I stay here much longer, I will end up in my master's soup. I am known for my great voice, as well. May I join you?

Cat: Yes, of course, you may. We would be thrilled to have a new companion on our journey!

Group 1: Together, the old donkey, the shaggy dog, the fat cat, and the noisy rooster sang and talked as they followed the road to Bremen.



Group 2: Several hours later, the robbers decided to return to the cabin to retrieve their money and food. They crept inside the dark house.

Group 1: One of the robbers wanted to make a fire. In the darkness, he saw some glowing coals near the fireplace.



Group 2: When the animals realized that the house was empty, they crept inside.

Donkey: What a cozy house. I could make myself quite comfortable here!

Rooster: Oh, look! Those nice men left us some money!

Cat: Look! Here's some delicious food, too!

Group 1: The animals feasted on the food until they were all stuffed. They ate so much that they soon fell asleep.



Group 2: Soon the four friends came to a tiny cabin in the woods. They peeked through a window and saw two men sitting at a table counting their money and eating their dinner. The animals didn't know that the men were robbers.

Donkey: Why don't we sing for these two men? I am confident that once they hear our enchanting voices, they will give us some of their food and money.

Group 1: So the shaggy dog climbed onto the old donkey's back. The fat cat leaped onto the dog's back. Then the noisy rooster flew up and perched on the cat and the animals began to sing.

Donkey, Dog, Cat, and Rooster: Hee-haw!
Hee-haw! Bow-wow! Bow-wow!
Meow! Meow! Meow! Cock-a-doodle-doo!



Group 1: The animals' singing startled the robbers.

Robber 1: Yikes! What is that horrible noise?

Robber 2: I have heard that these woods are filled with hungry trolls. Maybe one of them has found us!

Group 2: Meanwhile, the old donkey, the shaggy dog, the fat cat, and the noisy rooster continued to sing.

Donkey: I think they like our song. Sing louder, everybody!

Donkey, Dog, Cat, and Rooster: Hee-haw!
Hee-haw! Bow-wow! Bow-wow!
Meow! Meow! Meow! Cock-a-doodle-doo!

Robber 1: Let's get out of here!

Group 1: The robbers ran out of the house, leaving the food and money behind.

