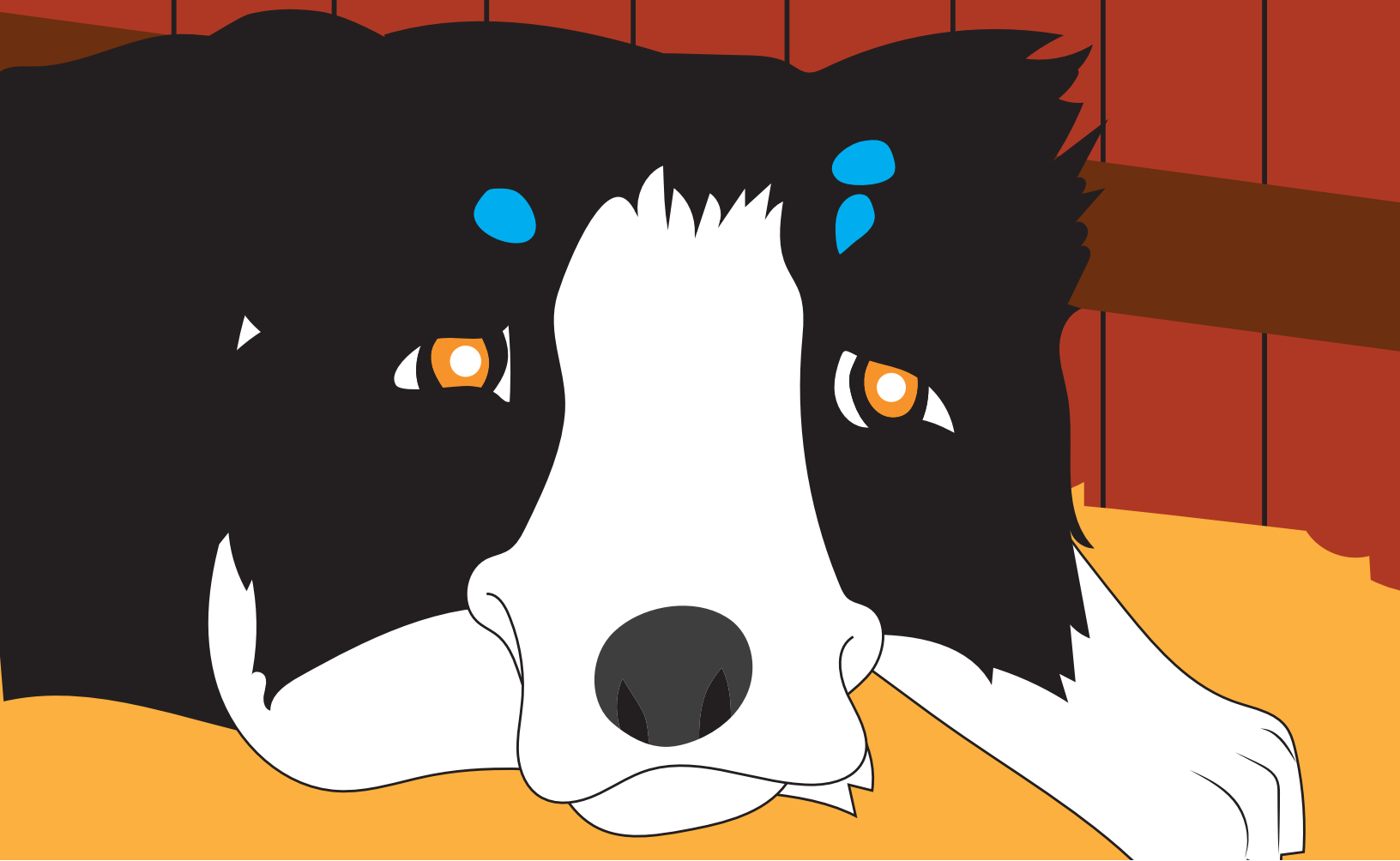


OAKLEY

the SCAREDY DOG

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This is Oakley. Oakley is a border collie who lived in an enormous red barn.



While his farmyard friends liked to play, Oakley had spent most of his days in a corner in a barn.

Oakley was afraid of the outside world, as he believed that it was an unsafe place filled with many, many horrors. Because of this, he was a true loner.

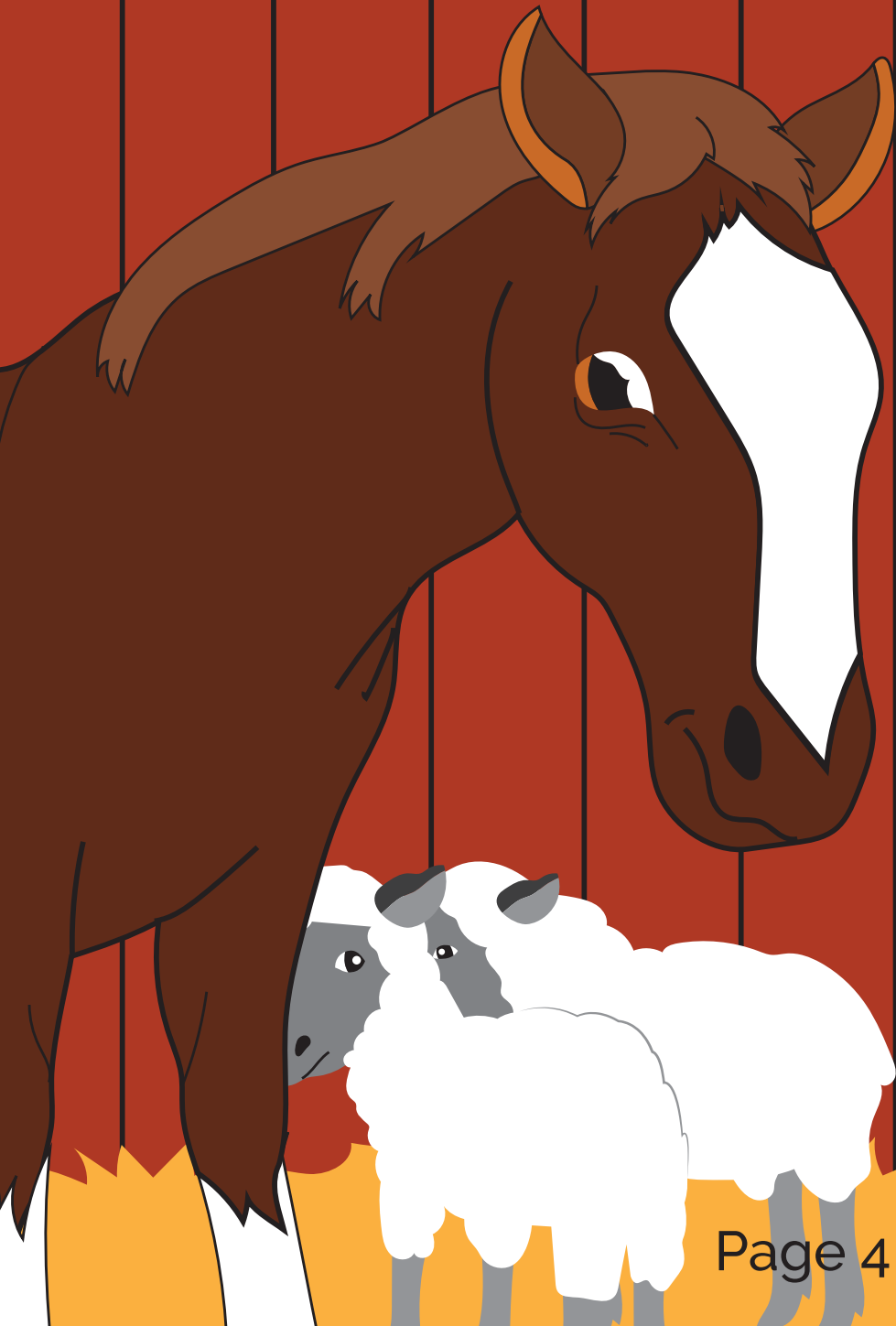


Sometimes, Oakley had been called names like “chicken” and “scaredy dog”. This made him feel even more heartbroken and lonely.




Noticing this, Hudson, a large brown horse who was leader of the farm animals, asked Oakley what was the matter.

Hudson said, "There is nothing to be afraid of. Let's go outside and play with your friends."



Hudson then said, "I understand, Oakley. But instead of being scared, think of the outdoors as a place where so many wonderful things await and where all of your friends would want to meet you?"





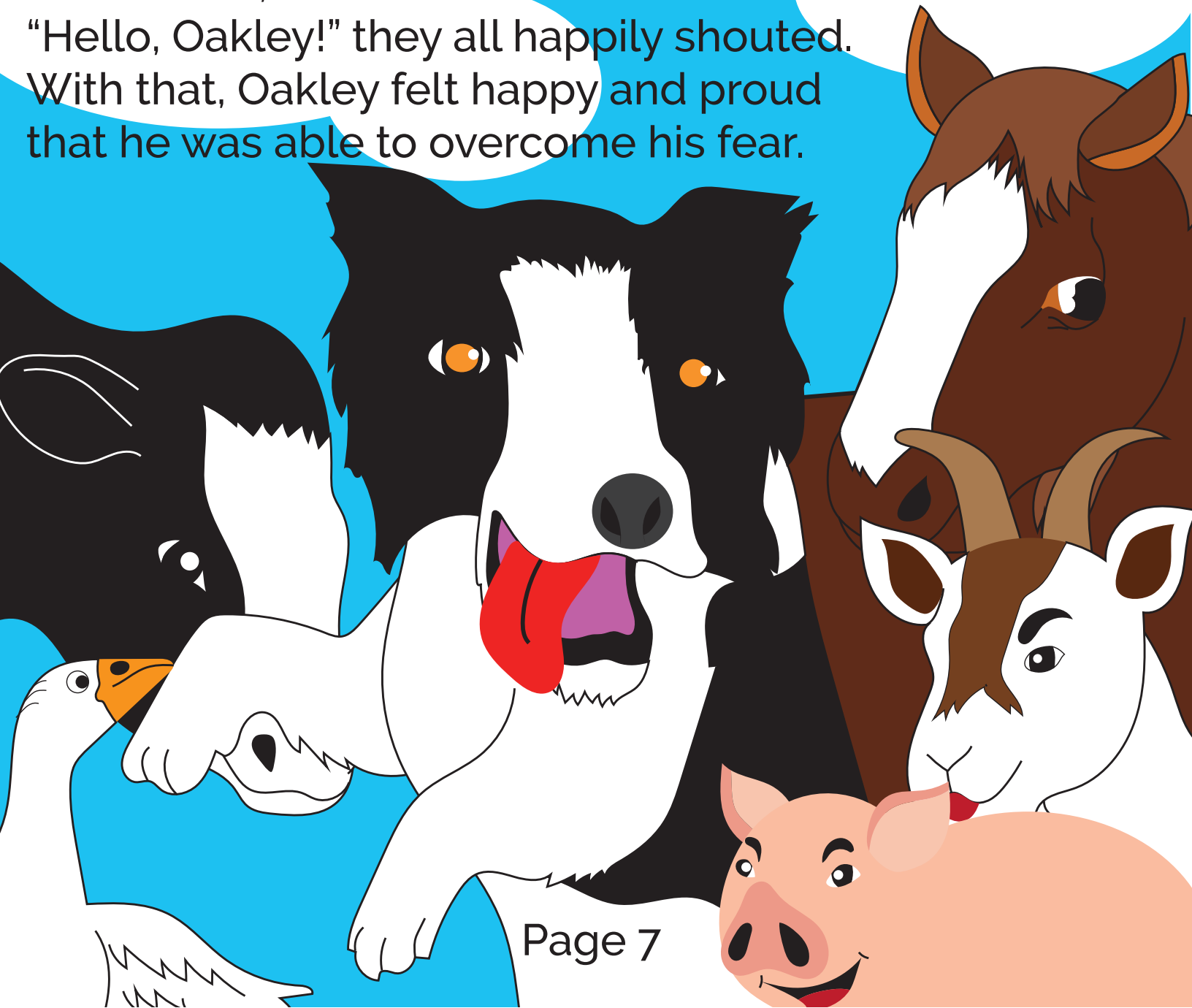
With Hudson's help, Oakley slowly walked towards the edge of the barn's doors. As he did so, he saw many other animals outside the barn, and they cheered him on.

As he finally stepped out onto the farmyard, the other animals warmly welcomed him.

“Here he is”, cried one of them.

“Hello, Oakley!” they all happily shouted.

With that, Oakley felt happy and proud that he was able to overcome his fear.



Finally, his friends happily came to him and said, "There's nothing to be scared of, Oakley. Having courage is key."



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