

# Bacon and Wool: You're a Baaaad Boy

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On Farmer Bob's farm, every animal had their own personality. Some were adventurous or curious or shy, but only one was troublesome by nature. The goat, perfectly named Baaaad Boy, always seemed to look for trouble. This was different from Bacon and Wool, the duo of a pig and a sheep, that accidentally got into trouble.

Baaaad Boy started most days by kicking at his fence. As soon as he woke up, usually because of Drumstick the rooster's squawking, he'd start kicking. Usually about once a week he could knock a board out of place and escape. Farmer Bob didn't want to waste the money on a new fence, so he always fixed the old one after recapturing his mischievous goat.



After a good half hour of kicking at the boards, he'd go eat his food to get his strength up for more trouble. He would comb over the penned area, looking for tasty flowers and anything that wasn't supposed to be in his yard. He particularly loved to eat paper. Whenever paper blew into his yard, he gobbled it down. Plastic he didn't eat, but he'd chew it and spit it into a pile just over the fence row, so Farmer Bob would step on it.

Later in the day, Baaaad Boy would try to climb onto his house and making as loud of noises as possible. He had a small shelter he could get into to get out of the wind and rain. He could climb onto the rounded-roof building and bleat his heart out. He enjoyed singing, as he thought of it. All of the other animals in the yard hated his singing and would start shouting at him to be quiet. The ruckus this made was pretty overwhelming!

Before bedtime, Baaaad Boy liked to run around his pen making strange noises, like he'd once heard coyotes make. This startled Drumstick the rooster, and frightened Bacon the pig. The joke made the goofy goat bray with laughter, but the others didn't much care for his routine.

A few more kicks at his fence and stomps on the roof of his house meant it was time to go to sleep. Except, even in his sleep he tended to cry out and make noise. He really was a noisy, troublesome goat!

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  - C. Cheddar the cow
  - D. Farmer Bob
  
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3. What does Baaaad Boy do first when he wakes up?
  - A. He eats.
  - B. He kicks at his fence.
  - C. He sings from the roof of his shelter.
  - D. He makes coyote noises.
  
4. Which of these does Baaaad Boy NOT do?
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