Goodness, Grady!

Cast of Characters
Narrator
Grady, the Cow (puppet)
Grady, the Cow (voice)
Henry, the Horse (puppet)
Henry, the Horse (voice)
Percy, the Pig (puppet)
Percy, the Pig (voice)
Lacey, the Lamb (puppet)
Lacey, the Lamb (voice)

Setting: The grain silo on the Bill Mach Farm in Yukon, Oklahoma.

Narrator...................................Grady, the Cow, has just given birth to a calf. The calf is dead. Grady is confused and very upset. While Bill Mach, her owner, has his back turned, Grady jumps into Bill’s silo. Bill is amazed when he realizes what she has done. Grady is a very large cow, and the silo opening is very small. In fact, it is only 17 1/2 inches wide and 25 1/2 inches tall.

Narrator holds up a 17 1/2- by 25 1/2-inch window made of construction paper.

Narrator...................................Now Grady, the Cow, cannot get out. But, wait. Here comes Henry, the Horse. Maybe he can help. Let’s listen.

Grady, the Cow.......................Moo (in much pain)! Help! Henry, the Horse, I need some help!

Henry trots toward the silo.

Henry, the Horse.................My Goodness, Grady (imitating a horse sound)! How did you get in such a mess?

Grady, the Cow...............I was so unhappy that my baby died, I accidentally jumped through the opening in the silo. Moo-hoo! Moo-hoo!

Henry, the Horse..............Well, turn around, and I’ll pull you out by your tail.

Grady turns around. Henry pulls, but nothing happens.

Grady, the Cow...........Moo-hoo! This will never do!

Percy, the Pig, comes along, on the way to his mud hole.

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Henry, the Horse, and
Grady, the Cow.................Percy Pig! Come quickly! We need your help!

Henry, the Horse..............Grady is stuck. She can’t get out of the silo!

Percy lumbers over.

Percy, the Pig.......................(snorts) Let me see. I’ll crawl in the silo with Grady. I could get a better look at the problem.

Oink! Oink (speaks with a labored sound, as though trying to squeeze through the silo opening)!

Grady, the Cow......................Percy, it’s no use. You are too fat to even get through the opening. Moo-hoo (crying). I’ll be stuck here forever.

Narrator..............................It seems like the farm animals have a real problem on their hands. This might be their last chance. Here comes Lacey Lamb. Maybe she can solve this problem.

Lacey Lamb prances through the barnyard.

Lacey, the Lamb .................(speaking in a sweet tone) Why is Grady stuck in Farmer Bill’s silo? Can she not get out?

Percy, the Pig
Henry, the Horse
and Grady, the Cow........NO! And we need your help!

Percy, the Pig ......................We’ve tried everything.

Lacey, the Lamb ....................That’s too bad! But I have an idea. My coat of wool produces a kind of oil called lanolin. We can use my lanolin to grease up Grady. Then maybe she will slip through the opening.

The animals gather around Grady.

Lacey, the Lamb
Henry, the Horse and
Percy, the Pig..............One, two, three . . . PULL!

Grady pops out, tired and very hungry, but unharmed. A cheer goes up from the animals.

Narrator.............................The moral of the story is: Look before you leap!

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