

DOTTIE THE LEOPARD AND SPOTTIE THE PIG By Kathryn Pennacchio

Leopards are gorgeous animals with brown and black spots. They are big cats. They eat meat. They live in Africa and Asia. There is a mother Leopard and her cub, who live in the Staten Island Zoo. Her name is Dottie.

Pigs usually live on a farm, and they are smart. There is a large pig who lives in the Staten Island Zoo. She lives in a barn in the Children's Zoo. She is pink, and she is very smart. Her name is Spottie because she has spots on her nose. The spots are her birthmarks, but she calls the spots her beauty marks.

Dottie and Spottie are friends. They made plans to hang out together. They decided to go to a drive-in movie theater. Dottie drove her car, a Ford Bronco. Dottie picked up Spottie.

Dottie said, "Let's see 'Jurassic Park 3.' "

Spottie squealed with happiness.

Dottie said, "I like you because you make me laugh when you are happy."

Spottie said, "When you laugh, you make me almost pee my pants."

And then they started laughing again.

They enjoyed the movie, "Jurassic Park 3." Then they went to dinner at Outback Steakhouse and ate steak, from their neighbor the vegetarian cow.

Even this silly fable can make you laugh. It's always good to laugh.