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## One horse, and One girl

### Part one: Once upon a horse

Once there was a girl and her name was Harper, about ten years old and she always wanted a horse. It was a dream and she had that dream forever so one day her parents decided to move to Tennessee on a farm and when she got there she did not believe her eyes. There was a horse on the new farm. Abandoned, but she could not believe who would leave this beautiful horse. The horse almost looked like Harper. Blond hair with bright green eyes and she was shy but Harper had glee in her face. Her parents and brother worried about the money but Harper said she could help pay for the horse. Her mother Kristin, could not lie. She also loved horses and always loved them so she decided to keep the horse. Then Harper's mother asked, "Do you have a name for the beautiful horse?" she asked and the child responded " Sure do, her name is Willow." The mother smiled and she loved seeing her daughter happy, so for Harper's eleventh birthday she bought her a saddle and she put the saddle on the horse right when she got it. The horse was scared because Willow had never been ridden before, so Harper pet Willow's neck in comfort. Then Willow trusted Harper and felt her excitement so Willow let Harper on and they rode around the farm and it was a blast. Willow then trusted Harper so then every morning the little girl would get on that saddle and ride Willow, brush and feed her as long as she could.

### Part two: The love

After weeks the horse and harper loved each other so much that her mom secretly signed her up for horseback riding contests and they always won first and that showed that nothing could part them. Soon Harper had to go to school so while she was at school her mother helped take care of Willow. One day Harper rode Willow to school with her mom in the back and as she dropped Harper off. Mom said " Please, Lord help her make friends" she prayed. When Harper got home she had the best day at Silverspring Elementary, and she made ten new friends. The mom thought "He answered my prayer" and the girl said "What's that you said?" her mother smiled and replied "Nothing" and the little girl went with it. Harper was very excited because Gramps and Meemaw were coming over and they love animals just as much as Harper and Meemaw said she would take care of Willow while her mom takes a job interview for a rodeo. Harper's mom was about to get some cattle and she loved to hear their song when they were happy. Harper's Father was getting a new truck and boy was she proud of her daddy. The next day she got to help her mom sell some male calves at the auction for more money, and it was a lot for those little male calves and she loved them solemnly but she had to say goodbye. At the end of that day they got a beautiful dark brown horse and Harper named her Windy because her mane

was always blowing in the wind. Harper never let Willow get jealous of Windy so she decided to give them everything equally even though Windy was her mom's horse for her job at the rodeo. Last week her father wrote that he would be coming home on Thursday and today was Thursday and she was so happy. Her mother milked cows and they always brought milk to neighbors so their neighbors never went to Mariel Market. (it is a place where you get your milk). Her mom always sold the male calves because they were worth something big at an auction. Her father came home with a big surprise... a Berne doodle and he was so cute but he was for Brody, her brother. Brody named him Fried Chicken since he was all tan. Harper thought that was not OK and that he really needed to care about the name. Fried chicken it was. She finally gave up so she let him name the little pup, Fried chicken. Gosh darn he was so cute but Harper had Ellie, Rosie, and Willow so now they were even. She then was asleep and then a storm came but this was different it was flashing in her eyes she did not know what was happening. "Where is Rosie, where is Ellie, where am I?" But then she heard it. A familiar voice yelling "Wake up!" Who's that? Then there was a bright light and she thought it was daytime and she was going to see Willow and... then no Willow. No Windy. What is going on? Where is Meemaw, where is Gramps? Where is Fried Chicken? Where is this? "Hello school day" She heard someone call out and she had no idea what was going on so she opened her eyes got dressed and was ready to go to Silversprings Elementary

### **Part three: so, was it all a dream?**

She was ready to go to school when her mother asked her, "What is Silversprings Elementary?" she asked in wonder. "What do you mean?" We live on a farm with horses and cattle "I mean we just went through a terrible storm" she replied in confusion. "Harper, I told your brother to wake you up because it is a school day," she said with confidence. "Two words, Flashlight and Yelling?." Brody said. "Harper, did it ever occur to you that during your dream you were sleep walking and petting the walls and talking like they were a horse?" the mom said with her eyes wide. "So what you're saying is, that it was all a dream?" she replied sadly. "Yes, but since it's your twelfth birthday day here." "A HORSE!" she roared excitedly.