

Dream Changer

Clippity-clop, clippity-clop, around the training arena they gallop. Evie and her horse, Brownie, are training hard for a big horse-riding race, and today they are learning jumps. They make a great team.

“Evie, when you do a jump, shake the reins harder to let Brownie know that he needs to jump,” explained her coach. Evie tries to do that with Brownie. He jumps perfectly, but his back hoof hits the pole and unexpectedly Evie goes flying in the air.....THUMP! Evie falls off.

“OWWWWWW!” She cries, as loud as a lion’s roar. Her coach comes running over and asks nervously, “Are you ok?” But Evie doesn’t reply. She can only cry in pain.

Later, at the hospital, her leg all bandaged up, Evie feels better. But she worries she won’t be able to do the race anymore. While lying in bed, looking out the hospital window she sees a group of horses in the distance, on a paddock. One of them is limping, she can tell.

“Who is taking care of that horse like the nurses are taking care of me?” Evie thinks. Suddenly Evie’s not so worried about the race or her leg. Instead, she wants to help the injured horse.

A few days later (although it felt like forever), Evie was allowed to go home. When her dad picked her up, she told him about the injured horse she’d spotted. Luckily, he knew the farmer (Joe). He called him straight away and offered for Evie to help.

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Evie spends a whole day caring for the injured horse – cleaning his stable, brushing his mane, giving him extra carrots, and lots of cuddles. When Evie was finished for the day, Farmer Joe thanked her. While looking after his horse, Evie learns a lot and has so much fun being a nurse and special friend for it, she even forgets about race day!

When she remembers there are only ten more days until the race, she thinks, “Should I start training again, or should I keep looking after Farmer Joe’s horse?” She decides to try doing both.

That night Evie gets out her riding uniform and goes to bed extra early so she can wake up before the sun, help out at Farmer Joe’s, and then go to training. She does this every day until the race, which is very tiring.

Race day is finally here. Evie pulls on her riding uniform, eats a big breakfast, brushes her teeth, and rushes to the car as fast as a wink. Evie’s mum drives her to the race.

Ready, Set, Go! Evie and Brownie gallop faster than ever! They did a great job in the race... but didn’t win. They came second, but Evie didn’t mind as much as she would have before her accident. Her dream has changed – Evie is going to be a vet! She knows for sure that is what will make her happy.

The end.