



The Horse Who Found His Name

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Once upon a time, on a sun-filled farm, lived a strong and gentle horse. He had a cozy stable and a green meadow to run in, but he was missing one important thing: a name. His owner, Jack, simply called him "Horse."



Jack's wife, Lina, was also very affectionate, but she too forgot to find a name for him. "Come here, big fella!" she would say, bringing him a juicy apple. The horse liked apples, but not that name.



One day, a great joy
arrived at the farmhouse:
a beautiful baby was born,
and they named him
Luciano. Jack and Lina
were so happy that they
forgot even more about
their nameless horse.



Years passed, and Luciano grew into a cheerful boy. One day, while playing near the stable, he said, "I'll call you Bruno!" But the horse didn't like the name Bruno at all. It seemed too gruff a name for him.



Many more years passed, and Luciano was now a young boy. Seeing that the horse never responded to the name Bruno, he thought and thought. Then, one afternoon, he approached him and whispered, "How about... Simone?"



Simone! That name sounded like music to the horse's ears. He neighed loudly and rubbed his muzzle on Luciano's shoulder. He finally had a name he loved! From that day on, whenever they called him, Simone would come running happily.

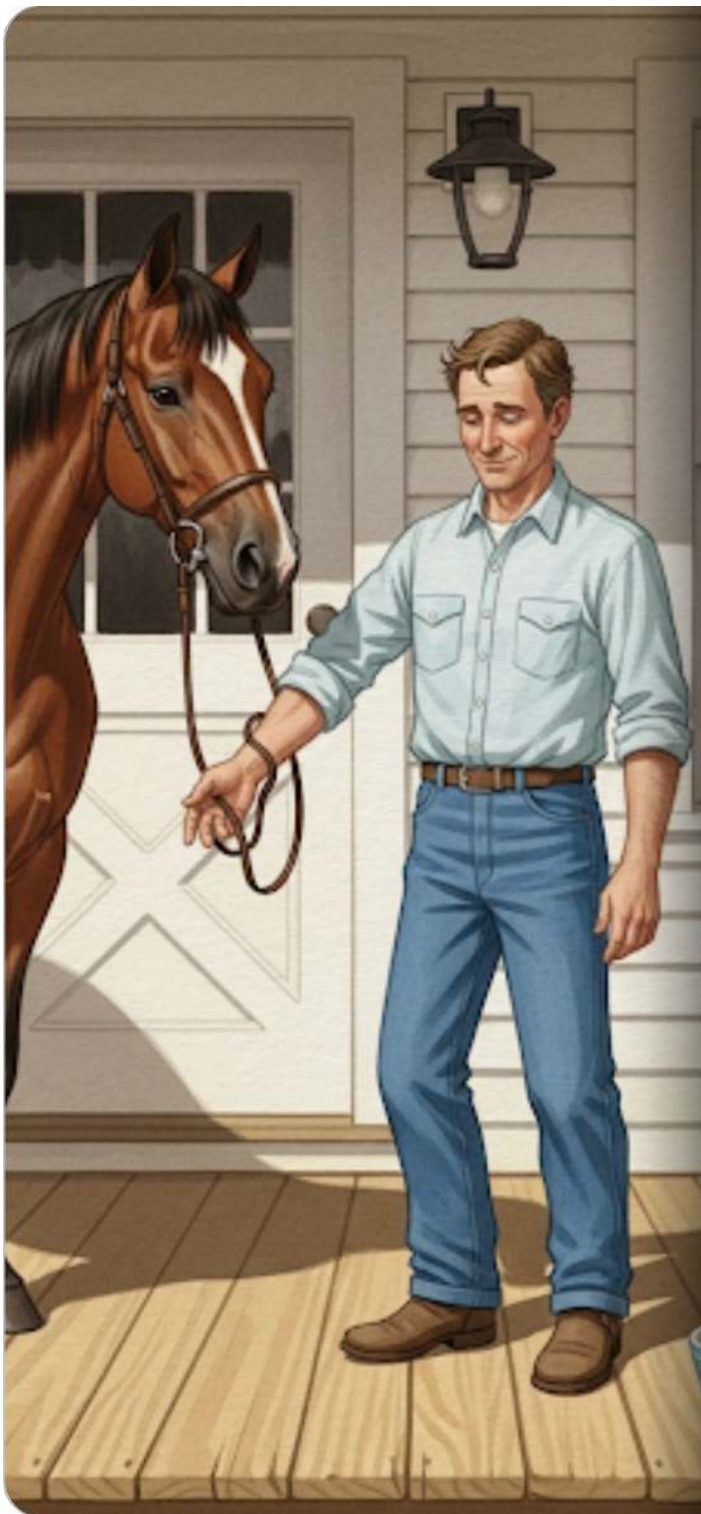


Everyone on the farm was happy, or almost everyone. There was a cat named Miao, who was always a bit grumpy. Jack and Lina, busy with their chores, sometimes forgot about his bowl.



Simone noticed his little friend's sadness. So, secretly, when no one was looking, he would push a little of his hay and a few carrots near Miao with his muzzle.

But Miao wasn't happy. It wasn't right that his owners forgot about him. Simone understood. It wasn't just about food, but about love and responsibility.



The next day, Simone took Jack's shirt sleeve and gently guided him to Miao's empty bowl. Jack understood immediately. From that day on, he never forgot his cat again. And finally, on that farm, everyone lived happily ever after.