

The magic horse

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Long ago there was a king.
One day an old man came.
He had a beautiful toy horse.



“This horse can fly,” he said.
The King wanted to see that.
“Do you see that tree?” asked
the King. “It is ten miles away.”
“Yes,” said the old man.
The King said, “Go and get
a leaf from the tree.” The man
got on the toy horse. The King
saw the horse fly like a bird!

Soon, the man was back. “Here you are,” he said. And he gave the leaf to the King.



“Wow! Can I buy your horse?” asked the King.

“No,” said the man. “Let me marry the Princess. Then I will give you the horse.”

Everyone was shocked.

The man was so cheeky.

The King’s son was there.

His name was Prince Firouz.

The Prince got on the horse.

The horse took off like a bird!

“Look at that!” cried the King.
“The Prince might die.” And
the King sent the man to jail.



Up in the sky, the Prince
was scared. He didn't know
how to land! The horse went
on and on. It got dark. Then
the Prince found a little peg.
He turned the peg. The horse
went down. It landed on
a castle—but it wasn't home!



Firouz met the Princess there. She was beautiful. She let him stay in that castle in Bengal.

After some time, Firouz said, "I must go home. My father will be missing me. He will blame the old man."

Prince Firouz was in love with the Princess of Bengal.

"Will you come to my home with me?" he asked.

She said, "Yes." Off they went.



Prince Firouz made the horse land near his home. Then Firouz went to see the King. The Princess of Bengal waited with the magic horse.

A bad man came and kidnapped her. The baddie took her away on the horse. “HELP!” called the Princess. Firouz heard her and looked. He saw them up in the sky.



Firouz ran to see the King. "Here I am," Firouz said. "I am not dead. Set the man free." Then Firouz said, "I have to go now to find my Princess."

So Prince Firouz set off. He had to walk this time! He went on and on. He was very sad. "I won't give up," he said. Then he met the old man.



The old man said, "I know where the Princess might be. A Sultan wants to marry her."

The old man told Firouz the way. Soon, the Prince came to the Sultan's tower.

He was just in time! The Sultan hadn't married the Princess. She said, "I'm very ill today." She wasn't ill. She didn't want to marry the Sultan!

Firouz said he was a doctor. The Sultan let him in to see the Princess of Bengal. The horse was with her.

They tricked the Sultan. Soon the horse was flying like a bird. They were going home.

Very soon the horse landed.
Prince Firouz and the Princess
were back at the castle.

The King was so pleased.
Prince Firouz said to the King,
“This is the Princess of Bengal.
We want to get married.”

The wedding day came.
There was a grand feast for all.



Everyone had a lovely time.
Everyone was happy. ♥♥♥

(I wonder if they ever went on the horse for their holidays...)