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# The Heart of the Country

Abbi woke to the sound of her alarm. She looked at her clock sleepily. It was 8.00 in the morning. It was time for work at the farm. She jumped out of bed and got dressed. She went to the bathroom, tied up her hair and brushed her teeth. She ran downstairs and ran outside.

Grandpa was sitting by Spartan, Abbi's favourite horse. "He's not well," whispered Grandpa to Abbi. "What's wrong with him?" cried Abbi. "I don't know but I called Graham the vet to check him out. Look here he is now," said Grandpa. Graham ran to Spartan and checked him out. Graham explained to Grandpa and Abbi "I think he's been drinking out of the river and someone's put poison in it." Grandpa got on his horse and went to the river.

He saw a drum of petrol leaking into the river. He also found an old letter lying in all the rubbish. It had an address on it. Grandpa decided he would go to the address.

Meanwhile, back at the farm, Abbi and Graham checked the other horses. Pegasus had been drinking out of the river. He had been poisoned too. Abbi and Graham were worried. Graham said if any other horses got sick it could be very bad.

Grandpa was at the address. He got off his horse and knocked on the door. A man came out and said surprisingly "Who are you?"

"I am Joe and I don't appreciate you putting your rubbish in my river and poisoning my horses."

"I'm sorry, I didn't know it was your river. I will pick it up right away" said the man sounding extremely sorry.

The man picked up his rubbish and the horses got better. It was all back to normal.