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John Bostil,ranch owner and horse breeder,has a very valuable and fast colt,"Buckles".Some horse thieves raid the ranch and get away with Buckles.This makes his next best horse Sage King,a beautiful animal but in no way the equal of Buckles.However Sage King's trainer,Holley,hopes to win the $5,000 Free-For-All in the next rodeo,for Sage King can put up a good fight.

Joel Creech,a poor half-wit,is permitted to work around the Bostil ranch because he has a way with horses.But for some unaccountable reason,he has taken a dislike to Sage King and abuses the animal whenever he gets a chance.Lucy,Bostil's oldest daughter knows this.When Joel tells her one day that she must be careful on Sage King,becuase he is a bad horse and bites, she tells him that the horse would not bite if Joel were not unkind to him. At this Joel takes a knife and tries to cut Sage King.Holley,who is standing by,knocks Joel down and tells him to get off the place for good.Joel holds Sage King and Lucy responsible for this.

The ranch owners of the neighborhood get together to discuss the next rodeo which is to be held shortly.While they are gathered at the Bostil ranch,William Cordts,a small ranch owner rides up on a beautiful animal and says he would like to enter his horse for the Free-For-All.His horse is a beauty and Bostil with one look can see that Sage King will have to work hard to get the best of him.Lucy joins the group and also admires the animal.He seems particularly friendly toward her and rubs his nose on her arm. The more she looks at him the more she thinks he resembles the colt Buckles.She speaks of this to her father,but he laughs because Cordts' horse is marked differently.Nevertheless Lucy insists that the two animals are built on exactly the same lines.Cordts is a bit uneasy,but manages not show it.

As a matter of fact Cordts did steal Buckles and has had him dyed The white mark on his nose is now dark.He hopes to escape discovery and is very anxious to win the $5,000 and is almost sure of success if no new and faster horse is entered.He knows ,as does everyone,that Buckles can beat Sage King.But to make sure he has planned to fix Sage King just before the race.

Meantime Lucy,on Sage King has taken her favorite ride to Hidden Canyon.She is attracted by the barking of a beautiful police dog.The animal very evidently wants her to follow him,so she dismounts and crossing the Creek after the dog,finds a man lying unconscious.To the delight of the dog she revives him in a few moments. He tells her that he is Lin Slone and that about two weeks before,riding westward,he came upon a herd of wild horses and was particularly attracted by the leader,a powerful and beautifully animal with great speed.He managed to rope him and immediately began to tie him up.But the struggle with the animal was so great that he was almost exhausted and to-day after another try,his strength gave out.He has been lying there only about two hours. Lucy is much attracted by the man and by the horse which Lin calls"Wildfire".She suggests that Lin enter the horse in the Free-For-All and offers to get one of her father's men to help train him.

But Lin prefers to train the animal himself and to enter the race as an unknown.Lucy likes the idea and offers to ride to town and get a new outfit for him.He gives her some money and she goes off.While she is in the store buying the necessary things,Joel is outside abusing Sage King.Cordts rides up and asks the fellow what the trouble is. Joel tells him about los-

ing his job.Cordts suggests that he get even with Sage King,and induces him to take him to the Bostil stables that very night and dope the horse.The nex next day Sage King is very sick and Dr. Binks,the vet says he will not be w for two weeks.Though she is heartbroken over the horse,Lucy is glad that Wildfire will have a chance. She rides out to tell Lin,and meets Joel on the way.He has been watching for her and tries to rope her horse.Lin arrives in time to drive him off.Lucy is not particularly afraid for she has always known Joel and believes he really means no harm.

So Wildfire is entered in the rodeo and Lucy,at Lin's request,rides him to victory.Cordts is wild.He insulted Lucy before the race by calling her a professional jockey.This rankles and she tells her father that she believes Cordts' horse is Buckles and that he has been dyed.She rushes over to the horse and taking her handkerchief,wipes the dye off his nose.Cordts gets away but one of his friends pulls a gun on Bostil.Lin has been watching and before there is any trouble,ropes the man and pulls him down.After they are sent off and told to keep away,Lin is introduced to Bostil and asked to the house that evening as Lucy is having a dance for some eastern friends.

Cordts,riding away to his hiding place meets Joel.The latter has taken Lucy's hat and cape from the car in which she came to the rodeo and has put them on a horse blanket.The poor creature thinks he has Lucy and tells Cordts that he is going to get square with her.Cordts tells him to get the real Lucy and then he will help.Joel rides off to the Bostil ranch and arrives during the dance. He watches Lin propose to Lucy in the garden and hears her tell him that in the morning they will ride out to a place which will be ideal for their own home.

The following morning when Lucy rides to meet Lin,she is stopped by Joel and forced to go with him to the mountain trails where Cordts is waiting for her. Her capture is witnessed by Dr. Binks who has been fishing and swimming and has had his clothes stolen by a jealous rival.He is riding home on the rival's ass and hastens to warn Bostil. Immediately searching parties are sent out Lin is one of the first to go.

Meantime Lucy is taken to Cordts.He pretends to know nothing of the plot and pretends to rescue her.He has sent a note to her father demanding ransom and means to protect her till it is answered. But Joel wants Lucy for himself and overpowers Cordts and shoots him. Lucy puts up a terrific fight against him,but is overpowered and unconscious is strapped on her horse and the animal is sent galloping off. Joel's foot is caught in a rope tied to his saddle and he in turn in dragged to his death.

Lin has met Cordts' messenger and stopped and tied him up. He rushes up the trail and is in time to stop Lucy's horse. He takes her back to the village store which is nearer than the ranch and where the people are gathered. Here she is revived not much the worse for her terrible experience.

As soon as she is able,she tells her father that she and Lin are engaged ,and as Bostil makes no objection,plans for the wedding are quickly made.Lucy's small sister "Bootsie" is very much excited about the wedding and can't wait for the real ceremony.So one day they find her having a wedding party of her own with her dolls.Though it is very pretty,Lin and Lucy decide that their own wedding is going to be much nicer.

The End.

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