

The Little Horse



Reading Warm-Up List

Sound-Out Words

ai

train

sail

tail

paid

oa

boat

ea

bean

beads

cheap

real

each

ee

three

wheel

needles

green

see

Memory Words

could

were

one

would

some

new

Story Words

horse

together

play

toy

Mrs.

eyes

Dearing

Lily and Ettabetta liked to visit Dearing's Toy Shop. There was a big closet in the back with toys Mrs. Dearing could not sell. Lily and Ettabetta could play with those toys any time.





One day Lily and Ettabetta spotted some new things in the closet. There were three bent train tracks, a toy duck with one wheel missing, and a boat with a ripped sail.

“Look!” said Ettabetta. She held up a little stuffed horse.



The horse had a long mane and tail. It had a wide smile. But it had no eyes. Lily and Ettabetta liked the horse very much.

“Let’s make new eyes for it,” said Lily.

“O.K.,” said Ettabetta. “What could we use for eyes?”





“Buttons would make good eyes,” said Lily.
“Let’s look for some.”

A box in the closet had pins, needles,
wheels, and a bean bag in it. But there
were no buttons.

“We could use beads for eyes,” said
Ettabetta. “Mrs. Dearing sells some beads
in the shop. Let’s go look.”

"The green and white beads are cheap," said Ettabetta.

"Yes, but the black ones would look like real eyes," said Lily.

"Each black bead costs a dime," said Ettabetta.
"I only have one dime."

"I have a dime!" said Lily. "Let's put your dime and my dime together and get the black beads."



Lily and Ettabetta paid for the black beads.
Lily stitched them on the horse.

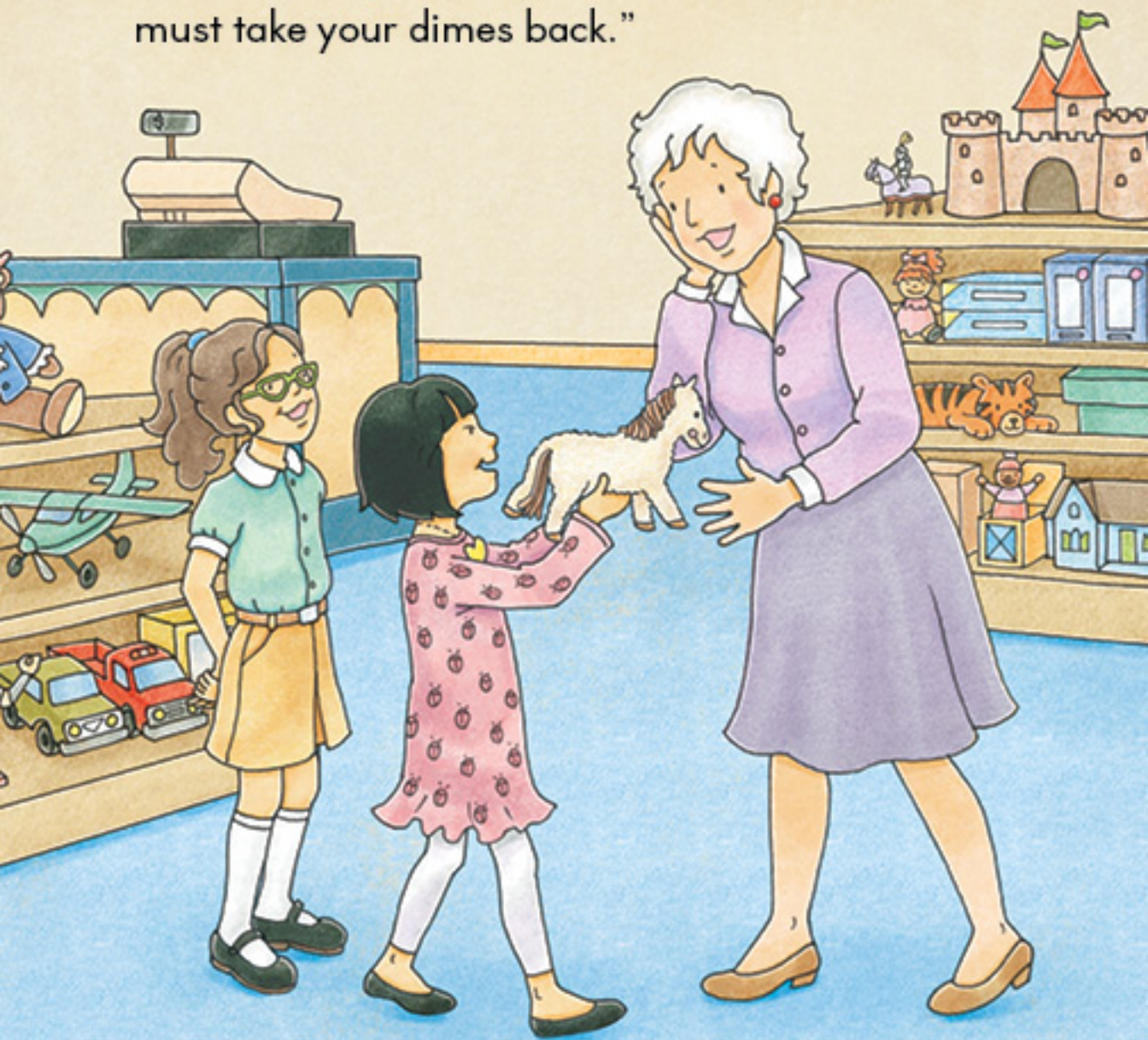


"There! The little horse can see," said Lily.
"I think it likes its new eyes."



Lily and Ettabetta gave the little horse to Mrs. Dearing.

"Thank you," said Mrs. Dearing. "You made the horse as good as new. I can sell it. You must take your dimes back."





"I hope the horse gets a good home," said Lily.

"It is just a pretend horse," said Ettabetta.

"Yes, but it looks real with its new eyes," said Lily.

And it looked like the little horse's smile got just a bit bigger.



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