

The Carousel that Wouldn't Stop

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Layla loved adventures. One day she was out exploring past her back yard. She came to a little stream where there were a few rocks. She jumped the rocks and went up the hill on the other side.



What she saw from the top of the hill was astonishing.

"A carousel!" she shrieked.



The carousel had beautiful colored horses with golden bridles and real leather saddles. The horses smiled at her and wanted her to ride them.

Layla ran to the carousel but she saw there was a token slot.

"Oh man, you have to put in coins" she said. She didn't have any coins, so she went home to get some change.

Unfortunately, when she got to her house it was almost sunset and too late to go back.

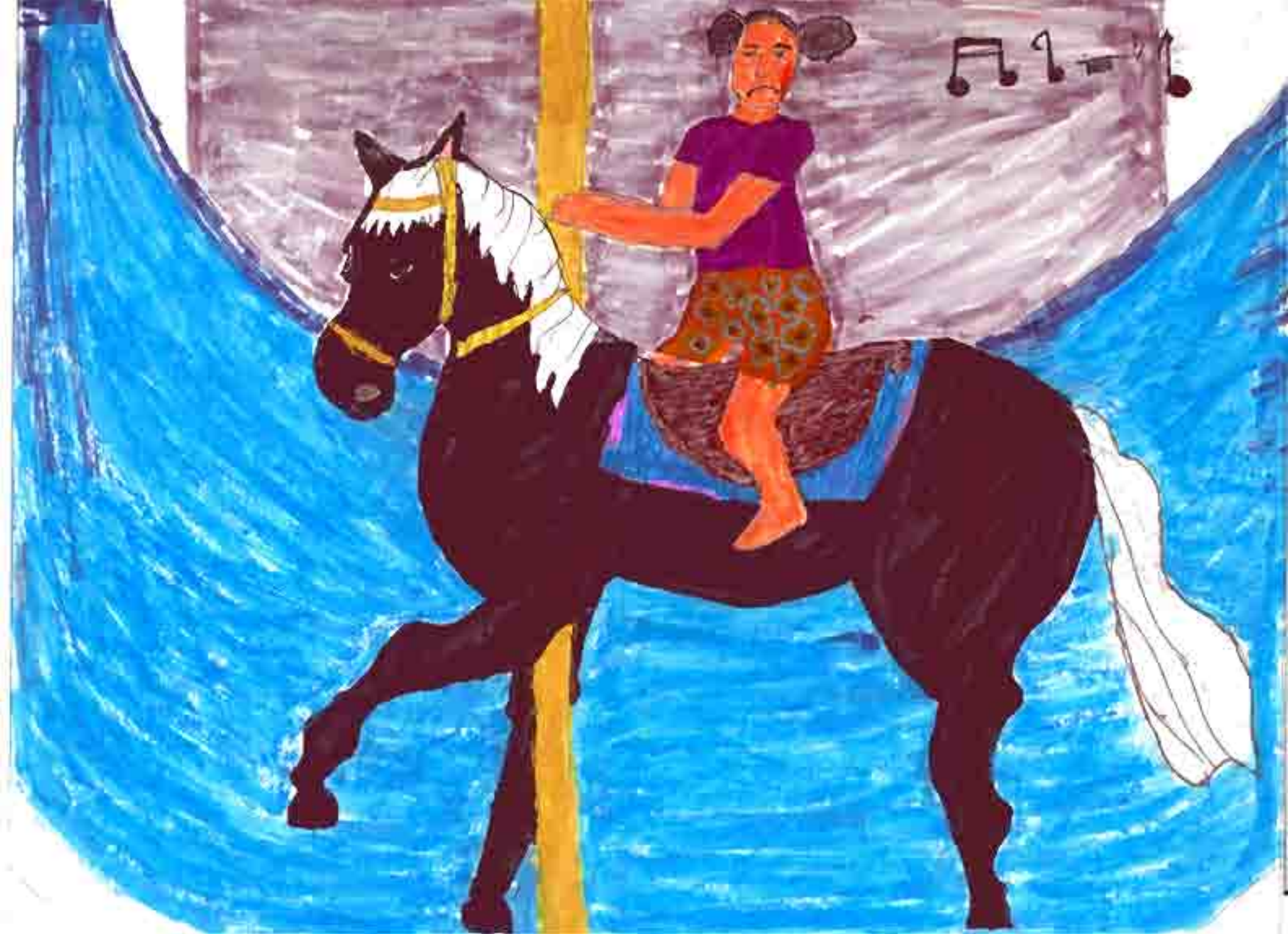
The next day she put three coins in the token slot and the music began to play. She got on the black horse and rode for hours- only it wouldn't stop! And worse, it went so fast Layla couldn't jump off.



She felt sick from all the spinning, the horses were tired and the music sounded like a scratched CD.

"I didn't think I put that much change in there, maybe it's broken." Layla said.

She was scared to walk on the carousel floors while it was spinning so fast, but she knew she had to save the poor horses.



It was difficult but when she got to the middle she knew what was wrong. An acorn bigger than her head was stuck in the brakes. It was very hard to pull the acorn out. Finally she managed and threw it onto the grass.



Layla was glad when the carousel slowed down. As she was going home she looked back. The horses were smiling at her and she thought she saw one wink.

