THE ENCHANTED HORSE

The Sultan of Persia ruled a very rich kingdom. His kingdom was full of new and wonderful things.

One day a traveler came to his court. The traveler was actually a very learned man. He had made a beautiful wooden horse that could fly.

Everybody in the king's court was amazed. "I will buy it from you. How much is it?" demanded the Sultan.

The traveler replied, "I will give it to you if you let me marry the princess."

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The Sultan and the princess agreed.

"But before I buy this wonderful horse I want my son to try riding it and see how it is," said the Sultan.

The traveler agreed. Without waiting for instructions, the prince climbed onto the horse and flew away.

However, the prince didn't return. After a while everybody was very worried. They were convinced the boy had met with an accident.

The Sultan blamed the traveler and threw him into jail.

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But the prince had only lost his way. After a few days, he came back to the kingdom. Everybody was overjoyed and the traveler was released.

Now the traveler was very angry at being ill-treated by the Sultan and his subjects. He swore to teach them a lesson and take his revenge.

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