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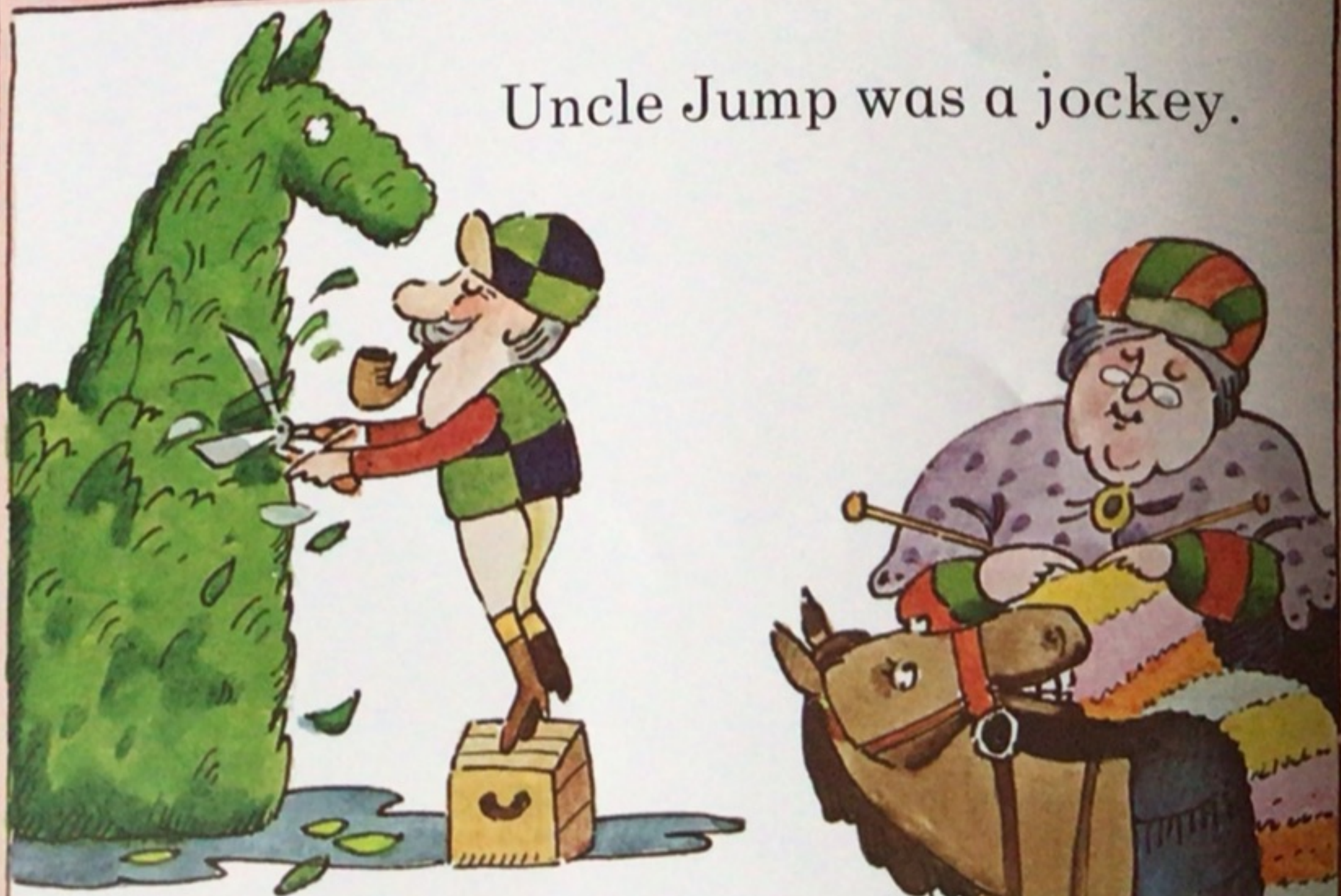
# Miss Jump the Jockey



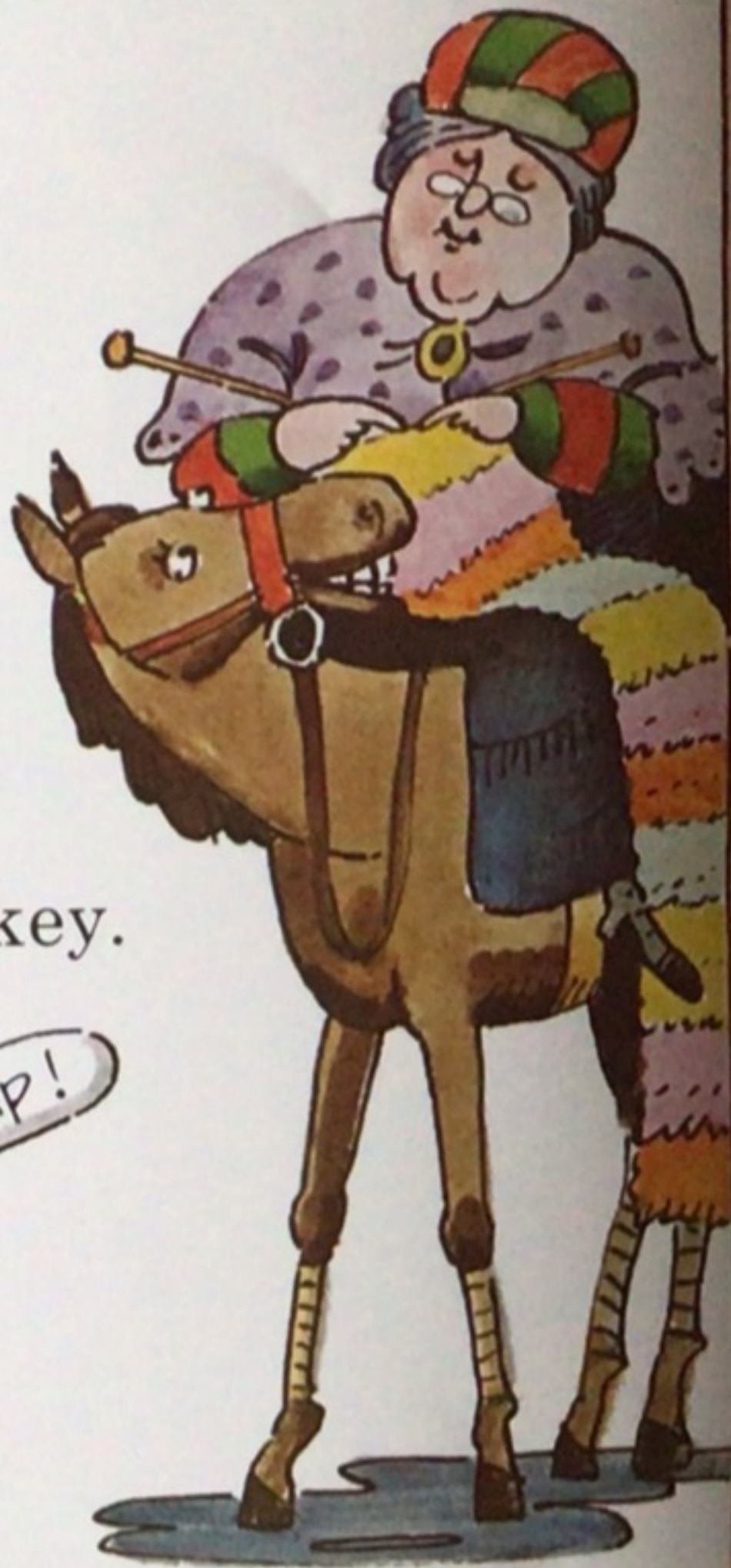
A favourite **HAPPY FAMILIES** story



Uncle Jump was a jockey.



Grandma Jump was a jockey.



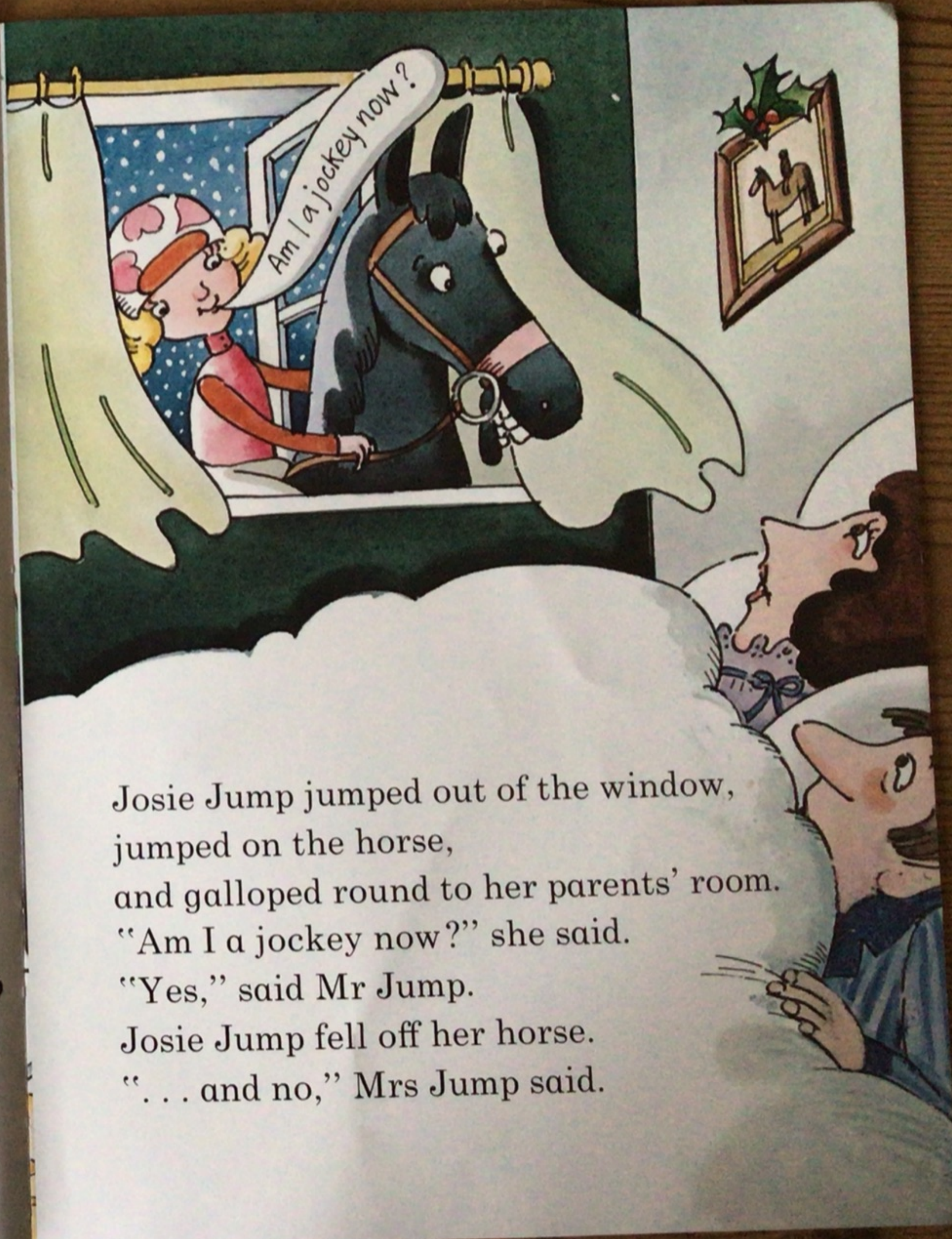
Miss Jump  
was *nearly* a jockey.

Miss Jump's name was Josie.  
Every birthday she said,  
"Am I old enough to be a jockey yet?"  
And Mr and Mrs Jump said, "Nearly!"  
Every Christmas she said,  
"Am I old enough yet?"  
And they said, "Not long now!"





One Christmas Josie Jump was sitting up in bed. She was opening her presents. There was a jockey's hat and a jockey's shirt. There were jockey's trousers and jockey's boots. There was a talking doll, a train set, an apple, an orange, a bag of sweets, – and a *horse*!



Josie Jump jumped out of the window, jumped on the horse, and galloped round to her parents' room. "Am I a jockey now?" she said. "Yes," said Mr Jump. Josie Jump fell off her horse. "... and no," Mrs Jump said.



After Christmas Josie Jump went everywhere with her horse. She went to her friend's house with him. She went to the shops with him.



She went to *school* with him!



Josie also went to the races with him.  
But she did not ride in the races.  
The horse was too young.

When his birthday came, Josie Jump said,  
"Is he old enough to ride in the races yet?"  
And Mr and Mrs Jump said, "Nearly!"  
When his next birthday came she said,  
"Is he old enough yet?"  
And they said, "Not long now!"



A few days later  
Mr Jump hit his thumb  
with a hammer.  
"Now I cannot ride in  
the big race!" he said.



Mrs Jump dropped a horse-shoe  
on her toe.



Jimmy Jump got a splinter in his bottom.  
"Now we cannot ride in the big race!"  
they said.

Uncle Jump  
was on his holidays.



Grandma Jump's horse had a sore throat.





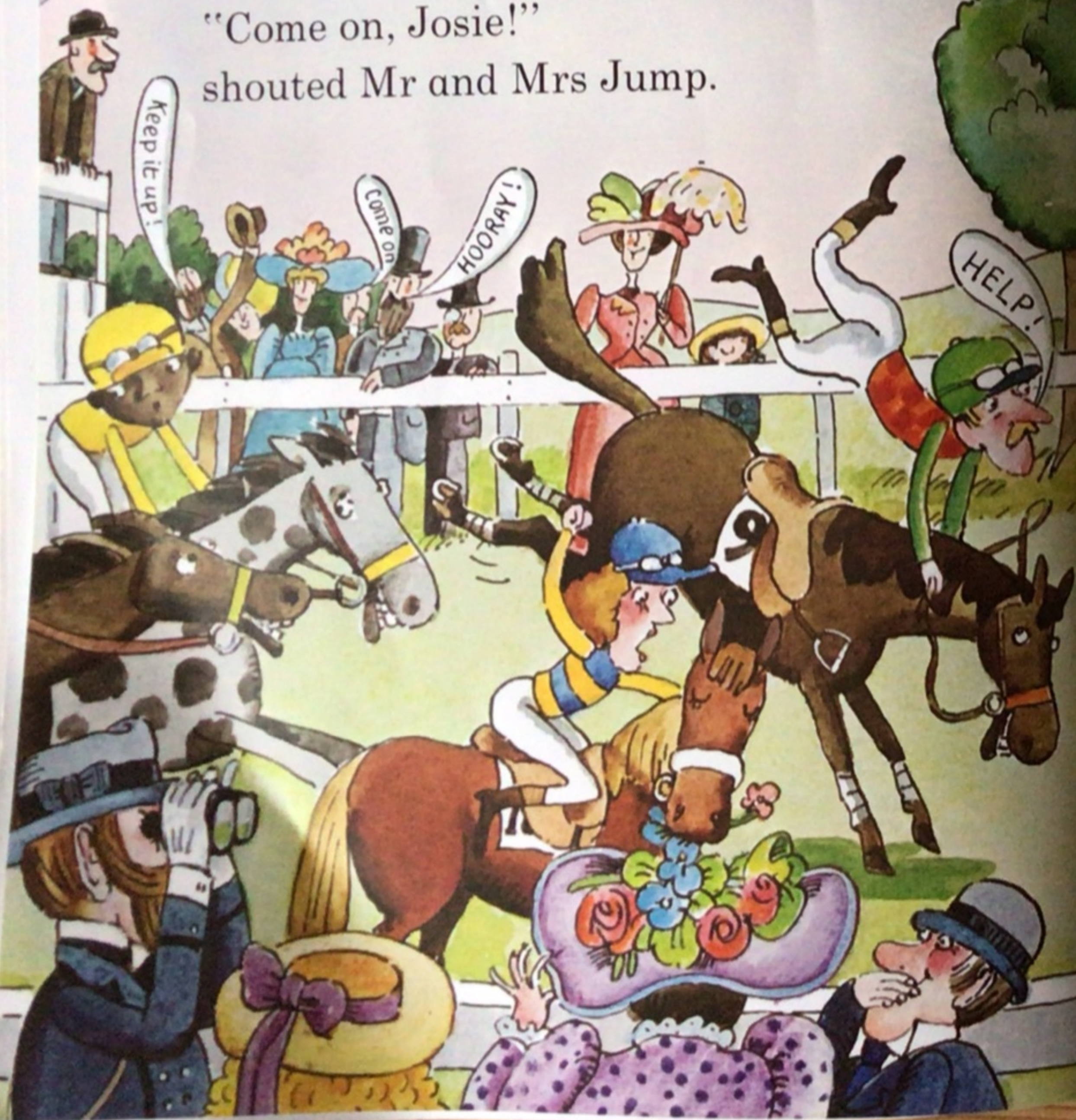
The next morning Josie Jump jumped out of the window, jumped on her horse and galloped round to her parents' room. "Can I ride in the big race?" she said. "Yes," said Mr Jump. Josie galloped round and round the house. "The sooner the better," Mrs Jump said.

Now it was the day of the big race. Josie Jump lined up with the other riders. Her family were in the crowd. The King and Queen were in the royal box.





The race began.  
The crowd cheered, "Hooray, hooray!"  
"They're off!"  
Josie Jump came to the first fence  
— and jumped it.  
"Come on, Josie!"  
shouted Mr and Mrs Jump.



Josie came to the second fence  
– and jumped that.  
“Keep going, Josie!”  
Jimmy Jump shouted.



Josie came to the third fence  
– and fell off!  
“Don't stop, Josie!”  
shouted Grandma Jump.



Josie Jump jumped up,  
jumped on her horse  
and kept going.  
She jumped the next fence,  
and the next.  
She jumped four more fences.  
She jumped the last fence  
– and was the winner!



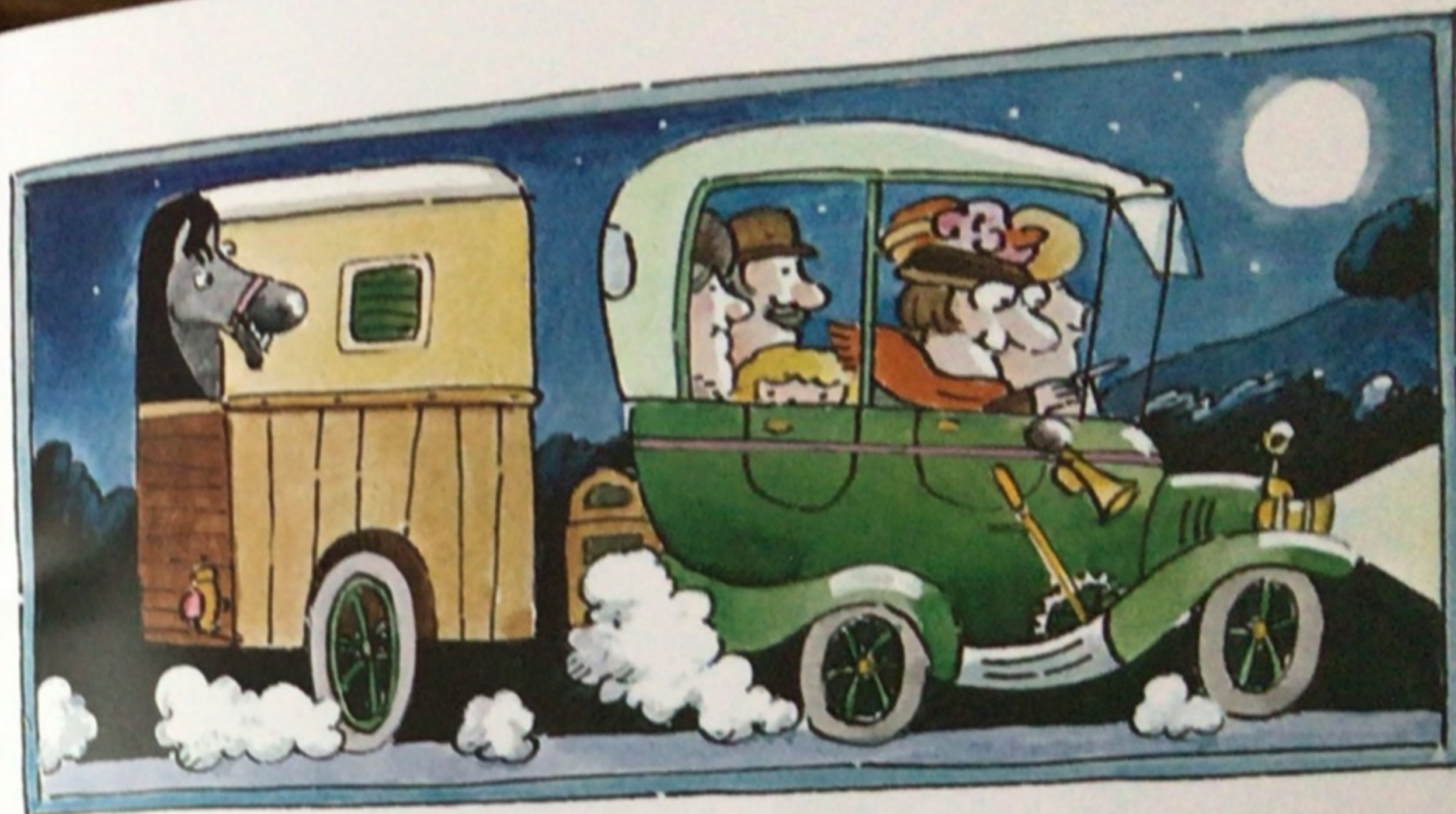
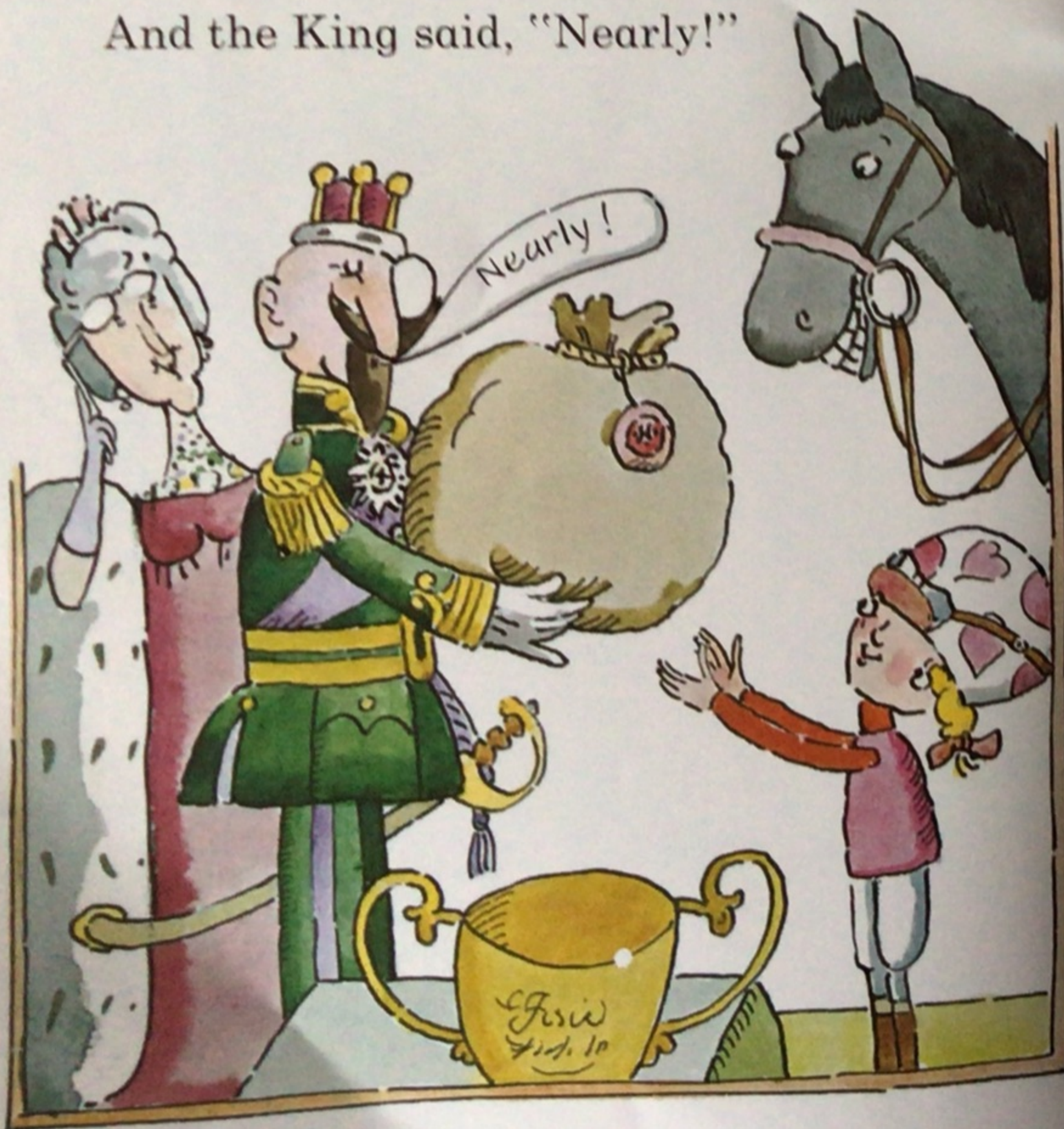
The crowd cheered, "Hooray, hooray!"  
"The winner!"  
The King and Queen cheered too.

The King shook hands with Josie Jump.  
He gave her a gold cup  
and lots of money.

Josie Jump said,

"Am I as rich as the Queen now?"

And the King said, "Nearly!"



Josie Jump went home with her family.  
She put the money in her money-box.  
She put her horse to bed.  
She went to bed herself . . .  
and slept till morning.





The End

Miss Jump longs to be a jockey, ride in  
the BIG race and NOT fall off her horse.

CRASH! BANG! OUCH!



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ever be ready, and have they really got  
a chance of winning the BIG race?

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