

A Horse Named Twilight

Down South, in the rolling hills of Kentucky there lived a jet-black horse named Twilight. Twilight was a cross country jumper. She won 1st place ten times in a row! One day when Twilight was jumping over an extremely high jump, she slipped and broke her leg. Her owners, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, were very sad for her and did everything they could to help her get better. Finally, after six months her leg healed completely! However, the Smiths thought it best for her to retire so she wouldn't risk breaking her leg again.

For the next couple years, Twilight spent all day in the pasture running and eating fresh grass watching the other horses train for jumping competitions. Twilight enjoyed this time of relaxation for a bit but began to get restless watching others do what she loved most. She missed the excitement and the challenge of jumping. One day, the Smiths left the jumps out after a training session and Twilight decided to try to jump again! First she jumped over the little jumps and when she succeeded she went on to the biggest of all...and she did it!

What she didn't know was that the Smiths had been watching her go over the jumps. After they saw Twilight go over the jumps they thought that she might have a chance to compete again! They called their friend Jane to see if she could teach Twilight how to jump correctly again. Jane came over the next day to start training Twilight. After a few training sessions Twilight was ready to compete! The Smiths signed her up for a horse show that was going to be held in three months.

When the show day came, Twilight was very nervous and excited! When it was her turn, she nailed every jump! When the winners were announced Twilight won 1st place! Soon Twilight was in more and more jumping competitions! One day in the mail Mr. and Mrs. Smith got a letter asking if Twilight would come to the biggest horse competition in the world! Mr. and Mrs. Smith said, "yes!"

When they got to the show there were thousands of people lining the roads waiting to see Twilight. All of the jumpers were great! When it was Twilight's turn she missed one out of ten jumps. She won second place. Second place was not what she wanted but it was good enough to get Twilight into the finals!

After lunch Mr. and Mrs. Smith took Twilight to the arena. The stands were filled with thousands of people hoping to see Twilight win! When it was Twilight's turn she jumped over all the jumps and as soon as she got out of the arena she was mobbed with people who wanted to meet her! She had won and was soon on every cover on every newspaper and was even on TV! She was famous! Now that she had lived her dream, Twilight realized she was finally ready to simply enjoy lazy days in the pasture.

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