Lillian and Her Horse Blaze

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To Papa Hongisto
Who loves horses

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In the year of 1933 horse racing became very popular in America. Most everyone went to the horse races to watch Man O War run everyone down. It was most every child's dream to own a horse.
A young girl about ten owned a horse named Blaze. They lived in Michigan in a small town of Loretto. Blaze was chestnut with a dark brown mane and tail. He had white socks and a white blaze down his nose. Blaze was strong and tall and fast and was stamped with a white star inside his ear. Lillian loved Blaze as much as a child loves their Mom and Dad.
Lillian took Blaze everywhere. Their favorite spot was taking the paths through the woods. Sometimes she would think about what would happen if she ever lost her horse.
Suddenly one night a horse thief took Blaze from his home to be sold in the County Fair. A horse race owner spotted Blaze and asked if he was a race horse. He didn’t know. But the man bought him anyway.
The horse race owner trained Blaze and entered him into horse races. Blaze was beginning to be called King of the Wind because he won most every race. The jockey that rode Blaze was George Wolf also known as Ice Man. Blaze was becoming famous.
One day Lillian was able to go to a famous horse race between Man O' War and King of the Wind. Her Mom and Dad thought it might do her some good and heal her broken heart.
During the race she looked at King of the Wind and she knew instantly it was Blaze. She told her father and her father said, "You can't see tings dat aren't dere." Then she told her father to look at his ear. Her father looked in the ear and his mouth dropped open. He yelled, "Dat is my daughters horse!" Her father proved it by the star in the ear. Lillian finally got Blaze back and no one could believe a little girl could own such a fine horse.

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