

The Trouble with Horses

Alfred looked up and noticed Big Judge's eyes	8
watching him. The horse sneezed, and drops of water	17
fell on the ground.	21
“He sneezed to clear his head” explained Joe.	29
“Why does he shake like that?” asked Alfred.	37
“ Oh, that’s just the way he scares off the flies,”	47
answered Margaret.	49
Alfred took a deep breath. He liked the smell of	59
the stable now. He put out a timid hand and touched	70
Big Judge lightly on the neck. The horse’s hair felt just	81
like his hairbrush at home. Alfred smiled.	88
“Do you like horses now?” asked Joe.	95
Alfred nodded. “Only...” He stopped in the	102
middle of the sentence.	106
“Only what?” asked Joe.	110
“Only the trouble with horses is that you have to	120
ride them,” answered Alfred.	124