

The Horseless Cowboy

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INT. ROOM - DAY

RICHARD is a 55 year old man with a long beard, he just woke up and is getting dressed, he dresses like a cowboy with a cowboy hat and cowboy boots.

EXT. BUS STOP - DAY

Richard is waiting for the bus, people stare at him intrigued by his appearance.

EXT. STREET - DAY

Richard is walking through the streets, he sees a POLICE MAN standing next to his horse, Richard stops and stares at the horse for a while,.

INT. MCDONALD'S CHANGING ROOM - DAY

Richard is putting on his Mc Donald's outfit.

INT. MCDONALD'S KITCHEN - DAY

Richard is grilling hamburgers and french fries, he hands them over to an EMPLOYEE who sets up a Happy Meal.

Richard sees that the employee puts a toy horse inside the Happy Meal, a WOMAN and her five year old son THOMAS are waiting for the Happy Meal.

Richard gets out of the kitchen, without anyone seeing him he takes the toy horse out of the Happy Meal and puts it inside his pocket, someone shouts from the outside ordering Thomas to prepare a Double Cheeseburger.

INT. CAR - DAY

The woman is driving the car, in the back, her son Thomas has the Happy Meal on his lap, he opens the box and looks for the toy but can't find it, he gets upset and yells.

THOMAS

Mama!

EXT. STREET - DAY

Richard walks by the police man, next to the police man is the horse, again, Richard stops and stares at the horse, he starts to walk away but stops, he stares at the horse again and walks towards it.

Richard tries to get on the horse and the police man tries to stop him.

POLICE MAN

What the hell do you think you're doing?

Richard punches the police man and gets on the horse.

Richard gallops through the city center while the police man is left behind.

Richard sees Thomas and his mother in the distance, Richard stops next to them.

Richard puts his hand in his pocket and takes out the toy horse, he is going to hand it to Thomas but he suddenly hear the police man yelling.

POLICE MAN

Stop!

Richard puts the toy back in his pocket and starts galloping away.

The police man shoots Richard he falls from his horse.

Thomas' mother holds onto Thomas and covers his eyes.

Thomas sets himself free and runs towards Richard.

Richard hands him the toy horse and then collapses.

Thomas looks at the toy horse.

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