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**This story is about the preparation
and excitement of being in a parade
at the Crow Fair.**

April Young Beaver lives near her grandparents
on the Crow Indian Reservation.

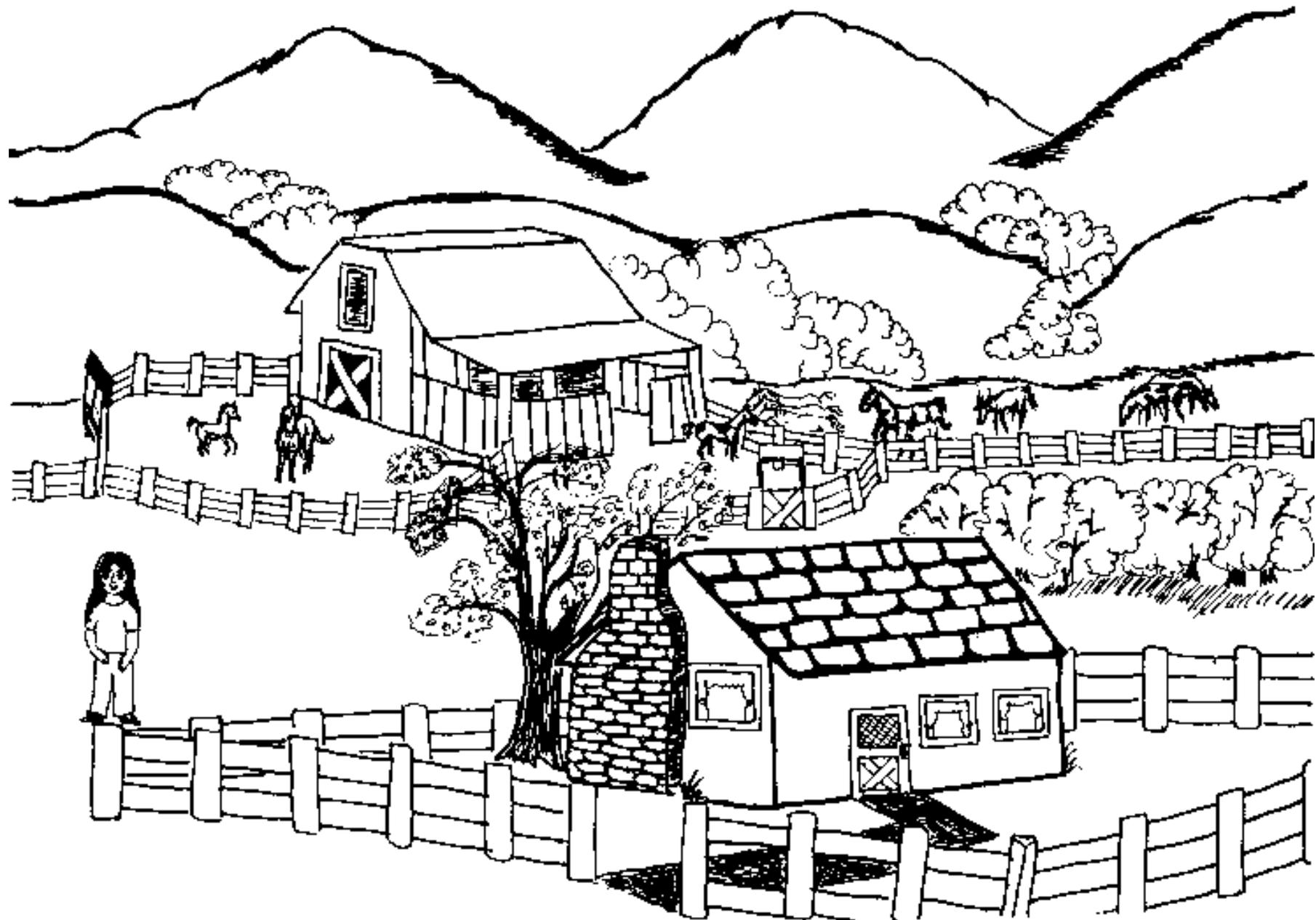
Her Grandfather Summers has lots of horses.

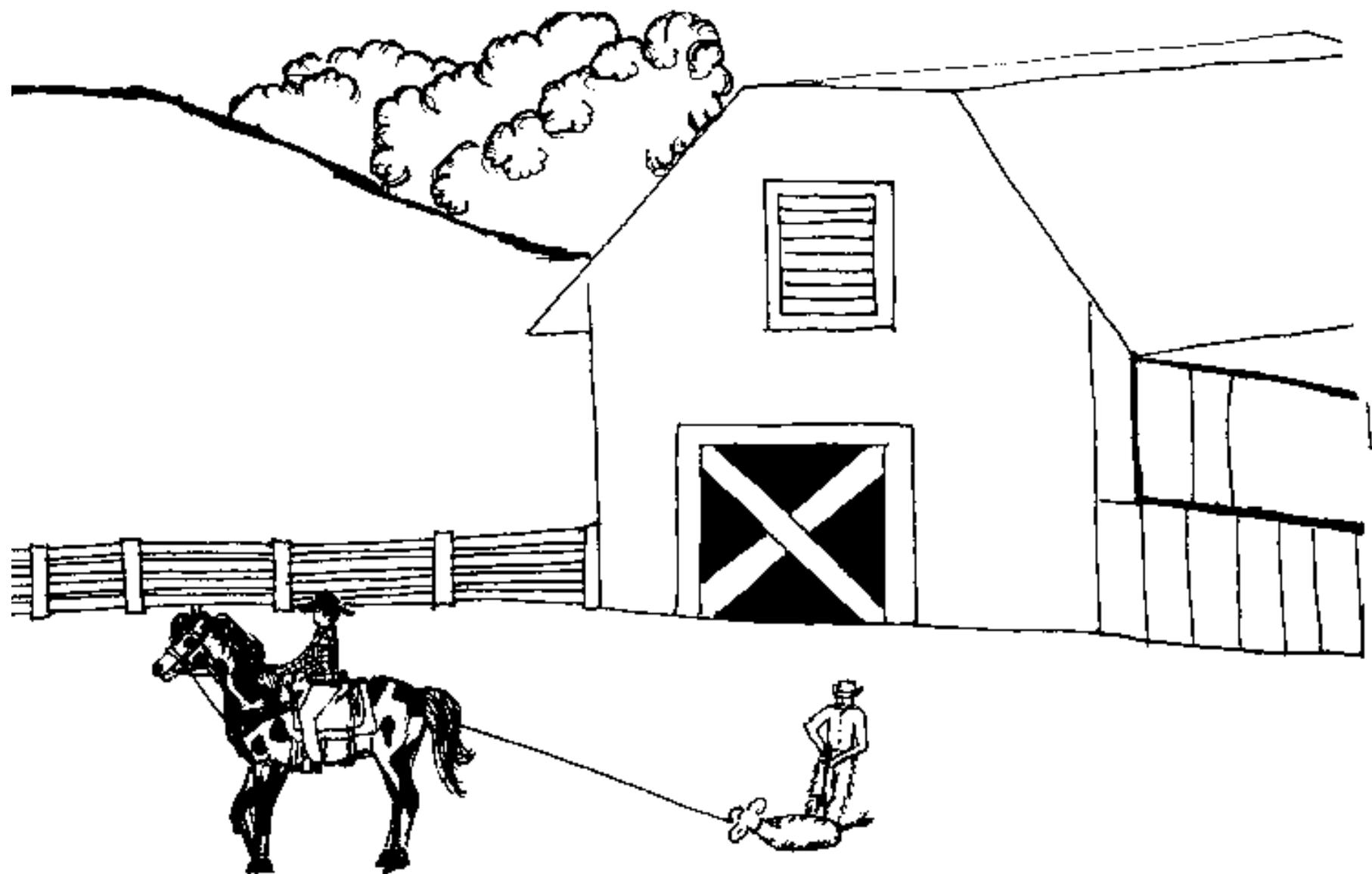
They are wild and beautiful.

Some are pinto.

Some are palomino.

Others are black, bay and sorrel.





Grandfather is a cowboy.
He helps round up his cattle.
He helps with the branding.



At Crow Fair time, Grandfather rides a pinto
in the parade.

He wears his buckskin suit and his war bonnet.

Grandmother Walks Toward The Mountain
rides with Grandpa.
She rides a palomino pinto named Capino.
Capino always snorts and jumps around,
but Grandmother isn't afraid of him.



On the day of the Crow Fair, Grandfather and Grandmother
got ready to ride in the parade.

Grandmother put on her elktooth dress, beaded moccasins
and leggings, belt and other pretty things.



Grandmother said to the children,
 "Help me get Capino ready."
She put pretty beaded things on him
Even his bridle was beaded.



When Capino was ready, Grandmother got on him.
Capino danced around.
Grandfather said, "Look at him prancing around.
I think he just likes to show off
because he is pretty."



Capino lifted his head and bowed his neck.
Grandmother rode him up beside Grandfather,
and they rode off to join the parade.



April and her cousins stood along the road
and watched the parade go by.
In the lead were important tribal leaders
in big, colorful war bonnets.
One carried the American flag.
Another carried the Crow flag



The children watched for Grandmother.
"There she is!" cried one of the boys.
"Hi, Grandmother!
Hi, Grandfather!"
He waved his arms as they rode past.



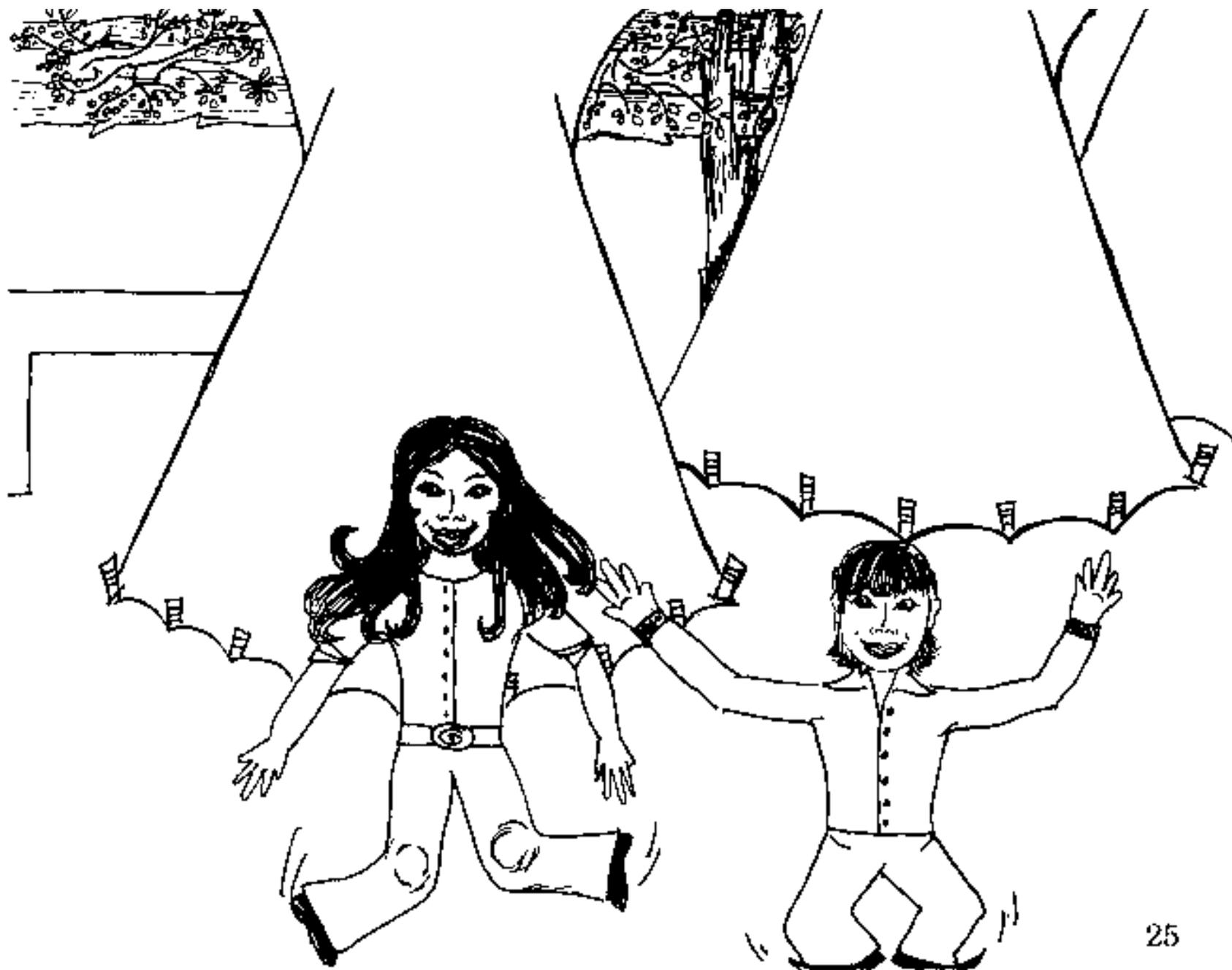
Capino was prancing until he saw the waving arms.
Then he snorted and began to jump around.
But Grandmother wasn't afraid of him.
She pulled on the reins, and the horse stopped jumping.
He began to prance again.



After the parade went around the camp twice,
the judges announced the best man rider.
Then it was time for them to announce the best
woman rider.
The announcer said, "The best woman rider is
Walks Toward The Mountain, on Capino."



The grandchildren jumped up and down.
"Grandma has won the prize!" they shouted.



When Grandmother Walks Toward The Mountain
came back to the camp with her prize,
she called to the grandchildren.
"I have been paid for being the best woman rider
in the parade," she said.
"I will share with you."



Grandmother gave each child some money.
They ran to get pop and ice cream.
It was a day for celebration.



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