

**Comenius myth based on
The Keen-witted orphan
ESTONIA**

An orphaned girl went to sauna on a Saturday night.



There were several feeble old people there whom she kindly helped, whisking and washing them. She was rewarded with scores of words of thanks, but she could start washing herself

only when everybody else had left.



As she was whisking herself, she heard some jingling and tinkling outside, as if several fine carriages had pulled up in front of the sauna door.

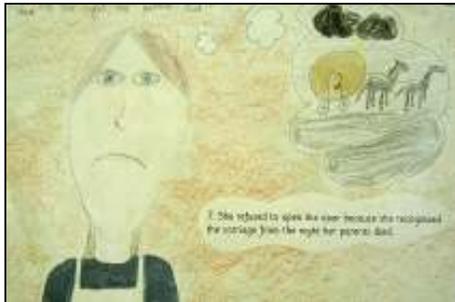
The girl donned her chemise quickly and peeped out through a chink in the door.

She saw a magnificent golden carriage drawn by four black stallions. Their harness was all gold and silver, and it jingled every at every turn of their heads. It was as though they were decorated for a wedding-ride.



The girl hurriedly made the sign of the cross over the threshold of the sauna and returned to the sweating shelf.

While she was sitting on the sweating shelf, she heard a loud knock on the door.



She refused to open the door because she recognised the carriage from the night her parents die

when she could stand the knocking no longer, she opened the door and tried to run away



she was caught by a pair of strong hands and was thrown into the carriage. She banged her head and was knocked unconscious

when the girl finally woke up she found herself in an old, log cabin on the top of a mountain. In the cabin with her was an evil wizard.





“Hahaha!” laughed the wizard. “I am going to kill you just like I killed your parents”

when the girl saw the wizard walk away to get his magic wand she jumped up and run out of the cabin



outside the four black stallions were



resting beside the cabin. Suddenly they we transformed into the old people from sauna. With a flash of light the old people turn into four angels.

One of the four angels took the girl to heaven where she could be with her mum and dad. The other three fought with the wizard and eventually they turned him into a tree

