



Dragon Tales

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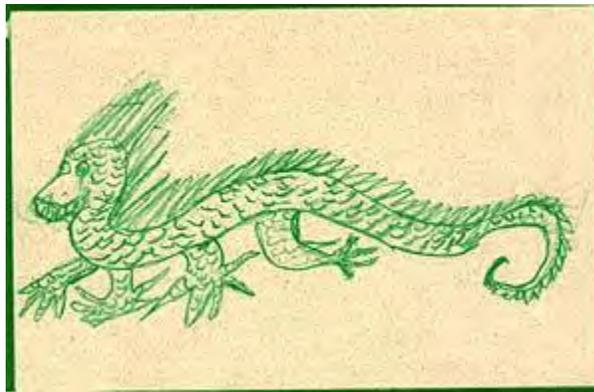
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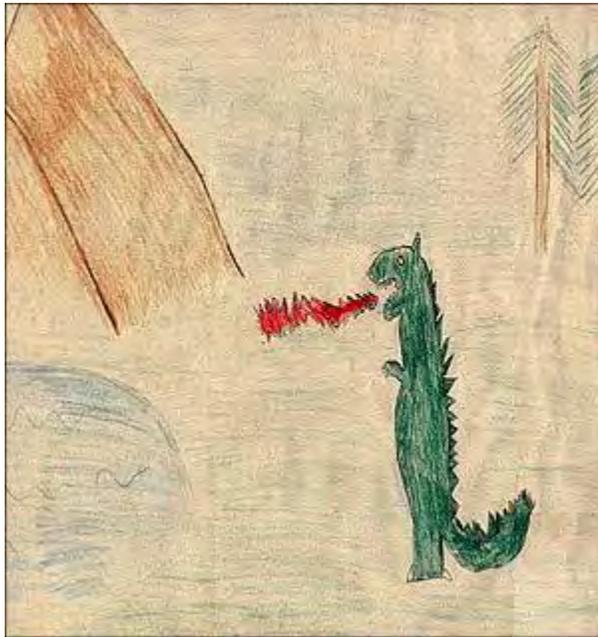
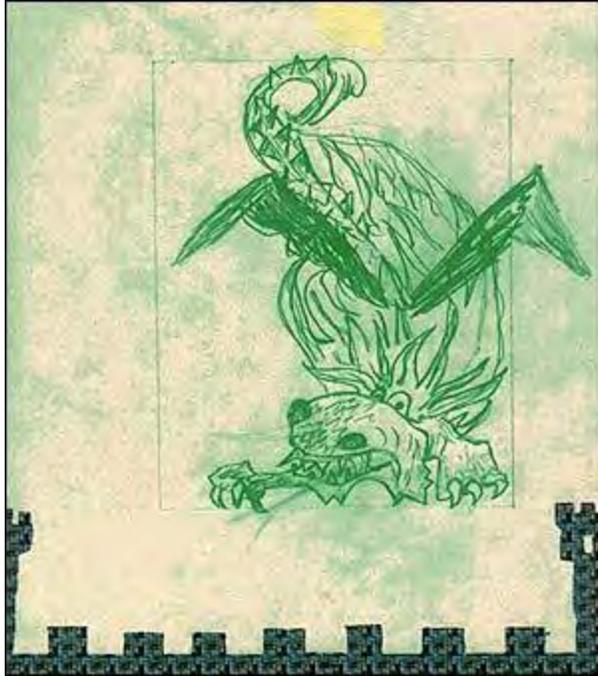
All about Dragons

By Mary Gordon

Now dragons it is said lived in lands far away. They could be found on the highlands or deep within caves. Dragons could be mean if they had to especially if they were protecting their young.

If a dragon was angry, its whole body would shake. Its sharp scales would shake and they would make noise. Its sharp teeth and large eyes would glow. From its nose it would blow fire and hot smoke. Dragons had sharp teeth and big eyes too. Most often though, dragons liked to stay out of sight.





Denis and the Children

By Trudy Joachim

There was a dragon in a cave and we called him Denis, because he like the name. The dragon was green in colour and he had spines all down his back.

Denis the Dragon played with the kids. He was a friendly dragon. He lived in a cave by the bushes and he stayed in his cave most of the time. When he wanted to meet some people he would come out of his cave. He was scared of people he did not know.

Denis lived alone, his parents were three hundred years old and too old to take care of him. His brother and sisters had families of their own, so they could not keep him. Denis was as small as a horse and only fifty years old, in dragon years.

In his cave there was only rock furniture. He had boulder chairs, a flat bed and a round table. Every day Denis ate grass with mixed berries. Denis was a vegetarian so he did not other animals or people. That what made the dragon so friendly and nice to play with.

Denis played games with the kids when the kids were home from school. Each day they played games like hide and seek, tag, and baseball. But when it rained the kids stayed in the house and played indoor games. The dragon would stay in his cave and wait for the sun to come out.

In his cave he would draw on the cave walls, sing songs or explore deeper into the dark cave. But he did not go too far because he got scared right away.

After the rain the days were cool. With the warm sun shining down it would warm up quickly. Denis and the kids had lots of fun. But summer was coming to an end. The days were getting shorter and they would come to an end earlier with the sun setting. Soon it was too cold to play outside. Winter was coming. The kids had to stay home through the winter but they got ready for the next spring to play with Denis, the dragon.

Denis the Dragon

By Marion Daniels

I once had a pet dragon and his name was Denis. He was a fire breathing dragon with green scaly skin. He could blow fire as far as eighteen feet. But he never did blow fire at anybody because he is a good dragon. He didn't want to hurt anybody. Denis was the best dragon friend a child could ever have.

Denis lived in a cave near my house. He hardly ever slept at his cave, because he liked my house better than his cave. Denis wasn't too fond of furniture, so he liked to sleep on the floor or the ground. I tried to give him my bed but he said no. Besides my parents would have wondered where my bed had gone.

Denis liked to play 'hide and go seek' with the other children and me. Denis did most of the hiding, but it wasn't too hard for us to find him.

He liked to go to the amusement park. He loved the rides and he liked playing the games. But mostly he liked eating the food. Sometimes when he was feeling tired, he would go take a nap in the large tents, if they were empty.

We had so much fun with Denis when he lived with my family. But Denis had to leave us to go back to his family. It was sad and so lonely without him, we had done so much with him. He was the greatest friend anybody could ever have.



The Muskrat's Adventure

By: Katherine McGhee

Once upon a time there were three muskrats. Their names were Terrence, Fred and Pete. They lived in a hollow tree stump.

One day they decided to go on an adventure, to see what they could find in the hills behind home. They walked and walked. Finally they stopped for a short rest.

They stopped near a small trout stream behind the largest hill. After a while they got hungry. They jumped into the stream and caught a trout. After the muskrats had eaten the raw trout, they went on their way to the next big, rocky hill.

There they saw a very big hill with a hole in it. They went inside the hole. The muskrats were surprised everything was so big.

While the others were exploring, Terrence saw something coming. It was late to hide. He froze, all he could do was watch as a dragon appeared out of the darkness.

This big, scaly dragon had already spotted them. The dragon demanded, "what are you doing here?"

The muskrats said, "We were just exploring the hills." The muskrats were scared.

Just then the friendly dragon smiled. His big eyes sparkled and his large teeth and huge body no longer seemed so big. The dragon said, "It is okay! But you must be very careful in these hills."

One of the muskrats spoke up. Terrence said, "We were going on an adventure, to see the hills, but we wandered too far."

The dragon said in a friendly way. "I don't want you muskrats here because these hills could be dangerous. The passes are very steep. You muskrats could get hurt. You had better go now." Then the dragon went back into the darkness.

The muskrats went on their way back to where they lived. The muskrats never went back to the hills and they never saw the dragon again.

The Dragon and the Monk

By: Tin Hla

Once upon a time a dragon lived in a big hill behind a waterfall in the forest. This dragon had big brown eyes, sharp teeth and a long tail. The dragon hid behind the water fall all the time. When he was hungry, he would creep out of the water and hunt the animals in the forest.

One day a monk was walking along and he saw the waterfall. He wanted to take a rest at the waterfall under a big tree. The monk wasn't afraid of anything.

Behind the waterfall the dragon smelled the human for the first time. He became curious. Right away he crept out of the water.

The dragon checked the land around the waterfall. He saw something bright and colorful under the tree. He watched the man and he thought, When he wakes up, I am going to ask, "What kind of person are you?" Then the dragon went back to the waterfall.

The next morning the dragon over slept. When he woke up he went to find the creature, who slept under the tree. He looked for him but the monk was not there. The dragon got angry. He felt like he could destroy everything

The dragon went to the village. He wanted to find the person who wore the colors that he had seen in the forest. When he arrived at the village, everybody was scared of him. The people ran away from him. The dragon thought, "I will return when these people are asleep at night." He went back to the forest. When the dark came, he crawled out of the water. He went to the village and he looked in each house. He couldn't find the monk. Finally the dragon gave up and returned to the forest near the village.

Early the next morning, at six o'clock, the monks began collecting the food from the people. The dragon awoke and saw many monks dressed in many colors. Again he became angry, he went closer and he blew fire from his mouth.

When the god Buddha saw what was happening, he came to protect the monks with his power. The god prayed for the dragon and asked him, "Why do you want to hurt the monks? They're doing the right thing. You're a monster not gentle like a human. Would you like to be gentle like a human?" The god told the dragon, "If you want to be a human you have to do the right thing and forget about your past. I will make you be human for your next life."

At that the dragon didn't want to go back to his forest. He decided to stay at the temple. He began to do good things and he protected the monks.



The Friendly Dragon

By: Ernestine Shingler

Once there was a friendly dragon. It lived in a cave. There was also a king and a queen that lived far away from the dragon's cave. One bright moonlit night the queen and king decided to go for a walk up the mountain to watch the stars. All of a sudden they heard a loud noise coming from the mountain.

They decided to follow the trail going up the mountain. As they got closer, they saw the cave. That was where the noise was coming from! They slowly went into the cave, all of a sudden they came face to face with a dragon. They were surprised! They saw the dragon was lying down on the ground. A rock had fallen on his foot. So, that was why the dragon was making all that noise! His foot was hurting from the rock falling on it.

The king and queen were not afraid because the hurt dragon looked friendly. The king and queen felt sorry for the dragon. They decided to help the friendly dragon. After they pushed the rock away from the dragon's foot, the dragon nodded his head like he was trying to say "thank you". The king and queen were so happy that the dragon was so friendly.

The king and queen decided to come back once in awhile just to say hello to the friendly dragon. For now they say goodbye to the dragon. For as long as they lived they always remembered that day they met the friendly dragon.



The Adventure

By: Jody Doucette

A long time ago, in a land far, far away there lived a great dragon named Leo. Leo was a big powerful dragon that stood twenty feet tall and its wings spanned fifteen feet. He could breathe fire so hot that it could melt metal. But Leo was a friendly dragon. He and his friends, Dippey, Dopey, and John would get together and play ball and chase each other in the air.

One day Leo wanted to find his friends to go play ball. He couldn't find them anywhere. He looked high and he looked low but he still could not find his friends. He looked everywhere he thought his friends might be. Then as he passed over a hill, he saw them.

They were in trouble. Three of the world's meanest dragon slayers had captured his friends. Leo knew that if he didn't rescue his friends right away, they would be killed.

Leo flew around the hill and perched on top. Spreading his long, powerful wings, Leo let out a mighty roar that shook the land beneath him, and then he breathed out a ball of fire. This startled the dragon slayers and gave Leo the chance to swoop down and burn off their armor. The dragon slayers were so scared, they ran off in their underwear screaming



The four friends looked at one another then they began to laugh. Leo and his friends all had a good laugh. Dippey, Dopey, and John thanked Leo for rescuing them. They hoisted him upon their backs and flew him off to the park for a game of ball.

The Selfish Dragon

By: Katherina Aguilera

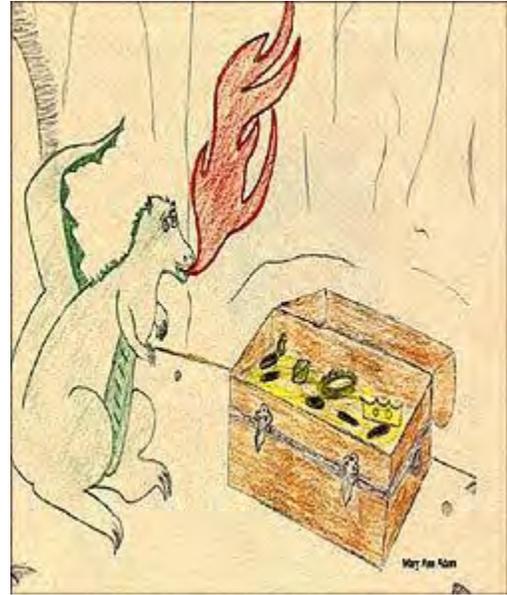
Long ago there lived a rich dragon. He had a long purple tail and white wings and a big green body. He had sharp, long teeth and red eyes.

He was a very spoiled dragon, and he was so rich that his castle was made of gold. His floor sparkled with diamonds. Yet, he was not satisfied. He wanted to own all the treasures of the world.

One day a young king came to see the dragon. He had heard that the dragon was looking for the treasure. The young king told the dragon where he could find the greatest treasure in the world. "XBut you must go alone," the king warned.

The dragon asked the young king, "Where is this treasure of which you speak?"

"In the desert you will find a big cave. That is where your treasure is," said the young king.



The next morning the dragon went in search of the treasure. He searched for two weeks and he couldn't see any big cave. All he saw was the sun and dry land. The dragon was tired and wanted to go back.

All of a sudden, there was a big sandstorm. Everything that the dragon owned was gone. He had no food and no water. He had to walk and walk.

The dragon wanted to fly, but he never learned to fly. He had always been so busy counting his money. He began to understand that he had been very selfish and he had never shared anything he had.

The dragon was feeling sad, and he had given up all hope. Suddenly there it was, the big cave. The dragon was so happy, but at the same time he knew that he had to change. He didn't go into the cave. He didn't care about the treasure. He turned around and started to run. He tried to fly. He closed his eyes and before he knew it, he was up in the sky. Flying!

He went back home and he gave the people his money and he also gave them diamonds. The dragon who had been so spoiled had learned how to share.

The young king said to the dragon, "I knew you would find the treasure."

Denis the Dragon Solves a Mystery

by Zoe Bunnie

In the forest of Purpletrees, it was a nice fall day. The leaves on the trees were beginning to fall. Everywhere you looked, things were covered with colors. Red, purple, orange and yellow leaves were everywhere.

In this forest lived a dragon named Denis, and a family of muskrats whose names were sonny, Raven and Chance.

On this fine day the muskrats went out to play with their favourite toys. Sonny was the oldest and his toy was a red ball. He would throw it up in the air and try to catch it. Raven was the second oldest and his toy was a blue truck. He would play with it on the leafy ground and make funny "vrooming noises. Chance was the youngest and his favourite toy was a red wagon." He would go up the hill and come down with it. "Weeeee!"

Denis, the dragon, was a detective. His job was solving mysteries. Denis was just on his way back home from solving a mystery and he was very happy, because he solved it within minutes.

While everyone was busy playing and doing things, deep in the forest there was a new arrival. He looked like a scarecrow. He had messy hair, dirty clothes and hay that kept falling off of him. He was busy fixing his new home. You could tell by looking at him that he was lonely.

Back in the forest the muskrats heard their mother yell, "Come for lunch." The three muskrats got up and left their toys behind.

The stranger had heard the muskrats having fun, he was lonely and grouchy. He didn't want anyone to be happy.

A strong wind began to blow. The stranger turned away. When he turned back, he could see the house that he built had blown away. He grew angry. He began to run after his house and gather all the hay and build his home all over again.

The hay had blown into the forest and it landed right on the muskrat's toys. While the stranger was picking up the hay he didn't realize that he had picked up the muskrat's toys.

As they returned to his place, the muskrats came back out to play. They noticed that their toys were missing. Sonny, Raven and Chance started to whine. Oh, what a fuss they made.

The dragon heard this whimpering noise and followed it. As he got closer he saw the three muskrats crying, "What is wrong?" he asked.

The muskrats turned to him. "Someone took our toys and we want them back!" they sobbed.

Denis, the dragon, disappeared in a flash then he came back as fast as lightening. "I will help you guys find your toys, but first I have to look for clues."

Denis started looking for the clues and he quickly found three of them. The first one was the hay on the leafy ground. The second clue was a fresh path and the last one was the path that lead to the toys.

The four followed the long path. They saw the strange looking man. He was busy fixing his place. "Achoo!" Raven sneezed. This startled the stranger.

Raven's sneeze was so strong that it blew down the house. Again the strange looking man yelled, "My house! Every time I build my house the wind blows it away or somebody sneezes." The man was so upset that he started to cry.

Denis the dragon said very quietly, "Do you know where the muskrat's toys are?"

"Yeah, they're over there. I accidently took them when I was picking up my hay."

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Denis was happy that he had helped find the muskrat's toys, but he also wanted to help his new friend. "What is your name?" asked Denis.

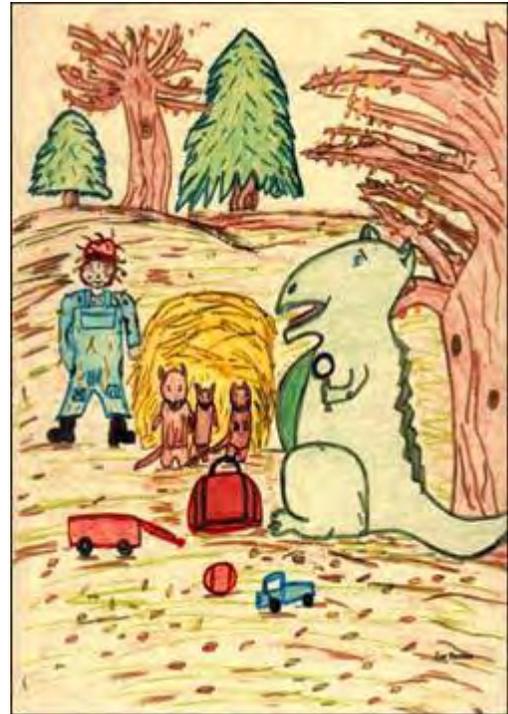
"My name is Elmer. I am from the city and I wanted a peaceful place to live. When I saw how quiet this forest was, I wanted to be right here. I really don't know how to build a house. I tried it with sticks, grass and mud. That didn't work. Now for the last time I thought I could try with hay." Then he started to cry louder.

The dragon and the muskrats started to think about where Elmer could live.

"I have a perfect place for him," said a strange voice.

They all looked quickly to see who was talking. To everyone's surprise it was the mother muskrat. "Shianne Bear has a cave that she doesn't use any more, so why don't you live there?"

The muskrats were happy and Denis, the dragon, was too. So all was well in Purpletrees. Everybody got along and they all started to get ready for the winter.



Denis the Dragon

By: Coreen Kasakeo

Denis, the dragon, lived in a cave. He lived with his mother. His mother was strict with him. He was only allowed to stay around their area. Denis had two friends, their names were Buddy and Buzz. Buddy and Buzz lived close by.

One day the three were walking around when they spotted a fox. His name was Max. Max was friendly. He was looking for excitement. Denis and his friends were ready for anything.

While the four were playing, they accidentally wandered off into the forest. Buddy and Buzz were getting scared, because it was getting dark. They began to hear things like creeping sounds in the forest.

"The wind is making all that noise," said the fox. But Buddy and Buzz were still scared.

They wanted to go home. They thought they were lost, but the fox knew his way around and he led them home. When Denis, the dragon, got home he was in trouble for wandering off.

Denis' mother said, "the rest of you go home. Your parents might be worried about you." Then Buddy and Buzz went home. Denis was grounded.



Denis the Dragon

By: Dennis Harvey

Today Jeff and I went into the woods to where Jeff said he had seen a dragon. I was not in a good mood, and I wasn't listening to Jeff. So when he told me to look I didn't. Again Jeff told me to look.

By the time I looked back there wasn't anything to be seen. Jeff and I continued walking. Suddenly he saw it again. This time I looked back and there it was. I stopped and I looked with surprise. Jeff looked too. There was a dragon floating in the air. He was looking at us.

"Hi, my name is Denis. Are you going to the caves?" He asked

We told the dragon our names and answered, "Yes, we are. Is it OK?"

The dragon, said it was OK. "But!" He warned us, "You cannot tell anyone about the things you see. It's a secret. If you can promise me this, I will grant you a wish. You can go back in time and become anything you want. And I will grant, your friend, Dennis the same wish. Will you help me?"

We said we would keep his secret. Jeff and I walked into the woods. In a short time, Jeff saw a cave. We went in. In the dark we saw two large eyes shining. We walked closer. There was a lady dragon, she was shy and frightened.

We went back to where we had seen Denis and told him about the other dragon. Denis came back with us. When the two saw each other they were both surprised and happy to meet. They knew they would no longer have to be alone.

Denis looked at us and smiled. Then he immediately granted out wishes.

Our secret

By: Virginia Jobb

My friend and I were walking down the ocean beach one day, when we saw a cave. I heard a strange noise coming from the cave. I asked Tammy, my friend, if she would go and check it out.

Tammy said, "Come with me."

Together we walked slowly toward the cave. Inside it was wet and damp and cold. As we walked into the cave, we saw a dragon. We didn't know what to say to each other.

Tammy called to the dragon. "What is your name?"

The dragon said to us, "My name is Denis, the dragon."

Tammy and I asked, "Why are you hiding in this cave?"

He replied, "I don't like going out in the daytime because I might frighten everyone. I can see from my cave."

We asked him if he would like to go outside with us. Denis agreed to go with us. As we were walking we asked, "Why are you afraid to come out?"

He said, "My body and my wings are too huge. That is why I stay in the cave all day. I only come out at night so no one will see me. I only fly around looking for food for myself at night and I stay in the cave all day."

"Why don't you have any friends?" asked Tammy.

Denis, the dragon replied, "Why would anyone be a friend with a dragon. They say that, dragons, are mean and have huge teeth and blow fire from their mouths! That's why I don't want to meet with anyone. They might think I am mean. You are the only two people that I met that haven't been too afraid to come into the cave."

We replied, "We'll be your friends."

For the next few days, we had fun on the beach with the dragon. Denis knew that he could trust us not to tell anyone that he was in the cave.



