

The child and The dragon:

There once was a fierce and terrible dragon that lived in a cave at the top of a mountain in Dagoland. He was constantly confronted by knights who wanted to slay him for he was the last of his kind and whoever defeated him would gain immense glory and fame across the land. He fought and fought and defeated every last one of them, for this reason nobody dared climb the mountain.

One day a new family arrived in Dagoland to whom nobody told about the dragon. It was a big and happy family and the youngest son was the kindest and happiest, his name was Dante. One day his mother asked him to go out and look for some medicinal herbs. Dante climbed the mountain unknowing of the danger and began his task.

Reaching the top of the mountain he saw a cave with a very big and curious entrance. His curiosity got the better of him and so he went inside. As soon as he entered the dragon became aware and hid in a dark corner of the cave.

“Stop” roared the dragon, “If you have come here to challenge me, let me rest.”

The child astonished stood his ground and said: “I have come to challenge no one; I am looking for medicinal herbs.”

The dragon relaxed and lay down as he said: “Well, then leave my cave, there are no herbs here.”

“But who am I talking to?” said Dante

“You have not heard of me?” said the dragon “I am the dragon that lives at the top of this mountain. My name is Garrow and I am the last of my kind in existence.”

Dante stepped further into the cave and asked: “Why do you attack people?”

Garrow answered: “I do not wish to hurt anyone, but if I am attacked I will defend myself. But you have done no such thing so I will not hurt you. But please, I must insist you leave before a knight comes and attacks me, you may be hurt in the battle.”

The child understood how alone Garrow felt. Being the youngest, his brothers were usually too busy to play with him and he had no friends in Dagoland.

Dante, fearless, sat down on a rock close to the darkness and said: “You are the only friend that I have been able to find in this kingdom, I will not leave you alone so someone can hurt you.”