

The Story of the Bookmark



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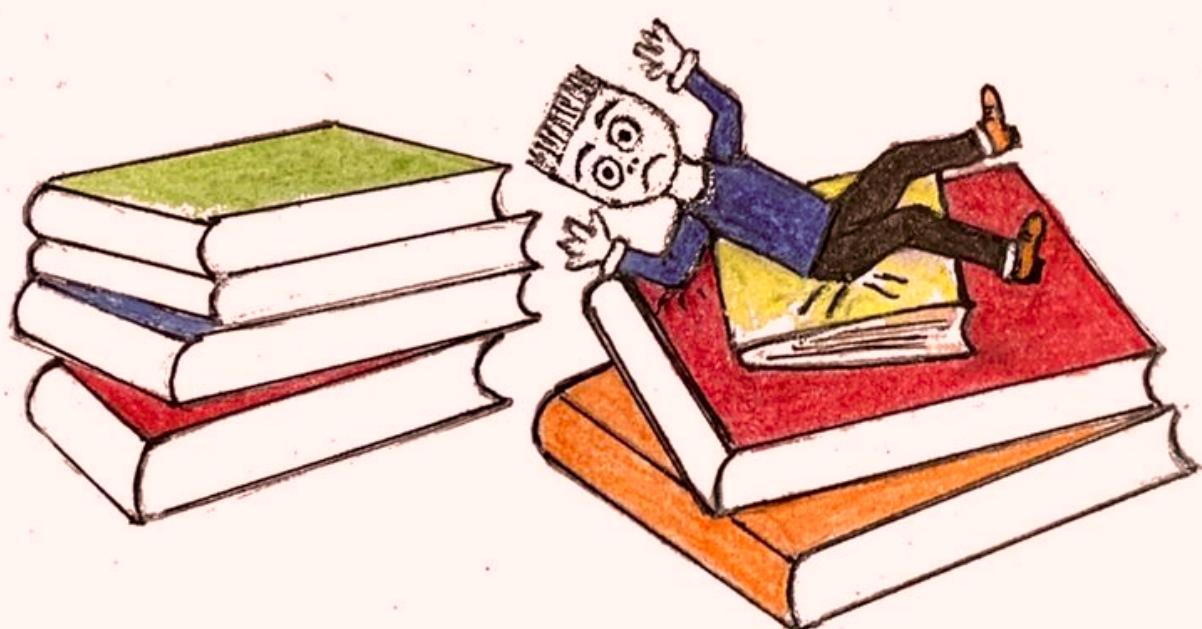
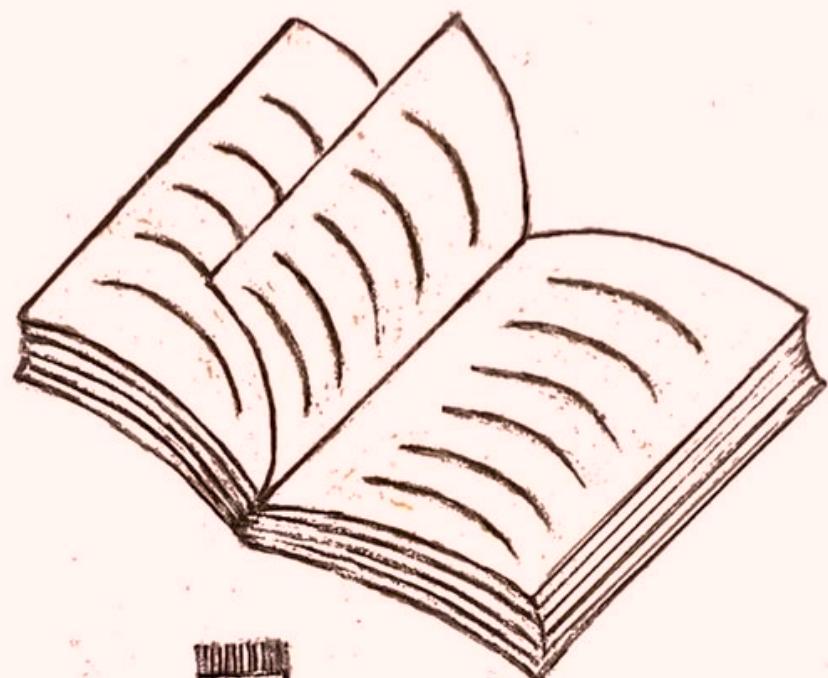
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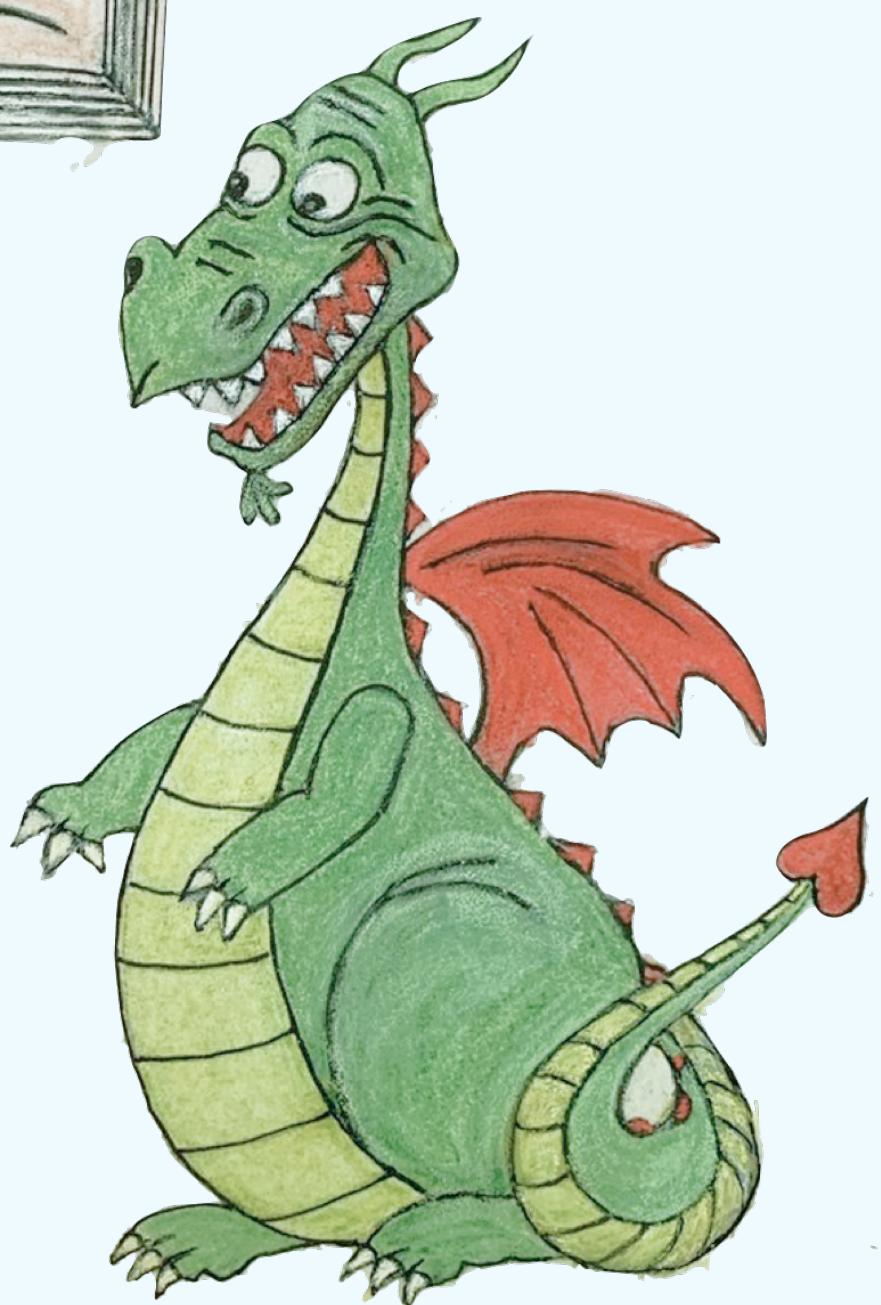
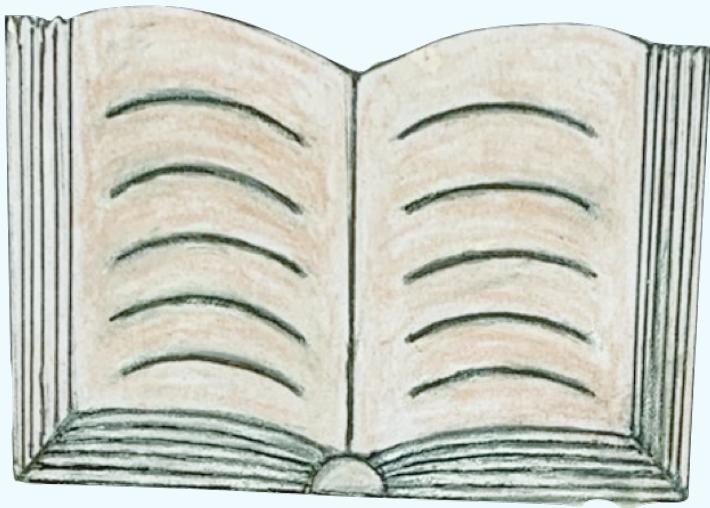
There once was a bookmark
who fell out of his book

During a page turn,
he forgot to look.

Down he fell into
a pile of books

Filled with dark corners
and cosy nooks.





He stood up and called
for his book friend

He searched and searched,
until he was at good wits end.

until a book opened and
out a dragon jumped

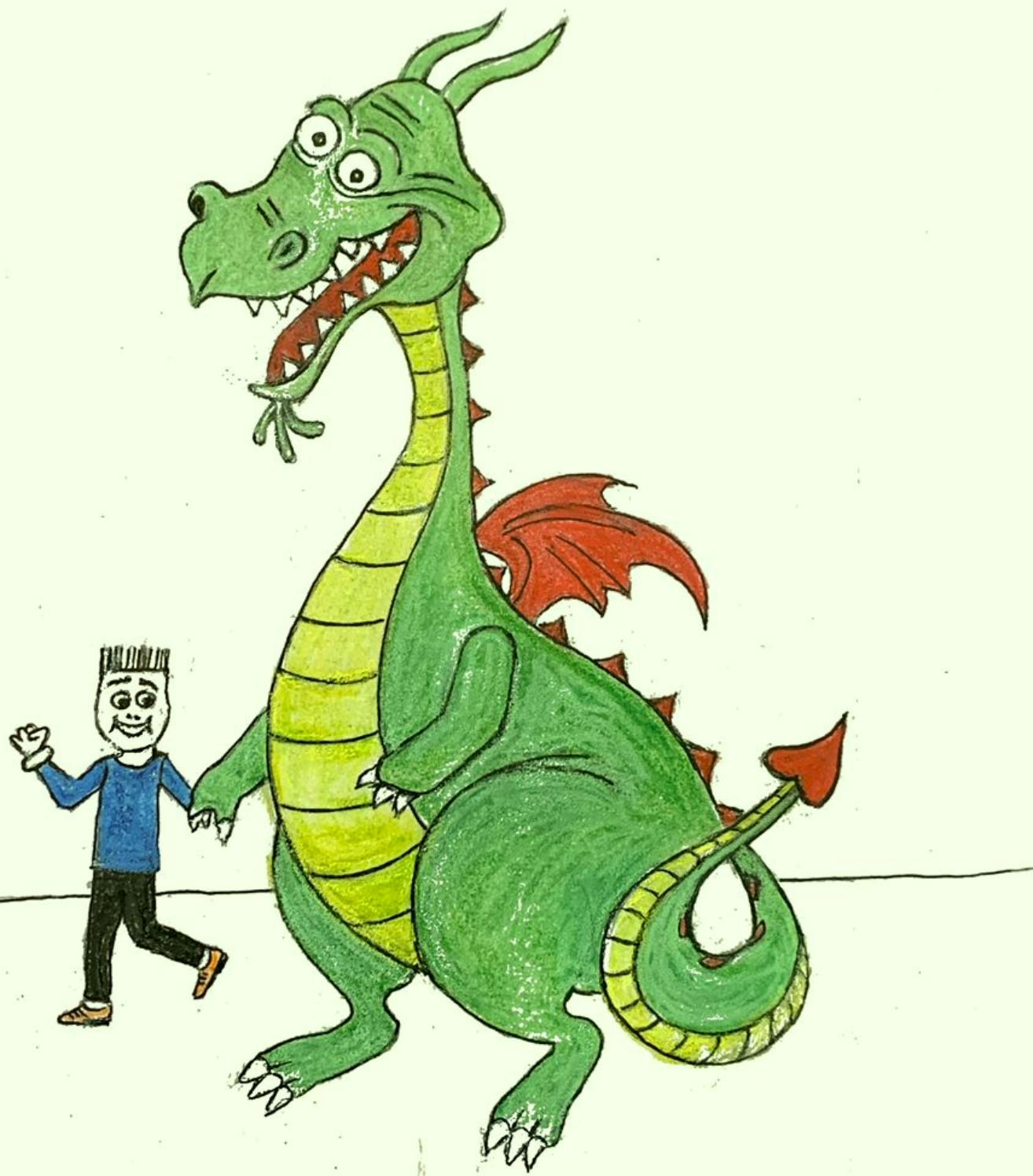
The bookmark yelped
and felt his heart thump.

The dragon said, "Don't
be afraid little one

I'll help you find your book,
we'll even have some fun!"

Skipping along
hand in hand

They came across a
most curious band.



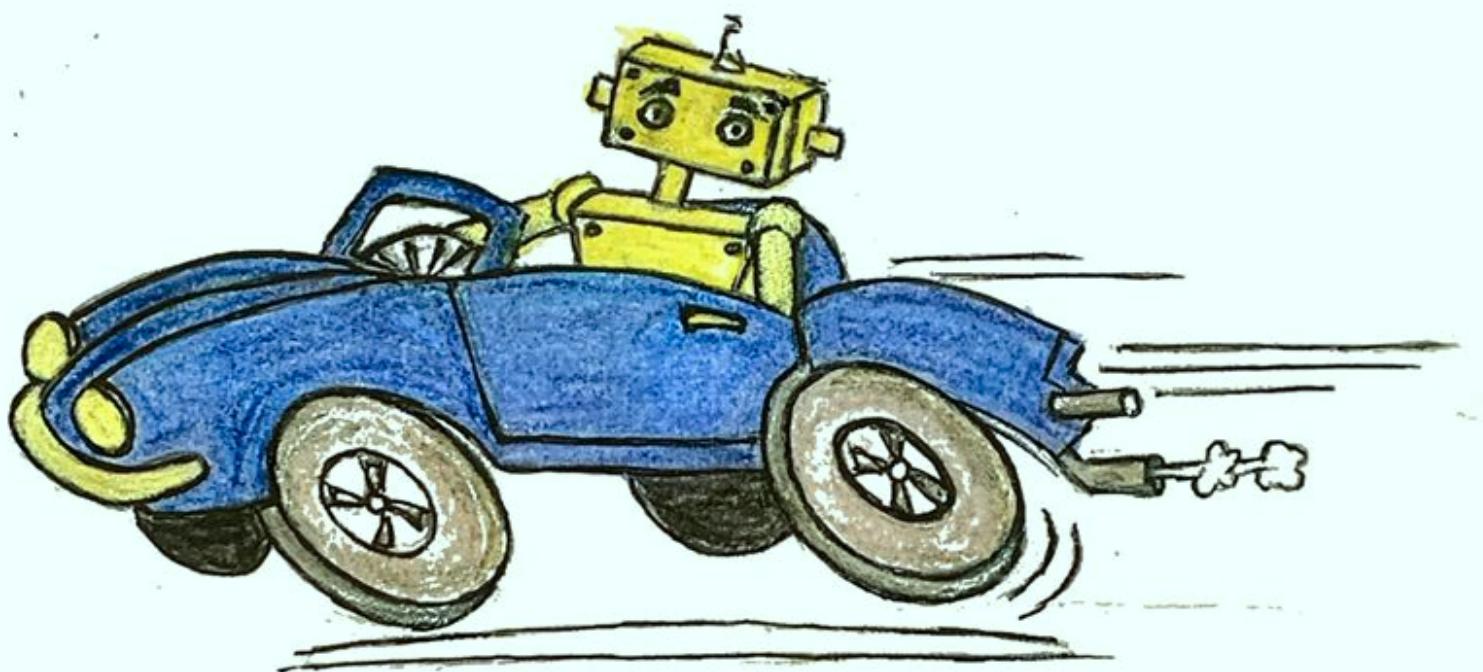


Four aliens were playing
the strangest tune

So deep were they in the
rhythm, they started to swoon.

Continuing on, they then
saw a robot in a sports car

Zooming along so fast,
he must have to go far.





Next they spotted a pair
of magicians arguing

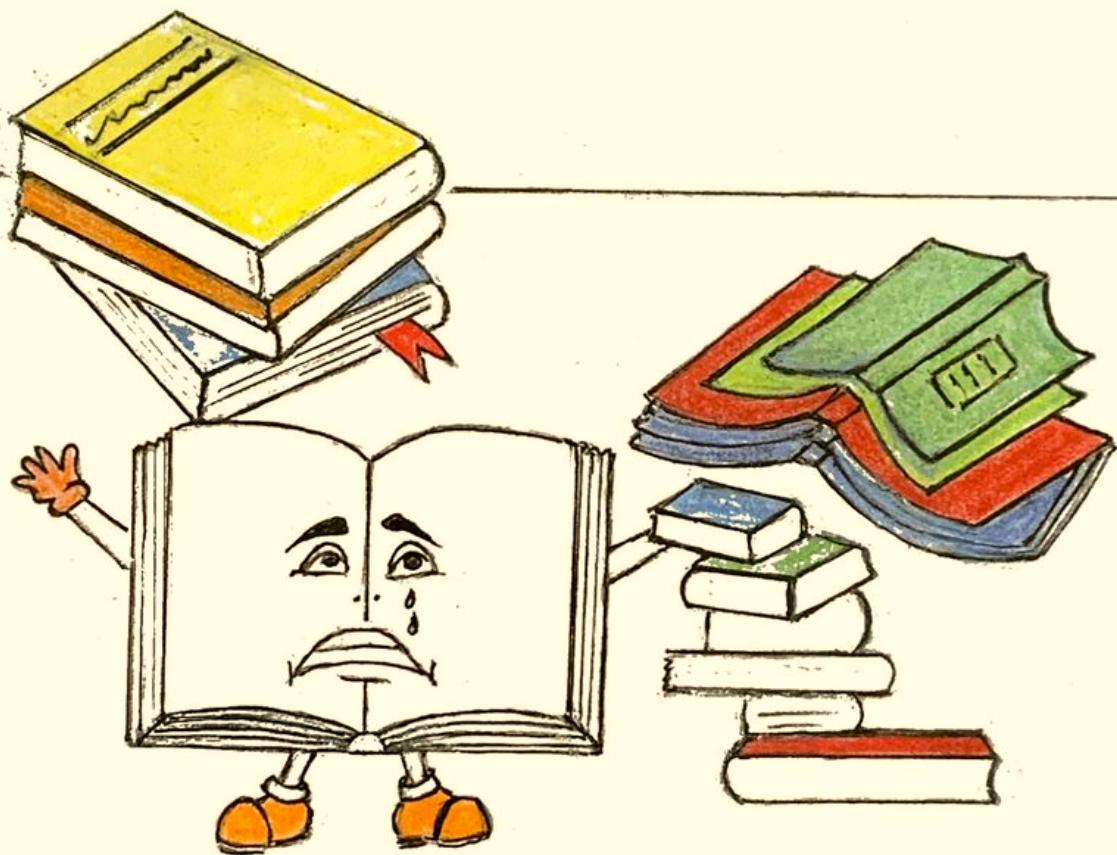
They were waving their wands
and being quite startling.

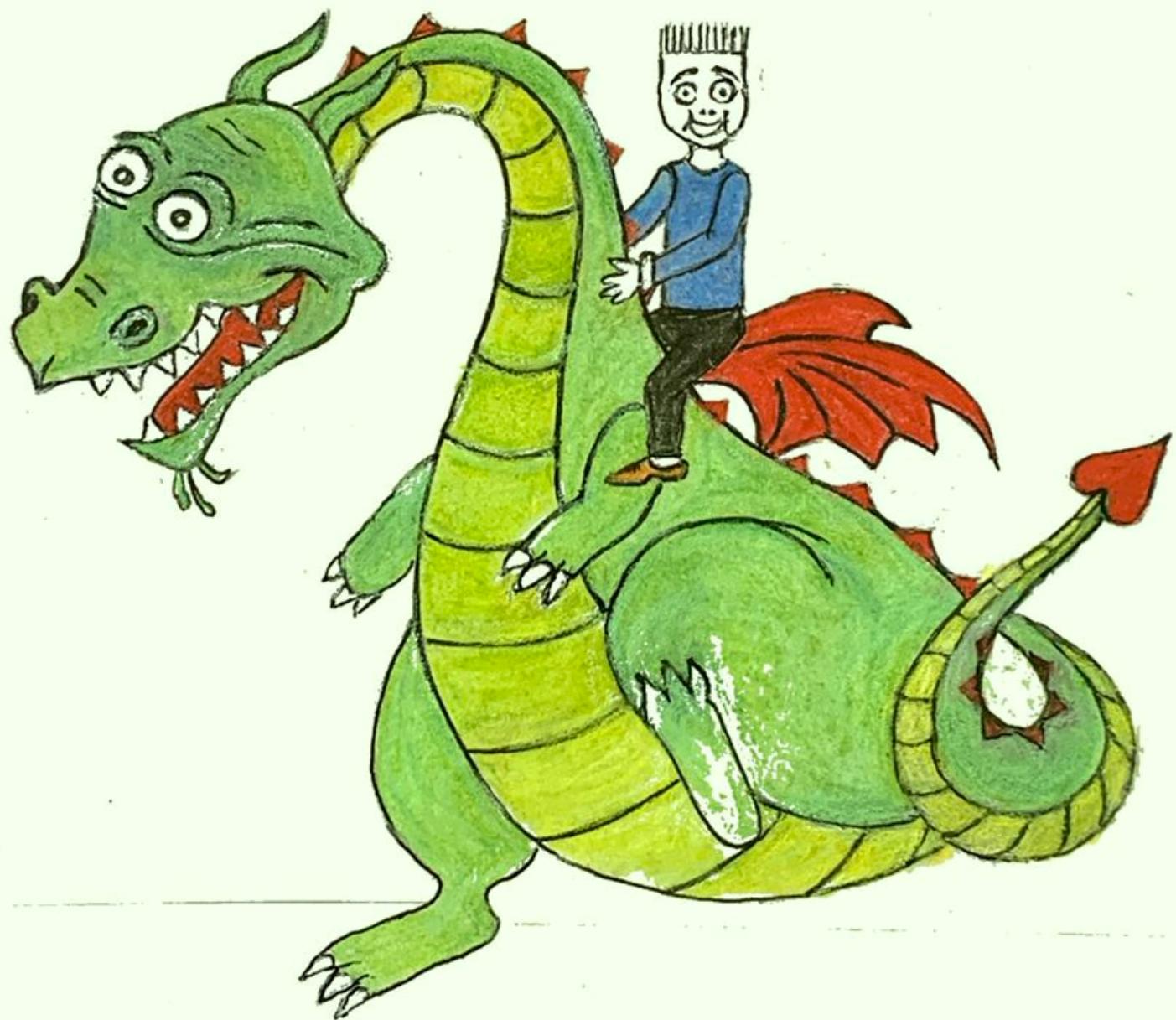
At last they came to
the edge of the pile

The bookmark thought this
must be the end of his trial.

Sure enough, looking
down at the ground

There was his book friend,
making a distressing sound.





"Hop on my back",
said his dragon chum

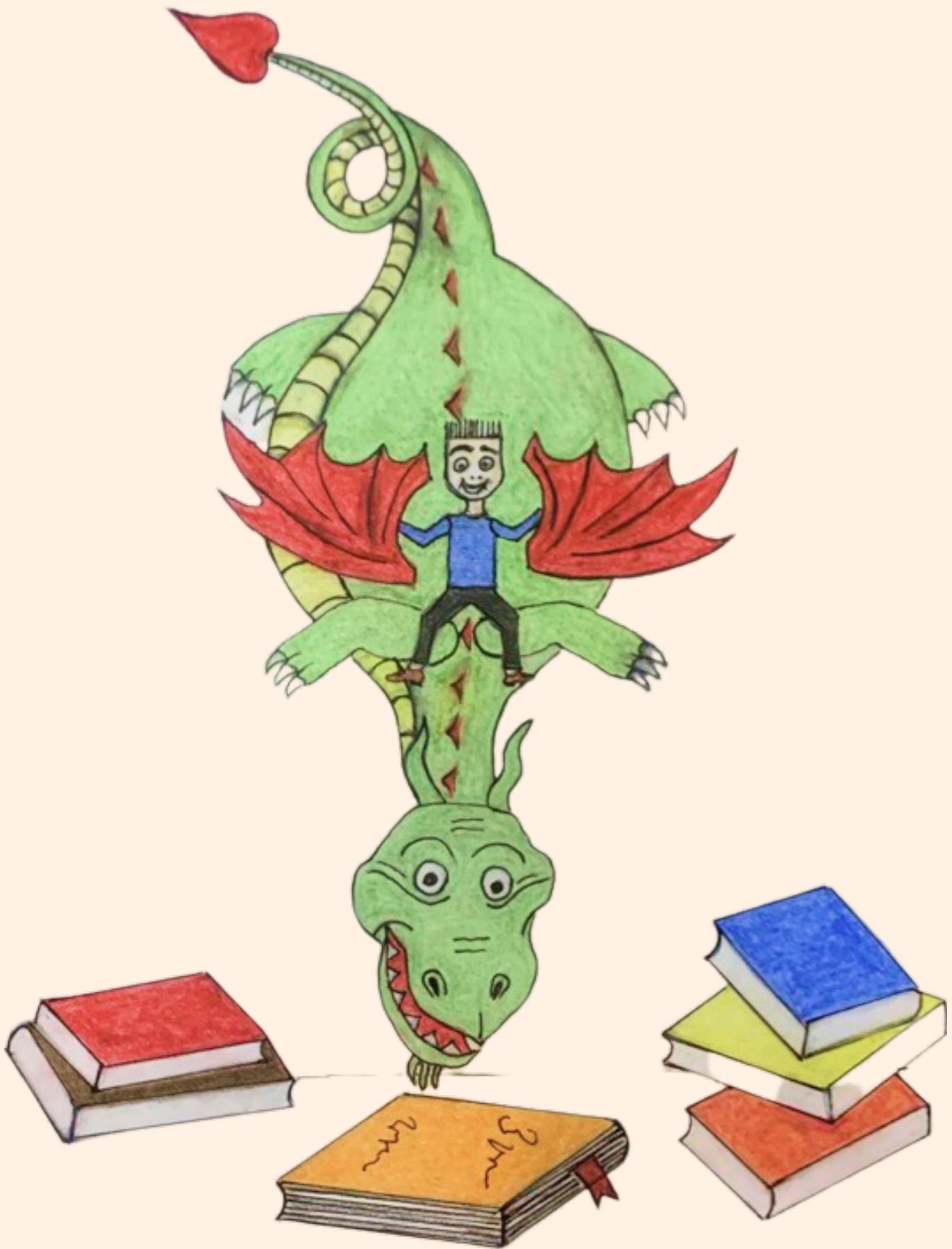
The bookmark now
excited, jumped up and
nearly fell on his bum.

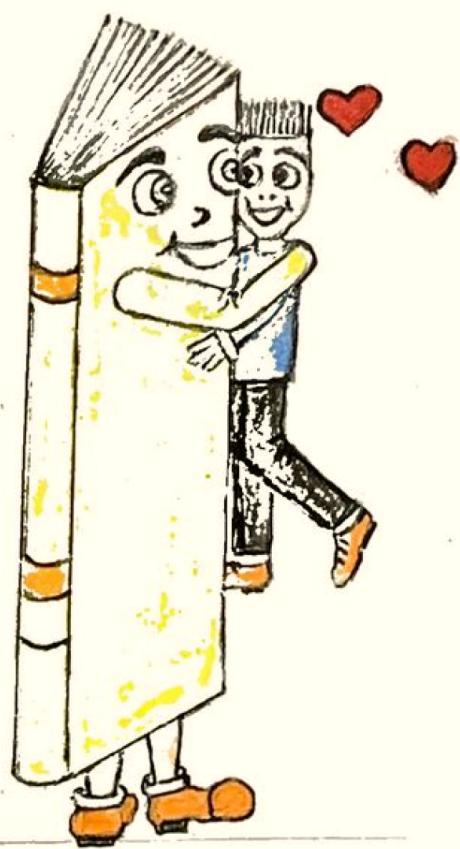
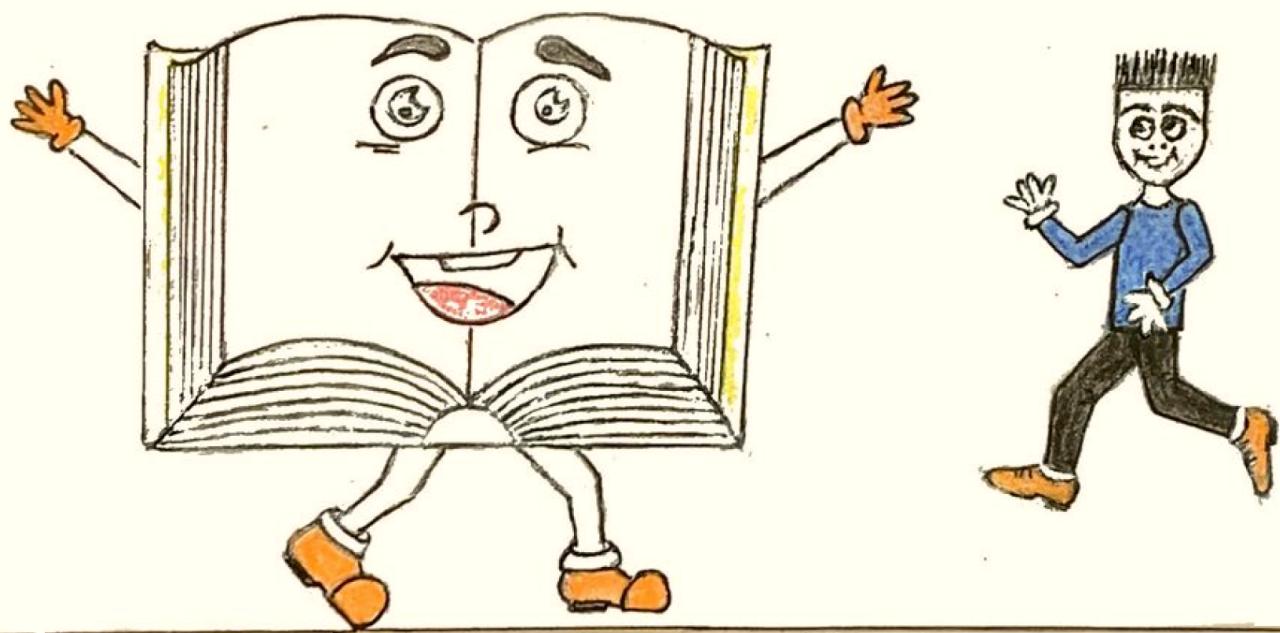
Now safely on the
dragon's back

They took off and flew
down the book stack.

They landed on the ground
with an almighty thump

Right next to the book who
had been in a humph.



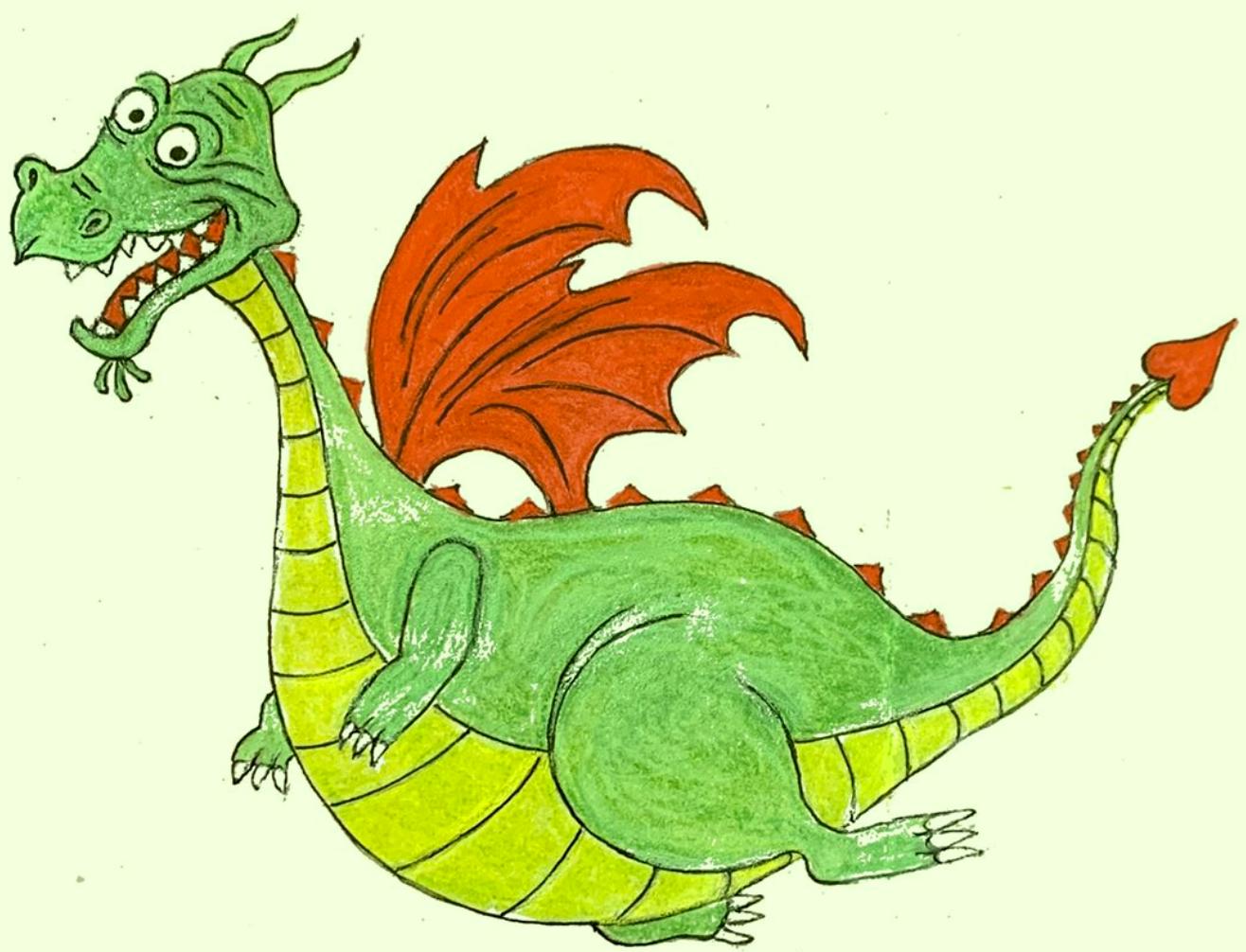


The bookmark and the
book ran to each other

And they embraced; their
hearts gave a flutter.

The dragon flew off
saying his goodbyes

The bookmark would now
look where he was going
with both of his eyes!



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