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Anna loved reading stories about dragons more than anything in the world. Every night she stacked her favorite dragon books beside her bed, just in case another adventure was hiding inside.



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One quiet evening, as she turned a page, a real golden dragon scale slipped out of her favorite book and landed softly in her hand.



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The scale began to sparkle brighter and brighter. With a soft whoosh, a swirling portal of light opened in the middle of her room.



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The portal whispered, "Anna, we need your help." Her heart hammered with nerves and curiosity as she stepped closer, clutching the scale.



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Taking a deep, brave breath, Anna stepped through. The floor disappeared, and she drifted weightlessly through a tunnel of stars and distant dragon shapes.



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She landed gently in a hidden valley where colorful dragons flew across a purple sky and rivers sparkled like liquid rainbow.



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A small blue dragon with shining eyes swooped down and introduced himself as Lumo. "You're the girl the golden scale chose," he said, bowing politely.



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Lumo explained that the dragons had a serious problem. The golden scale had brought Anna here because the magic of their world was fading.



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High on the hill stood a crystal castle that held the Great Dragon Heart. Once it shone like a star, but now its light was almost gone.



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"Without the Dragon Heart," Lumo said, "the valley will lose its magic and the dragons will no longer be able to fly." Anna knew this was the problem she had been called to solve.



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Anna agreed to help at once. She followed Lumo along a glowing path of floating stones that rose higher and higher toward the crystal castle.



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Inside the castle's grand hall, they found the Dragon Heart - a huge crystal shaped like a heart, cracked down the middle and barely glowing.



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Lumo told her, "Only someone kind and brave from another world can repair the Heart. It must be mended with real courage and real care."



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Anna understood what she had to do. She gently placed the golden scale into the crack and closed her eyes, thinking of how much she wanted the dragons to soar freely again.



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The Dragon Heart exploded with warm, colorful light that wrapped around Anna and Lumo like a magical hug, filling the castle with a joyful hum.



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Outside, the valley burst back into full color. Flowers opened all at once, rivers sparkled brighter, and every dragon zoomed into the sky with delighted roars.



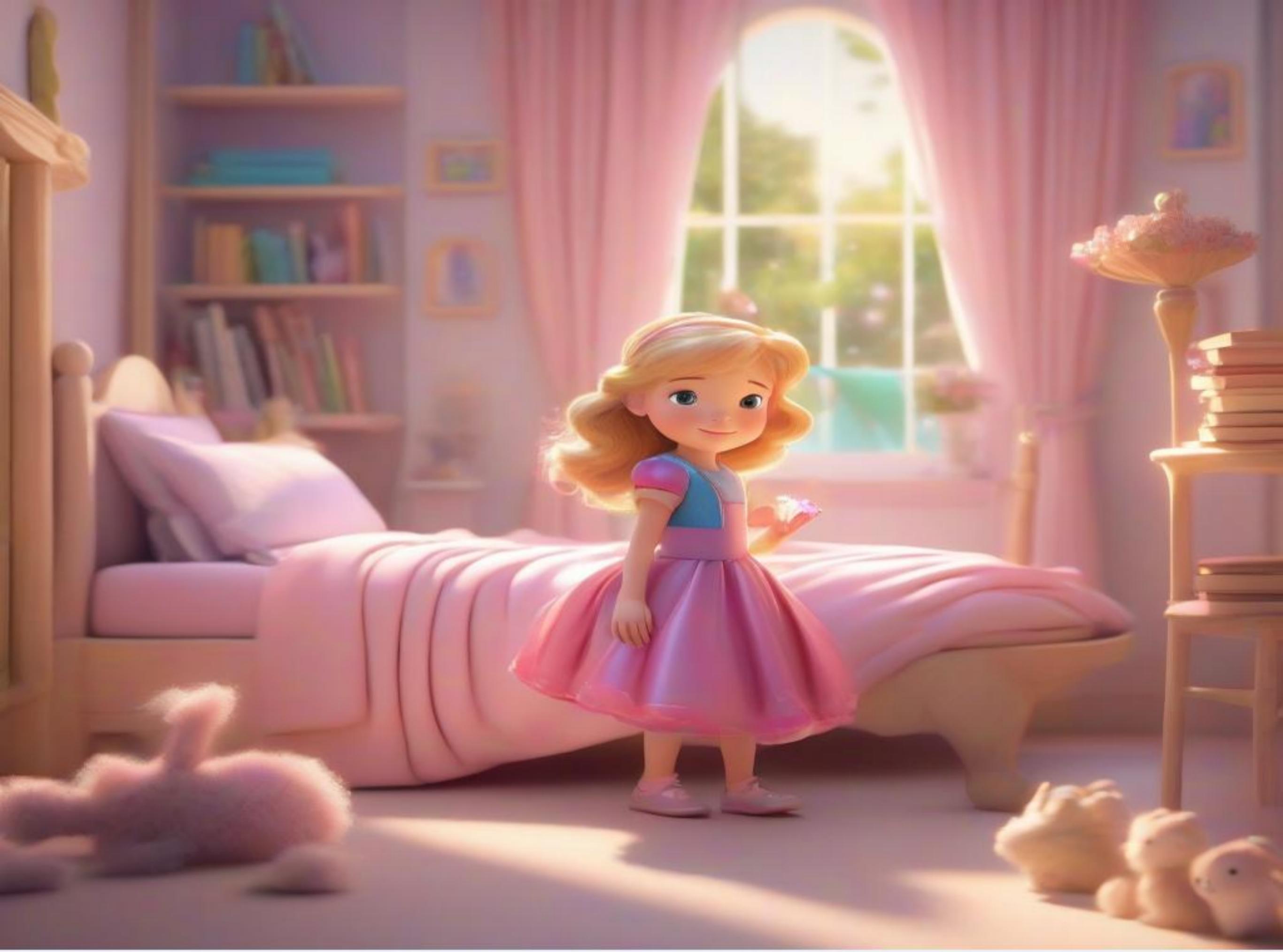
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The dragon elders gathered around Anna. They bowed deeply and thanked her for restoring the Dragon Heart and saving their world.



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Lumo flew close and placed a tiny crystal dragon charm in her hand. "So you'll always remember us," he said, his eyes shining with happy tears.



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A swirl of golden light rose around her. Holding the charm tightly, Anna felt herself lifted into the air as the portal opened to take her home.



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Anna woke up in her own bed at sunrise, the crystal charm still sparkling in her hand. She smiled, knowing that whenever she needed them, her dragon friends would be waiting in the hidden valley beyond the pages of her books.