

The Dragon and the Princess by Sophie Maguire

Once upon a time, a king called Titon lived in Kenilworth Castle. The knights of the castle were fearless, the guards were strong, and the castle was expertly built. The king wanted it this way because of his big secret: his daughter, Princess Perdita. King Titon loved Perdita so much that he would have kept her in a little jewellery box if he could have! But he did not realise that this was bad for Perdita. She was lonely because her father wouldn't let her do anything.

One day a fierce dragon by the name of Dennis came to the castle. He breathed out fire in rage as if he were in a terrible tantrum. Everyone in the castle was scared so the knights and guards started to fight Dennis. They fired arrows at him and tried to cut him with their swords, but Dennis was too strong and too fast. What they didn't know was that Dennis was only angry because everyone he met was scared of him and he was sad because he was friendless.

The last few knights and guards fled, and they took the king with them. When they came to take Perdita too, she hid from the guards in a wardrobe. Princess Perdita looked out of the window and saw the last few guards and her father leave. She knew what it felt like to be lonely and understood Dennis's feelings, so she ran downstairs and outside to meet him. Dennis went up to her, but he wasn't angry anymore.

Princess Perdita bravely walked right up close and looked straight at him. "Hello, I'm Perdita. Would you like to be my friend?" she asked.

Dennis couldn't believe his ears. "Yes, please!" he roared with a big smile on his face. "I'm Dennis. Pleased to meet you."

Then Princess Perdita had an idea. She asked Dennis if he could breathe fire over the whole castle because she didn't want to be a princess anymore. She would rather be a dragon's best friend and fly on his back all over the kingdom. Dennis was so happy to finally have a friend he agreed at once. And that is how Kenilworth Castle fell into ruins.