



George And The Dragon

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Many years ago George was a brave and fearless soldier who travelled the land helping people in distress. He lived in a country called Turkey in Europe, and for many months now he had travelled by land and sea until he finally reached Libya. Very shortly after he met a poor hermit man who told him that everybody in the land was in great distress, for a dragon had been ravaging the country for a very long time.

George wanted to help the people of Libya to lead a peaceful life, but he was going to have to get rid of the dragon first! The old man told George that the nasty dragon demands the sacrifice of a beautiful maiden every day, but now that all of the young girls had been killed there was only the king's daughter left. Unless the people could find a brave knight who could slay the dragon the Princess will be sacrificed to the dragon at sunset. It was a very serious problem and the people were very scared. The King of Egypt tried desperately to find a brave knight who could rid the people of the dragon, and by way of encouragement he said he would give his daughter's hand in marriage to whoever succeeds.

George was determined to try and save the princess and the innocent people, and so he rested that night in the hermit's hut, and at daybreak set out to the valley where the dragon lived in a dark cave. When he drew near he saw a gathering of women, and in front of them was a beautiful girl dressed in pure Arabian silk. The princess Sabra was being led by her attendants to the place of death for sacrifice to the dragon. George knew he couldn't let this happen, and quickly he spurred his horse and overtook the ladies. He rode up hills and through hedgerows, across wide open land and dusty rocks until he reached the dragons cave.

As soon as the dragon saw him it raced out towards him, roaring with a sound louder than thunder and spitting fire that set alight the flowers and trees before him. It was a huge beast, as tall as a house and as strong as a machine. But George was not afraid, for he had to save the Princess and her people. He launched his spear at the dragon just as he would in battle, but the dragon's scales were so hard that the spear broke into a thousand pieces. The dragon grew even more angry and flapped its enormous wings, George's horse reared up in fright, flinging him from his back and galloping away to safety as George lay injured and unable to move on the hard ground.

The dragon came storming towards George as if he were going to catch him, and George lept up and drew his sword. Holding it firm and strong he thrust the sword into the dragon, but it merely bounced off of his tough scales and the dragon let out a roar in anger. George hid behind a tree as the dragon flapped its huge wings and shot a blazing stream of fire into the trees leaves which melted George's shield. With nothing to protect him and nowhere to take shelter brave George charged with his sword straight into the dragons side, where he had lifted his wing his ribs were free of scales and the sword went straight into the dragons heart.

The dragon shrieked and tumbled to the floor, the massive thud shook the ground. Over the hill the Princess and her assistants had watched from a distance and came running to make sure George was ok. The Princess fell into his arms and it was love at first sight. Brave George had slayed the dragon and saved the people, and now he would wed the beautiful Princess as a hero and live happily ever after.

