

What It's Like To Daydream

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Age 7

Once upon a time there was a little girl, named Sophie, who loved to dream with her eyes open. She dreamed of unicorns, rainbows and love hearts but her favourite was castles and dragons. One day she was daydreaming while looking out the window, and what she was daydreaming happened outside. She was shocked.

Outside her window there was a dragon, exactly what she was daydreaming. The dragon was red with sharp red scales and pitch white, sharp claws, and on the dragons back there was a saddle with a man on it. He was wearing silver, strong armour all over his body. The little girl walked outside and asked "what are you doing?"

"I am looking for a bright green emerald" the rider said.

"That's really cool!" she said.

"But the problem is, I don't know where one is."

"I do! There is one under the tree in the middle of that grass circle." Sophie said pointing to the front yard.

"Thank you" said the knight with a smile and a tip of his helmet.

"Why do you need a bright green emerald?"

"I'm collecting emeralds and crystals to study them."

Sophie wanted to go nearer, but her cousin had taught her about Stranger Danger, so she stayed away. The knight saw her looking worried and said, "Simon is a nice dragon who is scared of you. You don't have to be scared of him." The knight petted the dragon who turned his head and licked the knight. Sophie didn't feel worried at all anymore. She walked up next to Simon and petted him like the knight. "My name is Duncan" the knight said.

"My name is Sophie" said Sophie.

When Duncan and Simon were going to go to the emerald, Sophie said "Watch out down there. There's a troll guarding the emerald and he's 30 feet tall."

“I’ve only fought ogres, demons and guardians who have turned evil. I’ve never fought a 30 foot tall troll before.”

Sophie shows Simon and Duncan to a hidden trap door which is 20 feet long, which was covered in grass and dirt. All three open the door together and then when Duncan and Simon go in, they see a long tunnel. Sophie says to “Always go left, and when you’ve gone left ten times you’ll see the troll. Maybe even eleven times.”

Simon and Duncan see lots of spiders and worms and moles that keep bumping into them. Simon is scared of spiders, so every time they see one, Duncan kills it. They also see ruby and gems in the tunnel, which they think are so pretty and shiny they start collecting them. They collected every different one, which was every different type. By the time they’d done five lefts they were covered in dirt and looked hideous a little bit. When they’d done five more, they found the troll asleep, snoring really loudly. So Simon helped Duncan carefully step over it, and then he went to grab the emerald. But because the emerald was so light he couldn’t find anything to replace it to stop the cave falling down, except for his sword, which he needs. And then the cave started falling down, but when Simon helped Duncan step over the troll, it woke up because a big rock hit its head. But it was really clumsy, so it only took one poke of Duncan’s sword to die, because the rock made him so weak.

They ran out of the cave before the cave tumbled on them. Simon and Duncan pushed on the trap door while Sophie pulled it up. Now they had the emerald, and that was the last one they needed with their rubies and gems they thought were so pretty.

Simon roars and Duncan says goodbye to Sophie. Then Sophie goes back into her house and starts to daydream about what just happened instead of reading her book.

‘Wow, daydreams are better in real life’, Sophie thought to herself.

The end!