

THE WIZARD'S REVENGE





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Many miles off the coast of a famous seaside resort there is a mysterious island. It has a scorching desert and gurgling swamps, but it is very beautiful with its high mountains, deep blue lakes and shady forests. It is a very special island because a magic spell makes it invisible to adult eyes and no ordinary human being has ever been there.

The island is inhabited by a race of dragons - not the fierce aggressive type but gentle, happy dragons, who love their island home and their king.

The Dragon King is very kind and just, and rules wisely from his castle on the island.



Also on the island there was a wizard who worked for the king, creating magic potions and casting spells whenever they were needed. The Dragon King thought the wizard was wise and good, and let him live in one of the turrets of the castle, but the wizard was really wicked, and was plotting to take control of the island for himself. When the king discovered the plot against his throne, he banished the wizard from the island, and told him that if he ever returned he would be cast into a dungeon.

The wizard was furious and vowed that one day he would return and have his revenge.



Once the wizard had left everything was fine on the island, and the dragons continued to live a happy peaceful life.

One day the Dragon King was sitting having his breakfast eating a slice of toast and marmalade, when he heard a loud rumbling noise. At first the king thought it was his tummy, so he ordered another slice of toast. Suddenly he realised the noise was coming from the other side of the island.

The king was frightened, and so would you have been, for the wicked wizard and seven terrible monsters were invading his island.



The wizard sent the terrible monsters to the mountains, and such frightening trolls to the swamps that even the frogs left. He made the forest so dark that it was impossible to find a way out, and the dragon foresters had to stay at home. It would not be a happy island any longer.


The Dragon King was very upset, but worse was to come, because, before he could drive the invaders away, he was captured by the wizard, and locked in the castle dungeons.

Some of the dragons were made to work in the castle for the wicked wizard, but most were sent to the desert to live, so that they could not attempt to rescue the king.



The wizard was very pleased with himself - with the Dragon King imprisoned in a secret dungeon and control of the island in his hands, the wizard's revenge was complete.....

.....Who would have thought that going on holiday with your Auntie would give you the chance to help rescue the Dragon King!



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