

The Dragon Machine

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The dragons followed George to the library. He consulted the Encyclopedia of Dragons. There were dire warnings: never feed a dragon; never let a dragon into your home... too late. There were tragic tales of dragons discovered and captured... too sad. And there was a map of the place where dragons belonged. A great wilderness unnoticed and overlooked and safe. But George would have to show them the way.

Questions

Where did the dragons follow George to?

What was one 'dire warning' about dragons?

What is George planning on doing?

George drew plans for a machine. The machine had a beginning, a middle, and a tail end...an undercarriage, and beautiful wings. George hammered in the last nail. He packed delicious stale biscuits and smelly cheese and himself into the dragon machine.

Questions

What adjectives are used to describe the dragon machine?

What did George pack?

The machine lumbered, engine ticking gently, into the night sky. And the dragons followed. The machine clicked and whirred over the sleeping town. It rattled and clunked over the moonlit fields and woods. The dragons followed. It clattered and banged and crashed into the great wilderness. The dragons

followed. George was so tired he went to sleep in the wreckage of his dragon machine.

By morning, all the dragons were gone. There was an emptiness all around and inside George. And an emptiness at home where George should have been.

Questions

What adjectives are used to describe how the dragon machine moved?

Can you think of a different word for 'emptiness'?

They searched the town. They searched the fields. They ventured into the great wilderness looking for George and found him among the broken pieces of his dragon machine. George and his dreams of dragon went home.

Everyone was pleased to see George, and George was pleased to be back. He no longer went unseen, ignored and overlooked. They made him a huge cake to celebrate his return and gave him a dog as a present.

Nobody else noticed that it wasn't a **dog**.

Questions

Where did they find George?

Why were people pleased to see George?

What was the dog really?