

The Dragon Quest by Mackenzie

"Did you hear that?" I ask Amber. Amber, who is a golden fire dragon, is the best friend you could ever imagine. Amber is just like her name- her amber scales shimmer in the sun. She stands over six metres tall and is covered in golden scales that sparkle in the mid-day light. Not only that but she is as cool as a koala and totally kind.

"What do you think it is Alex?" she asks. Her warm breath wrapping around me like a blanket. I'm twelve years old. Amber says I am kind and brave and a very good friend. My parents died when I was three and I have been here ever since. "Let's go check it out," I say feeling more confident than I feel.



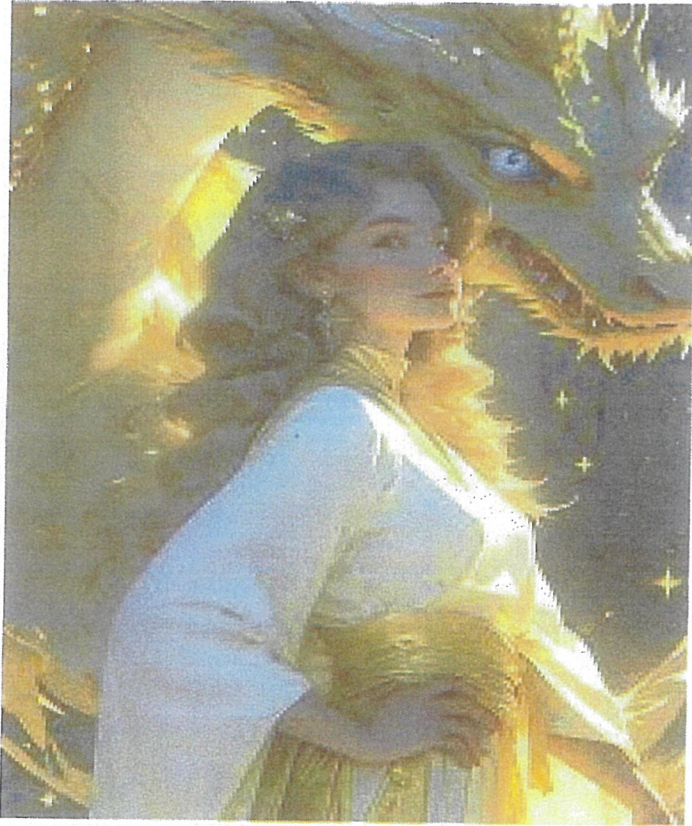
Whoosh! I slide onto Amber's scaly back and we creep silently towards the dark woods.

Suddenly I hear a crash nearby and angry voices following. "Oh no, it's the dragon slayers!" I say fearfully and a shiver runs through my veins. We watch the horrible men as they slash their way through the dark woods. "We'll be rich when we get all these dragon scales," says one.

"Yes," replied, another. A bead of sweat runs down my face. I can't believe this is really happening. "I don't think we can do this," I say hopelessly.

"Have faith Alex, they will have no chance against our courage," says Amber.

"Let's go," I say feeling more confident than I've ever felt before.



In the blink of an eye Amber and I are soaring through the fluffy morning clouds towards the capital city of dragon world-Orana. The tall gold towers glisten in the morning sun. The city looks so quiet.

We must make this journey in record breaking time to warn the dragon leaders that the cruel Dragon Slayers are on their way to devour dragon world and destroy all the dragons in it. All just to sell their precious scales.

"Amber, I don't think we made it," I say fearfully. Fear is riding on my shoulder.

The battle between dragons and dragon slayers raged on. Smoke was everywhere, hot flames hitting the ground. I clung to my dragon Amber and her strength gave me strength. Everywhere was the wounded dragons trying to fight back.

Suddenly, I heard Amber say, "Alex watch out!" I spun around and snatched the sword out of the dragon slayers hand and defeated him.

Towards dawn we realised we had triumphed. Amber and I sat in the broken ruins of the village and I stared into her golden eyes and said, "We did it Amber, we did it."

I Knew I had found my brave heart and because of that I had saved Amber's family and friends. I knew my job now, I was a Dragon Keeper.

