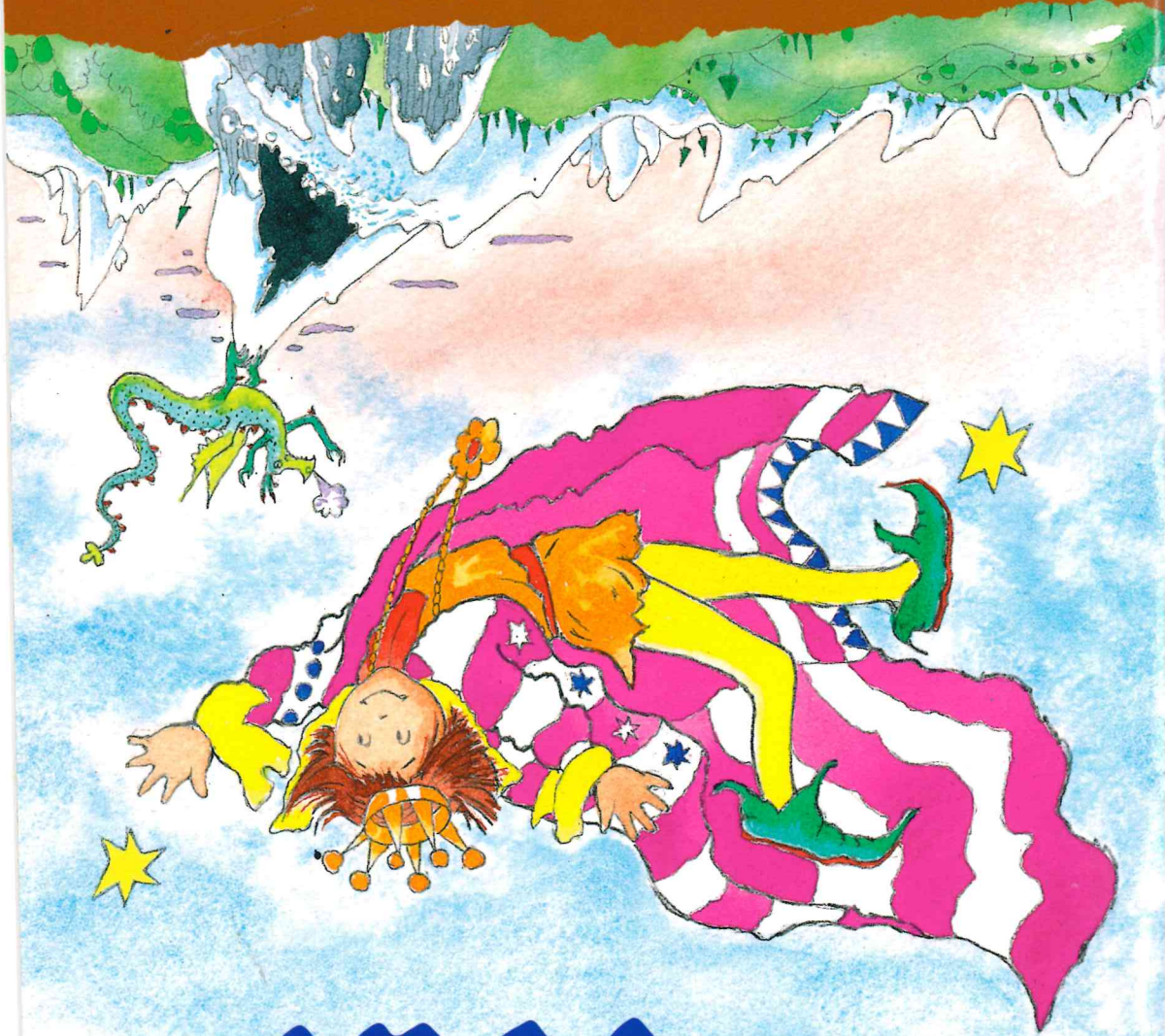


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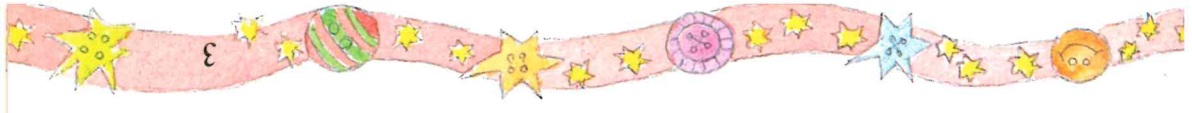
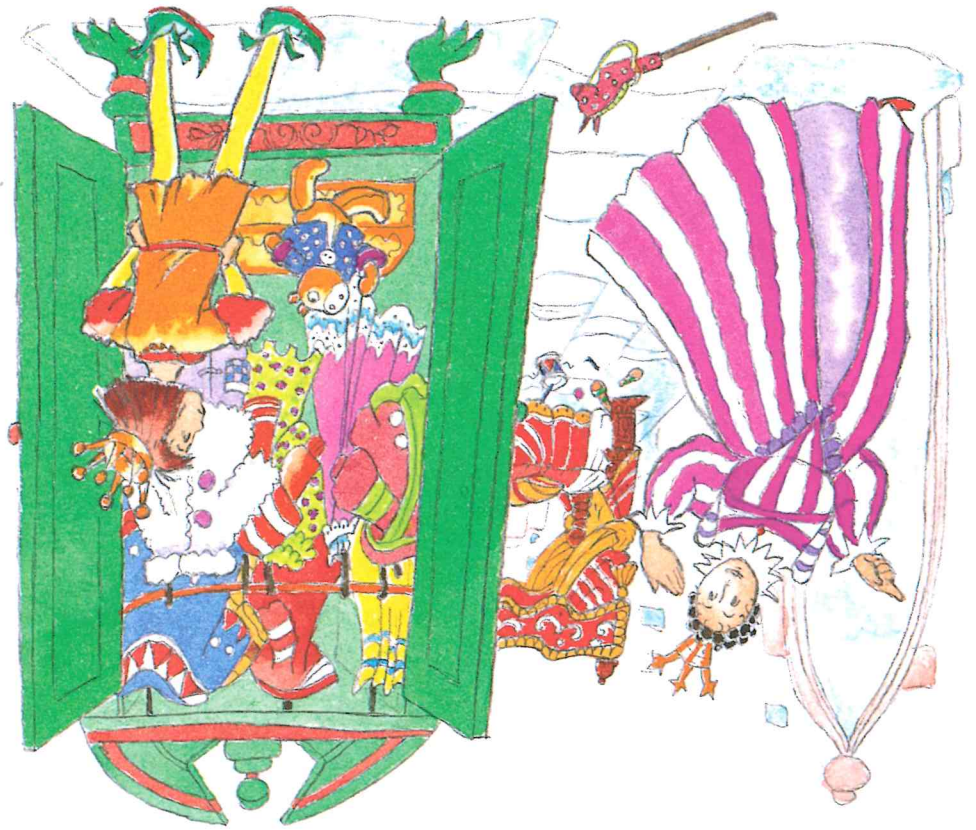


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Prince Ivan was not happy. He had lots and lots of toys but he did not like playing with them. 'What can I do today?' he said.



Just then the queen came in and said,  
'Ivan, put on your coat! We're going  
for a walk.'  
Prince Ivan went to his cupboard  
to find a coat. He had lots of coats  
but he did not like them.



Then he saw a golden chest.  
On the chest it said, 'Do not open.'  
'What's in here?' said Prince Ivan,  
and he opened the chest.  
In the chest was a beautiful coat.  
'Here is the coat for me!' he said,  
and he put it on.



Ivan ran out of his room to find the queen, but as he ran he took off! The coat was a magic coat and he flew up into the air. 'Come back!' called the queen.



But Prince Ivan did not want to  
go back. He flew off over the castle,  
over the town and up and up  
into the mountains.



He came down on the tallest mountain.  
There was lots of snow and Prince Ivan  
was very cold.

'I'll go in that cave,' he said.  
'There's some smoke coming from it  
so someone must have a fire!'  
But it wasn't a fire ...



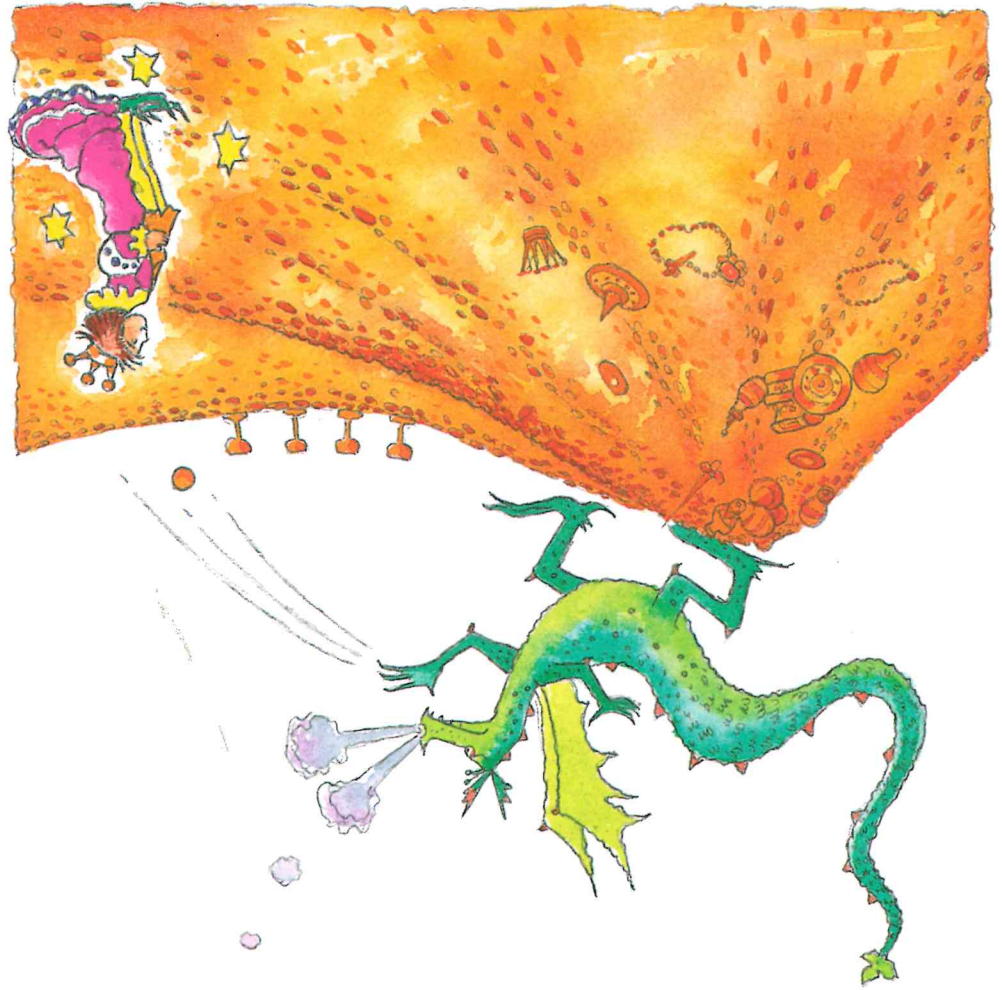
It was a dragon!  
'Please don't eat me,' said Prince Ivan.  
'I won't eat you if you play with me,'  
said the dragon.  
'Then I will play with you,' said  
Prince Ivan. 'What can we play?'



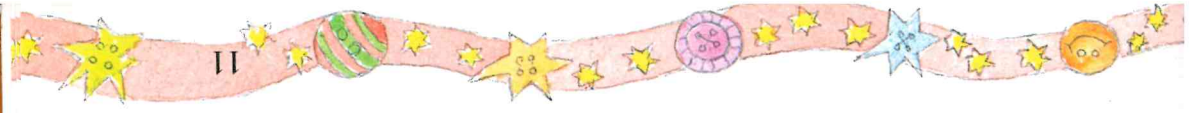
'I have no toys,' said the dragon,  
'but I have lots of treasure.'  
'We can play with your treasure,  
said Prince Ivan. 'Let's play skittles  
with the cups and this ball!'



The dragon wasn't very good  
at skittles. He threw the ball  
but not one cup fell down.



'Try again,' said Prince Ivan.  
The dragon tried again and again.  
'One more try!' he said, and he threw  
the ball fast. All the cups fell down!  
'ROAR!' went the dragon.



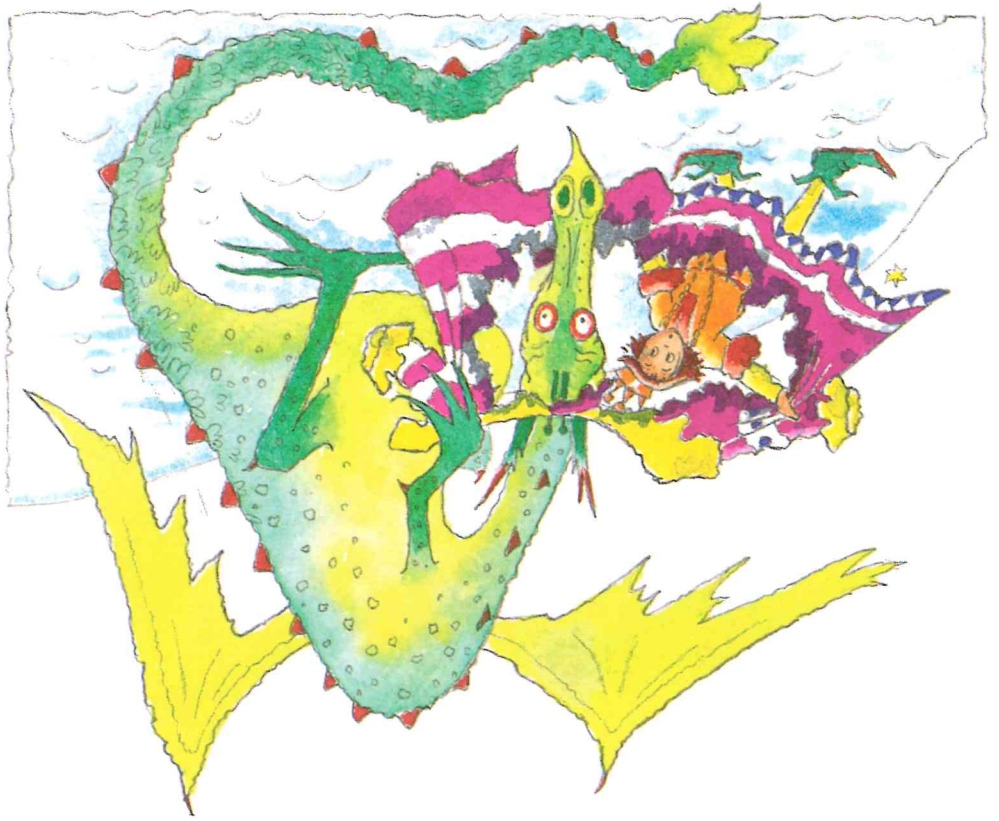
So the dragon pushed Prince Ivan out of the cave and into the snow.

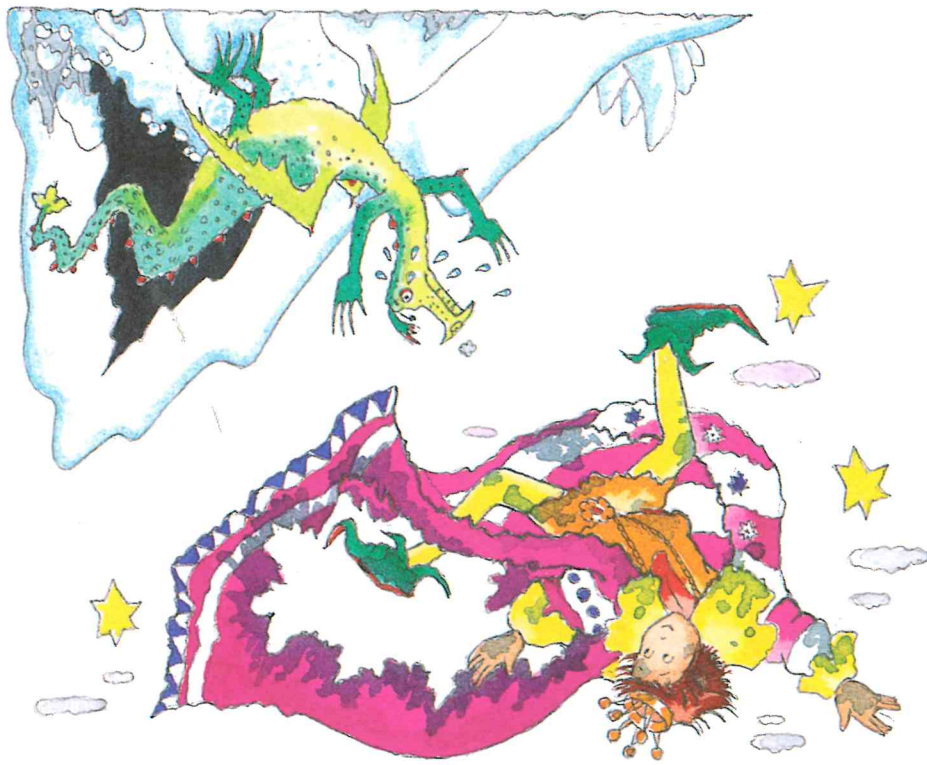


Prince Ivan looked down at the magic coat. It was on fire!  
'Help!' he said.



The snow put out the fire but there  
was a big hole in the coat.  
'What if the magic has gone?' said  
Prince Ivan. 'How will I get home?'  
'You could live with me,' said the  
dragon.





'I'm sorry, but I've got to go!' said

Prince Ivan, and he began to run.

Up he flew. The magic had not gone!

The dragon was sad to see Prince Ivan

flying off.

'Will you come again?' he asked.

'Yes,' said Prince Ivan, 'I will.'

Prince Ivan flew back to the castle.  
The queen was very cross with him.  
'Where have you been?' she asked.  
'Just look at that coat! Take it off now!'



Prince Ivan took off the magic coat.  
'Thank you, magic coat,' he said.  
'I will put you on again when I want  
to see my friend the dragon.'



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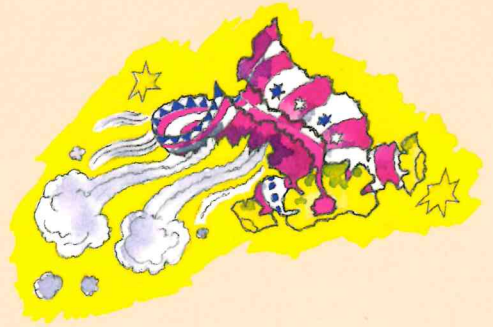
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