

(2) The Paper Bag Princess

There was a princess named Elizabeth who was going to marry a prince named Ronald. Unfortunately, a large dragon flew up. It took an enormous fiery breath- it went RRRAAAWWW. It breathed out so much fire it burnt up all of Elizabeth's castle and clothes, and carried off Prince Ronald for dinner.

Elizabeth wanted to chase the dragon. The only thing she could find that wasn't burnt was a paper bag. She put it on and went after the dragon.

She came to a big cave. The cave had a big door, in the middle of the door was a big knocker. Elizabeth took a hold of the knocker and banged at the door. The dragon opened up the door, stuck out its enormous big head and said, "Go away. I have already eaten one first grade, two second grades, three third grades and a day-care center; Come back, I will eat you tomorrow."

But Elizabeth said, "wait, dragon, wait. Is it true that you can burn up five forests with one fiery breath?"

"Yes," said the dragon.

He took a deep breath- he went RRRAAAWW- and burnt up five whole forests.

"Fantastic", said Elizabeth, "One more time please." So the dragon took the deepest possible breath- he went RRRAAAWW- and burnt up 500 forests, and didn't have any fire left.

Elizabeth said, "wait, dragon, wait. Is it true that you can fly around

the whole wide world in just five seconds?”

“Oh yeah,” said the dragon.

He jumped up and went around the whole world in five seconds.

When he got back he was really tired. Elizabeth said, “Oh dragon, that was fantastic! Just one more time please.” The dragon jumped up in the air and this time he fell right down and went to sleep.

Elizabeth wanted to make sure the dragon was really asleep so she said softly, “Dragon.” The dragon didn’t move. She walked over to the dragon, lifted his enormous dirty ear, stuck her head right inside and said in the loudest possible voice, “Dragon.” The dragon didn’t move. She said, “this dragon is asleep.”

She opened up the door to the cave and there was Prince Ronald. He said, “Elizabeth, your hair is all dirty, you are wearing an ugly paper bag and you smell like a dragon’s ear. Come back and rescue me when you’re dressed like a real princess.”

Elizabeth looked at him and said, “Ronald, your hair is all nice, your clothes are all pretty, you look like a nice guy Ronald, but you know what, you are a BUM.”

And they didn’t get married after all.