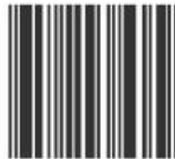
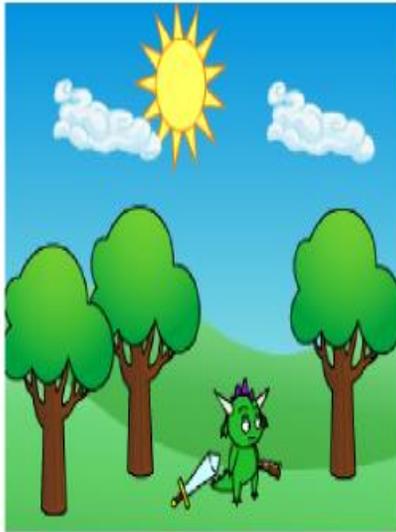


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**The Dragon Who
Traveled To The Ocean**

by
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Nigel was a dragon who loved adventure. Every day, he played pirate with his sword and his spyglass.

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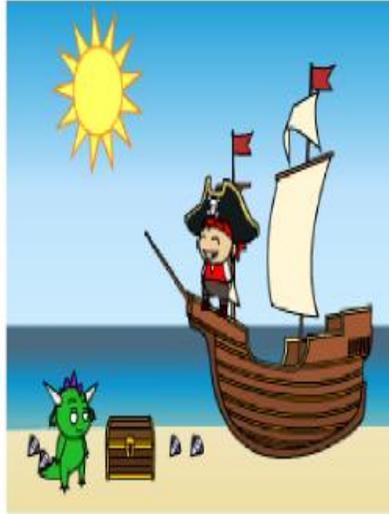


In his imagination, he sailed in his boat with Black Beard. He and his band of scurvy buccaneers were the terror of the high seas.

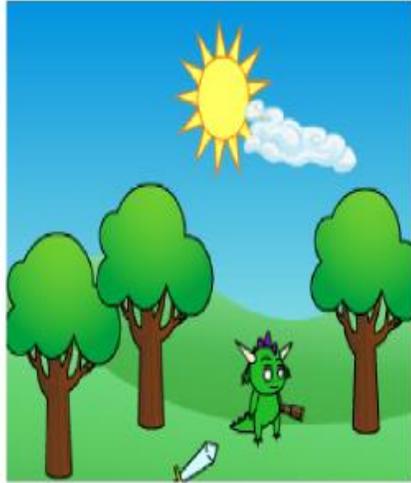
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They growled at the mermaids and made faces at the fish. They were the fiercest pirates of the Seven Seas!



But the best thing about being a pirate, was of course, the TREASURE! It made Nigel dance with glee just to think about it.



Waking from his daydreams, Nigel still longed for the life of a pirate.

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"Yes," thought Nigel, "life would be very, very good as a pirate. Think of all the adventures I'd have!"

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One bright and sunny morning, Nigel's mother told him some exciting news! They were going to the ocean to ride in a REAL boat!



Nigel was so excited that he did his happy dance.



After weeks of long, long waiting, the day finally arrived! Nigel would finally be a real pirate on a real boat! He could hardly wait!

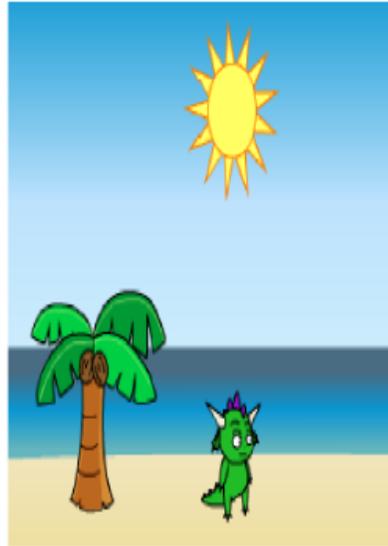


The boat set sail, but soon, Nigel didn't feel very well.



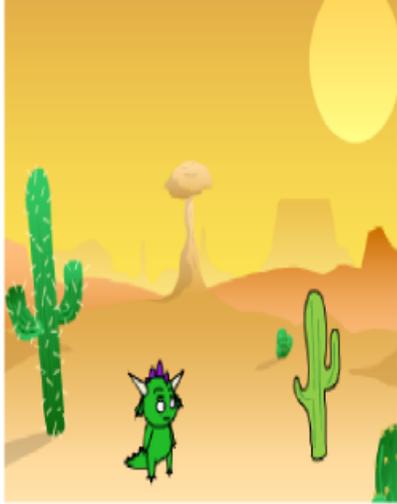
At all. The waves made his tummy feel wobbly. His head felt woozy. Being a pirate wasn't fun at all!

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Safely back on dry land, Nigel knew deep down that his destiny was not being the fiercest pirate of the Seven Seas.

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His destiny was definitely to become... a cowboy! "Now, where can I find a horse...?" mused Nigel.