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The Dragon Tree



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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the title and cover picture.
- Ask: *Do you know any stories about dragons?* Explain that dragons are creatures in stories that can breathe out fire.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

**don't time house about
came magic dragon inside**

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

**oh looked called
couldn't helped
frightened pulled**



DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.
If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- Look for compound words, where two words create a bigger word, e.g. *moonlight*.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



See the inside back cover
for more ideas.



Kipper was looking at a book. The book was about a dragon. Kipper couldn't read the story.

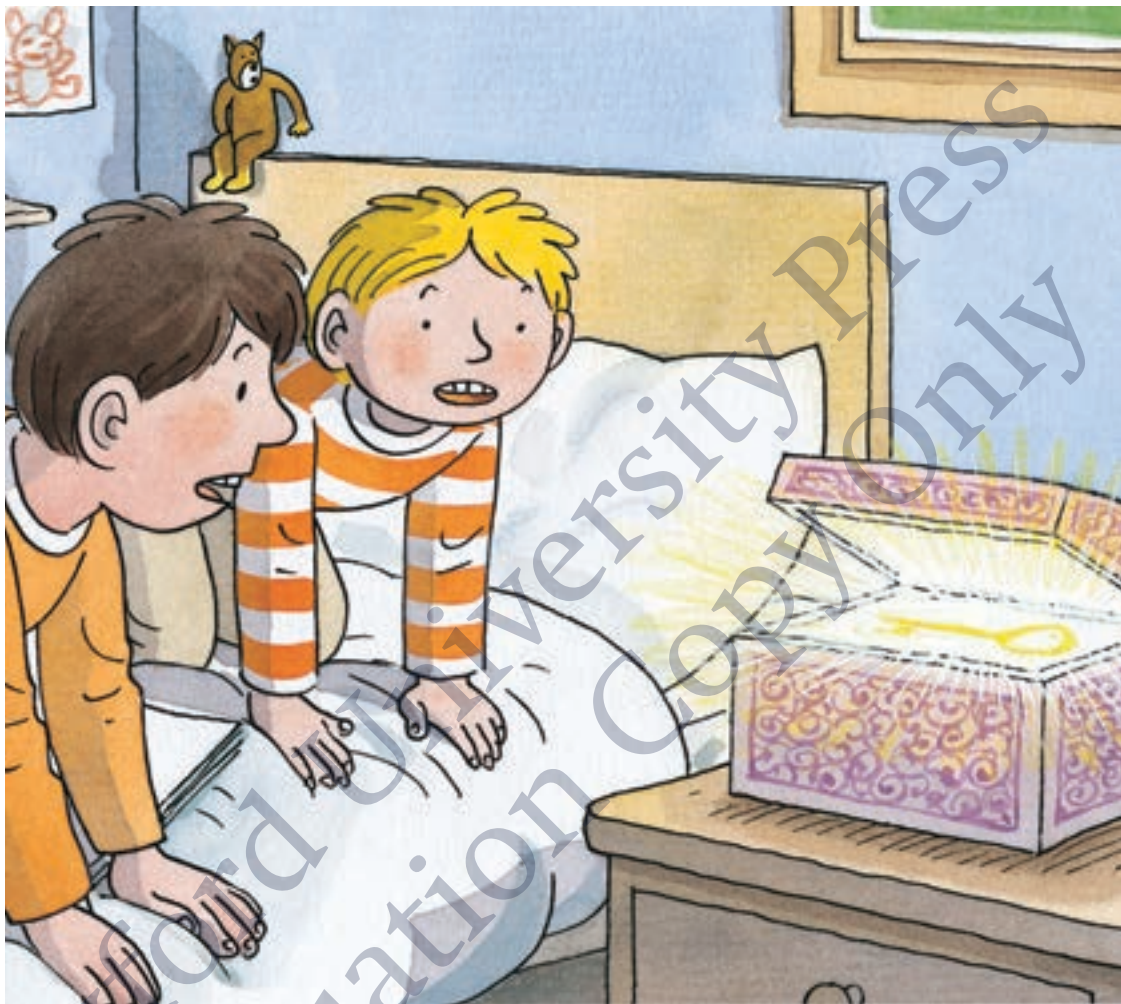


Biff didn't want to read it. She didn't like dragons.



Kipper went into Chip's room. Chip read the story.

"I like dragons," said Chip.



Something was glowing. It was the magic key.

“Oh no!” said Chip.



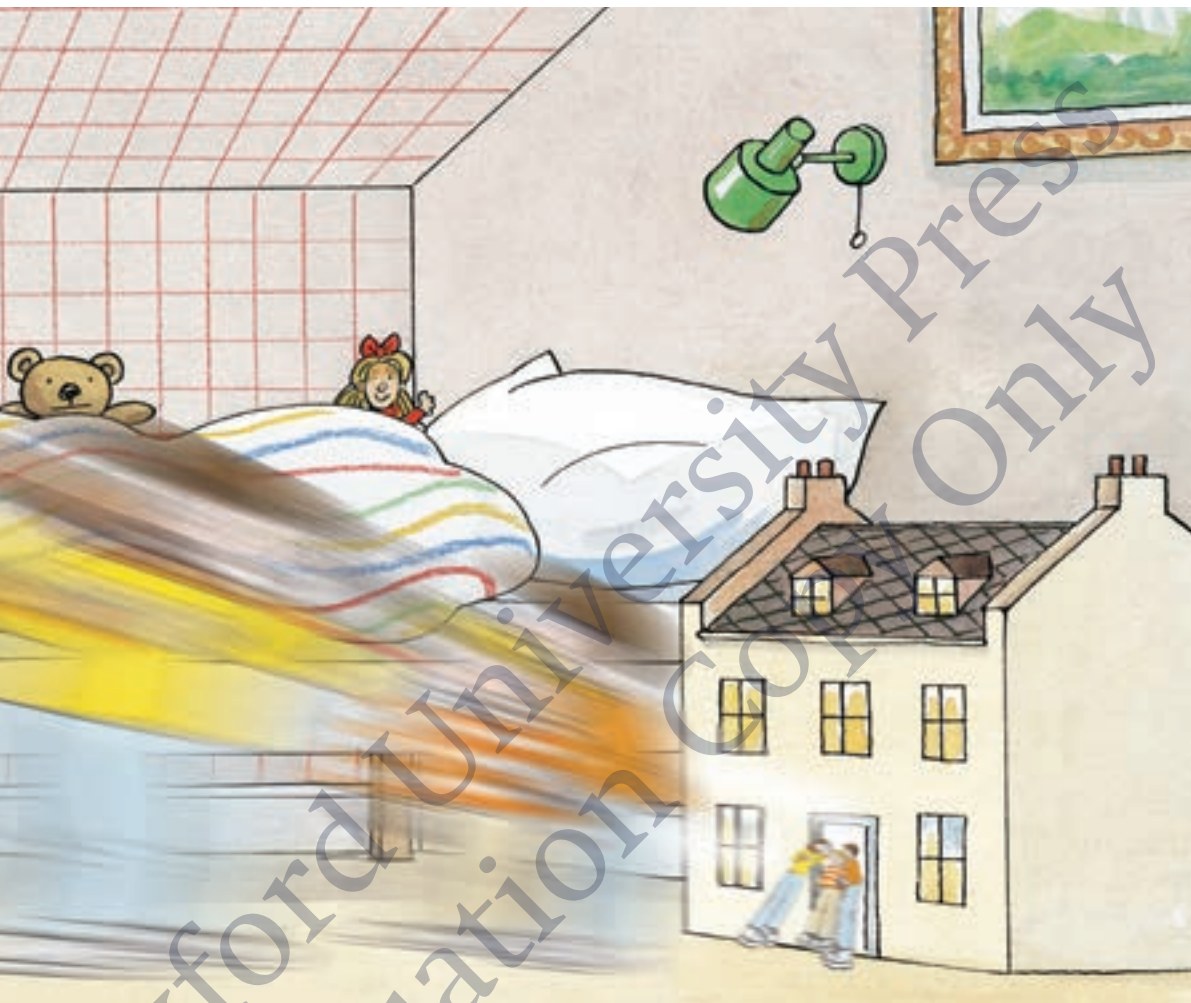
Chip picked up the box. He ran into Biff's room.

“The magic is working,” he said.



Biff picked up the key. They looked at the magic house.

“The door is open,” said Biff.



The magic was working. It took the children inside. It took Floppy too.



It took them to a wood.



Floppy didn't like the wood. He was frightened.

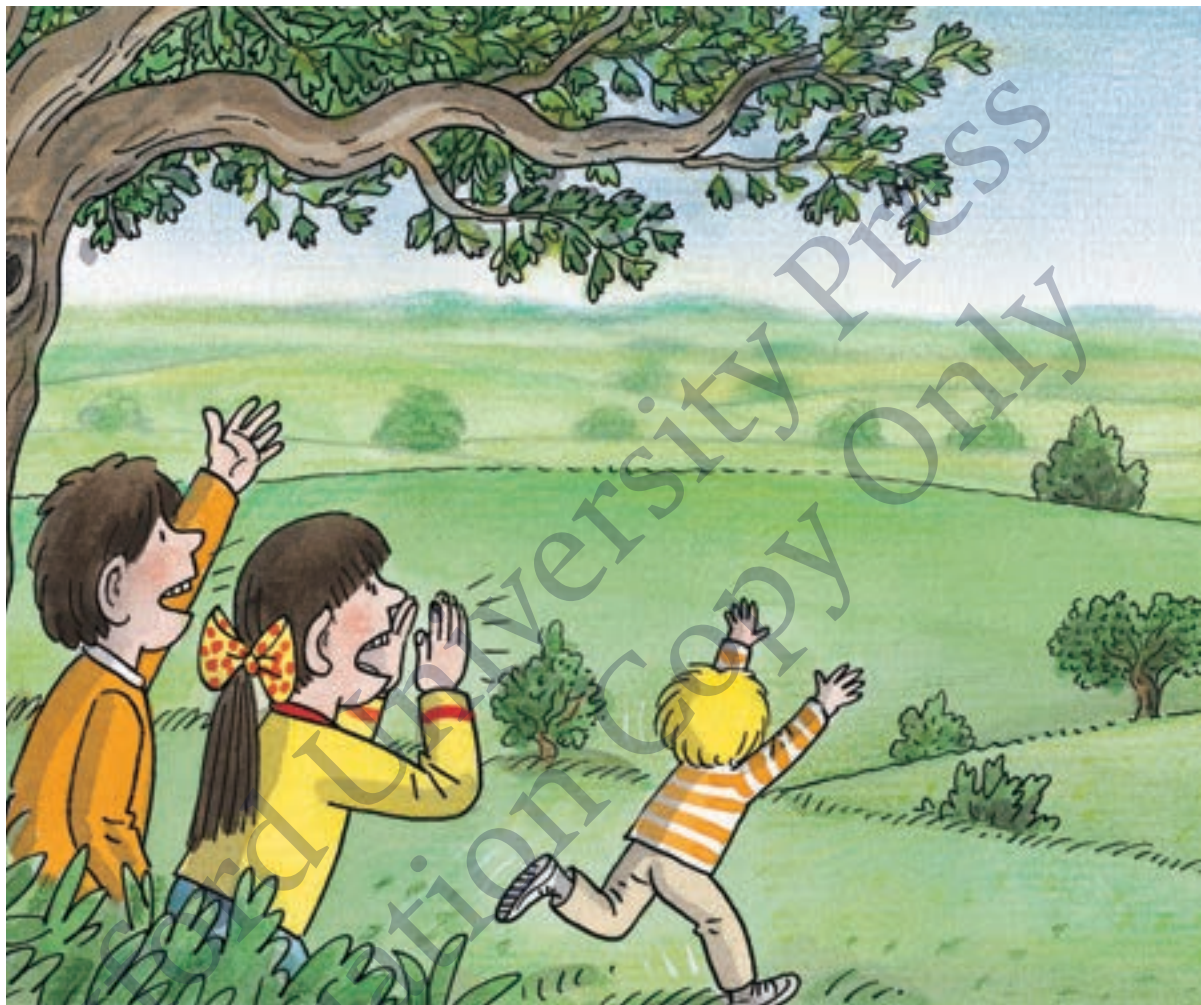


Biff pulled Floppy.

“Come on,” she said. “Don’t be silly.”



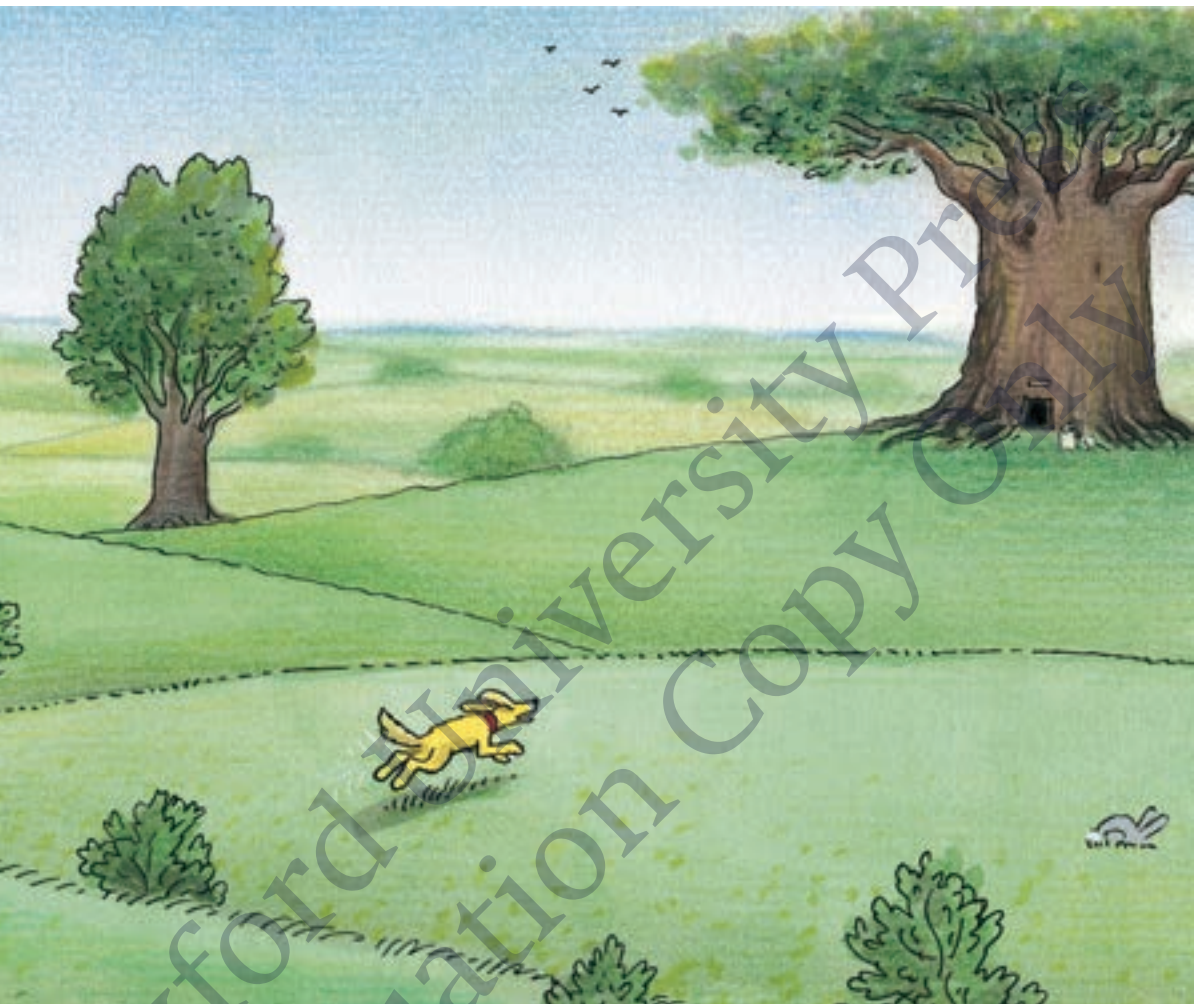
An owl flew out of a tree. Floppy didn't like the owl. He ran away.



Floppy ran out of the wood.

“Come back,” called Biff.

“Come back,” called Chip.



It was no good. Floppy ran and ran.
“Oh help!” said Biff.

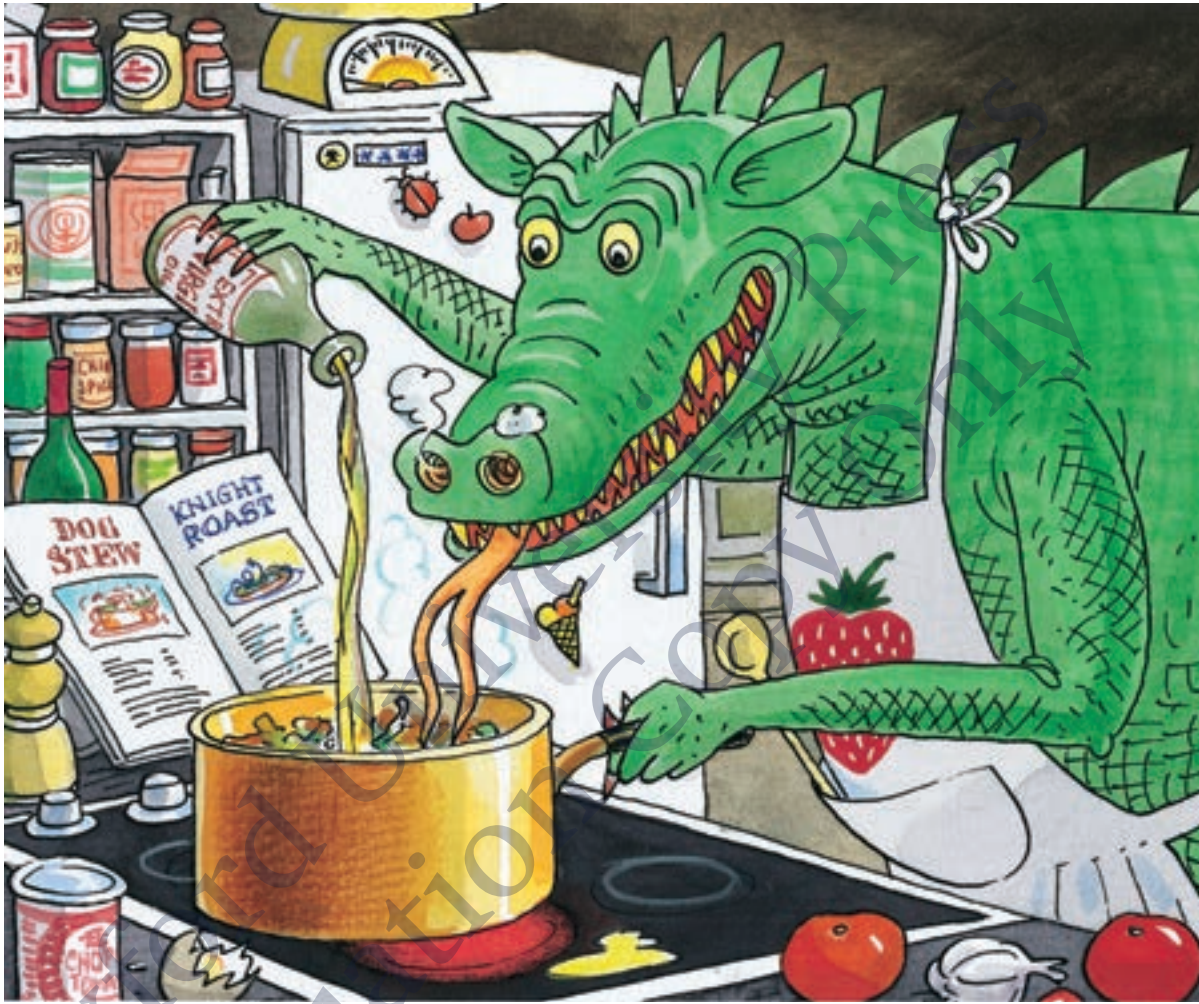


The children looked for Floppy. They called and called.

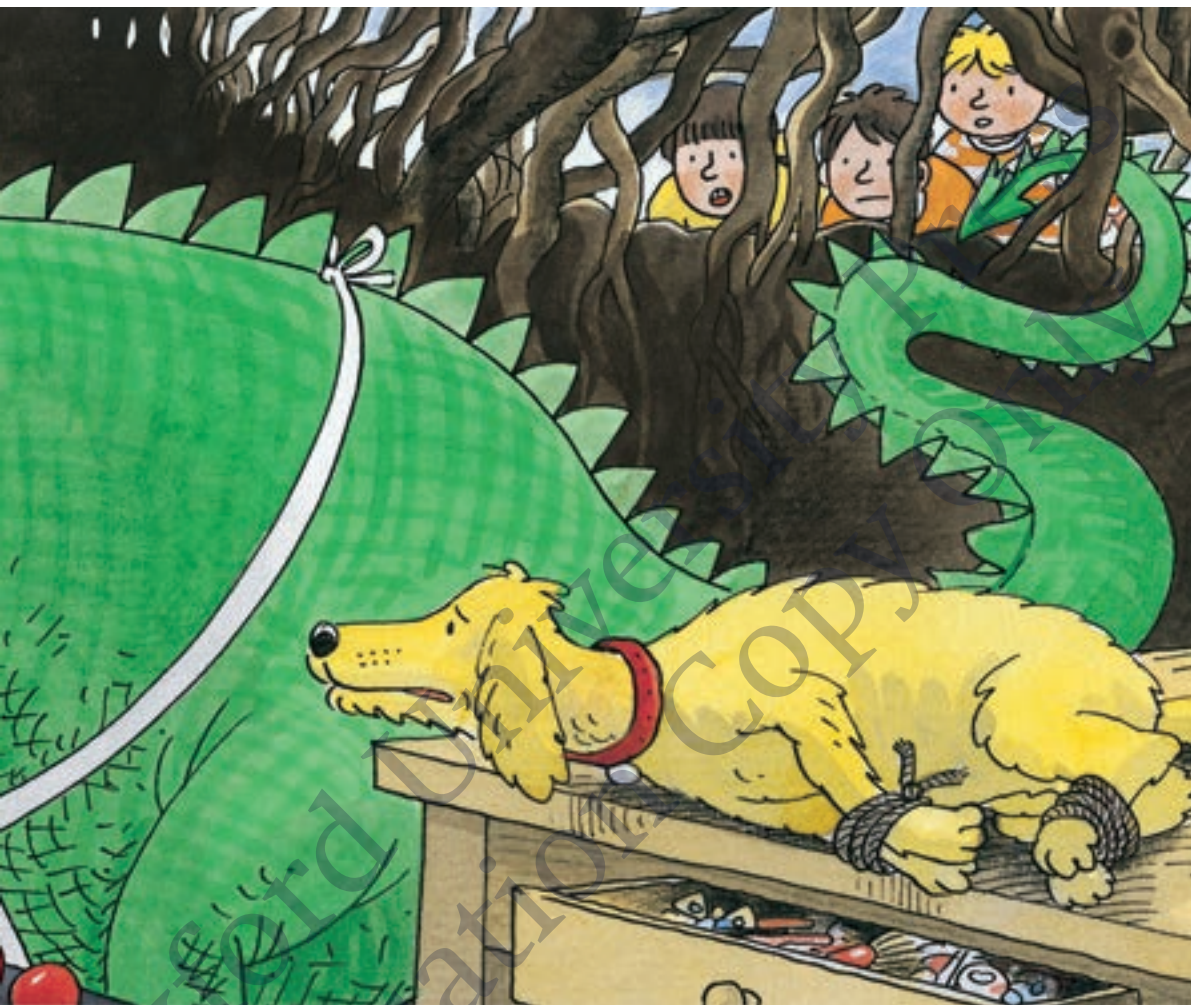
“Floppy! Come back!” they called.



The children came to a tree. It was called “The Dragon Tree”. A dragon lived under the tree.



The dragon had Floppy. He wanted Floppy for supper. Floppy was frightened.



“Oh no!” said Biff. “What a nasty dragon! I don’t like dragons!”



Biff looked at the dragon's tail. She took off her belt.



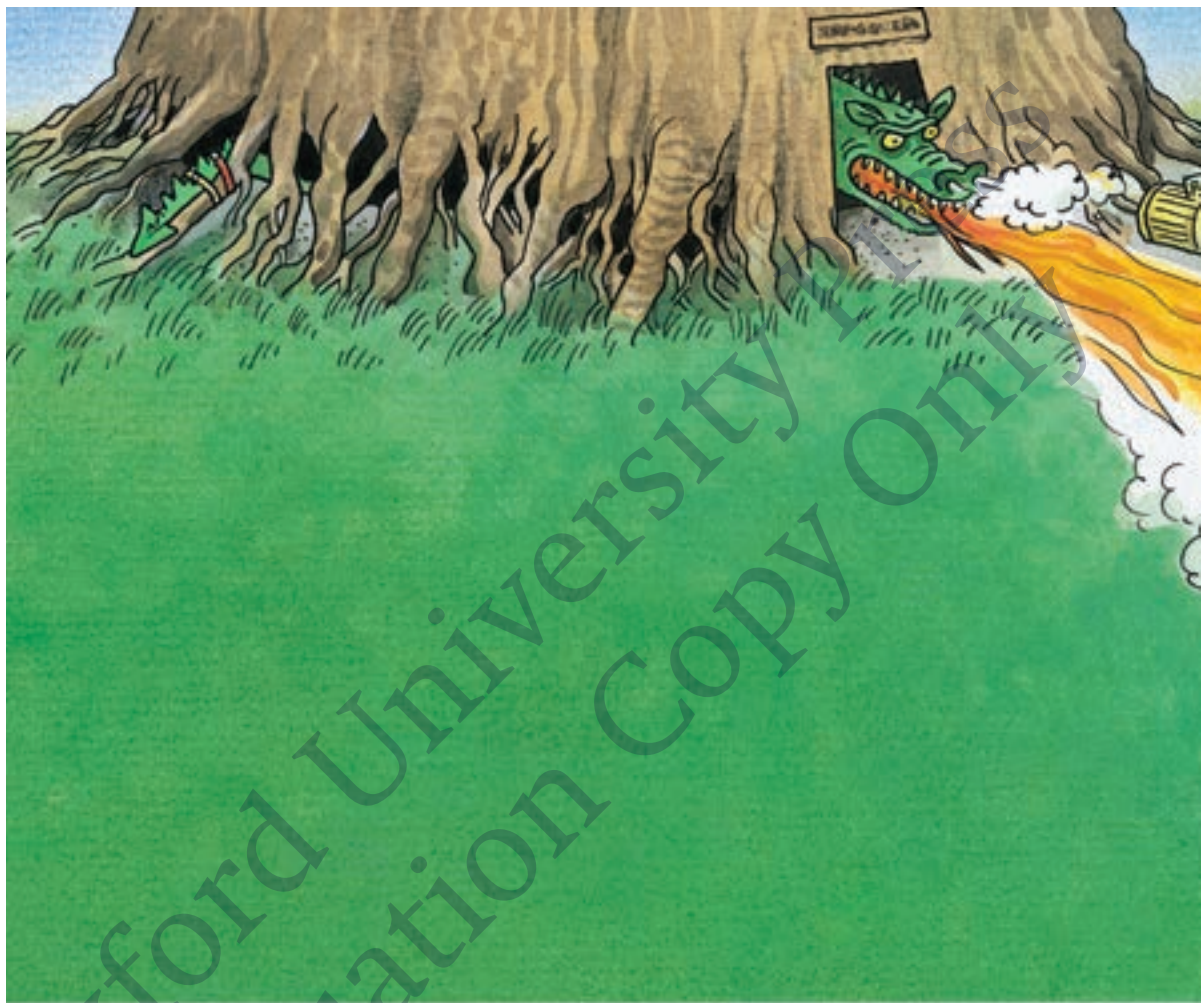
She put it round the tail. Chip helped her.



Kipper went inside the tree. He pulled Floppy out. Chip helped him.



The dragon was cooking. It didn't see them.



“Come on!” called Chip.
They ran and ran. The key was
glowing.



“The key is glowing,” called Biff. “It’s time to go home.”



“What an adventure!” said Chip.

“I don’t like dragons,” said Biff.

AFTER READING

- Talk about who liked dragons before the adventure and whether anyone liked dragons after the adventure.
- Turn to page 3. Look at the picture on the back cover of Kipper's book. Then look at the cover of the book on page 24. Ask: *Why is there a piece of tree tied to the dragon's tail now?*
- Ask: *Did you think the story was frightening or exciting? Why?*

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