

MY FRIEND THE DRAGON

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Once upon a time there was a couple that went to the woods with their son, Richard. When they got to the woods they said, "Son wait for us here because we are going to look for some wood for a fire."

After a while the parents still weren't back and a bear appeared. The boy started running and the bear followed him. The boy entered a cave and in the cave there was a very angry dragon but the boy wasn't scared and approached the dragon. The boy touched the dragon and the dragon liked it and was happy. They went out for a walk and the boy climbed on top of the dragon.

Then the boy saw some hunters and asked the dragon to be careful. They returned to the cave and the boy asked the dragon to stay there while he talked to the hunters. He approached the hunters and asked them to not hurt his friend. They said that they wouldn't and the boy went back to the cave but didn't notice that the hunters were following him because they found it strange that an 11-year-old boy was alone in the woods. When the boy arrived at the cave the hunters shot the dragon because they thought the dragon was going to attack the boy. He started to shout, "No! No! He is not evil, he is my friend!" But the hunters couldn't hear him and continued to attack the dragon. The boy shouted to the dragon. "Safira, fly!"

The dragon ran out of the cave but waited for the boy to jump on his back. The hunters thought that the boy had died but they then saw that the boy was with the dragon and they realized that the dragon wasn't evil and went looking for other animals.

Later, the boy and the dragon went for a walk in the forest so that the boy would get to know the rest of the forest and so that the boy and the rest of the forest became friends. The dragon took the boy to meet a bear called Ze and they became friends. And the dragon took the boy to meet a leopard called Piti and they became

friends. And the dragon took the boy to meet an owl called Tico and they became very good friends. The last animal that the boy met was a deer called Carlos and they became friends and went for a walk and had lots of fun.

Later the boy and the dragon returned to the cave to go to sleep and the boy told the dragon, "I love you. You are part of my family."

The next morning the boy woke up with the sunlight but the dragon was still sleeping. Later the boy and the dragon went hunting for food and went to the river to drink water. They decided they wanted to go to Paris. They flew to Paris but it went wrong because a man saw the dragon there and started to scream and everyone got scared so the dragon wanted to go back to the forest.

They were inside the cave when they saw that a man was following them so they left flying to another place to hide. The boy and the dragon were very hungry so they went out looking for food. But they separated themselves and the dragon was captured by the evil hunters. The dragon roared and the boy heard it and followed the noise. Suddenly, he saw two guards and the dragon with chains around his neck. The boy was small and intelligent so entered and opened all of the locks and jumped on the dragon's back who then started flying.

They returned to the cave and when they got there they saw that the boy's parents were looking for him. The boy didn't want to say goodbye to the dragon so he convinced his parents to take him home. All of them jumped on the dragon's back and returned home where they lived happily ever after.