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The village of Little Chiddling had a big problem.
A big, scaly, fire-breathing problem.

A sleeping dragon on a railway line!

People tried to wake him up,
but the dragon kept snoring.

"There'll be a reward!" announced the mayor.
"For anyone who can move the dragon off the tracks."

"I'd like a reward!" said Georgie Johnson.
"I need a new bike. I'll move the dragon!"

Nobody noticed the tiny girl riding up to the huge dragon.
"Wake up!" she said, rustling a packet of crisps.
The dragon might be hungry, thought Georgie.

The dragon's nostrils quivered, and his eyelids fluttered.

SNAP!

He gobbled up the crisps.

"Have you got any more food?" asked the dragon.

"I'm sure we can find some," said Georgie. "Follow me!"

In the park, the villagers gazed gloomily at the wet grass and damp picnic.

"Do you have any spare sandwiches?" asked the dragon.

"Cheese," said the parents, trembling. "And here's some cake."

"Yummy," said the dragon, as he breached hot air over the grass.

Soon the grass was dry, but the dragon wanted more food.