The BROKEN DRAGON



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CHAPTER 1

Hunting for dragons with Nan!

Tyra and her nan are in their favourite place – the Second Chance charity shop.

"Nan! Look at this, Nan!" Tyra calls out. Tyra is small for her age (nearly 10) but makes up for it with a very loud voice and very interesting clothes.

"What have you found?" asks Nan. Then she smiles when she sees the white egg cup that Tyra is holding up. It has two little feet in a pair of red boots.

"Ooh, that's cute!" says Nan.

Both of them know they won't be buying it. Back at Nan's, Tyra already has a great egg cup that looks like a hippo. But it's always fun to see what they can find in charity shops. *They're more like treasure shops*, Tyra thinks.

Tyra moved in with her nan at the start of summer, and sometimes Nan doesn't have much money. So they buy things when Nan can afford it and enjoy looking at stuff the rest of the time.

But there's one type of treasure that Tyra is always on the hunt for – dragons!

Tyra is mad about dragons. And since she moved in with Nan, thanks to all their charity-shop hunting, she has more and more dragon treasure.

So far Tyra has found ...

- five books with dragons on the cover
- a 1,000-piece dragon puzzle (that's kind of hard)
- dragon Top Trump cards
- a silver dragon necklace
- a dragon egg (sort of rubbery and see-through with a baby dragon asleep inside)



- a Lego dragon (with a few bits missing but that's OK)
- two T-shirts with dragons on the front.

There are no dragons in the Second Chance shop today, but Nan spots something else.

"Hey, this would suit you!" says Nan, pointing to a beanie hat with rainbow stripes. "It has a hole in it, but I could fix that. And look at these trainers – they're a size too big, but you could wear them with thick socks till they fit you."

"I love them!" says Tyra. The beanie hat looks so cute. And the trainers are a really nice bright green. They'd look great with the red laces from her old trainers.

"Let's get them both!" says Nan. "You can wear them to school on Monday!"

Suddenly, Tyra stops feeling happy.





It has been so fun starting a new life with Nan. But starting at a brand-new school is kind of scary.

Tyra knows that she's a loud and bouncy person, and sometimes people think she's **too much**. And sometimes people think her dragon treasures are **too weird**.

What will it be like at the new school? Will everyone think she's **too much** and **too weird**, like they did at her last school ...?