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For Robin

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Chapter I

A Dragon and a Knight



The moon shone into Patrick's room. It turned the carpet silver. Even Patrick's jeans on the chair looked as if they were woven out of silver threads.

Who could sleep on a night like this?

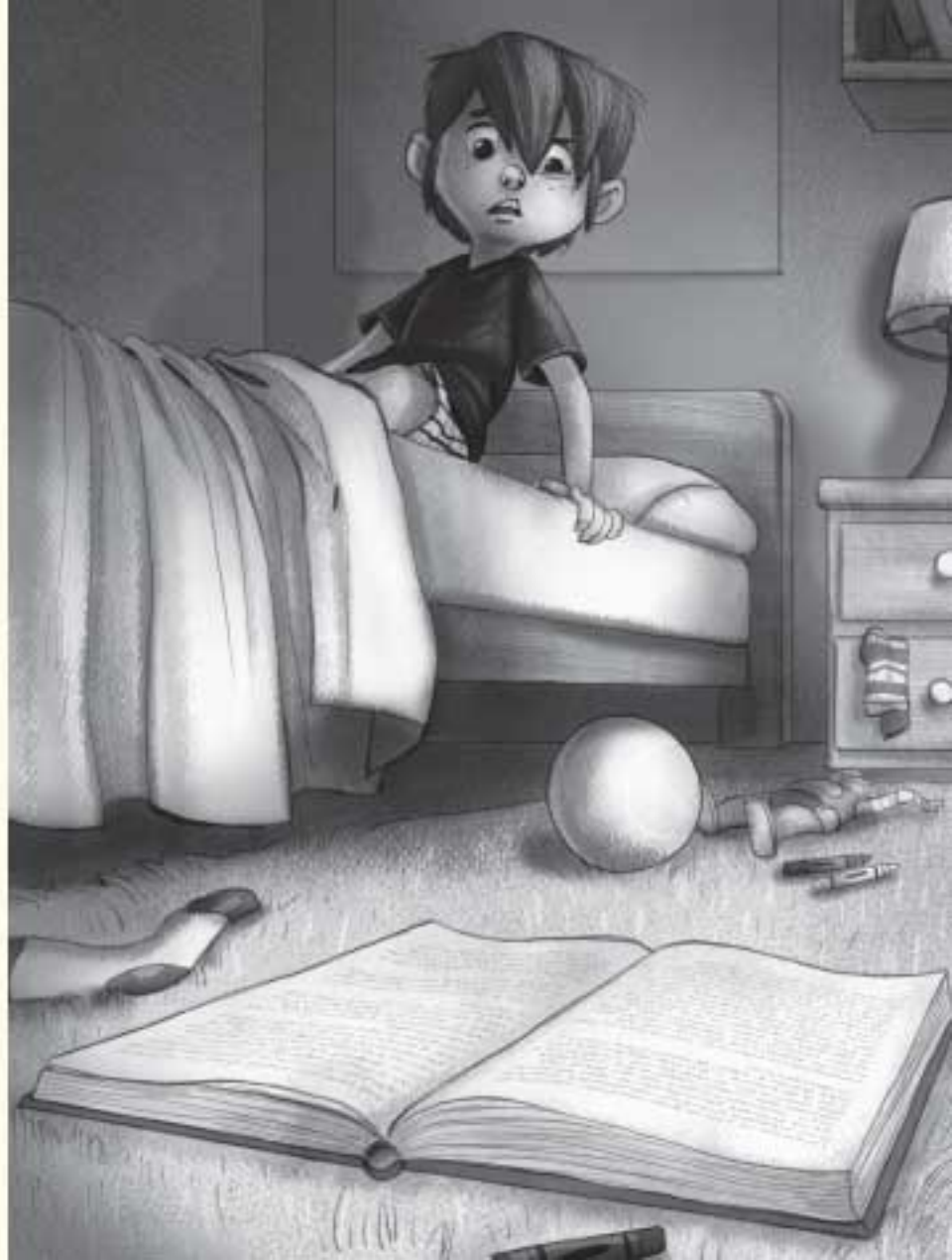
Patrick lay in his bed, stared out of the window and counted the stars.

Patrick had almost dropped off to sleep when he was startled by a soft rustling sound on the floor by his bed.

He peered down to see what it was.

There was a book on the floor.
Patrick had read the book earlier that
day. It was about dragons and knights.
Now it lay open on the carpet, even
though Patrick was sure he had closed it.

Strange.



Patrick reached down to close the book. Then he heard another sound. The white pages moved, as if an invisible hand had turned them over.

Then Patrick heard a soft snort. He was so startled that he hid under his blankets. After a moment, he peeped out and looked down at the book.

Now Patrick could hear a loud panting noise. As he watched, a scaly tail appeared from between the pages of the book. The tail was followed by two claws, then a silver body with wings and spikes on its back and then – THUD! A dragon slid out from the book and landed on Patrick's carpet.



"Oh dear, oh dear!" the dragon moaned. He looked around. "Where am I? I was in my den. Where have I ended up now?"

The dragon was very beautiful to look at. He had silver and blue scales and a great long tail. He was just like



the picture Patrick had always had in his mind of how a dragon would look. The only difference was that this dragon would fit inside a jam jar.

The pages of the book moved again, and this time Patrick heard the clatter of hooves and the clink of iron.