

# Knights and Dragons, Unite!

Guided Reading





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Read the story 'Knights and Dragons, Unite!' and look at the illustrations.

To see a question about the story, click this button:







What do you think this story is going to be about?

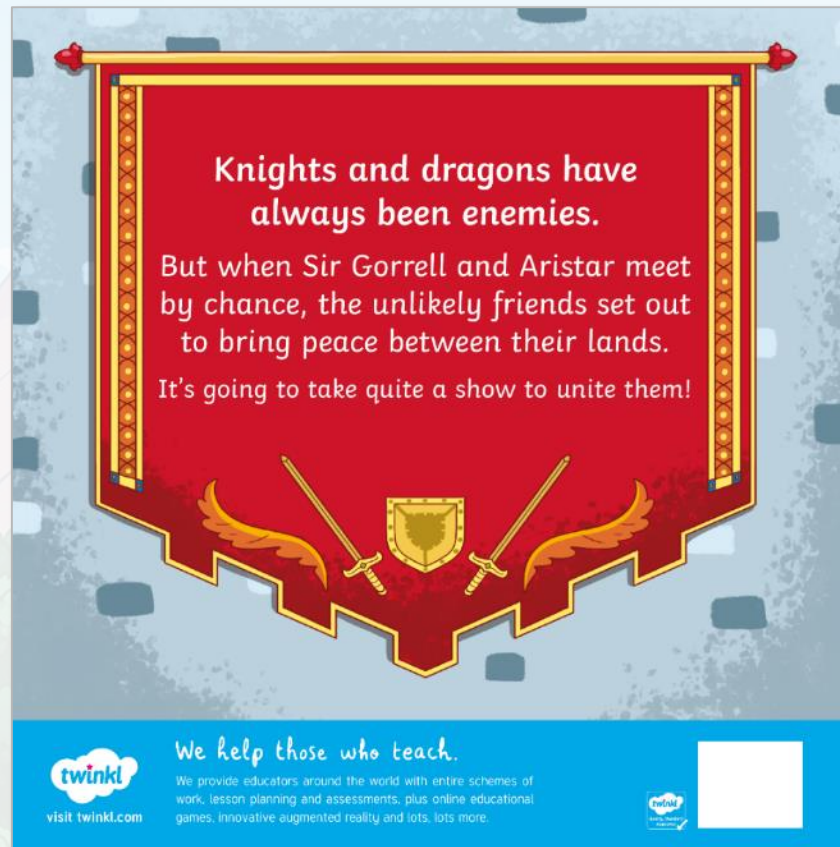


Do you think it is fiction or non-fiction?



Who do you think the main characters will be?





What do you think Sir Gorrell and Aristar might try to unite the dragons and knights?



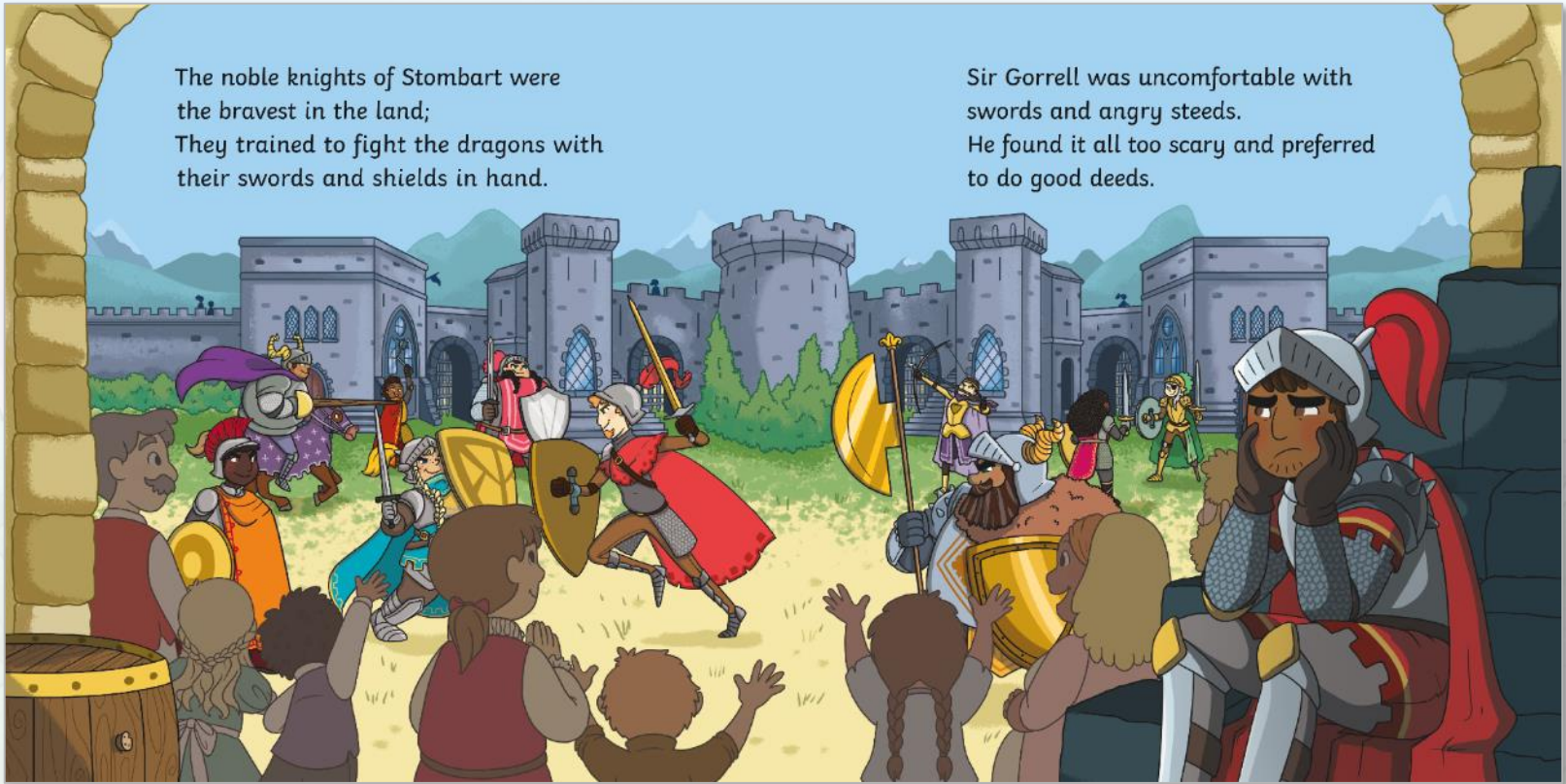
Why do you think Sir Gorrell and Aristar are 'unlikely friends'?





The noble knights of Stombart were  
the bravest in the land;  
They trained to fight the dragons with  
their swords and shields in hand.

Sir Gorrell was uncomfortable with  
swords and angry steeds.  
He found it all too scary and preferred  
to do good deeds.



How do you think Sir Gorrell is feeling in this  
moment? What makes you think that?





The mighty Dracton dragons were the fiercest in the world; They trained to fight the knights with giant flames that blazed and swirled.

Young Aristar disliked the flames, which scorched as they shot by. She found it all too scary and preferred the cooling sky.



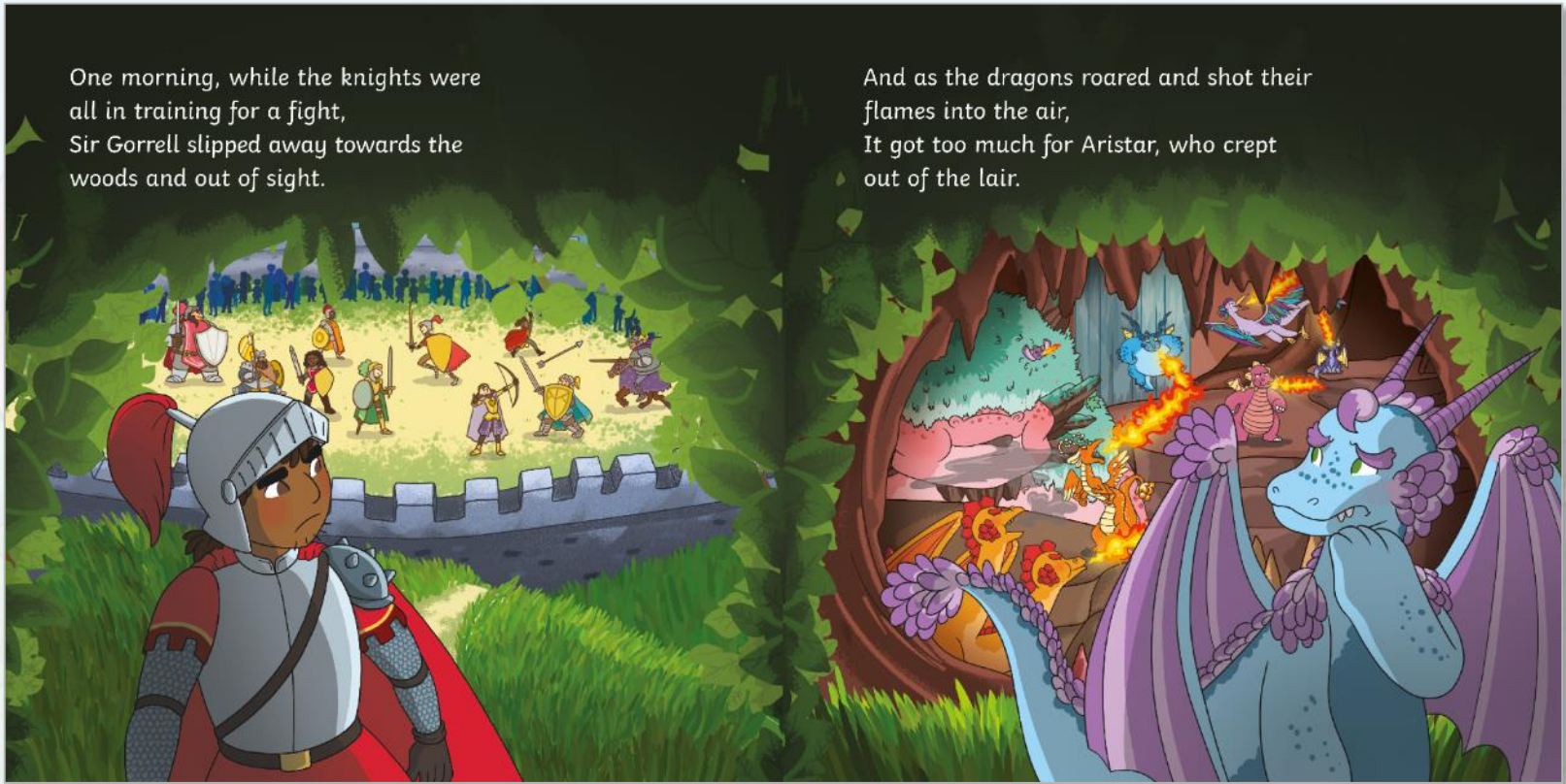
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Which dragon do you think is Aristar?  
Why do you think that?



One morning, while the knights were  
all in training for a fight,  
Sir Gorrell slipped away towards the  
woods and out of sight.

And as the dragons roared and shot their  
flames into the air,  
It got too much for Aristar, who crept  
out of the lair.



Why are Sir Gorrell and Aristar sneaking away?





Sir Gorrell skipped along till something stopped him in his tracks.  
"Hello? Is someone there?" he called, unable to relax.



Sir Gorrell saw a dragon with a blue and scaly snout...

"Don't hurt me!" said the two of them together, with a shout.



"Oh, I would never hurt you!" they responded, both confused.  
The presence of a friendly foe had left them quite bemused!



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Which words describe the dragon?





"Don't worry," said Sir Gorrell. "I'm just keeping out the way, As fighting makes me nervous and they're practising today."



"Me too," responded Aristar, "I find the flames too hot! I hate the fact that dragons have to breathe them such a lot."

If only we weren't enemies, we wouldn't need to fight And maybe, if we worked together, things would be all right."

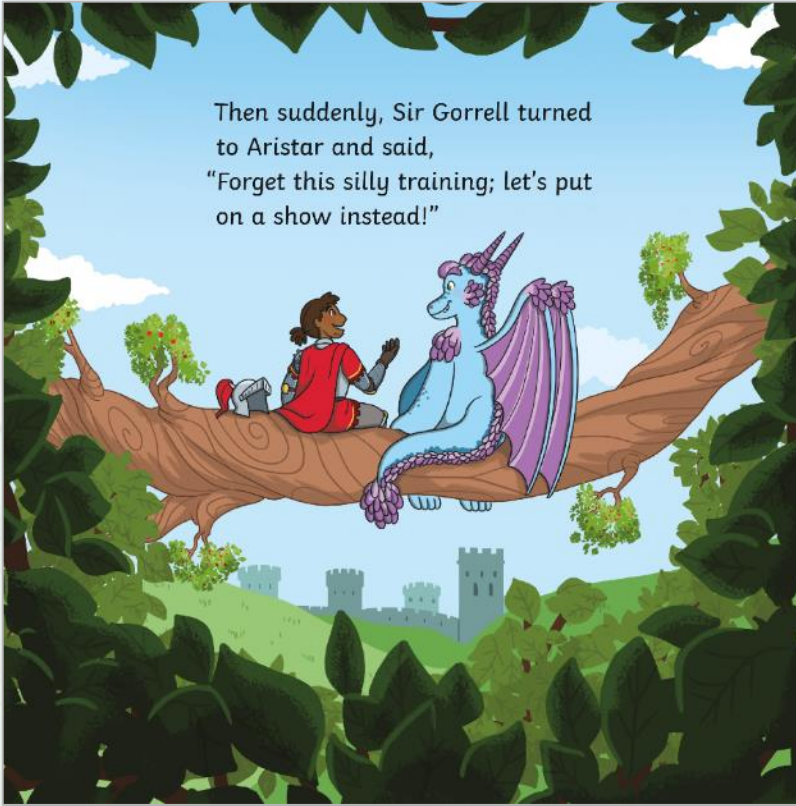


What do you think an enemy is?

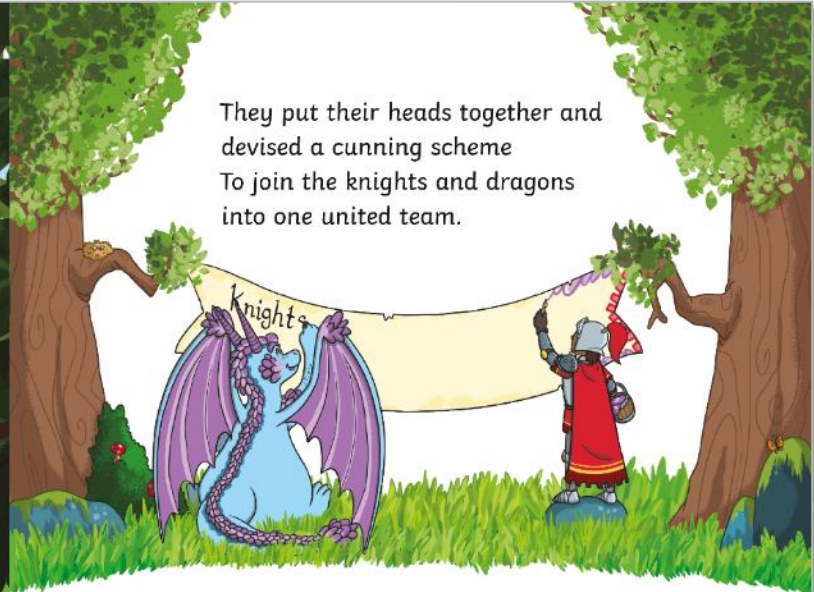




Then suddenly, Sir Gorrell turned to Aristar and said, "Forget this silly training; let's put on a show instead!"



They put their heads together and devised a cunning scheme To join the knights and dragons into one united team.



They laughed and worked all afternoon, with growing, hopeful grins; This plan could bring a peaceful truce where everybody wins.

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What kind of show do you think Sir Gorrell and Aristar are planning?





They headed for the castle, where the knights all gazed in shock.  
"How did you catch a dragon?" asked the biggest knight, Sir Jock.

"I didn't," said Sir Gorrell. "She's not scary; she's my friend!  
We've come up with a plan to bring our squabbles to an end."



Then, Aristar took flight and as she did, their plan was clear.  
The banner flew behind them and Sir Gorrell gave a cheer.



The message in the sky said:

Knights and dragons, all unite!  
Join forces for a friendship-building  
talent show TONIGHT!

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Why do the knights think Sir Gorrell 'caught' Aristar?





They headed next to Dracton Lair to show off their new plan.  
The dragons shouted, "Aristar, how did you catch this man?"

"I didn't," she responded. "He's not scary; he's my friend!  
We've come up with a plan to bring our squabbles to an end."



Then, Aristar flew back towards the village from the wood  
And headed for the castle, where the great arena stood.



They worked until the sun went down and left a dusky glow,  
Preparing all the things they'd need for putting on a show.



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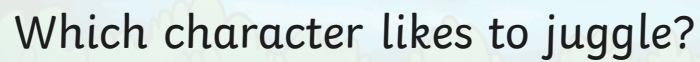
How does Aristar describe Sir Gorrell?





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The image is a two-page spread from a children's book. The left page features a group of knights in a castle hall. A knight in a yellow tunic and purple cape is drinking from a wooden mug. A knight in a blue and gold tunic is juggling three balls. A knight in a red tunic is holding a scroll that says 'Wanted'. A knight in a blue and silver tunic is holding a small yellow card. A knight in a red tunic is holding a large brown object. A knight in a blue and silver tunic is holding a wooden mug. A knight in a red tunic is holding a large brown object. A knight in a blue and silver tunic is holding a wooden mug. A knight in a red tunic is holding a large brown object. The right page shows a group of knights in a castle hall. A knight in a yellow tunic and purple cape is drinking from a wooden mug. A knight in a blue and gold tunic is juggling three balls. A knight in a red tunic is holding a scroll that says 'Wanted'. A knight in a blue and silver tunic is holding a small yellow card. A knight in a red tunic is holding a large brown object. A knight in a blue and silver tunic is holding a wooden mug. A knight in a red tunic is holding a large brown object. A knight in a blue and silver tunic is holding a wooden mug. A knight in a red tunic is holding a large brown object. The text on the left page reads: "The knights back at the castle huddled tightly in a scrum; A show seemed odd to many but it did appeal to some." The text on the right page reads: "I do quite like to juggle," said Sir Thea with a smirk. "And I've been known to dance a wicked rumba," said Sir Kirk.





The dragons back at Dracton were  
all huddled in a scrum;  
A show seemed odd to many but  
it did appeal to some.

"I am quite good at singing," Ruxley  
mentioned, feeling shy.  
And Cloudie said, "I might give  
writing poetry a try."



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Why do you think a show seems odd to some of the dragons?





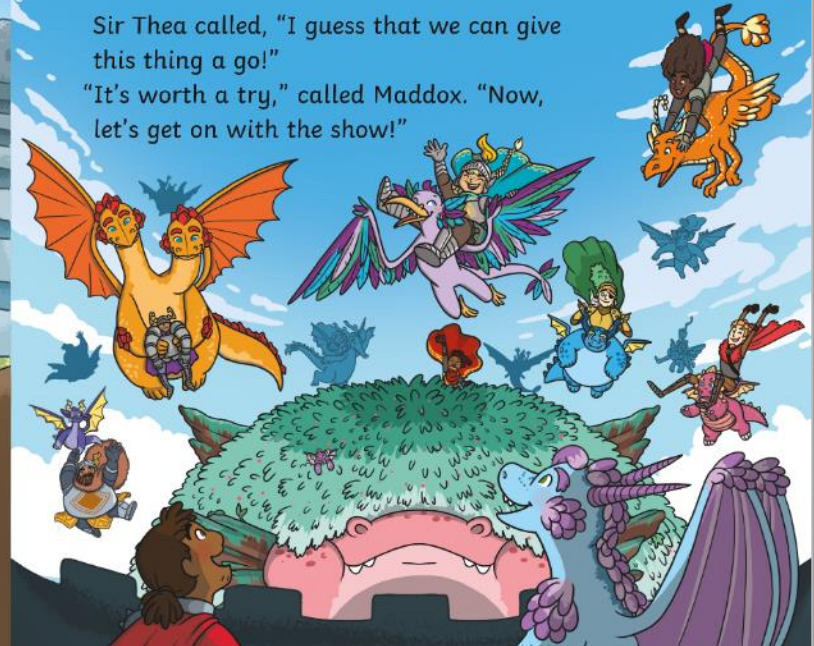
Sir Gorrell sat with Aristar upon the empty stage.  
The audience consisted of a donkey and a page.



"At least we tried," said Aristar. "I guess they just don't care."  
But then, as she was talking, raucous laughter filled the air.

They looked up to the sky and saw the most amazing sight:  
A host of flying dragons, each one carrying a knight!

Sir Thea called, "I guess that we can give  
this thing a go!"  
"It's worth a try," called Maddox. "Now,  
let's get on with the show!"



What is the 'most amazing sight' Sir Gorrell and Aristar see?





The audience were captured by the a cappella squires  
And Maddox and Sir Trundlefoot did somersaults on wires.

Their lives were much more wholesome  
with new talents and new friends.  
They realised that life becomes more  
fun when fighting ends.

A group of street performers brought  
the house down with a roar  
And Knit United knitted like they'd  
never done before.



How do you think Aristar and Sir Gorrell are feeling  
at the end of the story? Why?







What does Sir Gorrell find scary?



the woods



fire



swords and  
angry steeds







Who are the main characters  
in this story?



**Ruxley and  
Sir Kirk**

**Aristar and  
Sir Gorrell**



**Cloudie and  
Sir Thea**





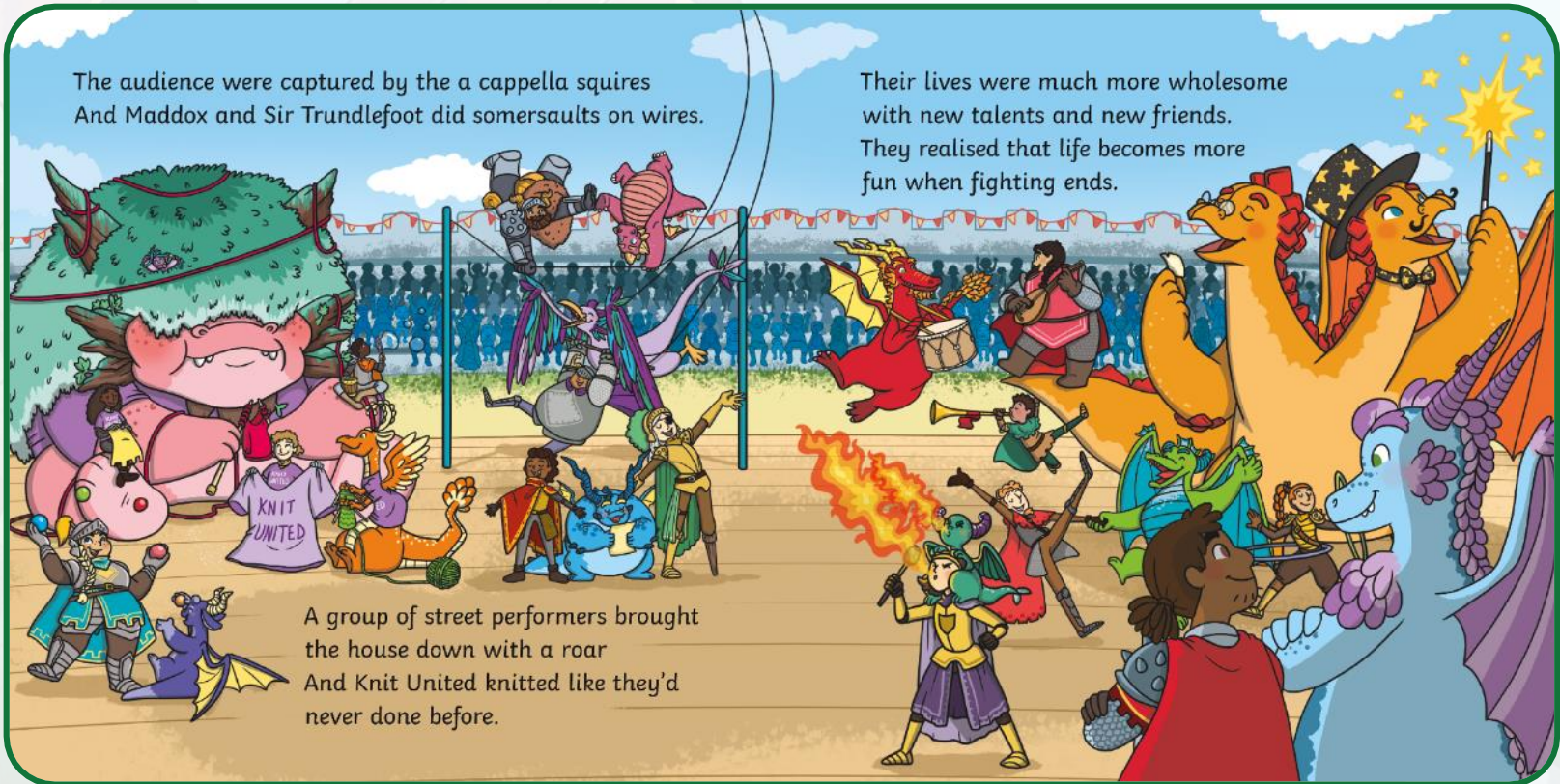
Do you think there is a message in this story?  
What do you think it might be?



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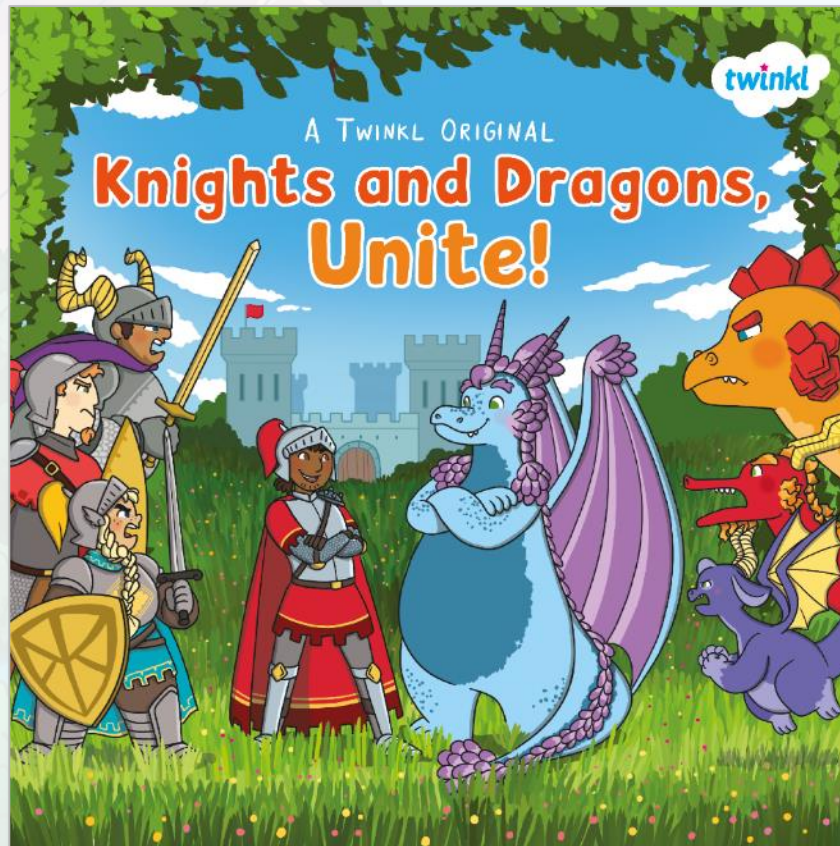
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What is your favourite part of the story?  
Why?







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