

## **Bob the Chinese Dragon**

Once upon there was a beautiful golden scaled dragon who lived in the charming land of China. He had a lovely life and lots of friends. But one thing was missing. He wanted to travel.

So one day he said goodbye to everyone he knew spread his glittering wings and started to fly. He flew and flew and saw many amazing things. The land he decided to stop in looked very green from above. It was an island and he hoped it would be full of wonderful adventures.

But when he landed near a friendly looking village everyone started screaming and ran away from him.

“I wonder why they don’t like me?” He looked at himself in a lake and he was still as beautiful and wondrous looking as ever.

Normally people gave him gifts and asked to be blessed, and were ever just happy to be near him.

But he tried other villages and the same thing happened.

In fact things got odder. They *did* start leaving him gifts. But not pretty gems, or tasty juicy fruit and veg. They left young female humans tied up to bits of wood all over the place.

He had no idea what he was supposed to do with them!

And even worse when he once managed to talk to them and tell them his name, they didn’t understand and couldn’t pronounce it properly. So instead they called him Bob. Which meant that now rather than screaming they shouted “Arghhhh Bob! Bob!” It was the most horrible sound in the world.

But having come so far the Chinese Dragon didn’t want to go home and tell all his friends that his travels had been so sad.

Wondering around he saw that there was another one of the girls tied up to a tree this time. There was a man with her in shiny armour who tried to poke the dragon in the head when he got close. This made the dragon sneeze and the man went flying backwards onto his bum.

The girl laughed and laughed at this so the dragon decided to untie her.

They couldn't understand each other very well at first, and the dragon realised that it was very hard to pronounce names in different languages. So he called her Fen which meant sweet smiling. And when she called him Bob it actually sounded nice.

She was cross at the people who had tied her up so Bob the Chinese Dragon let her ride on his back and together they had many adventures together until they went back to China and she lived with him there. Bob decided that it didn't matter where you were in the world as long as you could find one friend.