

 Songbirds

Phonics

The Wrong Kind of Knight



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Talk together

Ask the child to

- Point to each pattern in the box on the back cover and say the sound that it makes in words. Tell the child that each of these letter patterns can make the same sound.
- Look out for these letter patterns in the story and try to remember the sound they make.

Read the story

Remember, children learn best when reading is relaxed and enjoyable so give lots of praise.

- Encourage the child to try to read any words they do not recognise by saying the sounds of each letter pattern separately (e.g. *kn-igh-t*), then running the sounds together quickly. If the child finds it difficult to say the sounds, say the sounds for them first, then see if they can hear the word.
- Explain that it is important when running the sounds in a word together to check to see if it sounds like a real word as some words are less regular (e.g. *were*). Read these words to the child if they do not recognise them. Point out the letters that make the usual sound in each word (e.g. the *w* in *were*). This will help the child to remember these words.

Nasim was a knight.



But he didn't like to ride and
he didn't like to fight.



Nasim liked to read and write, and he liked to knit.



One night, there was a knock at
the door.



“I need you to fight a dragon!”
cried King Kareem.



“But I’m the wrong kind of knight!”
said Nasim. “I don’t like fighting!”



“Never mind!” cried the king.
“Hurry up!”



"The dragon is in my bed!" said
the king.



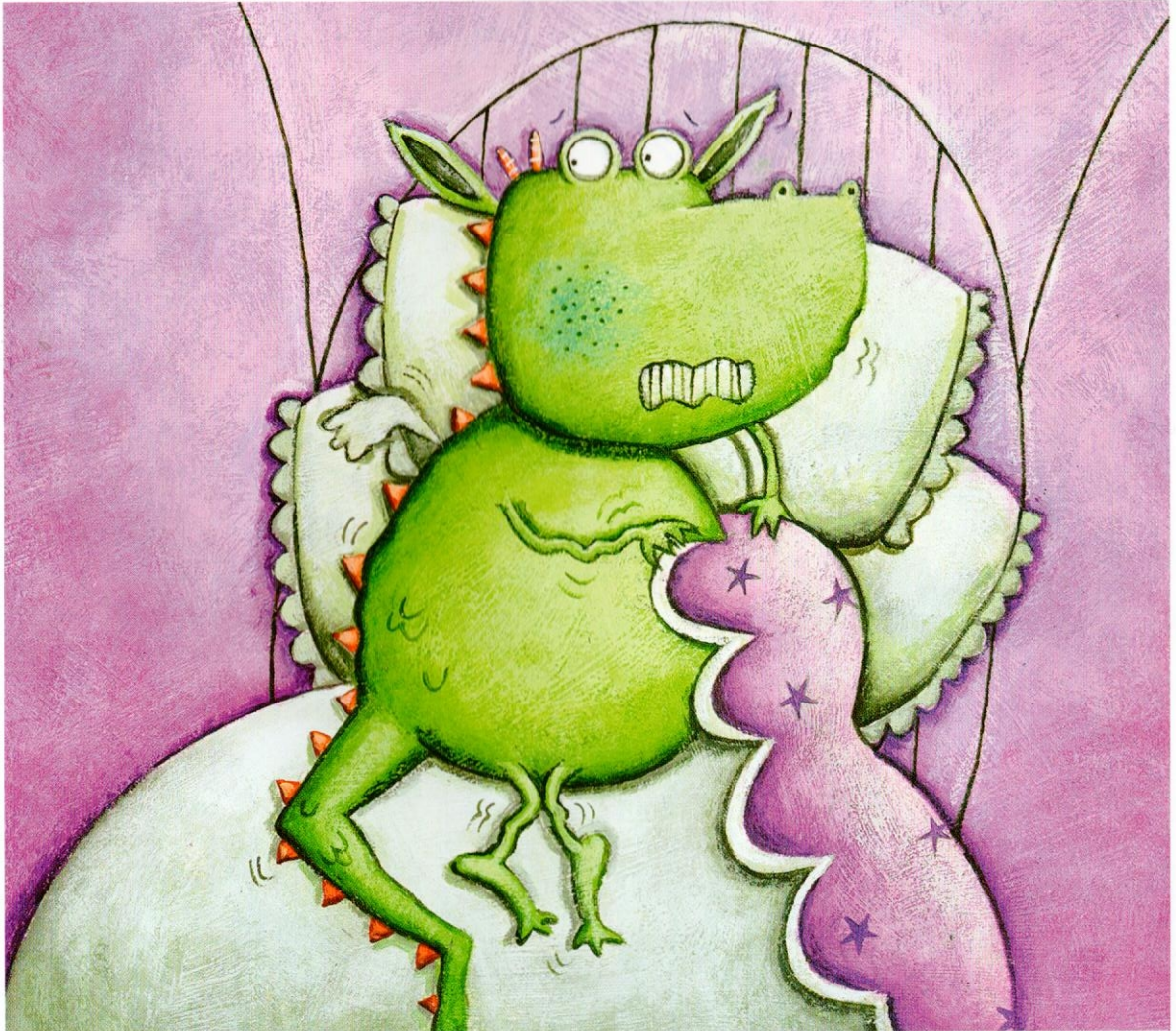
Nasim's knees were knocking.
He lifted the blanket and saw...



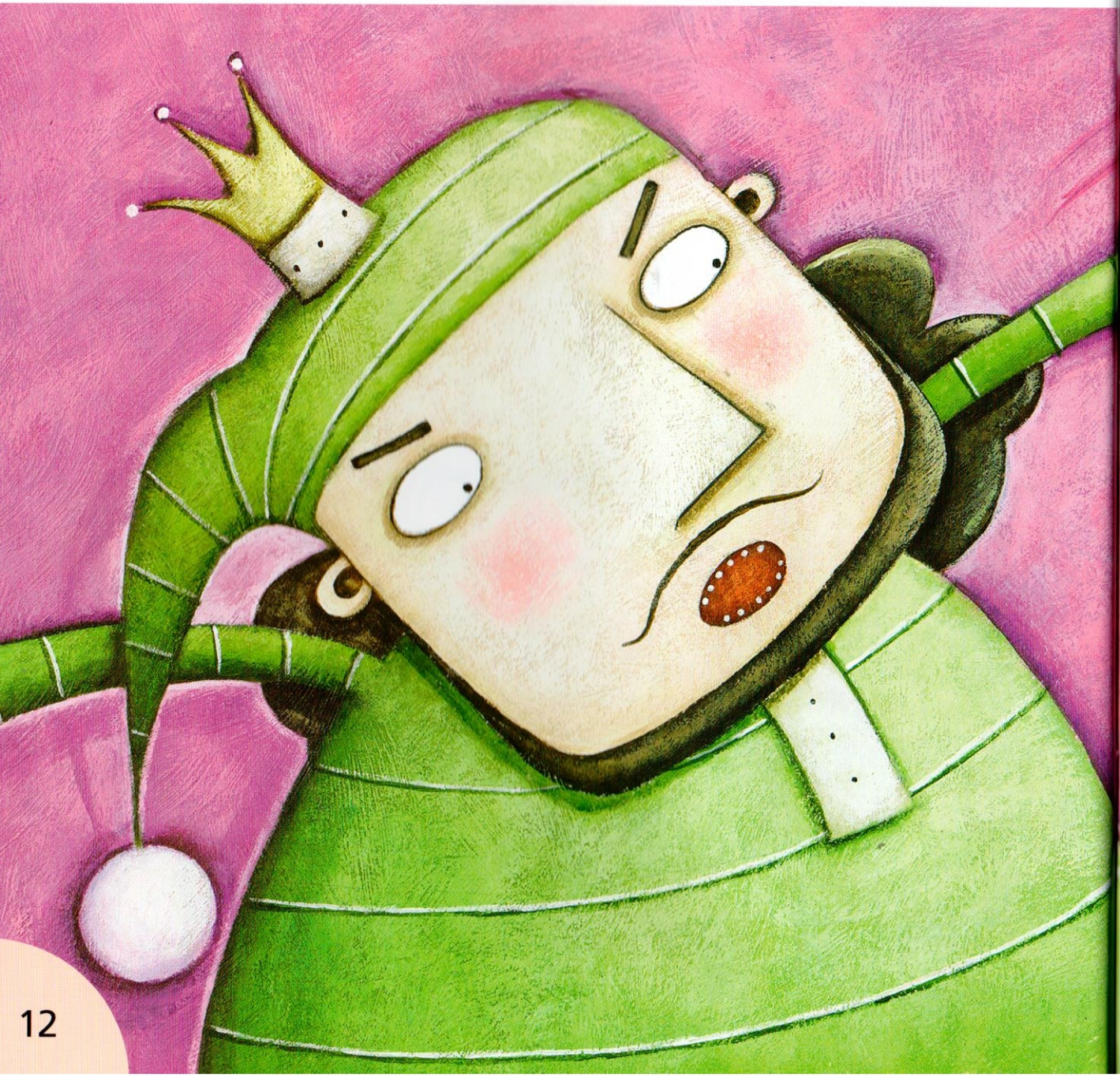
a tiny dragon.



The dragon's knees were
knocking too.
"I'm freezing," he said.



“Fight him!” cried the king.



“No. I’m the wrong kind of knight,”
said Nasim, and he began to knit.



Nasim was very quick at knitting.
He knitted a vest, some socks and
some long knickers.



The dragon was delighted.
"Thank you!" he said, and off
he went.



“I think you were the right kind of knight!” said the king.



Check comprehension

Ask the child

- Was Nasim the wrong kind of knight? Why not? (No, because he got rid of the dragon.)
- Will the drake come back?

Check phonics (letter-pattern sounds)

Ask your child to

- Read pages 2–3. Find two words which rhyme (*fight, write*).
- Point to the letter pattern that makes the long *ie* sound in the words (*igh, i-consonant-e*).
- Find and read some more words on page 11 which contain a long *ee* sound (*knees, freezing, he*).
- Point to the letter pattern that makes the long *ee* sound in the words.
- Find and read some words on page 13 which begin with an *n* sound (*no, knight, Nasim, knit*).
- Point to the letter patterns that make the *n* sound (*n, kn*).

Example phonic words: need knees freezing Kareem read hurry very he began knight fight night night fighting delighted right my cried like ride write I I'm kind mind tiny Nasim Nasim's didn't and dragon dragon's in blanket thank went think knit knock knocking knitting knitted wrong

Context words: don't door knickers liked never no one said saw some the there to too was were you