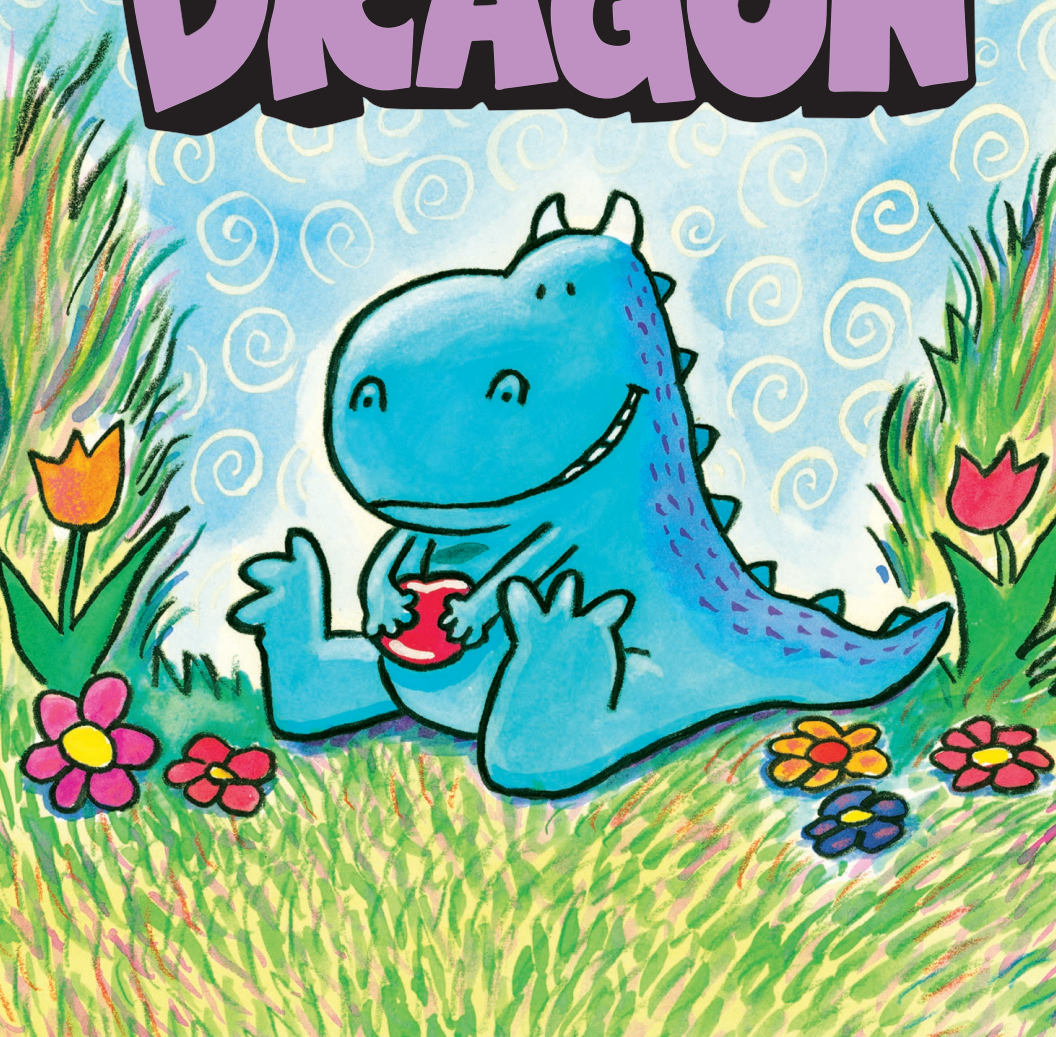
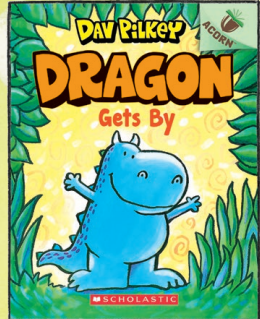
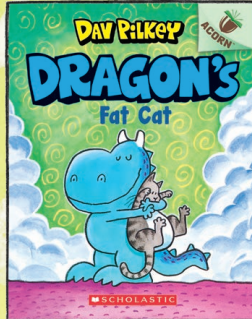
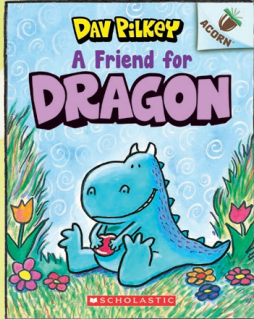


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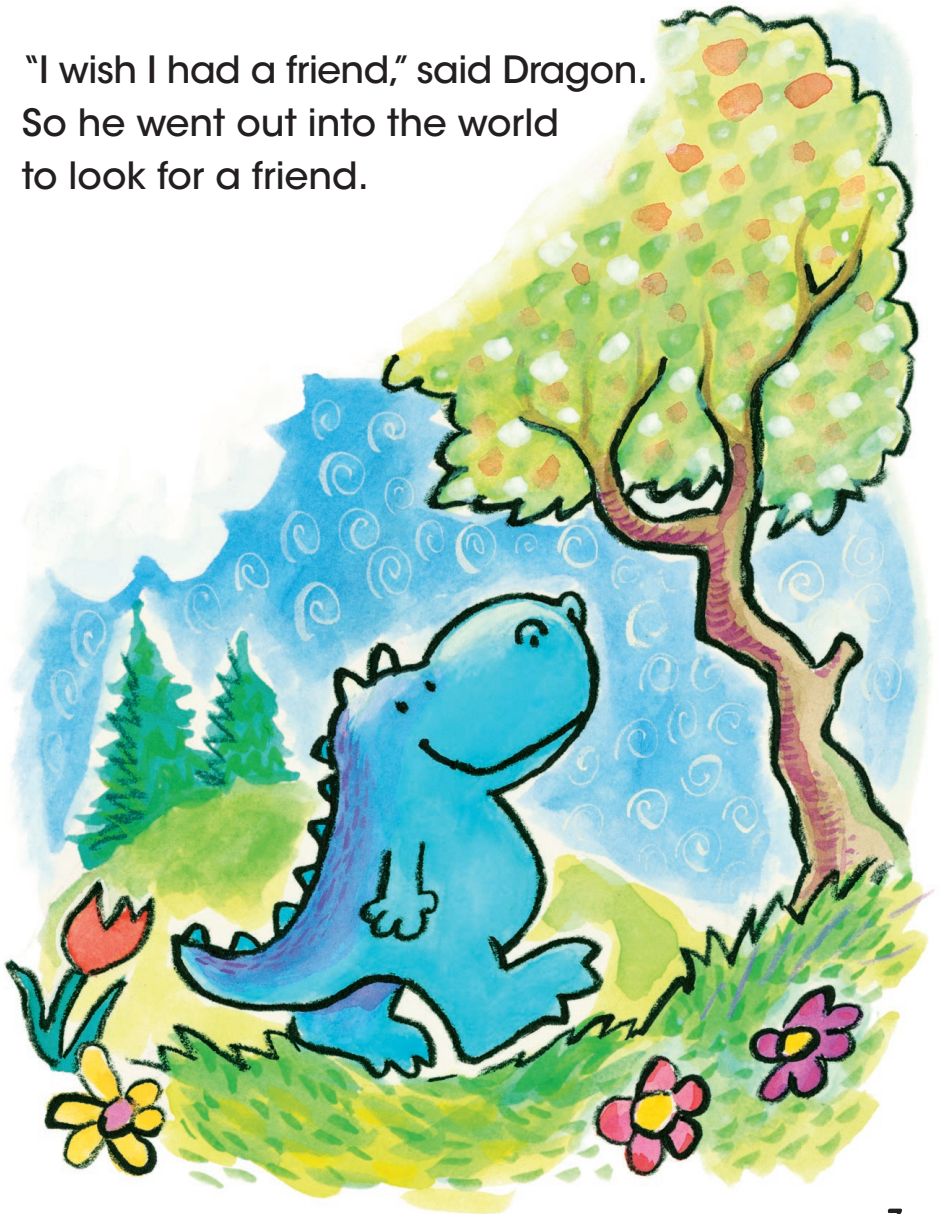




There once was a blue dragon  
who lived in a little house  
all by himself.  
Sometimes Dragon got lonely.



"I wish I had a friend," said Dragon.  
So he went out into the world  
to look for a friend.





Dragon went to the woods  
and met a small black squirrel.

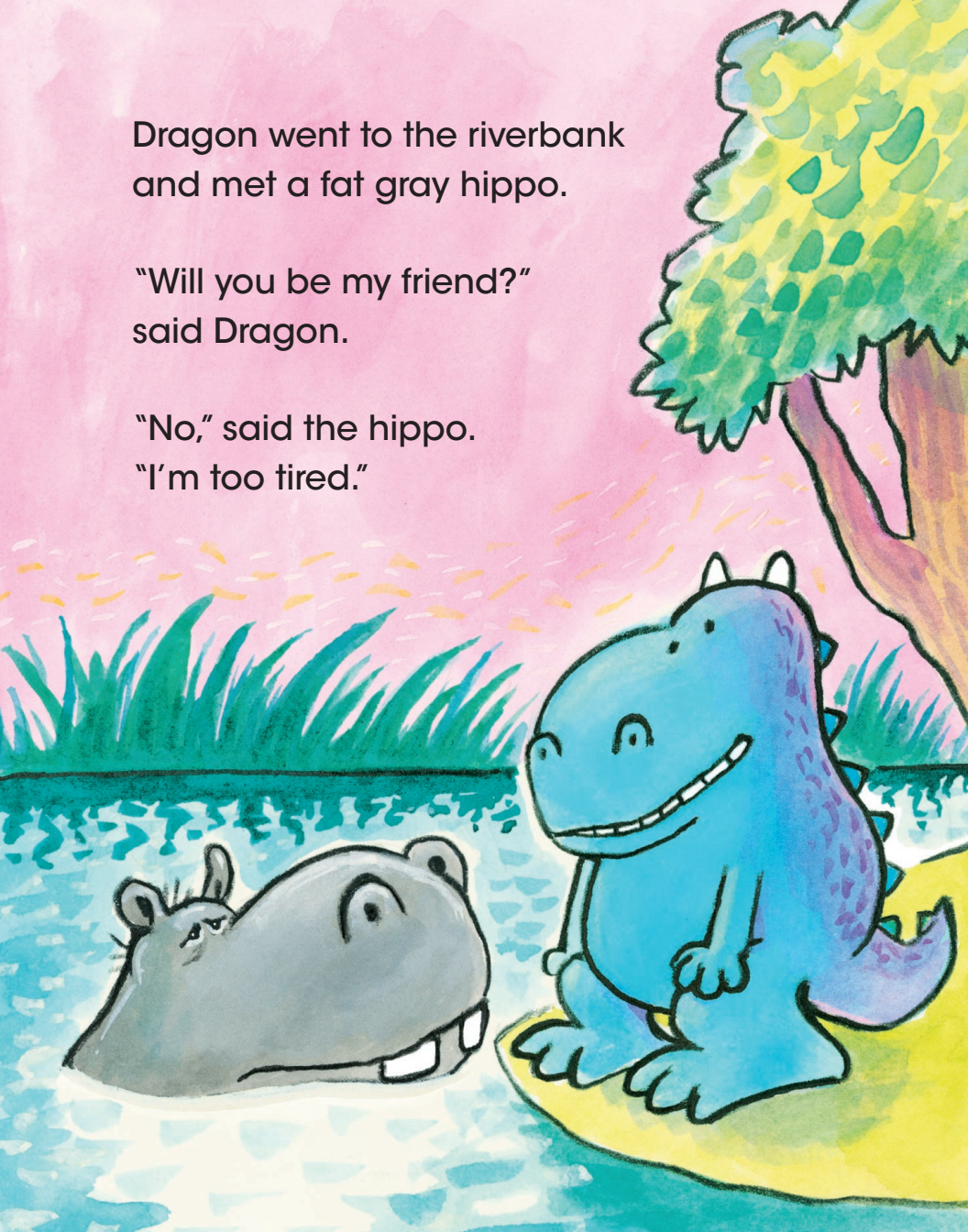
"Will you be my friend?"  
said Dragon.

"No," said the squirrel.  
"I'm too busy."

Dragon went to the riverbank  
and met a fat gray hippo.

“Will you be my friend?”  
said Dragon.

“No,” said the hippo.  
“I’m too tired.”



Dragon went to the pond  
and met a slick green crocodile.

"Will you be my friend?"  
said Dragon.

"No," said the crocodile.  
"I'm too grouchy."

