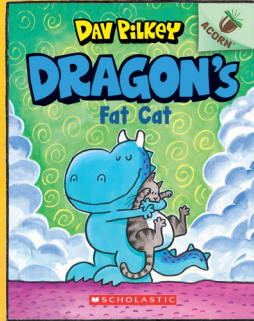
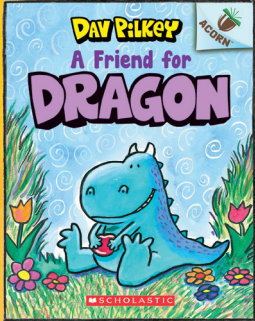


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1 Six Small Pumpkins



It was October,
and all the world was orange and brown.
Dragon walked through the autumn leaves
in search of a giant pumpkin.

"I will find a pumpkin as big as a house,"
said Dragon.
"Oh, what a scary jack-o'-lantern
it will make."



But when Dragon got to the pumpkin patch, all of the big pumpkins were already gone. Only six small pumpkins were left, and they were much too small to be scary.



Dragon loaded the six small pumpkins into his cart and brought them home anyway.

Later, as Dragon sat carving
his small pumpkins,
a fox and a crocodile came by.



“What are you doing?” asked the fox.

“I’m making scary jack-o’-lanterns,”
said Dragon.

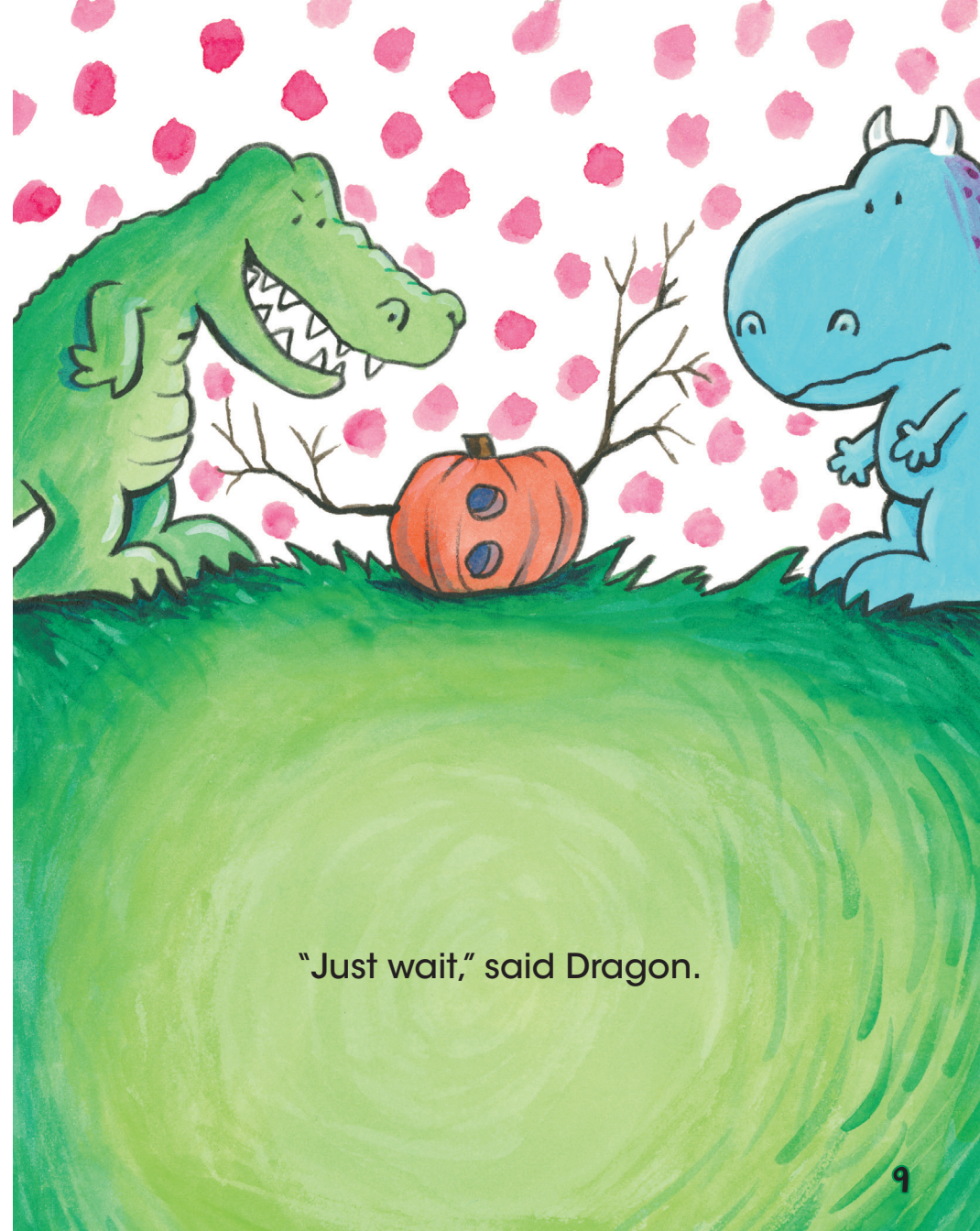
“Those pumpkins are too small to be scary,”
said the fox.

“Just wait,” said Dragon.

Dragon took one of the pumpkins
and poked branches into its sides.

“That pumpkin looks stupid,”
said the crocodile.

“No one will be afraid of your silly
jack-o'-lanterns!”



“Just wait,” said Dragon.



Dragon put candles into the pumpkins,
and they all lit up bright and orange.

"Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!" laughed the fox
and the crocodile.

"We've never seen such funny jack-o'-lanterns
in all our lives!"

"Just wait," said Dragon.