



GARLICO
THE DRAGON

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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO MY DAD, WHO HAS TOLD MY
BROTHERS AND ME LOTS OF SILLY BEDTIME STORIES.

I HOPE YOU LIKE MY DRAGON STORY, PAPA.



GARLIC.

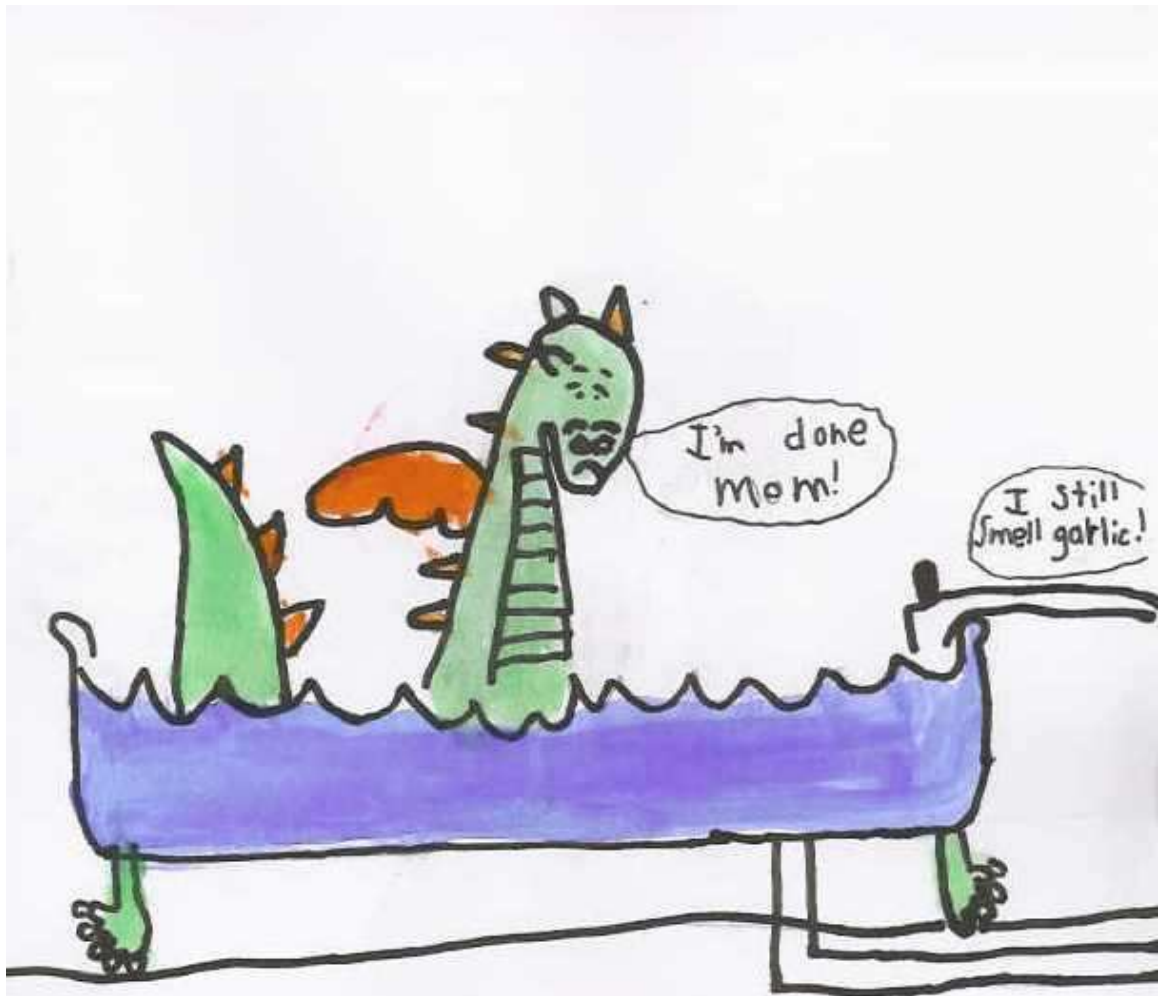
GARLICO LOVED GARLIC.



FOR BREAKFAST GARLICO ATE GARLIC SCRAMBLED EGGS WITH GARLIC-BUTTERED TOAST. FOR LUNCH HE ATE GARLIC SANDWICHES AND GARLIC CHIPS. AND FOR DINNER, HE LOVED GARLIC STUFFED CHICKEN WITH GARLIC SPINACH SAUCE. GARLIC WAS IN EVERY FOOD THAT GARLICO ATE.



GARLICO'S REAL NAME WAS GAVIN, BUT HIS PARENT'S CALLED HIM GARLICO BECAUSE HE LOVED GARLIC EVER SINCE HE WAS A BABY DRAGON. AS A YOUNG DRAGON LEARNING TO FLY, HE WOULD HOP UP ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER TO LOOK FOR GARLIC CLOVES HIDDEN IN HIS MAMA'S SPECIAL GARLIC JAR.



GARLICO WAS A KIND-HEARTED DRAGON, BUT HE HAD A PROBLEM. BECAUSE HE ATE SO MUCH GARLIC, GARLICO HAD BAD DRAGON-BREATH! WHEN GARLICO WANTED TO PLAY BALL WITH THE OTHER DRAGONS, THEY WOULD NOT PLAY WITH HIM BECAUSE THEIR MOMS WOULD MAKE THEM TAKE BATHS TO GET THE GARLIC SMELL OFF THEM.



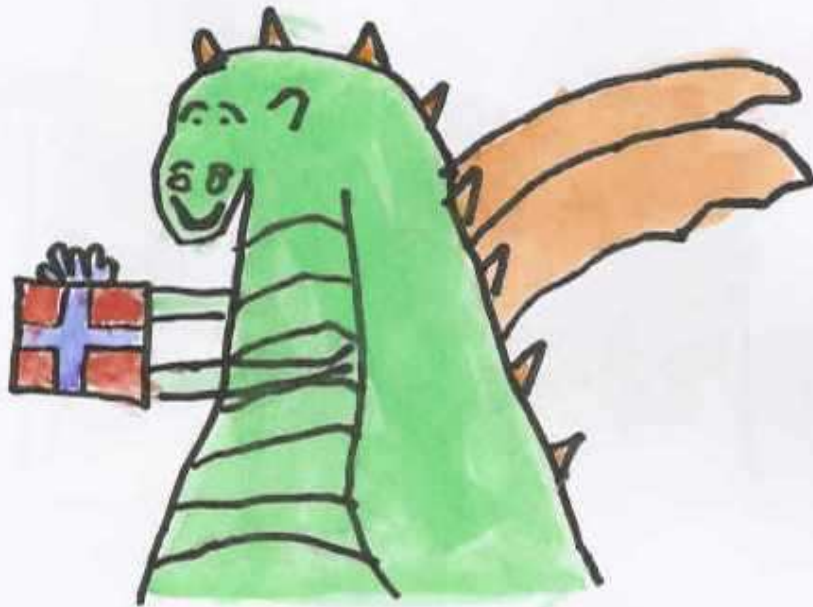
AND WHEN GARLICO WENT TO THE DENTIST, IT TOOK TWO HOURS TO CLEAN HIS TEETH, AND IT COST EXTRA BECAUSE THE DENTIST HAD TO WEAR A SPECIAL GAS MASK. OFTEN GARLICO STAYED INSIDE HIS HOUSE FEELING SAD AND LONELY.



ONE AFTERNOON AS GARLICO WAS EATING GARLIC COOKIES, A T-REX DINOSAUR CAME TO GARLICO'S NEIGHBORHOOD TO SNACK ON SOME LITTLE DRAGONS THAT WERE PLAYING BASKETBALL. WHEN GARLICO HEARD THE DINOSAUR AND FELT THE GROUND SHAKING, HE QUICKLY WENT OUTSIDE TO SEE IF HE COULD HELP.



WHEN HE SAW THE BIG AND STRONG DINOSAUR, GARLICO GOT SCARED AND LET OUT A BIG "B-U-R-R-P!" "EXCUSE ME!" HE SAID. GARLICO'S FACE TURNED RED BECAUSE HE WAS EMBARRASSED. THE T-REX RAN AWAY YELLING, "EWWW! I CAN'T BREATHE!"



GARLICO WAS A HERO!

TO THANK HIM FOR SAVING THEIR CHILDREN, THE DRAGONS IN TOWN WORKED TOGETHER TO MAKE A SPECIAL KIND OF GARLIC THAT TASTED LIKE GARLIC BUT HAD NO SMELL. GARLICO COULD STILL EAT GARLIC ANYTIME AT SCHOOL OR HOME AND THEN PLAY WITH HIS FRIENDS.



BUT HE NEVER FORGOT TO BE KIND TO OTHERS, EVEN WHEN OTHERS WERE NOT KIND TO HIM. BECAUSE GARLICO HAD LEARNED THAT MORE THAN GARLIC, HE LOVED HIS FRIENDS.

THE END.