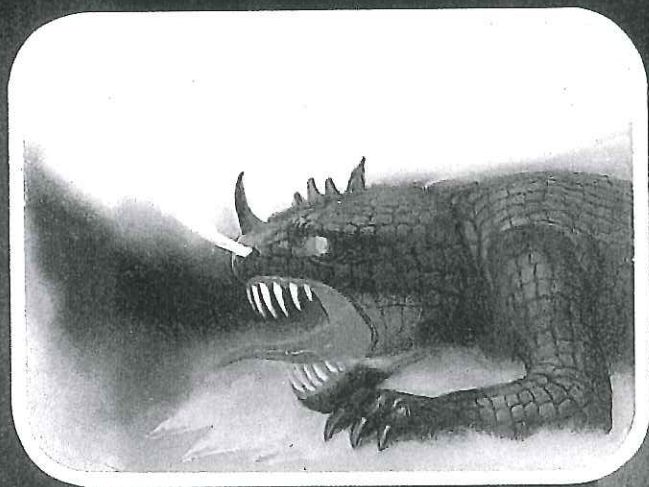


# The Dragon

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WHAT A LAND OF NIGHTMARES. EVERYTHING HAPPENS HERE.

THIS DRAGON — THEY SAY HIS EYES ARE FIRE. HIS BREATH A WHITE GAS. YOU CAN SEE HIM BURN ACROSS THE DARK LANDS.

SHEEP PANIC AND DIE INSANE. WOMEN DELIVER FORTH MONSTERS. AT SUNRISE, THE DRAGON'S VICTIMS ARE STREWN HITHER-THITHER ON THE HILLS.



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## IDENTIFY

- 1 Use what you see in the illustration to describe the setting. Who are the characters? What problem do they face?



HOW MANY KNIGHTS HAVE GONE FOR THIS MONSTER AND FAILED, EVEN AS WE SHALL FAIL?

ENOUGH OF THAT!

**PREDICT**

② What do you think the knights are going to do?

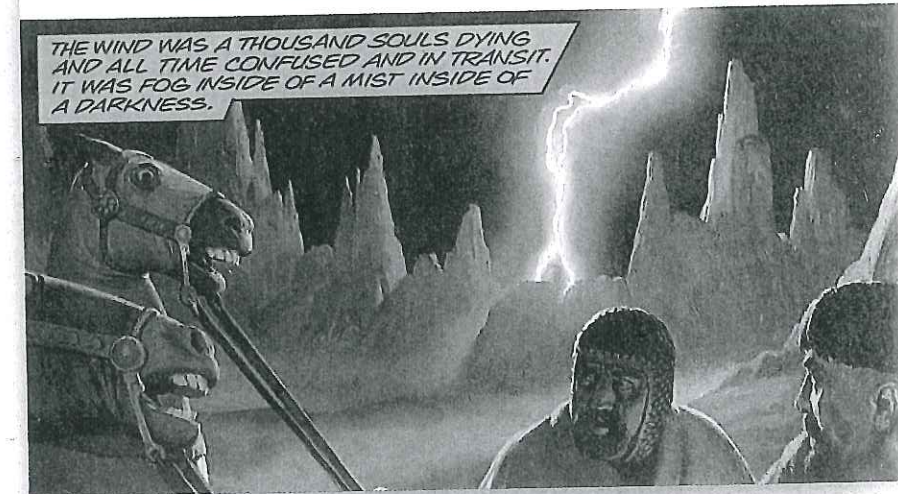


ON THIS MOOR THERE IS NO TIME, THERE IS ONLY FOREVER.

AND HERE WE SIT, ALONE IN THE LAND OF THE FIRE DRAGON.



BE YOU AFRAID, THEN GIRD ON YOUR ARMOR!



THE WIND WAS A THOUSAND SOULS DYING AND ALL TIME CONFUSED AND IN TRANSIT. IT WAS FOG INSIDE OF A MIST INSIDE OF A DARKNESS.



THERE... OH,  
LORD. IN THE  
DISTANCE.



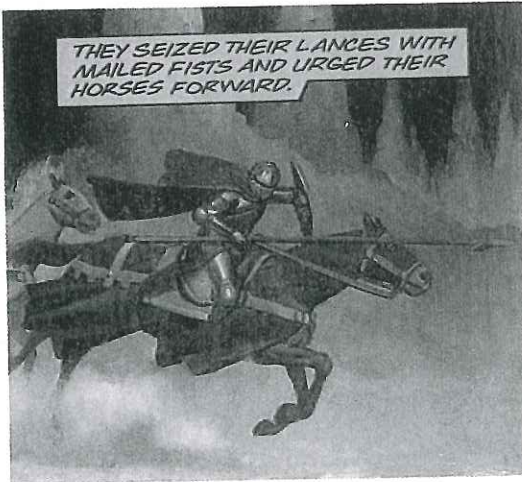
THE DRAGON ROARED NEARER, NEARER.  
ITS FLASHING YELLOW GLARE SPURTED  
ABOVE A HILL.



ICK! THIS  
WHERE IT  
PASSES!

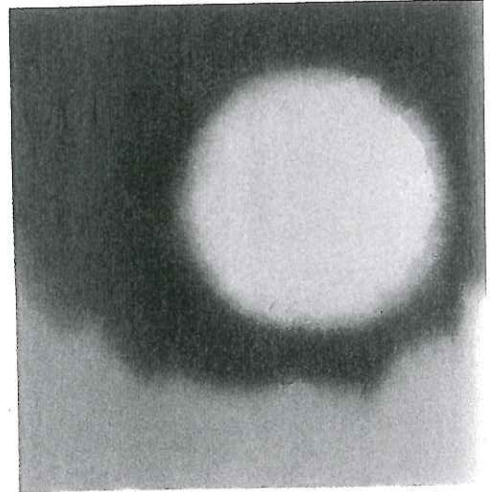
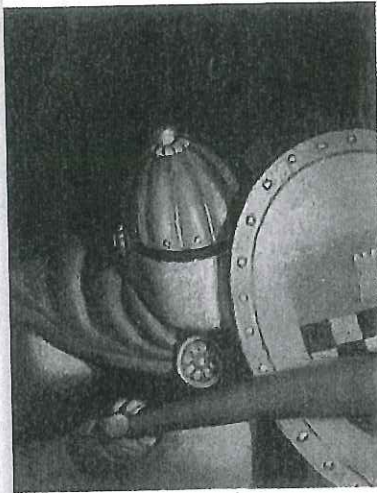


THEY SEIZED THEIR LANCES WITH  
MAILED FISTS AND URGED THEIR  
HORSES FORWARD.



THE DRAGON ROUNDED A HILL. WITH A  
TERRIBLE WAILING CRY AND A  
GRINDING RUSH IT FLUNG ITSELF  
FORWARD.





**RETELL**

③ What happens when the knights attack the dragon?



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DID YOU SEE IT?  
JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU!

AS YOU SAID, A KNIGHT IN ARMOR. AND WE HIT HIM. ARE YOU GOING TO STOP?

DID ONCE. FOUND NOTHING. DON'T LIKE TO STOP ON THIS MOOR. IT GIVES ME THE WILLIES.



BUT WE HIT SOMETHING!

GAVE HIM PLENTY OF WHISTLE— CHAP WOULDN'T BUDGE.



THE NIGHT TRAIN, IN FIRE AND FURY, SHOT THROUGH THE GULLY, UP A RISE, AND VANISHED— LEAVING SMOKE AND STEAM TO DISSOLVE IN THE NUMBED AIR AFTER IT HAD PASSED AND GONE FOREVER.

WE'LL MAKE IT TO STOKELY ON TIME. MORE COAL, eh, FRED?

INFER

- 4 What important information do you learn from the dialogue and illustrations on this page?