

THE STORY SO FAR

‘There were dragons when I was a boy.’

Those were the first words of the beginning of this story.

Once there was a boy named Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third, who lived on the little isle of Berk with a hunting-dragon called Toothless, and a riding-dragon called the Windwalker, wild and happy, in a world full of dragons.

Hiccup was the son of Chief Stoick the Vast, and the most unlikely Viking Hero you could possibly imagine. A skinny runner bean of a boy, who was nonetheless an awesome sword-fighter, and a Dragonwhisperer, one of the few people who have been able to speak Dragonese, the language dragons speak to one another.

One dreadful day, Hiccup accidentally released a great Seadragon called the Dragon Furious, who had been chained in the terrible forest prison of Berserk for over a hundred years. The Dragon Furious began a Dragon Rebellion that aims to kill the entire human race, and this brings us to the beginning of this story.

The humans and the dragons are now fighting each other to extinction.

The dragons have set fire to the little Hooligan village where Hiccup grew up, and the humans have been driven out of their houses and are now gathered on the island of Tomorrow, waiting for the Final Battle.

There is only one thing that can save the humans now. A new King of the Wilderwest must be crowned on the island of Tomorrow. Once the King is crowned, he will be told the secret of the Dragon Jewel, and this secret has the power to destroy all dragons forever. But a King can only be crowned if he has gathered together the King's Lost Things, ten objects that have been scattered across the Archipelago and lost for a century.

Over the course of eleven exciting and long adventures, slowly and painfully, Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third has gathered the ten Lost Things together, with the help of his best friends Fishlegs and Camicazi, an ancient old Seadragon called the Wodensfang, and a beautiful three-headed riding dragon called the Deadly Shadow, that can camouflage itself so effectively you think it is invisible.

But the wicked Alvin the Treacherous (the clue is in the name, really) has stolen all of the Lost Things from Hiccup. Alvin is on the island of Tomorrow right now, and he is about to be crowned King. If Alvin is made King, he will use the power of the Dragon Jewel

to make dragons extinct forever.

Everybody believes that Hiccup is dead, shot through the heart by Alvin the Treacherous's Warriors, but in fact Hiccup survived, and is lying unconscious on the little beach of Hero's End, an island a little way from Tomorrow.

But Hiccup has no riding-dragon, no boat and no Lost Things. And only the one with the King's Lost Things can land on Tomorrow and live. If Hiccup sets one foot on the beach, the Dragon Guardians of Tomorrow will rise from beneath the sand and carry Hiccup up into airy oblivion...

This is a dreadful predicament indeed.

Today is the Doomsday of Yule, the day of the Final Battle between dragons and humans.

There is only one day left now, for Hiccup to become the King of the Wilderwest, and to save the dragons.

One day more...

CAN HICCUP SAVE THE DRAGONS?