



Young George and the Baby Dragon

A play for young children

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| Narrator enters the stage from the left | |
| Narrator | Once there was a gnome village that was plagued by a big fire breathing baby dragon! |
| Gnome children enter the stage from the left as the Narrator exits stage right. Children start playing. | |
| Baby Dragon enters stage left roaring loudly. | |
| Gnome | Oh no! Not the dragon again! |
| Gnome groan, upset, yet still scared. | |
| Brave Gnome | I've had enough of everyone being scared! I'm going to talk to the king! Who wants to come with me? |
| All gnome run off stage to the right, except one. Brave Gnome 2 runs up to Brave Gnome 1, who is now at center stage. | |
| Brave Gnome 2 | I'll go with you! |
| Both gnomes run off stage to the right. | |
| Gnome King enters stage right, Brave Gnomes 1 & 2 enter not far behind. | |
| Gnome King | My little children! What's the matter? |
| The gnome children bow to their king before continuing. | |
| Gnome 1 | Well, your Highness, my gnome friends and I were playing in the blueberry fields, |
| Gnome 2 interrupts | And the baby dragon came and started scaring us again! Your Highness please help us! |
| Gnome 1 | This is the third time this week that he has scared off the gnome children. |
| Gnome King | Well we certainly cannot live like this. I know a very brave human boy who told me that he would help us if we ever needed it. |
| Gnome 2 | Wow your Highness? The other gnome children will be happy to hear about this! |
| Gnome 1 | What is the little boy's name? |
| Gnome King | His name is George. I met him out in corn fields one day. |

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| Gnome 1 | But I thought humans stopped believing in gnomes and fairies and magic? |
| Gnome King | That's true, most humans have but George is one of the few that still believe. That's sort of how we met actually... |
| Narrator enters stage left | |
| Narrator | The king tells the two gnomes about how he met the little boy when he was lost in the corn fields. The king was surprised that George could see him. The king was used to human children not being able to see him but George was a believer. The little boy was lost, the king felt bad for the little child so he helped him find his way home. George wanted to repay the king for helping him so he told the king that if he ever needed help in his gnome kingdom to raise a white flag in the air so he would know the king was in trouble. Later that day the gnome children helped the king raise the white flag in the air. Not long after a young, brave looking boy entered into the gnome forest. |
| Narrator exits stage right as the king enters stage left with all the gnome children. They all walk to stage right. The king in front of them all. George enters stage left, sees the king and smiles, running toward him. | |
| Gnome King | George! Thank you for coming! We need your help. |
| George bows before the king. | |
| George | Of course Your Highness! I am happy to help in anyway possible. What seems to be the problem? |
| Narrator emerges out of the crowd of gnomes and walks to center stage. | |
| Narrator | The king and the other gnome children tell George about the baby dragon and the ruckus he has been causing. |
| Narrator disappears back into the crowd of gnomes. | |
| George | Oh no! This cannot go on! I will do everything I can to help. I am off to find this dragon! |
| The gnome children run off stage right at the mention of the dragon. | |
| Narrator stays on stage and walks to center stage as the king and George walk off stage right. | |
| Narrator | Two days passed and on the morning of the third day the gnome children and the king find |

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| | George in the strawberry fields with the baby dragon. |
| Gnomes enter stage right. | |
| Gnome 3 | What's that thing over his face? |
| George | It's called a muzzle, it makes it so he can't breathe fire. The baby dragon has the hiccups so he wanted to come and see the king for a cure. Every time he gets close to your village he would hiccup and accidentally breathe fire at the same time. |
| Gnome king | I have just the thing to help! |
| The king steps forward to the dragon and takes out his crystals. He holds them up to the dragon's nose. The dragon instantly stopped hiccupping and began to dance with joy! | |
| Dragon | Thank you! You cured my hiccups. How can I repay you? (pause) Oh, I know! I could come and live in the forest with you and protect you. |
| Gnome king | That is a wonderful idea! Gnomes, what do you think? |
| Gnomes cheer. Everyone runs off stage left, cheering. Narrator steps to center stage. | |
| The gnomes and dragon lived together in peace. The dragon protected them all against outsiders and the dragon even helps the gnomes make bread every week. They lived happily ever after! | |

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