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Dragon Song Book 1
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Chapter 1

It was dark in her room and the girl was watching her favorite movie. That day had been fun because it was her birthday. Her friends had come and given her lots of presents. She had a bowl of chips next to her. She was on her bed in her room. She was mad about the news, about the people's houses which had burned.

"Sad, to have your house burned and there be no way to get out," she thought. She lived with her mom and older brother. She did not know who her dad was. She thought her dad was dead but her mother had told her that he was not. The thought of one day meeting her dad made her feel good. Her name was Amber. Her real name was Farah but she had given herself that name when she was younger and it stuck. Her brother was called Ben but she called him Flame after a book she had read. In the book there were two twin dragons called Amber and Flame. Amber was a girl and Flame a boy. It was a nice story about them. She liked to read about

the history of dragons and the Dragon Warriors. Her mom had a lot of the books but the king did not like school libraries to have them. She had read in a historical book that the Dragon Warriors were all dead but she believed they would some day come back somehow. There was a knock at the door and Ben came in.

“You haven’t opened the gifts from mom or me yet,” he said.

“Oh, I’ll come down right now Flame,” she said. He laughed at his nickname. He had read the book as well. They went downstairs together. They past what was called the room of worship. It was full of statues of the legendary dragons of the olden days. There were also mirrors on every wall. In one of the mirrors she saw there reflection. Her long brown hair with the bangs hanging over one eye, her cat shaped eyes and her swirly birthmark that she never understood were or why she got it. She also saw her brother’s blonde hair his perfect blue eyes and the tannest skin you could have to be considered normal. She was a little jealous of her

older brother because he looked perfect and could attract any girl he looked at unlike her who could not even attract a fly with the looks she had. It was common to have oddly shaped eyes or odd colours for eyes or hair but it was still mocked at the highest degree in school. They walked into the kitchen where their mother was waiting.

“Open your presents and then I will make supper so you and Ben can play cards or something,” said their mother.

“OK,” said Amber. She took the first present of the pile and looked at it.

“That one is from me,” said Ben. She unwrapped the present. It was the next book in the series called “Magic fire” which was the series with the twin dragons Amber and Flame.

“It’s wonderful,” she said.

“Good, because it was really hard to get. All things to do with dragons are these days,” He said.

“Why?” she asked.

“No one really knows but there are some theories, none of which I believe,” replied their mother.

“Open your other presents this is not a very good topic to talk about on some ones birthday,” said Ben. She reached for another present.

“That one is from me,” her mother said. When she unwrapped it she saw something that looked like a compass but there were eight different colored stones in the outer circle, four in the middle circle and in the center there was one.

“What is it,” she asked.

“It is... well I will have to tell you the story first, Ben feel free to join in because I might have forgotten some bits since I told you.” said her mother.

“Open you’re other presents first,” said Ben. When she had finished (the others were not as interesting as the first two) she sat back to listen to the story. It turned out that her mother was from one of the old tribes of the dragons. These tribes believed in the power of dragons and dragon warriors. There were eight

tribes in all and they were in the Storm tribe. The Dragon Cycle (what her mother said it was called) was given to her mother's family by the headwoman of their tribe and was to be past down to the oldest girl in the family. It was said to have the magical property of all of the legendary dragons.

"What happens if there are no girls," she asked.

"Then it is past on the oldest boy," said their mother.

"The girl has to be about 13 years old," added Ben.

"Now go play so I can make supper," said their mom.

"Yes mom," they said together as they went out of the room.

After supper Farah went back to her room to finish her movie. The movie was about the Dragon war. The historical war which was said to be the end of the Dragons and Dragon Warriors but it seemed like her mom and Ben did not believe it was the end and neither did she.

She always stopped the movie a little bit before the end so she could make her own ending which was that the dragon warriors won and the humans who did not like them (like the king) were the losers. Most of the firers that were on the news were in towns or the tribal areas. The king officials said that it must have been the “Dragons”. She had come to believe that the Mages that burned the houses were nicknames “Dragons” so that the normal people would think that it was real dragons and hate them. She suddenly was awakened from her thoughts by a crackling sound. A sound she knew was fire. She heard footsteps on the stairs and opened her door. Ben and her mother were coming up to get her but before they could reach her fire shattered the staircase. She was stuck in her room but what was strange was that the fire was not touching her. She had read that Dragon Warriors or those with the blood of a dragon warrior would be able to push away mage fire just by being there.

“That’s what the king is doing,” she thought, “He is making mages burn houses so if someone survives they have to be a dragon warrior of sorts.” She looked out her door and both Ben and her mother were dead. She saw the Dragon Cycle lying on her dresser. She grabbed it. She heard a roar and then she was lifted out of her room. The flames engulfed the rest of the room. When she looked down at what had picked her up she got a shock. It was a dragon as white as snow she had just time to see the majestic head and beautiful body before she fainted...

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