

WRITING

The Big Strike

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FANTASY/SCIFI

GENRE

GRADE 5

Once there was an island called Dragon Island, where all dragons could roam free. There were lots of boys and girls, but

Rory was a little dragon who didn't feel like a boy or a girl. So, they went to the dragon king and announced how he felt. But that landed him in federal prison. They fed Rory yucky food like rotten apple cakes and stale broccoli.

But while Rory was in prison, more people were expressing their feelings as other genders. A few days later Rory was sitting in their cell when the doors opened, and two other dragons came in to join them. One told Rory that he had the body of a girl but felt like a boy and the other said they felt like a boy and a girl. They said that everyone on the island was talking about Rory, and how hey got put in prison because they were protesting gender restrictions. The next day, when the guard came to bring them food, they broke out the door and were free.

Then Rory flew as high as they possibly could and

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yelled at the top of their lungs, "TOWN MEETING!" All the dragons of the island heard and flew to the town field immediately! Once everyone was there Rory started talking. They didn't care if they went to prison yet again, Rory was going to prove their point whether the dragon king liked it or not.

Rory orated all about how if dragons did not feel like a boy or a girl or both or feels like the opposite gender it is fine. As Rory spoke, the dragons of Dragon Island kissed and cheered and that is how other genders came back to the world.

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