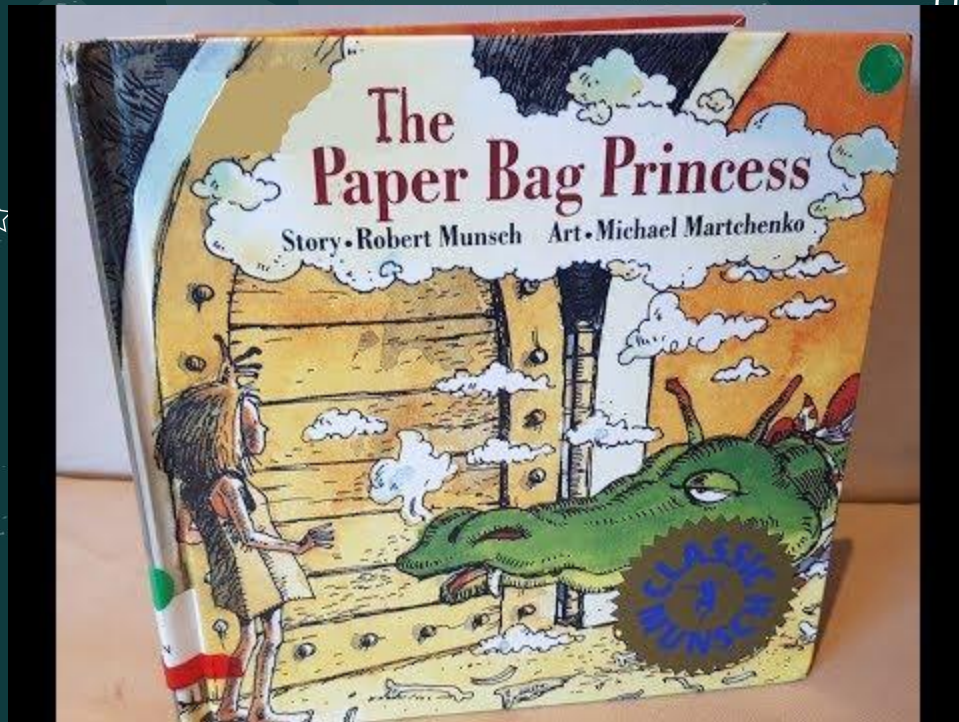


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Summary of this story

A princess named Elizabeth and a prince named Ronald lived in a castle. A monstrous dragon flew over the castle, then he burnt everything and carried the prince away. Elizabeth had to wear a paper bag because she didn't have any other clothes. After the dragon flew away, Princess Elizabeth tracked behind the dragon to his cave. Then, she outsmarted the dragon and rescued the prince. Elizabeth rescues Ronald, who is ungrateful and tells her to return when she looks more like a princess. Elizabeth calls Ronald out for his ungratefulness. She rejects him as worthless: "You look like a real prince, but you are a bum". At the end of the story, Elizabeth gave up the prince and went away in the sunset. She then goes dancing off into the sunset to live on her own.



The Characters in the story



The Princess, Elizabeth

A brave, smart and resilient young woman, Elizabeth's quest to save Ronald from the dragon shows her how unworthy Ronald is of her loyalty and affection.

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The other two characters in the story

Prince Ronald

Ronald is revealed to be a narcissistic and selfish prince. He has picked Elizabeth for his queen, even though he does not really love her. When the dragon attacks the castle and kidnaps him, Elizabeth goes to great lengths to rescue him, but he does not appreciate the love she has shown him. Elizabeth realizes that he is shallow, conceited and mean and they part.

Dragon

He is the typical depiction of the European dragon, with green scaly skin, an alligator belly, two small wings, and four scaly feet with eagle talons. He can breathe fire, which puts him at the very top of the animal food chain and makes him physically superior to mankind in the medieval time period in which the story is set. His flames are extremely powerful. In the plot, he attacks Princess Elizabeth's castle and kidnaps Prince Ronald. He is quite inconsiderate.



The morals in the
story

Theme

In the paper bag princess, the author reversed the traditional roles. It describes a strong and independent princess, an arrogant prince, and a monstrous dragon. What morals can you get from the story?

- **Gender**
- **happiness**
- **intelligence**

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