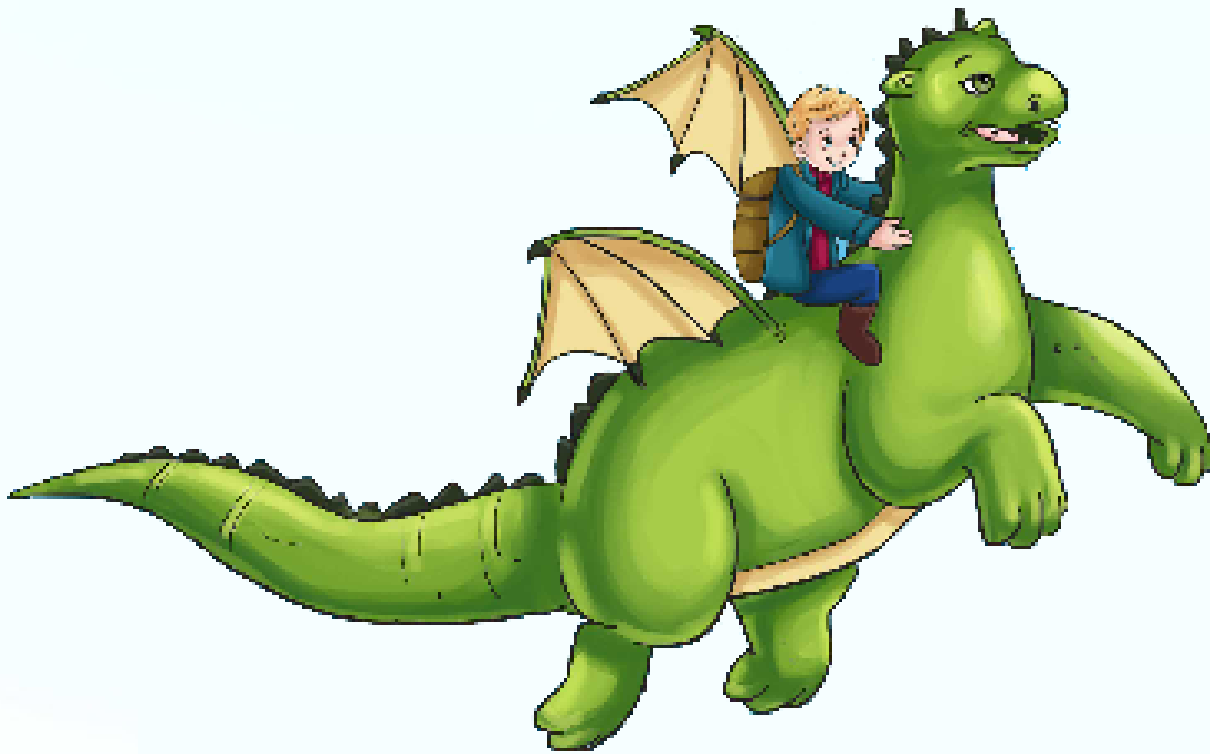


# My Father's Dragon

*By Ruth Stiles Gannett*



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## *Curious Reader Series: My Father's Dragon: Includes Online Oral Reading Fluency Practice*

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# Introduction

The Story of My Father's Dragon is an exciting tale for children in the age group of 9-11. This book is a part of the Lumos Curious Reader series and is designed to help young readers enjoy the story and develop their critical reading skills. It includes exercises to create opportunities for young readers to identify settings, plots, characters, etc. The activities are designed to help them recognize how the author has developed the story. This tedBook also includes access to engaging and interactive online resources.

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One of the most enriching experiences for a child is to enjoy stories and fascinating new activities. The Curious Reader Series by Lumos Learning is designed to provide that special reading experience to help children become successful readers. This series is the perfect package to build students' interest in reading, writing, and language skills.

Each book in the series offers an engaging story that is at a specific reading-level and includes activities that improve reading fluency, reading comprehension, and writing skills. The stories included in the Curious Reader series are fiction by expert children book authors. The activities in the book are tied to tips and pointers that will help children write independently. The stories and activities inspire new ideas and imagination in kids while making reading more enjoyable.

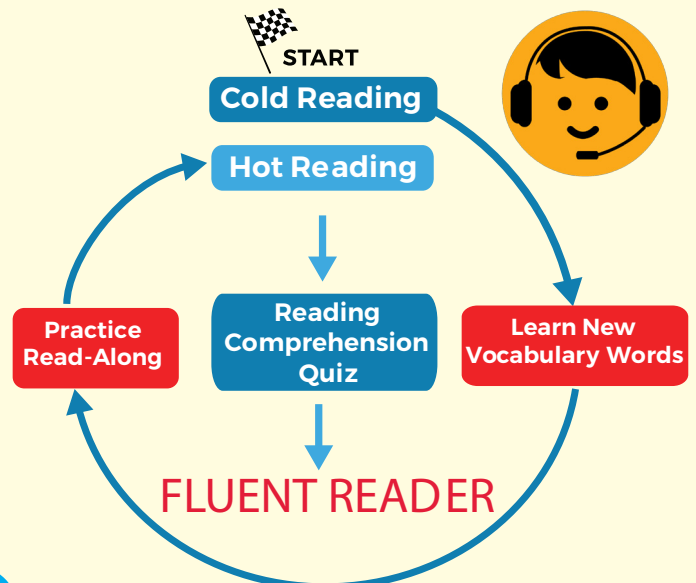
## About the Online Fluency Program

Oral reading fluency plays a crucial role in developing children's ability to read a text accurately, quickly, and with expression. Research indicates that oral reading fluency is correlated with students' cognitive understanding of the text. Fluent reading leads to more success with writing, better vocabulary skills, and a greater understanding of what is being read.

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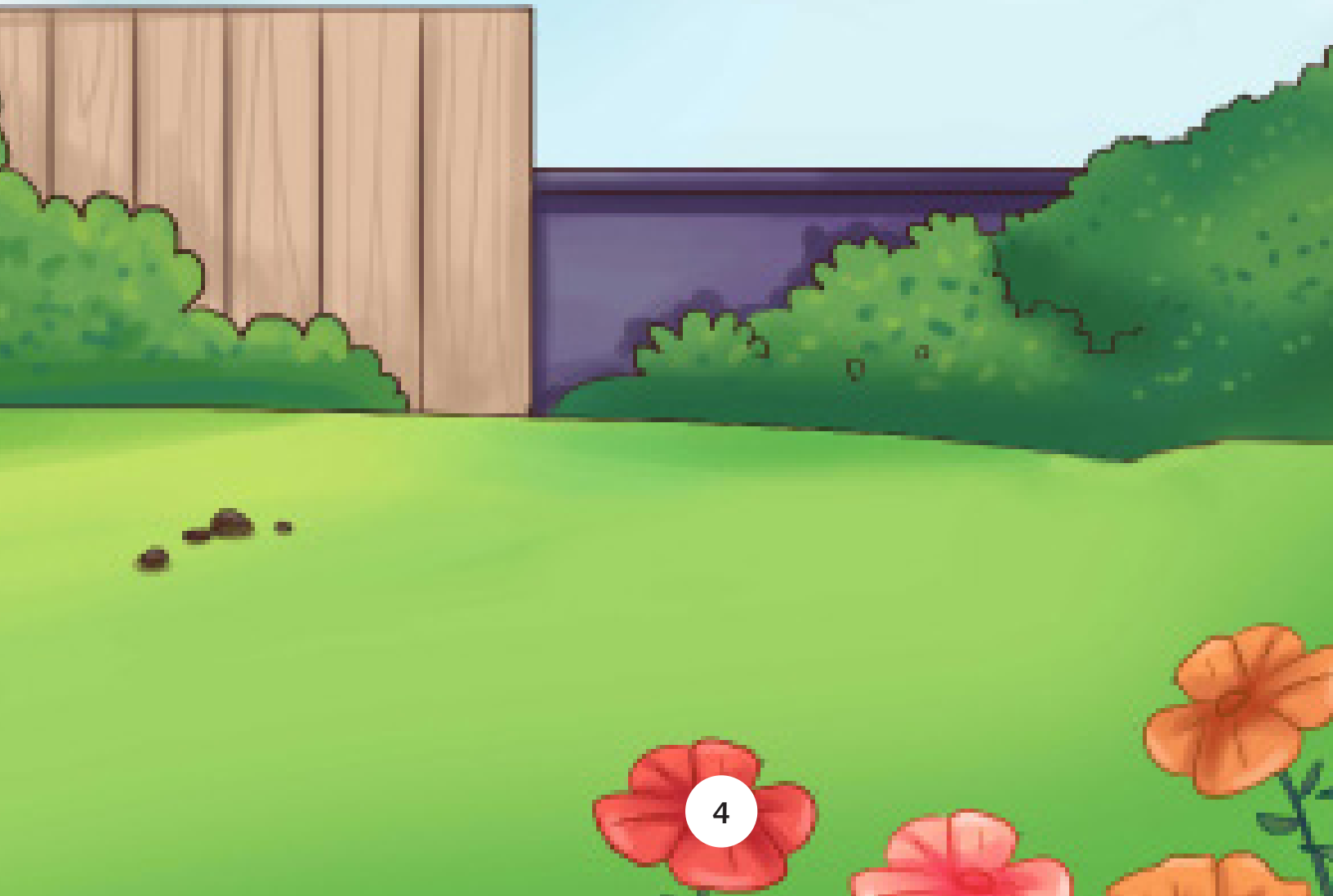


# MY FATHER MEETS THE CAT

One cold rainy day when my father was a little boy, he met an old alley cat on his street. The cat was very drippy and uncomfortable so my father said, “Wouldn’t you like to come home with me?”

This surprised the cat—she had never before met anyone who cared about old alley cats—but she said, “I’d be very much obliged if I could sit by a warm furnace, and perhaps have a saucer of milk.”

“We have a very nice furnace to sit by,” said my father, “and I’m sure my mother has an extra saucer of milk.”





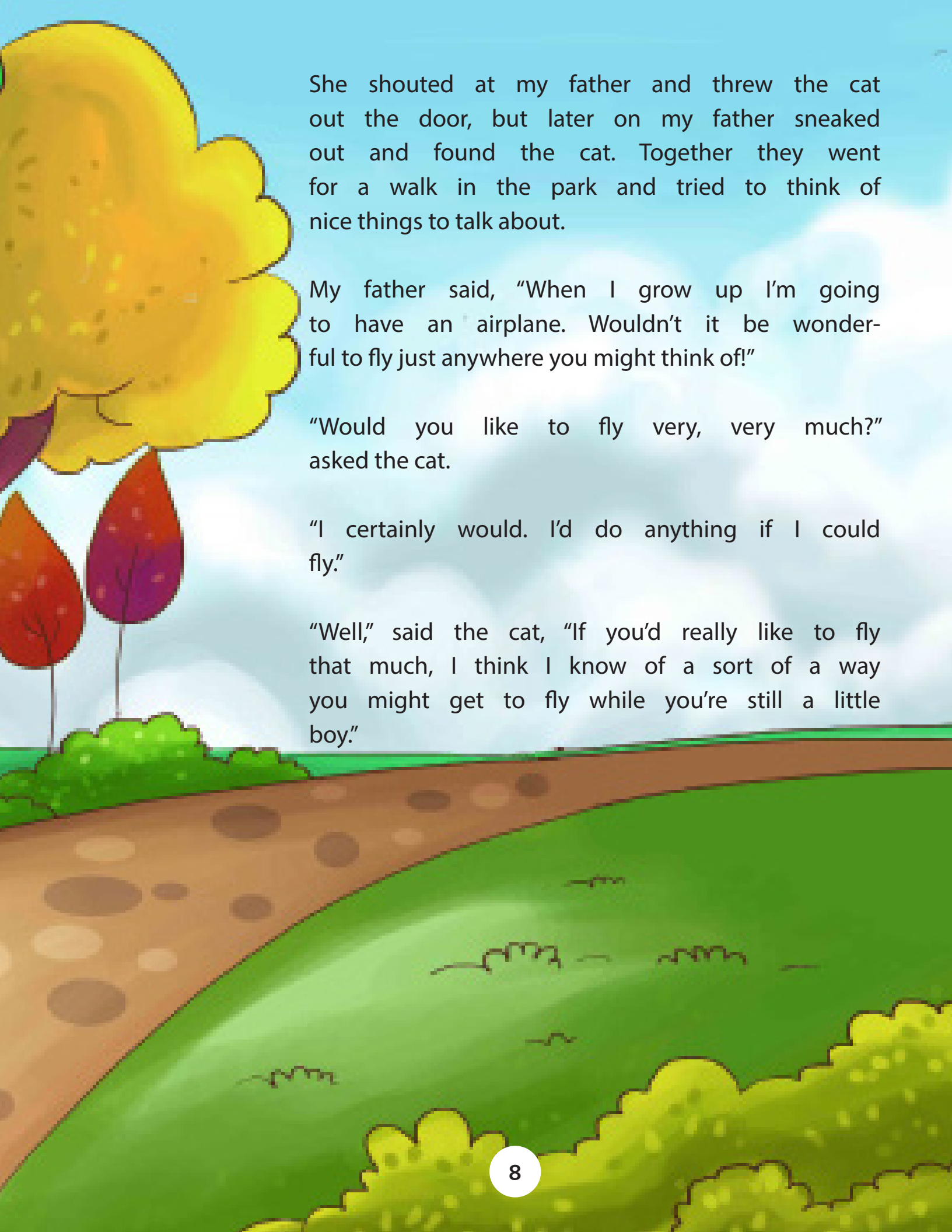


My father and the cat became good friends but my father's mother was very upset about the cat. She hated cats, particularly ugly old alley cats. "Elmer Elevator," she said to my father, "if you think I'm going to give that cat a saucer of milk, you're very wrong. Once you start feeding stray alley cats you might as well expect to feed every stray in town, and I am not going to do it!"

This made my father very sad, and he apologized to the cat because his mother had been so rude. He told the cat to stay anyway, and that somehow he would bring her a saucer of milk each day. My father fed the cat for three weeks, but one day his mother found the cat's saucer in the cellar and she was extremely angry.







She shouted at my father and threw the cat out the door, but later on my father sneaked out and found the cat. Together they went for a walk in the park and tried to think of nice things to talk about.

My father said, "When I grow up I'm going to have an airplane. Wouldn't it be wonderful to fly just anywhere you might think of!"

"Would you like to fly very, very much?" asked the cat.

"I certainly would. I'd do anything if I could fly."

"Well," said the cat, "If you'd really like to fly that much, I think I know of a sort of a way you might get to fly while you're still a little boy."



“You mean you know where I could get an airplane?”

“Well, not exactly an airplane, but something even better. As you can see, I’m an old cat now, but in my younger days I was quite a traveler. My traveling days are over but last spring I took just one more trip and sailed to the Island of Tangerina, stopping at the port of Cranberry.

Well, it just so happened that I missed the boat, and while waiting for the next I thought I’d look around a bit. I was particularly interested in a place called Wild Island, which we had passed on our way to Tangerina.

Wild Island and Tangerina are joined together by a long string of rocks, but people never go to Wild Island because it’s mostly jungle and inhabited by very wild animals.

So, I decided to go across the rocks and explore it for myself. It certainly is an interesting place, but I saw something there that made me want to weep.”

