

SYNOPSIS

A BEDTIME STORY FOR LITTLE DRAGONS

This is structured as a mom dragon telling her two little dragon kids a bedtime story. She serves as narrator throughout.

In a land called Manna, there is a village of people living in peaceful harmony with themselves and with nature. Everyone lives a simple life, with everything they need or want in abundance all around them. But there is also a little Elf – Mischieva, who is bored and decides to create a problem for her amusement. What if there was something that everyone wanted, and there wasn't enough of it to go around? What would happen to all the peace and harmony then?

She enchants a lazy fellow – Snack – and creates a thing of great beauty called a “Snoolab” that he can make and sell and become the richest man in Manna. All he needs is a factory. To build a factory he needs approval from the City Counsel. But there is one small problem. Manufacturing the Snoolab creates a toxic by-product – bad stuff.

The Chairman, who will get a cut of the profits, doesn't care about the bad stuff and wants to do the deal. Enter – Max – a young blind man who is the “wise man” for the village. The factory would be a social and environmental disaster and he advises against it, thereby killing the deal.

Mischieva's plan is stopped, but she sees a way to control Max, because he has a weakness. Max is in love with – Minka – a young lady in the village. She loves him back, and would like to let him know, but Mischieva scares her with thoughts of scandalous gossip at the water well. When she spurns Max's advances, he loses his confidence and becomes vulnerable to Snack offering him the very first Snoolab as a gift to win Minka's affections. There is, of course, a catch: he can have the Snoolab in return for reversing his advice about the factory and convincing the Counsel to approve it.

Max resists, he knows this is wrong. Snack offers a compromise. The bad stuff is bad for people, but it happens to be a tasty food for dragons, and there happens to be a swamp full of them just down the road. Max and Snack could bring back a couple of little dragons for a few weeks and let them eat all the bad stuff. Snack would make Snoolabs until he sells all of them that he can, then he would shut down the factory and they would return the little dragons to the swamp.

What could go wrong?