

## Miriam and Yargher Golden-Eyes

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Age 11

Miriam now had to live alone. She did not want to leave the body of her “stepfather“ unattended. But still, she was bored. She would rather do *something, anything*, than weeping over Myaat. She decided not to bury him. She began to look around, for there was nothing else to do. Suddenly, she remembered a part of what Myaat had said while he was still alive. He had said that he had a friend called “Yargher Golden-Eyes.” She decided to try to find him, whoever he was. First she went to Myaat’s room. She saw pictures of Myaat and herself, Myaat and somebody whom she didn’t know, somebody by himself, Myaat by himself, and Miriam by herself. When she saw the eyes of somebody who she didn’t know, she realized that it was Yarghar Golden-Eyes, because of the eyes. She stared at him for a long time so that she would remember how he looked like when she found him, just to make sure that she got the right dragon. She looked around the room again. “What a messy room,” Miriam thought. Before, she would’ve thought that Myaat had a clean room, not a messy one. Finally, she found an address book. She began to look up “Y.” As she flipped through the pages, she saw nothing. She thought, “Myaat must have been lonely. That’s why he loved me as much as a father would.” Then she flipped to “Y”. On that page it said:

ADDRESS:

NAME:YARGHAR GOLDEN-EYES

ADDRESS:5201 DRAGON LANE

PHONE:000-555-0000

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Of course, all of this was in dragorican, and Miriam knew how to read it. She found a map and located the address. Quickly, she left the cave, carrying a basket of food, the map, the address book, a blanket and pillow, and an oil lamp.

It was getting dark now. Miriam lit the lamp to see the path and the map. Then, at last, she saw a sign which said "DRAGON LANE." Yes! She was almost there! She heard voices from within the houses on the lane. She quickly hid in some shadows, hopping from shadow to shadow so that she would not be seen. Finally, she went to the last house. It was quiet and dark, not like the others, which were full of light and noisy. *"It doesn't hurt to try, Miriam."*

Myaat had said that long ago. The words were still ringing in her head. She gave it a try and approached the house. When she knocked, a dragon appeared. He had golden eyes! She asked if he was Yargher Golden-Eyes. He answered quickly that he was, but hesitated before asking her, "Are you Miriam?" He had trouble saying "Miriam" because no other dragons were named "Miriam."

Yargher Golden-Eyes promised to help Miriam. They went back to the cave and buried Myaat so he could rest in peace. Yargher kept his promise. He treated Miriam like a father would. He learned how to say "Miriam" the right way. And of course, Myaat was watching them from heaven, smiling!