

From: Edward Smith-Pickle

To: Morton Pickle

Date: Monday 1 August

Subject: Your dragon again



Attachments: Poo close-up



You might have to change your flights after all, Uncle M. Your dragon's done another poo in the house. This time, he couldn't get into Mum's room, because she's been keeping her door shut, so he did it on the landing right outside. I scrubbed it with bleach, but there's still a stain on the carpet. I just hope Mum won't see it. If she does, she'll ring the zoo right away, I know she will.

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Question 1

What does Edward think his Uncle should do?

Explain how you know.



From: Edward Smith-Pickle

To: Morton Pickle

Date: Tuesday 2 August

Subject: Tethers



Attachments: Me putting out fire



Dear Uncle Morton,

What's a tether?

I don't know and Mum won't tell me, but she's at the end of hers.

That's what she says, anyway.

It was the curtains that did it.

Mum saw them last night. She was furious, but I managed to calm her down. I said I'd pay for new ones out of my pocket money.

I don't actually have any pocket money, but I promised to start saving

immediately.

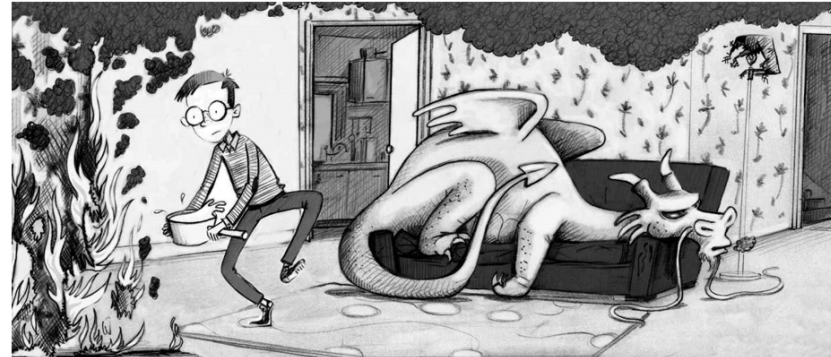
Also I pointed out that the hole was really quite small.

Mum gave a big sigh, shrugged her shoulders and stood on a chair and turned the curtains round so you could hardly see the hole. Not unless you were looking for it, anyway. And why would anyone get down on the floor and search for holes at the edge of the curtain?

Then, this morning, the dragon breathed all over them again.

It was really quite dramatic. The whole room filled with smoke. While I was running backwards and forward with a saucepan full of water (six times!), your dragon just sat on the sofa. I wasn't expecting an apology, but he could at least have looked embarrassed.

Also, he knows he's not allowed on the sofa.



This is my fifth email to you, Uncle M, and you haven't replied to one of them. I know you're on holiday but, even so, could you reply ASAP. Even if you can't come and collect your dragon, some tips on looking after him would be v much appreciated!

Edward

PS. If you don't know what ASAP means, it means As Soon As Possible.

PPS. Your bill is now: 3 supermarket shops, 2 curtains, 1 fridge, 1 rabbit, 1 new carpet. (Mum saw the stain.)

Question 2

How is Edward's mother feeling about looking after the dragon?
Explain how you know.

From: Edward Smith-Pickle

To: Morton Pickle

Date: Tuesday 2 August

Subject: Where are you?!?!!??



Attachments: Mum on the rampage



Dear Uncle Morton,

Mum rang your hotel. They said you never arrived. They said you cancelled your reservation and they gave your room to someone else.

So where are you?

Mum says you've been lying to us. She says you've always told lies, even when you were a boy, and she was stupid to think you might have changed.

I didn't know what to say, Uncle Morton. I was sure you hadn't lied to us. I don't believe you're a liar. But if you're not

staying at the Hotel Splendide, why did you give us their number? Where *are* you staying?

I told Mum anything might have happened. Maybe you banged your head and you don't know who you are. Maybe you're in hospital, covered in bandages, and no one knows who to call. Maybe you've been kidnapped. You're always talking about your enemies. Do you need us to pay a ransom? I hope not, because your bill with Mum is already quite enormous.



Mum doesn't think you've been kidnapped. Or bumped your head. She says you're just a selfish pig and always have been, and once you've collected your dragon she never wants to see you again.

I'm sure she didn't mean it, Uncle M.

Little sisters are always saying stuff like that. Emily does too. The next day, she's forgotten what she even said.

Mum's probably just the same.

But even so, I think you should call her ASAP.

Eddie

Question 3

What does his mother think has happened to Uncle M?

Explain how you know.

Question 4

How is Edward feeling about Uncle M?

Explain how you know.