

A Quest of the Dead

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(As transcribed by his mom from Beau's print edition)

Sir Beau the Knight was a warrior living in Romania.

He had been ordered by the king on a quest to find a dragon.

He rode his horse, Hades, across the land until he came to a castle.

The castle looked unoccupied, and dragons were known for taking over castles.

So, Sir Beau walked up to it.

There were gargoyles, broken windows, a moat with algae, cobwebs on the drawbridge and tall turrets.

Sir Beau goes in.

The door slams shut behind him.

He's trapped!

It's pitch black. There are spiders and creepy crawlers and dust.

Sir Beau hears moaning and creaking and faint voices.

Sir Beau goes upstairs. He falls way down a trap door.

Disoriented, he looks around and perched on the wall, he sees a vampire!

The vampire cackles menacingly. He's pale, with blood dripping from his fangs.

The vampire scuttles up the wall like a venomous spider and disappears through the window.

Sir Beau is frustrated because he did not fulfill his quest and he's feeling overwhelmed.

He has fallen into a dungeon that smells like old blood and mummified corpses.

It's pitch black and suddenly something grabs him!

Sir Beau yells in panic, "What was that! Something grabbed me!"

Sir Rory and Sir Luke appear.

They were also on a quest from the king to find a dragon but ended up at the castle.

All three calm down.

“An ogre has been coming down every night,” says Sir Luke.

The ogre lumbers in and swings his club at them. Luckily, their armour protects them.

The ogre has an awful stench that smells like rotting skin. He’s a big, monstrous creature.

The three knights cut themselves free and find a door in the shadows.

The door reveals a room with a crooked ladder. They climb out and end up in the main hallway.

They climb another spiral staircase and end up at the top room of the castle.

The door is locked but they hear scratching and moaning from the other side.

They use their swords to break in and guess what is inside?

A troll, an ogre, a vampire, a ghost, an alien, a mummy, a skeleton, a zombie, a devil, a witch and a werewolf, a giant and an orc were standing around a cauldron.

They were casting a magic spell to curse the castle for eternity.

Suddenly, the group of monsters turns around and sees the three knights standing in the doorway.

They start slowly walking toward Sir Beau, Rory and Luke chanting,

“We’ve been waiting for you...”

The End