

Storytime with Dad

Dragons Only Eat Noodles on Friday

Welcome to Storytime with Dad! Today, we will be reading Dragons Only Eat Noodles on Friday.

Once upon a time, in the kingdom of Everdale, lived a little dragon named Flicker. Flicker was small for a dragon, bright green with silver sparkles on his wings, and he had one big love in his life: noodles.

But here's the thing – Dragons only eat noodles on Friday. Don't ask me why, nobody really knows anymore, it's just something they've done for a long time so why change now? They've got their routine, and every other day they have the usual dragon snacks: fireberries for breakfast, ember-crackers for lunch, and fire-toast for dinner. But come Friday, Flicker's heart would start beating faster because he knew it was finally... noodle day.

One Thursday night, Flicker was so excited he could barely sleep. "Tomorrow is noodle day!" he whispered to his pillow, his wings buzzing with joy. "I bet Mr. Linguini has something extra delicious cooked up just for me!"

Morning finally came, and Flicker zoomed down the mountain to Mr. Linguini's Noodle Shop. Flicker always arrived early – he didn't want to miss one single noodle. But when he got there, he saw a long line of animals waiting at the shop, stretching all the way down the road. There were squirrels, raccoons, rabbits, even a family of turtles, all chattering and sniffing the air.

"Oh no!" Flicker gasped, flapping his wings. "They're all here for noodles!"

When he finally reached the front, he saw Mr. Linguini looking frazzled, stirring a gigantic pot with one hand and cutting noodles with the other.

"Flicker!" Mr. Linguini called, smiling when he saw his favorite customer. "I saved the best noodles for you! But I'll need-a your help. The villagers, they're are wild about noodles today, and I'm running out!"

"Of course, Mr. Linguini!" Flicker said, eager to help. He loved noodles and wanted everyone else to have a taste of their magic too.

Mr. Linguini handed Flicker a tiny chef's hat and a ladle. Flicker happily perched on a stool, stirring the noodles and adding sprinkles of garlic dust and mushroom sparkles, while Mr. Linguini kept chopping and serving the hungry villagers. Soon, Flicker noticed something odd: every time he scooped a noodle into a bowl, it would wiggle like it was alive!

"Uh... Mr. Linguini?" Flicker said, watching one noodle curl itself into a loop and slither back into the pot.

"Oh, did I mention?" Mr. Linguini chuckled, "I'm trying a new recipe today. These are magic noodles! I sprinkled them with a rare spice called Fantasia Fennel, and they tend to get a little... lively!"

Just then, a noodle hopped out of the pot and slithered right up Flicker's arm, making him giggle uncontrollably. "Hey! Stop that!" he laughed, trying to shake the noodle off.

Before he knew it, noodles were bouncing everywhere - onto the counters, onto the villagers, even onto Mr. Linguini's hat! One noodle wiggled its way into Flicker's nose, making him sneeze out a huge cloud of sparkly rainbow smoke that covered the whole room. When the rainbow dust cleared, the villagers found themselves laughing and hiccupping as noodles danced around their heads like little squiggly pets.

Everyone burst out laughing, clutching their sides as they watched the noodles put on a show. A group of noodles formed a line and started doing a conga dance. Another pile of noodles shaped itself into a dragon and tried to imitate Flicker, flapping its noodle wings and squeaking out little "Rawr" sounds.

Flicker couldn't stop laughing. "This is the best noodle day ever!"

And then he had an idea. He climbed onto the counter and shouted, "Listen up, everyone! How about we make this Noodle Day Friday Dance Party a weekly thing?"

The villagers cheered, clapping and chanting, "Noodle Day! Noodle Day!"

From that day forward, every Friday in the village of Everdale was officially Noodle Day. Villagers would line up at Mr. Linguini's shop, and he'd serve his magical, giggle-inducing noodles. Flicker became the official Noodle Day DJ, blowing sparkly rainbow smoke over the crowd as the noodles put on their weekly dance performance.

And so, every Friday, the village was filled with laughter, noodles, and glittering rainbow clouds, all thanks to a little dragon named Flicker and his love of noodles.

The end.



Oh my goodness, what do you think of that? Dancing giggle noodles. Would you want to eat those? I don't know about that. I love noodles: ramen noodles, spaghetti, you name it, but wiggle noodles might be a bit too much for me. But hey, maybe you like it and that's all right.

A big thanks goes out to Thomas and Wyatt for the creative story idea! I definitely took some license with this one, so I hope you enjoyed the noodly tale of Flicker.

Now, the story is pretty simple and fun, but I think it makes a great point - which is to celebrate things. In my family, we also do something every Friday like Flicker decided to do with the town. You know I am a Dad and I have 3 kids, it's the reason I started reading these stories, and every Friday we do a thing called Fun Friday. We have a popcorn machine that we get out, we pop some popcorn, put on fun toppings, order a pizza, and watch a movie to celebrate the end of the week. The catch is, every other day of the week we sit down as a family and eat dinner together, but on Fun Friday we loosen up and make a fun night out of it.

So that's what I do, but here's the magic, you can celebrate things however you like. You don't need money or a lot of people to celebrate and make a routine for yourself. Just think of something you like doing, and do it the same time every week or every day. It's your own special celebration, and if you have friends or siblings or anyone else you want to invite into it, you can do that!

Anything can be a good reason to celebrate and making things fun and magical is at least partly up to us.

Thanks again for the story request! I very much appreciate knowing what you want me to read, so please keep the ideas coming. You can send them to me at storytimewithdad.com, or email me at hello@storytimewithdad.com.

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