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Berk is the name of an island. A village of viking was located on the	72
remote island. The village was attacked frequently by dragons, which took	147
livestock and damaged property. There lived a boy who was fifteen years	220
old and a son of the village chieftain. But he was awkward. He was also	294
too scrawny and weak to fight the dragons, so he created mechanical devices	370
instead. His inventions often backfired, though. He served on probation	444
under the village blacksmith, his master. During one attack, the son used	519
a bolas launcher to shoot down one dragon. The dangerous and rare dragon	593
was little known. Although no one believed him, he searched for the fallen	669
dragon by himself. He found the dragon in the forest, tangled in his net,	744
and could not make away with it. Instead, he set the dragon free.	813
The village chieftain, his father, assembled a fleet to find the nest	884
of the dragons, and entered his son in a class for fighting a dragon taught	960
by the master blacksmith, to train while he was away. The son returned to	1,035
the forest and found the dangerous and rare dragon still there, unable to	1,109
fly because his bolas tore off half of its tail fin. He befriended the	1,181
dragon, giving it even the name. Toothless was the name, because it	1,250
usually hid all the teeth. Feeling guilty for crippling his friend dragon,	1,326
he designed a harness rig and his hand made fin which allowed it to fly	1,398
with his controlling the prosthetic.	1,437
Stellan, the son, learned about dragon behaviors as he worked with his	1,509
friend dragon, and was able to nonviolently subdue all the captive dragons	1,584
during the training, earning him the admiration of his peers. His tough	1,657
but cute girlfriend Greta in the village, however, became increasingly	1,728
suspicious of his behavior. Meanwhile, a fleet of a chieftain arrived at	1,802
home unsuccessful, though he was cheered by an unexpected success of his	1,875
son in dragon training. The son was judged the winner of his training	1,946
class, and had to do away with the dragon for the final exam. He tries to	2,021
run away with his friend dragon Toothless. But he was discovered by his	2,094

girlfriend in the forest. He took her for a flight to demonstrate that the	2,170
dragon was friendly. When she reminded him of the exam, the dragon	2,238
unexpectedly took the pair to the nest of dragons, where they discovered a	2,313
gargantuan dragon which ate the smaller dragons unless they constantly	2,384
brought it food. The two realized that the dragons had been attacking	2,455
their village under duress. His girlfriend wished to tell the village	2,526
about their discovery, but he advised against it to protect his dragon.	2,600
Back at the village the next day, Stellan faced a captive monstrous	2,669
dragon in his final exam. Instead of attacking it, however, he subdued it	2,744
in an attempt to prove that dragons were peaceful. When his father	2,812
inadvertently angered the dragon into attacking, his friend dragon arrived	2,887
to protect him, but was captured by the village people in the process. The	2,963
son accidentally revealed to his father that his friend dragon knew the	3,035
location of the nest of dragons. Father disowned his son, and set off for	3,110
the nest with his dragon chained to the lead ship as a guide. After the	3,183
village people had left, he was devastated, but Greta, his girlfriend,	3,254
prompted him to come to the realization that he had spared the dragon out	3,328
of compassion and empathy, not weakness. He then regained his confidence	3,402
to go after his friend dragon and save him.	3,448
The village attackers located and broke open the nest of dragons,	3,515
causing most of the dragons to fly out, but awakening the large monster at	3,590
the same time, which soon overwhelmed the attackers. The son, his	3,657
girlfriend, and their fellow pupils flew in, rode captive training dragons	3,732
in their village, provided cover fire, and distracted the monstrous one	3,804
while the son freed his dragon. He almost drowned while doing so, but his	3,879
father saved them both, reconciling with his son. The son and his dragon	3,953
destroyed the monstrous one by puncturing its wing membranes and then	4,023
tricked the beast into making a plunge. The son was injured in the fight,	4,098
especially in his lower left leg. He awakened back in the village, finding	4,174

that his master had dressed his wound. Stellan was admired by all the villagers, especially his girlfriend, who kissed him. The village began a new era, with humans and dragons living in harmony.

It has been five years since Stellan and his friend dragon Toothless successfully united dragons and villagers on the island. Berk island was a much happier place. Instead of stealing the livestock and destroying buildings, dragons lived amongst the villagers as working animals and companions, and even took part in racing sports. While his girlfriend and the rest of the fellow gangs were challenging each other to dragon races enthusiastically. The race was that dragons and their riders compete to catch sheep and dunk them in baskets. The race became the newest and the most favorite contact sport in the island.

On the other hand, the inseparable pair Stellan and Toothless, journey through the skies to explore unmapped territories and new worlds. When one of their adventures led to the discovery of a secret ice cave which was home to hundreds of new wild dragons and the mysterious dragon rider, the two friends find themselves at the very midst of a battle to protect the peace. But they were captured by another skilled dragon rider Valka, who recognized Stellan. She revealed that she was his long-lost mother. She was taken by a dragon when he was a baby. With his mother Stellan returned to warn his father, the village chieftain, about the dragon army. Now it was the time that Stellan and Toothless had to unite to stand up for what they believed. They had the power to change the future of both men and dragons.