

The Ribbon Knows!



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The Dragon Fair was loud and bright,
with paper flames and kites in flight.

Theo came for just one thing:
a crown fit for the Dragon King.



His sister Liv wrapped ribbon round
his head and marked the size she found.
“Take this. It shows the size you need.”
“A clever plan!” Theo agreed.



At Dragon Hall, from wall to wall,
were crowns and helmets, short and tall.
Then Theo saw one, black and gold,
with silver horns curved bright and bold.
He gasped. “That’s it! That is my crown!”
The crownsmith smiled and took it down.



“Try it on.”

Theo searched his coat.

He checked each pocket, seam, and fold.

He searched again from hem to hood,
then searched as hard as Theo could.

“My ribbon’s gone! We can’t know now
if this will fit across my brow!”



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What could Theo try?

The ribbon is missing. The crown is right there.
What could Theo do to find out whether it fits?

Take a guess together, then keep reading.

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