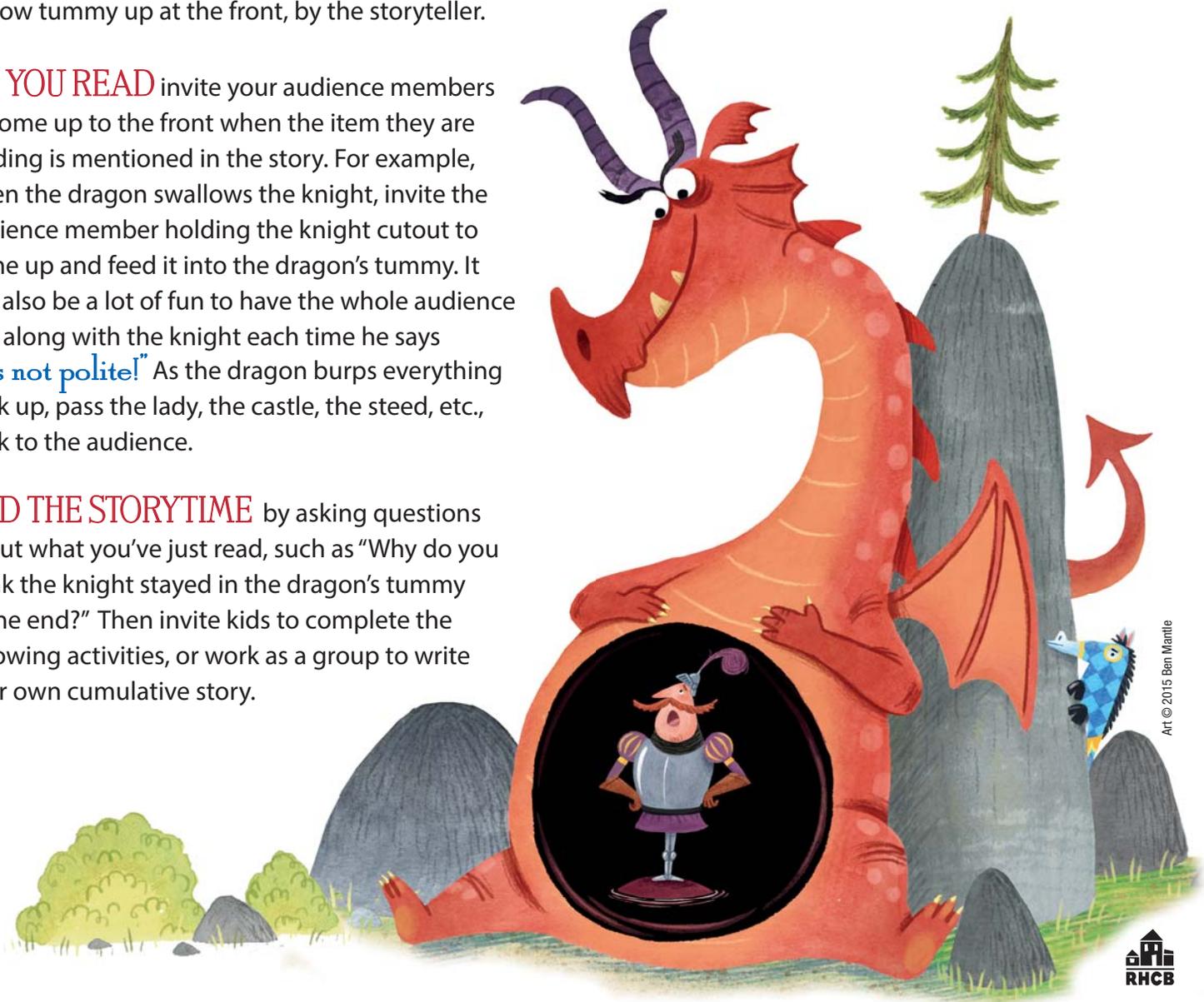# There Was an Old DRAGON Who Swallowed a Knight

Storytime Read-Aloud Tips

BEFORE STARTING THE STORY ask your audience if anyone has ever heard the song "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly." Explain that the story you are about to read is about a dragon who has a problem similar to the old lady's; she keeps eating and eating, trying to get rid of that pesky fly in her tummy. In this story however, the dragon swallows a knight . . . and just about everything else in the kingdom! If you've printed out the reproducible activities for this book, pass out items to the audience that represent everything the dragon eats in the story, and keep the picture of the dragon with the hollow tummy up at the front, by the storyteller.

AS YOU READ invite your audience members to come up to the front when the item they are holding is mentioned in the story. For example, when the dragon swallows the knight, invite the audience member holding the knight cutout to come up and feed it into the dragon's tummy. It can also be a lot of fun to have the whole audience talk along with the knight each time he says "It's not polite!" As the dragon burps everything back up, pass the lady, the castle, the steed, etc., back to the audience.

END THE STORYTIME by asking questions about what you've just read, such as "Why do you think the knight stayed in the dragon's tummy at the end?" Then invite kids to complete the following activities, or work as a group to write your own cumulative story.

THE END...But Then...

That poor knight whom the dragon gobbles up is the only one who has to stay in the dragon's belly in the end. Draw a picture of what you think happens to the knight when the story is over. Does the knight ever escape? You can also write down your story in the lines below, and draw a picture of what happens.

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Feed This Hungry Dragon

Cut a slit in the dragon's belly, and feed him a knight,
a steed, a castle, and more as you read the story.

DRAGON

✂ (CUT)

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What Will That Dragon Eat Next?

Cut out the below, and feed them one by one
to the dragon the storyteller is holding.

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