



The legend of Saint George and the dragon

According to legend, in a distant land there was a kingdom called Montblanc. Its meadows were green and the sky seemed always blue. Yet its people could not live peacefully, because a terrible dragon lurked nearby.

He was so enormous that when he flew above the houses, his shadow covered the town. His wings were huge and his scales harder than stone. Flames poured from his mouth, burning everything in their path.

The villagers were terrified. In desperation, the king believed he could calm the dragon only by giving him a person each day. He ordered a daily drawing of lots that filled every morning in Montblanc with sadness.

One day the princess's name was chosen. She was the king's beloved daughter, and everyone loved her kindness. Her father offered gold and land to anyone who could save her, but nobody dared face the dragon.

The knight and the rose



Then a knight called George appeared, known as Jordi in this version of the legend. He wore shining armour and rode a snow-white horse. He promised to help the princess and free the town from its terrible danger.

The next day, when the dragon left his cave looking for food, George waited with his lance ready. He faced the creature bravely. After a fierce struggle he struck the dragon's heart and brought his reign of terror to an end.

From the dragon's blood grew a rose bush covered in red flowers. The knight chose the loveliest rose and gave it to the princess as a symbol of affection and courage.

Montblanc celebrated with music, songs and festivities. The king offered George anything he wished for, but he asked only that the people should be free from future tribute and able to live in peace.

Since then, the story of Saint George and the dragon has passed from generation to generation. The rose recalls the knight's gift, and the legend continues to invite conversations about courage, kindness and protecting others.