# Boris the Dragon

**A NARRATIVE POEM by Johnny Melville**

A multi-layered project of verse, image & audio.

*A bedtime story for children from 8 to 80, with wit and wordplay for the grown-up too.*



# The Story

A fearsome dragon is kissed in his sleep by a lady hummingbird, causing him to lose his fiery breath. Humbled, he learns some new ways, finds friends, and a new kind of power.

## The Hero

Boris, once the terror of Dragonia and the forest domain, loses his ability to blow fire and becomes terrified of the dark and of all those he mistreated...

## The Cast

Co-starring Call Ibri, *a lady hummingbird*, Hannibal the *Pheasident*, P.C. Toodles, the *Great Dane-Poodle*, Prim the *bloodhound*, and a whole forest full of supporting players.

## The Tone

Comic verse full of wit, wonder and wordplay with mock editor's notes, straight from the heart: redemption, unlikely alliances and love, together with a little animal guidance for our topsy-turvy world.



# Many Layers, One World



## The Poem

23 Episodes with an Epilogue of rhyming comic verse, this is a narrative poem with editor's notes and a dragon glossary too. For families of all ages.

▶ Listen to the opening lines, read by the author

## The Images

Warm painted storybook illustrations: soft watercolour and ink, moonlit forests and glowing light. For now all illustration examples here are from AI.

## The Music

The humming-birds' one-note hum charms the whole forest: but in addition a plethora of songs and background music in a variety of styles, sung by the narrator and the characters themselves.

# Boris’s dilemma









# Before and after the kiss







# Partnerships & Conflicts

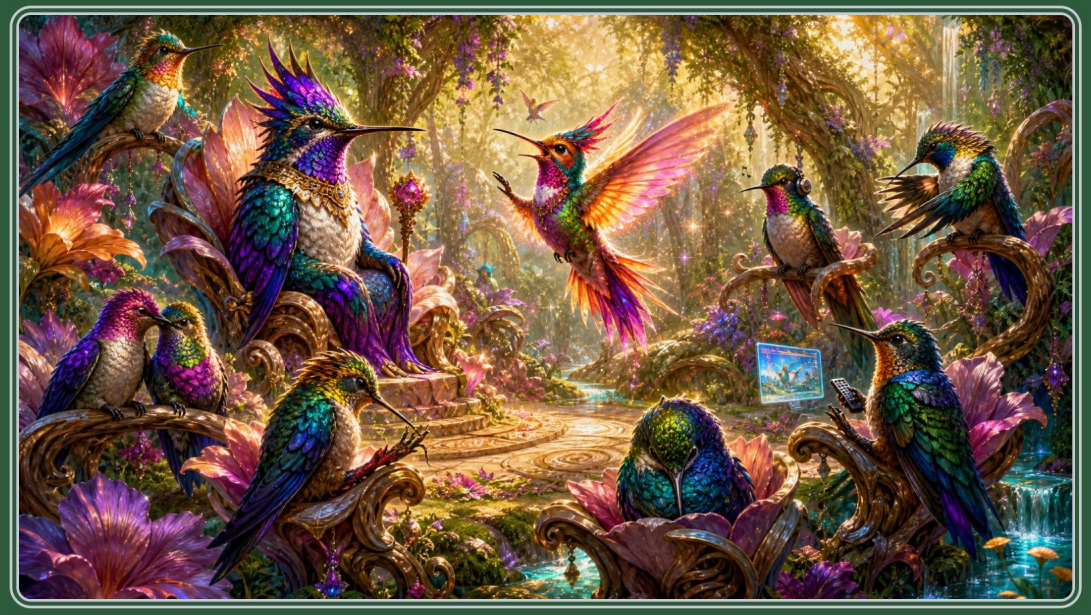


Hannibal takes Boris on as his client.




Toodles, the secret-agent poodle, and Prim the bloodhound.

# Agreements and Solutions



Call Ibri pleads her case to the Hummingbird Council.



The forest community joins the parade.

# The Music

*13 songs and themes, about 42 minutes of music, played in order through the telling.*

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| 1 | Overture to the Forest | 3:35 | 2 | Boris's Blues | 3:30 |
| 3 | The Fireworks Display | 2:46 | 4 | Boris: Don't Want to Be Cuddly | 2:51 |
| 5 | Boris & Hannibal: Nightmare Rap | 3:06 | 6 | Boris Flying Theme | 3:17 |
| 7 | Call Ibri Sings: My First Regret | 2:48 | 8 | Police Dogs | 3:30 |
| 9 | Call Ibri at the Council | 3:56 | 10 | Call Ibri Sings: You Can Get So Low | 3:08 |
| 11 | Animals Parade: Celebrate Boris | 3:18 | 12 | Boris Goes to Find Call Ibri | 3:33 |
| 13 | Dragonia | 2:27 | | | |

# How a Sponsor Can Help

### Illustrations

Costs of the illustration design. Approx. €5,000

### Recording

Costs of the voice and music recordings. Approx. €22,000

### Marketing

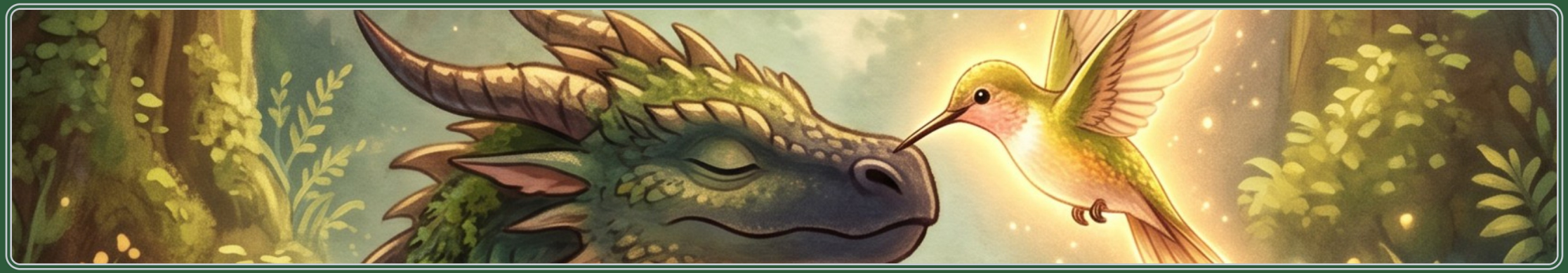
Costs of the physical book and online digital publishing. €3,000

### Presentation

Performed live by Johnny Melville, actor Cyron Melville, and guest artist voices with songs and music along the way.

**Total approx. €30,000**

What the sponsor receives: credit, name on the work and returns to be negotiated.



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