

((Note: This whole story is not canon to the RP. This section takes place during [Chapter 50](#).)

Moonstone has been napping for a short while since the nice human left. The soft comfort of her bed had made it easier for her to settle into her rest. But now her rest was over as her brain had picked up the energy to wake her. The dragonet opened her eyes and lifted her head quick when heard the door swing open and smelled a familiar scent. It was the nice man who brought her here and he was just returning. The man spoke to her with a smile on his face. Once again, Moonstone failed to understand what he was exactly saying. But she could tell from the tone of his voice that he was saying something good. Was he just greeting and telling her about his day? Did he have a surprise for her? Moonstone wished she knew the humans' language, so that she could hear what it is he is telling her. The man beckoned her up with the wave of his finger as he spoke a few more words to follow him out of the room. The dragonet was curious as to where he was taking her now. She pushed herself up to stand and got off of the comfort of the bed. She stretched her limbs to rid of herself of the last remains of sleep before she bounded over to him. Moonstone walked along the man as she followed them through the hall and into a very small room behind a sliding door that closed itself like magic after they entered. The room was a strange one, not just for its narrow size, but also the fact that she was feeling movement from it. It felt like it was descending down slowly and smoothly. After it got to a stop, the door opened itself and Moonstone found themselves facing the starting room of the building. The two left the small room and head out the double door where they went outside.

Outside stood a blue dragon with brown wings, a light yellow underside, and white antlers and spines. They went to him and the man started to speak to the dragon. The dragon replied back to him in the humans' language. Then he looked at Moonstone and asked in the native language she knew well, <Hello, my name is Sovereign. What is yours?>

The dragonet answered, <My name is Moonstone, but you can call me Moon for short. Are you this human's friend?>

Sovereign answered, <Not really. Rick here was looking for a dragon he saw who he thinks can teach you how to speak his language. But he had trouble finding him, so I offered to teach you instead.>

Moonstone said, <Well gee, that is nice of you. I always wanted to know what humans were saying. Because everything they always say sounds gibberish. Like blah blah blah blah.>

Sovereign let out a short laugh and said, <They sure do sound like that, do not they?> Then the man named Rick spoke to the dragon again, who replied back in human. The two continued to talk before Rick went to a nearby spot that was on the yard on the right side of the hotel.

Moonstone asked the dragon, <So what were you guys saying just now?>

The dragon answered, <Rick just wanted to know what was funny. I told him about how humans like him

sounded funny to dragons who do not understand their language.>

Moonstone, worried about the man's feelings, asked, <He did not take offense to that, did he?> Was Rick going to think badly of her? She hoped not.

Sovereign shook his head and answered, <No he did not. In fact, he was pretty much fine with it.> The dragonet relaxed, she was glad to know that she wasn't in trouble. <Anyway, Rick is going to train himself while I teach you how to speak Common.>

The dragonet repeated the word curiously, <Common?>

Sovereign explained, <It is a universal language spoken by both dragons and humans. Humans teach their slaves this language, so that they can better understand their orders. But you do not need to be a slave to learn it. It is a language you can learn anytime you want.>

<Great, so when do we get started?> Moonstone was eager to start learning now.

The dragon answered, <Anytime you want. I will be patient if you want to wait.>

<Nah, I want to learn now. The sooner we start, the more I can learn the language.>

Sovereign smiled in merriment and said, <Alright then, we will start with simple words first. How about we start with greetings? Like "hello" and "how are you". "Hello" means <hello> and "how are you" means <how are you>. These are two of the usual greetings in the Common language. But we are just going to do the word "hello" for now. So try saying "hello", Moon.>

<Okay,> said Moonstone. Then she repeated after him as if she was doing an actual greeting, "Hello Sovereign!"

The dragon snickered heartily and responded, "Hello Moon." Then he went back to lecturing in Dragon, <"Hello" is the most common word to greet somebody, but there are also other words that has the same meaning as it. They are "hi", "howdy" and "hey". "Howdy" is probably one of these informal greetings spoken by country humans. I am not sure if you should say it to people you're supposed to be professional with.>

Moonstone said, <Well then, I will just stick with the word "hello" until I am much more familiar with Common.> It was a neutral and the most polite greeting, right? A king probably won't mind if she uses it with him.

<Okay then, sounds like a good idea.> Sovereign continued the lessons, <Anyway, there are more greetings than the few words I just mentioned. These ones relate to the time of the day. The first one that relates to morning is "good morning". "Good" means good and "morning" means morning.>

The dragonet asked, <So it is like you're telling someone that the morning is good?>

The dragon answered, <Well yes in that way. But it can also be like you are wishing for their morning to be good.>

<Interesting...> said Moonstone, finding this kind of greeting to be fascinating. A greeting related to the time of the day sounded creative; the dragon language didn't have such words. She asked, <So do any other words like <good midday>, <good dusk>, <good day> and <good night>?>

<Common does not have the words <good midday> and <good dusk>, but it does have the greetings for day and evening. They are "good afternoon" and "good evening". But "good night" is more of a way of telling someone to have a good night's sleep, it is not a greeting at all.>

<Why is that?> asked Moonstone. She found it odd how humans would make one of such phrases different from the others. She wondered what was the point of that.

Even Sovereign was unsure of this himself as he answered, <Well...I don't know. You will probably have to ask a human why they invented the phrase like that. Anyway, since we are talking about greetings like these, you will try practicing these words. We will skip "good night" for now, since that is not a greeting. Since it is evening right now, let us start with "good evening." Say it with me, "good evening.">

Moonstone repeated, "Good evening."

The dragon nodded, <Good job! Now let us pretend it is morning and say "good morning.">

"Good morning," copied Moonstone.

Then after they practiced, they greeting "good afternoon", Sovereign reviewed the 4 greetings he taught his student, <Now before we move on to more greetings, let us go over what we learned. "Hello" means hello which you can use anytime you want, "good morning" is a morning hello, "good afternoon" is used for afternoons and "good evening" is used for evening. Remember to always keep these in mind when you meet someone you see. You got it?>

The dragonet nodded understandingly and replied, <Got it! "Hello, good morning, good afternoon" and "good evening". I will be sure to practice these words when I get home.>

<Good idea, you'll remember these words better if you do,> advised Sovereign. <So now let's get on to another Common word; it is called "welcome." It means <welcome.> You can use that word when somebody arrives. This word can also be used with places just like in our language, but you got to have the word "to", which means <to>, to go with it. Like when you try to say <welcome to Windfall>, you say "welcome to Windfall." Just like that.>

Moonstone said, <Okay I got it. I'm going to practice that. "Welcome to Windfall." "Welcome to" my cave. "Welcome to" Rick's home.> She didn't need to be told to practice as she knew he was going to make her do so anyway.

Sovereign smiled and praised, <Very good! Now let us go on to "nice to meet you." We already know what "to" means, but I need to teach you what the other words mean. "Nice" is a word for <nice>, "meet" means <meet>, and "you" means <you>. So basically "nice to meet you" means it is nice to meet you. You can even add "it's" or "it is" in front of it, both of which means <it is>.> This sounded similar to how many hellos in the draconic language would translate to many other greetings in Common. Only <it is> seems to have fewer as the dragonet only knew two of its translations so far. She wondered how many other words in the draconic language had more than one meaning in Common. <Now say it with me, "it's nice to meet you!">

"Nice to meet you!" Moonstone repeated. Then she quickly realized she forgot something as she cried, <Oh no, I forgot to say "it's."> She felt clumsy for missing that word.

<It is alright, that kind of phrase is acceptable. You can say it without "it is" or "it's", but do remember what these words mean, okay?>

<Alright, I will,> assured the dragonet. So, Sovereign continued to teach her a few more greetings and have her practice them. This went on for a while until he gave Moonstone a break, so that her mind could get used to better memorizing everything she was taught. She took this time to go see Rick and speak to him with one of the words she's learned. She found him in the practice of training with his sword. The man swung his blade around swiftly with grace, almost looking like he was dancing. Moonstone sat down at a spot where he could see her. She would keep on watching him until he noticed her. A few seconds later, he did as he smiled and said something to her. Now was the right time to say it. "Hello Rick," she greeted happily.

Rick looked surprised at what he just heard before he smiled again and replied, "Hello-" This was immediately followed by some more words, which also included Sovereign's name. Moonstone guessed that he must be glad that the dragon was teaching her Common words. Then she heard Sovereign speaking to Rick and even mentioning Moonstone's nickname.

The dragon told him a few of the greetings that they practiced. Then he turned his head towards the dragonet and told her, <Go on, Moon. Tell him all the words we've learned.> Rick's eyes fell upon her too, waiting to hear her speak.

Moonstone began to list all the words she's been taught, "Hello, hi, hey...arr... Howdy, good morning...good evening... Good afternoon, it's nice to meet you." She was a bit glad that she included the pronoun and the third person singular this time. "Salutations, welcome." She continued to with all the greetings she knew, watching Rick getting prouder with each word she knew. Eventually, she was

done. The man sounded impressed as he appeared to be praising the dragonet before he spoke with Sovereign again. The two males resumed their conversation before Rick said something to Moonstone and went back to his training.

Sovereign looked to her and said, <Looks like Rick is pleased with what you learned. Did you notice that?>

Moonstone nodded with an open-tooth smile, <Yes, I sure did! He looks pretty glad!>

Sovereign replied, <Yes, he is. We can keep impressing him with our next lesson after the break.>

The dragonet asked, <So what will we be learning next?>

The dragon answered, <I'll be teaching you how to say the many forms of goodbyes. You know? Since I'll eventually have to leave after this.>

<Will you come back next time to teach me more?>

<Yes, I will. Just use telepathy to talk to me and I'll come flying over.>

<You got it!> said Moonstone. Then after her break was over, Sovereign taught her the many ways of saying "good-bye" in Common. The dragonet practiced them and these were the last words for today. After that was done, Sovereign concluded his lessons for today and had another chat with Rick.

Then when the dragon was about to leave, he said to Moonstone, <I'll see you next time, Moon. Farewell.>

"Goodbye Sovereign," the dragonet replied, feeling it would be appropriate to use that learned word.

"Goodbye Moon," said Sovereign before he took off into the air and left. The dragonet was eager for the next day to come so that she could learn more of the Common language.

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((**Note:** This section takes place during [Chapter 53](#).)

Moonstone and Rick walked through the city streets. The dragonet stood closely by his side for protection as she was wary of the humans around her. They might kick or shove her out of the way if she got too close to their personal space and she didn't like being hurt. The dragon citizens were no problem as she was a member of their race and they wouldn't hurt her out of hate and bigotry. Soon, Moonstone and Rick approached a man standing behind a strange big box that smelled of the delicious

scent of burning meat. Rick and the man began talking to one another before they traded their gold and meat respectively. The man behind the box smiled down at Moonstone and appeared to be saying some nice words to her. It looks like she got lucky to see two good humans today. She wondered if she would see anymore in her life. She responded with one of the many greetings, "It's nice to meet you!" Rick resumed talk with the man before he started to leave. The dragonet followed her friend as she looked back at the man behind the box and said, "Goodbye!"

The man replied, "Goodbye!" He spoke a few more words that she didn't understand yet. After they left a short distance away, Rick took the long, thin red meat off the brown and white thing and held it out to Moonstone like he was offering the treat to her. She looked at it curiously as if she heard about one of these foods. Was this one of these hot dogs that she heard about it? Did humans cook their canine pets to eat? Well no matter, it smelled good so it must be delicious. The dragonet grabbed the meat with her mouth and began to chew on it. The juices from the meat tasted like something she never had before. It tasted like heaven and joy. The meat was beyond anything delicious that she had eaten of any animal she had. What animal did the humans kill to make this nice-tasting cooked meat? She could like to catch it when she grows up. Moonstone and Rick ate their hot dogs before he asked her something. He was probably asking if she enjoyed her food. Moonstone just let out a happy chirp in response as a way to confirm her satisfaction. After some more words from Rick, they went on the move again.

Soon, they got to a stop where they stood in front of a bright and colorful building that seems to give off a fun and joyous atmosphere inside. Moonstone saw small soft-looking figures of humans, bears and other animals at the window. For some strange, peculiar reason, the animal figures were bipedal as opposed to being 4-legged like they actually were. Inside were other kinds of figures that resembled human's man-made tools and other strange-looking objects. Rick told and gestured for the dragonet to wait outside, while he went in there. She guessed that this was one of these buildings that didn't allow dragons inside. Looks like she was going to have to wait outside. Hopefully her friend won't take too long inside. Moonstone waited for half a minute before she heard something buzzing around. She looked up and saw a fly zooming around. She figured she could have a bit of a fun with it to kill off some boredom until Rick gets back. She swiped up at it with her talon, but she missed. She got to her feet and tried again, but it evaded again. She pursued it, trying to hit the tiny black insect, out into the streets. Without being too aware of her surroundings, she soon bumped into a long-haired whitette young woman wearing maroon clothes. The stuff the woman carried fell onto the cobblestone road. Moonstone felt bad about the accident and wished she knew the Common word to apologize. The young woman shot her a glare with her teeth clenched in anger and yelled at her. Moonstone backed away in fear, thinking that this human would hurt her. Luckily, the woman didn't as after until the dragonet was back at her spot in front of the building, the woman took up her stuff and left. Moonstone decided it was best to remain in her spot for the time being.

Pretty soon, Rick returned and he came out with a purple ball in his hand. He showed it to Moonstone as he talked to her. The dragonet looked at it curiously, wondering what it was and what it was for. The man bounced it on the ground and she watched it go up and down. Then he tossed it to her and Moonstone saw it land at her feet. She rolled the ball around to see what it was like before she started to play with

it. Her play was cut short as Rick picked up the ball and said something to her. He beckoned her to follow him again and they walked over to a bench in front of building, bigger than the colorful one they just came from, across the street. Turned out Rick wanted to give her a bigger space to play as he gave the ball back to Moonstone and she resumed playing with it. She rolled and bounced it around for a while until she got bored. Then she sat on the bench with Rick and laid her head on his lap. She napped as he patted her for a several seconds until she felt the man set her aside and he moved off the bench. Moonstone opened her eyes to see a couple of humans and a pair of dragons looking at them. Rick was gazing at the man in a black hooded outfit. The dragonet chirped, looking at her curiously and wondering what he was going to do.