

WHAT DID THE DRAGON DO? (HAND)

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Definitions

Hand: a grasping part of the human body	She cut her hand on the knife.
Hand: control or supervision	The party was in the hands of the Boys Club.
Hand: skill or ability	Joe tried his hand at surfing.
Hand: a style of penmanship	The teacher could not read Larry's handwriting.

Setting: May-Ling's poor village

Characters:

Narrator
May-Ling
Blossom

- Narrator:** Once upon a time a young girl named May-Ling was about to be given a birthday party by her parents. They told her to invite whomever she wanted. May-Ling thought and thought and finally decided she wanted to invite an enormous dragon who lived at the top of the mountain. Everyone was fearful of the dragon and tried to convince May-Ling not to go close to the dragon.
- May-Ling:** I'll invite all my family and friends and I will ask the dragon, too!
- Villagers:** May-Ling, you must never go near the dragon! The dragon is the cause of all of our poverty and suffering.
- Blossom:** May-Ling, don't you remember what was written by the High Priest's hand? He wrote that no one must go close to the dragon. It is forbidden.
- Father:** It is in my hands that I must guard you against harm, May-Ling. Please obey.
- Mother:** Yes, May-Ling. It is your duty to obey your father.
- May-Ling:** Please let me try my hand at this challenge. I have no fear of the dragon.
- Narrator:** And so May-Ling started to walk up the mountain. Half-way up the steep path, she heard the dragon bellowing. Fiery flames shot down the cliff and May-Ling ran back to her house.
- Father:** Have you learned your lesson? The dragon is *very* dangerous.
- Narrator:** But the very next day, May-Ling started up the mountain again.
- Mother:** May-Ling, come back! The Dragon will knock you over the cliff with his huge hand.
- Narrator:** About three quarters of the way up the mountain, May-ling could see the large dragon and hear his sad song.
- Dragon:** "Alone I live, alone I cry. Friendless and sad until I die."
- Narrator:** Then the dragon threw red-hot rocks with his hands toward May-Ling. She turned and ran as fast as she could down the mountain.

Father: Now, have you learned your lesson? Don't be such a silly girl!

May-Ling: But Father, tomorrow is my birthday. I still want to invite the sad, lonely dragon to my party. Please, Father, let me go ask him.

Narrator: Once again, May-Ling climbed the mountain until she reached the very top. There she saw the dragon roaring and crying and wiping tears from his eyes with the back of his hands. As May-Ling walked toward him, she heard him sing: "Alone I live. Who dares come near? Who can conquer doubt and fear?"

May-Ling: Though you are a scary beast, I've come to invite you to my party.

Narrator: The dragon suddenly stopped...

What happened next?

Using as many definitions of hand as you can, end the play.