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Ivan and the Dragons In a hidden valley surrounded by mountains and forests, there lived a man named Ivan who had a remarkable bond with dragons. Ivan first discovered the valley as a lost boy and was welcomed by a dragon named Ember. Over time, Ivan became the Dragon Keeper, caring for the dragons and living among them.  One day, explorers from Ivan's old village went searching for dragons and stumbled upon the valley. They were amazed by the dragons and wanted to take them away. Ivan pleaded with the explorers to leave the dragons in their home, but they were determined to capture them.  In a desperate attempt to protect his dragon friends, Ivan stood between the explorers and the dragons. Tragically, in the midst of the chaos, Ivan was accidentally harmed by the dragons he loved so dearly. The explorers, shocked and remorseful, realized the dragons were defending their home and Ivan. They retreated, leaving the valley and its dragons in peace. Ivan's sacrifice ensured the dragons remained safe and free in their magical valley. And so, Ivan's legacy as the Dragon Keeper lived on, remembered for his bravery and deep connection with the majestic creatures of the hidden valley.
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2.What role did Ember, the dragon, play in Ivan's life?
3.Why did the explorers from Ivan's old village come to the hidden valley?
4. How did Ivan's actions protect the dragons in the end?
5. If you were Ivan, would you have tried to protect the dragons, even if it cost you your life? Why or why not?

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## **Answers**

- 1.How did Ivan first discover the hidden valley where the dragons lived? Ivan discovered the hidden valley when he was lost in the forest as a young boy.
- **2.What role did Ember, the dragon, play in Ivan's life?** Ember was the first dragon who welcomed Ivan.
- 3. Why did the explorers from Ivan's old village come to the hidden valley? The explorers came to the hidden valley because they were searching for dragons.
- **4.How did Ivan's actions protect the dragons in the end?** Ivan protected the dragons by standing between them and the explorers, risking his own safety to prevent them from being captured. This led to the villagers leaving the dragons alone.
- 5.If you were Ivan, would you have tried to protect the dragons, even if it cost you your life? Why or why not? Answers may vary.