

## Chapter 11: Thor is Angry

The storm raged through the whole of that night. Hiccup lay unable to sleep as the wind hurled about the walls like fifty dragons trying to get in.

‘Let us in, let us in,’ shrieked the wind. ‘We’re very, very hungry.’

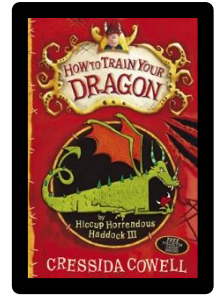
Out in the blackness and way out to sea the storm was so wild and the waves so gigantic that they disturbed the sleep of a couple of very ancient Sea Dragons indeed.

The first dragon was averagely enormous, about the size of a largish cliff.

The second dragon was that Monster mentioned earlier in this story, the great beast who had been sleeping off his Roman picnic for the past six centuries or so, the one who had recently been drifting into lighter sleep.

The great storm lifted both dragons gently from the seabed like a couple of sleeping babies, and washed them on the swell of one indescribably enormous wave on to The Long Beach, outside Hiccup’s village.

And there they stayed, sleeping peacefully, while the wind shrieked horribly all around them like wild Viking ghosts having a loud party in Valhalla, until the storm blew itself out and the sun came up on a beach full of dragon and very little else.



### Questions

1. *How big was the first dragon?*
2. *How long had the second dragon been sleeping?*
3. *How do both dragons end up on the Long Beach, near Hiccup’s village?*
4. *Give two examples of how Cowell makes the storm seem very powerful.*
5. *This part is all about building tension. How does Cowell make the reader want to find out what happens next?*