



## Leo and the Data Dragon

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Leo loved his big box of colorful blocks. "I'm going to build the tallest tower in the whole wide world!" he declared. He stacked a big red one, a long blue one, and a square yellow one.



But the higher his tower got, the more it started to wobble. Wobble-wobble, wobble-wobble... CRASH! The blocks tumbled down into a messy pile. "Oh, fiddlesticks!" Leo sighed, looking at the jumble.



Suddenly, a little creature shimmered into the room! It was a friendly dragon, made of glowing, see-through blocks that blinked with soft lights. He was no bigger than Leo's favorite teddy bear.



"Hello!" buzzed the little dragon, his voice like a happy little hum. "My name is Gigabyte. I'm a data dragon. It looks like your tower has some wobbly data!"

"Data?" asked Leo. "It's information!" Gigabyte chirped. His eyes glowed, and lines of soft light appeared around the blocks on the floor. "See? The big, heavy blocks need to go on the bottom. That makes the tower strong!"



Leo picked up the biggest blue block and the biggest red block. He placed them carefully side-by-side on the floor. Gigabyte zipped around his head happily. "Perfect data! A strong start!"



Leo and Gigabyte worked together. "Put the long ones across," Gigabyte suggested. "Then the square ones on top!" The tower grew taller and taller, and it wasn't wobbly at all! It was strong and straight.





"Hooray!" shouted Leo. "It's the tallest tower ever!" It was so tall, it almost touched the ceiling. Gigabyte glowed brightly, his little block-scales swirling with happy, rainbow colors.



"Thank you, Gigabyte!" said Leo, giving the glowing dragon a careful pat. "Building is easy when you have good data!" Gigabyte buzzed happily. "And building with a friend is the most fun of all!"