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Ferocious and brimming with flame,

The cause of unspeakable terror

When anyone mentions my name.

I’m bored with my bad reputation 5

For being a miserable brute,

And being routinely expected

To brazenly pillage and loot.

I wish that I weren’t repulsive,

Despicable, ruthless, and fierce, 10

With talons designed to dismember

And fangs finely fashioned to pierce.

I’ve lost my desire for doing

The deeds any dragon should do,

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