

Chasing the Dragon Over the Wall

an adventure and activity book
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Dedication

To Naymar, the creator of Ninja LigerX, and Finn, the creator of Sam, the Dragon.

It is also dedicated to those who find joy in the simple things of life.

Acknowledgments

This book was another collaborative effort with many
in my Circle: Naymar, Finn, Tess, Mary, Kathy, Renée,
Elizabeth, Donovan, Ava, Jovie, and Emmett.

This book belongs to

Be ready as we adventure with Sam, the Dragon, and Ninja LigerX
over the Great Wall of China!

Supplemental Materials

Print your own Map for a Scavenger Hunt, create your own magical creatures, and learn
through fun with other activities for Chasing the Dragon Over the Wall at
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[term] are terms and explanations that might be of interest to you, the reader,
that you can share about the scene with your listener.

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Sam, the Dragon,
and Ninja LigerX
live on China's Great Wall.
These pals are the best.

LigerX chases Sam
over each tower wall.
Together they travel
for the fun of it all.



Watchtowers of the Great Wall of China There are 25,000 towers built into the Great Wall of China. In this adventure, we will be searching for only four!

@China's Great Wall called 長城 Chángchéng aka "Long Wall"



One day on their chase,
they land on a tower
and find an old map there
with great hidden power.

The map is quite ancient.
It's drawings are clues.
They read the instructions
to know what to do.

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The Great Wall of China Over 2,000 years, many imperial dynasties and kingdoms built, rebuilt, and extended walls many times that subsequently eroded. The latest imperial construction was performed by the Ming Dynasty (1368–1644), and the length was then over 8,850 kilometers (5,500 miles). These walls served as troop highways in the rough terrain.



"Find each of my Towers –
red–green–orange–blue.
Collect twelve magic creatures
and four badges, too.

Put each of the badges
in their place on the map.
Send the twelve to the sky.
Let them go with a snap."

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Chinese Zodiac The twelve Chinese zodiac signs, known as "*shuxiang*" in Chinese, are twelve animals representing people's year of birth associated with the Twelve Earthly Branches: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig.

origami (OR • i • gam • e) Our creatures are made as *origami* (from the Japanese words *ori* meaning "folding", and *kami* meaning "paper"), the art of paper folding. Many studies assert that origami was invented by the Japanese about a thousand years ago, but its roots may well be in China.



“Oh, what an adventure,”
LigerX cries!
They search for the treasures.
Over tower walls they fly.





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The Red Tower's Zodiac Signs

Rat: quick-witted, resourceful, versatile, kind

Ox: diligent, dependable, strong, determined

Tiger: authoritative, emotional, courageous, and intense



On the rooftop of Green Tower
are Rabbit, Dragon, and Snake.
LigerX leads them onward
as Sam's delivery he makes.

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The Green Tower's Zodiac Signs

Rabbit: quiet, elegant, kind, responsible

Dragon: confident, intelligent, enthusiastic

Snake: enigmatic, intelligent, wise



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The Orange Tower's Zodiac Signs

Horse: animated, active, energetic

Goat: calm, gentle, sympathetic

Monkey: sharp, smart, curious



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The Blue Tower's Zodiac Signs
Rooster: observant, hardworking, courageous
Dog: lovely, honest, prudent
Pig: compassionate, generous, diligent



With all of the Badges
now home in their place,
LigerX and Sam wonder
what's next in this chase.

Do YOU remember
what they should do?
What happens with each creature?
Can you give us a clue?



What's that you say?
Throw them up to the sky?
Why thank you so kindly.
We'll give that a try.

And with that, they release them,
all up in the air.
Sent off with a snap –
not a minute to spare!



One-by-one off they float.
Higher and higher they go.
Their bodies change shape.
Well, what do you know?

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Chinese Zodiac Signs

In the true Chinese Zodiac signs, the stars match the outline of the Chinese character for the animal's name, not the animal's shape. I loosely fit them here for the sake of my young readers.



All twelve become stars,
ancient Zodiac signs.
What magic is this?
Look how happy they shine!



Now when the friends
chase over each wall,
they look up at the stars
and remember it all.

The real treasure they found
— don't you agree? —
was freeing the creatures
as they truly should be.

Help Ninja LigerX chase Sam over the Wall!



Can you match the magical creatures to their Tower?



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