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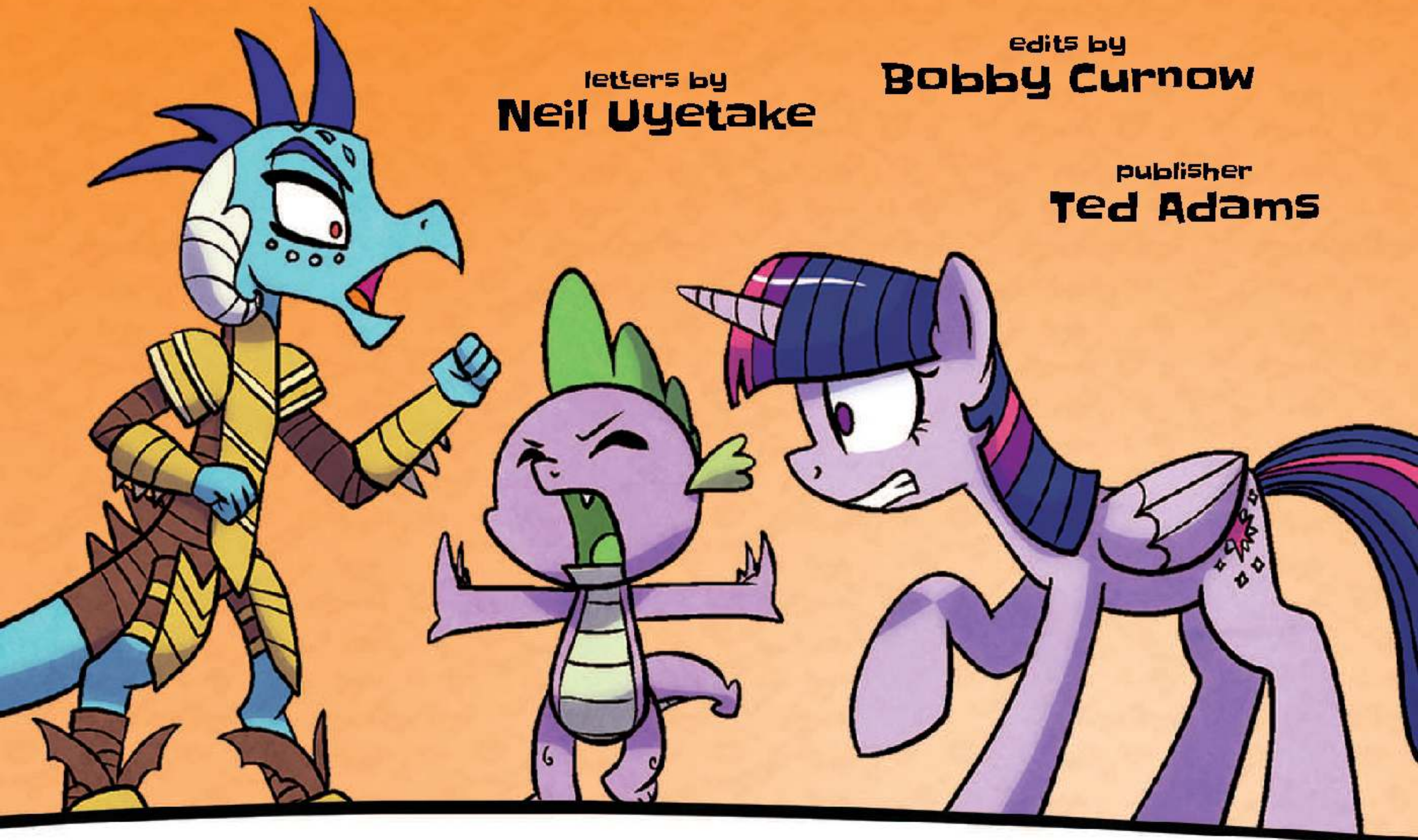
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I GUESS THERE IS ONE GOOD THING ABOUT THIS DRAGON ATTACK ON YAKYAKISTAN.



PRINCE RUTHERFORD HAS GIVEN ME FULL ACCESS TO THE ANCIENT SCROLLS!



I DON'T THINK ANYPONY HAS HAD THIS MUCH INSIGHT INTO YAK CULTURE.

NOT EVEN PINKIE PIE.



BUT I DON'T SEE ANYTHING TO INDICATE A SACRED BOND BETWEEN THE YAKS AND DRAGONS.

UH HUH.



SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY LISTENING TO ANYTHING I SAY.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

WHY WOULD EMBER DO THIS?









HOWDY, SPIKE. WANNA JOIN US FOR A BITE?

UH, NO THANKS. I'M NOT HUNGRY.

YOU SURE? IF WE HAVE TO FIGHT OFF THOSE PESKY DRAGONS TOMORROW, WE'RE GONNA NEED ALL OUR STRENGTH.



I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO.

BETWEEN PRINCE RUTHERFORD AND TWILIGHT, THEY'LL FIGURE OUT HOW TO STOP THOSE MEANIE HEADS.

DON'T YOU AGREE, SPIKE?

UH, YEAH. I GUESS.



IF WE GO BACK OUT TOMORROW, THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN GO.

ARE YOU KIDDING? I CAN STILL FLY CIRCLES AROUND THOSE, THOSE...

FIRE BREATHERS!



IT'S LIKE NONE OF THEM REALIZE I AM A DRAGON.

OH, SPIIKKEE.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE AWAY FROM THE OTHERS?

UH... I JUST NEEDED A BIT OF FRESH AIR.

WELL, DON'T WANDER OFF TOO FAR.

YOU SAW HOW NASTY THOSE DRAGONS WERE TODAY.



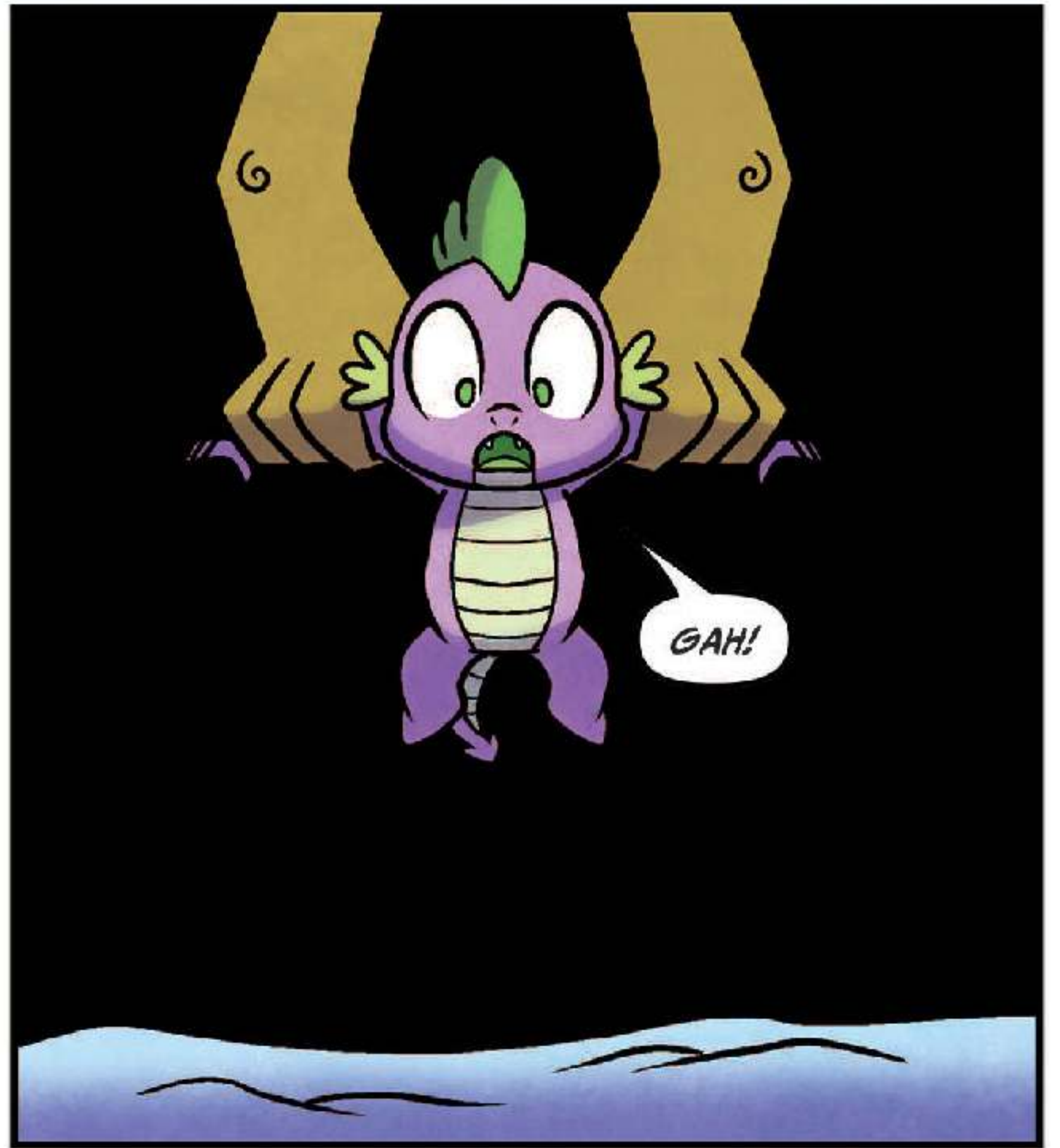
HOW ABOUT HOW INSENSITIVE THOSE PONIES CAN BE?



THERE'S A REASON FOR ALL THIS, AND I'LL BET IT'S A GOOD ONE.



I'LL SHOW THOSE PONIES THAT EMBER AND THE DRAGONS AREN'T ALL BAD.



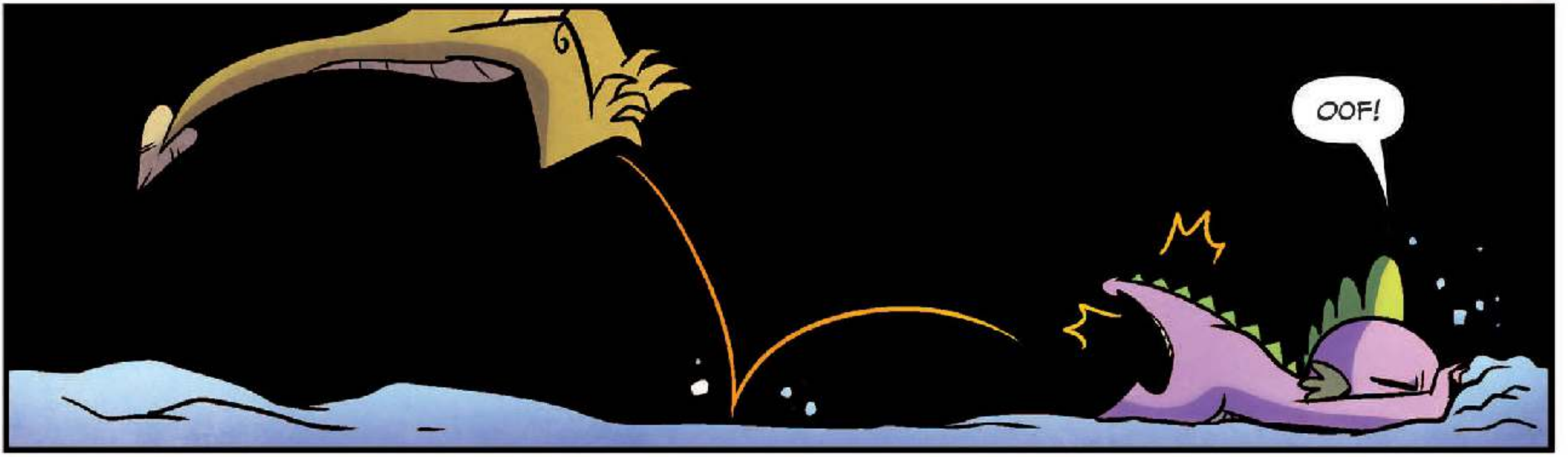
GAH!





ONLY TWILIGHT AND ONE OF THE UNICORNS POSE AN ACTUAL MAGIC THREAT.

IT'S THE FLYING ONES THAT ARE THE REAL PROBLEM.

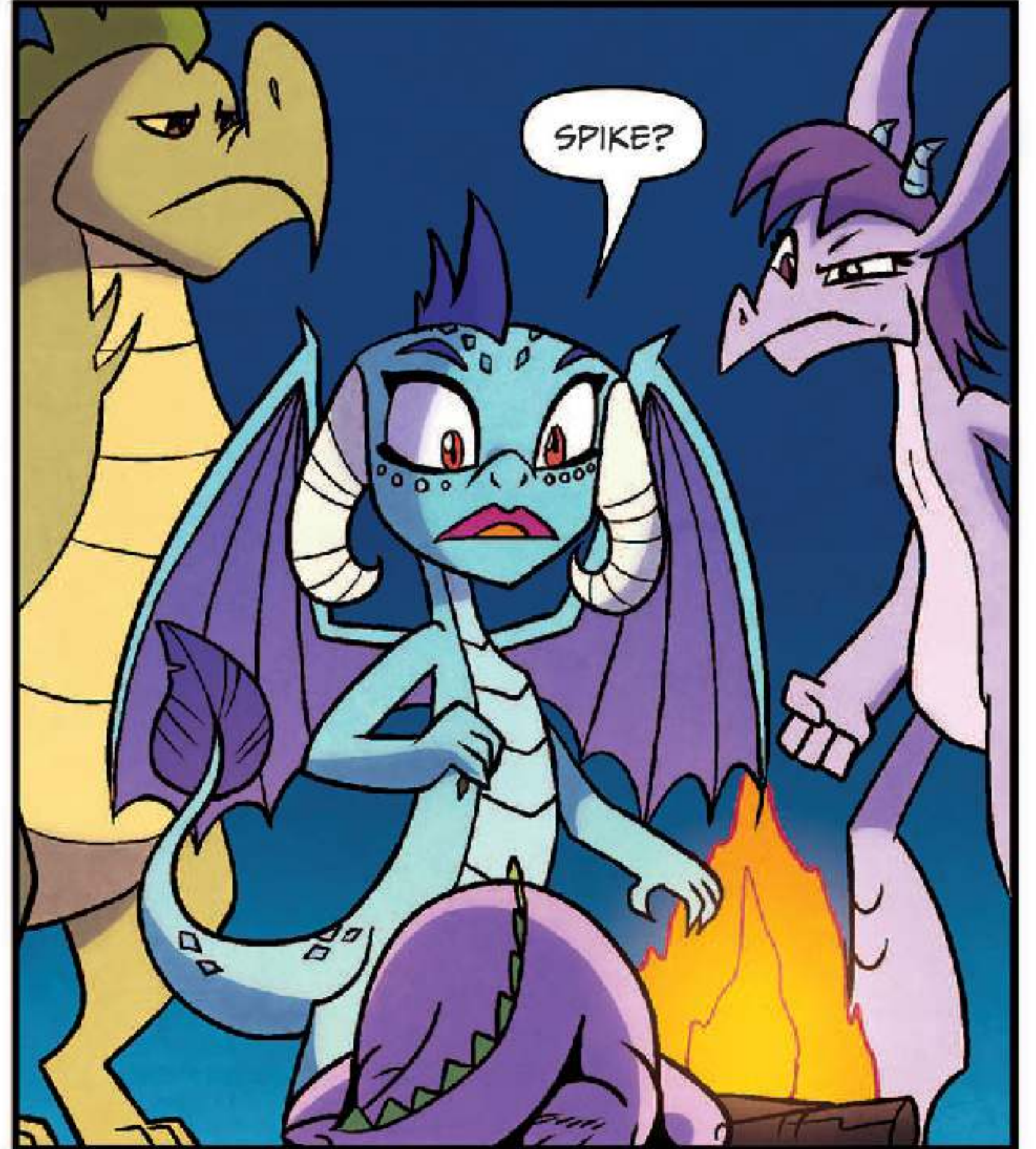


OOF!



WHO GOES THERE?!

LOOKS LIKE SCORCHY CAUGHT A LIVE ONE.

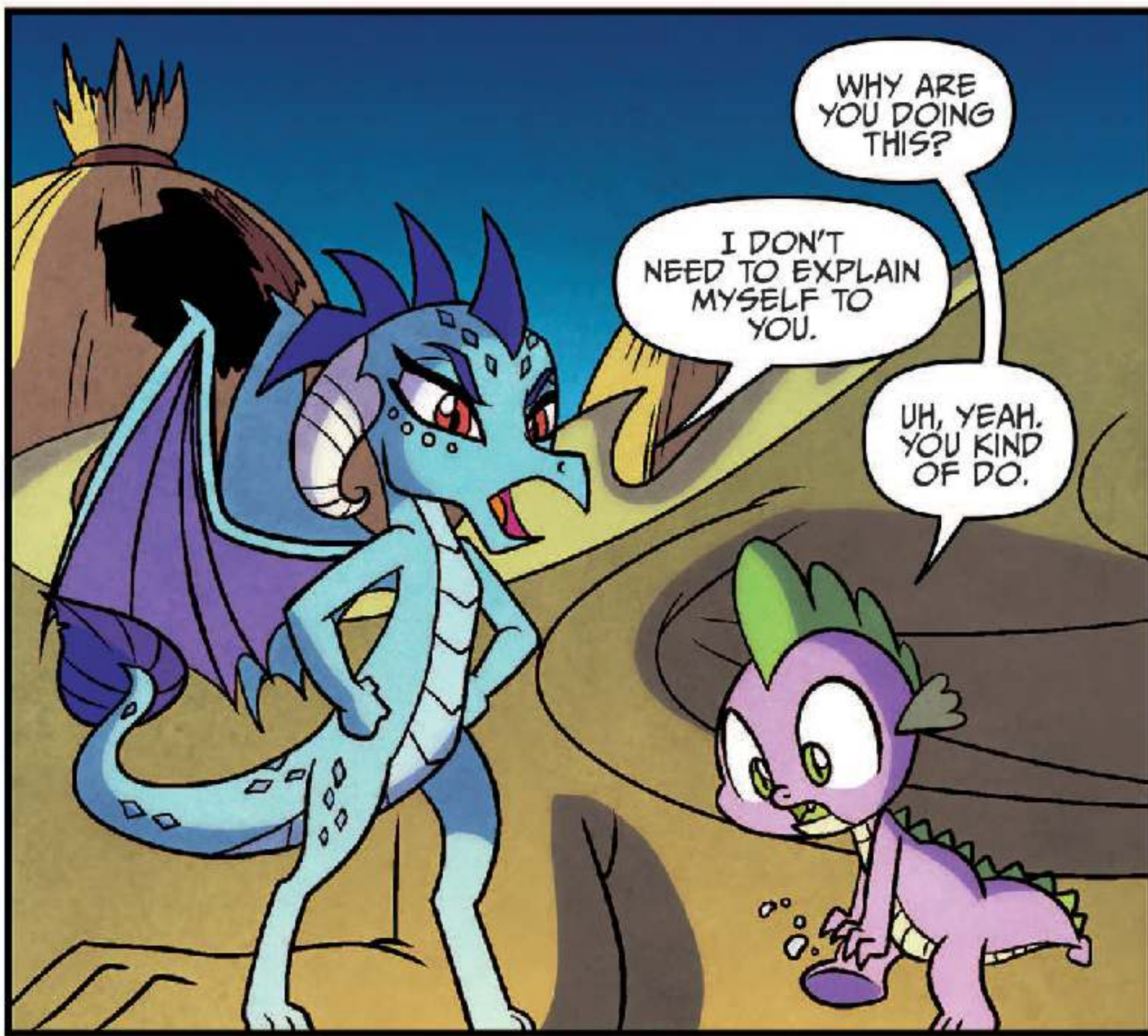


SPIKE?



YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE. THIS IS NOT YOUR FIGHT.

WAIT A SECOND!



WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

I DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN MYSELF TO YOU.

UH, YEAH, YOU KIND OF DO.



I WAS THE ONE WHO CHOSE NOT TO BE THE DRAGON LORD AFTER CAPTURING THE GAUNTLET OF FIRE!



I TURNED IT OVER TO YOU BECAUSE YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE A PEACEFUL LEADER.

WELL... THINGS CHANGE!

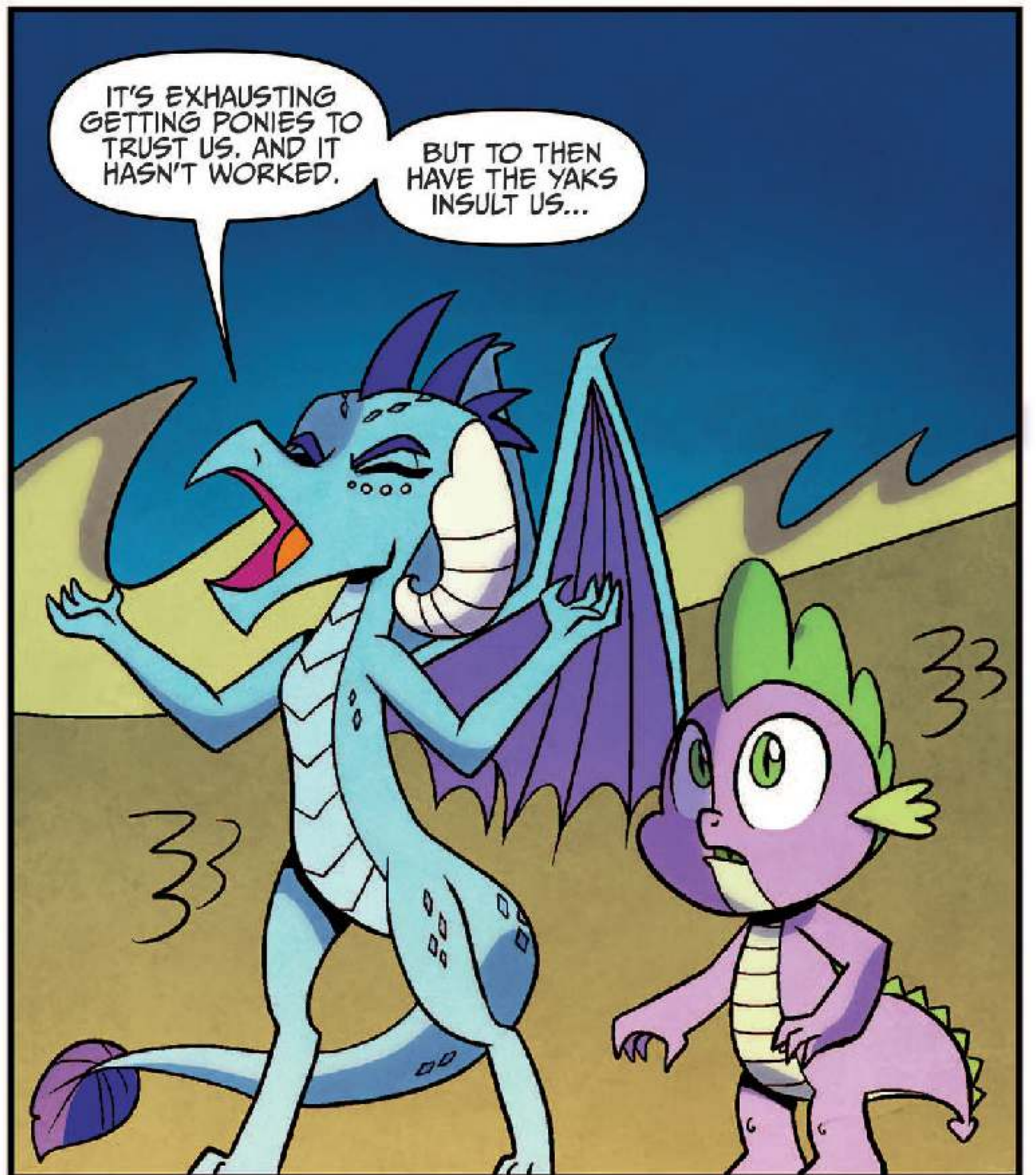
BUT WHY?



I HAVE TRIED TO BE PEACEFUL. TRIED TO INTEGRATE THE DRAGONS MORE WITH THE PONIES AND OTHERS OF EQUESTRIA.

BUT SO MANY OF THEM HAVE THESE NOTIONS OF WHAT WE'RE GOING TO ACT LIKE.

THAT WE'RE GOING TO BRING DESTRUCTION AND TOTAL RUIN.



IT'S EXHAUSTING GETTING PONIES TO TRUST US, AND IT HASN'T WORKED.

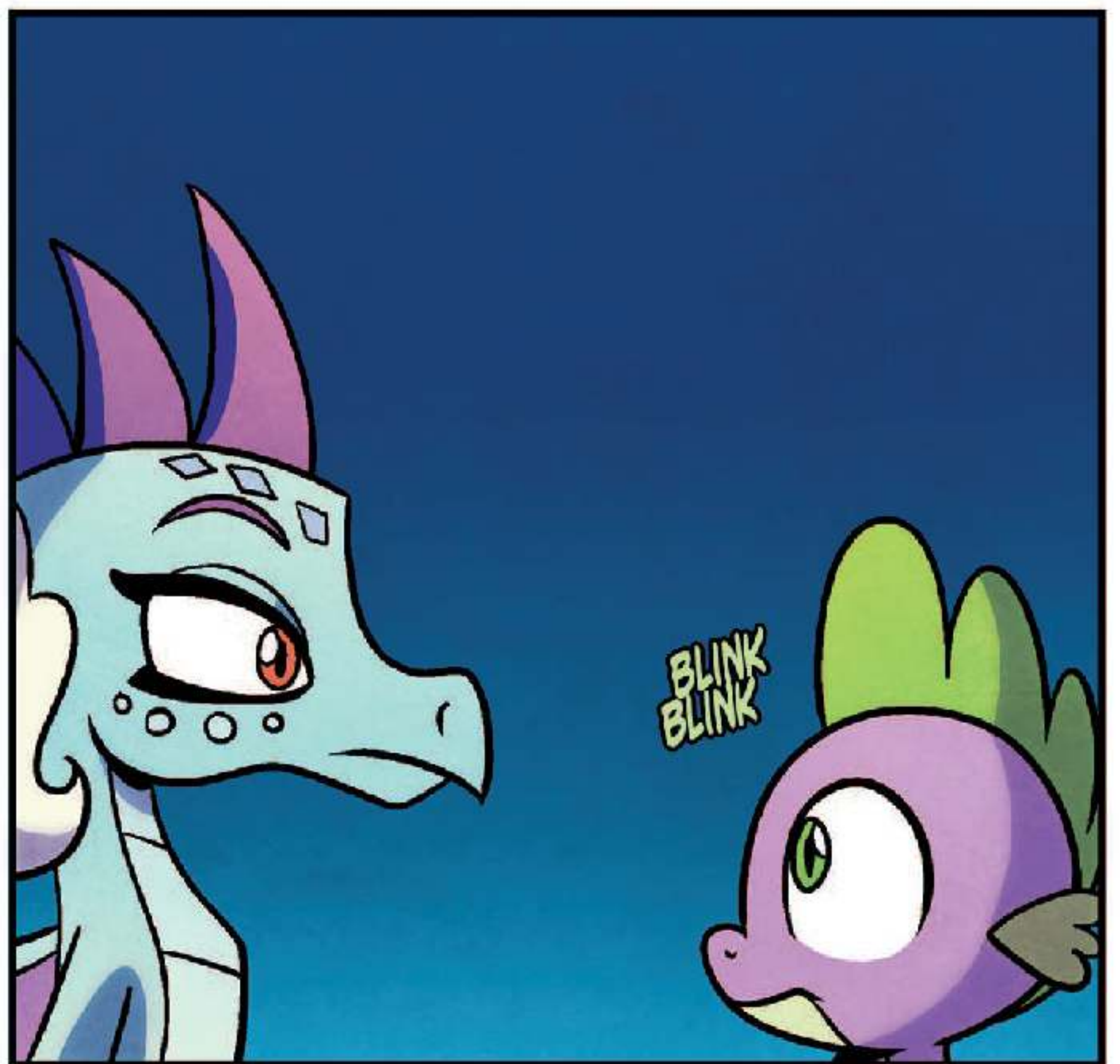
BUT TO THEN HAVE THE YAKS INSULT US...



THAT'S WHAT I DON'T GET.

WHAT DID THE YAKS DO?

THEY BROKE THE SACRED BOND, OF COURSE!



BLINK BLINK



I KEEP FORGETTING HOW NOT A DRAGON YOU ARE.

UNCALLED FOR, BUT WE'LL GET BACK TO THAT LATER.



I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS. I HAVE A BATTLE TO WIN.


EMBER. PLEASE TELL ME WHAT THIS BOND IS.

YOU OWE ME THAT MUCH.



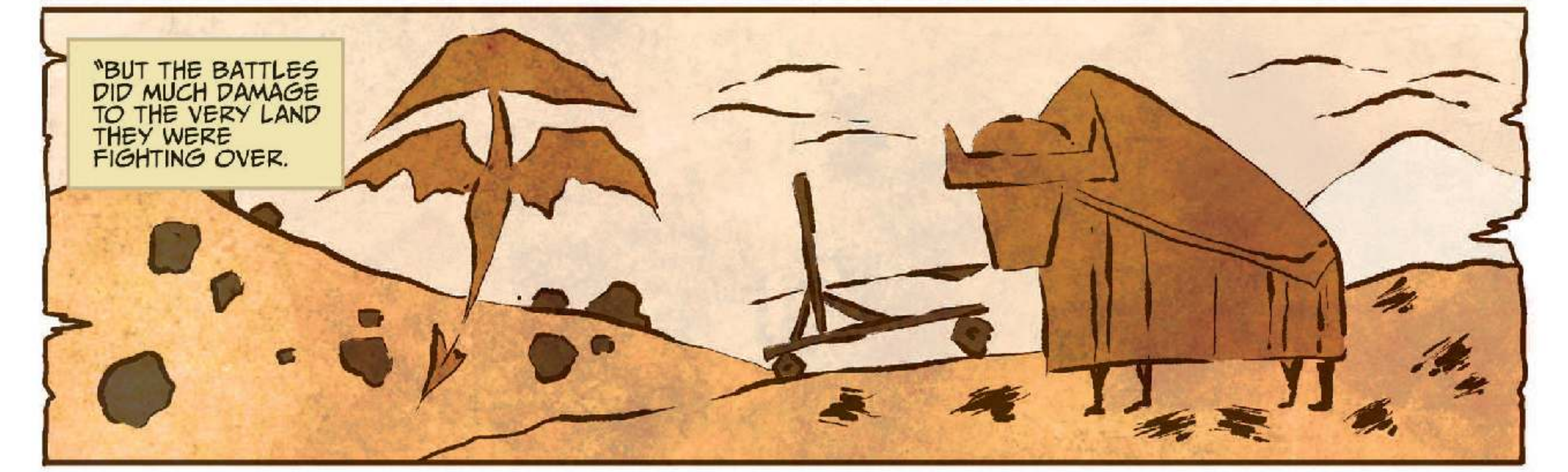
I GUESS I DO.

MANY MOONS AGO...



"THE DRAGONS AND YAKS WERE GREAT WARRING ADVERSARIES.


"THEY FOUGHT OVER THE LAND THAT IS NOW KNOWN AS YAKYAKISTAN.



"BUT THE BATTLES DID MUCH DAMAGE TO THE VERY LAND THEY WERE FIGHTING OVER.




"FINALLY, THE GREAT DRAGON LORD SCINTILLA BROKERED A GRAND PEACE WITH THE YAK PRINCE ULYSSES.



"TOGETHER, THEY TRAVELED THROUGHOUT EQUESTRIA AND BEYOND, UNTIL THEY FOUND AN AREA THAT SUITED SCINTILLA.

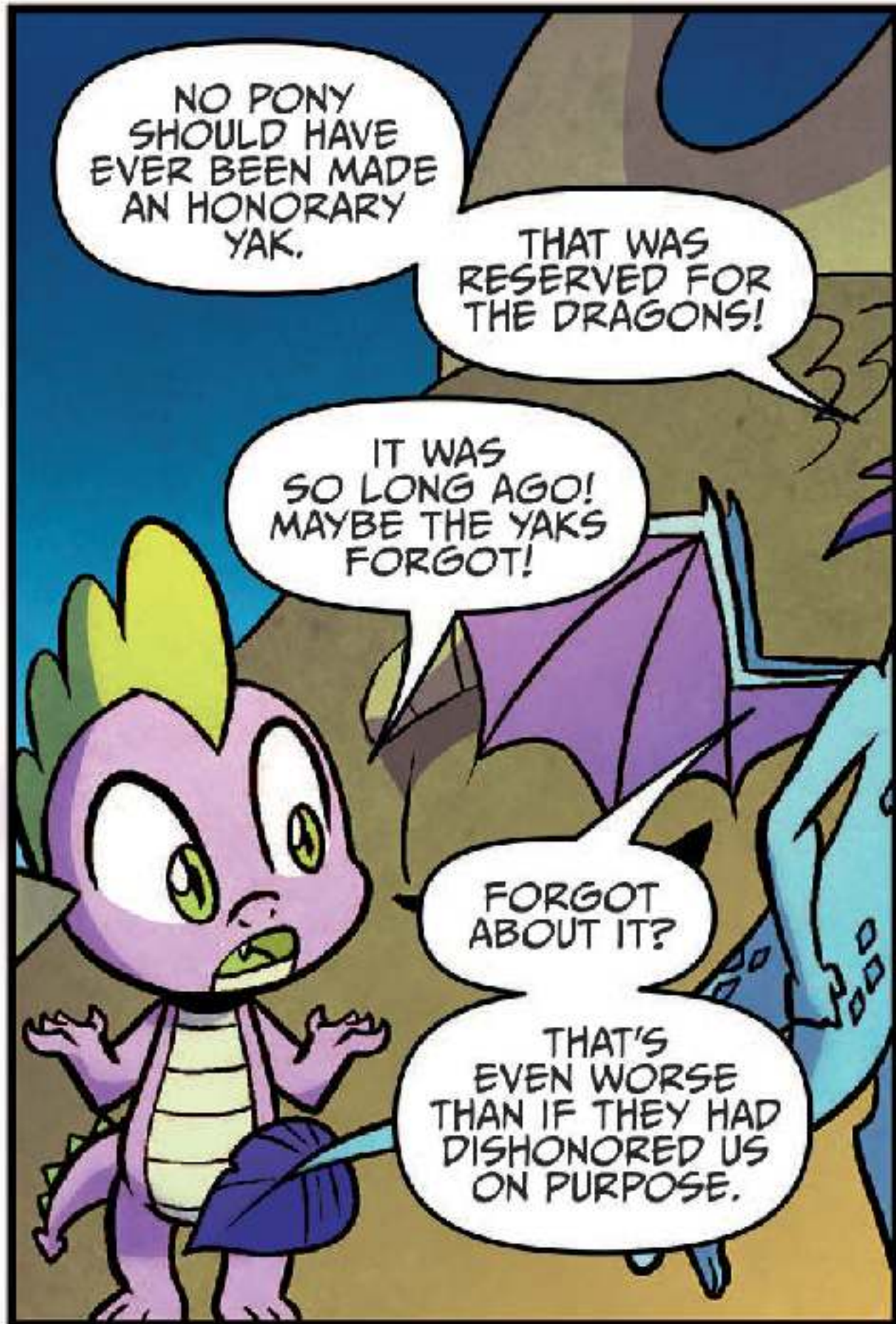
"THIS BECAME THE DRAGON LANDS.

"ULYSSES RETURNED TO THE MOUNTAINS AND FOUNDED YAKYAKISTAN.



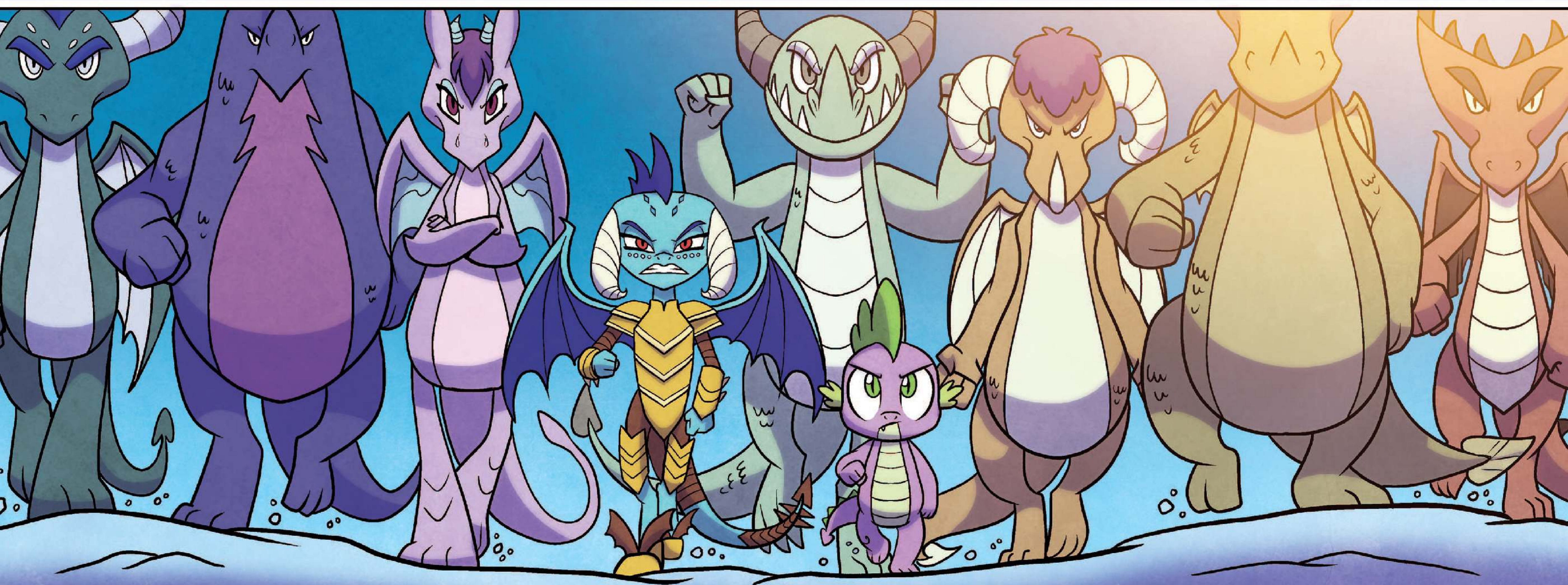
"BEFORE ULYSSES DEPARTED, HE BESTOWED THE TITLE OF HONORARY YAK TO SCINTILLA, AND DECLARED IT A SACRED BOND.

"ONE THAT NEVER WOULD BE REPLICATED."















AND YOU!

IF YOU KNEW YOUR YAK HISTORY, YOU'D HAVE REALIZED THAT MAKING PINKIE PIE AN HONORARY YAK BROKE THE SACRED BOND BETWEEN THE DRAGON LORD SCINTILLA AND PRINCE—



PRINCE ULYSSES! YAKS UNDERSTAND NOW. ANCIENT SCROLL MAKE SENSE NOW!

IT DOES?



FOR MANY MOONS, YAK PRINCE TRY TO UNDERSTAND THIS SCROLL.

BUT NEVER UNDERSTAND.



"THIS SCROLL RECORD SACRED BOND BETWEEN YAK PRINCE ULYSSES AND LORD SCINTILLA.

"BUT WE NOT KNOW SCINTILLA IS DRAGON.

"WE THOUGHT SCINTILLA WAS VOLCANO."



THAT FLAME IS SUPPOSED TO BE A DRAGON?

ANCIENT YAK BAD ARTIST.



WHAT? YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT ALL THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE ANCIENT YAKS WERE LOUSY ARTISTS?

WELL, THIS IS EMBARRASSING.



YAK CAN ADMIT WHEN WRONG.

BUT DRAGON WRONG TOO! DRAGON DESTROY OUR VILLAGE.

DRAGON MUST PAY!

HERE WE GO AGAIN!



YOU'RE RIGHT, PRINCE RUTHERFORD.

IT WAS WRONG OF US TO ATTACK YAKYAKISTAN. I SHOULD HAVE COME TO YOU FIRST INSTEAD OF BEING SO IMPULSIVE.



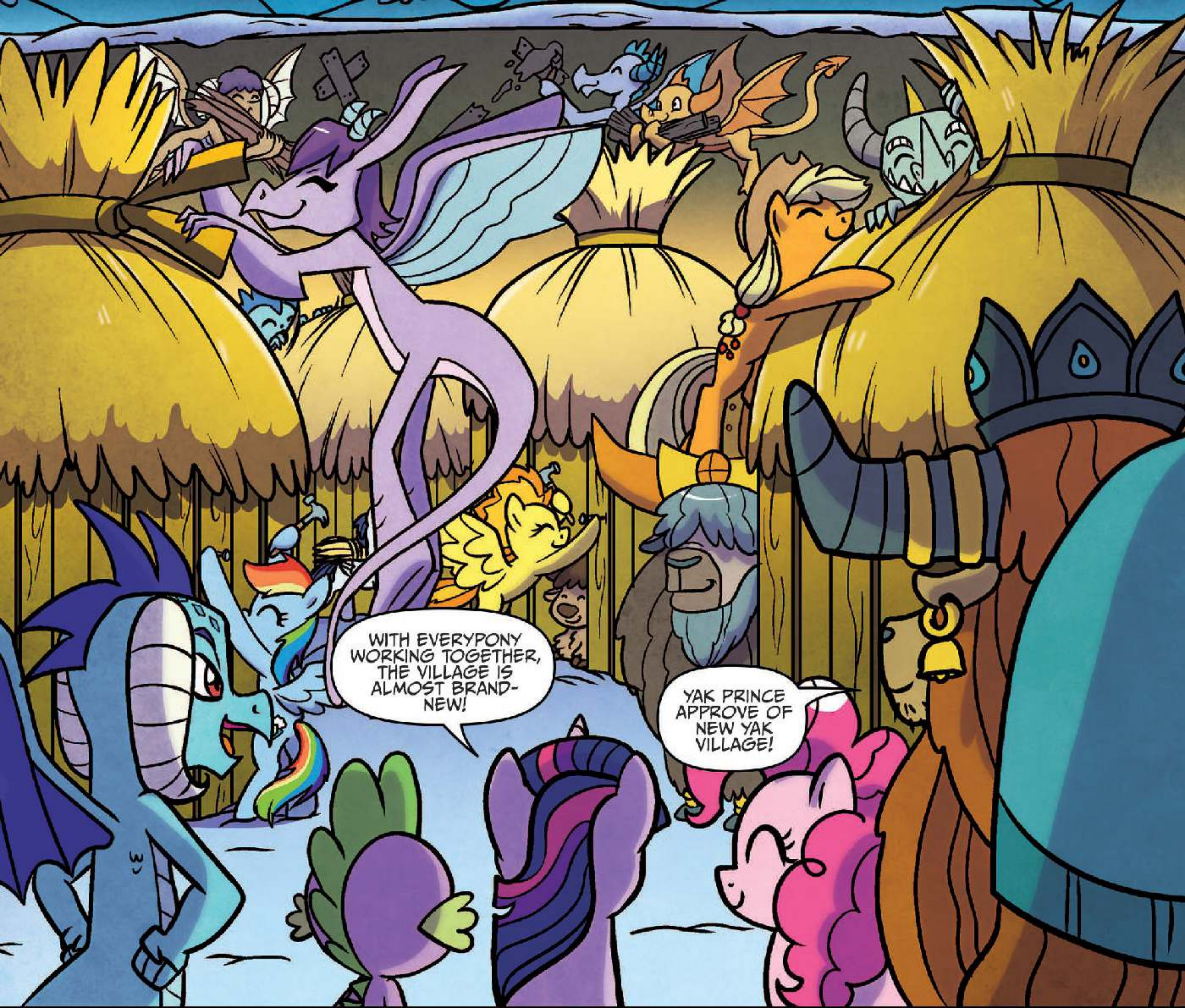
AND I'M SORRY, SPIKE. YOU ENTRUSTED ME WITH THE GREATEST GIFT A DRAGON COULD RECEIVE.

AND I'VE NOT DONE THE TITLE OF DRAGON LORD JUSTICE.

I WISH THERE WAS SOME WAY I COULD MAKE IT UP TO EVERY... PONY.



OH, I'M PRETTY SURE THERE IS A WAY!



WITH EVERYPONY WORKING TOGETHER, THE VILLAGE IS ALMOST BRAND-NEW!

YAK PRINCE APPROVE OF NEW YAK VILLAGE!



SPIKE, WERE YOU REALLY GOING TO SIDE WITH THE DRAGONS?

AGAINST MY FRIENDS? NO WAY!

BUT I WASN'T SURE HOW ELSE TO GET EMBER TO TELL PRINCE RUTHERFORD WHAT HAPPENED.



AND IF IT HELPS, I AM WILLING TO RELINQUISH MY HONORARY YAK TITLE!

YAK PRINCE AGREE WITH PINK PONY.

THANKS TO YOU BOTH, BUT THAT'S NOT NECESSARY.



AFTER ALL, IT'S ABOUT TIME THE DRAGONS LET GO OF THEIR PAST AND LOOK TO THEIR FUTURE.

RIGHT, SPIKE?

I'LL SAY!

The End.