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COME ON, LITTLE PONY, IF YOU'RE A REAL DRAGON YOU'LL GET UP A GOOD FLAME BURP.



BURP



THAT WAS PATHETIC. I WAS RIGHT. YOU ARE A PONY AFTER ALL.



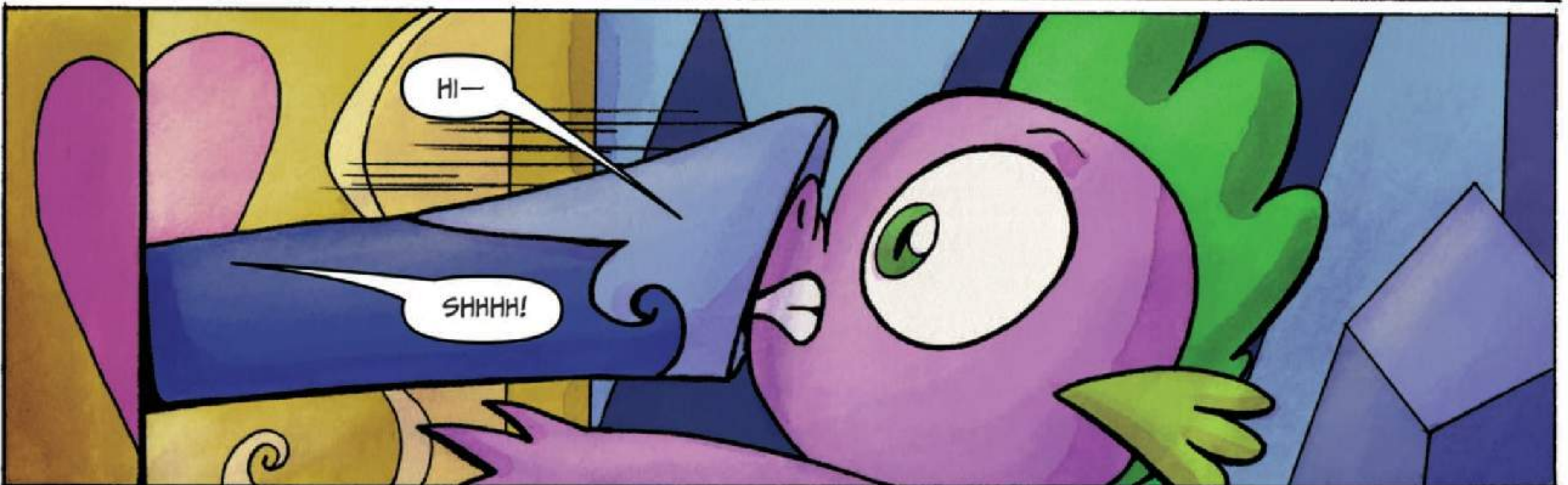
PRINCESS LUNA? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

SPIKE, I NEED YOU TO ANSWER THE DOOR.

THE DOOR?



BUUUUUUUUUURRRRRRRRRP





WHEW, THAT WAS CLOSE.

WHAT IS IT, PRINCESS LUNA? IS THERE AN EMERGENCY?

TWILIGHT IS ALMOST FINISHED RE-ALPHABETIZING THE CANTERLOT LIBRARY. I COULDN'T FORGIVE MYSELF IF I WOKE HER UP NOW.



ZEALOTS OF THE PRE-EQUESTRIAN ERA. ZEBRA QUEENS OF THE GREAT PLAINS. ZHULONGS, ZILANTS, AND OTHER HALF-DRAGON CREATURES.



SHE'S BEEN HAVING THIS DREAM ONCE A MONTH SINCE SHE WAS A FILLY AND SHE'S NEVER GOTTEN PAST "S" BEFORE. SOME NIGHTS I JUST LOVE TO SIT ATOP THE STACKS AND WATCH HER WORK.

UMMMM... OKAY. WAS THERE A REASON YOU WOKE ME UP, THOUGH?



WHAT? OH, YES! SPIKE, YOUR PRINCESS CALLS ON YOU TO ASSIST IN AN IMPORTANT MISSION.



INDEED. DO YOU ACCEPT?

ME?

HECK YEAH!



THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF FIRES IN FILLYDELPHIA. AS THE FIRES HAVE ALL BEEN AT NIGHT, IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO INVESTIGATE.

I'VE NEVER BEEN TO FILLYDELPHIA! WAIT, WHY DO YOU NEED MY HELP?



THE FIRES ARE UNUSUAL AND THE UNICORN POLICE THINK THE LOCAL DRAGON POPULATION IS INVOLVED.

DRAGONS? LIVING IN THE CITY?

INDEED! DRAGON TOWN IS A THRIVING PART OF FILLYDELPHIA. SADLY THE SITUATION HAS BRED MISTRUST BETWEEN THE DRAGONS AND THE UNICORNS WHO ARE INVESTIGATING.



I'M HOPING THAT WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN SPEAK WITH THE DRAGONS AND GET TO THE BOTTOM OF WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING HERE.

I DON'T USUALLY DO WELL WITH OTHER DRAGONS. YOU MIGHT BE DISAPPOINTED.



YOU SOUND MUCH LIKE A YOUNG ME, SPIKE.

YOU? WHY WOULD ANYBODY BE DISAPPOINTED IN YOU?

MY SISTER SHINES QUITE BRIGHTLY IF YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED. OFTEN STANDING TOO CLOSE TO CELESTIA LEAVES YOU IN THE SHADOW.



I NEVER REALIZED THAT SOMEONE AS AMAZING AS YOU MIGHT FEEL LIKE THAT.

I HAVE FAITH IN YOU, GOOD SPIKE. YOU HAVE MANY SPECIAL TALENTS, AND I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S NOTICED.

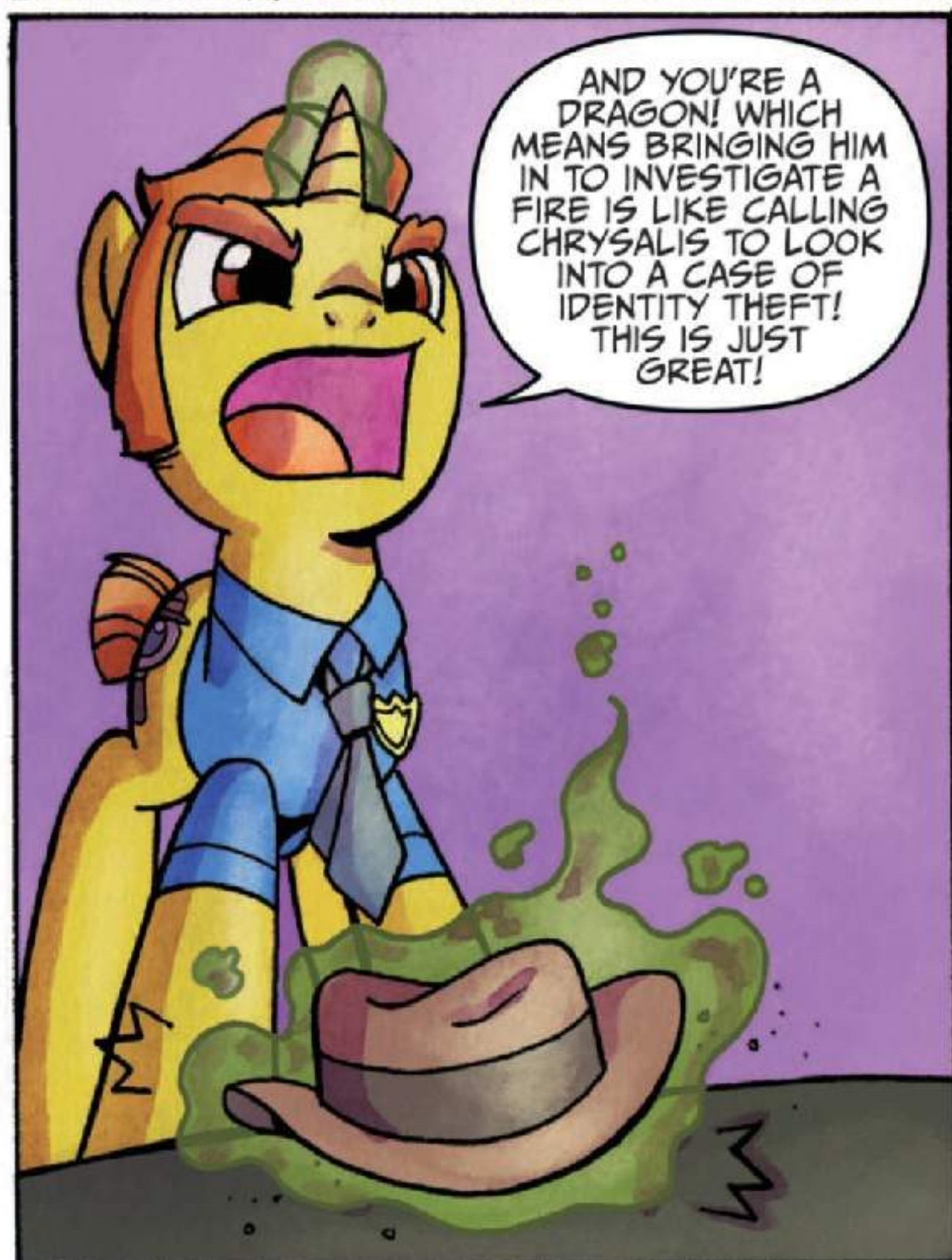


I'LL DO MY BEST.

THAT'S ALL I CAN ASK. THANK YOU, SPIKE. NOW LET'S GO TALK TO THESE POLICE UNICORNS.









THIS IS WHERE WE BELIEVE THE FIRE STARTED.

YOU GUYS CAN FEEL IT, RIGHT? THIS CARPET IS STICKY TOO! GROSS!

AND WHY DO YOU THINK IT WAS A DRAGON?

IF YOU'LL LOOK AT THE LINE ON THE FLOOR HERE, IT'S ALL ONE CONSISTENT LINE THAT GOES FROM THE DOOR DOWN THE HALL AND OUT THE OTHER DOOR.



MOST FIRES SPREAD FROM A SINGLE SOURCE, THIS ONE BEGAN FROM A LINE.

AS IF SOMEONE WERE BLOWING FIRE AS THEY WALKED DOWN THE HALL.

EXACTLY. WHAT DO YOU THINK, SPIKE?



IT IS WEIRD. DID ANYONE SEE ANYTHING?

NO. THIS IS AN OFFICE BUILDING SO THERE WAS NO ONE HERE AT NIGHT.

WHY WOULD A DRAGON WANT TO DO THIS?



I DON'T KNOW. I USED TO WORK A BEAT IN DRAGON TOWN AND EVERYBODY WAS PRETTY FRIENDLY. BUT EVER SINCE THESE FIRES STARTED, THEY WON'T TALK TO ME.

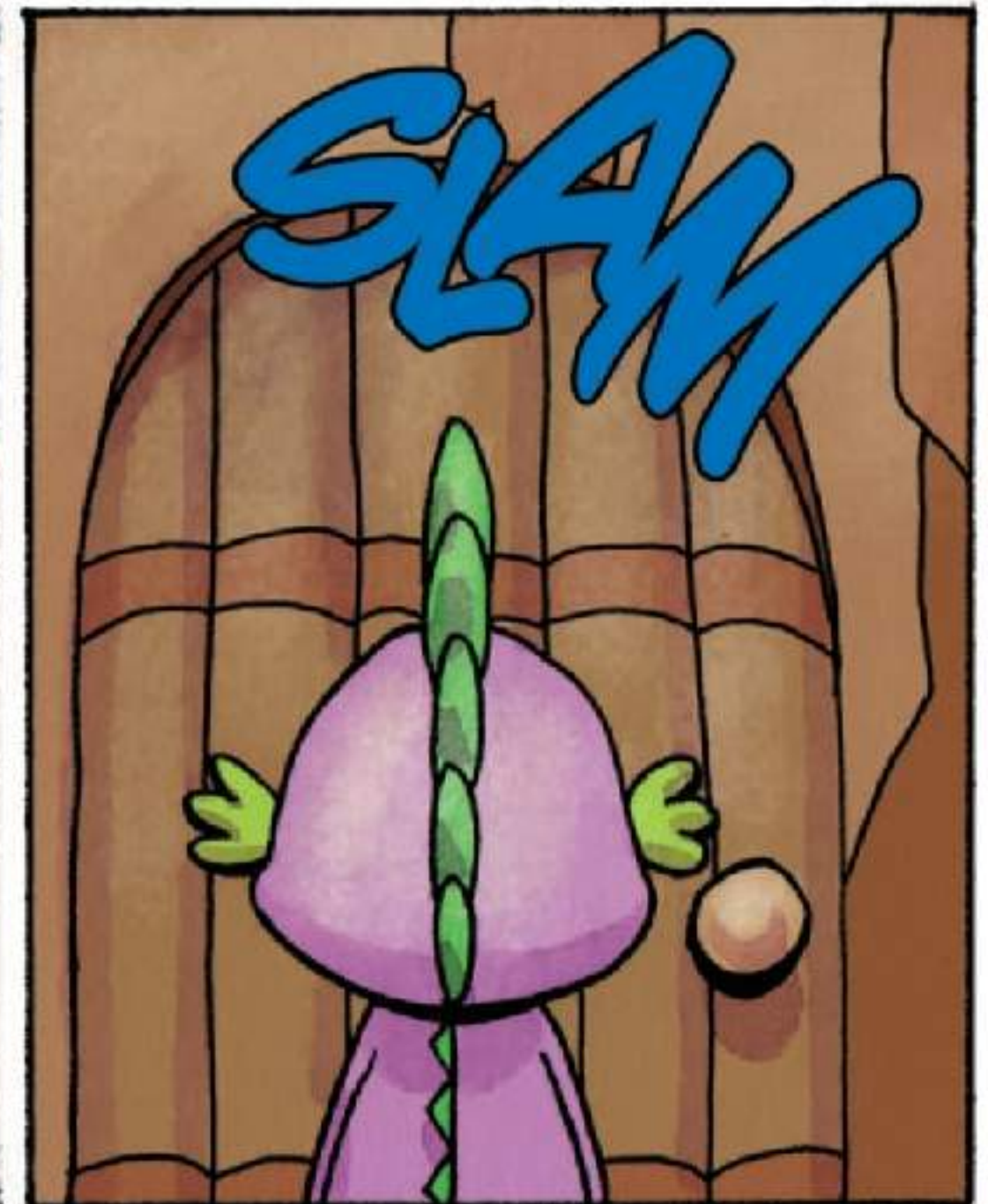
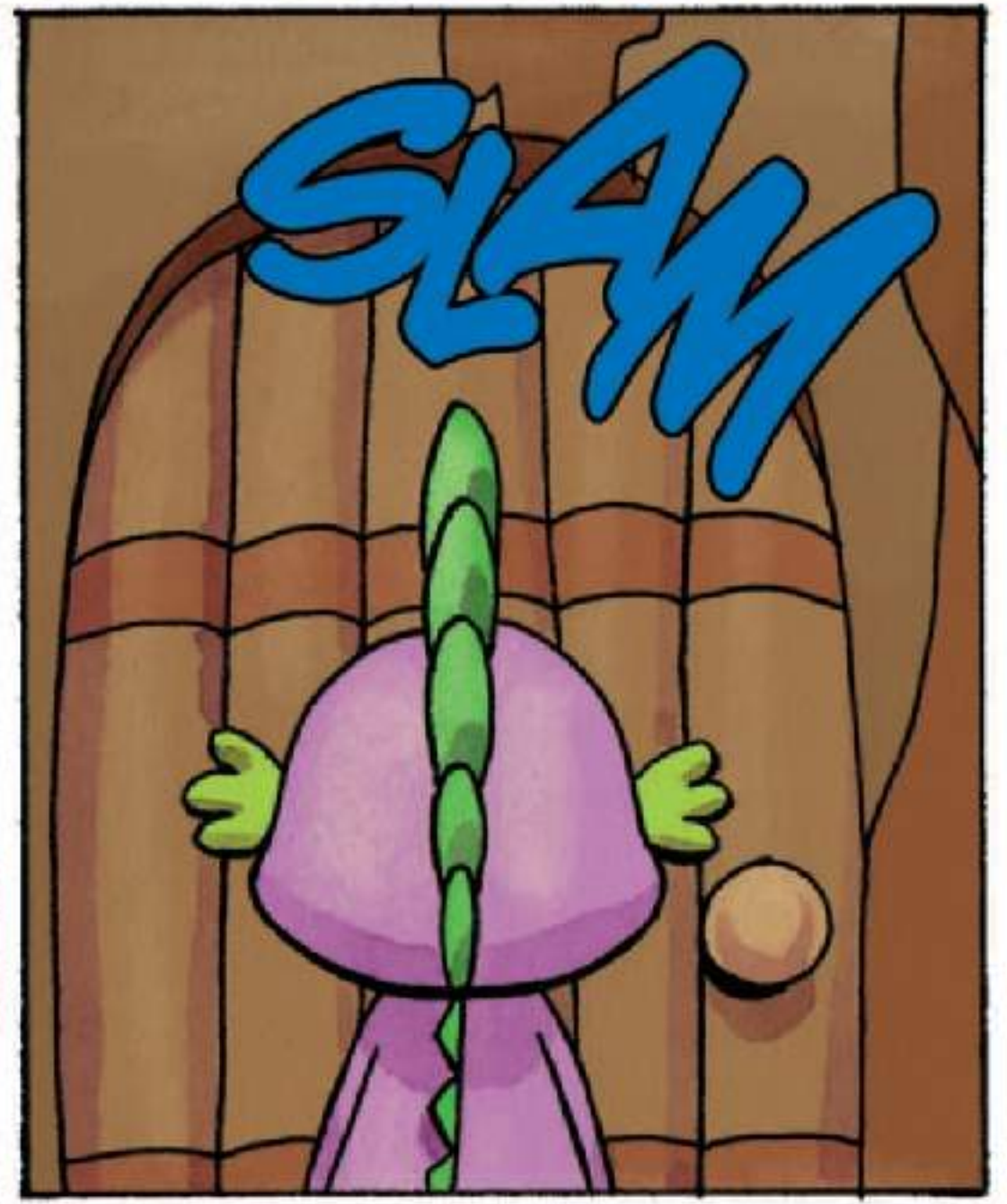
THAT'S NO SURPRISE. ALL OF THE OTHER DRAGONS I'VE EVER MET ARE MEAN AND SPITEFUL.

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT HERE. THESE AREN'T WILD MIGRATORY DRAGONS. THEY'RE NOT OUT TO PROVE HOW TOUGH THEY ARE. THESE DRAGONS HAVE MADE A HOME HERE.



WHAT DO YOU THINK, SPIKE? WILL YOU GO TALK TO THEM? SEE IF YOU CAN DIVINE WHO IS BEHIND ALL OF THIS?

I'LL TRY.









WELL, I DON'T KNOW. I HAVEN'T BOUGHT ANY NEW COMICS IN A WHILE.

WHY?

THE LAST ONE I BOUGHT TURNED OUT TO BE ENCHANTED AND SUCKED MY FRIENDS AND ME INTO THIS SUPERHERO ADVENTURE WHERE THEY ALL GOT CAPTURED BY AN EVIL VILLAIN.

HEAVY STUFF, BUDDY.



WELL, AS FAR AS I KNOW NONE OF OUR COMICS ARE DANGEROUS.

WHAT WAS THE COMIC YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT BEFORE? ONE A DRAGON WROTE?

AWWWW, MY NEW FAVORITE. IT'S RIGHT HERE.



IT'S CALLED "FLASHFIRE." THE WRITER, SCALY SUE, IS REALLY AMAZING. IT'S ABOUT HOW ALL THESE OLD EVIL DRAGONS ESCAPE FROM TARTARUS AND THIS SUPERHEROINE DRAGON HAS TO PUT THEM ALL BACK.

WOW, COOL.

RIGHT? WANNA TRY IT.

SIGN ME UP.

RED RUBIES!



SO, SPIKE-UMS, WHAT BRINGS YOU TO TOWN?

I'M HERE WITH PRINCESS LUNA. WE'RE—



DID YOU SAY PRINCESS LUNA? PRINCESS LUNA IS IN FILLYDELPHIA?

YEAH, WE JUST CAME IN LAS—



LUNA IS HERE?! I HAVE TO MEET HER. LUNA IS BEST THE PRINCESS! DO YOU THINK I COULD MEET HER?

YEAH, I COULD PROBABLY INTRODUCE YOU.

THAT WOULD BE AMAZING! REFORMED VILLAINS ARE MY TOTAL FAVE AND SHE'S THE ULTIMATE! I HAVE SO MANY QUESTIONS!



IS SHE ACTUALLY IMMORTAL? HOW OLD IS SHE REALLY? IF SHE CONTROLS THE NIGHT WHY WAS THERE STILL NIGHTTIME WHEN SHE WAS LOCKED UP? IS IT TRUE THAT THERE WAS SOME KIND OF EVIL SYMBIOTE ON THE MOON THAT TURNED HER INTO NIGHTMARE MOON? I TOTALLY SHIP HER AND SOMBRA, WAS THAT EVER A THING?

UMMM... YOU'RE KIND OF SCARING ME.



AHEM.



YEAH, I GUESS I'D LIKE TO MEET HER. LIKE, IF IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TROUBLE OR WHATEVER.

HEY, MAYBE I CAN ASK YOU THEN.

ASK ME WHAT?



WHO'S THE DRAGON GOING AROUND BURNING DOWN ALL THE BUILDINGS?

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK IT WAS A DRAGON?

WELL, THE UNICORN POLICE SAID THERE WAS THIS TRAIL OF FIRE LIKE SOMEONE BREATHED FIRE WHEN THEY WALKED DOWN THE HALL.



WHAT DOES THAT PROVE? UNICORNS CAN MAKE MAGICAL FIRE. SOMEBODY COULD HAVE PUT SOMETHING THAT WAS FLAMMABLE ON THE CARPET.

HUH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, SPIKE. EVERY TIME SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS HERE THEY BLAME DRAGONS.



BUT WHO CAN BLAME THEM. DRAGONS ARE JERKS. I MEAN, I TRIED LIVING WITH OTHER DRAGONS ONCE AND I DECIDED I'D RATHER BE A PONY.

COME AGAIN?



I WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO BE A DRAGON BUT ALL THE OTHER DRAGONS DID WAS BULLY ME. THEN THEY TRIED TO MAKE ME HELP THEM STEAL EGGS FROM A PHOENIX NEST. SO I DECIDED I WAS GONNA BE A PONY FROM NOW ON.

SPIKE, CAN I BE HONEST WITH YOU?

YEAH, SURE.



THAT'S THE BIGGEST BUNCH OF BALONEY I'VE EVER HEARD. IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE JUST TALKING ABOUT BAD GUYS. JUST BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME DRAGONS THAT ARE BAD GUYS DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T BE A GOOD GUY AND STILL BE A DRAGON.

BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THE DRAGONS HERE THAT WON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT THE FIRES?

MAYBE THEY THINK THE SAME THING ABOUT PONIES THAT YOU DO ABOUT DRAGONS. HAVE YOU NEVER MET ANY PONIES WHO WERE JERKS?



WELL, I GUESS THERE WAS SOMBRA. AND TRIXIE. AND FLIM AND FLAM. AND DIAMOND TIARA AND SILVER SPOON AND LUNA FOR A WHILE... I GUESS I SEE YOUR POINT.





OH, GOODNESS!  
I THOUGHT BEING A  
PRINCESS WAS A LOT  
OF PAPERWORK!

PAPERWORK IS  
THE REAL HERO OF  
POLICE WORK. WE CAN  
CATCH THEM BUT IT'S  
ONLY THROUGH KEEPING  
GOOD RECORDS THAT  
WE CAN PROVE  
ANYONE IS GUILTY.

I MISS THE  
DAYS WHEN WE  
JUST EXILED  
PEOPLE TO  
THE ARCTIC  
NORTH.



THEN THEY JUST SHOW UP  
A THOUSAND YEARS LATER AND  
NOBODY CAN FIND ANY RECORD  
ABOUT HOW TO DEFEAT THEM.  
BUT NO, YOUR WAY IS  
TOTALLY BETTER.

TWILIGHT  
WOULD LIKE  
YOU.

GREAT,  
SHE'S STILL  
HERE.



DON'T LET ME  
DISTURB YOU, YOUR  
HIGHNESS. THAT'S MY  
DESK BUT FEEL FREE TO  
STAY THERE. SORRY WE  
COULDN'T GET YOU A  
THRONE ON SHORT  
NOTICE.

MISTER HARD  
CASE, WHY ARE  
YOU SO ANGRY?  
WHAT IS YOUR ISSUE  
WITH MY PRESENCE  
HERE?



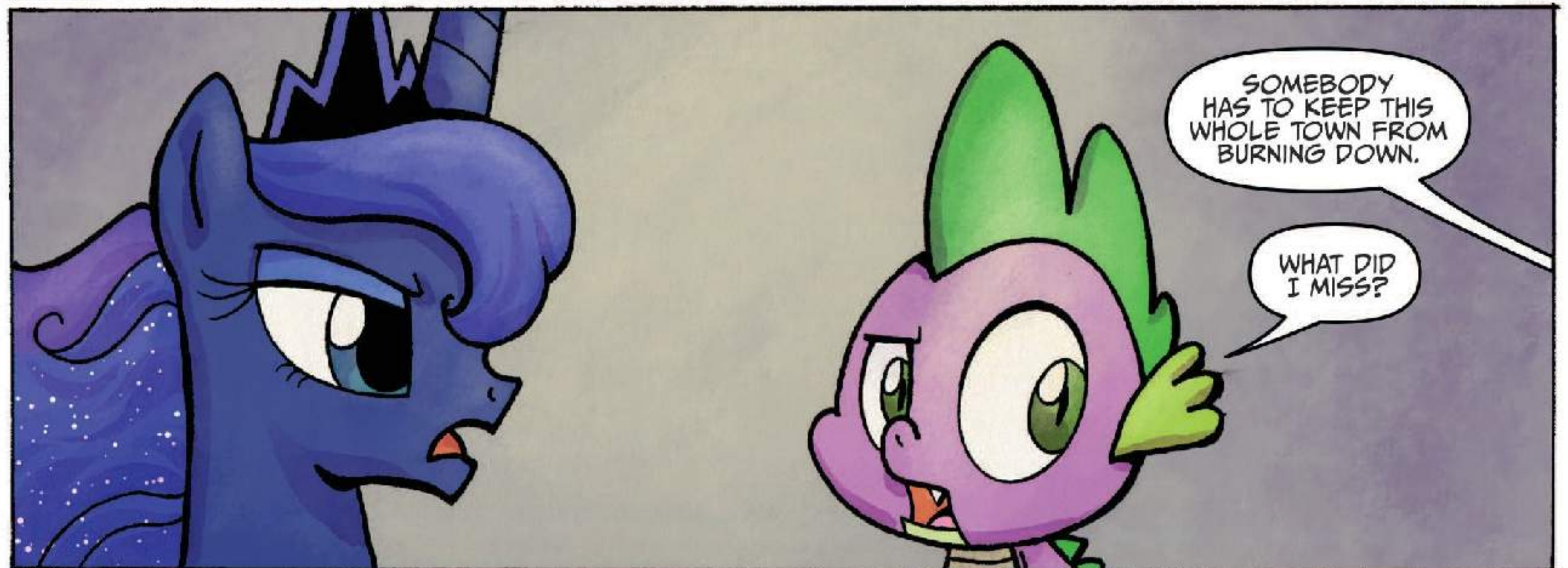
WHAT'S MY ISSUE?  
MAYBE BECAUSE YOU  
BEING HERE MEANS YOU  
DON'T THINK POLICE CAN  
DO THEIR JOB? MAYBE  
BECAUSE YOU BRING IN A  
DRAGON TO INVESTIGATE  
DRAGON CRIMES?

SPIKE IS A FAITHFUL  
SUBJECT AND HAS BEEN WITH  
PRINCESS TWILIGHT SINCE HE  
WAS AN EGG. HE WILL HELP  
US GET TO THE BOTTOM  
OF THIS.



LET ME TELL  
YOU EXACTLY WHAT  
YOUR LITTLE DRAGON  
SNOOP IS GONNA DO.  
HE'S GONNA COME IN  
HERE WITH SOME  
HALF-COCKED THEORY  
ABOUT HOW IT'S NOT  
DRAGONS AT ALL AND HIS  
ONLY SOURCE IS GONNA  
BE SOME CUTE  
DRAGON DAME  
HE MET.

YOU'RE  
WRONG ABOUT  
HIM.







HEY, YOU, THERE'S A CURFEW FOR DRAGON TOWN TONIGHT!

THAT'S THE PRINCESS'S PET DRAGON, MIKE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

OH, WELL. MOVE ALONG, SIR.

PHILADELPHIA POLICE

SPIKE!



WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY IS THERE A CURFEW?

THEY STILL THINK A DRAGON DID IT. THEY'RE AFRAID THERE WILL BE MORE FIRES TONIGHT.

SO THEY'RE LOCKING US ALL UP? THAT'S NOT RIGHT!

SORRY, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO.

POLICE



SPIKE! I ONLY MET YOU A FEW HOURS AGO AND I ALREADY KNOW YOU BETTER THAN THAT! YOU'RE GIVING UP WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH AT STAKE!

BUT I'M ONLY ONE LITTLE DRAGON. WHAT AM I GONNA DO?

I DON'T KNOW, YOUR BEST? WHATEVER YOUR BEST IS, IT'S NOT "NOTHING."



SHE'S RIGHT!

PHILADELPHIA POLICE



WAIT. WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? WHERE AM I EVEN GOING? EVEN IF...



REALLY? DOES NO ONE ELSE NOTICE THIS? THERE ARE JUST SLIME TRACKS RUNNING THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF...



IT'S COMING OUT OF THE SEWER. WHAT COULD HAVE LEFT THAT?



WHAT'S THAT?



THAT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.



HEY, STOP THAT!



THIS IS NOT A PLACE WHERE YOU BELONG, MR. FIRE SNAIL. WHERE DID YOU COME FROM, YOU CUTE LITTLE THING?



GAH!



I NEED MORE DRAGONS!



I NEED AT LEAST TWENTY DRAGONS OUT OF THERE RIGHT NOW!

LIKE FLUFF YOU DO! ORDERS ARE THEY STAY HERE.

WELL, MY ORDERS ARE TO GET THEM TO HELP ME. AND YOU KNOW WHO MY BOSS IS?



THAT'S RIGHT, PRINCESS LUNA. SHE'S MOSTLY NICE NOW, BUT YOU WOULDN'T LIKE HER WHEN SHE'S ANGRY.

TAKE EM! PLEASE! AND DON'T TELL THE PRINCESS I TRIED TO STOP YOU.



MINA, I NEED YOU TO GET THE DRAGONS TO COME WITH ME. THERE'S ANOTHER FIRE AND WE NEED TO HELP THE PONIES!

EVERYDRAGON! LET'S SAVE THE DAY!





QUICK, GET THOSE PONIES OUT OF THERE! WE'RE FIREPROOF, THEY'RE NOT!



HOW ARE WE DOING MINA?

WE'VE GOT MOST OF THEM, BUT THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MANY COULD STILL BE ASLEEP.

I CAN HELP WITH THAT.



EVERYPONY, AWAKE!



WHO'S THERE? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

THAT MAY HAVE BEEN A BIT LOUDER THAN NECESSARY. SO, YOU FOUND OUR CULPRIT SPIKE?



HERE'S THE NEFARIOUS MASTERMIND. HE CAME FROM THE SEWER.

I'LL HAVE THE POLICE LOOK THROUGH THE SEWERS. WE'LL FIND A HOME FOR THEM AWAY FROM PONIES.



AND THESE DRAGONS ARE THE HEROES WE HAVE TO THANK. EVEN WHEN WE DOUBTED THEM, THEY CAME TO OUR RESCUE.



WELL, I GUESS THIS MAKES AN EVEN TWELVE THIS TIME, EH SON?

LISTEN, KID, I DON'T APOLOGIZE. I DON'T SHOW MY FEELINGS. I DON'T HAVE FRIENDS, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW...



I WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU! YOU'RE ONE OF THE FINEST DETECTIVES I'VE EVER KNOWN.

COME ON, HARD CASE. LET'S GET YOU SOME SLEEP.



I'M SORRY FOR THE WAY I TREATED YOU, SPIKE. I LET MY FRUSTRATION GET THE BETTER OF ME. I SHOULD HAVE TRUSTED YOUR JUDGMENT.

IT'S OKAY. WHEN THINGS GOT SERIOUS, I COULD HEAR YOU SAYING THAT YOU BELIEVED IN ME. IT HELPED ME COME UP WITH A PLAN.



WHAT CAN I DO TO REPAIR OUR FRIENDSHIP?

WELL, MINA REALLY WANTED TO MEET YOU. IF YOU COULD COME AND SAY HELLO.

OF COURSE.





MINA, IT IS SO GOOD TO MEET YOU! I AM PRINCESS LUNA. SPIKE HAS...

YOU... YOU... YOU'RE HER!

MINA?

OH MY GOSH! YOU ARE SO COOL! I LOVE YOUR POSSUM! DID YOU EVER HAVE A THING FOR DISCORD BECAUSE MY FRIEND SHIPS YOU TWO BUT I TOTALLY THINK SOMBRA. WHY DON'T YOU WEAR THE NIGHTMARE MOON ARMOR ANYMORE? IT WAS SO FIERCE AND—

EEEEEE!



I'M SORRY, SPIKE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I DID WRONG.

NO, PRINCESS, I THINK THAT WAS PERFECT.



I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO ASK HER WHEN I COME BACK TO VISIT.

COME BACK TO VISIT?

YEAH, I LIKE DRAGON TOWN A LOT.

AND MINA?



YEAH, I GUESS I LIKE HER TOO. I THINK I LIKE BEING A DRAGON HERE.

THAT'S WONDERFUL, SPIKE. IT FEELS GOOD TO STEP OUT OF THE SHADOWS, DOESN'T IT?

IT DOES.

**THE END.**