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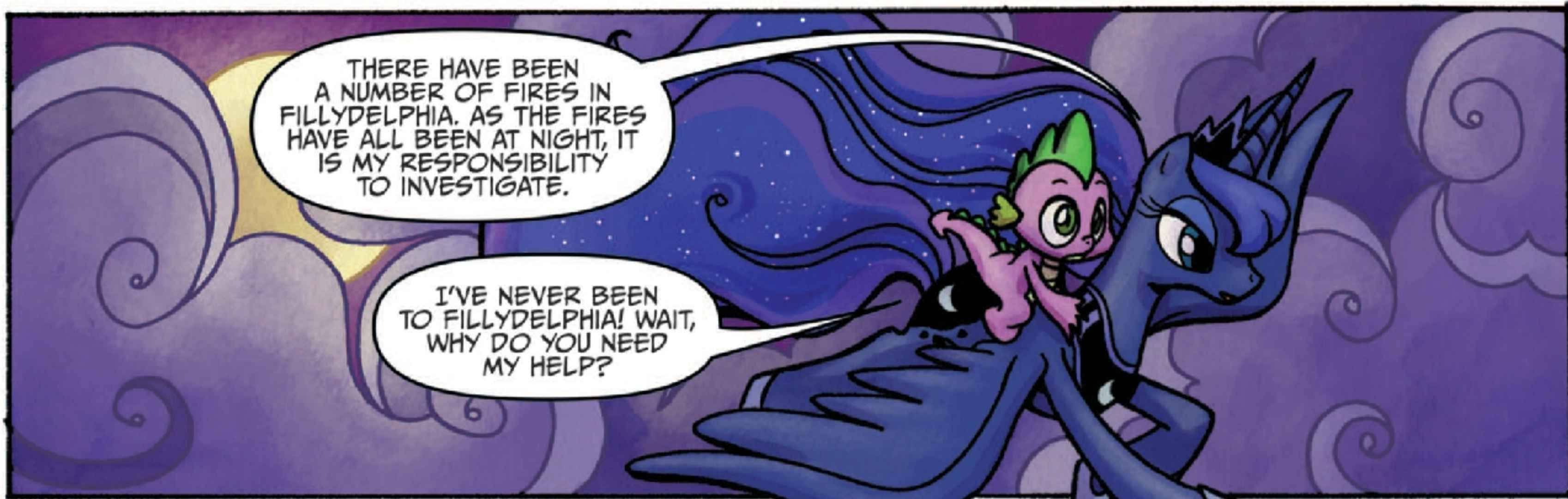
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THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF FIRES IN FILLYDELPHIA. AS THE FIRES HAVE ALL BEEN AT NIGHT, IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO INVESTIGATE.

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.



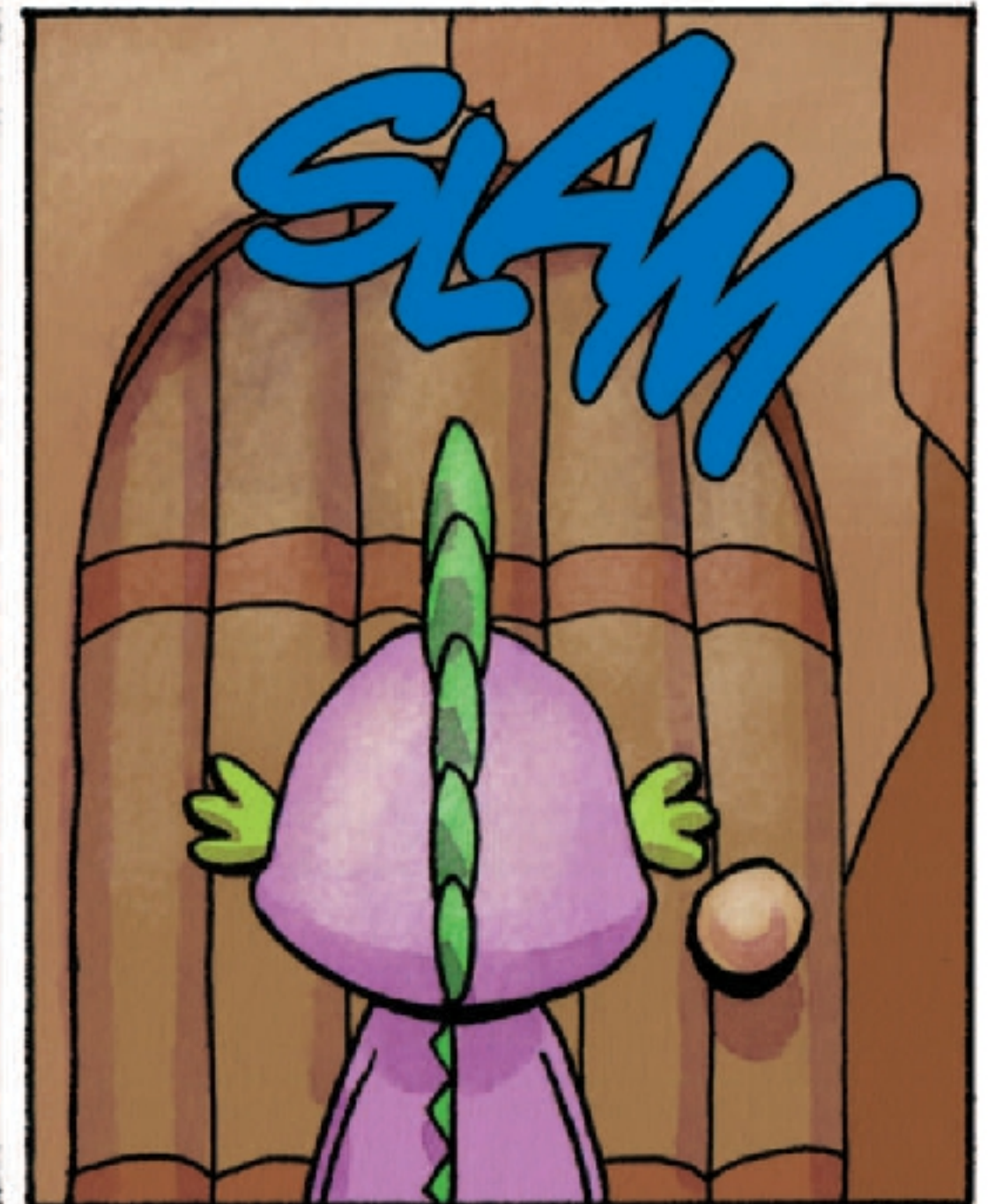
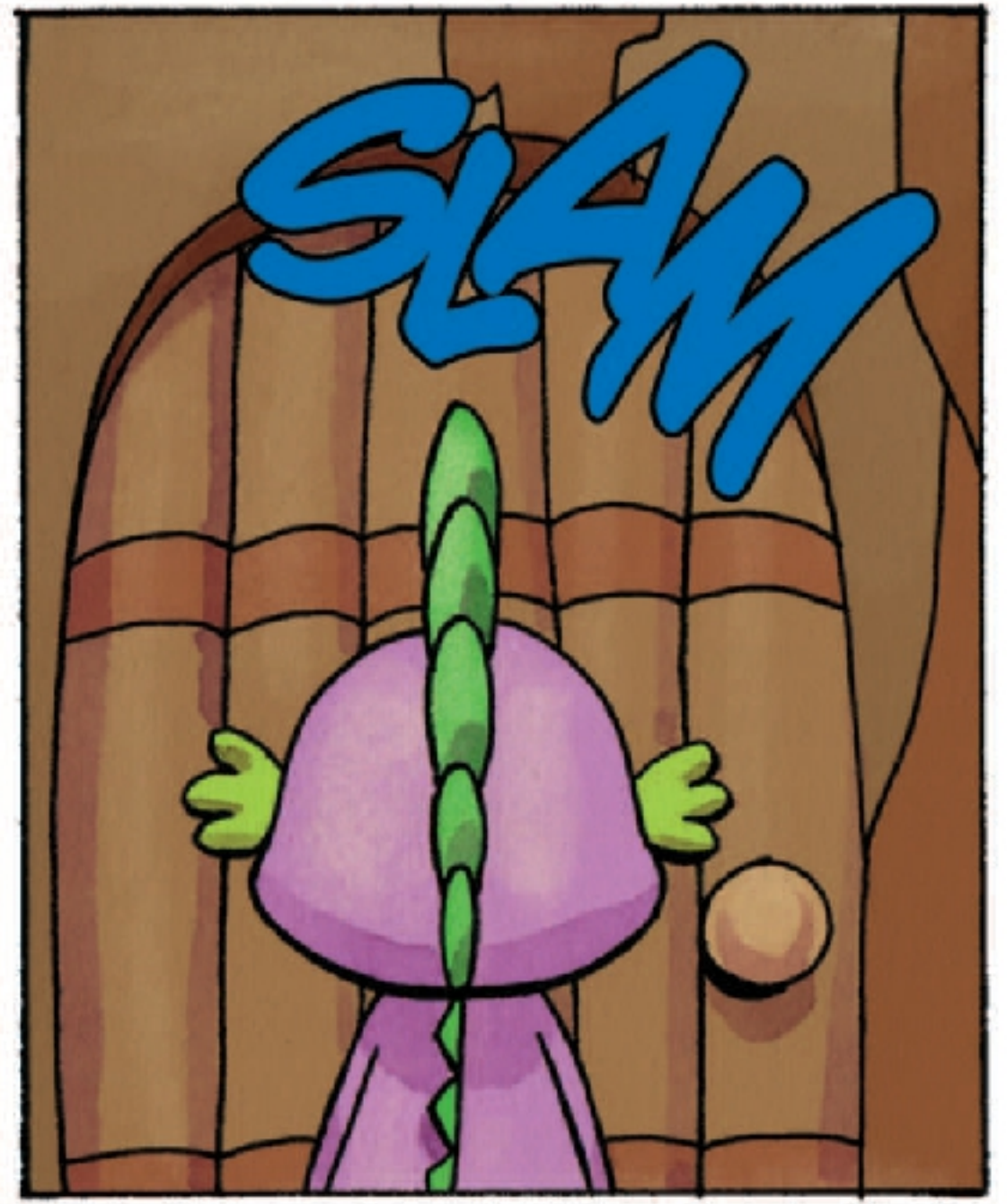
I'LL DO MY BEST.

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





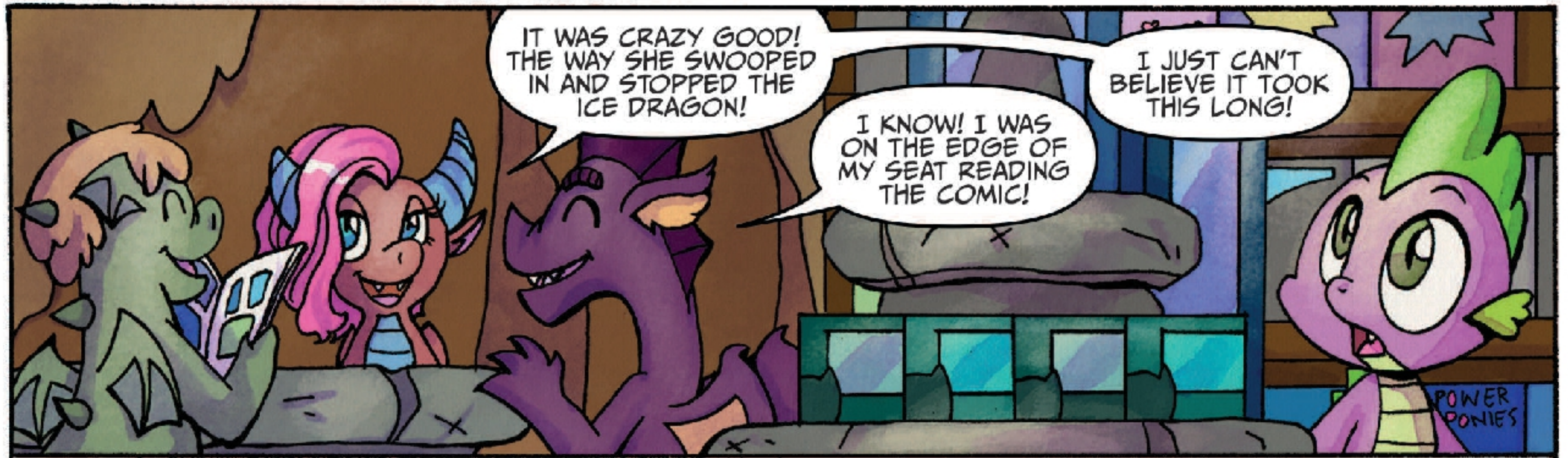






WELCOME TO DRAGON TOWN COMICS. LET ME KNOW IF I CAN HELP YOU FIND ANYTHING.

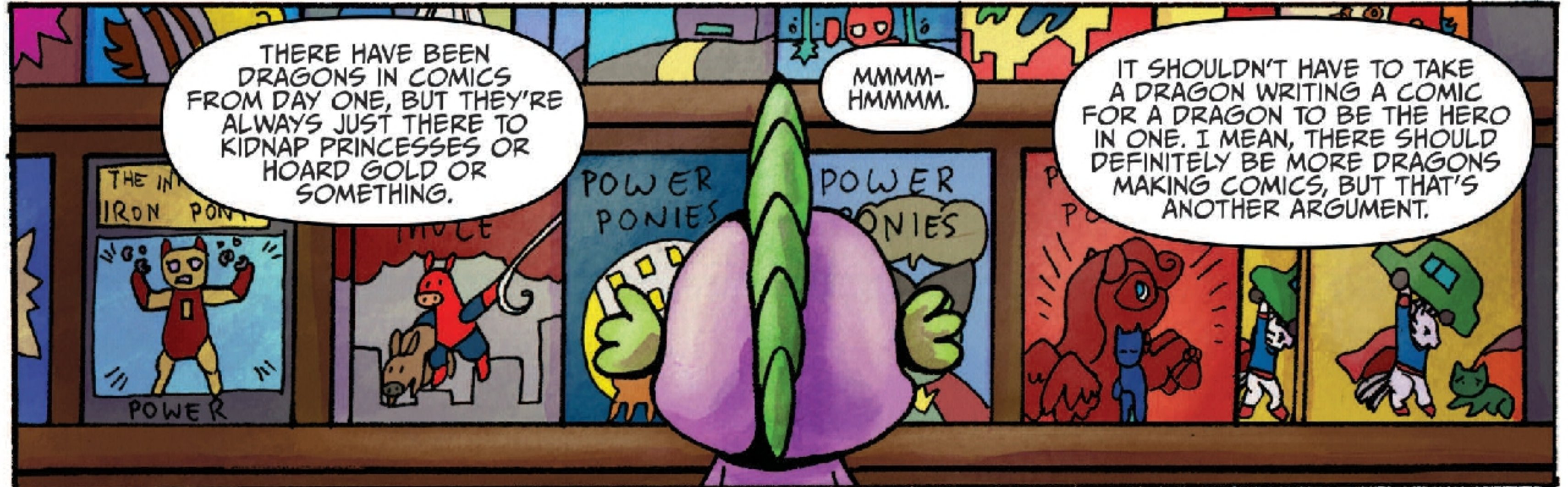
THANKS!



IT WAS CRAZY GOOD! THE WAY SHE SWOOPED IN AND STOPPED THE ICE DRAGON!

I KNOW! I WAS ON THE EDGE OF MY SEAT READING THE COMIC!

I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE IT TOOK THIS LONG!



THERE HAVE BEEN DRAGONS IN COMICS FROM DAY ONE, BUT THEY'RE ALWAYS JUST THERE TO KIDNAP PRINCESSES OR HOARD GOLD OR SOMETHING.

MMMM-HMMMM.

IT SHOULDN'T HAVE TO TAKE A DRAGON WRITING A COMIC FOR A DRAGON TO BE THE HERO IN ONE. I MEAN, THERE SHOULD DEFINITELY BE MORE DRAGONS MAKING COMICS, BUT THAT'S ANOTHER ARGUMENT.



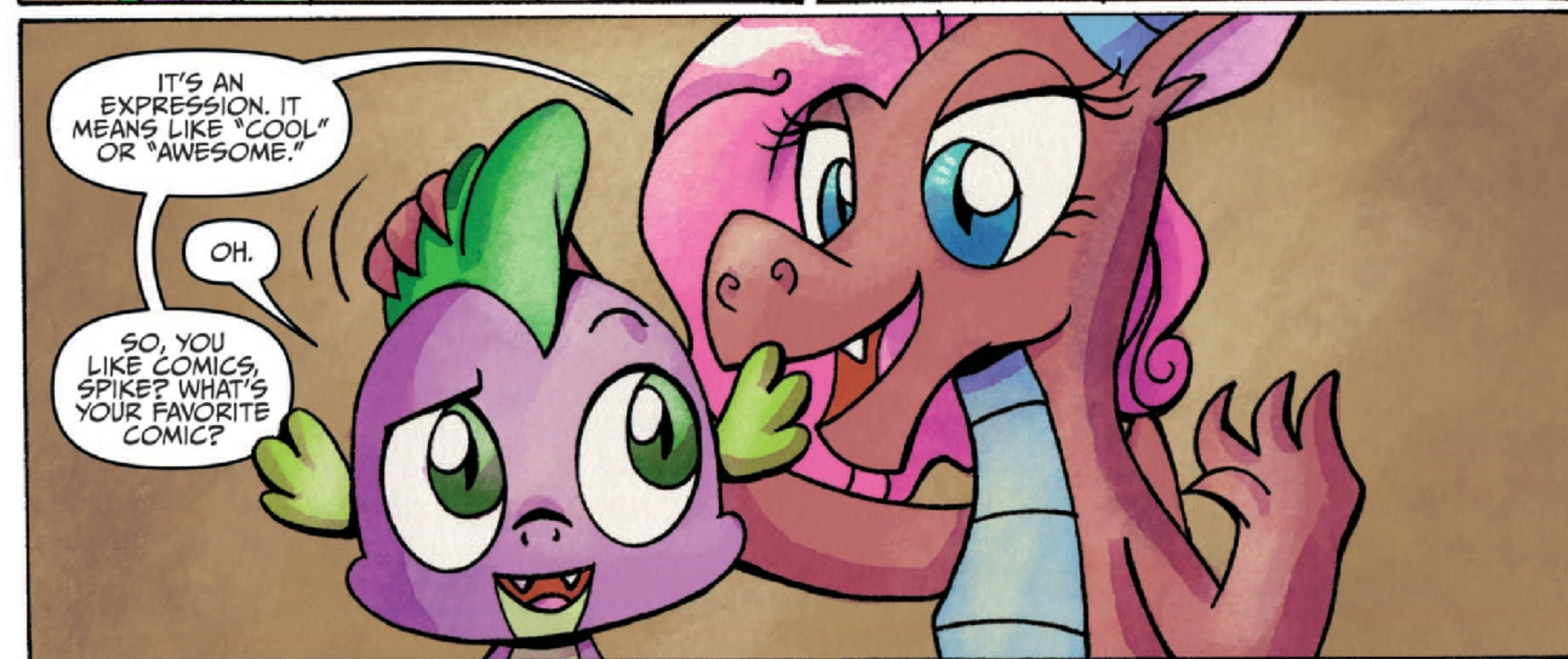
BUT ANY TIME YOU SAY THAT TO A PONY THEY'RE ALL LIKE, "WHAT ABOUT THAT ONE STORY WHERE HUMDRUM WAS A DRAGON?"

HA HA HA HA HA!



YOU GUYS GET OUT OF HERE, I HAVE TO WORK.

BYE!





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 SUPER HEROINE 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?

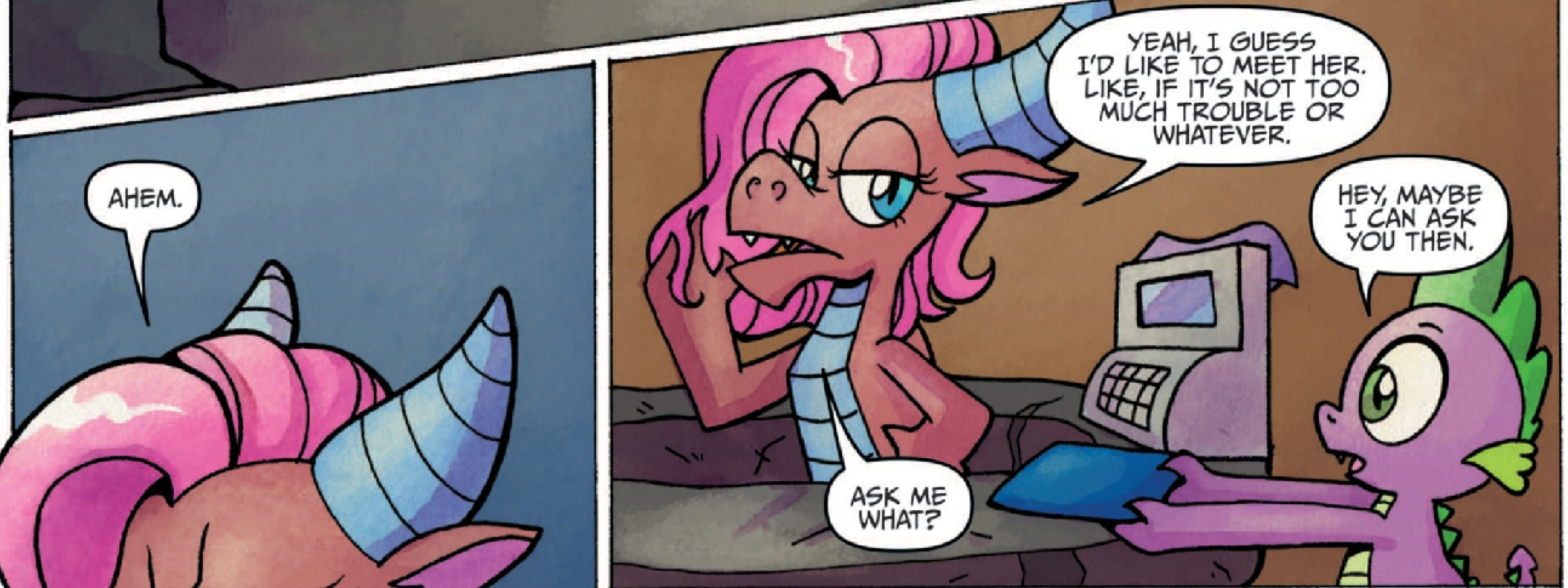
YEAH, I COULD PROBABLY INTRODUCE YOU.

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.



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?



AHEM.



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?



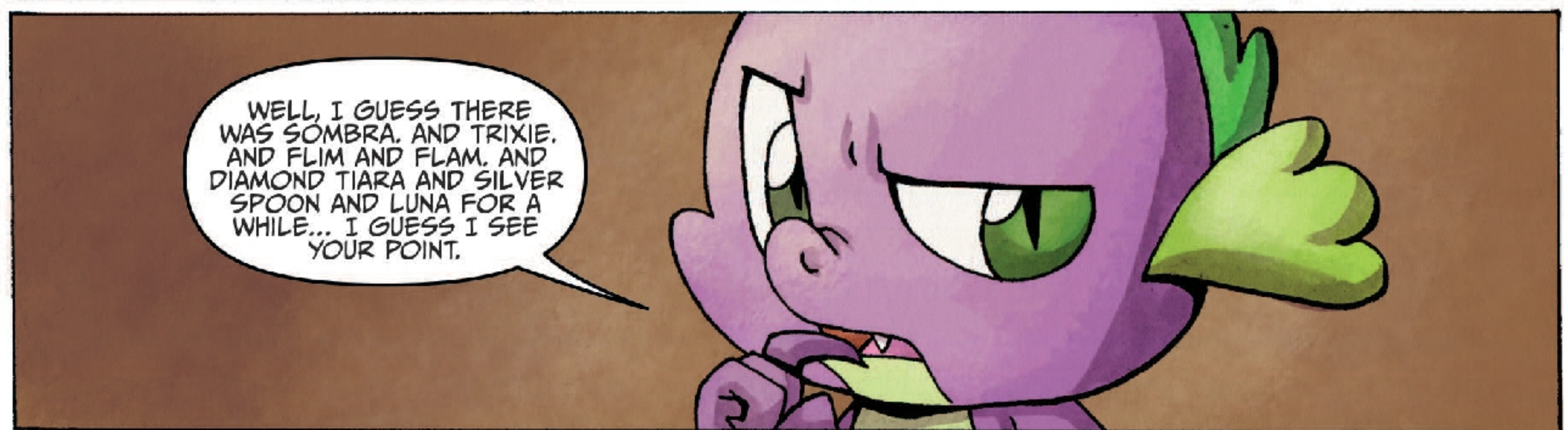
YEAH, SURE.



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.

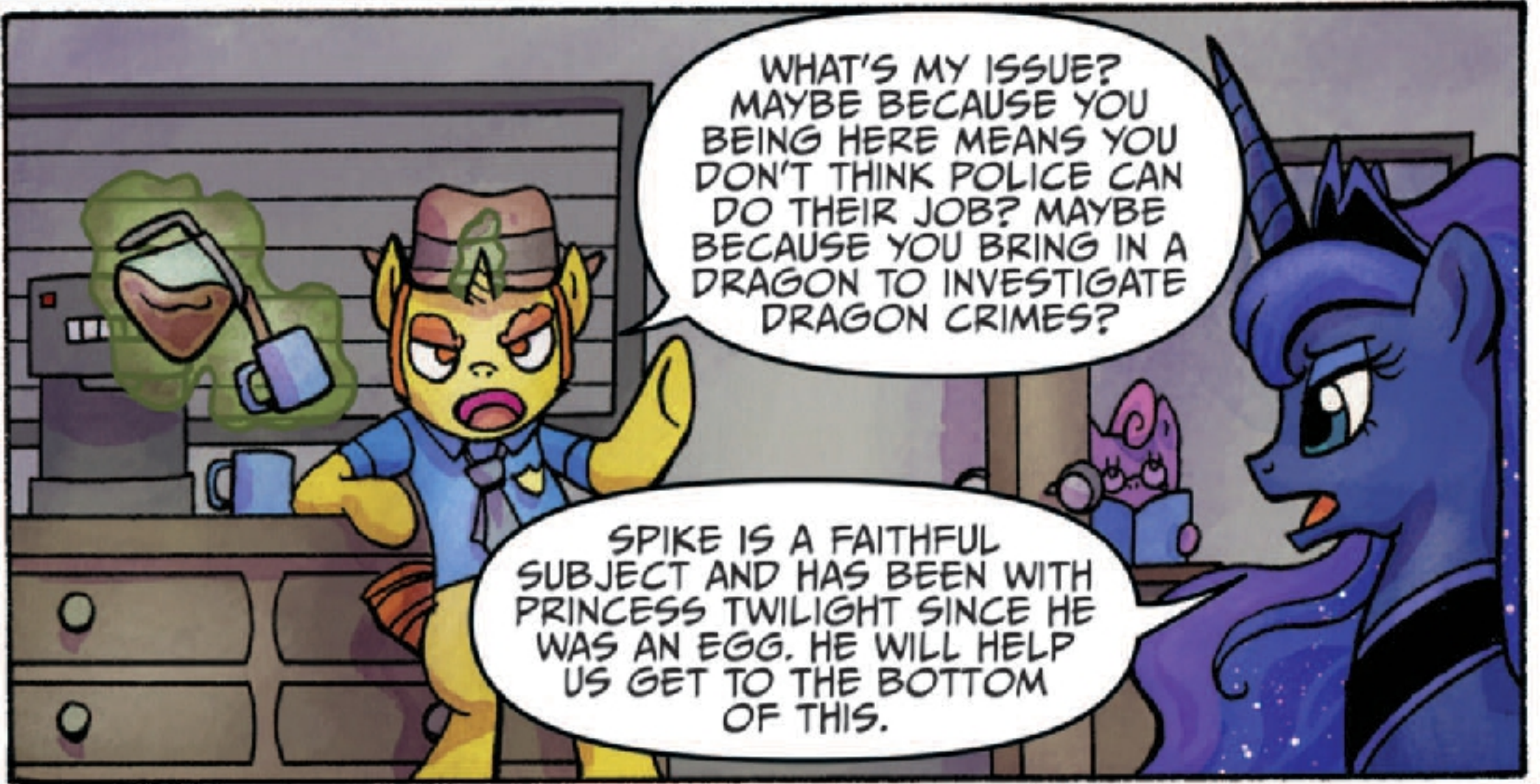
TWILIGHT
WOULD LIKE
YOU.

GREAT,
SHE'S STILL
HERE.



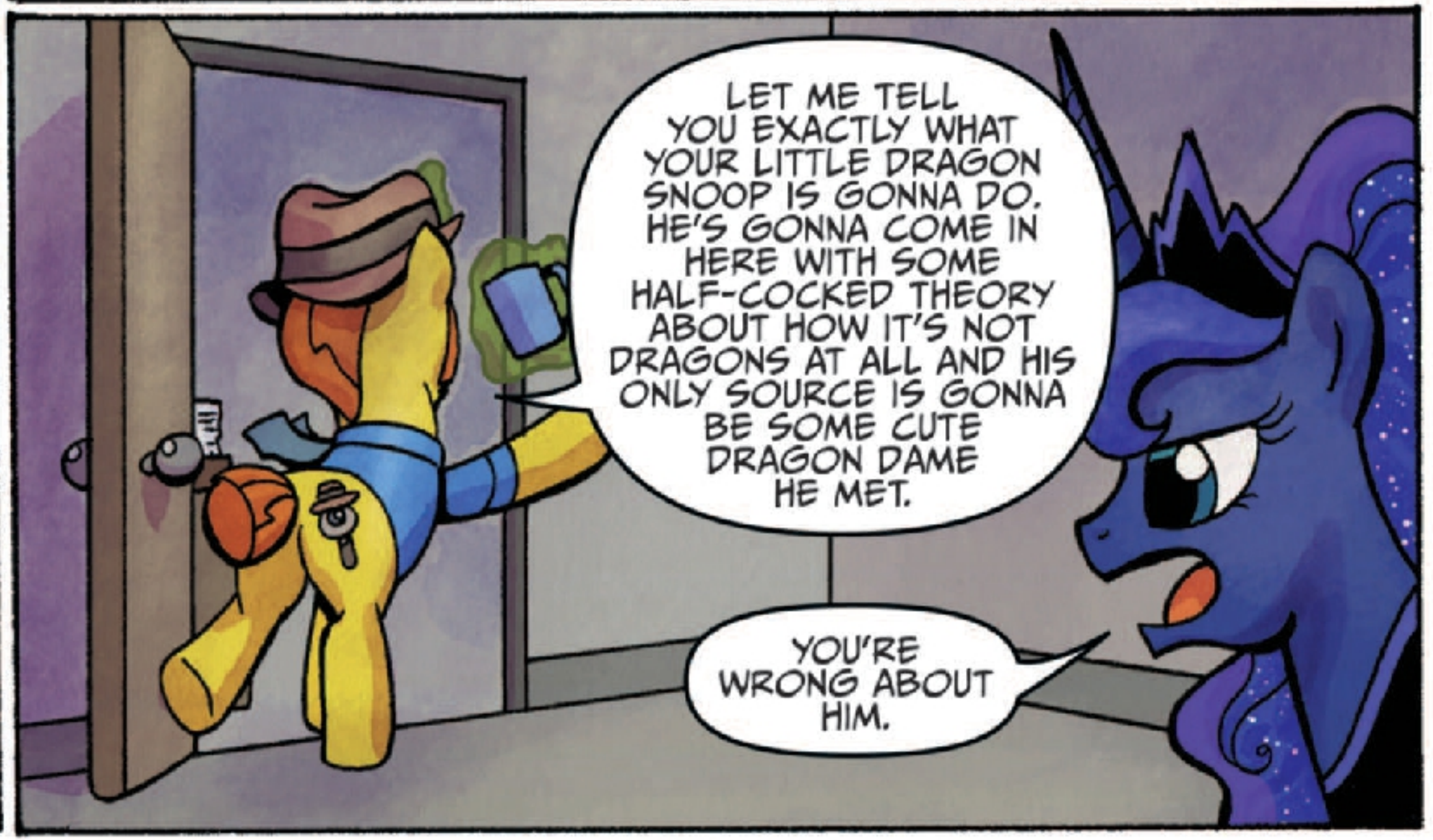
DON'T LET ME
DISTURB YOU, YOUR
HIGHNESS. THAT'S MY
DESK BUT FEEL FREE TO
STAY THERE. SORRY WE
COULDN'T GET YOU A
THRONE ON SHORT
NOTICE.

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



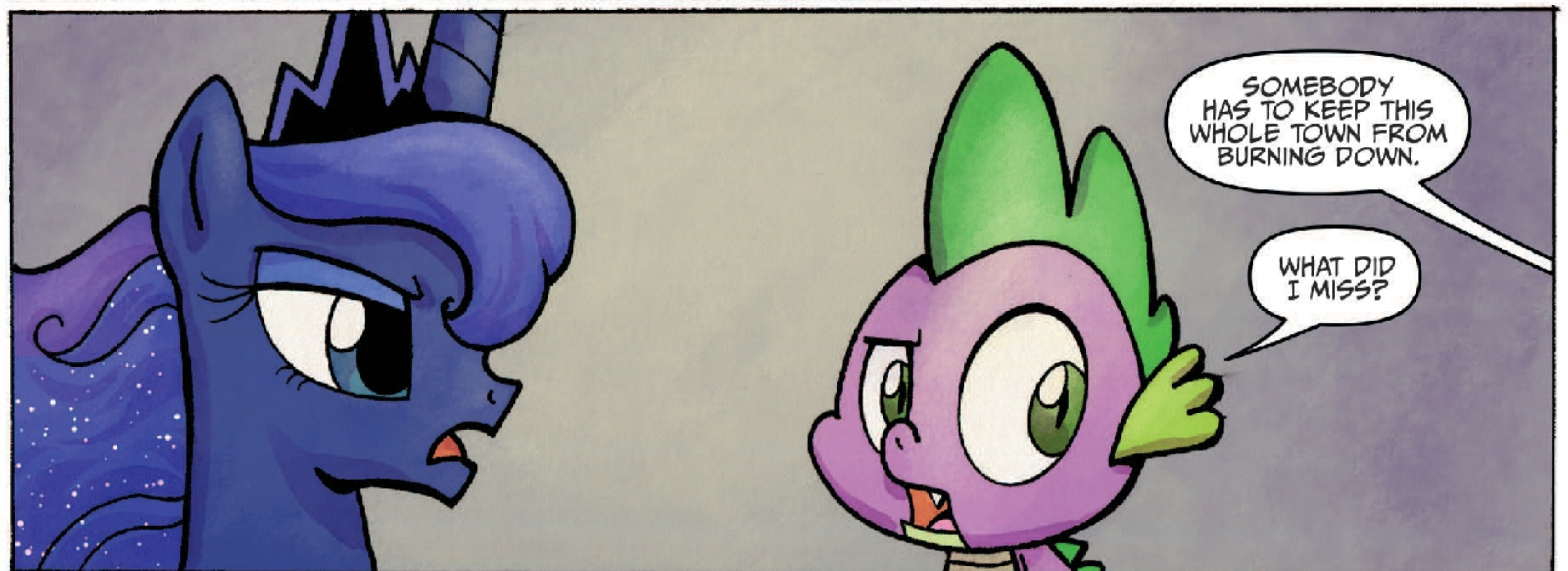
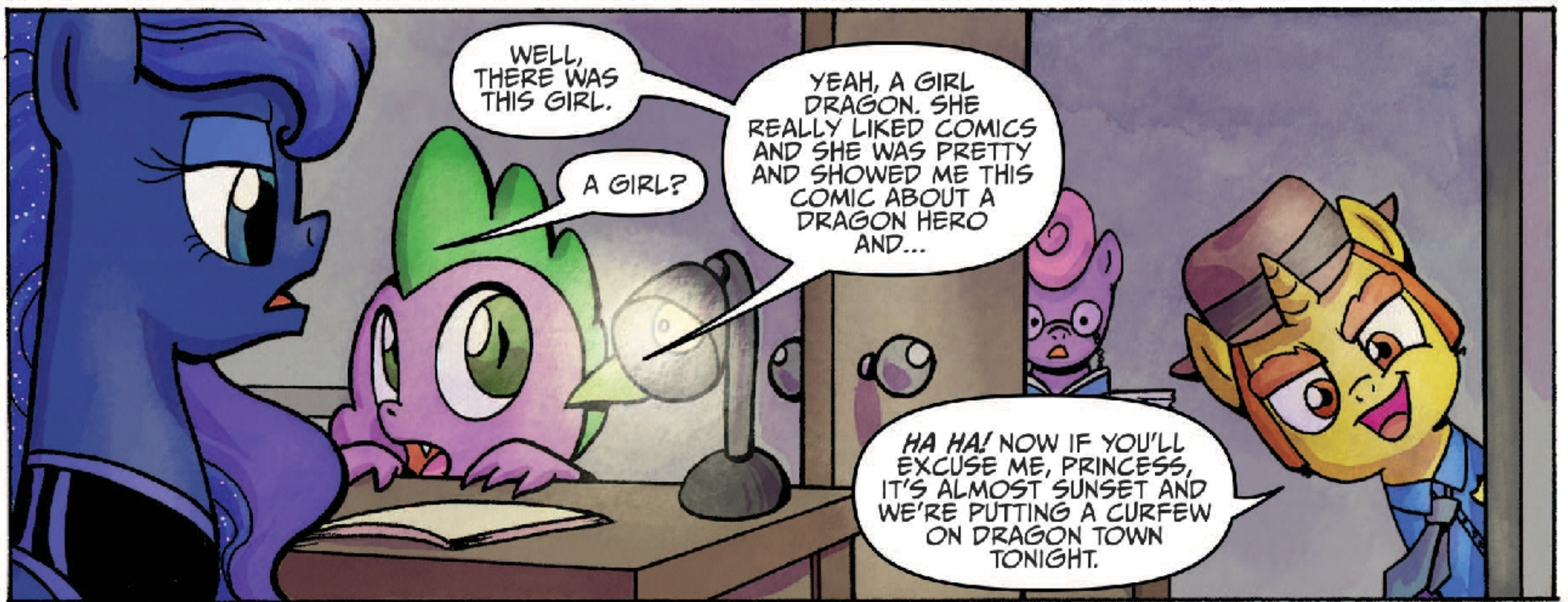
WHAT'S MY ISSUE?
MAYBE BECAUSE YOU
BEING HERE MEANS YOU
DON'T THINK POLICE CAN
DO THEIR JOB? MAYBE
BECAUSE YOU BRING IN A
DRAGON TO INVESTIGATE
DRAGON CRIMES?

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.

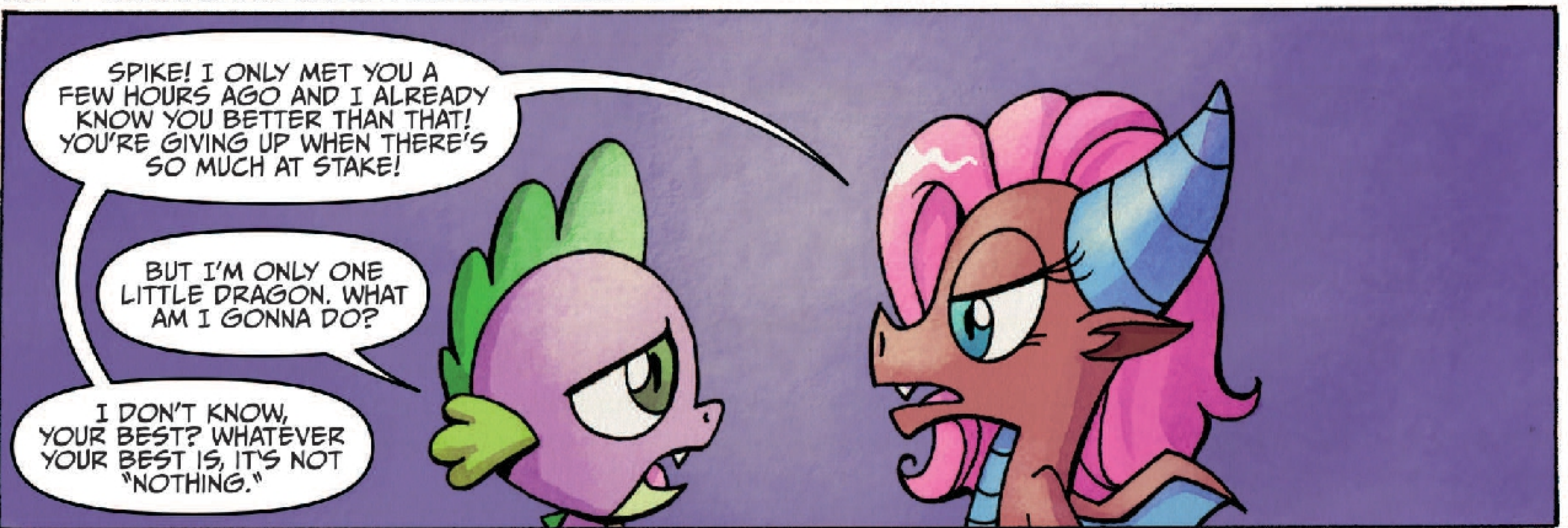


LET ME TELL
YOU EXACTLY WHAT
YOUR LITTLE DRAGON
SNOOP IS GONNA DO.
HE'S GONNA COME IN
HERE WITH SOME
HALF-COCKED THEORY
ABOUT HOW IT'S NOT
DRAGONS AT ALL AND HIS
ONLY SOURCE IS GONNA
BE SOME CUTE
DRAGON DAME
HE MET.

YOU'RE
WRONG ABOUT
HIM.









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?



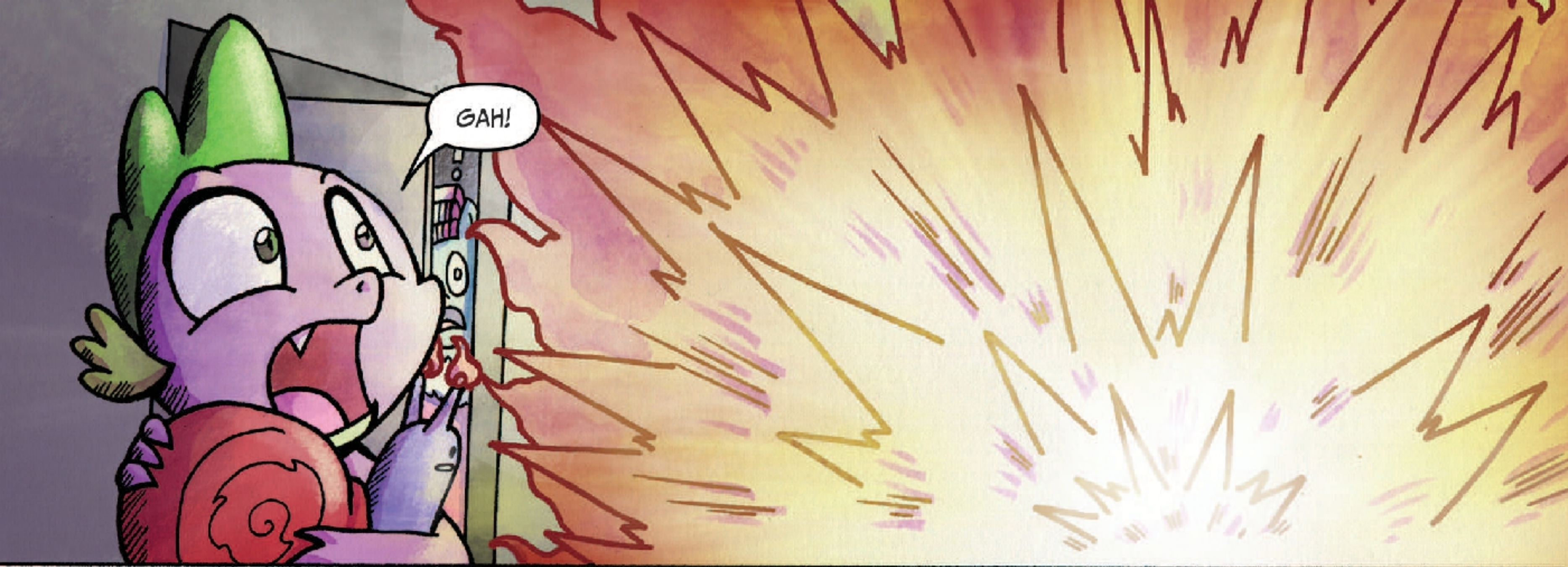
THAT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.



HEY, STOP THAT!



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



GAH!



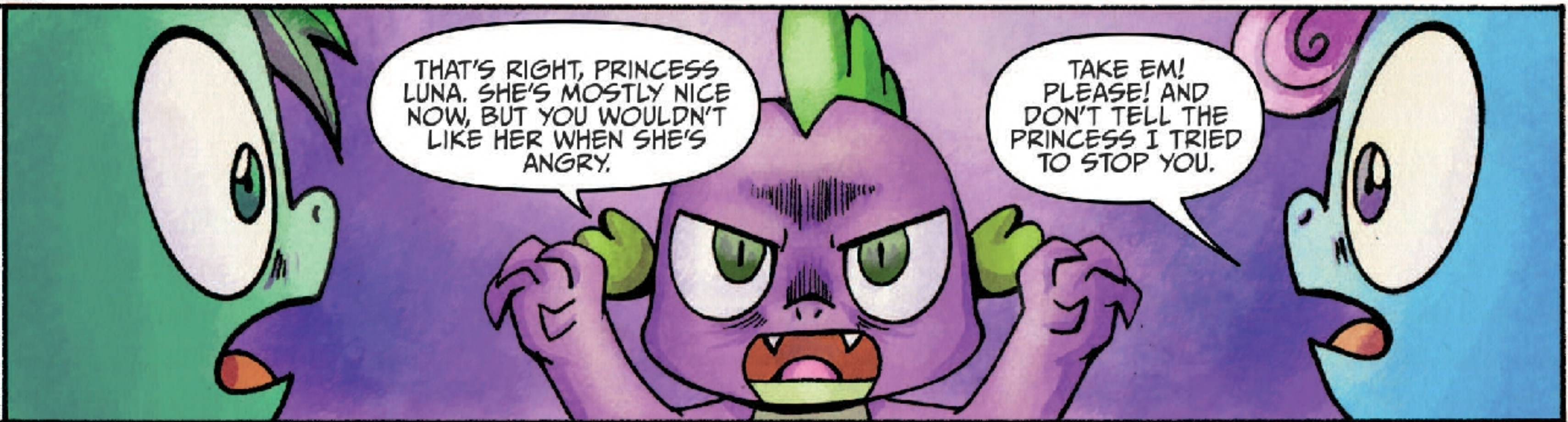
I NEED MORE DRAGONS!



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

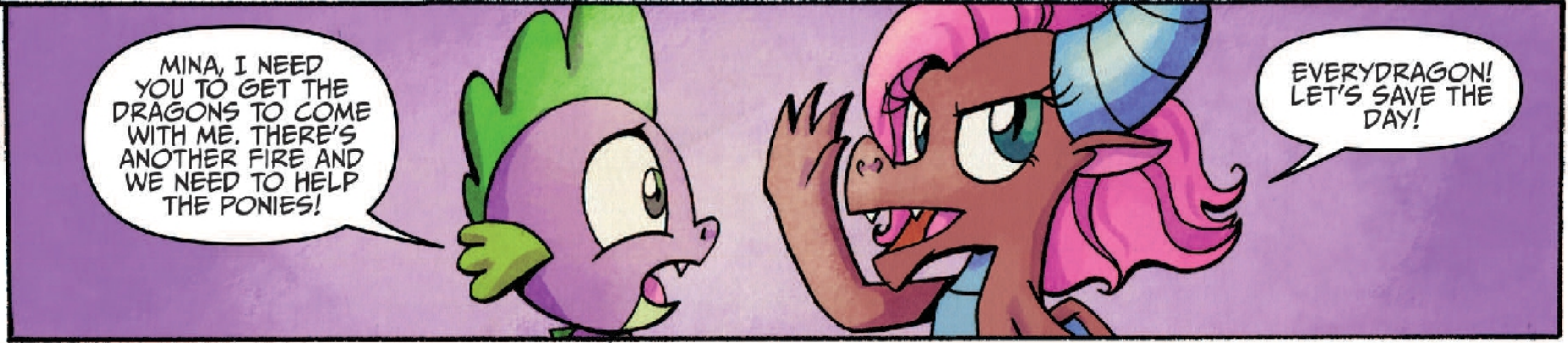
LIKE FLUFF YOU DO! ORDERS ARE THEY STAY HERE.

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.

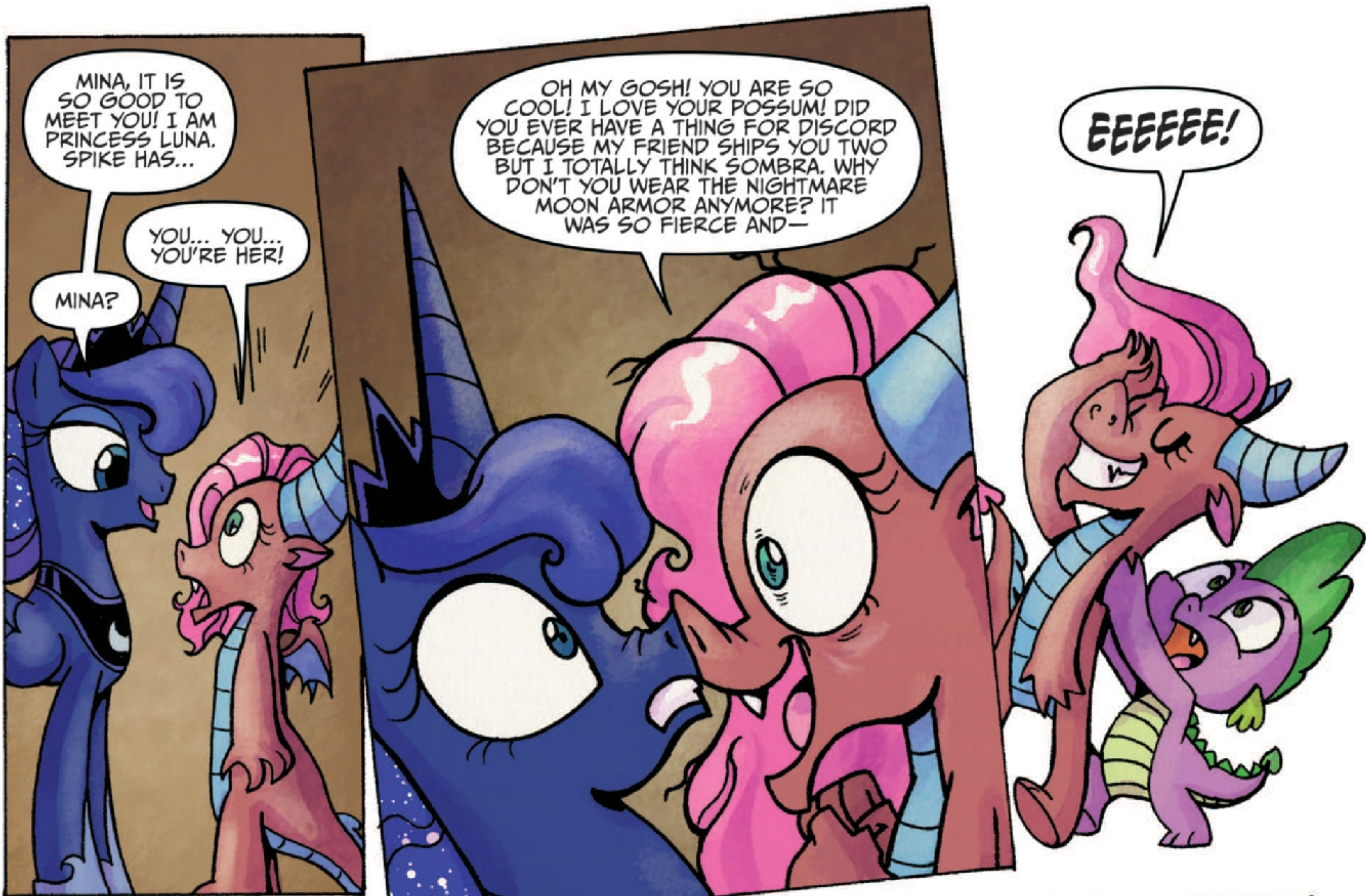
IT'S OKAY. WHEN THINGS GOT SERIOUS, I COULD HEAR YOU SAYING THAT YOU BELIEVED IN ME. IT HELPED ME COME UP WITH A PLAN.



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.