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For Courtney Donovan, who is eternally  
lovely, helpful, smart, and patient with me!  
—T.T.S.

For Judy — in my corner, round after round  
—J.P.

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THE EVENTS OF THIS BOOK TAKE PLACE IN  
PYRRHIA'S SHROUDED PAST, MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND  
YEARS BEFORE THE WAR OF SANDWING SUCCESSION  
AND THE EVENTS OF *THE DRAGONET PROPHECY*.

## PROLOGUE

PRINCE ARCTIC  
ICEWING ANIMUS  
SON OF QUEEN DIAMOND



PRINCE ARCTIC HAD  
ONLY THREE WEEKS LEFT  
BEFORE HIS GIFTING  
CEREMONY. HE WAS TO  
USE HIS ANIMUS POWER  
FOR THE FIRST AND  
ONLY TIME TO BESTOW A  
GLORIOUS, MAGICAL GIFT  
ON THE ICEWING TRIBE—  
IF ONLY HE COULD FIGURE  
OUT WHAT TO GIVE.



RULES, RULES, RULES.  
JUST ONE MORE WAY FOR  
MOTHER TO KEEP ME UNDER  
HER CLAWS.







HOW COULD  
I FORGET? MOTHER  
WANTS ME TO  
MARRY HER!

BUT SHE'S  
SO DULL....

MAYBE I COULD  
ENCHANT SOMETHING  
TO MAKE ANY DRAGON  
INTERESTING.

DON'T WASTE  
YOUR GIFT!

WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE  
THE TRIBE? IF YOU WERE  
AN ANIMUS?

OH, I DON'T  
KNOW.

THINK ABOUT IT.  
I'D REALLY LIKE  
TO KNOW.

SORRY,  
I CAN'T THINK  
OF ANYTHING.





REALLY THINK ABOUT IT.  
TELL ME WHENEVER YOU  
COME UP WITH SOMETHING.

SEEMS LIKE A  
WASTE OF MY TIME.  
UNLESS YOU'RE HAVING  
TROUBLE COMING UP  
WITH AN IDEA?

AUGH!

ACK!

SORRY! I JUST  
NEEDED TO GET  
OUTSIDE. LOOK AT  
THAT SUNSET!

GREAT  
KINGDOMS, IT'S  
COLD OUT HERE.  
I MIGHT LITERALLY  
DIE!

I'VE NEVER  
SEEN A NIGHTWING  
BEFORE.

I KNEW SHE'D  
BE BLACK, BUT  
I DIDN'T EXPECT  
THE DARK GREEN  
UNDERSCALES.

OR THE SILVER  
SCALES GLITTERING  
ON HER WINGS.

OR HER DARK  
GREEN EYES.

I FEEL LIKE I  
COULD TAKE OFF  
AND TOUCH THE  
MOONS.





I'LL MEET YOU INSIDE. BETTER HURRY. MOTHER DOESN'T LIKE TO WAIT.



WHO STUCK AN ICICLE UP HER SNOUT?

I'M AFRAID THAT WAS ME. I TOOK FAR TOO LONG TO REMEMBER HER NAME.

SO? I FORGET NAMES ALL THE TIME.

WELL, WE'RE KIND OF ENGAGED.



ALL RIGHT, I'M ON HER SIDE. YOU'RE THE WORST.

WE'VE ONLY MET ONCE! ALSO, SHE IS EXTREMELY UNMEMORABLE!



I PITY WHOEVER MARRIES YOU. YOU'LL BE LIKE HAPPY FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY... WHAT'S YOUR NAME? AND SHE'LL BE ALL, IT'S OUR FIFTIETH AND MY NAME IS GO SLEEP ON AN ICEBERG.

I'D REMEMBER THAT NAME.



AND WHAT'S YOURS?

ARCTIC. PRINCE ARCTIC.

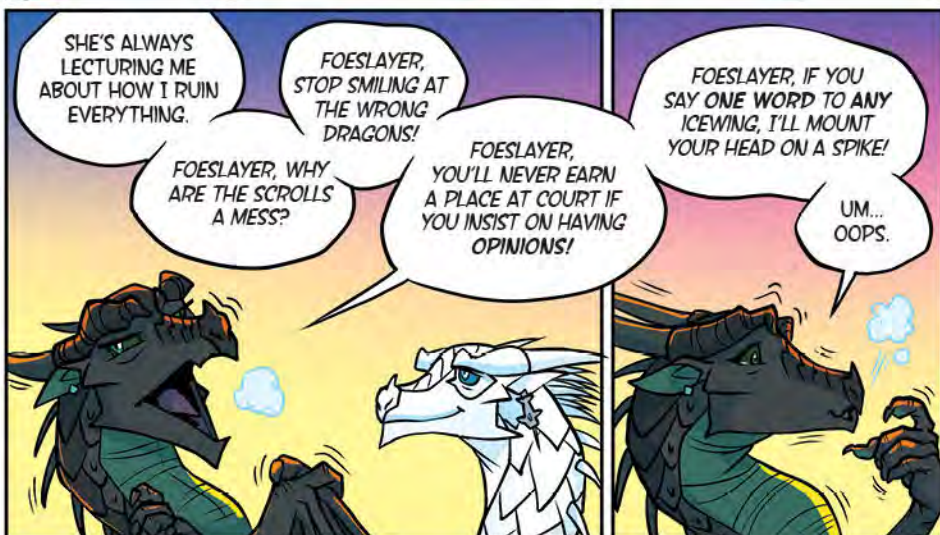
OH, FANCY.



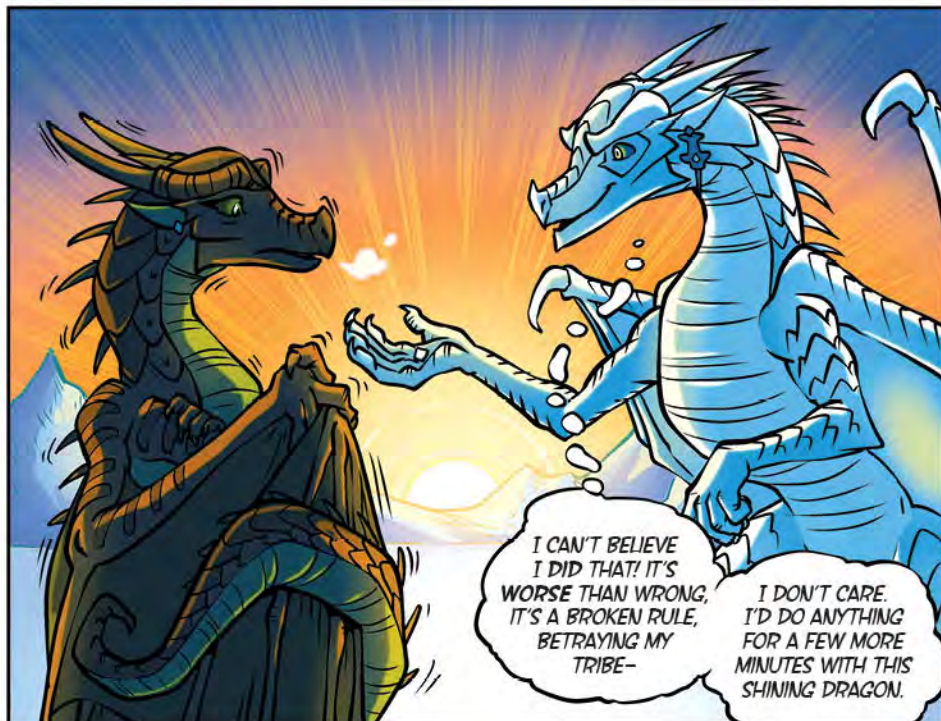
I WON'T BOTHER TELLING YOU MINE. OR DO YOU ONLY FORGET YOUR GIRLFRIENDS' NAMES?

I REMEMBER ANY DRAGON WHO SEEMS LIKELY TO CHANGE MY LIFE.













WHOA.  
THAT-THAT  
WORKED.



SO THE RUMORS ARE  
TRUE-YOUR TRIBE DOES  
HAVE MAGIC.

ONLY A FEW OF US.  
SO DOES YOURS,  
DOESN'T IT?

ONLY A FEW  
OF US. I DON'T.



CAN YOU ENCHANT ANYTHING?  
TO DO ANYTHING? WHY DON'T YOU  
RULE THE CONTINENT?

THERE ARE STRICT RULES.  
WE CAN ONLY USE OUR POWERS  
ONCE. THERE ARE LEGENDS ABOUT  
LOSING YOUR SOUL IF YOU USE TOO  
MUCH MAGIC. IT PROBABLY ISN'T EVEN  
TRUE, BUT NO ONE BREAKS RULES IN  
THE ICE KINGDOM.



ONCE? BUT THEN...

WELL, PERHAPS I'M  
NOT MUCH OF A RULE  
FOLLOWER EITHER.



BUT WHY DID YOU DO  
THIS-FOR ME? AREN'T  
YOU WORRIED ABOUT  
YOUR SOUL?

NOT ANYMORE.  
IT'S YOURS NOW...  
IF YOU WANT IT.





THIS IS A BAD IDEA.  
THE VERY WORST. NEITHER  
OF OUR TRIBES WOULD FORGIVE  
US. MOTHER WOULD NEVER  
ALLOW IT.

ALL THE MORE REASON.  
I WON'T LET THE QUEEN  
CRUSH MY ENTIRE LIFE  
BETWEEN HER CLAWS.

IT'S MY LIFE,  
MY MAGIC, AND  
MY HEART.

I'M ABOUT TO  
SAY SOMETHING  
REALLY SAPPY.

SAPPIER  
THAN WHAT I  
JUST SAID?

I JUST—I HAVE THIS  
STRANGE FEELING THE  
WORLD IS ABOUT TO  
CHANGE FOREVER.





PRINCE FATHOM  
SEAWING ANIMUS  
GREAT-NEPHEW OF  
QUEEN LAGOON

FATHOM HAD NEVER THOUGHT OF HIMSELF AS ANYONE SPECIAL, AND HE CERTAINLY WASN'T EXPECTING THAT TO CHANGE THE DAY OF THE ANIMUS TEST. FIVE SEAWING DRAGONETS WERE LINED UP THAT MORNING, THEIR BLUE AND GREEN SCALES WET FROM THE HISSING WAVES OF THE OCEAN. ALL OF THEM HAD TURNED TWO YEARS OLD WITHIN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

I DARE YOU  
TO GRAB THAT  
SEAGULL AND  
EAT IT.

SHHHH.

YOU KNOW  
YOU WANT TO.

QUIT TALKING  
TO ME, INDIGO.

WHO, ME?  
WHAT DID  
I SAY?





STOP.  
THAT.



PEARL, YOUR  
BROTHER'S SO  
NOISY!



YOU'LL BOTH GET IN TROUBLE  
IF QUEEN LAGOON CATCHES YOU  
PLAYING AROUND.



I'M JUST SITTING HERE. A MODEL  
DRAGONET, ME. IT'S HIS PRINCE-NESS  
WHO SHOULD STOP WITH THE CHITCHAT.



THIS IS A  
WASTE OF TIME,  
YOUR MAJESTY.

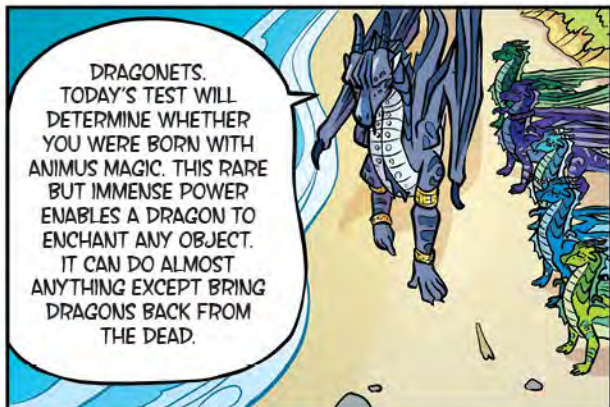
GRANDFATHER  
ALBATROSS! HE  
MAKES ME SO  
NERVOUS...



I DON'T WANT  
AN APPRENTICE.  
BESIDES, NOBODY  
EVER TESTED ME,  
AND WE STILL  
DISCOVERED MY  
POWER.

YOU ARE DONE  
COMPLAINING  
ABOUT THIS.

YES, YOUR  
MAJESTY.

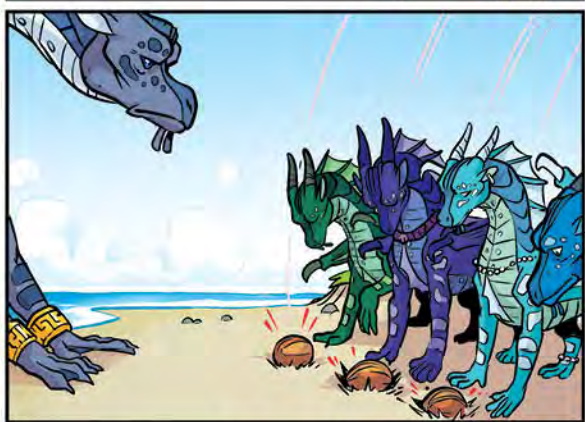
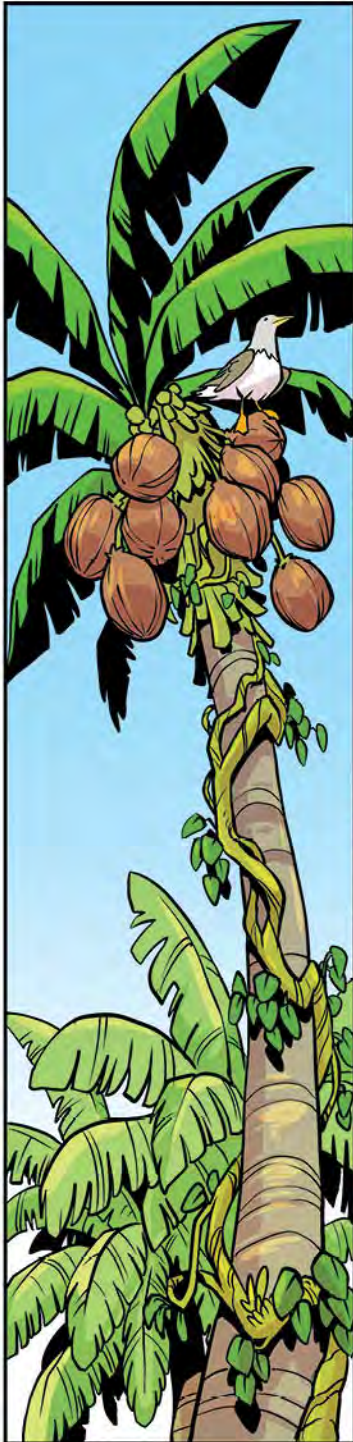


DRAGONETS.  
TODAY'S TEST WILL  
DETERMINE WHETHER  
YOU WERE BORN WITH  
ANIMUS MAGIC. THIS RARE  
BUT IMMENSE POWER  
ENABLES A DRAGON TO  
ENCHANT ANY OBJECT.  
IT CAN DO ALMOST  
ANYTHING EXCEPT BRING  
DRAGONS BACK FROM  
THE DEAD.

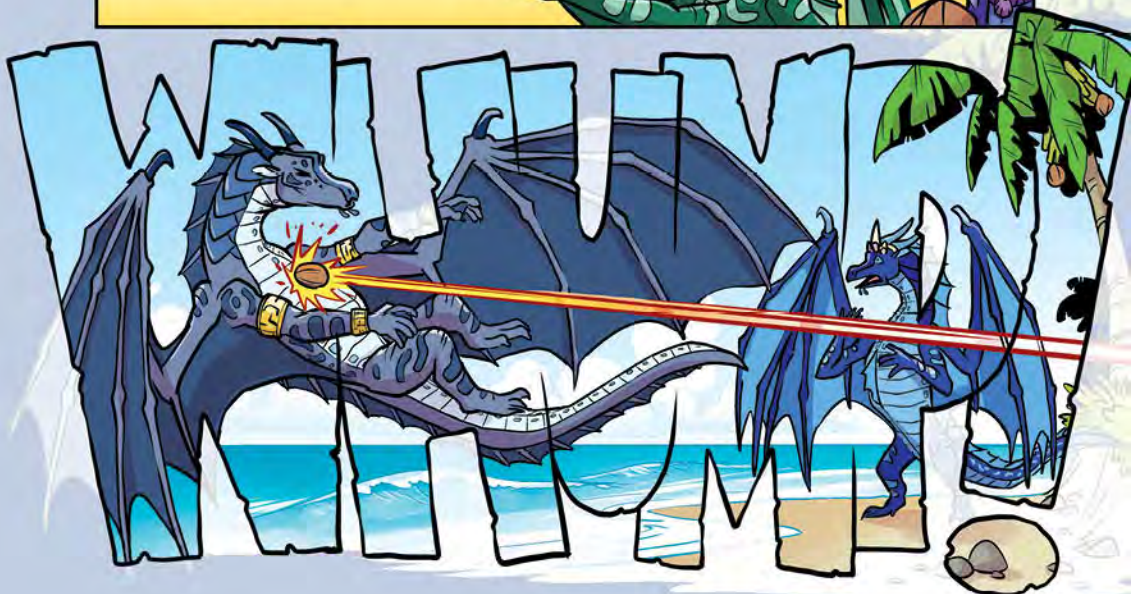


I AM OUR TRIBE'S  
FIRST AND ONLY ANIMUS.  
ALMOST CERTAINLY, NONE  
OF YOU WILL BE THE  
SECOND.











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