

DRAGONVALE: WEB SERIES

Speculative Pilot Episode

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FADE IN:

EXT. MOUNTAINTOP -- DAY

PLANT DRAGON, green and grinning, meanders in a grassy knoll.

A strong wind knocks it off balance.

It spots a wild patch of snapdragon flowers in the distance and runs straight toward it.

Plant Dragon dives in and chows down on the flowery feast.

The wind kicks up again and pushes the dragon back a few steps.

Plant Dragon marches to the snapdragons-- the wind knocks it back again.

Plant Dragon runs, digs its hind claws into the ground, and braces itself.

It eats, nervously looking around for the wind to strike again.

With a mouthful, it freezes at the sight of something near the edge of the mountainside.

A FIRE EGG is nestled in a tuft of grass, teetering on a ledge.

Another wind gust ruffles Plant Dragon. Snapdragon petals swirl in the air and fly toward the egg.

BIFF! The wind smacks the egg and it rocks.

Plant Dragon spits out a mouthful of petals and stems.

PLANT DRAGON  
(surprised)  
SCRAW!

It tries to run but stumbles and slips.

Plant Dragon flaps its wings to get traction... and it works. It runs to the rocking egg, stops abruptly at the edge, and peers over. The ground is so far away, it's obscured by clouds.

Plant Dragon cranks its neck left, then right. It shakes its wings out and inhales deeply.

The dragon reaches one wing out and curls it around the egg.

It slowly pulls the egg in-- WHOOSH! Another wind gust pushes the egg closer to the edge.

Plant Dragon keeps pulling until both wings wrap around the egg, cradling it close.

PLANT DRAGON (CONT'D)  
(relieved)  
PHEW.

Plant Dragon stands up with the egg held tight just as a blue flash whizzes by. Plant Dragon looks around.

The blue flash jets back the other way. Plant Dragon looks around again.

AIR DRAGON, azure and feathery, flies in and plops down behind Plant Dragon.

Air Dragon watches Plant Dragon fumble with the egg.

AIR DRAGON  
(inquisitive)  
REARGH?

Plant Dragon jumps up, bobbles the egg, catches it, and curls into a fetal position. It looks up at Air Dragon.

PLANT DRAGON  
(concerned)  
GRRRUNGH.

Air Dragon points at the egg.

AIR DRAGON  
(inquisitive)  
REARGH?

Plant Dragon stands up next to Air Dragon and gestures out across the land. Air Dragon leans closer to Plant Dragon to see.

A blue feather pops off Air Dragon and floats away from the cliff.

EXT. SKY -- DAY

The feather gently floats then shoots off from a strong gust.

The land of DragonVale spreads across several floating islands high in the sky, topped with lush foliage and anchored by massive stalactites of bedrock.

In the distance, one island contains a village of magicfolk; otherwise known as the Vale.

EXT. VALE -- DAY

Witches and wizards hustle and bustle all over town. They clean dragon habitats, cast spells, harvest crops, decorate, cook meals, trade wares, and still have time to chat and laugh.

The feather flies closer and closer to the Vale. It sails past a Breeding Cave, emblazoned with pink crystals.

The feather jets across to a Hibernation Cave. Dragon snores bellow out of the opening.

It's tossed from island to island, and catches the attention of some Valefolk youth.

The feather jukes and dives until it hits a straw nest. There are three other nests encircled by a single structure, the Hatchery.

A yellow LIGHTNING EGG sits in a nest, safe and snug.

EXT. MOUNTAINTOP -- DAY

Air Dragon looks at Plant Dragon with wide eyes.

AIR DRAGON  
(worried)  
UGHROW...

Air Dragon holds its wings out to take the egg.

Plant Dragon shakes its head and Air Dragon nods. Plant Dragon stares blankly.

Air Dragon acts out nestling the egg in its thick scale-feathers and flying to the Hatchery.

It pretends to land and place the egg in a nest.

AIR DRAGON (CONT'D)  
(proud)

ARAH!

Plant Dragon pats the solid ground with one foot and holds the egg tighter in its wings.

Air Dragon mimics Plant Dragon walking all day and getting tired.

PLANT DRAGON  
(firm)  
MEER.

Plant Dragon turns its back on Air Dragon and walks toward a forested path down the mountain.

AIR DRAGON  
(concerned)  
GRRUNGH.

EXT. FORESTED TRAIL -- DAY

Plant Dragon confidently marches down the path, stepping over branches and fallen trees.

It even dances a little as it walks and smiles at the egg.

It hops on a mossy log and walks the length of it, balancing with ease.

Plant Dragon hops from one log to another but slips. It tumbles into the air and the fire egg flies up. The dragon flaps to stabilize itself, but lands on its hindquarters.

PLANT DRAGON  
(pained)  
REAOW!

Rubbing its back-end, Plant Dragon stands up and looks around. The fire egg is nowhere to be seen.

Plant Dragon peeks under logs, around trees, then runs in circles, searching.

PLANT DRAGON (CONT'D)  
(surprised)  
SCRAW!

EXT. FORESTED TRAIL -- TREETOPS -- DAY

Air Dragon flies above the trail, looking for Plant Dragon. It maneuvers, trying to peer through the trees.

THUNK! The fire egg hits Air Dragon in the head and slides onto its back.

Air Dragon blinks and shakes its head: a small welt rises up.

It turns its head mid-flight, to peek at the egg. It's enveloped by the dragon's scale-fathers.

Air Dragon snickers and changes course for the Hatchery.

EXT. SKY -- DAY

Air Dragon flies at a slow pace to keep the fire egg still.

The Hatchery is far away so Air Dragon speeds up a little. Air Dragon peeks at the egg, still snug.

It speeds up a little more, but the egg becomes loose.

The dragon slows down immediately. The egg slides up toward its neck.

Air Dragon speeds up to compensate, but the egg slides down to the end of its tail.

AIR DRAGON  
(surprised)  
SCRAW!

It slows down again and the egg slides to the very top of its head.

Air Dragon barrel rolls and grabs the egg with its wings, holding it to its belly.

AIR DRAGON (CONT'D)  
(relieved)  
PHEW.

With wings occupied and still, Air Dragon plummets. It looks down to see its trajectory and frees one wing.

It flaps with one wing while the other holds the egg. Air Dragon spirals out of control.

THUMP! The dragon smacks into a huge tree with a mess of wild branches.

EXT. TREE -- DAY

The fire egg slides out from under the tangled dragon. Air Dragon shakes its head and looks below.

The fire egg sits safely between two branches.

Air Dragon reaches for it with a wing but can't quite get there. It brushes the egg and it wobbles.

Air Dragon stretches as far as it can. Its wing slides under and raises the egg up a few inches.

The egg slips off the wing and falls toward a sharp, broken branch sticking straight up.

AIR DRAGON  
(pained)  
REAOW!

A gust of wind blows a giant leaf into the fire egg and pushes it against a thick branch.

It rolls along the curvy branch, heading for the end..

Air Dragon still tries to break free.

AIR DRAGON (CONT'D)  
(worried)  
UGHROW...

Right before flying off the end of the branch, the fire egg rolls onto a thick pad of sap. SQUELCH!

It stops moving altogether.

Air Dragon stops writhing and watches the stuck egg slowly fall to one side of the sappy branch.

The fire egg sticks to the branch as it slides until it's completely upside down.

It hangs there for a moment then the sap starts to stretch. The egg creeps down, stretching the sap further and further.

The egg hangs from an elongated strand of sap until... SNAP!

The fire egg falls, but only for a second. BONK!

It hits a cluster of branches, pinballs back and forth, and lands on a pillowy leaf.

The leaf lowers under the weight of the egg and gently rolls it onto solid ground.

AIR DRAGON (CONT'D)  
(celebratory)  
ARAH!

Air Dragon bites the branches, snapping them to pieces.

THUD, THUD, THUD! Air Dragon looks down with a mouth full of branches to see EARTH DRAGON lumbering out of its cave.

The fire egg bounces with each step.

EXT. CAVE -- DAY

Earth Dragon, rough and spiky with brown scales, yawns and stretches its legs.

It scratches its belly with its hind leg. With each scratch, its foot slams the ground. BOOM, BOOM, BOOM, BOOM.

The fire egg bounces away from the tree and starts to roll.

EXT. SKY -- DAY

Plant Dragon circles high above the ground, searching. It spots the egg rolling away from the tree.

PLANT DRAGON  
(joyful)  
HEE-HEE!

The dragon immediately swoops down.

EXT. TREE -- DAY

Air Dragon sees how far the egg is bouncing and quickens its branch-chomping.

It finally frees itself and flies straight toward the egg.

Air Dragon dives in closer to the fire egg and SLAM!

Plant Dragon flies right into the back of Air Dragon. They tumble and crash to the ground together.

They accidentally roll into the fire egg and push it further away.

EXT. CAVE -- DAY

Earth Dragon sees the commotion and raises an eyebrow.

It spots the egg rolling away and huffs. It lumbers into a trot to chase the egg.

When Earth Dragon gets close, its pounding gallop propels the egg further.

Earth Dragon runs faster, but this causes its tail to hit the ground with each stride. The fire egg bounces at top speed.





Plant and Air Dragon rear up and point to the lake with their wings. Earth Dragon looks around, confused.

A blue tail rises out of the water, lifting the fire egg up safely. Air Dragon tilts its head.

AIR DRAGON  
(confused)  
REARGH?

WATER DRAGON, calm and postured, raises its head out from the water.

Earth Dragon scrambles up the bank, turns to face the new dragon, and plops its head on the grass.

It spits out a mouthful of water and gasps for air with its tongue flapping.

Air Dragon lands next to Plant Dragon and they exchange a look. They spontaneously hug, gesture to Water Dragon, then nod with a winged pat on the back.

Earth Dragon chuckles. A rain drop lands on his nose.

Water Dragon coos at the fire egg, resting on its tail. A few rain drops splash on it.

Plant and Air Dragon look up just as a deluge rains down. Water Dragon shrugs and chuckles as the lake's water level rises.

Earth Dragon skulks over to Air and Plant Dragon. It motions toward its dry cave.

They both turn to follow with wings as umbrellas. They stop in their tracks.

WATER DRAGON (O.S.)  
(frightened)  
SCRAW!

Earth, Air, and Plant Dragon all run back to see Water Dragon lifted out of the lake by the rising flood water.

It spills out onto the grass and Water Dragon slides out, still holding the egg.

Water Dragon tries to regain traction but can't. It slips closer and closer to a steep drop-off. Rain bombards the dragon's eyes, blinding it.

Plant and Air Dragon take flight to warn Water Dragon. Earth Dragon lumbers behind on the ground.

Water Dragon looks behind it to see its friends... just before it drops down out of sight.

AIR DRAGON  
(frightened)  
SCRAW!

PLANT DRAGON  
(frightened)  
SCRAW!

EXT. HILLSIDE -- DAY

Water Dragon slides down the hill at great speed. It leans and shifts still holding the egg. It tries to roll out of the giant water slide, but can't.

It dodges a tree then a rock. Everything is a blur as it speeds down with the rushing water.

It avoids a thorny briar, but plows right through a zazzberry bush.

Water Dragon spots a huge glacier directly in front of it.

WATER DRAGON  
(surprised)  
SCRAW!

The dragon leaps out of the flood and rolls until it stops in thick grass.

It looks at its tail that was holding the egg-- it's gone.

Water Dragon looks down the hill. The fire egg is sliding down solo.

WATER DRAGON (CONT'D)  
(frightened)  
ARAH!

The water slide dips into a bank and veers away from the glacier. The fire egg passes the icy blockade unscathed.

Water Dragon looks up to see Plant and Air Dragon flying above with sights on the egg.

BOOM! Earth Dragon leaps over Water Dragon's head. It flinches as a spiky tail barely misses its face.

Earth Dragon lands and keeps pace, running down the hill. Water Dragon sighs and rolls back into the water slide.

EXT. ICE CAVERN -- DAY

COLD DRAGON, with a hide that shimmers white and silver, dumps a wing-full of Ice Berries on a frozen tree stump.

It grins at the plentiful feast and opens for a big bite.

A gushing stream of water rushes down the hill right next to the cavern. Cold Dragon shrugs and opens again for its first bite--

The fire egg slides down the water stream. Cold Dragon stares at the odd sight.

The dragon attempts to resume its meal once more when Plant and Air Dragon soar overhead.

Cold Dragon ducks and looks up. After the two airborne dragons pass, Cold Dragon inches closer to the water slide. It cranes its head, trying to keep sight of the strange parade.

BOOM BOOM BOOM. Earth Dragon sprints past Cold Dragon and they lock eyes momentarily. Earth Dragon motions with its head toward the convoy.

Cold Dragon leans over the water slide, sights still on Earth Dragon.

BAM! Water Dragon collides with Cold Dragon, taking them both down the slide.

EXT. WATER SLIDE -- DAY

Water and Cold Dragon slip and slide down together in a bumbling mess.

Cold Dragon spins and spins until it's on its back. It releases a blast of frost breath at the raging water.

The liquid freezes immediately and spreads down the slide.

Water Dragon, with better body control, spins head-first and assumes an aerodynamic position.

It speeds down the newly formed ice slide twice as fast.

Cold Dragon digs its talons into the ice and flings its body into the air. It flies behind Water Dragon, scouting the land beyond them.

EXT. ICE SLIDE -- GULLY -- DAY

The water slide crystallizes with the fire egg in it.

Plant and Air Dragon catch sight of it slowing down in the frosty mix. Earth Dragon comes barreling down to see the same thing.

The entire water slide freezes solid and the fire egg stops, half encased in ice.

Earth Dragon jumps up and down with a toothy smirk.

Water Dragon speeds down the ice slide and goes up a small crest.

As it comes down the other side, it sees Air and Plant Dragon hovering midair. They're frantically signaling above the frozen fire egg.

WATER DRAGON  
(surprised)  
SCRAW!

Water Dragon squirms and wiggles, trying to slow down as it heads straight for the egg.

It can't stop. It tries to roll out of the slide but it just spins in place as it speeds down. Water Dragon braces for impact and shuts its eyes.

SMACK! Earth Dragon head-butts Water Dragon off the slide, saving the egg from a collision.

Water Dragon, splayed out on the ground, pants in exhaustion. It pats Earth Dragon on the head with its tail.

Cold Dragon joins Air and Plant Dragon: everyone is safe. CRACK. Every dragon turns to look at the fire egg.

CRACK. Plant, Air, and Cold Dragon land next to Water and Earth Dragon to watch the egg hatch.

CRACK. The egg still looks completely whole but it wiggles with each crack.

The dragons lean in closer to bear witness to the birth, but what they don't see is the egg is only held in place by a single icicle.

CRACK! The icicle breaks. The fire egg wiggles free and the dragons all gasp.

The egg gradually slides, then zips back down the frozen path.

Earth Dragon scrambles onto the slide with Water Dragon following suit.

Plant, Air, and Cold Dragon take off, soaring together in a "V" formation.

EXT. BIG BLUE SKY -- DAY

Off the edge of the island, RAINBOW DRAGON, long and colorful with no wings, floats midair in a coiled yoga position. There is nothing but empty sky below it.

Its eyes are closed and it breathes deeply.

EARTH DRAGON (O.S.)  
(faint)  
RAAAWWW!

Rainbow Dragon opens one eye slowly and closes it.

WATER DRAGON (O.S.)  
(faint)  
RAAAWWW!

Rainbow Dragon opens the other eye but still sees nothing. It moves into downward dog position and exhales loudly.

FLAP. FLAP. FLAP. The sound of beating wings fills the air.

Rainbow Dragon opens both eyes this time and sees Plant, Air, and Cold Dragon flying in formation.

Rainbow Dragon follows their line of sight and sees Earth and Water Dragon shooting down the ice slide.

Rainbow Dragon follows the ice slide and spots the fire egg, heading straight for the edge of the floating island.

The fire egg shoots off the end of the frozen slide, into the big blue sky.

Rainbow Dragon flies in the egg's path and curls into a giant "C" shape. It catches the egg with its horns and guides it onto its curved body.

The egg flings around Rainbow Dragon's body and flies off the tail back toward the island.

Rainbow Dragon blinks in a daze.

EXT. CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE -- DAY

SAKURA DRAGON, elegant and covered in purple blossoms, lies on its belly drawing in sand with its wingtip.

The fire egg flies above the tree and arcs toward rocks. Sakura Dragon runs its wing through the drawing, distracted by the flying egg.

The dragon jumps to a stand and flaps its wings. Thousands of cherry blossoms break off the tree.

Sakura Dragon conjures even more flowers with a roar. It draws its wings back and releases a huge wing-clap that propels all the blossoms to the egg.

The airborne egg is enveloped in a cloud of pink petals.

EXT. HATCHERY -- DAY

THE GREAT NOGARD, a wizened wizard in red and yellow robes, tidies up straw nests and whistles a tune.

A single cherry blossom floats down from the sky and lands on a nest. Nogard looks around. Another blossom floats down gently.

Nogard raises an eyebrow. BOOMF! The fire egg lands in the nest with a mass of blossoms.

Nogard is covered in flowers. He picks a few off his eyes and face.

Earth Dragon sprints toward the Hatchery and Water Dragon slithers behind.

Plant, Air, and Cold Dragon fly in and hover above.

The fire egg cracks. Rainbow and Sakura Dragon fly in together.

Nogard observes the dragons: they're exhausted and intently staring at the egg.

The egg cracks open. BABY FIRE DRAGON, bright red and wide-eyed, pokes its head out and smiles.

The dragons congratulate each other with nods, pats on the backs, and celebratory roars.

Nogard removes his wizard cap and scratches his head.

FADE OUT: