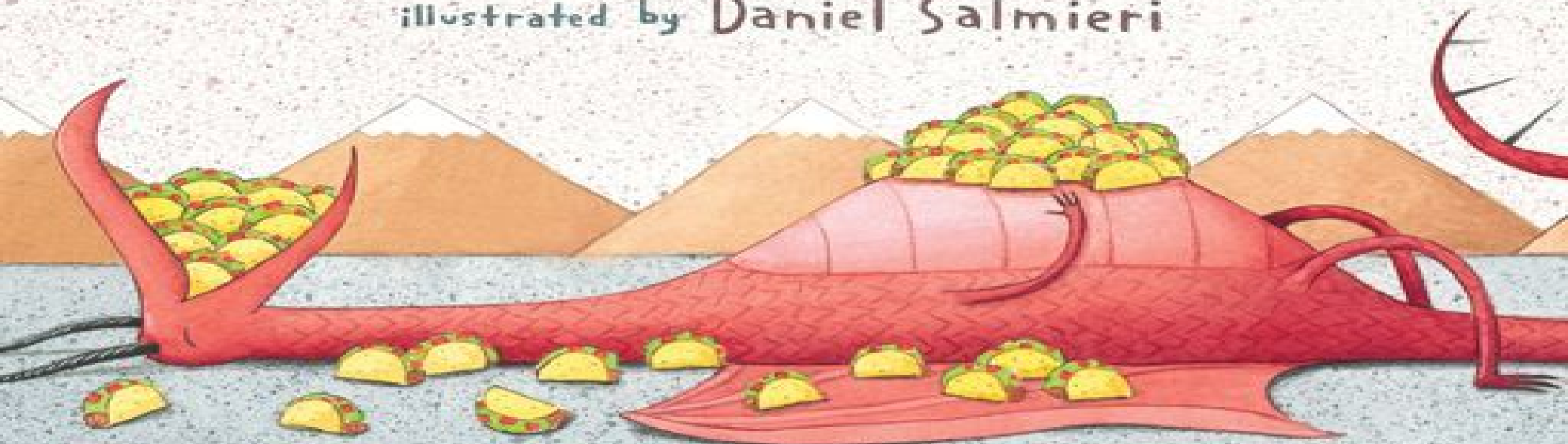
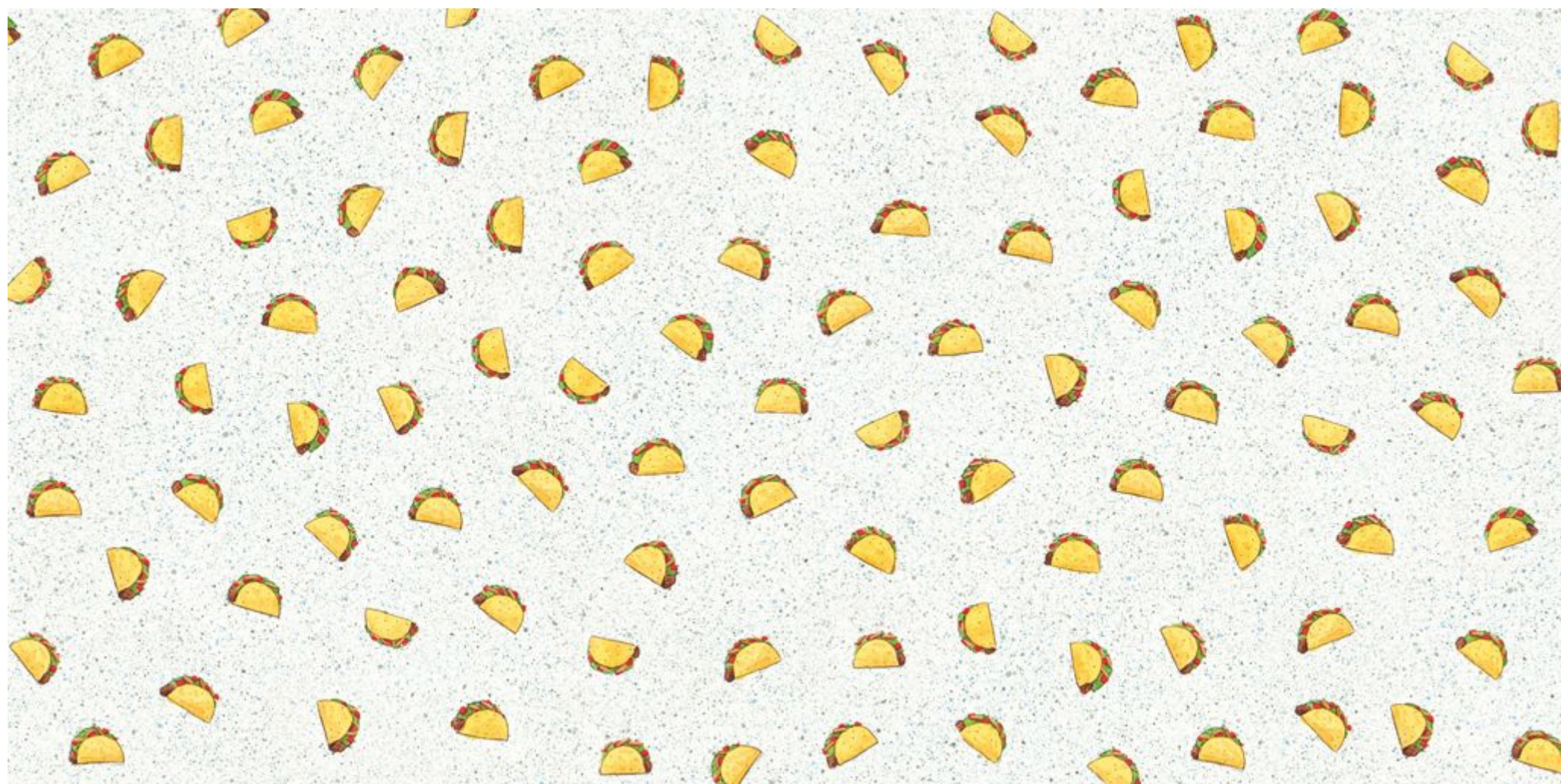
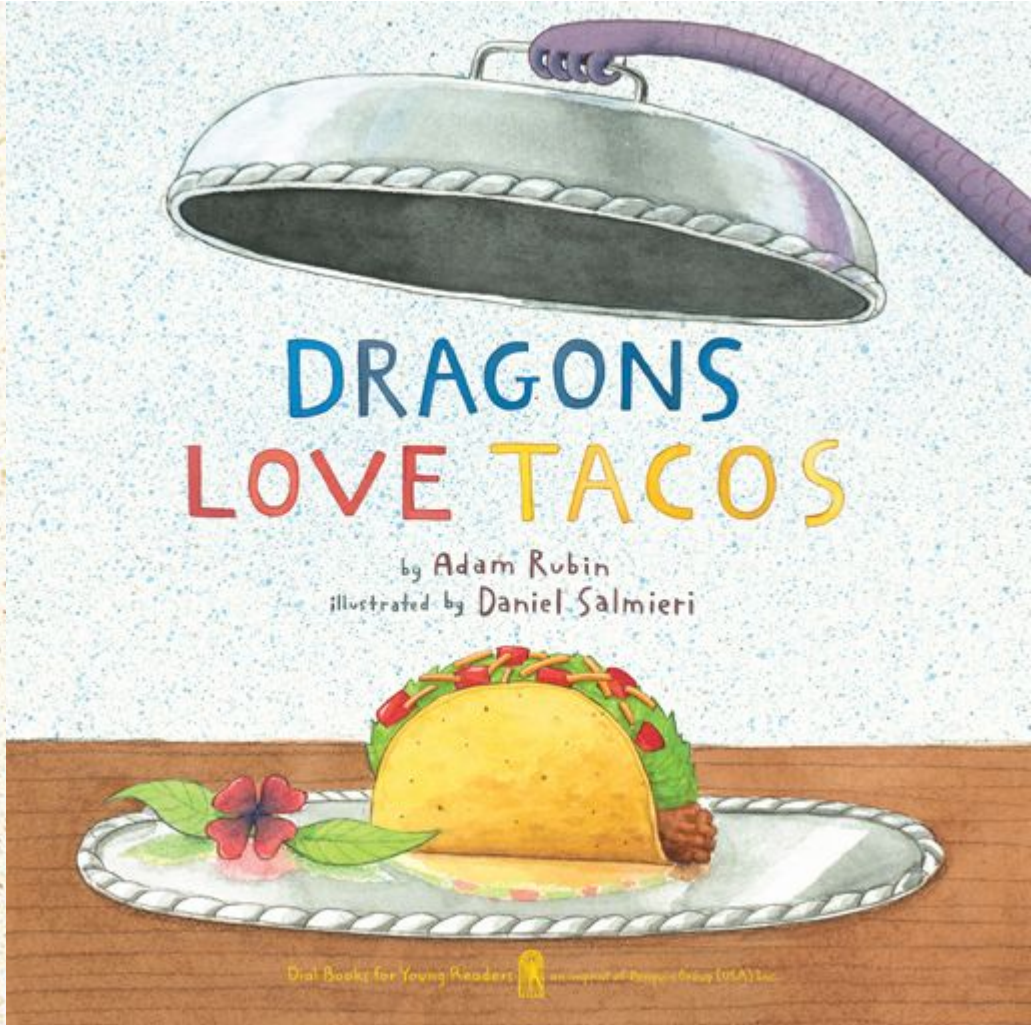


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To my loving sister Bruce:
smart, beautiful, and full of laughter.

—AR

For Aaron, a wonderful friend.
Thank you for everything.

—DS



Hey, kid!

Did you know that dragons love tacos?
They love beef tacos and chicken tacos.
They love really big gigantic tacos and tiny
little baby tacos as well.



Why do dragons love tacos?
Maybe it's the smell from the sizzling pan.
Maybe it's the crunch of the crispy tortillas.
Maybe it's a secret.



Either way, if you want to make friends with dragons, tacos are key.

Hey dragon, why do you guys love tacos so much?



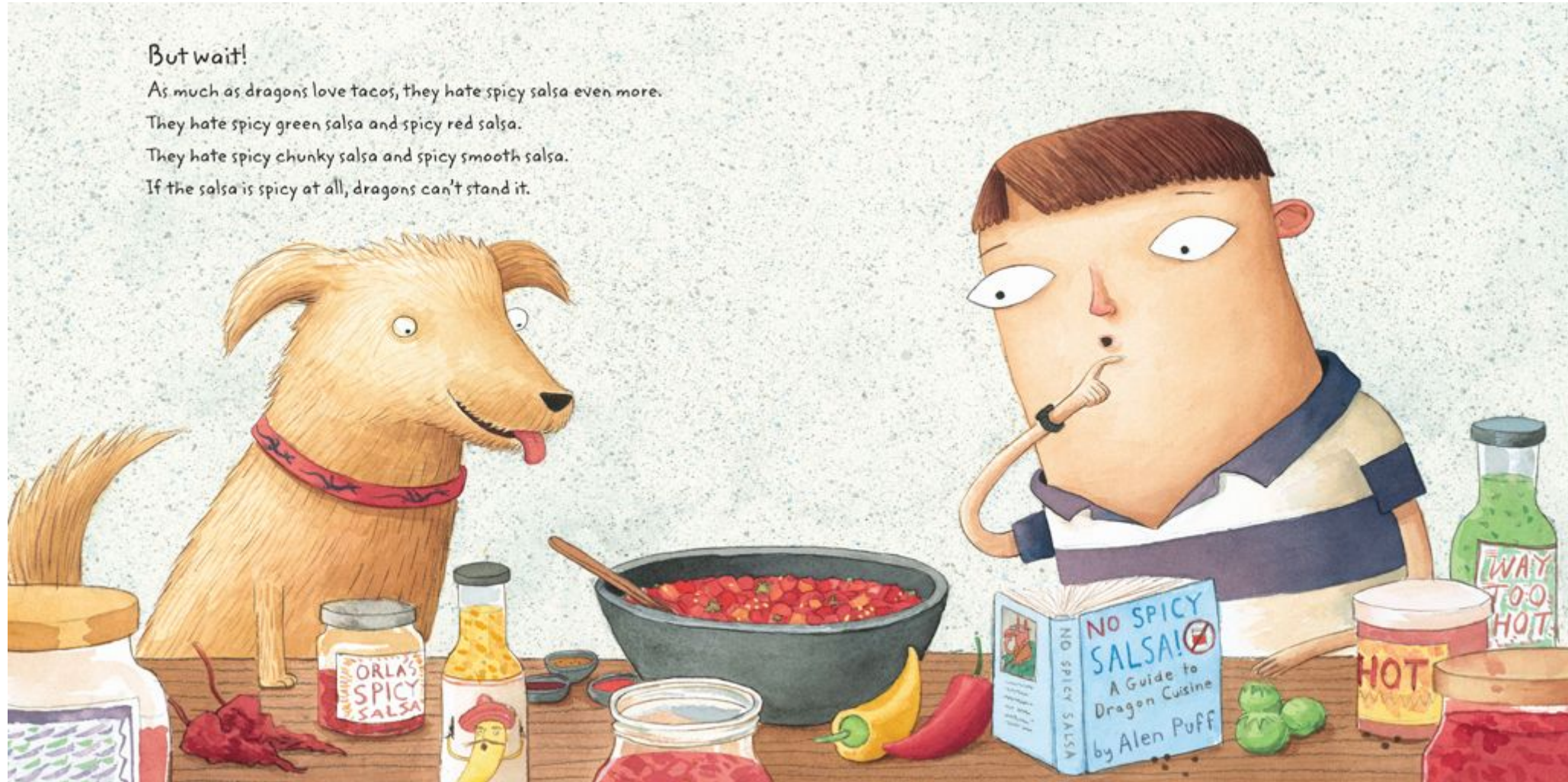
But wait!

As much as dragons love tacos, they hate spicy salsa even more.

They hate spicy green salsa and spicy red salsa.

They hate spicy chunky salsa and spicy smooth salsa.

If the salsa is spicy at all, dragons can't stand it.



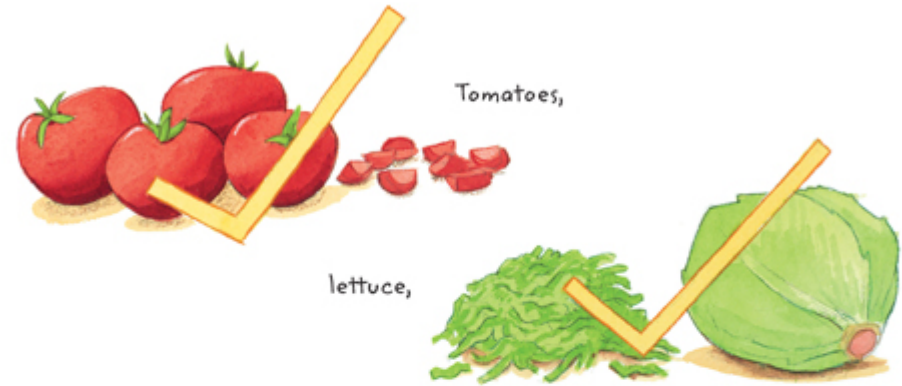
Why do dragons hate spicy salsa?
Well, just one drop of hot sauce
makes a dragon's ears smoke.



Just one single speck of hot pepper makes a dragon snort sparks.
Spicy salsa gives dragons the tummy troubles,
and when dragons get the tummy troubles—
oh boy...



If you want to make tacos for dragons, keep the toppings mild.



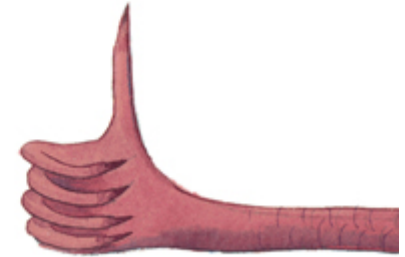
Tomatoes,

lettuce,



cheese,

these are all good toppings
for tacos for dragons.



Hey dragon, how do you feel about spicy taco toppings?

