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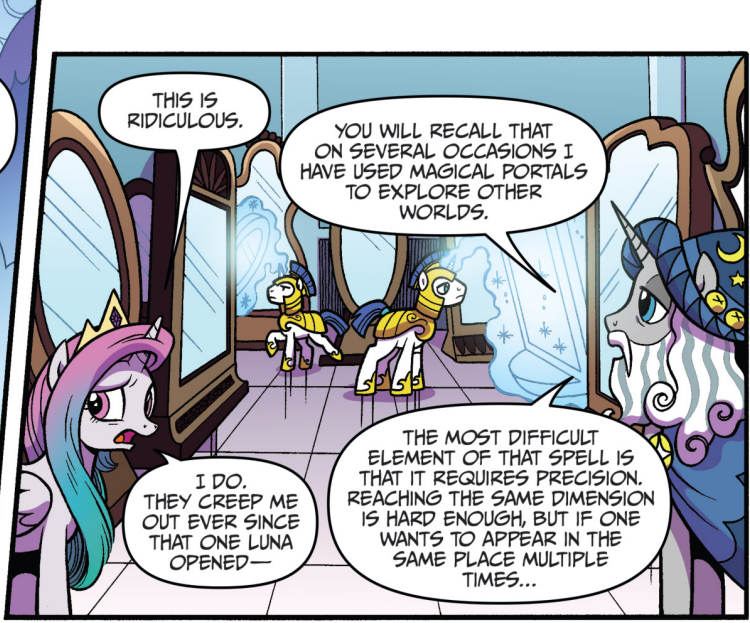
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STARSWIRL, WHAT ARE THESE?

COME NOW, PRINCESS, I'M CERTAIN YOU'VE SEEN A MIRROR BEFORE.

BUT MOST PONIES ARE SATISFIED WITH ONE MIRROR, STARSWIRL.

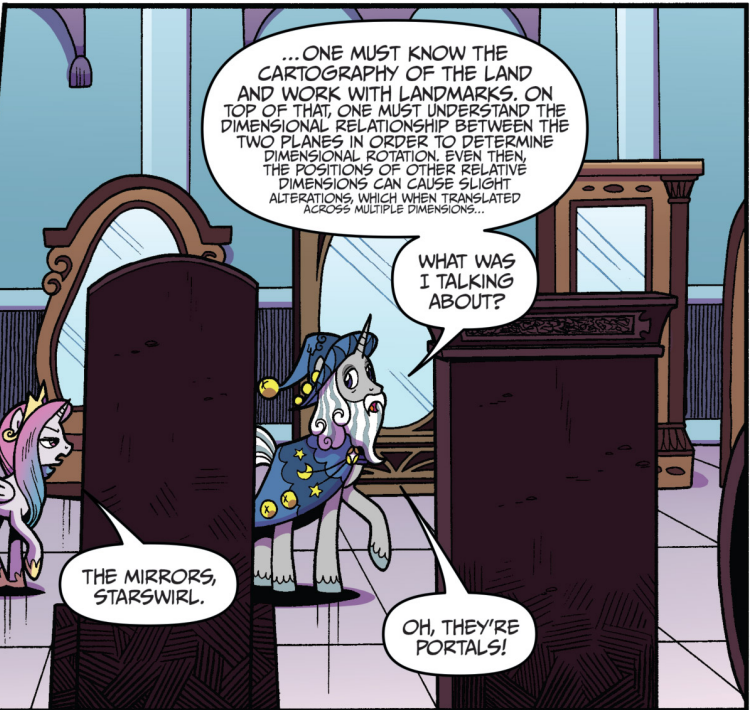


THIS IS RIDICULOUS.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS I HAVE USED MAGICAL PORTALS TO EXPLORE OTHER WORLDS.

I DO. THEY CREEP ME OUT EVER SINCE THAT ONE LUNA OPENED—

THE MOST DIFFICULT ELEMENT OF THAT SPELL IS THAT IT REQUIRES PRECISION. REACHING THE SAME DIMENSION IS HARD ENOUGH, BUT IF ONE WANTS TO APPEAR IN THE SAME PLACE MULTIPLE TIMES...



...ONE MUST KNOW THE CARTOGRAPHY OF THE LAND AND WORK WITH LANDMARKS. ON TOP OF THAT, ONE MUST UNDERSTAND THE DIMENSIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO PLANES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE DIMENSIONAL ROTATION. EVEN THEN, THE POSITIONS OF OTHER RELATIVE DIMENSIONS CAN CAUSE SLIGHT ALTERATIONS, WHICH WHEN TRANSLATED ACROSS MULTIPLE DIMENSIONS...

WHAT WAS I TALKING ABOUT?

THE MIRRORS, STARSWIRL.

OH, THEY'RE PORTALS!



THE MIRRORS ARE PORTALS?

CORRECT. I NEED A RELIABLE WAY TO ACCESS THE SAME AREA MULTIPLE TIMES.

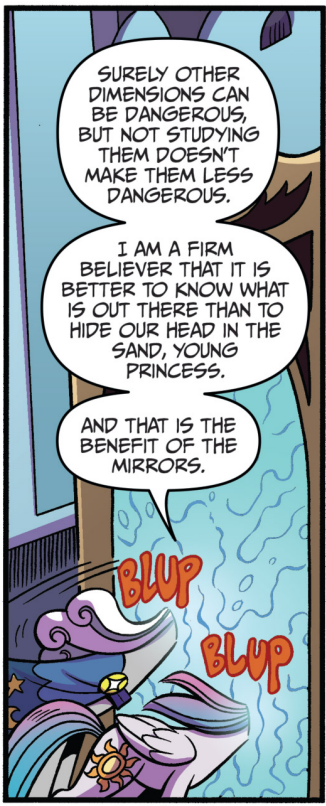
SO, I CAST AN ENCHANTMENT LINKING TWO MAGICAL OBJECTS ACROSS DIMENSIONS.



SO LONG AS BOTH ITEMS REMAIN INTACT, I CAN TRAVEL BETWEEN THEM FREELY.

BUT ISN'T IT DANGEROUS?

BLOOP!



SURELY OTHER DIMENSIONS CAN BE DANGEROUS, BUT NOT STUDYING THEM DOESN'T MAKE THEM LESS DANGEROUS.

I AM A FIRM BELIEVER THAT IT IS BETTER TO KNOW WHAT IS OUT THERE THAN TO HIDE OUR HEAD IN THE SAND, YOUNG PRINCESS.

AND THAT IS THE BENEFIT OF THE MIRRORS.

BLUP
BLUP



RATHER THAN AN OPEN DOORWAY IN MIDAIR, IT APPEARS TO BE A SOLID OBJECT. ONE CANNOT FIND IT UNLESS ONE KNOWS WHERE TO LOOK.

AFTER ALL, WHO WOULD GO AROUND TRYING EVERY TREE IN THE FOREST?

BUT DON'T YOU WORRY THAT SOMETHING BAD WILL FIND US?

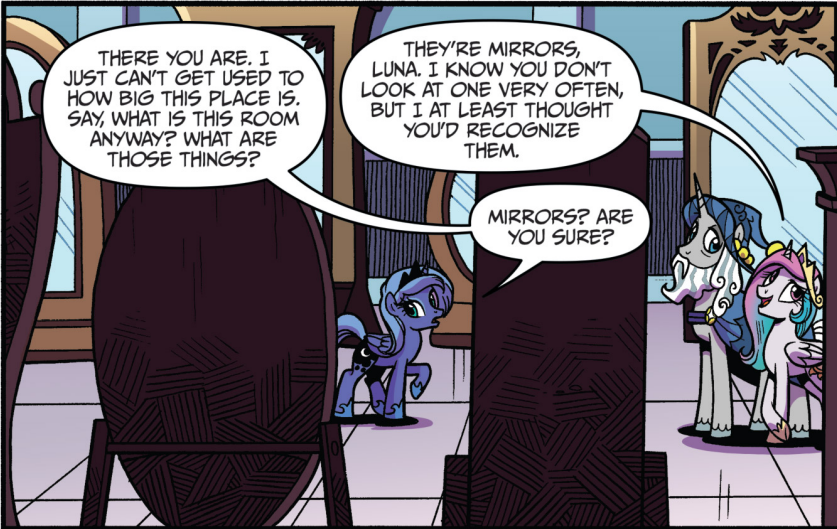
SQUAARK?!



WE CANNOT LIVE OUR LIVES IN FEAR OF WHAT MAY FIND US. WE HAVE TO STRIVE TO REACH OUT AND EXPAND OUR KNOWLEDGE.

THAT IS SOMETHING I WANT YOU AND YOUR SISTER TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU RULE. A PRINCESS SHOULD ALWAYS WANT TO UNDERSTAND OTHERS.

CELESTIA? STARSWIRL? ARE YOU UP HERE?



THERE YOU ARE. I JUST CAN'T GET USED TO HOW BIG THIS PLACE IS. SAY, WHAT IS THIS ROOM ANYWAY? WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?

THEY'RE MIRRORS, LUNA. I KNOW YOU DON'T LOOK AT ONE VERY OFTEN, BUT I AT LEAST THOUGHT YOU'D RECOGNIZE THEM.

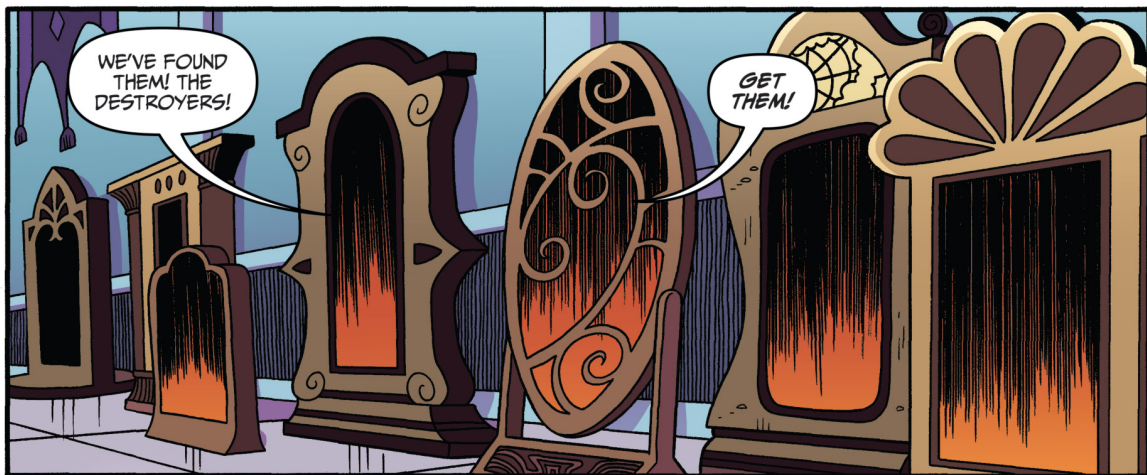
MIRRORS? ARE YOU SURE?



STRICTLY SPEAKING, YOUR SISTER IS CORRECT... BUT RUDE.

THEY ARE MIRRORS, BUT THEY—

IF THEY'RE MIRRORS, WHY AREN'T THEY REFLECTING ANYTHING?





I KNOW NOT WHEN YOU CAME, BUT TODAY I RETURN YOU THERE, CREATURE!

BZZZZ!

PSH HH!



AND WHEN YOU ARRIVE THERE, LET THEM KNOW THAT THIS WORLD IS PROTECTED BY STARSWIRL THE BEARDED.



AND THAT HE SHALL REPEL YOUR ATTACKS, THOUGH YOU MAY SEND YOUR MONSTERS BY THE THOUSANDS!

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THERE IS NO VICTORY HERE FOR YOU!



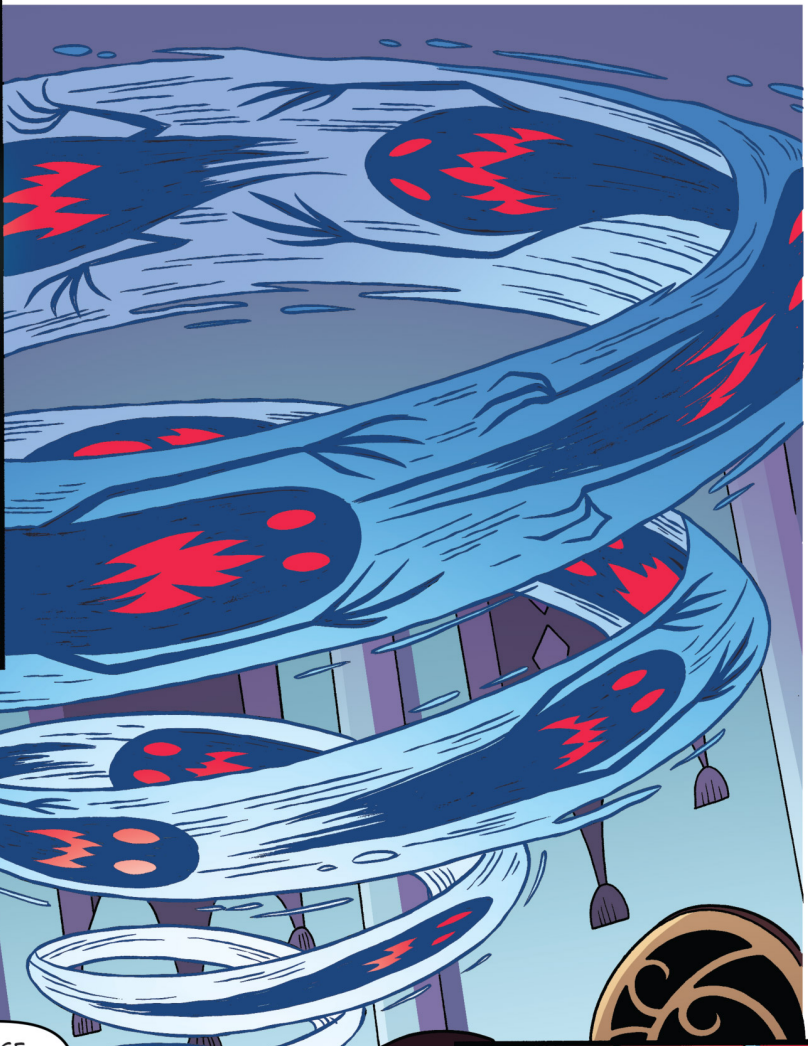
GET BACK, FOUL CREATURES!

WE DO NOT SEEK VICTORY—

STARSWIRL, HELP!

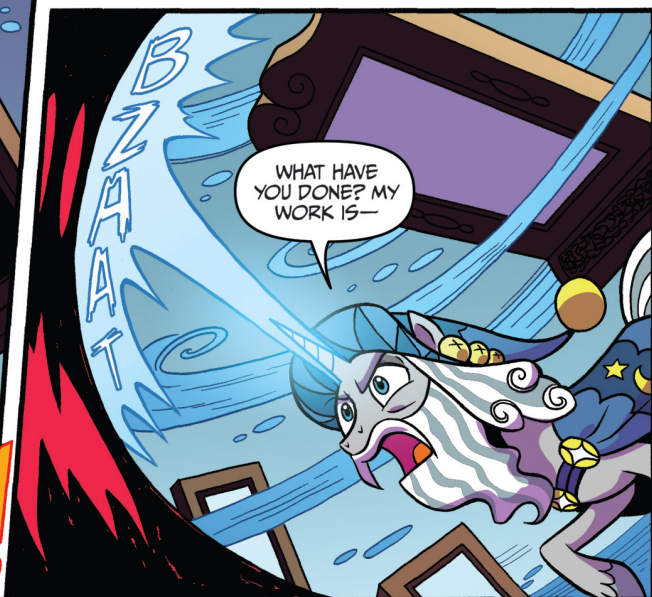
PLEASE, I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.

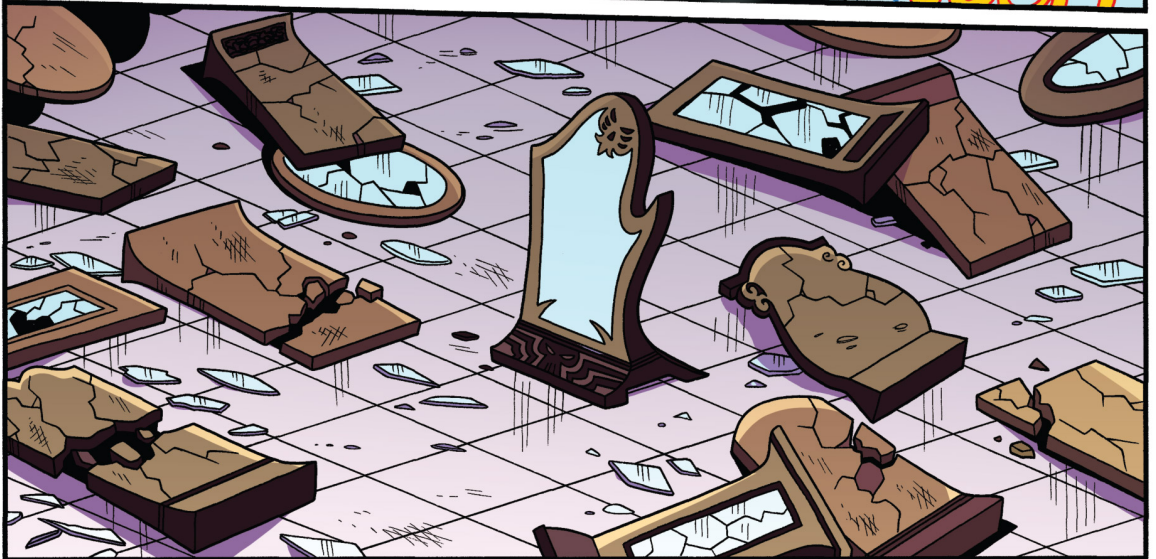
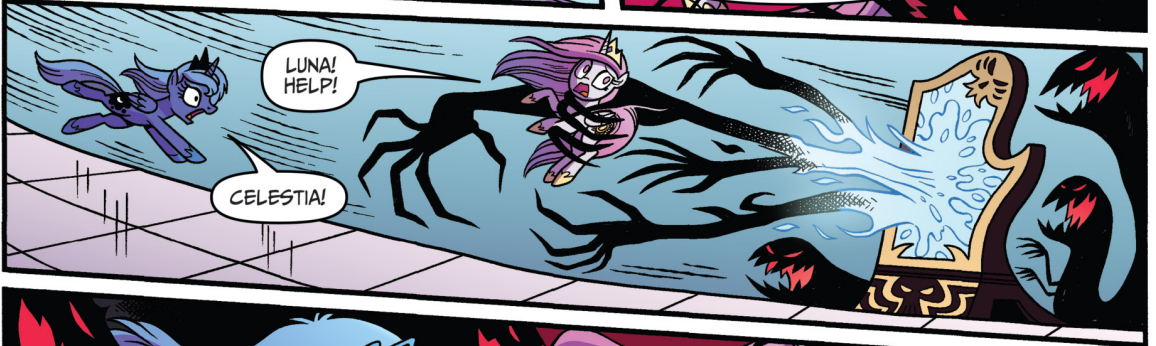
WE SEEK ONLY DESTRUCTION!



THESE PRINCESSES ARE UNDER MY—



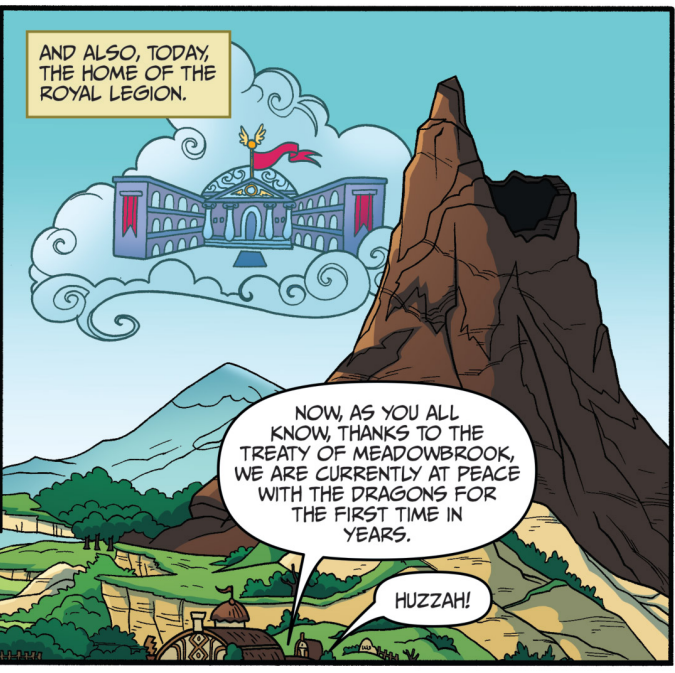






NORTHERN EQUESTRIA. HOME VILLAGE OF THE MIGHTY HELM.

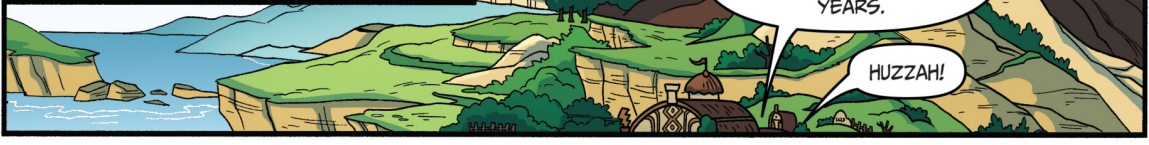
EVERYPONY, WE HAVE A VERY SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TODAY AND YOU HAD BETTER TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.



AND ALSO, TODAY, THE HOME OF THE ROYAL LEGION.

NOW, AS YOU ALL KNOW, THANKS TO THE TREATY OF MEADOWBROOK, WE ARE CURRENTLY AT PEACE WITH THE DRAGONS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS.

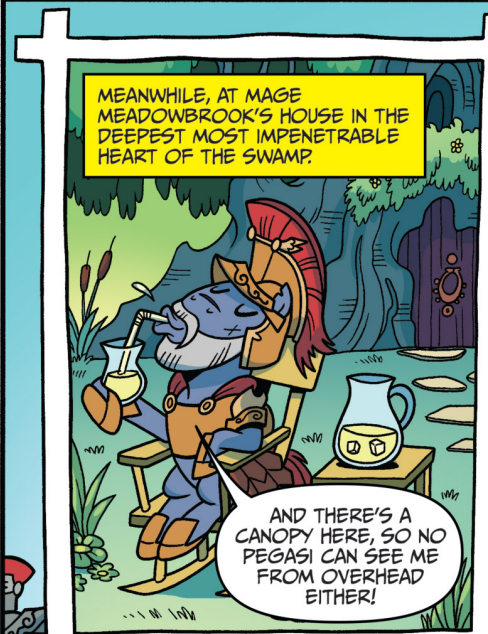
HUZZAH!



NOW, AS YOU ALSO KNOW, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN CAPTAIN IRONHEAD'S TIME AS LEADER OF THE ROYAL LEGION THAT WE HAVEN'T BEEN FIGHTING SOMEBODY. SO HE'S TAKING SOME WELL-EARNED TIME OFF.

WHERE'D HE GO, SIR?

HE WOULDN'T TELL ME, BUT I ASSURE YOU IT'S FAR FROM HERE.



MEANWHILE, AT MAGE MEADOWBROOK'S HOUSE IN THE DEEPEST MOST IMPENETRABLE HEART OF THE SWAMP.

AND THERE'S A CANOPY HERE, SO NO PEGASI CAN SEE ME FROM OVERHEAD EITHER!



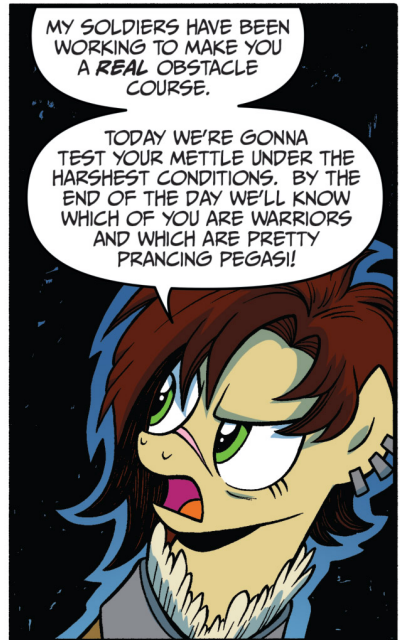
HE LEFT ME IN CHARGE, SO RATHER THAN REST ON OUR HAUNCHES, I DECIDED TO BRING IN ONE OF THE BRAVEST, HARDEST WORKING, AND SMARTEST MILITARY MINDS I KNOW.

PUT YOUR HOOVES TOGETHER FOR YOUR TRAINER TODAY—



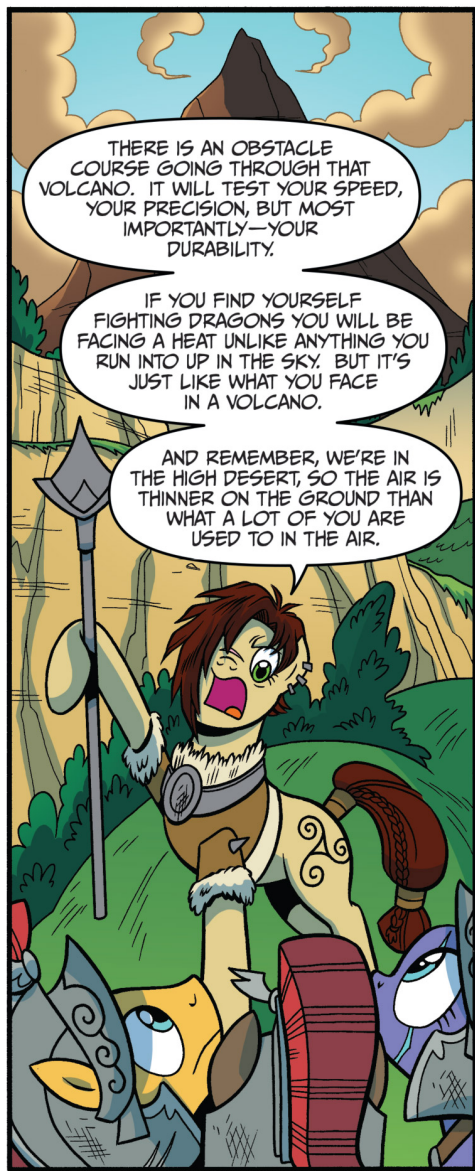
CAPTAIN OF THE MIGHTY HELM, STEELA ORESDDOTTIR.

THAT'S ENOUGH! CAN THE CLAPPING! THIS AIN'T A TEA PARTY AND I AIN'T A PRINCESS!



MY SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN WORKING TO MAKE YOU A REAL OBSTACLE COURSE.

TODAY WE'RE GONNA TEST YOUR METTLE UNDER THE HARSHTEST CONDITIONS. BY THE END OF THE DAY WE'LL KNOW WHICH OF YOU ARE WARRIORS AND WHICH ARE PRETTY PRANCING PEGASI!



THERE IS AN OBSTACLE COURSE GOING THROUGH THAT VOLCANO. IT WILL TEST YOUR SPEED, YOUR PRECISION, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY—YOUR DURABILITY.

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF FIGHTING DRAGONS YOU WILL BE FACING A HEAT UNLIKE ANYTHING YOU RUN INTO UP IN THE SKY. BUT IT'S JUST LIKE WHAT YOU FACE IN A VOLCANO.

AND REMEMBER, WE'RE IN THE HIGH DESERT, SO THE AIR IS THINNER ON THE GROUND THAN WHAT A LOT OF YOU ARE USED TO IN THE AIR.



I ASKED FOR YOUR RANK AND I'M GONNA START WITH THE FOUR FASTEST.

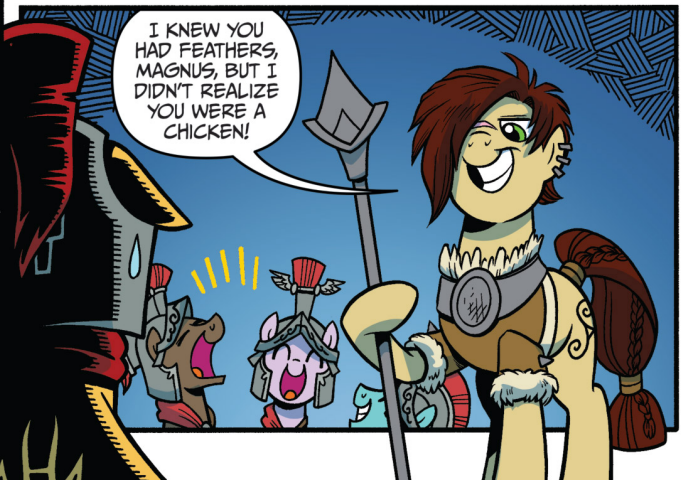
I WANT GRIMHOOF, NIMBUS DASH, BELLA BREEZE, AND FLASH MAGNUS.

HUH?

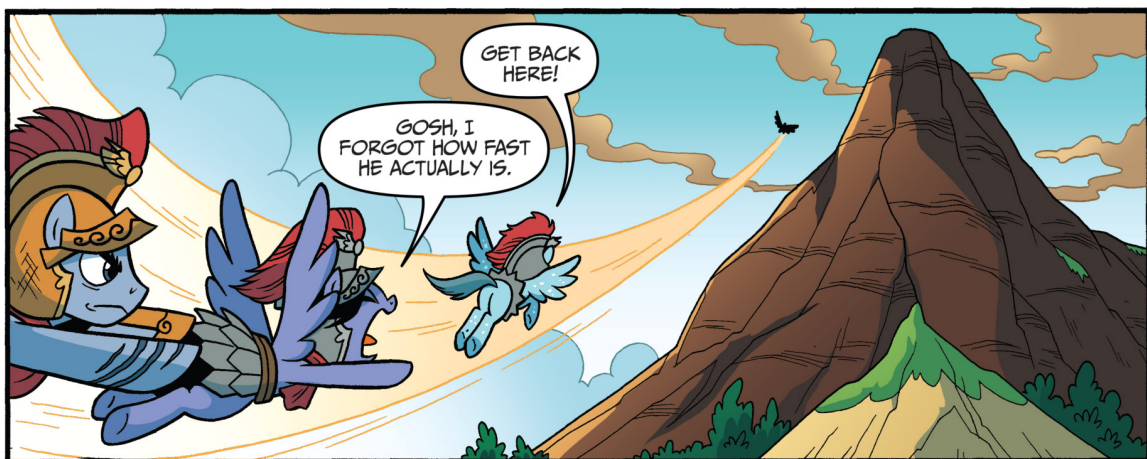
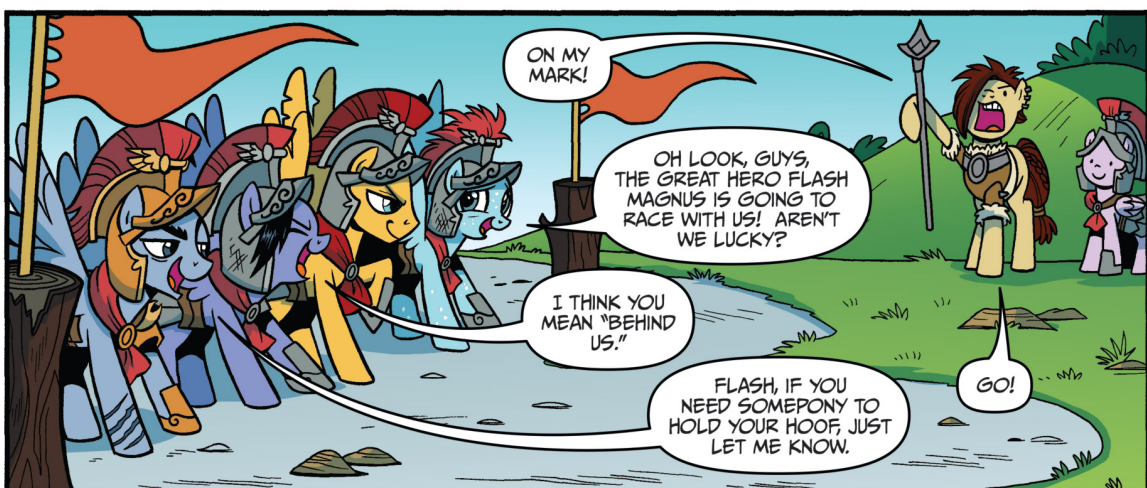
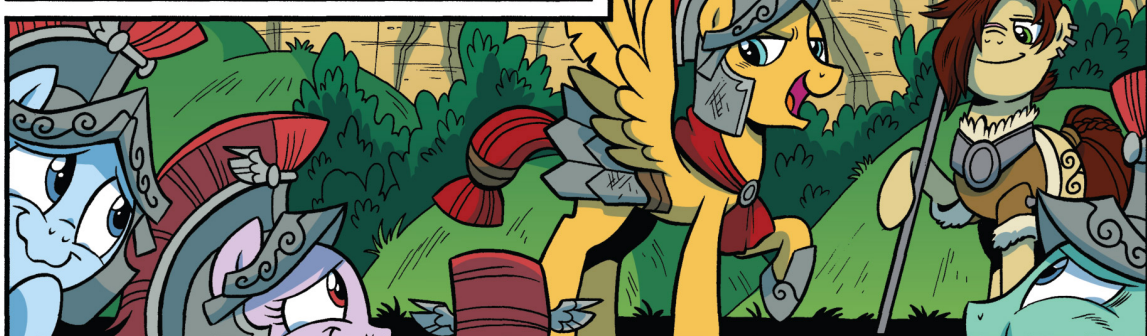


I'M ACTING CAPTAIN, I SHOULD BE...

WHAT, YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA VOLUNTEER YOUR TROOPS FOR THIS AND NOT DO IT YOURSELF?



I KNEW YOU HAD FEATHERS, MAGNUS, BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE A CHICKEN!





WELP, THERE THEY GO. I TOLD FLASH THAT STEELA WAS GOING TO MAKE HIM WORK.

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD HEAD THAT WAY. SOMEONY IS BOUND TO NEED SOME HEALING.

WISH YA DIDN'T HAVE TO, I LIKE HAVING SOMEONY TO TALK TO WHEN I DIG.



NOW, I'LL BE BACK SOON, BUT YOU GOT STYGIAN AND MISTMARE TO KEEP YOU COMPANY.

THOSE TWO? THEY CAN'T STOP ARGUING LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW I'M HERE.

YEAH, BUT IT'S SUCH A POLITE ARGUMENT YOU'D HARDLY KNOW.

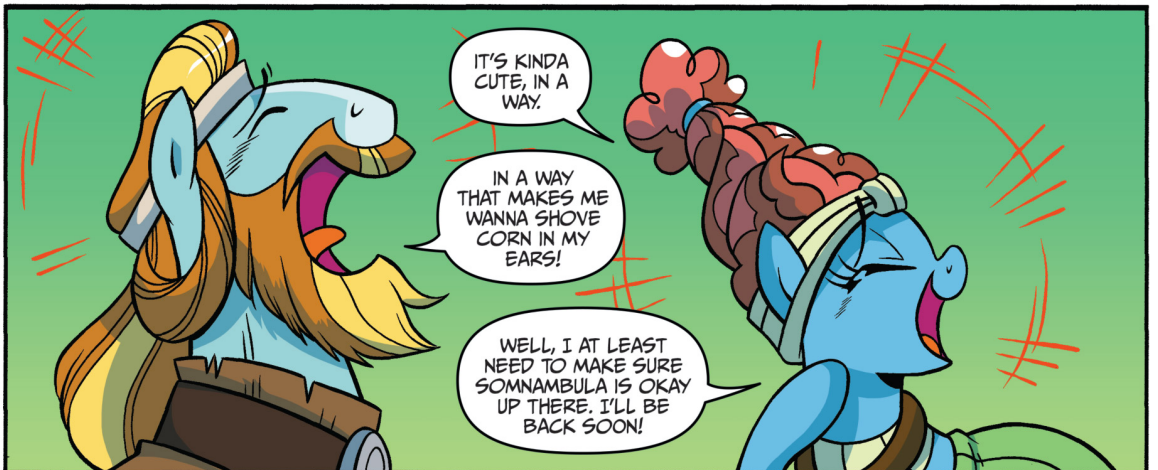


NOW, THIS SAYS THE IDEAL DISTANCE BETWEEN CORN IN VOLCANIC SOIL IS GOING TO BE NO LESS THAN THREE FEET APART.

WELL, I'M SURE THAT BOOK IS FULL OF WONDERFUL INSIGHTS, BUT I HAVE BEEN CREATING BEAUTIFUL GARDENS MY WHOLE LIFE.

I SEE WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM. BUT THESE ARE CROPS, NOT FLOWERS. THEY'RE PRACTICAL, NOT AESTHETIC.

I WOULD ARGUE THAT THERE IS NOTHING NECESSARILY IMPRACTICAL ABOUT BEAUTY.



IT'S KINDA CUTE, IN A WAY.

IN A WAY THAT MAKES ME WANNA SHOVE CORN IN MY EARS!

WELL, I AT LEAST NEED TO MAKE SURE SOMNAMBULA IS OKAY UP THERE. I'LL BE BACK SOON!

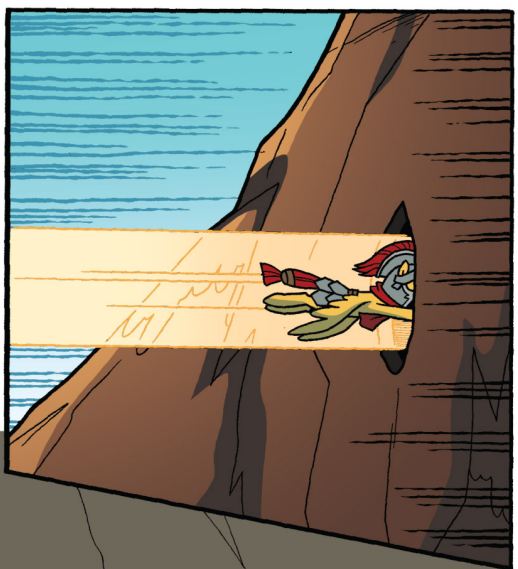


THERE'S THE ENTRANCE! WOW, THAT'S PRETTY TIGHT. IF I HAD SOMEONY FLYING AT THE SAME SPEED AS ME THAT WOULD BE TOUGH.

BUT OF COURSE THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM.



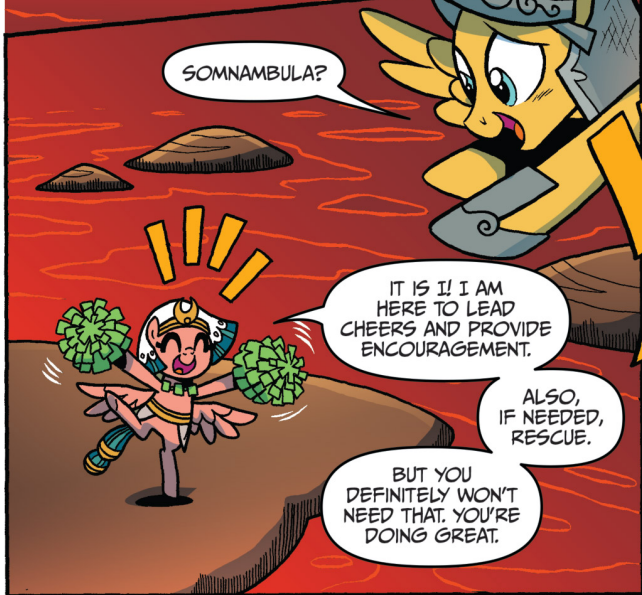
HA, THOSE OTHER SUCKERS WILL NEVER CATCH UP TO ME!



WHEW, SURE IS HOT IN HERE!

YOU ARE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB! CONTINUE YOUR SKILLFUL FLYING!

WHO?

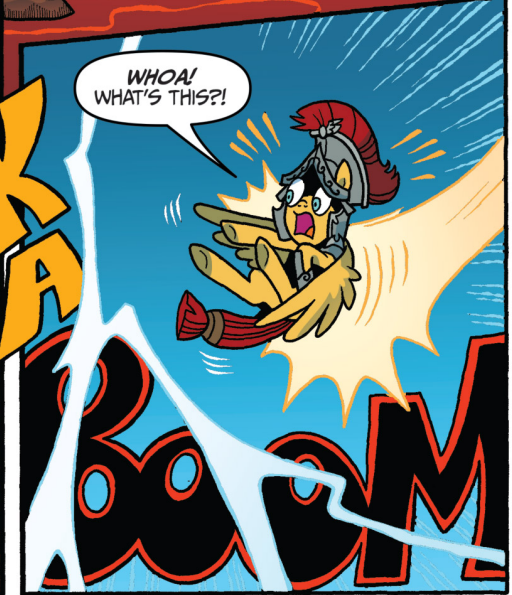


SOMNAMBULA?

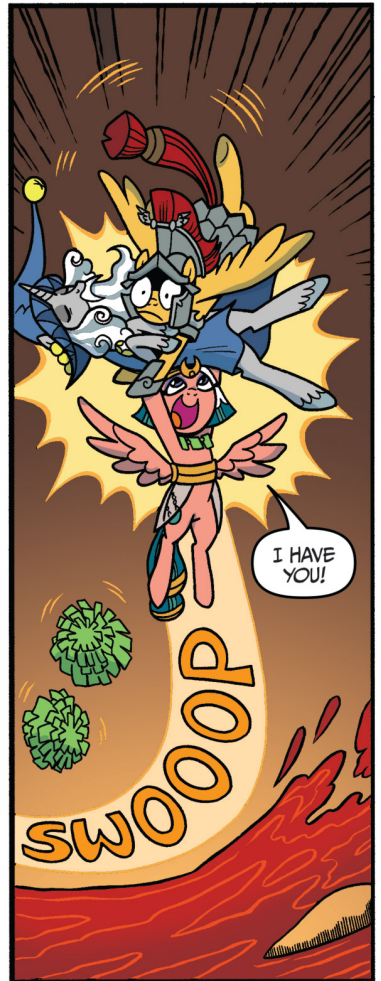
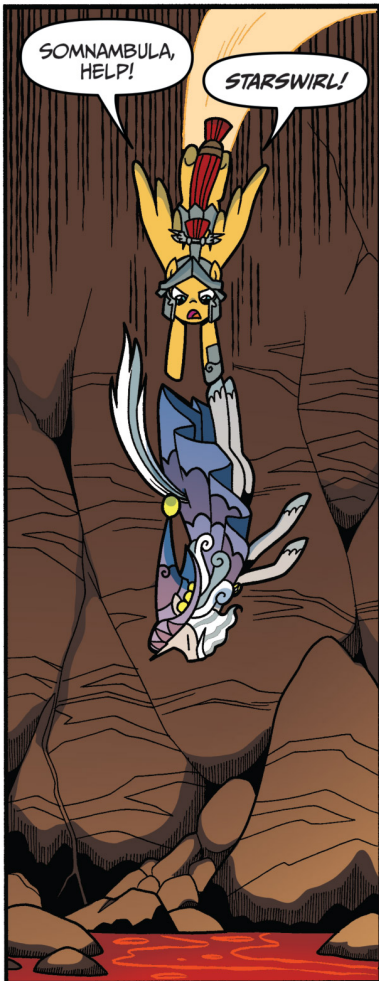
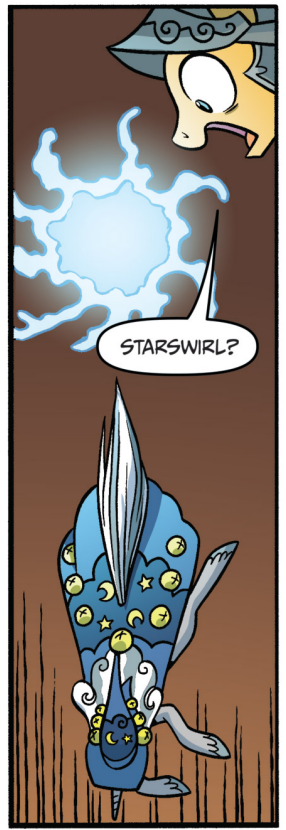
IT IS I! I AM HERE TO LEAD CHEERS AND PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT.

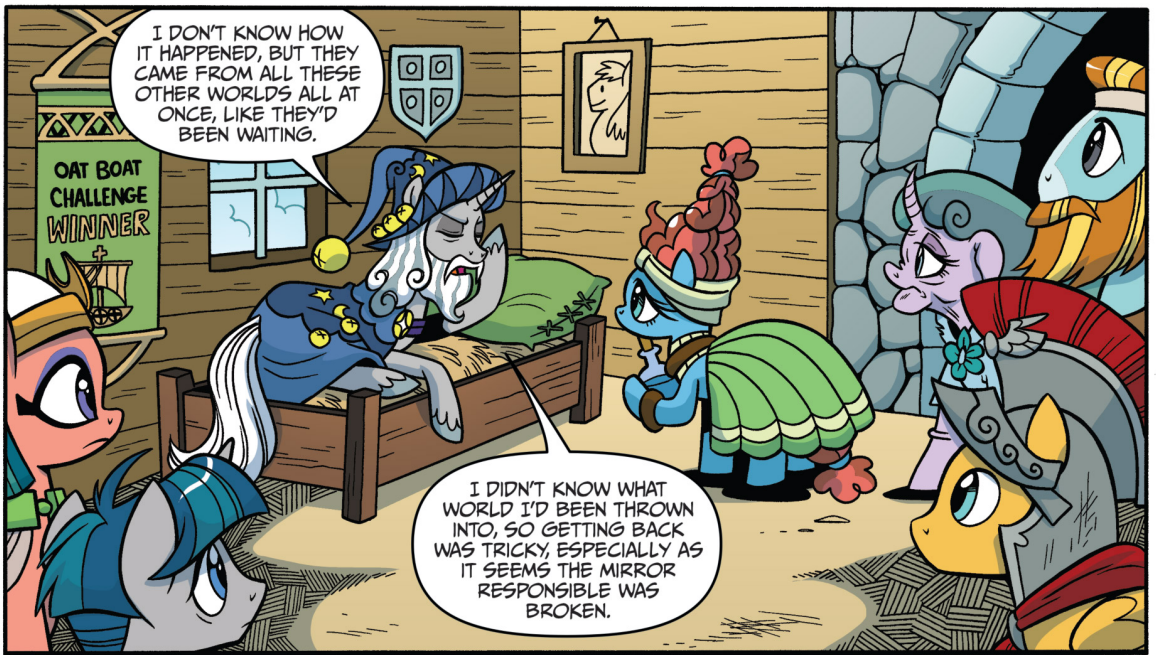
ALSO, IF NEEDED, RESCUE.

BUT YOU DEFINITELY WON'T NEED THAT. YOU'RE DOING GREAT.



WHOA! WHAT'S THIS?!





I DON'T KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED, BUT THEY CAME FROM ALL THESE OTHER WORLDS ALL AT ONCE, LIKE THEY'D BEEN WAITING.

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WORLD I'D BEEN THROWN INTO, SO GETTING BACK WAS TRICKY, ESPECIALLY AS IT SEEMS THE MIRROR RESPONSIBLE WAS BROKEN.



SIT UP AND TAKE THIS, IT'LL BRING YOUR STRENGTH BACK.

THANK YOU, MEADOWBROOK. THOUGH I'M NOT SURE I DESERVE TO FEEL BETTER. I MAY BE DOOMED EQUESTRIA.



I AM LESS WORRIED ABOUT EQUESTRIA THAN THOSE TWO GIRLS, WHO KNOWS WHAT EVIL POWER HAS THEM?

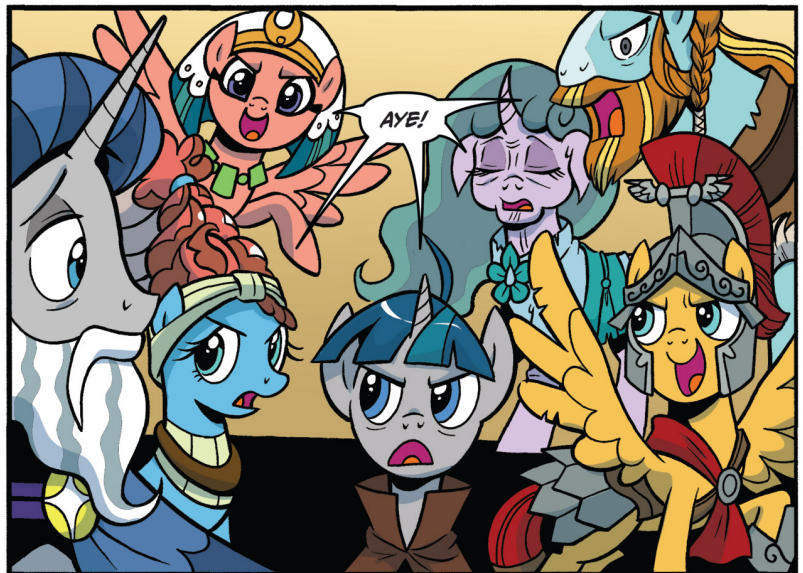
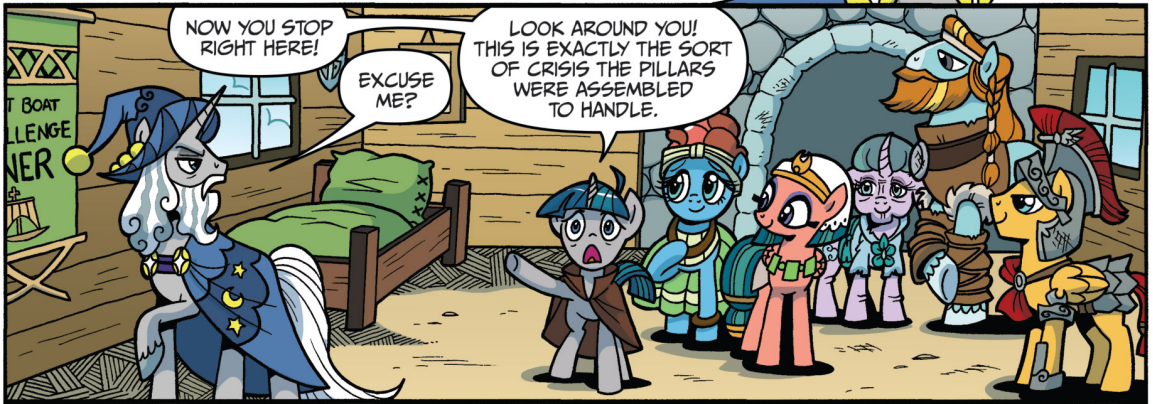
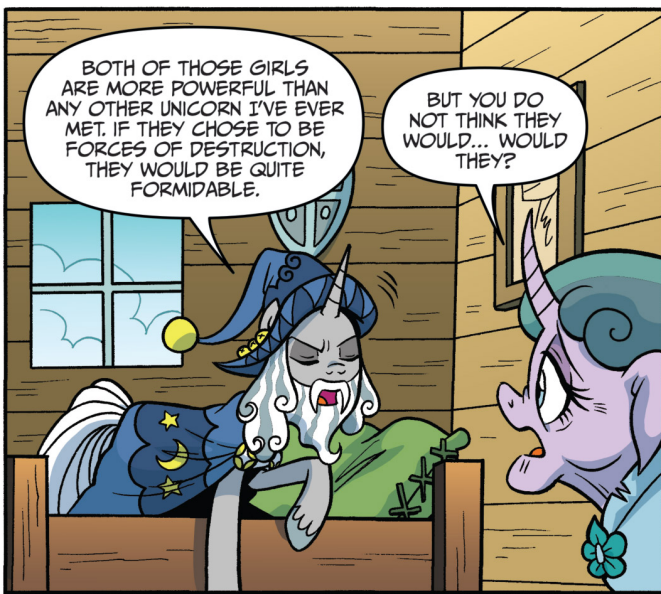
AND WHY WOULD IT CALL THEM DESTROYERS? THEY'RE YOUNG GIRLS.



WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF THE REST OF YOU KNOW MANY YOUNG GIRLS, BUT I HAVE THIS NIECE—

NOT THE TIME, FLASH!

OKAY, FINE.



CANTERLOT CASTLE.
LATER.

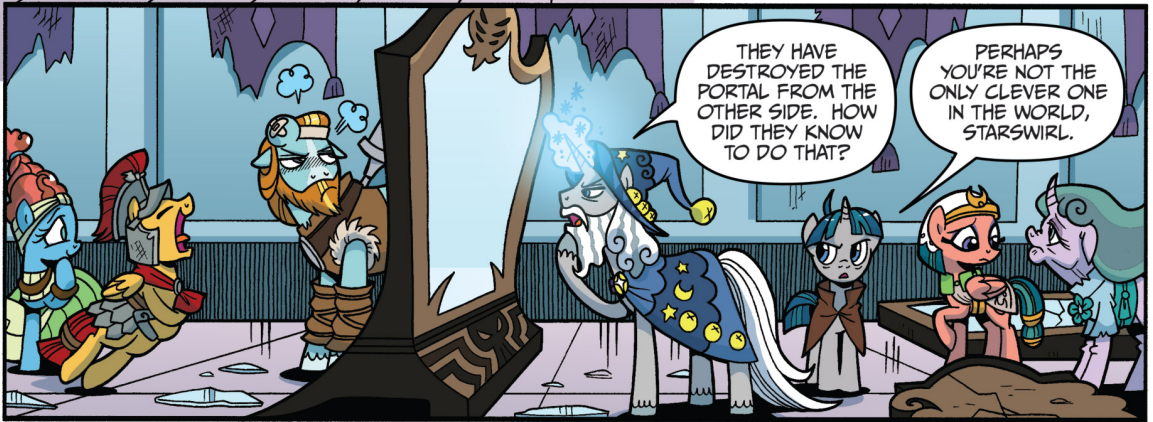
THIS IS THE
ROOM. WATCH
YOUR STEP. THERE IS
A LOT OF BROKEN
GLASS.

THERE IS
ONLY ONE MIRROR
LEFT STANDING. THIS
MUST LEAD TO THE
WORLD TO WHICH THE
PRINCESSES WERE
TAKEN.

WHAT ARE WE
WAITING FOR!
LET'S—

DONK!

WELL,
THIS AIN'T TOO
DIGNIFIED. WHAT'S
GOIN ON?



THEY HAVE
DESTROYED THE
PORTAL FROM THE
OTHER SIDE. HOW
DID THEY KNOW
TO DO THAT?

PERHAPS
YOU'RE NOT THE
ONLY CLEVER ONE
IN THE WORLD,
STARSWIRL.



WHAT?
YOU WERE ALL
THINKING IT!

HE SAYS THESE
TWO PRINCESSES WIELD
UNIMAGINABLE POWER AND
HE EXPOSES THEM TO
UNTHINKABLE DANGER!
THEY DESERVED
BETTER!



DESERVE
BETTER. THEY
DESERVE BETTER.
THEY'RE STILL
OUT THERE.

AND THEY
NEED OUR
HELP. SO HOW
ARE WE GOING
TO HELP THEM,
STARSWIRL?



IT WAS MY SPELL THAT ENCHANTED THE MIRROR, BUT WITHOUT THE MIRROR IN PLACE I WILL HAVE TO USE A STANDARD PORTAL.

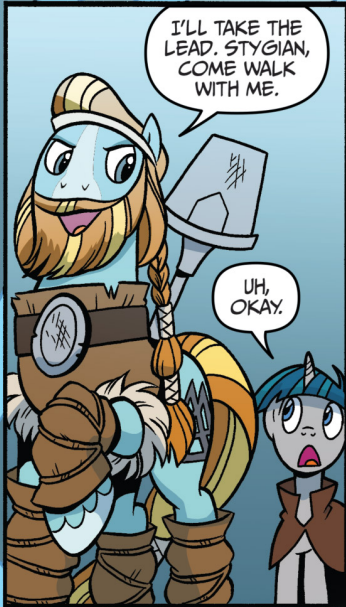
I KNOW THE CORRECT WORLD, BUT I CANNOT BE SURE THAT WE'LL ARRIVE ANYWHERE NEAR THE PLACE WHERE THE PRINCESSES WERE BROUGHT THROUGH.

THE PORTAL WILL ONLY REMAIN FOR A FIXED AMOUNT OF TIME. IF ANY OF US DO NOT MAKE IT BACK IN TIME, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE WE WILL BE ABLE TO CREATE A PORTAL IN THE SAME PLACE AGAIN.

THE PORTAL IS READY WHEN YOU ARE.



VROOO



I'LL TAKE THE LEAD. STYGIAN, COME WALK WITH ME.

UH, OKAY.



I WILL TAKE YOU TWO!

CAN WE REFER TO OURSELVES AS THE "MARE-FORCE"?

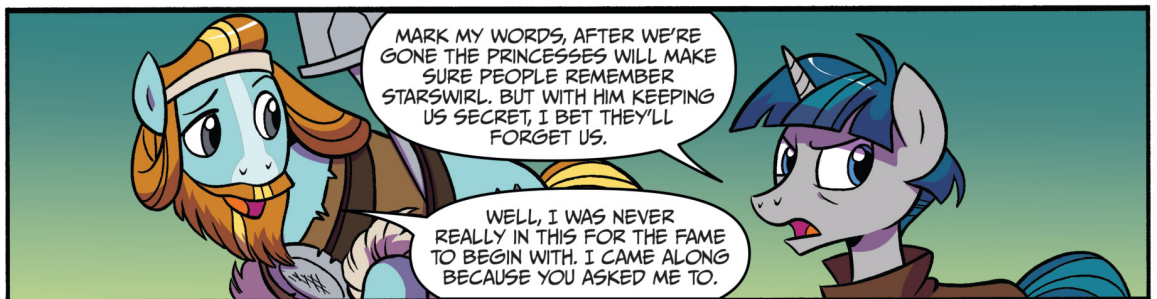
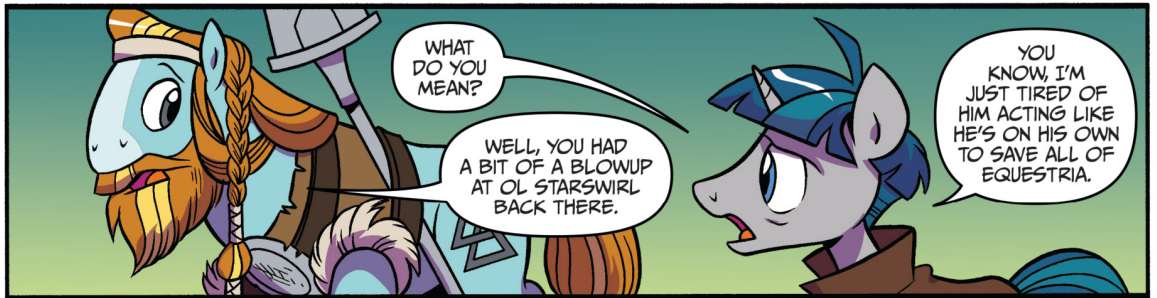
WHAT IS OUR POLICY ON SUB-TEAMS? STRIKE FORCES?



YOU SET THE PACE, OLD COLT. I WOULDN'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU BEHIND.

SO CONSIDERATE.







THE FIRST STEP IS TO CAST A SPELL TO TRACK THEIR MAGICAL AURAS. THEY'RE UNIQUE FROM THE REST OF THIS WORLD, SO ONCE WE FIND THE AURA WE CAN FOLLOW IT TO THE PRINCESSES.

ARE YOU SURE THAT WILL WORK?

IT WORKED LAST TIME LUNA WAS TAKEN... I BELIEVE TO THIS SAME WORLD.



WAIT, THIS AIN'T THE FIRST TIME YOUR PRINCESSES HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED TO ANOTHER DIMENSION?



IF EVERYPONY COULD BE QUIET SO I CAN CONCENTRATE.

HOW OFTEN Y'ALL THINK THIS HAPPENS?



IT IS DONE.

I DON'T SEE ANYTHING.

ME NEITHER.



AS I SAID, IT WILL ONLY BECOME VISIBLE IF WE FIND THE PATH WHERE THEY WERE TAKEN. WE MAY BE MILES OFF COURSE.

WE SHOULD DIVIDE INTO SMALLER GROUPS AND HEAD IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.

YOU WANT TO SPLIT THE PARTY UP? BUT WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S OUT HERE!



INCORRECT. WE KNOW THE TWO PRINCESSES OF EQUESTRIA ARE HERE AND IF WE DO NOT FIND THEM, THEY AND WE ARE DOOMED.

WE'LL REMAIN IN THE GROUPS IN WHICH WE CROSSED. EACH GROUP HAS A UNICORN. IF YOU FIND THE PRINCESSES, SEND UP A MAGICAL SIGNAL INTO THE SKY.



I DON'T LIKE THIS PLACE ONE BIT. MAKES LIVING NEAR A VOLCANO SEEM RIGHT WELCOMING.

IT'S REALLY WEIRD. I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN HERE, EVEN THOUGH, OBVIOUSLY I NEVER HAVE.

IT'S LIKE DEJA VU FROM A NIGHTMARE.



YOU KNOW, I FEEL THE SAME WAY AS YOU ABOUT STARSWIRL SOMETIMES?

NOT REALLY MY PLACE. HE'S A GUY WITH BIG PLANS AND LOTS OF BOOK LEARNING.

YEAH? WHY DON'T YOU EVER SAY ANYTHING?

I'M JUST A SOLDIER WITH A SHOVEL.

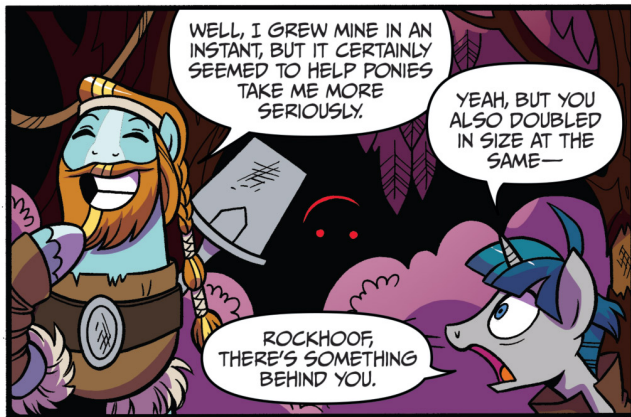


WELL, THOSE AREN'T AS COMMON AS YOU SEEM TO THINK.

BUT STARSWIRL... HE'S SO GOOD AT SEEMING LIKE HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT, YA KNOW? MAYBE IT'S THE BEARD.

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. DOING WHAT I'M TOLD IS PART OF MY JOB.

NOW IF SOMEONY LIKE YOU HAD PLANS TOO, I MIGHT LISTEN TO THOSE.



WELL, I GREW MINE IN AN INSTANT, BUT IT CERTAINLY SEEMED TO HELP PONIES TAKE ME MORE SERIOUSLY.

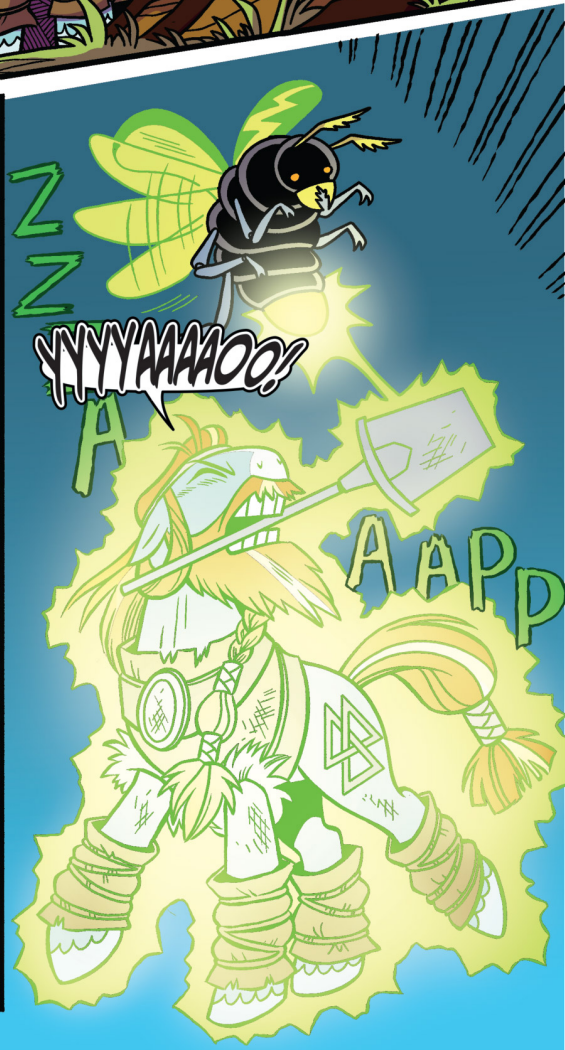
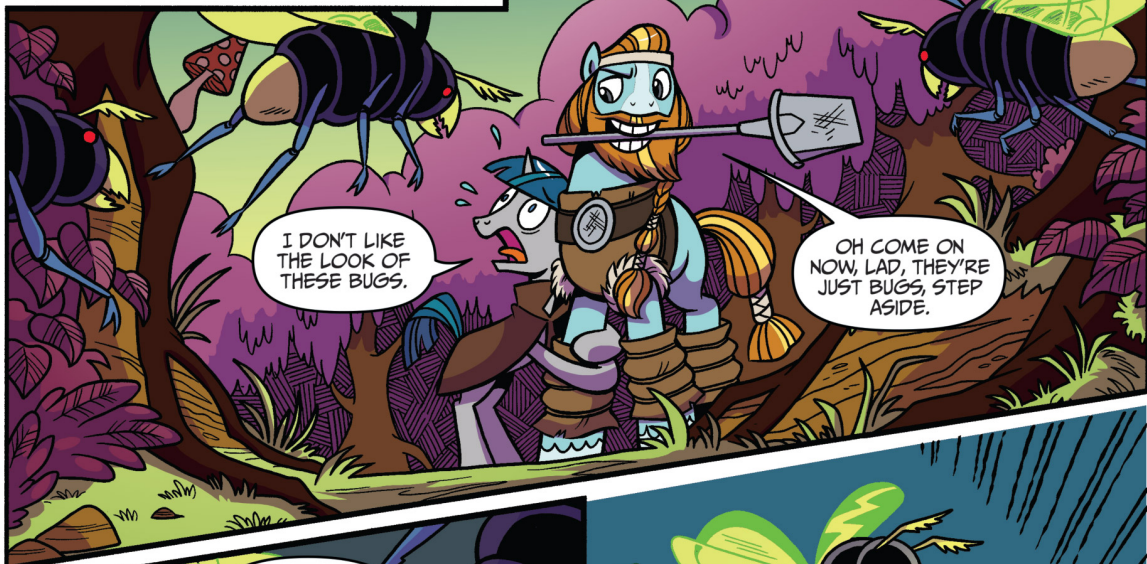
YEAH, BUT YOU ALSO DOUBLED IN SIZE AT THE SAME—

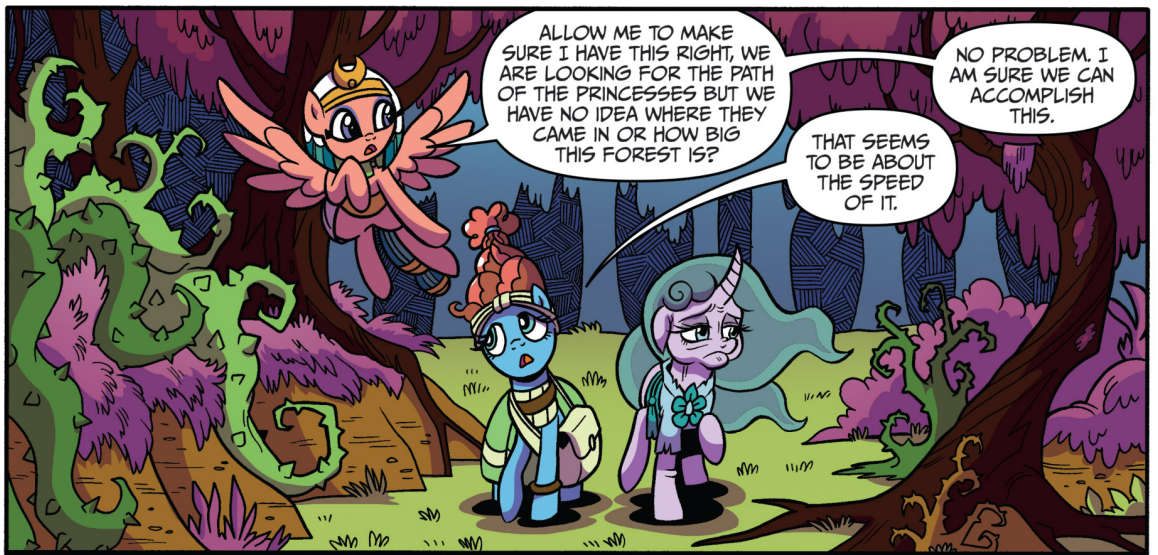
ROCKHOOF, THERE'S SOMETHING BEHIND YOU.



NOW LISTEN HERE, CREATURE. JUST TELL US WHERE THE PRINCESSES ARE AND THIS DOESN'T HAVE TO GET ROUGH.

YEAH! THERE'S ONE OF YOU AND TWO OF US SO...





ALLOW ME TO MAKE SURE I HAVE THIS RIGHT, WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE PATH OF THE PRINCESSES BUT WE HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THEY CAME IN OR HOW BIG THIS FOREST IS?

NO PROBLEM, I AM SURE WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS.

THAT SEEMS TO BE ABOUT THE SPEED OF IT.



I WISH I HAD YOUR CONFIDENCE, SOMNAMBULA.

MISTMANE, YOU'VE BEEN QUIET. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

I HATE THIS PLACE.



FORESTS ARE BEAUTIFUL AND FULL OF LIFE AND WONDER.

THIS FOREST IS CORRUPTED. THE PLANTS ARE TWISTED AND SOUR. THE ANIMALS LURK IN THE SHADOWS, PREPARING TO ATTACK THE WEAK.

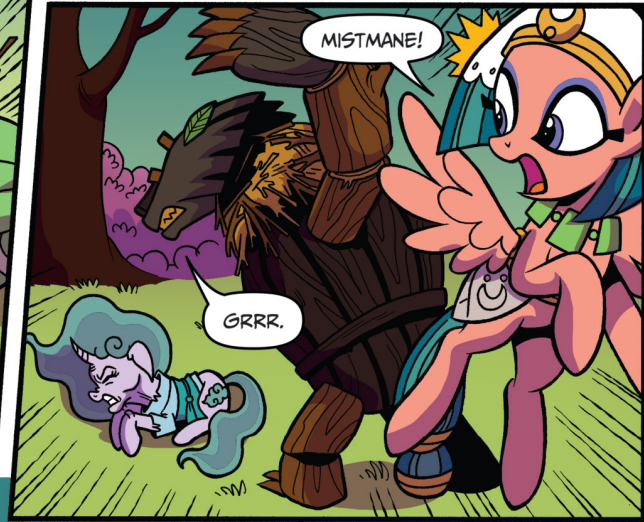
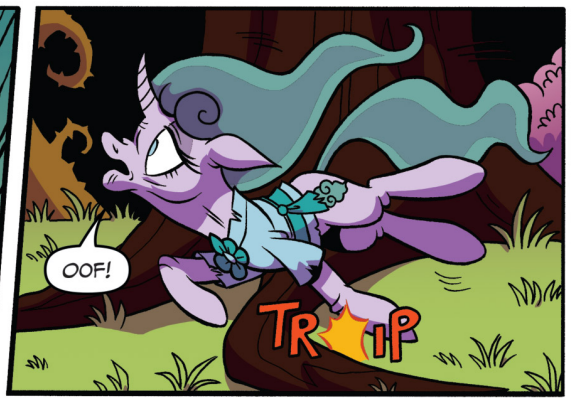


BUT THAT'S JUST HOW NATURE WORKS, RIGHT?

NOT LIKE THIS. ANIMALS HUNT OUT OF HUNGER. THESE CREATURES HERE ARE... ANGRY. THEY'RE TWISTED WITH AN UNNATURAL RAGE AND...



... THEY ARE HERE TO STOP US.







STOP WHERE YOU ARE!



YOU WERE ONCE A NATURAL CREATURE IN THIS BEAUTIFUL FOREST.

RETURN TO THAT NOW!



YES, THERE YOU GO.



NO!



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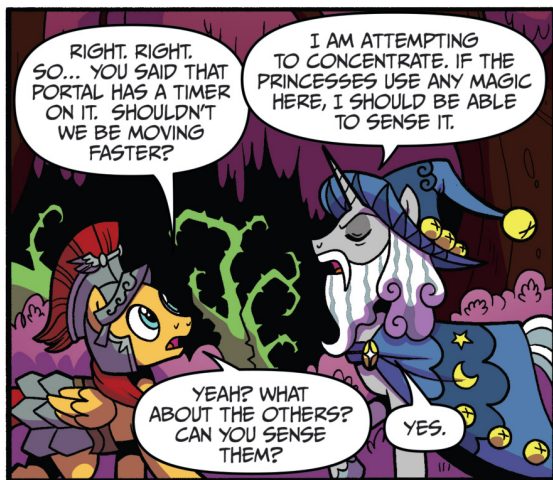
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I COULDN'T SAVE HIM... I COULDN'T SAVE HIM.



YOU KNOW, I COULD FLY OVERHEAD IF YOU THINK THAT WOULD HELP.

I THINK IT IS UNWISE FOR EITHER OF US TO LEAVE THE OTHER'S SIGHT. THESE WOODS ARE FULL OF DARK MAGICS.



RIGHT. RIGHT. SO... YOU SAID THAT PORTAL HAS A TIMER ON IT. SHOULDN'T WE BE MOVING FASTER?

I AM ATTEMPTING TO CONCENTRATE. IF THE PRINCESSES USE ANY MAGIC HERE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SENSE IT.

YEAH? WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS? CAN YOU SENSE THEM?

YES.



EVERYTHING OKAY WITH THEM?

NOT PARTICULARLY. THEY ARE ALL ENGAGED IN COMBAT.

WHAT? SHOULDN'T WE HELP THEM?

NO.

WHAT?! WHY?!



BECAUSE WE ARE ABOUT TO BE ENGAGED IN COMBAT AS WELL.

HIM.

WHAT? WITH WHO?

BZZZAT



OOF!



HELLO STARSWIRL, OLD FRIEND.



DO I KNOW YOU?

PERHAPS NOT, BUT I KNOW YOU.



SO, YOU KNEW THE VERSION OF ME FROM THIS WORLD?

YES. WE WERE FRIENDS, UNTIL HE TURNED ON ME.

WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM?

THE SAME THING I AM ABOUT TO DO TO YOU.



I OBLITERATED HIM!



YOU MAY DEFEAT ME, BUT UNTIL I HAVE RESCUED THOSE GIRLS!

FUNNY, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE OTHER ONE SAID BEFORE I CRUSHED HIM!



ROCKHOOF,
THEY'RE LIGHTNING
BUGS!

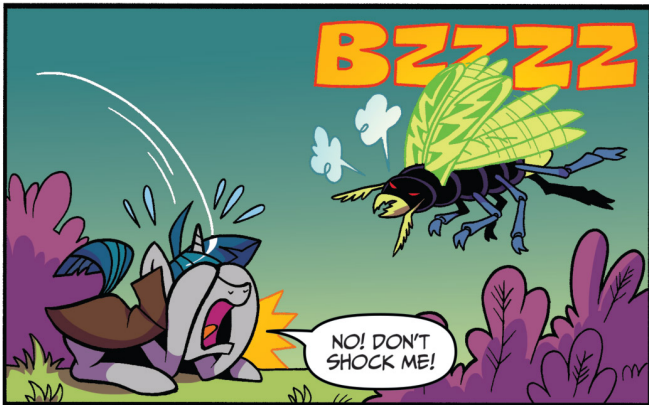
I NOTICED!
WHY DON'T YOU
GIVE EM A ZAP OF
YOUR OWN!

OH,
RIGHT!



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NO! DON'T
SHOCK ME!



ROCKHOOF!
DID YOU SEE
THAT?

I'M A LITTLE
BUSY HERE! THESE
CRITTERS WON'T
STOP SHOCKING
ME!

I ASKED ONE
NOT TO SHOCK ME
AND IT DIDN'T.

WHY DIDN'T
I THINK OF
THAT?



YOU
VARMINTS STOP
SHOCKING
ME!



IT DIDN'T
WORK! COME UP
WITH A NEW
PLAN!

WHY WOULD
THEY LISTEN TO
ME AND NOT YOU?
MAYBE IF I...





STYGIAN, OL BUDDY, YOU DID IT!

THOSE ARE THE TRAILS FROM THE PRINCESSES. WE'RE HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THEM!

SET OFF THAT FIREWORK!



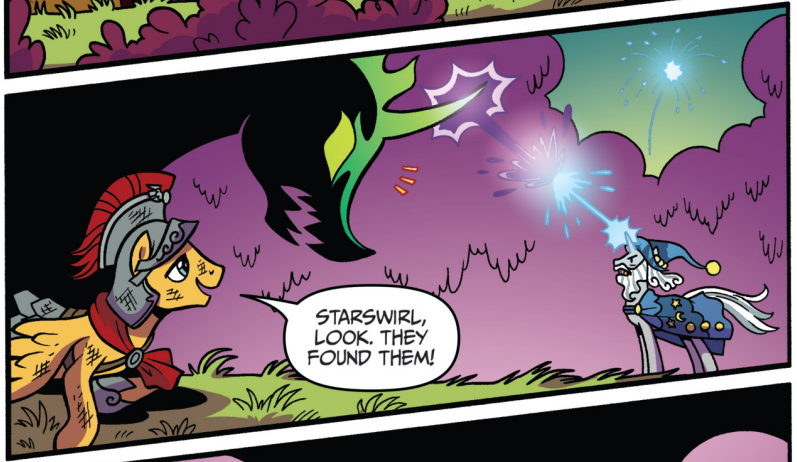
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WELL, LOOKIE THERE!

A SIGNAL. THEY FOUND THE GIRLS.

I TOLD YOU NOT TO LOSE HOPE!



STARSWIRL, LOOK, THEY FOUND THEM!



WHAT!?



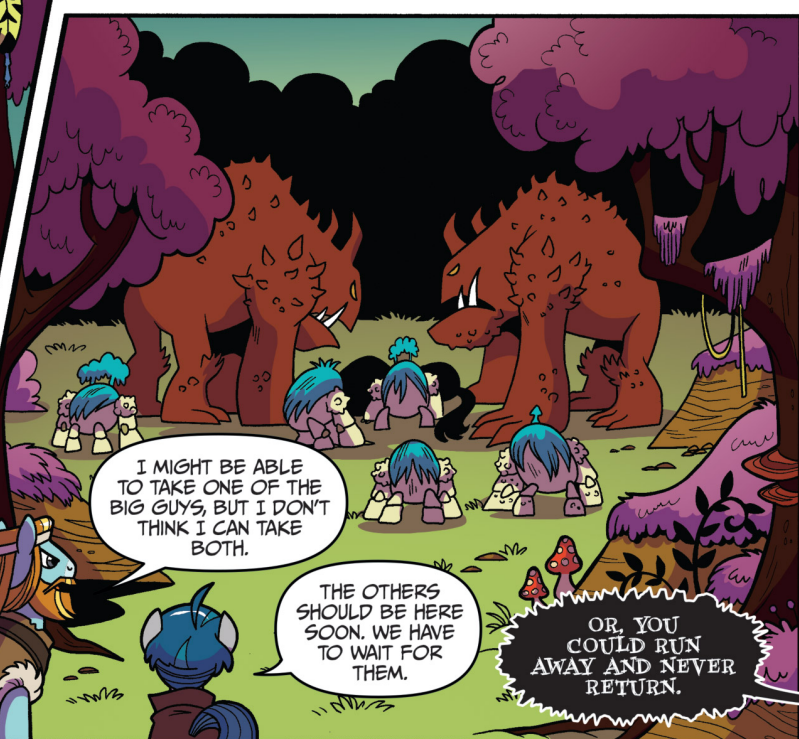
HE DISAPPEARED!

COME, FLASH MAGNUS, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!



THE BUGS STOPPED. WHERE TO NOW?

I THINK WE'RE THERE.



I MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE ONE OF THE BIG GUYS, BUT I DON'T THINK I CAN TAKE BOTH.

THE OTHERS SHOULD BE HERE SOON. WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR THEM.

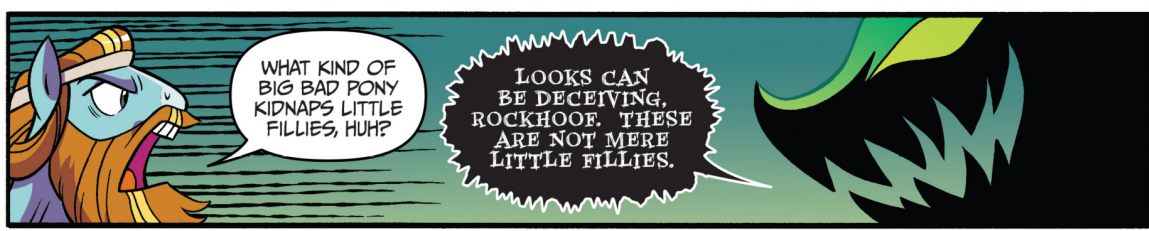
OR, YOU COULD RUN AWAY AND NEVER RETURN.



STAY AWAY FROM MY LITTLE PONIES. I HAVE PLANS FOR THEM.

PLANS?

I GOTTA ASK YOU A QUESTION!



WHAT KIND OF BIG BAD PONY KIDNAPS LITTLE FILLIES, HUH?

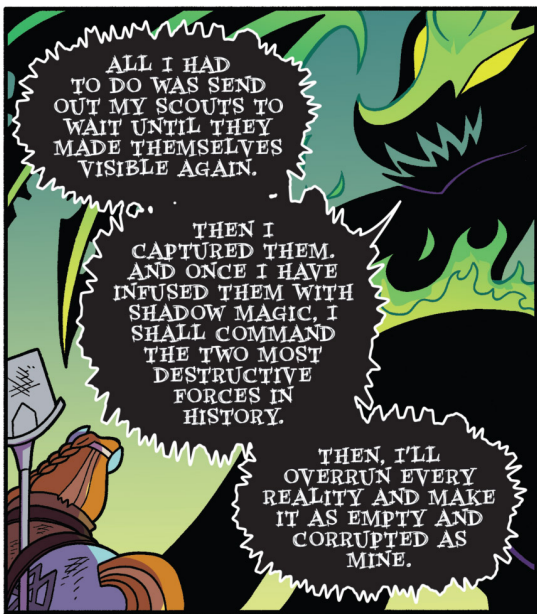
LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING, ROCKHOOF. THESE ARE NOT MERE LITTLE FILLIES.



THEY HAVE AN INFINITE POWER FOR DESTRUCTION. WITH A LITTLE BIT OF CORRUPTION, THEY'LL BECOME DAYBREAKER AND NIGHTMARE MOON.

I SAW IT IN THE ONES FROM MY WORLD. I SOUGHT TO UNLOCK THAT POWER, BUT MY STARSWIRL STOPPED ME.

I THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO SETTLE FOR DOING THE DESTROYING BY MYSELF. THEN, YOUR LUNA OPENED A PATH TO MY WORLD.



ALL I HAD TO DO WAS SEND OUT MY SCOUTS TO WAIT UNTIL THEY MADE THEMSELVES VISIBLE AGAIN.

THEN I CAPTURED THEM, AND ONCE I HAVE INFUSED THEM WITH SHADOW MAGIC, I SHALL COMMAND THE TWO MOST DESTRUCTIVE FORCES IN HISTORY.

THEN, I'LL OVERRUN EVERY REALITY AND MAKE IT AS EMPTY AND CORRUPTED AS MINE.



NOT WHILE I'M STILL STANDING.

ROCKHOOF, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I MISS. UNFORTUNATELY, MY ROCKHOOF HAD TO HAVE AN ACCIDENT AT THE VOLCANO.

WHO ARE YOU?



THE QUESTION IS, WHO IS THIS ONE? I DON'T RECOGNIZE HIM.

NEVER YOU MIND.

NO MATTER, I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO GET THE ANSWERS OUT AFTER I'VE DESTROYED YOU.

DON'T COUNT ON IT!



YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE REST OF US FIRST.



AH, IT'S JUST LIKE OLD TIMES. EVERYPONY IS HERE.

BUT THIS TIME, I'M MUCH STRONGER.



AND I HAVE AN ARMY OF MY OWN.

DESTROY THESE MEDDLESOME PONIES!



IT'S GOOD OF Y'ALL TO MAKE IT.

SORRY, IT WAS A BEAR GETTING HERE.

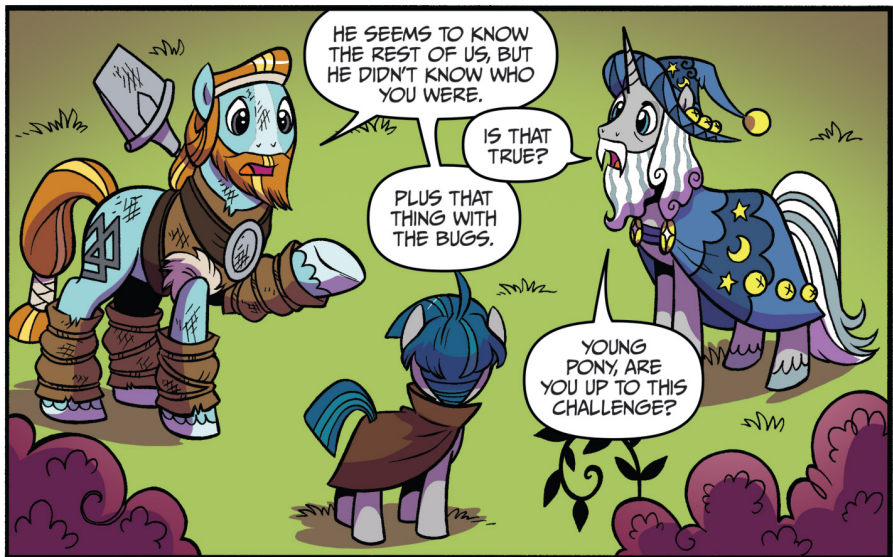
HA! A BEAR! I GET IT!



I NEED TO GET TO THE PRINCESSES. YOU ALL NEED TO COVER—

HANG ON THERE, BEARDO. I WANNA HEAR WHAT STYGIAN HAS TO SAY.

ME?



HE SEEMS TO KNOW THE REST OF US, BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHO YOU WERE.

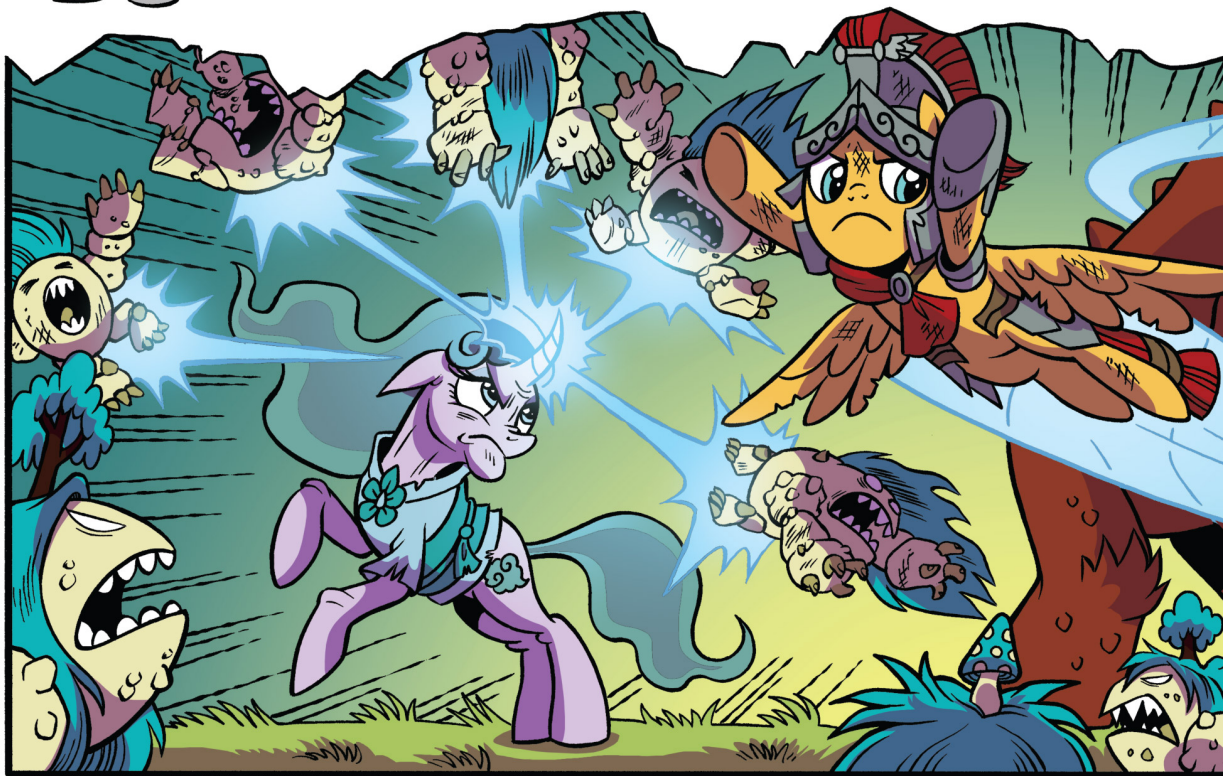
IS THAT TRUE?

PLUS THAT THING WITH THE BUGS.

YOUNG PONY, ARE YOU UP TO THIS CHALLENGE?



I'LL GET THEM.









NO! YOU FOOL!

I HAVE THEM! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



YOU! WHO ARE YOU?! I'LL FIND YOU!

WELL, WHEN THEY ASK WHO STOPPED YOUR EVIL PLAN, YOU TELL THEM IT WAS A LITTLE UNICORN NAMED *STYGIAN!*



THAT WAS AMAZING! I LIKED YOUR BIG HERO LINE!

I ALWAYS WANTED TO GIVE ONE OF THOSE, BUT I NEVER GET TO SAVE THE DAY!



WELL, I'VE GOT A FEELING THIS WON'T BE THE LAST TIME.

I'D DO ANYTHING TO DO IT AGAIN!

ZWWW! PPP!



HUAZZAH!

WE DID IT!

YAY!



HOW DID YOU MANAGE THAT, STYGIAN? HOW DID YOU MAKE HIS OWN CREATURE BETRAY HIM?

I'M... I'M NOT REALLY SURE. I DIDN'T KNOW FOR SURE IT WOULD WORK, BUT I HAD TO DO SOMETHING.



YOU WERE BRAVE OUT THERE, STYG! AND I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT BRAVE.

SPEAKING OF, LET'S GET YOU BANDAGED UP.



ARE THEY OKAY?

NO THANKS TO ME. I FAILED THEM TODAY.

WHAT WAS THAT THING? IT SEEMED TO KNOW US... WELL, EVERYBODY BUT ME.

I DON'T KNOW, BUT WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE IT NEVER RETURNS TO THIS WORLD AGAIN.

ROCKHOOF, WOULD YOUR SHOVEL DO THE HONORS?





STYGIAN.



THAT EXPLAINS HOW HE WAS ABLE TO ORDER YOU AROUND.

BUT HOW CAN THIS BE?



HAS IT BEEN SO LONG?

HAVE I CHANGED SO MUCH?



I DIDN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE MYSELF.

The End!

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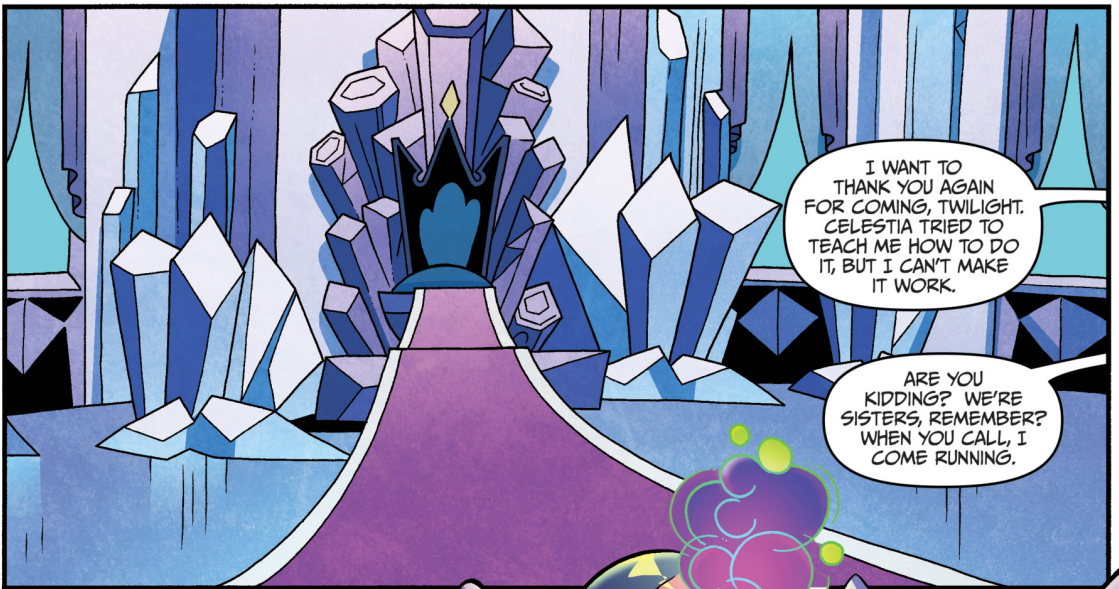


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SO, DO YOU THINK HE'S COMING BACK?

SOMBRA? NO. I THINK HE'S GONE FOR GOOD. BUT WE SHOULD BE PREPARED. THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD HIM BEAT BEFORE TOO.

DO YOU HEAR THAT?

PROBABLY JUST AN ECHO.



IT'S MORE THAT WE HAVE ALL OF THIS INFORMATION MISSING FROM OUR RECORDS. THE CRYSTAL PONIES' MEMORIES CAME BACK, BUT THERE WERE A LOT OF BOOKS AND RECORDS THAT SOMBRA HAD DESTROYED.

AND YOU THINK HE MIGHT HAVE KEPT SOMETHING? DO BAD GUYS KEEP JOURNALS?

WELL, HE SURE LIKED HIMSELF. I'D BE SURPRISED IF HE DIDN'T RECORD SOMETHING.



HERE WE GO!



I KNEW IT! I KNEW HE HAD TO HAVE A ROOM LIKE THIS. JUST LOOK AT IT.

I AM. I SO NEED AN OFFICE LIKE THIS. WELL, EXCEPT FOR THE BUSTS OF MYSELF.

HERE IT IS. HERE'S HIS DIARY. THIS COULD TELL US EVERYTHING WE NEED.



OKAY, YOU EVIL PONY, LET'S SEE WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY.



"SOMBRA... IT WAS THE ONLY WORD I COULD REMEMBER WHEN THEY FOUND ME."

WHEN THEY FOUND HIM? WHO?

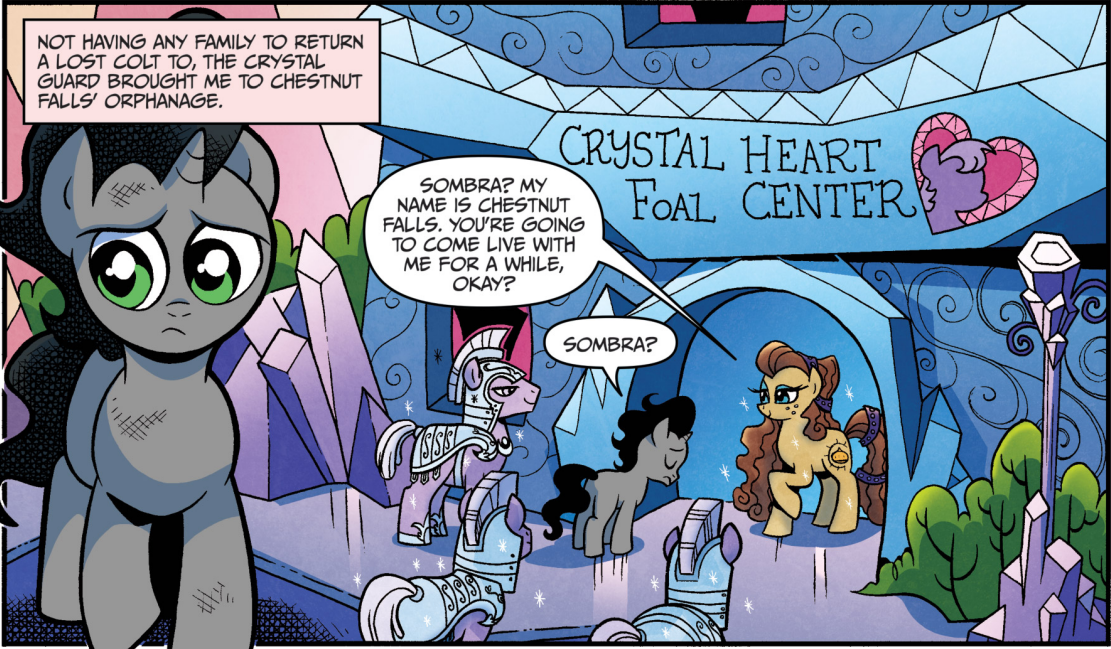
NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASKED, THE ONLY THING I WOULD SAY TO THEM WAS THIS ONE WORD. SO THEY MADE IT MY NAME.

The Crystal Guard said I was alone out in the wastes just north of the empire. They asked where my family was, but I couldn't tell them.

No matter what

say one w
"Sombra"
how I th

And that is how I, the King of All Monsters, named myself.



NOT HAVING ANY FAMILY TO RETURN A LOST COLT TO, THE CRYSTAL GUARD BROUGHT ME TO CHESTNUT FALLS' ORPHANAGE.

SOMBRA? MY NAME IS CHESTNUT FALLS. YOU'RE GOING TO COME LIVE WITH ME FOR A WHILE, OKAY?

SOMBRA?



Many Friends Happy Ponies.

I WAS YEARS BEHIND MY CLASSMATES. THEY KNEW ALL ABOUT THINGS I HAD NEVER EVEN HEARD OF. SAYING THEIR WORDS FELT LIKE CHEWING PEANUT BRITTLE. LIKE MY MOUTH WASN'T SUPPOSED TO SAY THEM.



BUT I WAS A QUICK LEARNER.



AND MS. CHESTNUT FALLS WOULD ALWAYS HELP ME WHEN I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND THE HOMEWORK.

SOUND IT OUT A LITTLE BIT AT A TIME.

PEG-UH-SUS.

THAT'S RIGHT! PEGASUS! YOU'RE DOING SO WELL, SOMBRA!



SADLY, THE SAME COULD NOT BE SAID FOR OTHERS.

GREETINGS, FRIENDS. CAN SOMBRA PLAY TOO?

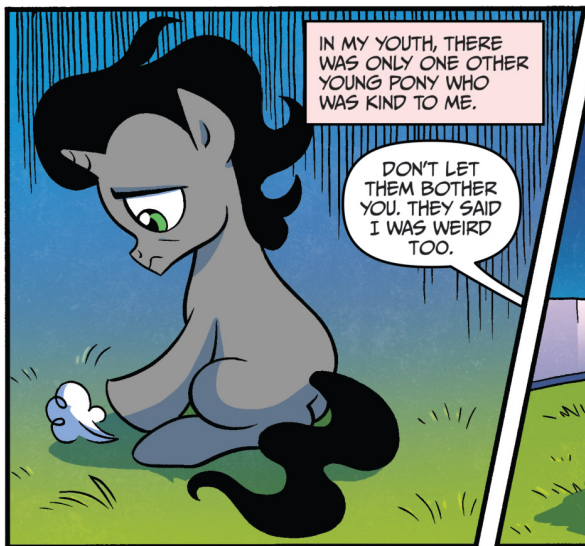
WHY DOES HE TALK LIKE THAT? I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY KEEP HIM HERE, HE'S NOT EVEN A CRYSTAL PONY.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE IS. HE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE HIS CUTIE MARK.



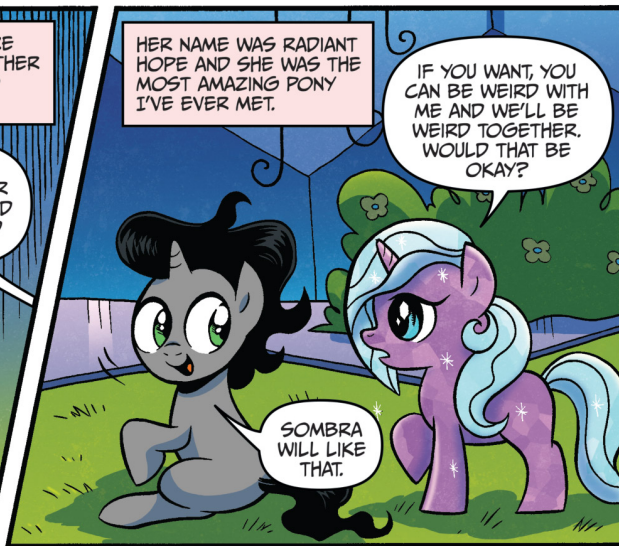
GET AWAY, SOMBRERO. WE DON'T WANT ANYPONY TO SEE US WITH THE WEIRD PONY.

THEY MIGHT THINK WE'RE WEIRD LIKE YOU.



IN MY YOUTH, THERE WAS ONLY ONE OTHER YOUNG PONY WHO WAS KIND TO ME.

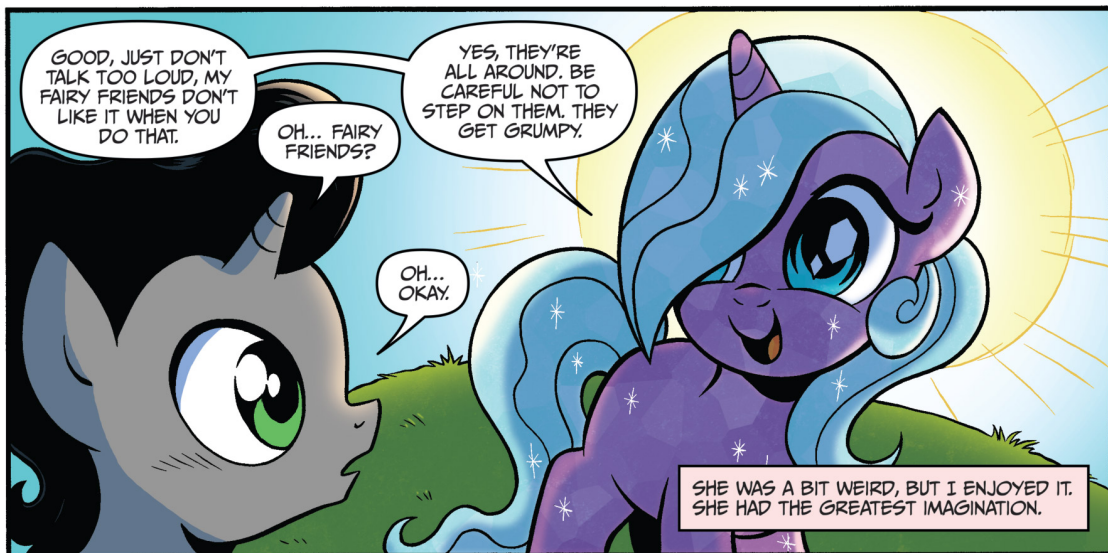
DON'T LET THEM BOTHER YOU. THEY SAID I WAS WEIRD TOO.



HER NAME WAS RADIANT HOPE AND SHE WAS THE MOST AMAZING PONY I'VE EVER MET.

IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN BE WEIRD WITH ME AND WE'LL BE WEIRD TOGETHER. WOULD THAT BE OKAY?

SOMBRA WILL LIKE THAT.



GOOD, JUST DON'T TALK TOO LOUD, MY FAIRY FRIENDS DON'T LIKE IT WHEN YOU DO THAT.

OH... FAIRY FRIENDS?

YES, THEY'RE ALL AROUND. BE CAREFUL NOT TO STEP ON THEM. THEY GET GRUMPY.

OH... OKAY.

SHE WAS A BIT WEIRD, BUT I ENJOYED IT. SHE HAD THE GREATEST IMAGINATION.

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