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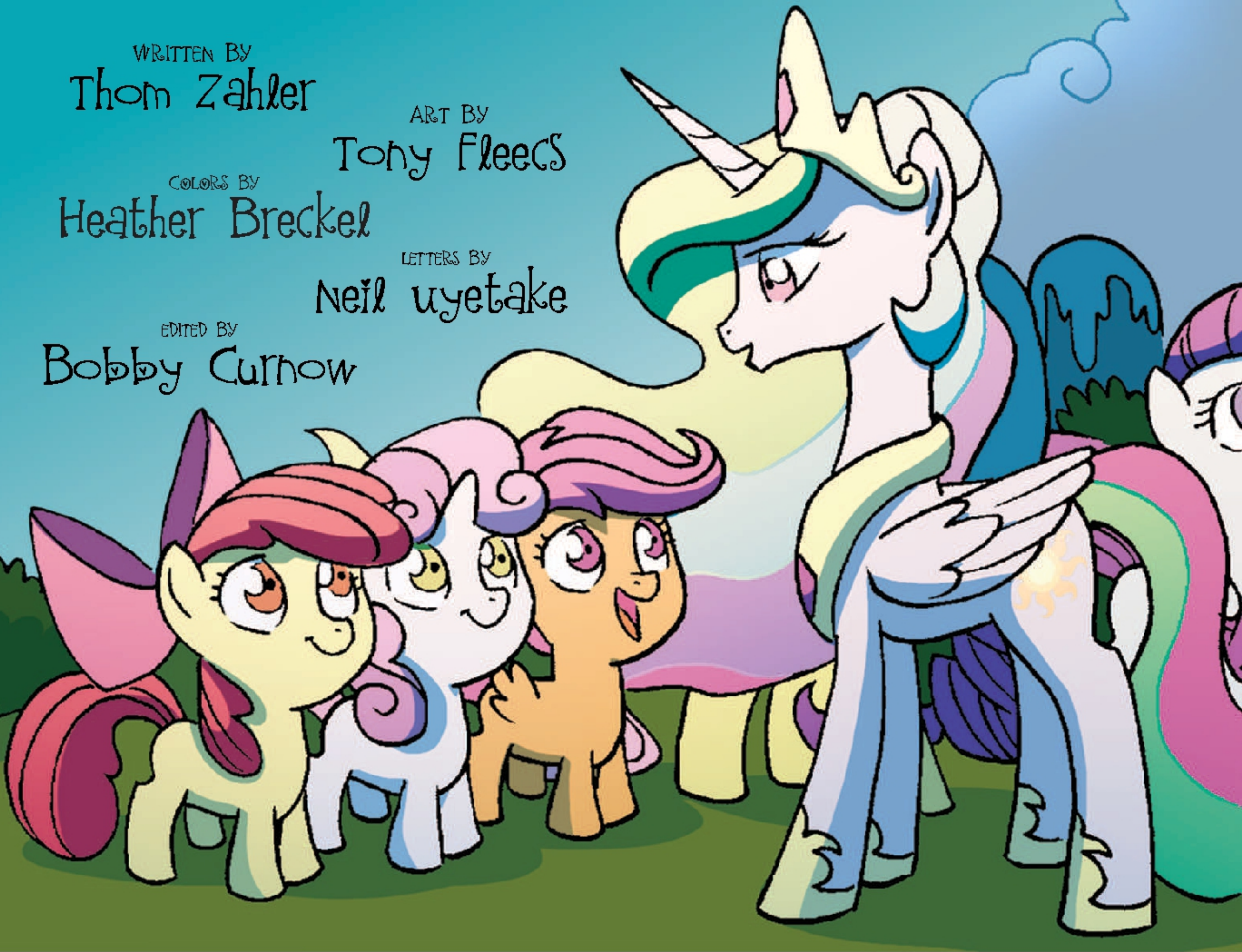
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KEEP 'ER
TIED DOWN!

I'VE
GOT THE
BELT—

—SECURING!

DONE!
NOW—

THUD!
CRASH!

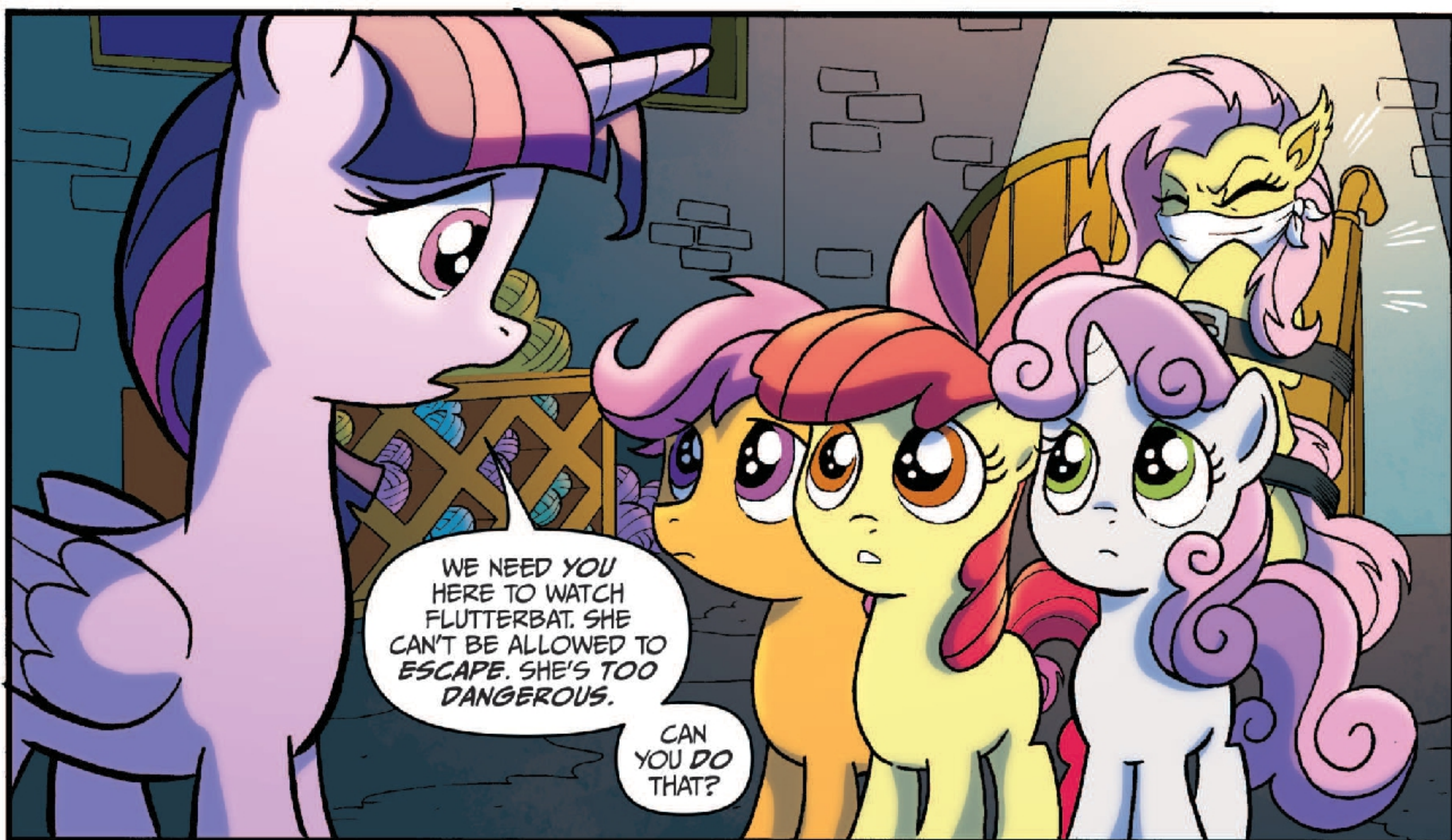
—THAT WAS YOUR
PLAN? BRING BACK
FLUTTERBAT?

HOW IS THAT
GOING TO TAKE
CARE OF THE
LIVING APPLE
ARMY?

DON'T WORRY.
THAT WAS JUST THE
FIRST HALF OF
MY PLAN.

WHAT'S
THE NEXT PART?
BRINGING BACK
TIREK?







WE WILL!

SHE WON'T GET FREE WHILE WE'RE HERE.



GOOD!

ARE YOU READY THEN, EVERYPONY?



OH, WOW!



TO THE SKIES, MY FRIENDS!

TWILIGHT SPARKLING

I THOUGHT I LIKED CIDER BEFORE—NOW I CRAVE IT!

I FINALLY HAVE AN EXCUSE TO WEAR THIS CAPE.

RAINBOW DASH

RARITY

CAN I TURN TO SMOKE, TOO? THAT'D BE COOL!

DRINKIE PIE

LET'S GET RID OF THOSE APPLES—

—THOSE DELICIOUS, DELICIOUS APPLES!

APPLEJACK



GET OFF THE STREET, PONIES!

THERE'S A CURFEW, YOU KNOW.



THUMP!

HEY, WHAT'S THAT?



GUESS IT WAS NOTHING...



URK! WHAT?



UHHHHHH...



THAT'S ONE.

ALSO... YUM!



WHAT IS THAT?



WHO ARE YOU?

TWILIGHT.
SPARKLING.
VAMPIRE.

HMMM. THOSE
SOUND GOOD
TOGETHER.



I THINK I'VE
GOT THE HANG OF
THESE WINGS
NOW!



HMMM. I
COULD GET
USED TO
THIS.



TO FIGHT
MONSTERS...
I'VE BECOME A
MONSTER.



SNEAKY! I
LIKE BEING
SNEAKY!

GOOD, BECAUSE IT'S
TIME FOR THE NEXT
PHASE
OF OUR PLAN!



WHAT THE—?
IT'S HORRIBLE!



NO, DARLING, IT'S FABULOUS!

RARITY! THAT'S, UM, THAT'S A GOOD LOOK FOR YOU.

THE LOCKS WILL STILL RESPOND TO APPLES ONLY.

OH, I'M FULL OF APPLES. TRUST ME.



PLUS, YOU KNOW, VAMPIRE STRENGTH!



I DON'T KNOW WHERE THESE MALICIOUS—
—AND SUCCULENT—

APPLES CAME FROM—

OH, I DO! I DO!

A METEOR LANDED IN THE ORCHARD! THAT'S WHAT CHANGED THE APPLES! AND THEY'RE LOOKING TO BRING IT WITH THEM ON THEIR NEXT ATTACK TO CHANGE THE APPLES IN APPLEOSA.



HEY, YOU HANG AROUND A BUNCH OF LIVING APPLES FOR LONG ENOUGH, YOU HEAR A FEW THINGS.

THEN WE HAVE TO GET TO THAT METEOR!



SO... HUNGRY...

WHY IS SHE TALKING TO HERSELF?

I DON'T KNOW BUT IT'S SCARY.



I WANT TO FEED. I WANT TO BE FREE.

NO, YOU'RE TOO WILD! YOU NEED TO CONTROL...

I AM NOT CONTROL! I AM HUNGER!



YOU'RE NOTHING BUT AN ANIMAL—

—BUT I KNOW HOW TO TALK TO ANIMALS.

NO, I WILL NOT—I WILL BE—



FREE!

UH-OH!



WE'RE UNDER ATTACK! SOUND THE ALARM!

WE ARE DISSSSSSCOVERED!

YOU'RE A VAMPIRE, NOT A SNAKE. WHAT'S WITH THE HISS?

OH, IT JUST SOUNDED COOL.



GET THEM!



HOW GAUCHE!
YOU'RE NOT IN
SEASON!



THERE ARE
MORE OF US THAN
THERE ARE THEM!
THE ODDS ARE IN
OUR FAVOR.

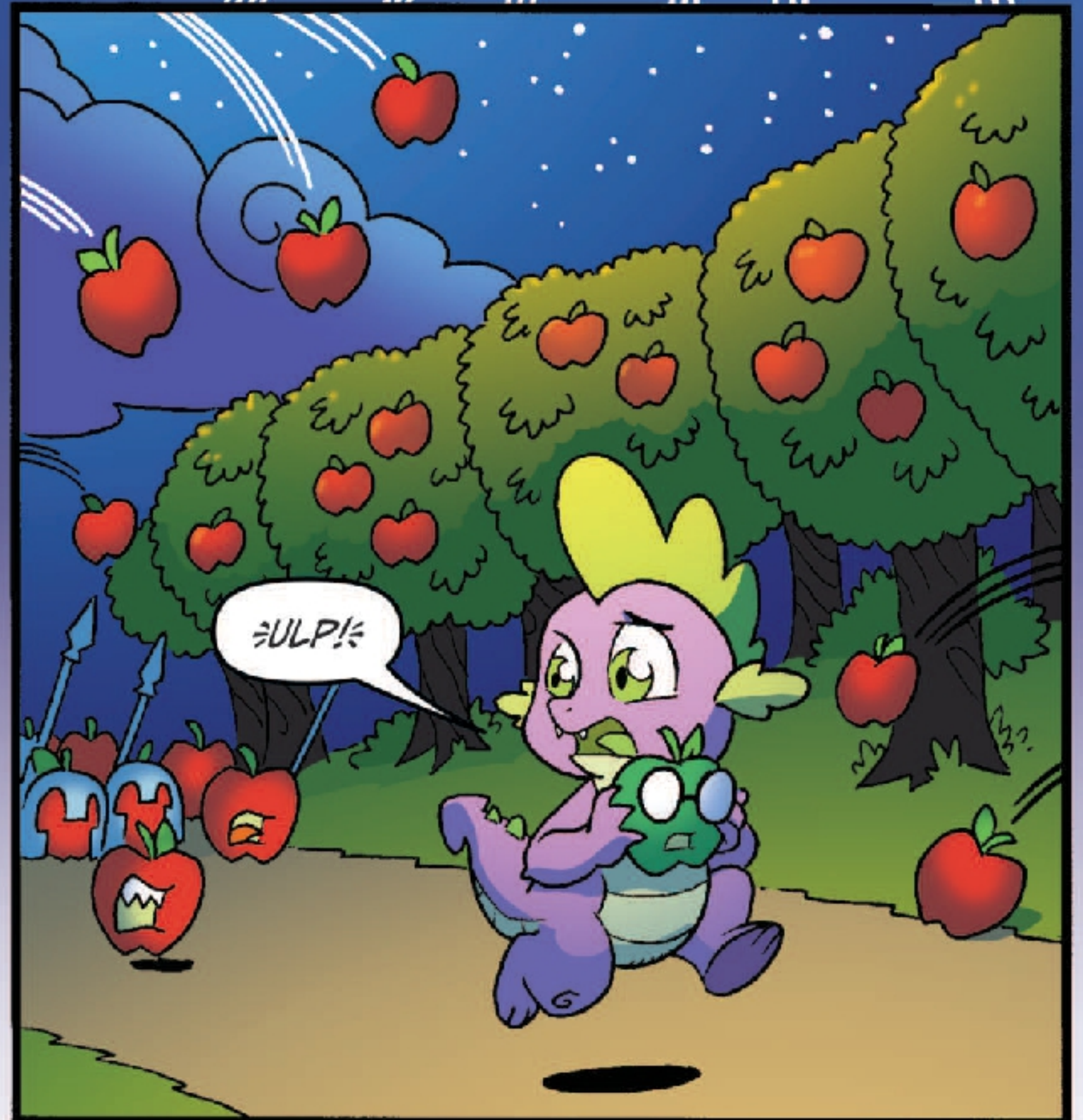
NEVER
TELL ME THE
ODDS.



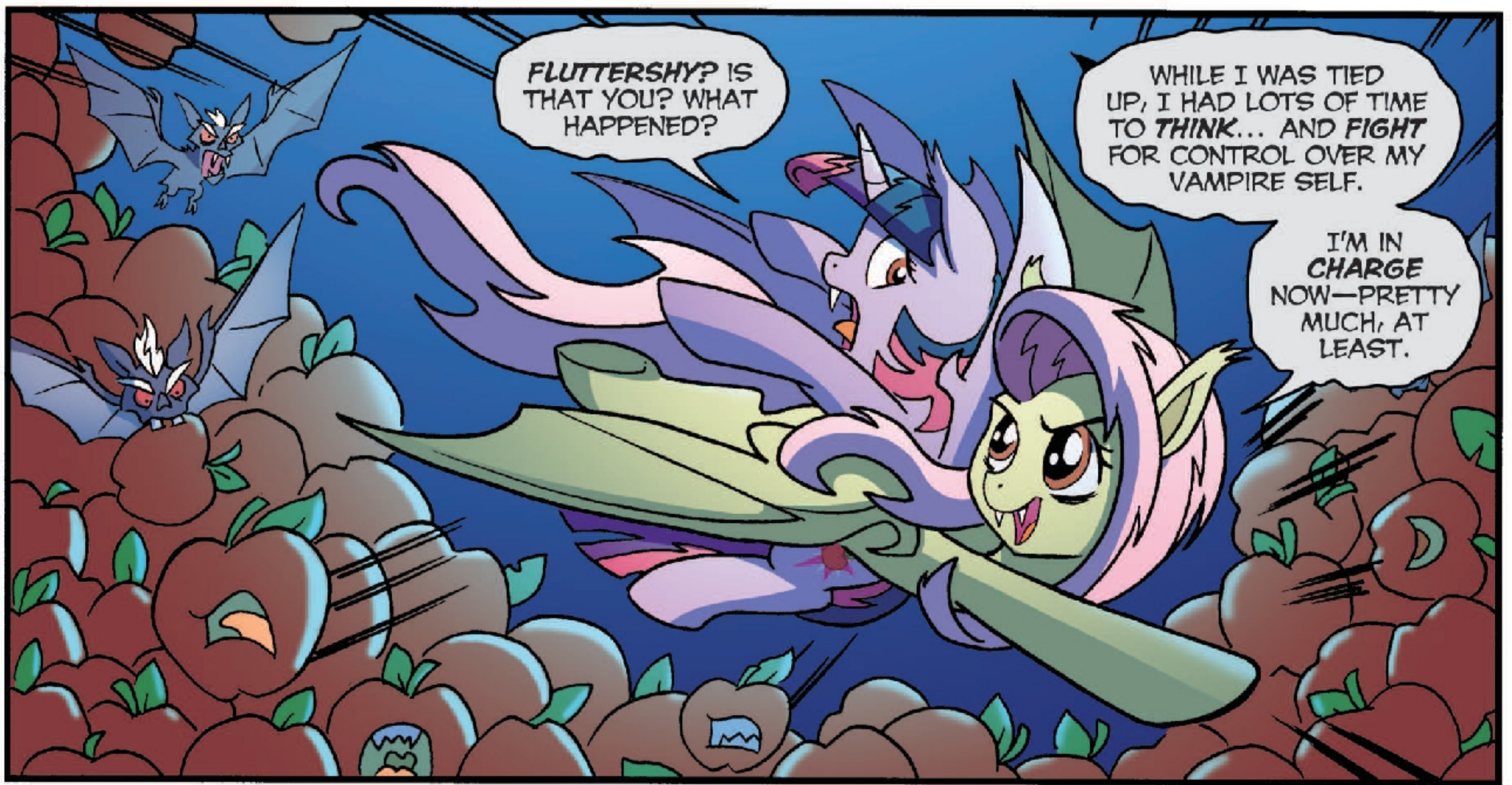
USUALLY I
JUST KICK APPLE
TREES. THIS IS
SO WRONG.

YOU MADE
US!

I GREW
YOU. THERE'S A
DIFFERENCE.







FLUTTERSHY? IS THAT YOU? WHAT HAPPENED?

WHILE I WAS TIED UP, I HAD LOTS OF TIME TO *THINK*... AND *FIGHT* FOR CONTROL OVER MY VAMPIRE SELF.

I'M IN **CHARGE** NOW—PRETTY MUCH, AT LEAST.



BUT BEST OF ALL, IN THIS FORM, I CAN *TALK* TO THE VAMPIRE FRUIT BATS. AND THEY'VE *AGREED* TO HELP.

SO WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?



OKAY, EVERYPONY—LET'S GO *CLEAR* THE FIELD!

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE APPLES, SPIKE. YOU TAKE CARE OF GOOD APPLE.

I'M ON IT.



THIS IS FOR **BONKING** ME!



WHAM WITH THE RIGHT **HOOF!**



I LOVE THE SMELL OF **APPLE JUICE** IN THE MORNING... OR EVENING.



GOOD JOB, EVERYONE! YOU'RE DOING **WONDERFULLY**.



WHERE'D
Y'ALL GET THE
SACK?

I MADE IT IN
MY SHOP WHEN THEY
WEREN'T MAKING ME
SEW UNIFORMS.

YOU HAVE TO
BE PREPARED FOR
STYLES TO CHANGE,
DARLING. WE WERE
ALWAYS GOING
TO BE BACK IN
FASHION!



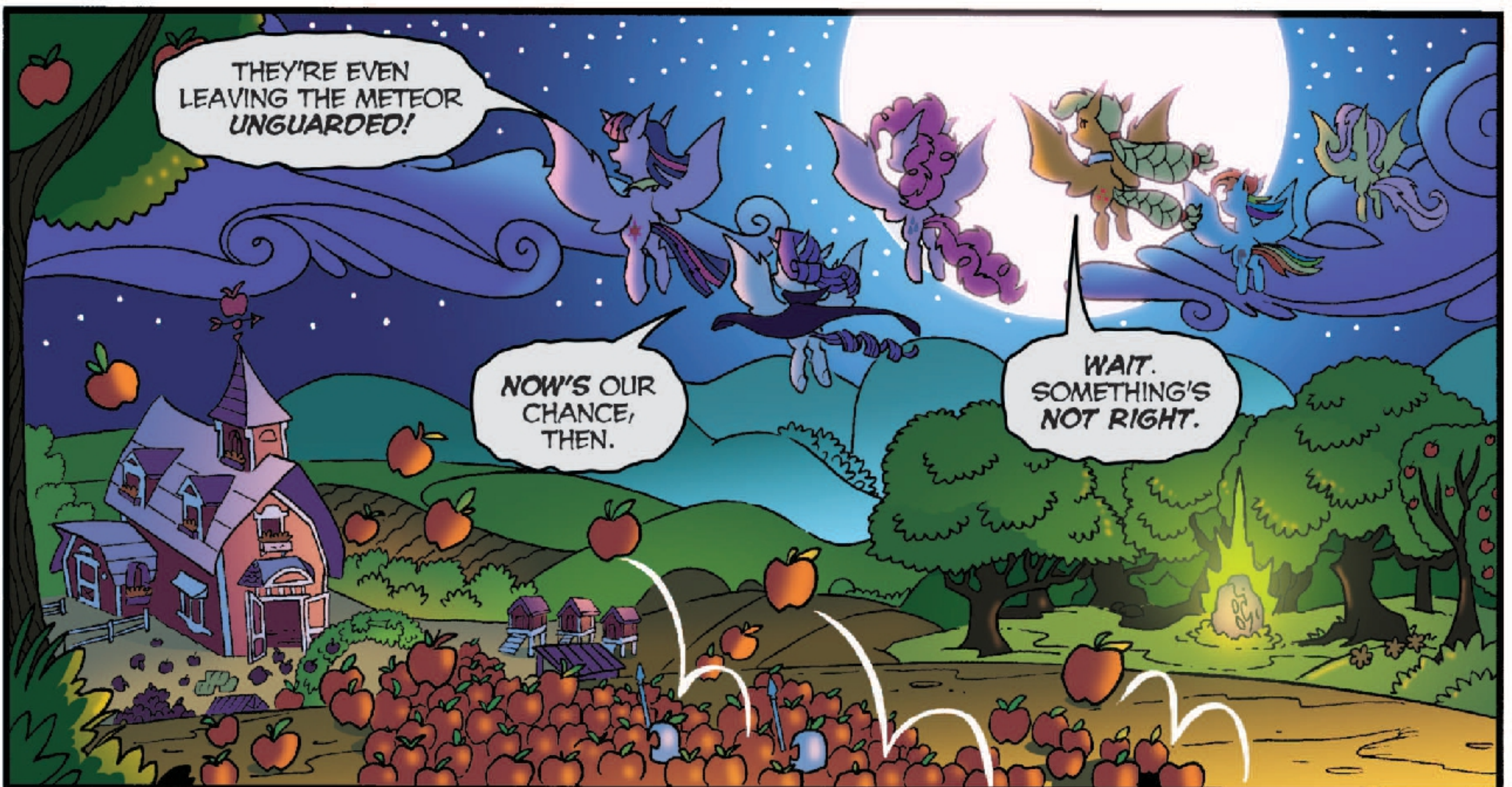
FALL BACK,
MY APPLE ARMY!
FALL BACK!



WE'VE GOT
'EM ON THE
RUN!

YAY, US!

SCREECH
SCREECH



THEY'RE EVEN
LEAVING THE METEOR
UNGUARDED!

NOW'S OUR
CHANCE,
THEN.

WAIT.
SOMETHING'S
NOT RIGHT.



WE ARE NOT FINISHED! WE HAVE NOT YET *BEGUN* TO FIGHT!

WELL, WE HAVE.

BUT NOT LIKE THIS!



IF WE CANNOT HAVE PONYVILLE—

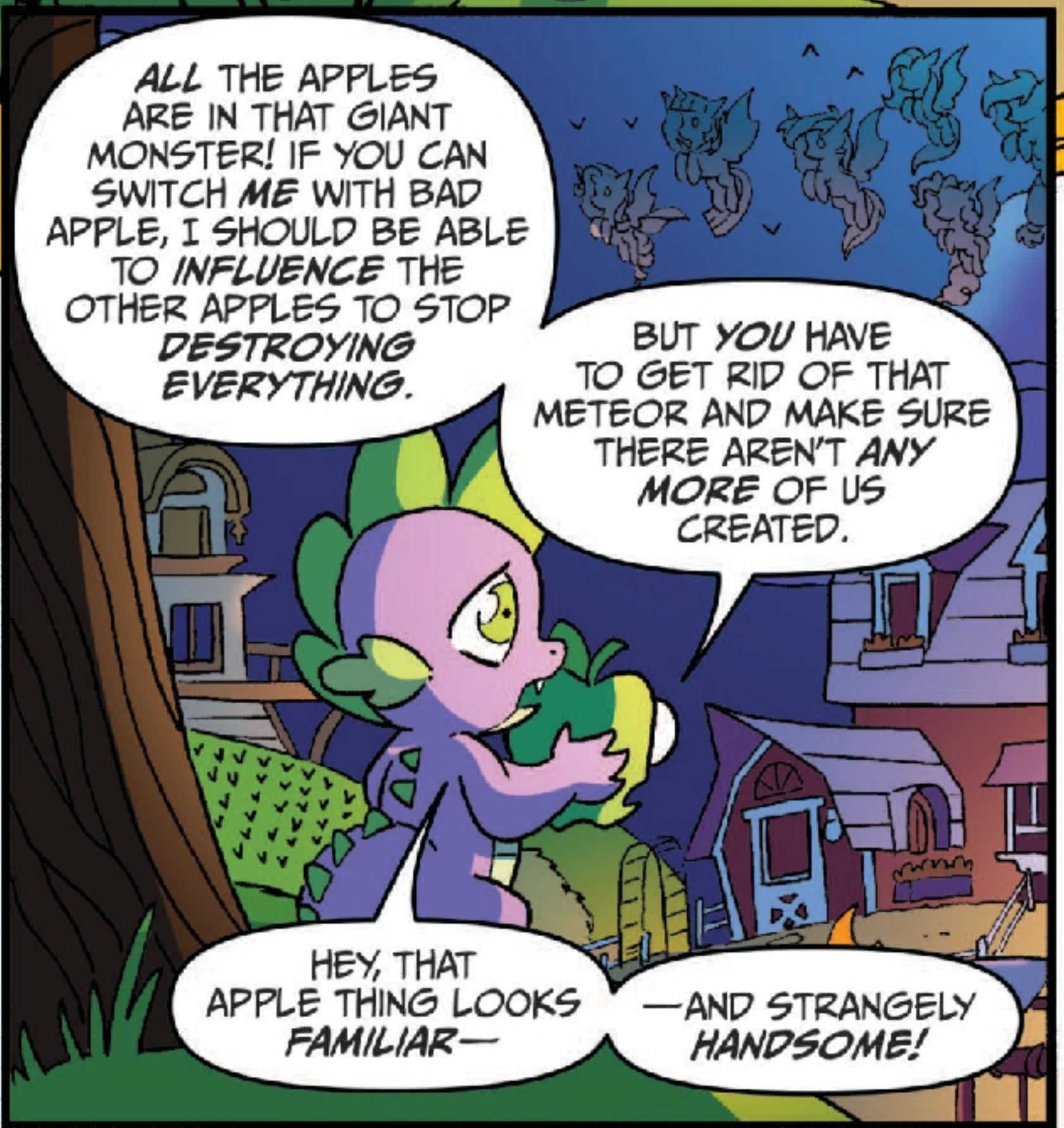
—WE WILL DESTROY PONYVILLE!



THAT NEW *STYLE* IS VERY DERIVATIVE. I DO NOT LIKE IT.

THAT THING IS *HUGE!* WHAT DO WE—

THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED.



ALL THE APPLES ARE IN THAT GIANT MONSTER! IF YOU CAN SWITCH ME WITH BAD APPLE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE THE OTHER APPLES TO STOP DESTROYING EVERYTHING.

BUT YOU HAVE TO GET RID OF THAT METEOR AND MAKE SURE THERE AREN'T ANY MORE OF US CREATED.

HEY, THAT APPLE THING LOOKS FAMILIAR—

—AND STRANGELY HANDSOME!



DRINKIE PIE, SPIKE, AND I CAN TAKE CARE OF THE METEOR. EVERYONE ELSE, DEAL WITH THE APPLES. RAINBOW BITE, CAN YOU MAKE THE SWAP?

HE WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM.

ASIDE FROM MY TRADEMARK *SONIC RAINBOOM* AND PEOPLE DOUBTLESSLY CHANTING MY NAME.

LET'S GO!





WHOA!
THAT WAS
CLOSE!

AND FUN!
CAN WE DO
IT AGAIN?!



FLY! FLY, MY
PRETTIES!

DRINK AS
MUCH AS YOU
WANT! AS MUCH
AS YOU CAN,
IN FACT!



YOUR BATS ARE
JUST LIKE BUGS TO US!
A MINOR ANNOYANCE
AT BEST!

WE'RE
NOT DONE
YET.



THIS THING IS FULL
OF MAGIC... REALLY
FAMILIAR MAGIC. I THINK
I SENSE CELESTIA... AND
NIGHTMARE MOON...
AND A LOT OF
ANGER.

I'M GOING TO
HAVE TO TRY TO
ABSORB IT.



YOU'RE DOING
IT! JUST THINK
OF IT AS APPLE
JUICE.

SCRUMPTIOUS,
YUMPTIOUS APPLE
JUICE.

THAT MIGHT
BE MY VAMPIRE
SIDE TALKING.

IT'S TOO
MUCH MAGIC. I
CAN'T ABSORB
IT ALL.

WE'RE GOING
TO NEED YOUR
PARTY CANNON,
PINKIE.



YOU HAD
YOUR CANNON
WITH YOU?

YOU NEVER
KNOW WHEN YOU'RE
GOING TO NEED TO
BRING A PARTY.

WHERE ARE
WE AIMING
IT?

STRAIGHT...
UP...



SPIKE, I CAN'T ABSORB THIS MUCH MAGIC. AND IT CAN'T BE DESTROYED. I NEED TO TRANSFORM IT INTO SOME OTHER ENERGY.

SO I'M GOING TO NEED YOU TO BE BRAVE.

SURE.

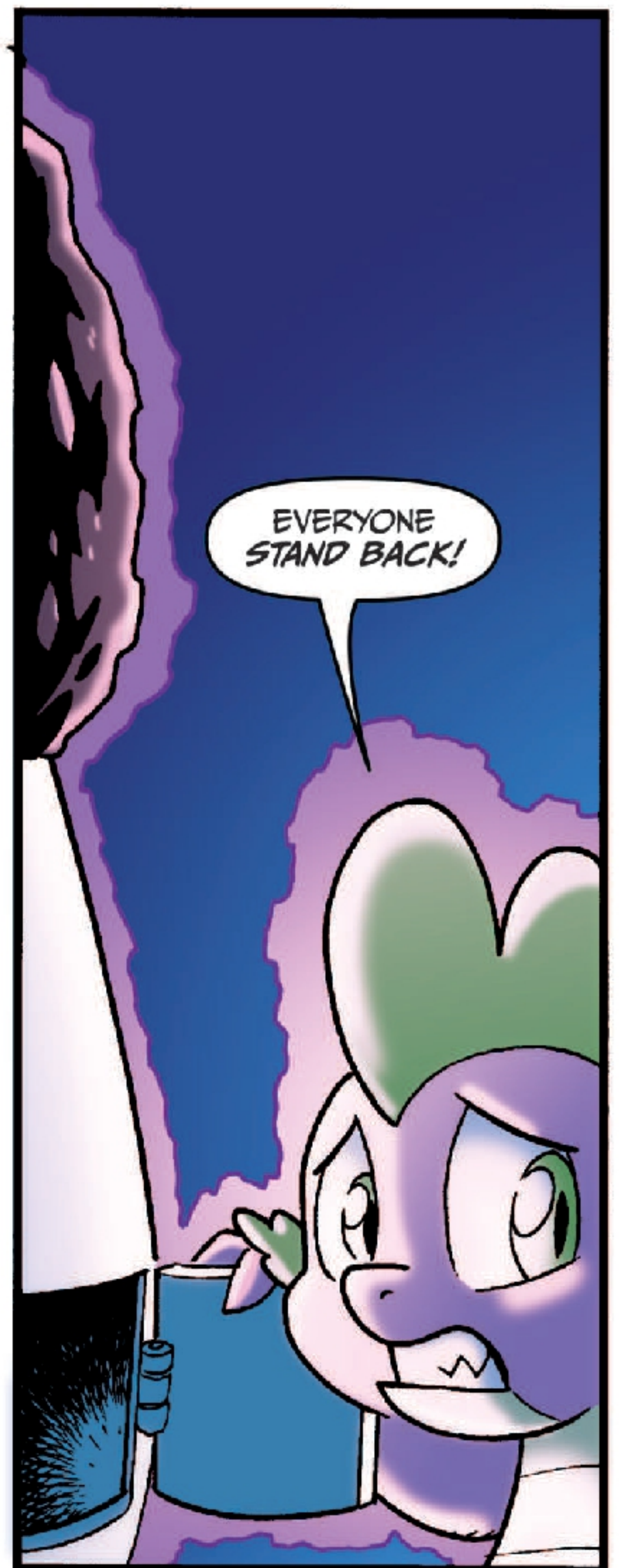
WAIT, ME?



THAT FEELS FUNNY.

I'M GIVING YOU THE MAGIC, SPIKE. AND I'M TURNING IT INTO SOMETHING YOU CAN USE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

I THINK I DO...



EVERYONE STAND BACK!



P-tew!
BOOM!



YOU DID IT!

YAY! FIREWORKS!



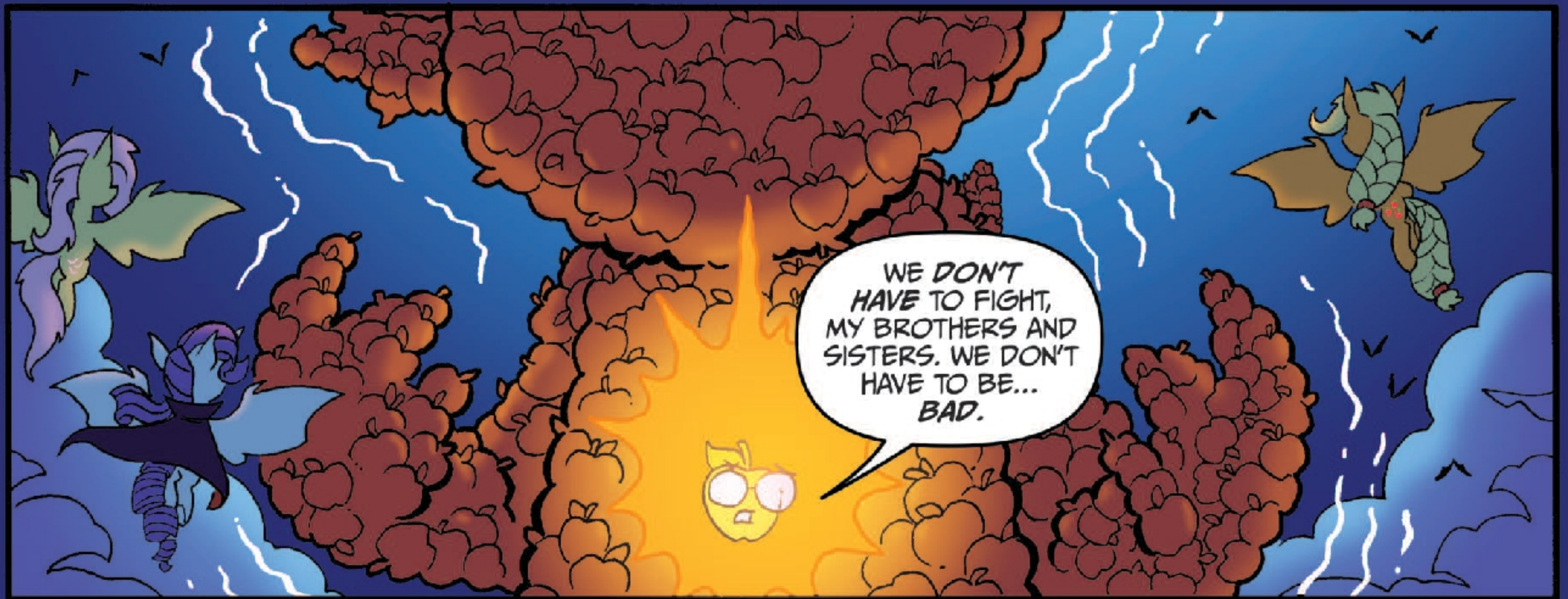
URP!

EXCUSE ME.





WHAT DID YOU DO?
WHERE AM I?!



WE DON'T
HAVE TO FIGHT,
MY BROTHERS AND
SISTERS. WE DON'T
HAVE TO BE...
BAD.



YOU HAVE A
GOOD SIDE
TO YOUR NATURE, TOO.
A **SWEETNESS.**
I KNOW IT.

YOU JUST
NEED TO **LISTEN**
TO THAT.

LET'S
BE—



—**GOOD.**



DID HE
DO IT?

JUDGING BY THE EPIC
LACK OF DESTRUCTION AND
THAT WEIRD THING HE'S DOING
WITH HIS HAND, I'D
SAY SO.



IT MEANS EVERYTHING IS GOOD.

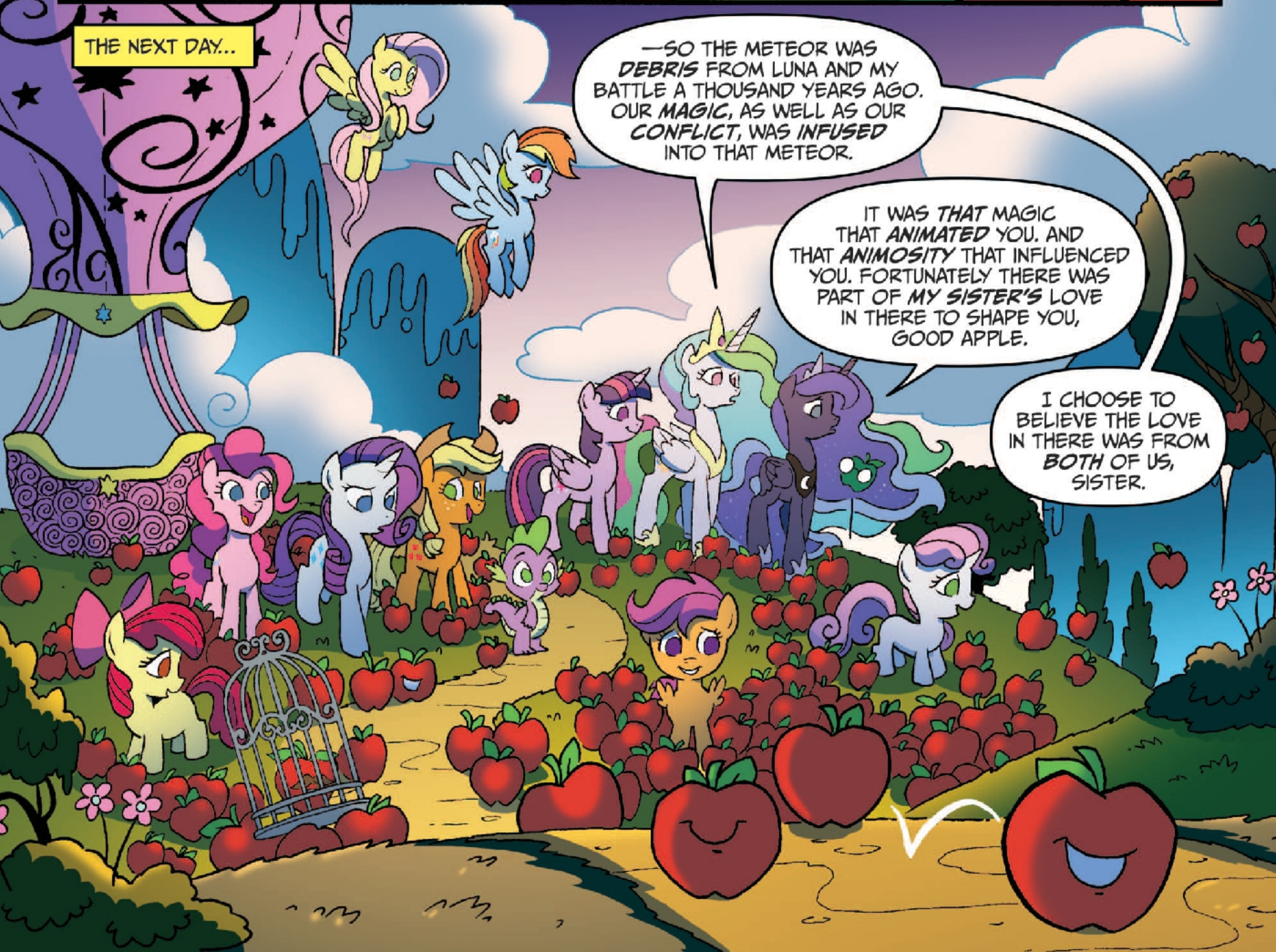
WE'RE GOOD!

THE NEXT DAY...

—SO THE METEOR WAS DEBRIS FROM LUNA AND MY BATTLE A THOUSAND YEARS AGO. OUR MAGIC, AS WELL AS OUR CONFLICT, WAS INFUSED INTO THAT METEOR.

IT WAS THAT MAGIC THAT ANIMATED YOU. AND THAT ANIMOSITY THAT INFLUENCED YOU. FORTUNATELY THERE WAS PART OF MY SISTER'S LOVE IN THERE TO SHAPE YOU, GOOD APPLE.

I CHOOSE TO BELIEVE THE LOVE IN THERE WAS FROM BOTH OF US, SISTER.



A THOUSAND YEARS, AND OUR BATTLE IS STILL SHAPING THINGS.

WE CANNOT CHANGE WHAT HAPPENED, LUNA. WE CAN ONLY DO OUR BEST TO LEARN FROM IT AND TRY TO MAKE IT THE INSPIRATION FOR SOME GOOD THINGS.



THIS VALLEY IS UNINHABITED, GOOD APPLE. WE GIVE IT TO YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE, SO YOU CAN BUILD YOURSELVES A HOME.

I HOPE TO MAKE IT A GOOD ONE.

I BELIEVE YOU WILL.



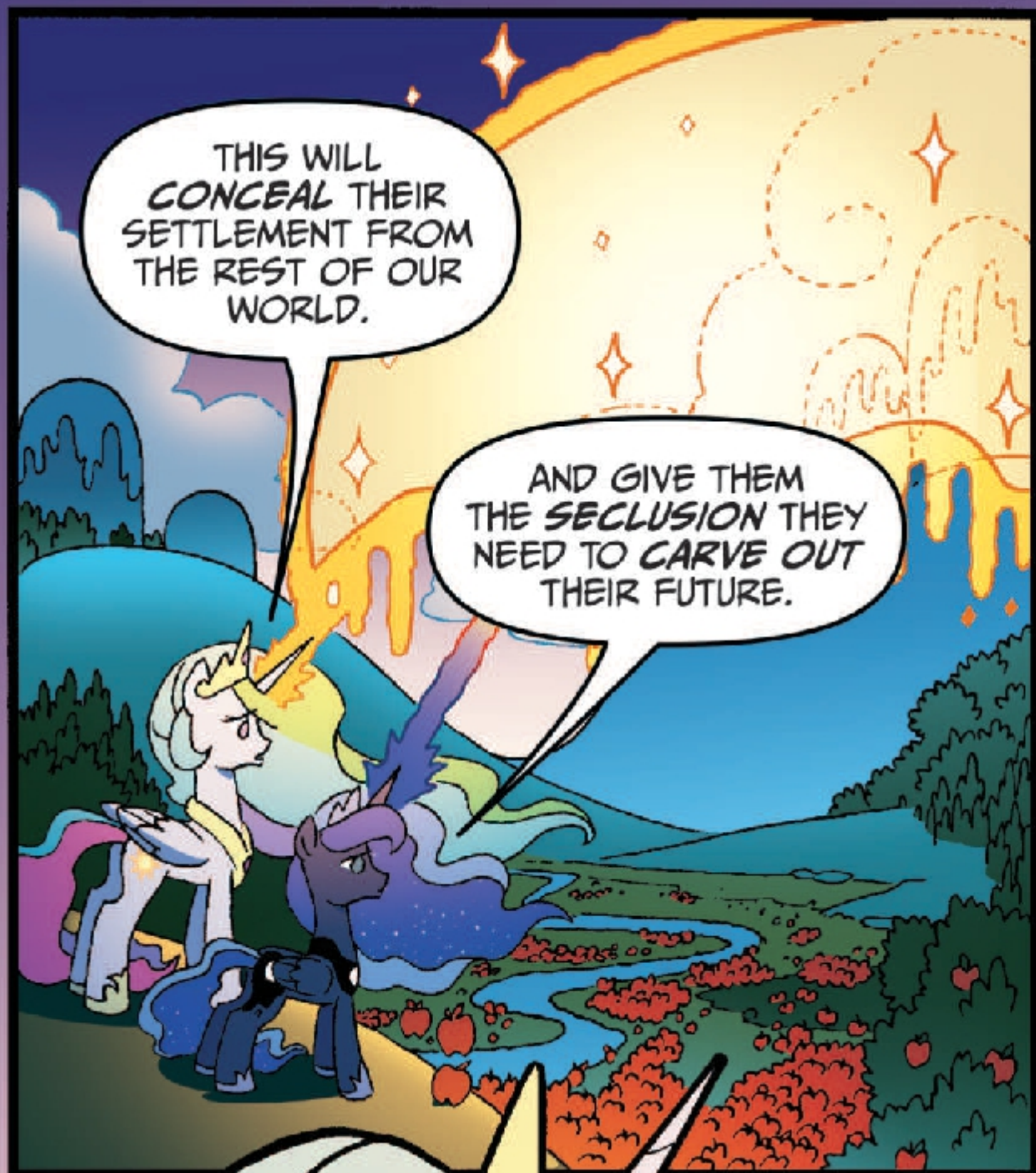
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'RE TAKING HIM, TOO.

NEITHER CAN I!



THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING—ALL OF YOU! IF YOU EVER NEED ANYTHING FROM, WELL, THE APPLE KINGDOM, YOU NEED ONLY ASK!

FARE THEE WELL, APPLES!



THIS WILL CONCEAL THEIR SETTLEMENT FROM THE REST OF OUR WORLD.

AND GIVE THEM THE SECLUSION THEY NEED TO CARVE OUT THEIR FUTURE.



DO YOU MISS YOUR WINGS?

NOT REALLY.

NONE OF MY CLOTHES HAVE WING HOLES IN THEM. I'D NEED A COMPLETELY NEW WARDROBE.

PRINCESS, WAS IT SMART TO JUST GIVE THEM THEIR OWN LAND? THEY WERE SO BAD BEFORE...



EVERYONE HAS BAD ASPECTS TO THEIR PERSONALITY.

EGO.

STUBBORNESS.

VANITY.

AND MORE.

THESE ARE ALL PART OF US. BUT IF WE WORK HARD ENOUGH, AND WE TRULY WANT TO, WE CAN STRIVE TO RISE ABOVE THAT.





IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO RETURN TO THIS VALLEY IN THE FUTURE AND SEE WHAT CROP HAS SPRUNG FROM THE SEED WE PLANTED.

IT WOULD INDEED.



I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE BALLOON RIDE BACK! THAT WAS SWEET!

HEY, MAYBE I'LL BECOME A BALLOON PILOT.



GREAT GOOGLY-MOOGLY, I'M HUNGRY! DOES ANYONE ELSE FEEL LIKE SOME... APPLE PIE?



NO!



MAYBE APPLE COBBLER?

OR APPLE TURNOVER?

A NICE APPLE TART?

KEEP THAT UP, AND THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE YOU WALK BACK.

THE END