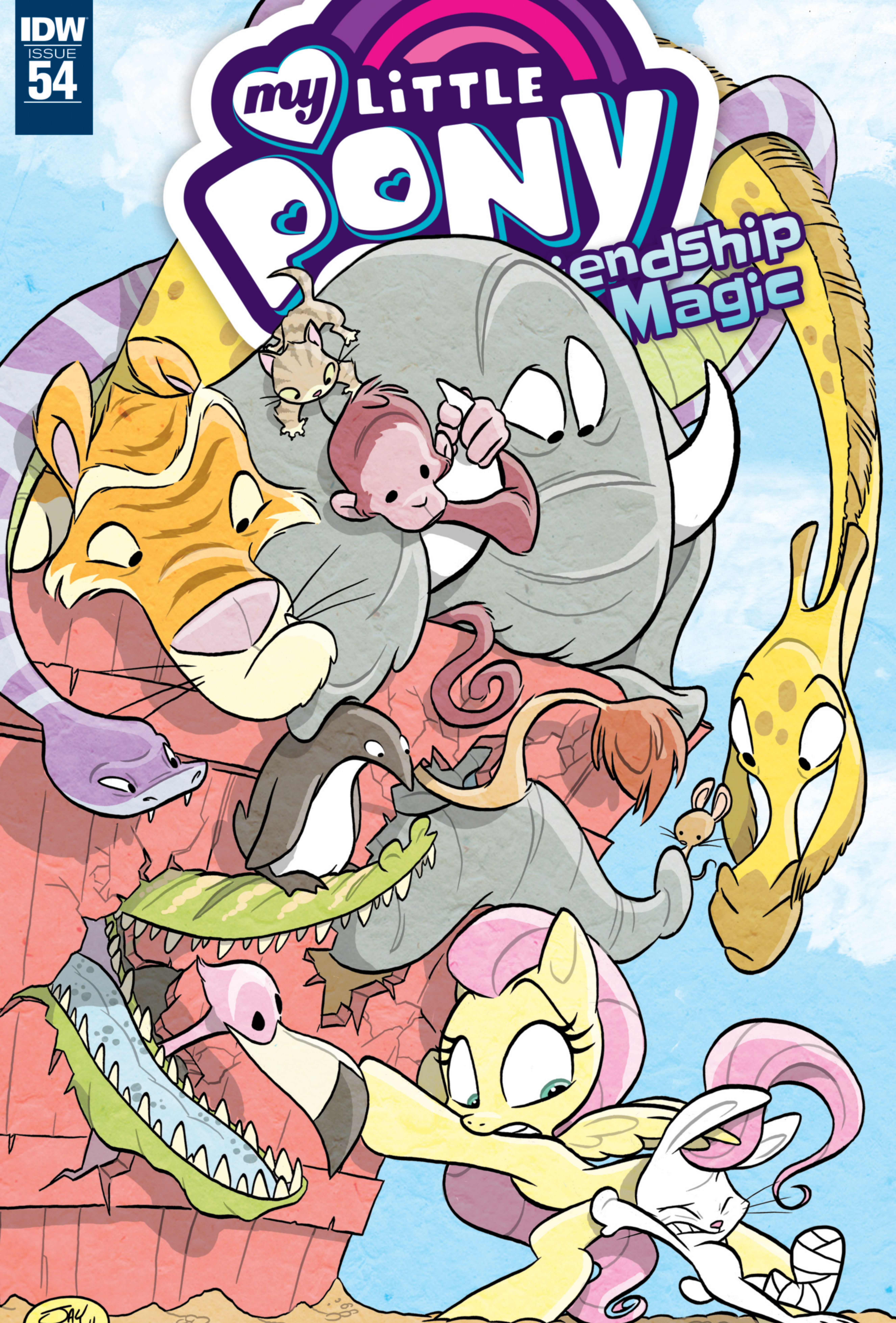


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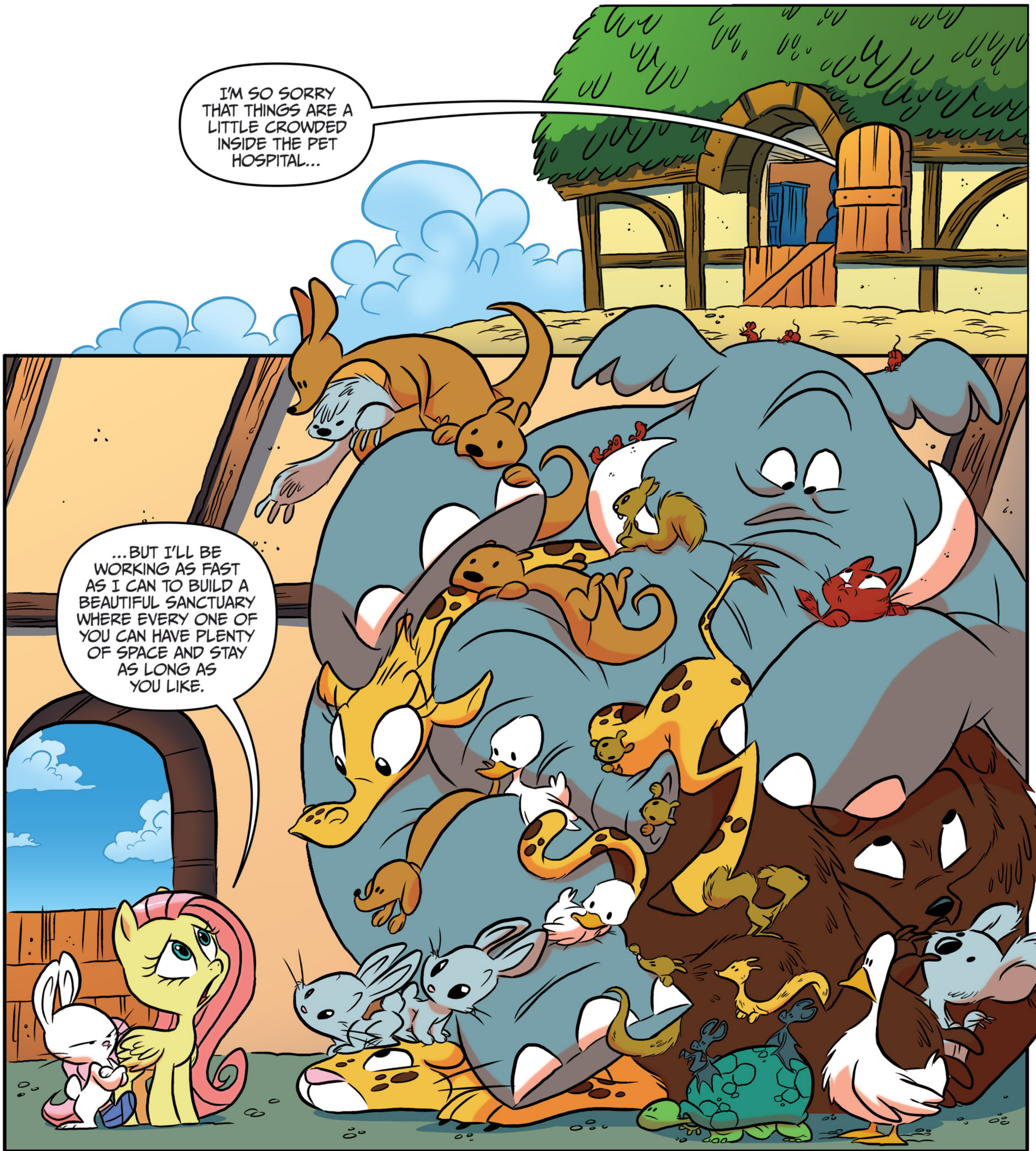
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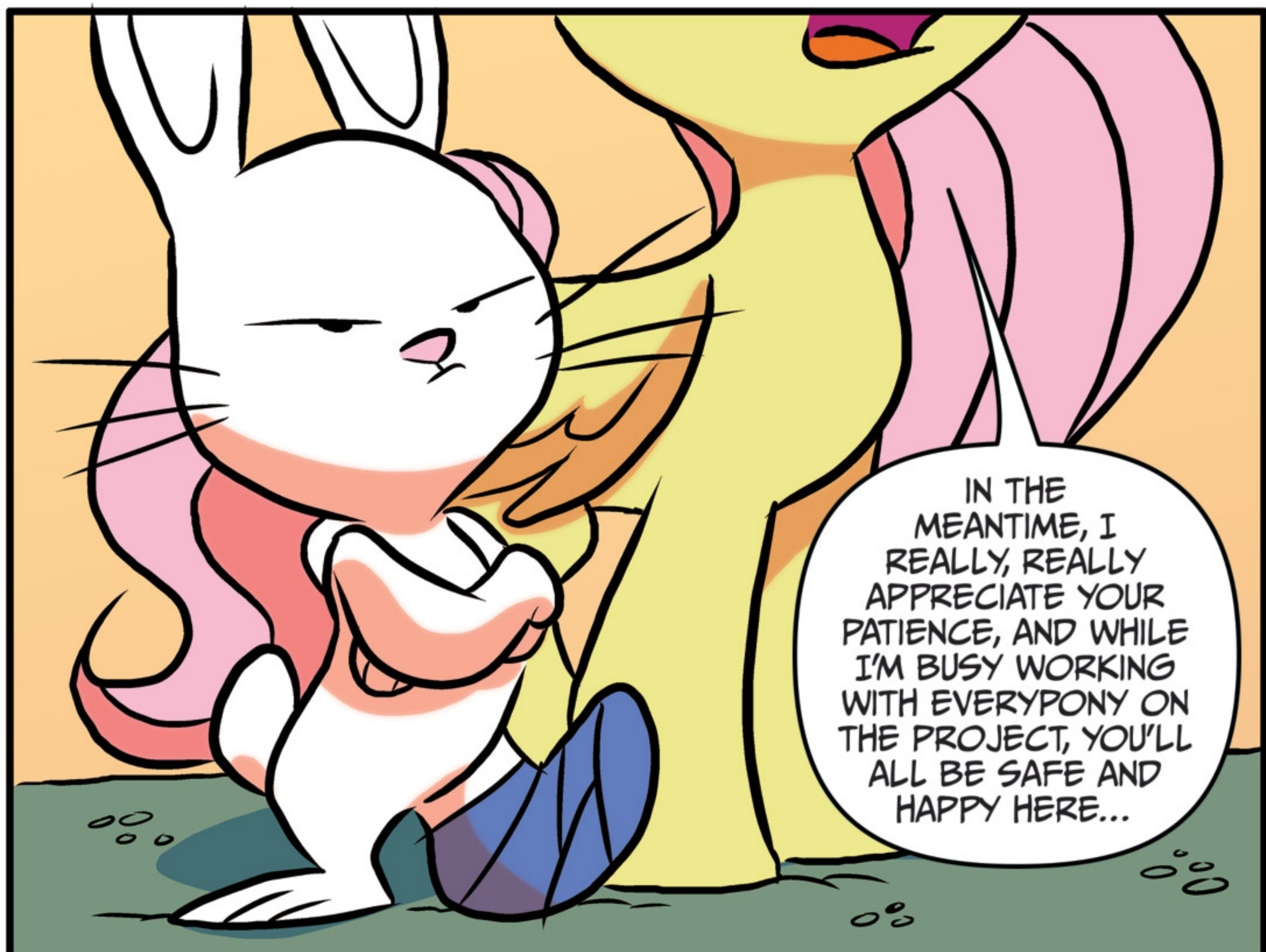
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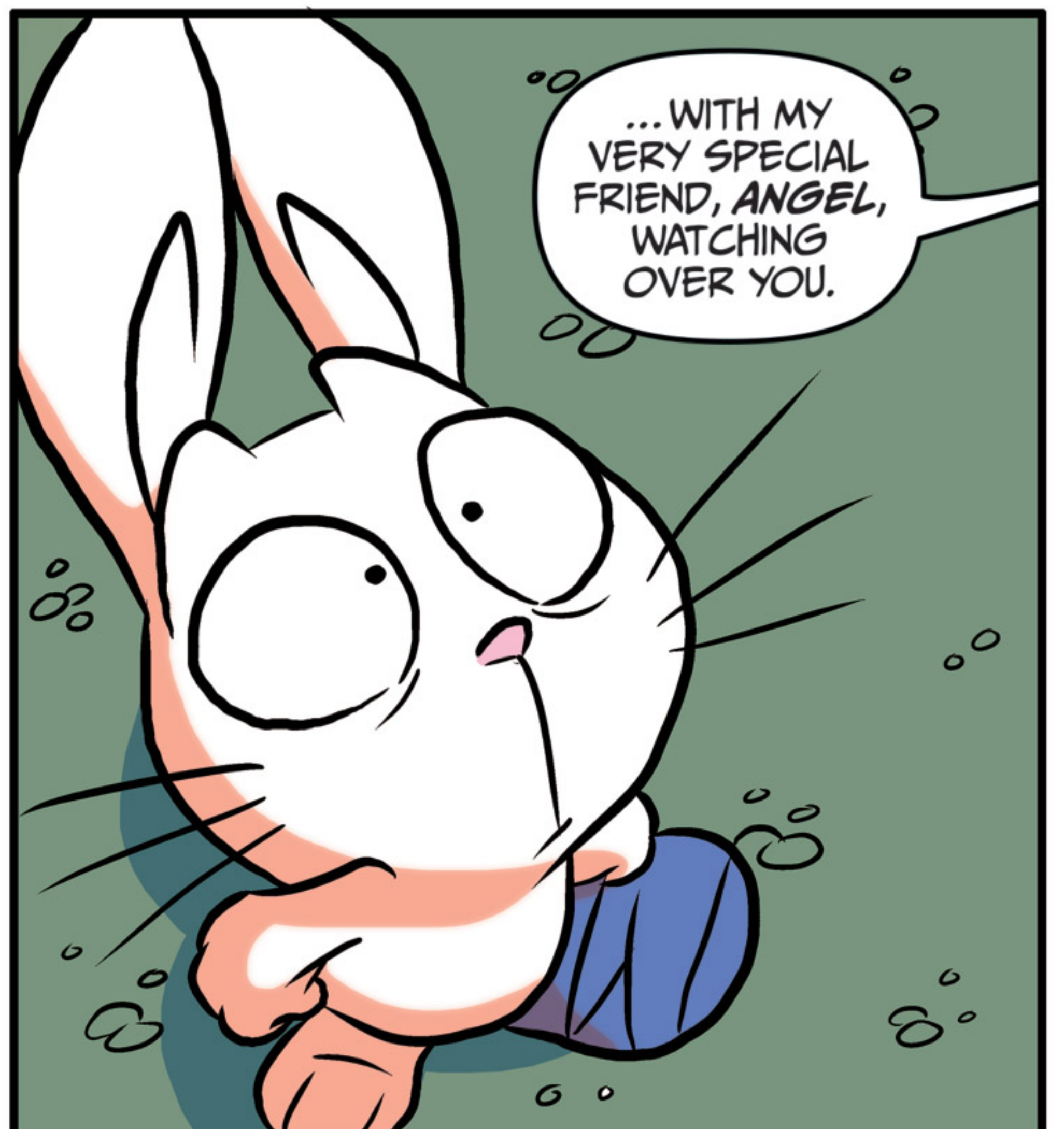
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...BUT I'LL BE WORKING AS FAST AS I CAN TO BUILD A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY WHERE EVERY ONE OF YOU CAN HAVE PLENTY OF SPACE AND STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE.



IN THE MEANTIME, I REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE, AND WHILE I'M BUSY WORKING WITH EVERYPONY ON THE PROJECT, YOU'LL ALL BE SAFE AND HAPPY HERE...

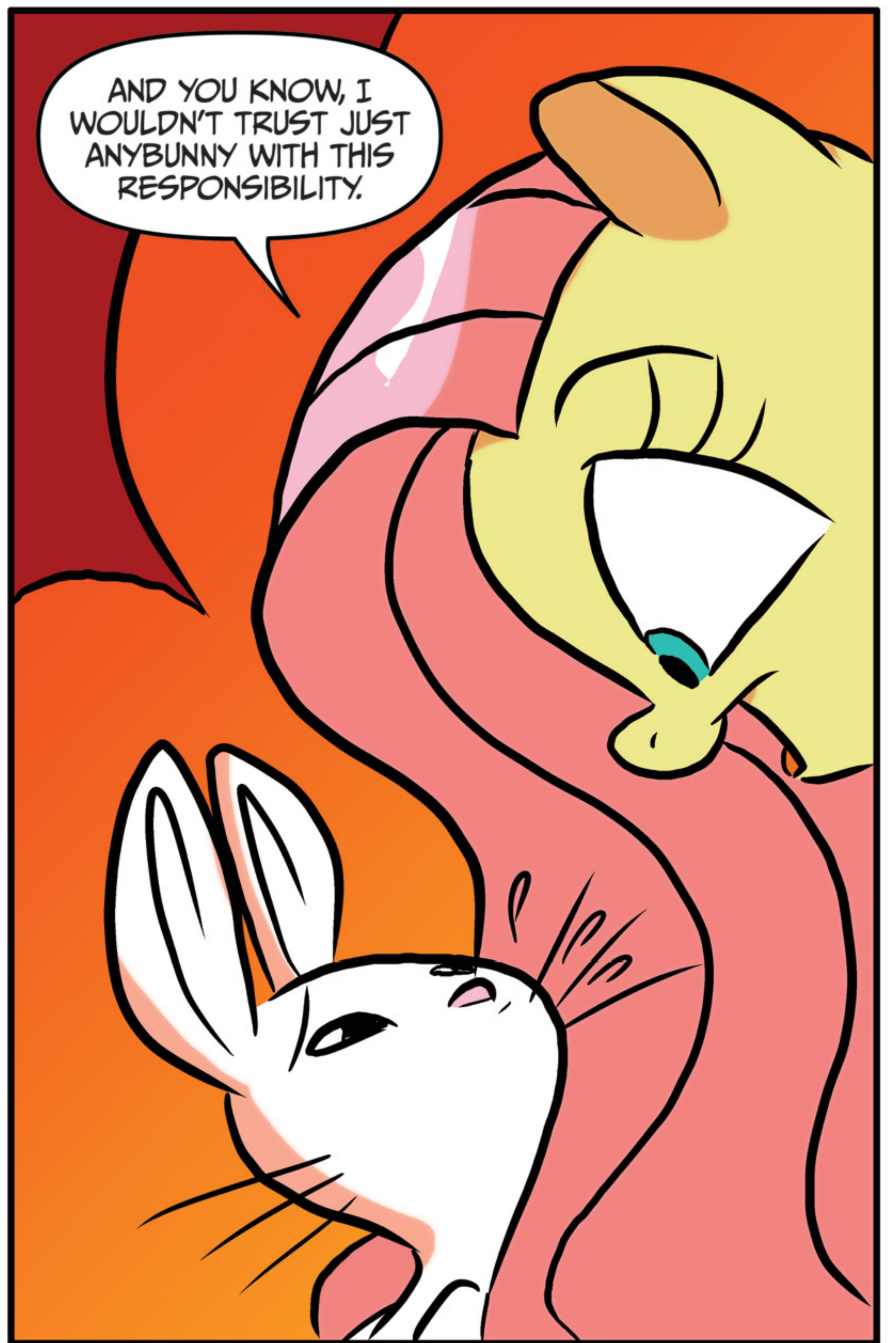


... WITH MY VERY SPECIAL FRIEND, ANGEL, WATCHING OVER YOU.



NOW, NOW, ANGEL, IT'LL BE OKAY.

ALL THE LITTLE ANIMALS ARE BEING SO GOOD, I'M SURE YOU'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE AT ALL.

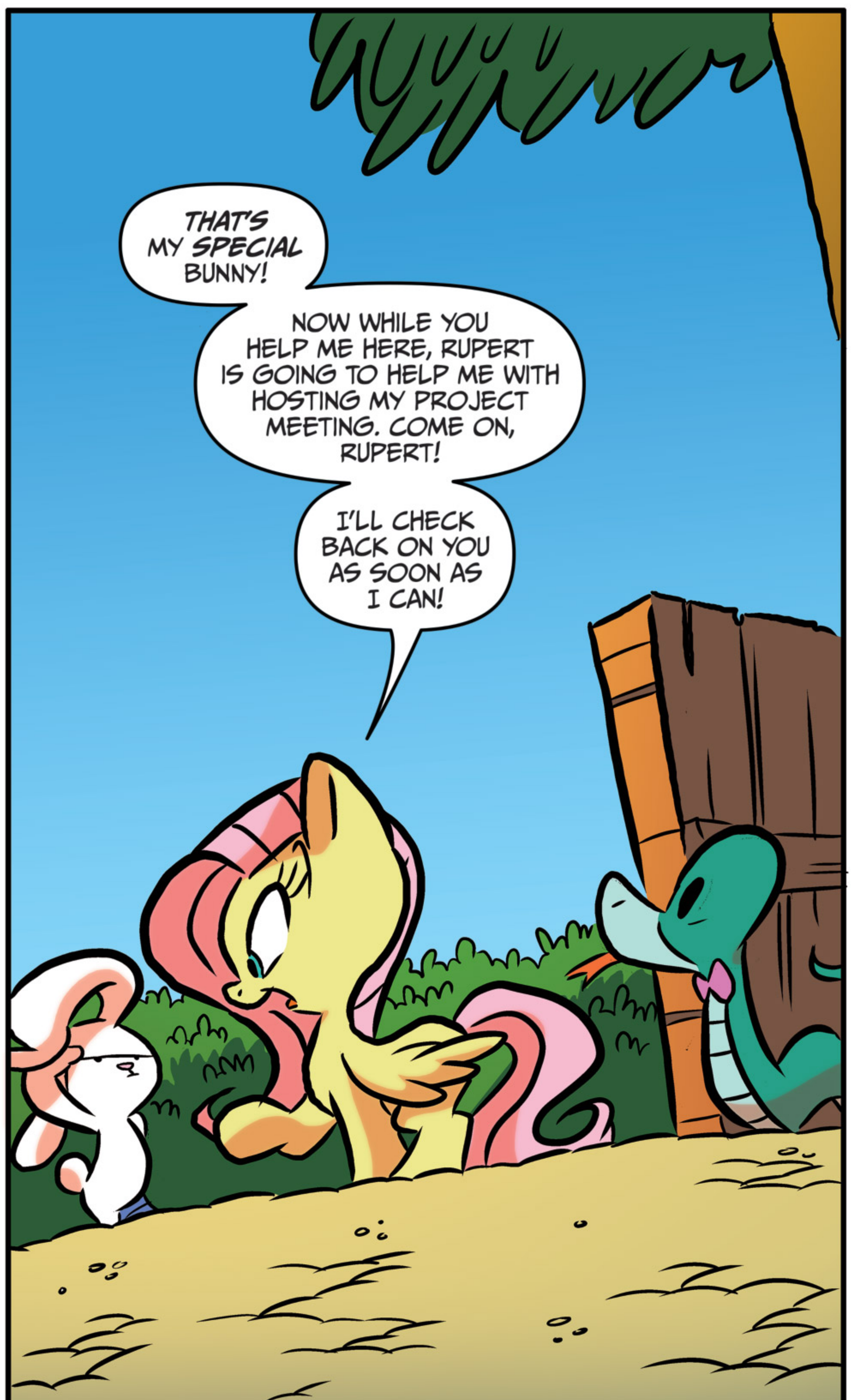


AND YOU KNOW, I WOULDN'T TRUST JUST ANYBUNNY WITH THIS RESPONSIBILITY.



I'M GOING TO BE SO BUSY WORKING WITH HARD HAT, DADDY GRANDEUR, AND WRANGLER ON THE PROJECT THAT I JUST CAN'T BE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE.

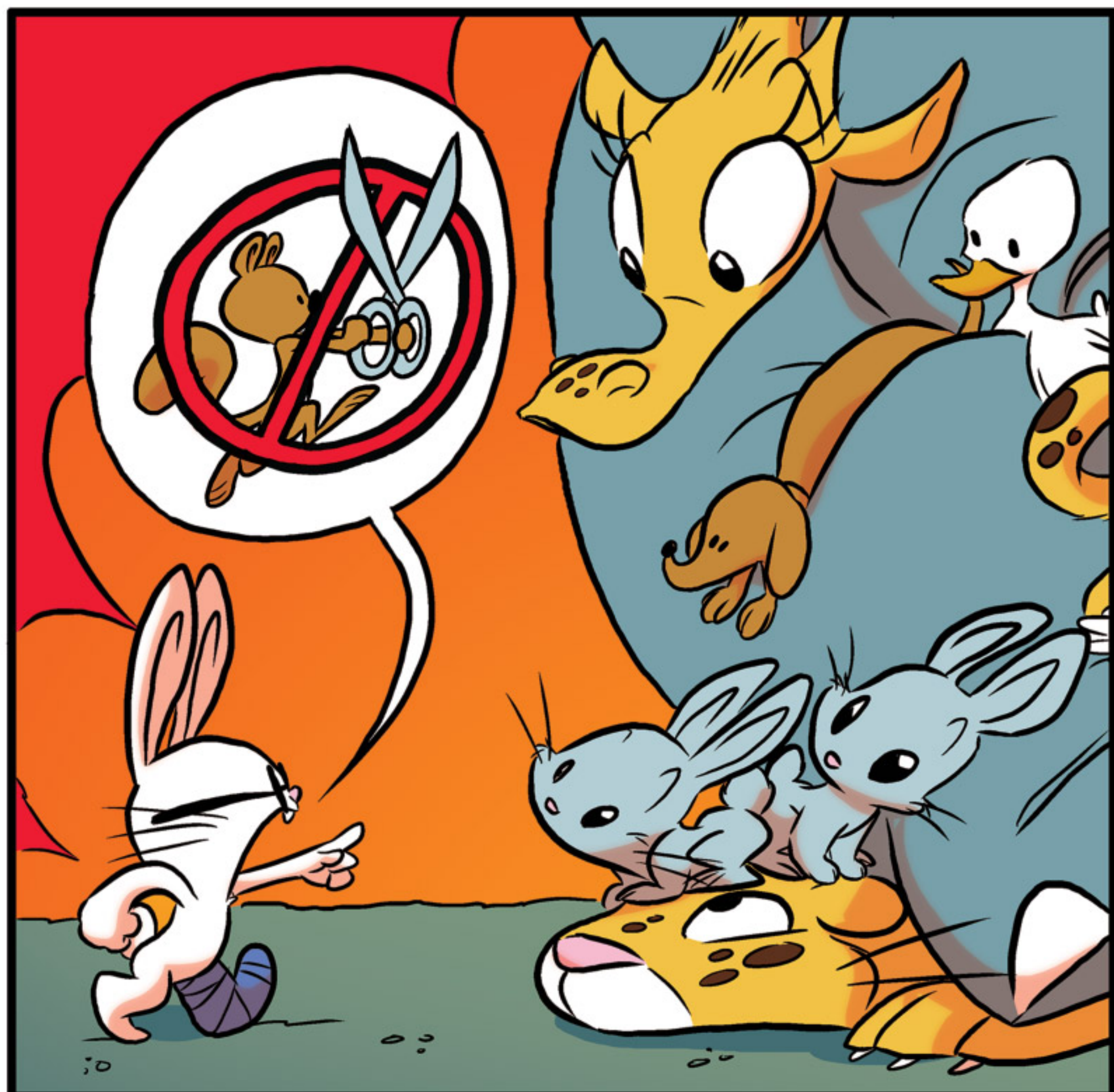
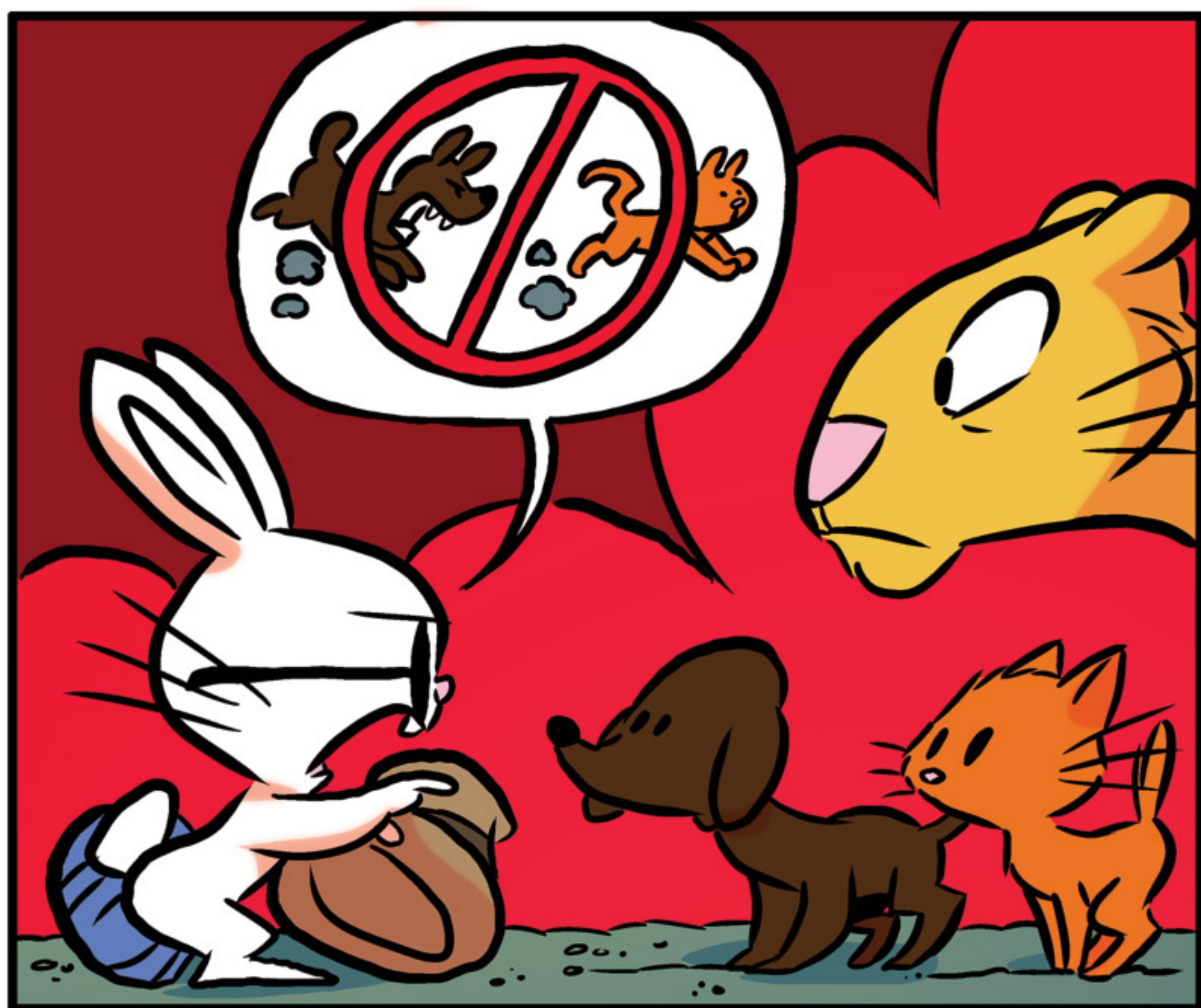
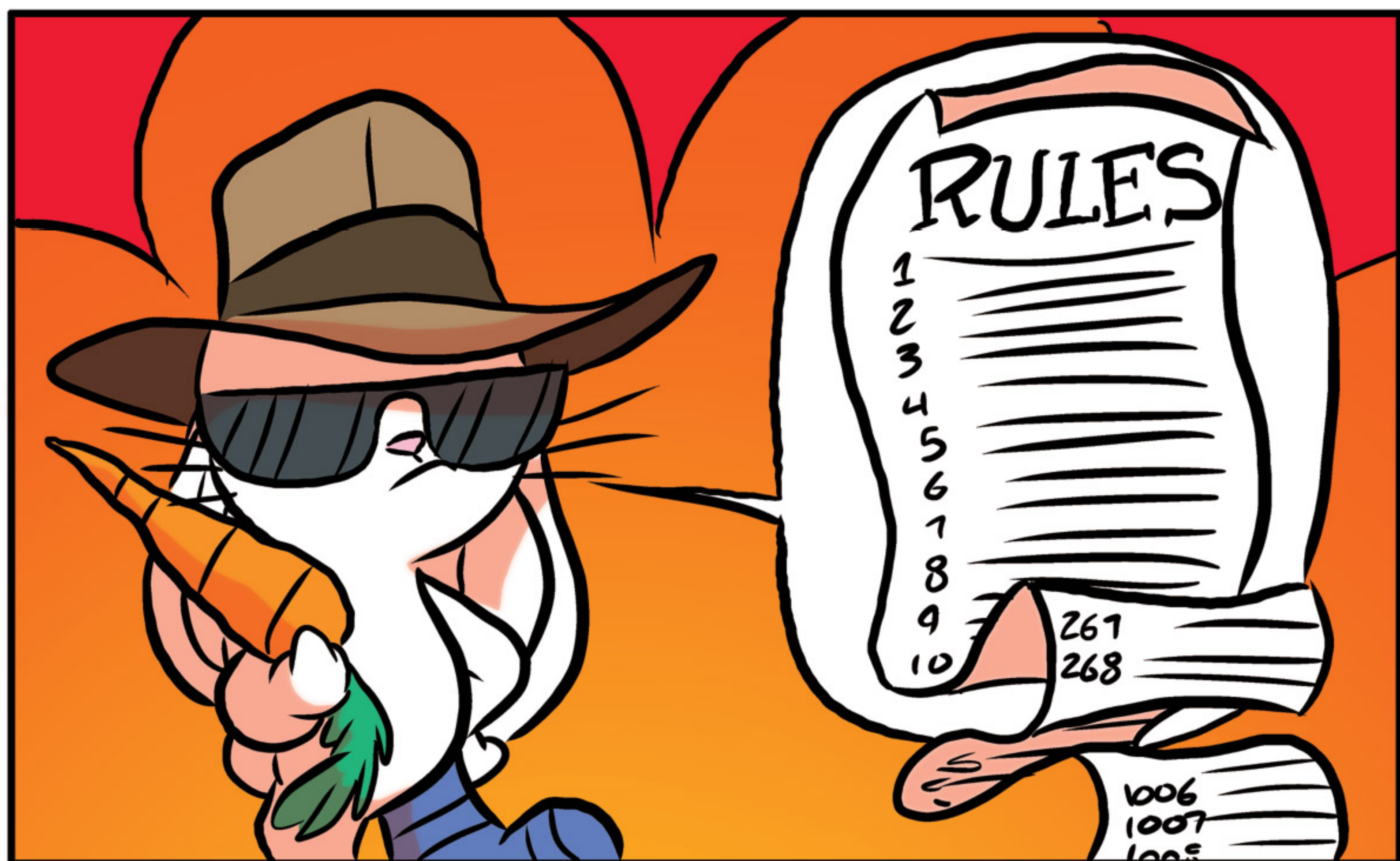
I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOU TO HELP, BECAUSE YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOUR FRIENDS IN A CRISIS, AND WHO'S A BETTER FRIEND TO ME THAN YOU?



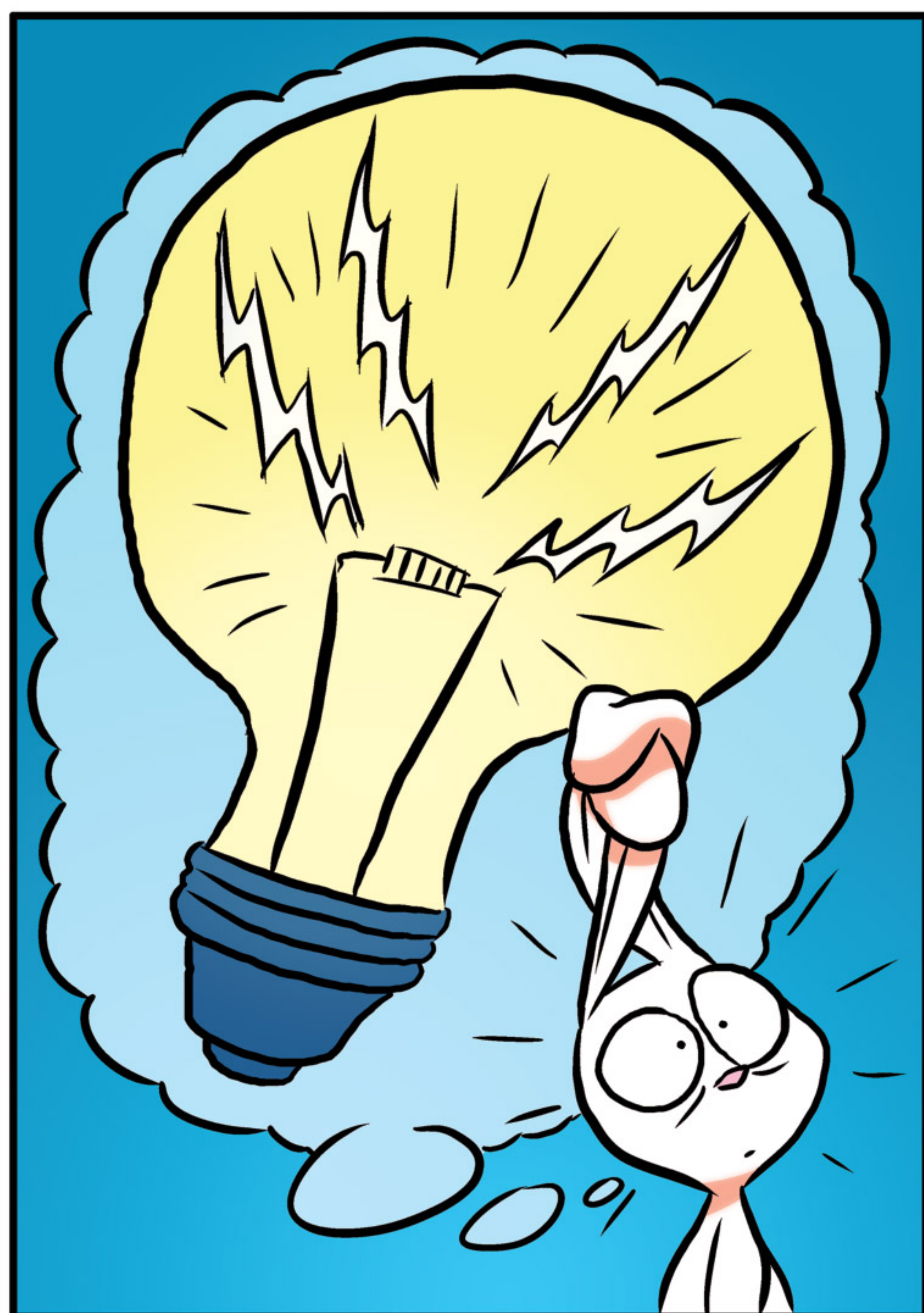
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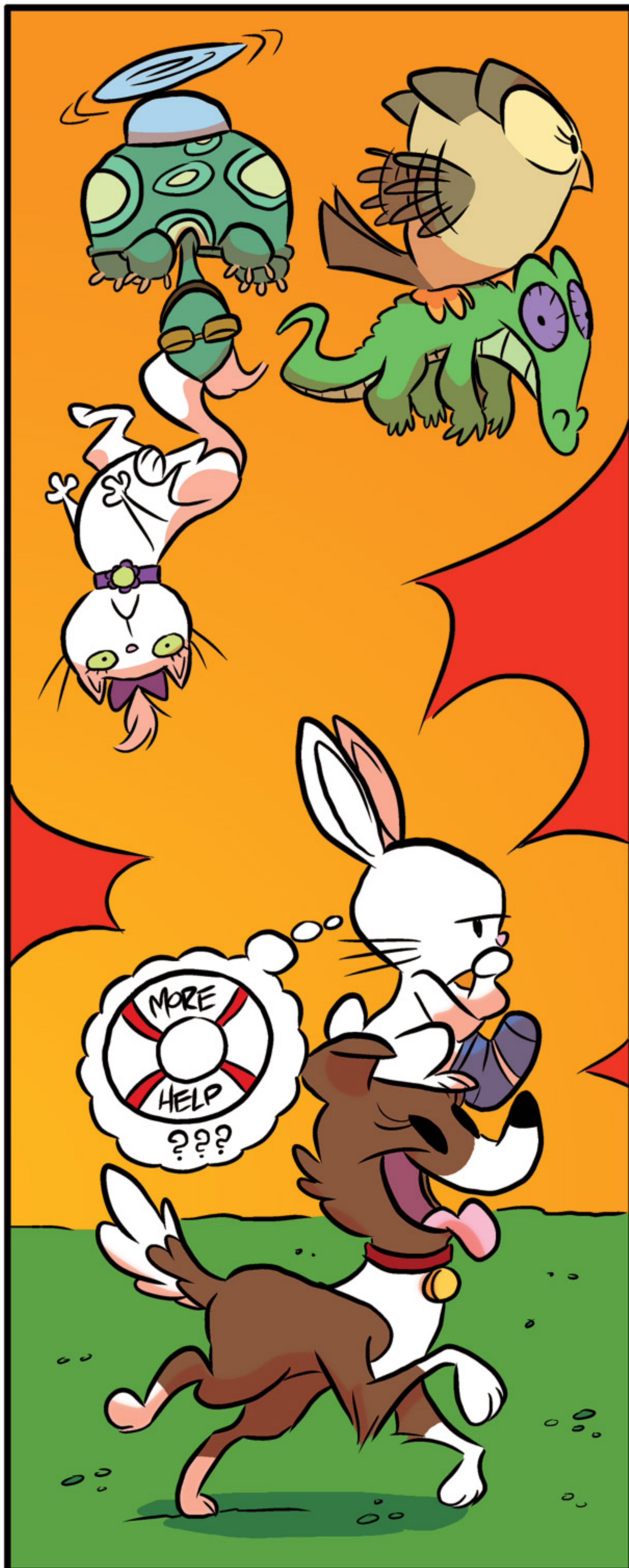
NOW WHILE YOU HELP ME HERE, RUPERT IS GOING TO HELP ME WITH HOSTING MY PROJECT MEETING. COME ON, RUPERT!

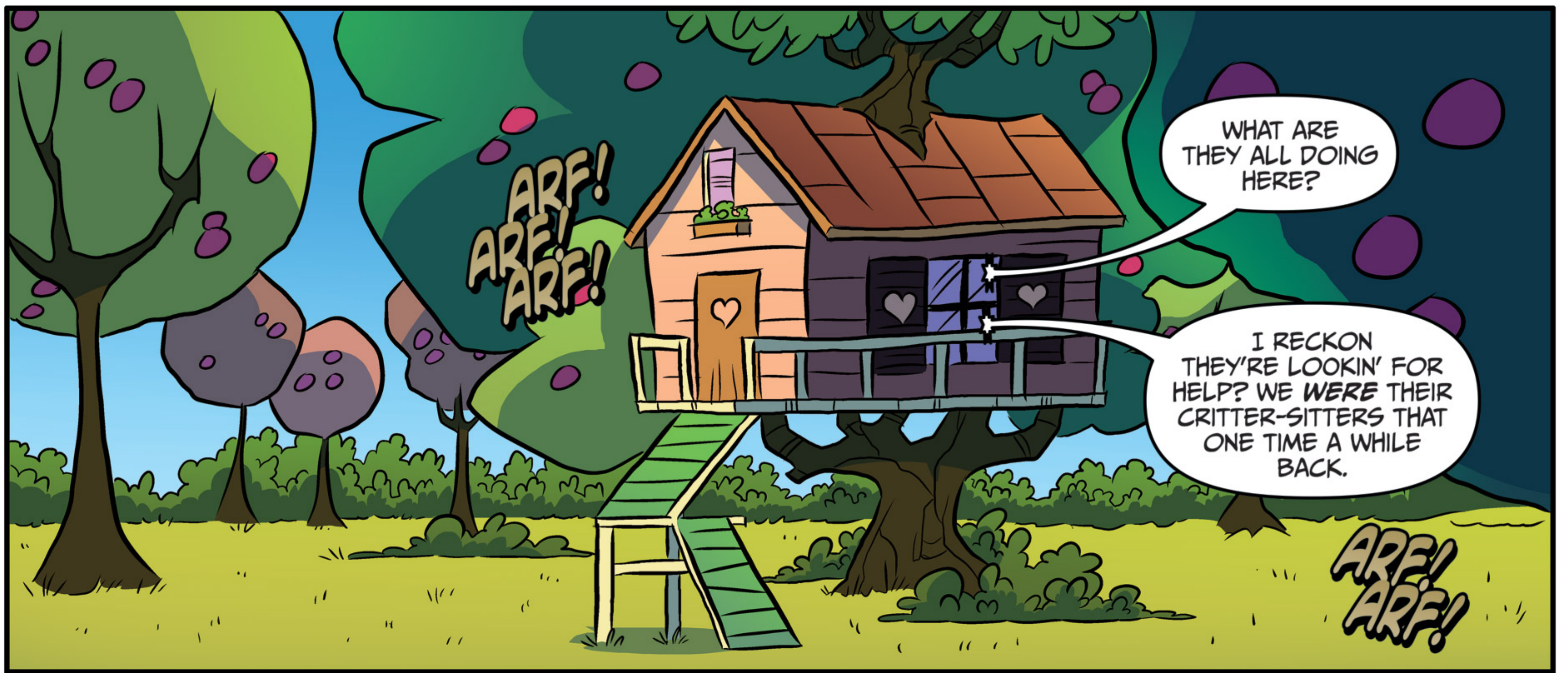
I'LL CHECK BACK ON YOU AS SOON AS I CAN!











WHAT ARE THEY ALL DOING HERE?

I RECKON THEY'RE LOOKIN' FOR HELP? WE WERE THEIR CRITTER-SITTERS THAT ONE TIME A WHILE BACK.

ARF!
ARF!
ARF!

ARF!
ARF!

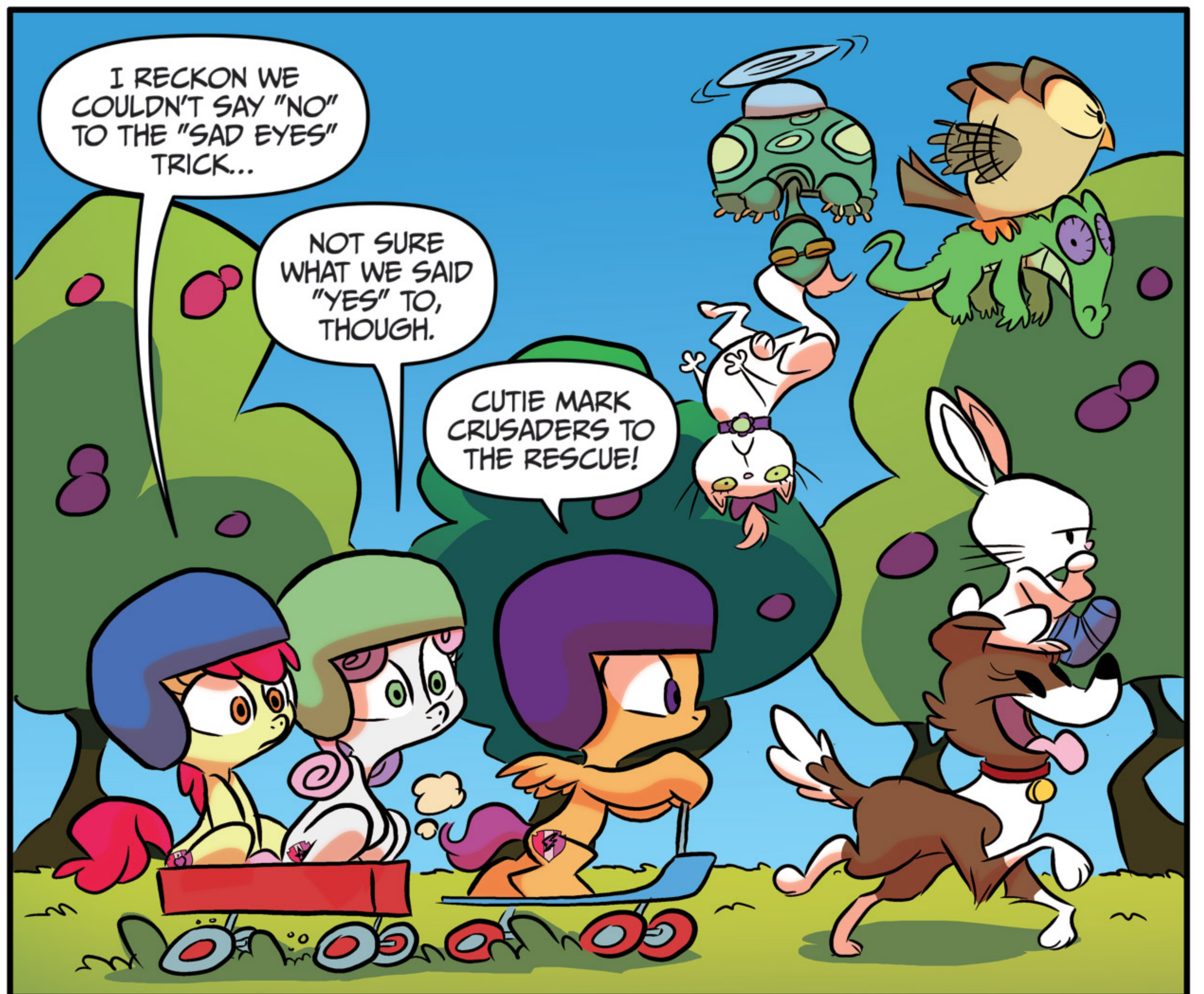


WHAT IS IT, WINONA? WHAT'S WRONG?

MAYBE SOMEONY FELL DOWN A WELL?

IF THIS WAS A REAL EMERGENCY, RAINBOW DASH AND THE OTHERS WOULD BE HERE!

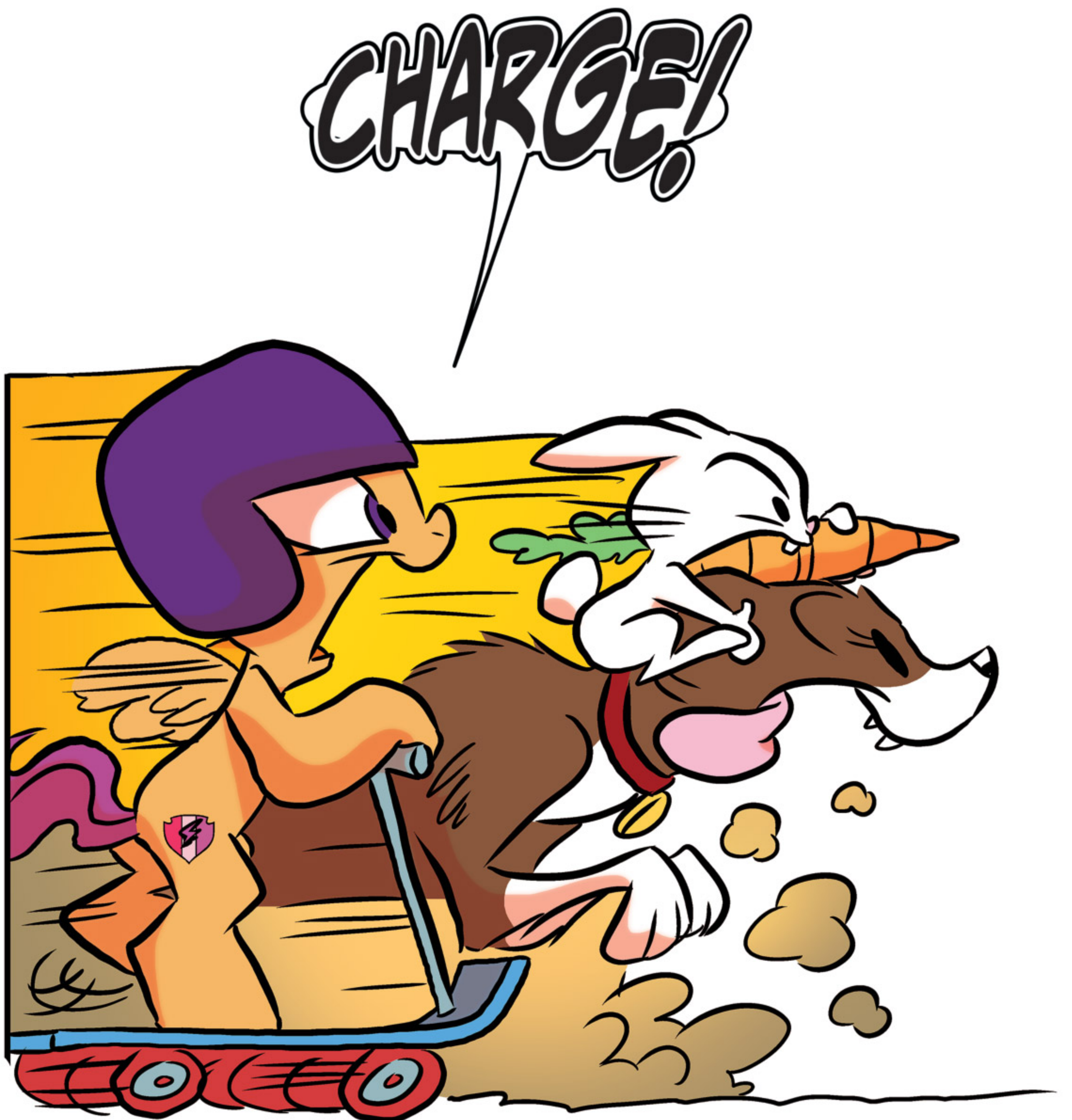
AND WE DO HAVE THIS BACKLOG OF PONIES THAT NEED OUR HELP WITH THEIR CUTIE MARKS...

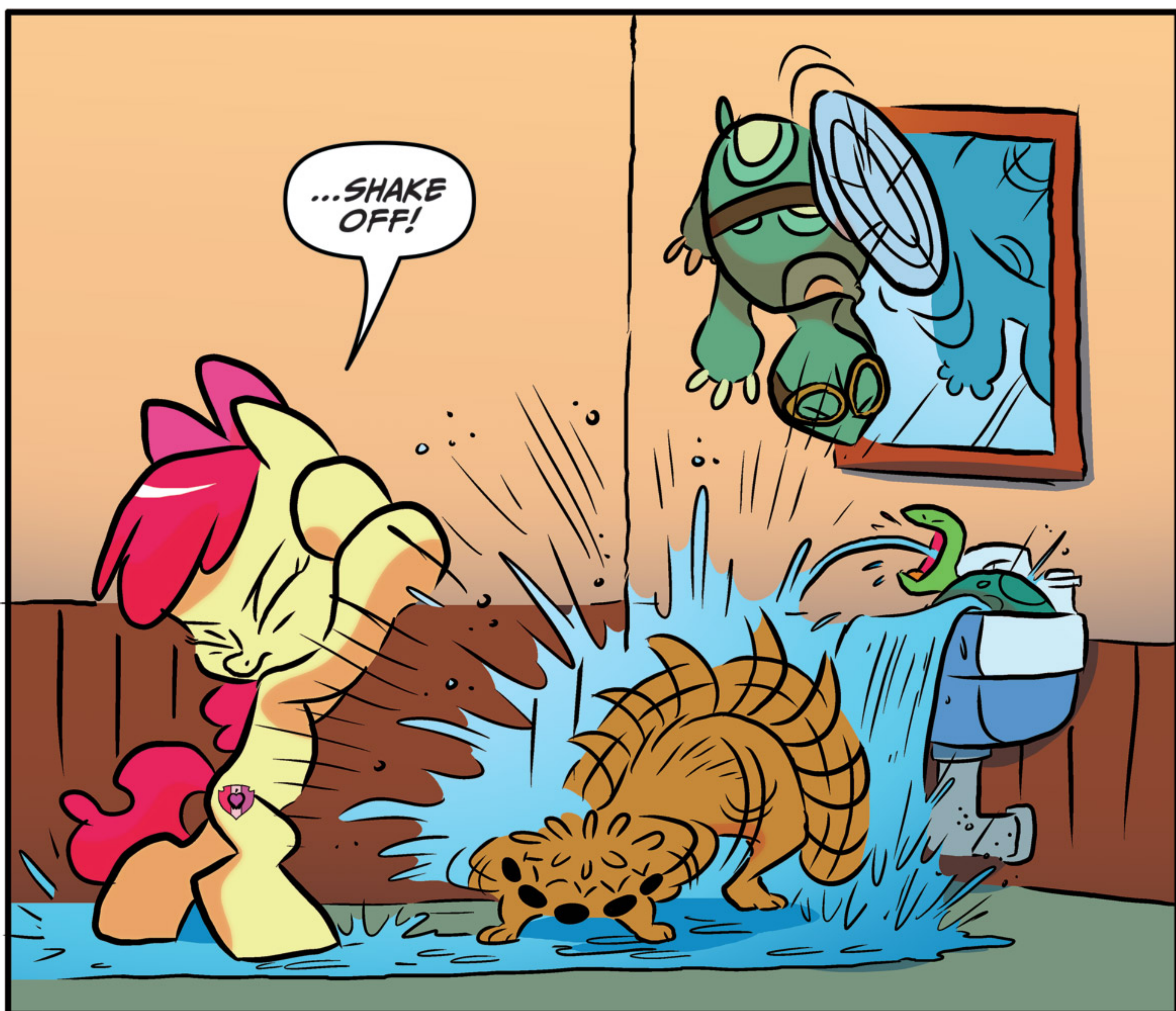
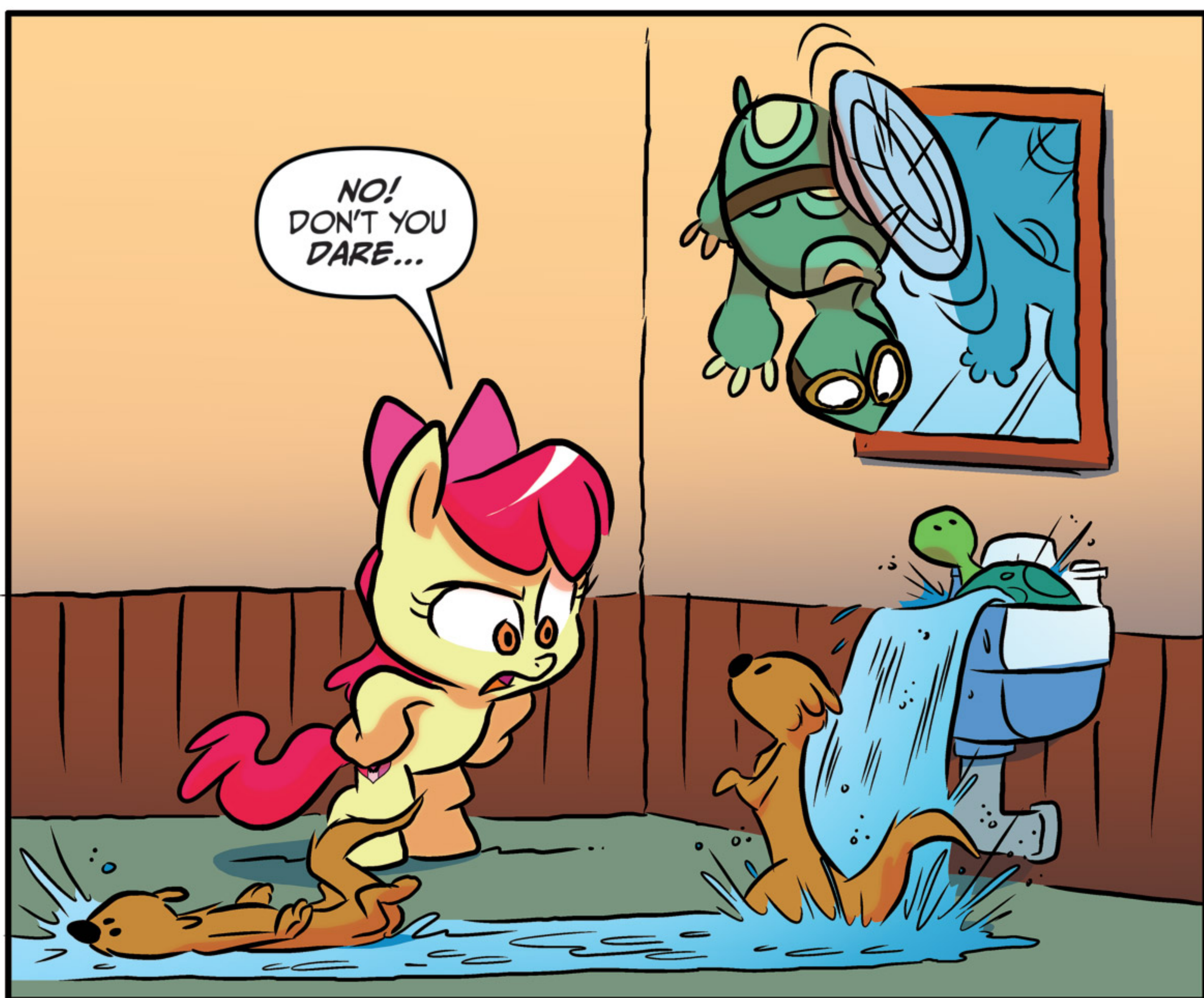
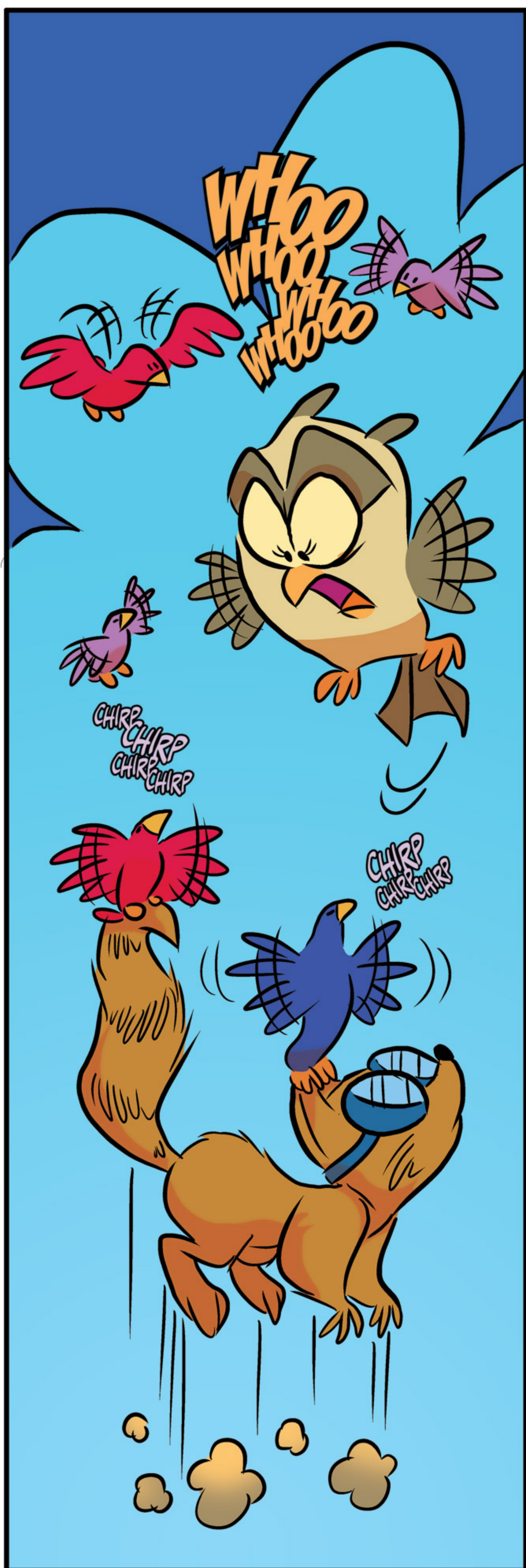


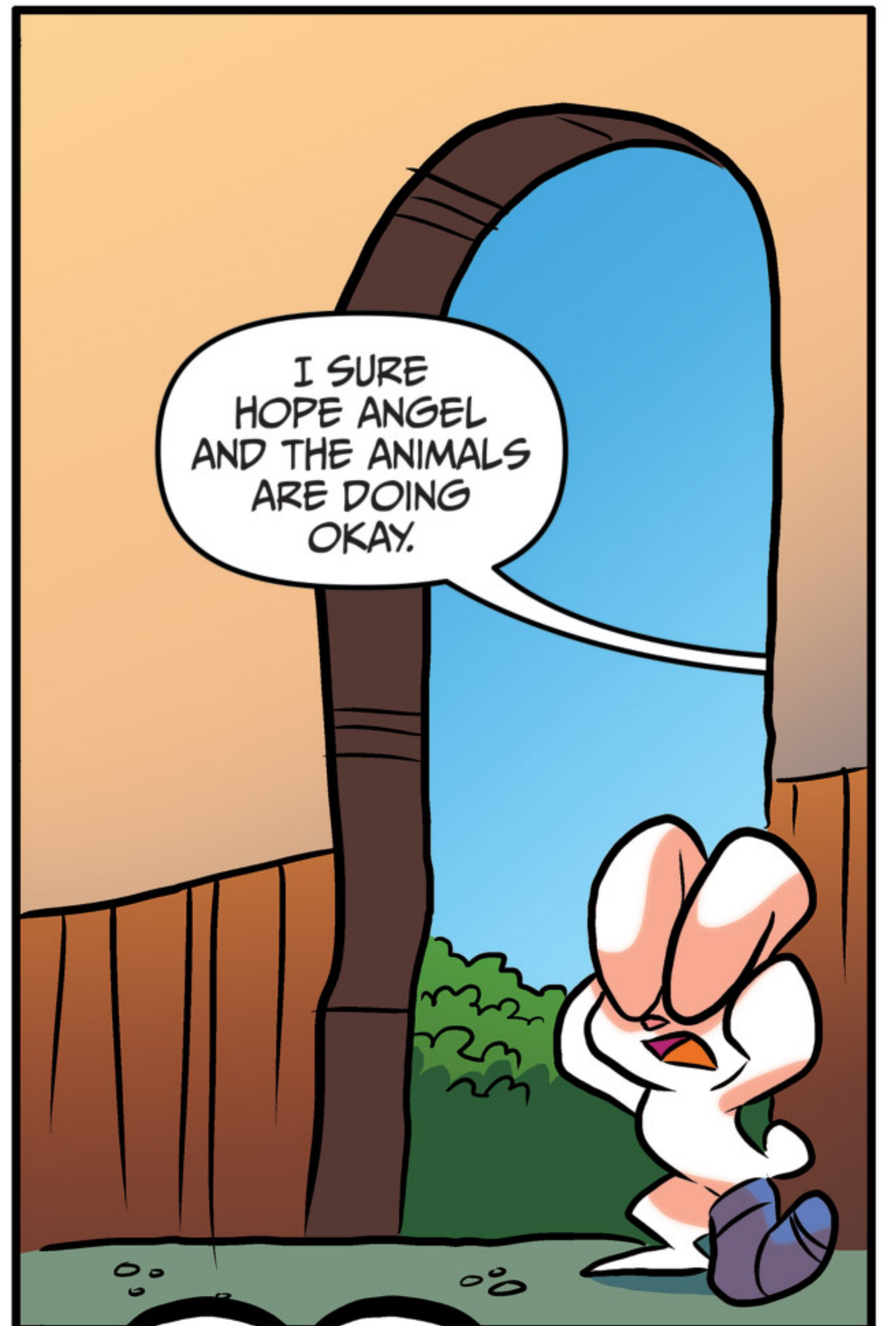
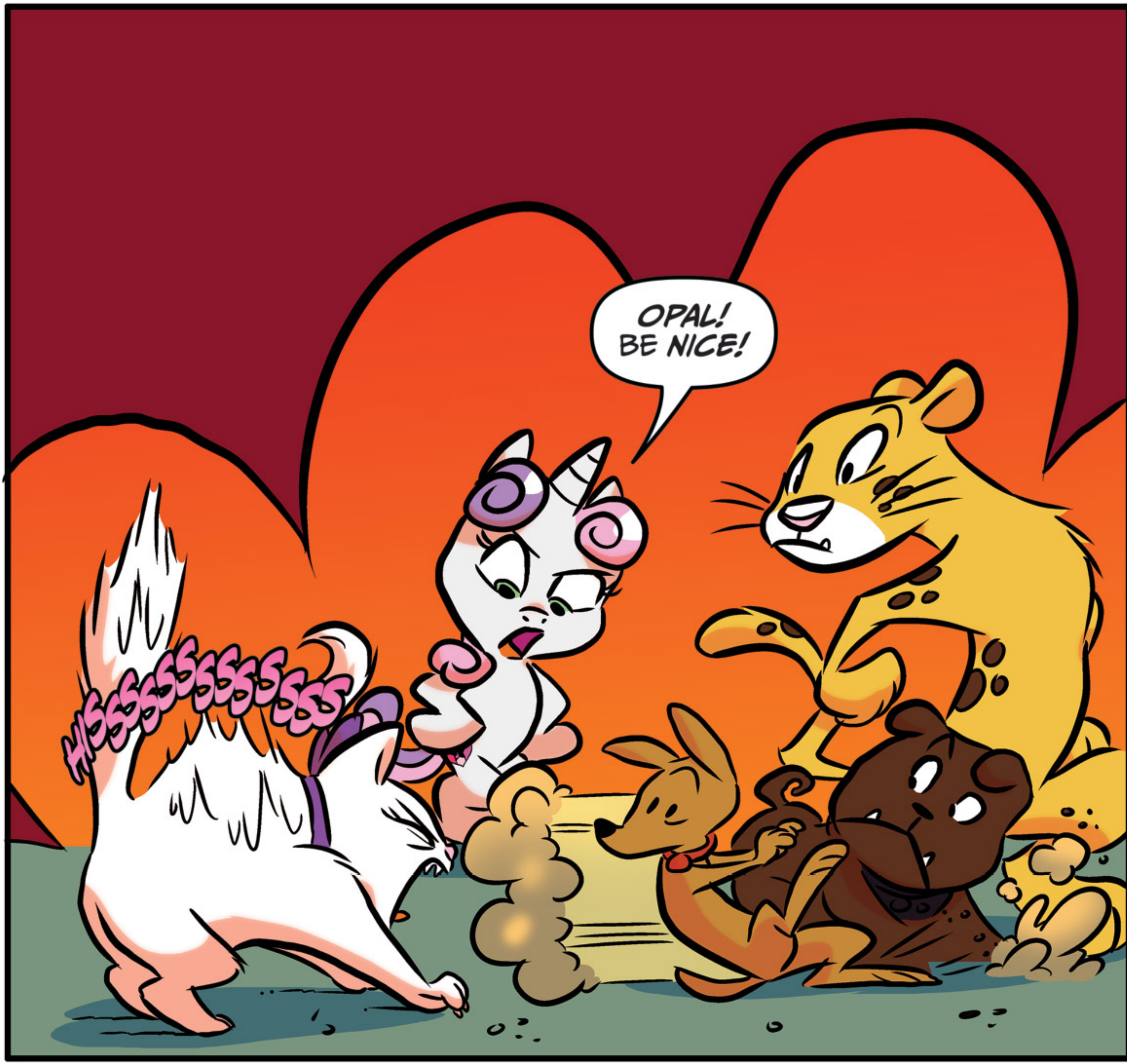
I RECKON WE COULDN'T SAY "NO" TO THE "SAD EYES" TRICK...

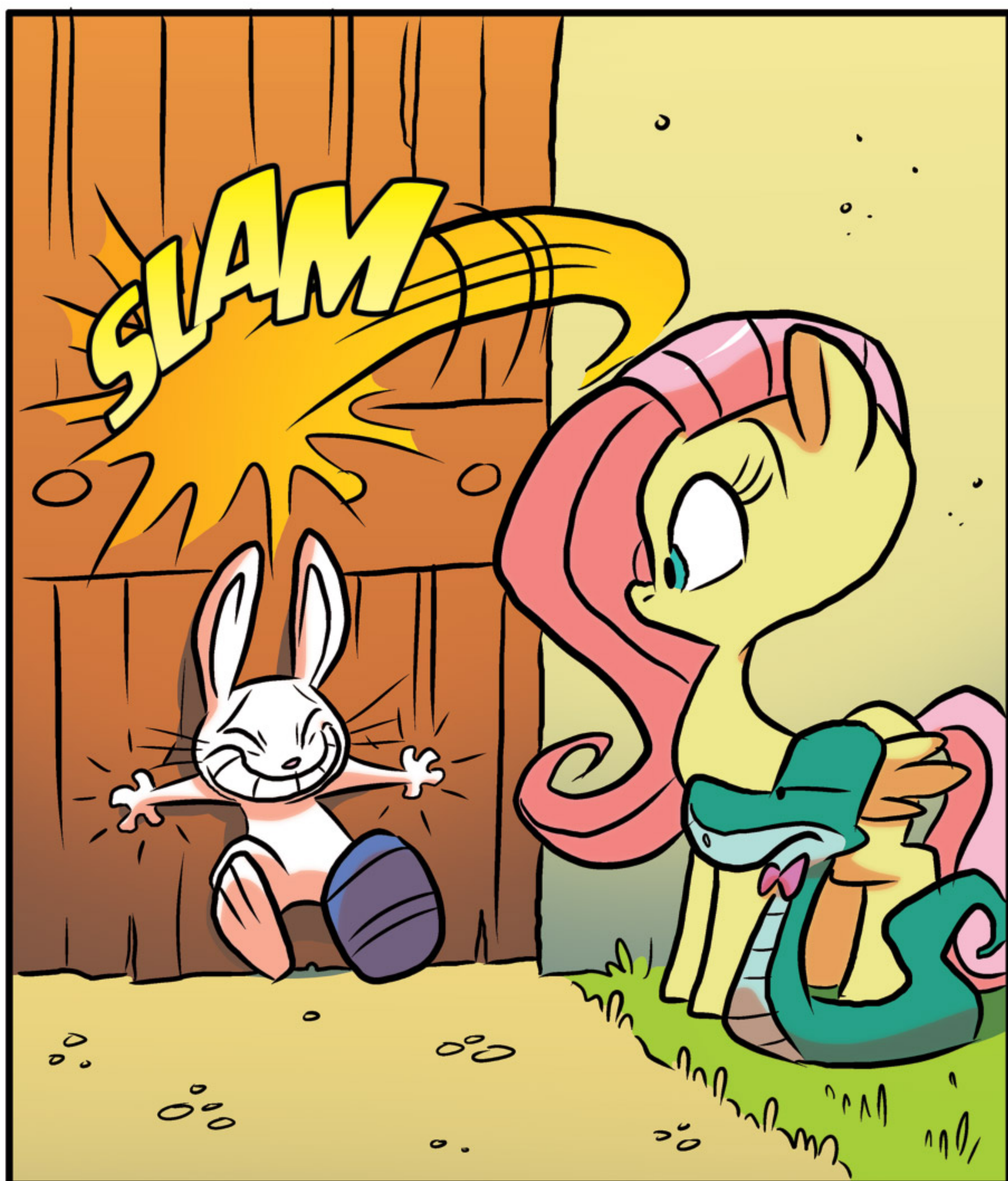
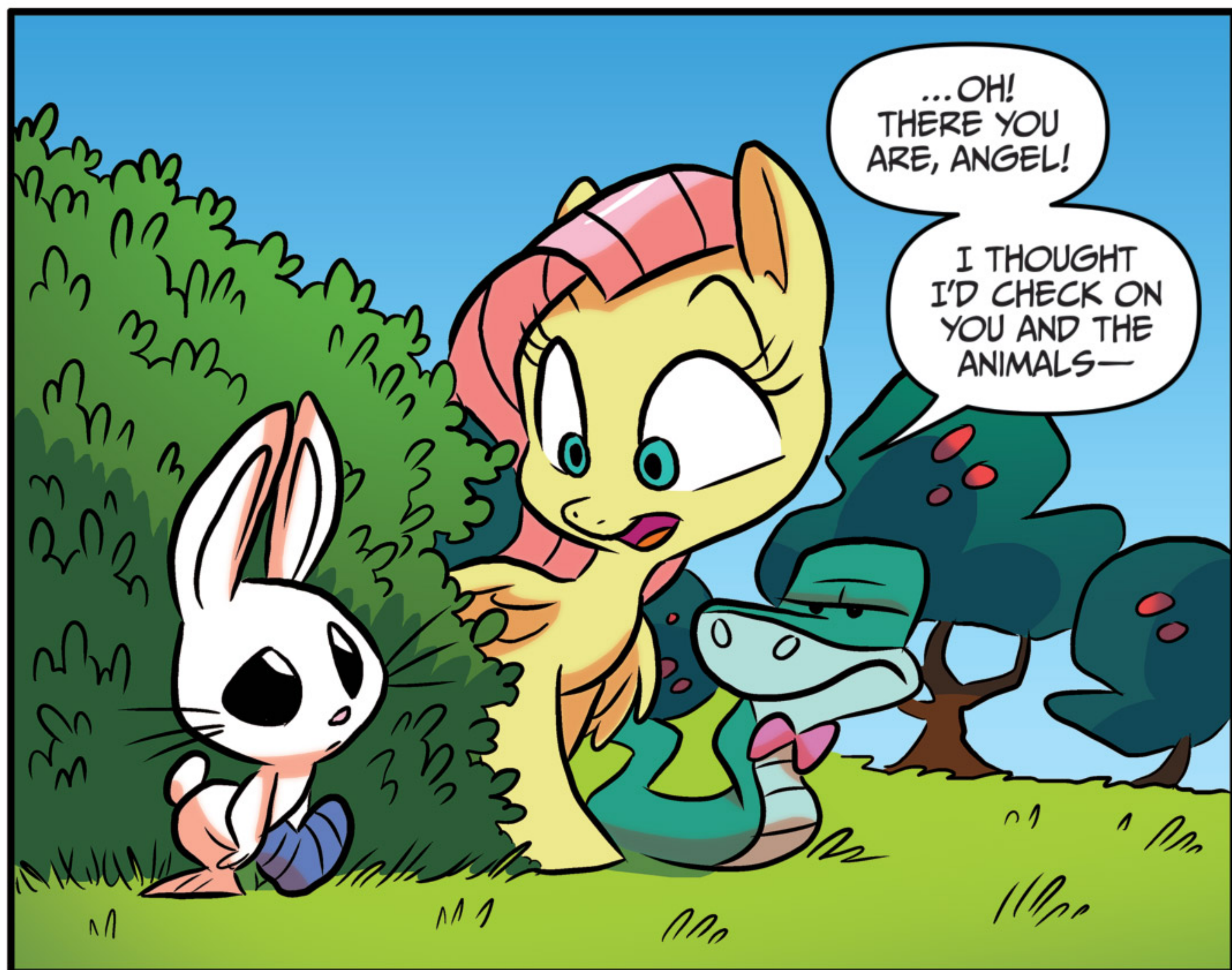
NOT SURE WHAT WE SAID "YES" TO, THOUGH.

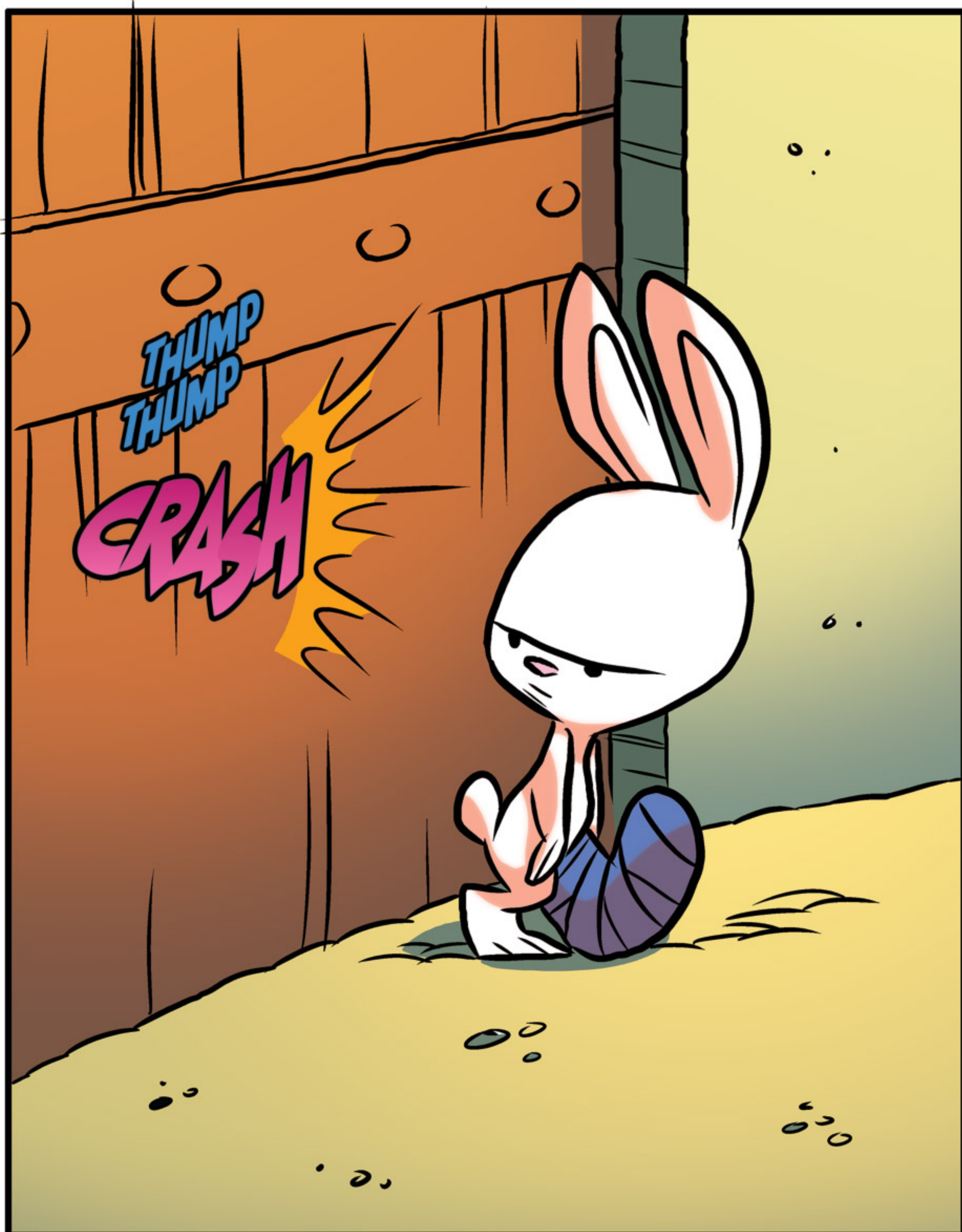
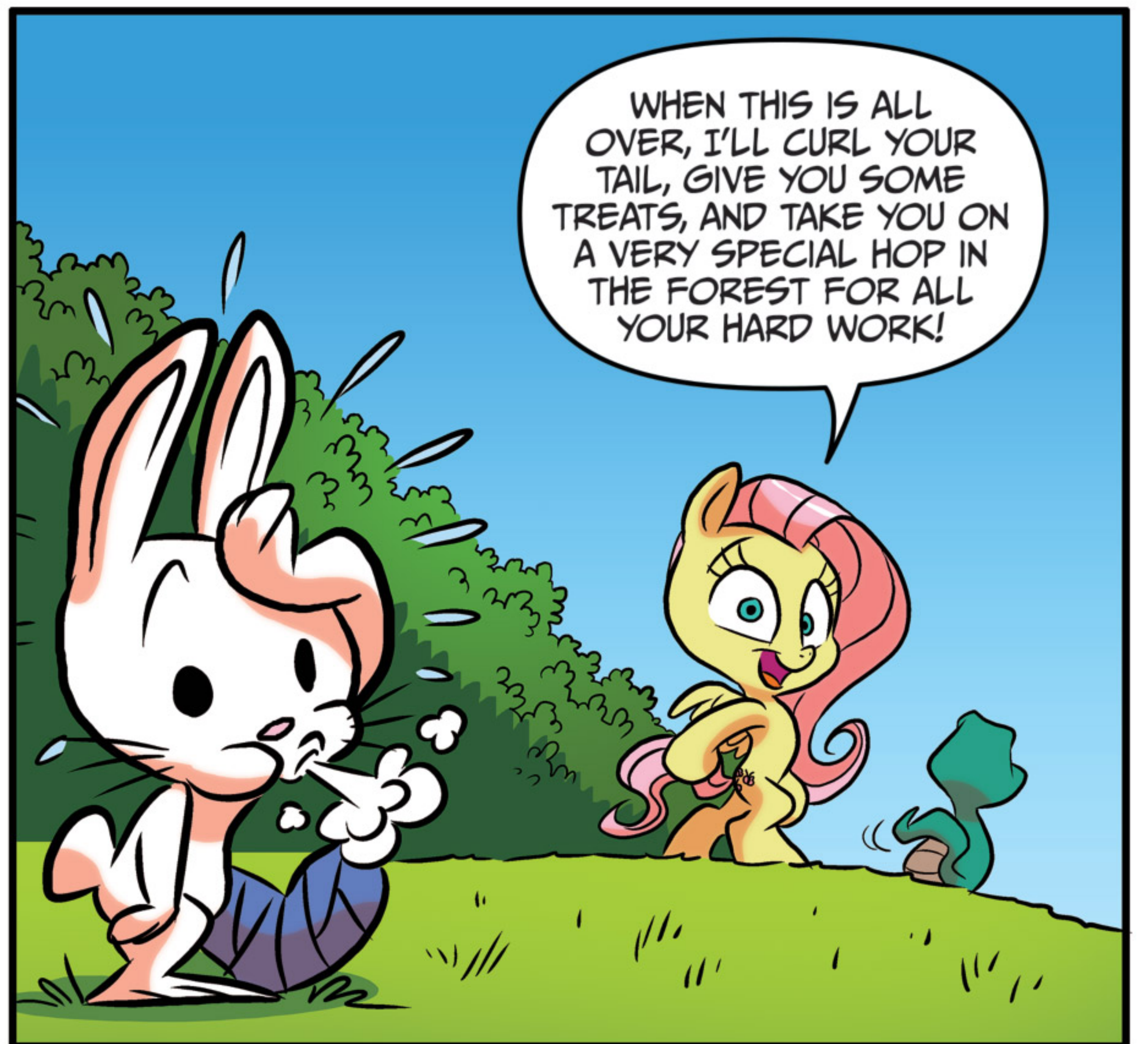
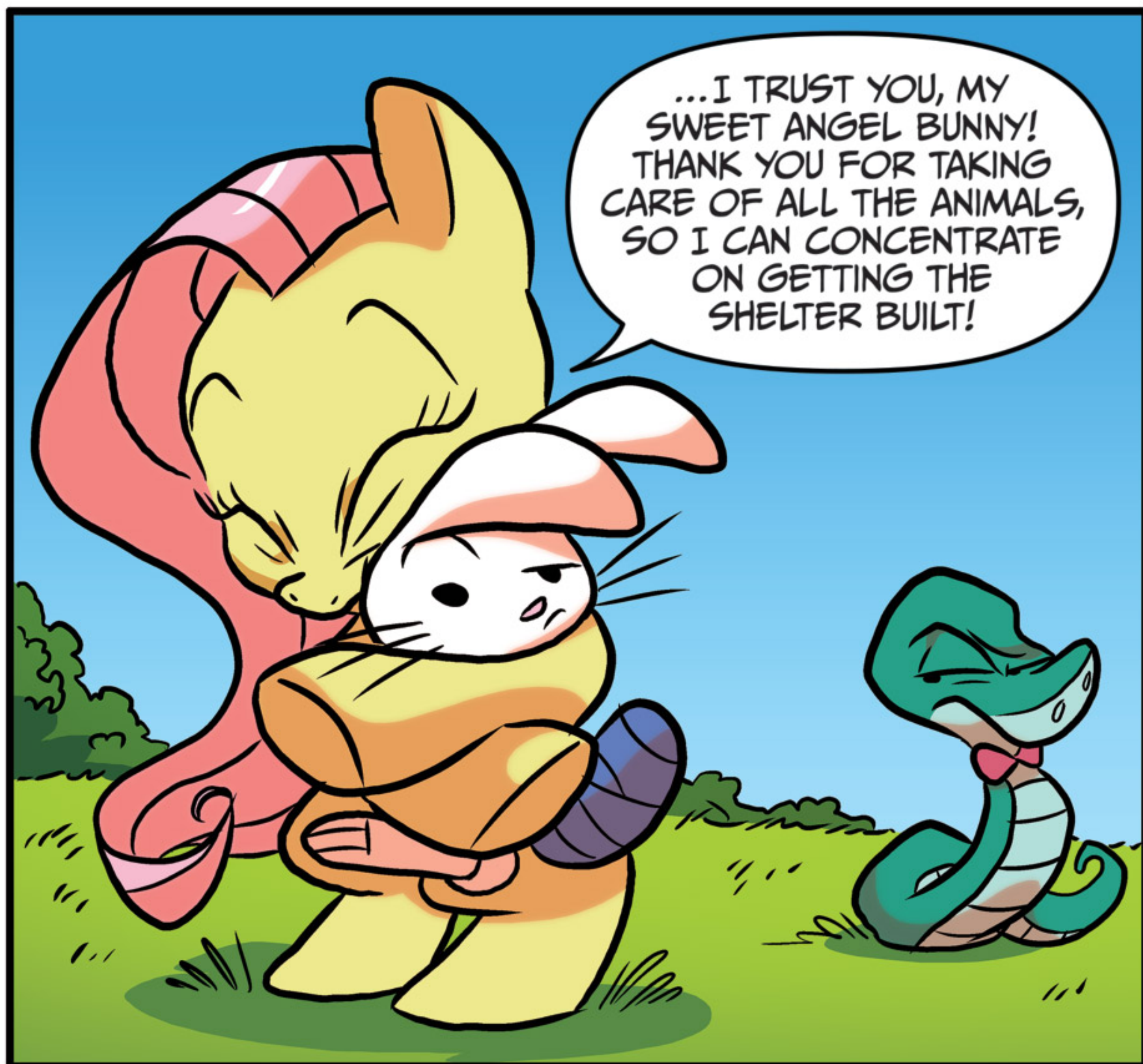
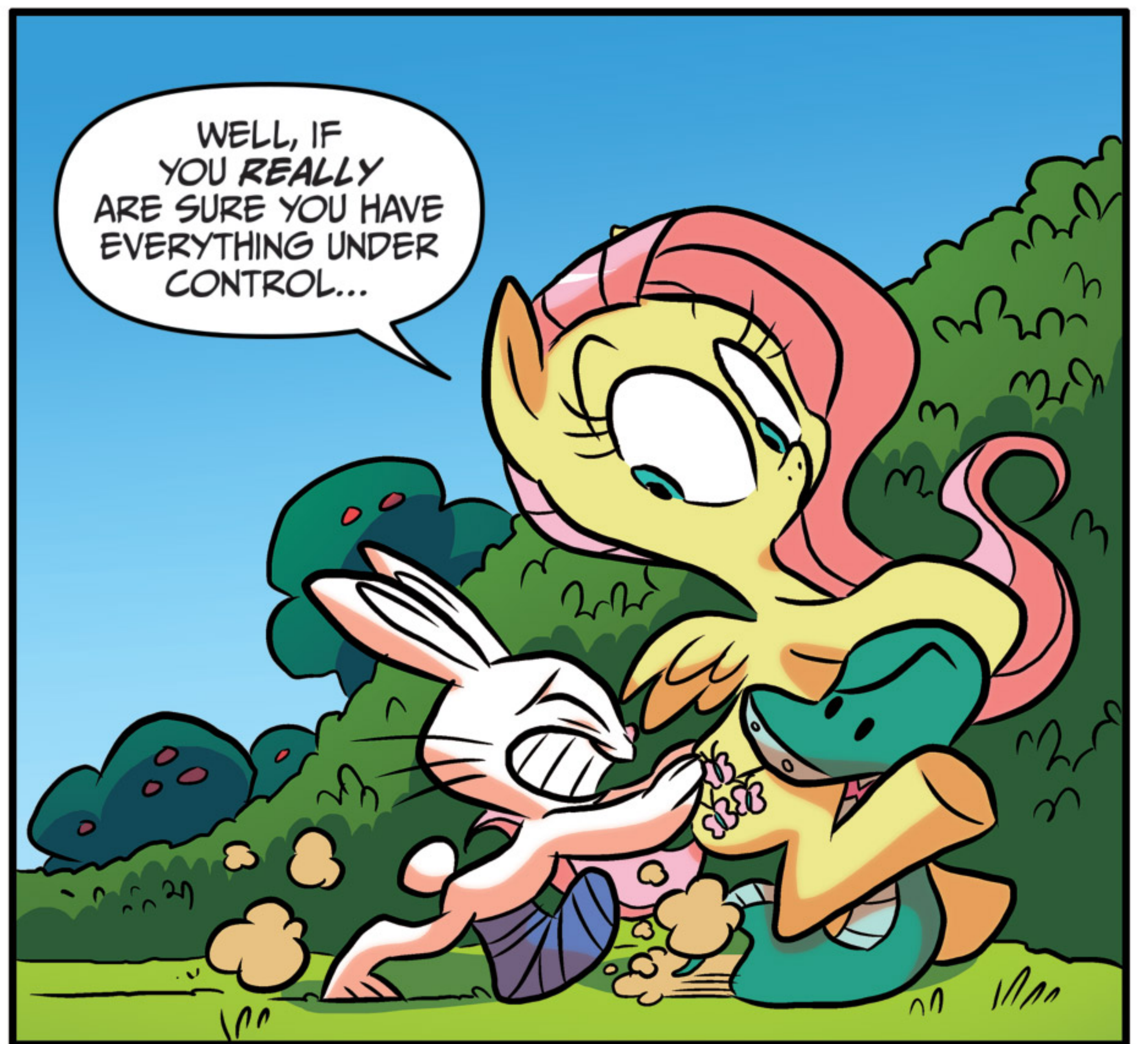
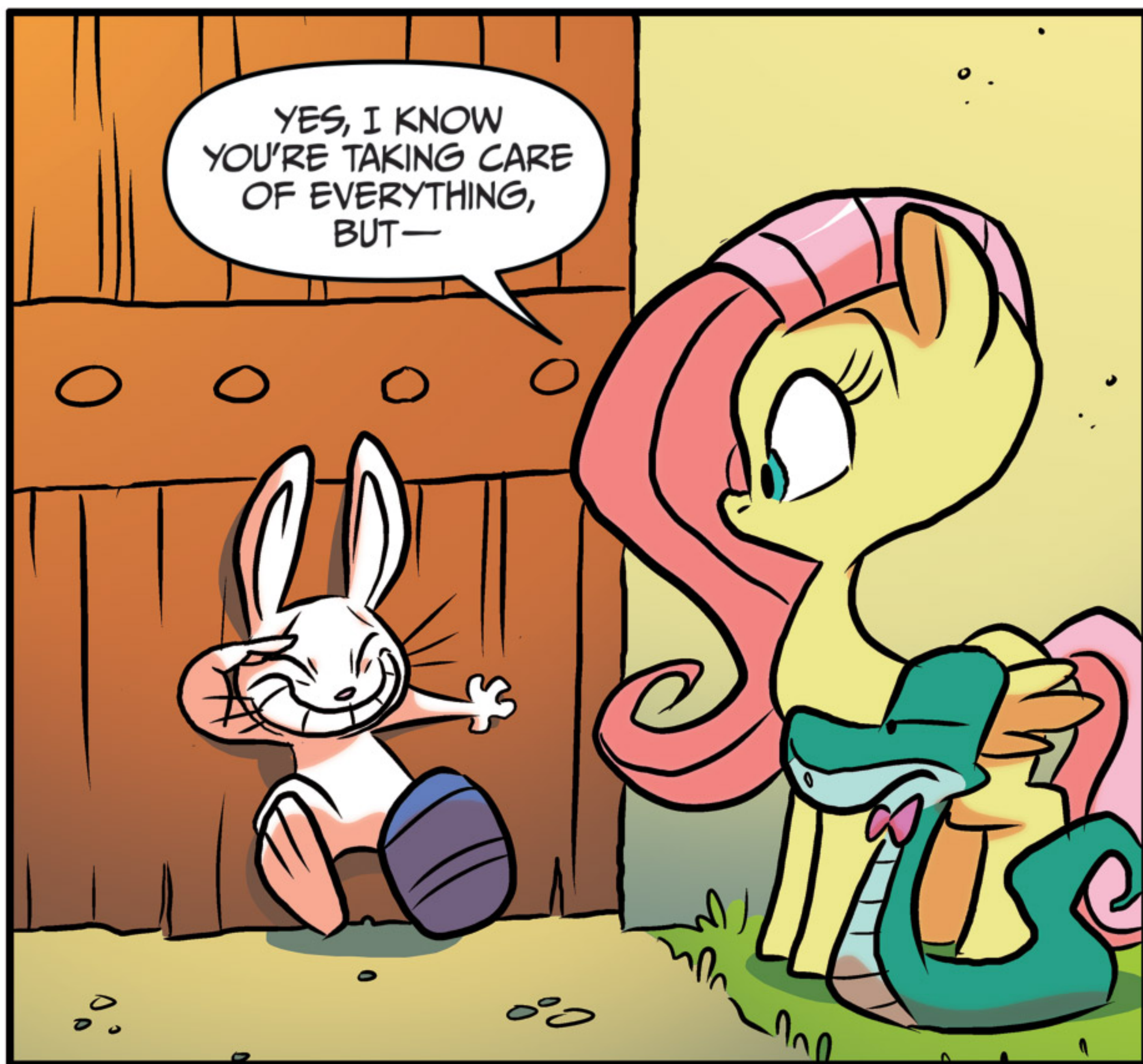
CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS TO THE RESCUE!

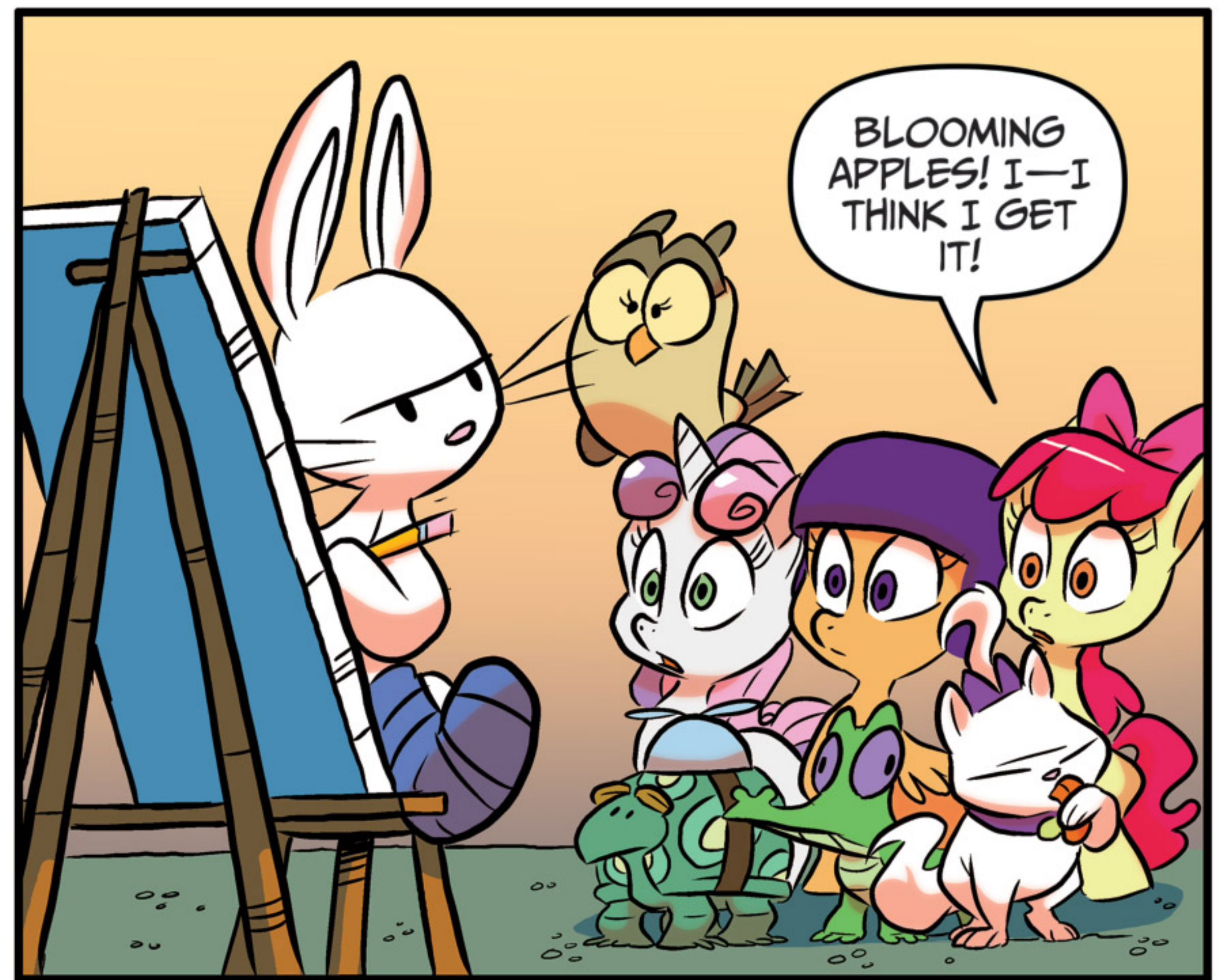
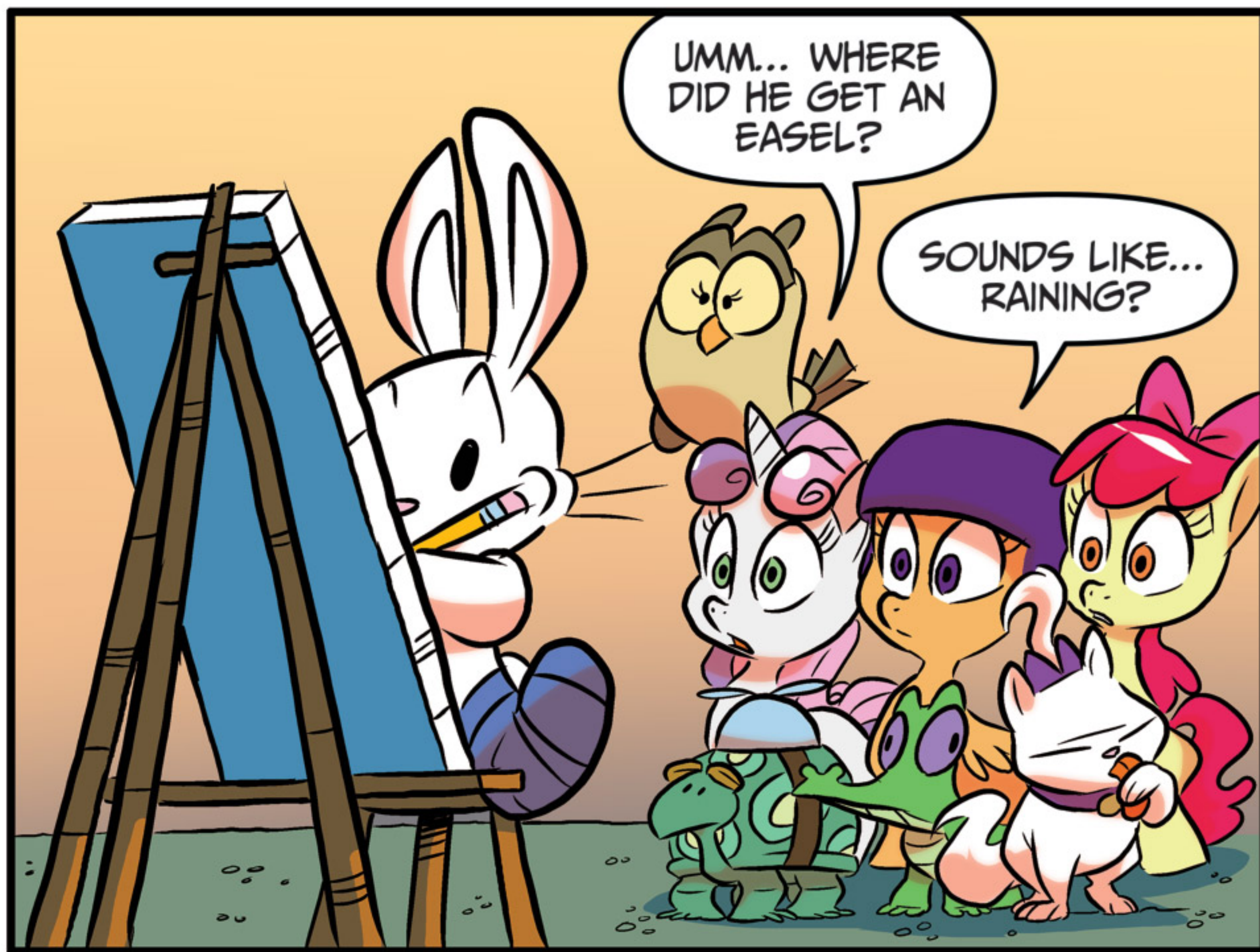
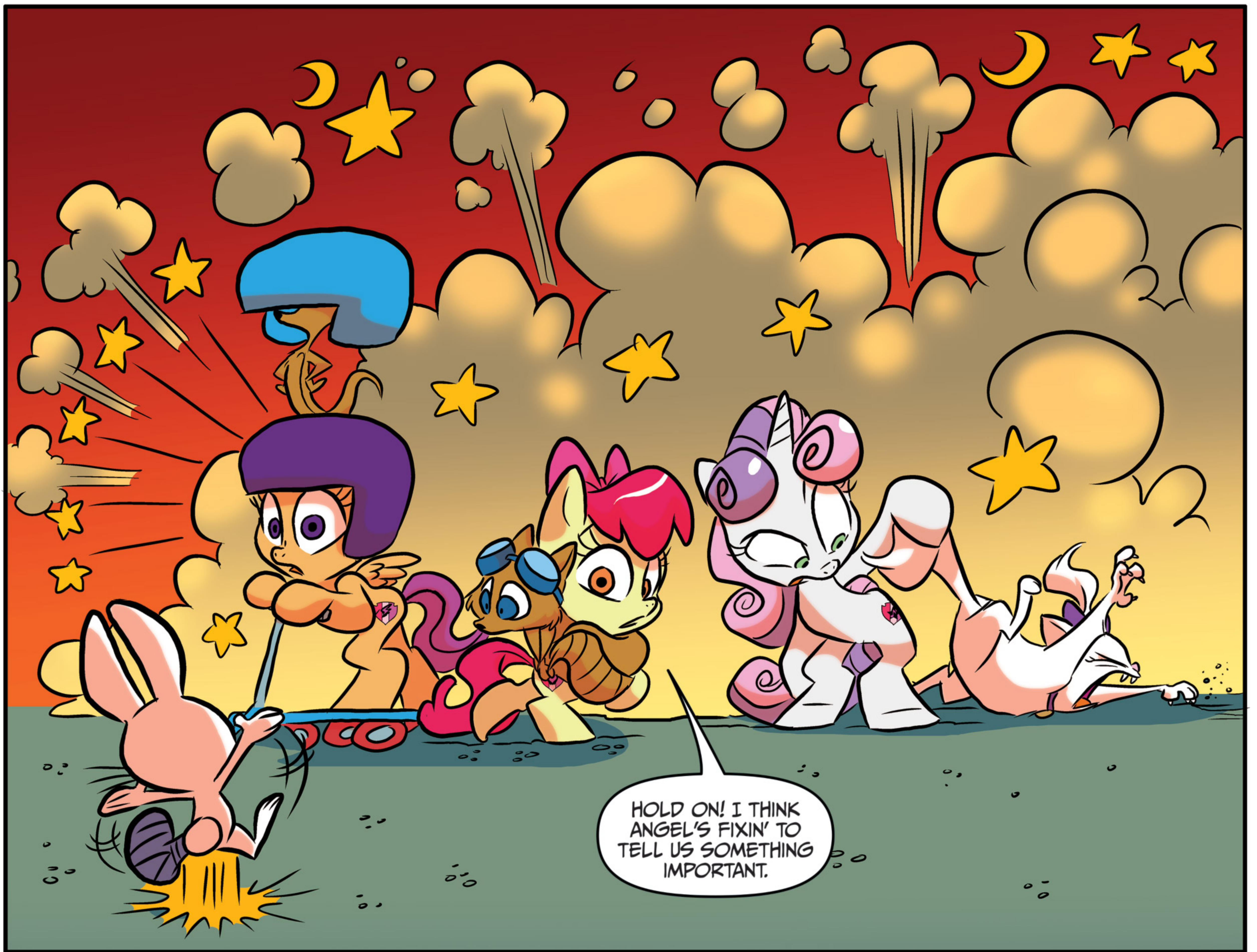


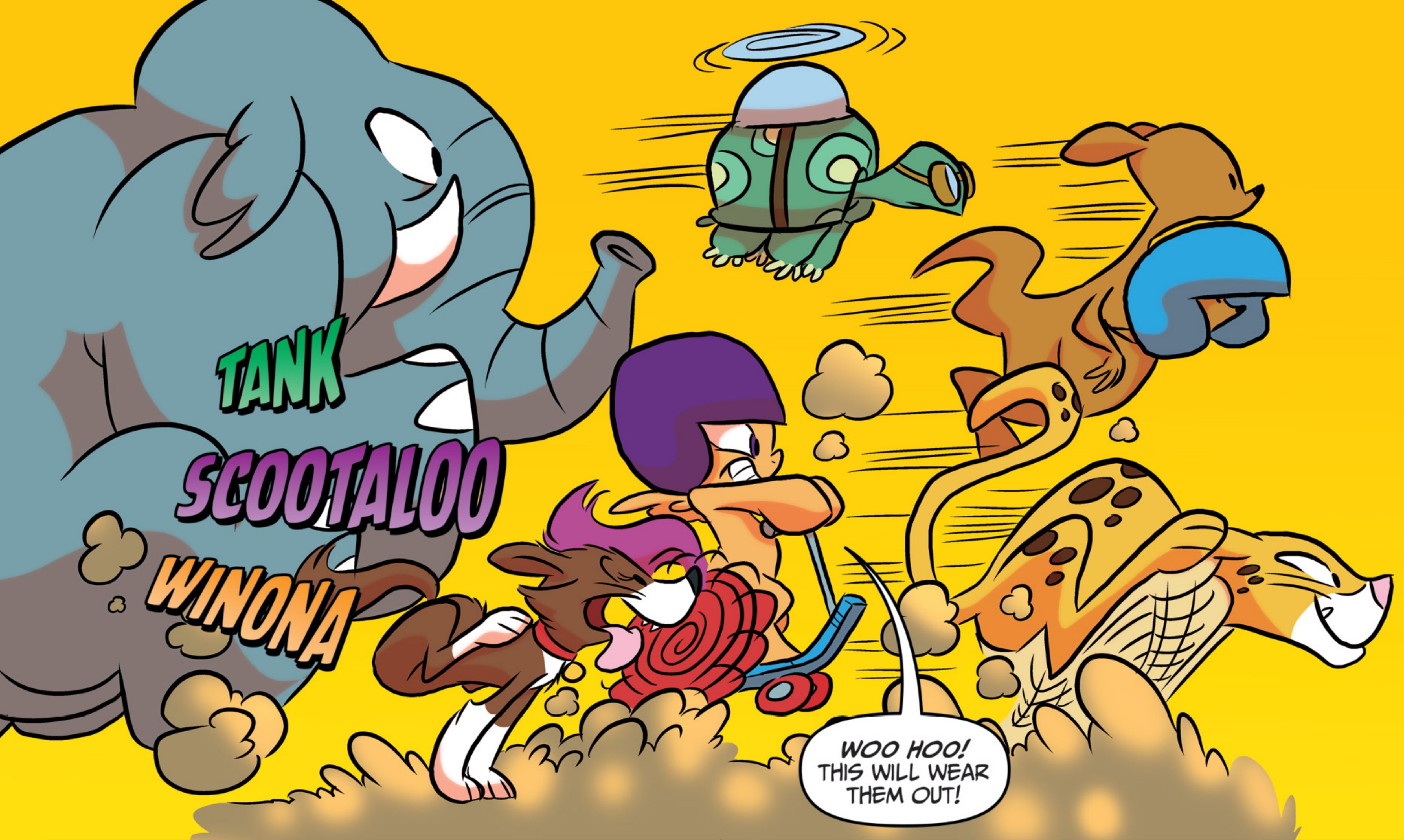










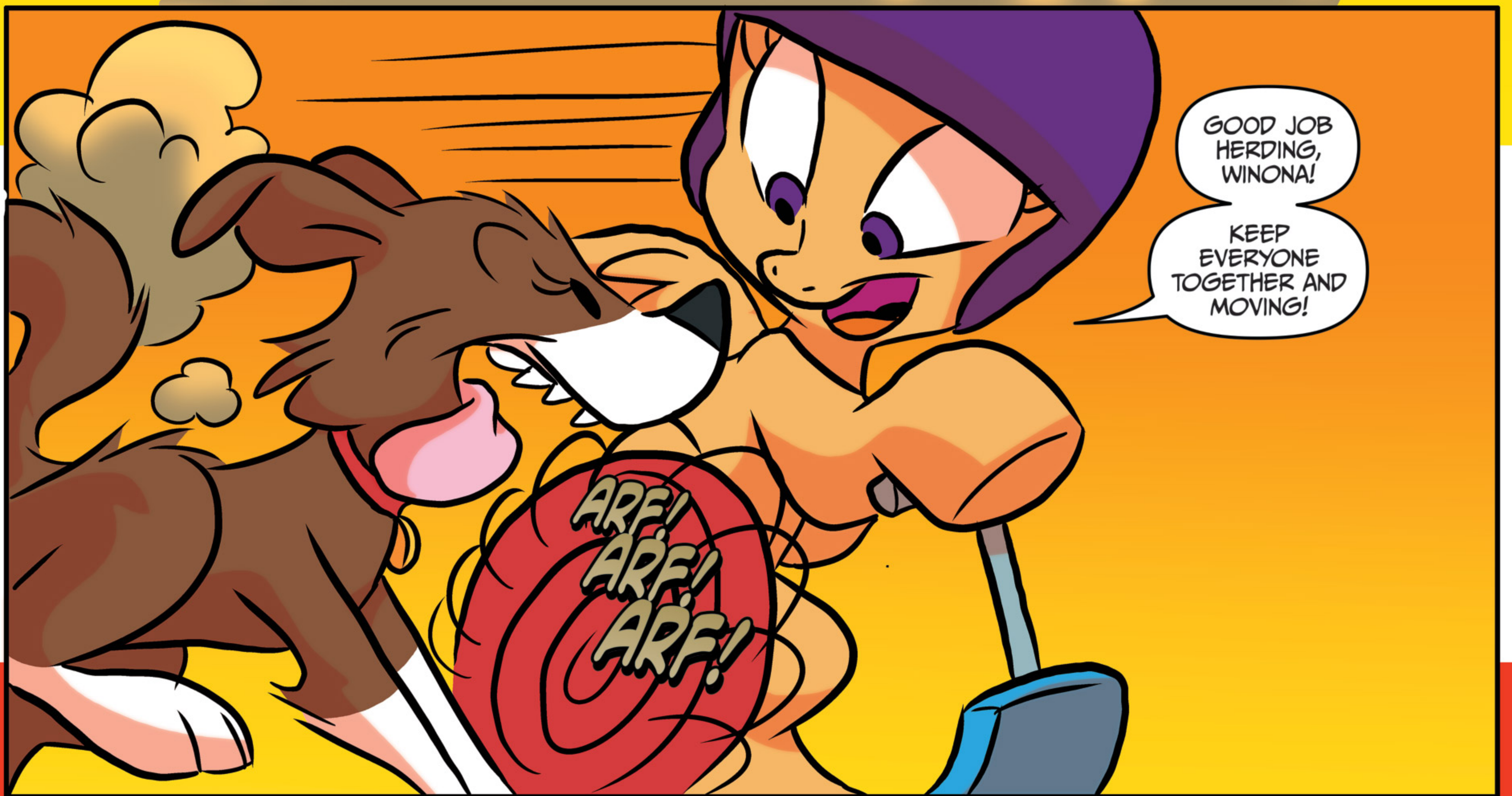


TANK

SCOOTALOO

WINONA

WOO HOO!
THIS WILL WEAR
THEM OUT!

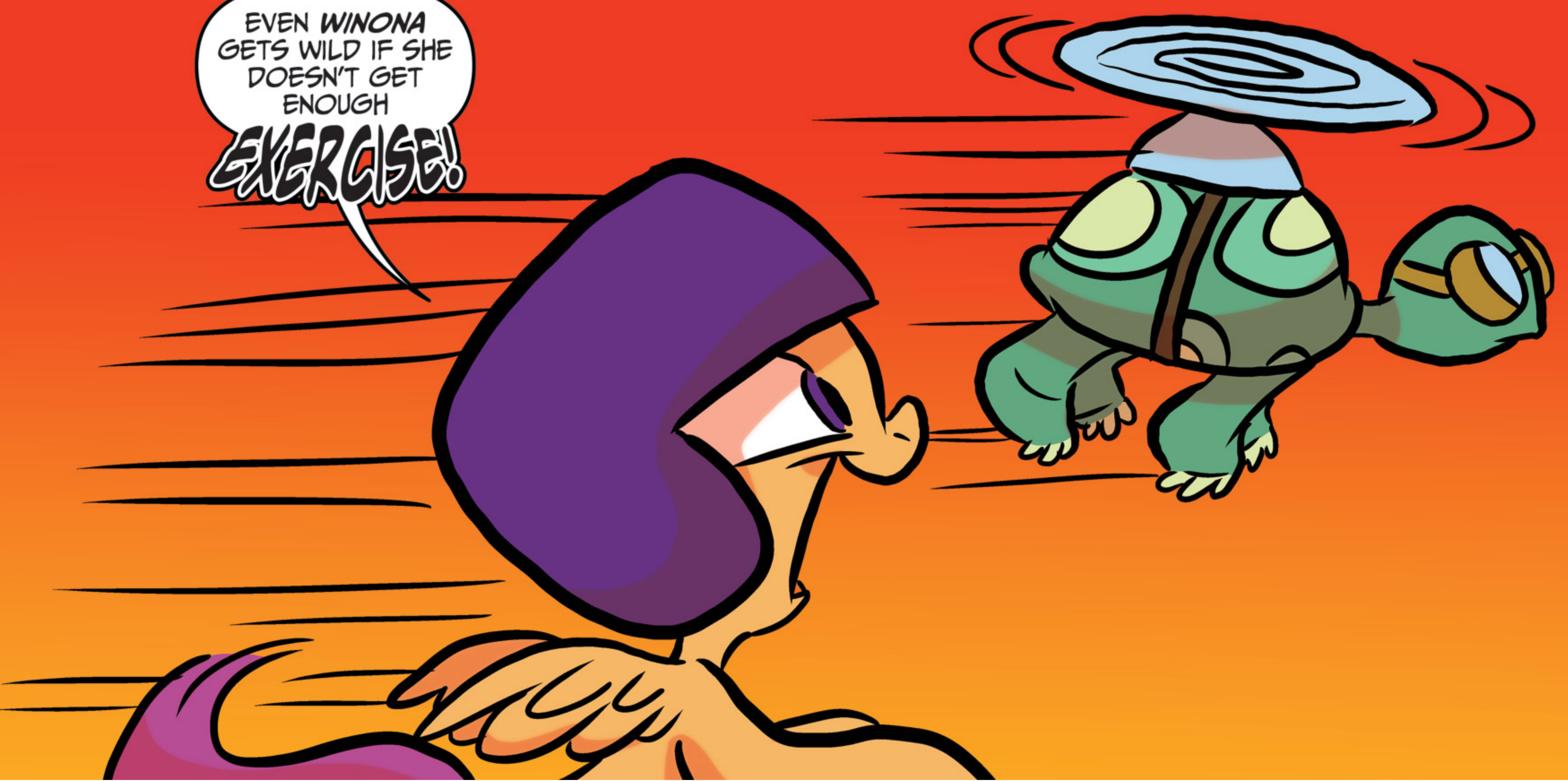


GOOD JOB
HERDING,
WINONA!

KEEP
EVERYONE
TOGETHER AND
MOVING!

ARF!
ARF!
ARF!

EVEN WINONA
GETS WILD IF SHE
DOESN'T GET
ENOUGH
EXERCISE!



APPLE BLOOM OWLOWISCIOUS GUMMY

GRANNY SMITH ALWAYS SAYS, IDLE HOOVES GROW A CROP OF BAD APPLES FASTER THAN YOU CAN SAY 'LICKETY SPLIT.'



TEACHIN' THESE CRITTERS TRICKS WILL KEEP THEIR MINDS OCCUPIED...

...AND KEEP 'EM OUT OF TROUBLE!

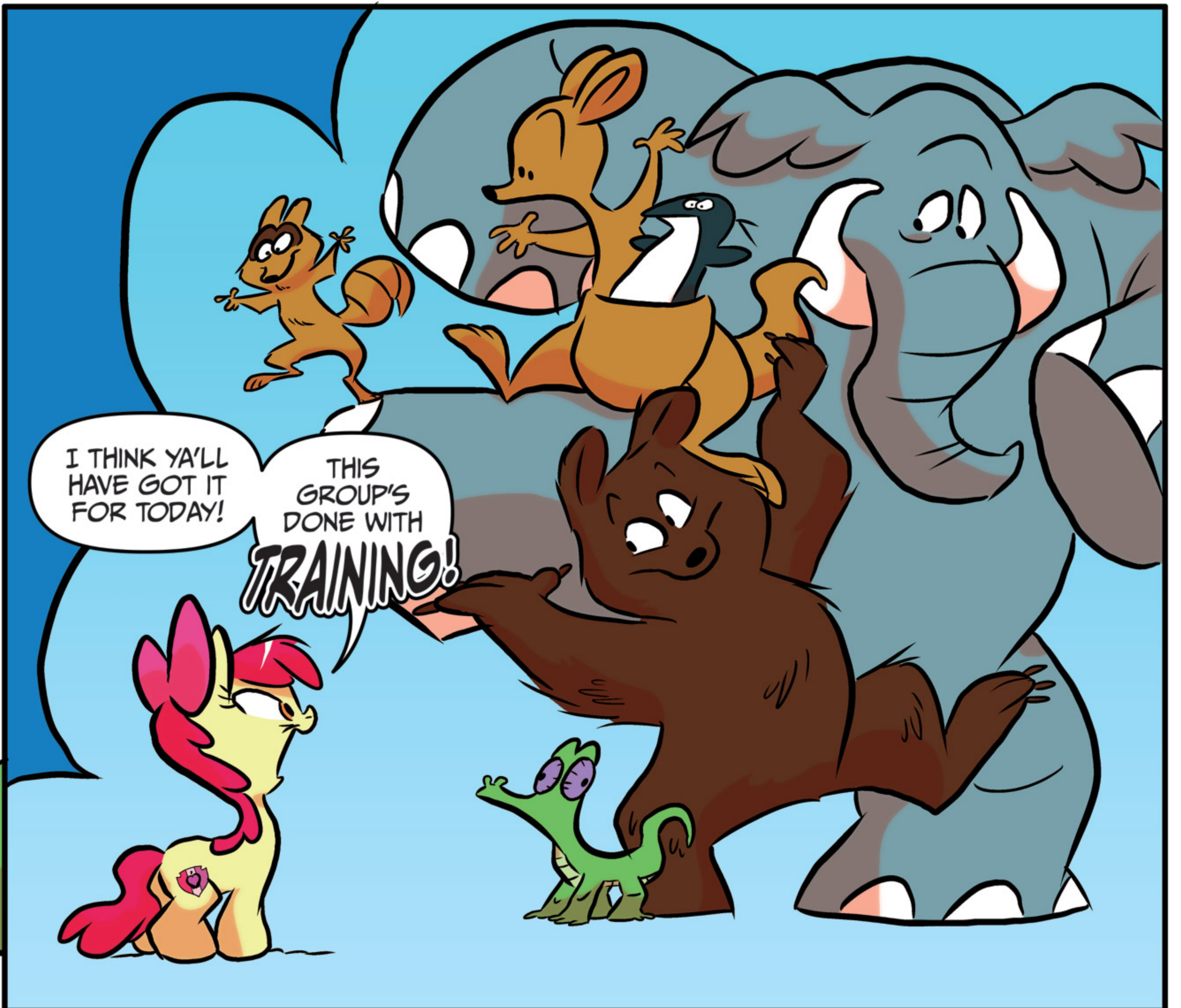
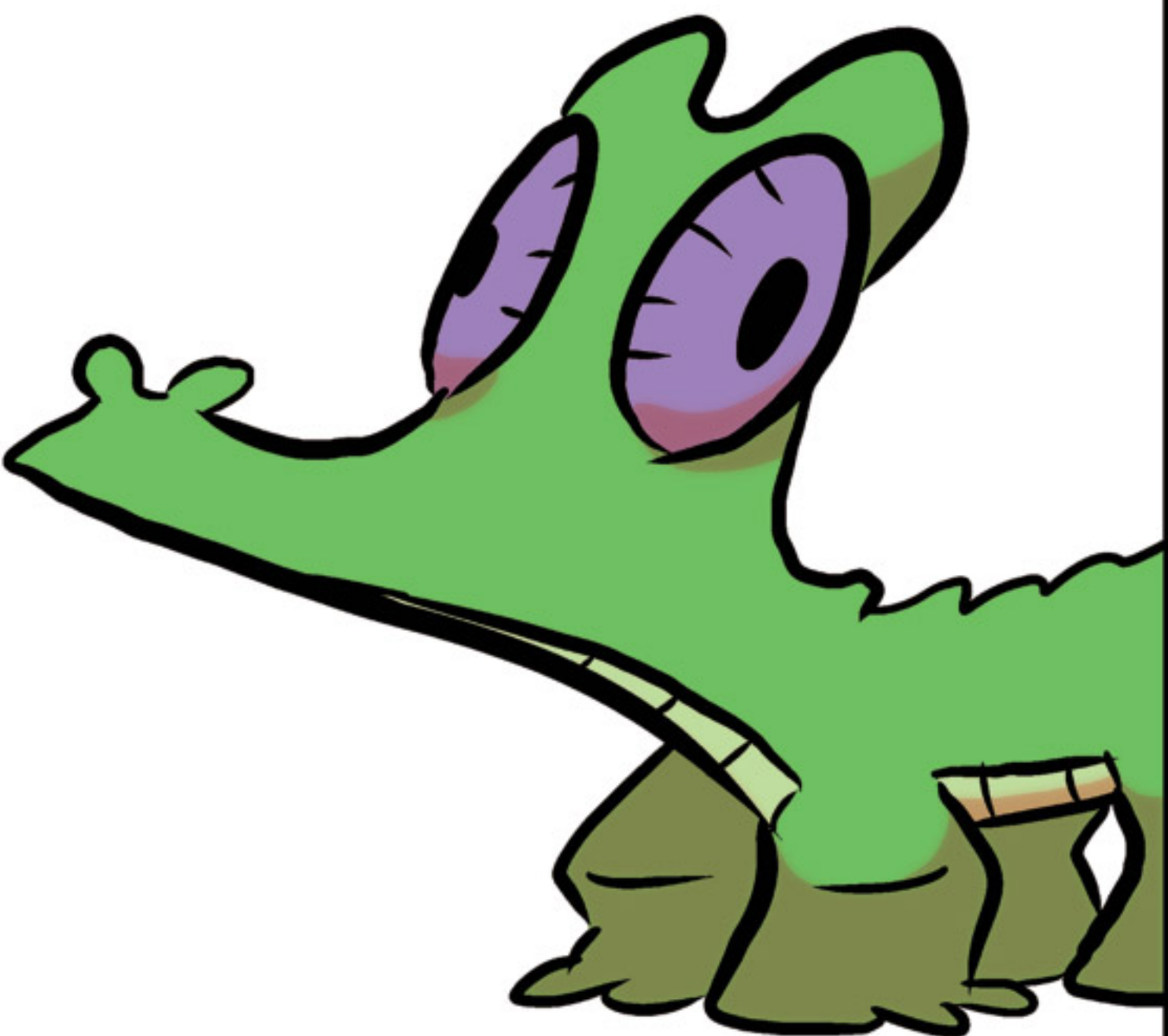
OK, GUMMY, HERE COMES THE BIG FINISH. YOU READY TO SHOW 'EM HOW IT'S DONE?



STAY!

I THINK YA'LL HAVE GOT IT FOR TODAY!

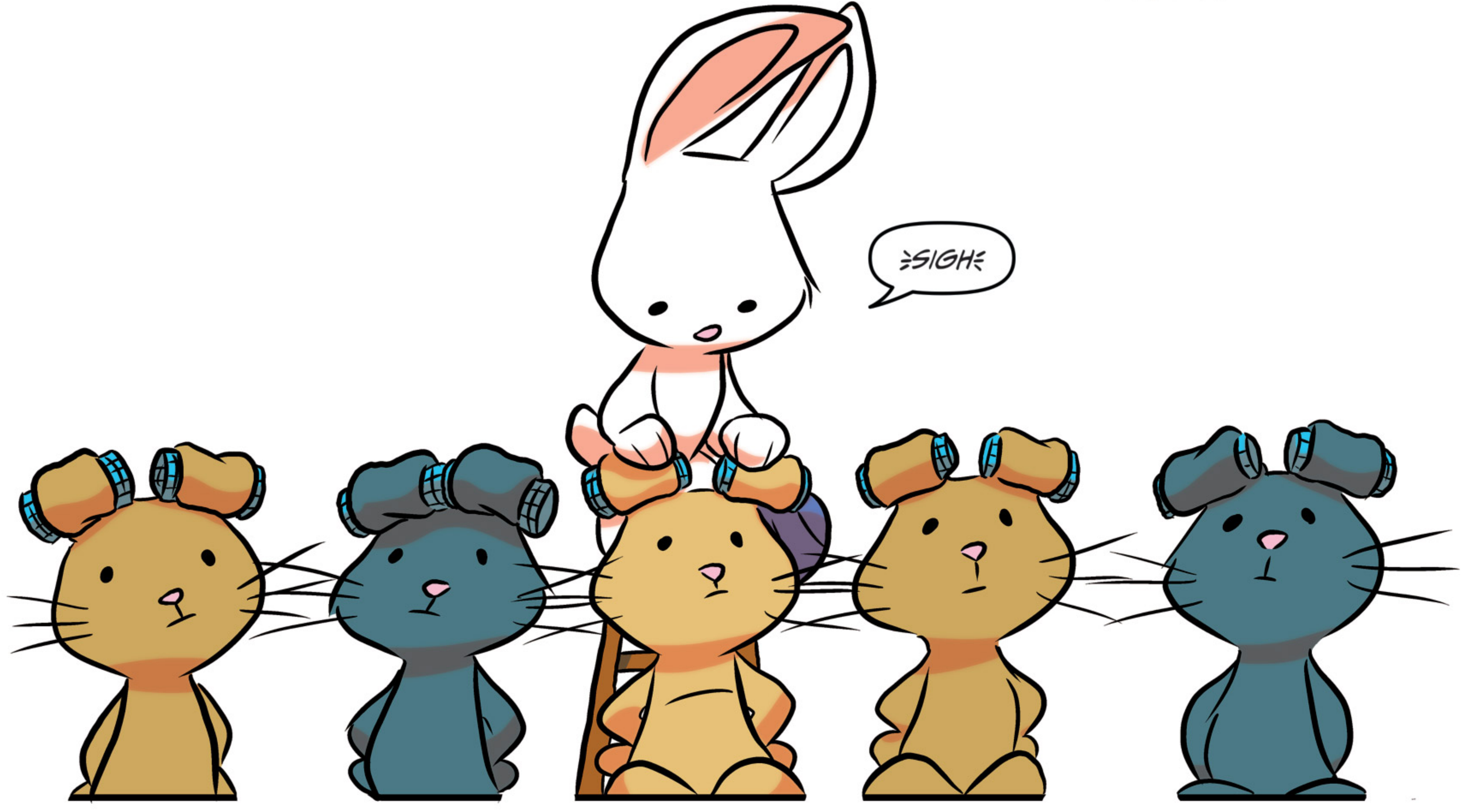
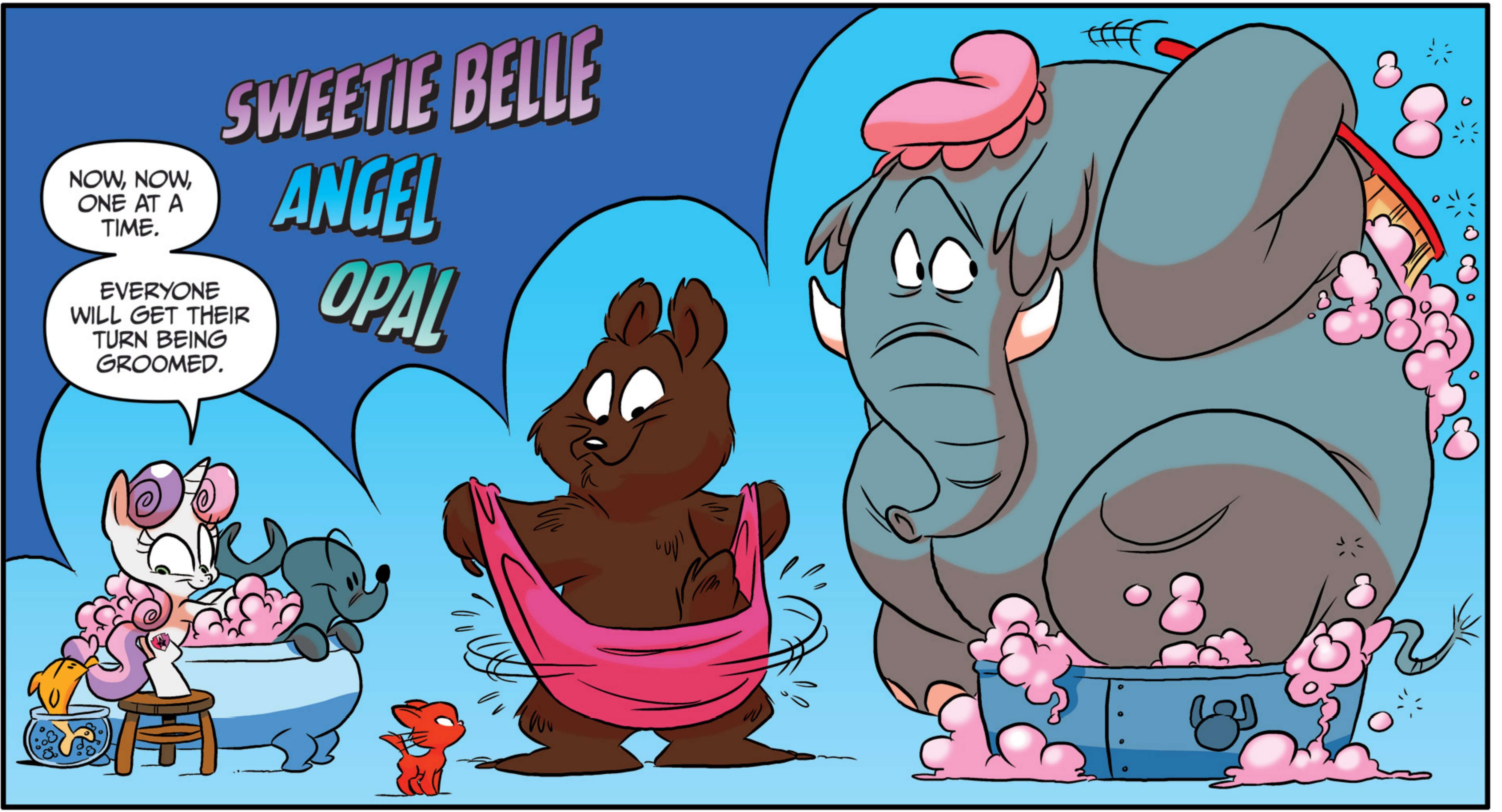
THIS GROUP'S DONE WITH **TRAINING!**

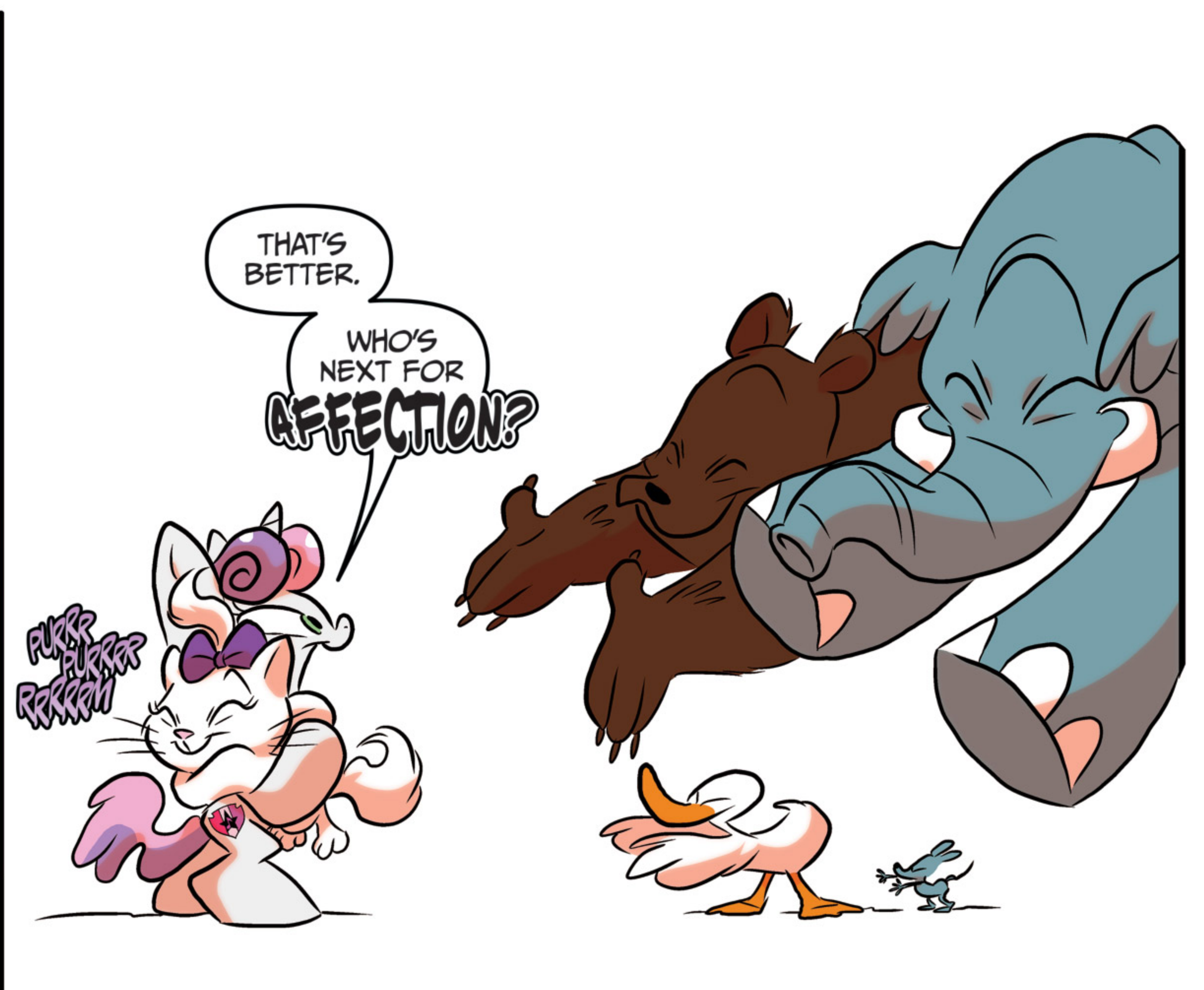
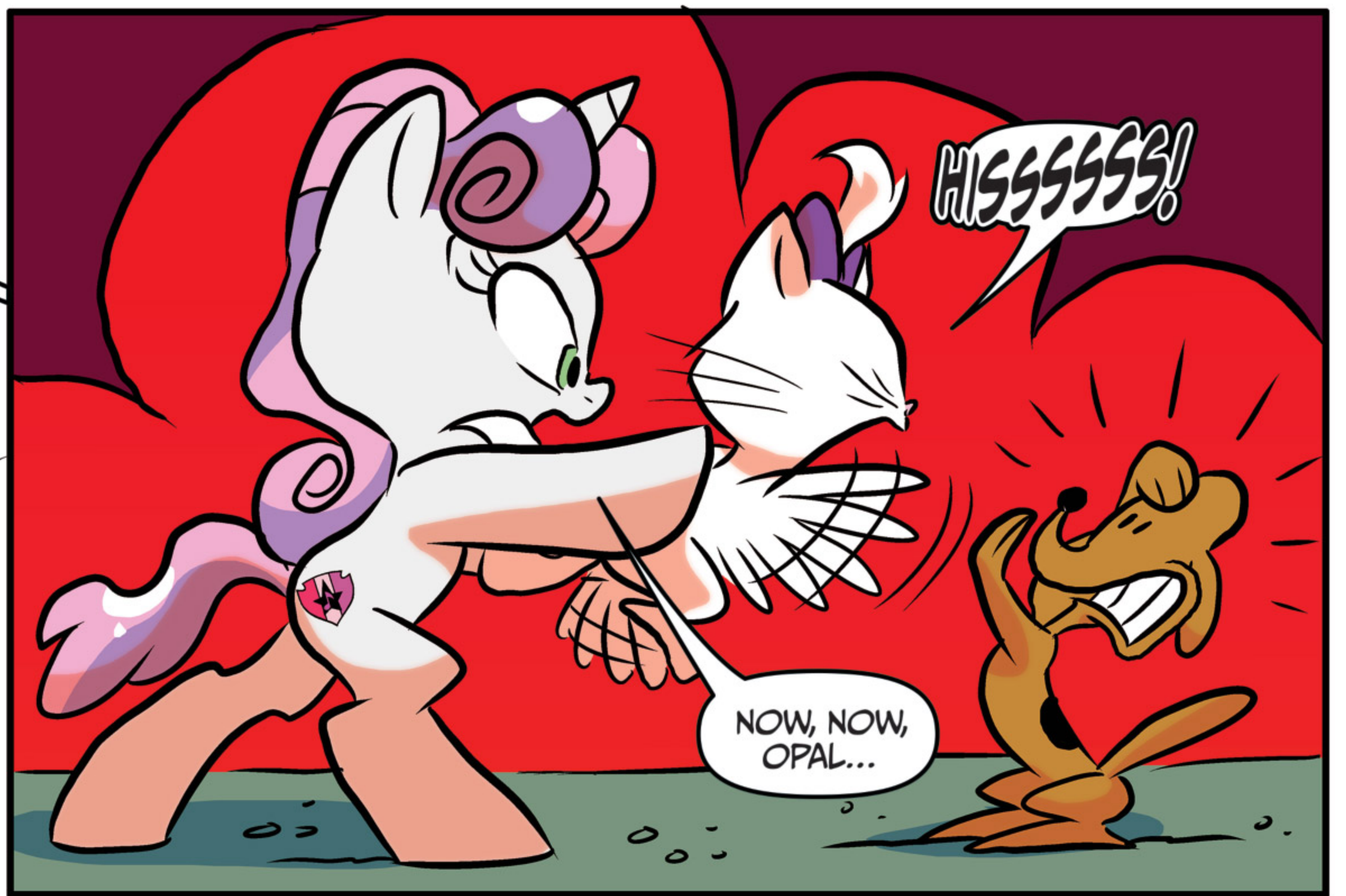
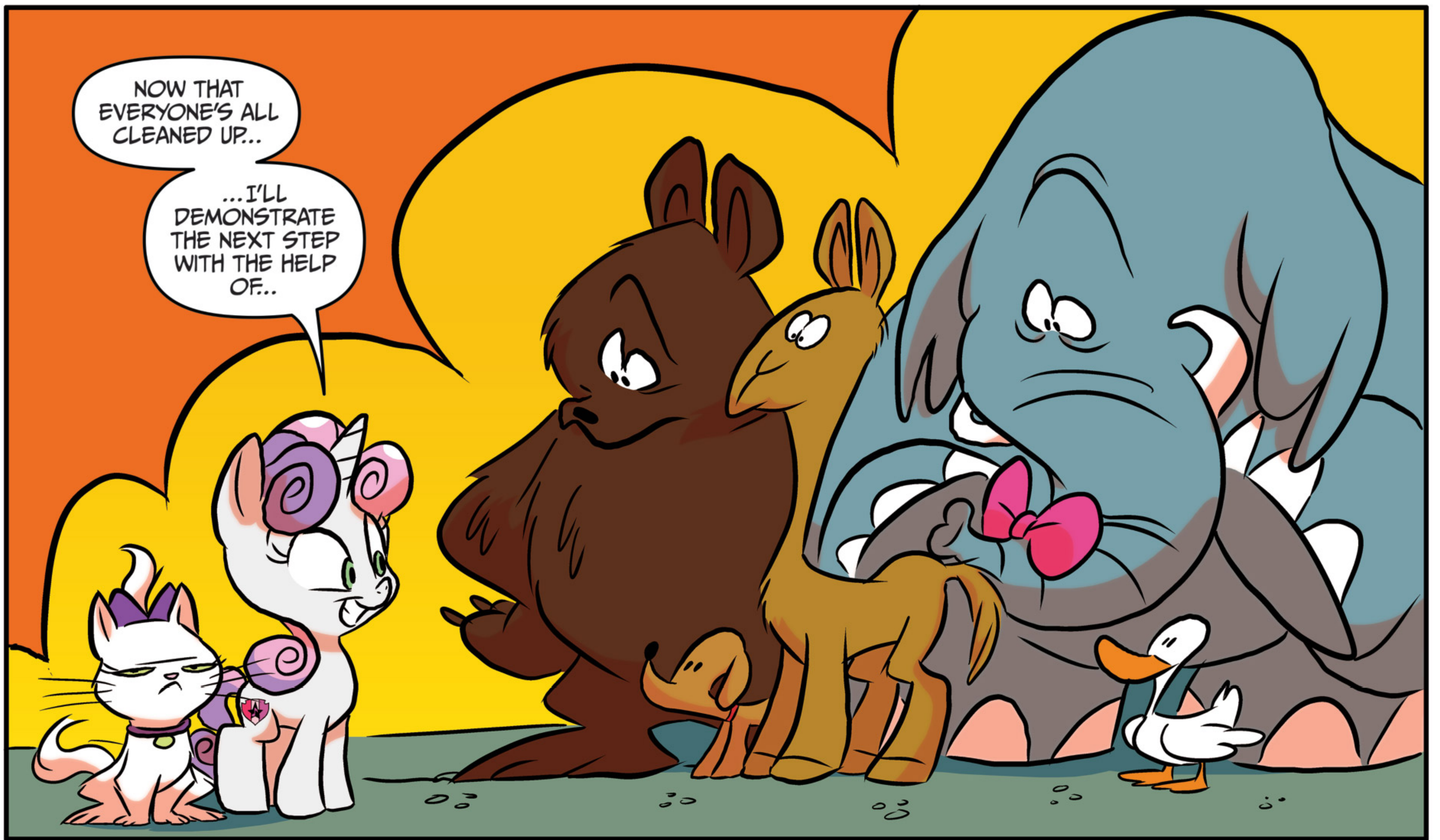


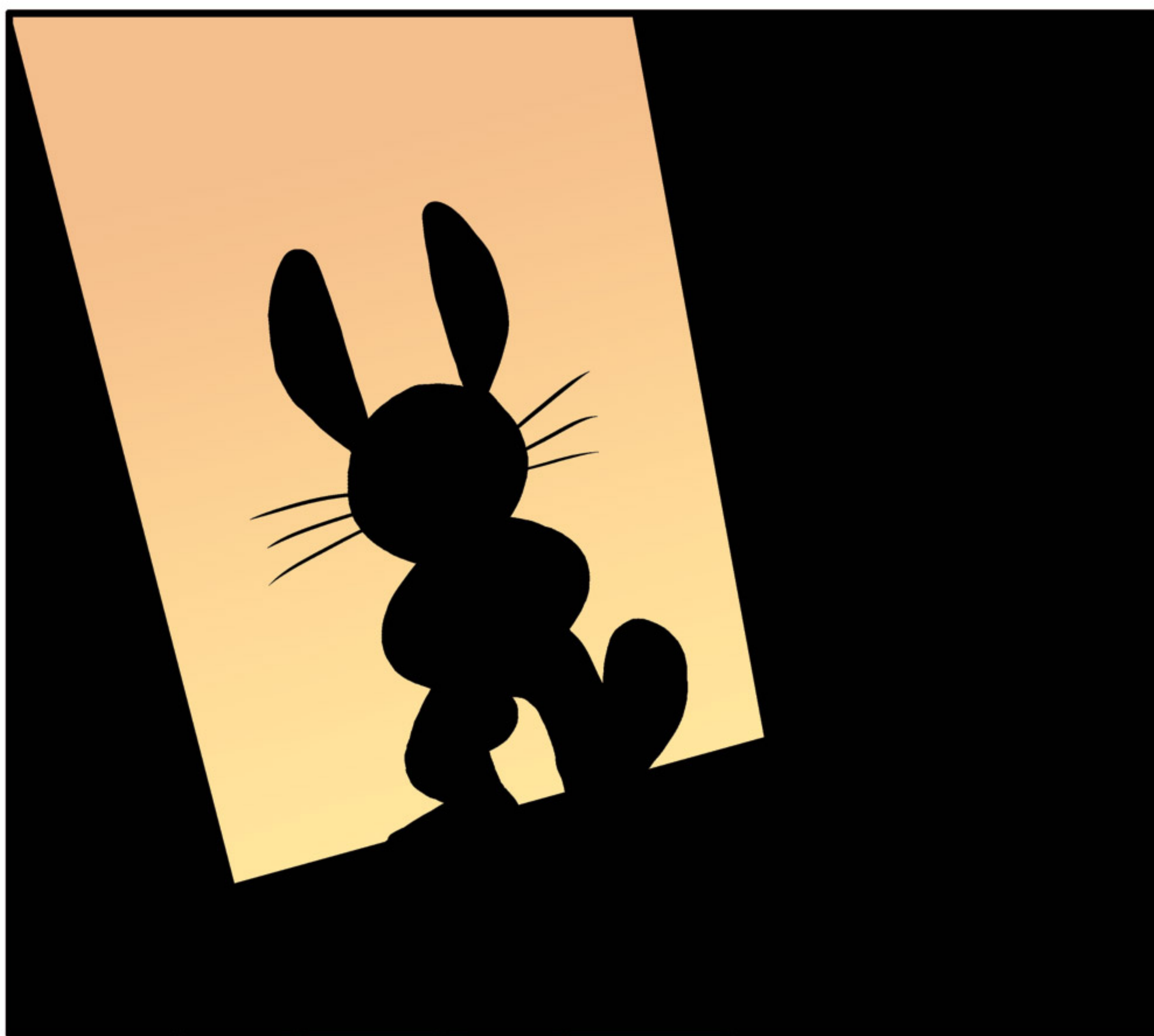
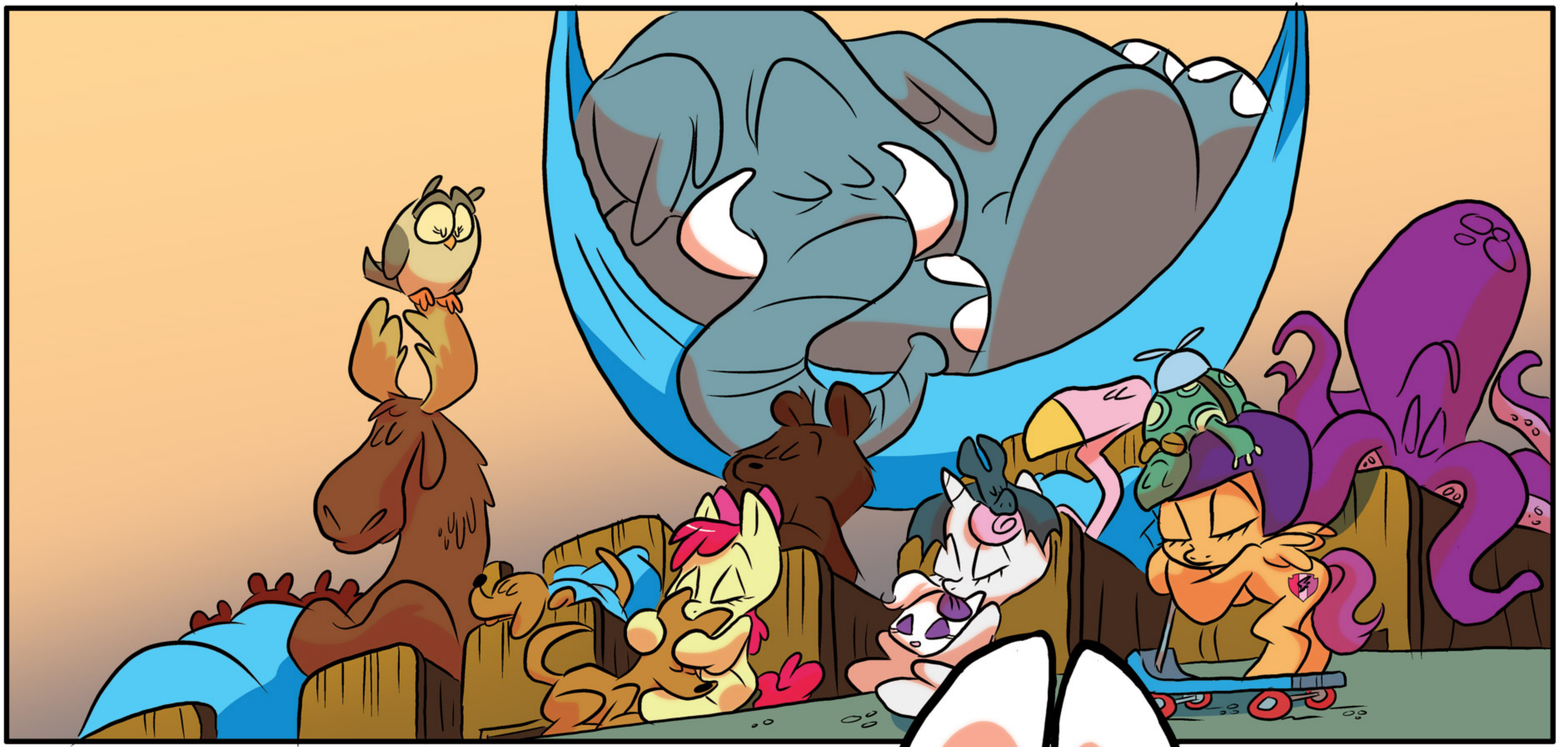
SWEETIE BELLE ANGEL OPAL

NOW, NOW,
ONE AT A
TIME.

EVERYONE
WILL GET THEIR
TURN BEING
GROOMED.







THANKS FOR TALKING TO ME ABOUT ALL THIS, DR. FAUNA. I'M JUST NOT SURE WHAT TO DO NEXT ON THIS PROJECT.

I HOPE THE ANIMALS HAVE BEEN OKAY WHILE I HAD TO PULL YOU AWAY ALL THIS TIME.

ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE, FLUTTERSHY. AND IF YOU TRUST ANGEL TO OVERSEE EVERYTHING, THEN I DO, TOO. NO ONE KNOWS ANIMALS BETTER THAN YOU.





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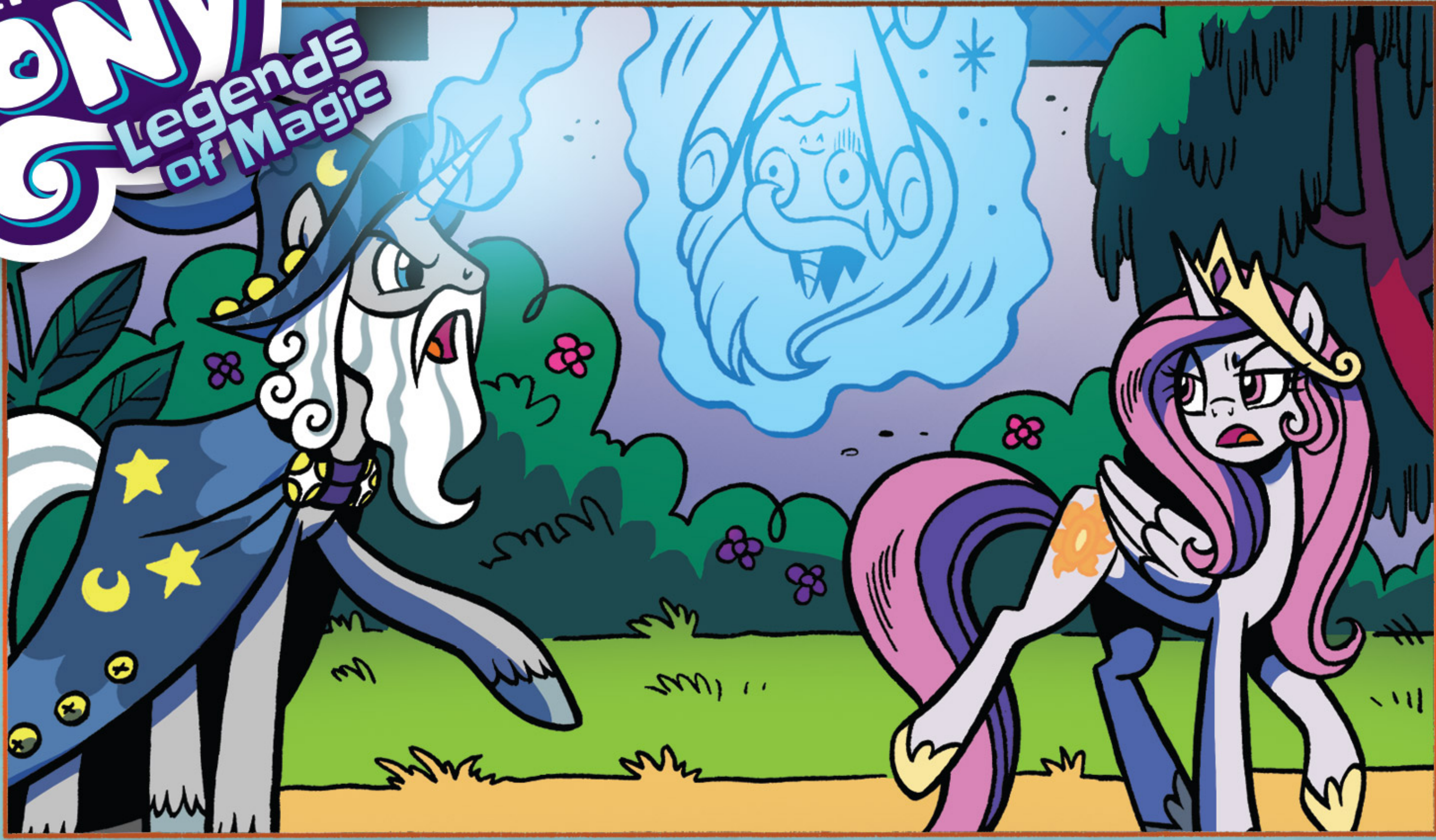


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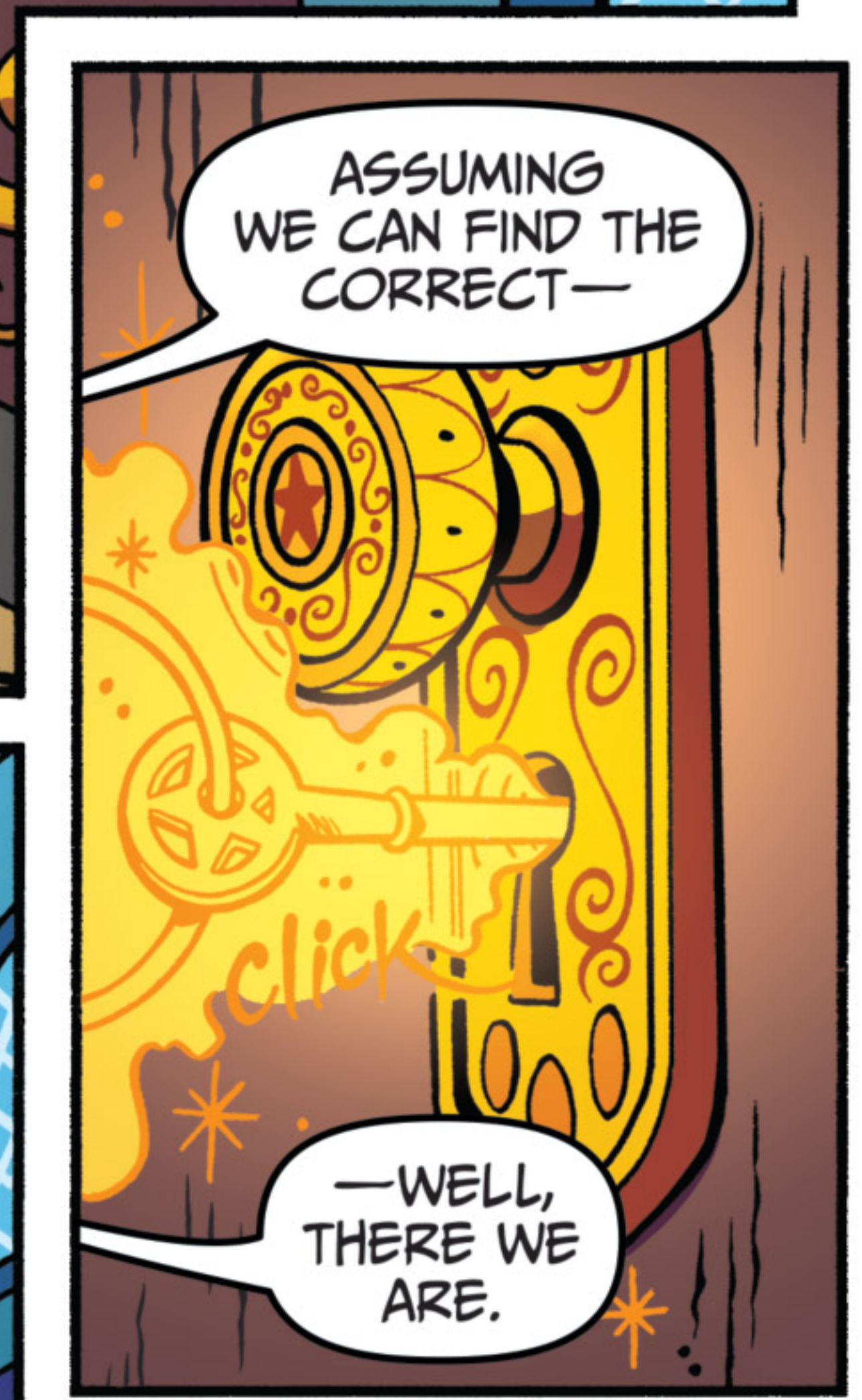
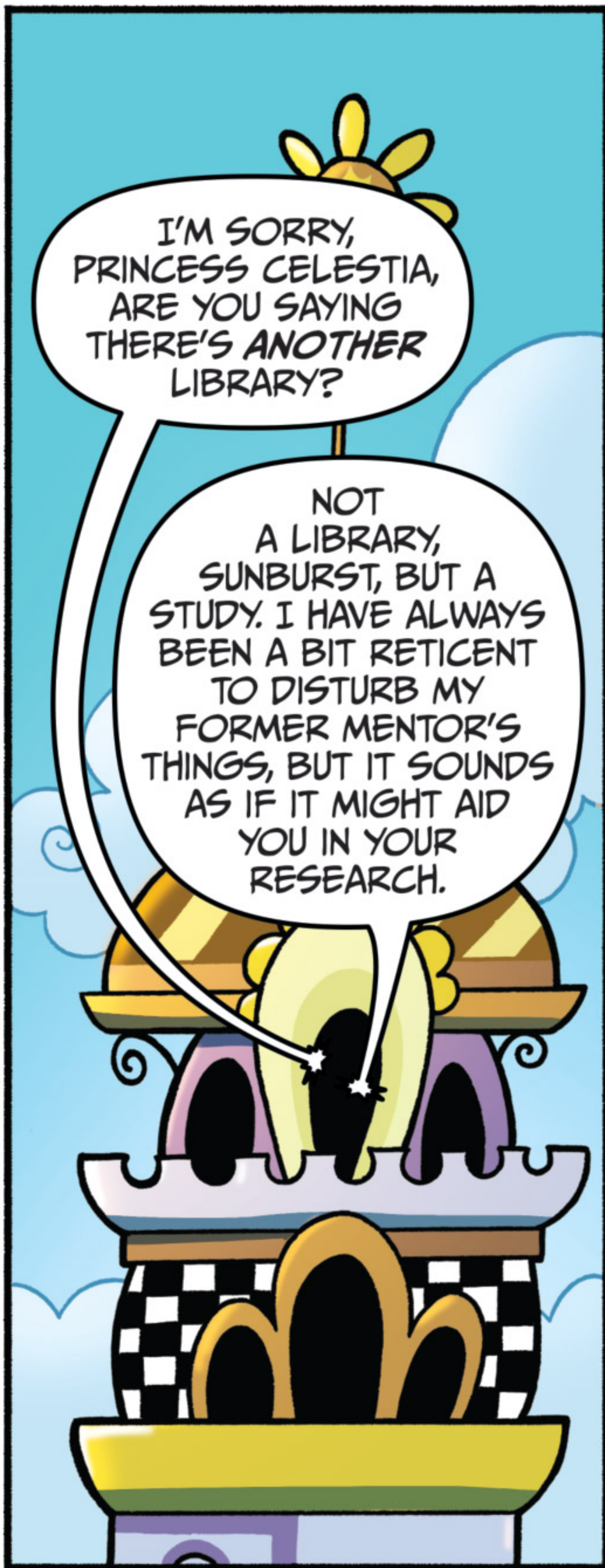


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THIS IS AMAZING!
WHO KNOWS WHAT
COULD BE IN
HERE!

WELL, I AM CERTAIN
THAT LUNA AND I READ
SEVERAL OF THESE
STORIES WHEN WE WERE
UNDER STARSWIRL'S
TUTELAGE.

WHY
WOULD YOU
KEEP ALL OF
THIS LOCKED
AWAY?



WHEN STARSWIRL
DISAPPEARED, LUNA AND I
WERE CONVINCED HE WOULD BE
BACK ANY DAY. HE WAS OFTEN
PULLED AWAY ON ADVENTURES,
JUST TO TURN UP A FEW
WEEKS LATER.

AND WHEN
HE DIDN'T
RETURN?

AT FIRST, WE WERE
SURE HE WOULD. THEN, ONCE
A FEW MONTHS HAD PASSED,
WE STOPPED LOOKING. BUT WE
WERE STILL YOUNG, AND DIDN'T
DARE TO DISTURB OUR
TUTOR'S THINGS.



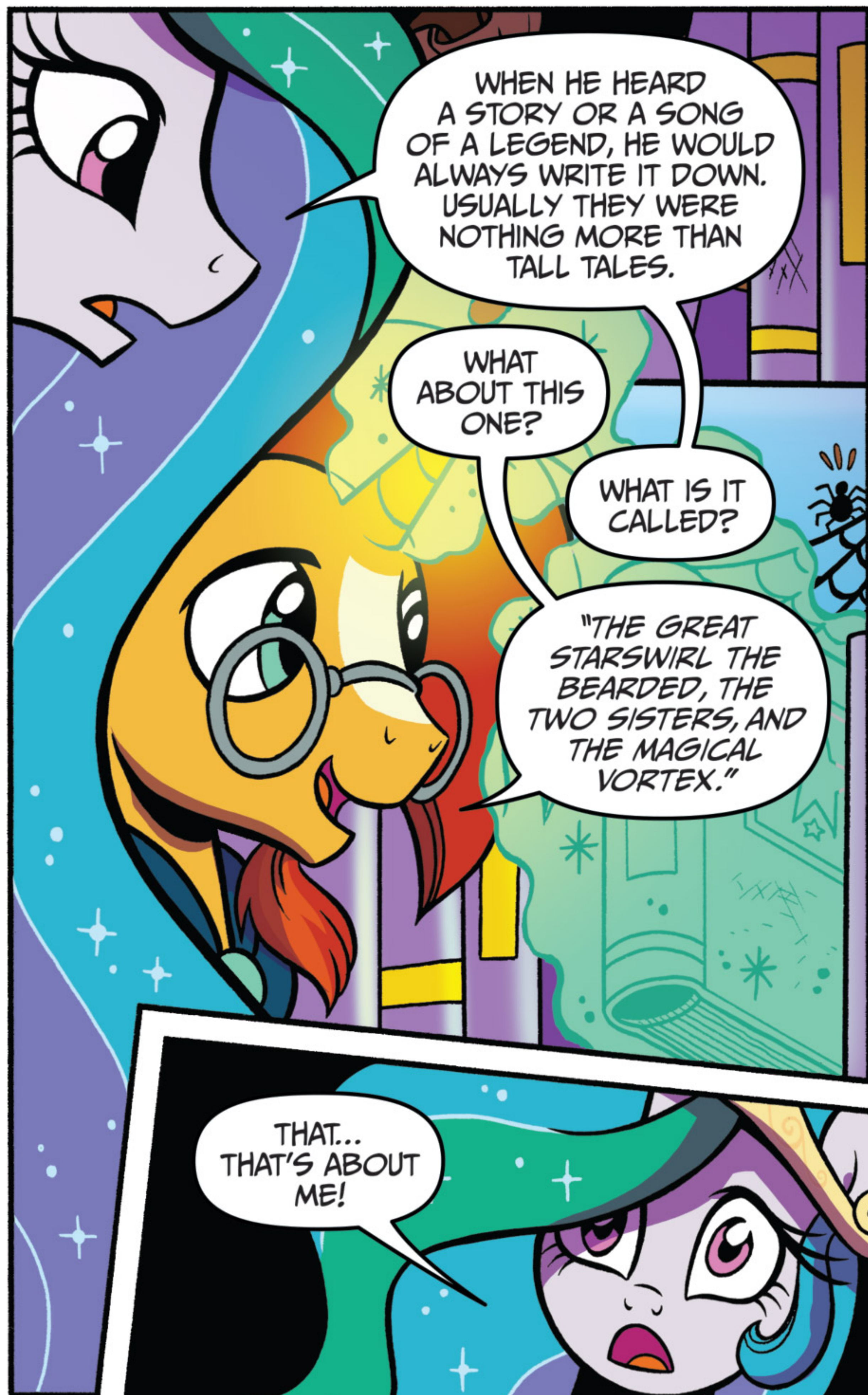
THEN THERE WAS
THE FIGHT, AND I EXILED
LUNA TO THE MOON. AFTER
THAT I WAS TOO BUSY... OR
PERHAPS IT HURT TOO
MUCH TO THINK OF
THOSE DAYS.

"LEGENDS
OF MAGIC"?

STARSWIRL
WAS FOND OF
MYTHS AND
LEGENDS. STORIES
OF PONIES WITH
EXCEPTIONAL
POWER.

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of Magic*

IT LOOKS LIKE
HE WROTE THESE
HIMSELF.



WHEN HE HEARD
A STORY OR A SONG
OF A LEGEND, HE WOULD
ALWAYS WRITE IT DOWN.
USUALLY THEY WERE
NOTHING MORE THAN
TALL TALES.

WHAT
ABOUT THIS
ONE?

WHAT IS IT
CALLED?

"THE GREAT
STARSWIRL THE
BEARDED, THE
TWO SISTERS, AND
THE MAGICAL
VORTEX."



THAT...
THAT'S ABOUT
ME!

LATER THAT NIGHT.

FASCINATING!
THIS WAS WRITTEN
BY STARSWIRL, BUT
IT DOESN'T READ
LIKE A JOURNAL
HERE.

HE'S WRITTEN
AN ACCOUNT
OF HIS OWN
LEGEND.



"NOW, WITHOUT A
DOUBT, MANY AMONG YOU
WILL KNOW THE LEGENDS
OF STARSWIRL THE
BEARDED."

"ONE OF THE
GREAT HEROES OF
OUR TIME, STARSWIRL WAS
KNOWN FOR FACING DOWN
MAGICAL CREATURES AND
FORCES NO OTHER PONY
WOULD DARE."

~~SNORT~~
HE CERTAINLY
WASN'T KNOWN
FOR HIS SMALL
EGO.



But perhaps the most challenging
role for Starswirl was not that of
mage, or wanderer, or hero. But the
most dangerous of all professions—

Indeed, Starswirl was one of the
great pony heroes. His feats will
be sung long after he has left us.

HALT, KNAVE!
GO NO FURTHER!





IT IS NOT YOUR JOB TO MONITOR OR COMMENT ON YOUR SISTER'S PROGRESS. I AM THE INSTRUCTOR HERE.

WELL, THAT MUST BE FRUSTRATING FOR YOU.



ARE YOU OKAY, PRINCESS LUNA?

THANK YOU FOR GETTING ME DOWN. HOW CAN MY OWN SISTER BE SO MEAN? CAN YOU BELIEVE HER?

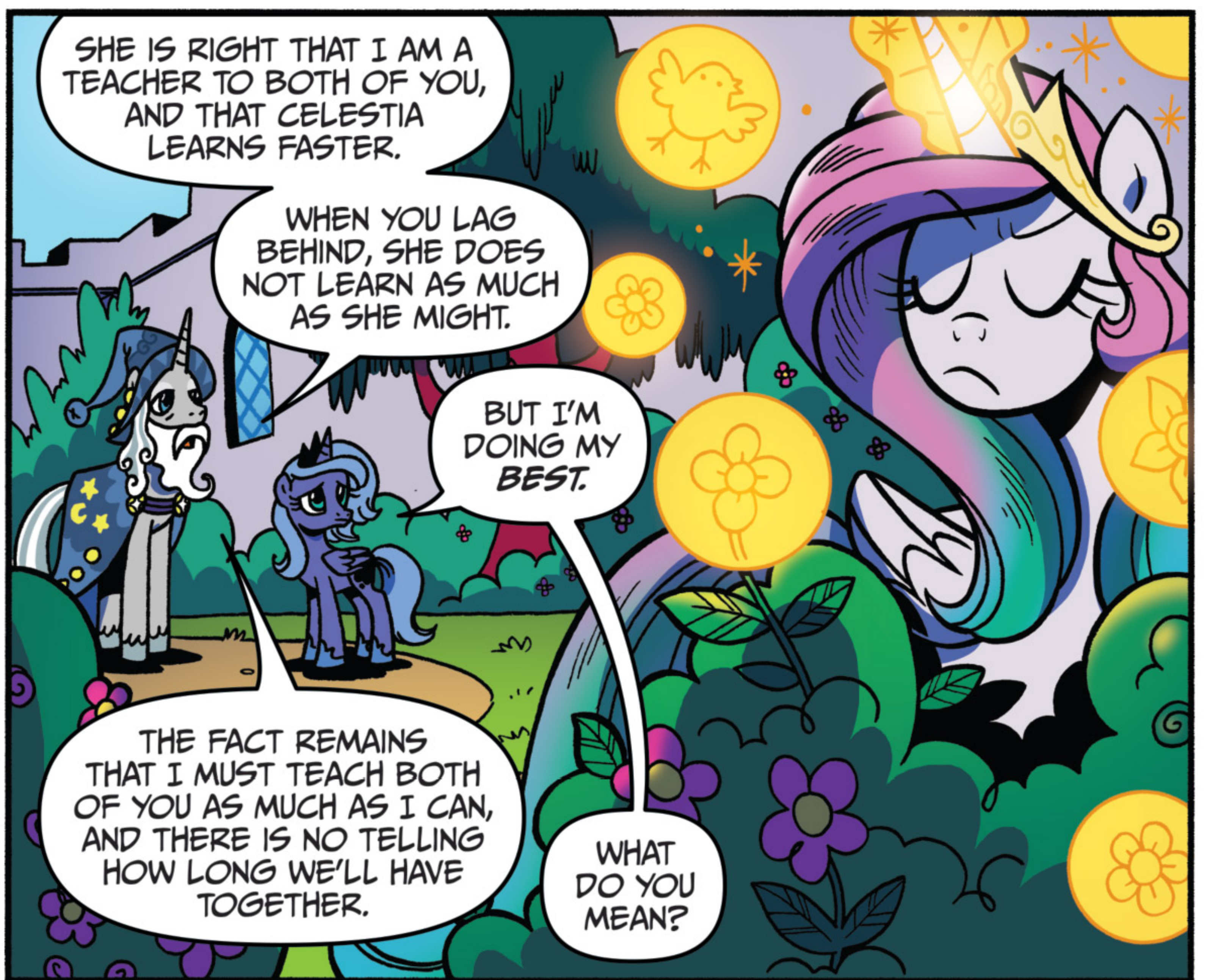
TO BE FRANK, HER COMPLAINT HAS MERIT.



I... I THOUGHT YOU WERE ON MY SIDE.



THERE ARE NO SIDES HERE, PRINCESS LUNA.



SHE IS RIGHT THAT I AM A TEACHER TO BOTH OF YOU, AND THAT CELESTIA LEARNS FASTER.

WHEN YOU LAG BEHIND, SHE DOES NOT LEARN AS MUCH AS SHE MIGHT.

BUT I'M DOING MY BEST.

THE FACT REMAINS THAT I MUST TEACH BOTH OF YOU AS MUCH AS I CAN, AND THERE IS NO TELLING HOW LONG WE'LL HAVE TOGETHER.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



WHEN A CRISIS ARISES, I MAY BE CALLED ON TO DEAL WITH IT, AND SOMEDAY I MIGHT NOT RETURN.

SOMETIMES OUR LIVES REQUIRE US TO DO THINGS THAT DO NOT SEEM IMMEDIATELY POSSIBLE TO US.



AS A PRINCESS, SOMEDAY THOSE THINGS MIGHT BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SURVIVAL OF YOUR KINGDOM OR THE FALL OF ALL OF EQUESTRIA.

IF YOUR BEST IS NOT UP TO THE TASK, EITHER YOU MUST FIND A NEW BEST, OR BE WILLING TO LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES.

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