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—DID YOU SAY  
THE ROTUUBA BUD?  
I THINK THAT'S IN A  
BOOK ON PLANTS  
OF THE WESTERN  
PLAINS.

WHILE HER  
NOTES ON THIS  
ARE QUITE *SCANT*,  
SHE VERY CLEARLY  
MENTIONS THAT  
*PLANT*.

UNLESS  
THERE'S A  
"ROTUND" PLANT.  
THE INK'S A LITTLE  
SMEARED AND MY  
ANCESTOR'S WRITING  
COULD BE *SLOPPY*  
WHEN SHE WAS  
EXCITED.

EVERYPONY,  
PINKIE PIE SENT  
THESE *COOKIES*  
TO HELP YOU  
THROUGH THAT  
MIDDAY ENERGY  
CRASH.







FLUTTERSHY, THAT IS DEFINITELY THE CASE. HERE, I'LL CLEAR A LITTLE SPACE.

WAIT, WHAT ARE THOSE?



THEY'RE MORE HANDWRITTEN NOTES.

PROBABLY SOME ADDED OBSERVATIONS FOR THAT PARTICULAR VOLUME, CATTAIL. JUST ADD THEM TO THE PILE.

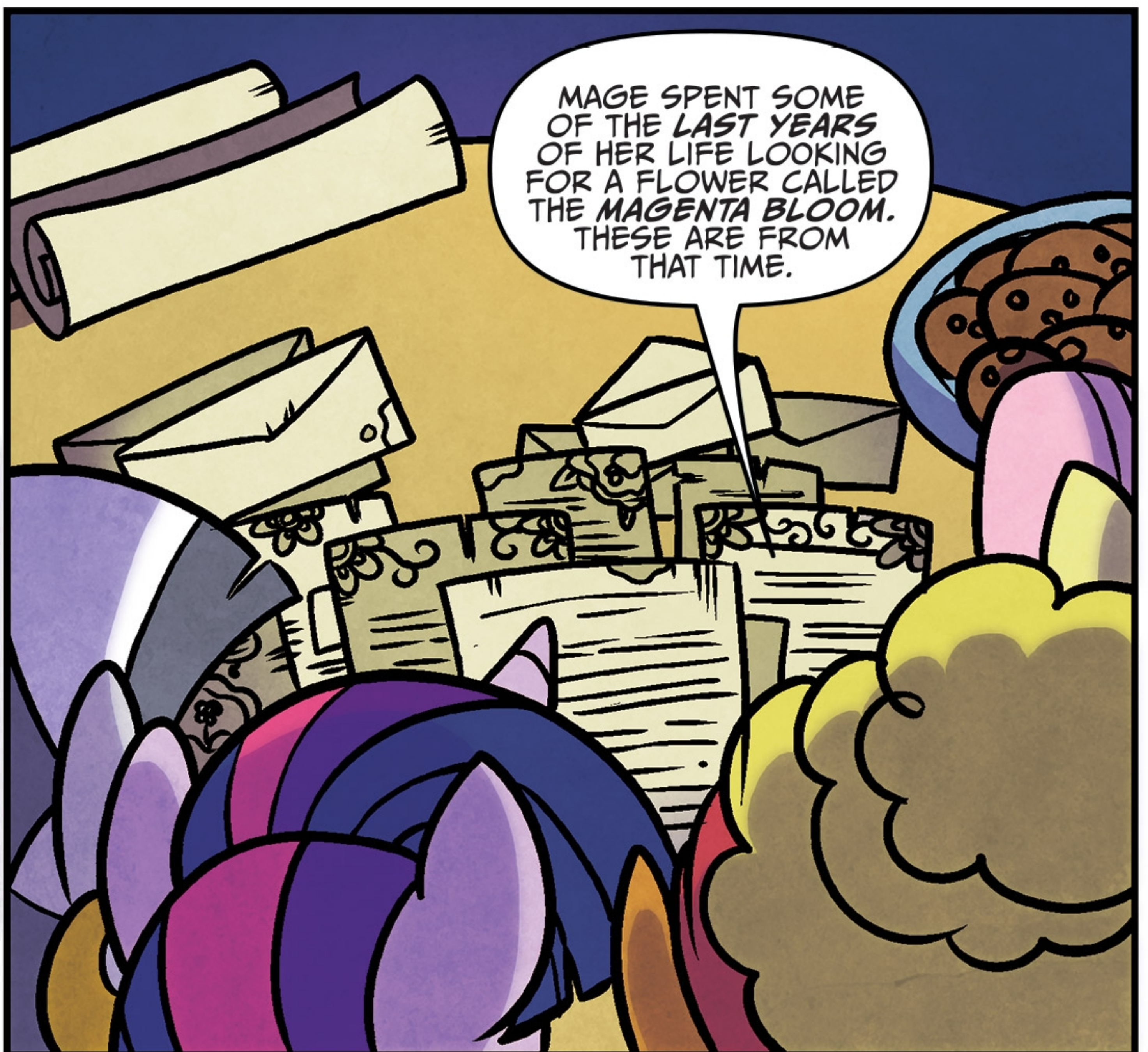


UM, NO. THEY'RE DEFINITELY NOT FIELD NOTES.



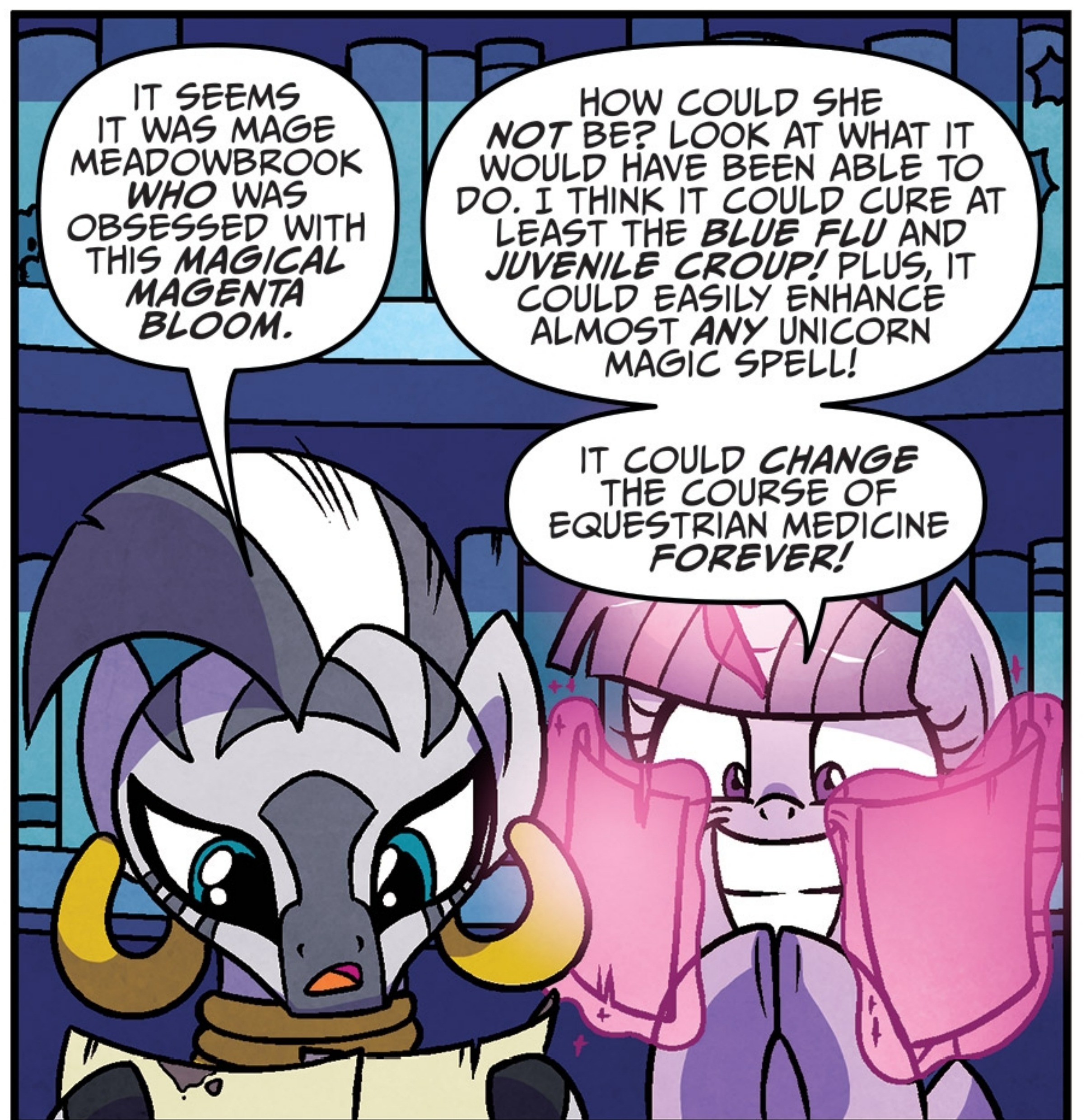
THEY'RE LETTERS TO SOMEONE NAMED AQUA VINE. AND THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM.

THEY'RE LOVE NOTES.

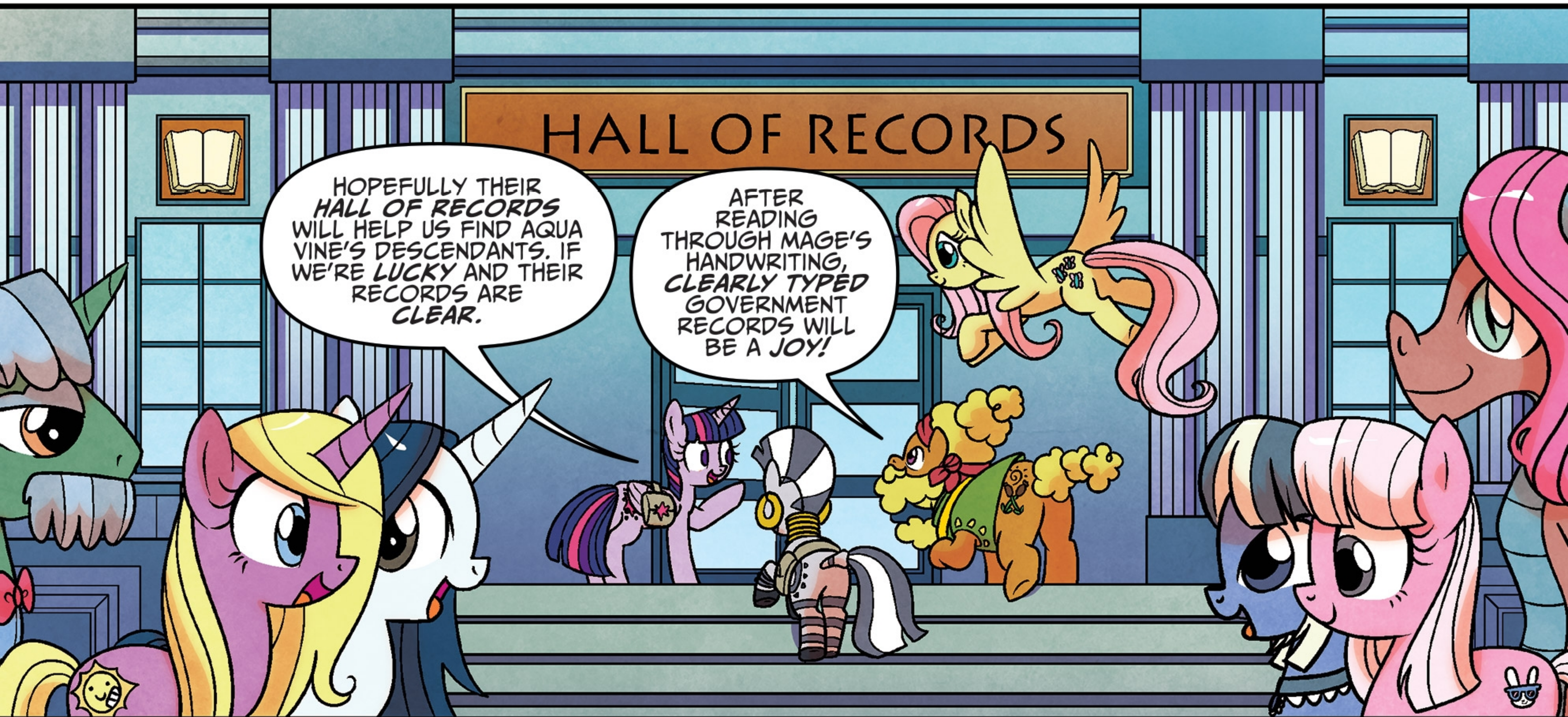
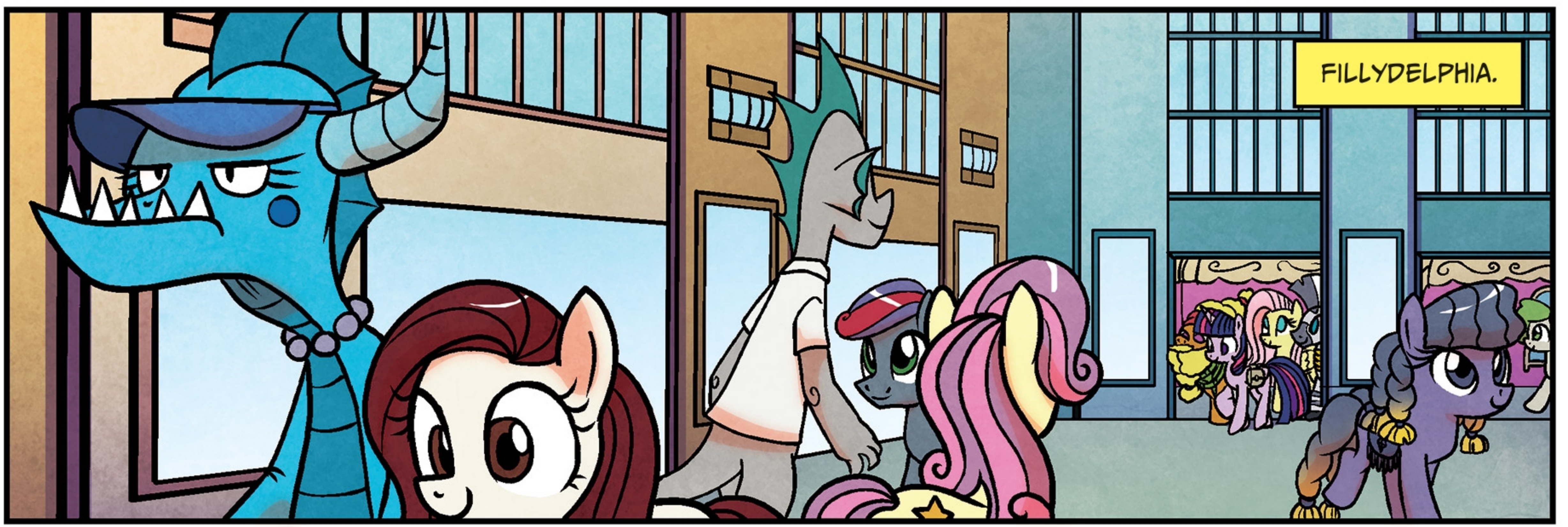


MAGE SPENT SOME OF THE LAST YEARS OF HER LIFE LOOKING FOR A FLOWER CALLED THE MAGENTA BLOOM. THESE ARE FROM THAT TIME.

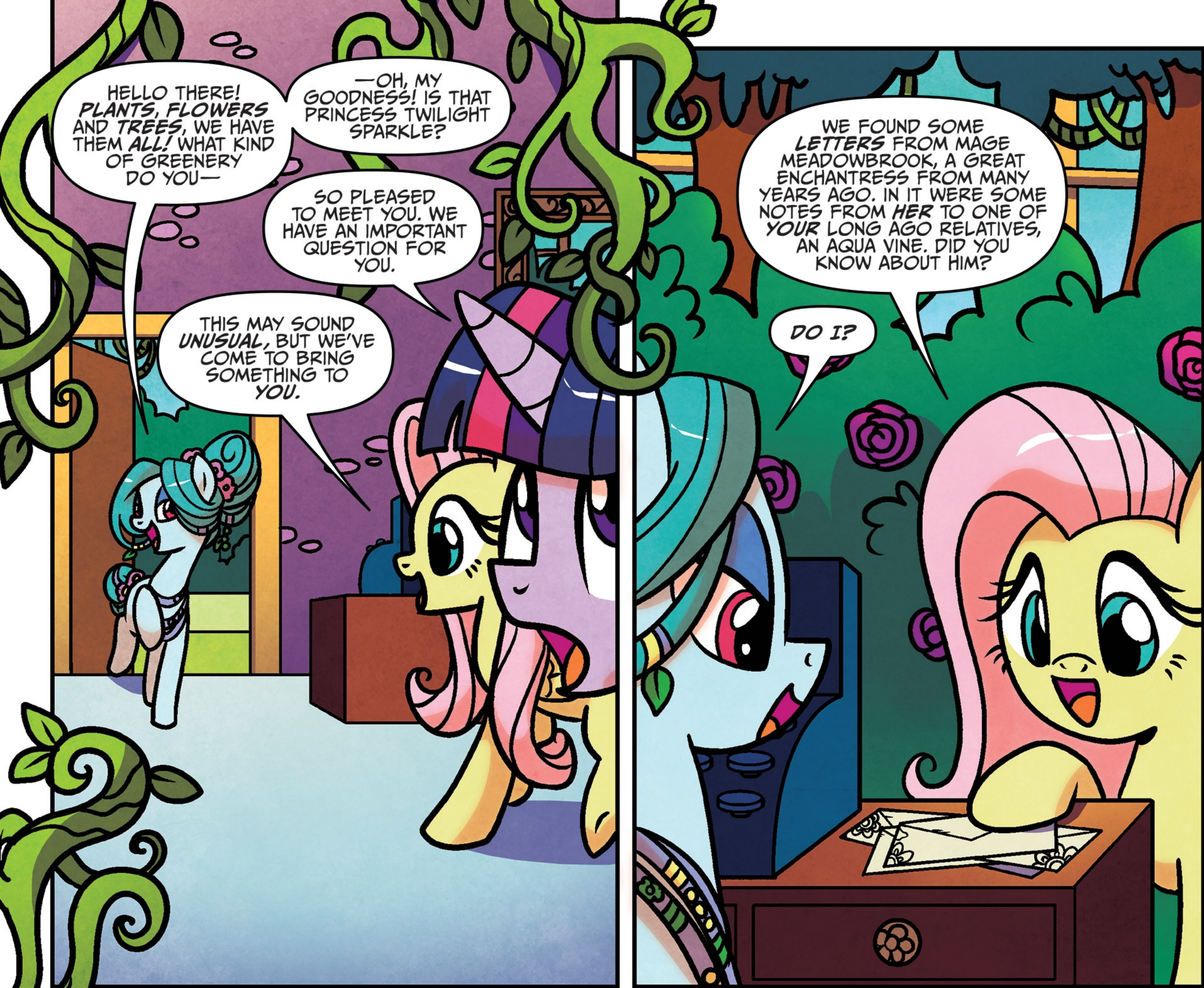












HELLO THERE! PLANTS, FLOWERS AND TREES, WE HAVE THEM ALL! WHAT KIND OF GREENERY DO YOU—

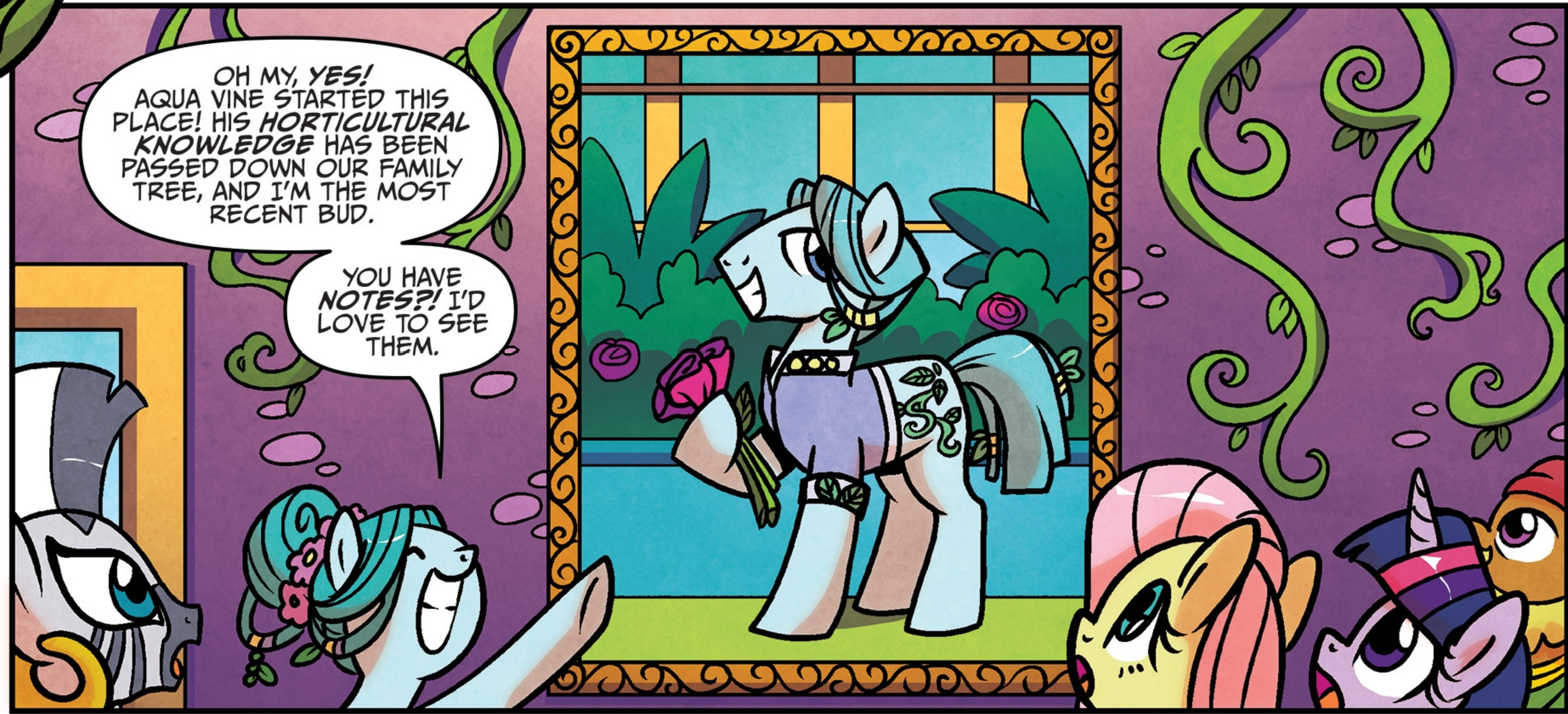
—OH, MY GOODNESS! IS THAT PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE?

SO PLEASSED TO MEET YOU. WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT QUESTION FOR YOU.

THIS MAY SOUND UNUSUAL, BUT WE'VE COME TO BRING SOMETHING TO YOU.

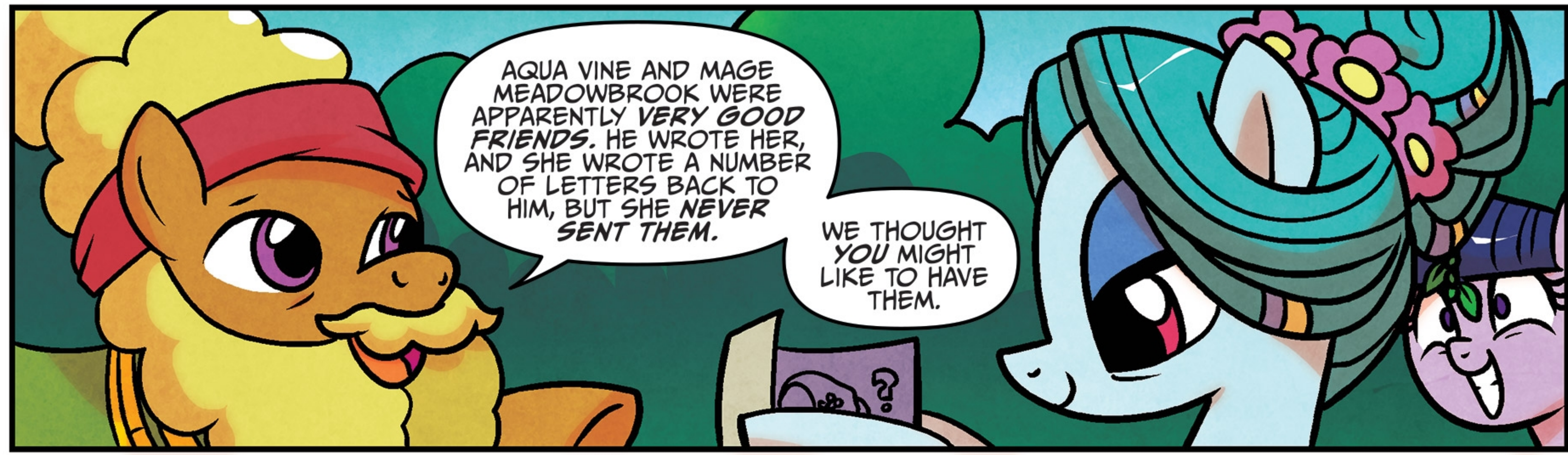
WE FOUND SOME LETTERS FROM MAGE MEADOWBROOK, A GREAT ENCHANTRESS FROM MANY YEARS AGO. IN IT WERE SOME NOTES FROM HER TO ONE OF YOUR LONG AGO RELATIVES, AN AQUA VINE. DID YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM?

DO I?



OH MY, YES! AQUA VINE STARTED THIS PLACE! HIS HORTICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN OUR FAMILY TREE, AND I'M THE MOST RECENT BUD.

YOU HAVE NOTES?! I'D LOVE TO SEE THEM.



AQUA VINE AND MAGE MEADOWBROOK WERE APPARENTLY VERY GOOD FRIENDS. HE WROTE HER, AND SHE WROTE A NUMBER OF LETTERS BACK TO HIM, BUT SHE NEVER SENT THEM.

WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO HAVE THEM.





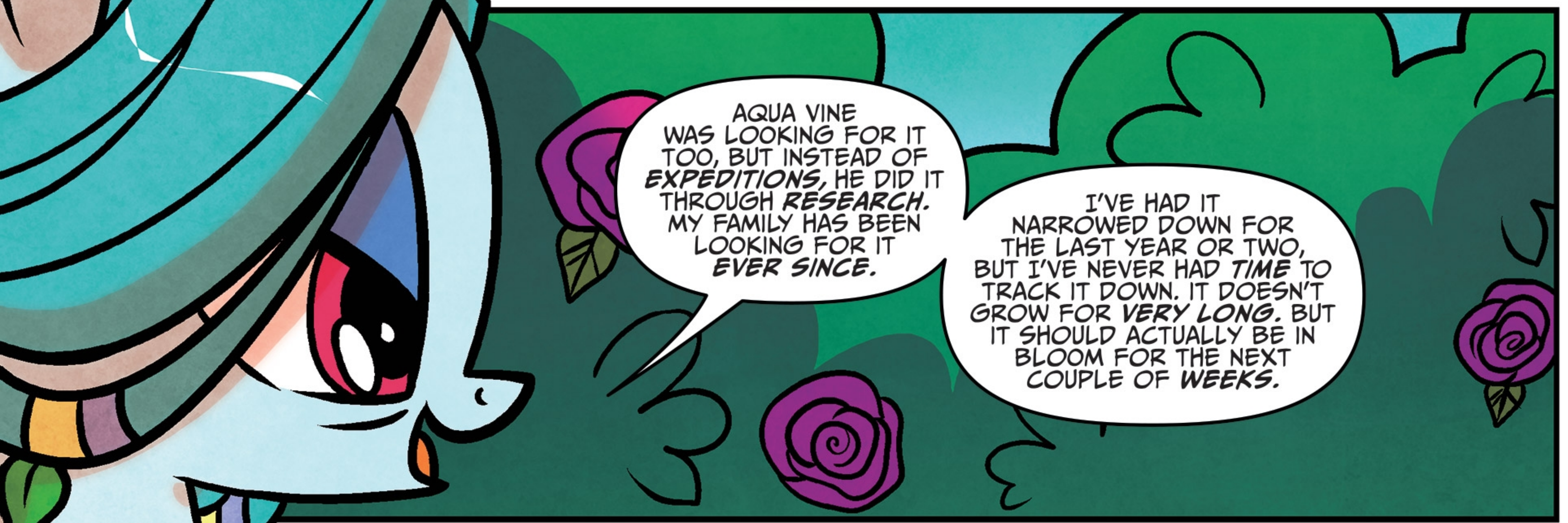
WELL, THANK YOU. THIS IS A NICE BIT OF FAMILY HISTORY TO ROOT THROUGH. I MUST SAY, I'M QUITE IMPRESSED YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY TO JUST DO THIS.

WE WERE ALSO HOPING TO FOLLOW UP ON HER QUEST FOR THE MAGENTA BLOOM.



OH, THE BLOOM? I KNOW ABOUT THAT.

WAIT! YOU WHAT—?!



AQUA VINE WAS LOOKING FOR IT TOO, BUT INSTEAD OF EXPEDITIONS, HE DID IT THROUGH RESEARCH. MY FAMILY HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR IT EVER SINCE.

I'VE HAD IT NARROWED DOWN FOR THE LAST YEAR OR TWO, BUT I'VE NEVER HAD TIME TO TRACK IT DOWN. IT DOESN'T GROW FOR VERY LONG, BUT IT SHOULD ACTUALLY BE IN BLOOM FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.



THEN LET'S GO FIND IT. PRINCESS CELESTIA SAYS THERE ARE MOMENTS WHERE EVERYTHING CAN CHANGE. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE!

IF YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS—

—WE WOULD VERY MUCH LOVE TO KNOW, AND A FAVOR WE WOULD OWE.

YOU KNOW, I'D LOVE TO. AND YOU'VE COME AT A GREAT TIME.



I'VE BEEN MEANING TO GO ON AN EXPEDITION FOR THE BLOOM FOR AGES. I'VE JUST NEVER HAD THE CHANCE BEFORE. BETWEEN THE GREENHOUSE AND MY FAMILY, I HAVEN'T HAD THE TIME.

I WAS GOING TO TRY TO FIND SOME COMPANIONS FOR THE TRIP. YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE SUCH AN EXPEDITION ON BY YOURSELF. BUT IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, I CAN GET MY BROTHER TO WATCH THE SHOP.

I JUST NEED TO CLOSE UP THE SHOP UNTIL HE GETS HERE.

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME HELP?

I WOULD INDEED! MORE LEAVES ON THE VINE!





—FINDING IT COULD CHANGE MEDICINE AND MAGIC FOREVER.

YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL, TWILIGHT. I READ MAGE'S NOTES ABOUT THE FLOWER LAST NIGHT. THEY WERE THOROUGH, BUT SHE CAME TO SOME WRONG CONCLUSIONS. SHE WAS WRONG ABOUT WHERE THE BLOOM WOULD BE.

SHE READ ITS REACTION TO SALT WATER THE WRONG WAY. SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FAR AWAY FROM IT, SO SHE WENT INLAND. THE BLOOM ACTUALLY THRIVES ON IT. SHE SHOULD HAVE GONE TO THE COAST.

IF YOU'VE KNOWN ABOUT THE BLOOM FOR SO LONG, WHY HAVEN'T YOU GONE TO GET IT BEFORE?

STORIES ABOUT THE BLOOM HAVE BEEN IN MY FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS. IT'S BEEN A FAMILY LEGEND. BUT IT BLOOMS FOR SUCH A SHORT SPAN, AND MY BUSINESS AND MY FAMILY TAKE A LOT OF TIME.

I HOPE THE FLOWER DOES EVERYTHING YOU THINK, BUT WE VINES HAVE ALWAYS CONSIDERED ITS PROPERTIES FAMILY MYTH AS WELL.



WHAT DO YOU THINK, ZECORA? IS THIS THE FLOWER TO CURE THEM ALL?

I THINK IT SHALL BE SEEN THAT THE TRUTH IS SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN.



I'M NOT SAYING IT WOULD BE AS INFLUENTIAL AS PRINCESS CELESTIA DISCOVERING THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY, BUT MAYBE IT WOULD BE MENTIONED IN THE SAME SENTENCE—

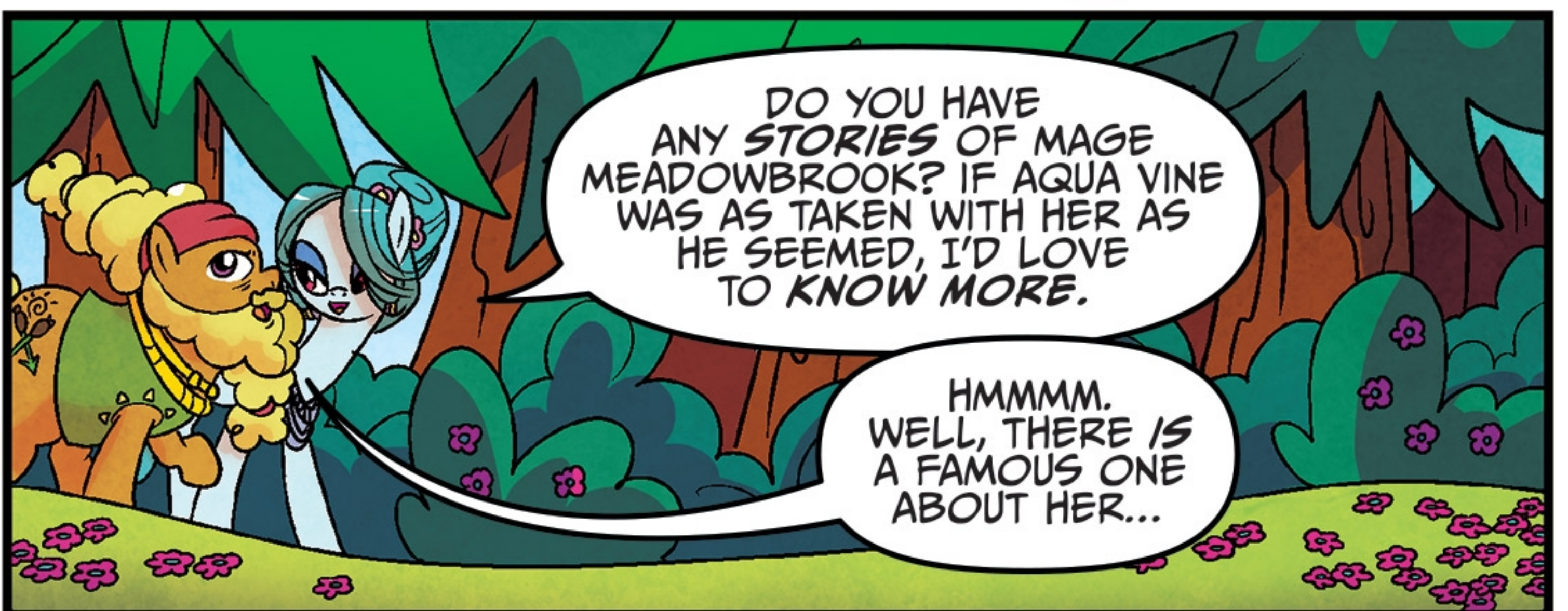
EXCUSE ME, TWILIGHT, BUT ALL THIS TALK OF MY ANCESTOR IS MAKING ME WONDER ABOUT CATTAIL'S.

OH?

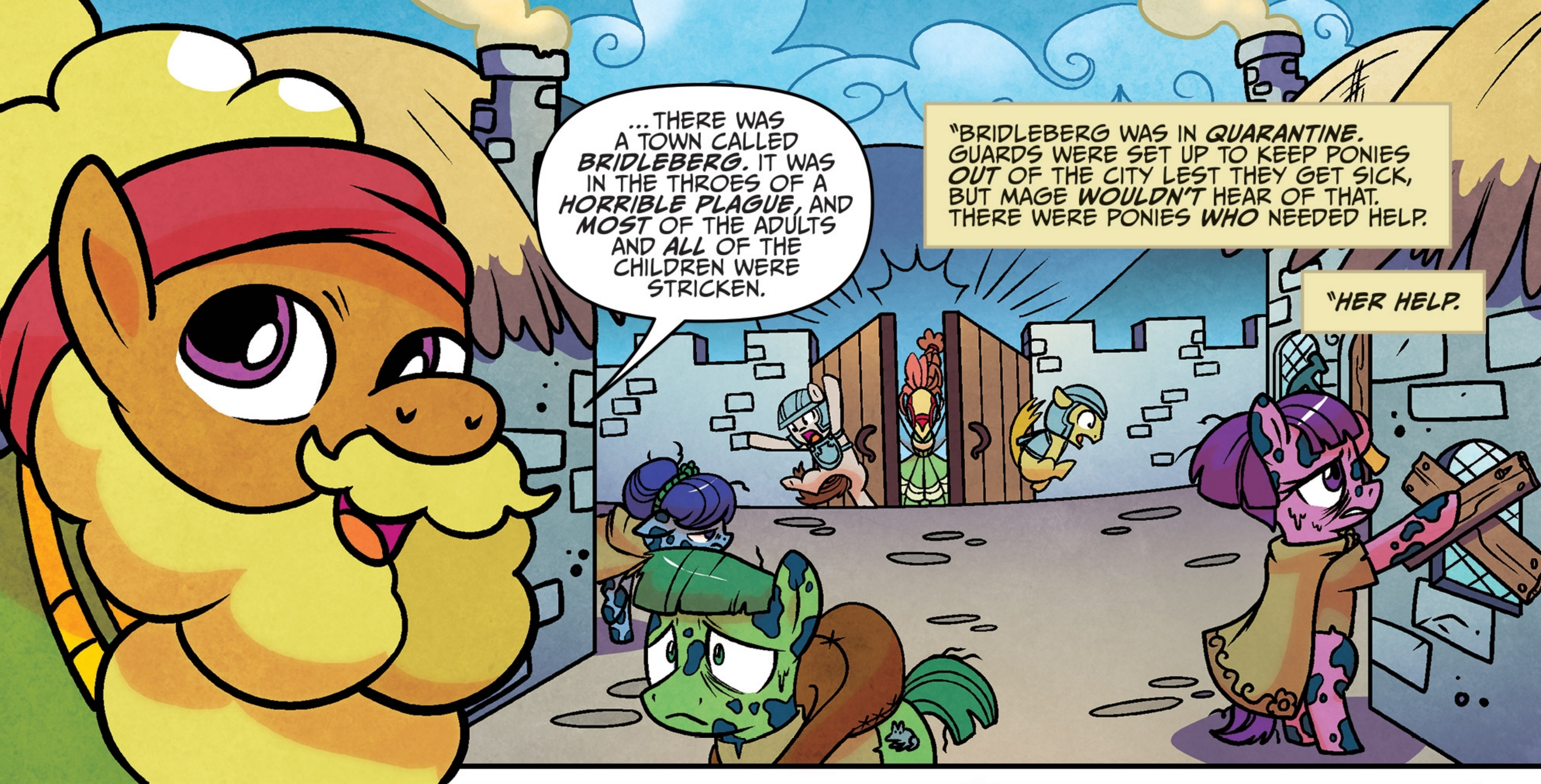


DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES OF MAGE MEADOWBROOK? IF AQUA VINE WAS AS TAKEN WITH HER AS HE SEEMED, I'D LOVE TO KNOW MORE.

HMMMM. WELL, THERE IS A FAMOUS ONE ABOUT HER...







...THERE WAS A TOWN CALLED BRIDLEBERG. IT WAS IN THE THROES OF A HORRIBLE PLAGUE, AND MOST OF THE ADULTS AND ALL OF THE CHILDREN WERE STRICKEN.

"BRIDLEBERG WAS IN QUARANTINE. GUARDS WERE SET UP TO KEEP PONIES OUT OF THE CITY LEST THEY GET SICK, BUT MAGE WOULDN'T HEAR OF THAT. THERE WERE PONIES WHO NEEDED HELP.

"HER HELP.

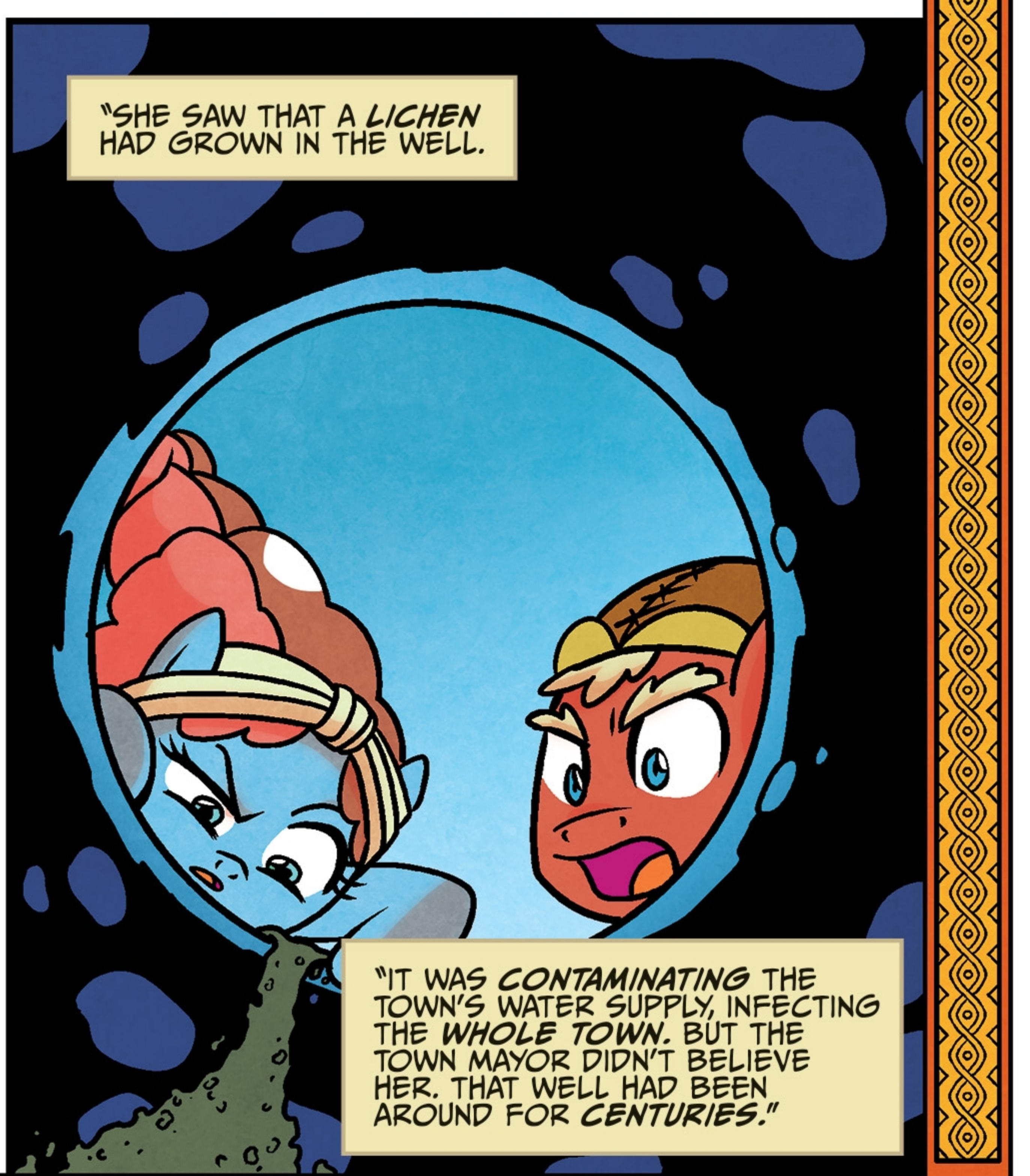


"SHE HAD NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT, AND THE PONIES WERE SICK AND GETTING SICKER. NOTHING SHE WAS TRYING WAS MAKING ANYONE BETTER.

"BUT SHE WOULDN'T BE STOPPED.



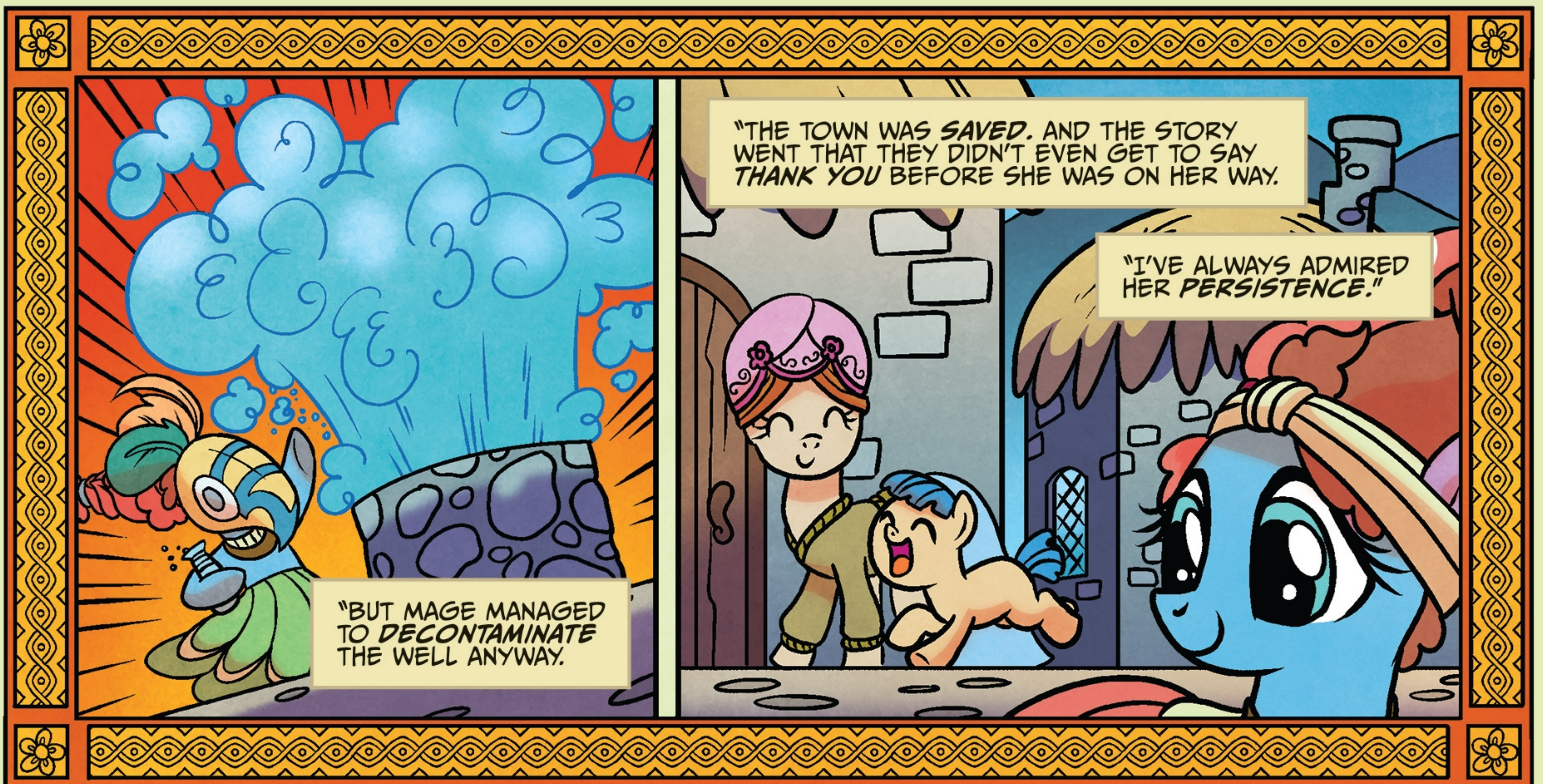
"MAGE FIGURED OUT THAT IF SHE COULDN'T STOP THE DISEASE, MAYBE SHE COULD STOP THE SPREAD. THAT LED HER TO SEARCH FOR THE SOURCE OF THE CONTAMINATION.



"SHE SAW THAT A LICHEN HAD GROWN IN THE WELL.

"IT WAS CONTAMINATING THE TOWN'S WATER SUPPLY, INFECTING THE WHOLE TOWN. BUT THE TOWN MAYOR DIDN'T BELIEVE HER. THAT WELL HAD BEEN AROUND FOR CENTURIES."

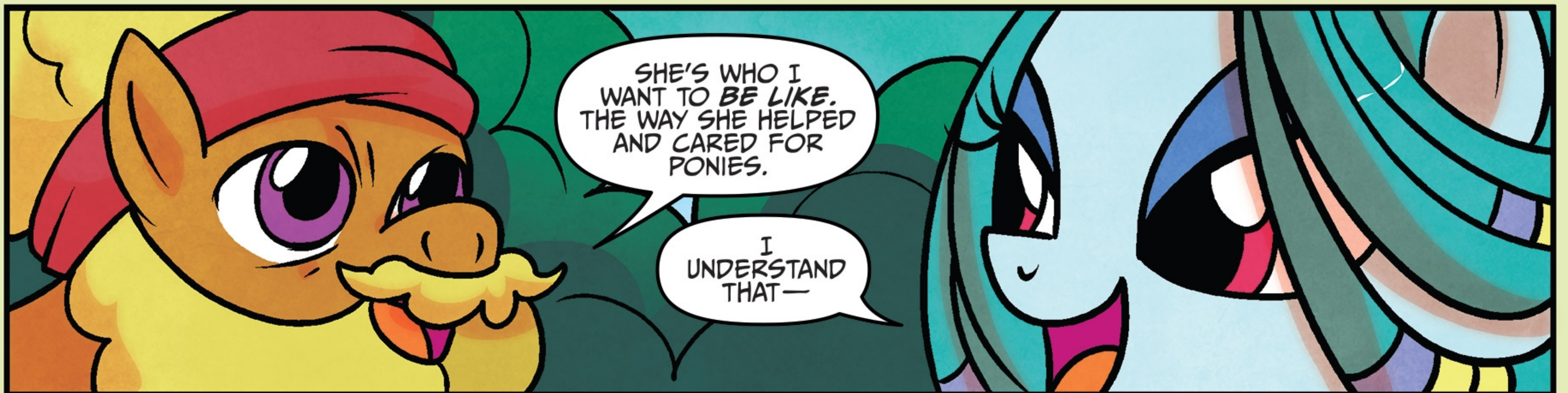




"THE TOWN WAS *SAVED*. AND THE STORY WENT THAT THEY DIDN'T EVEN GET TO SAY *THANK YOU* BEFORE SHE WAS ON HER WAY.

"I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRER HER *PERSISTENCE*."

"BUT MAGE MANAGED TO *DECONTAMINATE* THE WELL ANYWAY.



SHE'S WHO I WANT TO *BE LIKE*. THE WAY SHE HELPED AND CARED FOR PONIES.

I UNDERSTAND THAT—



—AQUA VINE IS WHY I WENT INTO *HORTICULTURE*. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN IN OUR FAMILY, BUT THE STORIES OF AQUA *HIMSELF*... HE INSPIRED ME TO BE—

—TO BE—

OH, DRAT!



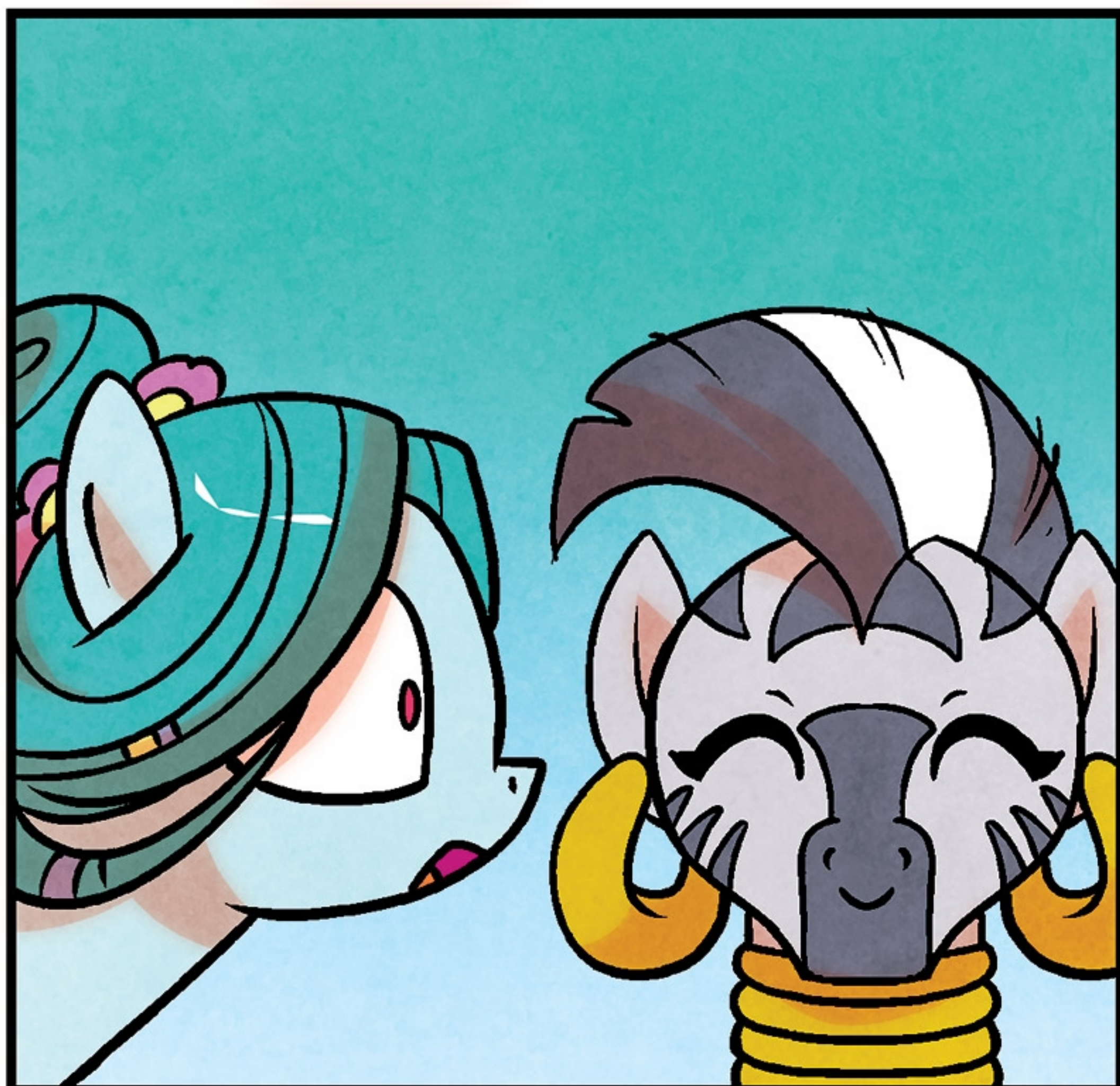
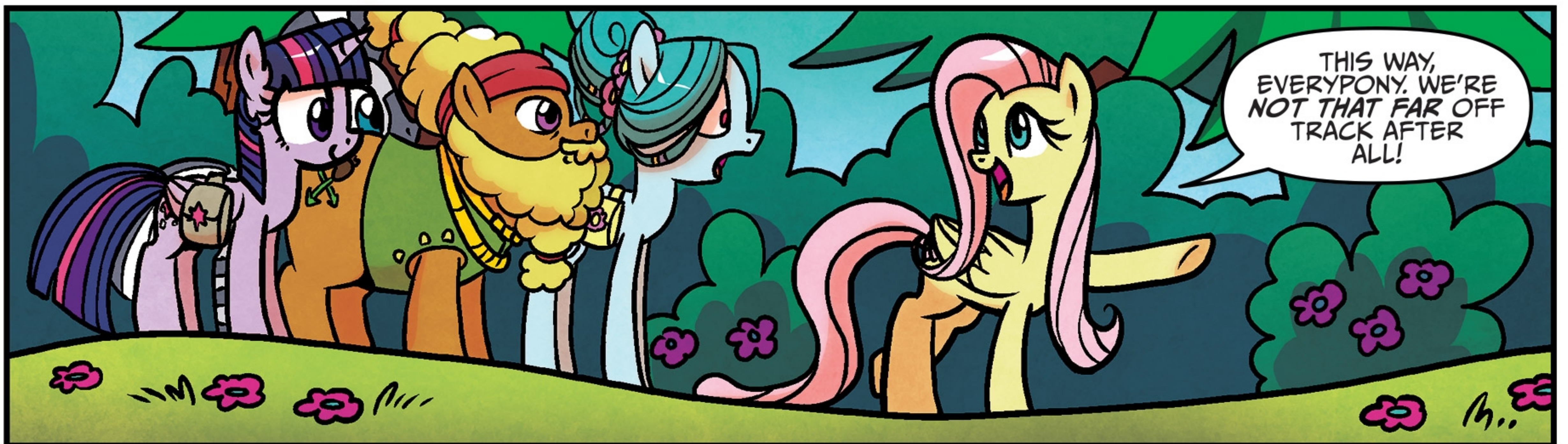
I'VE LOST THE *TRAIL*! I THOUGHT IT WAS RIGHT AROUND HERE.

I'M AFRAID I MAY HAVE GOTTEN US *LOST*.



SO? LET'S GO ASK FOR *DIRECTIONS*.



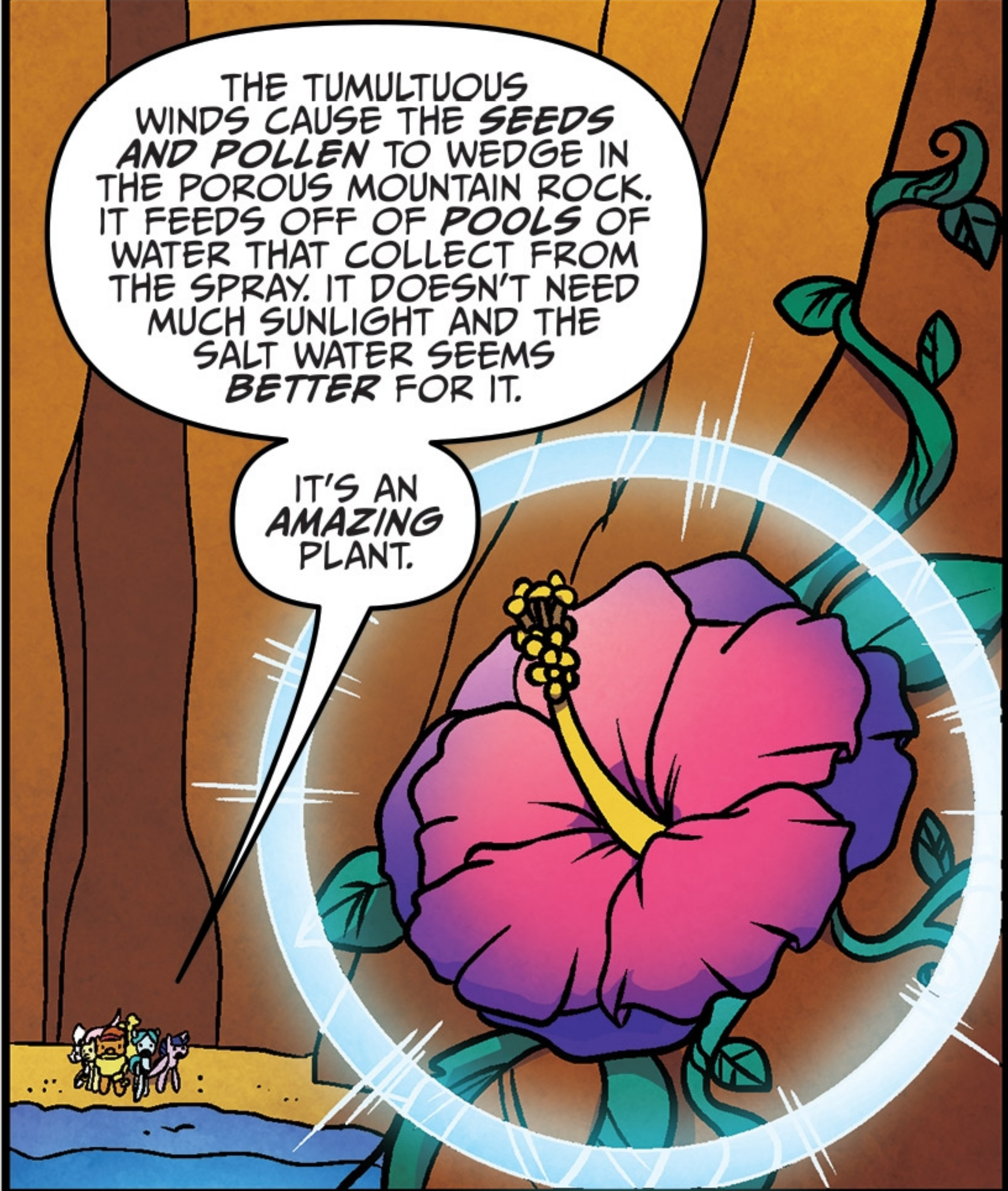






HERE WE ARE! THE COASTAL CLIFFS. IT'S KNOWN AS THE COAST OF WINDS.

I CAN SEE WHY.



THE TUMULTUOUS WINDS CAUSE THE SEEDS AND POLLEN TO WEDGE IN THE POROUS MOUNTAIN ROCK. IT FEEDS OFF OF POOLS OF WATER THAT COLLECT FROM THE SPRAY. IT DOESN'T NEED MUCH SUNLIGHT AND THE SALT WATER SEEMS BETTER FOR IT.

IT'S AN AMAZING PLANT.



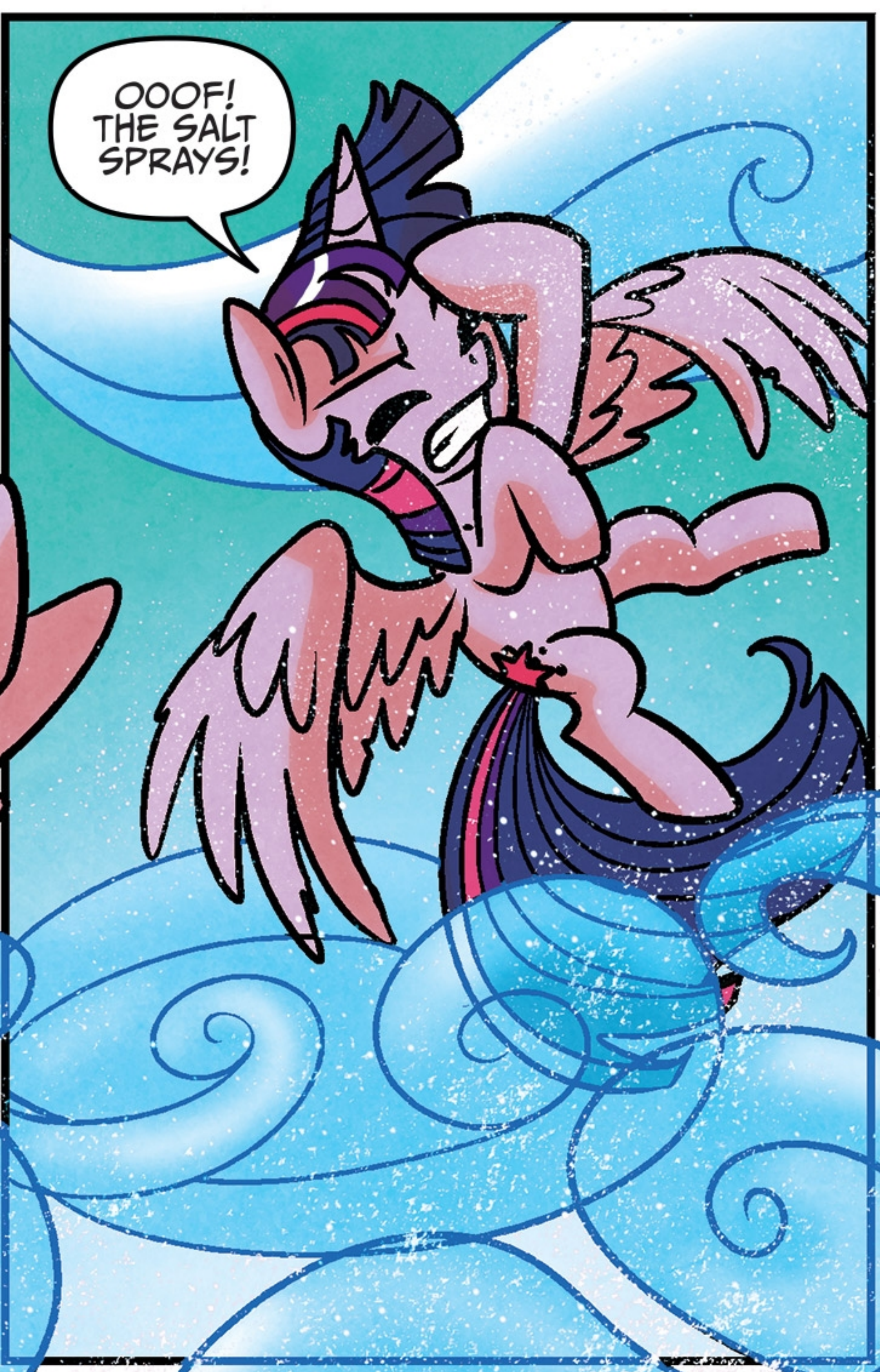
SO, MAGE WAS MAKING HAY, BUT SADLY GOING THE WRONG WAY.

IT SEEMS SO. IT WAS AN EASY MISTAKE TO MAKE. BUT *MAYBE* IF SHE'D EVER SENT EVEN *ONE* OF THOSE LETTERS TO AQUA VINE—



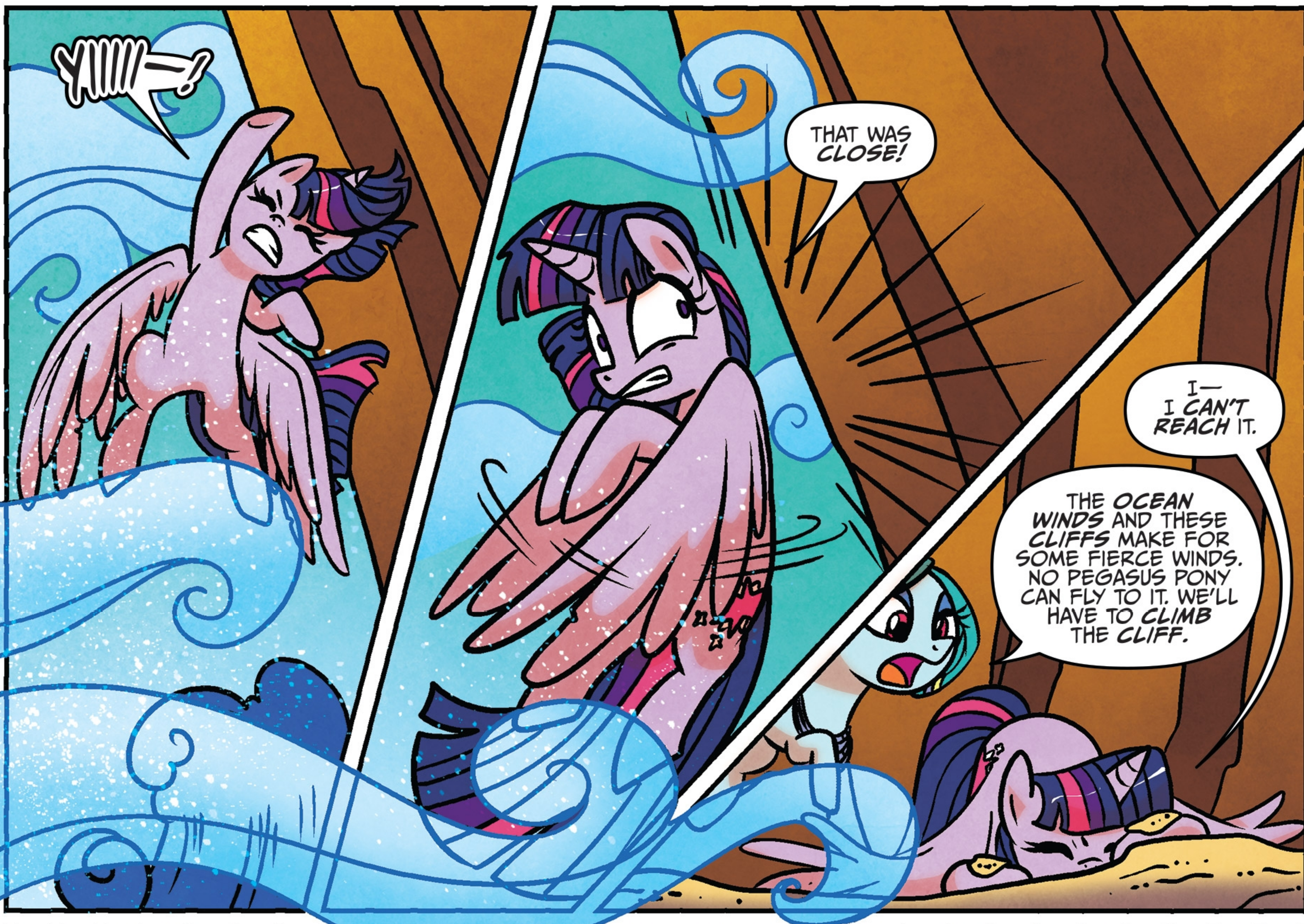
WE'VE GOT IT NOW! OR AT LEAST, WE'RE ABOUT TO HAVE IT!

TWILIGHT, NO!



OOOF! THE SALT SPRAYS!



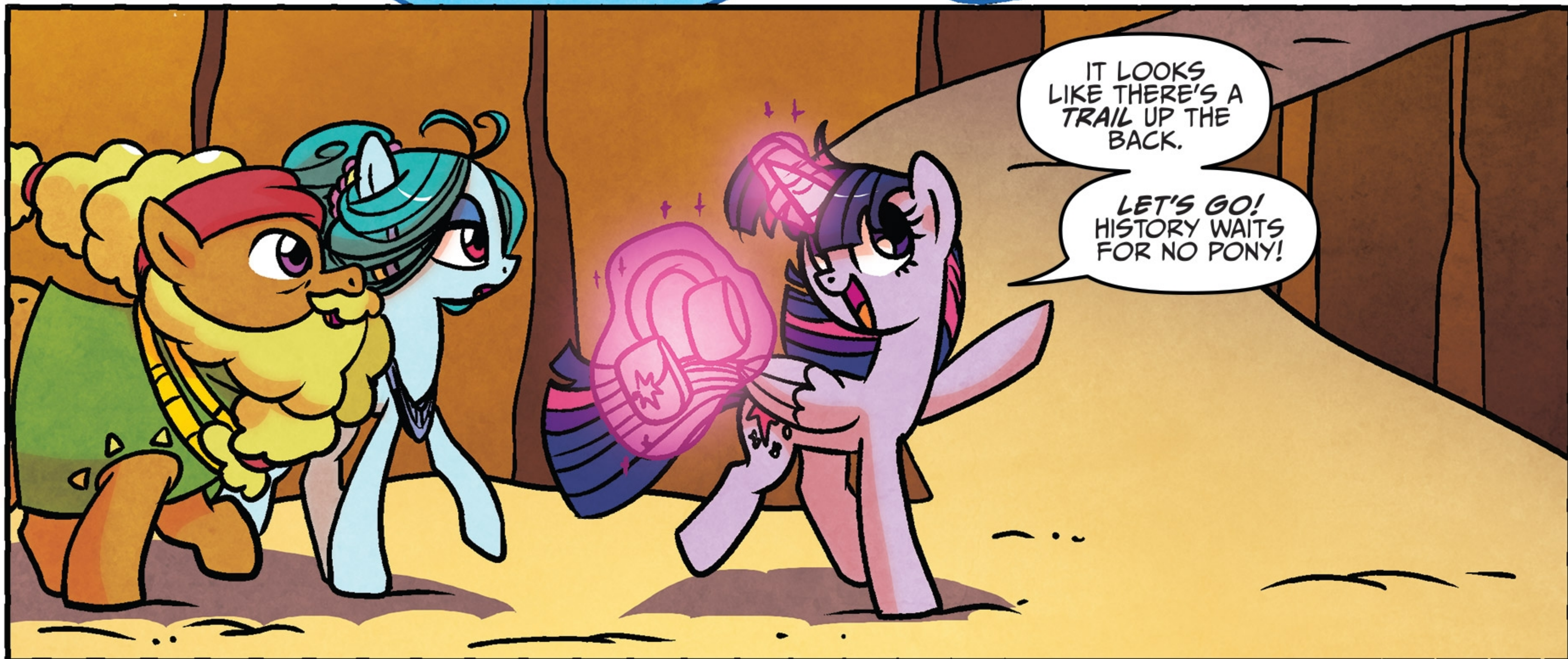


YAAAA!

THAT WAS CLOSE!

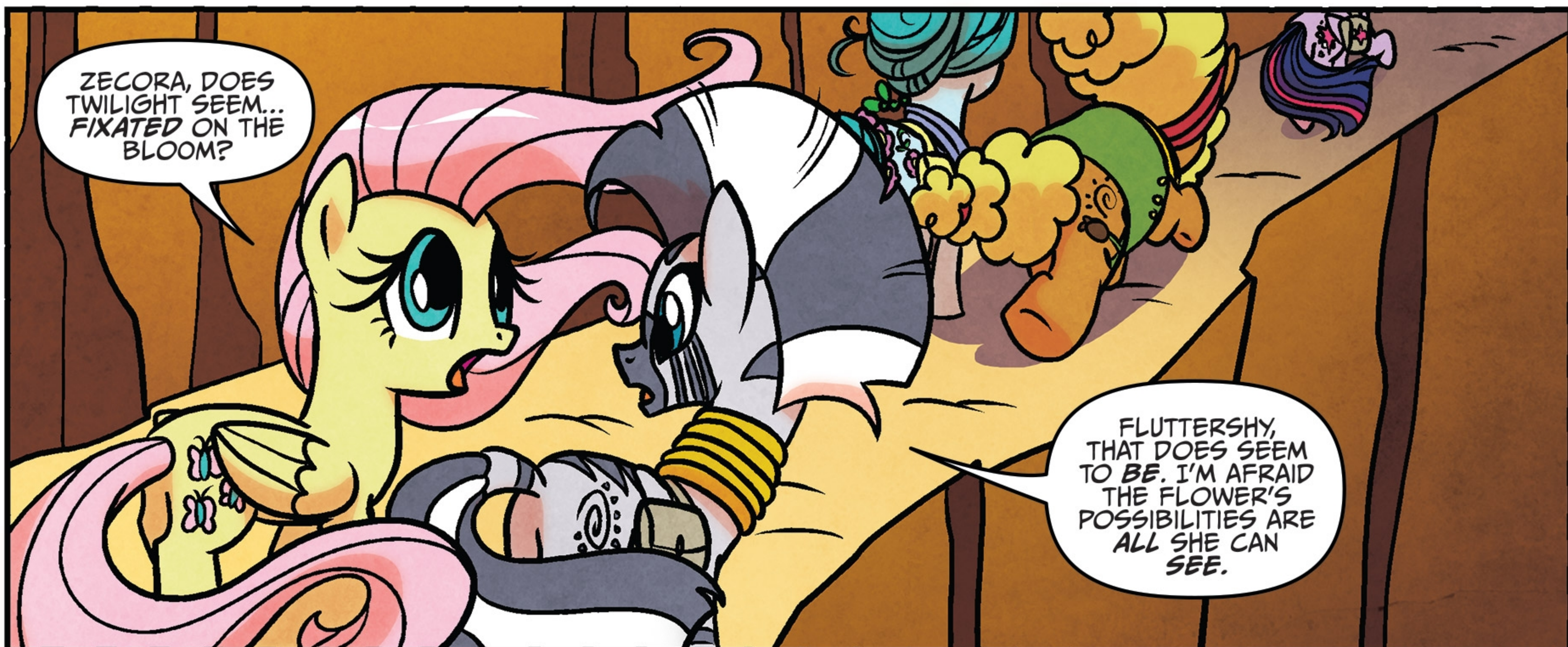
I—I CAN'T REACH IT.

THE OCEAN WINDS AND THESE CLIFFS MAKE FOR SOME FIERCE WINDS. NO PEGASUS PONY CAN FLY TO IT. WE'LL HAVE TO CLIMB THE CLIFF.



IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A TRAIL UP THE BACK.

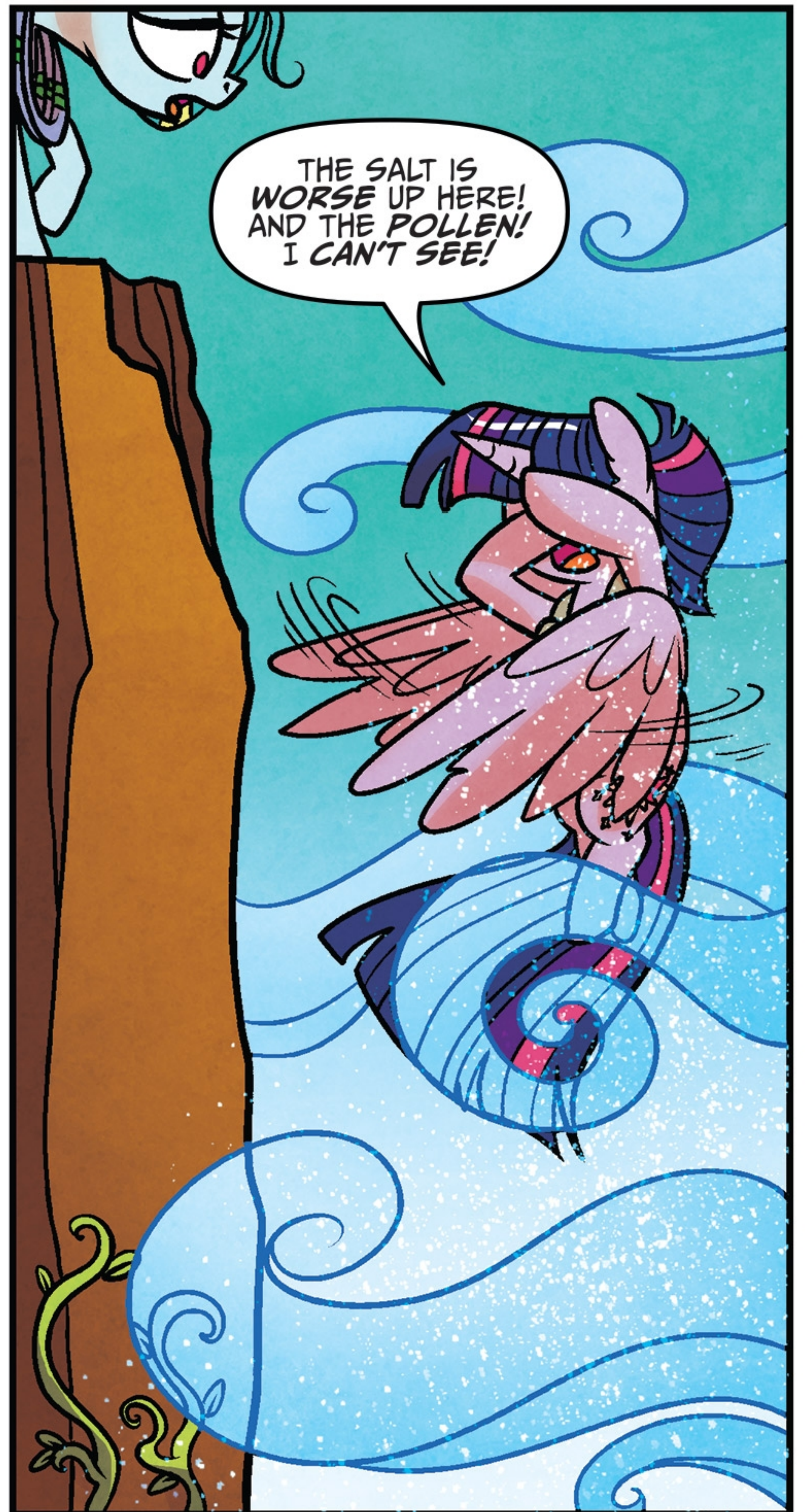
LET'S GO! HISTORY WAITS FOR NO PONY!



ZECORA, DOES TWILIGHT SEEM... FIXATED ON THE BLOOM?

FLUTTERSHY, THAT DOES SEEM TO BE. I'M AFRAID THE FLOWER'S POSSIBILITIES ARE ALL SHE CAN SEE.





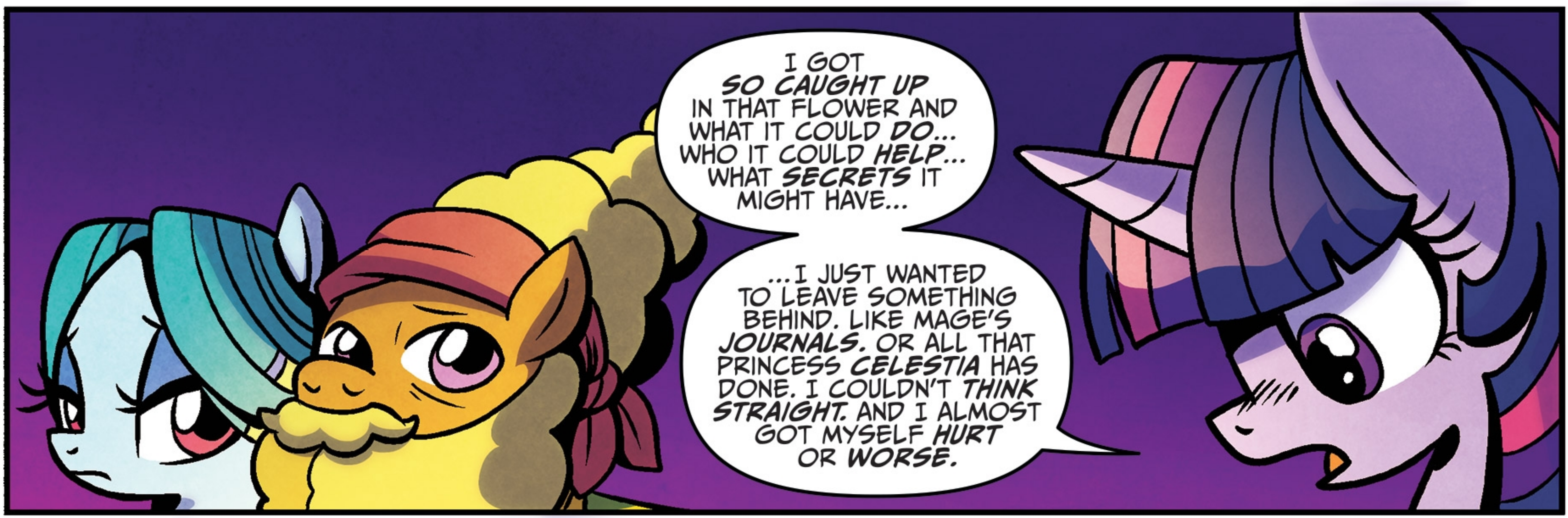








I WAS SO FOOLISH!



I GOT SO CAUGHT UP IN THAT FLOWER AND WHAT IT COULD DO... WHO IT COULD HELP... WHAT SECRETS IT MIGHT HAVE...

...I JUST WANTED TO LEAVE SOMETHING BEHIND. LIKE MAGE'S JOURNALS. OR ALL THAT PRINCESS CELESTIA HAS DONE. I COULDN'T THINK STRAIGHT. AND I ALMOST GOT MYSELF HURT OR WORSE.



IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU—ALL OF YOU—I MIGHT NOT HAVE MADE IT.

FRIENDS ARE HERE TO KEEP YOU GROUNDED, TWILIGHT.

AND NOW—



—I GOT SO CAUGHT UP IN THE BLOOM, MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE A STEP BACK. ASK PRINCESS CELESTIA TO SEND AN OFFICIAL EXPEDITION. WE DON'T HAVE TO BE THE ONES TO GET IT.

TWILIGHT, DO NOT FRET, IT'S NOT TIME TO GIVE UP YET.

HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET IT THEN?



WE'RE GOING TO DO IT THE WAY MAGE MEADOWBROOK DIDN'T.

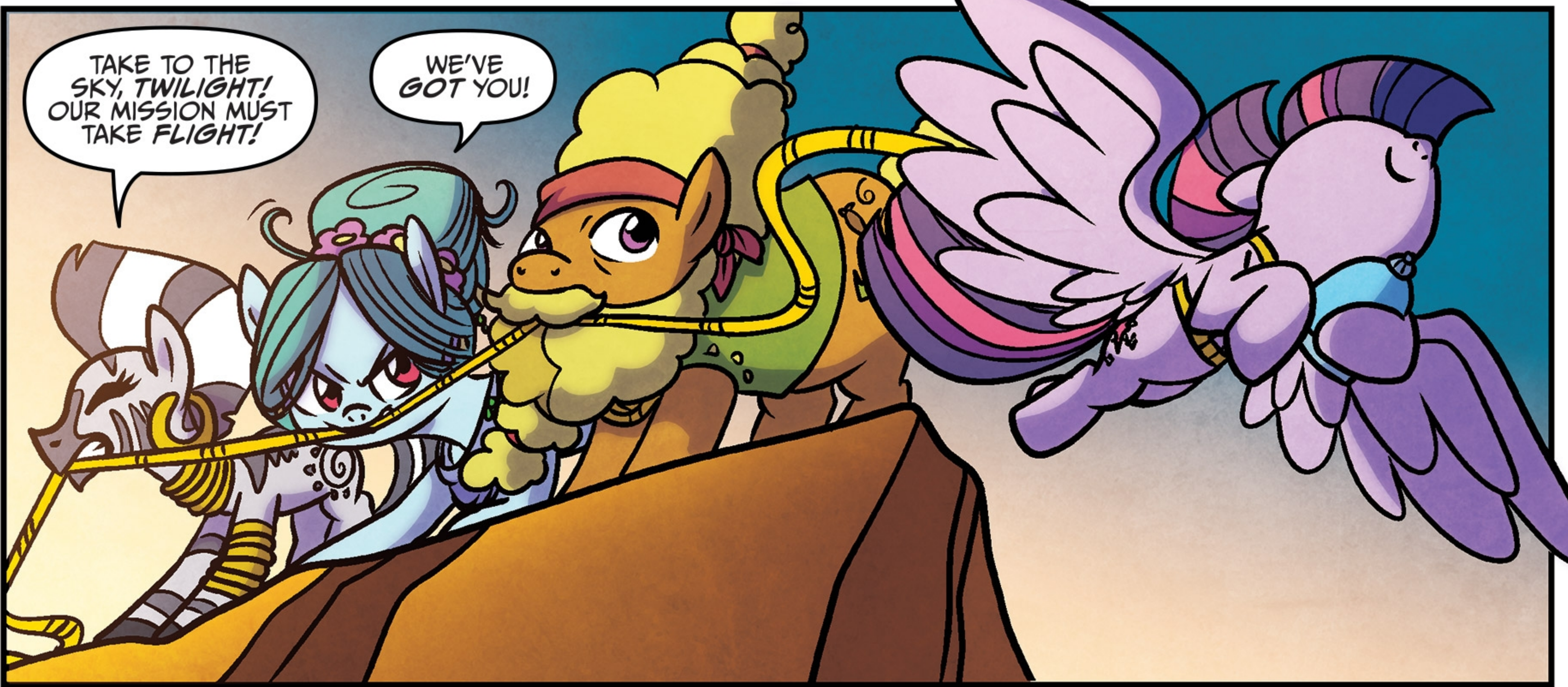
WE'RE GOING TO LET OUR FRIENDS IN.



SUNRISE—



SO, EVERYPONY'S CLEAR ON THE PLAN, RIGHT?

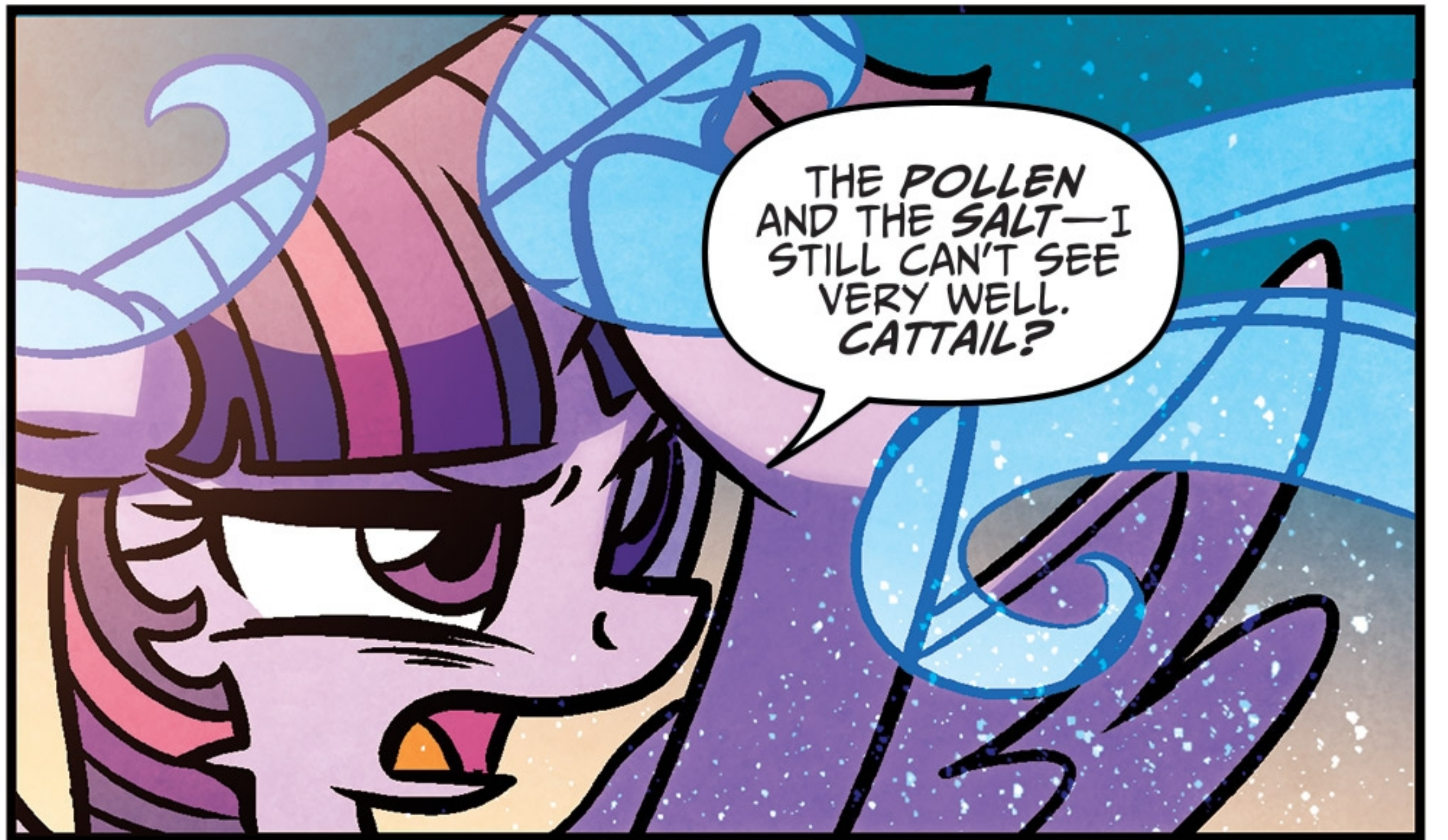


TAKE TO THE SKY, TWILIGHT! OUR MISSION MUST TAKE FLIGHT!

WE'VE GOT YOU!



I'LL TRY TO CALM THINGS DOWN A BIT.



THE POLLEN AND THE SALT—I STILL CAN'T SEE VERY WELL, CATTAIL?



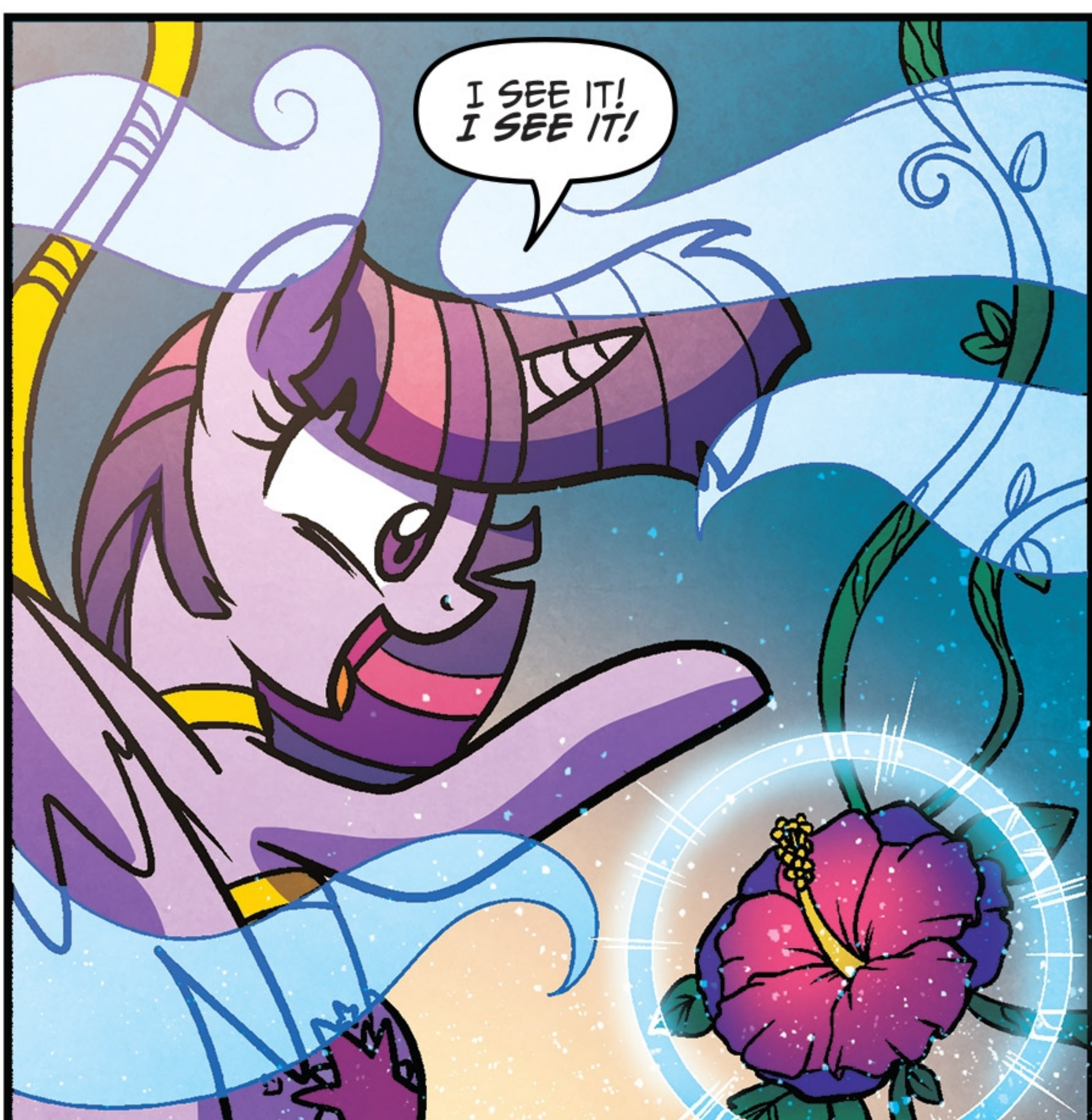
IT'S ABOUT TWENTY LENGTHS BELOW YOU, MAYBE FIVE TO YOUR LEFT!





AM I THERE YET?

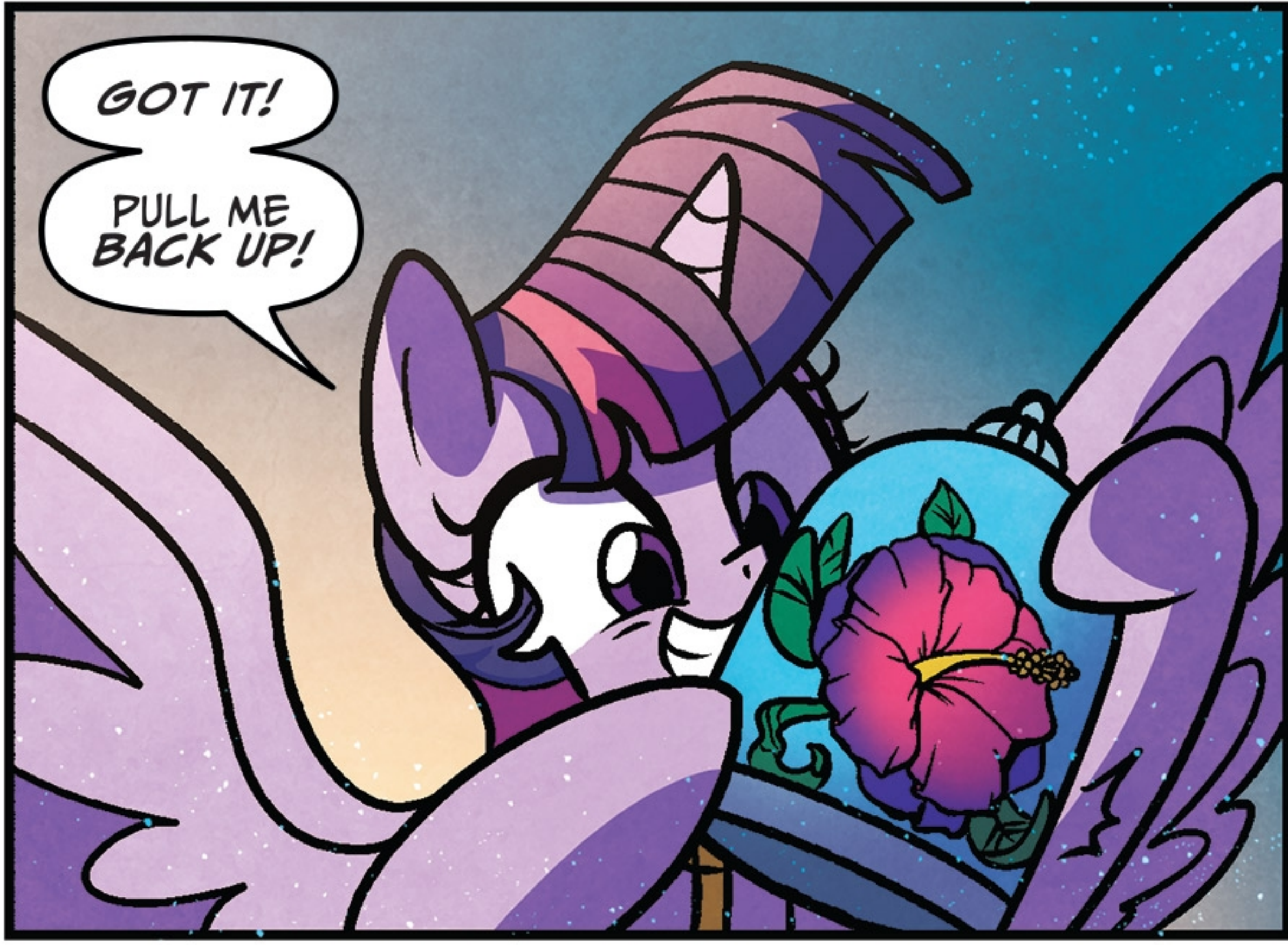
ALMOST! KEEP GOING!



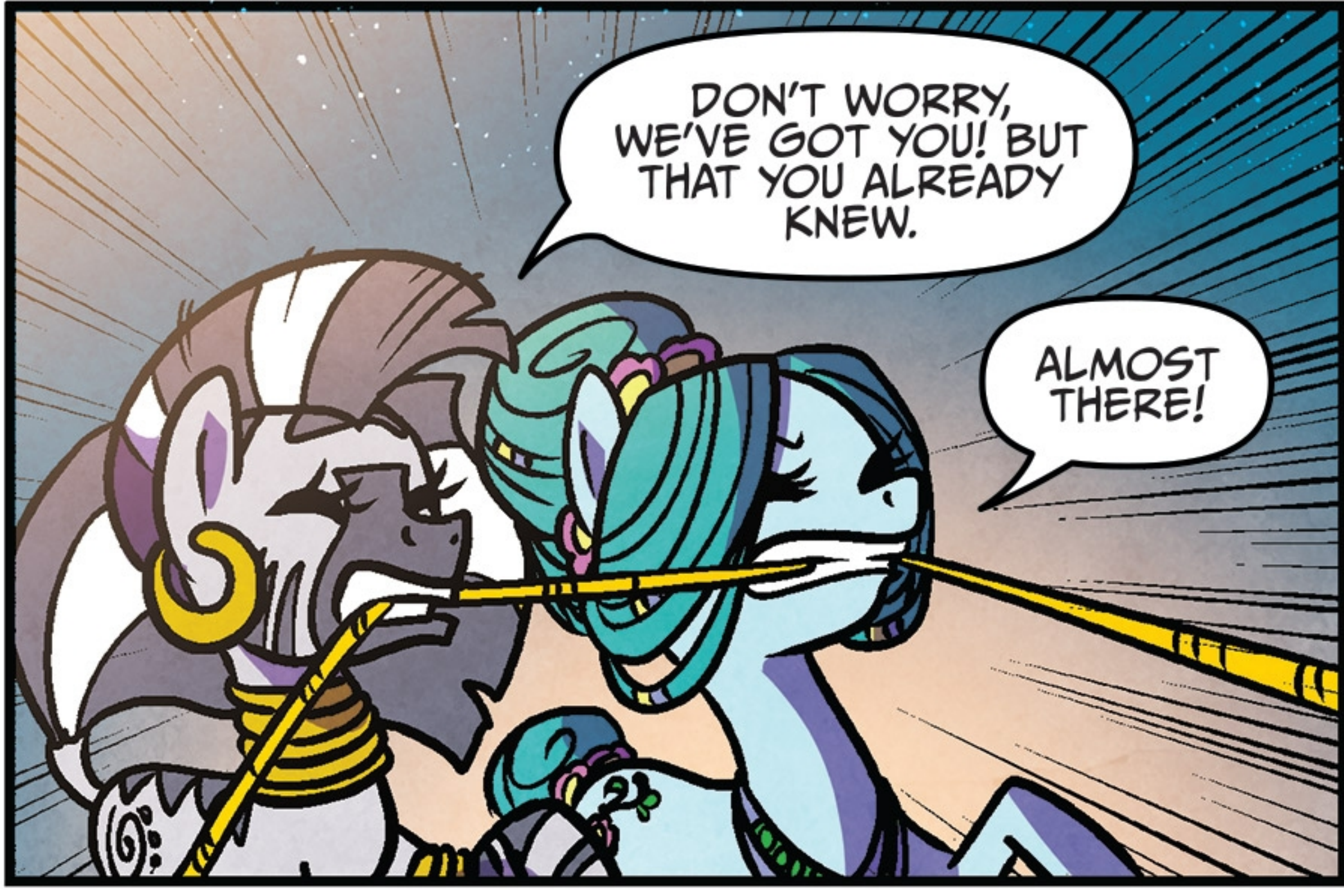
I SEE IT!  
I SEE IT!



QUICKLY!  
THESE WINDS  
ARE PICKING  
UP!



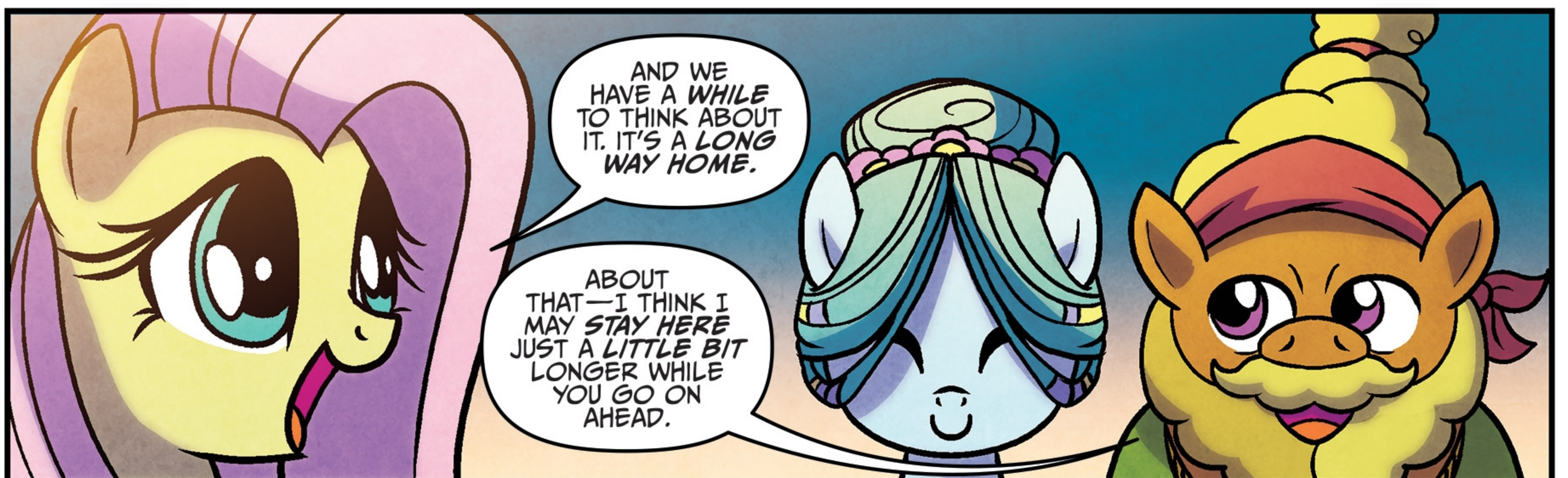
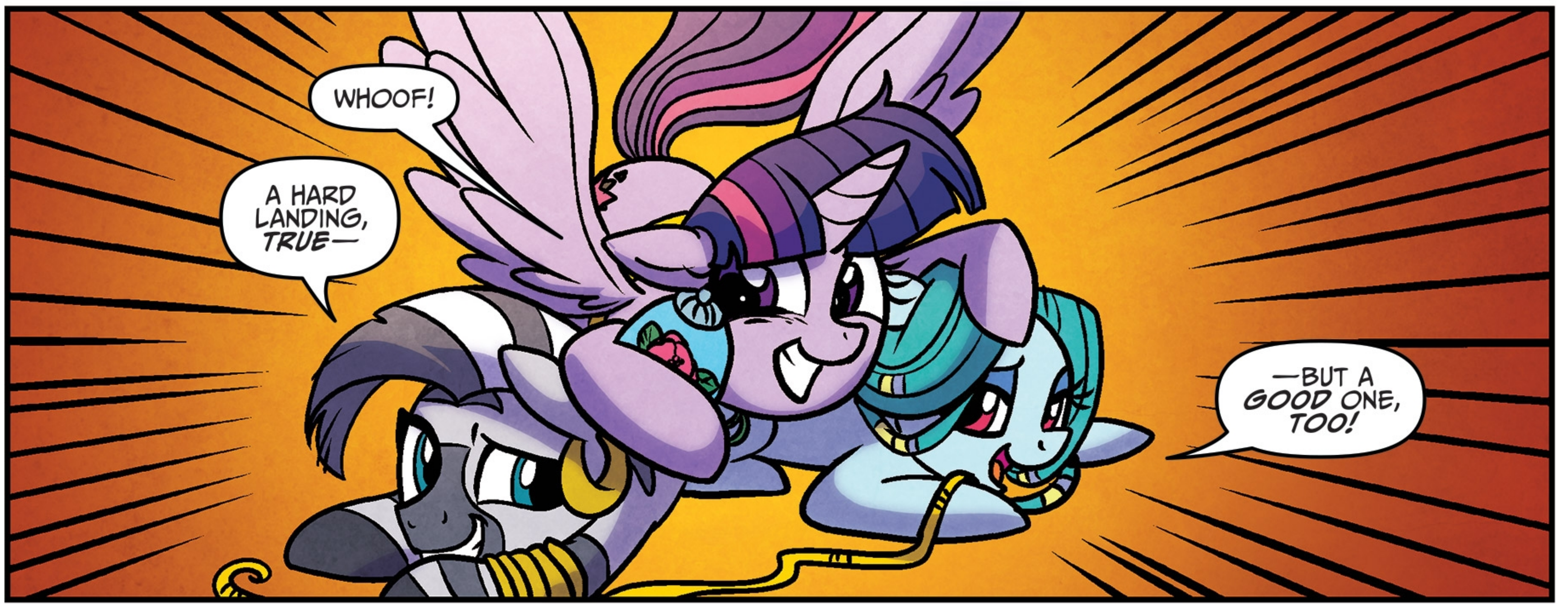
GOT IT!  
PULL ME  
BACK UP!



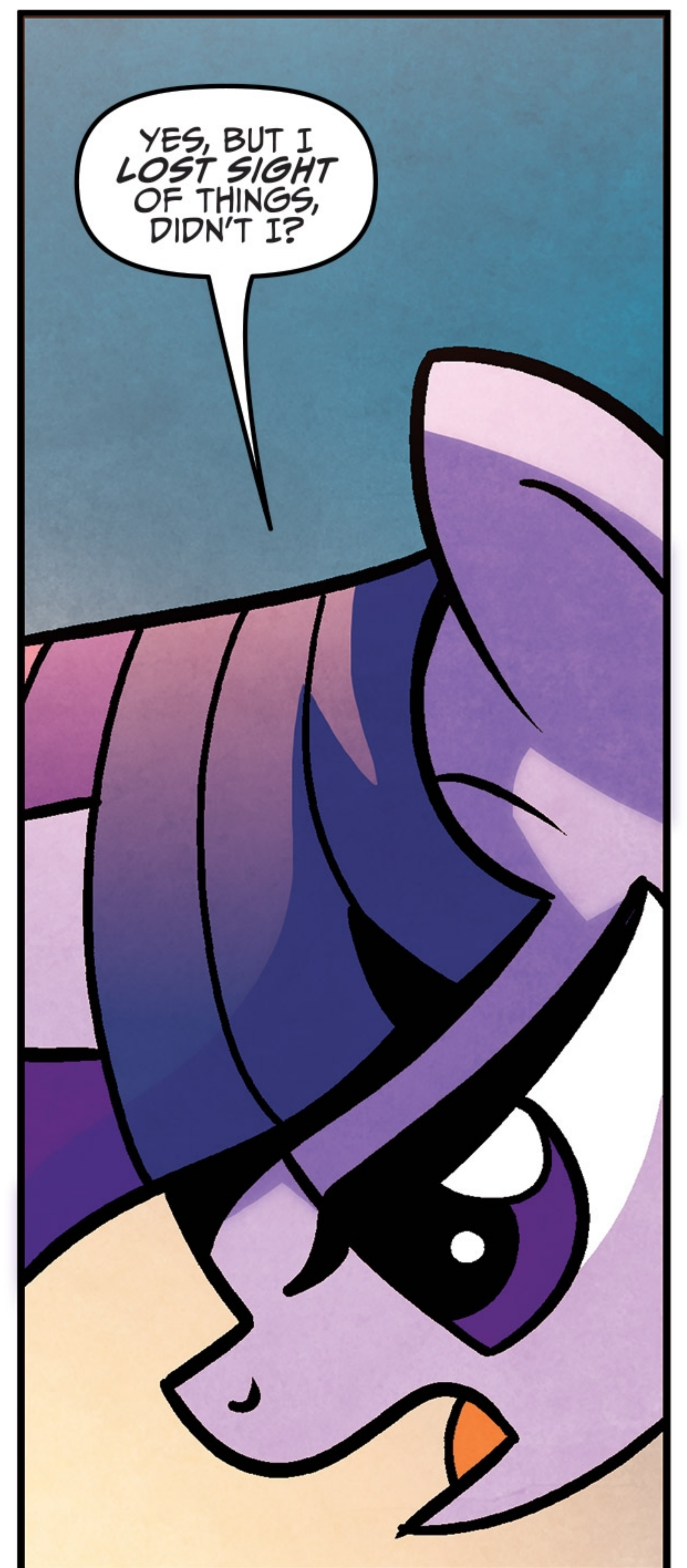
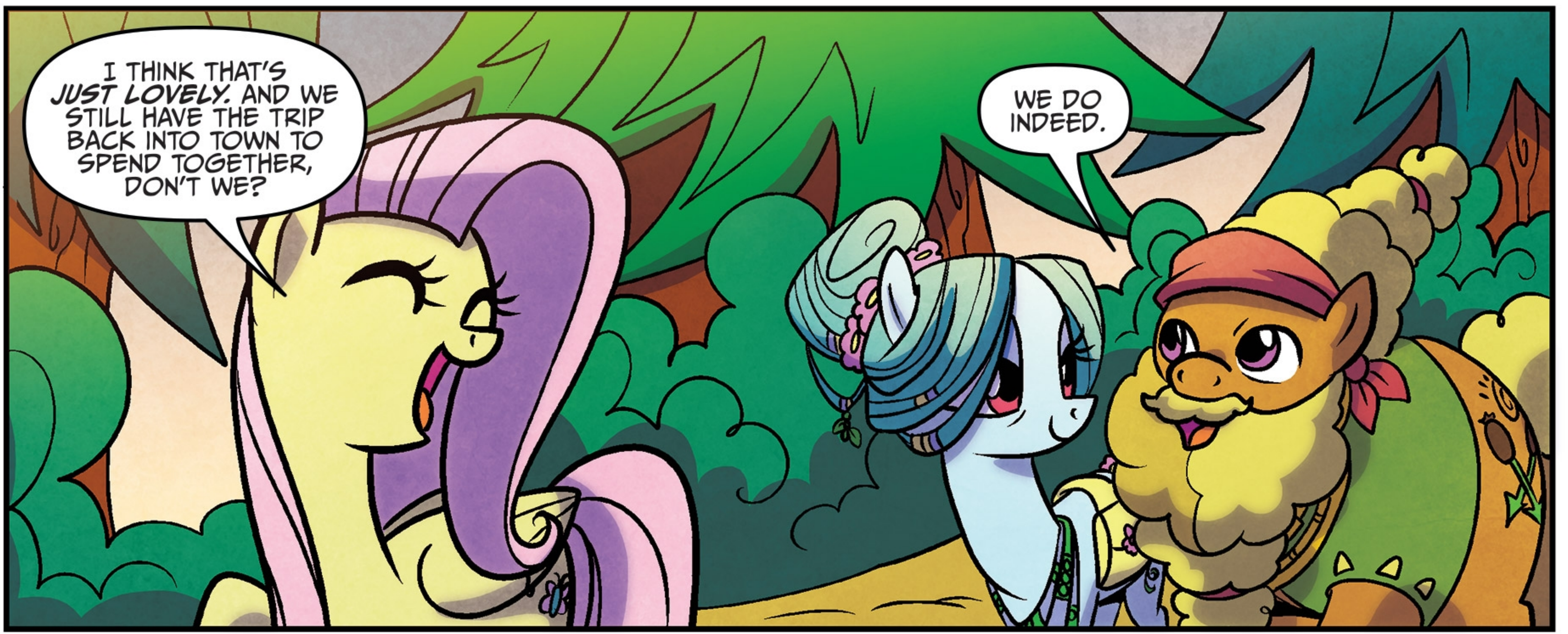
DON'T WORRY,  
WE'VE GOT YOU! BUT  
THAT YOU ALREADY  
KNEW.

ALMOST  
THERE!











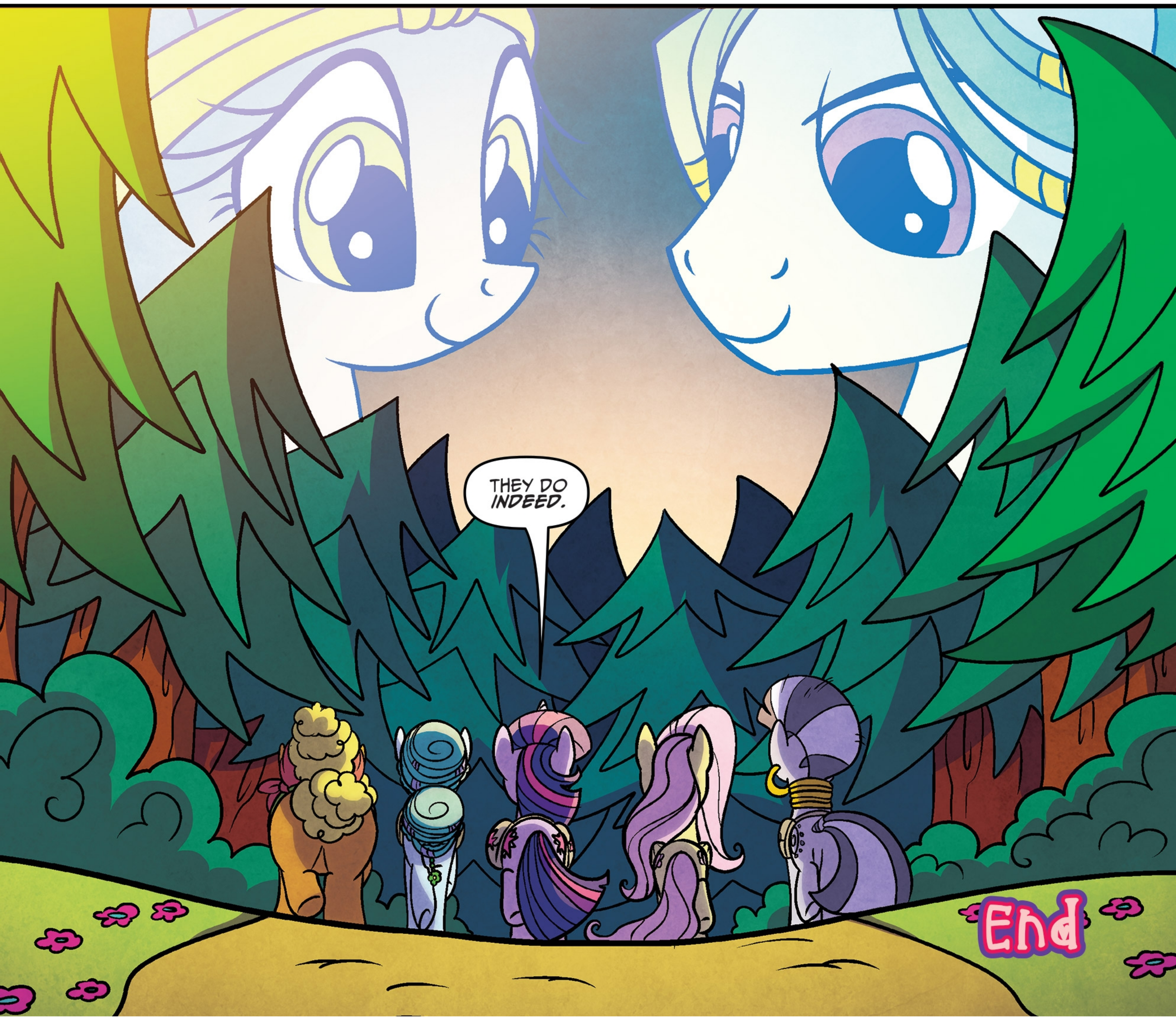


AND THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE FRIENDS, ISN'T IT? TO KEEP YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH.



THAT'S WHERE MAGE MEADOWBROOK WENT OFF THE TRAIL AND THE THING WE SHOULD LEARN FROM THIS TALE. FRIENDSHIPS AND FAMILY, THOSE SHOULD NOT BE PUSHED AWAY, THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT NEED TO STAY.

AND SOMETIMES, THOSE RELATIONSHIPS EVEN TAKE ROOT AND BLOOM LATER, DON'T THEY?



THEY DO INDEED.

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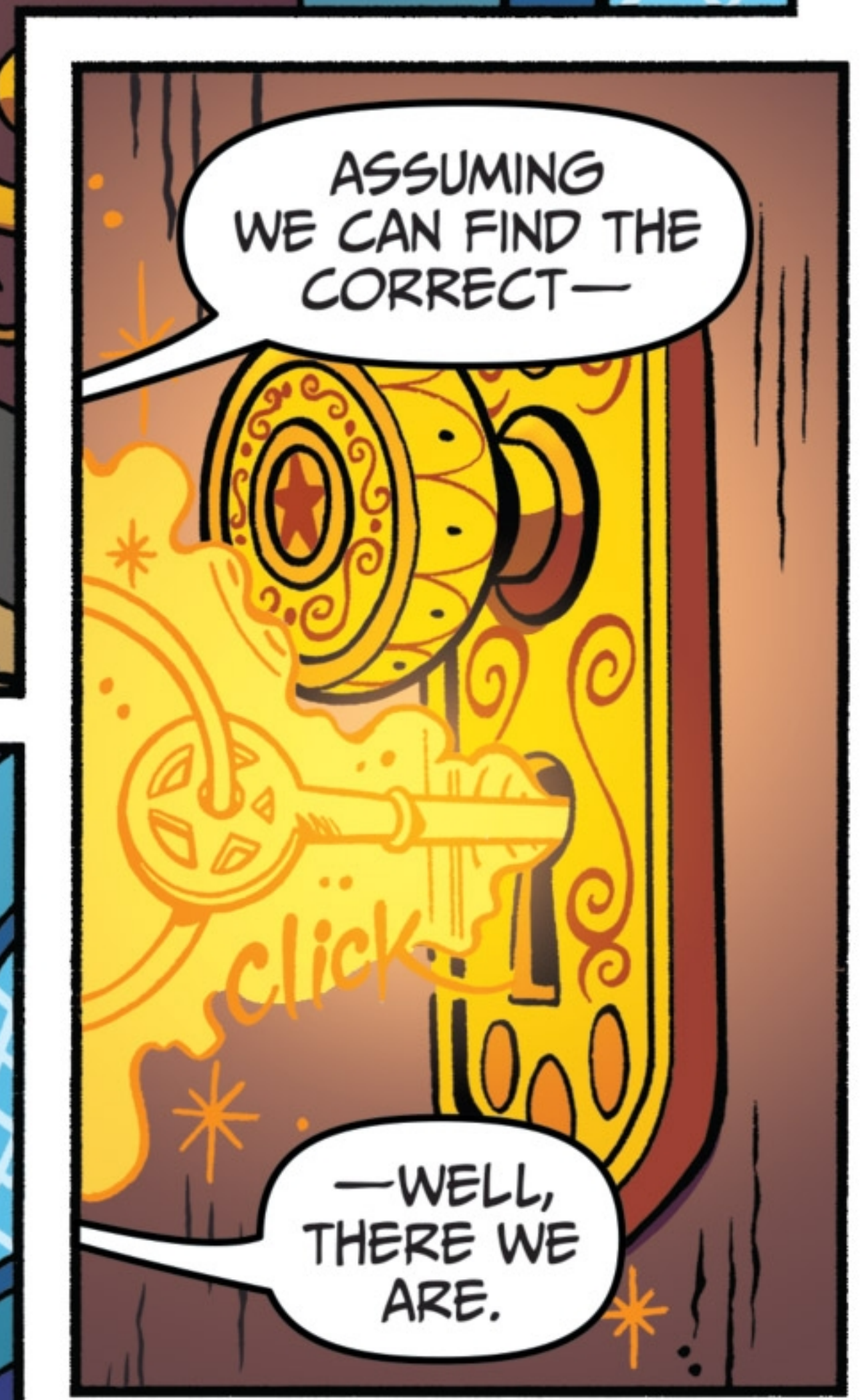
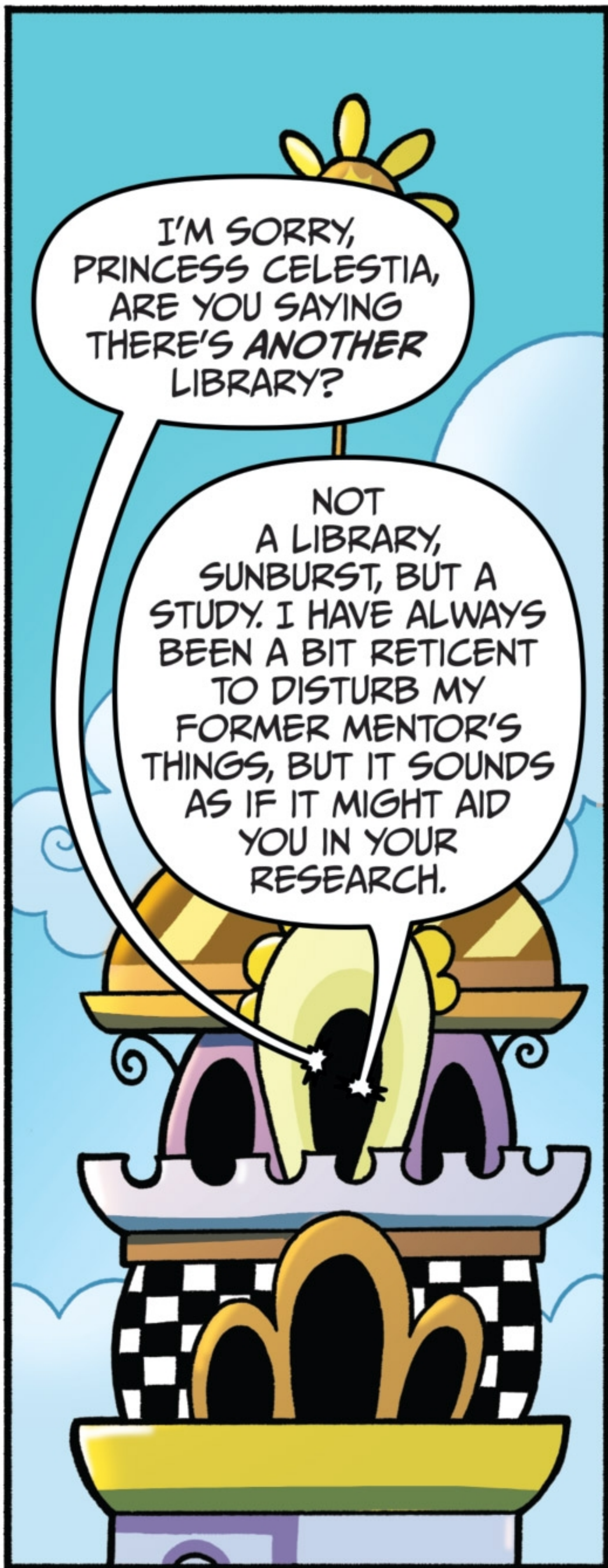
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THIS IS AMAZING!  
WHO KNOWS WHAT  
COULD BE IN  
HERE!

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.



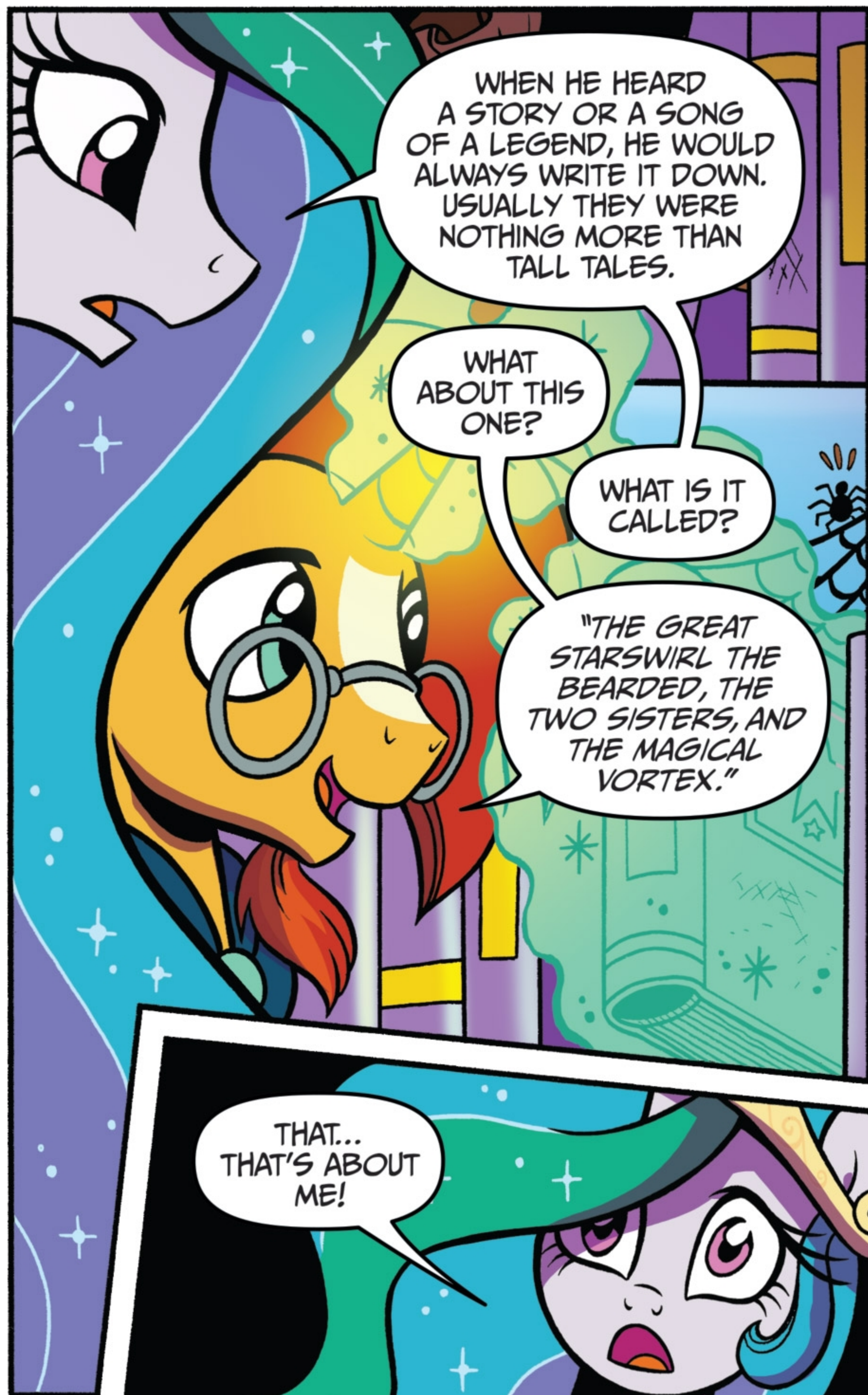
THEN THERE WAS  
THE FIGHT, AND I EXILED  
LUNA TO THE MOON. AFTER  
THAT I WAS TOO BUSY... OR  
PERHAPS IT HURT TOO  
MUCH TO THINK OF  
THOSE DAYS.

"LEGENDS  
OF MAGIC"?

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

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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—

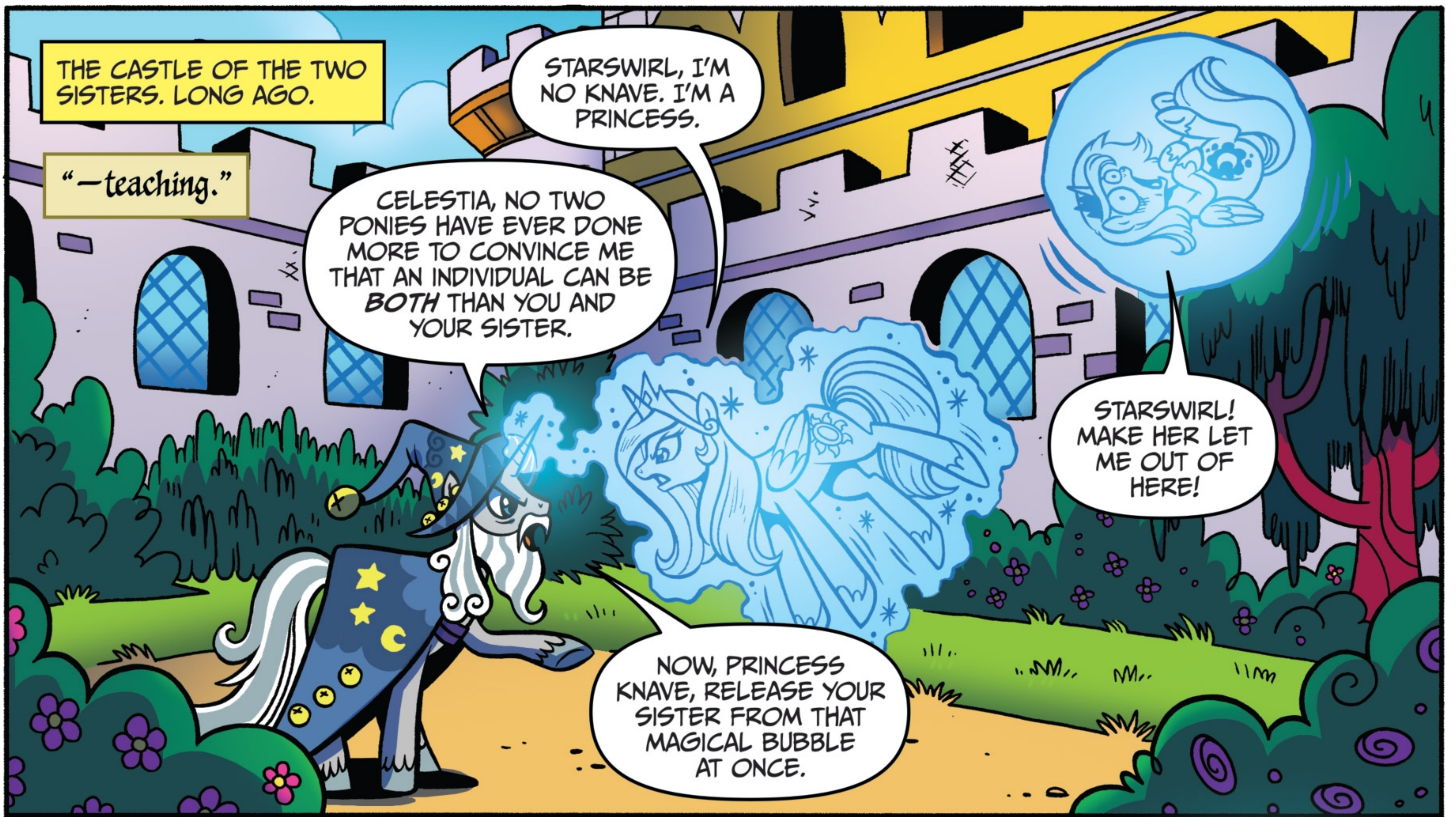
Indeed, Starswirl was one of the  
great pony heroes. His feats will  
be sung long after he has left us.



HALT, KNAVE!  
GO NO FURTHER!







THE CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS. LONG AGO.

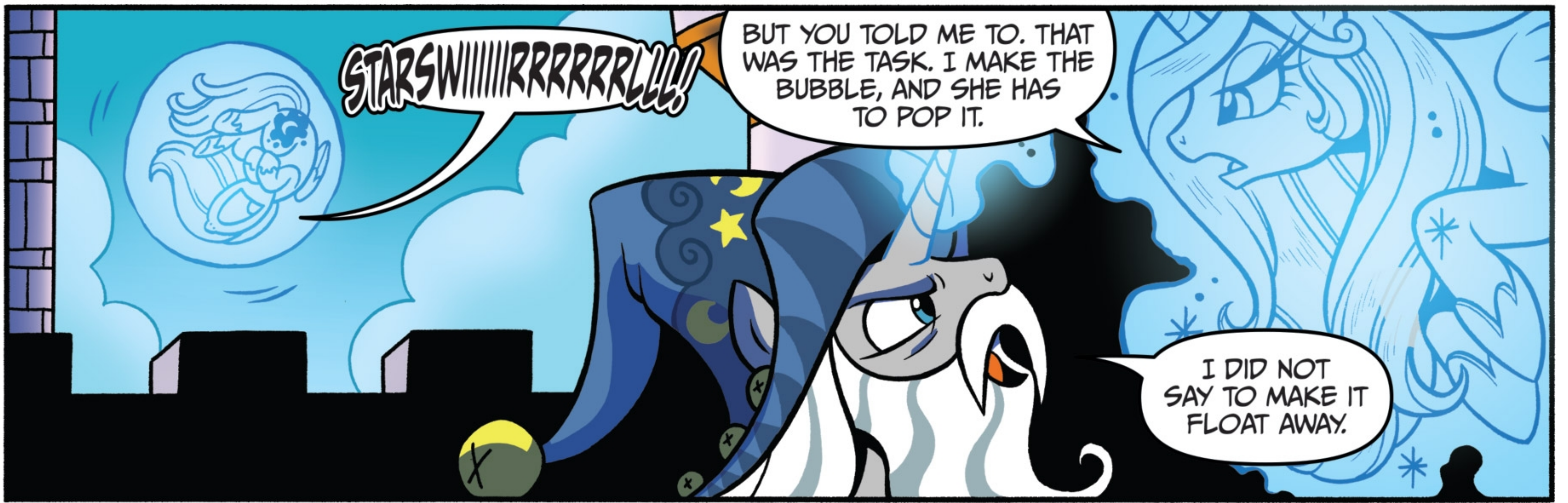
“—teaching.”

STARSWIRL, I'M NO KNAVE. I'M A PRINCESS.

CELESTIA, NO TWO PONIES HAVE EVER DONE MORE TO CONVINC ME THAT AN INDIVIDUAL CAN BE BOTH THAN YOU AND YOUR SISTER.

STARSWIRL! MAKE HER LET ME OUT OF HERE!

NOW, PRINCESS KNAVE, RELEASE YOUR SISTER FROM THAT MAGICAL BUBBLE AT ONCE.



STARSWIRLIIIIIIIRRRRRRL!!!

BUT YOU TOLD ME TO. THAT WAS THE TASK. I MAKE THE BUBBLE, AND SHE HAS TO POP IT.

I DID NOT SAY TO MAKE IT FLOAT AWAY.



IT'S MEANT TO BE A SIMPLE TRAINING EXERCISE, NOT A CHANCE FOR YOU TO MAKE YOUR SISTER PANIC.

WELL, IT'S NOT MY FAULT SHE CAN'T KEEP UP.



POP!

GAAAH!!





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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