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CONVOCAATION OF THE CREATURES

PART TWO

"BUY LAND. THEY'RE NOT MAKING IT ANYMORE."

ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN, YOUR MAJESTIES.

HERE AT THE CONVOCAATION OF THE CREATURES, ALL OUR RACES HAVE COME TOGETHER TO SHARE OUR CULTURES AND WORK TOGETHER.

BUT WE HAVE ALSO MADE A MOST GRAVE DISCOVERY.

MYSELF, PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE—

—AND GLENDA, A GRIFFON ARCHIVIST—

—FOUND A TREATY FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF EQUESTRIA, DESCRIBING A LAND TRANSFER BETWEEN PONIES AND GRIFFONS.

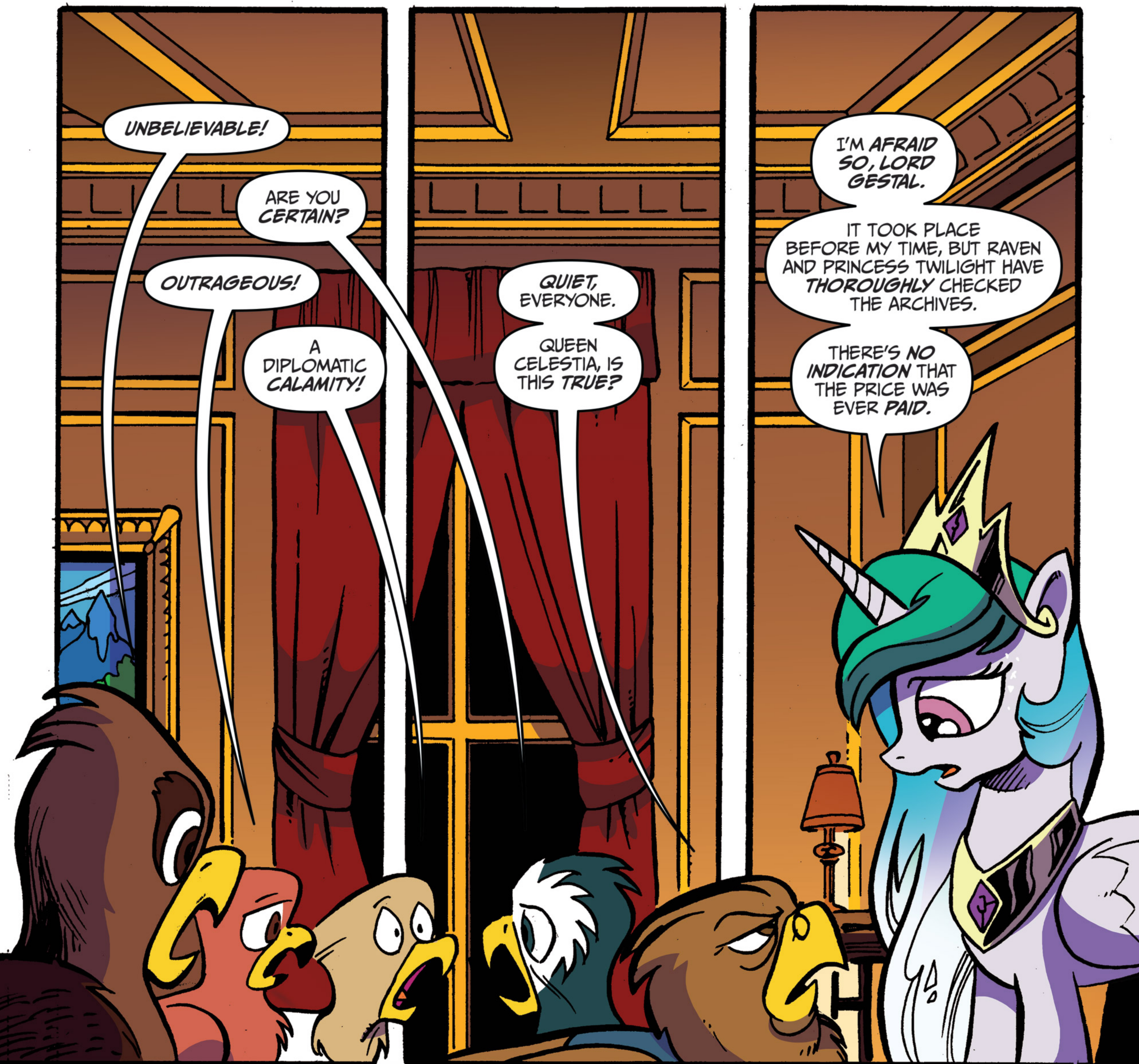
LONG BEFORE THE PRINCESSES' RULE, PONIES RECEIVED A LARGE SECTION OF LAND FROM THE GRIFFONS—

—IN EXCHANGE FOR A LARGE SUM OF GOLD, TO BE PAID ONE HUNDRED YEARS LATER.

SO FAR AS WE CAN ASCERTAIN...

... THAT SUM WAS NEVER PAID.

WHICH MEANS A LARGE PART OF EQUESTRIA RIGHTFULLY BELONGS TO THE GRIFFONS.



UNBELIEVABLE!

ARE YOU CERTAIN?

OUTRAGEOUS!

A DIPLOMATIC CALAMITY!

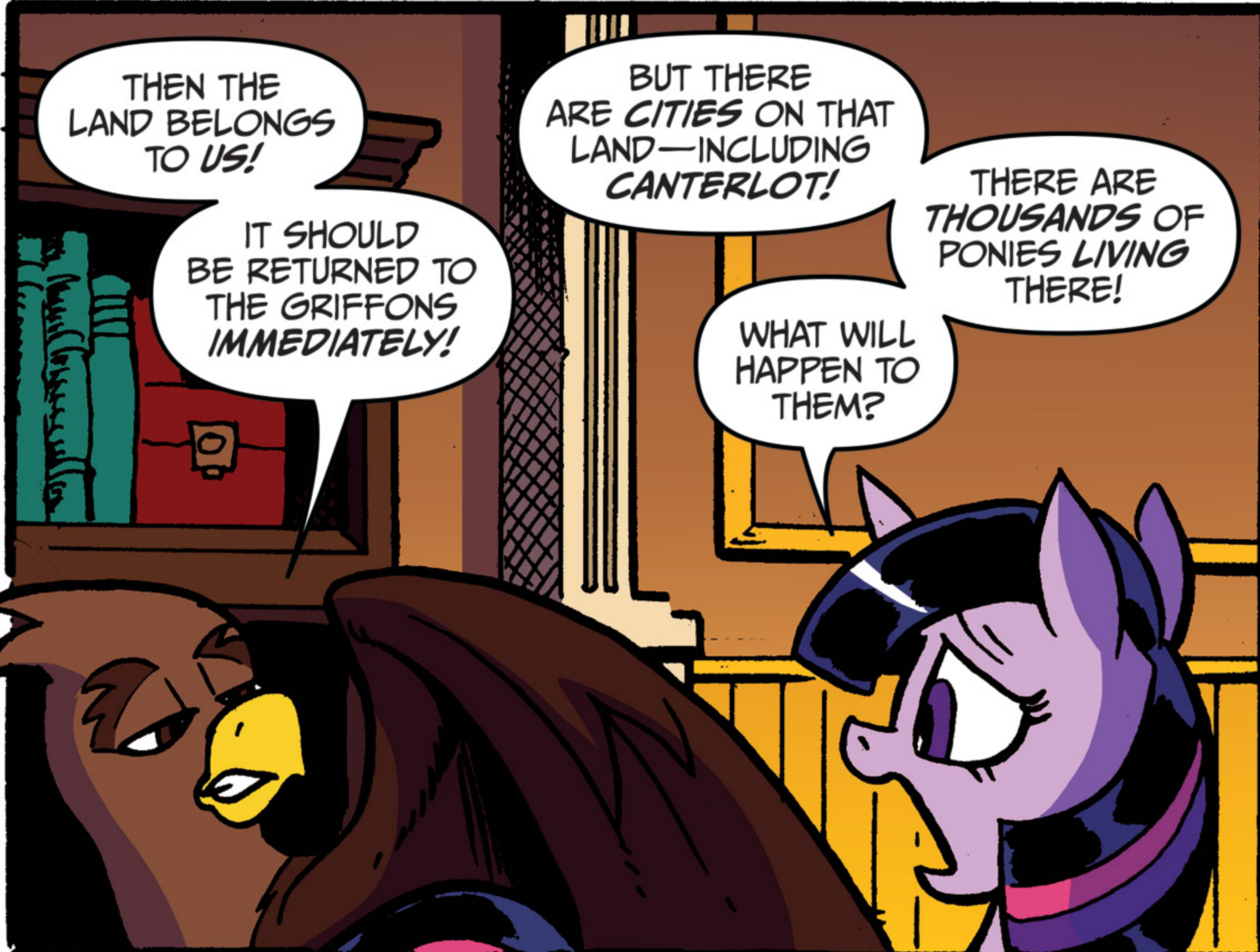
QUIET, EVERYONE.

QUEEN CELESTIA, IS THIS TRUE?

I'M AFRAID SO, LORD GESTAL.

IT TOOK PLACE BEFORE MY TIME, BUT RAVEN AND PRINCESS TWILIGHT HAVE THOROUGHLY CHECKED THE ARCHIVES.

THERE'S NO INDICATION THAT THE PRICE WAS EVER PAID.



THEN THE LAND BELONGS TO US!

IT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE GRIFFONS IMMEDIATELY!

BUT THERE ARE CITIES ON THAT LAND—INCLUDING CANTERLOT!

THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF PONIES LIVING THERE!

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEM?



WELL, THEY'LL SIMPLY ALL HAVE TO MOVE.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

QUIET!



MY FELLOW GRIFFON LORD SPEAKS OUT OF TURN—
—BUT HE IS CORRECT.

THE LAND, APPARENTLY, BELONGS TO US. AND THE DEBT SHOULD BE REPAYED.



GLENDA, WHO ARE ALL THESE GRIFFONS?

WELL, GRIFFONSTONE IS OVERSEEN BY A COUNCIL OF GRIFFON LORDS.

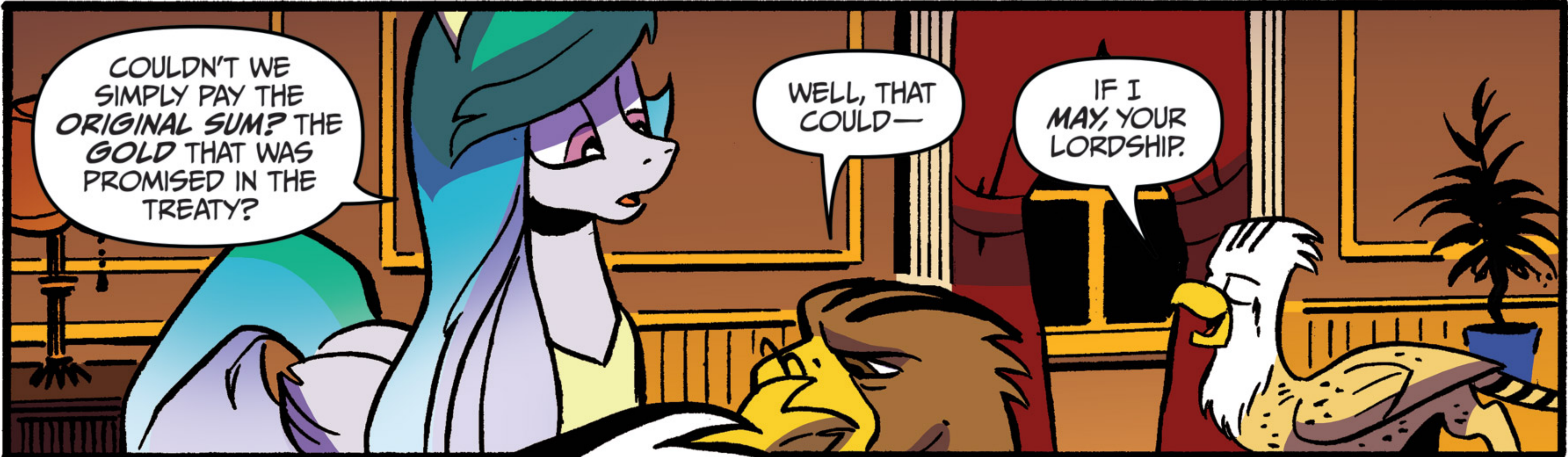
PERHAPS WE COULD CONSIDER A PHASED TRANSFER...



LORD GESTAL, IN THE CENTER, IS THE HEAD OF THE COUNCIL—

—BUT ALL THE OTHER GRIFFON LORDS HAVE A SAY IN DECISIONS, TOO.

AND THEY DON'T ALWAYS GET ALONG.



COULDN'T WE SIMPLY PAY THE ORIGINAL SUM? THE GOLD THAT WAS PROMISED IN THE TREATY?

WELL, THAT COULD—

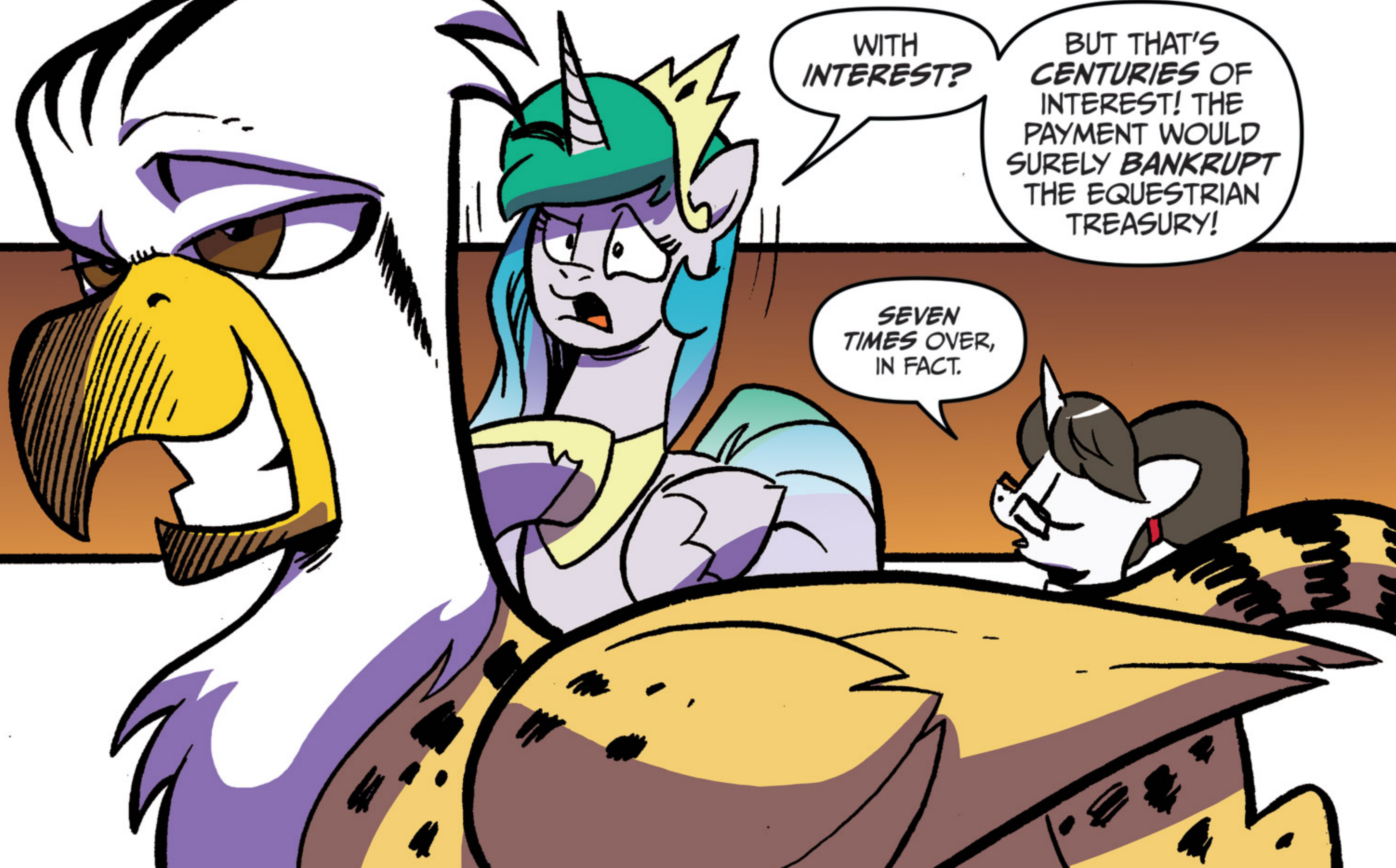
IF I MAY, YOUR LORDSHIP.

I THINK WE SHOULD ACCEPT THE GOLD—
—WITH FULL INTEREST FROM THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT.

WITH INTEREST?

BUT THAT'S CENTURIES OF INTEREST! THE PAYMENT WOULD SURELY BANKRUPT THE EQUESTRIAN TREASURY!

SEVEN TIMES OVER, IN FACT.

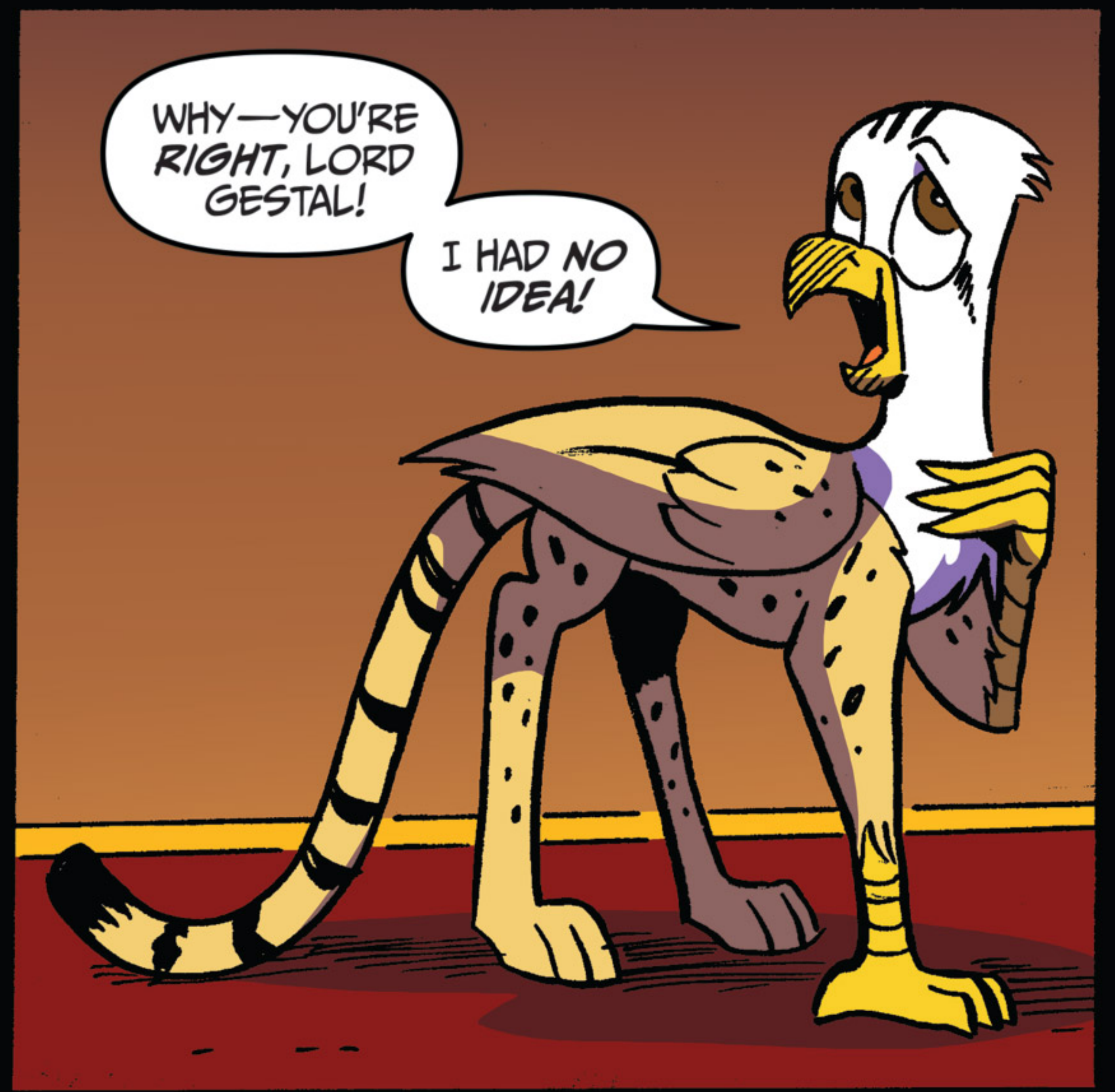




WELL, THEN I SUPPOSE THE LAND SIMPLY *MUST* BE HANDED OVER.

I COULDN'T HELP BUT *NOTICE*, LORD GOLDSTONE—

IF THIS LAND *IS* ADDED TO GRIFFONSTONE, IT WILL *GREATLY* INCREASE YOUR *PERSONAL* HOLDINGS.



WHY—YOU'RE *RIGHT*, LORD GESTAL!

I HAD *NO* IDEA!

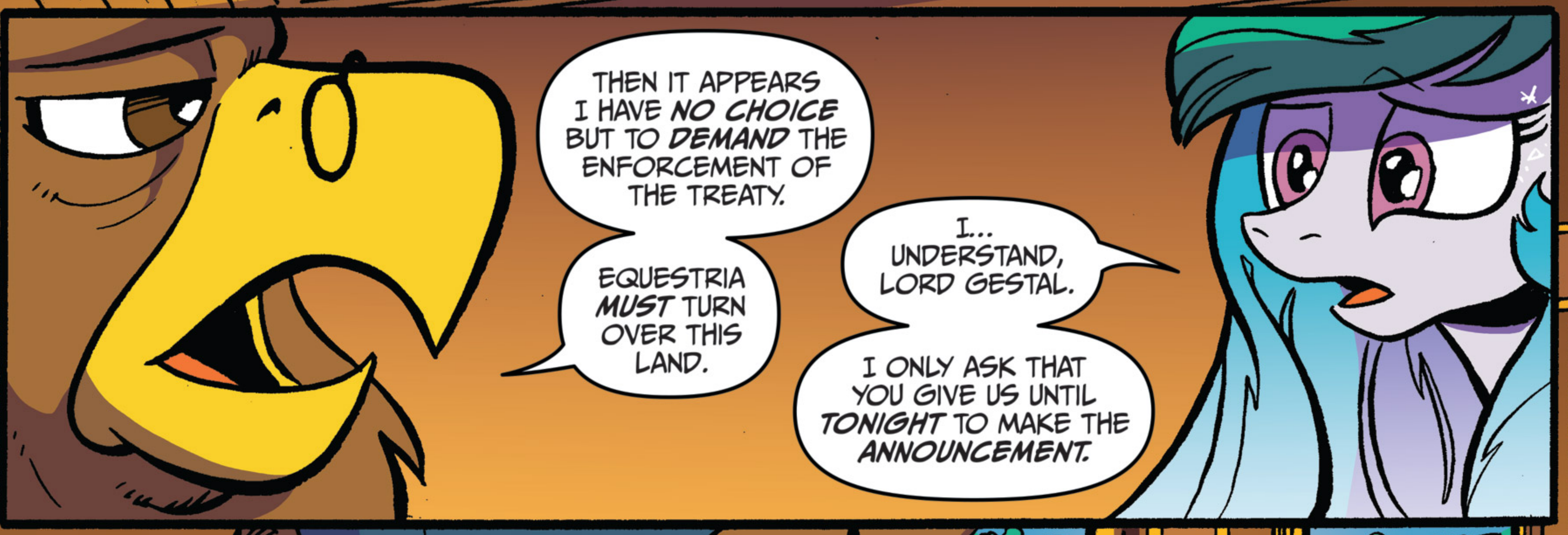


AND WHAT DO MY *FELLOW* LORDS THINK OF THE SITUATION?

IF WE CAN'T HAVE THE *GOLD*, THEN WE MUST HAVE THE *LAND*!

IT'S *RIGHTFULLY* OURS!

YEAH!



THEN IT APPEARS I HAVE *NO CHOICE* BUT TO *DEMAND* THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE TREATY.

EQUESTRIA *MUST* TURN OVER THIS LAND.

I... UNDERSTAND, LORD GESTAL.

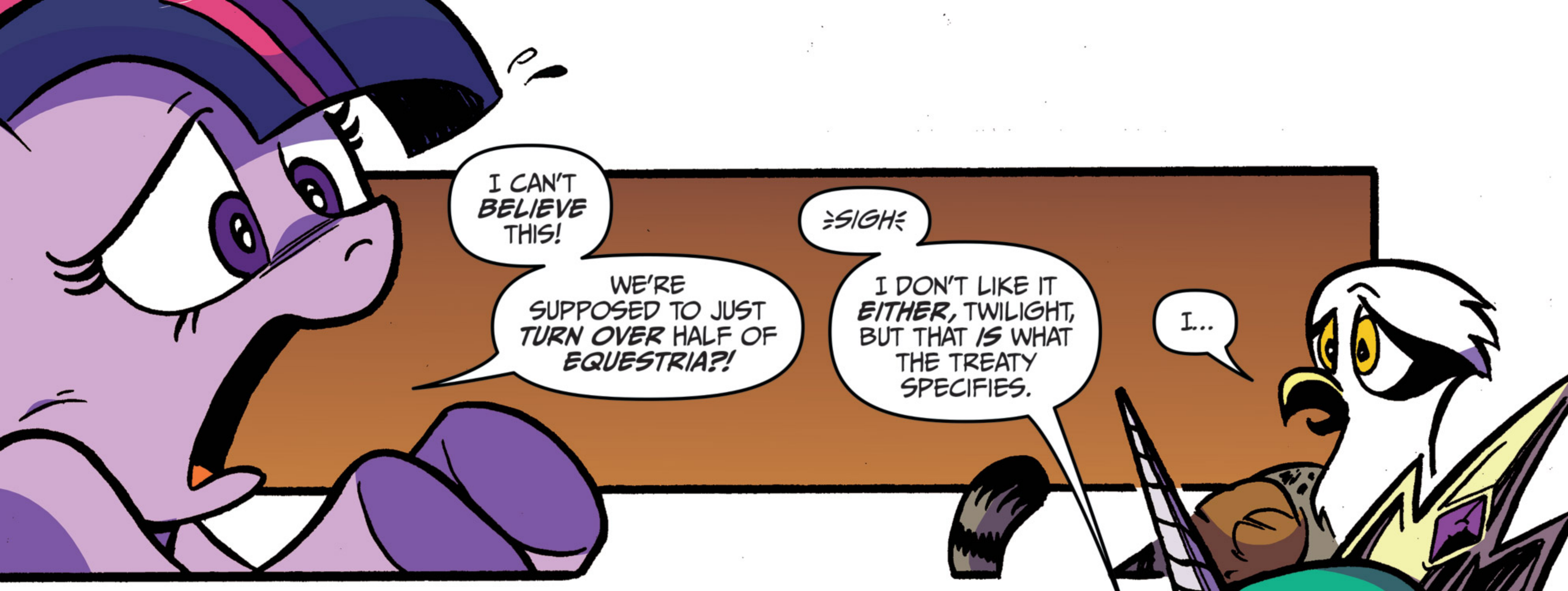
I ONLY ASK THAT YOU GIVE US UNTIL *TONIGHT* TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT.



OF COURSE, YOUR HIGHNESS.

TO DO LESS WOULD BE...

...UNDIPLOMATIC.



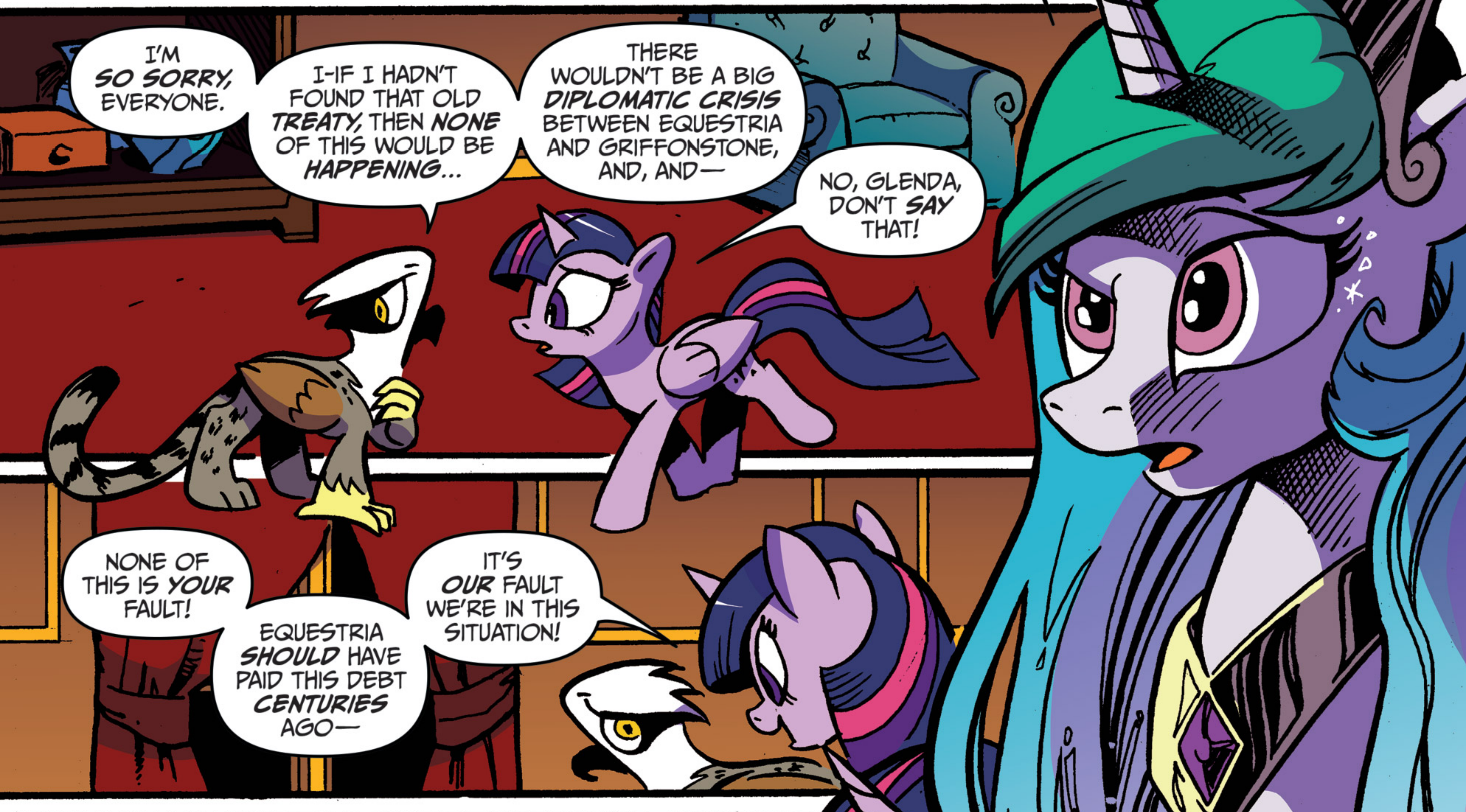
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO JUST TURN OVER HALF OF EQUESTRIA?!

SIGH

I DON'T LIKE IT EITHER, TWILIGHT, BUT THAT IS WHAT THE TREATY SPECIFIES.

I...



I'M SO SORRY, EVERYONE.

I-IF I HADN'T FOUND THAT OLD TREATY, THEN NONE OF THIS WOULD BE HAPPENING...

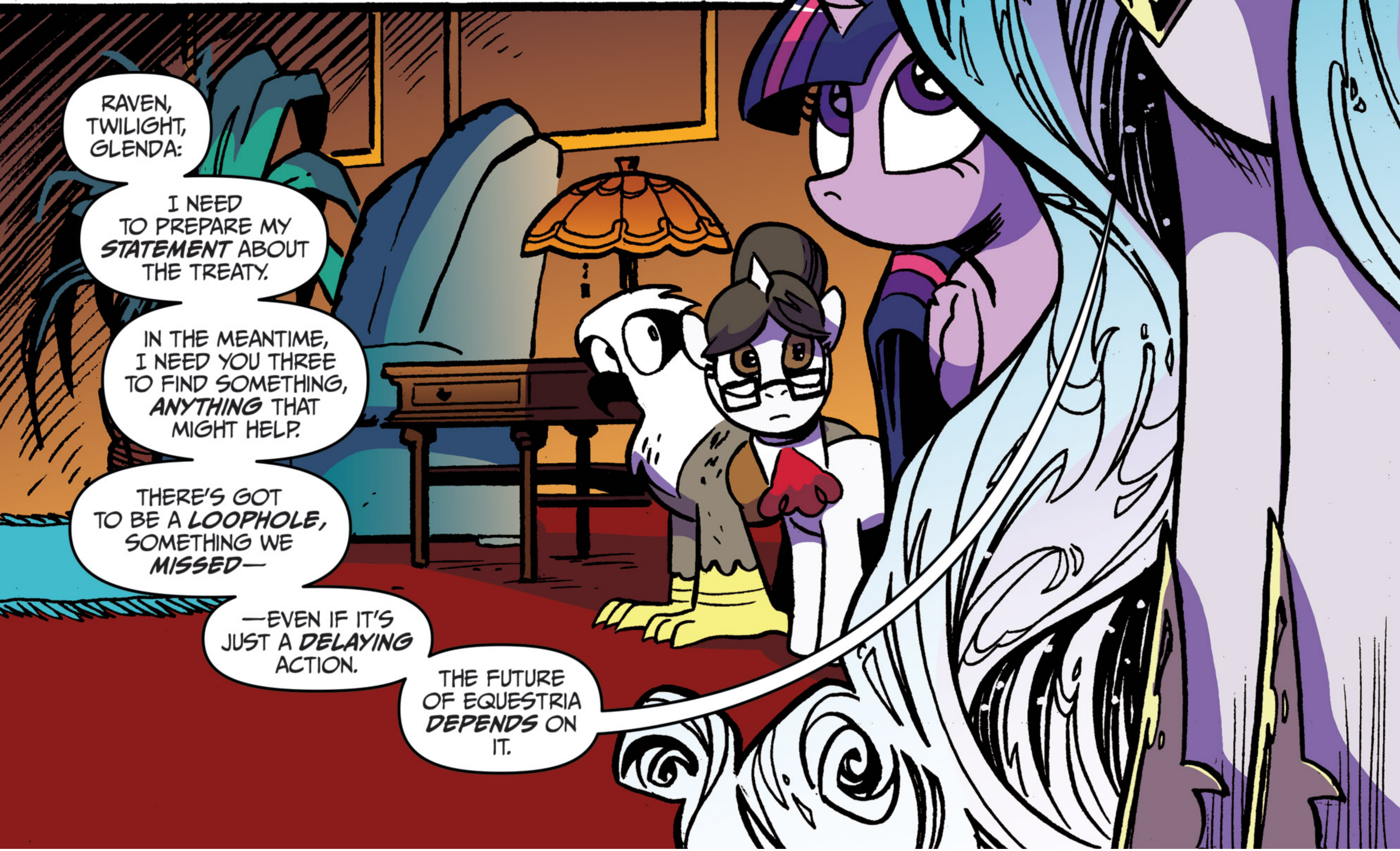
THERE WOULDN'T BE A BIG DIPLOMATIC CRISIS BETWEEN EQUESTRIA AND GRIFFONSTONE, AND, AND—

NO, GLENDA, DON'T SAY THAT!

NONE OF THIS IS YOUR FAULT!

EQUESTRIA SHOULD HAVE PAID THIS DEBT CENTURIES AGO—

IT'S OUR FAULT WE'RE IN THIS SITUATION!



RAVEN, TWILIGHT, GLENDA:

I NEED TO PREPARE MY STATEMENT ABOUT THE TREATY.

IN THE MEANTIME, I NEED YOU THREE TO FIND SOMETHING, ANYTHING THAT MIGHT HELP.

THERE'S GOT TO BE A LOOPHOLE, SOMETHING WE MISSED—

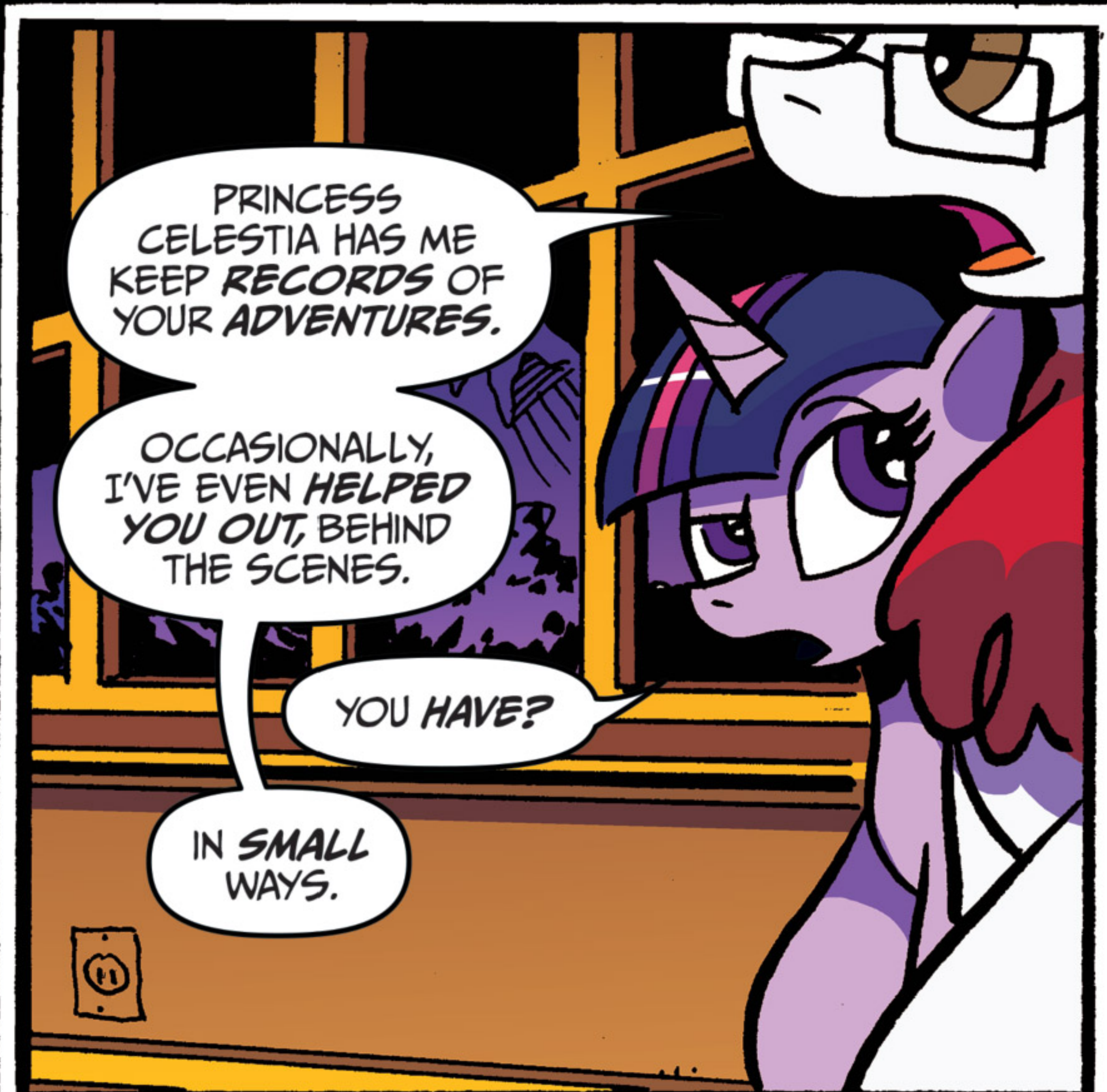
—EVEN IF IT'S JUST A DELAYING ACTION.

THE FUTURE OF EQUESTRIA DEPENDS ON IT.



WELL...
THE CONVOCATION HASN'T TURNED OUT AS I EXPECTED.

ACTUALLY, IF I MAY SAY, THIS SEEMS EXACTLY LIKE ONE OF YOUR USUAL ACTIVITIES.

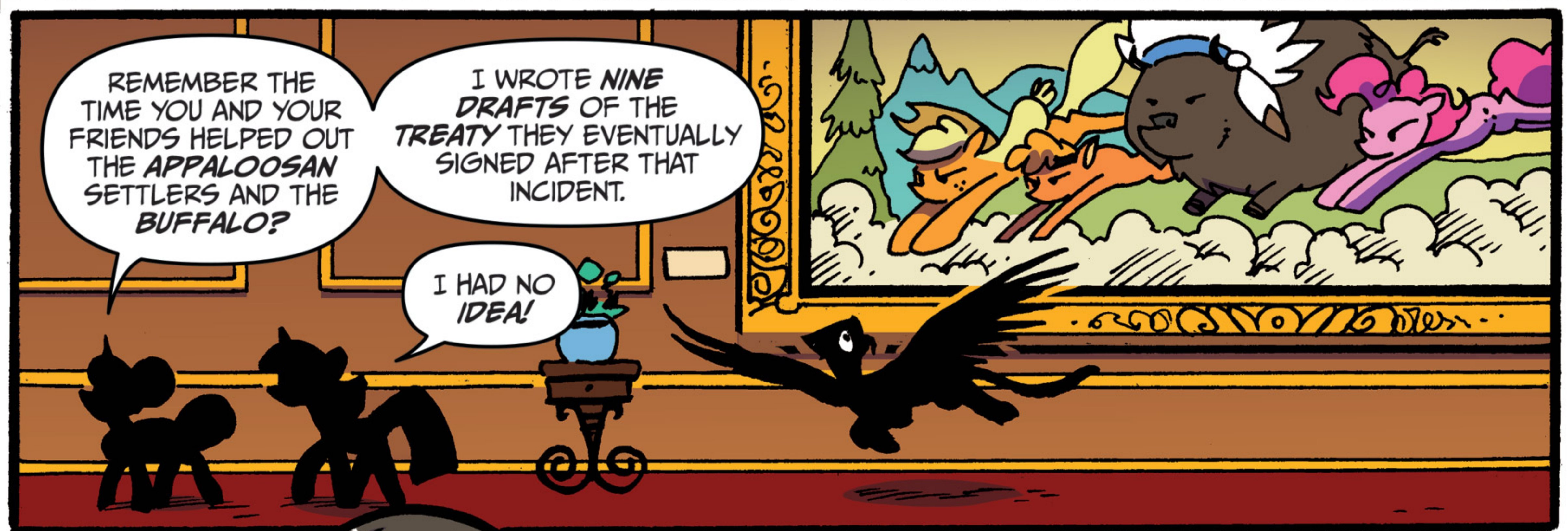


PRINCESS CELESTIA HAS ME KEEP RECORDS OF YOUR ADVENTURES.

OCCASIONALLY, I'VE EVEN HELPED YOU OUT, BEHIND THE SCENES.

YOU HAVE?

IN SMALL WAYS.



REMEMBER THE TIME YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HELPED OUT THE APPALOOSAN SETTLERS AND THE BUFFALO?

I WROTE NINE DRAFTS OF THE TREATY THEY EVENTUALLY SIGNED AFTER THAT INCIDENT.

I HAD NO IDEA!



I WORK IN THE BACKGROUND.

I ASSIST THE PRINCESS, I HELP ARRANGE THINGS...

I MAKE SURE THINGS GO SMOOTHLY.

I DON'T HAVE ADVENTURES, LIKE YOU DO.

MY DAYS ARE FILLED WITH PAPERWORK.

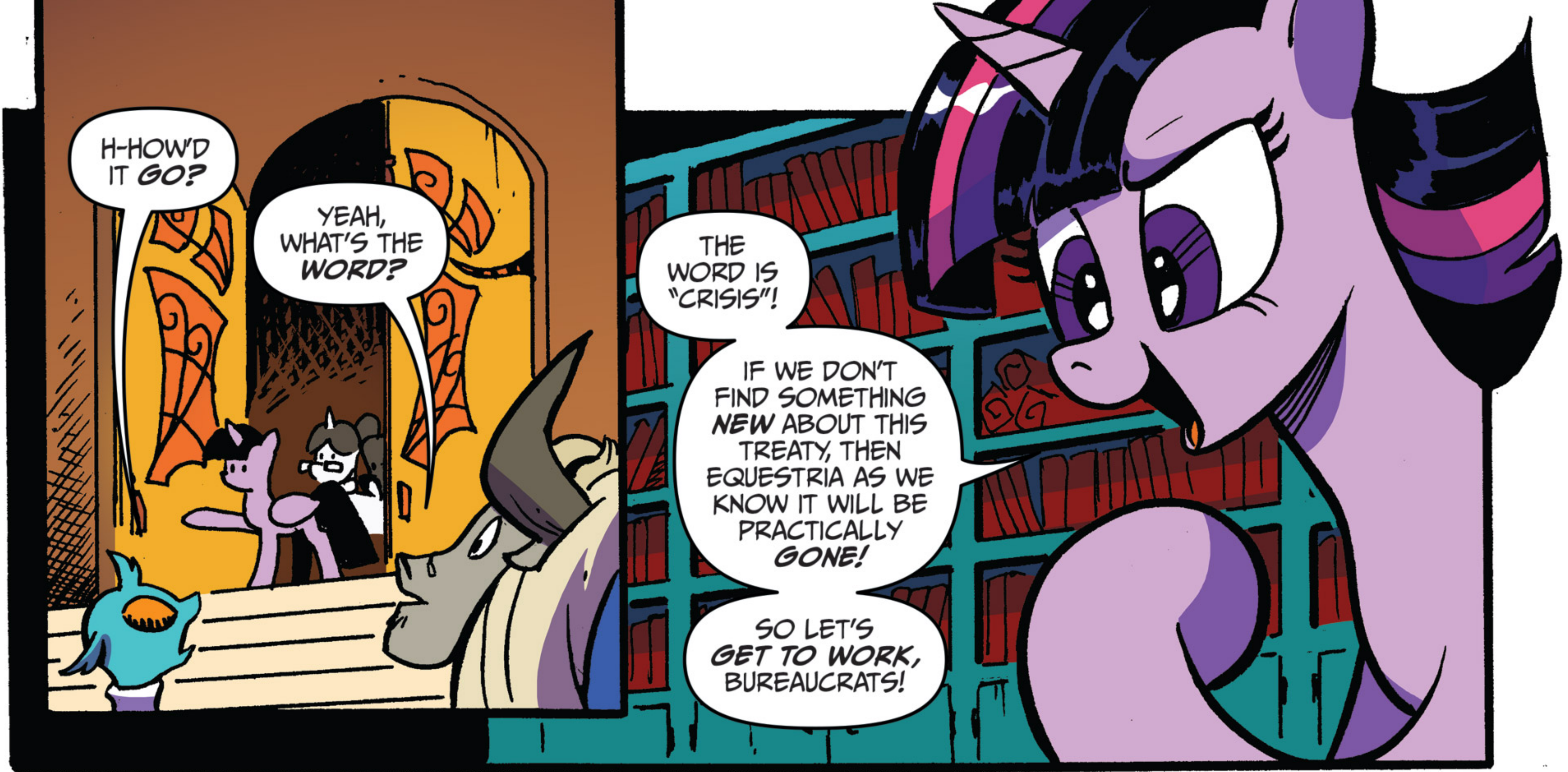
AND USUALLY THAT PAPERWORK IS BORING AND UNEVENTFUL...

... BUT NOT THIS TIME.

WELL, IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST ADVENTURE...

... THEN AT LEAST YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY!

ARCHIVES



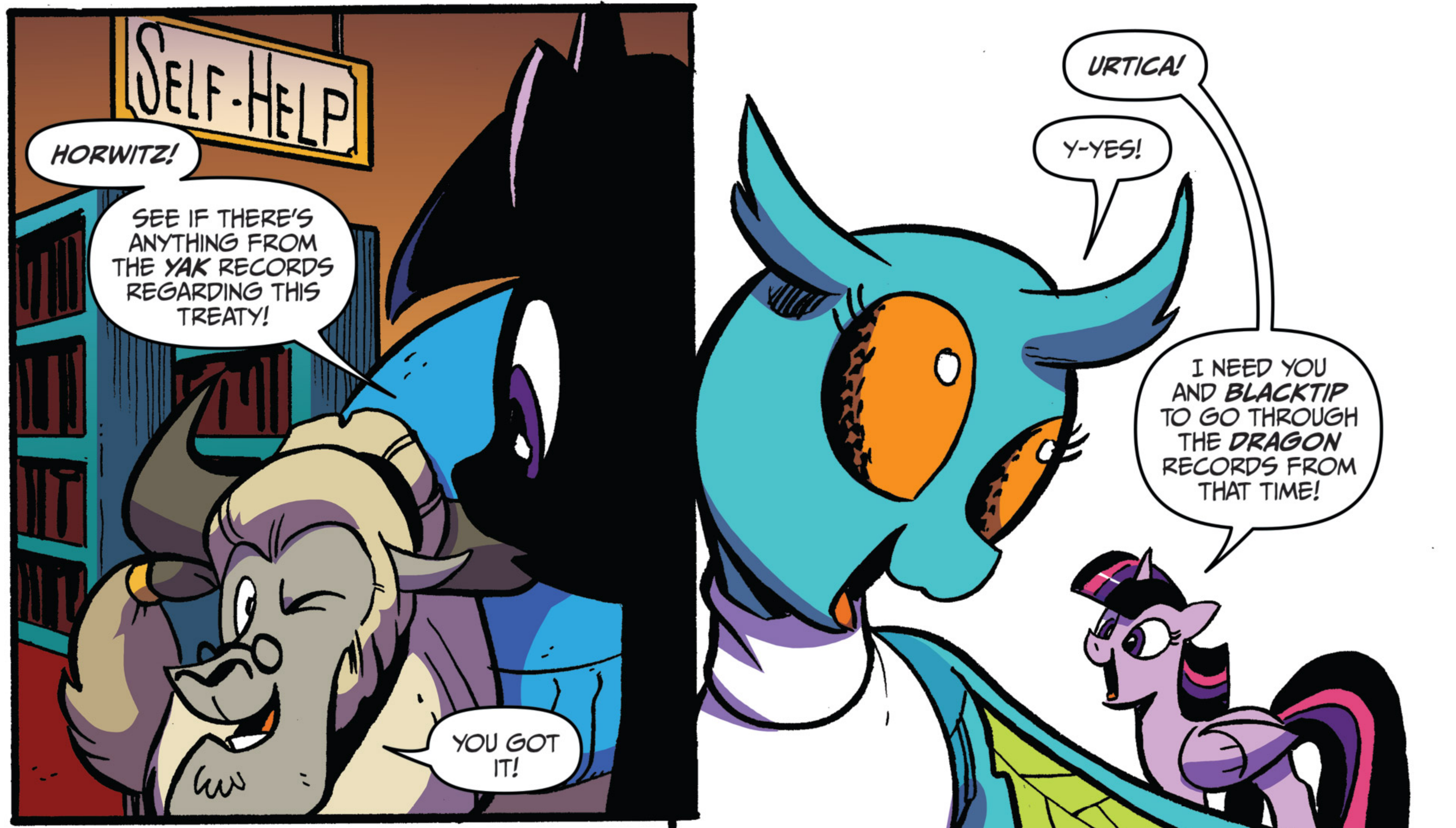
H-HOW'D IT GO?

YEAH, WHAT'S THE WORD?

THE WORD IS "CRISIS"!

IF WE DON'T FIND SOMETHING NEW ABOUT THIS TREATY, THEN EQUESTRIA AS WE KNOW IT WILL BE PRACTICALLY GONE!

SO LET'S GET TO WORK, BUREAUCRATS!



HORWITZ!

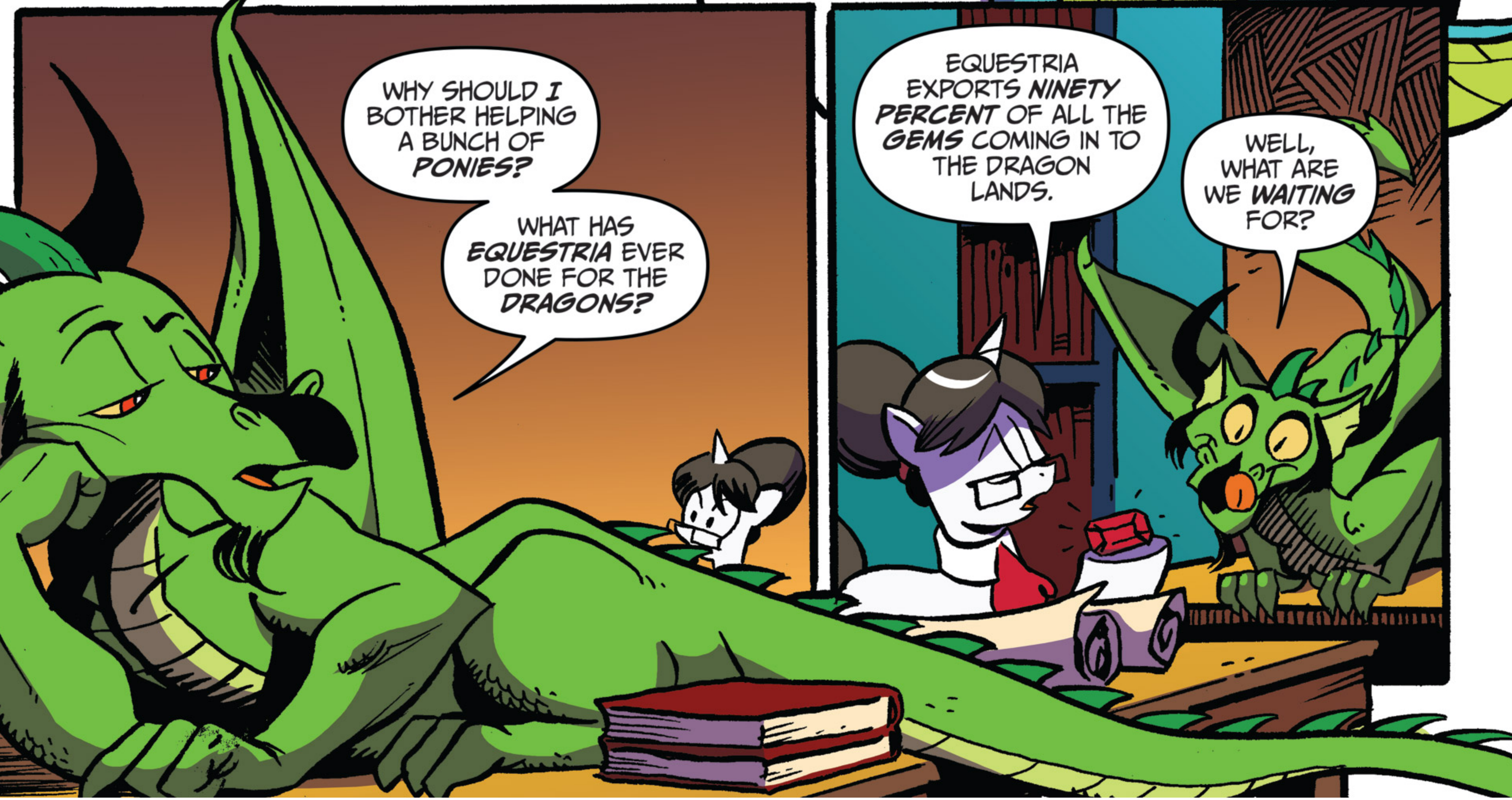
SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING FROM THE YAK RECORDS REGARDING THIS TREATY!

YOU GOT IT!

URTICA!

Y-YES!

I NEED YOU AND BLACKTIP TO GO THROUGH THE DRAGON RECORDS FROM THAT TIME!



WHY SHOULD I BOTHER HELPING A BUNCH OF PONIES?

WHAT HAS EQUESTRIA EVER DONE FOR THE DRAGONS?

EQUESTRIA EXPORTS NINETY PERCENT OF ALL THE GEMS COMING IN TO THE DRAGON LANDS.

WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?



NOTHING!

NO AMENDMENTS, NO ADDENDA, NO FOLLOW-UPS—

—NOT A PAGE THAT COULD HELP!

NO LUCK HERE, EITHER...

WE'VE READ AND RE-READ THE TREATY A DOZEN TIMES, AND THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF IT.



THERE ISN'T ANYTHING HELPFUL IN ANY OTHER RACE'S RECORDS.

WE MAY HAVE TO ACCEPT THE INEVITABLE, PRINCESS.

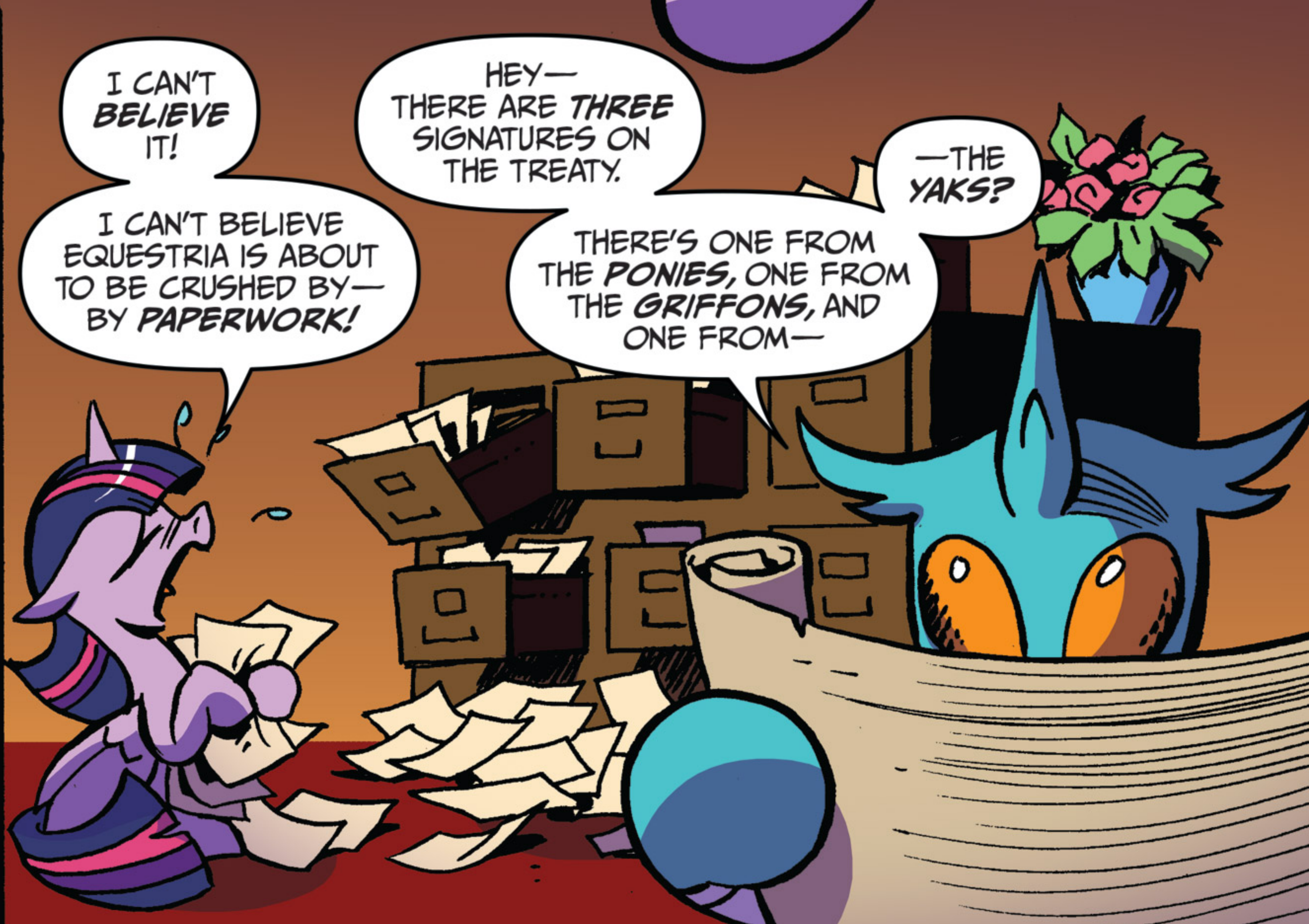
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

I CAN'T BELIEVE EQUESTRIA IS ABOUT TO BE CRUSHED BY— BY PAPERWORK!

HEY— THERE ARE THREE SIGNATURES ON THE TREATY.

THERE'S ONE FROM THE PONIES, ONE FROM THE GRIFFONS, AND ONE FROM—

—THE YAKS?





YES, TREATIES ARE SOMETIMES SIGNED BY A THIRD PARTY—

—A NATION THAT CAN ENFORCE THE TREATY, IN CASE THERE'S A DISPUTE.

OH, OKAY.

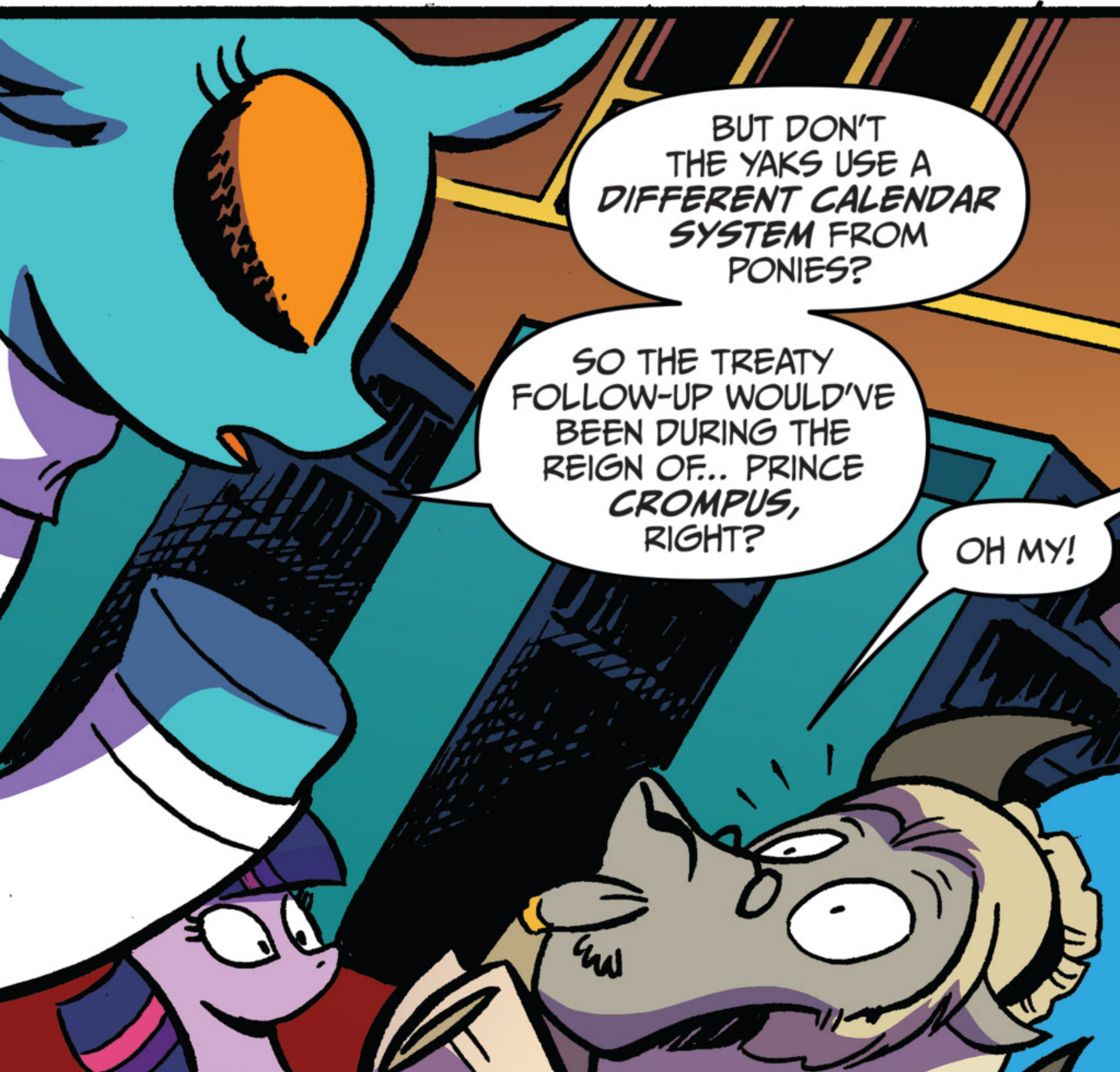
SO THAT'S WHY PRINCE... GRUNTWIG SIGNED.



AND A HUNDRED YEARS LATER, PRINCE DROMIUS WAS THE LEADER OF THE YAKS—

—SO HE WOULD'VE SIGNED A FOLLOW-UP TO THE TREATY, IF THE PRICE HAD BEEN PAID.

BUT I DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING IN THE ARCHIVES UNDER PRINCE DROMIUS'S REIGN.



BUT DON'T THE YAKS USE A DIFFERENT CALENDAR SYSTEM FROM PONIES?

SO THE TREATY FOLLOW-UP WOULD'VE BEEN DURING THE REIGN OF... PRINCE CROMPUS, RIGHT?

OH MY!

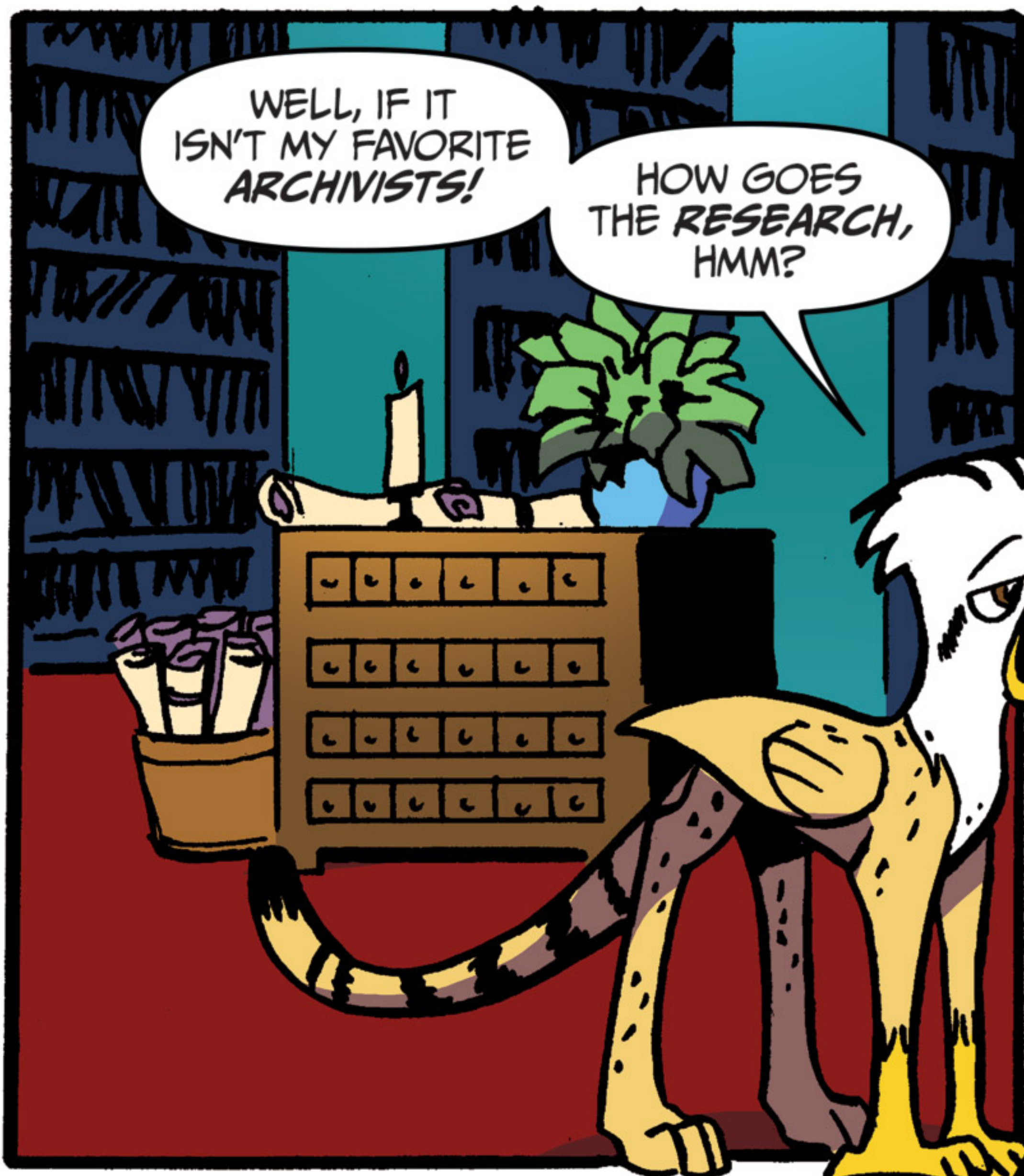


OF COURSE! I CAN'T BELIEVE I MISSED IT!



HA-HA!





WELL, IF IT ISN'T MY FAVORITE ARCHIVISTS!

HOW GOES THE RESEARCH, HMM?



LORD GOLDSTONE!

WE FOUND A MISFILED SCROLL—

—AND IT PROVES THAT EQUESTRIA ALREADY PAID ITS DEBT!

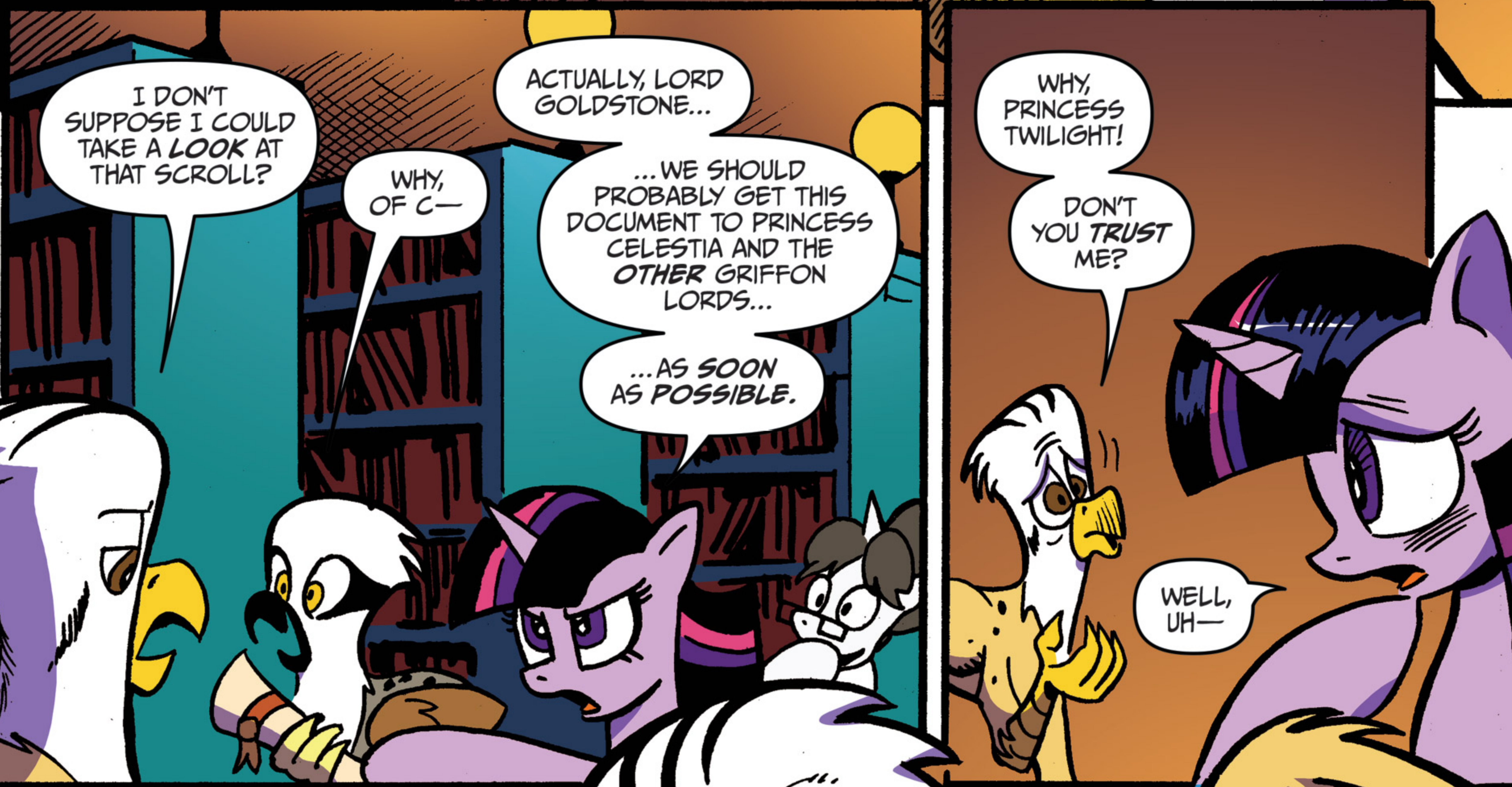
THE PONIES WON'T HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR LAND AFTER ALL!



WHY—HOW WONDERFUL!

SO GRIFFONSTONE WON'T SUDDENLY EXPAND ITS TERRITORY AND RICHES!

HOW MARVELOUS!



I DON'T SUPPOSE I COULD TAKE A LOOK AT THAT SCROLL?

WHY, OF C—

ACTUALLY, LORD GOLDSTONE...

...WE SHOULD PROBABLY GET THIS DOCUMENT TO PRINCESS CELESTIA AND THE OTHER GRIFFON LORDS...

...AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

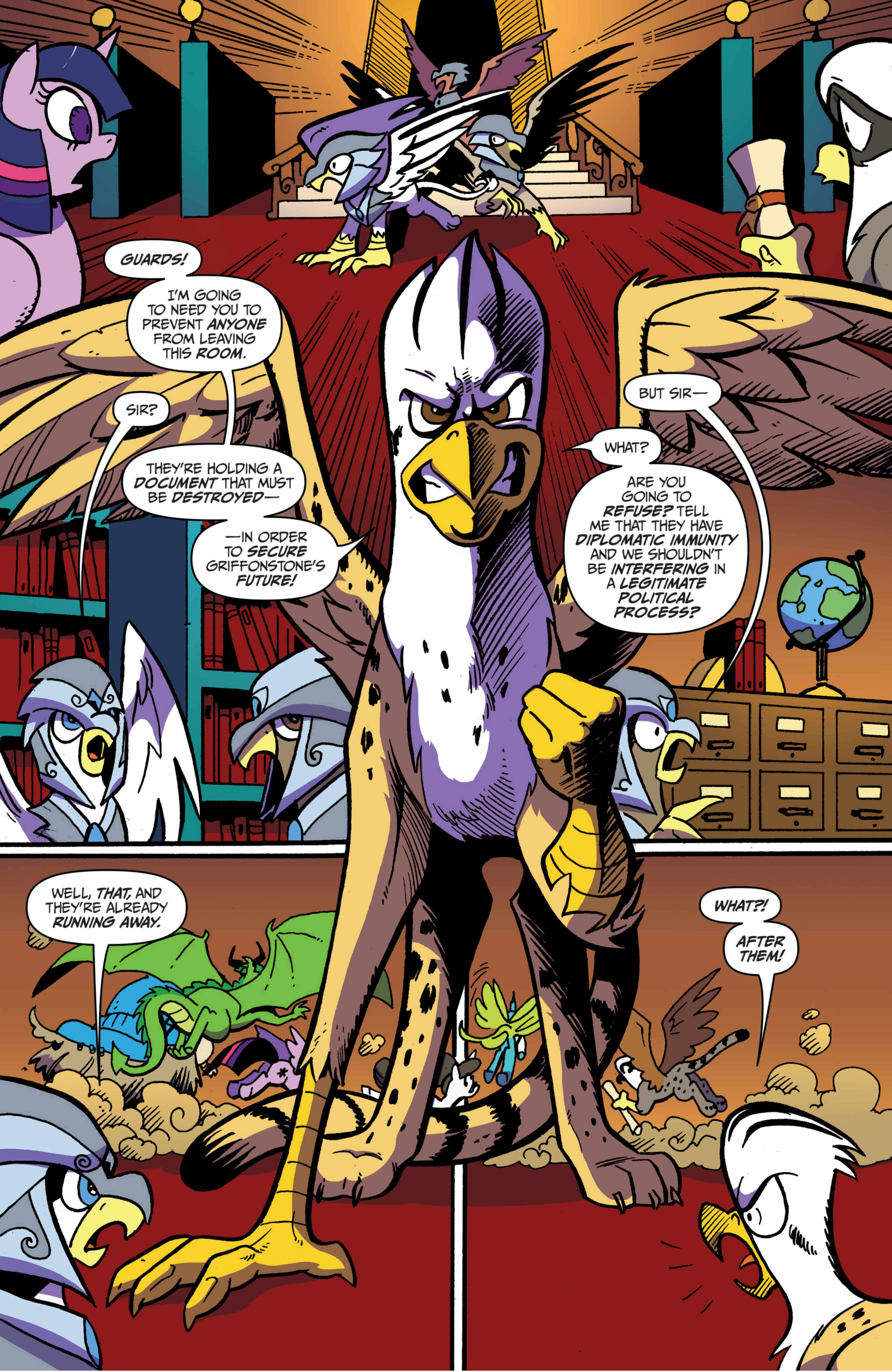
WHY, PRINCESS TWILIGHT!

DON'T YOU TRUST ME?

WELL, UH—



WELL, YOU SHOULDN'T.



GUARDS!

I'M GOING TO NEED YOU TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM LEAVING THIS ROOM.

SIR?

THEY'RE HOLDING A DOCUMENT THAT MUST BE DESTROYED—

—IN ORDER TO SECURE GRIFFONSTONE'S FUTURE!

BUT SIR—

WHAT?
ARE YOU GOING TO REFUSE? TELL ME THAT THEY HAVE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND WE SHOULDN'T BE INTERFERING IN A LEGITIMATE POLITICAL PROCESS?

WELL, THAT, AND THEY'RE ALREADY RUNNING AWAY.

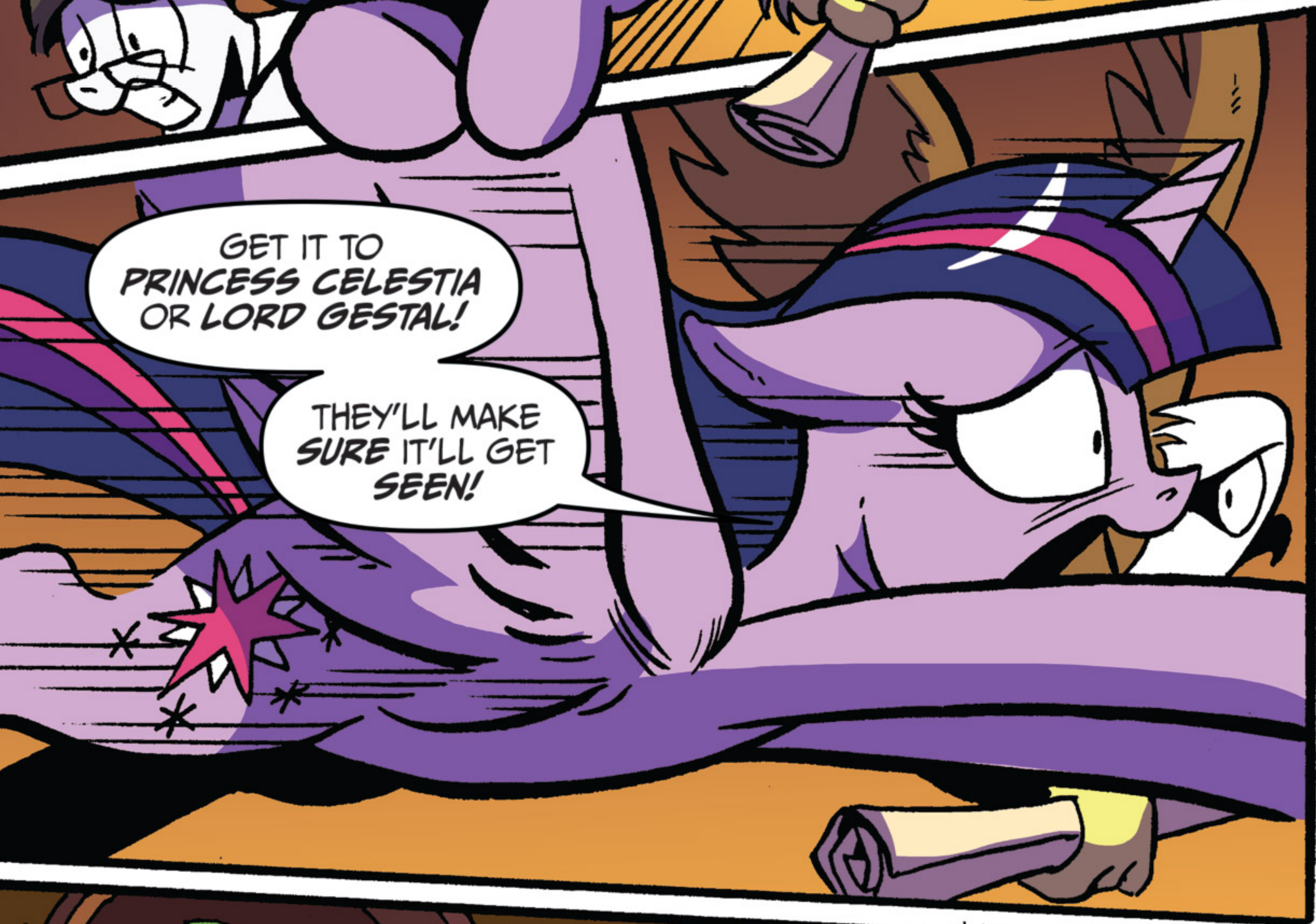
WHAT?!
AFTER THEM!



WE NEED TO PROTECT THAT DOCUMENT!

IF GOLDSTONE GETS HIS CLAWS ON IT, HE COULD RUIN EQUESTRIA!

W-WHAT DO WE DO?



GET IT TO PRINCESS CELESTIA OR LORD GESTAL!

THEY'LL MAKE SURE IT'LL GET SEEN!



OKAY, BUT—



—HOW ARE WE GOING TO SEE THEM?



THIS CROWD IS HUGE! WE'LL NEVER FIND THE PRINCESS OR THE GRIFFONS!

W-WE COULD SPLIT UP?

WE MIGHT GET CAUGHT FASTER THAT WAY.



HURRY!

THIS IS BUSINESS OF NATIONAL IMPORT!



GOLDSTONE'S RIGHT BEHIND US! AND HE'S GOT LOTS OF SOLDIERS!

WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT OUT OF HERE!

WE NEED A—A DISTRACTION OR SOMETHING!

EXCUSE ME— YOU'RE THE YAKYAKISTANI LINE-DANCERS, AREN'T YOU?

COULD YOU DO A DEMONSTRATION?

OF COURSE! YAKS ALWAYS LOVE DANCING!



TAPPATAPPATAPPATAPP



OVER THERE!

AFTER THEM!



OKAY, THEY'RE DISTRACTED!

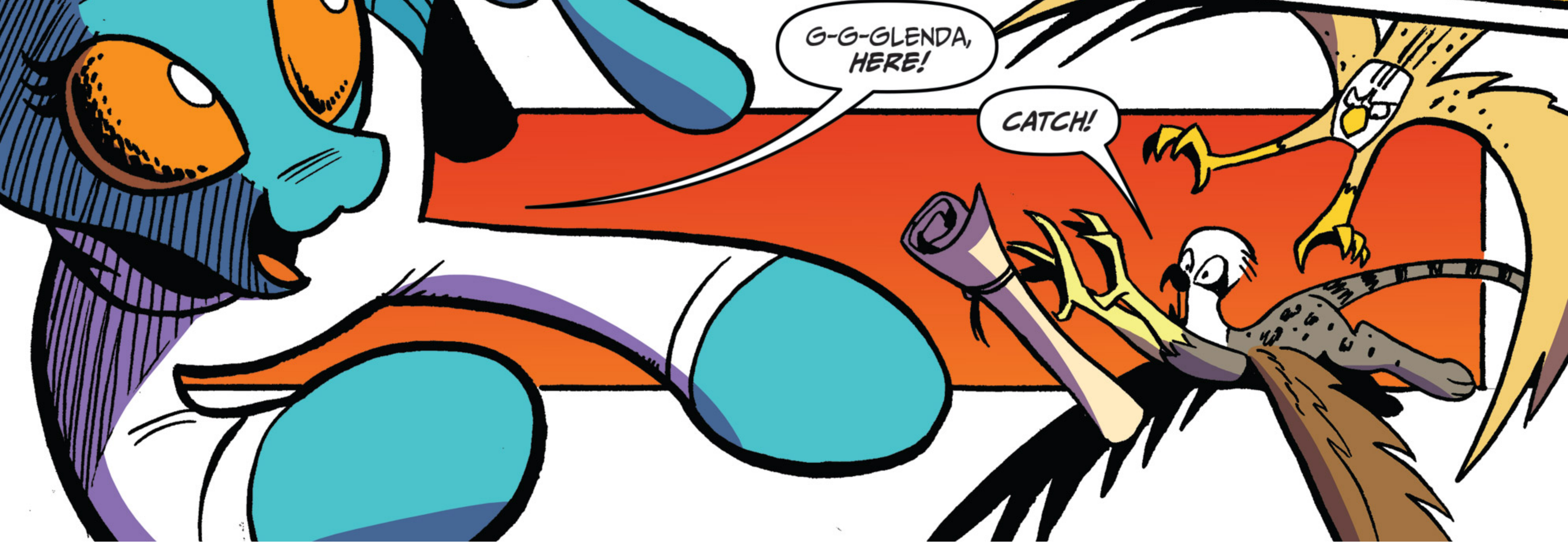
LET'S RUN FOR THE EXIT!

GUARDS

SEIZE THEM

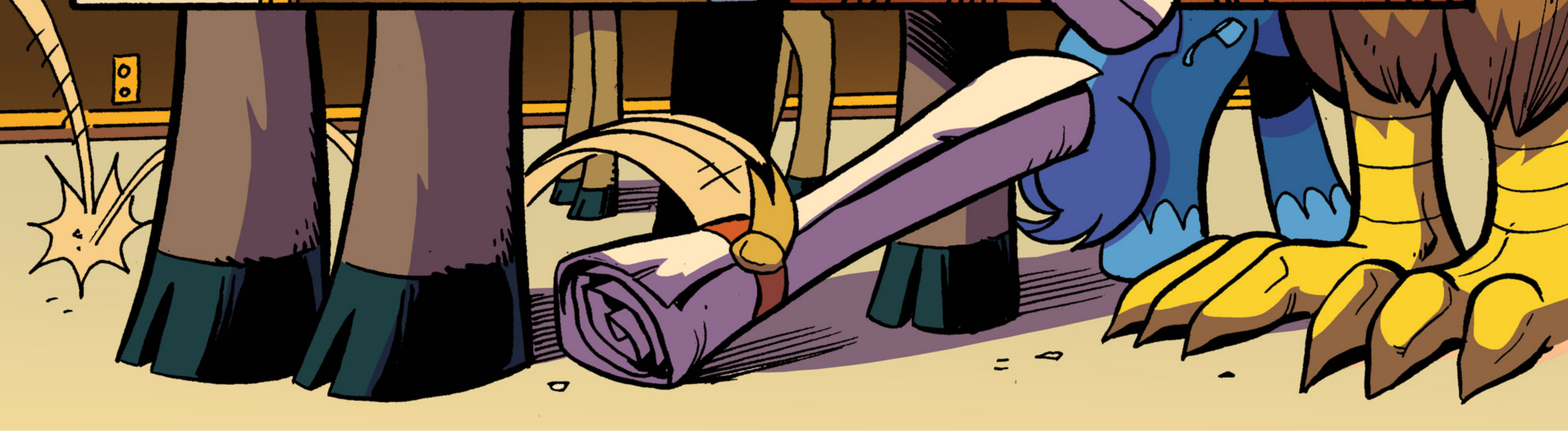
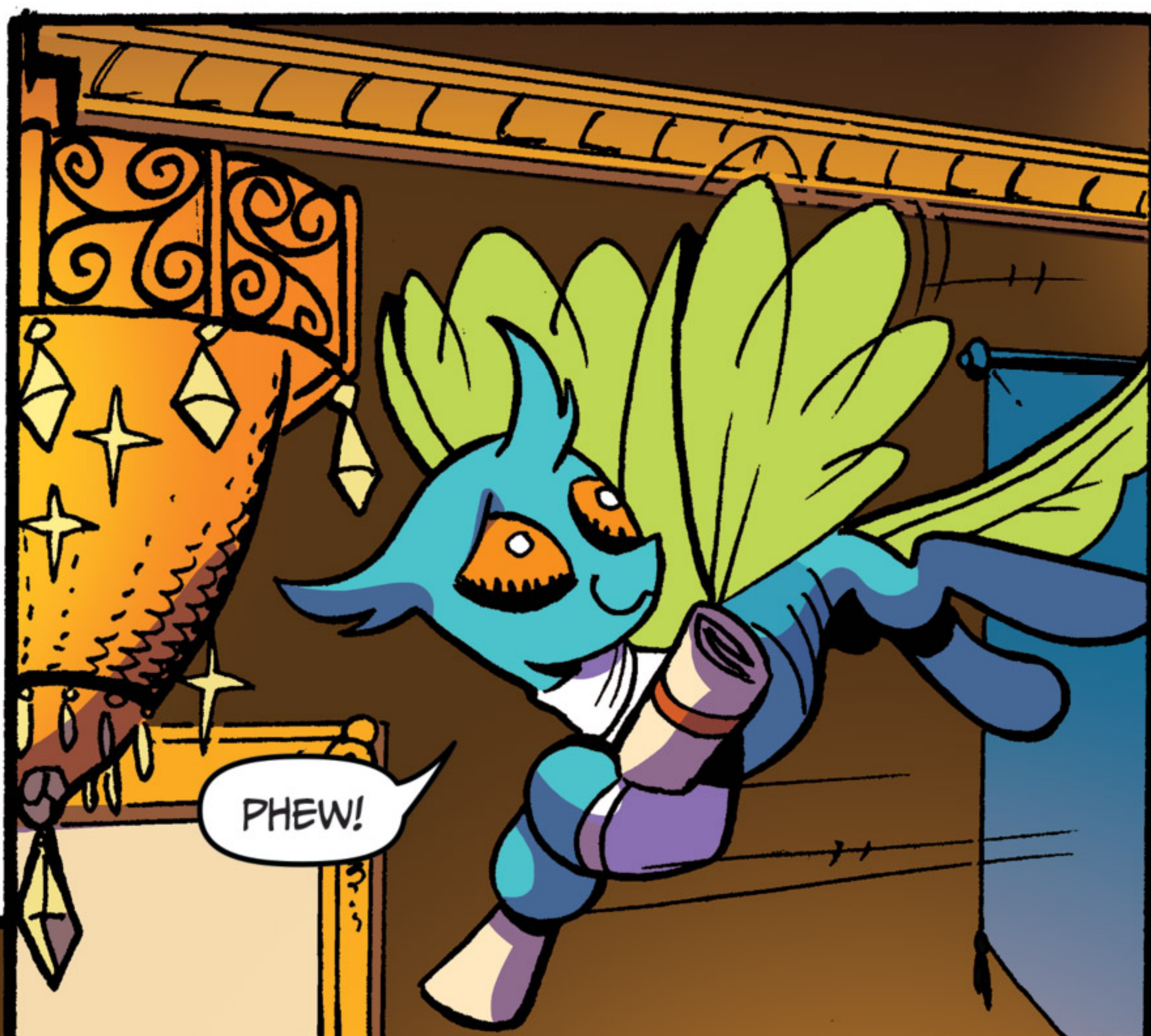


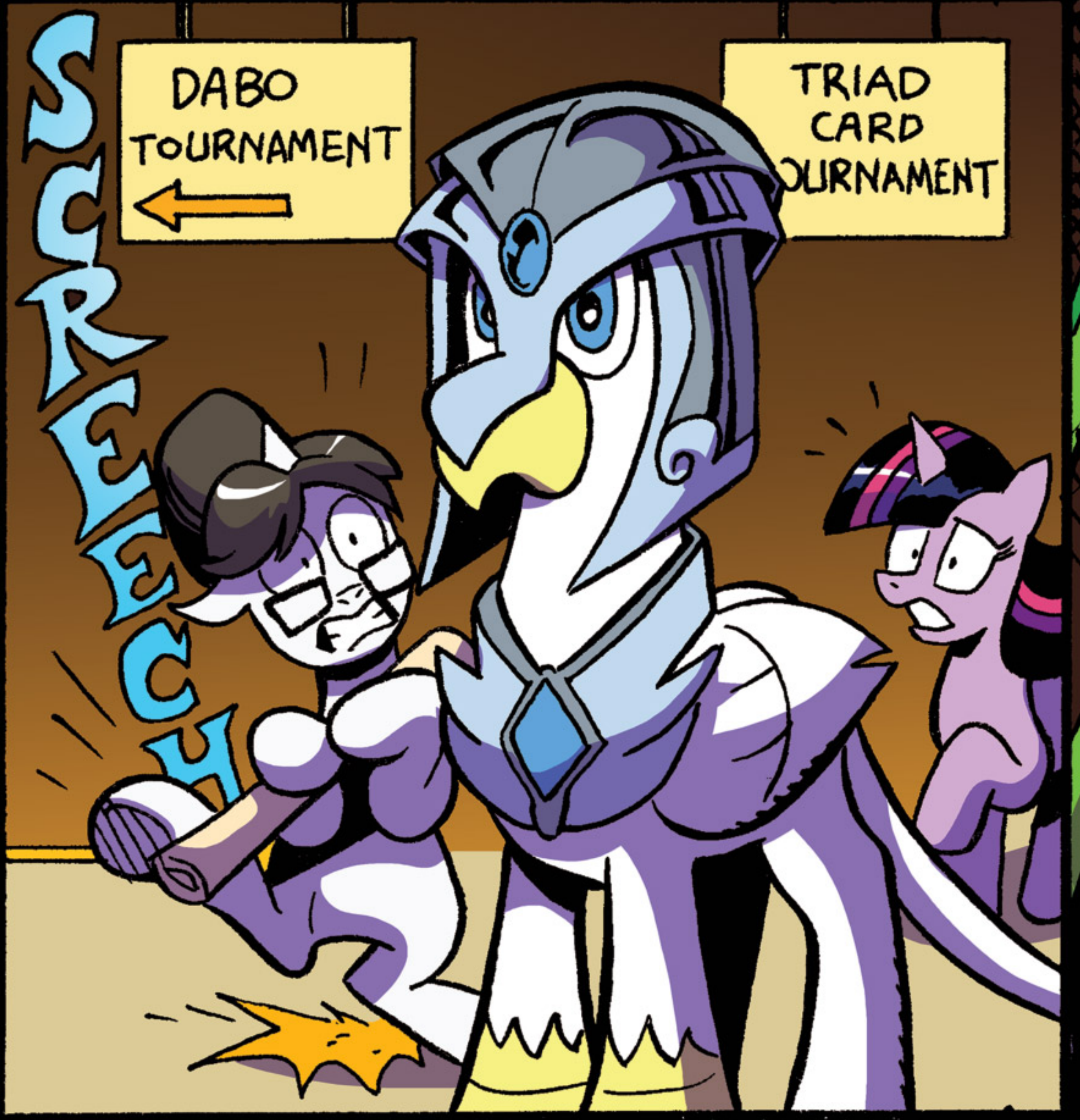
SCATTER!



G-G-GLENDA, HERE!

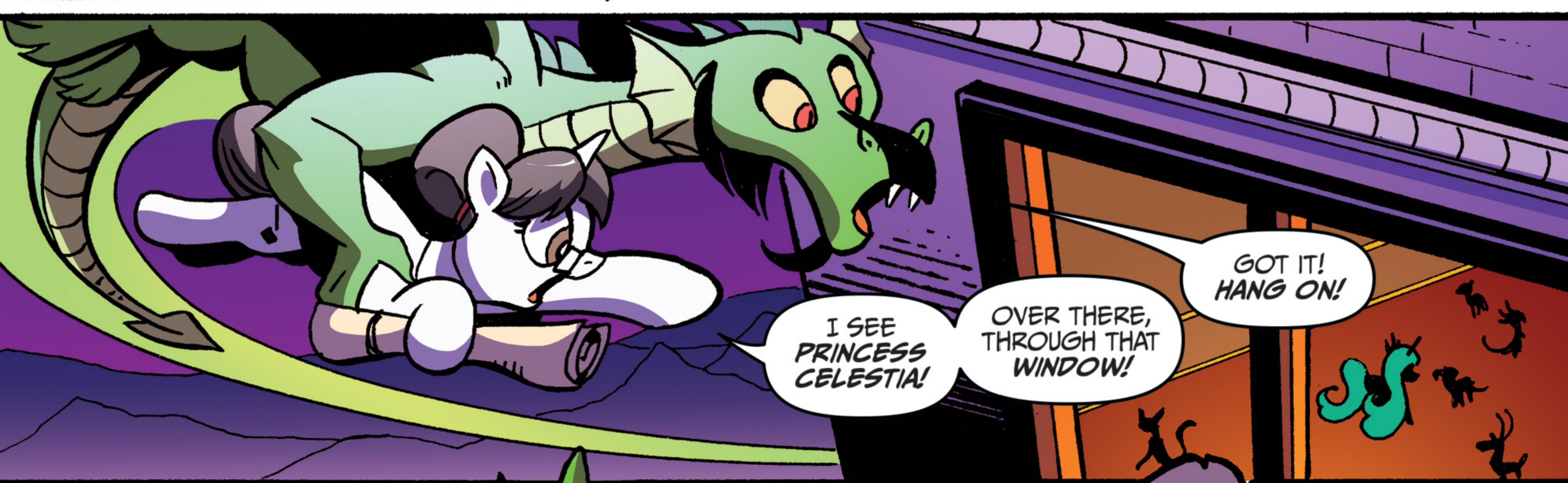
CATCH!







KRASH!



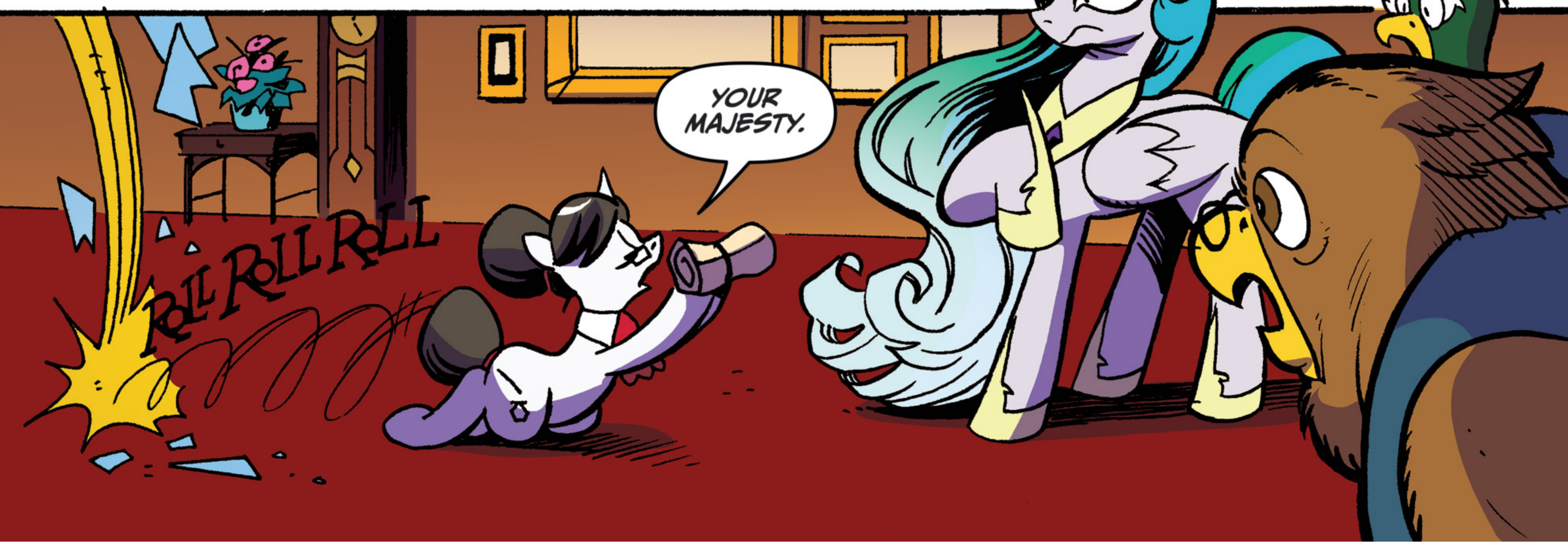
I SEE PRINCESS CELESTIA!

OVER THERE, THROUGH THAT WINDOW!

GOT IT! HANG ON!



SMASH



YOUR MAJESTY.

ROLL ROLL ROLL



THIS IS—!

AN
ADDENDUM TO
THE ORIGINAL
TREATY.

THIS
DIPLOMATIC
CRISIS IS
RESOLVED.

OH, THANK
GOODNESS!



INDEED.

I AM GLAD THIS
COULD BE RESOLVED
PEACEFULLY.

I WOULD NOT
WISH TO LOSE MY
PEOPLE'S GREATEST
FRIEND...

...NOT FOR TEN
TIMES THE LAND
IN EQUESTRIA.



I MUST
ESPECIALLY
THANK YOU, MISS
RAVEN, FOR YOUR
EFFORTS.

IT WAS
A GROUP
EFFORT, LORD
GESTAL.

MY FELLOW
ARCHIVISTS AND
BUREAUCRATS
DESERVE CREDIT
AS WELL.

I COULDN'T
HAVE DONE IT
WITHOUT...

...MY
FRIENDS.



LORD GESTAL!
URGENT NEWS!

THERE
ARE CREATURES
ATTEMPTING
TO—



ALSO, LORD
GOLDSTONE
ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT
TREASON.

OR PERHAPS
YOU'RE ALREADY
AWARE OF THE
SITUATION?



I'LL SEND YOU THOSE RECORDS AS SOON AS I GET BACK!

AND I'LL BE SURE TO WRITE!



YOU WRITE TOO, RAVEN!

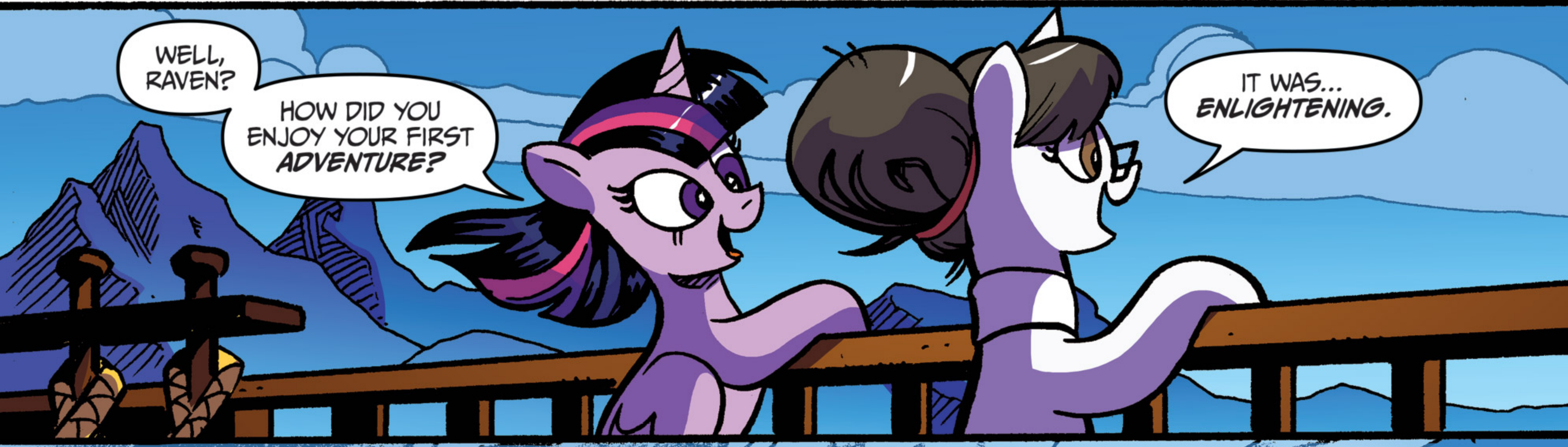
I WANT TO HEAR FROM ALL MY NEW FRIENDS!

YEAH!

LET'S ALL KEEP IN TOUCH!



...OF COURSE.



WELL, RAVEN?

HOW DID YOU ENJOY YOUR FIRST ADVENTURE?

IT WAS... ENLIGHTENING.



I MADE SOME FRIENDS, LEARNED ABOUT OTHER CULTURES, AND GAINED A NEW APPRECIATION FOR COLLABORATION.

AND YOU'RE ALREADY PRETTY GOOD AT SUMMARIZING, TOO!

BUT I THINK I'LL LEAVE FUTURE ADVENTURES TO YOU, PRINCESS.

I PREFER WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES.

I CAN'T BLAME YOU, RAVEN.

PAPERWORK HAS ITS CHARMS, TOO!



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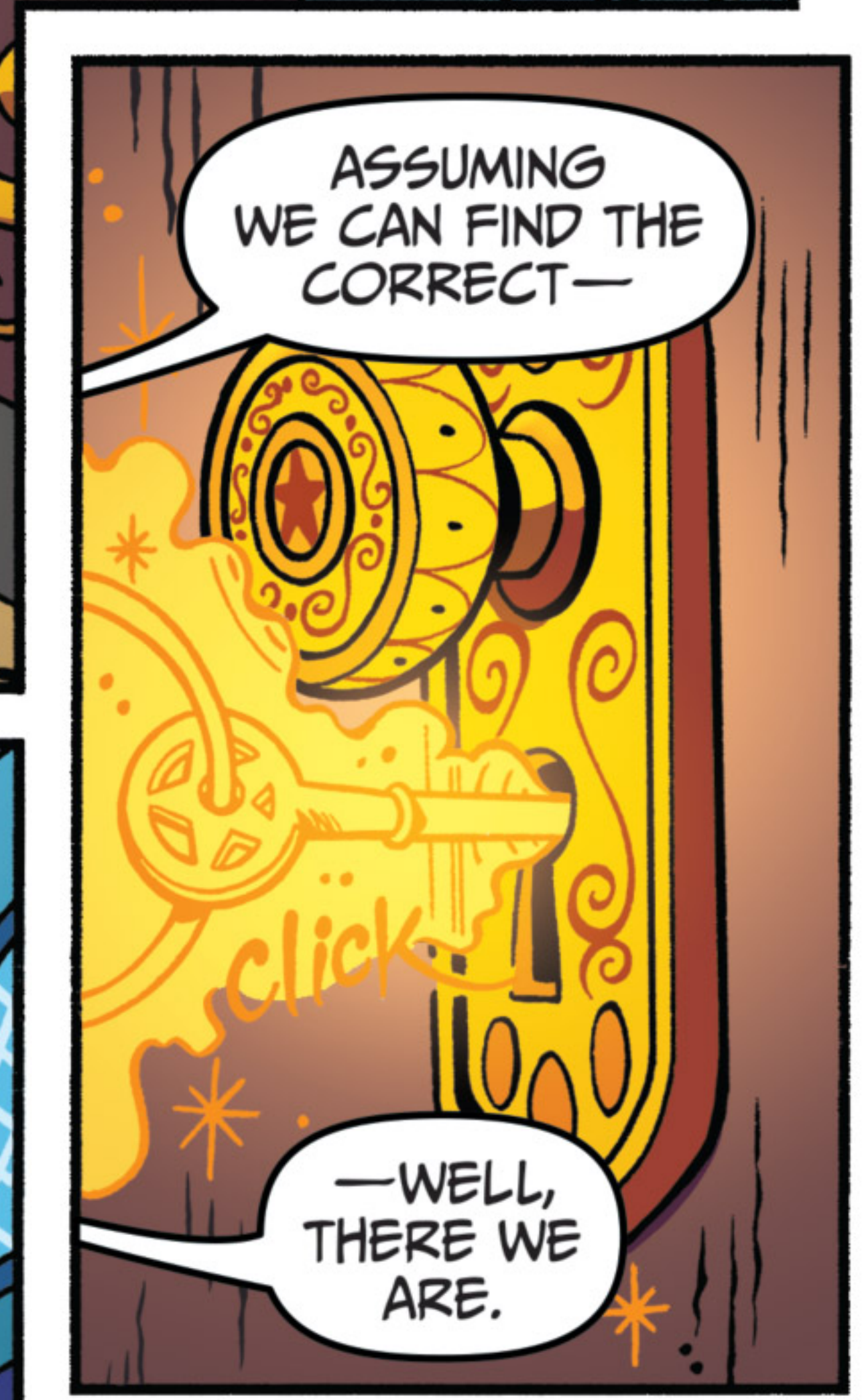
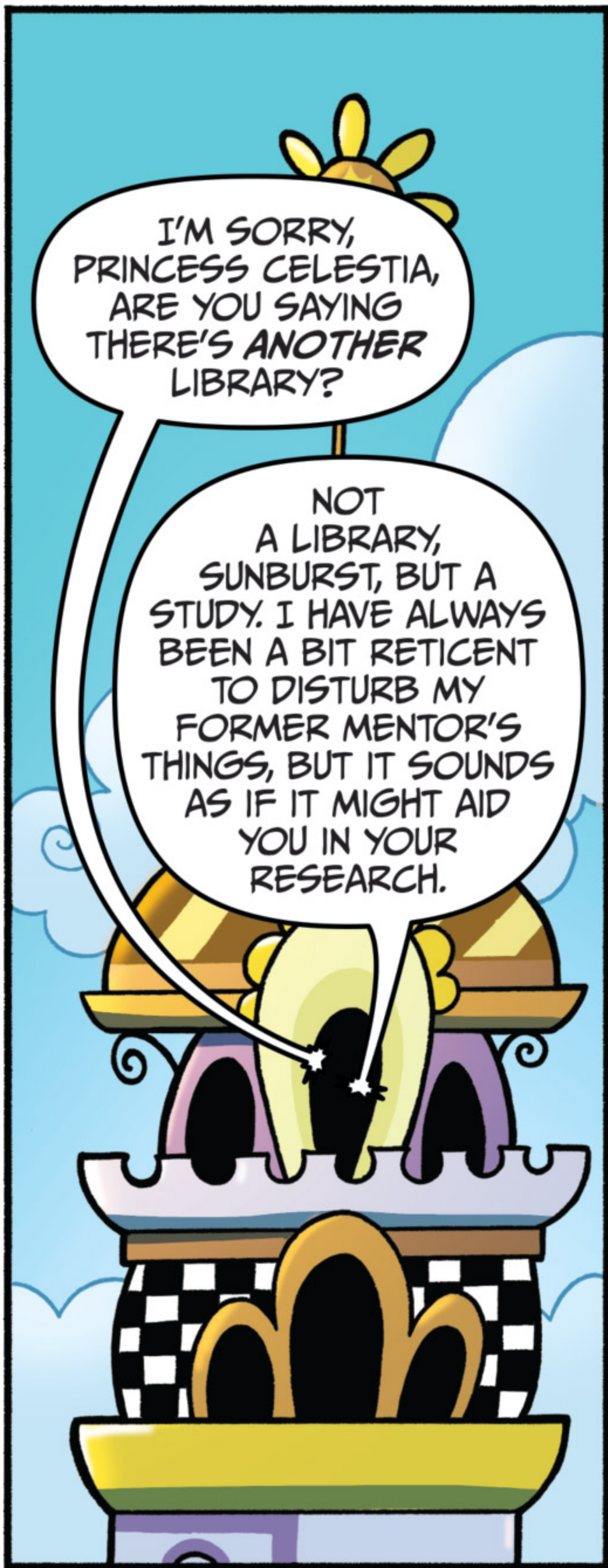


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THIS IS AMAZING!
WHO KNOWS WHAT
COULD BE IN
HERE!

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.



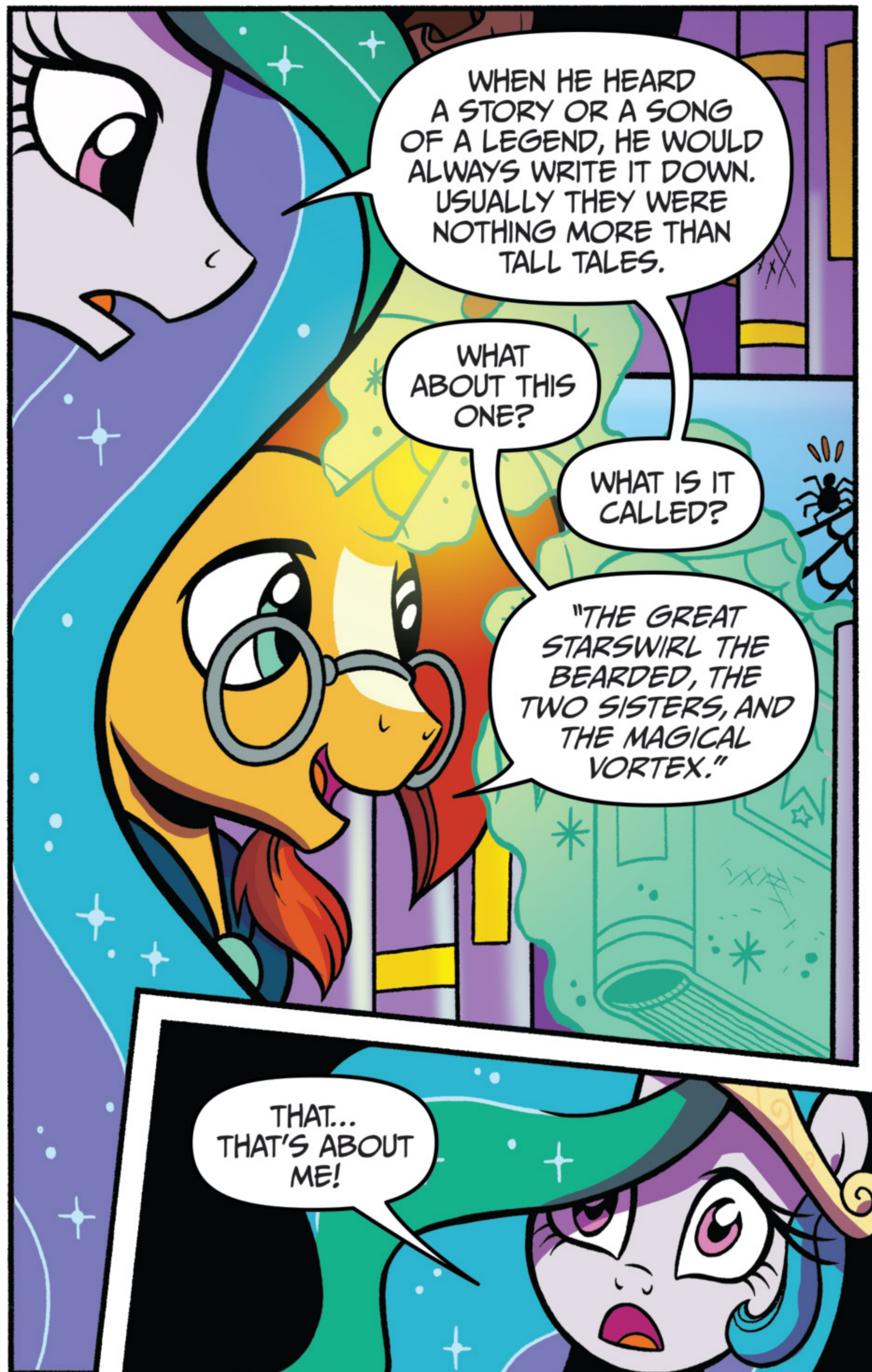
THEN THERE WAS
THE FIGHT, AND I EXILED
LUNA TO THE MOON. AFTER
THAT I WAS TOO BUSY... OR
PERHAPS IT HURT TOO
MUCH TO THINK OF
THOSE DAYS.

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

IT LOOKS LIKE
HE WROTE THESE
HIMSELF.

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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?

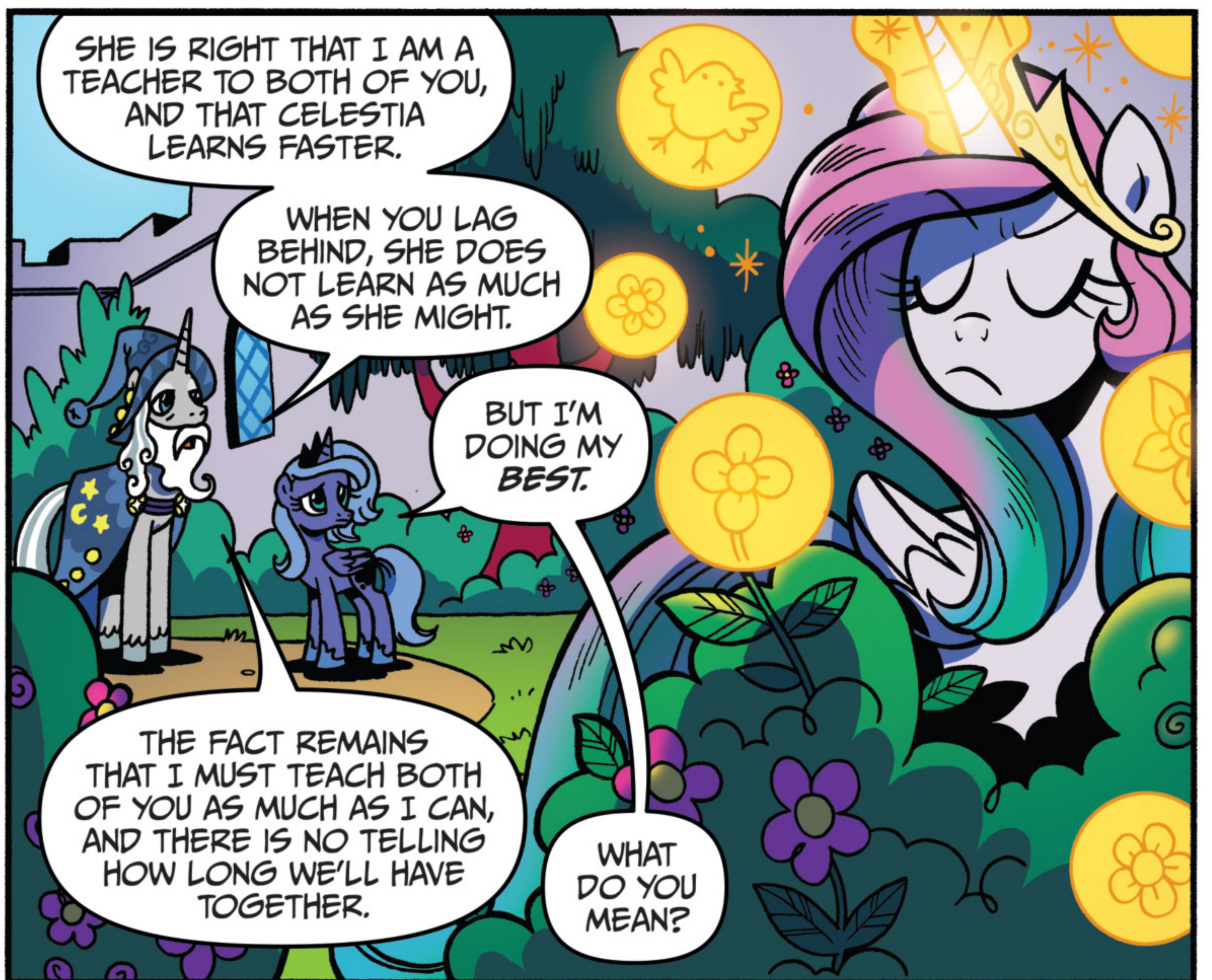
TO BE FRANK, HER COMPLAINT HAS MERIT.



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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