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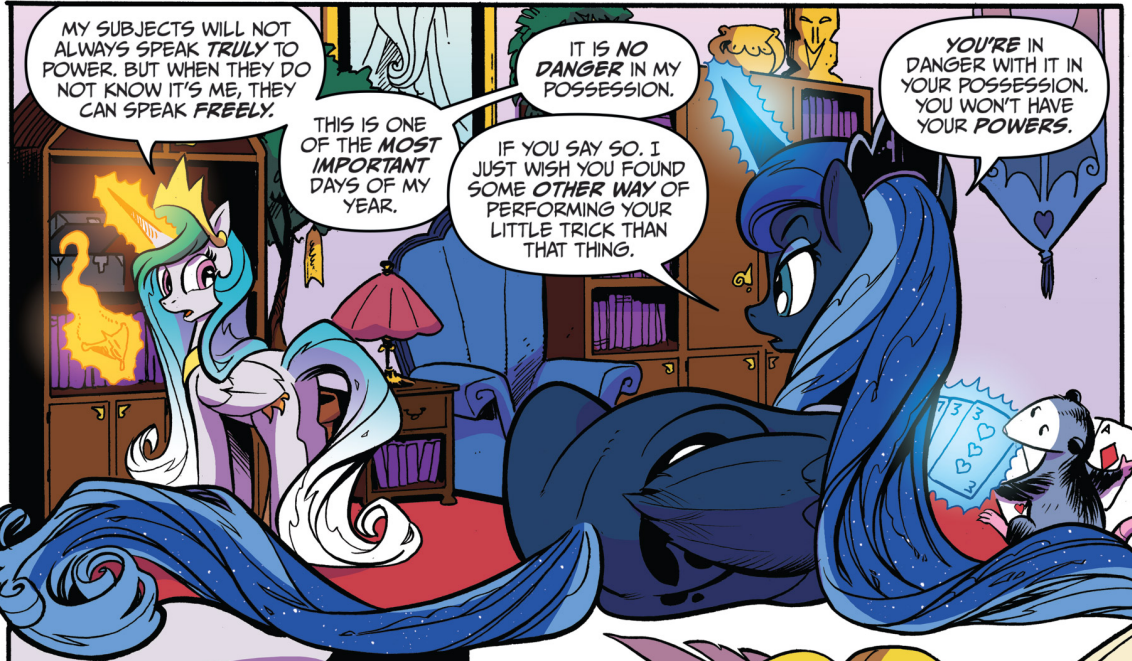
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SO YOU'RE GOING TO DO THIS TRADITION OF YOURS AGAIN?

I AM. IT IS IMPORTANT.

SO YOU WANNA BE AN ACTOR ACTING FOR IDIOTS



MY SUBJECTS WILL NOT ALWAYS SPEAK TRULY TO POWER. BUT WHEN THEY DO NOT KNOW IT'S ME, THEY CAN SPEAK FREELY.

THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS OF MY YEAR.

IT IS NO DANGER IN MY POSSESSION.

IF YOU SAY SO. I JUST WISH YOU FOUND SOME OTHER WAY OF PERFORMING YOUR LITTLE TRICK THAN THAT THING.

YOU'RE IN DANGER WITH IT IN YOUR POSSESSION. YOU WON'T HAVE YOUR POWERS.



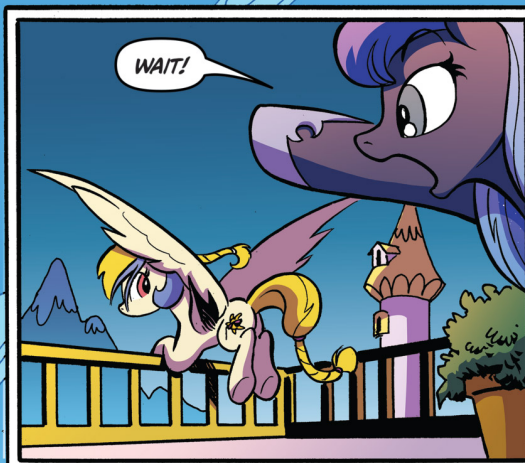
DO TRY TO KEEP THE KINGDOM IN ORDER WHILE I'M GONE.

I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.

I KNOW YOU WILL.



QUEEN FOR ONE LESS DAY



WAIT!

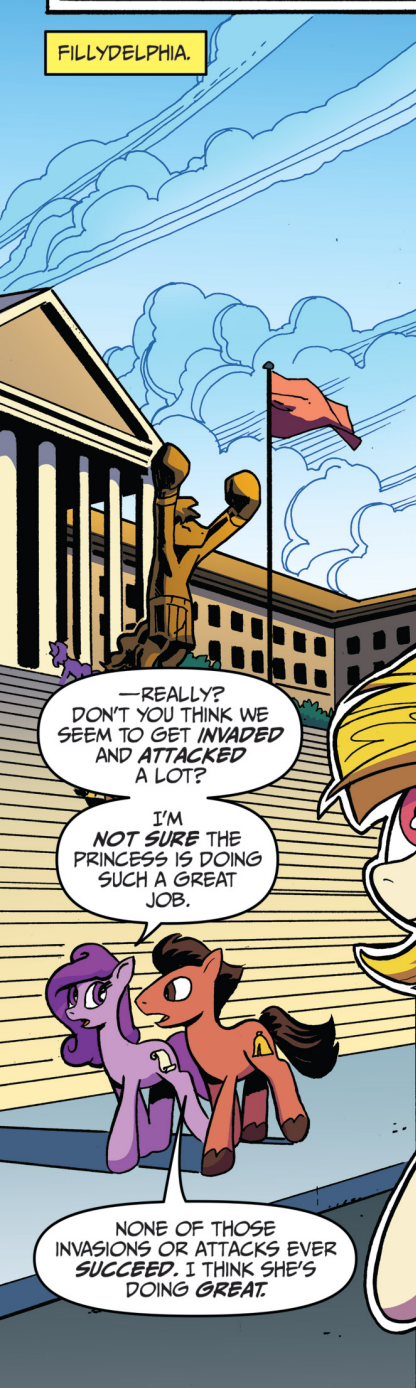


AT LEAST COMB YOUR MANE IF YOU'RE GOING TO GO OUT LIKE THAT.

FILLYDELPHIA.

MANHATTAN.

FOALEDO.



—REALLY? DON'T YOU THINK WE SEEM TO GET INVADED AND ATTACKED A LOT?

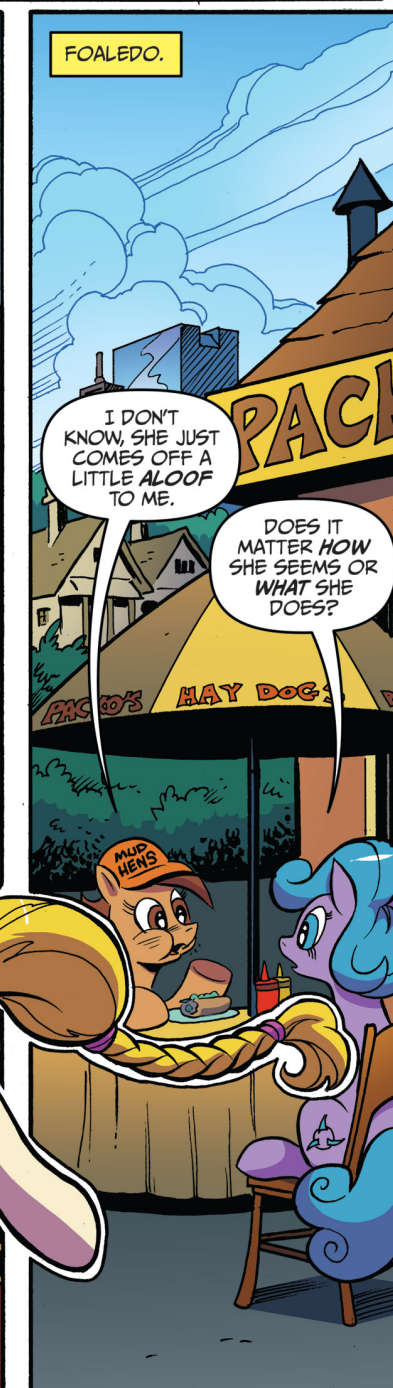
I'M NOT SURE THE PRINCESS IS DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB.

NONE OF THOSE INVASIONS OR ATTACKS EVER SUCCEED. I THINK SHE'S DOING GREAT.



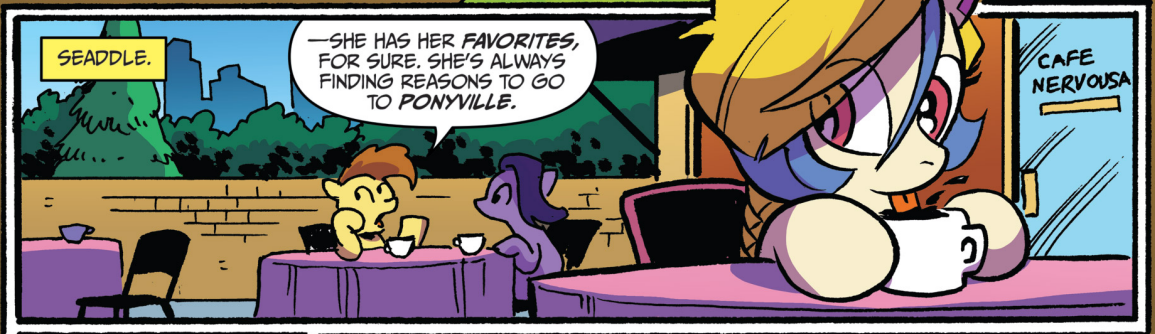
ARE YOU KIDDING? SHE PUT TWILIGHT SPARKLE INTO A POSITION WHERE SHE COULD SAVE EVERYONE.

DO YOU THINK THAT'S JUST LUCK?



I DON'T KNOW, SHE JUST COMES OFF A LITTLE ALOOF TO ME.

DOES IT MATTER HOW SHE SEEMS OR WHAT SHE DOES?



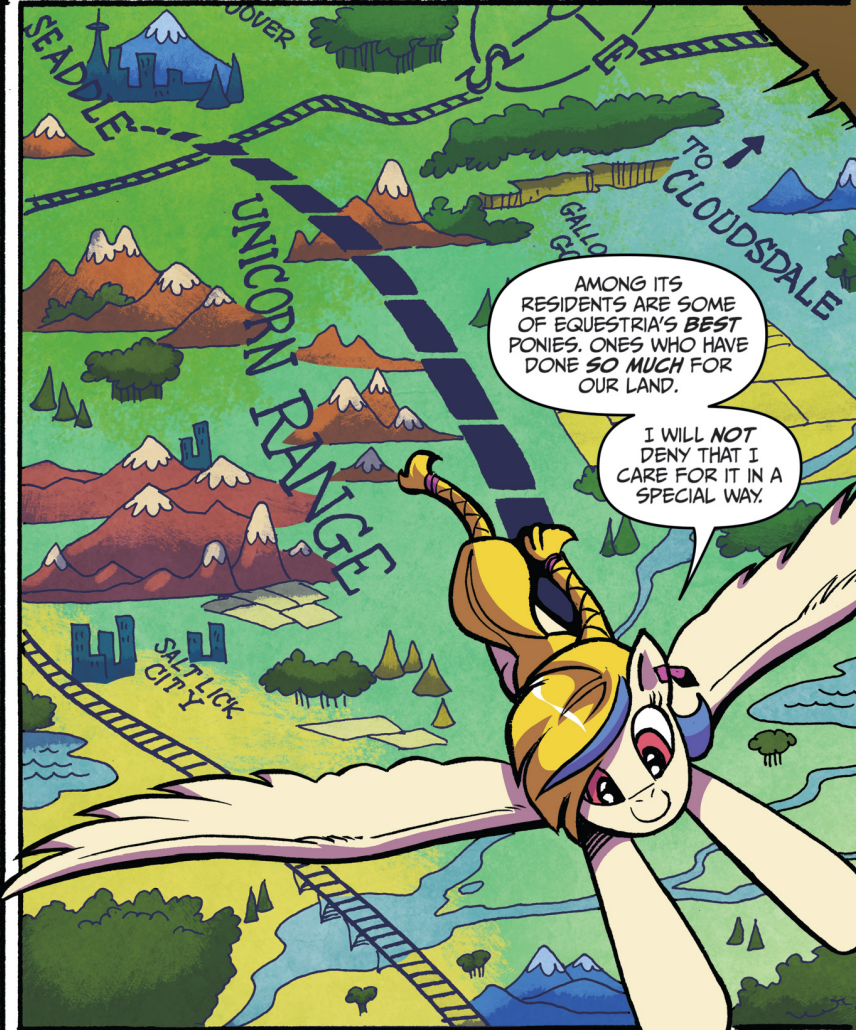
SEADDLE.

—SHE HAS HER FAVORITES, FOR SURE. SHE'S ALWAYS FINDING REASONS TO GO TO PONYVILLE.

CAFE NERVOUSA

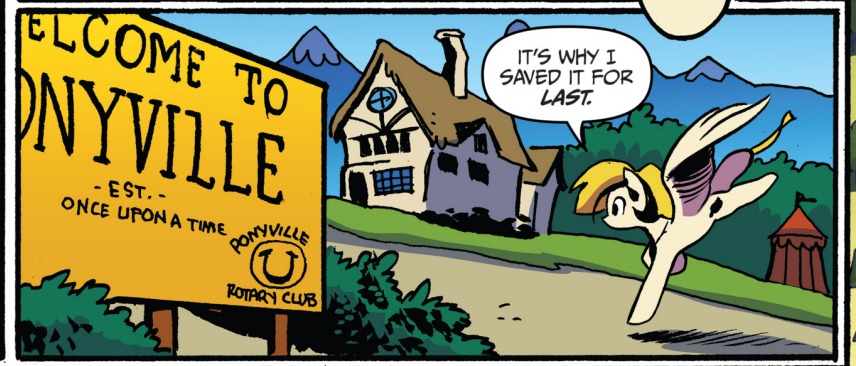


I TRY TO TREAT ALL MY SUBJECTS EQUALLY. BUT IT'S TRUE THAT PONYVILLE IS VERY SPECIAL TO ME.

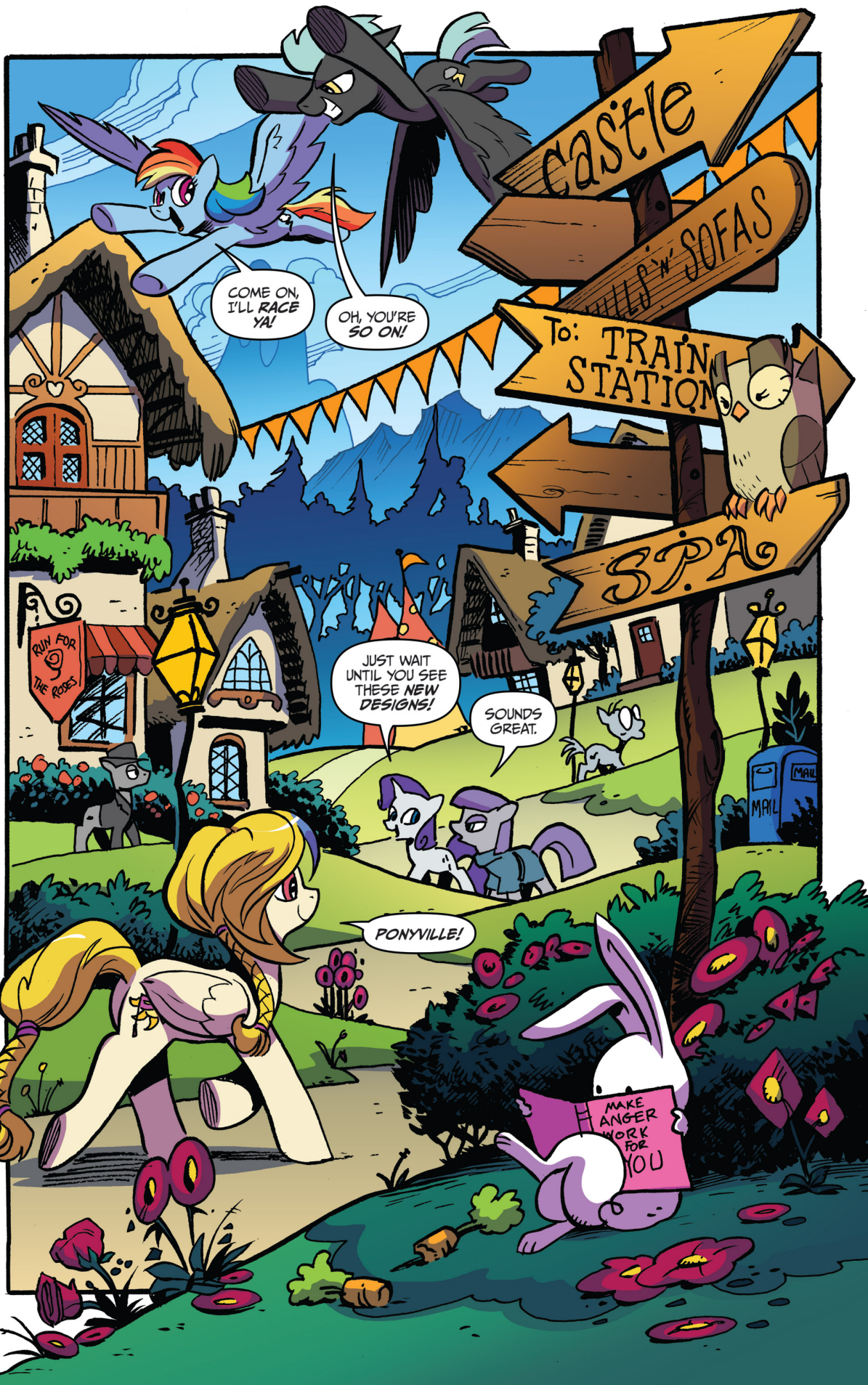


AMONG ITS RESIDENTS ARE SOME OF EQUESTRIA'S BEST PONIES. ONES WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR OUR LAND.

I WILL NOT DENY THAT I CARE FOR IT IN A SPECIAL WAY.



IT'S WHY I SAVED IT FOR LAST.



COME ON, I'LL RACE YA!

OH, YOU'RE SO ON!

To: TRAIN STATION

SPA

JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THESE NEW DESIGNS!

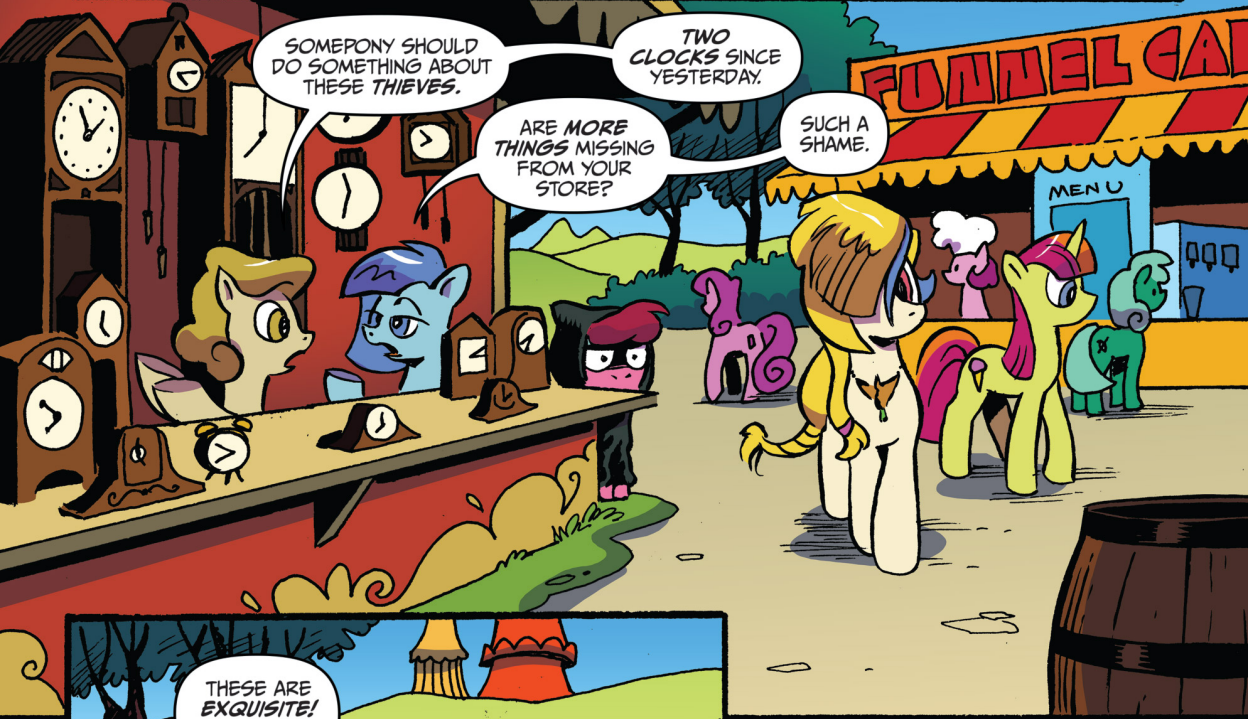
SOUNDS GREAT.

PONYVILLE!

MAKE ANGER WORK FOR YOU

RUN FOR THE ROSES

MAIL



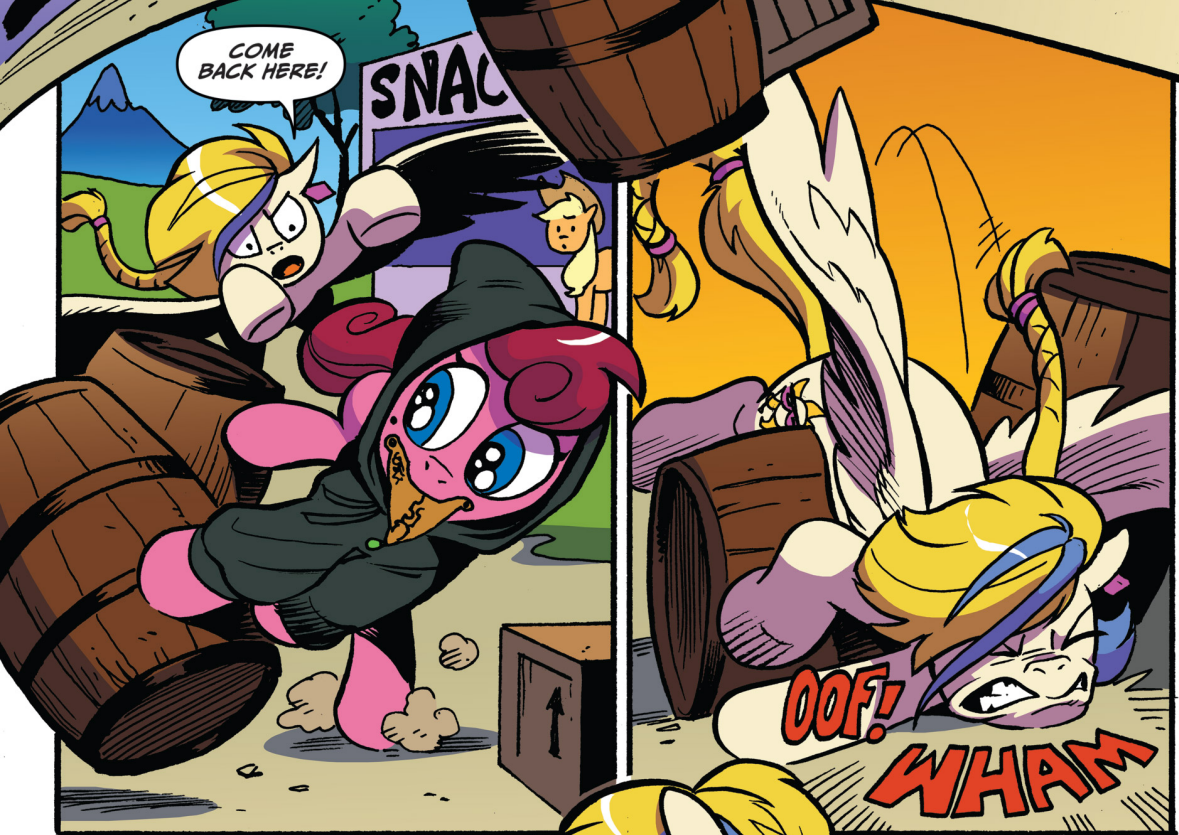


STOP THAT FILLY!
SHE STOLE MY AMULET!

GOAT HATS

HUMMUS and
NOTARY PUBLIC

ANTIQU...
SALT CELLARS

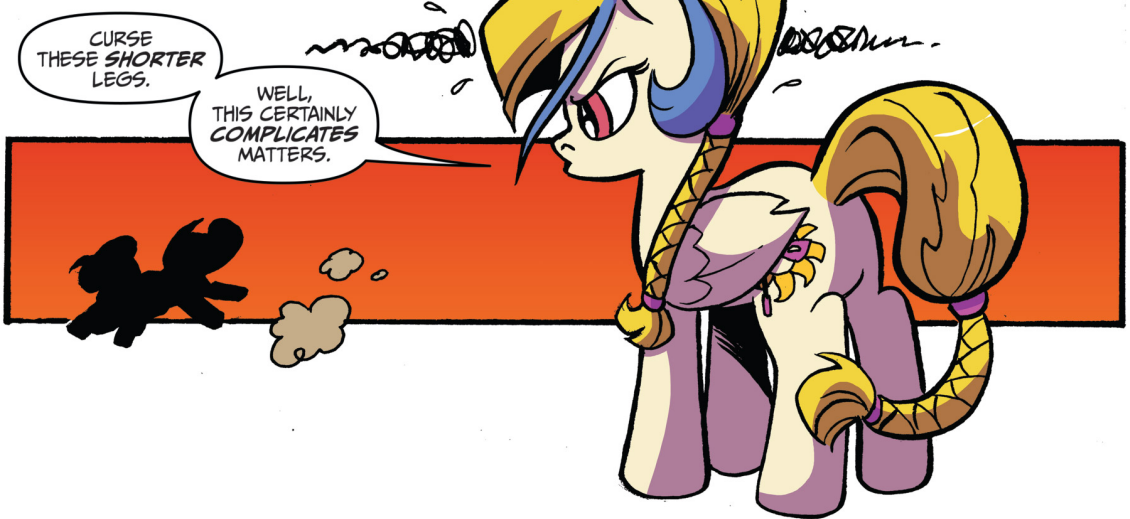


COME BACK HERE!

SNACKS

OOF!

WHAM

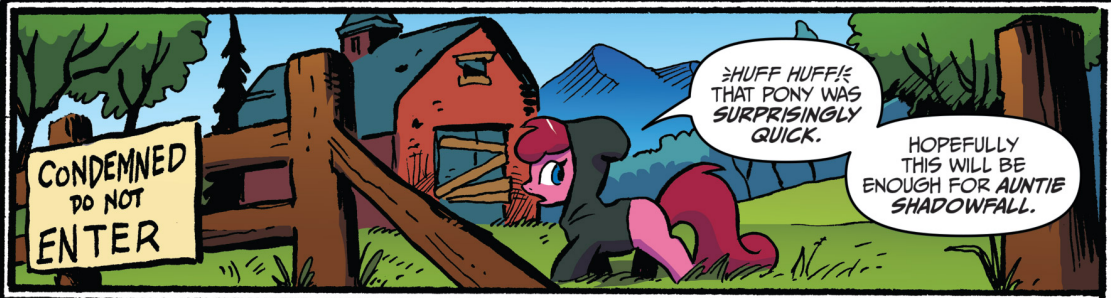


CURSE THESE SHORTER LEGS.

WELL, THIS CERTAINLY COMPLICATES MATTERS.

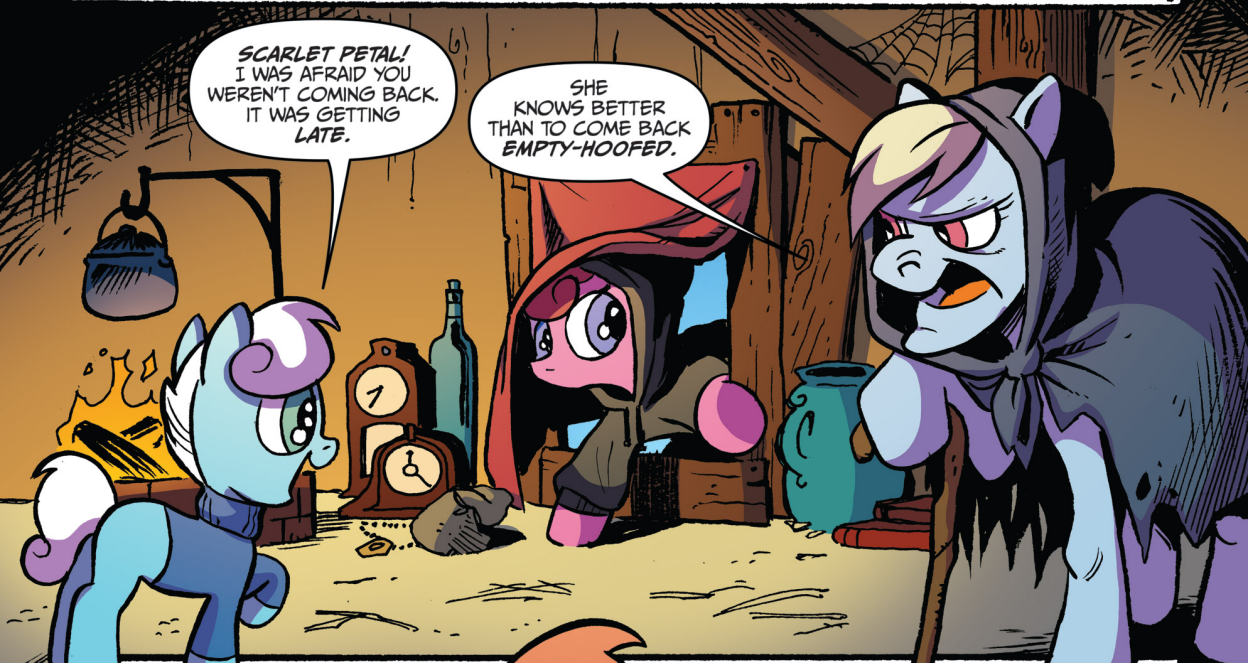


FORTUNATELY,
I HAVE SOME
FRIENDS
HERE.



SHUFF HUFF! THAT PONY WAS SURPRISINGLY QUICK.

HOPEFULLY THIS WILL BE ENOUGH FOR AUNTIE SHADOWFALL.



SCARLET PETAL! I WAS AFRAID YOU WEREN'T COMING BACK. IT WAS GETTING LATE.

SHE KNOWS BETTER THAN TO COME BACK EMPTY-HOOVED.



I WAS BEING DELIBERATE. YOU SAY TO ONLY GET THE HIGH-END TRINKETS.

SO WHAT DO YOU HAVE TODAY?



I FOUND THIS.

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH.

I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT IT. LOOK AT THE WAY IT SPARKLES. IT'S—



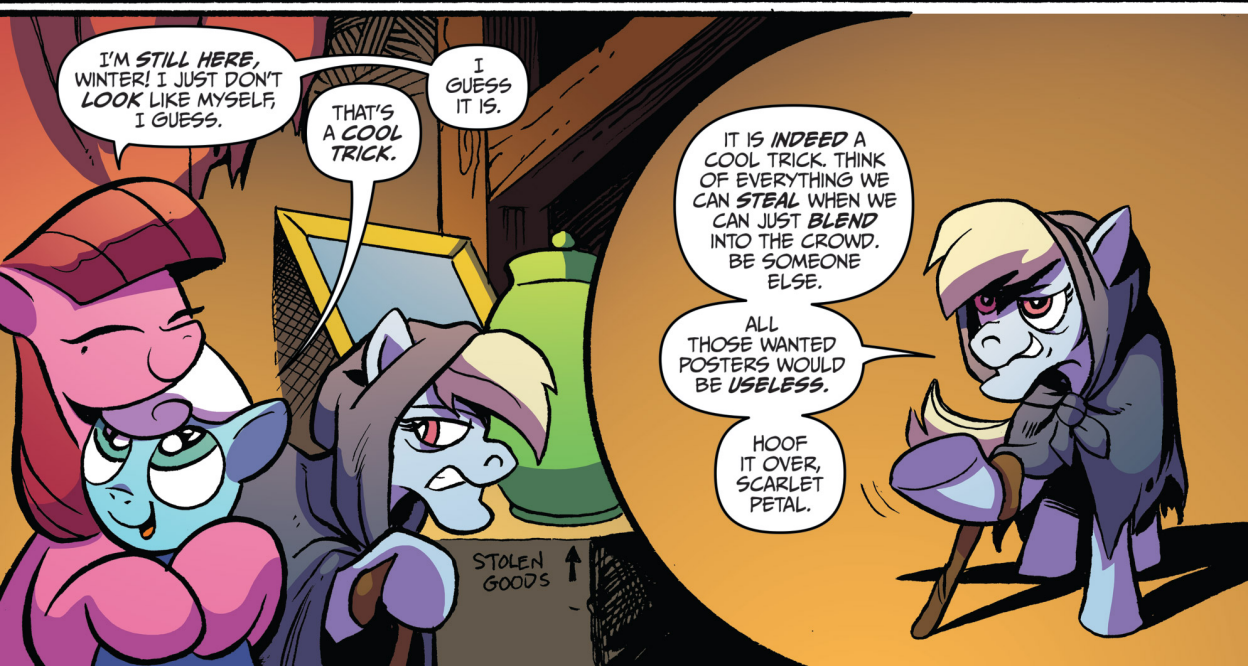
—DIFFERENT? WHAT?



OH MY! WHAT HAPPENED?

YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT IS A SPECIAL AMULET. IT'S GOT SOME MAGIC, IT DOES.

SIS? WHERE DID YOU GO?



I'M STILL HERE, WINTER! I JUST DON'T LOOK LIKE MYSELF, I GUESS.

THAT'S A COOL TRICK.

I GUESS IT IS.

IT IS INDEED A COOL TRICK. THINK OF EVERYTHING WE CAN STEAL WHEN WE CAN JUST BLEND INTO THE CROWD. BE SOMEONE ELSE.

ALL THOSE WANTED POSTERS WOULD BE USELESS.

HOOF IT OVER, SCARLET PETAL.

STOLEN GOODS



HOW DO I CHANGE BACK?
WILL I CHANGE BACK?

I'M SCARED,
SHADOWFALL!

GIVE ME
THE AMULET
NOW!



DON'T YELL!
WHY ARE YOU
ALWAYS SO MEAN,
AUNTIE?

JUST
GIVE ME THE
AMULET!



SCARLET PETAL,
NOW! THAT AMULET
IS TOO GOOD FOR
YOU. I NEED IT!

STOP!
JUST STOP!

SCARLET—!



SHE'D
BETTER.

FOR BOTH
OF YOUR
SAKES.



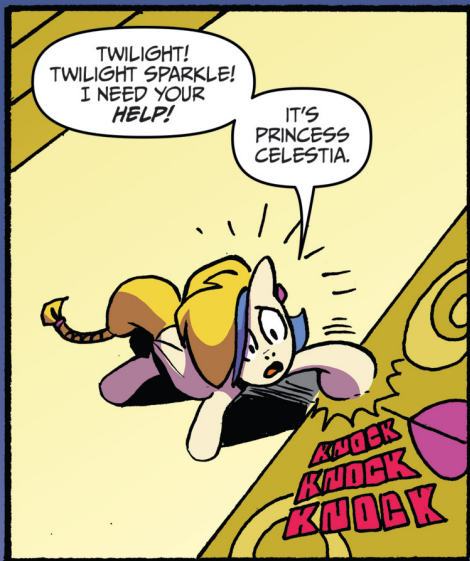
NO! I'M
TIRED OF THIS!
JUST LEAVE ME
ALONE!

NO, WAIT!
DON'T GO!



WHERE'S
SHE GOING,
AUNTIE? WILL
SHE COME
BACK?

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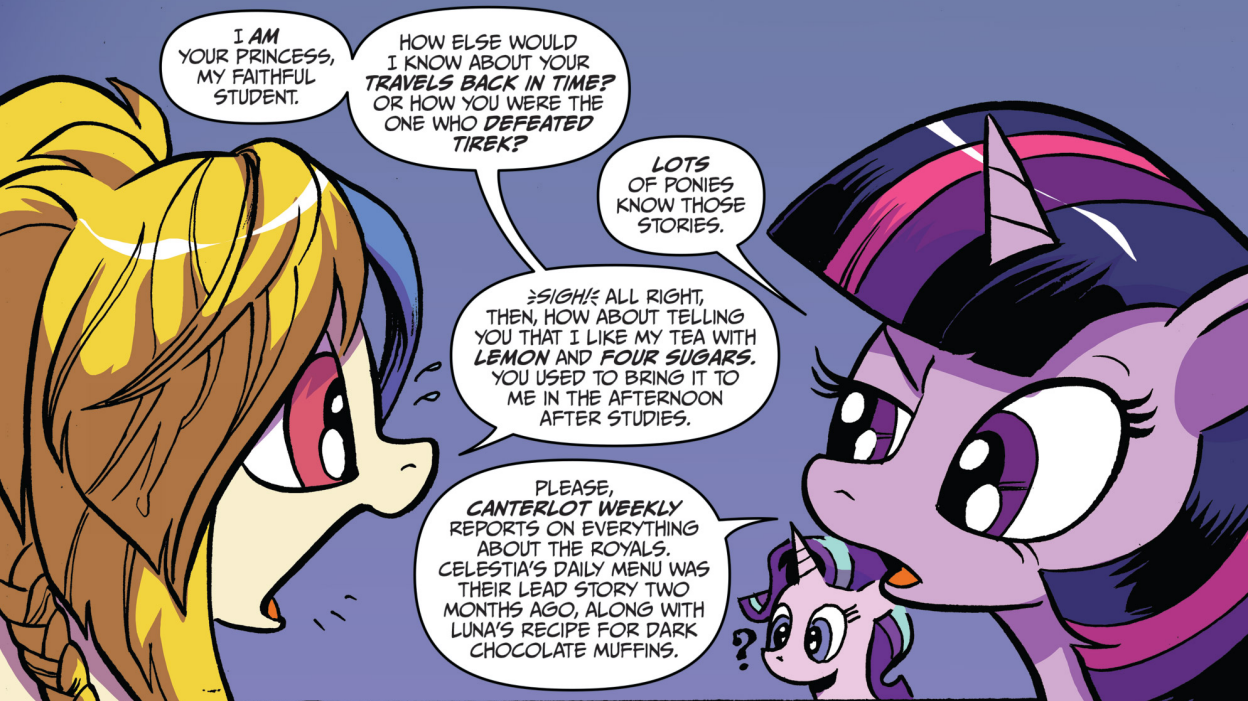
TWILIGHT!
TWILIGHT SPARKLE!
I NEED YOUR
HELP!

IT'S
PRINCESS
CELESTIA.



PRINCESS
CELE—

YOU'RE
NOT PRINCESS
CELESTIA. I'VE
MET HER. SHE'S
TALLER.



I AM
YOUR PRINCESS,
MY FAITHFUL
STUDENT.

HOW ELSE WOULD
I KNOW ABOUT YOUR
TRAVELS BACK IN TIME?
OR HOW YOU WERE THE
ONE WHO DEFEATED
TIREK?

LOTS
OF PONIES
KNOW THOSE
STORIES.

≡SIGH≡ ALL RIGHT,
THEN, HOW ABOUT TELLING
YOU THAT I LIKE MY TEA WITH
LEMON AND FOUR SUGARS.
YOU USED TO BRING IT TO
ME IN THE AFTERNOON
AFTER STUDIES.

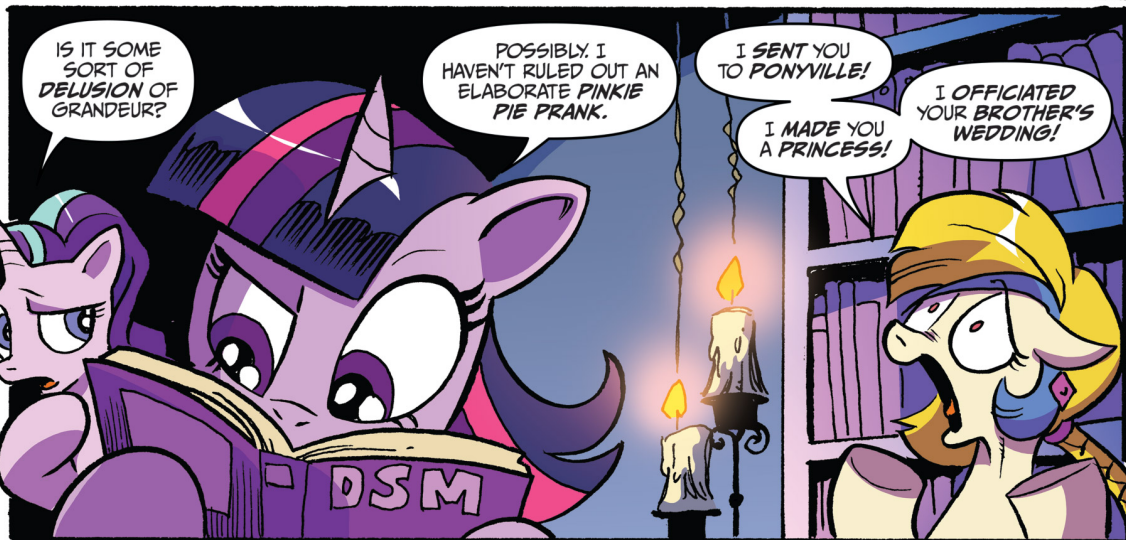
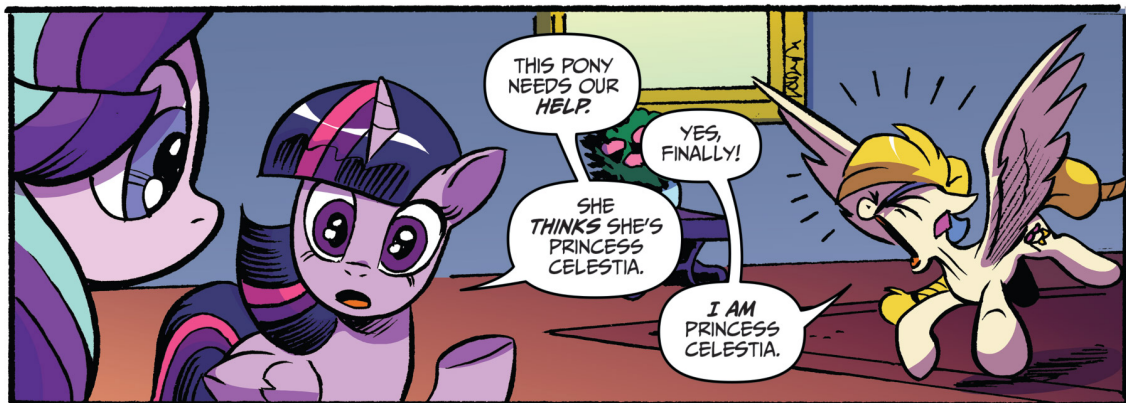
PLEASE,
CANTERLOT WEEKLY
REPORTS ON EVERYTHING
ABOUT THE ROYALS.
CELESTIA'S DAILY MENU WAS
THEIR LEAD STORY TWO
MONTHS AGO, ALONG WITH
LUNA'S RECIPE FOR DARK
CHOCOLATE MUFFINS.

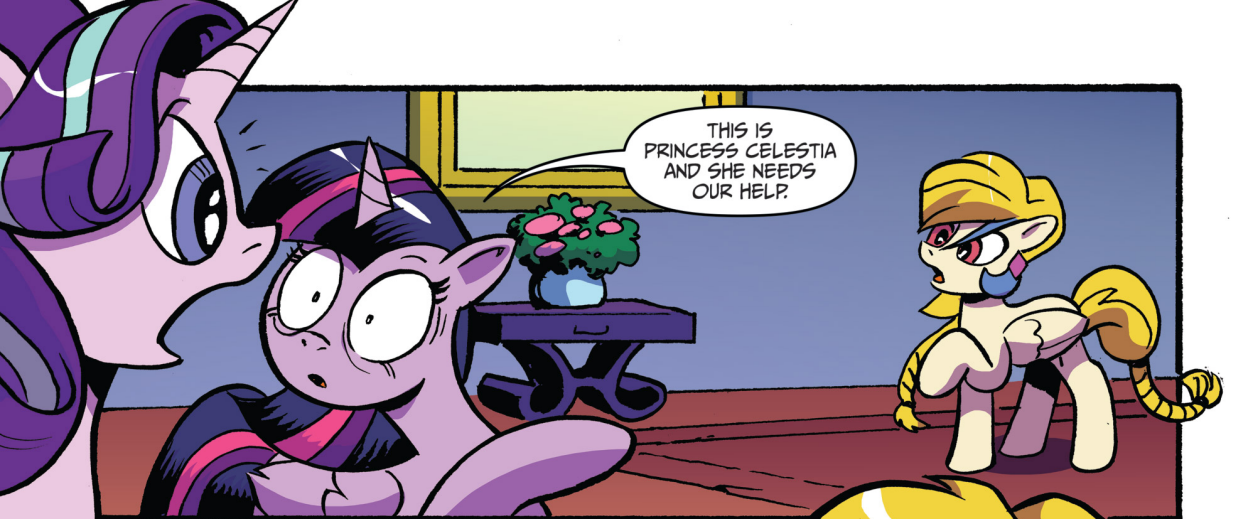


SOMETIMES I
HATE HAVING A
FREE PRESS.

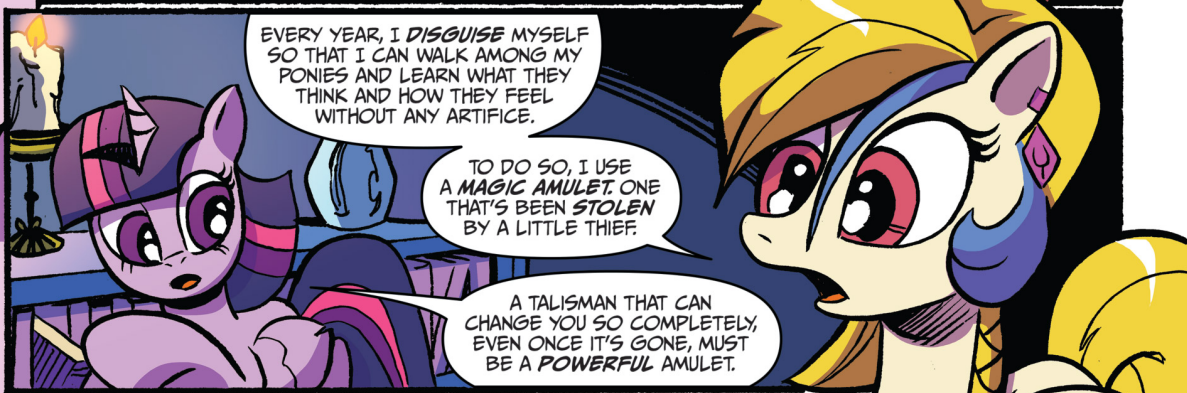
WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE? WHO
IS THIS?

IS THE NEW ISSUE
OF CANTERLOT
WEEKLY OUT?





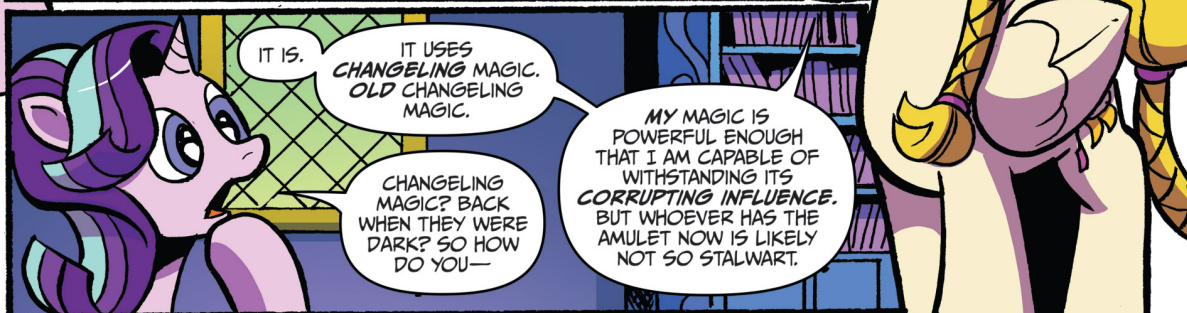
THIS IS PRINCESS CELESTIA AND SHE NEEDS OUR HELP.



EVERY YEAR, I DISGUISE MYSELF SO THAT I CAN WALK AMONG MY PONIES AND LEARN WHAT THEY THINK AND HOW THEY FEEL WITHOUT ANY ARTIFICE.

TO DO SO, I USE A MAGIC AMULET. ONE THAT'S BEEN STOLEN BY A LITTLE THIEF.

A TALISMAN THAT CAN CHANGE YOU SO COMPLETELY, EVEN ONCE IT'S GONE, MUST BE A POWERFUL AMULET.



IT IS.

IT USES CHANGELING MAGIC. OLD CHANGELING MAGIC.

CHANGELING MAGIC? BACK WHEN THEY WERE DARK? SO HOW DO YOU—

MY MAGIC IS POWERFUL ENOUGH THAT I AM CAPABLE OF WITHSTANDING ITS CORRUPTING INFLUENCE. BUT WHOEVER HAS THE AMULET NOW IS LIKELY NOT SO STALWART.



THE CHANGELING MAGIC MAY BE DANGEROUS BUT SHOULD ALSO BE EASY TO TRACK. WANT TO HELP?



UNFORTUNATELY, IN THIS PEGASUS FORM, I HAVE NO MAGIC TO SHARE.

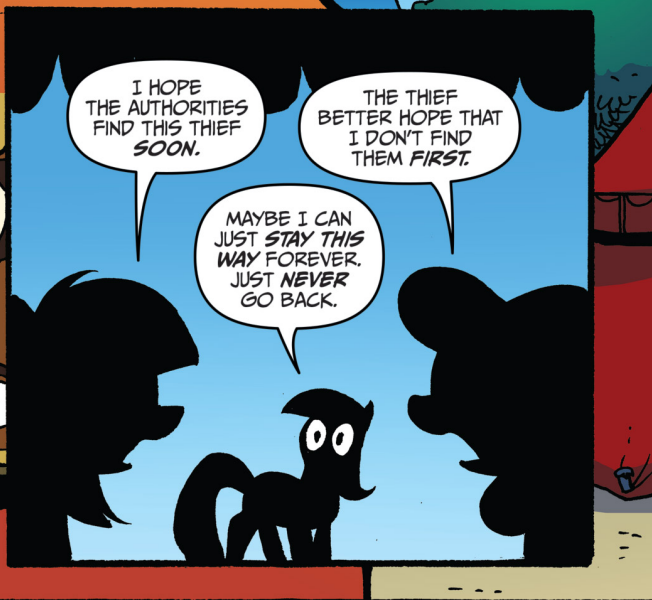
THEN LET US DO THIS FOR YOU.

IT'S OUR PLEASURE.



—IT WAS YOUR MOTHER'S PEARLS?

SHE GAVE THEM TO ME WHEN I MOVED TO PONYVILLE, AND NOW THEY'RE GONE.



I HOPE THE AUTHORITIES FIND THIS THIEF SOON.

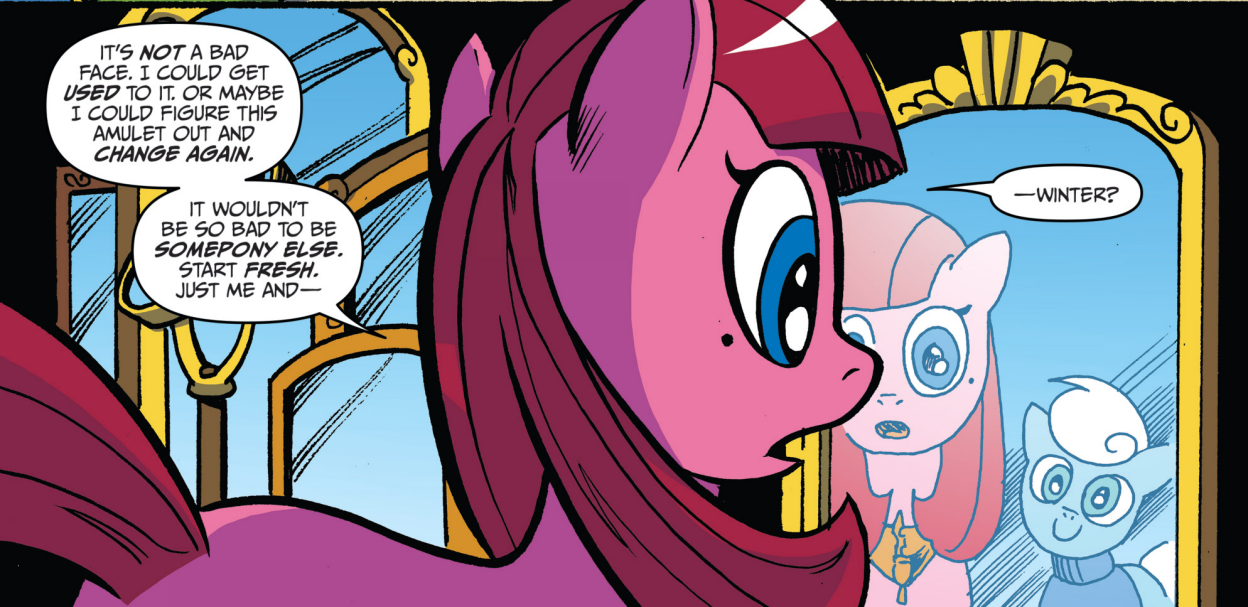
THE THIEF BETTER HOPE THAT I DON'T FIND THEM FIRST.

MAYBE I CAN JUST STAY THIS WAY FOREVER. JUST NEVER GO BACK.



I'D STOP HURTING OTHER PONIES, AND BESIDES, I THINK I LIKE THIS NEW ME.

—MY TROPHY WAS JUST GONE.



IT'S NOT A BAD FACE. I COULD GET USED TO IT, OR MAYBE I COULD FIGURE THIS AMULET OUT AND CHANGE AGAIN.

IT WOULDN'T BE SO BAD TO BE SOMEpony ELSE. START FRESH. JUST ME AND—

—WINTER?



YOU WERE *RIGHT*, WINTER COMET. SHE RETURNED TO HER FAVORITE THIEVING GROUNDS.

I KNOW MY SISTER.

NOW, REMEMBER, YOU *PROMISED* YOU'D BE NICE TO HER.



I WILL BE NICE, AS LONG AS SHE GIVES ME THAT AMULET.



NO, I—



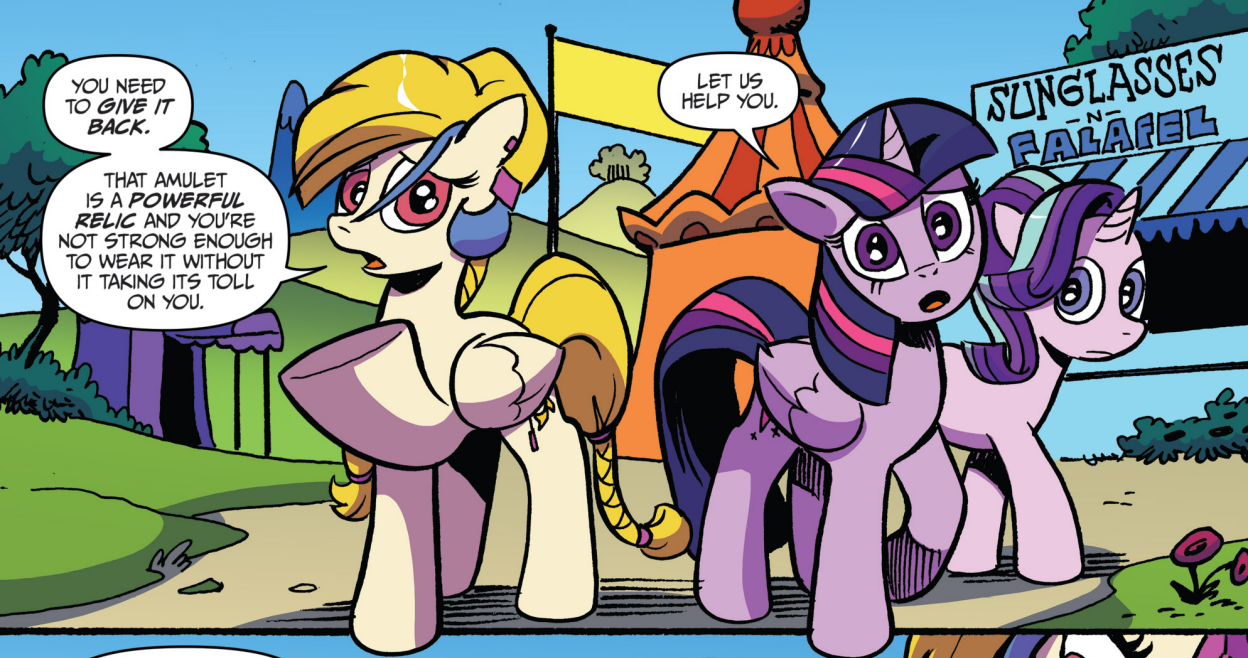
—WAIT—YOU HORRIBLE PONY!



YOU'VE KEPT ME *UNDER YOUR HOOF* FOR TOO LONG! YOU'RE NOT EVEN OUR REAL AUNT!



THE AMULET IS MAKING YOU *ANGRIER*, ISN'T IT, LITTLE ONE? IT'S *CORRUPTING* YOU.



YOU NEED TO GIVE IT BACK.

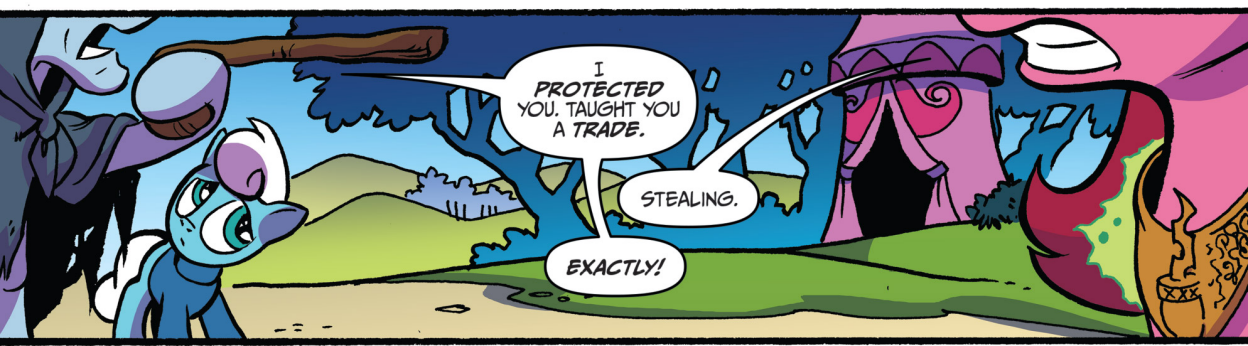
THAT AMULET IS A POWERFUL RELIC AND YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO WEAR IT WITHOUT IT TAKING ITS TOLL ON YOU.

LET US HELP YOU.

SUNGLASSES IN PALAFEL



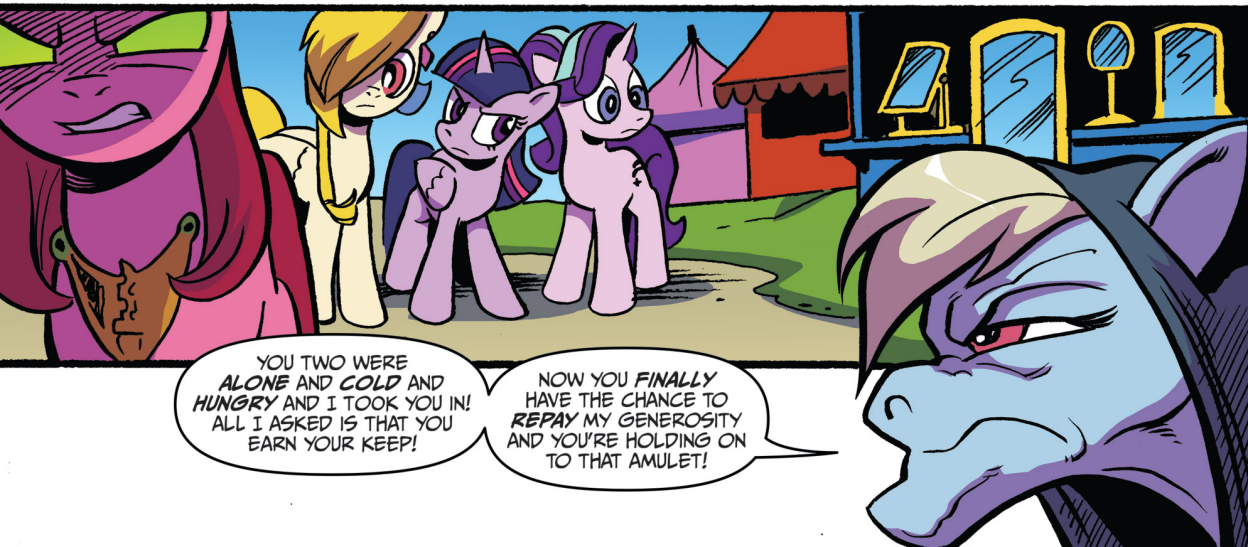
HELP YOU? I HELPED YOU—YOU AND YOUR USELESS BROTHER! I TOOK YOU AND YOUR BROTHER IN WHEN NO PONY ELSE WOULD.



I PROTECTED YOU. TAUGHT YOU A TRADE.

STEALING.

EXACTLY!



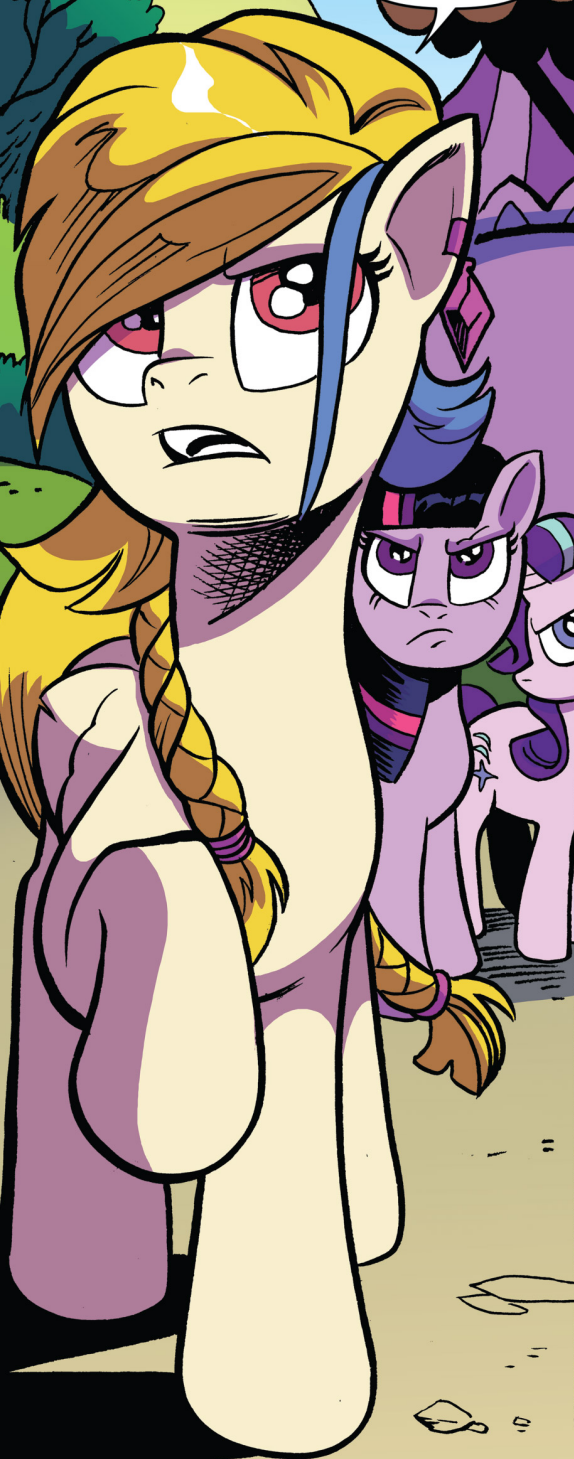
YOU TWO WERE ALONE AND COLD AND HUNGRY AND I TOOK YOU IN! ALL I ASKED IS THAT YOU EARN YOUR KEEP!

NOW YOU FINALLY HAVE THE CHANCE TO REPAY MY GENEROSITY AND YOU'RE HOLDING ON TO THAT AMULET!

TRUE TEACHERS DON'T TEACH FOR THE POSSIBLE REWARDS, OR FOR HOW THEY MAY BENEFIT.

THEY TEACH TO PASS ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE TO THE NEXT GENERATION, TO GIVE THEM THE BENEFIT OF THEIR EXPERIENCE TO BUILD ON AND REACH EVEN GREATER HEIGHTS.

I'M FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE ONE OF THOSE STUDENTS.



AND SO AM I.



YOU ARE NO TEACHER. YOU'RE AN ABUSER. YOU'VE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THESE WAYWARD PONIES.

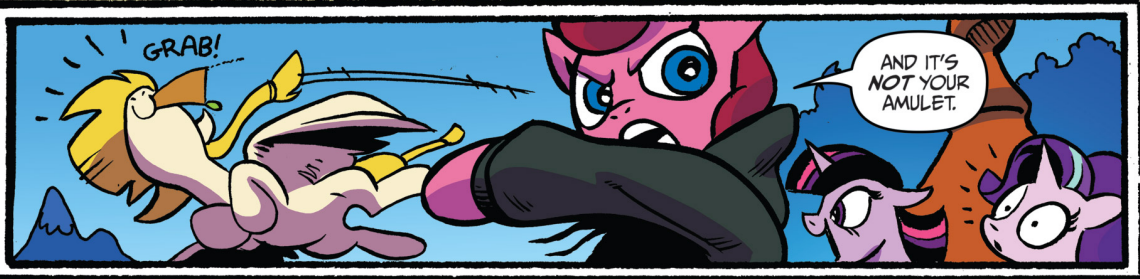


I'M DONE PLAYING!

YOU'VE GOT THE NECKLACE AND I'VE GOT YOUR BROTHER. IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN, YOU'D BETTER GIVE ME MY AMULET!



I DON'T WANT ANY OF THIS ANYMORE.



GRAB!

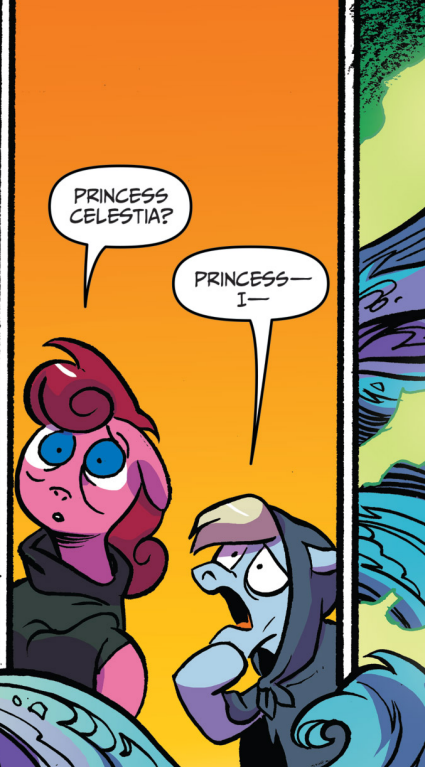
AND IT'S NOT YOUR AMULET.



YOU LITTLE FOOL!
YOU ARE IN SUCH TROUBLE
AND NO PONY IS GOING TO
HELP YOU! NOT YOUR BROTHER!
NOT THESE PONIES! NOT EVEN
PRINCESS CELESTIA
HERSELF!

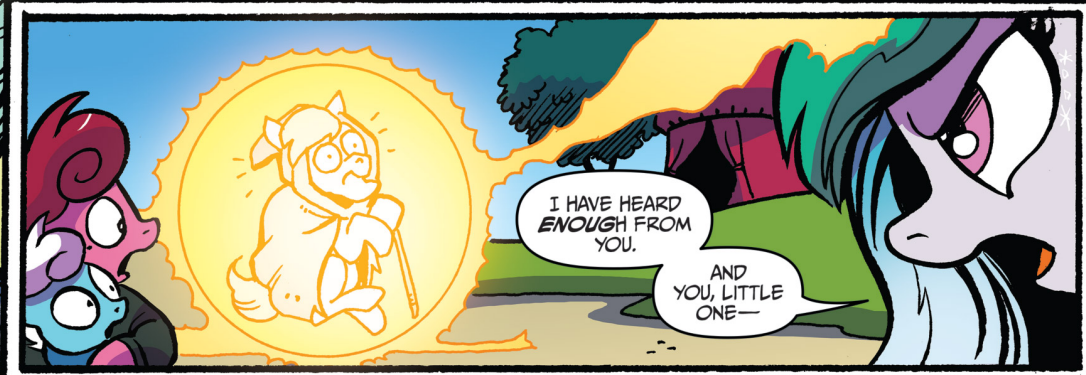


I HELP EVERYPONY.



PRINCESS CELESTIA?

PRINCESS—I—



I HAVE HEARD ENOUGH FROM YOU.

AND YOU, LITTLE ONE—



I'M SORRY, PRINCESS, I—

—YOU I HAVE NOT HEARD FROM ENOUGH *AT ALL*. YOU NEEDED MY HELP, AND I WAS *NOWHERE* TO BE FOUND. I *APOLOGIZE* FOR THAT.



YOU APOLOGIZE? BUT YOU'RE THE *POWERFUL* ONE. AUNTIE SAID THE *POWERFUL NEVER* APOLOGIZE.

YOUR AUNTIE WAS MISTAKEN. IT'S THE *POWERFUL'S DUTY* TO DEFEND THE *WEAK*.

AND THAT DID *NOT* HAPPEN HERE.

AND SO—

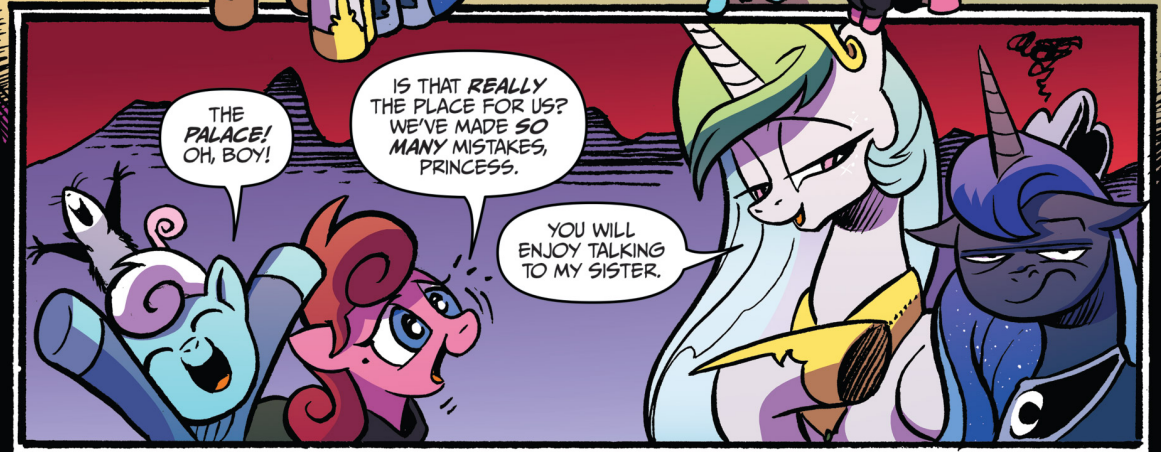


BUT THAT CHANGES FOR YOU BOTH TODAY.

I WON'T LET YOUR AUNTIE HURT YOU OR ANYPONY ELSE AGAIN.

UNTIL I FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOU IN, YOU CAN STAY WITH ME AT THE PALACE.

WHAT ABOUT US?



THE PALACE! OH, BOY!

IS THAT REALLY THE PLACE FOR US? WE'VE MADE SO MANY MISTAKES, PRINCESS.

YOU WILL ENJOY TALKING TO MY SISTER.



ONCE AGAIN, MY STUDENT, YOU HAVE HELPED ME FROM A SITUATION I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN IN ALTOGETHER.

YOU'RE BEING TOO HARD ON YOURSELF.

AM I? I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THERE FOR THE WEAK. THESE CHILDREN NEEDED MY HELP AND WHERE WAS I?



NO PONY CAN BE EVERYWHERE OR SEE EVERYTHING, PRINCESS. THAT'S WHY YOU TEACH, AFTER ALL.



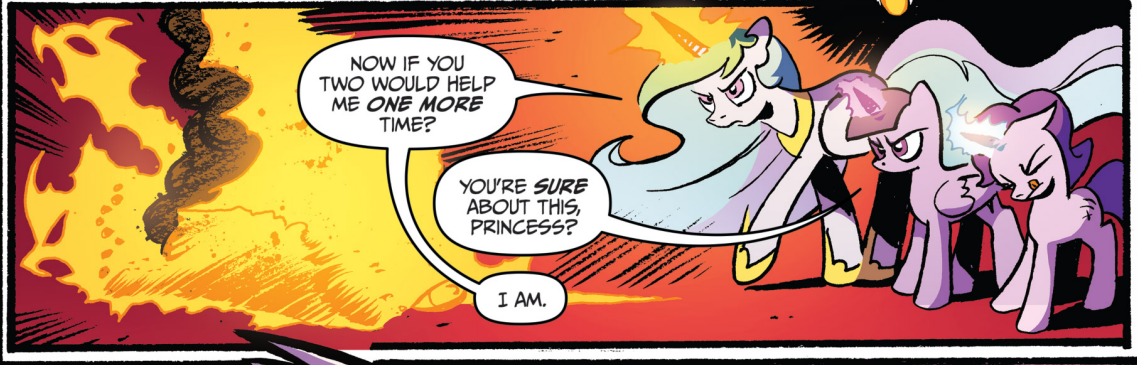
YOU TEACH SO YOUR STUDENTS CAN HELP WHEN YOU **CANNOT**. YOU DIDN'T JUST TRAIN ME IN **MAGIC**, YOU TRAINED ME TO BE A **BETTER PONY**. AND YOU DO THAT AS PRINCESS FOR ALL OF CANTERLOT.



YOU ARE **QUITE** THE TEACHER, TWILIGHT.

AS HAS BEEN THIS EXPERIENCE. I THINK MY WALKABOUTS WERE THE **RIGHT IDEA** BUT I NEED TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH MY SUBJECTS **BETTER**.

I NEED TO FIND NEW WAYS TO DO THAT, EVEN IF THEY **KNOW** IT'S ME.



NOW IF YOU TWO WOULD HELP ME **ONE MORE** TIME?

YOU'RE **SURE** ABOUT THIS, PRINCESS?

I AM.



THIS AMULET IS **TOO POWERFUL** AND MUST BE **DESTROYED**. BESIDES—

HIDING WHO WE ARE IS NOT THE WAY TO MAKE THINGS BETTER. IT'S BY REVEALING WHO WE ARE THAT WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

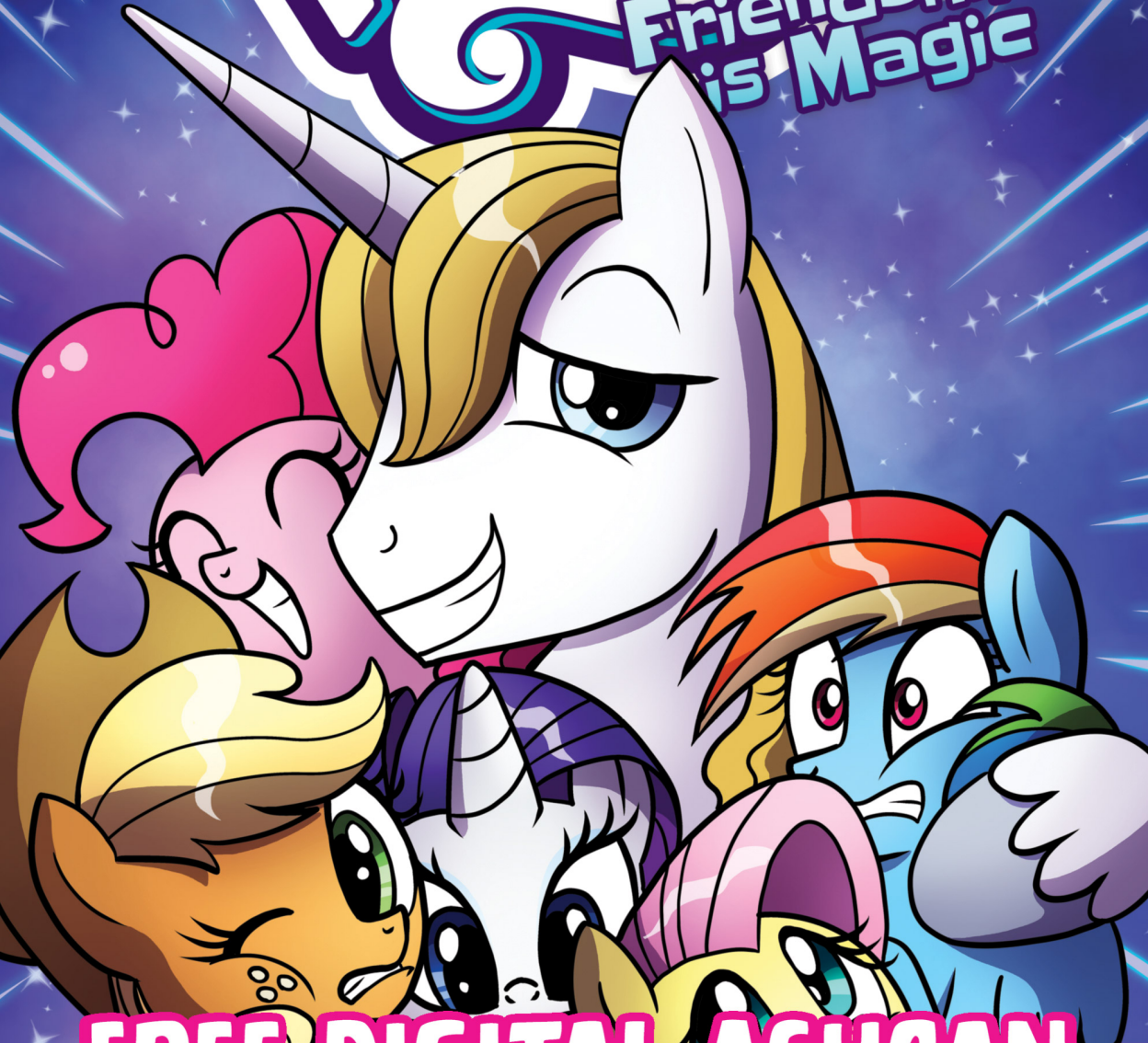
FAREWELL, MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL STUDENTS—AND TEACHERS!

END!

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I SEE ONE OF MY STUDENTS HAS PASSED THE FINAL EXAM. LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK.



WE HAVE A LOT OF PROMISING STUDENTS THIS YEAR.

INDEED. THIS ONE IN PARTICULAR, "TWILIGHT SPARKLE," WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT PROTEGÉ.



HER RAW MAGICAL ABILITY IS ASTONISHING. SHE'D BE IN GOOD HOOVES WITH ANY OF THE TEACHERS HERE.



I'M SORRY!

...BUT I WONDER, MAYBE I SHOULD CHOOSE A STUDENT WHO NEEDS A BIT MORE HELP THIS YEAR?



OH, SWEET SUNSPOTS, NOT THAT ONE.

LIKE HIM.



NONSENSE. HE'S STRUGGLING AND I **KNOW** HE'S PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF DOING THE WORK. HE JUST NEEDS SOME GUIDANCE.

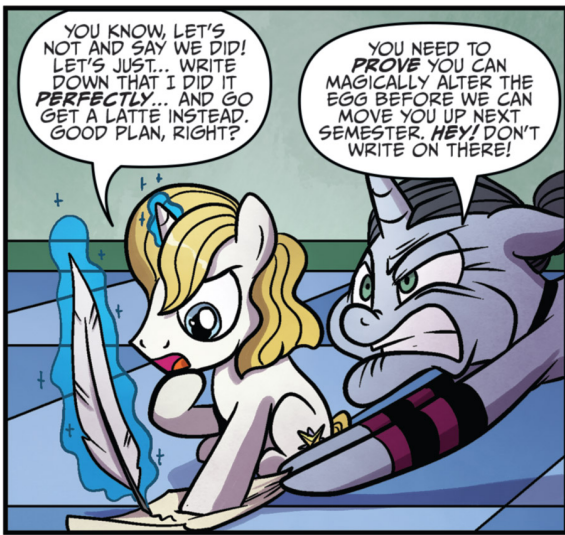
...AND A PERSONALITY OVERHAUL.



PRINCE BLUEBLOOD, PLEASE CONTINUE WITH YOUR EXAM.

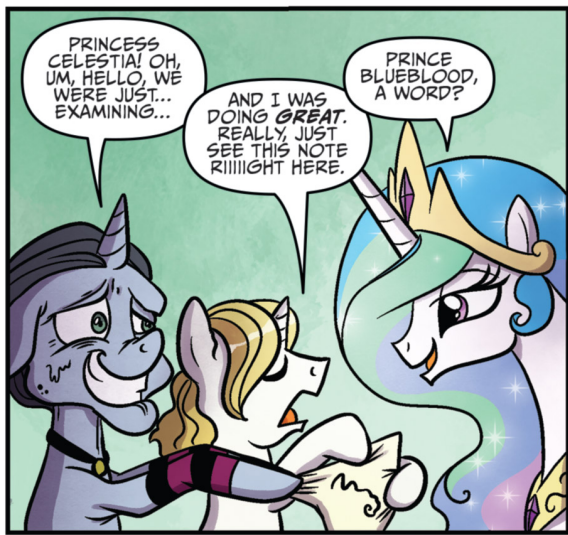
I DON'T REALLY **FEEL** LIKE IT TODAY.

POKE PANE



YOU KNOW, LET'S NOT AND SAY WE DID! LET'S JUST... WRITE DOWN THAT I DID IT **PERFECTLY**... AND GO GET A LATTE INSTEAD. GOOD PLAN, RIGHT?

YOU NEED TO **PROVE** YOU CAN MAGICALLY ALTER THE EGG BEFORE WE CAN MOVE YOU UP NEXT SEMESTER. **HEY!** DON'T WRITE ON THERE!



PRINCESS CELESTIA! OH, UM, HELLO, WE WERE JUST... EXAMINING...

AND I WAS DOING **GREAT**. REALLY, JUST SEE THIS NOTE RIIGHT HERE.

PRINCE BLUEBLOOD, A WORD?



IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT YOU'RE HAVING SOME DIFFICULTIES WITH THE CURRICULUM AND THE... SOCIAL NICETIES... EXPECTED OF OUR STUDENTS. I THINK YOU COULD REALLY BENEFIT FROM SOME EXTRA TUTORING TO HELP TURN YOU INTO A SHINING EXAMPLE OF JUST WHAT THIS SCHOOL CAN DO!

THAT SOUNDS AN AWFUL LOT LIKE YOU WANT ME TO DO MORE WORK...



...I HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE YOU MY PERSONAL PROTÉGÉ HERE AT THE SCHOOL!

WHAT?

WELL, THAT IS JUST A TERRIBLE IDEA.

MY LITTLE PONY, MY LITTLE PONY

AHH, AHH, AHH, AHHH....



I USED TO WONDER WHAT FRIENDSHIP COULD BE
UNTIL I FOUND A MIRROR and FOUND IT WAS
BORING LECTURES **MEEEE!**



LOVED BY NONE!
...wait, what?

I AM A WORK OF AAAART
STAR OF THIS SONG!

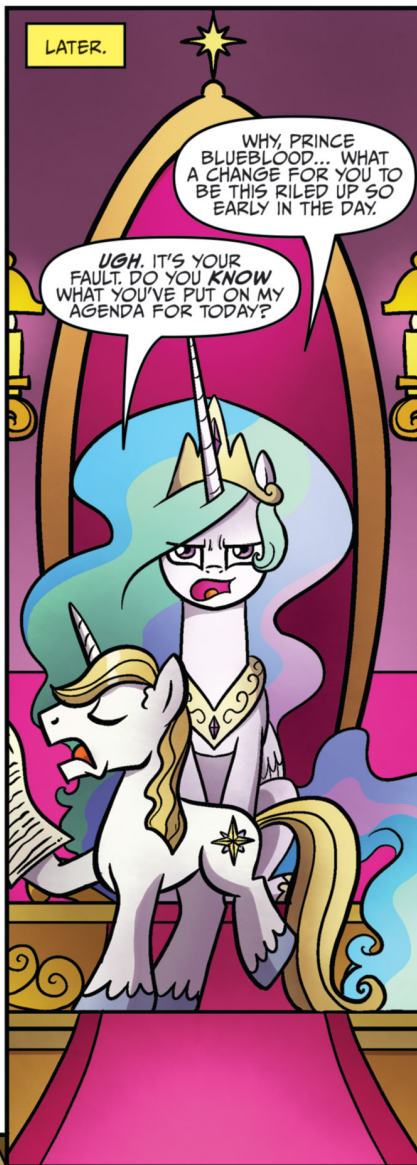


IT'S AN EASY FEAT
AND MAGIC HELPS ME BE ELITE!
YOU HAVE MY LITTLE PONIES BE ELITE!
Do you know you're...
IN MY WAY...
BACKUP!



MY LITTLE PONY
MY LITTLE PONY
MY LITTLE PONY... **ME!**





LATER.

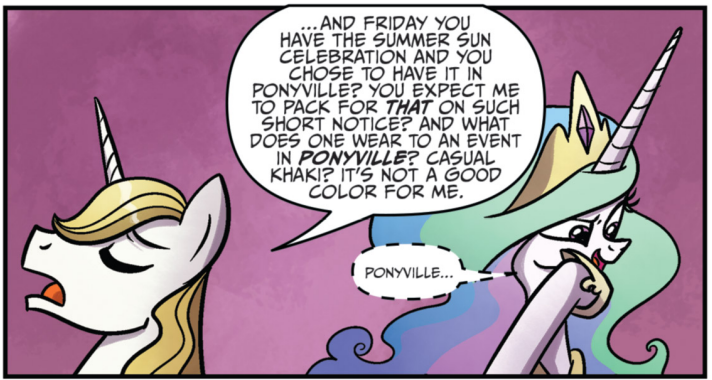
WHY, PRINCE BLUEBLOOD... WHAT A CHANGE FOR YOU TO BE THIS RILED UP SO EARLY IN THE DAY.

UGH. IT'S YOUR FAULT. DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'VE PUT ON MY AGENDA FOR TODAY?



WELL, I DID WRITE IT... PERSONALLY... FOR YOU, SO I DO. YOU'RE WELCOME, BY THE WAY.

YOU HAVE ME OUTSIDE FOR THE ENTIRE AFTERNOON. THAT MUCH SUN IS NOT GOOD FOR THE DELICATE SKIN ON MY SNOUT. AND WOULD IT KILL SOMEONE TO PAVE OVER THE GARDEN PATHS? GRASS STAINS ON HOOVES ARE SO... BLECH.



...AND FRIDAY YOU HAVE THE SUMMER SUN CELEBRATION AND YOU CHOSE TO HAVE IT IN PONYVILLE? YOU EXPECT ME TO PACK FOR THAT ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE? AND WHAT DOES ONE WEAR TO AN EVENT IN PONYVILLE? CASUAL KHAKI? IT'S NOT A GOOD COLOR FOR ME.

PONYVILLE...



YOU ARE SO RIGHT. THIS LIST IS... WRONG. AWFUL... FORGET ABOUT IT.

THANK YOU. YOU KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO TODAY? SPA DAY. I MEAN, I WORK SO HARD.



I TOTALLY FORGOT I NEED YOU IN PONYVILLE. NOW. TODAY. IMMEDIATELY... SO YOU CAN OVERSEE THE CELEBRATION'S PLANNING.

BUT... SPA?



ACTUALLY, A TRIP TO PONYVILLE WOULD BE GOOD FOR YOU! LOTS OF VERY NICE PONIES. IT'S A LOVELY LITTLE TOWN. OOH. MAKE SOME FRIENDS! NEW, POSITIVE INFLUENCES ARE JUST WHAT YOU NEED! STAY A WHILE. I EXPECT A FULL REPORT ON CELEBRATION... STUFF AND... FRIENDSHIP!

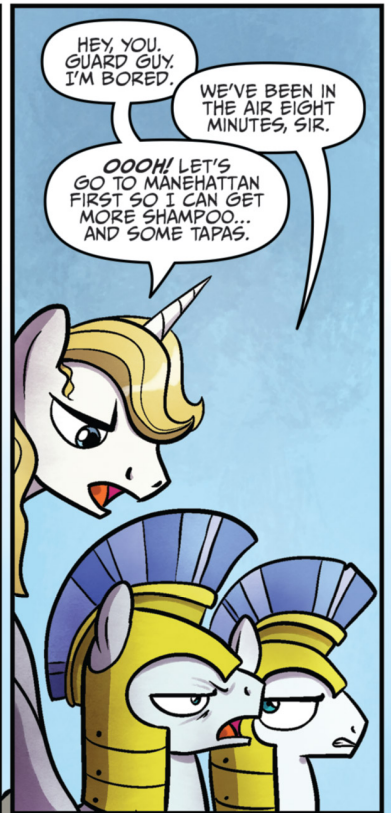
BUT I CAN'T GO WITHOUT MY PH-BALANCED SHAMPOO! AND BUNNY!



SLAM!

HMPF. WHAT'S HER PROBLEM?

NO IDEA, NOW OFF YOU GO!



IDW
ONE-SHOT

my LITTLE PONY

Friendship
is Magic



TO BE CONTINUED IN...

MY LITTLE PONY: DEVIATIONS

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