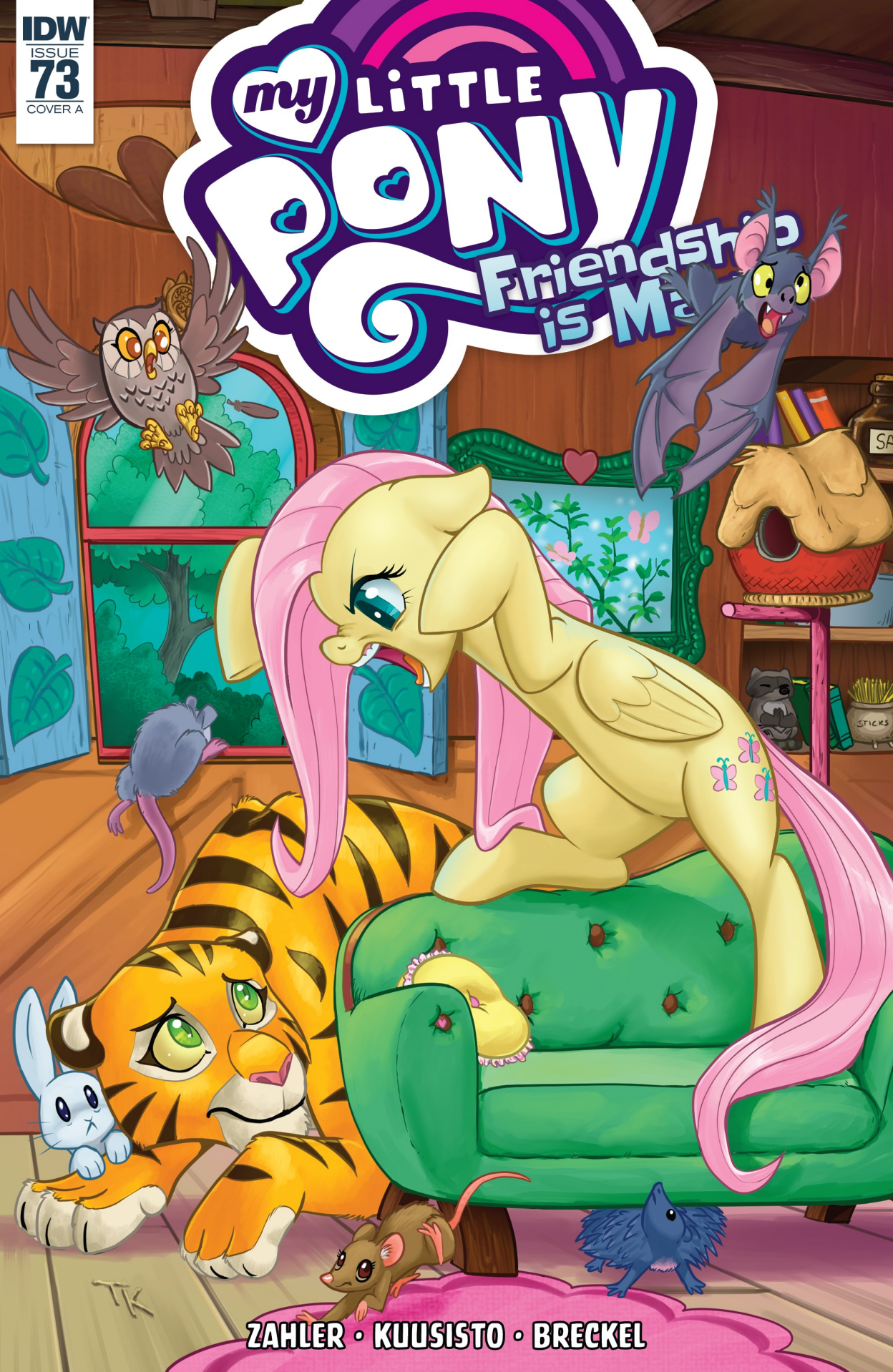


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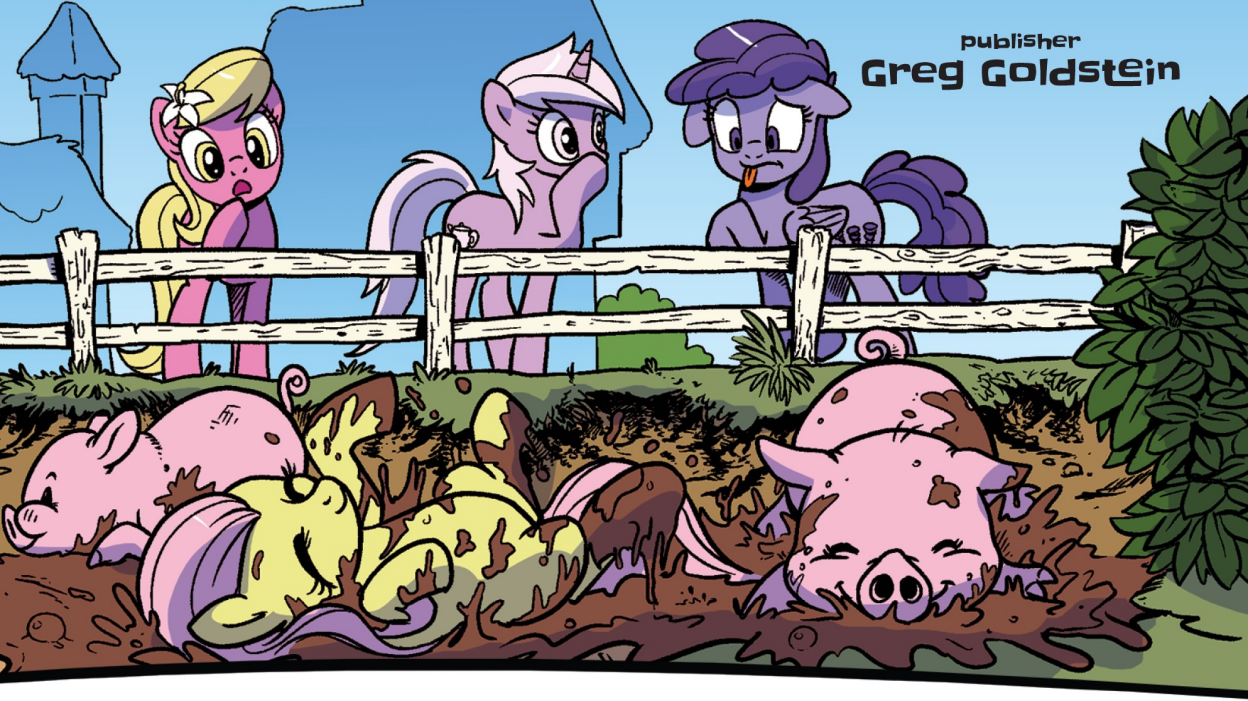
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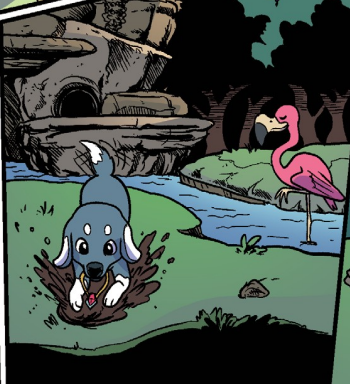
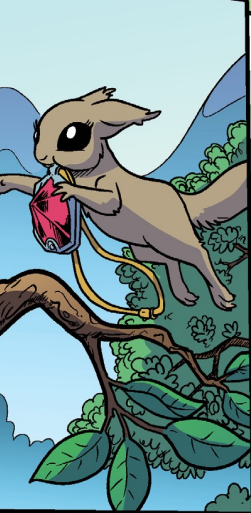
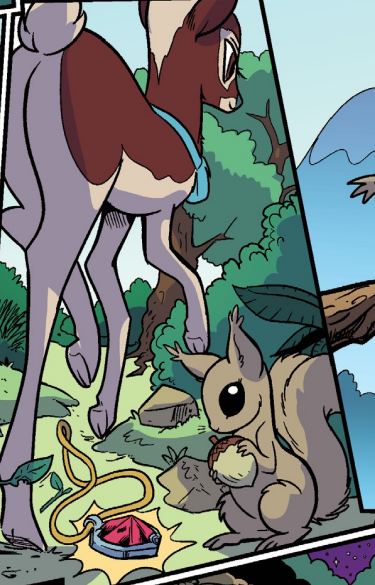
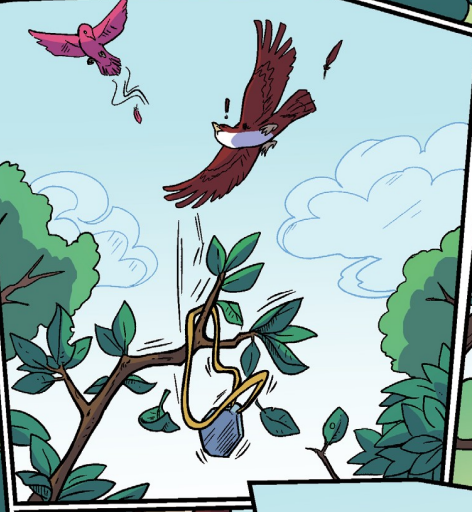
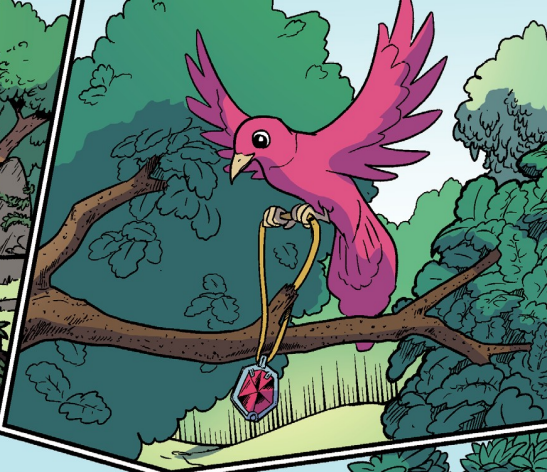
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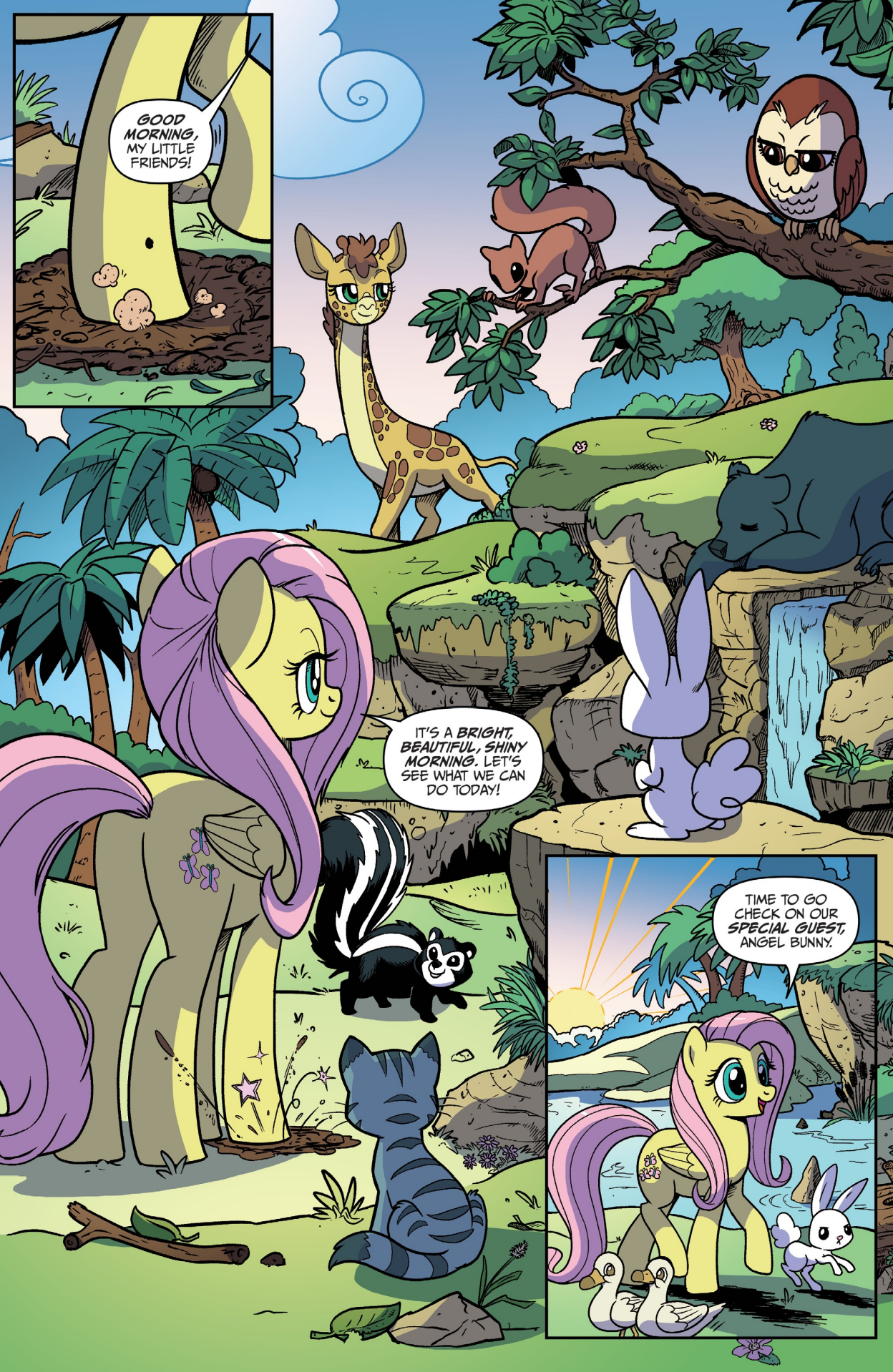


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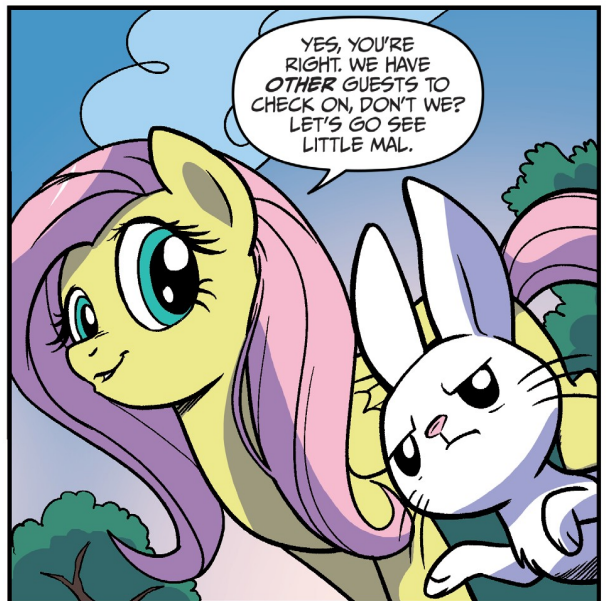
GOOD MORNING, MY LITTLE FRIENDS!



IT'S A BRIGHT, BEAUTIFUL, SHINY MORNING. LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TODAY!



TIME TO GO CHECK ON OUR SPECIAL GUEST, ANGEL BUNNY.





SHHH. HE'S SLEEPING.

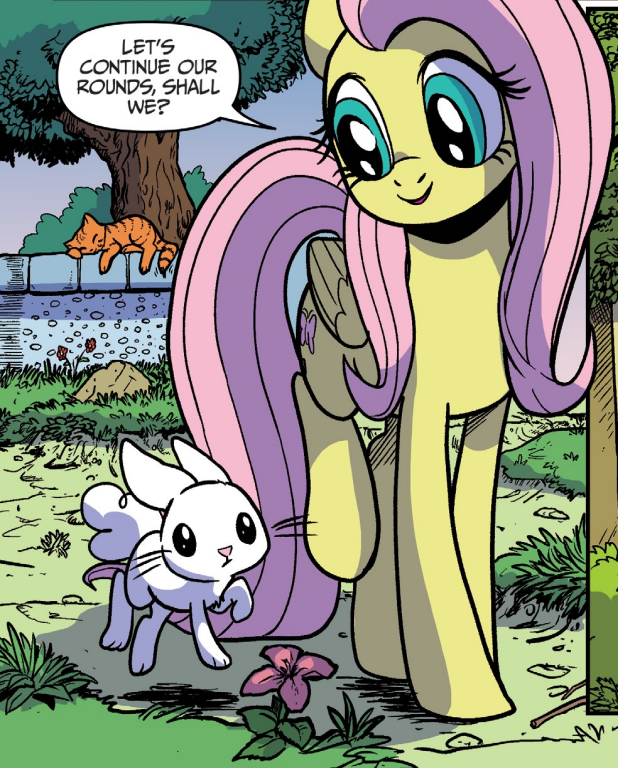
YES, I KNOW HE'S ALWAYS SLEEPING.



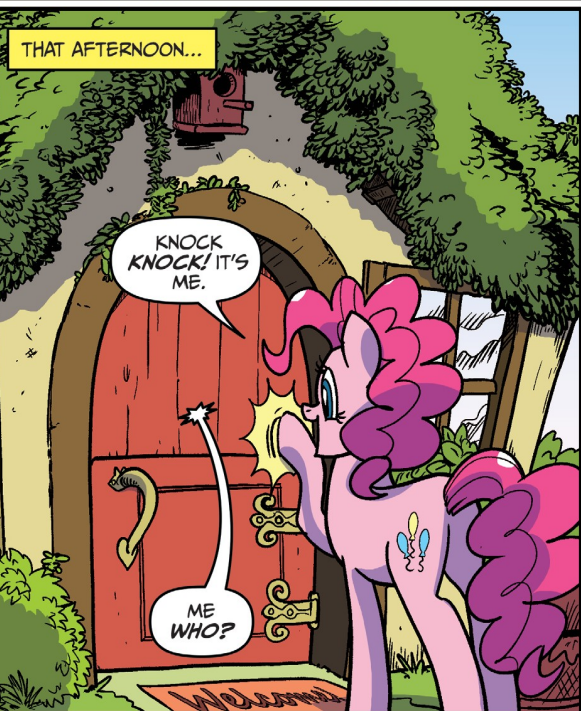
IT LOOKS LIKE HIS FUR IS GROWING BACK NICELY.



THIS PLACE HAS BEEN VERY RELAXING FOR HIM. HE'S NO LONGER OVER-GROOMING. I THINK HE LIKES IT HERE.



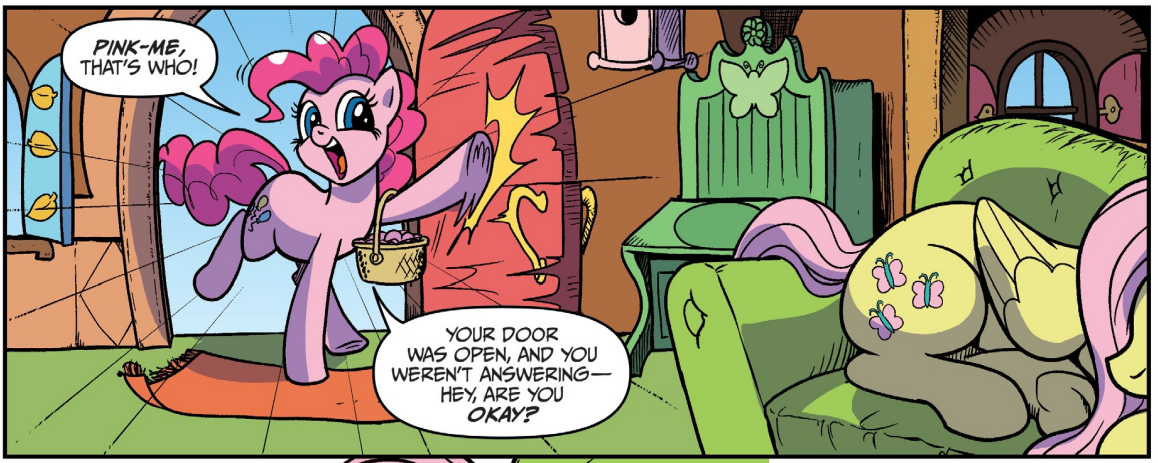
LET'S CONTINUE OUR ROUNDS, SHALL WE?



THAT AFTERNOON...

KNOCK KNOCK! IT'S ME.

ME WHO?



YOUR DOOR WAS OPEN, AND YOU WEREN'T ANSWERING— HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?



HMMMM? OH, YEAH.

JUST NAPPING. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I JUST WANTED TO BRING YOU SOME CUPCAKES TO SAY "THANK YOU" FOR WATCHING GUMMY WHILE MAUD AND I WERE IN ROCKSVILLE.



STRAWBERRY... NO. CHOCOLATE... NO. BANANA... NO FOR SURE.

OH, BLUEBERRY!



ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, FLUTTERSHY? YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE YOURSELF.





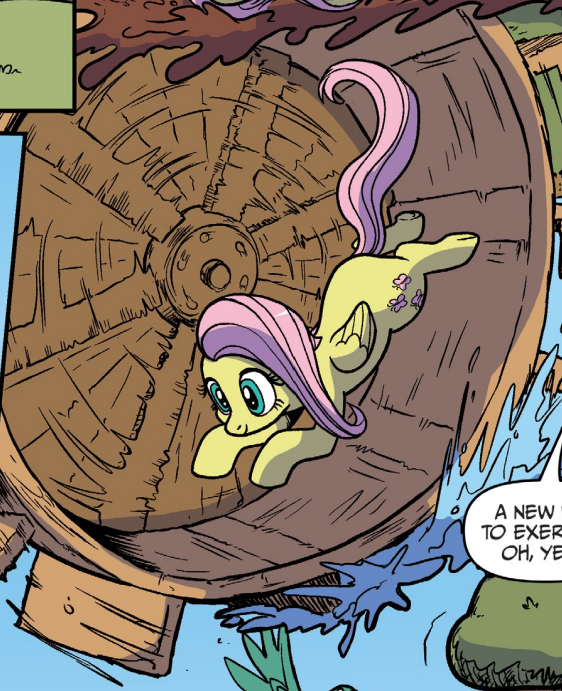
DO YOU NEED SOME HELP WITH THAT, LITTLE FRIEND?



—I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE IT'S GOOD FOR HER SKIN?

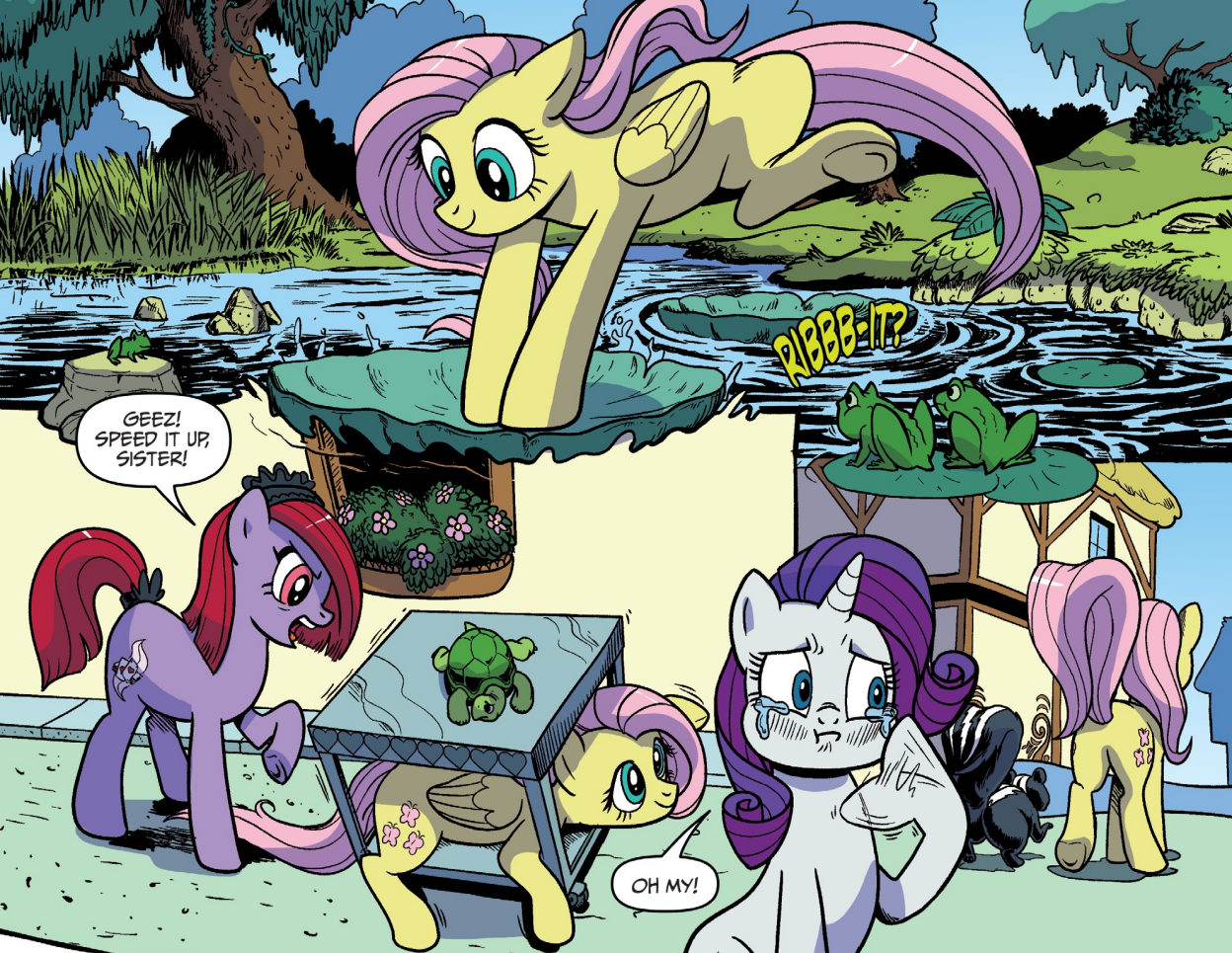


THAT AIN'T RIGHT.



A NEW WAY TO EXERCISE! OH, YEAH!





GEEZ!
SPEED IT UP,
SISTER!

RIBBB-IT?

OH MY!



MAYBE SHE'S
JUST SPENDING TOO
MUCH TIME WITH
THOSE ANIMALS.

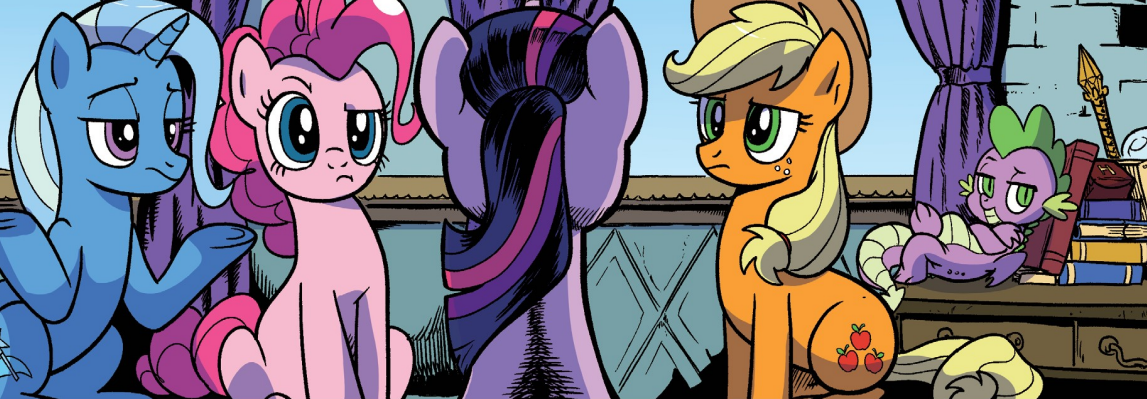


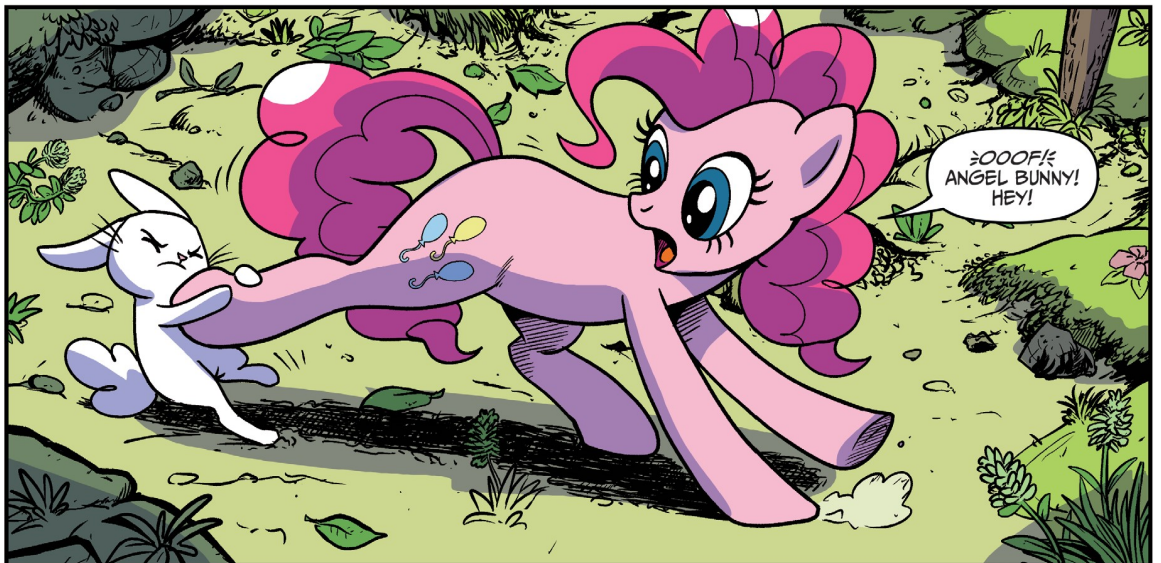
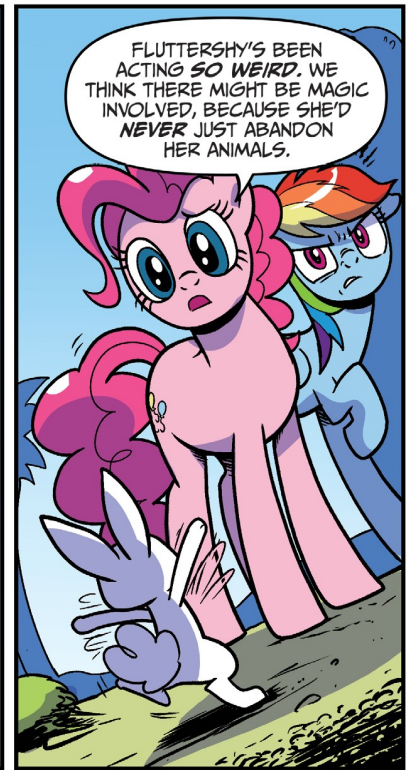
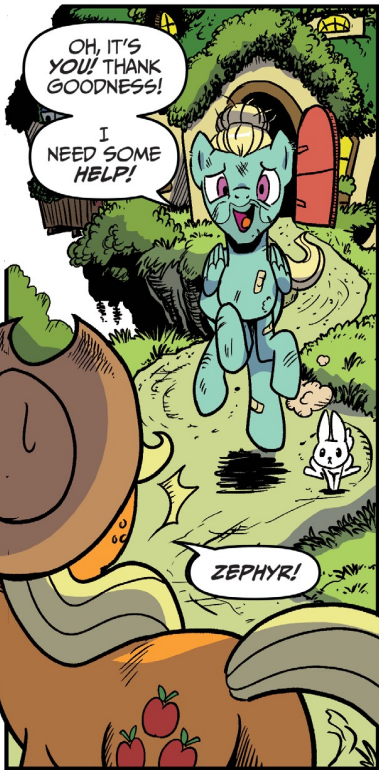
SHE AIN'T ACTING
LIKE HERSELF. I SAW
HER FLYING. HIGH.
WHEN'S THE LAST TIME
SHE DID THAT?

WHEN
SHE WAS A
VAMPIRE.

OH,
NOT THAT
AGAIN.



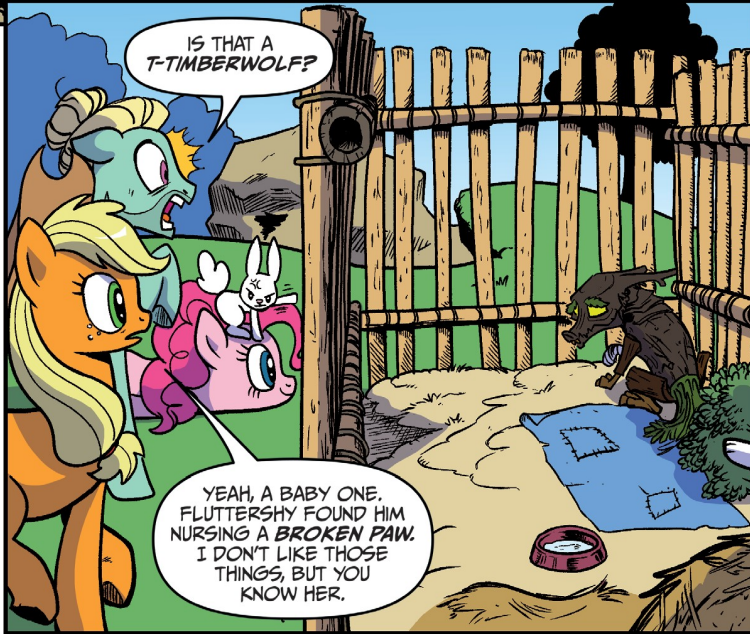






HEY, I THINK HE'S TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING.

MAYBE FLUTTERSHY FELL DOWN A WELL!



IS THAT A T-TIMBERWOLF?

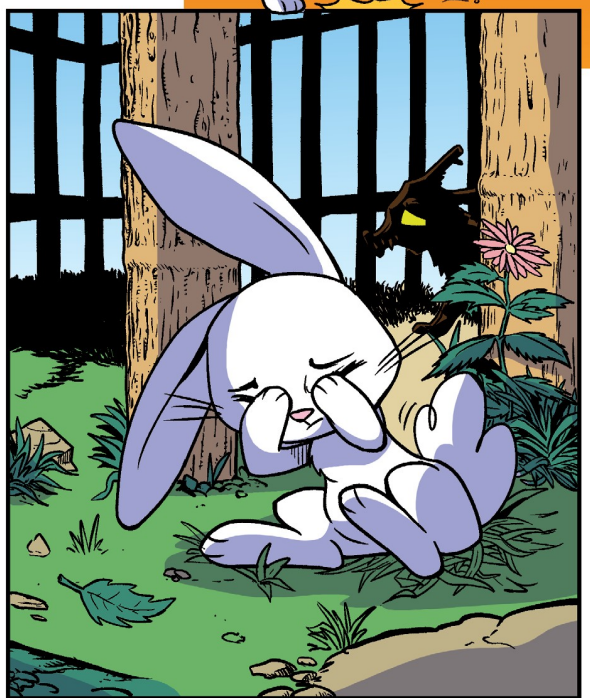
YEAH, A BABY ONE. FLUTTERSHY FOUND HIM NURSING A BROKEN PAW. I DON'T LIKE THOSE THINGS, BUT YOU KNOW HER.

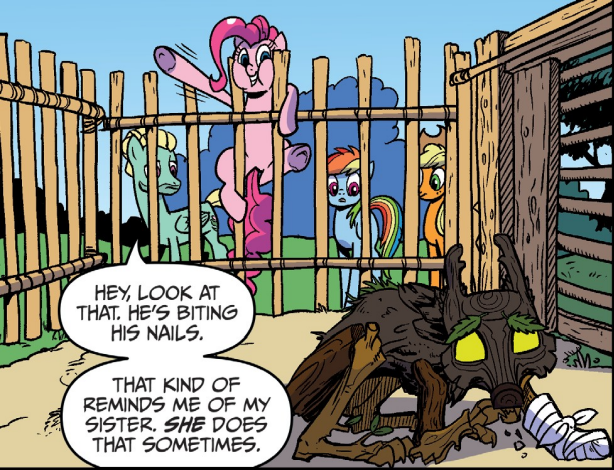


YEAH, I KNOW IT'S SCARY, ANGEL BUNNY. BUT HE'S IN THE PEN. HE CAN'T HURT YOU.



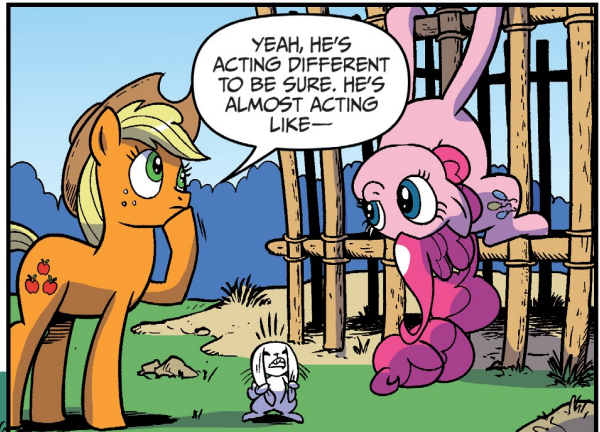
THOUGH, HE DOESN'T SEEM SO SCARY. WHEN I WAS HERE THE OTHER DAY, HE TRIED TO GROWL MY HEAD OFF.





HEY, LOOK AT THAT. HE'S BITING HIS NAILS.

THAT KIND OF REMINDS ME OF MY SISTER. SHE DOES THAT SOMETIMES.



YEAH, HE'S ACTING DIFFERENT TO BE SURE. HE'S ALMOST ACTING LIKE—



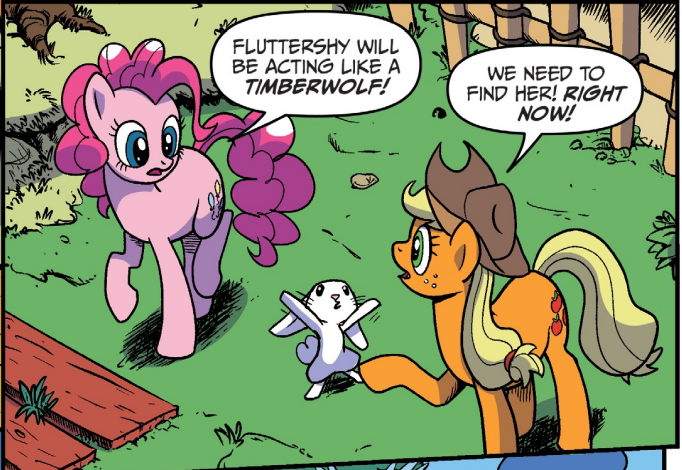
—FLUTTERSHY!

HE'S ACTING ALL SHY AND RETIRING, LIKE SHE DOES. AND WHEN I SAW HER, SHE WAS ACTING LIKE... LIKE A CAT!

AND WHEN I GALLOPED INTO HER, SHE WAS FLYING LIKE AN OWL. THAT'S IT!

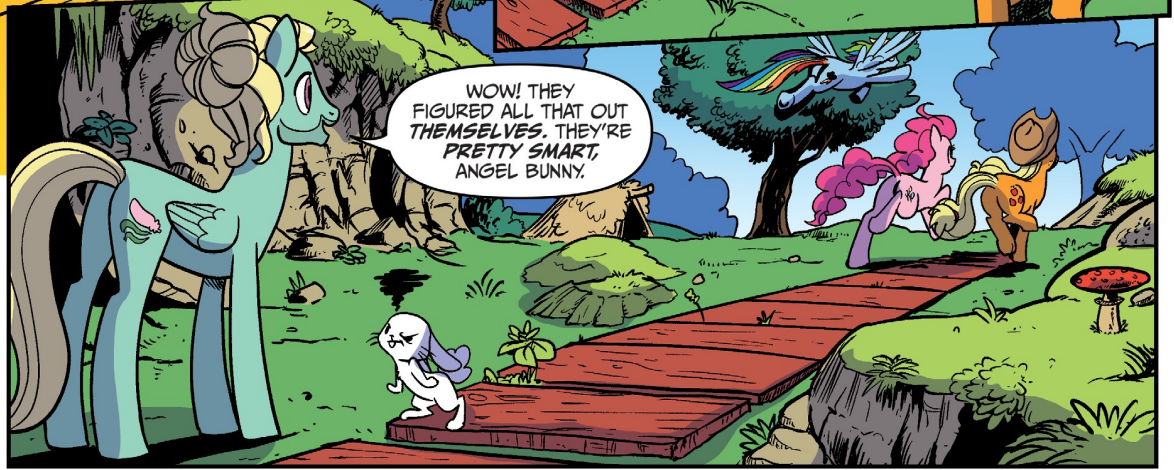


OKAY, BUT IF FLUTTERSHY IS ACTING LIKE THE ANIMALS, AND THIS TIMBERWOLF IS ACTING LIKE HER, DOES THAT MEAN—



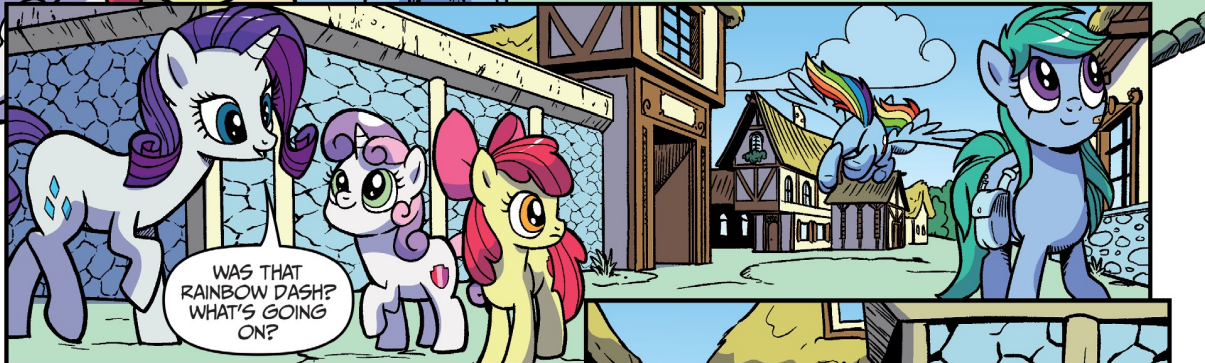
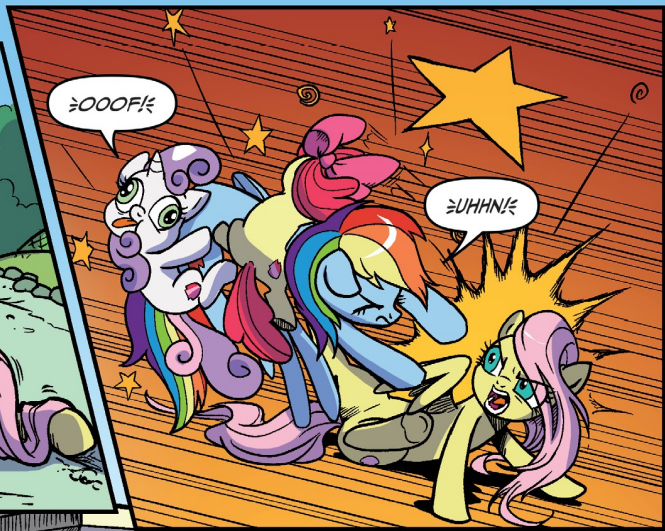
FLUTTERSHY WILL BE ACTING LIKE A TIMBERWOLF!

WE NEED TO FIND HER! RIGHT NOW!



WOW! THEY FIGURED ALL THAT OUT THEMSELVES. THEY'RE PRETTY SMART, ANGEL BUNNY.







FLUTTERSHY IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A RELIC OF STARSWIRL'S. THE ANIMAMULET. IT'S BEEN LOST FOR CENTURIES.



IT LOOKS LIKE THIS.

THE PROBLEM IS, WE DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS OR HOW TO WORK IT. THERE'S BARELY ANYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT IT AT ALL.

WE'RE GUESSING IT'S AT THE SHELTER SINCE SHE'S TAKING ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THOSE ANIMALS, BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIND IT.



WELL, WELL... THAT'S A PRETTY BIG GEM. I THINK I CAN FIND IT.

MEANWHILE...



THANKS FOR HELPING OUT. ANIMAL-STYLE FLUTTERSHY IS PRETTY QUICK. SHE'S DASHING IN AND OUT.

KEEP HERDING HER. WE NEED TO FORCE HER BACK TO THE SHELTER.

SURE. SHE'S ACTING LIKE AN ANIMAL.

NO, BECAUSE TWILIGHT THINKS SHE CAN STOP HER THERE.

THAT, TOO!

AT THE SHELTER...

—SO SHE'S BEEN AFFECTED BY AN AMULET THAT STARSWIRL HAD. HE WAS TRYING TO COMMUNE WITH THE ANIMALS BUT—

FLUTTERSHY!

YES, FLUTTERSHY. LIKE I WAS SAYING, SHE'S AFFECTED—

NO, I'M SAYING—

—FLUTTERSHY IS HERE!

OH, NO! SHE'S GETTING WORSE! WE NEED TO FIND THAT AMULET! NOW!

I FOUND IT, DARLING!

NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

I'M... I'M NOT SURE. WE NEED TO DESTROY IT. BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW. THERE WAS NOTHING IN HIS SCROLLS.



FLUTTERSHY!
SNAP OUT OF
IT!

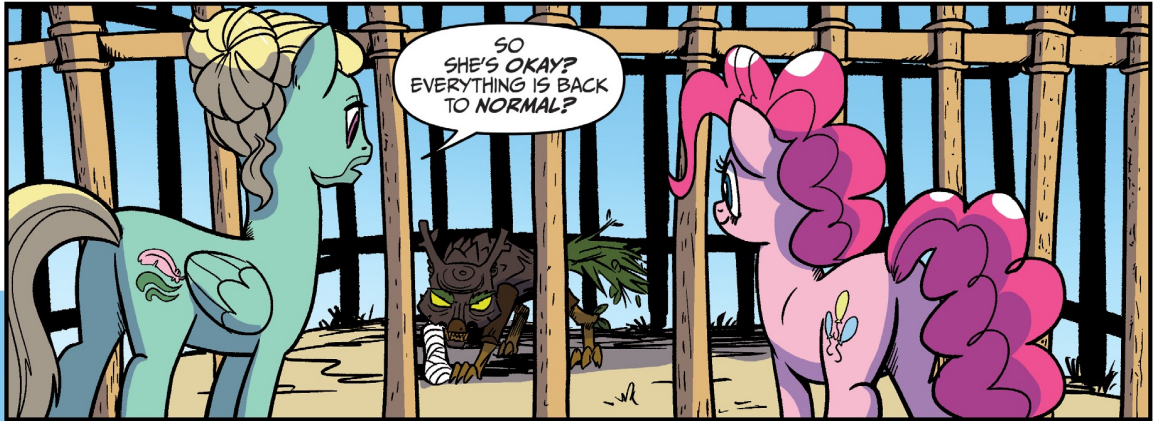
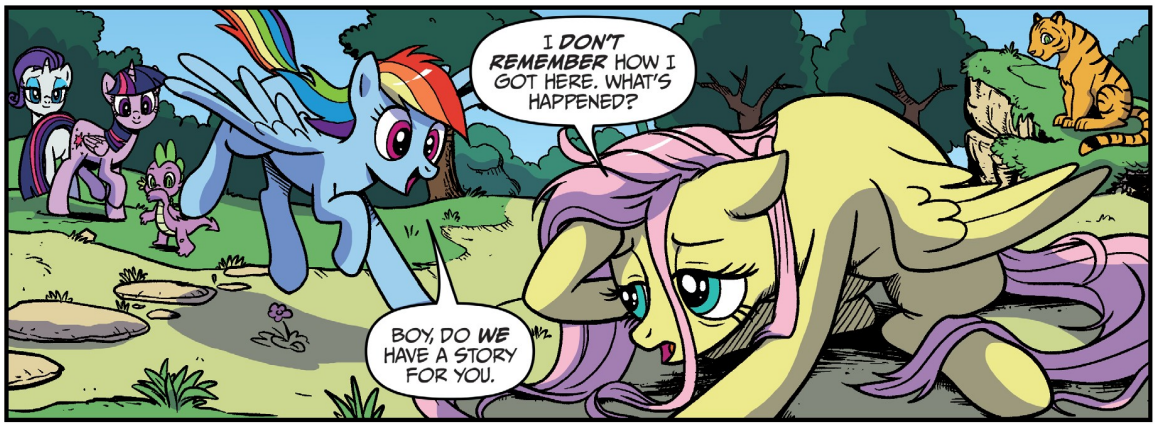
IT'S REALLY
POWERFUL. I JUST
DON'T KNOW.

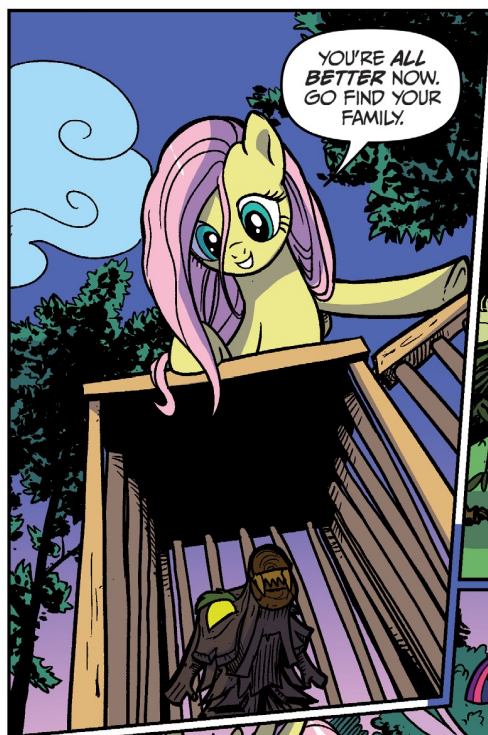
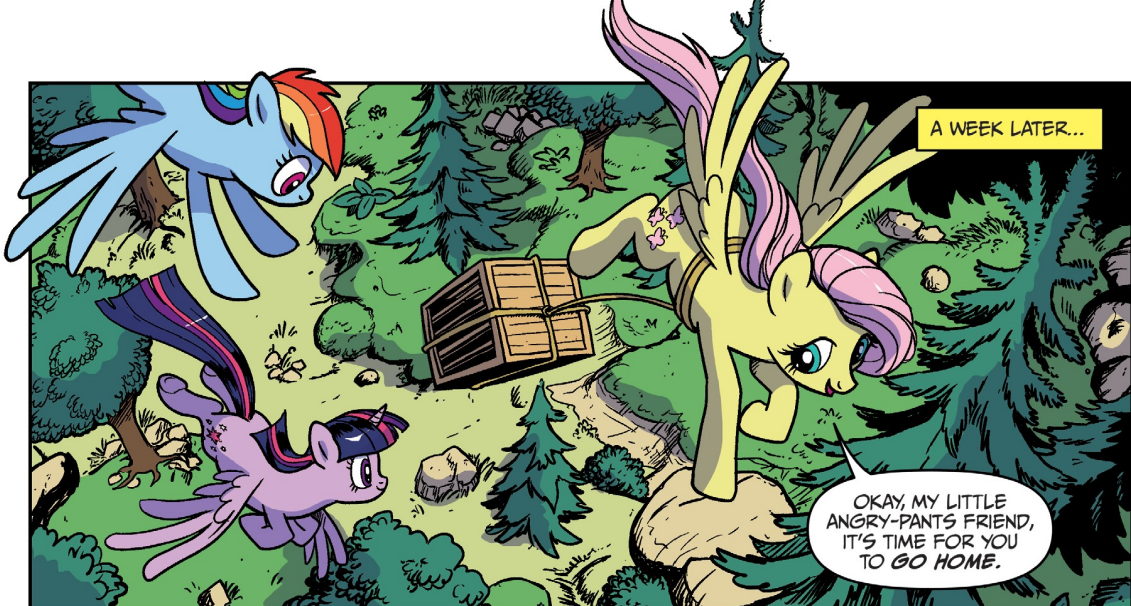
I'VE
GOT IT!

GOMP

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

BURP





I'M BACK TO MYSELF. BUT I STILL HAVE FLASHES NOW AND THEN WHERE I REMEMBER BEING MORE ANIMAL INFLUENCED.

BUT I WOULDN'T DO IT AGAIN.

I THINK IT'S ACTUALLY GIVING ME INSIGHT INTO THE ANIMALS I TAKE CARE OF, SO I GUESS I'M HAPPY ABOUT IT.

READY TO GRAB SPIKE AND HEAD BACK TO THE SCHOOL?

I THINK SO.



SHEESH! HOW MUCH LONGER IS THIS GOING TO LAST?

IT'S ALMOST OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM NOW. MAYBE ANOTHER DAY OR TWO.

CAN'T HAPPEN SOON ENOUGH.

I APPRECIATE IT, SPIKE. I WAS ALMOST LOST FOREVER.

AW, IT WAS NOTHING.

IT WAS SOMETHING. AND SOMETHING I WON'T FORGET.

DON'T WORRY, I'VE GOT HIM.



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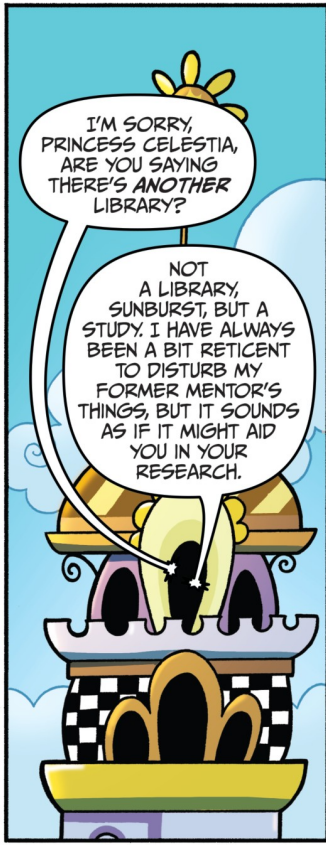


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THIS IS AMAZING!
WHO KNOWS WHAT
COULD BE IN
HERE!

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.



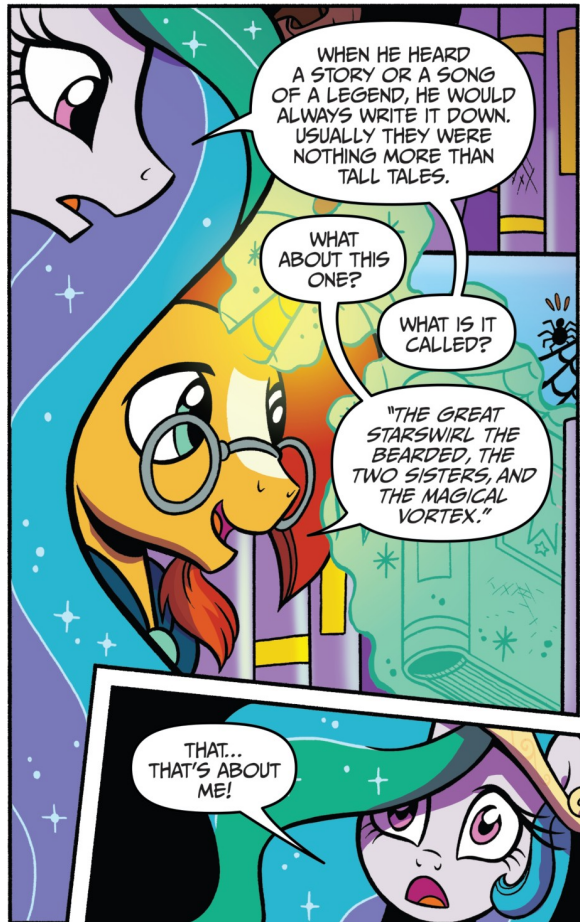
THEN THERE WAS
THE FIGHT, AND I EXILED
LUNA TO THE MOON. AFTER
THAT I WAS TOO BUSY... OR
PERHAPS IT HURT TOO
MUCH TO THINK OF
THOSE DAYS.

"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."

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

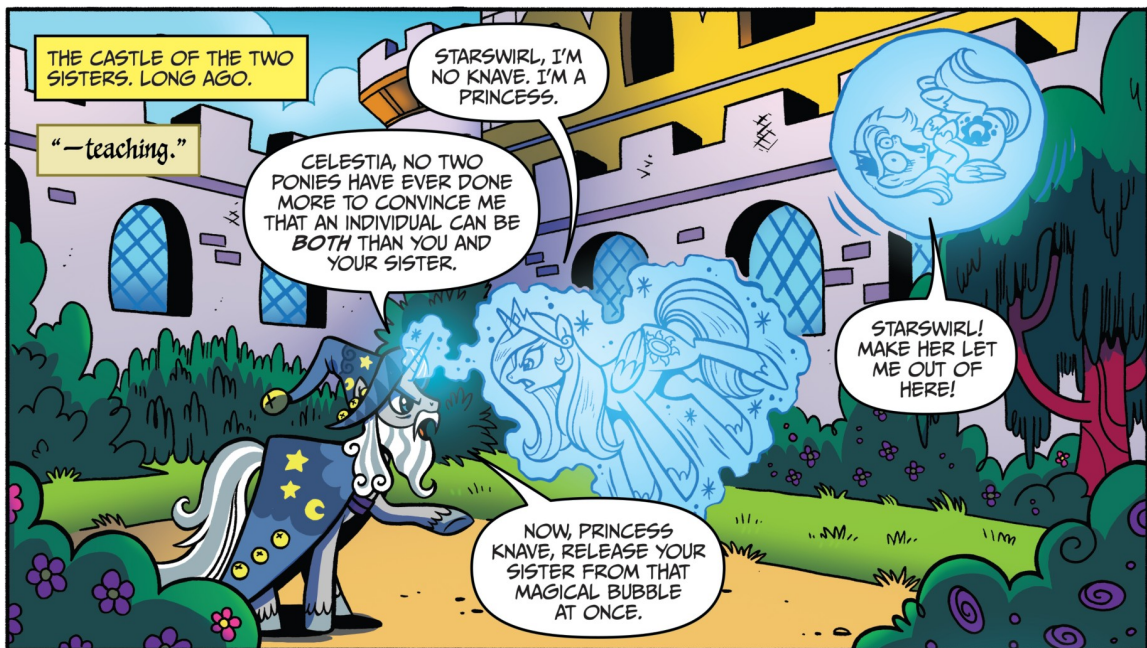


But perhaps the most challenging
role for Starswirl was not that of
mage, or wanderer, or hero. But the
most dangerous of all professions—

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.



STARSWIRLIIIIIIIRRRRRR!!!

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.



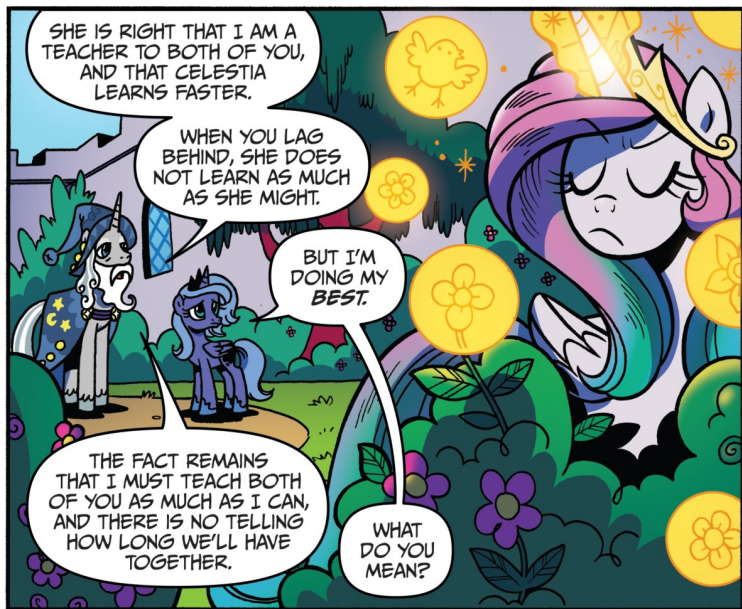
IT'S MEANT TO BE A SIMPLE TRAINING EXERCISE, NOT A CHANCE FOR YOU TO MAKE YOUR SISTER PANIC.

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



POP!

GAAH!!



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