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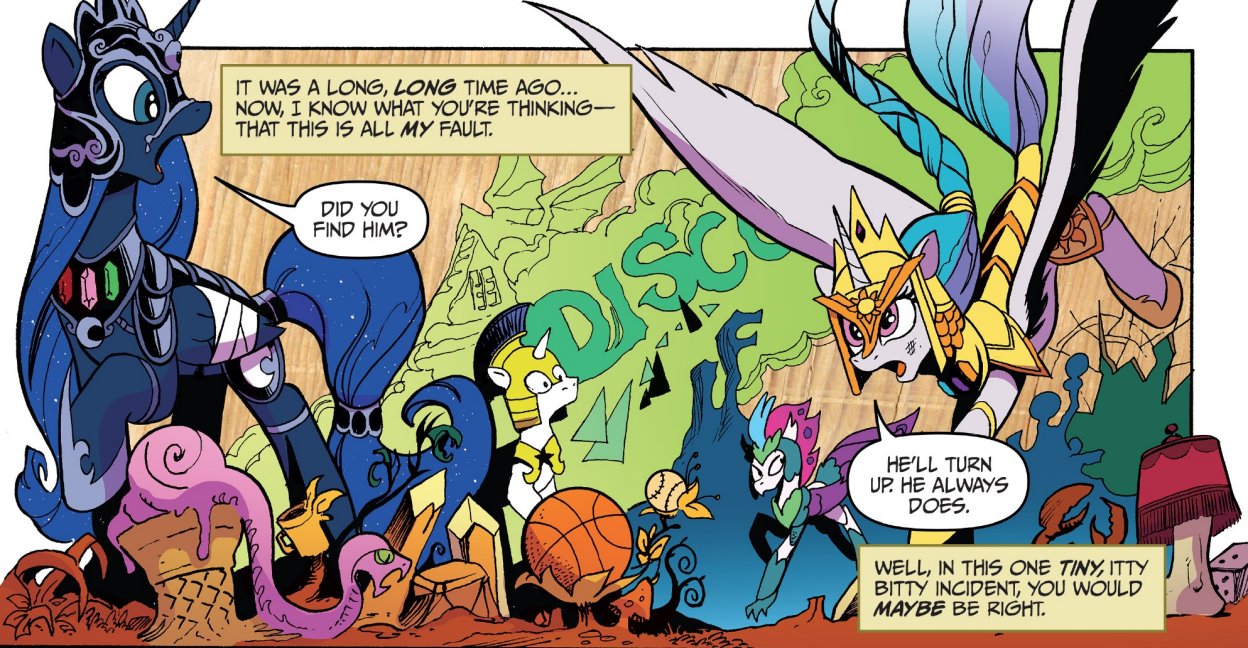
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IT WAS A LONG, LONG TIME AGO...
NOW, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING—
THAT THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.

DID YOU
FIND HIM?

HE'LL TURN
UP. HE ALWAYS
DOES.

WELL, IN THIS ONE TINY, ITTY
BITTY INCIDENT, YOU WOULD
MAYBE BE RIGHT.



IF WE DON'T GET
THIS UNDER CONTROL
NOW, WE MAY NOT BE
ABLE TO REVERSE
ALL THE DAMAGE.

WE HAVE
HIM.

INDEED, THEY
DID HAVE ME.



AH, THERE I AM. I'M GOING
TO REITERATE HERE THAT
THIS WAS NOT MY FAULT.

OW. EASY ON
THE HORNS.

QUIET. DO YOU
HAVE ANY IDEA HOW
FAR YOU'VE
GONE?



DISCORD. THIS ISN'T ONE OF YOUR MERE ANNOYANCES. YOU'RE DESTROYING THE VERY FABRIC OF OUR WORLD. STOP THIS AT ONCE.



IT'S HAPPENING AT A FRANTIC RATE... HAS HE EVER BEEN THIS CRAZED BEFORE?

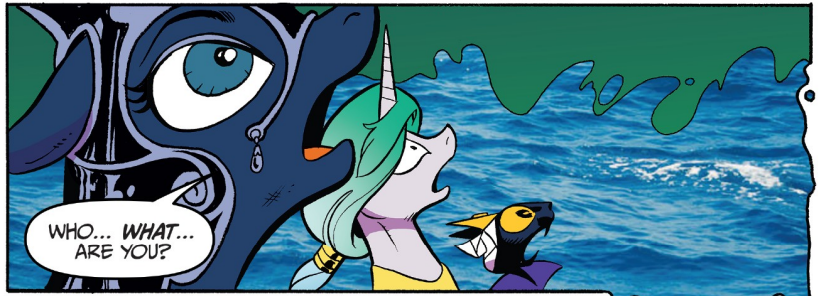
DISCORD. STOP BEFORE MORE ARE INJURED.



IT ISN'T ME DOING THIS!

For Discord

NOW, NOW, IT'S NOT NICE TO TOUCH THINGS THAT AREN'T YOURS. RETURN HIM TO ME.



WHO... WHAT... ARE YOU?



SAVE ME FROM HER, PLEASE.



GET RID OF HER AND THIS ALL GOES BACK TO NORMAL, I SWEAR. IT WILL TAKE ALL OF US, EVEN ME.

...IF WE HELP YOU NOW, WILL YOU TURN YOURSELF IN?

Oh, DIMMISCORD!

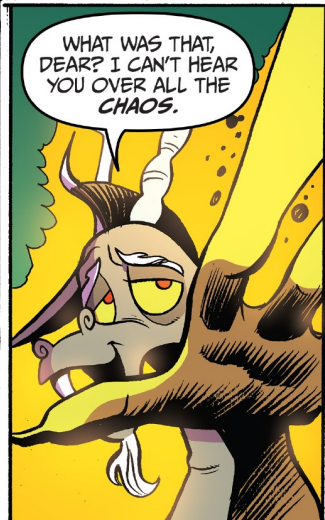
YES. ANYTHING YOU WANT, I'LL SWEAR OFF HIJINKS FOR GOOD. I'LL CLEAN THE CASTLE. I'LL START A YOUTH GROUP. JUST STOP HER.

WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.





**NO!
DISCORD!
STOP THEM!**

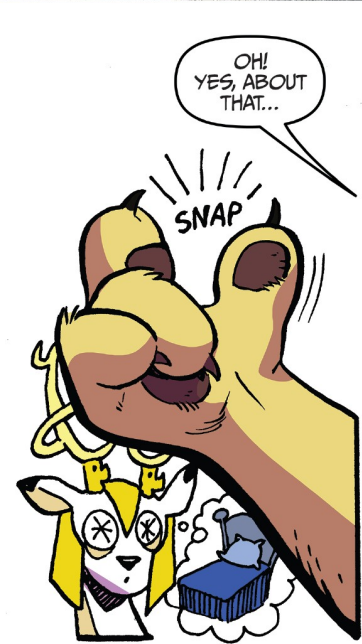


WHAT WAS THAT,
DEAR? I CAN'T HEAR
YOU OVER ALL THE
CHAOS.



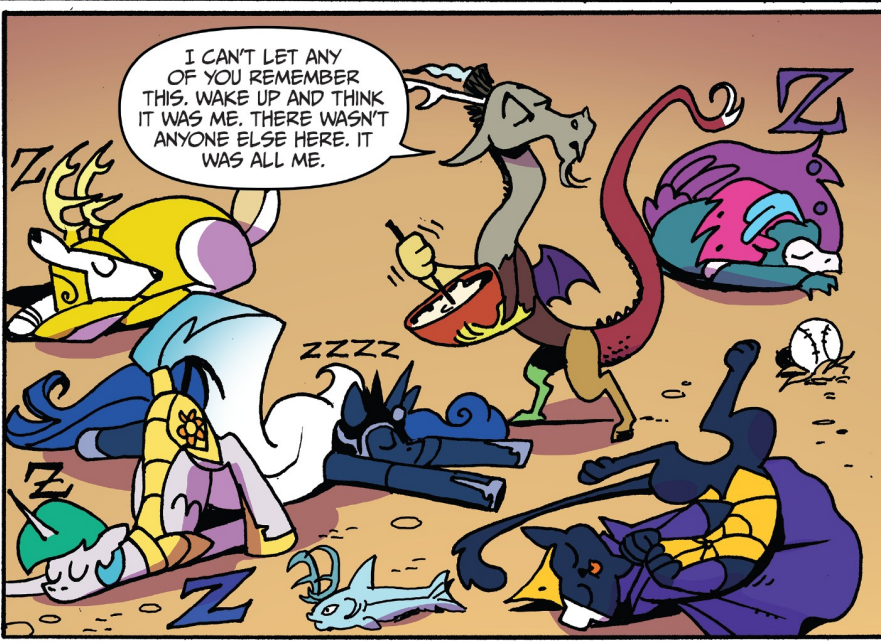


DISCORD, YOU ARE TO REPORT TO THE PALACE AT ONCE, AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A VERY LONG, LONG DISCUSSION OVER WHO THAT WAS AND WHAT JUST HAPPENED.



OH! YES, ABOUT THAT...

SNAP



I CAN'T LET ANY OF YOU REMEMBER THIS. WAKE UP AND THINK IT WAS ME. THERE WASN'T ANYONE ELSE HERE. IT WAS ALL ME.



GOODBYE, COSMOS.

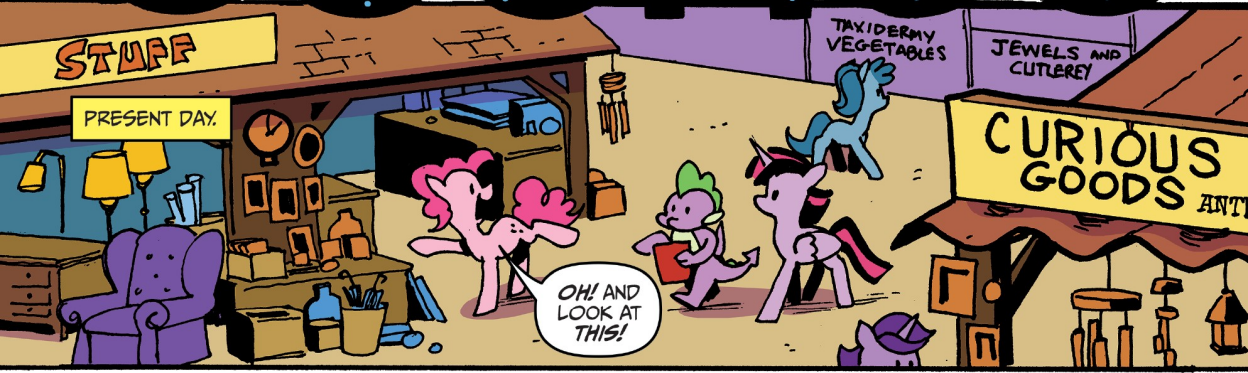


BAMF

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Sorry about the xoxox Discord

COSMOS







SO. NONE OF YOU HEAR A VOICE WHEN YOU PUT ON THAT NECKLACE?

NOPE.



WAIT... I'M GETTING SOMETHING...

YES. WHAT DO YOU HEAR?



THAT YOU ARE AN OVERWORKED EGGHEAD AND HEARING THINGS AND YOU SHOULD TAKE ~~GASP~~ A BREAK.



HAR DE HAR HAR.



PUT IT ON AGAIN, TWILIGHT. TELL US EXACTLY WHAT YOU HEAR.



I DON'T THINK SHE SHOULD PUT ON THE NECKLACE AGAIN IF IT'S GOING TO TALK TO HER, THAT SEEMS... UNWISE.



I WORE IT FOR ALMOST 20 MINUTES BEFORE I GAVE IT TO TWILIGHT AND I'M FINE. IT'S JUST JEWELRY.



YOU KNOW, I HAVE A SOLUTION THAT WILL MAKE THIS WHOLE SITUATION JUST GO AWAY... ALL I NEED IS SOME SALT AND MAYBE A LITTLE LEMON JUICE...





THERE WILL BE NO DIGESTION INVOLVED.



"FIND THE REST..." IT KEEPS SAYING TO FIND THE REST...



EEP!



NEAT!

WHAT... WHAT IS IT?

SURELY SOMEPOONY THAT SPENDS SO MUCH TIME IN THE CLOUDS KNOWS WHAT THE STARS LOOK LIKE.

I KNOW THESE STARS...



CAPRICA

MONGO

PRAXIS

QO'NOS

KZIN

MAGRATHEA

ALTAIR IV

WOLF 359

ETHERIA

MOON
(SEE ENTRY ON
PRINCESS LUNA)

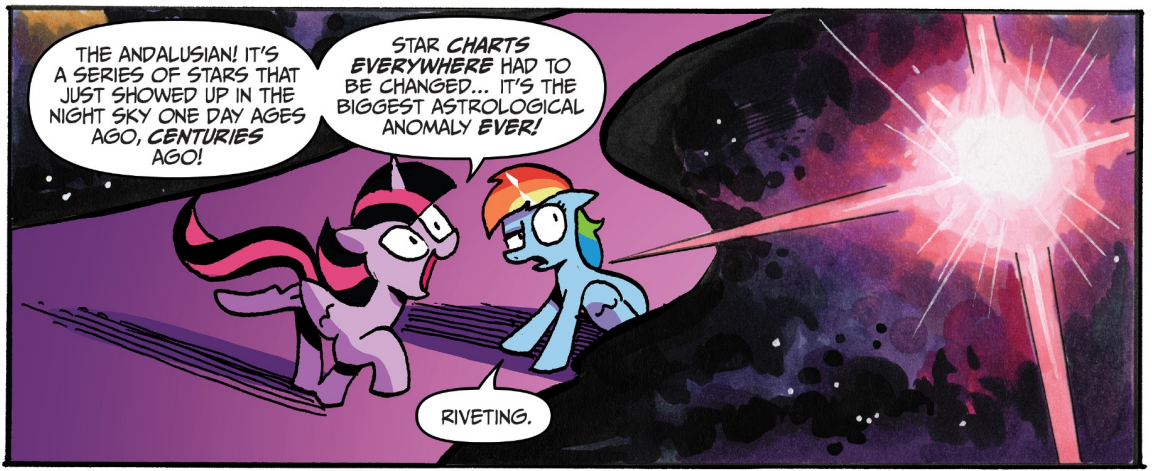
KOBOL

METALUNA

3RD EARTH

SECRETARIAT COMET
(SEE ENTRY ON
QUEEN CHRYSALIS)

BOOM!





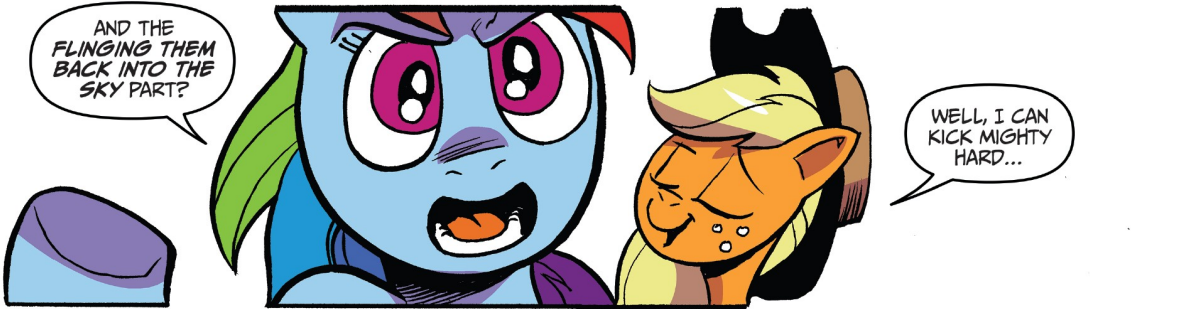
SORRY, SPIKE.

SIGH.



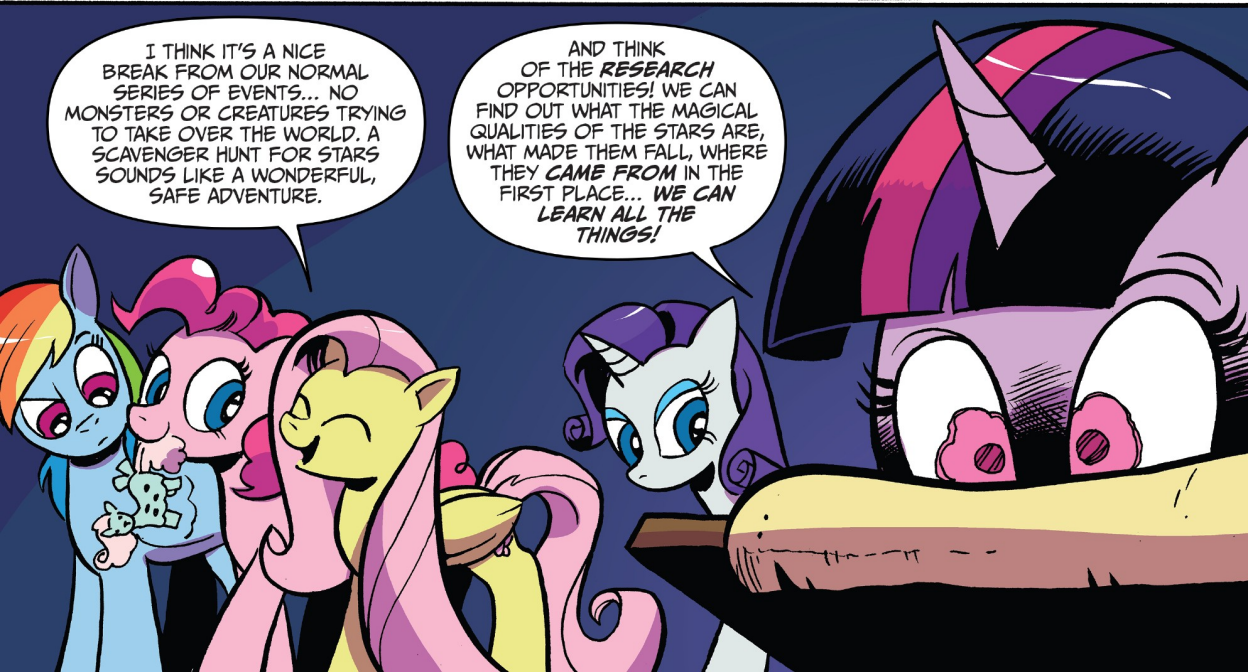
SO... WHAT DO WE DO? JUST FIND ALL THESE THINGS AND FLING THEM BACK INTO THE SKY?

SEEMS SIMPLE ENOUGH... I MEAN, WE HAVE A MAP TELLING US WHERE TO LOOK.



AND THE FLINGING THEM BACK INTO THE SKY PART?

WELL, I CAN KICK MIGHTY HARD...



I THINK IT'S A NICE BREAK FROM OUR NORMAL SERIES OF EVENTS... NO MONSTERS OR CREATURES TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD. A SCAVENGER HUNT FOR STARS SOUNDS LIKE A WONDERFUL, SAFE ADVENTURE.

AND THINK OF THE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES! WE CAN FIND OUT WHAT THE MAGICAL QUALITIES OF THE STARS ARE, WHAT MADE THEM FALL, WHERE THEY CAME FROM IN THE FIRST PLACE... WE CAN LEARN ALL THE THINGS!

TWILIGHT, DEAR,
YOU'RE GETTING THAT
WEIRD LOOK ON YOUR FACE
LIKE WHEN YOU'RE ABOUT
TO WRITE ONE OF
YOUR LONG...

...BORING...

...ACADEMIC PAPERS.
DO WE NEED TO HAVE THE
TALK ABOUT TIME MANAGEMENT
AND THE IMPORTANCE OF *SLEEP*
AGAIN? THIS CAN'T BE THE
EVERFREE FOREST MYSTICAL
FOG MANAGEMENT REPORT
ALL OVER AGAIN.

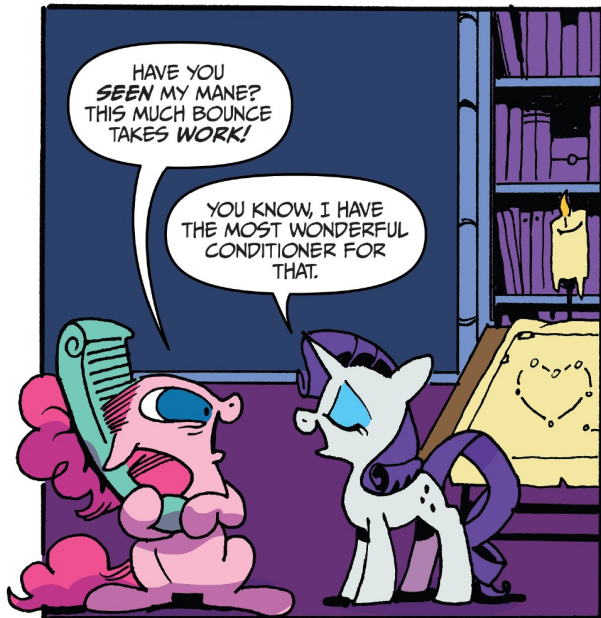
FIND THE REST

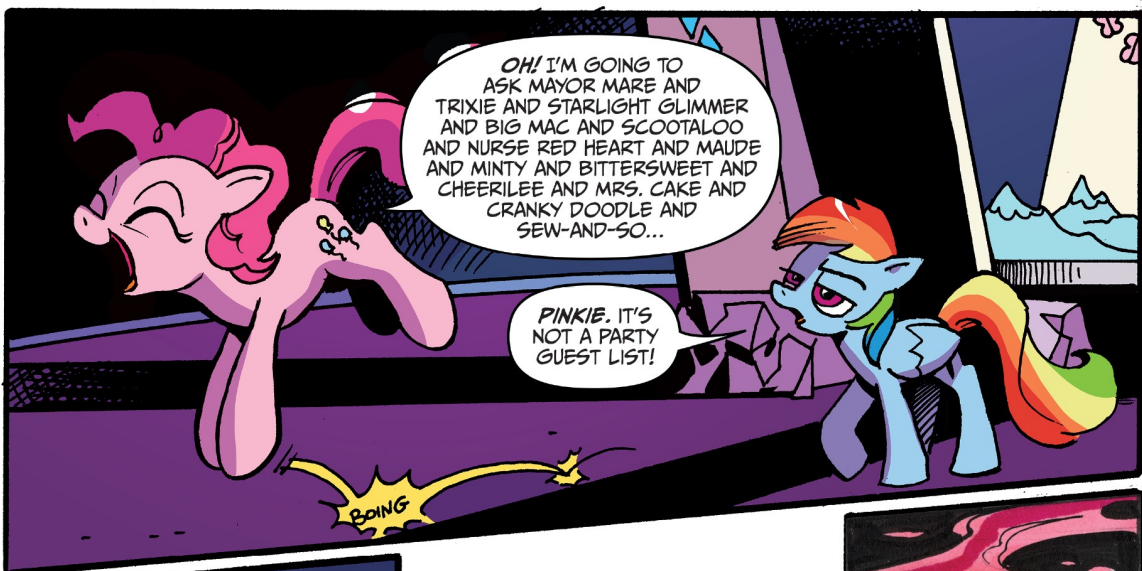
FIND THE REST...
YES. I'LL FIND THE
REST. I SHOULD LEAVE
NOW AND FIND THE
REST.

ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?

OH... YES, JUST
EXCITED WITH THE
THOUGHT OF DISCOVERY
AND ALL THAT. YOU
KNOW HOW I GET.

YES, WE *DO* KNOW
HOW YOU GET—THAT'S
WHY WE'RE GOING TO HELP
YOU. OTHERWISE YOU'D TAKE
OFF SOLO AROUND EQUESTRIA
LOOKING FOR EVERY PURPLE
BAUBLE AND DRIVING
YOURSELF NUTS.







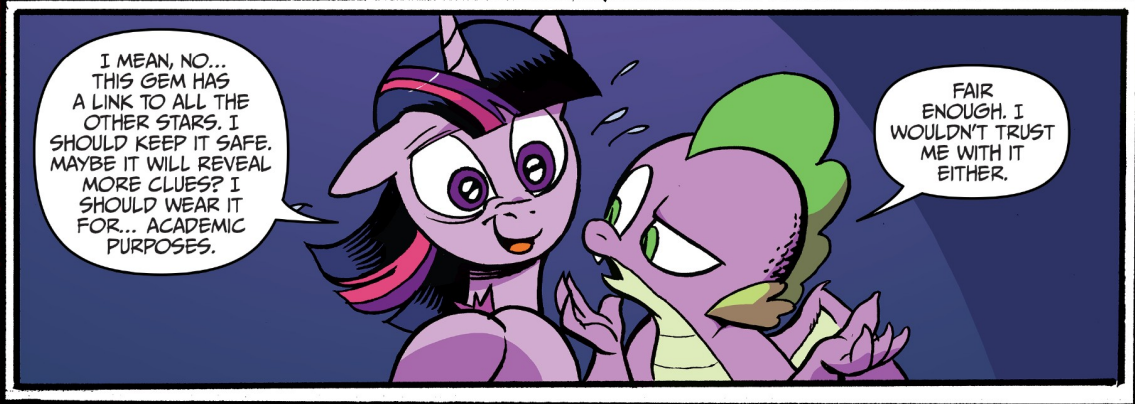
NO... NO. I THINK I'LL STAY HERE AND DRAW UP A GAME PLAN FOR EVERYPONY? PLANNING FOR FARAWAY DESTINATION TRAVEL IS KIND OF A STRENGTH OF MINE. TRAIN SCHEDULES AND WHATNOT...

IF YOU'RE SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT... THEN WE'LL LEAVE YOU TO IT! BE BACK IN A BIT.

YES. GOODBYE.

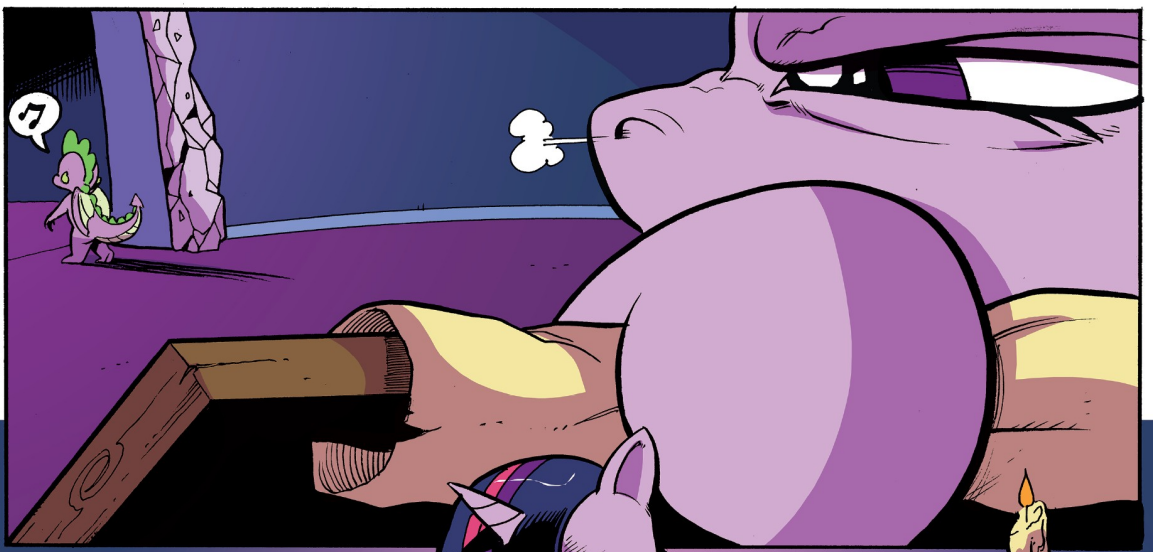


WELL, YOU WON'T NEED THIS FOR A BIT. CAN I AT LEAST SMELL IT UNTIL THEY GET BACK? MAYBE LICK IT? I PROMISE I WON'T EAT IT.



I MEAN, NO... THIS GEM HAS A LINK TO ALL THE OTHER STARS. I SHOULD KEEP IT SAFE. MAYBE IT WILL REVEAL MORE CLUES? I SHOULD WEAR IT FOR... ACADEMIC PURPOSES.

FAIR ENOUGH. I WOULDN'T TRUST ME WITH IT EITHER.



AT LAST, AFTER ALL THIS TIME, SOMEONY POWERFUL ENOUGH FOR ME TO EMBODY HAS FOUND ME.



AND A PRINCESS NO LESS. HOW DELIGHTFULLY FORTUNATE.



I WILL NEED EVERY PIECE OF MY MAGIC BACK SO I CAN GET BACK TO... HIM.



ARE YOU
READY, DISCORD,
MY DEAR? BIT BY
BIT, I'M COMING
HOME.

S. Price '18

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN
SOMEPONY RUIN THEIR
OWN LIFE?



COSMOS

PART THE 2nd

THERE'S LIFE UNDERGROUND



NOW, COSMOS,
JUST... GIVE ME A
MOMENT AND I'LL GO
SEE WHAT ELSE YOU
CAN DESTROY.



DARLING,
WAIT FOR
ME!



EVEN I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT
MY PARTNERSHIP WITH HER
WAS NOT... IDEAL.



DAAAAARRRRR-LIIING.
COME BACK! I HAVE THE
MOST MARVELOUS IDEA OF
TURNING THE PONIES INTO
PIÑATAS AND FINDING
A BIG STICK.



AH! THE
CAVALRY.

DISCORD!
THERE HE IS—
GRAB HIM.



YOU'LL PAY
FOR WHAT YOU'VE
DONE. YOU'VE
GONE TOO FAR
THIS TIME.

NO... IT'S NOT...
NEVERMIND. TAKE ME
TO CELESTIA! NOW.
PLEASE!

OH, YOU'RE
GOING TO
CELESTIA, AND
YOU WILL FIX
THIS.



...AND THAT WAS
MY PLAN. I JUST
COULDN'T TAKE
IT... HER... ANY
LONGER.

THAT WAS A *LONG* TIME AGO, AS YOU KNOW IF YOU READ THE FIRST PART OF THE STORY. DID YOU READ PART ONE? YOU PROBABLY SHOULD, OR YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE *REALLY* CONFUSED. ANYWAY... BACK TO NOW.

NOW, I'VE GIVEN EVERY GROUP A MAP, YOUR SCHEDULED MODE OF TRANSPORTATION, PROTEIN BARS, A DETAILED TIMELINE, A DRAWING OF THE STAR GEM THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, FORMS FOR YOU TO GET REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY TRAVEL EXPENSES...



DOES SHE SEEM A LITTLE... MORE INTENSE THAN USUAL?

NO... THIS IS A PRETTY NORMAL LEVEL OF INTENSE FOR HER.



...AND SINCE STARLIGHT GLIMMER HAS TO STAY IN PONYVILLE TO OVERSEE FINAL EXAMS, I'D LIKE TO THANK BIG MAC FOR STEPPING UP TO HELP US OUT. YOU, TOO, ZECORA, GIRLS.

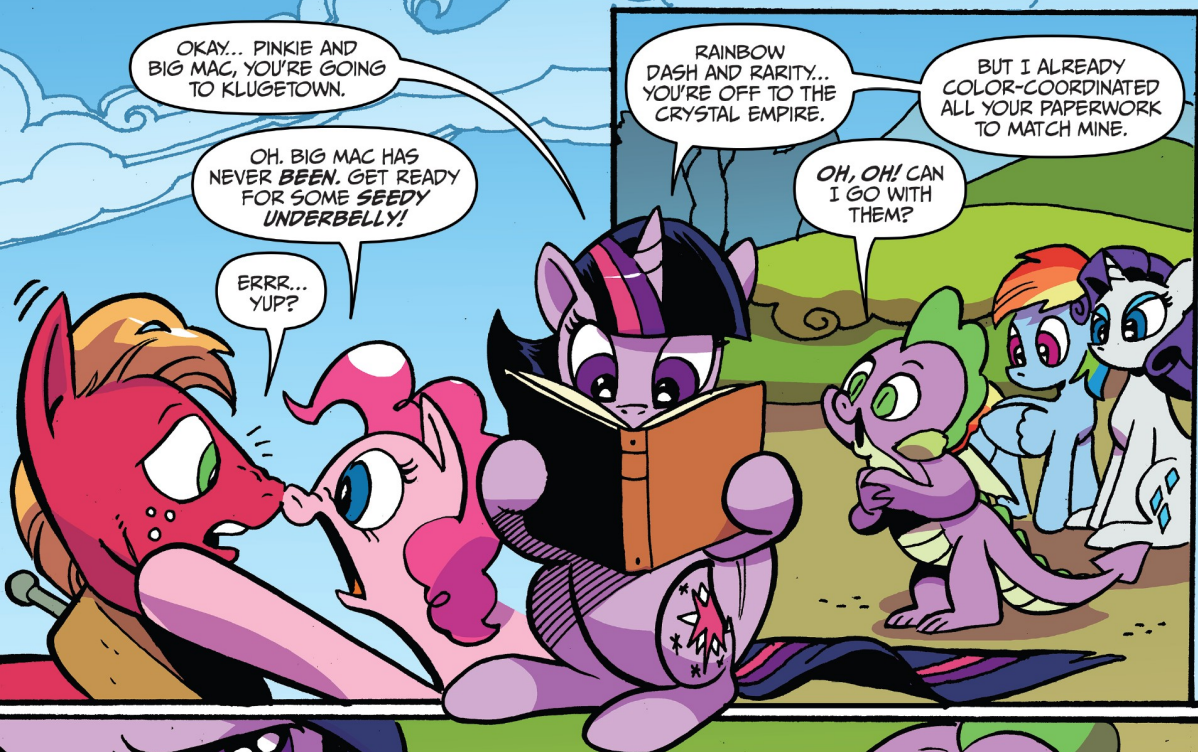
I'M JUST EXCITED TO BE INCLUDED IN ONE OF Y'ALL'S ADVENTURES!

WE'RE IN THE BIG LEAGUES NOW, PONIES. WATCH OUT!

NEXT STEP: OUR OWN CHAIRS AT THE WEIRD MAP-TABLE-THING!

AND A SHELF IN THE FRIDGE WITH OUR NAMES ON LUNCH BAGS THAT SAY, "DO NOT EAT MY LUNCH!"





OKAY... PINKIE AND BIG MAC, YOU'RE GOING TO KLUGETOWN.

OH. BIG MAC HAS NEVER BEEN. GET READY FOR SOME SEEDY UNDERBELLY!

ERRR... YUP?

RAINBOW DASH AND RARITY... YOU'RE OFF TO THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE.

BUT I ALREADY COLOR-COORDINATED ALL YOUR PAPERWORK TO MATCH MINE.

OH, OH! CAN I GO WITH THEM?



OH, ALL RIGHT. ACTUALLY, IT'S PROBABLY FOR THE BEST, SINCE YOU CAN SEND ME A MESSAGE IF ANYTHING COMES UP.



ZECORA, YOU WILL BE IN CHARGE OF GETTING THE STAR GEM FROM GRIFFONSTONE. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HANDLE ALL THREE FILLIES ON YOUR OWN? I'M SURE I CAN FIND ANOTHER PONY TO HELP YOU.

WITH THESE YOUNG ONES? I'LL BE FINE. I'M SURE THEIR TALENTS WILL MAKE OUR GROUP SHINE.



ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVE A PARTNER? I DON'T WANT YOU GOING INTO THE EVERFREE FOREST ALONE.

OH, HE'S BACK AT MY HOUSE FEEDING ANGEL BUNNY FOR ME. I'LL GO GET HIM BEFORE I HEAD OUT.

PERFECT.



OKAY, EVERYPONY!
YOU HAVE EVERYTHING
YOU SHOULD NEED FOR
YOUR TRIP. LET'S GET OUT
THERE, FIND THE STARS
OF THE ANDALUSIAN
CONSTELLATION,
AND...



...BRING
THEM ALL
TO ME.



YOU
OKAY THERE,
TWILIGHT?



YES, I'M FINE.
I'M JUST... SO EXCITED
ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF
SOLVING AN ASTRONOMICAL
MYSTERY! HA! SEE WHAT
I DID THERE?

NO. I'M GETTING
OUT OF HERE BEFORE
THERE ARE MORE
PUNS. NOPE.



YOU AREN'T
GOING TO DO THAT
THE *WHOLE* TRAIN
RIDE TO CANTERLOT,
ARE YOU?

HOW ABOUT
THIS ONE? THE
ROTATION OF THE
PLANET REALLY
MAKES MY
DAY.



DOES ANYPONY
WANT TO SWITCH
PARTNERS? TRADE
'YA AN APPLE.

...PLEASE?

TO
TRAIN
STATION

THIS IS KIND OF A NICE CHANGE OF PACE FOR US, ISN'T IT? USUALLY WE'RE HEADED INTO SOME SORT OF DISASTER FULL OF VILLAINS TRYIN' TO TAKE OVER EQUESTRIA OR DESTROY PONYVILLE OR WIPE OUT...

ENTERING
Canterlot

CANTERLOT

EXPRESS

THE DAY IS YOUNG.

WHAT?

EXIT

CHAOS THEORY

OH, NOTHING. WE'RE HERE!

WHAT'S THE PLAN? AH CAN'T MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OF THE SCHEDULE YOU GAVE ME. DID YOU HAVE TO USE SO MANY STICKY NOTES? DOES IT NEED AN APPENDIX WITH FOOT NOTES?

WE'RE GOING TO HEAD TO THE CASTLE. THIS STAR... IS TELLING ME THE NEXT ONE IS CLOSE.

YA KNOW... THAT NECKLACE-THINGIE HAS ME A MIGHT BIT CONCERNED.

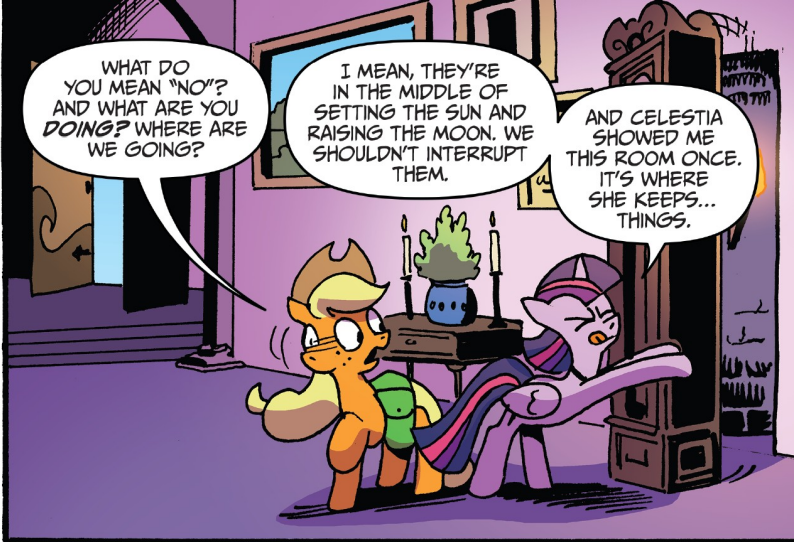
IT'S FINE... EVERYTHING IS FINE!

FLOWERS



WELL, LET'S GO LET THE PRINCESSES KNOW WE'RE HERE.

NO.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN "NO"? AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHERE ARE WE GOING?

I MEAN, THEY'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF SETTING THE SUN AND RAISING THE MOON. WE SHOULDN'T INTERRUPT THEM.

AND CELESTIA SHOWED ME THIS ROOM ONCE. IT'S WHERE SHE KEEPS... THINGS.



"THINGS"? WHAT KIND OF THINGS?

MOSTLY STUFF SHE DOESN'T WANT CLUTTERING UP THE HALLS UPSTAIRS.



THE STAR GEM IS HERE. I CAN FEEL IT.

UM, AH'M GOING TO GO OUT ON A LIMB AND SAY THAT IF IT'S IN THIS ROOM, IT'S BAD.

NEVER OPEN
PROPERTY
DEPT. OF ARMY
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
CALL CELESTIA



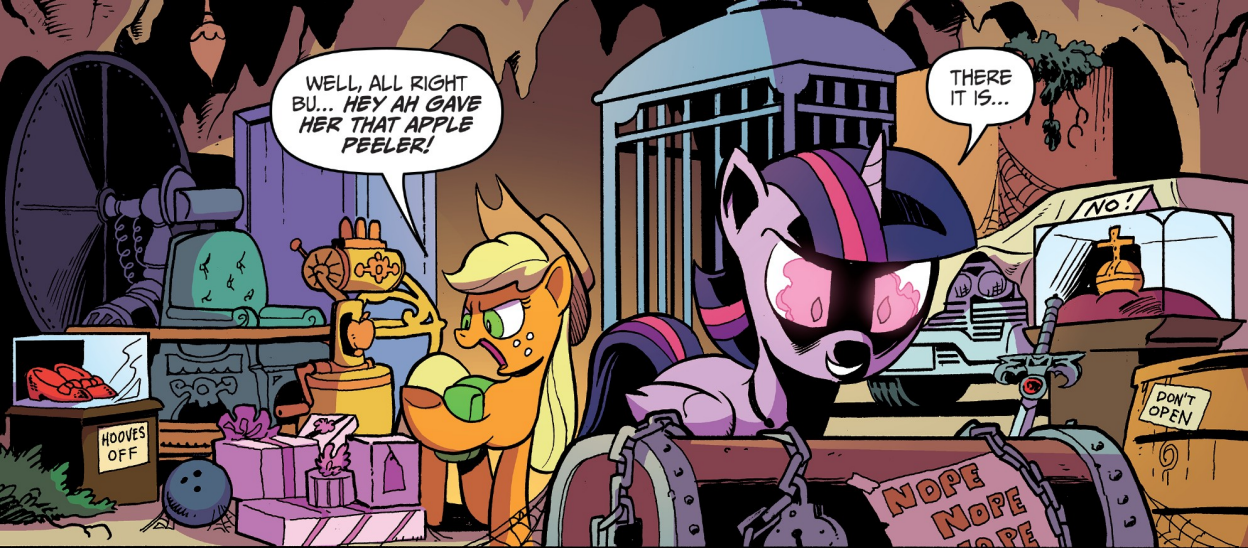
IT'LL BE FINE. NOT EVERYTHING IN HERE IS DANGEROUS.

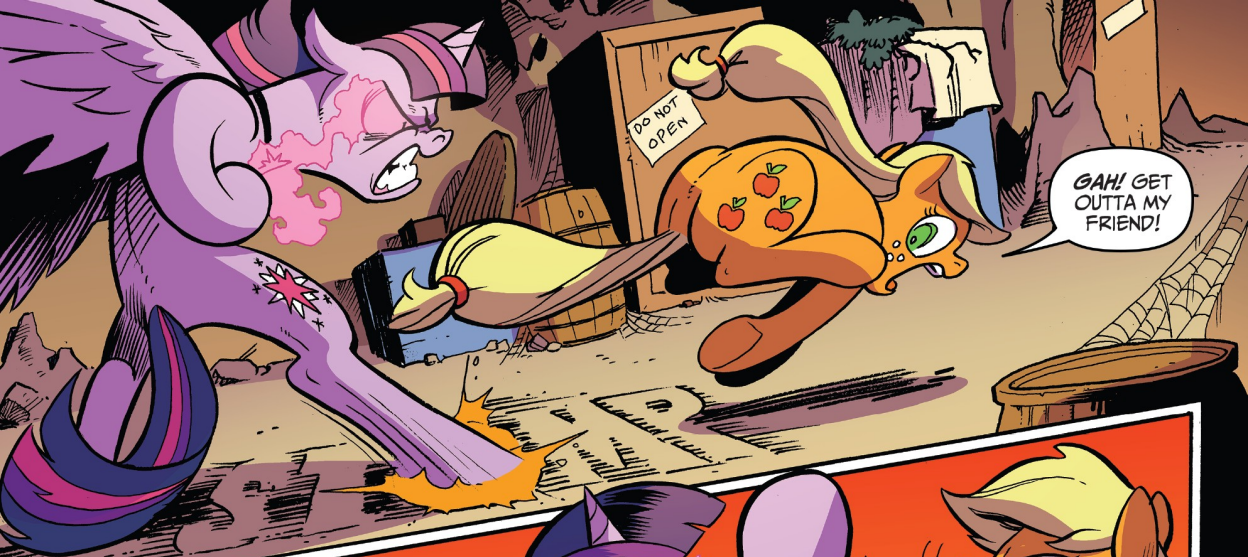


SEE? SHE ALSO HIDES ALL HER WORTHLESS JUNK DOWN HERE, TOO!

NO!

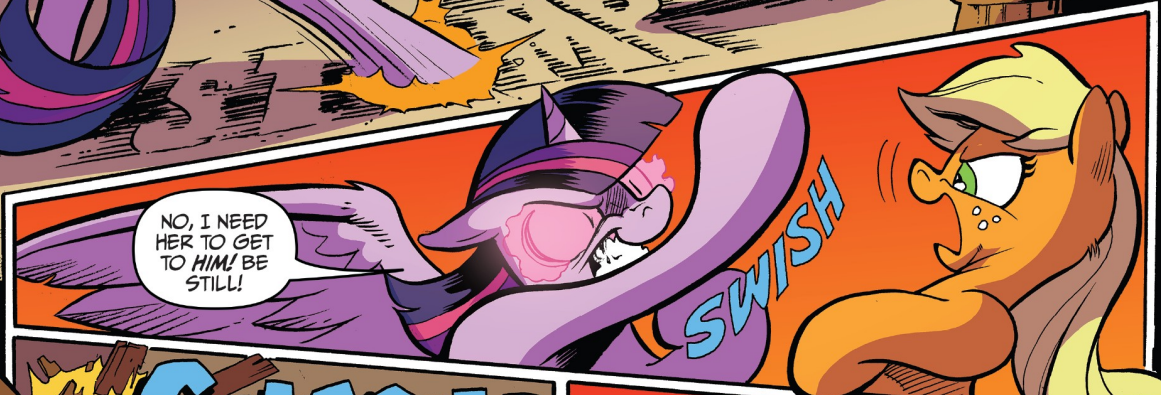
DON'T TOUCH





DO NOT OPEN

GAH! GET OUTTA MY FRIEND!



NO, I NEED HER TO GET TO HIM! BE STILL!

SWISH

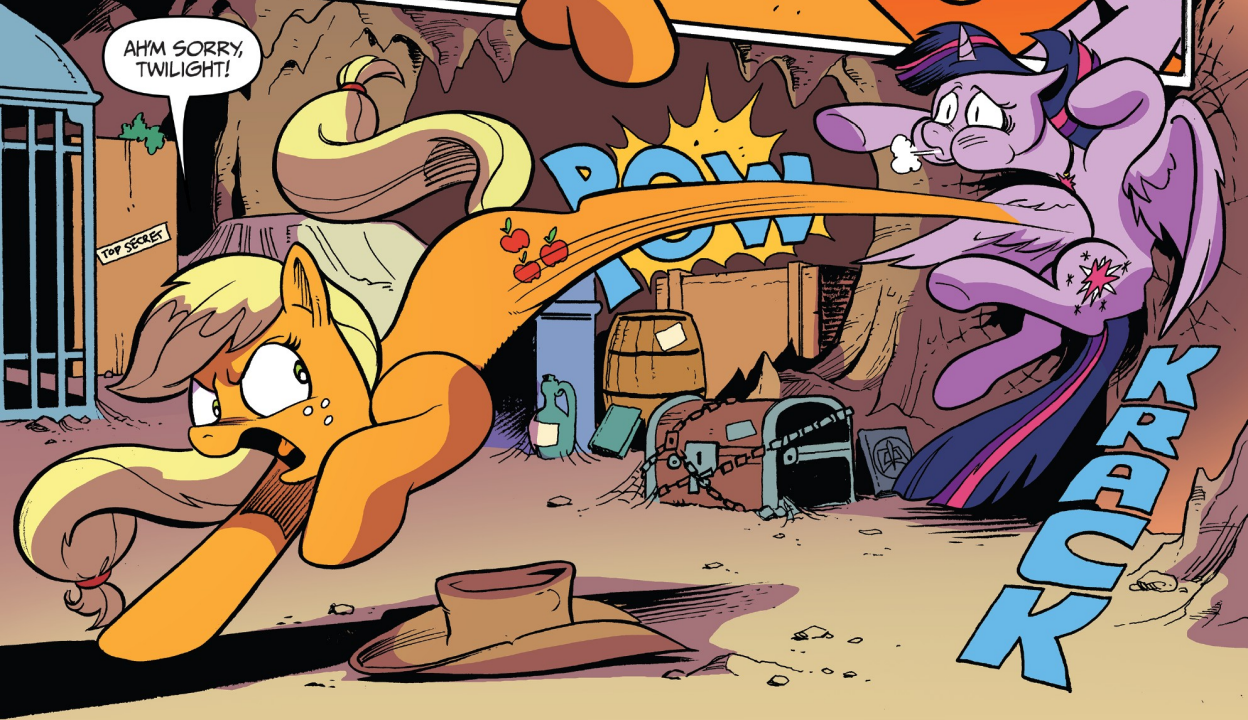


SMASH!



WHOA, NELLY! OKAY, TIME TO QUIT BEIN' NICE...

SNAP

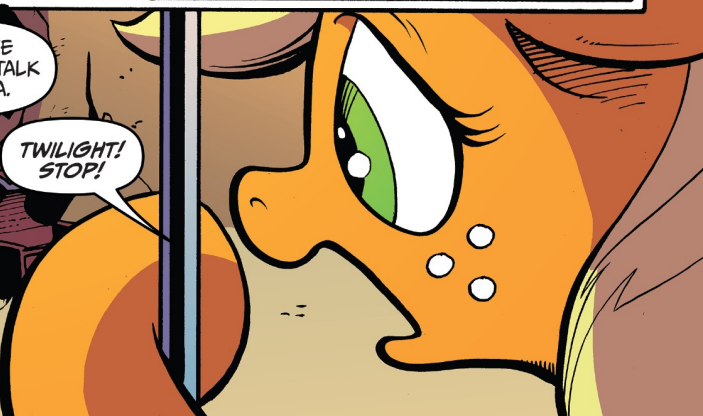
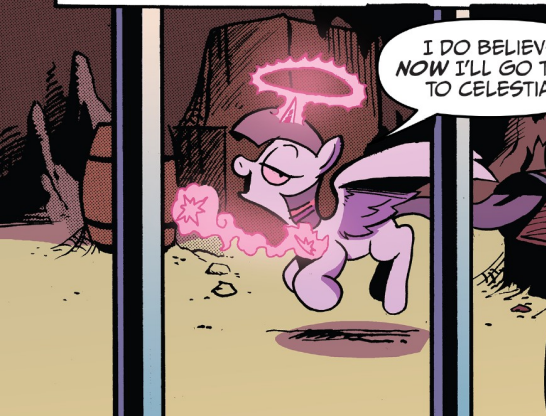


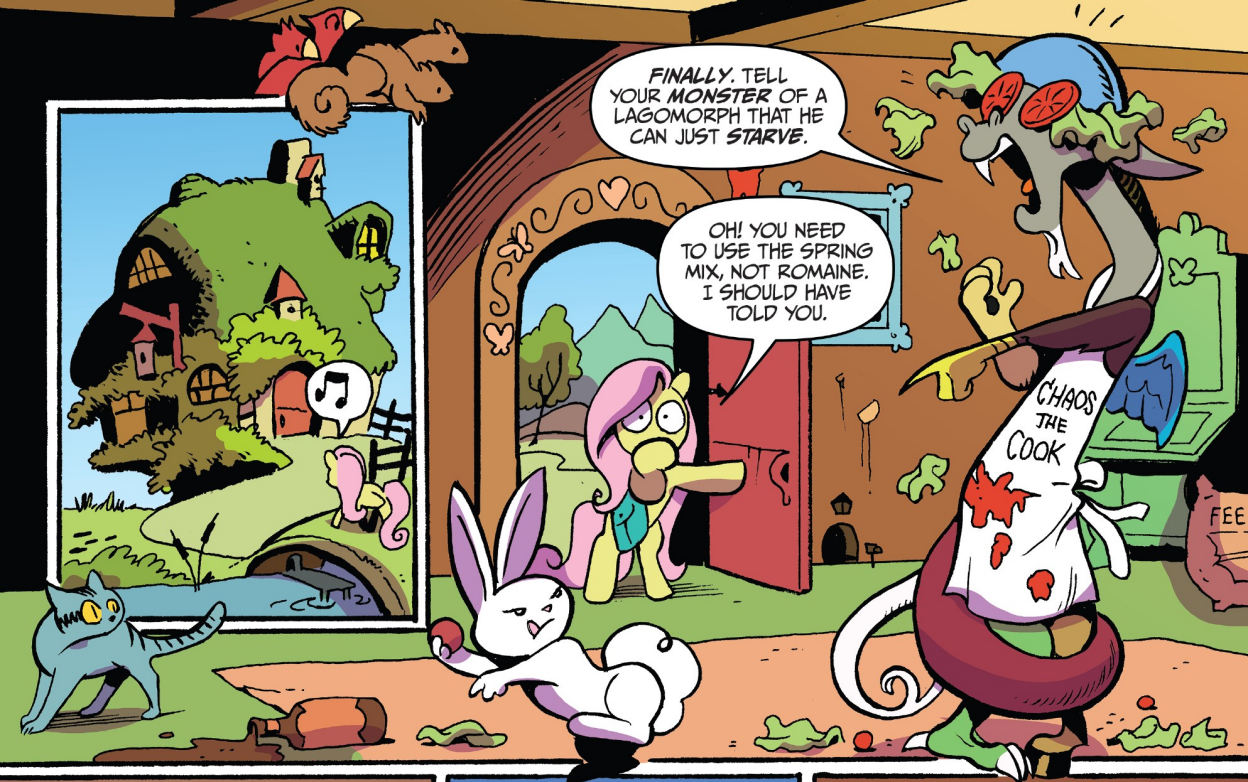
AHM SORRY, TWILIGHT!

TOP SECRET

POW

KICK





FINALLY. TELL YOUR MONSTER OF A LAGOMORPH THAT HE CAN JUST STARVE.

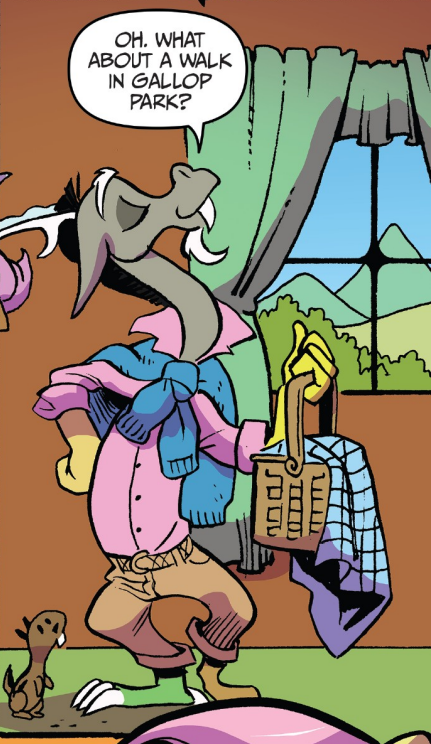
OH! YOU NEED TO USE THE SPRING MIX, NOT ROMAINE. I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU.



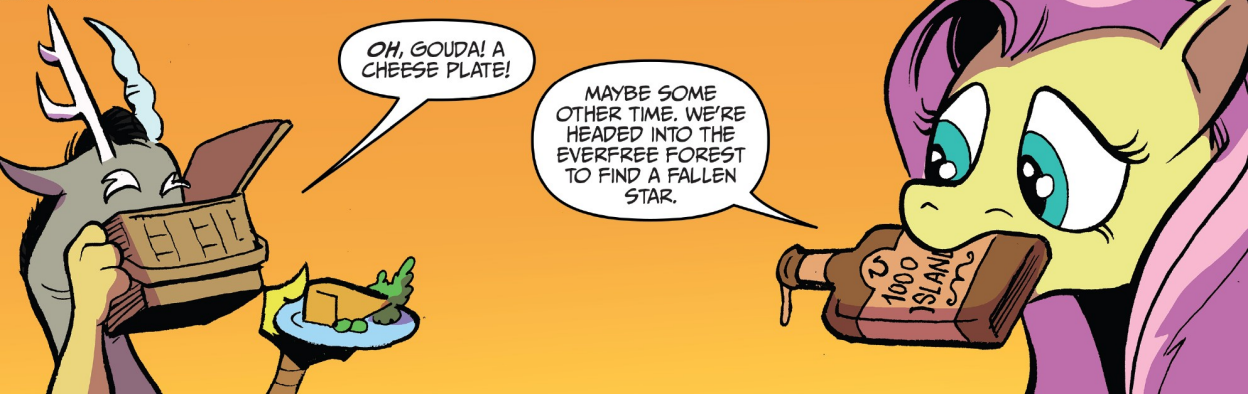
HOW WAS YOUR LITTLE MEETING? YOU SAID WE'RE GOING ON A TRIP? I DO HOPE IT'S TO GO ANTIQUING! A CHIPPENDALE TABLE FOR MY BREAKFAST NOOK WOULD BE LOVELY!



OR PERHAPS—SCUBA DIVING IN THE GREAT FARRIER REEF?



OH. WHAT ABOUT A WALK IN GALLOP PARK?



OH, GOUDA! A CHEESE PLATE!

MAYBE SOME OTHER TIME. WE'RE HEADED INTO THE EVERFREE FOREST TO FIND A FALLEN STAR.



A... FALLEN STAR? IN THE EVERFREE FOREST?

OH, YES. TWILIGHT IS VERY EXCITED. SHE SAID A CONSTELLATION FELL OUT OF THE SKY AND WE'RE ON AN ADVENTURE TO COLLECT ALL THE PIECES.

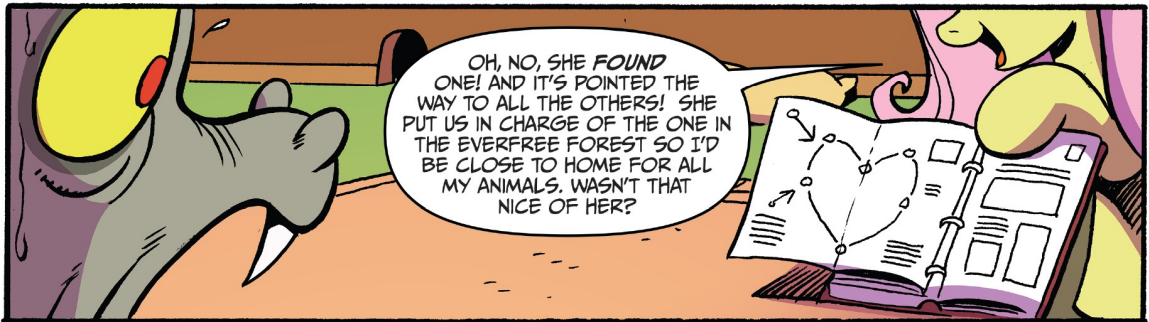


THERE'S NO POSSIBLE CHANCE THIS COULD BE... THE ANDALUSIAN CONSTELLATION, IS THERE?

IT IS! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SO WELL VERSED IN ASTRONOMY. THAT'S GOING TO SAVE YOU FROM HAVING TO READ THE FIRST 17 PAGES OF TWILIGHT'S NOTES.



THIS IS JUST... SOME WHIM OF TWILIGHT'S, RIGHT? A FLIGHT OF FANCY? A HOBBY? SHE DOESN'T THINK THESE STARS ACTUALLY EXIST... RIGHT? RIGHT?



OH, NO, SHE **FOUND** ONE! AND IT'S POINTED THE WAY TO ALL THE OTHERS! SHE PUT US IN CHARGE OF THE ONE IN THE EVERFREE FOREST SO I'D BE CLOSE TO HOME FOR ALL MY ANIMALS. WASN'T THAT NICE OF HER?



SHE'S FOUND ONE?

OH, YES, IT'S ALL QUITE EXCITING.



WE HAVE TO LEAVE.

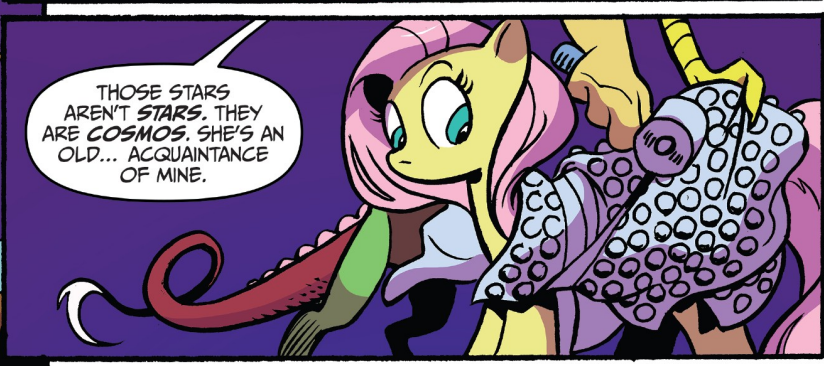
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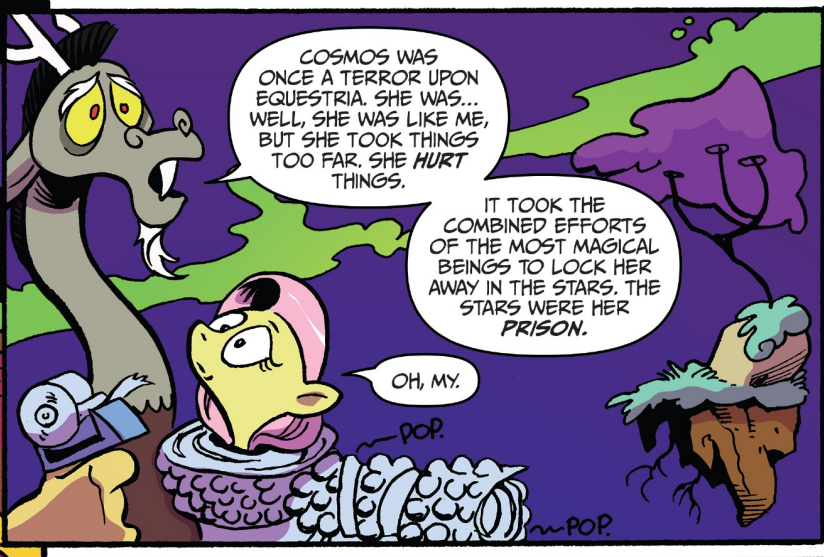
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WHY? DISCORD, WHAT'S HAPPENING?



THOSE STARS AREN'T STARS. THEY ARE COSMOS. SHE'S AN OLD... ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE.

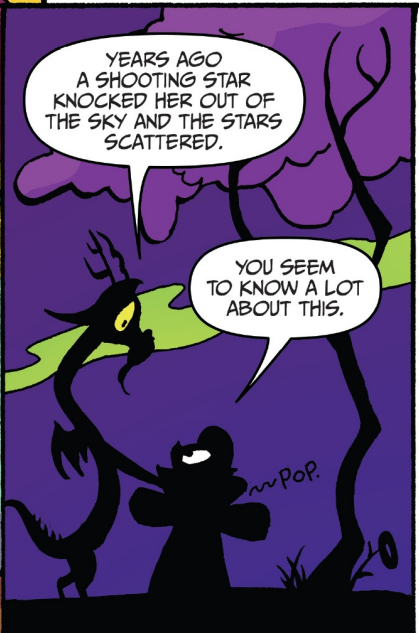


COSMOS WAS ONCE A TERROR UPON EQUESTRIA. SHE WAS... WELL, SHE WAS LIKE ME, BUT SHE TOOK THINGS TOO FAR. SHE HURT THINGS.

IT TOOK THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE MOST MAGICAL BEINGS TO LOCK HER AWAY IN THE STARS. THE STARS WERE HER PRISON.

OH, MY.

TWILIGHT CANNOT REUNITE ALL THE PIECES.



YEARS AGO A SHOOTING STAR KNOCKED HER OUT OF THE SKY AND THE STARS SCATTERED.

YOU SEEM TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT THIS.



I HAVE A... VESTED INTEREST IN KEEPING COSMOS FROM COMING BACK.

DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT?

PSYCHIATRIST



NOT REALLY, BUT I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO.

"BEFORE THE STARS FELL, I USED TO MONITOR THEM CONSTANTLY, ALWAYS AFRAID SHE WOULD COME BACK.

"I THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD THING WHEN THEY FELL SPREAD OUT ACROSS THE LAND... IT MEANT SHE WAS THAT MUCH FARTHER AWAY FROM BEING WHOLE."

"I FOUND ONE. IT... CALLED TO ME... IN THE EVERFREE FOREST.

"I HID IT AWAY. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN ALL THOSE STARS BE REUNITED."

OH, DEAR.

"OH, DEAR" ISN'T THE HALF OF IT.

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BESIDES, WE'VE BEEN LUCKY THAT NOPONY HAS STUMBLERD ACROSS IT HERE! JUST LEAVING IT BURIED ISN'T AS SECURE AS BRINGING IT TO PRINCESS CELESTIA.

IMAGINE IF A... VILLAIN FOUND IT! OR A DRAGON!

SIGH... RIGHT. YOU'RE RIGHT. LET'S TAKE IT TO CELESTIA. I SHOULD HAVE EONS AGO.



IT'S SO PRETTY. IT'S SAD THAT IT HERALDS THE COMING OF A MONSTER OF UNSPEAKABLE HORROR.

OH, HONEY. YOU HAVE NO IDEA.

SNAP!

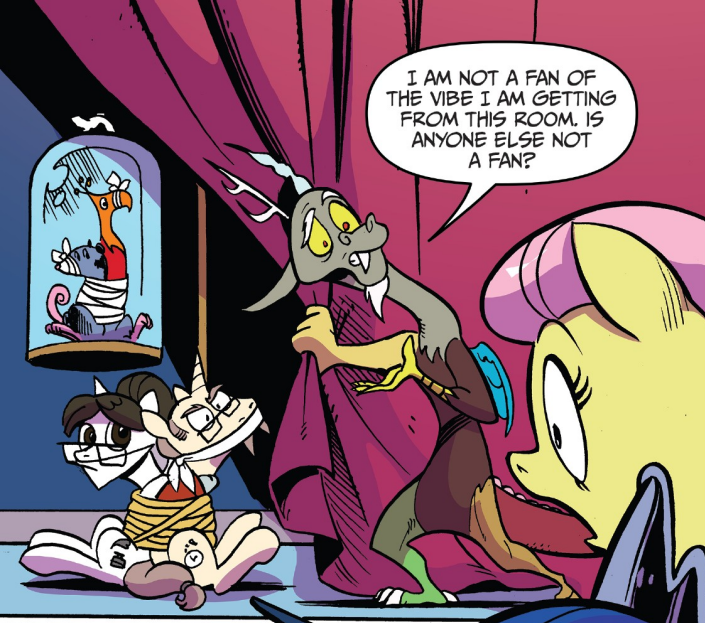


SISTER. YOUNG TWILIGHT. PLEASE, JUST TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING. YOU'RE BOTH ACTING BIZARRE! I CAN HELP YOU. LET ME HELP YOU.



FLUTTERSHY, THAT WAS EXPEDIENT. VERY WELL DONE.

OH, THANK YOU. BUT YOU KNOW, DISCORD WAS JUST TELLING ME THAT...



I AM NOT A FAN OF THE VIBE I AM GETTING FROM THIS ROOM. IS ANYONE ELSE NOT A FAN?



SNAG

OH! FORCEFUL GRABBING ISN'T VERY NICE! I WAS GOING TO GIVE IT TO YOU NICE—



WHAT IN EQUESTRIA?



DISCORD.

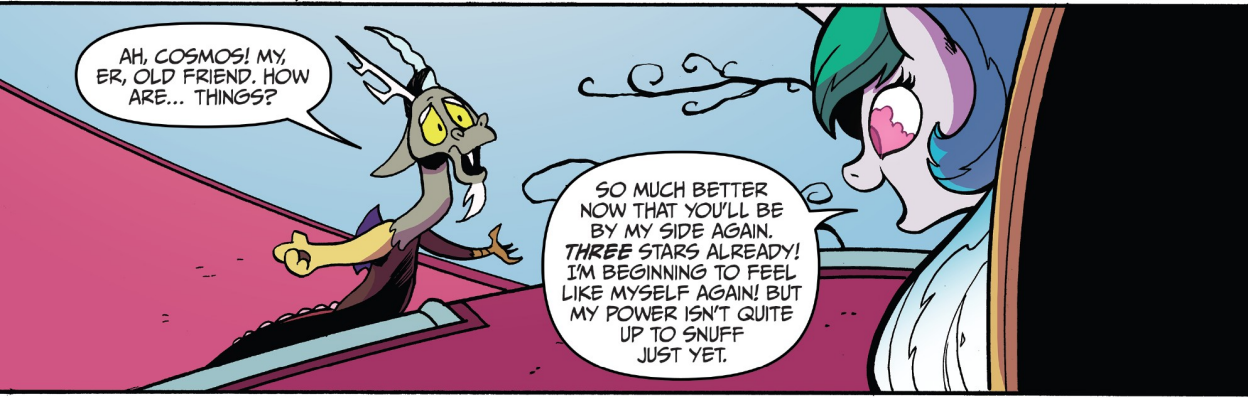
DARLING.

IT'S SO LOVELY TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

OOOOOOOH, NO.



OH, HANDSOME, IT'S BEEN SO LONG. COME OVER HERE AND LET ME LOOK AT YOU.



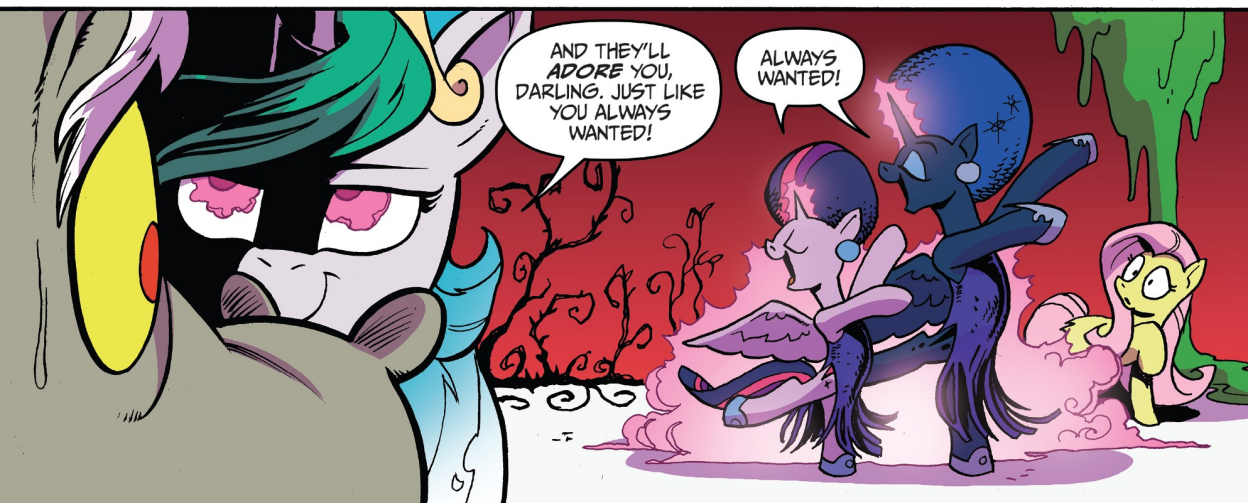
AH, COSMOS! MY, ER, OLD FRIEND. HOW ARE... THINGS?

SO MUCH BETTER NOW THAT YOU'LL BE BY MY SIDE AGAIN. **THREE STARS ALREADY!** I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL LIKE MYSELF AGAIN! BUT MY POWER ISN'T QUITE UP TO SNUFF JUST YET.



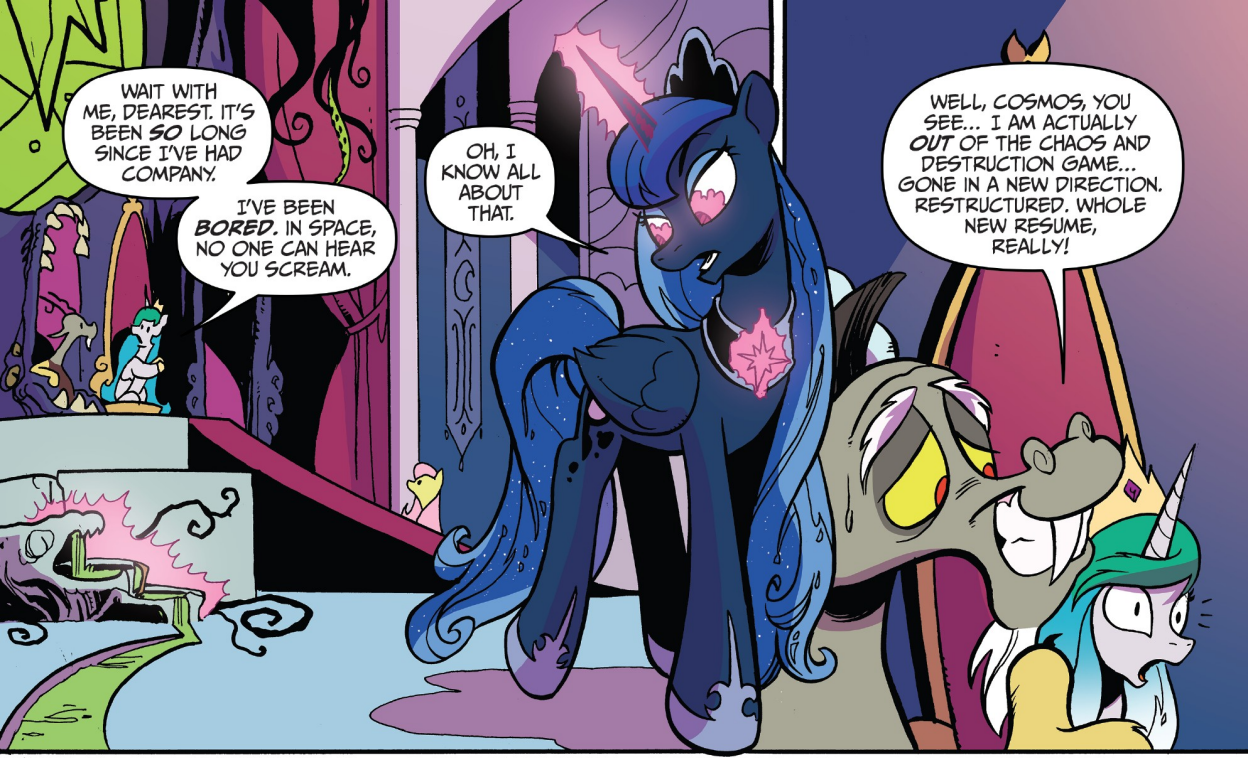
REMEMBER, DARLING? HOW I USED TO COVET THIS SEAT? IT SEEMS ALL I HAD TO DO WAS WAIT PATIENTLY FOR IT.

AND NOW **OUR** REIGN OF CHAOS AND TORMENT WILL DOMINATE AGAIN. EVERY PONY IN EQUESTRIA WILL FEAR ME.



AND THEY'LL **ADORE** YOU, DARLING. JUST LIKE YOU ALWAYS WANTED!

ALWAYS WANTED!



WAIT WITH ME, DEAREST. IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE HAD COMPANY.

I'VE BEEN BORED. IN SPACE, NO ONE CAN HEAR YOU SCREAM.

OH, I KNOW ALL ABOUT THAT.

WELL, COSMOS, YOU SEE... I AM ACTUALLY OUT OF THE CHAOS AND DESTRUCTION GAME... GONE IN A NEW DIRECTION. RESTRUCTURED. WHOLE NEW RESUME, REALLY!



COME AGAIN?

GULP



HAVE BEEN FOR A WHILE NOW. I'M A REFORMED DRAGONEQUUS. SO I THINK YOU'LL JUST NEED TO FIND SOMEPOONY ELSE TO... REIGN WITH?



I AM SO VERY DISPLEASED TO HEAR THAT, DARLING.



SO DOES THIS MEAN YOU'LL DO SOME GOODY TWO-SHOES THING LIKE GO BEHIND MY BACK AND STOP THE OTHER PONIES FROM AIDING ME TO COMPLETION?

WHAT? ME? NEVER.



IS... THIS... WHAT YOU'VE ATTACHED YOURSELF TO? UGH.

UH, HI... OBVIOUSLY-NOT-LUNA-AT-THE-MOMENT, IT'S BEEN LOVELY CHATTING WITH ALL OF YOU.

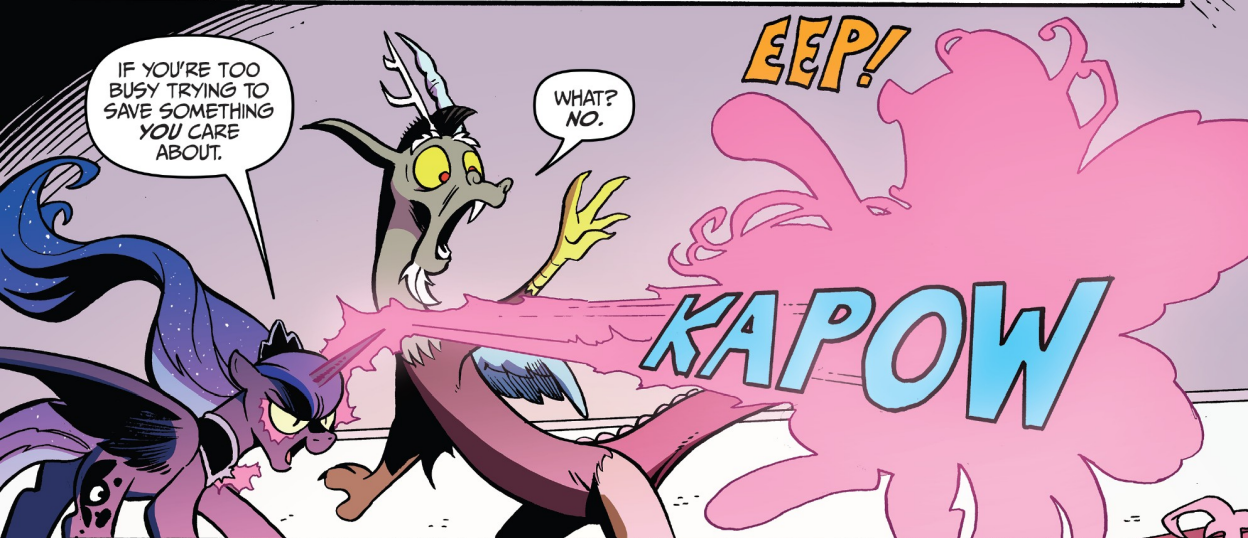
ONE OF YOU? BUT I WAS JUST THINKING THAT WE SHOULD BE...

...LEAVING! WHAT A GOOD IDEA!



YOU'RE SELFISH, DISCORD. IT'S ONE OF THE THINGS I ADORE ABOUT YOU... AND I KNOW YOU. DO YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD DISTRACT YOU FROM WARNING THE WORLD ABOUT MY RETURN?

A STERNLY WORDED LETTER?



IF YOU'RE TOO BUSY TRYING TO SAVE SOMETHING YOU CARE ABOUT.

WHAT? NO.

EEP!

KAPOW



YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO LEAVE, NOW! AND THINK ABOUT HOW YOU'LL WANT TO TALK TO ME WHEN NEXT WE MEET, DEAREST.

OW...



SNAP

BANK



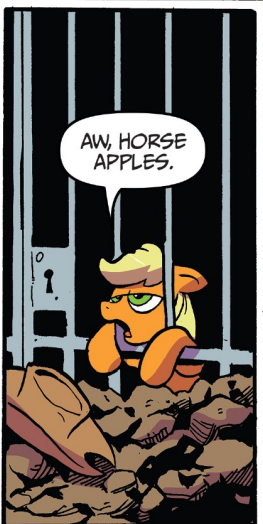
HE'LL BE BACK.

HE ALWAYS COMES BACK.

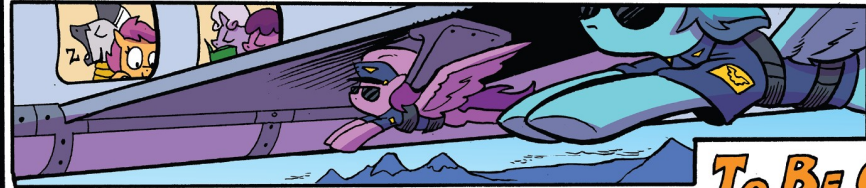
AND NOW, I'LL LAVISH IN THE LUXURY OF MY NEW CASTLE, AND ALL THE STARS WILL COME TO ME SOON ENOUGH. THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO PERMANENTLY TAKE MY TRUE FORM.



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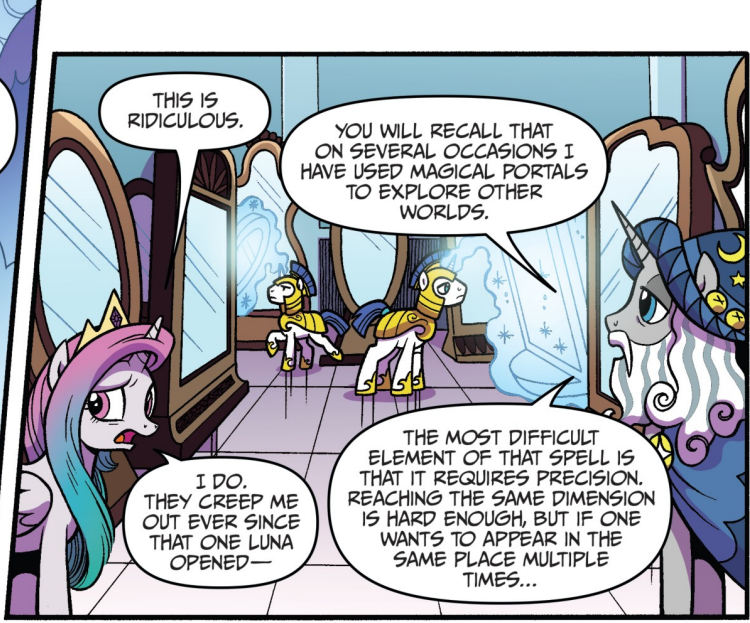
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STARSWIRL, WHAT ARE THESE?

COME NOW, PRINCESS, I'M CERTAIN YOU'VE SEEN A MIRROR BEFORE.

BUT MOST PONIES ARE SATISFIED WITH ONE MIRROR, STARSWIRL.



THIS IS RIDICULOUS.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS I HAVE USED MAGICAL PORTALS TO EXPLORE OTHER WORLDS.

I DO. THEY CREEP ME OUT EVER SINCE THAT ONE LUNA OPENED—

THE MOST DIFFICULT ELEMENT OF THAT SPELL IS THAT IT REQUIRES PRECISION. REACHING THE SAME DIMENSION IS HARD ENOUGH, BUT IF ONE WANTS TO APPEAR IN THE SAME PLACE MULTIPLE TIMES...



...ONE MUST KNOW THE CARTOGRAPHY OF THE LAND AND WORK WITH LANDMARKS. ON TOP OF THAT, ONE MUST UNDERSTAND THE DIMENSIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO PLANES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE DIMENSIONAL ROTATION. EVEN THEN, THE POSITIONS OF OTHER RELATIVE DIMENSIONS CAN CAUSE SLIGHT ALTERATIONS, WHICH WHEN TRANSLATED ACROSS MULTIPLE DIMENSIONS...

WHAT WAS I TALKING ABOUT?

THE MIRRORS, STARSWIRL.

OH, THEY'RE PORTALS!



THE MIRRORS ARE PORTALS?

CORRECT. I NEED A RELIABLE WAY TO ACCESS THE SAME AREA MULTIPLE TIMES.

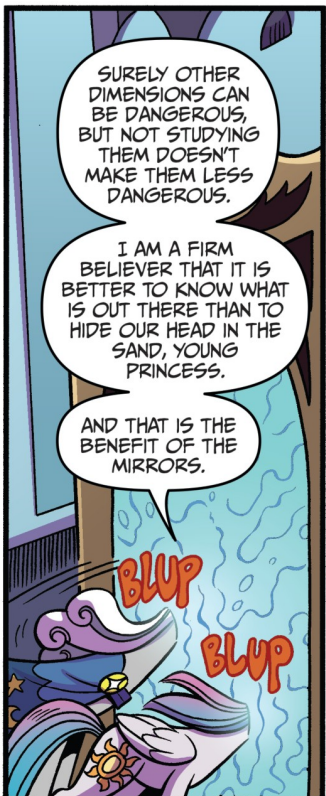
SO, I CAST AN ENCHANTMENT LINKING TWO MAGICAL OBJECTS ACROSS DIMENSIONS.



SO LONG AS BOTH ITEMS REMAIN INTACT, I CAN TRAVEL BETWEEN THEM FREELY.

BUT ISN'T IT DANGEROUS?

BLOOP!



SURELY OTHER DIMENSIONS CAN BE DANGEROUS, BUT NOT STUDYING THEM DOESN'T MAKE THEM LESS DANGEROUS.

I AM A FIRM BELIEVER THAT IT IS BETTER TO KNOW WHAT IS OUT THERE THAN TO HIDE OUR HEAD IN THE SAND, YOUNG PRINCESS.

AND THAT IS THE BENEFIT OF THE MIRRORS.

BLUP

BLUP



RATHER THAN AN OPEN DOORWAY IN MIDAIR, IT APPEARS TO BE A SOLID OBJECT. ONE CANNOT FIND IT UNLESS ONE KNOWS WHERE TO LOOK.

AFTER ALL, WHO WOULD GO AROUND TRYING EVERY TREE IN THE FOREST?

BUT DON'T YOU WORRY THAT SOMETHING BAD WILL FIND US?

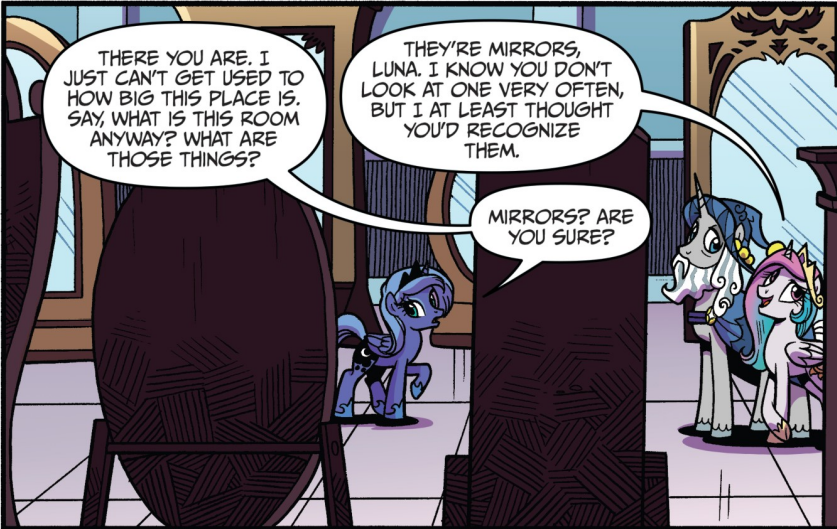
SQUAARK?!



WE CANNOT LIVE OUR LIVES IN FEAR OF WHAT MAY FIND US. WE HAVE TO STRIVE TO REACH OUT AND EXPAND OUR KNOWLEDGE.

THAT IS SOMETHING I WANT YOU AND YOUR SISTER TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU RULE. A PRINCESS SHOULD ALWAYS WANT TO UNDERSTAND OTHERS.

CELESTIA? STARSWIRL? ARE YOU UP HERE?



THERE YOU ARE. I JUST CAN'T GET USED TO HOW BIG THIS PLACE IS. SAY, WHAT IS THIS ROOM ANYWAY? WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?

THEY'RE MIRRORS, LUNA. I KNOW YOU DON'T LOOK AT ONE VERY OFTEN, BUT I AT LEAST THOUGHT YOU'D RECOGNIZE THEM.

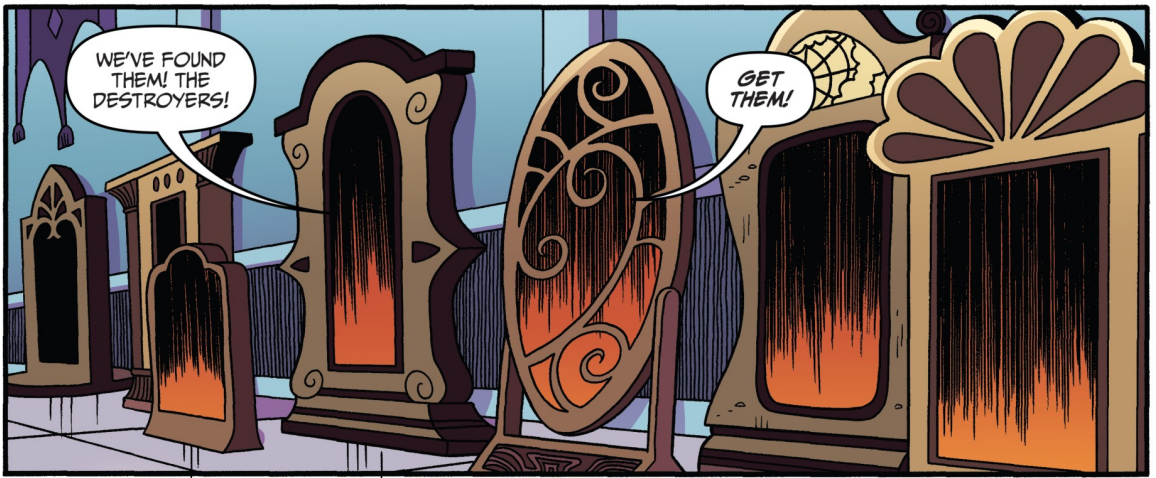
MIRRORS? ARE YOU SURE?



STRICTLY SPEAKING, YOUR SISTER IS CORRECT... BUT RUDE.

THEY ARE MIRRORS, BUT THEY—

IF THEY'RE MIRRORS, WHY AREN'T THEY REFLECTING ANYTHING?





I KNOW NOT WHEN YOU CAME, BUT TODAY I RETURN YOU THERE, CREATURE!

BZZZZ!



AND WHEN YOU ARRIVE THERE, LET THEM KNOW THAT THIS WORLD IS PROTECTED BY STARSWIRL THE BEARDED.

PSH HH!



AND THAT HE SHALL REPEL YOUR ATTACKS, THOUGH YOU MAY SEND YOUR MONSTERS BY THE THOUSANDS!

WHP ASSH!



THERE IS NO VICTORY HERE FOR YOU!

WE DO NOT SEEK VICTORY—



GET BACK, FOUL CREATURES!

STARSWIRL, HELP!

PLEASE, I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.

WE SEEK ONLY DESTRUCTION!



OKAY, MONSTERS, THIS ENDS NOW!



THESE PRINCESSES ARE UNDER MY—



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