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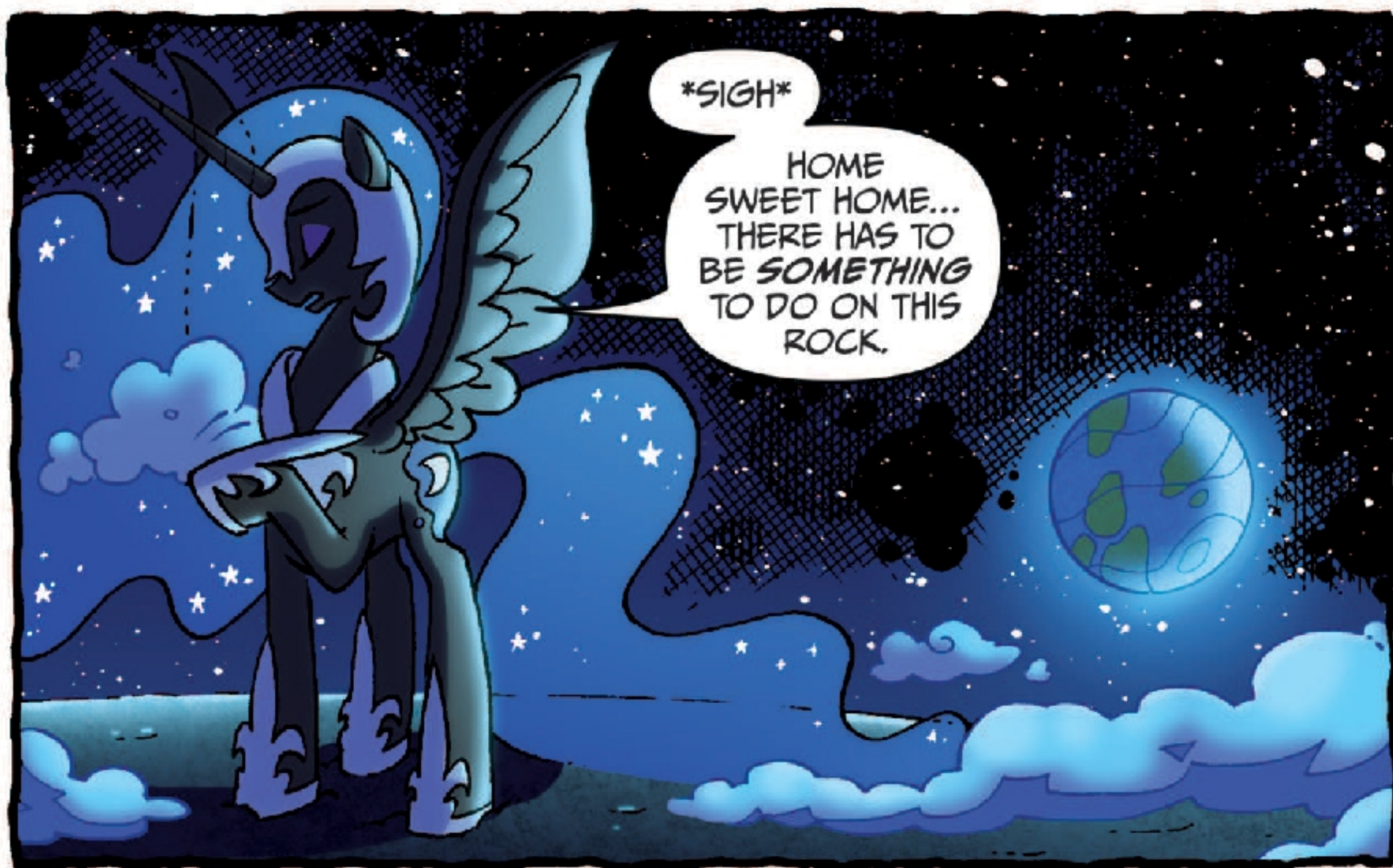


"AND SO IT WAS, NIGHTMARE MOON WAS BANISHED TO THE MOON UNTIL A TIME WHEN SHE COULD BE DEFEATED..."

# THE DREAM TEAM

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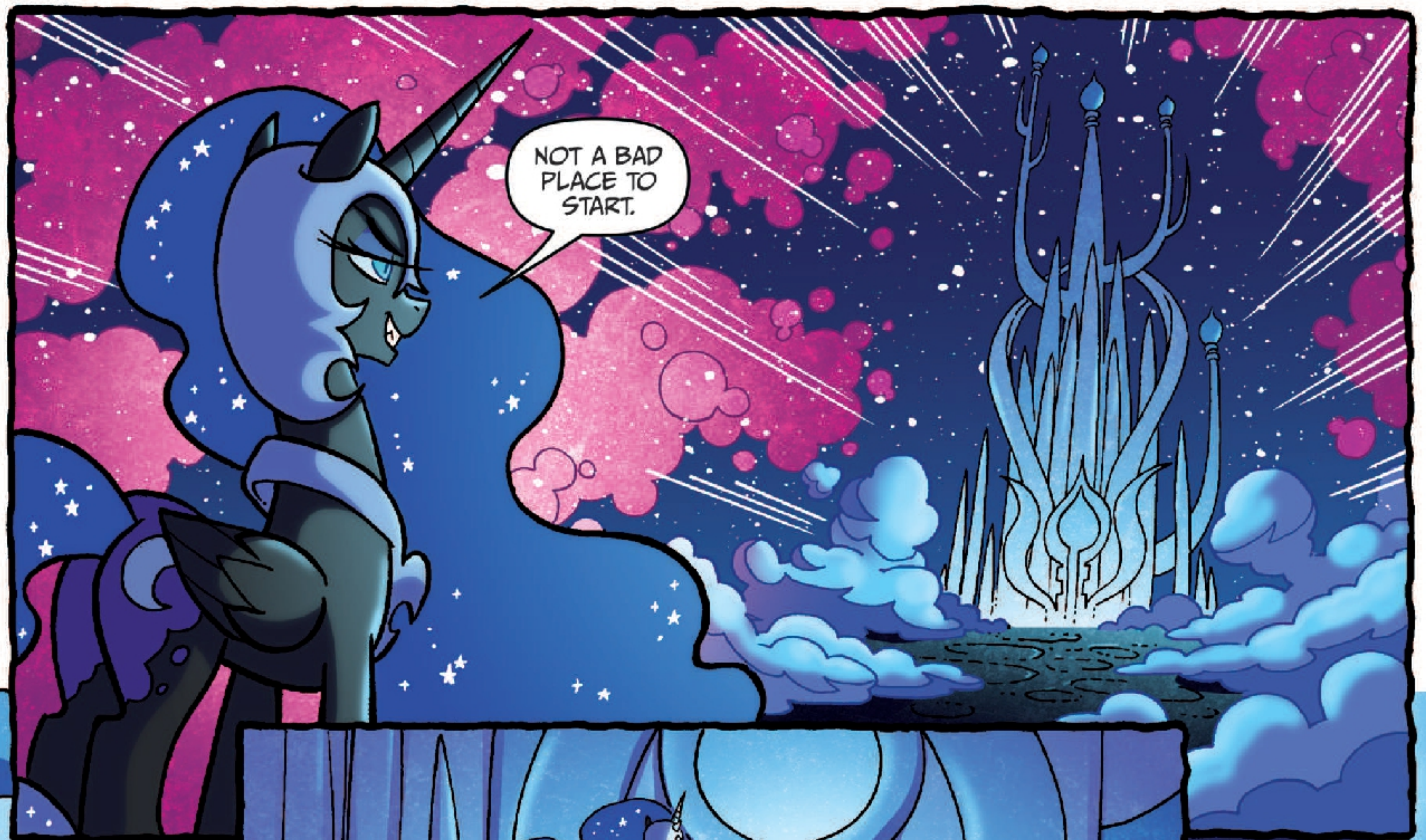




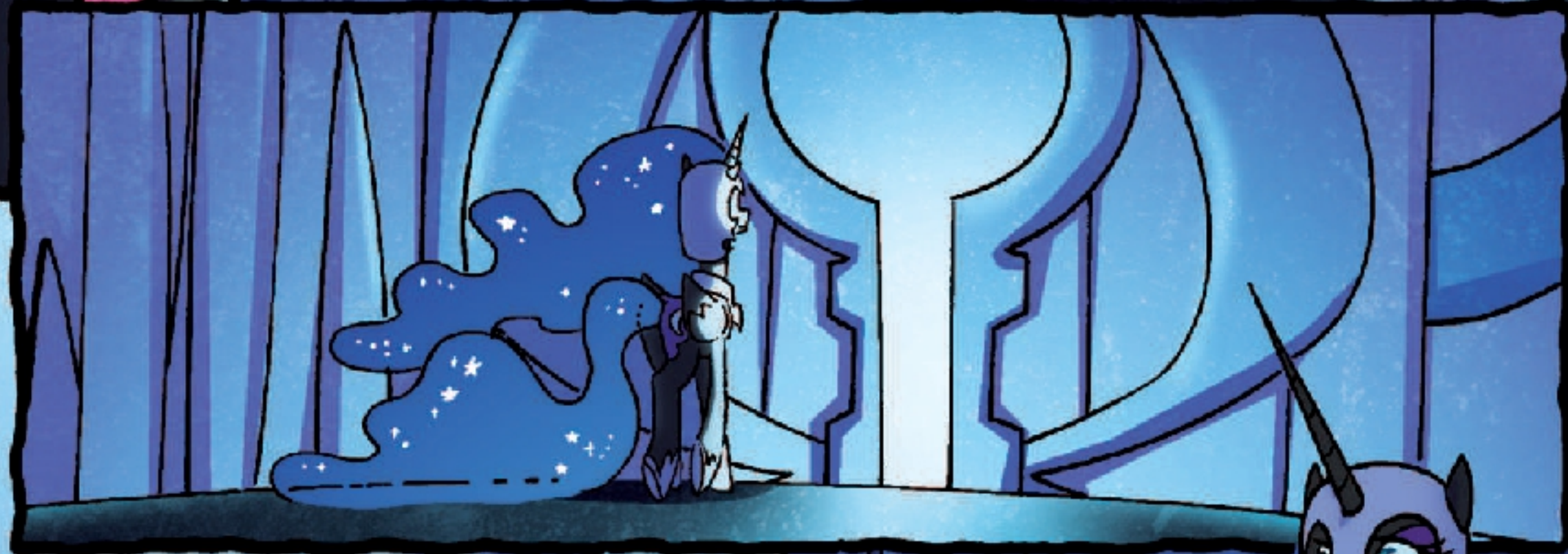
\*SIGH\*  
HOME SWEET HOME...  
THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING TO DO ON THIS ROCK.



NOW, WHO NEEDS RULING?



NOT A BAD PLACE TO START.



WHAT ARE THESE FOOLS SO CHIPPER ABOUT?



YES, LITTLE ONE, LET'S ADD SOME ADVENTURE TO YOUR DREAM! YOU'LL BE FLYING WITH THE WONDERBOLTS IN NO TIME!



LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT—ALL YOU FLUFFYKINS UP HERE ACTUALLY MAKE THE PONIES' DREAMS?

ACK!  
Y-YOU SURPRISED ME!



AND NOW YOU ARE NO LONGER SURPRISED. ANSWER MY QUESTION BEFORE I GET... TESTY.

BUT WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL!

WE'VE NEVER SEEN A PONY IN REAL LIFE!




YOU SEE, I'M NOT LIKE THE OTHER PONIES. THEY ARE CRUEL AND HAVE NO INTEREST IN ALL THE WORK YOU DO UP HERE. THEY TAKE YOU FOR GRANTED! I CAME HERE TO LIVE AMONG YOU AND LEARN.

THAT CAN'T BE TRUE... I HAVE NEVER SEEN A TRACE OF SUCH CRUELTY AND I'VE CREATED THE DREAMS OF SO MANY PONIES...



SHOW ME.

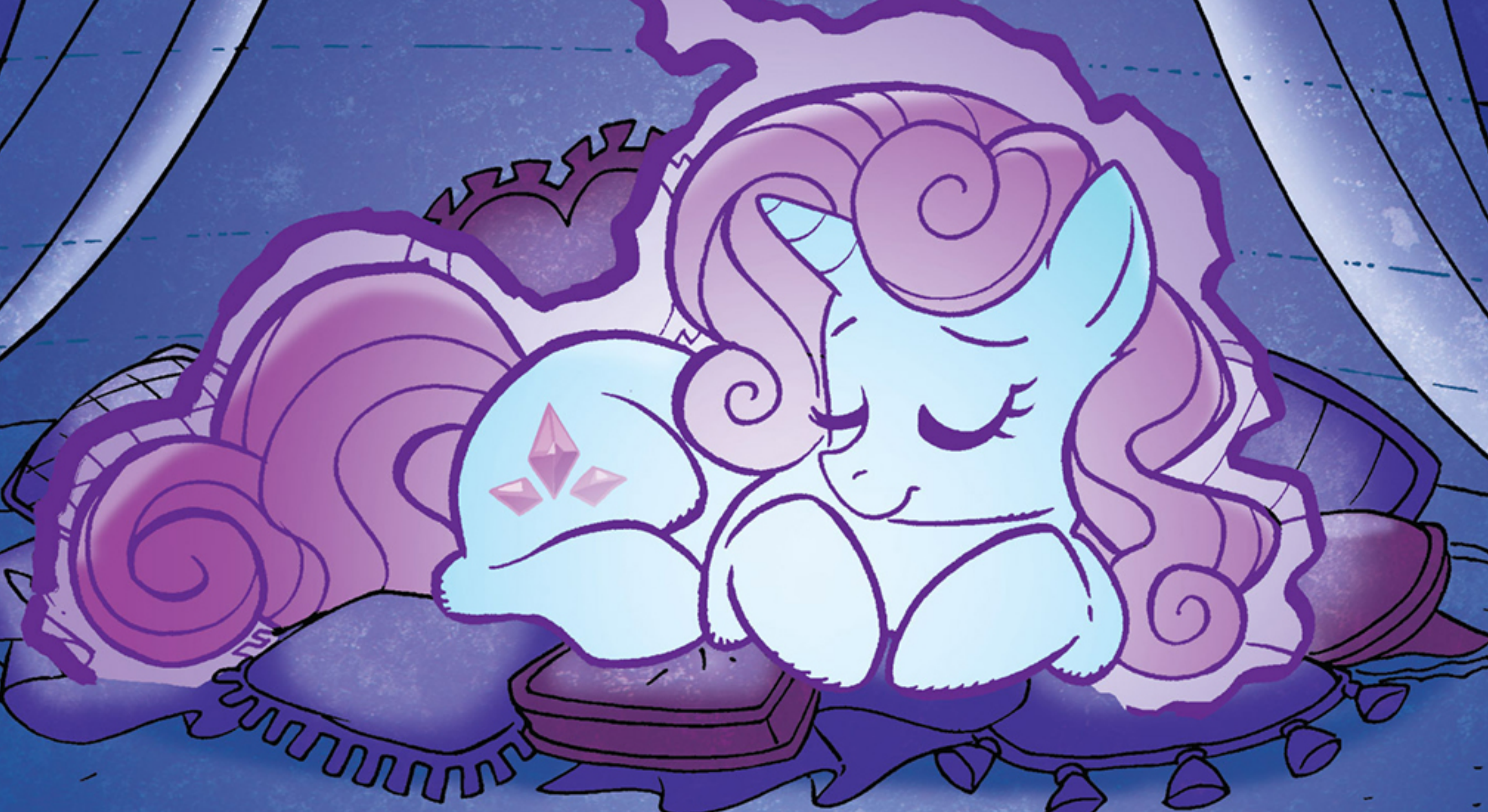


OUR CONNECTION TO THE PONIES IS ANCIENT. WE HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED TO CONJURE DREAMS FOR THEM FOR AS LONG AS HISTORY ALLOWS.

"IT IS A DUTY WE DO NOT TAKE LIGHTLY. CARING FOR ONE'S DREAMS BLENDS THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. EVERY HOPE AND DREAM CAN BEEN SEEN."

"AS WELL AS ANY FEAR..."

"ONE FALSE STEP CAN CREATE ANGER, HATRED, OR WORSE. IT CAN EVEN CHANGE A MEMORY."





AND THAT IS WHERE NIGHTMARES COME FROM.

INDEED! THERE IS A MISTAKE HERE AND THERE THAT CAN GIVE THEM A FRIGHT, BUT WE TRY OUR BEST TO GIVE THE PONIES THE DREAMS THEY DESERVE.



AGREED, MY NEW FRIENDS. THE PONIES SHOULD GET EXACTLY WHAT THEY DESERVE.



WILL YOU TEACH ME HOW? SEEING THAT I'LL BE HERE A WHILE?

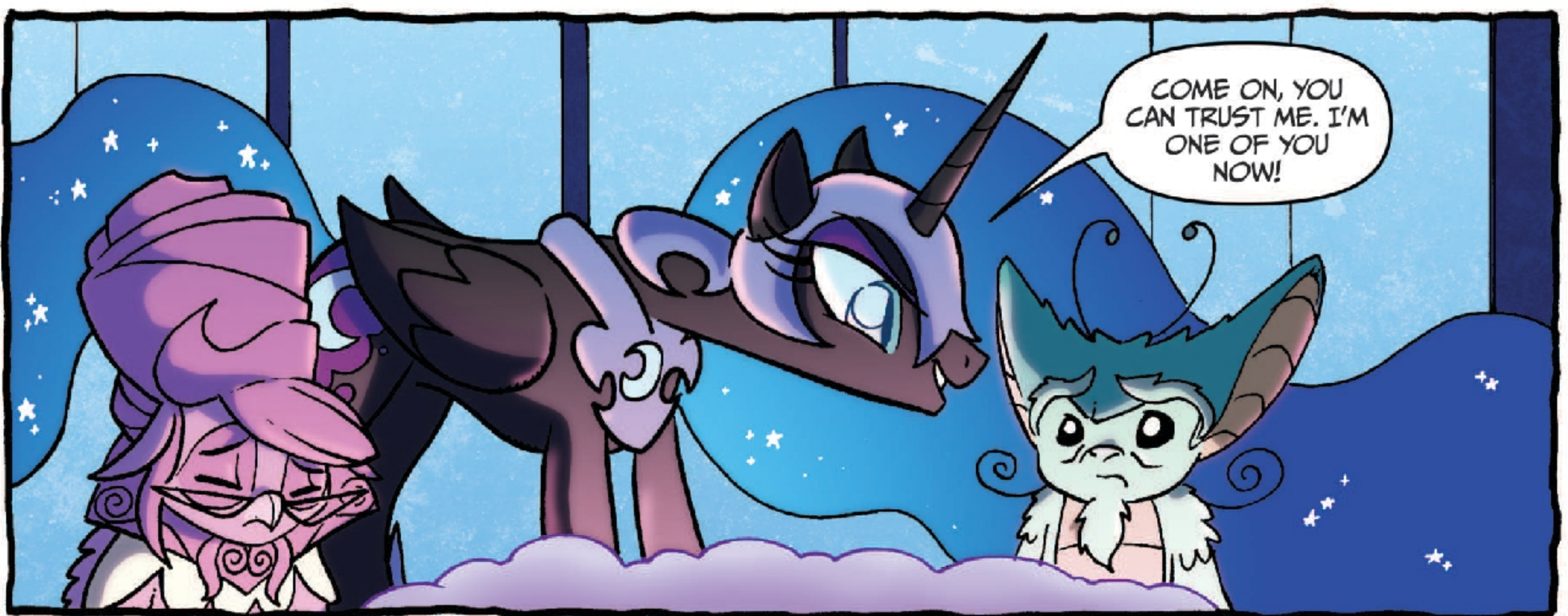
I'LL SHOW YOU!



DORAN, YOU KNOW THAT IS NOT ALLOWED!

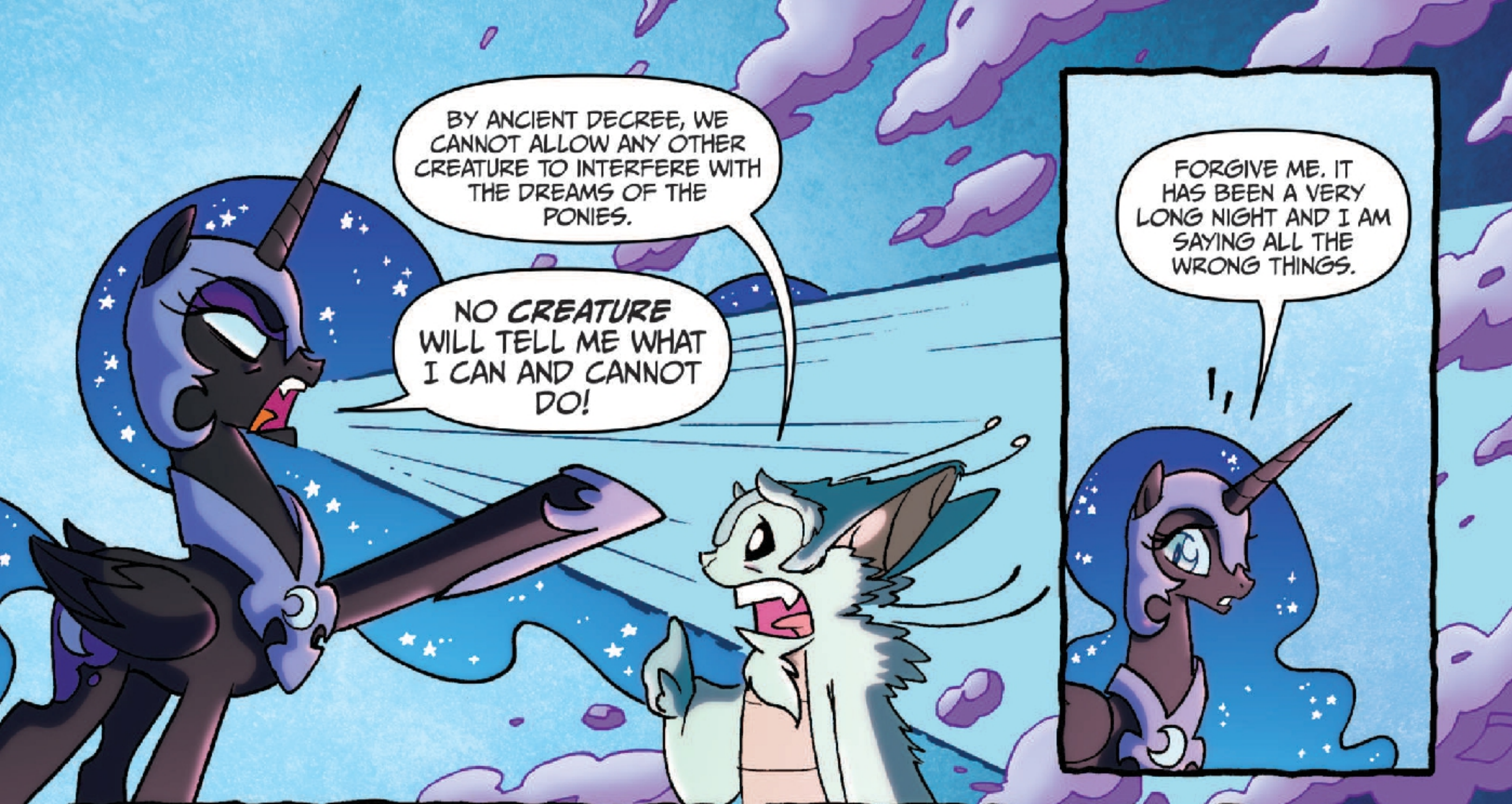
BUT—

OF ALL THE NYX IN THIS KINGDOM, WHY ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE TO CAUSE TROUBLE? LEAVE US BE! THERE IS A TIME AND PLACE FOR FRIVOLITY, YOUNG ONE, BUT IT IS NOT IN OUR DREAM CHAMBER.



COME ON, YOU CAN TRUST ME. I'M ONE OF YOU NOW!





BY ANCIENT DECREE, WE CANNOT ALLOW ANY OTHER CREATURE TO INTERFERE WITH THE DREAMS OF THE PONIES.

NO CREATURE WILL TELL ME WHAT I CAN AND CANNOT DO!

FORGIVE ME. IT HAS BEEN A VERY LONG NIGHT AND I AM SAYING ALL THE WRONG THINGS.



AYE, THE PONIES WILL AWAKE IN A FEW HOURS. IT IS TIME FOR US TO REST, AND I SUGGEST YOU DO THE SAME—

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, BUT I DIDN'T CATCH YOUR NAME.

YOU CAN CALL ME... MARE ON THE MOON.



THAT'S AN INTERESTING NAME. I-I'M DORAN! I LIKE HAIR.

I'M SORRY GAIMAN WON'T LET YOU HAVE FUN WITH US... HE JUST GETS THAT WAY SOMETIMES. CRANKY. HE EVEN TELLS ME I'M NOT DISCIPLINED ENOUGH! ME!



HE JUST DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THAT BEING DIFFERENT MAKES YOU SPECIAL, NOT STRANGE OR USELESS...

AND YOU SEE HOW SPECIAL I AM?



SPECIAL!

AND SHINY!

AND MYSTERIOUS!

AND SASSY!



WELL, MAYBE YOU AND I SHOULD BE FRIENDS, THEN?

BEST FRIENDS! FOREVER!



CAN I BRAID YOUR TAIL?

NO. BUT YOU CAN SHOW ME HOW YOU SLIP INSIDE PONIES HEADS AND CONTROL THEIR DREAMS.

IT'LL BE OUR BEST FRIEND SECRET!




BEST. FRIEND. SECRET.

OKAY!

BUT AFTER THAT, I'M BRAIDING YOUR TAIL!

A LITTLE WHILE LATER...

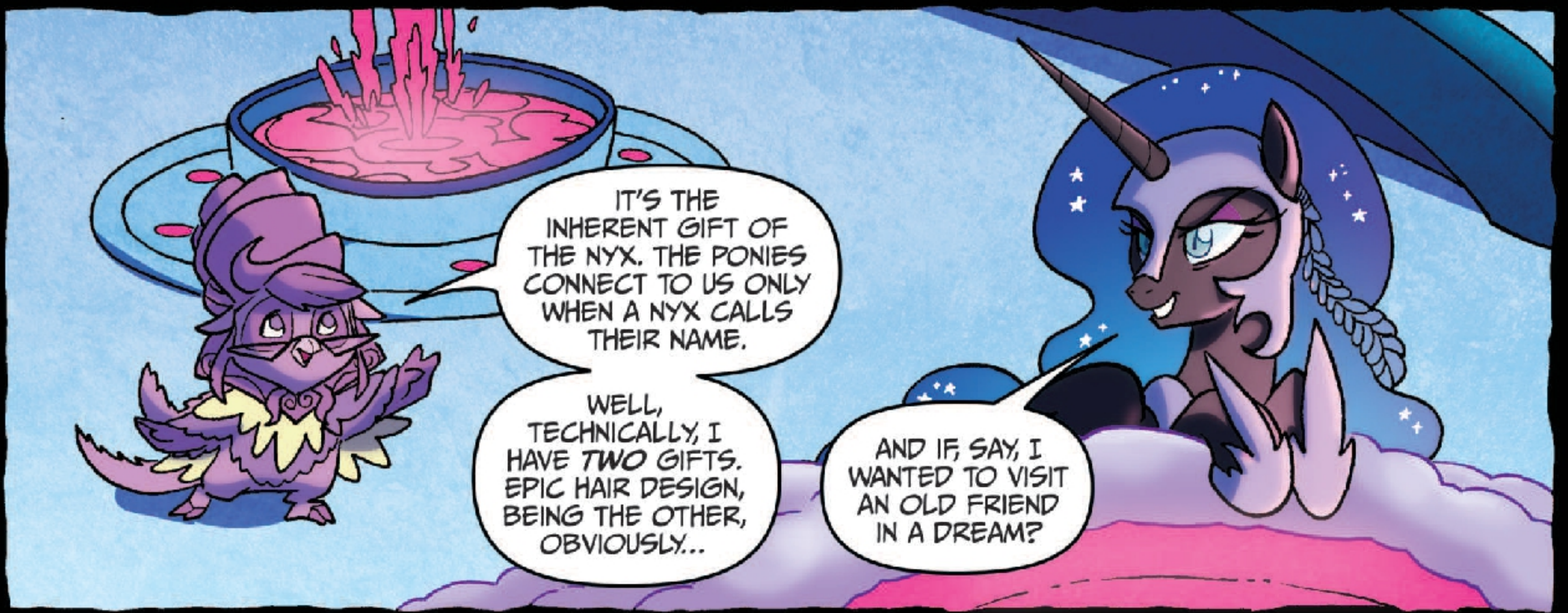


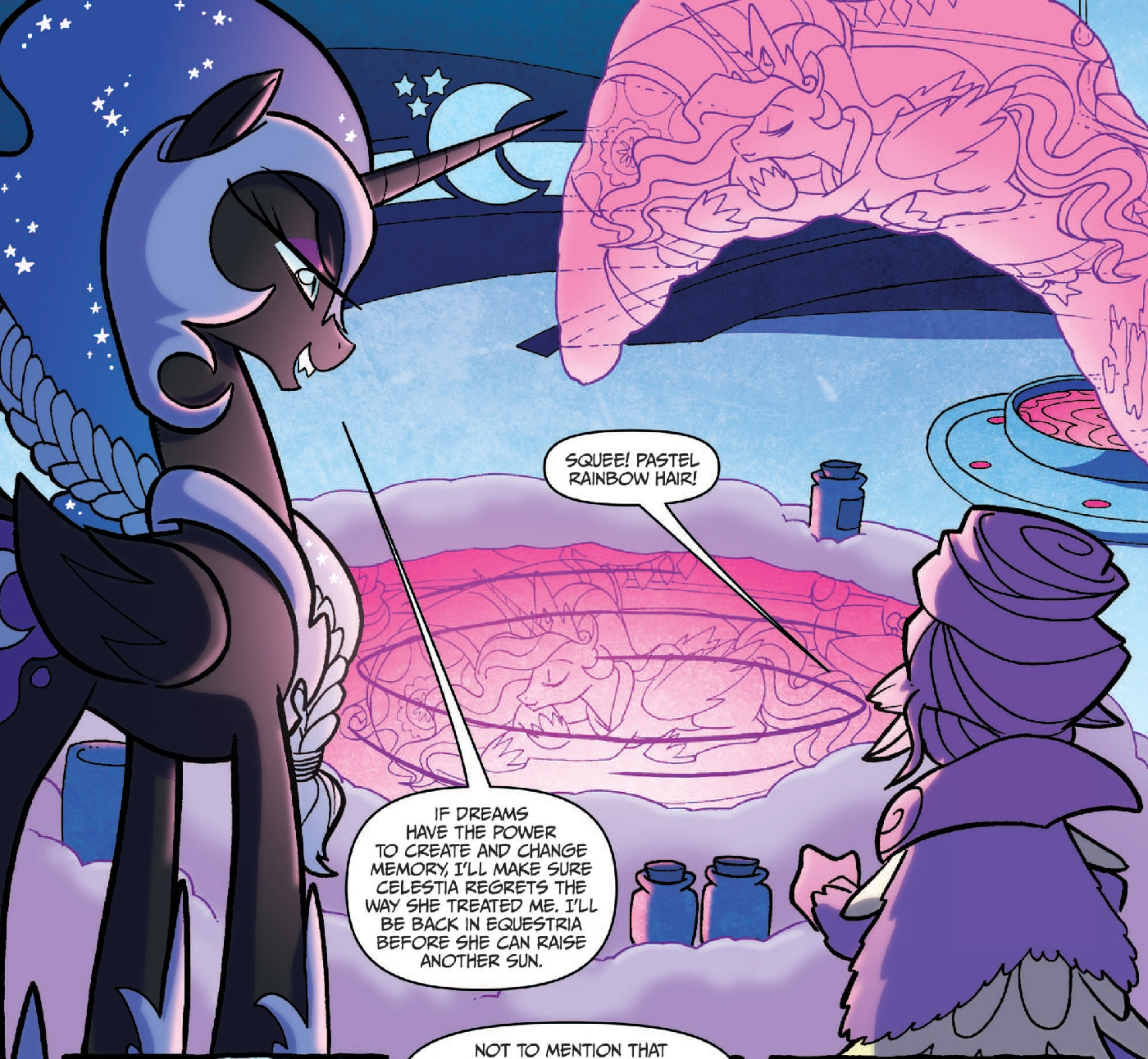
...AND THAT'S ABOUT IT. ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SNORE SESSION! THAT PONY IS GOING TO HAVE THE BEST DREAMS EVER!

BUT WHAT IF YOU WANTED TO CREATE A DREAM FOR A SPECIFIC PONY? HOW DO YOU FIND THEM?

OH, THAT'S A CINCH! I'VE BEEN TENDING TO THE DREAMS OF SOME PONIES SINCE THEY WERE FILLIES AND FOALS! EVEN SOME FANCY FAMOUS PONIES LIKE—

SKIP TO THE END.





SQUEE! PASTEL RAINBOW HAIR!

IF DREAMS HAVE THE POWER TO CREATE AND CHANGE MEMORY, I'LL MAKE SURE CELESTIA REGRETS THE WAY SHE TREATED ME. I'LL BE BACK IN EQUESTRIA BEFORE SHE CAN RAISE ANOTHER SUN.



WHAT? WE CAN'T HURT THE PONIES!

DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THIS CLUB? HAVE AN ACTUAL FRIEND?!

YES?



NOT TO MENTION THAT TOGETHER WE COULD BLAZE A NEW TRAIL FOR ALL NYX-KIND. WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN A KINGDOM WHERE ALL NYX COULD BE THEMSELVES?

I DON'T KNOW, BE HAIRDRESSERS, IF THEY WERE SO INCLINED? AND NOT BE PUT DOWN BY THAT GRUMPY OLD GAIMAN?

YES!



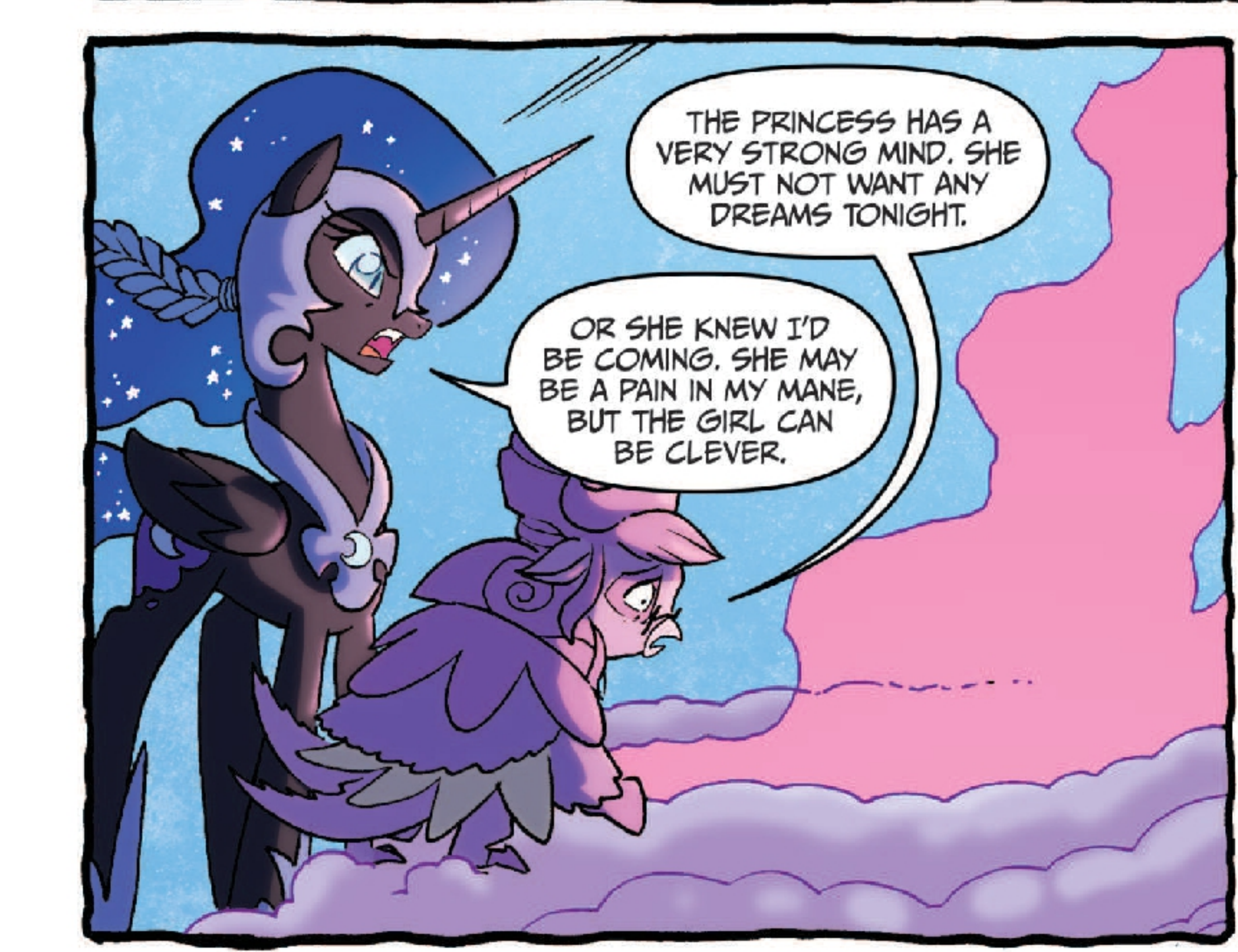
THEN LET'S GET TO WORK!



PRINCESS CELESTIA...



"WHAT IS GOING ON? WHY CAN'T WE CREEP INTO THAT THICK SKULL OF HERS?!"



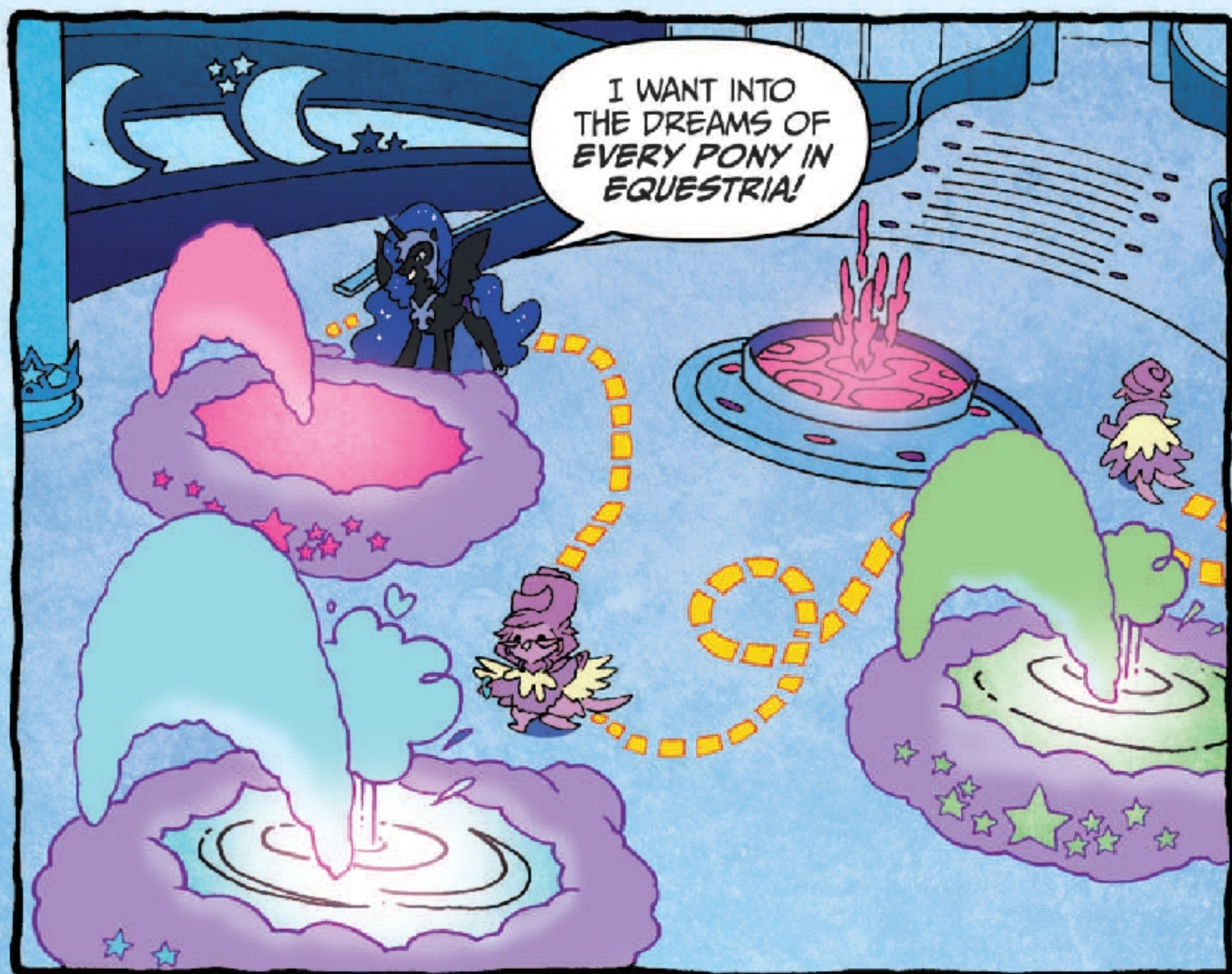
THE PRINCESS HAS A VERY STRONG MIND. SHE MUST NOT WANT ANY DREAMS TONIGHT.

OR SHE KNEW I'D BE COMING. SHE MAY BE A PAIN IN MY MANE, BUT THE GIRL CAN BE CLEVER.



IT WILL TAKE FAR MORE INGENUITY TO STOP ME, LITTLE SUNFLOWER.

I CAN CHANGE YOUR WORLD OVERNIGHT.



I WANT INTO THE DREAMS OF EVERY PONY IN EQUESTRIA!



LET'S MOLD THIS MIND PROPERLY, SHALL WE?

A LITTLE SUSPICION. A LITTLE PARANOIA, PERHAPS?

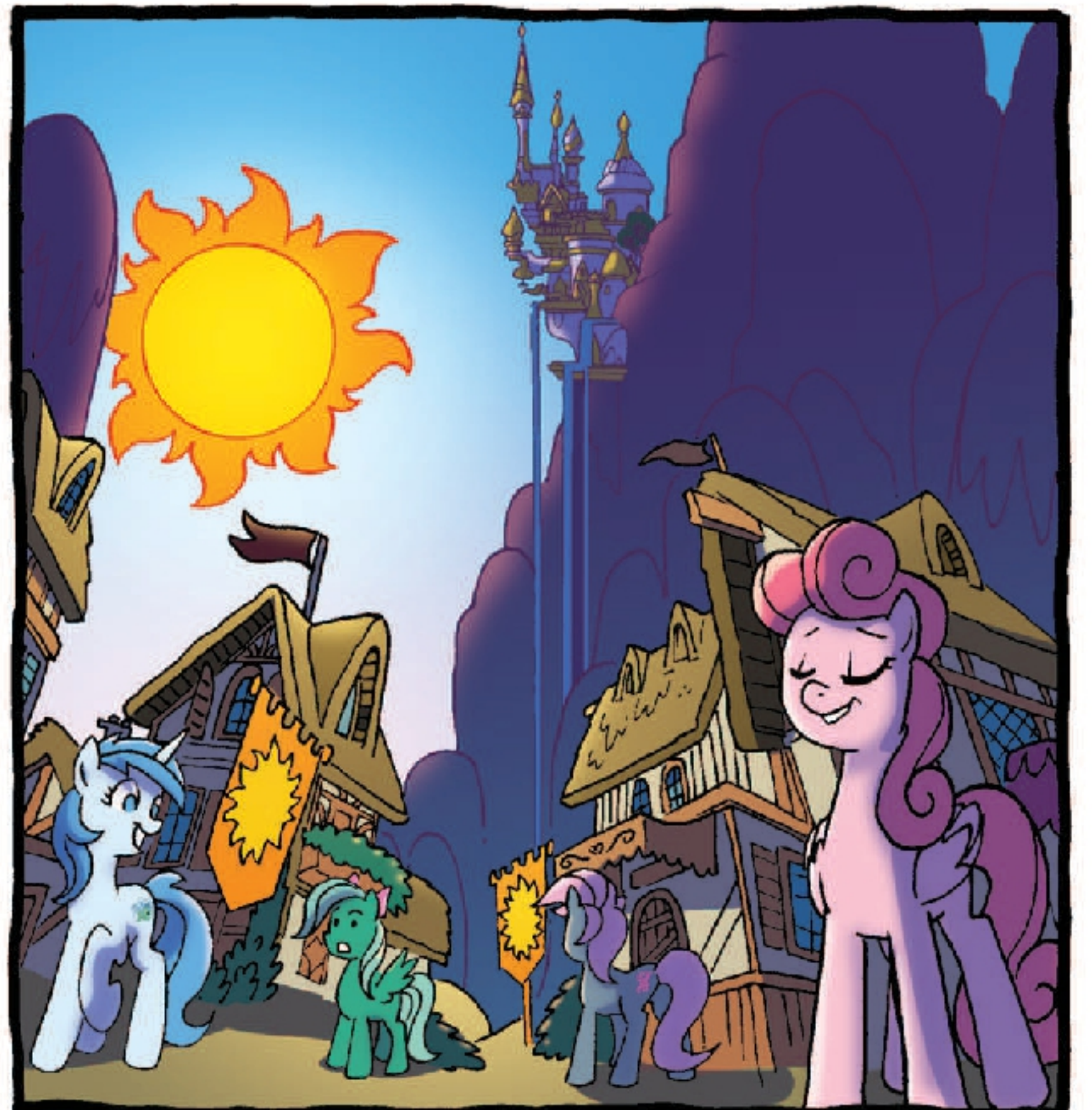
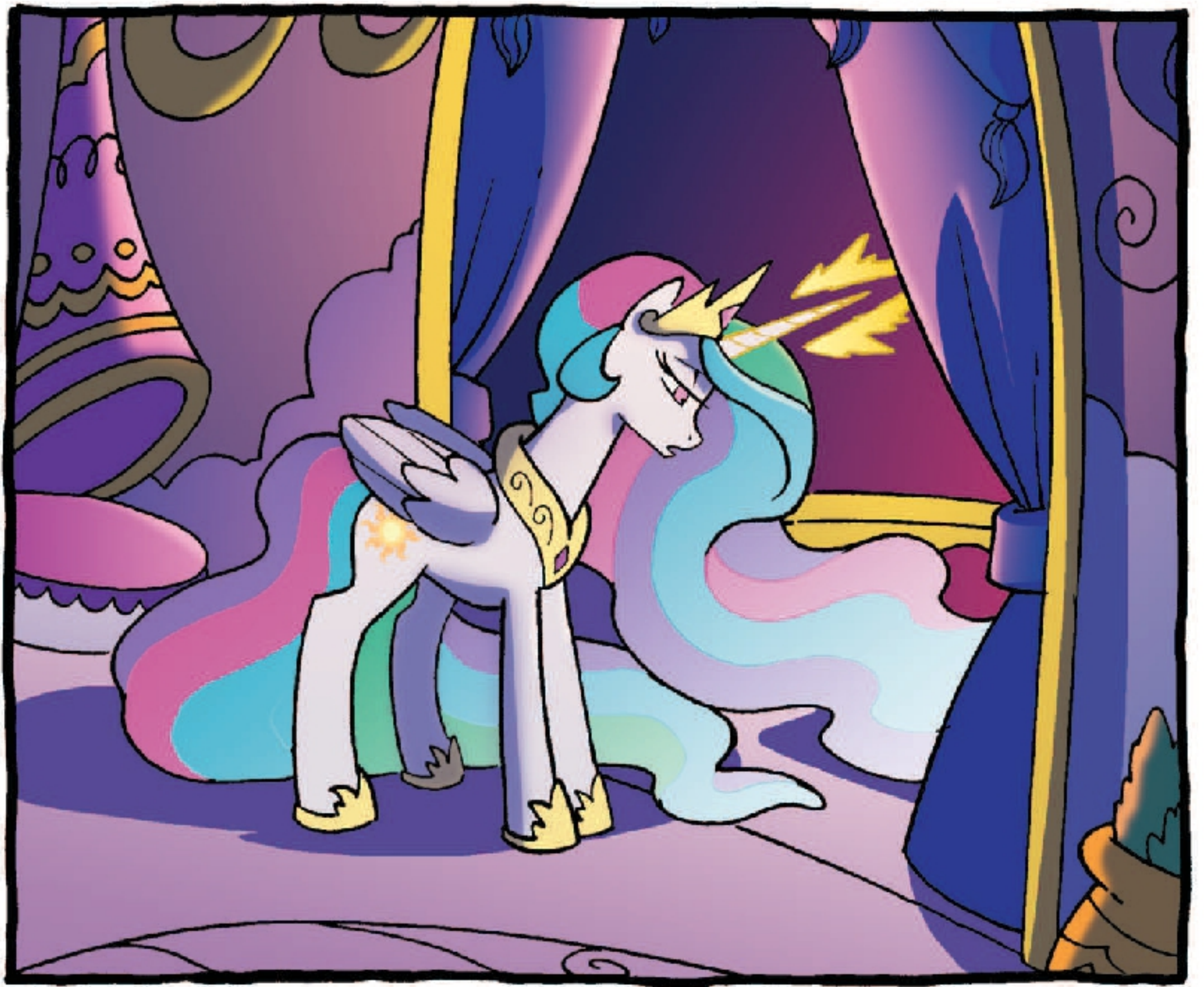
"I'LL CHANGE WHAT ALL OF YOU THINK OF CELESTIA... AND ME. YOU'LL BEG FOR ME TO RULE YOU."



"ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PLANT ONE LITTLE SEED AND THE WORD WILL SPREAD..."

LIKE REVIEWS OF GOOD SHAMPOO!









UGH!

CELESTIA, CELESTIA. ALWAYS RUINING MY PLANS!

BUT NOT THIS TIME.



I WILL GET INTO YOUR HEAD, DEAR PRINCESS. I JUST NEED MORE POWER...



THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OUR SPECIAL CLUB! JUST YOU AND ME! FRIENDS FOREVER!

FRIENDS?! YOU WERE A PAWN! AND A PRETTY USELESS ONE AT THAT! THESE PATHETIC LITTLE MINIONS WERE YOUR ONLY FRIENDS. WHAT WILL THEY THINK NOW THAT YOU HAVE BETRAYED THEM?

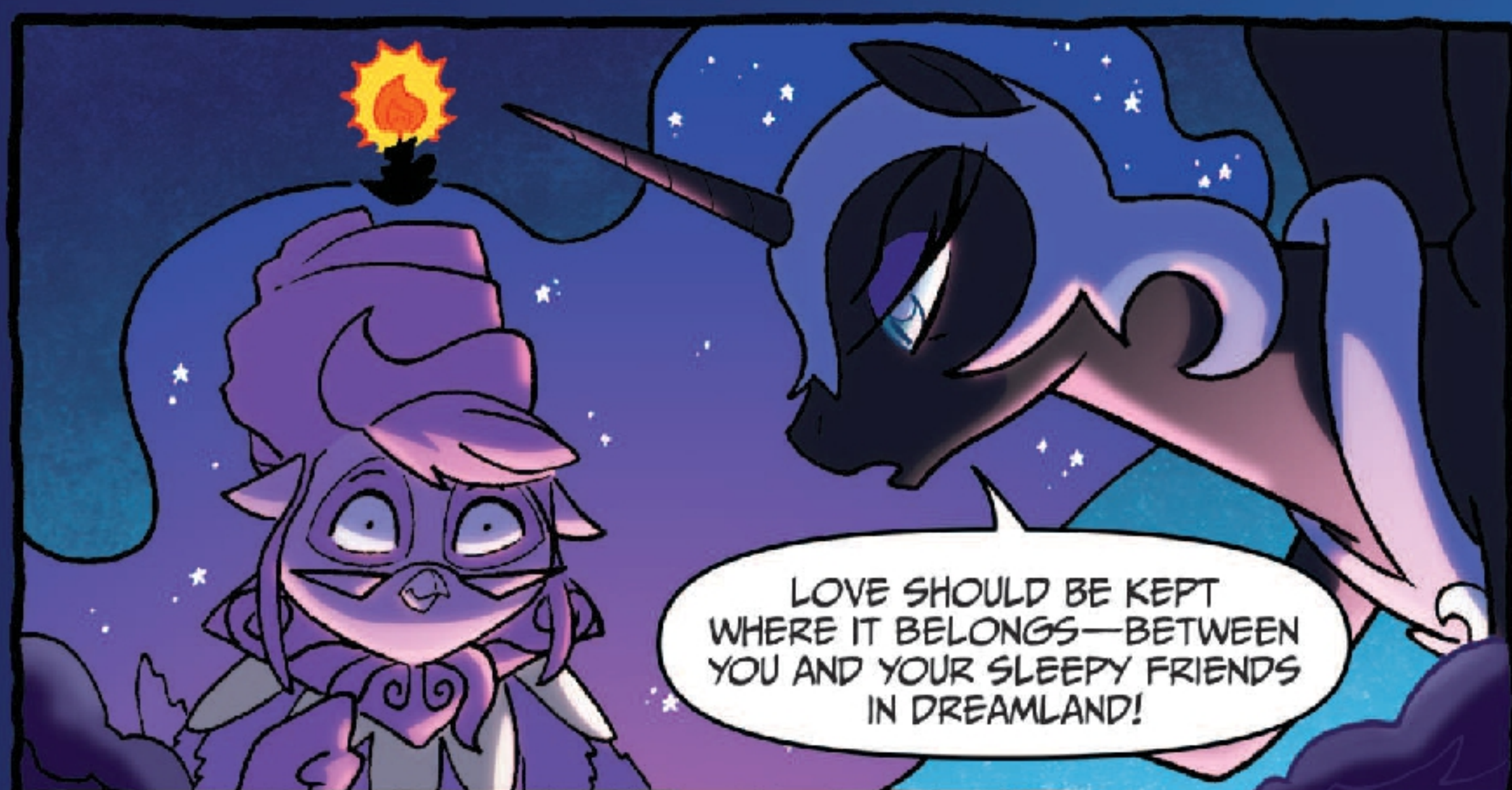


SOON ALL OF YOUR MYSTIC POWERS WILL BE MINE TO CONTROL!

HA HA HA!

B-BUT, I THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS! IS THERE NO LOVE IN YOUR HEART?

LOVE?! HA! TALK ABOUT MY OWN PERSONAL NIGHTMARE...

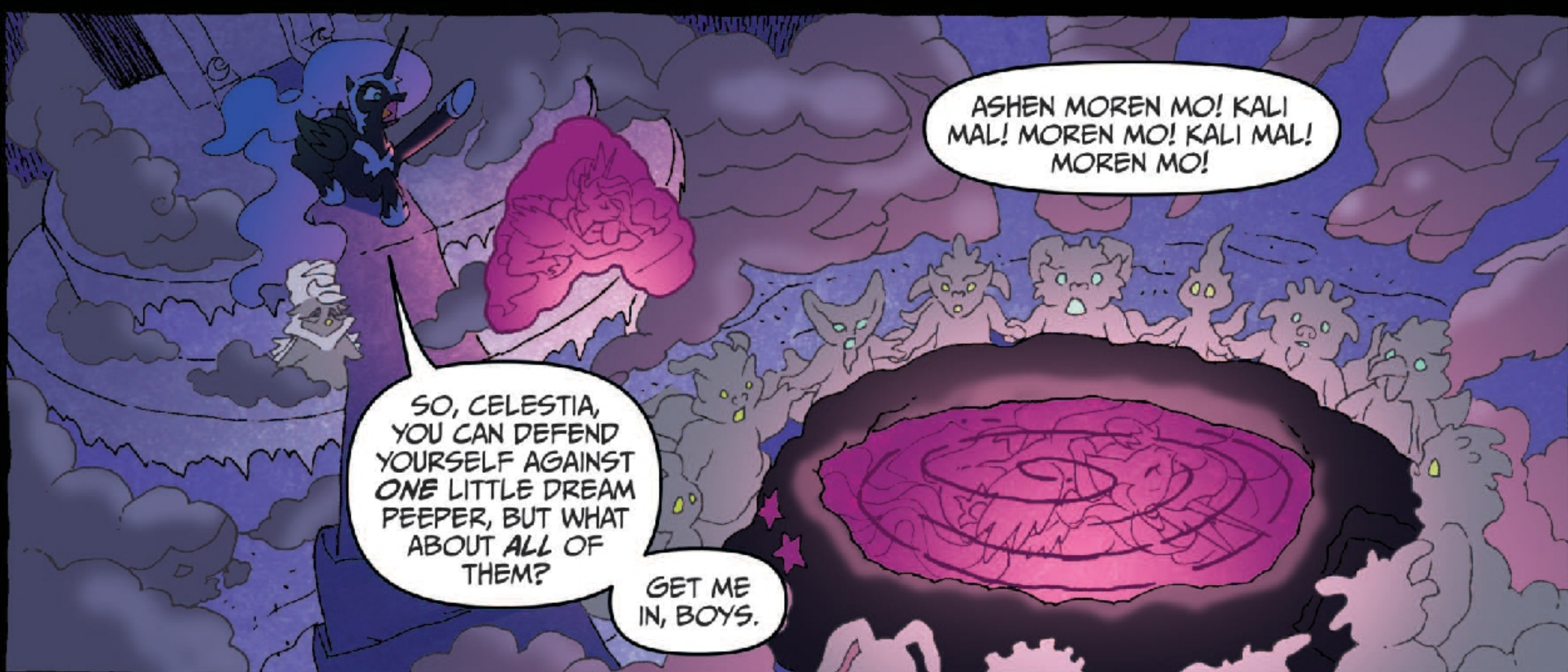


LOVE SHOULD BE KEPT WHERE IT BELONGS—BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR SLEEPY FRIENDS IN DREAMLAND!



COUGH-COUGH!

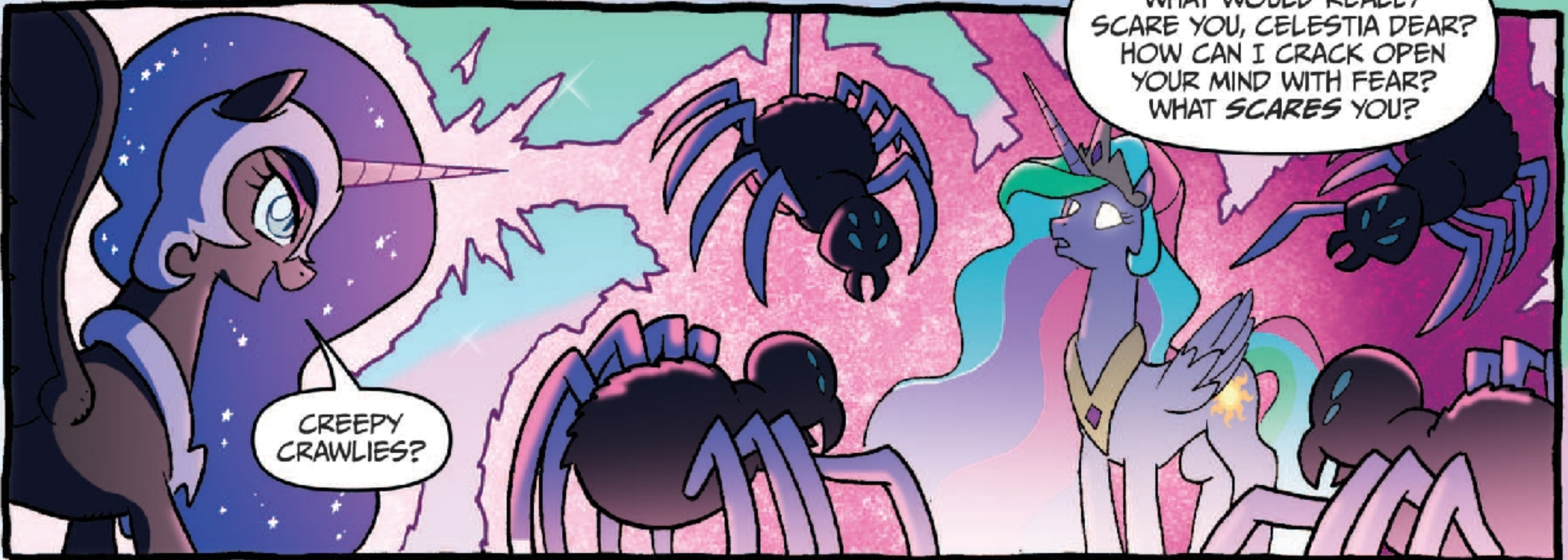
I HOPE YOUR TAIL GETS FRIZZY!



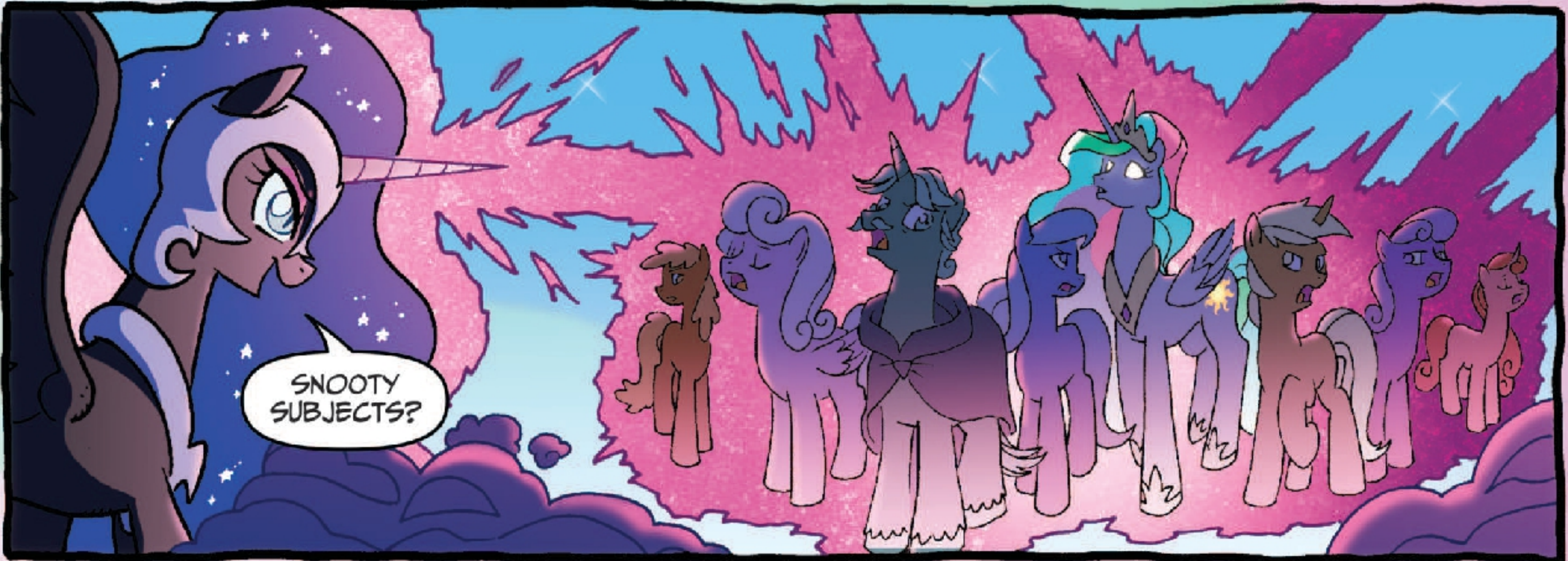
SHEESH.  
SUNSHINE AND  
LOLLIPOPS  
MUCH?  
TIME TO  
REDECORATE...



HMMM... LET'S SEE,  
WHAT WOULD REALLY  
SCARE YOU, CELESTIA DEAR?  
HOW CAN I CRACK OPEN  
YOUR MIND WITH FEAR?  
WHAT SCARES YOU?



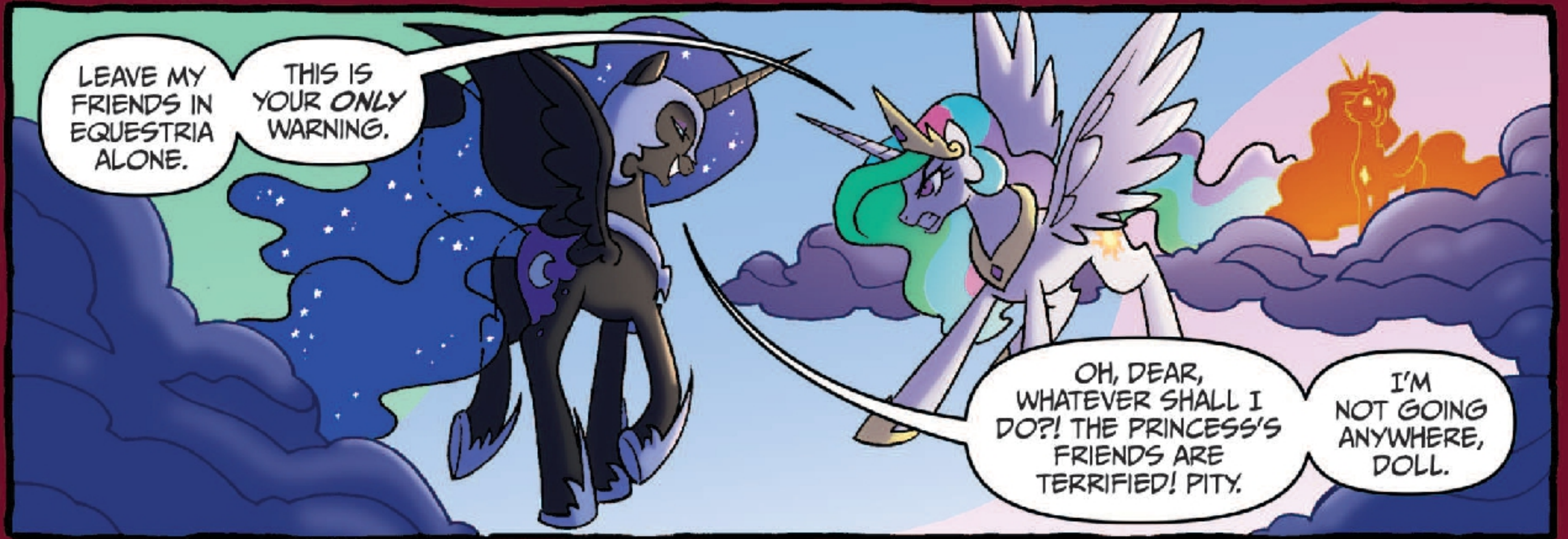
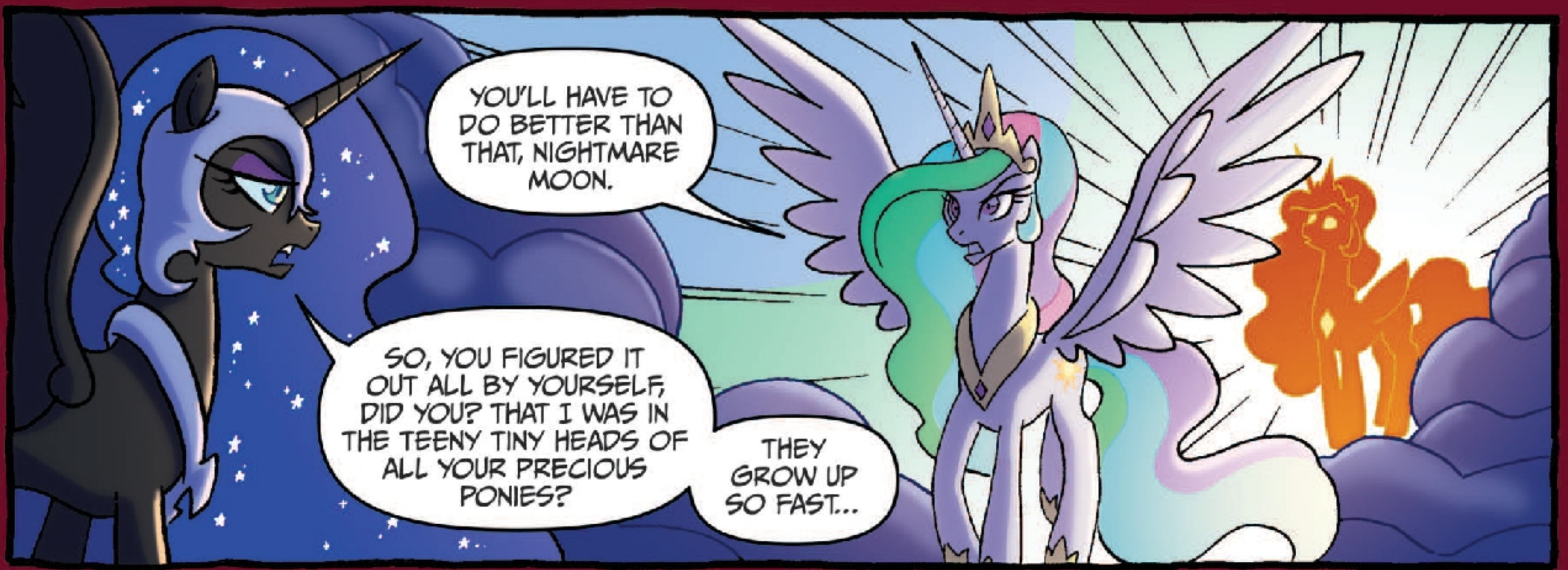
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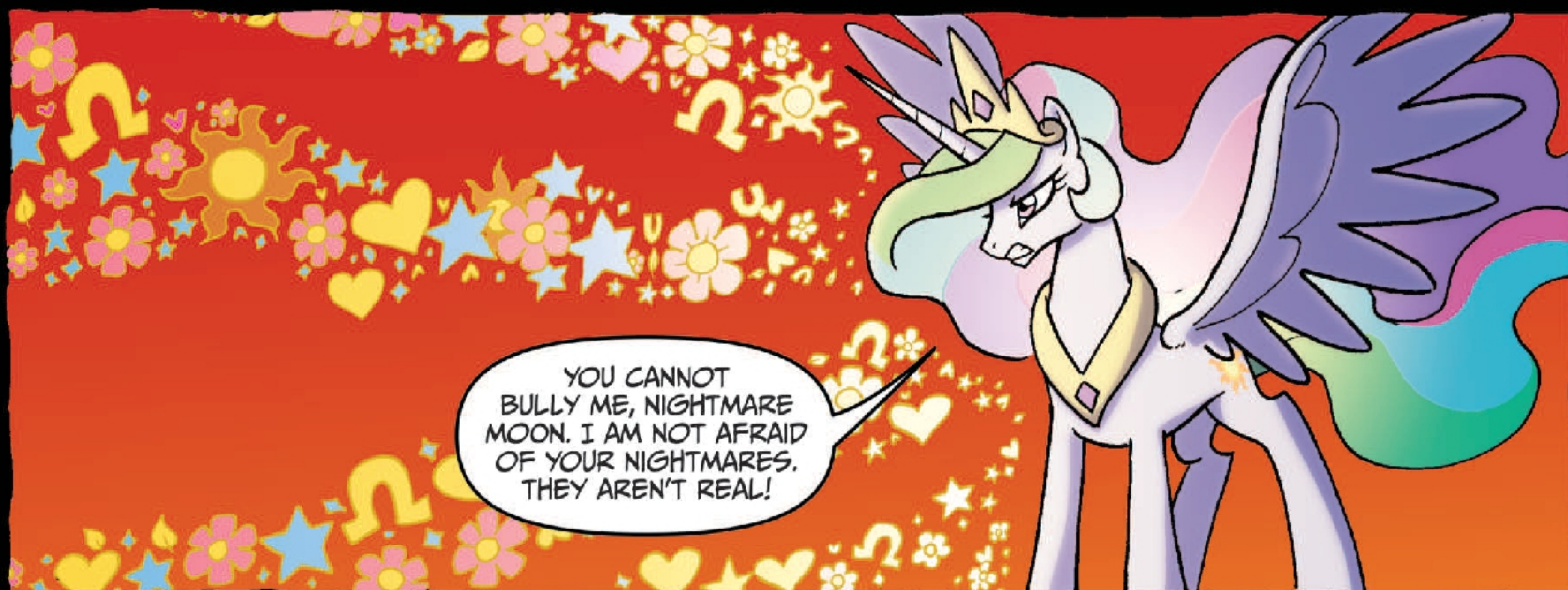


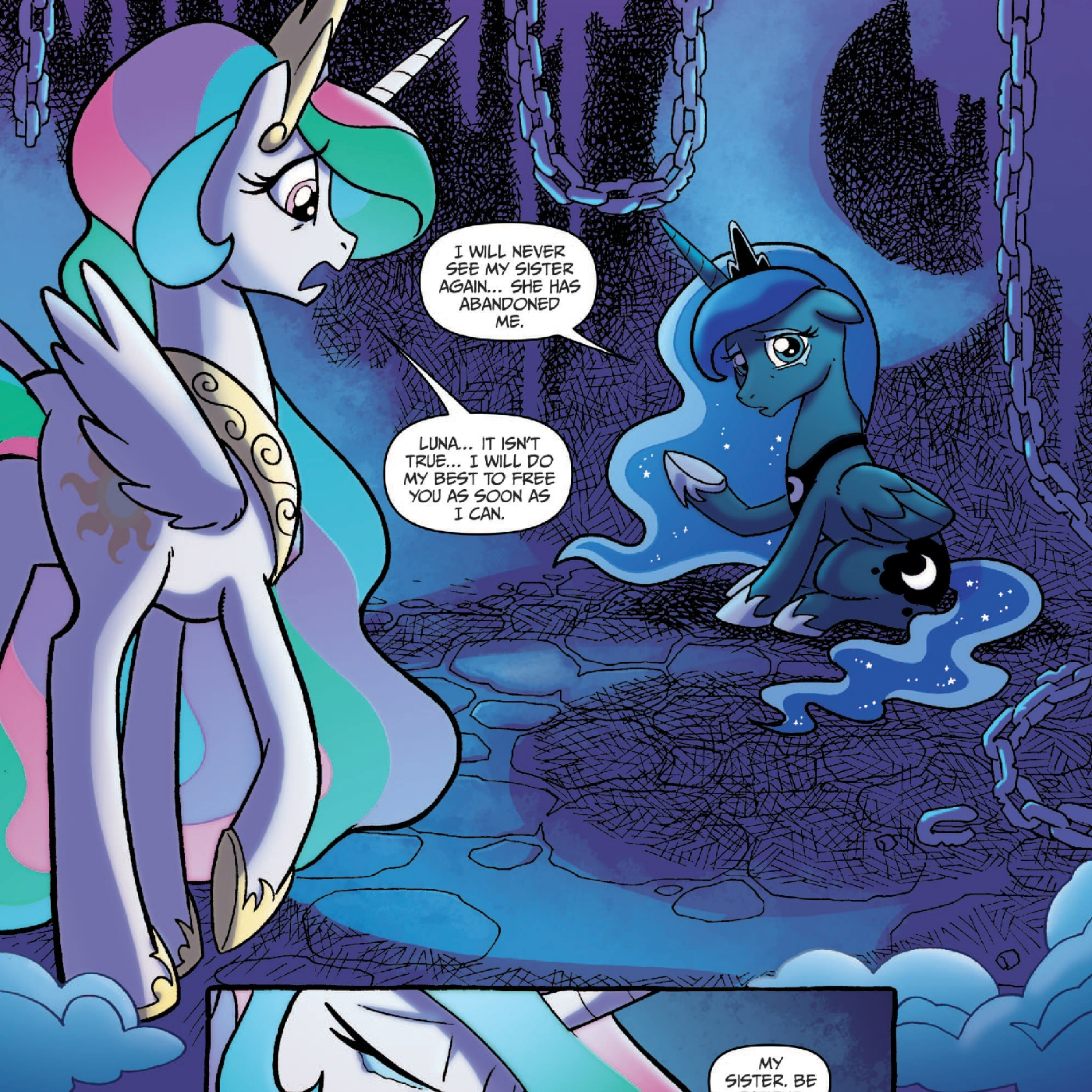
SNOOTY  
SUBJECTS?



HAIR  
HAZARDS?!







I WILL NEVER SEE MY SISTER AGAIN... SHE HAS ABANDONED ME.

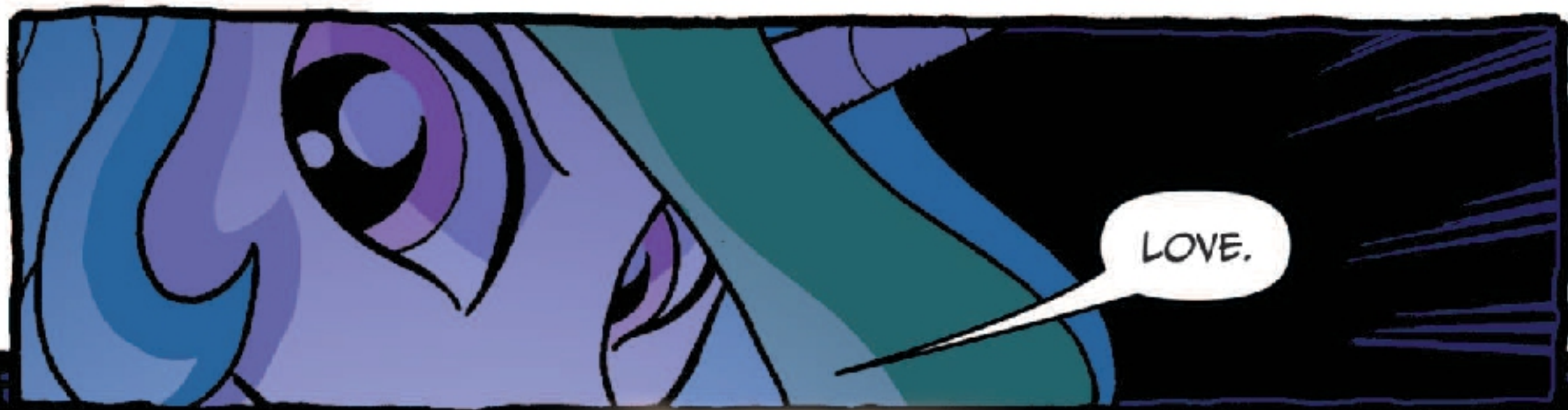
LUNA... IT ISN'T TRUE... I WILL DO MY BEST TO FREE YOU AS SOON AS I CAN.



MY SISTER. BE PATIENT.



YOU HAVE NO POWER, CELESTIA. YOU CAN'T EVEN HELP THE ONE YOU LOVE THE MOST.

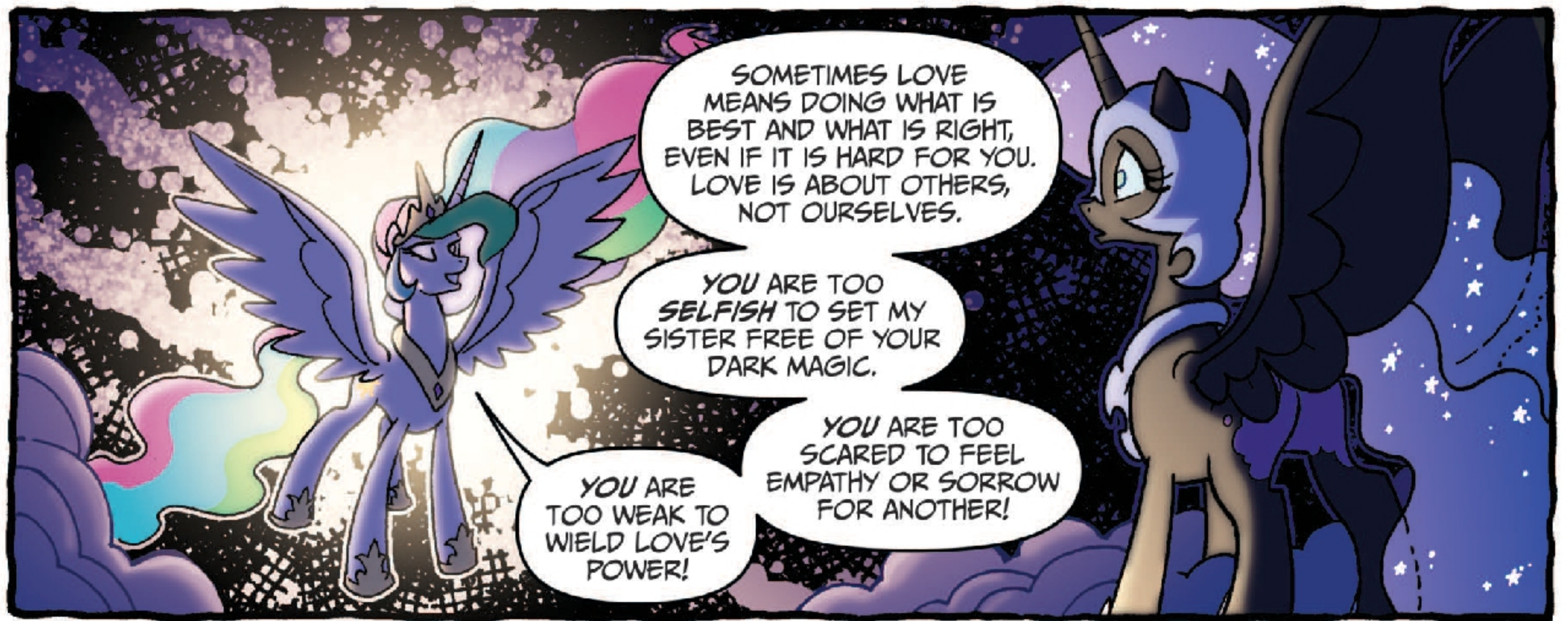


LOVE.



THAT IS ONE THING YOU WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND, NIGHTMARE MOON: THE POWER OF LOVE.

I HAD FORGOTTEN TOO, BUT A DEAR, OLD FRIEND WAS KIND ENOUGH TO REMIND ME THIS VERY NIGHT.



SOMETIMES LOVE MEANS DOING WHAT IS BEST AND WHAT IS RIGHT, EVEN IF IT IS HARD FOR YOU. LOVE IS ABOUT OTHERS, NOT OURSELVES.

YOU ARE TOO SELFISH TO SET MY SISTER FREE OF YOUR DARK MAGIC.

YOU ARE TOO WEAK TO WIELD LOVE'S POWER!

YOU ARE TOO SCARED TO FEEL EMPATHY OR SORROW FOR ANOTHER!



BUT I AM NOT!



LATER...

THEIR BAD DREAMS HAVE BEEN ERASED, AS WAS ANY UNTRUE NOTION OF YOU, PRINCESS.

BUT IF YOU COULDN'T CLOSE THE BOND, NIGHTMARE MOON WILL BE BACK, AND YOUR SUBJECTS WILL BE IN DANGER AGAIN.



WE ARE NO LONGER ALONE IN THIS FIGHT. THE TRUEST OF FRIENDS HAVE WAYS OF STICKING WITH YOU, IN YOUR HEART, AND IN YOUR HEAD...



I WAS SO CLOSE! SHE WAS TREMBLING IN MY HOOF!

YOU MUST GET ME BACK INTO HER HEAD! NOW!

WE CANNOT!

GLAAA!





