

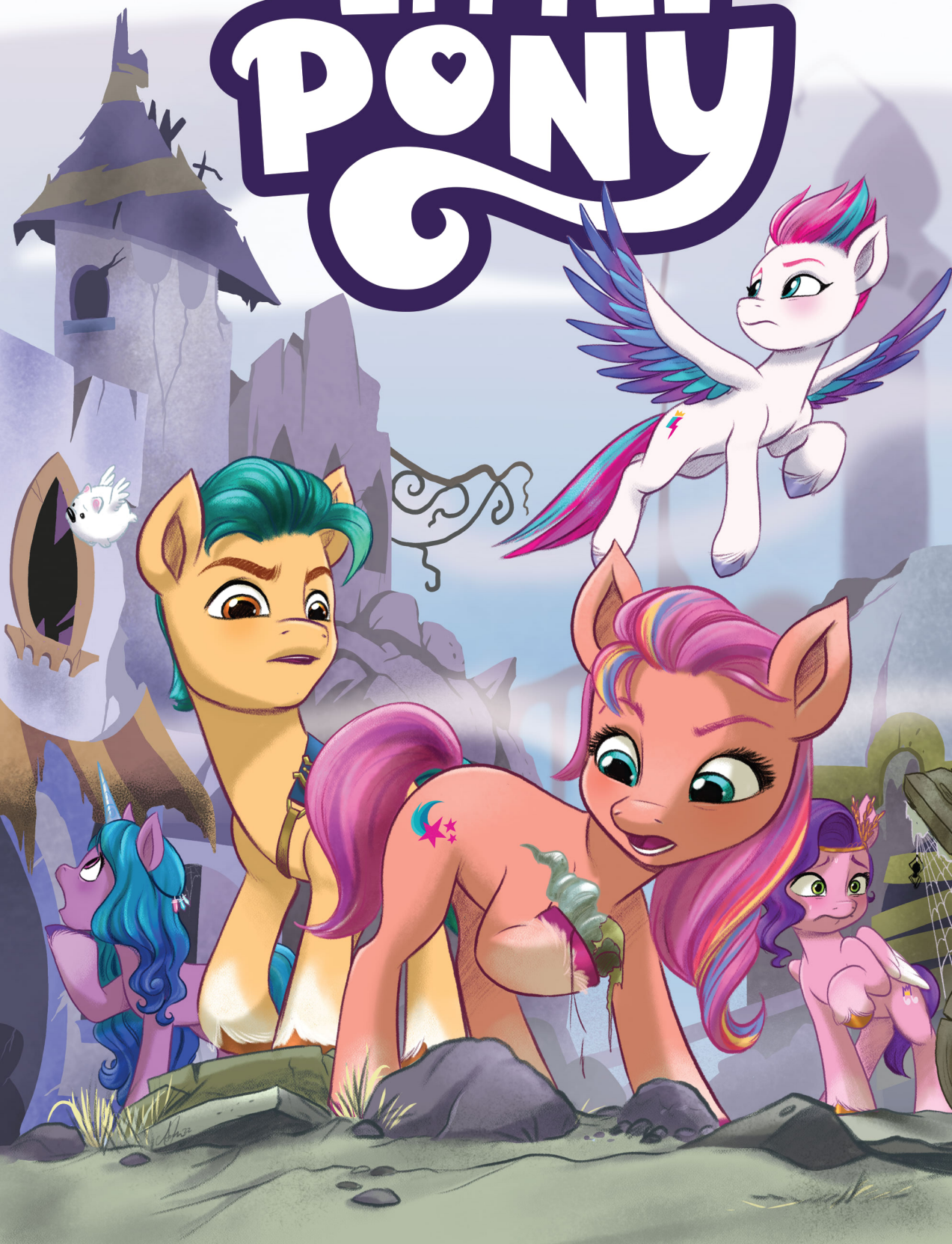
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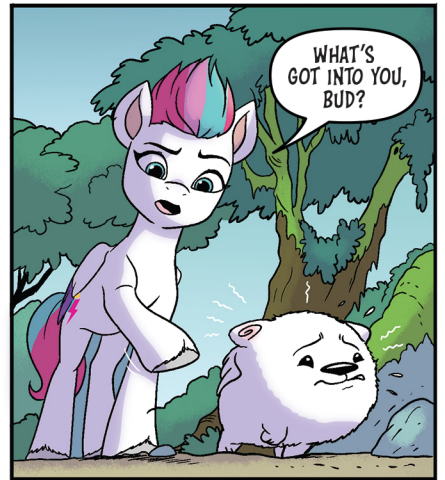
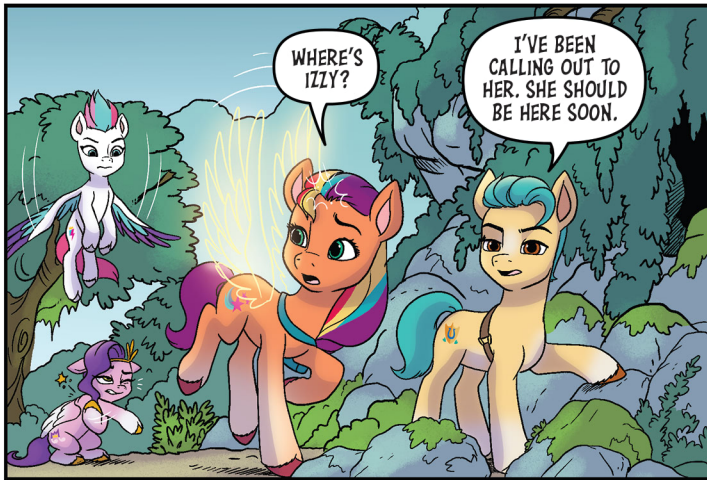
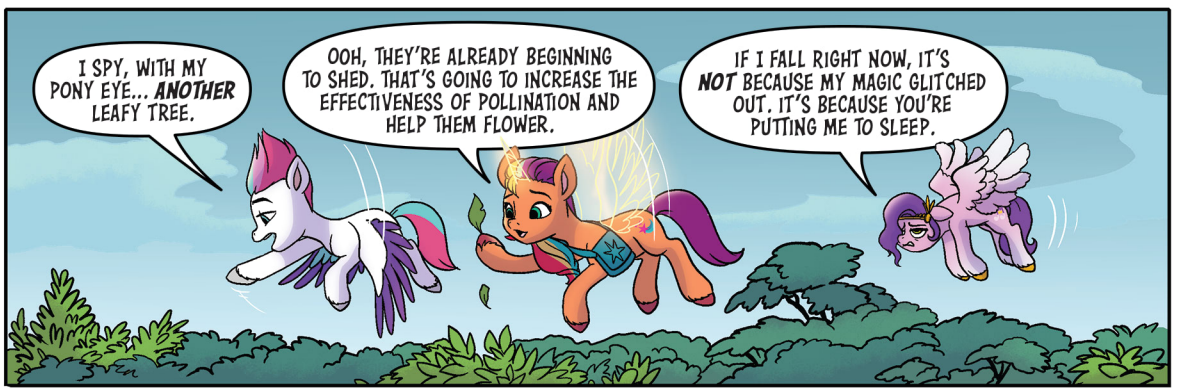
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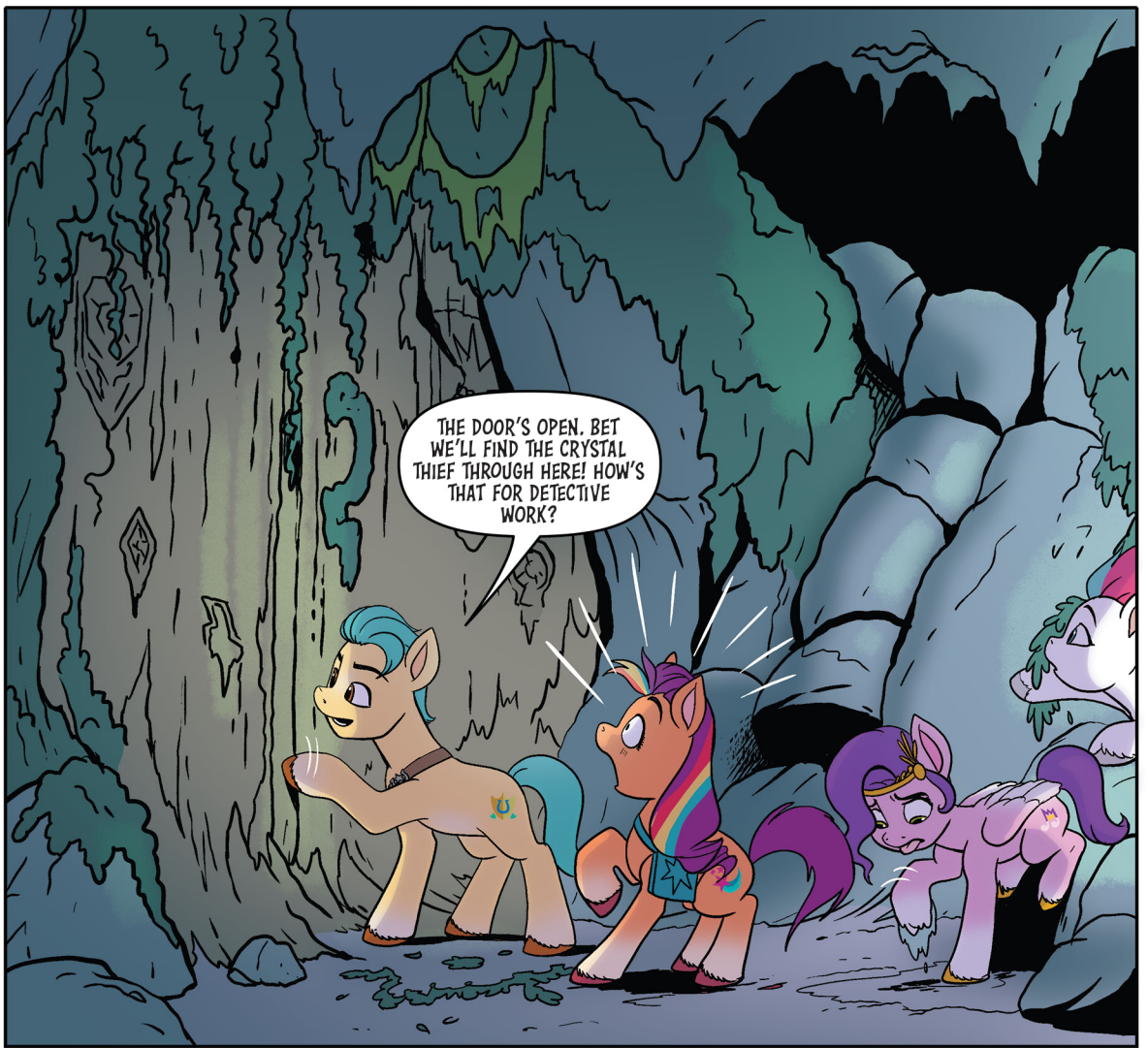
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THE DOOR'S OPEN. BET WE'LL FIND THE CRYSTAL THIEF THROUGH HERE! HOW'S THAT FOR DETECTIVE WORK?



THE SACRED GATE OF THE ANCIENTS!



MY DAD USED TO READ ME STORIES. BACK WHEN CANTERLOT BECAME HOME TO THE ROYAL PRINCESSES, THIS GATE WAS BUILT TO WELCOME TRAVELERS!

BEHIND THESE GATES IS THE MOST MAGICAL PLACE ON EARTH! THE VERY PLACE TWILIGHT SPARKLE WAS CORONATED AND BECAME THE RULER OF EQUESTRIA... I'VE DREAMED OF COMING HERE MY WHOLE LIFE.



I MADE IT, DAD.





YIKES. YOU DREAMED OF COMING *HERE*? NO OFFENSE, BUT IF THE THIEF NEEDED ENOUGH MONEY TO MOVE OUT OF THIS GHOST TOWN, MAYBE WE SHOULD LET THEM KEEP THE CRYSTAL.

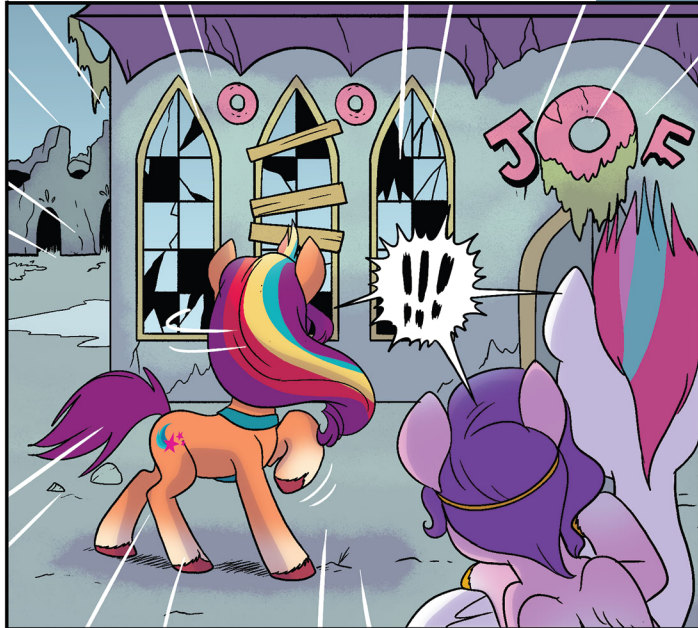


NOPONY'S LIVED IN CANTERLOT FOR A WHILE. BUT I PROMISE YOU'LL ALL BE ABLE TO FEEL THE MAGIC ONCE WE START EXPLORING!



EVERY ONE OF THESE SHOPS IS A RELIC FROM THE PAST. CANTERLOT CULTURE LIVED HERE!

UH... SHOULD'N'T WE WAIT FOR IZZY?

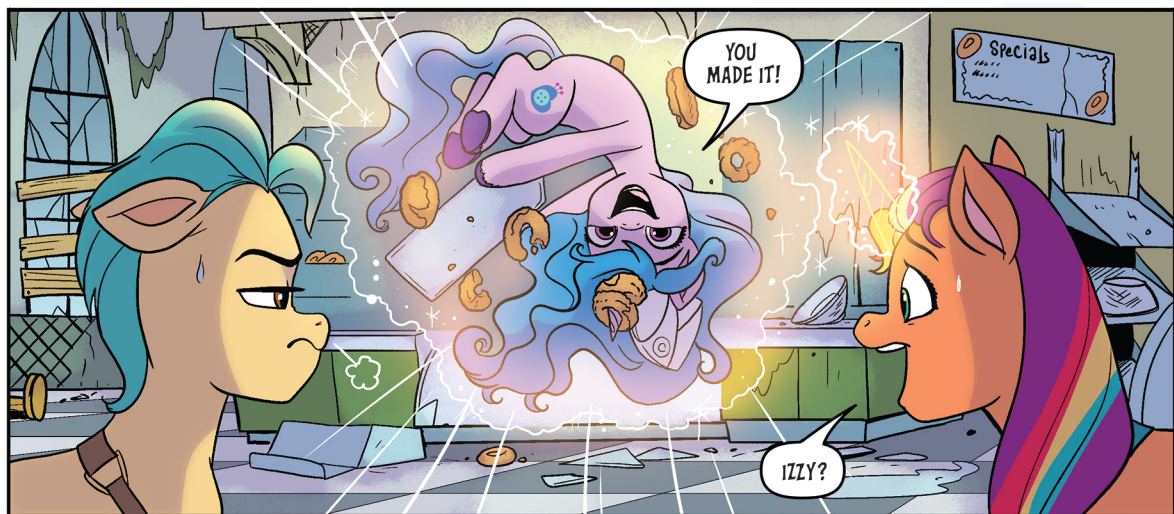
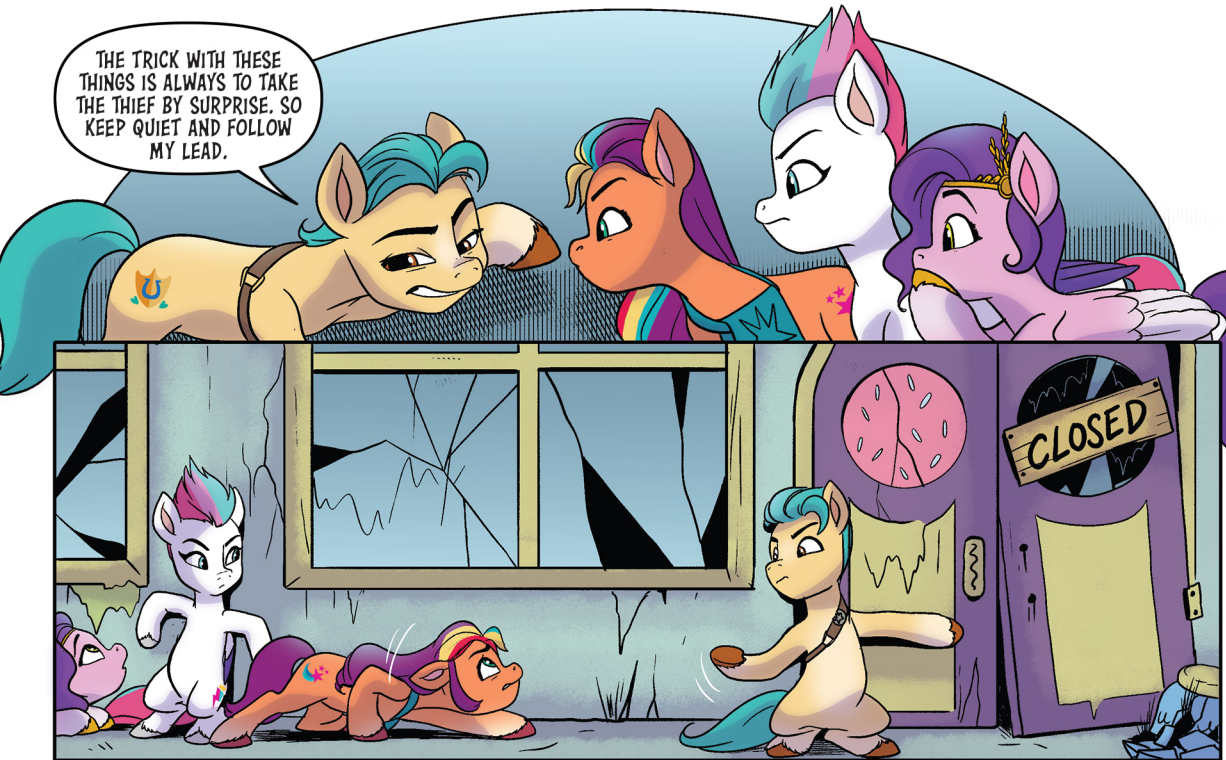


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THE CRYSTAL THIEF.





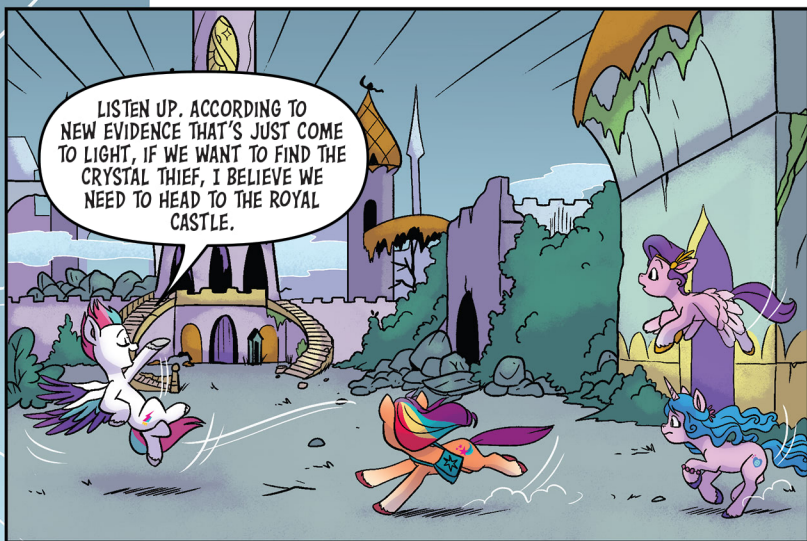








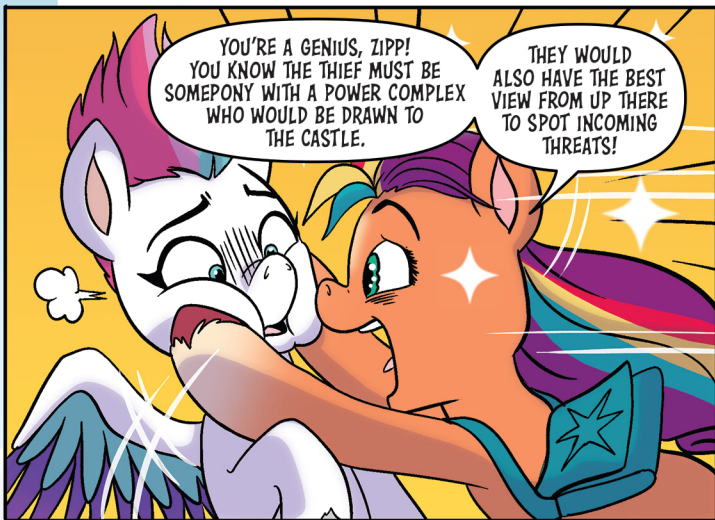
HEY, PONIES!



LISTEN UP. ACCORDING TO NEW EVIDENCE THAT'S JUST COME TO LIGHT, IF WE WANT TO FIND THE CRYSTAL THIEF, I BELIEVE WE NEED TO HEAD TO THE ROYAL CASTLE.

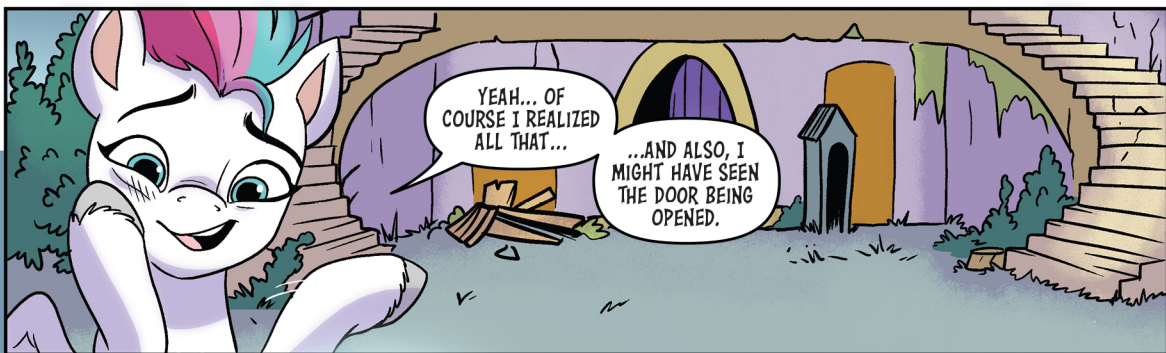


THE ROYAL CASTLE!



YOU'RE A GENIUS, ZIPP! YOU KNOW THE THIEF MUST BE SOME PONY WITH A POWER COMPLEX WHO WOULD BE DRAWN TO THE CASTLE.

THEY WOULD ALSO HAVE THE BEST VIEW FROM UP THERE TO SPOT INCOMING THREATS!



YEAH... OF COURSE I REALIZED ALL THAT...

...AND ALSO, I MIGHT HAVE SEEN THE DOOR BEING OPENED.



GET INTO FORMATION, EVERY PONY. WE'VE GOT A THIEF TO CATCH!









HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE IN THIS THRONE ROOM A THOUSAND TIMES OVER... AND IT'S STILL STANDING!

EVEN AFTER ALL THE ATTACKS FROM QUEEN CHRYSALIS, AND THE STORM KING, AND KING SOMBRA.

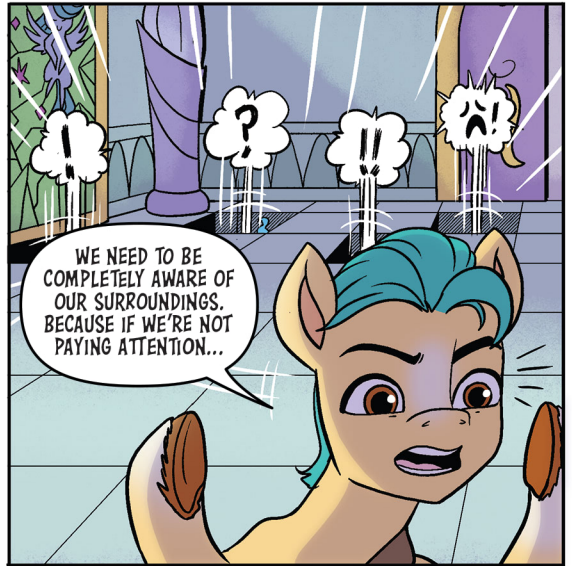
CAN YOU EVEN BELIEVE IT?!

SUNNY! NOW IS **NOT** THE TIME FOR FANPONYING.

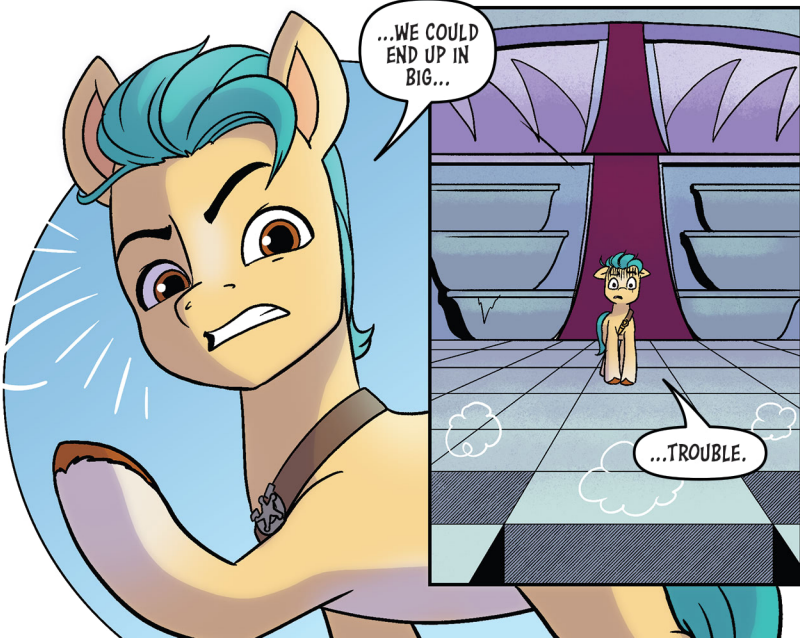
THE CRYSTAL THIEF WAS CLEARLY CALLING US HERE, SO WE CAN ASSUME THIS IS A TRAP. WE NEED TO STAY VIGILANT.



LOOK FOR ANY SIGNS OF MOVEMENT. IN FRONT OF YOU, BEHIND YOU.



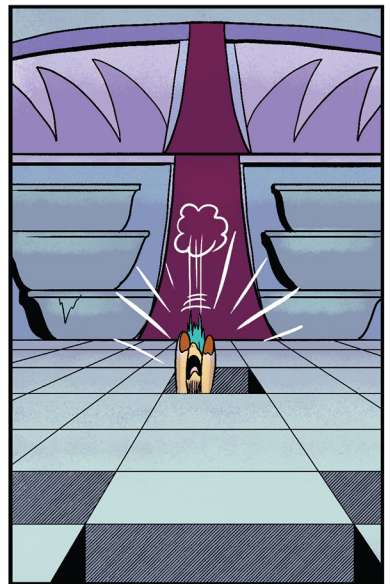
WE NEED TO BE COMPLETELY AWARE OF OUR SURROUNDINGS. BECAUSE IF WE'RE NOT PAYING ATTENTION...



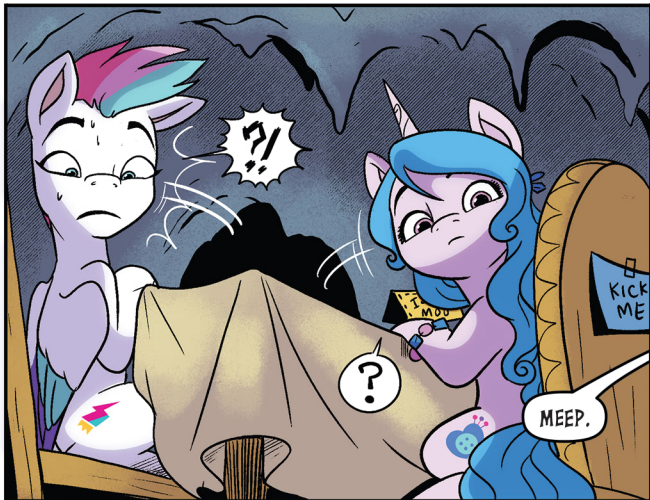
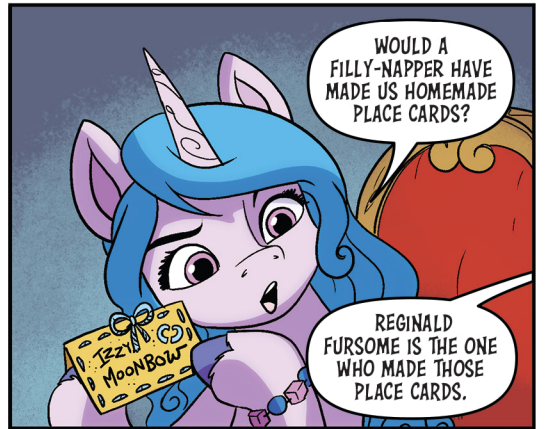
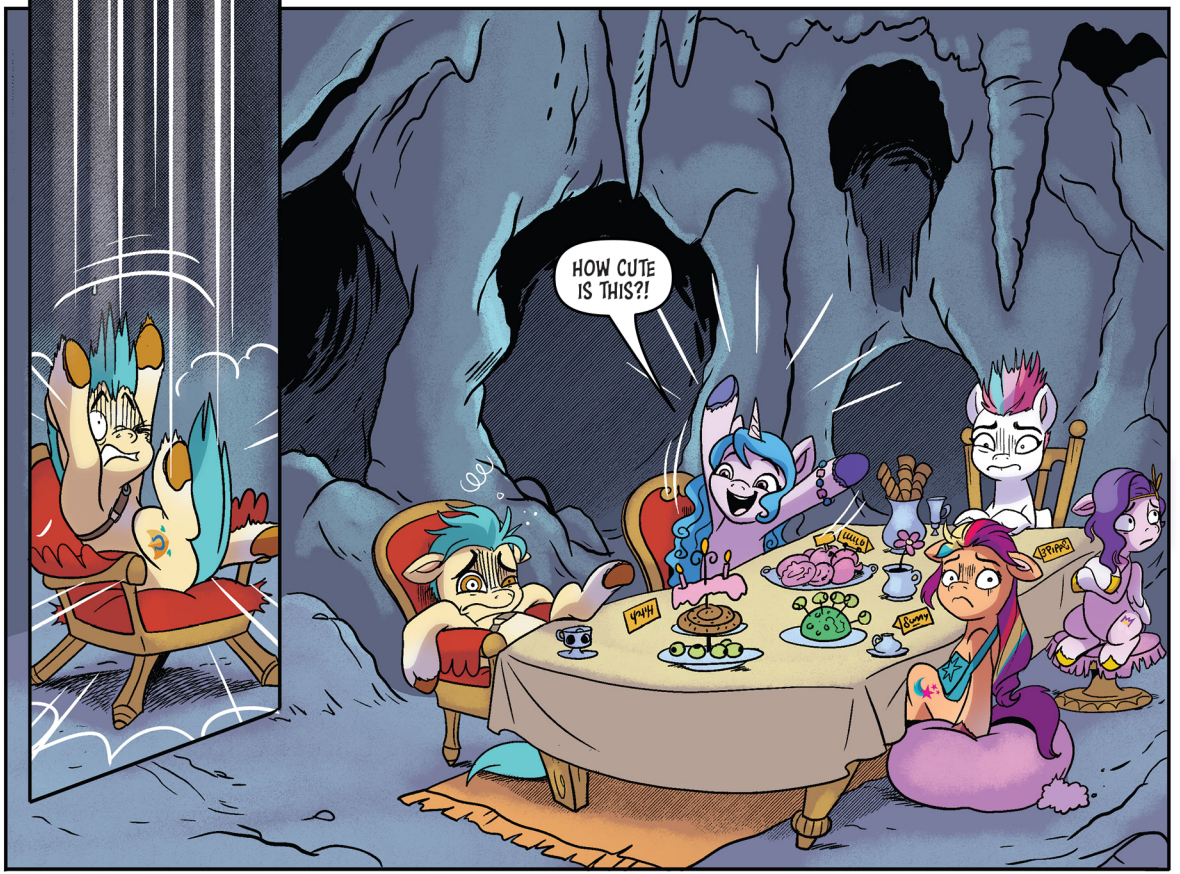
...WE COULD END UP IN BIG...



...TROUBLE.



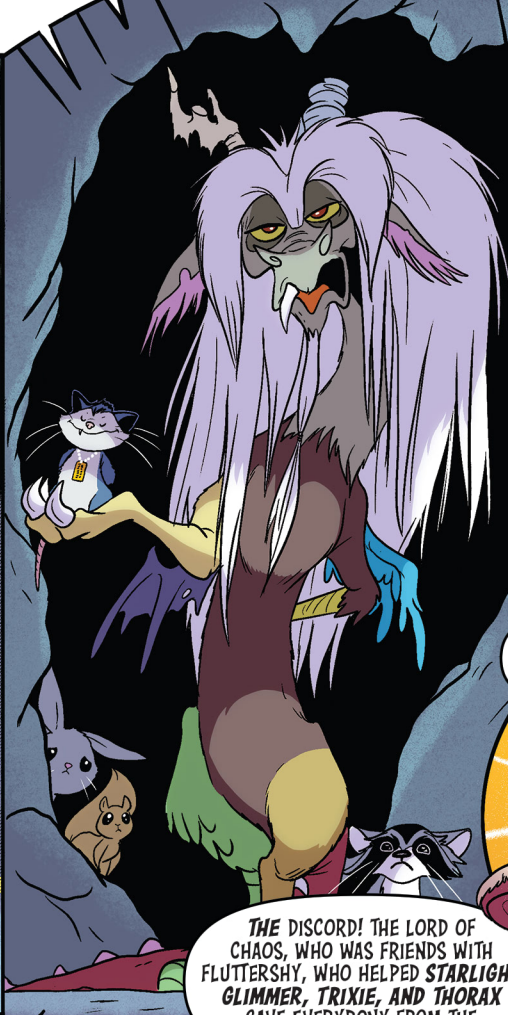








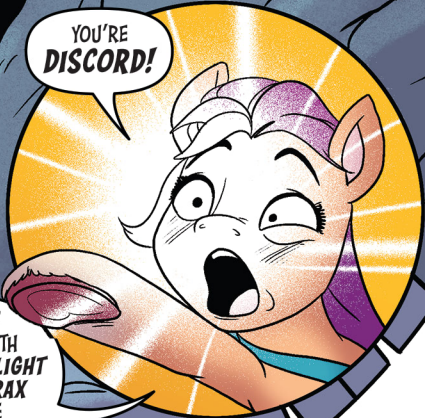
HE'S AN ANNOYINGLY NEEDY KIND OF CREATURE...



...AND WILL "MEEP" AT THE TOP OF HIS LUNGS WHEN HE WANTS TO EAT BERRIES ON THE CARPET, EVEN THOUGH I TELL HIM THAT JUICE IS HARD TO SCRUB OUT.

BUT UNFORTUNATELY, HE ALSO HAS A VERY CREATIVE EYE.

MY OLD FRIEND FLUTTERSHY USED TO SAY ALL OPOSSUMS DO. AND WHAT I'VE LEARNED IS THAT IF YOU'RE NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO FLUTTERSHY, YOU'RE NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO WHAT REALLY MATTERS.



YOU'RE DISCORD!

**THE DISCORD!** THE LORD OF CHAOS, WHO WAS FRIENDS WITH FLUTTERSHY, WHO HELPED STARLIGHT GLIMMER, TRIXIE, AND THORAX SAVE EVERYPONY FROM THE CHANGELINGS!



AND YOU ARE SUNNY, HITCH, PIPP, IZZY, AND ZIPP. THERE'S NOPONY WHO COMES TO CANTERLOT WITHOUT MY KNOWING ABOUT IT, AND... USUALLY THERE'S NOPONY WHO COMES...



...BUT TODAY'S AN EXCEPTION. I'M SO DELIGHTED YOU COULD ALL MAKE IT TO MY LITTLE SOIREE!

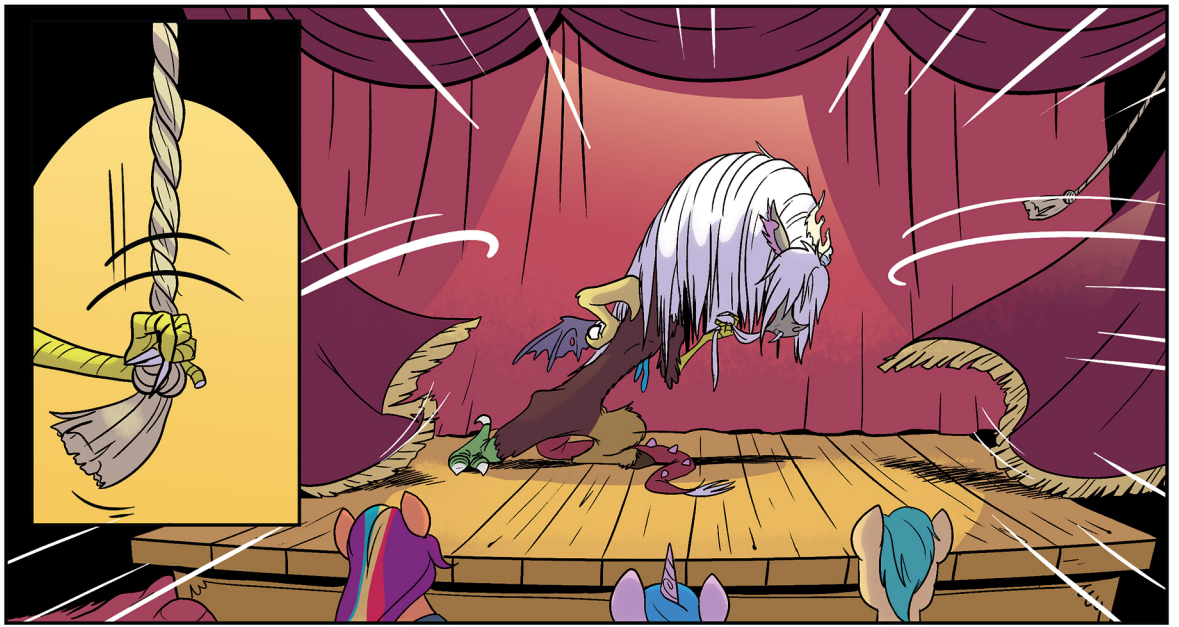
WOOF!

YOU SEE, IT WAS AN INVITATION.













IT WAS TWILIGHT SPARKLE, FLUTTERSHY, RARITY, PINKIE PIE, RAINBOW DASH, APPLEJACK, AND ME FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT.

OUR FANS CALLED US THE MANE-IFICENT 7.



THE HISTORY BOOKS MIGHT HAVE A FEW CORRECTIONS ON THAT ONE.



DID YOU JUST HAVE THAT SIGN READY TO GO?

Save your comments until the end, Sunny!



Yes. We did, Sunny.



"WE WERE QUITE THE HEROIC LITTLE TEAM, BUT TRUTH IS, WHEN TWILIGHT FIRST TOOK OVER AS RULER OF EQUESTRIA, THERE WASN'T MUCH FOR US TO DO.

"TWILIGHT MADE SURE EVERYPONY IN EQUESTRIA FELT RESPECTED AND CARED FOR, AND WE ALL LIVED IN-- WHAT'S THE OPPOSITE OF CHAOS? AH YES--



"DURING THOSE QUIET YEARS, FLUTTERSHY AND I CREATED AN ANIMAL SANCTUARY AND TOOK A FEW PROTÉGÉS UNDER OUR WINGS. WE TAUGHT THEM TO CARE FOR ALL THE CREATURES OF THE EVERFREE FOREST. IT WAS PURE AND UTTER BLISS.

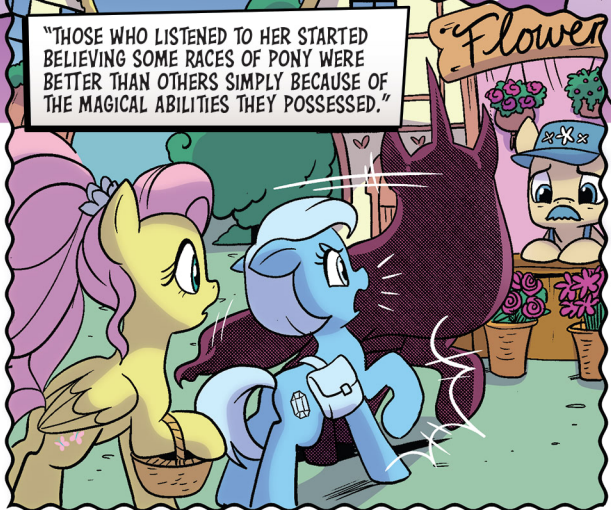


"UNTIL A WICKED PONY CAME ALONG...

"...ONE WHO CAUSED PANDEMONIUM WITH HER FALSE IDEAS OF A PERFECT EQUESTRIA.



"THOSE WHO LISTENED TO HER STARTED BELIEVING SOME RACES OF PONY WERE BETTER THAN OTHERS SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE MAGICAL ABILITIES THEY POSSESSED."

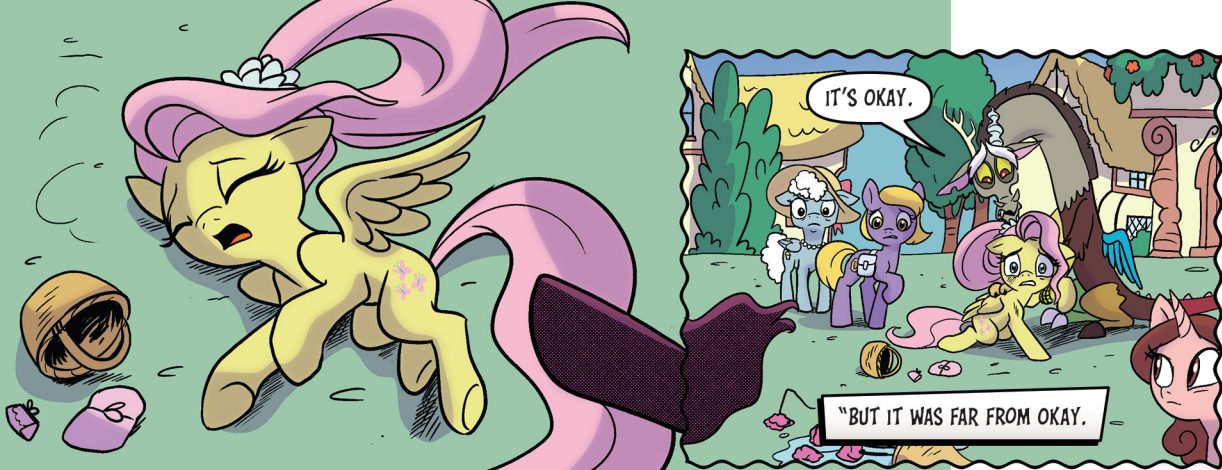


SO SORRY, BUT YOU NEED TO WAIT YOUR TURN LIKE EVERYPONY ELSE.



UNICORNS HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN WAIT IN LINE.





"ONE INSTANCE LED TO ANOTHER, AND SOON PONYKIND FOUND THEMSELVES DIVIDED."

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE FLYING!

SORRY, YOUNG FELLA, BUT WE ONLY ALLOW EARTH PONIES INSIDE.

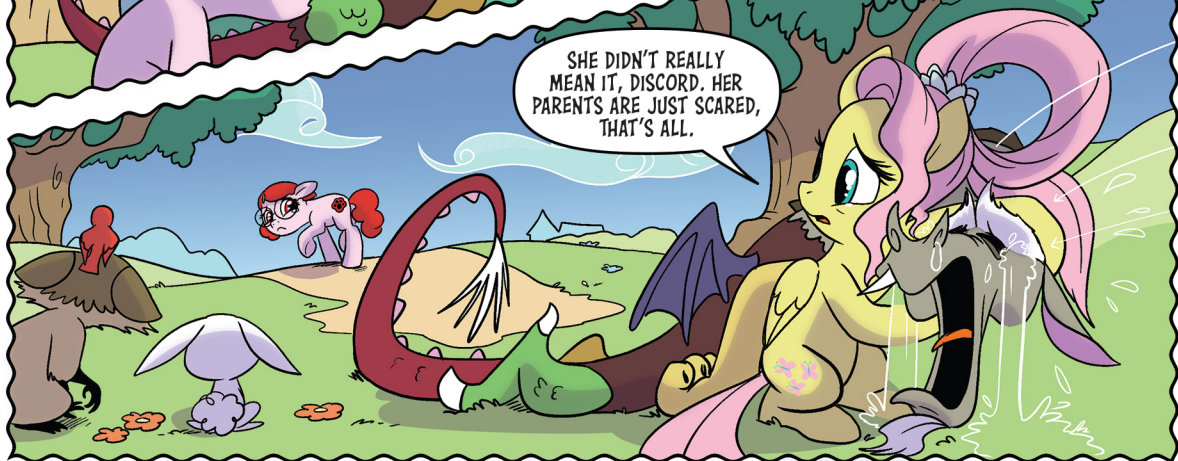
THESE PEGASI ARE ABSOLUTE HAZARDS.

"OUR FILLY PROTÉGÉS STOPPED ATTENDING OUR SESSIONS..."

MY PARENTS SAY THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME TO LEARN FROM A LOWLY PEGASUS WHO CAN'T EVEN LEVITATE AN APPLE.

"IT WAS ALL VERY UPSETTING, BUT I KNEW I HAD TO HOLD IT TOGETHER FOR FLUTTERSHY."

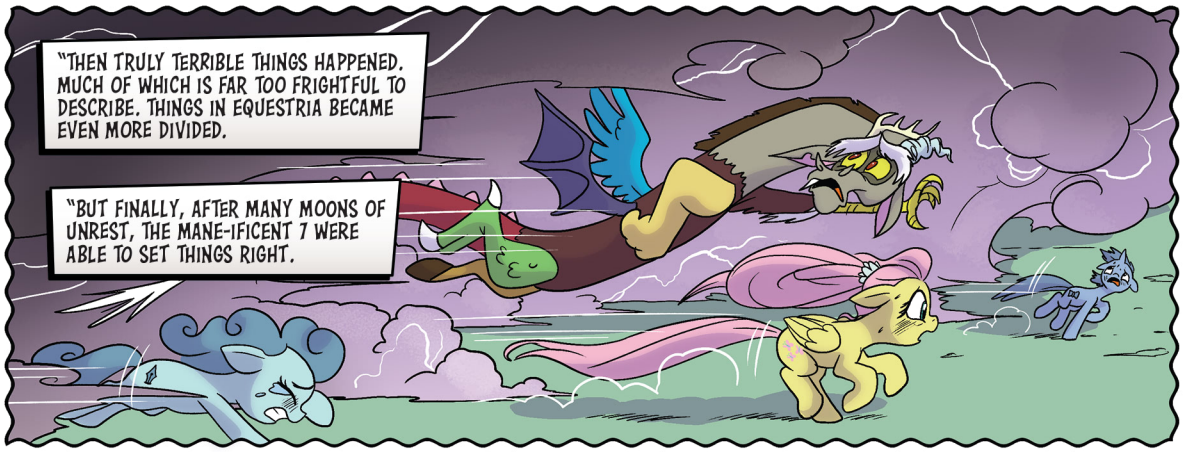
SHE DIDN'T REALLY MEAN IT, DISCORD. HER PARENTS ARE JUST SCARED, THAT'S ALL.



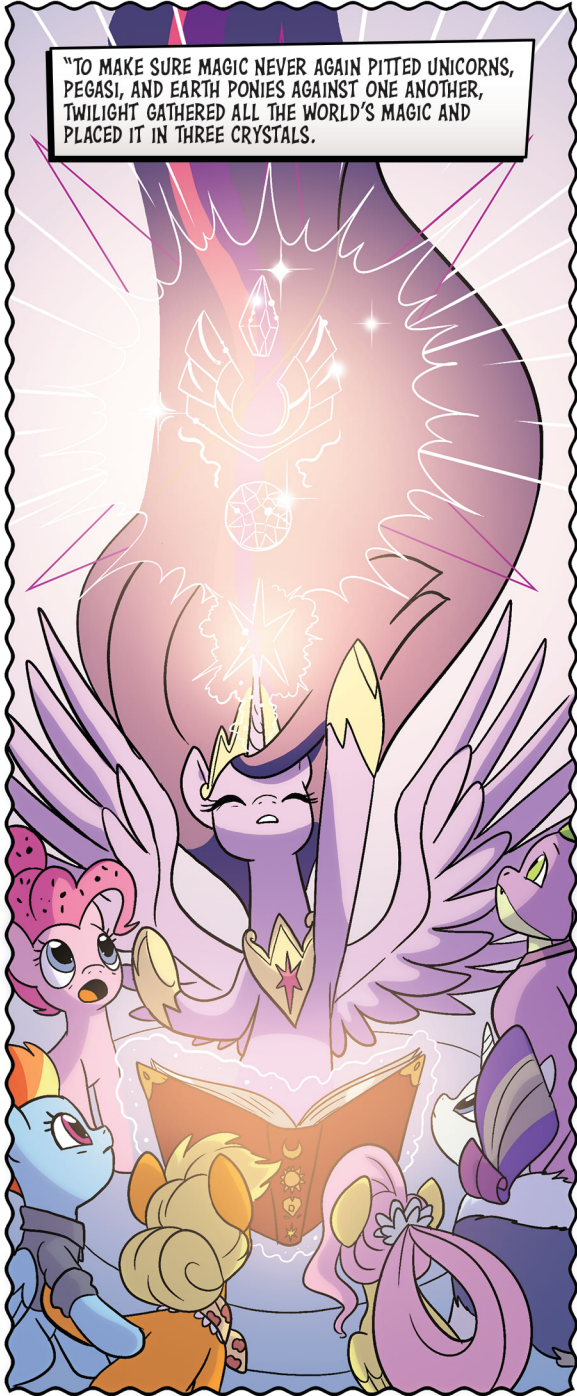


"THEN TRULY TERRIBLE THINGS HAPPENED. MUCH OF WHICH IS FAR TOO FRIGHTFUL TO DESCRIBE. THINGS IN EQUESTRIA BECAME EVEN MORE DIVIDED.

"BUT FINALLY, AFTER MANY MOONS OF UNREST, THE MANE-IFICENT 7 WERE ABLE TO SET THINGS RIGHT.



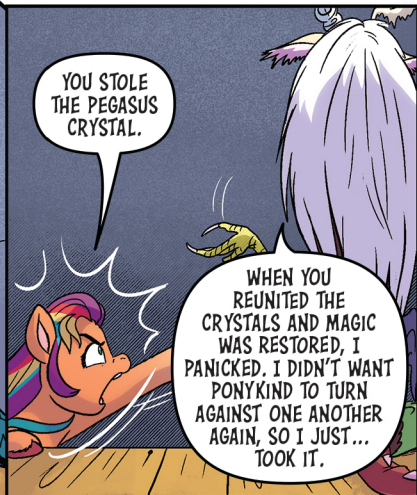
"TO MAKE SURE MAGIC NEVER AGAIN PITTED UNICORNS, PEGASI, AND EARTH PONIES AGAINST ONE ANOTHER, TWILIGHT GATHERED ALL THE WORLD'S MAGIC AND PLACED IT IN THREE CRYSTALS.



"AS LONG AS THESE THREE CRYSTALS WERE PROTECTED, AND ALL PONYKIND LIVED IN HARMONY, MAGIC WOULD BE KEPT ALIVE AND WELL IN EQUESTRIA."











THE ANSWER IS EASY. ACCEPTING WHAT MAKES PONIES UNIQUE AND SPARKLE IS WHAT CREATES UNITY. WE NEED TO **EMBRACE** EACH PONY'S MAGIC, NOT STRIP IT AWAY FROM THEM.

YOU GOT IT, SUNNY!

SAME HERE.

AGREED.



AND WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU'VE BEEN QUIET, AND I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HEAR WHAT YOU THINK OF ALL THIS.



I AGREE WITH SUNNY. EVERYPONY SHOULD GET TO KEEP THEIR MAGIC.



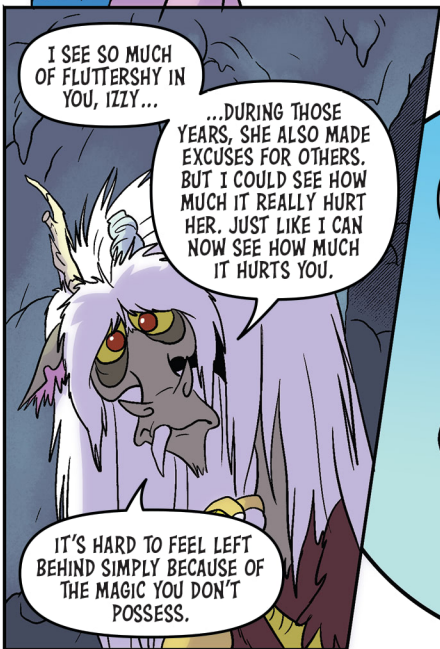
YOU DON'T SEEM SO SURE ABOUT IT THOUGH. AND I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER IF IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR ARRIVAL IN CANTERLOT. I NOTICED THAT YOU CAME IN ON YOUR OWN.

OH, WELL THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE WE SPLIT UP SO SUNNY, ZIPP, AND PIPP COULD USE THEIR MAGIC TO FLY ABOVE THE TREES AND HITCH COULD USE HIS MAGIC WITH THE FOREST CRITTERS.



AND YOU GOT LEFT BEHIND.

IT WASN'T EXACTLY LIKE THAT...



I SEE SO MUCH OF FLUTTERSHY IN YOU, IZZY...

...DURING THOSE YEARS, SHE ALSO MADE EXCUSES FOR OTHERS. BUT I COULD SEE HOW MUCH IT REALLY HURT HER. JUST LIKE I CAN NOW SEE HOW MUCH IT HURTS YOU.

IT'S HARD TO FEEL LEFT BEHIND SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE MAGIC YOU DON'T POSSESS.



BUT I'M GOING TO FIX IT FOR YOU, IZZY.



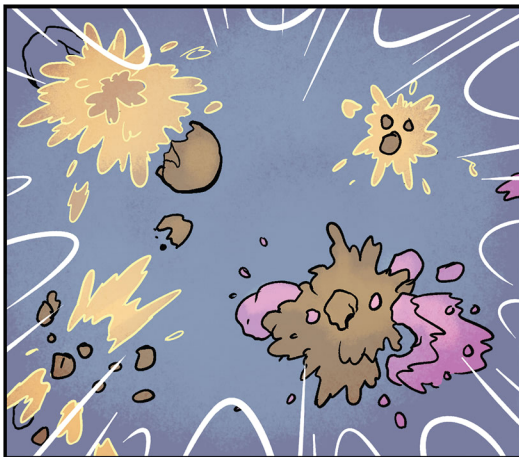
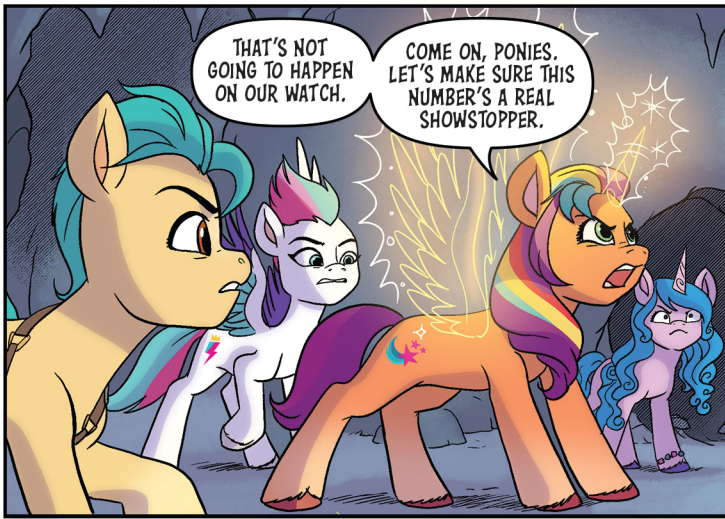
TO TRULY BE RID OF THE DIVISION MAGIC CREATES, IT NOW SEEMS THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER.

NO MORE MUTANTS.

(I KID... I KID...)

I MUST DESTROY THE CRYSTAL AND GET RID OF MAGIC ONCE AND FOR ALL.

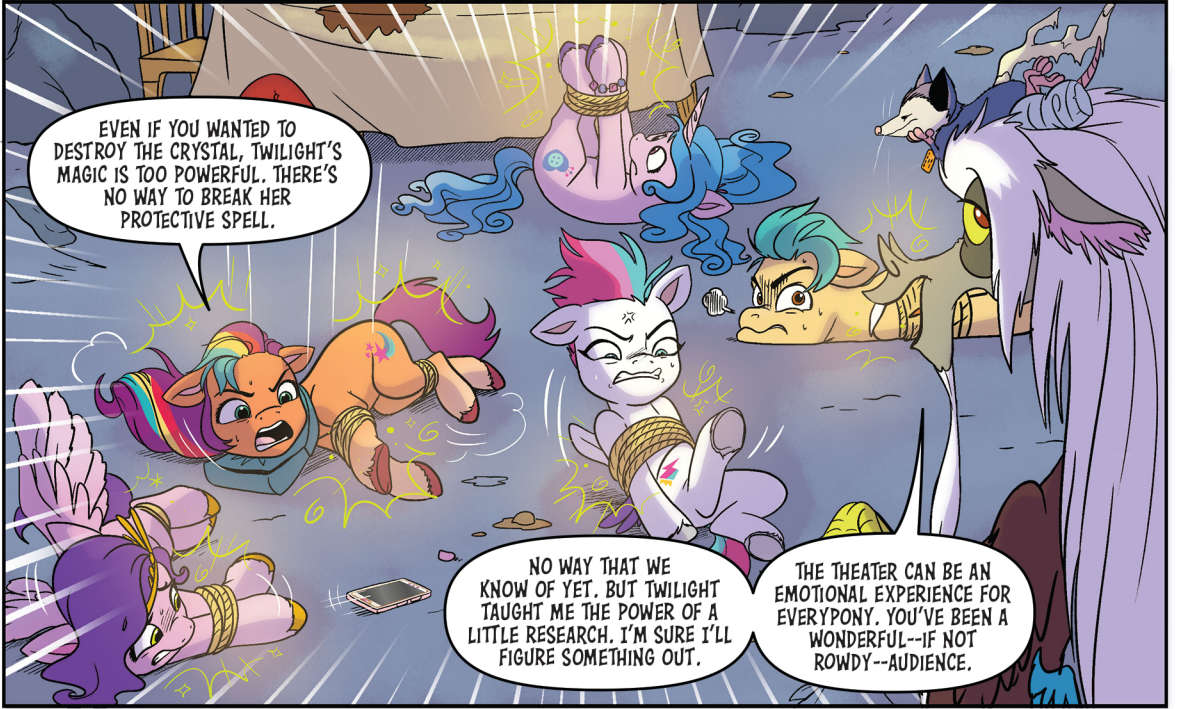








ENOUGH OF THIS.



EVEN IF YOU WANTED TO DESTROY THE CRYSTAL, TWILIGHT'S MAGIC IS TOO POWERFUL. THERE'S NO WAY TO BREAK HER PROTECTIVE SPELL.

NO WAY THAT WE KNOW OF YET, BUT TWILIGHT TAUGHT ME THE POWER OF A LITTLE RESEARCH. I'M SURE I'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT.

THE THEATER CAN BE AN EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYBODY. YOU'VE BEEN A WONDERFUL--IF NOT ROWDY--AUDIENCE.



I HOPE WE REUNITE FOR ANOTHER TEA PARTY DURING MORE PEACEFUL TIMES.



HE'S GOING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DESTROY THE CRYSTAL, AND IF WE DON'T STOP HIM IN TIME... WE'LL LOSE MAGIC FOREVER.

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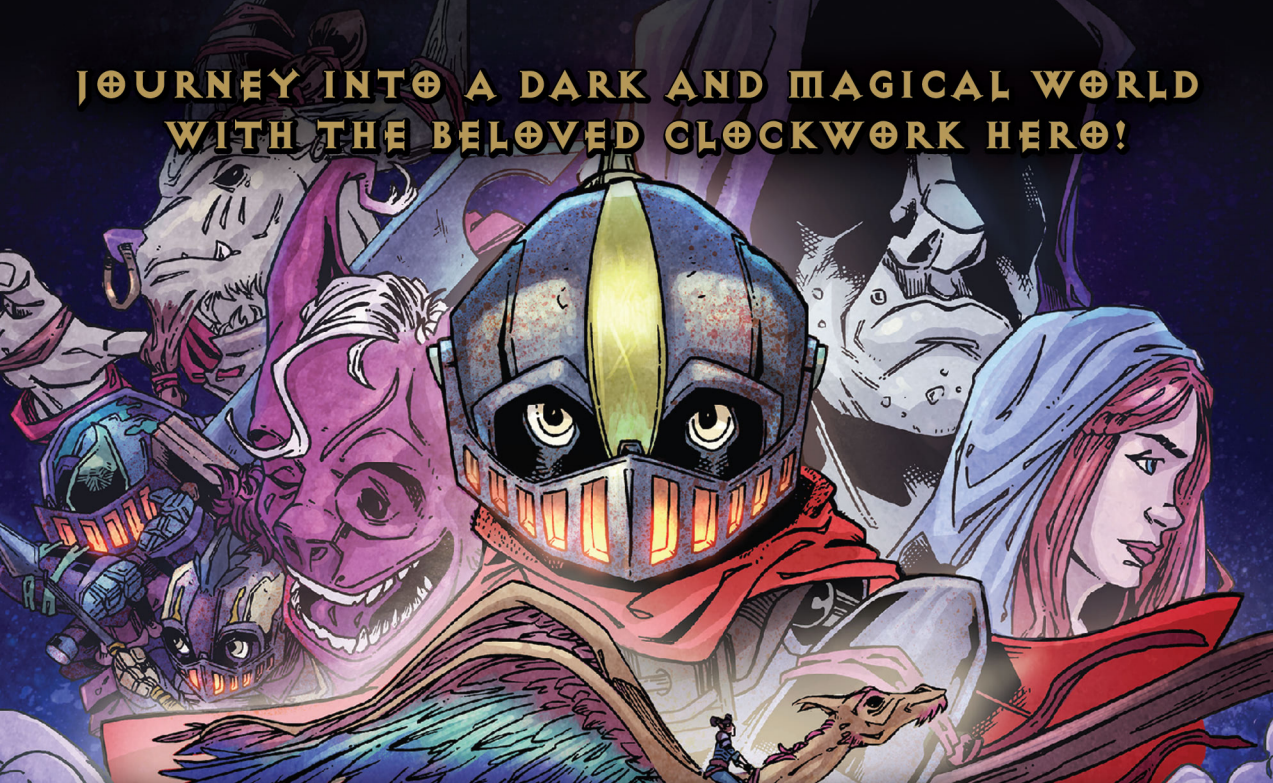
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