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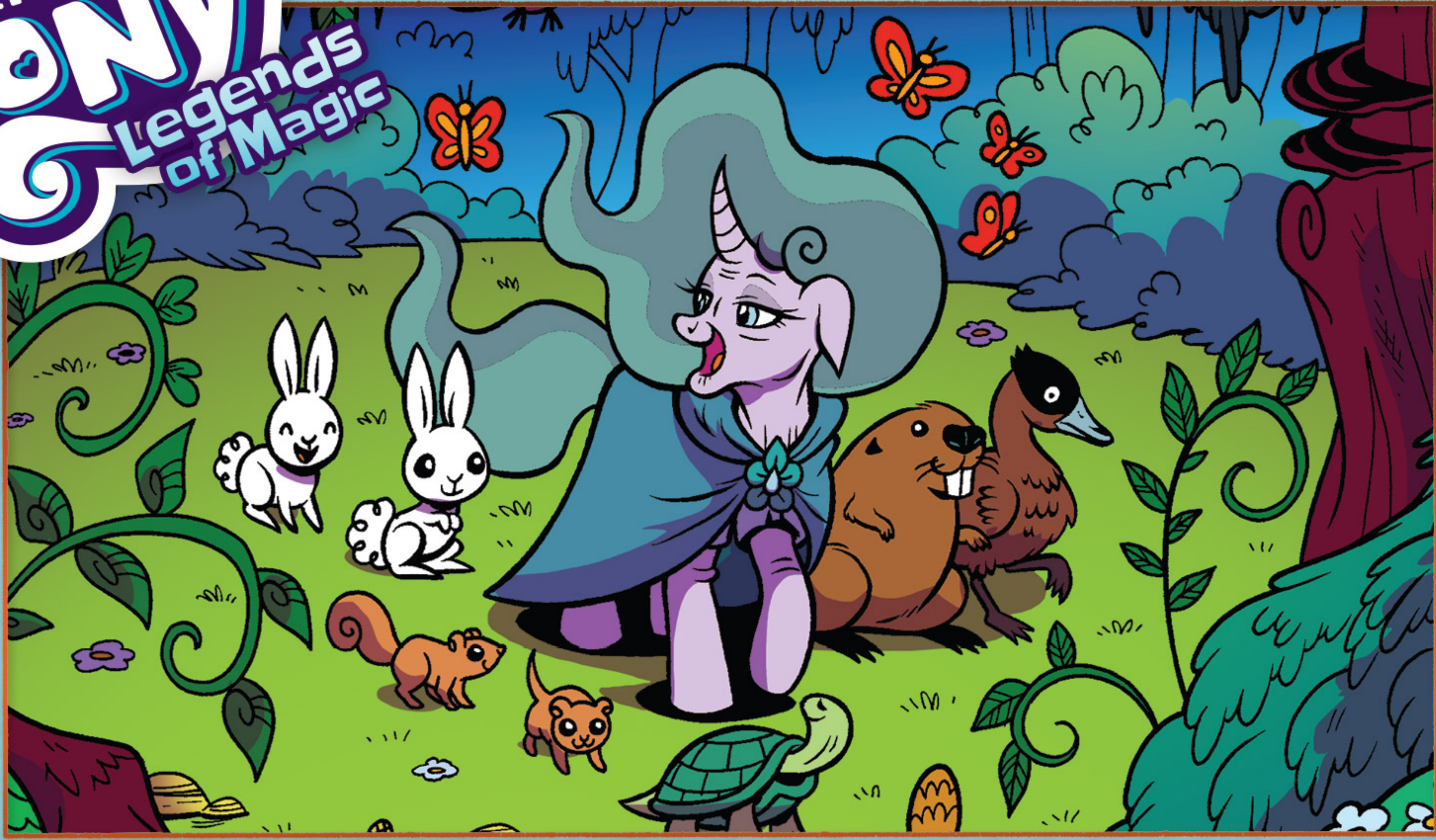
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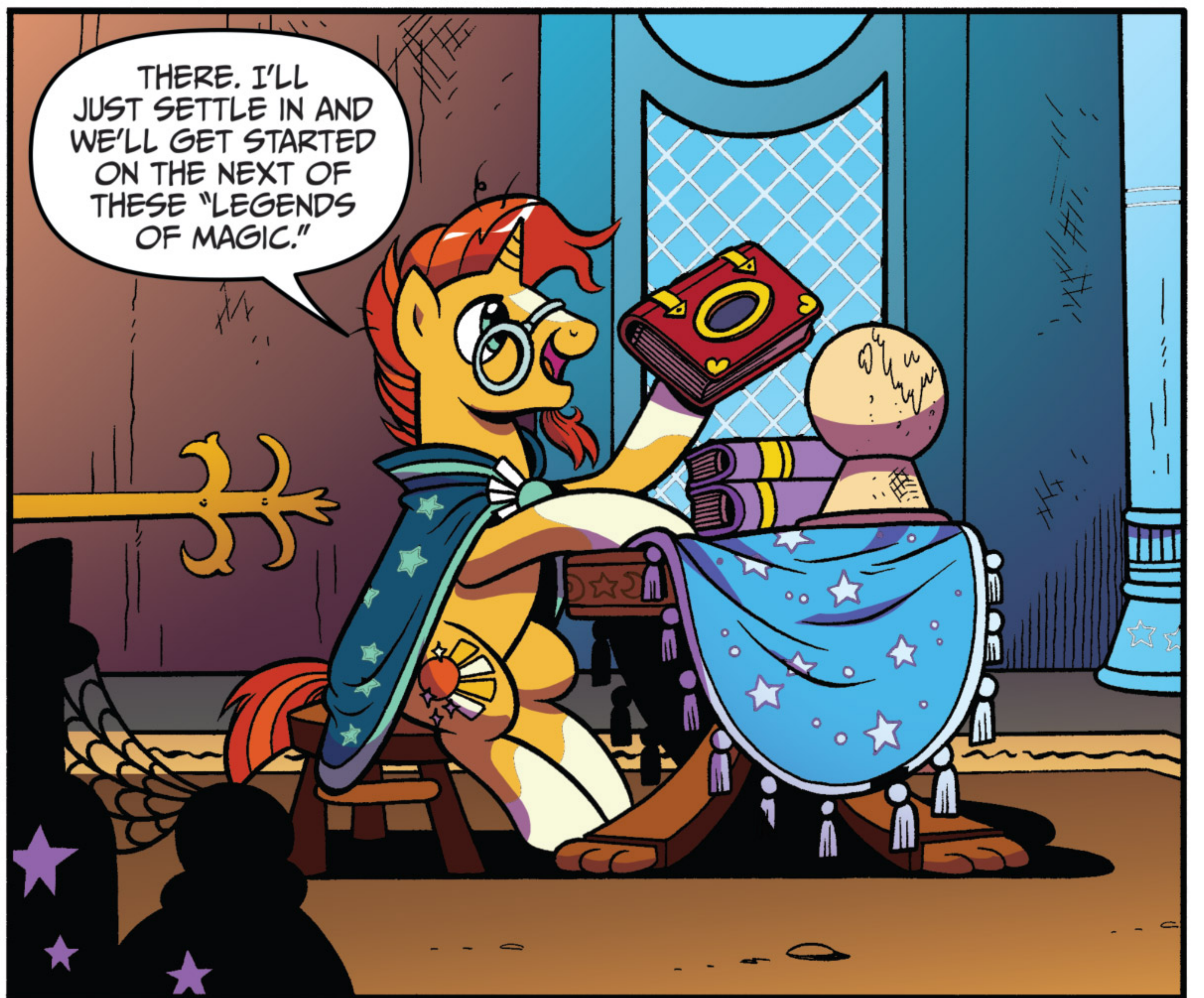


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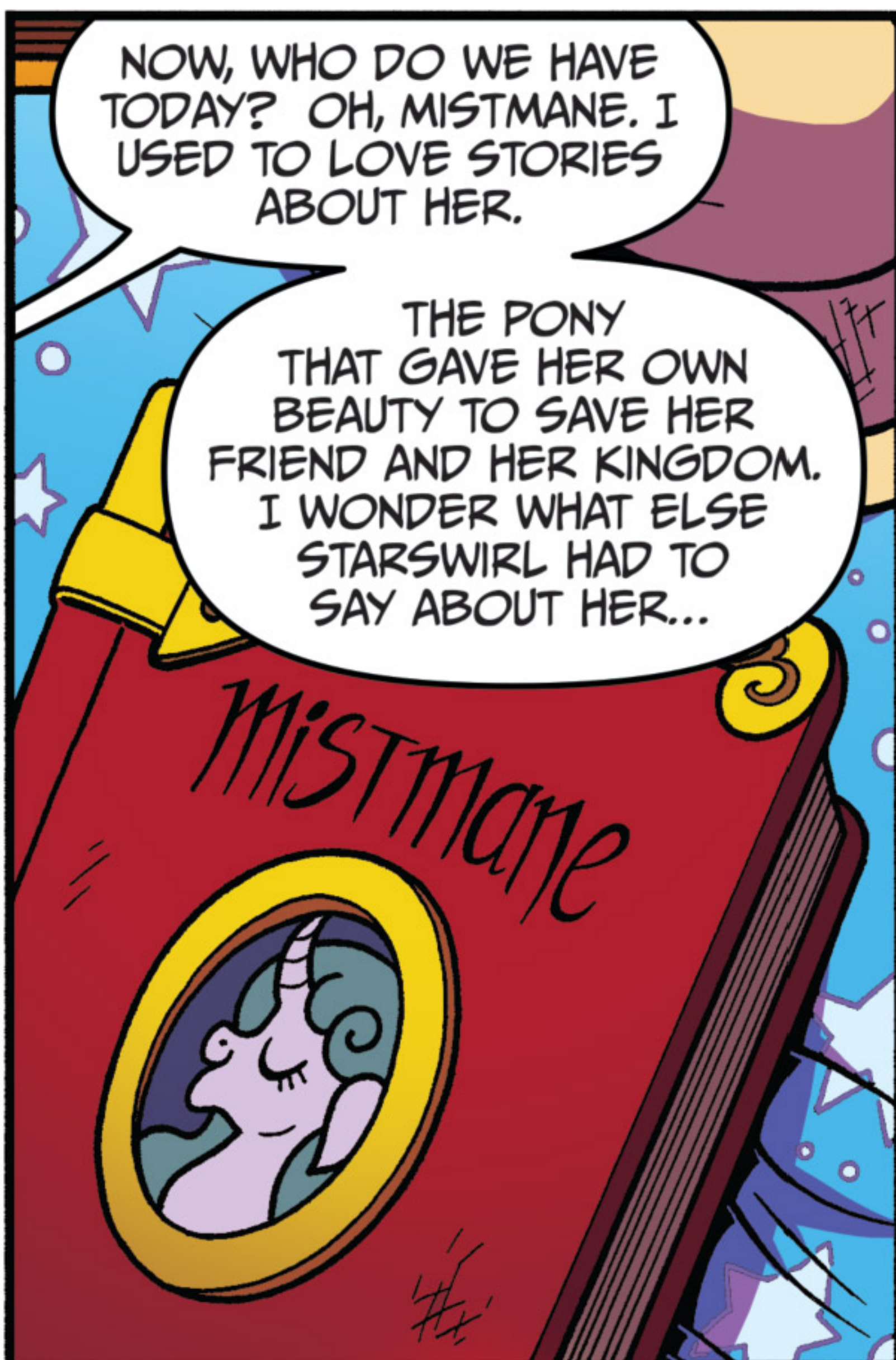


FINALLY, A LITTLE TIME TO READ.

THIS TIME I'M READING BY MYSELF. LUNA'S ROYAL VOICE NEARLY MADE ME JUMP OUT OF MY SKIN LAST TIME.



THERE. I'LL JUST SETTLE IN AND WE'LL GET STARTED ON THE NEXT OF THESE "LEGENDS OF MAGIC."



NOW, WHO DO WE HAVE TODAY? OH, MISTMANE. I USED TO LOVE STORIES ABOUT HER.

THE PONY THAT GAVE HER OWN BEAUTY TO SAVE HER FRIEND AND HER KINGDOM. I WONDER WHAT ELSE STARSWIRL HAD TO SAY ABOUT HER...

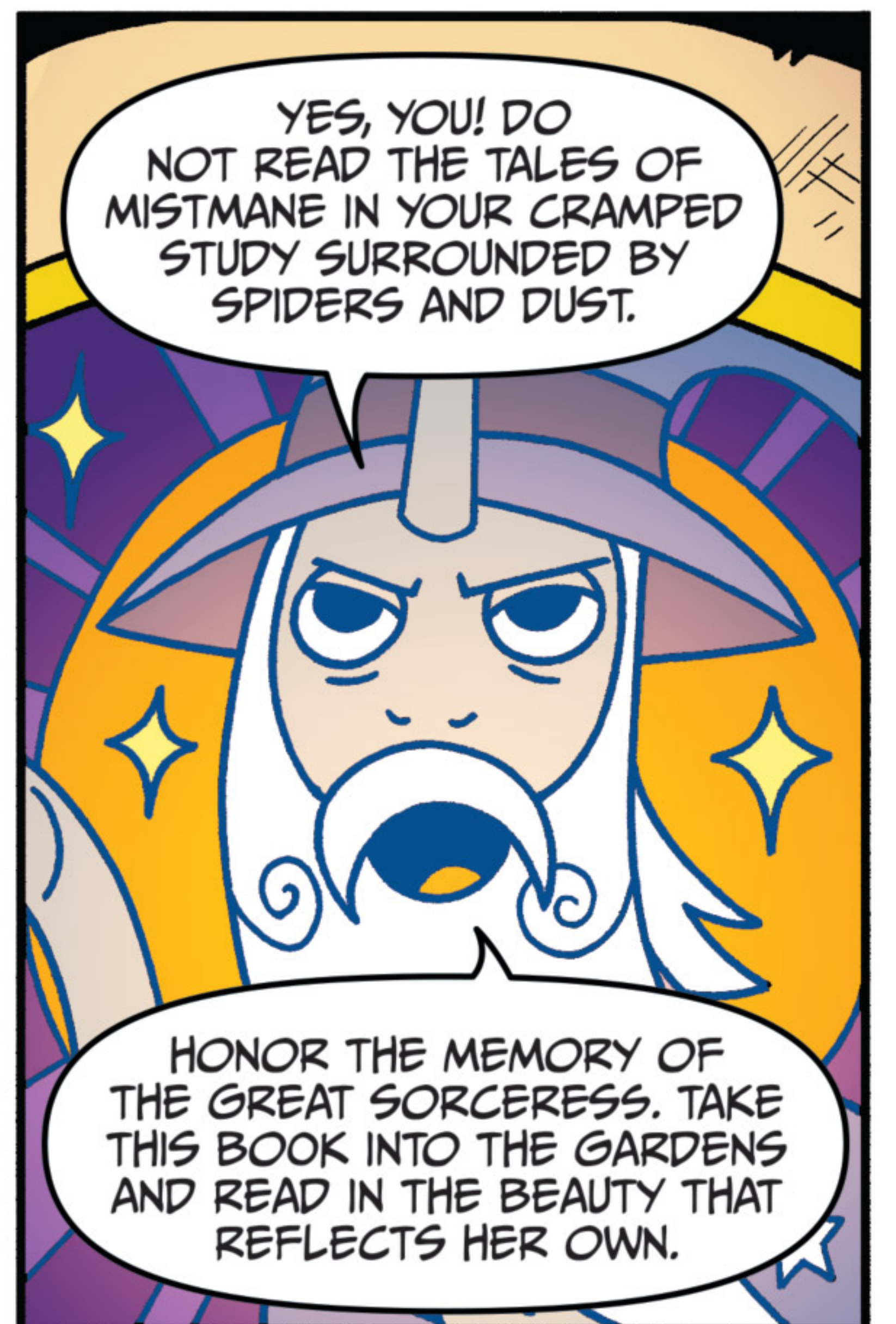


"MISTMANE AND THE MYSTERY OF THE CASTLE."

PAGE ONE... AHM...

HALT, YOU READING THIS BOOK!

ME? IS THIS A PICTURE OF... STARSWIRL?

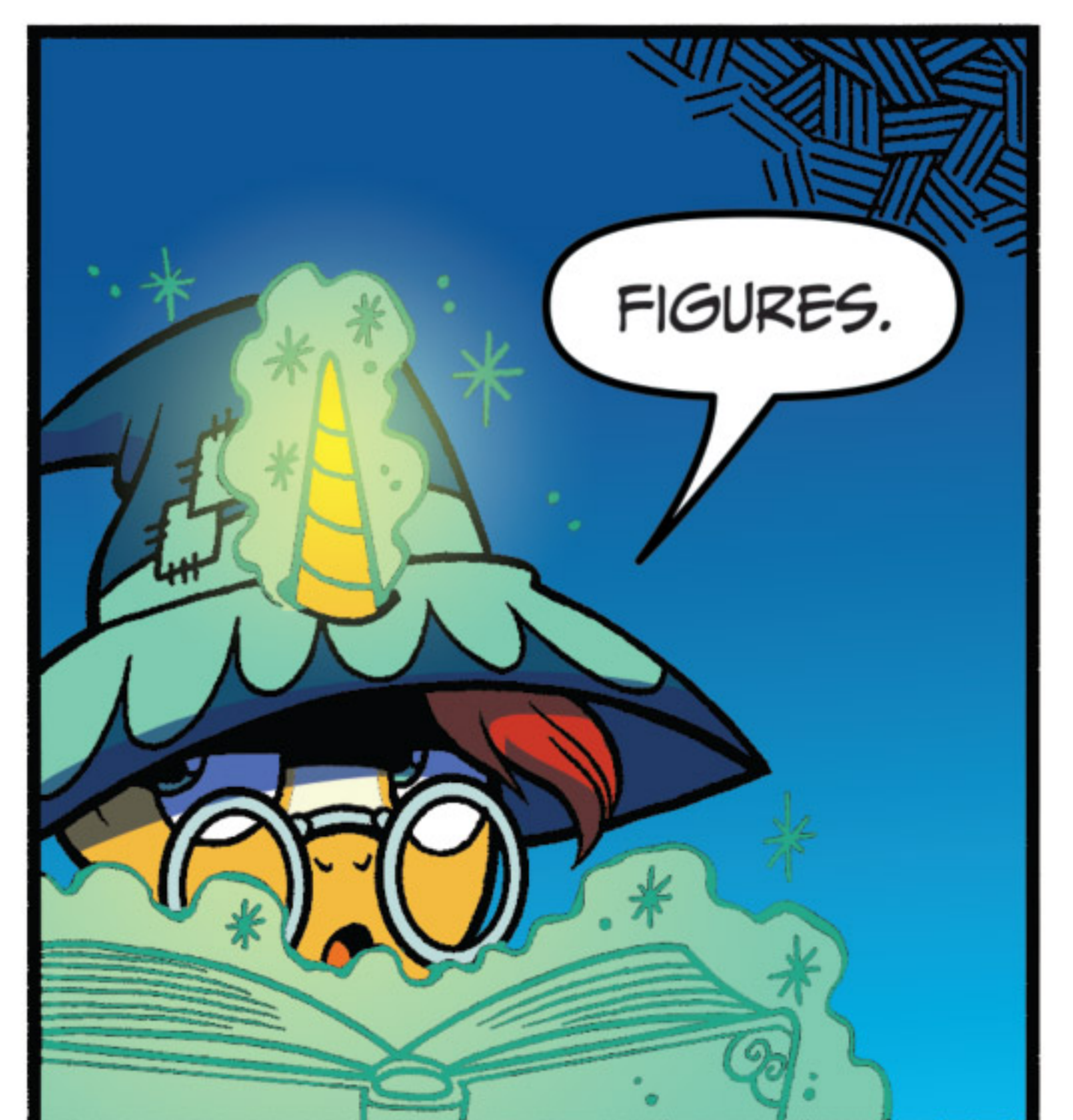
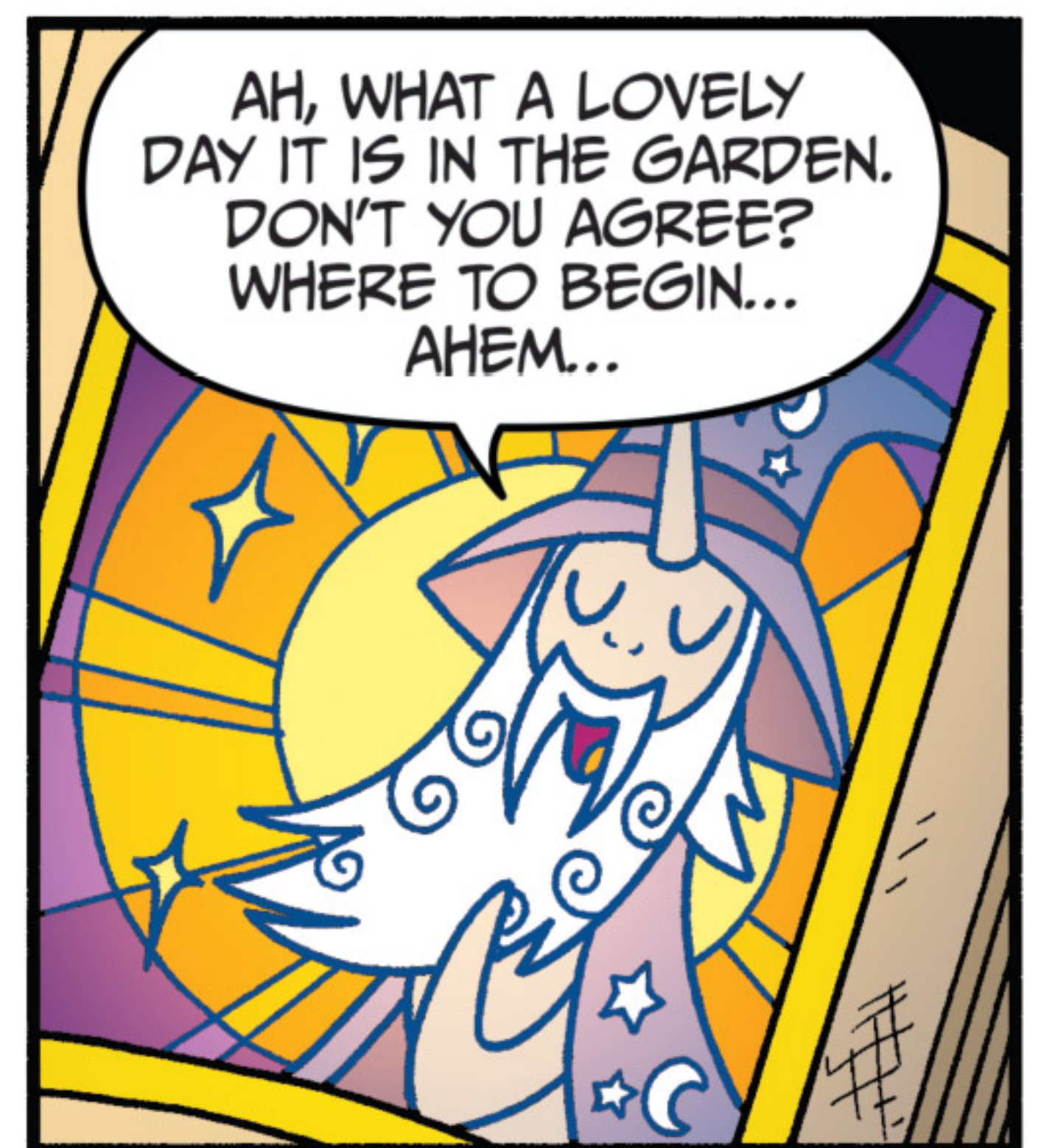
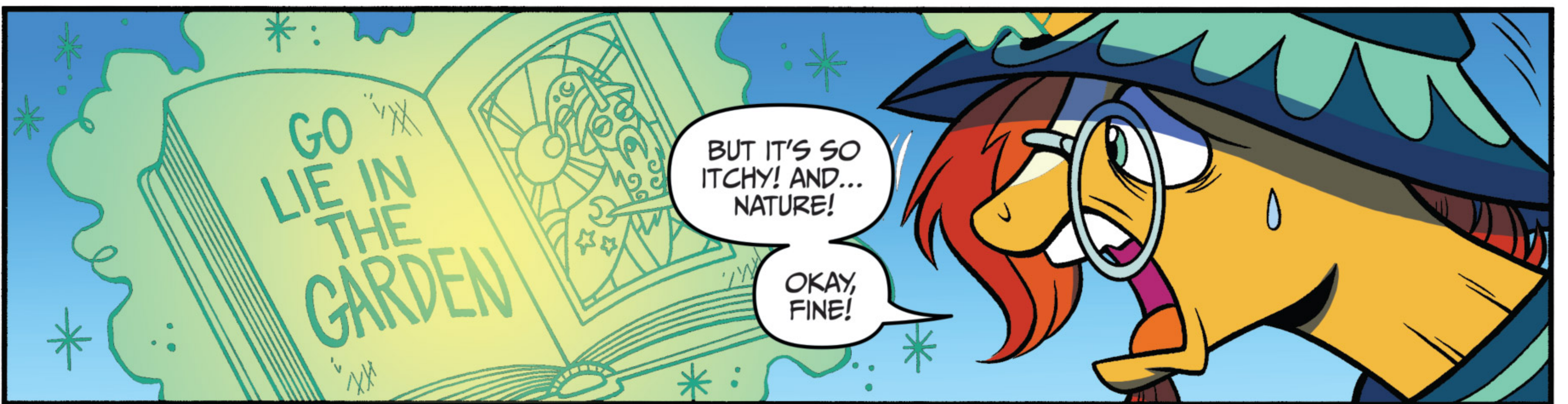
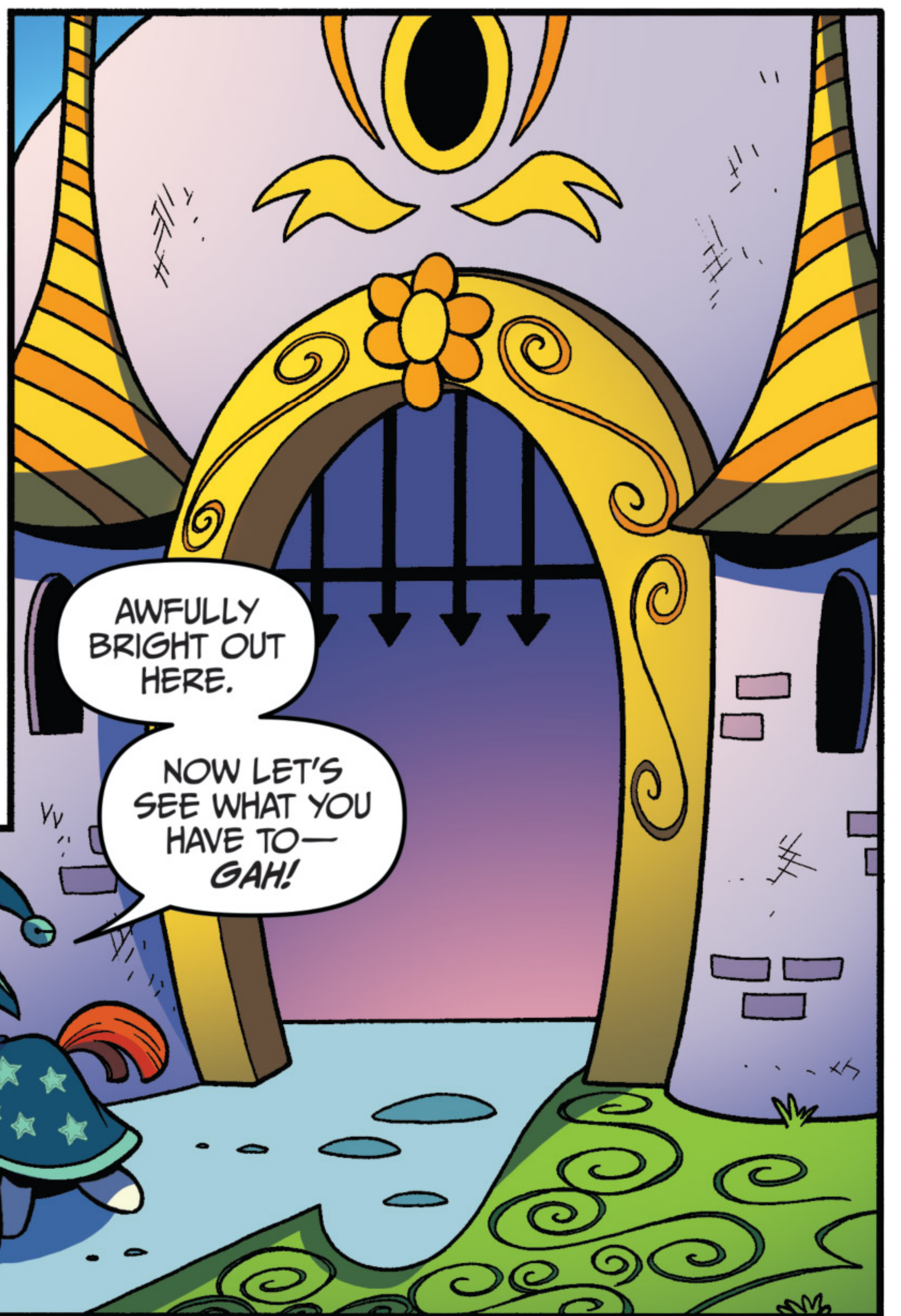


YES, YOU! DO NOT READ THE TALES OF MISTMANE IN YOUR CRAMPED STUDY SURROUNDED BY SPIDERS AND DUST.

HONOR THE MEMORY OF THE GREAT SORCERESS. TAKE THIS BOOK INTO THE GARDENS AND READ IN THE BEAUTY THAT REFLECTS HER OWN.



WELL, WHO'S GOING TO KNOW? STARSWIRL HAS BEEN GONE FOR HUNDREDS OF...



"NOW, EVERYPONY IS FAMILIAR WITH THE MISTMANE WHO WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF ALL PONIES.

"BUT AS I, STARSWIRL THE BEARDED, KNOW—A GREAT AND POWERFUL UNICORN DOES NOT STOP SAVING THE WORLD SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY GET OLD.

"HOW SHE WENT THROUGHOUT THE LAND SPREADING BEAUTY TO EVERY CORNER OF EQUESTRIA.

"NO, CONTRARY TO WHAT LEGEND WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE, MISTMANE'S GREATEST WORKS WERE YET TO COME.

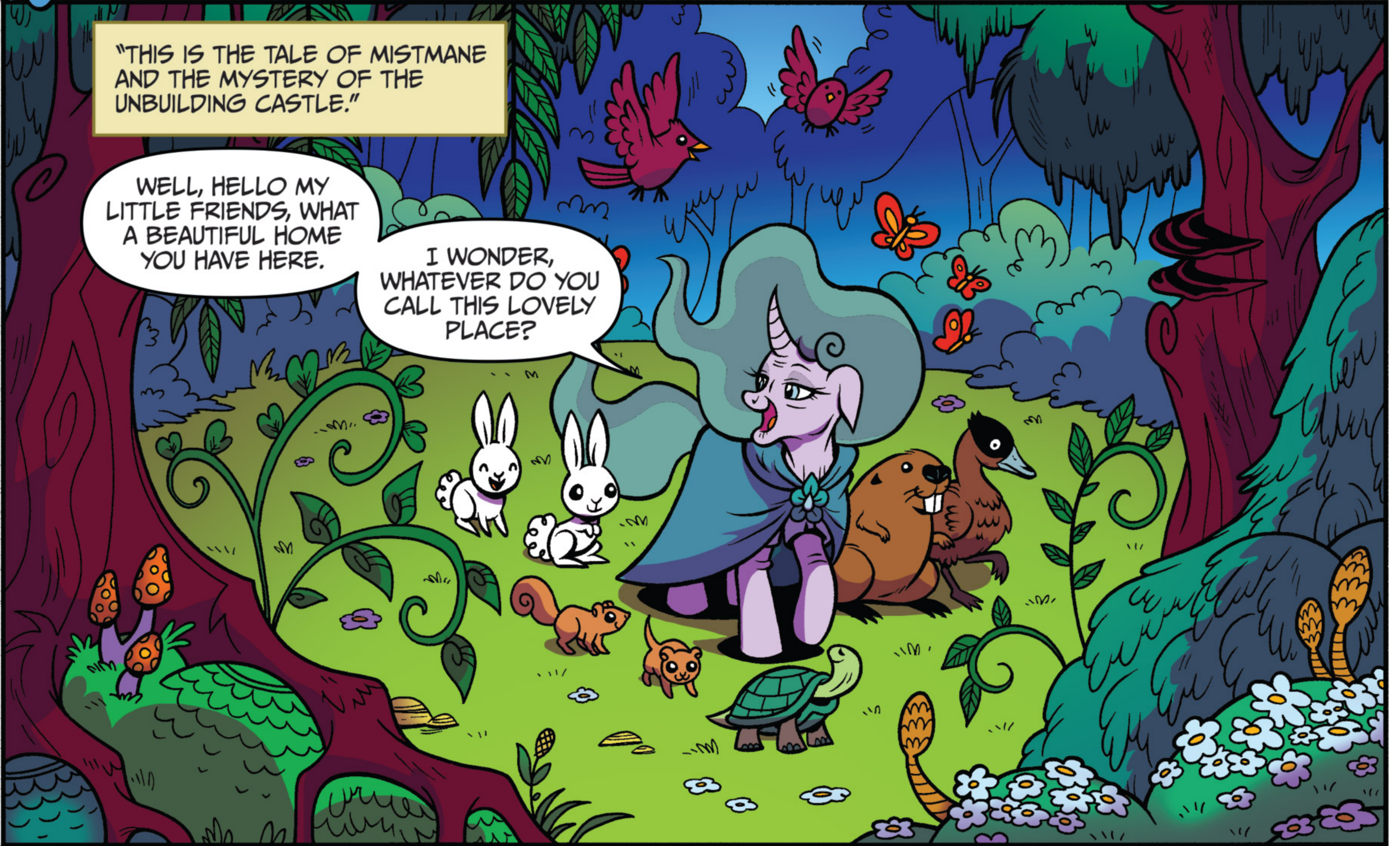
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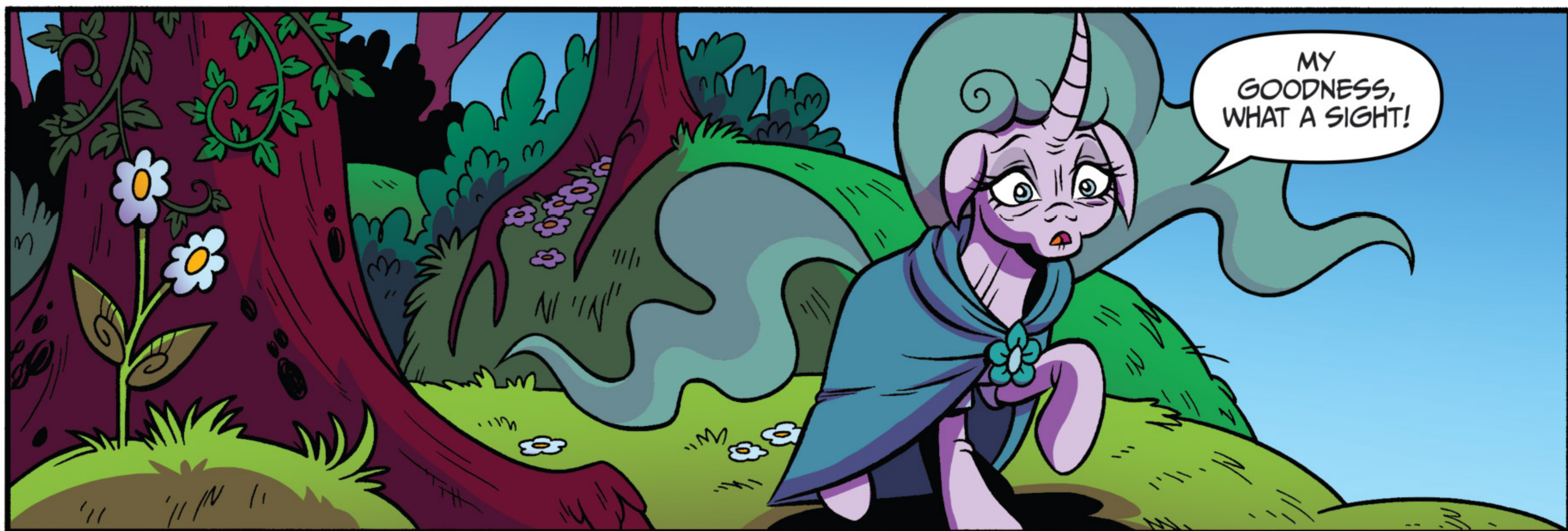
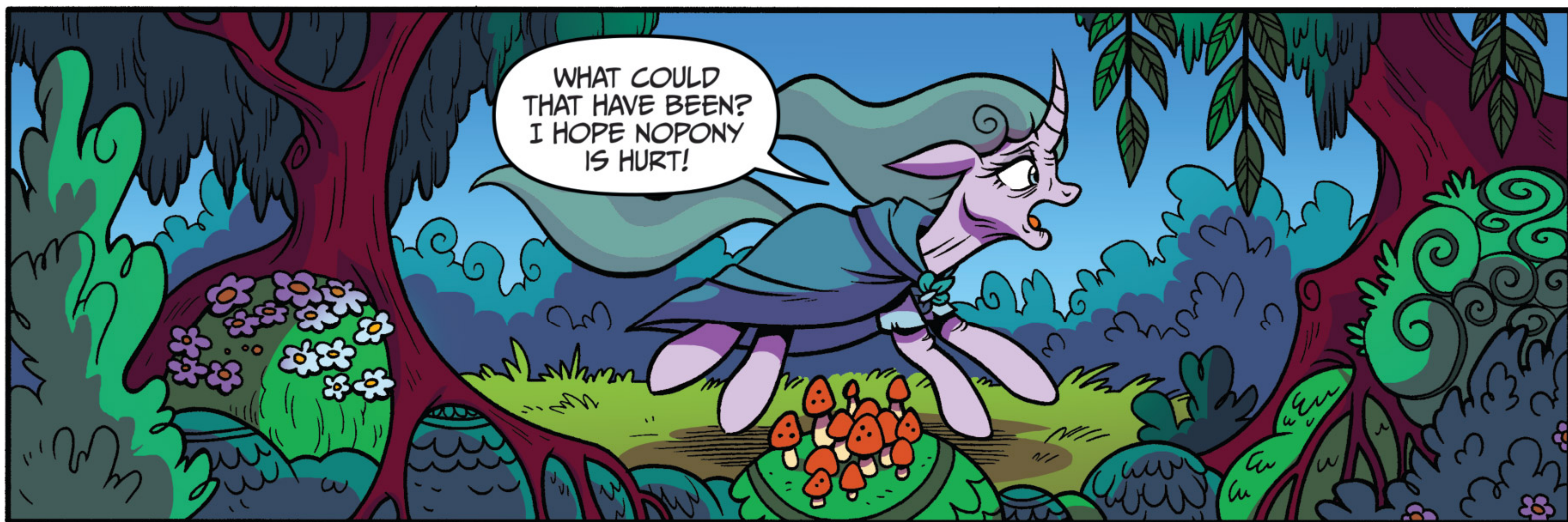
"INCLUDING ONE ADVENTURE WHERE SHE SOLVED A PROBLEM THAT EVEN I COULD NOT.

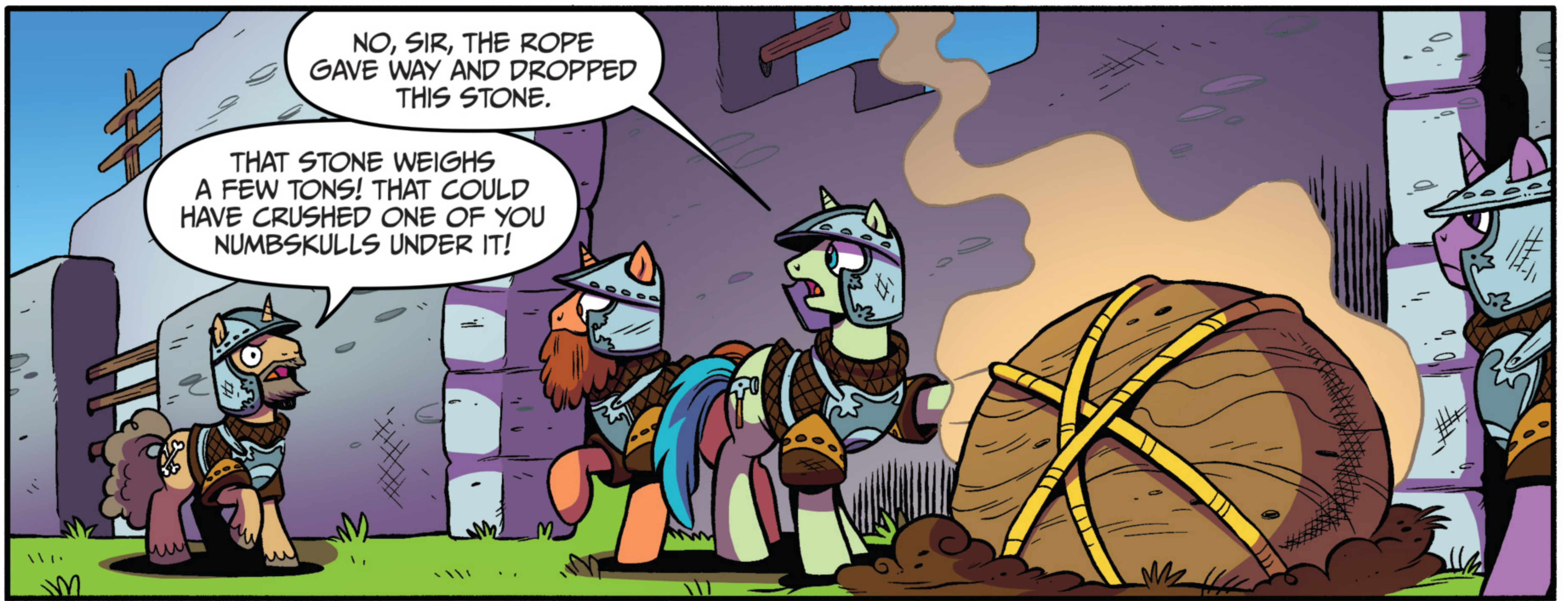
"THIS IS THE TALE OF MISTMANE AND THE MYSTERY OF THE UNBUILDING CASTLE."

WELL, HELLO MY LITTLE FRIENDS, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL HOME YOU HAVE HERE.

I WONDER, WHATEVER DO YOU CALL THIS LOVELY PLACE?







NO, SIR, THE ROPE GAVE WAY AND DROPPED THIS STONE.

THAT STONE WEIGHS A FEW TONS! THAT COULD HAVE CRUSHED ONE OF YOU NUMBSKULLS UNDER IT!



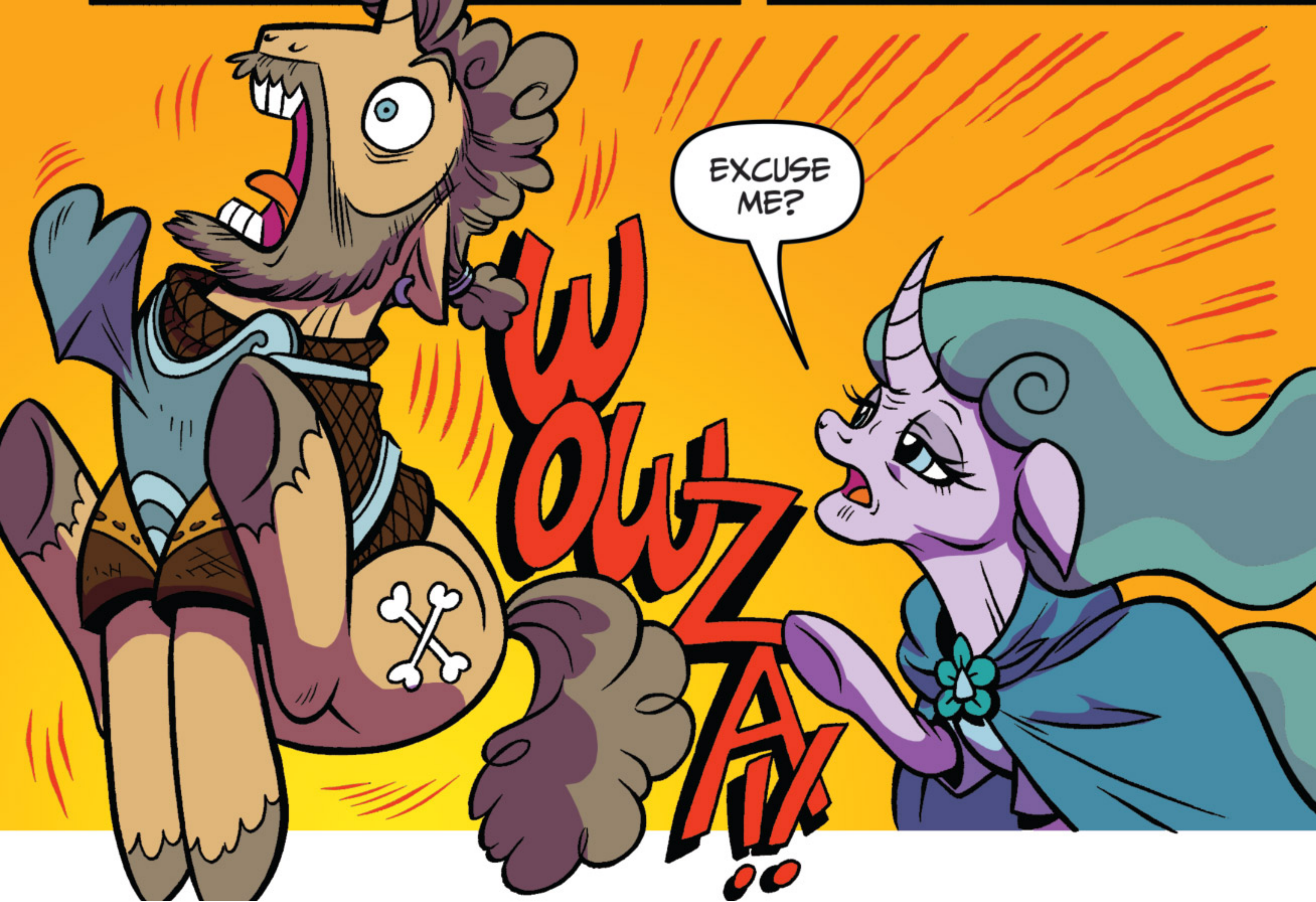
THIS ROPE WAS SABOTAGED! WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING?!

WE'RE ALREADY BEHIND SCHEDULE! IF WE HAVE FOUL PLAY NOW, WHAT DO I DO? DO I JUST STOP THE BUILDING OF THE CASTLE?



ALL OF YOU PONIES, TAKE A LUNCH. WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN PICK BACK UP AFTER.

OR IF SOMEONY ENDS UP SMUSHED.



EXCUSE ME?

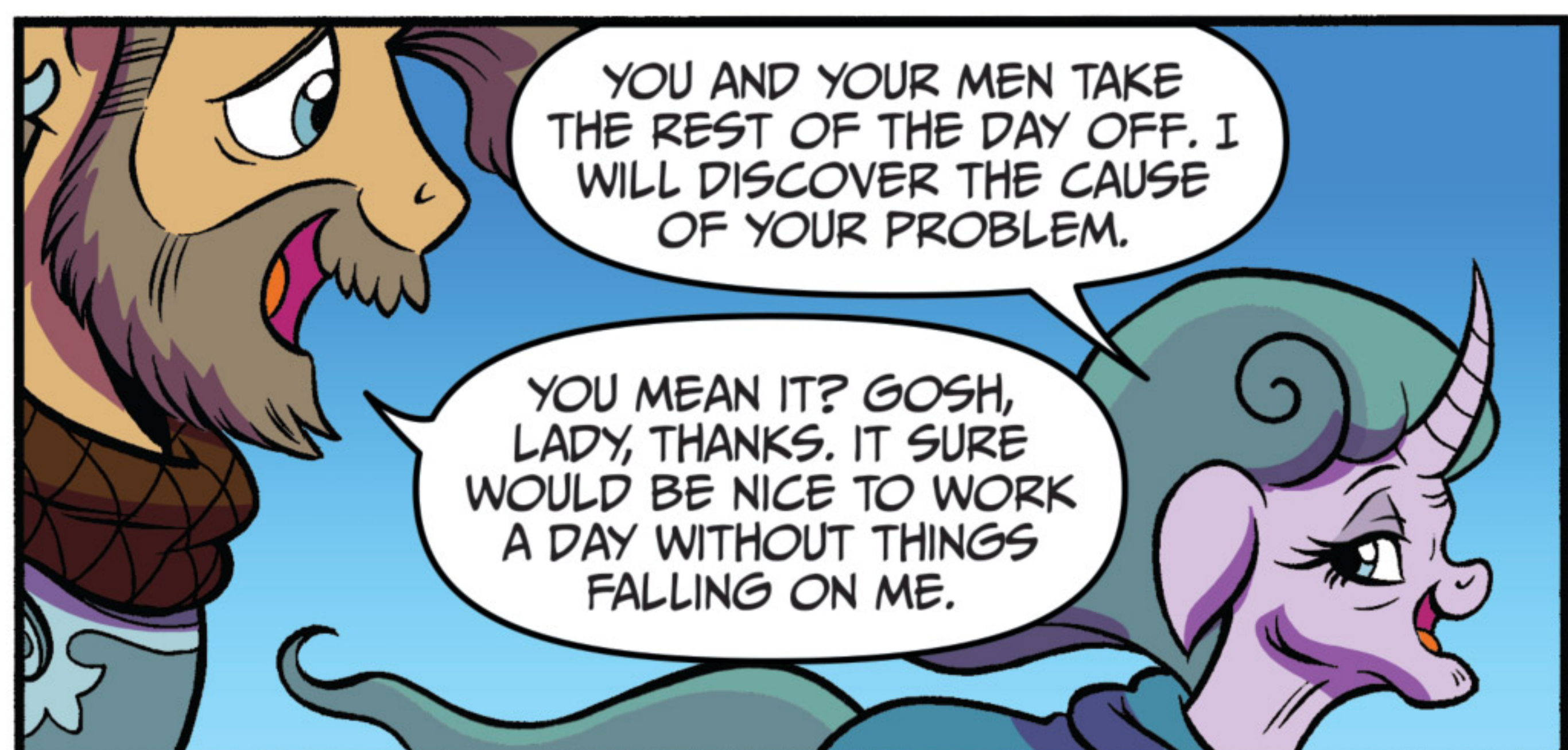
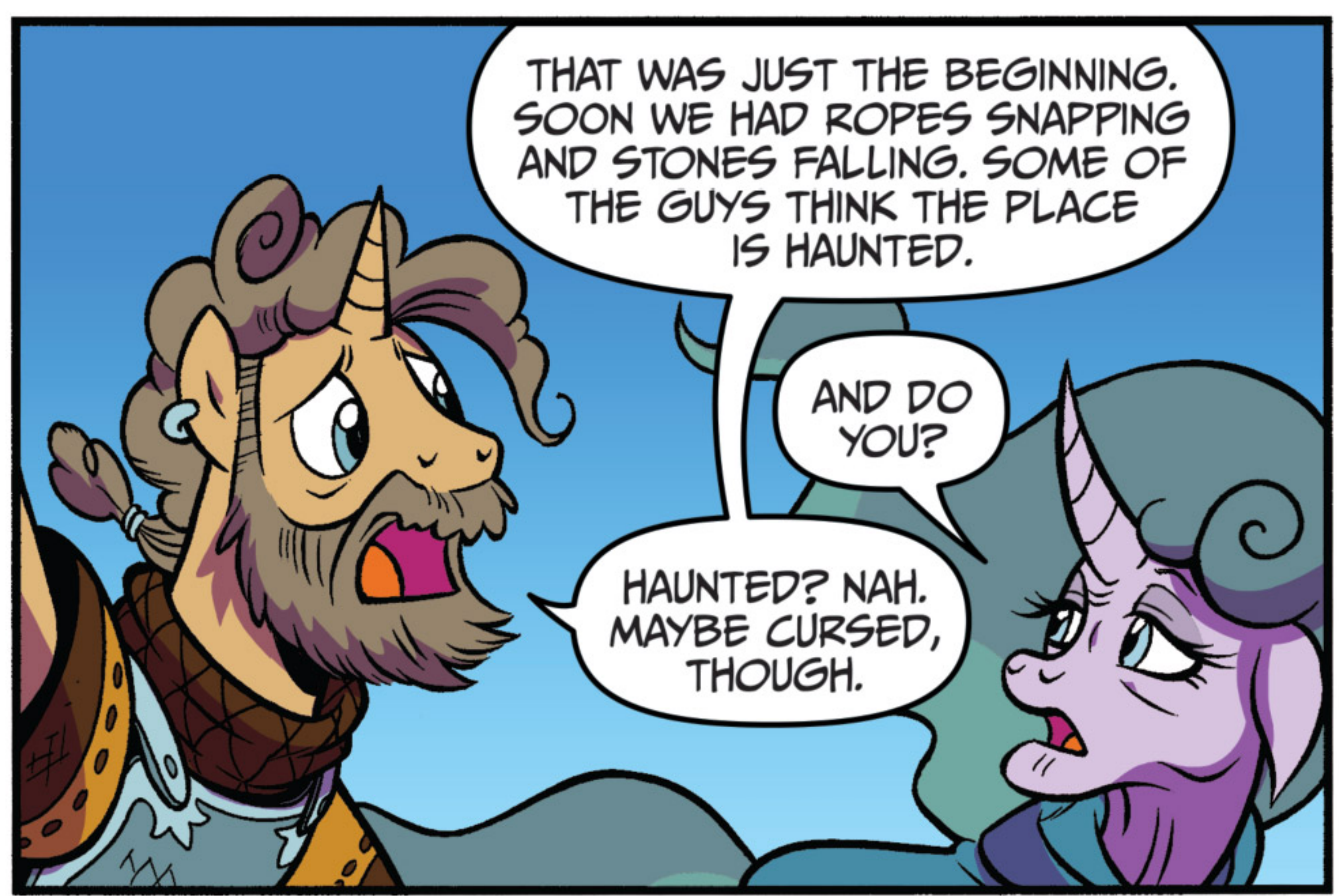
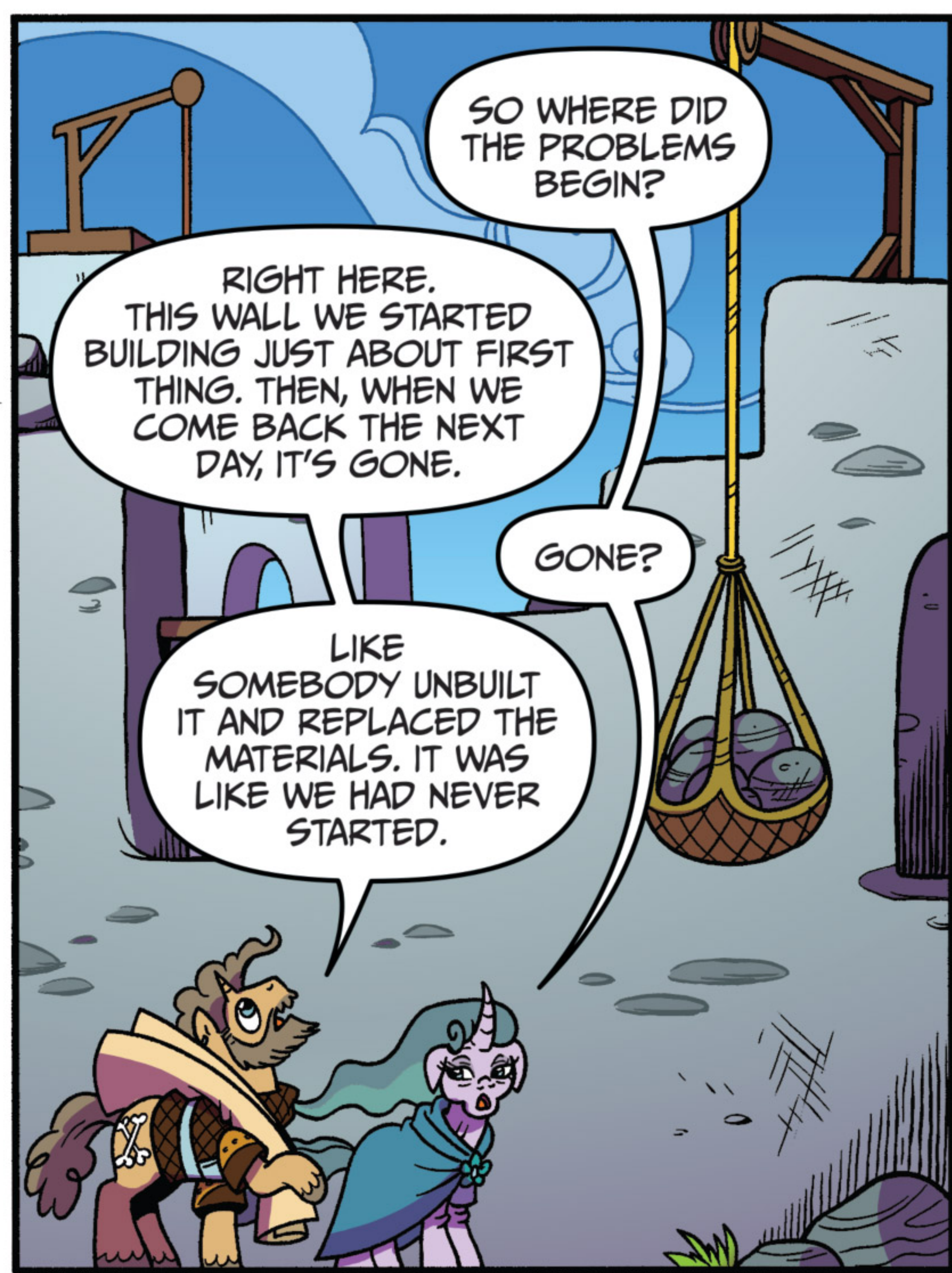
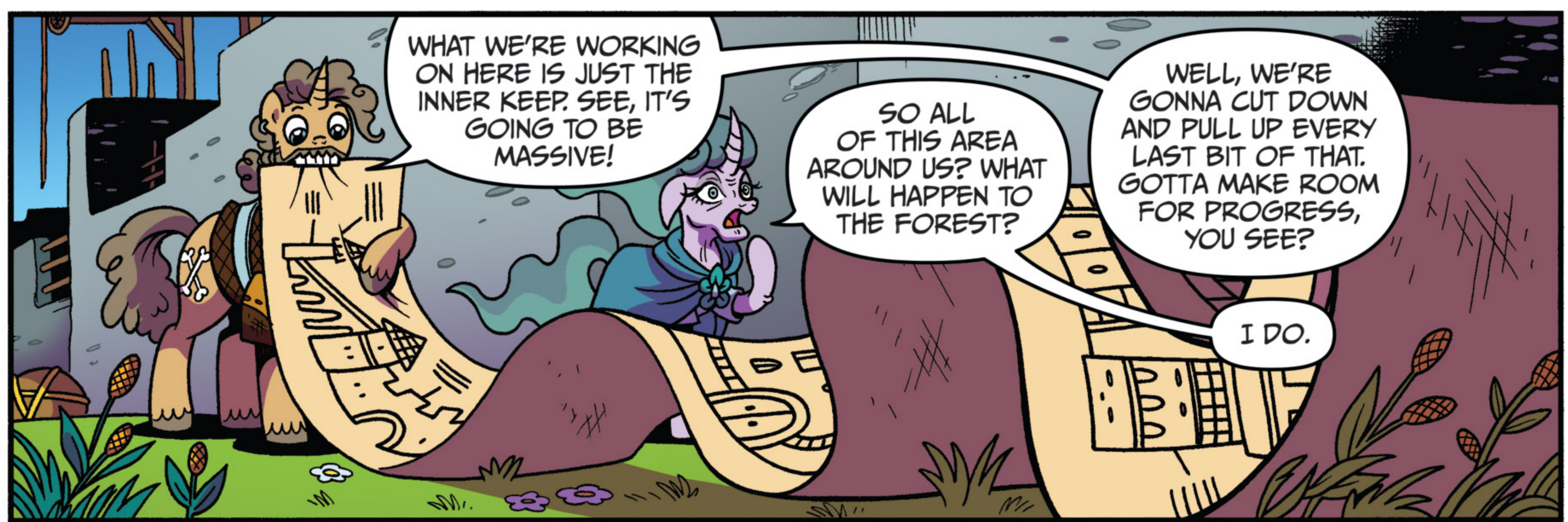
WOWZA!!



LADY, YOU CAN'T JUST SNEAK UP ON A PONY LIKE THAT! I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU WERE THERE!

MY APOLOGIES, I OVERHEARD YOUR CONVERSATION WITH THE OTHER PONIES—

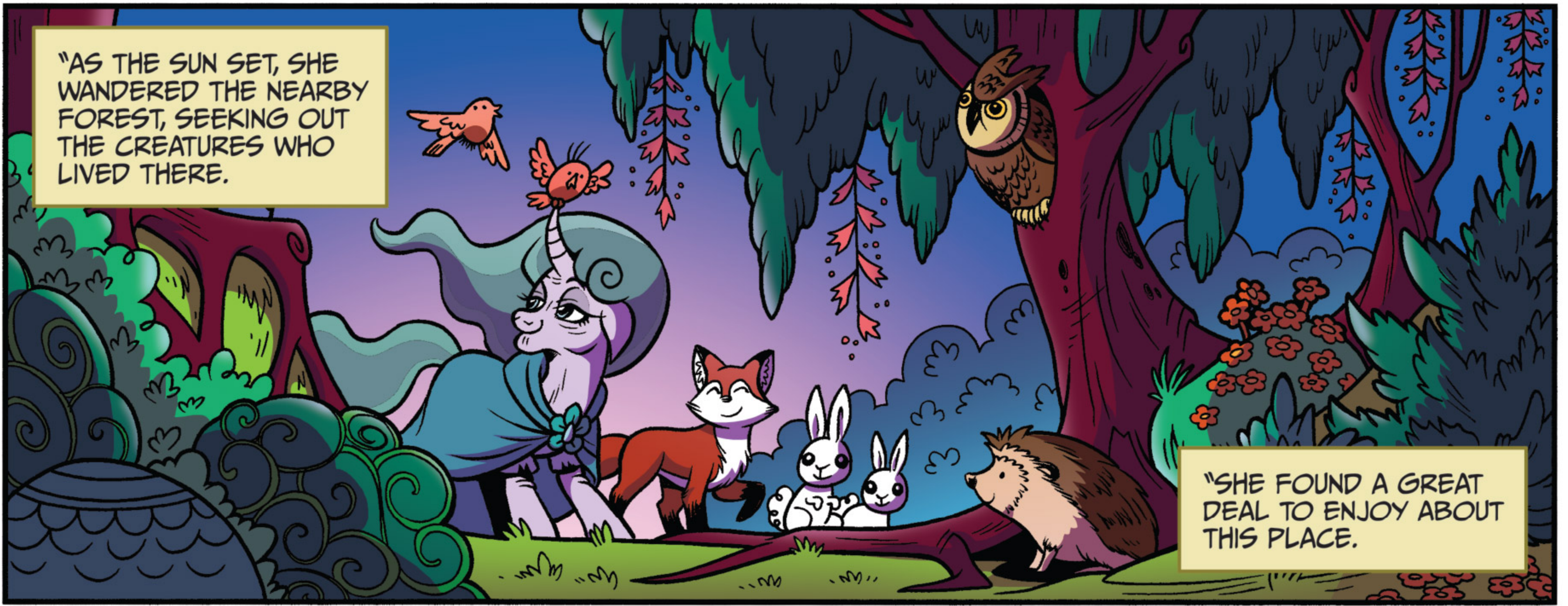
YOU DID? HOW LONG YOU BEEN THERE ANYWAY? I'M LOSING MY MARBLES OUT HERE.





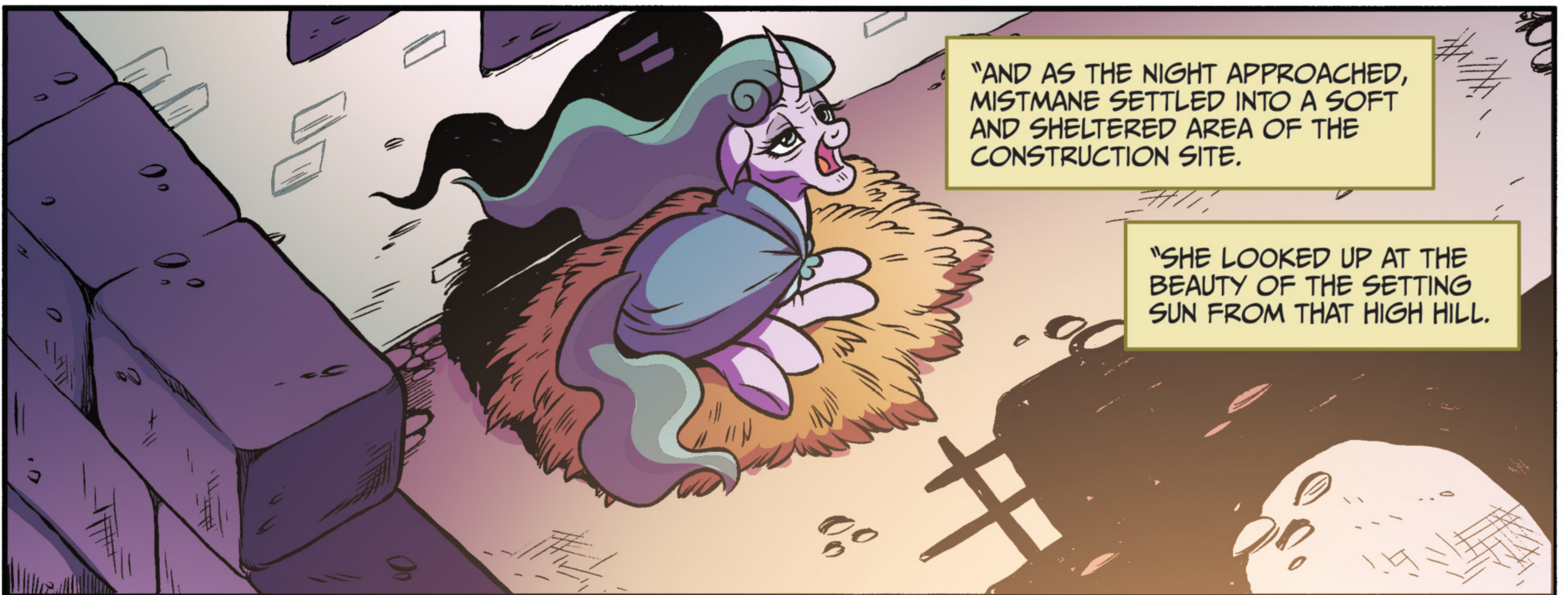
"AND SO MISTMANE SENT AWAY ALL OF THE WORKER PONIES AND KEPT WATCH OVER THE CONSTRUCTION SITE HERSELF."

"SHE WALKED ALL AROUND AND ENJOYED THE BEAUTY OF THAT PLACE."



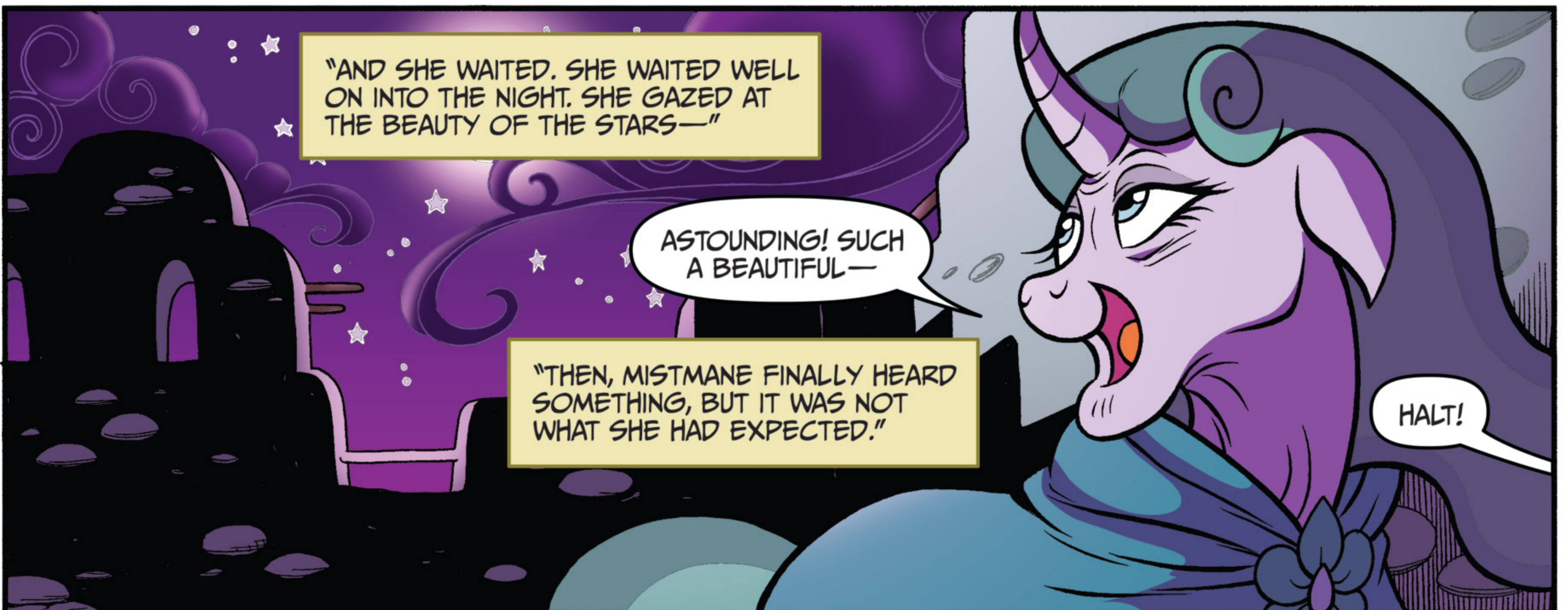
"AS THE SUN SET, SHE WANDERED THE NEARBY FOREST, SEEKING OUT THE CREATURES WHO LIVED THERE."

"SHE FOUND A GREAT DEAL TO ENJOY ABOUT THIS PLACE."



"AND AS THE NIGHT APPROACHED, MISTMANE SETTLED INTO A SOFT AND SHELTERED AREA OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE."

"SHE LOOKED UP AT THE BEAUTY OF THE SETTING SUN FROM THAT HIGH HILL."



"AND SHE WAITED. SHE WAITED WELL ON INTO THE NIGHT. SHE GAZED AT THE BEAUTY OF THE STARS—"

ASTOUNDING! SUCH A BEAUTIFUL—

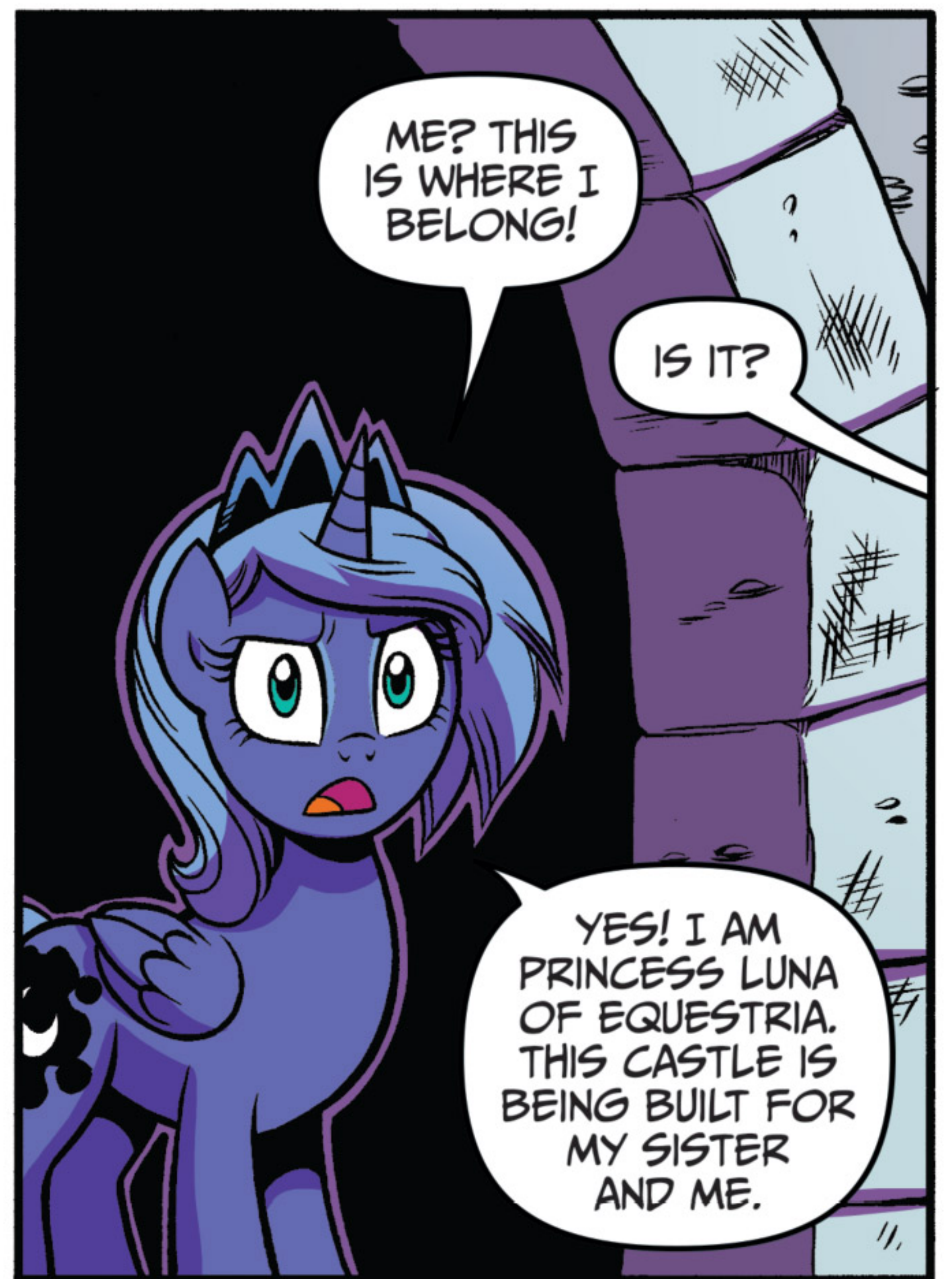
"THEN, MISTMANE FINALLY HEARD SOMETHING, BUT IT WAS NOT WHAT SHE HAD EXPECTED."

HALT!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHO ARE YOU?

I WOULD ASK YOU THE SAME THING.



ME? THIS IS WHERE I BELONG!

IS IT?

YES! I AM PRINCESS LUNA OF EQUESTRIA. THIS CASTLE IS BEING BUILT FOR MY SISTER AND ME.



AND WHAT BUSINESS DOES A PRINCESS HAVE AT AN UNBUILT CASTLE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, YOUNG LUNA?

WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT IT IS EVIL?

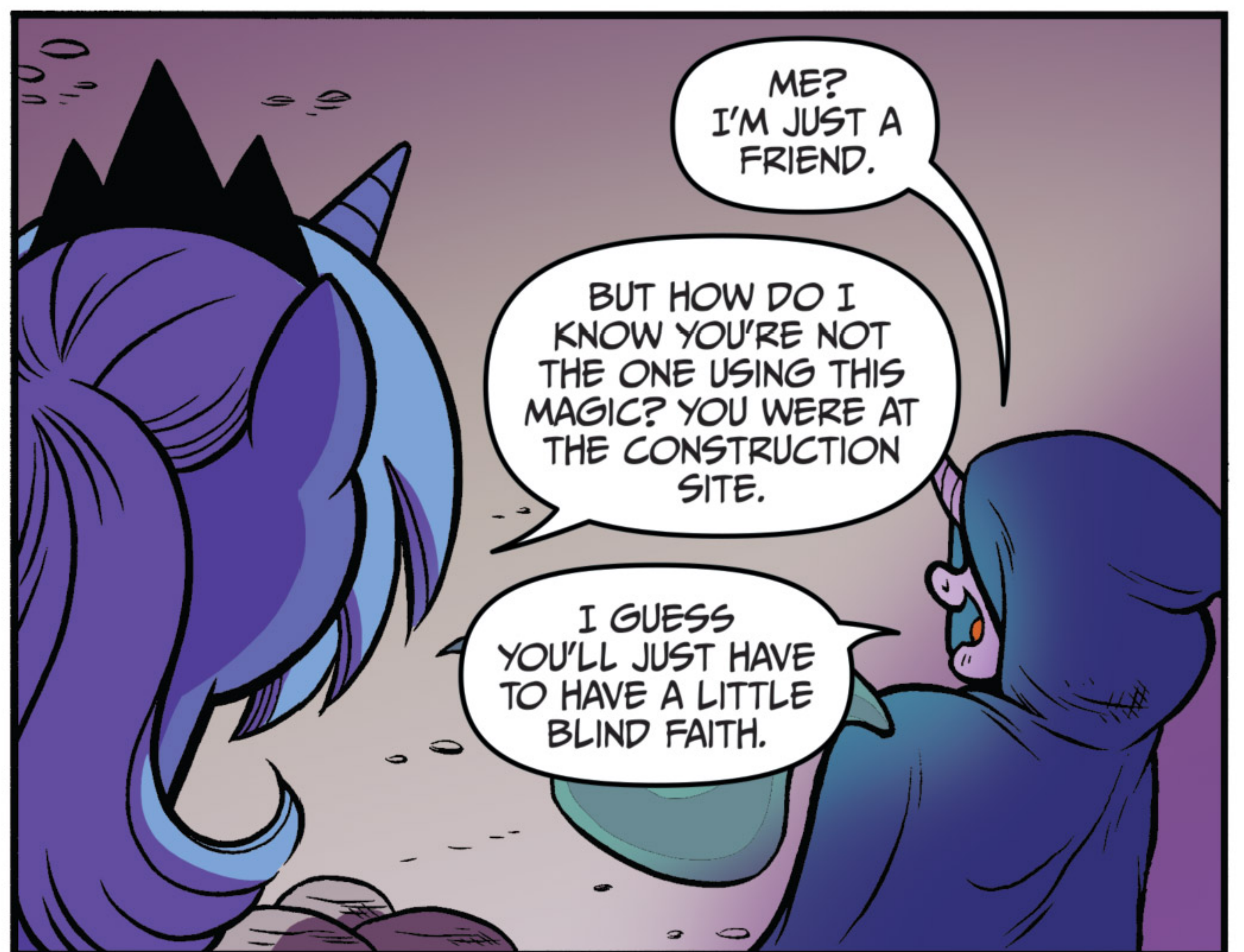
LIKE I SAID, IT IS MY CASTLE. IT HAS BEEN LONG DELAYED DUE TO SOME— EVIL MAGIC.



WELL, OF COURSE IT'S EVIL. IT'S BEEN WREAKING HAVOC ON THE CASTLE. IT'S KEEPING IT FROM BEING BUILT.

I SEE. AND WHY WOULD SOME NEFARIOUS UNICORN WARLOCK WISH TO KEEP YOUR CASTLE FROM BEING BUILT?

I DON'T... HEY, WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY?



ME? I'M JUST A FRIEND.

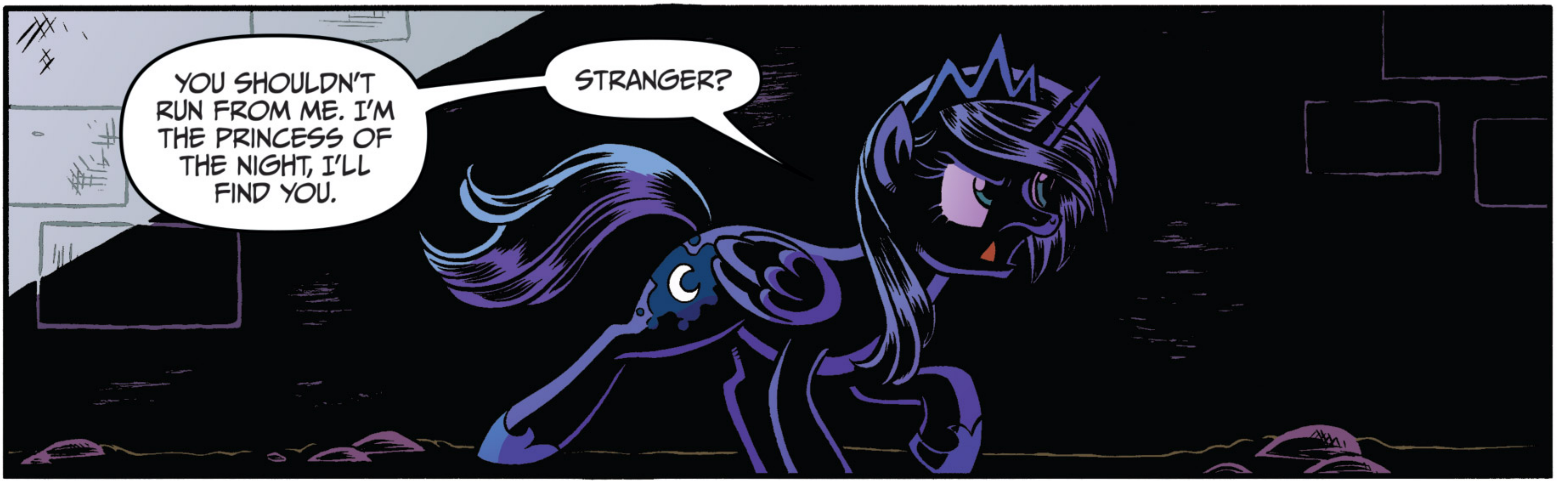
BUT HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE NOT THE ONE USING THIS MAGIC? YOU WERE AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.

I GUESS YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO HAVE A LITTLE BLIND FAITH.



IF IT'S NOT YOU, THEN WHO? YOU STILL DIDN'T SAY WHO YOU WERE!

HEY! GET BACK HERE!





BOOM

**GNAW
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KRASH

POW

SNAP!

CRUNCH





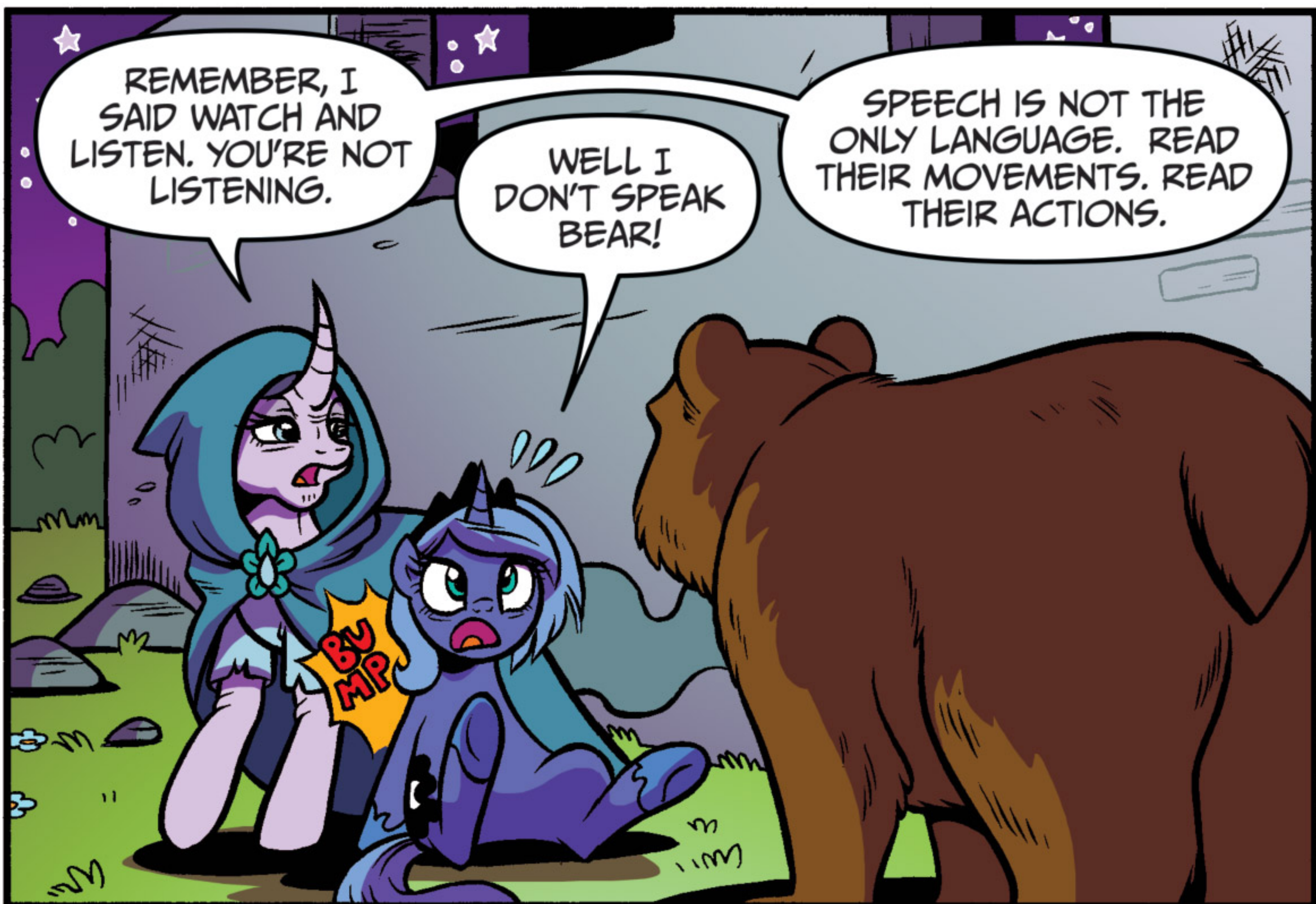


OKAY, BEAR, NOW YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS JUST GO AWAY FROM MY CASTLE. I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO HURT YOU.

SCOOT SCOOT SHUFFLE SHUFFLE SCOOT SCOOT SCOOT SCOOT



NO! DON'T COME CLOSER! STOP!



REMEMBER, I SAID WATCH AND LISTEN. YOU'RE NOT LISTENING.

WELL I DON'T SPEAK BEAR!

SPEECH IS NOT THE ONLY LANGUAGE. READ THEIR MOVEMENTS. READ THEIR ACTIONS.

BY MP



HUH... OKAY, WELL... THEY'RE TAKING APART THE CASTLE SO...

IS IT THAT THEY NEED THE SUPPLIES?

LOOK A LITTLE CLOSER.



IS IT ... IS IT THE CASTLE? DO THEY NOT WANT US TO BUILD IT?

NOD NOD NOD

HE NODDED! HE UNDERSTOOD ME! BUT WHY WOULDN'T THEY WANT US TO BUILD A CASTLE?

"AND SO, THAT NIGHT, LUNA—THE YOUNGER OF THE TWO SISTERS—SAT DOWN AND ASKED QUESTIONS TO THE CREATURES OF CANTERLOT FOREST.

"SHE STILL COULDN'T SPEAK TO THEM, BUT WHEN SHE SLOWED DOWN AND PAID ATTENTION, SHE FOUND IT WASN'T SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CREATURES WANTED.



"AND MISTMARE, AS THE NIGHT WORE ON, SLOWLY BACKED AWAY. LUNA NEVER EVEN REALIZED SHE WAS GONE."

SO, YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT LOSING YOUR HOMES? THAT THE CASTLE, WITH ITS GIANT WALLS, WILL COVER EVERYTHING?



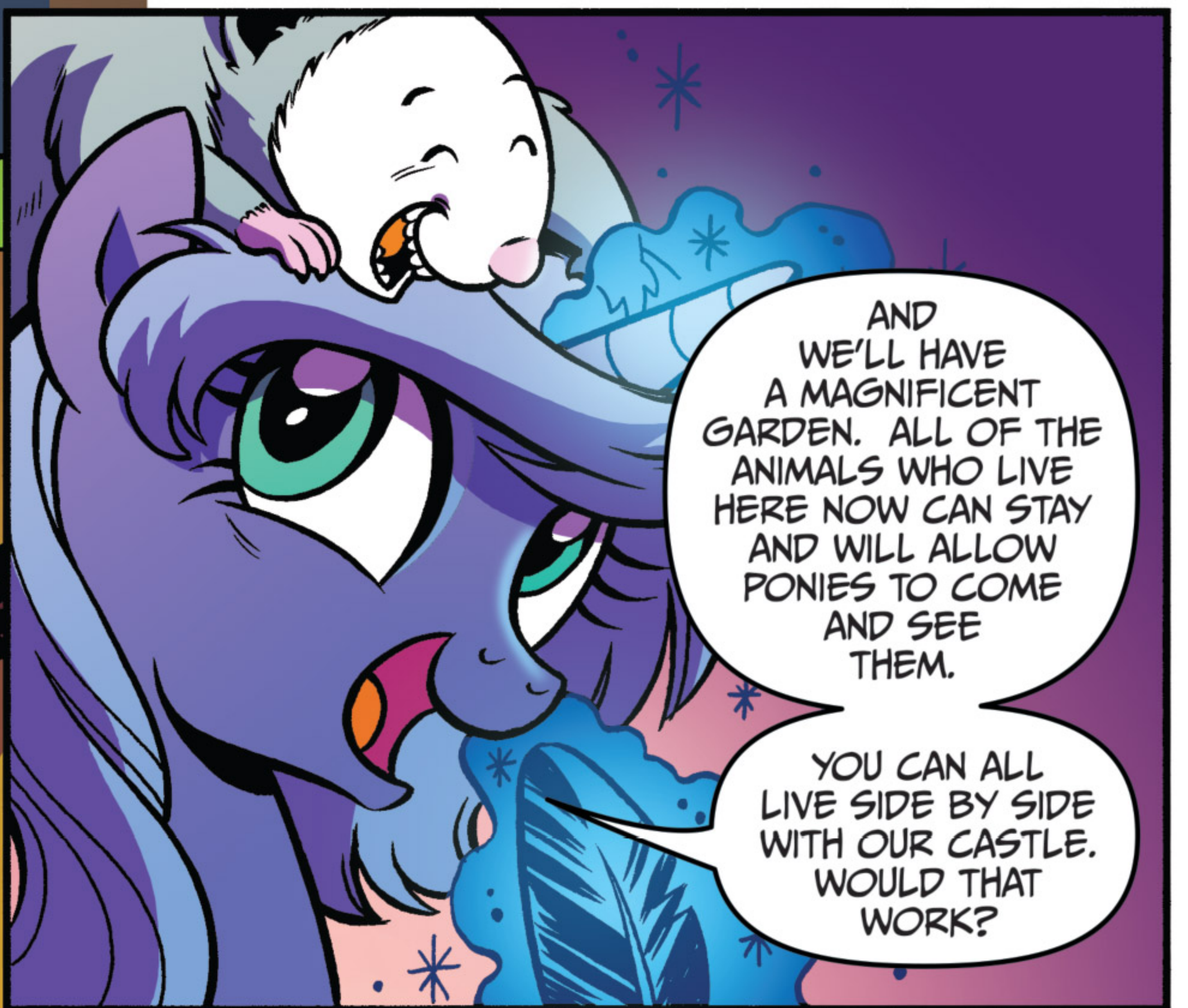
"LUNA LEARNED THAT THE ISSUE WAS NOT THAT THERE WOULD BE A CASTLE, BUT HOW BIG IT WOULD BE AND WHAT IT WOULD DO TO THEIR FOREST."

OKAY, I THINK WE'VE GOT SOMETHING HERE. INSTEAD OF AN ARMORED FORTRESS TO KEEP OUT EVERYONE, IT'S A SHINING BEACON OF HOPE, WELCOMING OTHERS IN?



AND WE'LL HAVE A MAGNIFICENT GARDEN. ALL OF THE ANIMALS WHO LIVE HERE NOW CAN STAY AND WILL ALLOW PONIES TO COME AND SEE THEM.

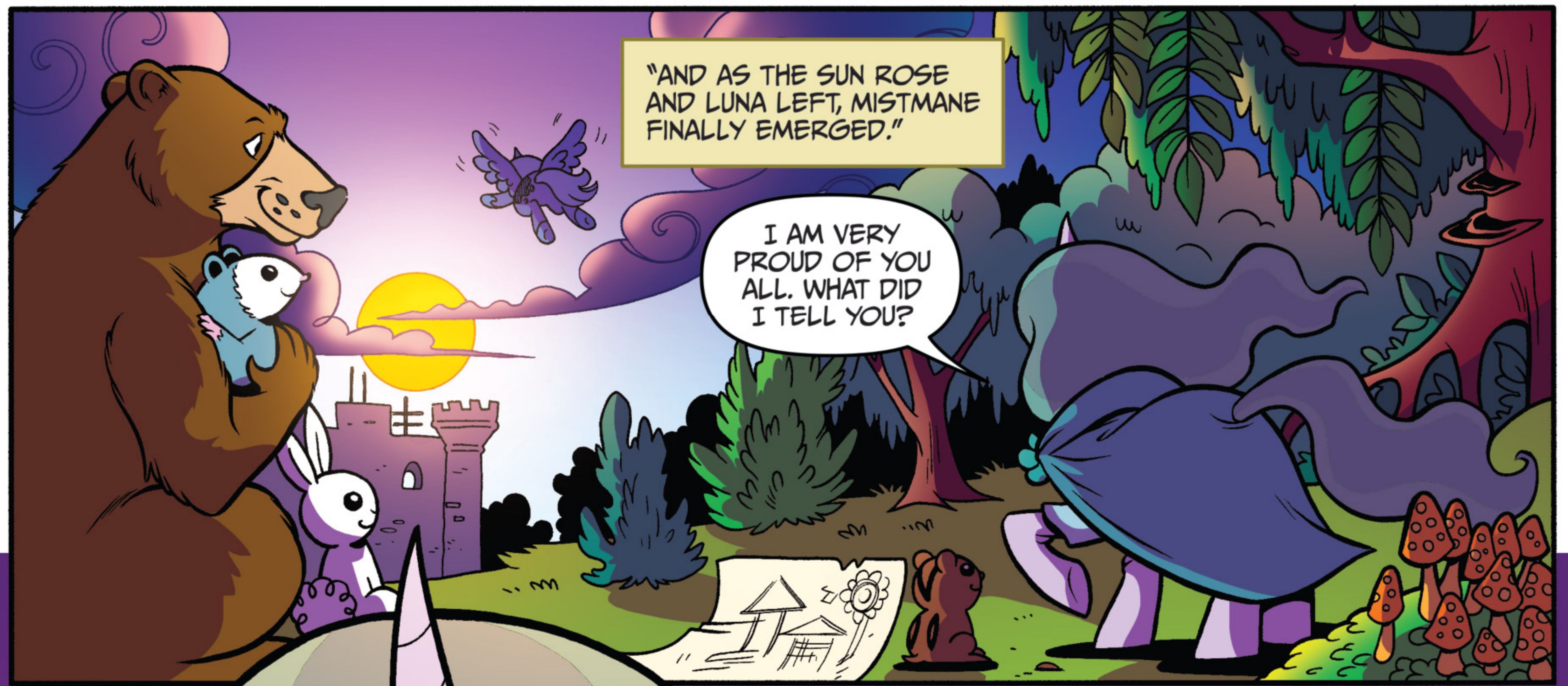
YOU CAN ALL LIVE SIDE BY SIDE WITH OUR CASTLE. WOULD THAT WORK?



OH MY, IT'S ALREADY MORNING. I NEED TO GET BACK.

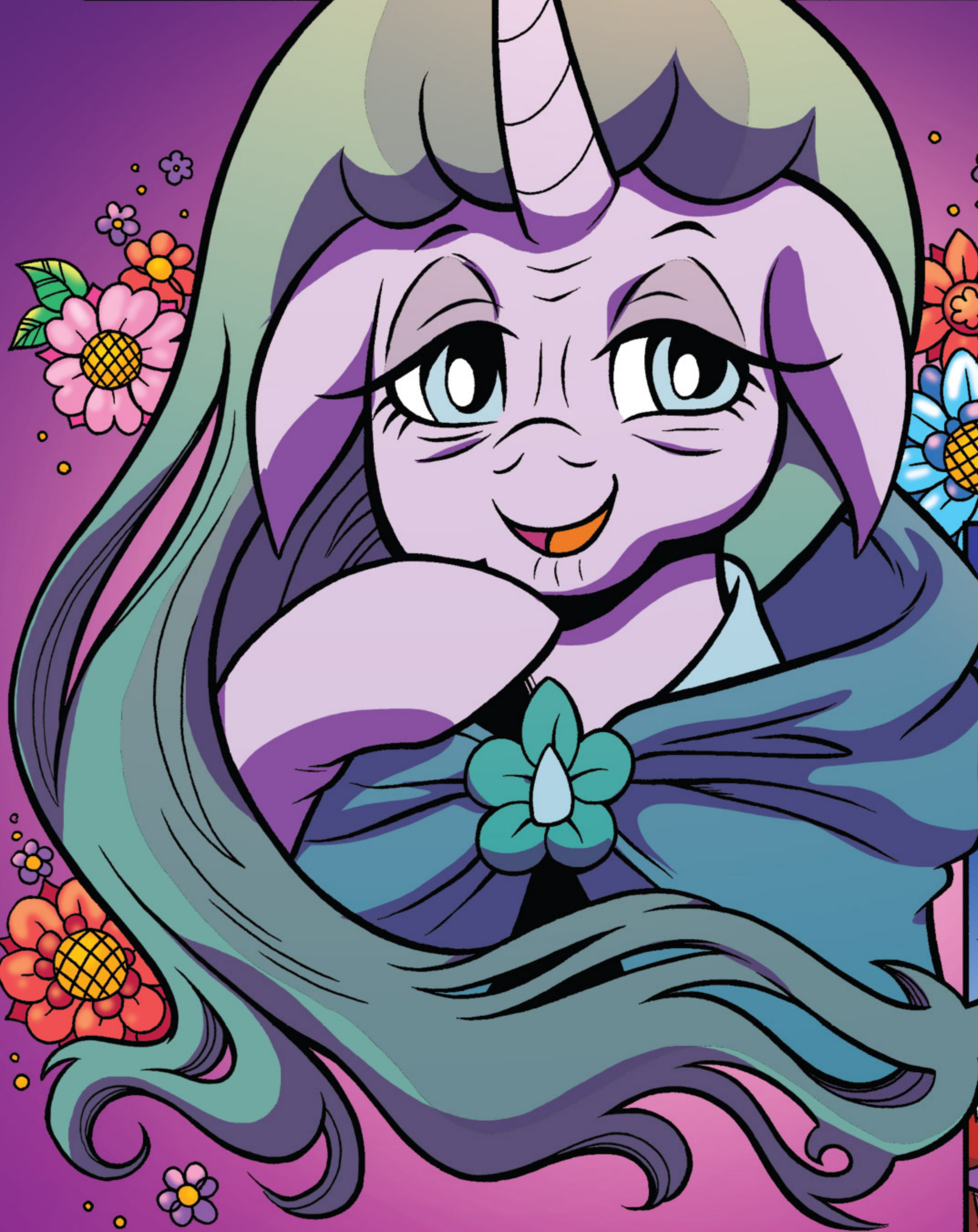
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO TALK TO ME. I'LL REMEMBER TO LISTEN IN THE FUTURE.





"AND AS THE SUN ROSE AND LUNA LEFT, MISTMANE FINALLY EMERGED."

I AM VERY PROUD OF YOU ALL. WHAT DID I TELL YOU?



THANK YOURSELF AND THE PRINCESS. YOU'RE THE ONES THAT SOLVED YOUR OWN PROBLEMS.

I MERELY ASSISTED WITH OPENING THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

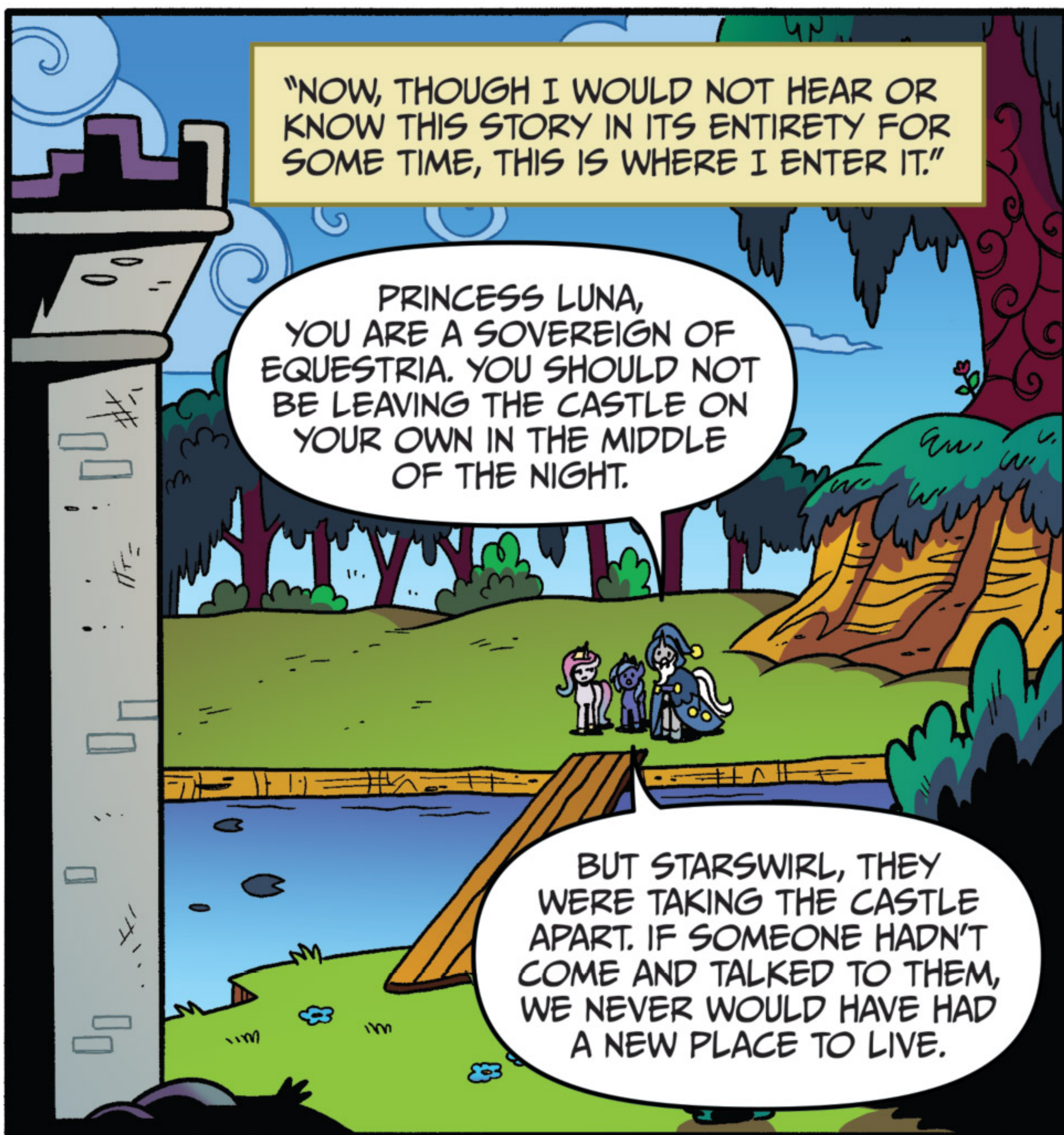


IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE BEAUTIFUL. MAYBE THESE PRINCESSES ARE EXACTLY WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS.

YOU ALL HAD BETTER GET BACK TO THE FOREST BEFORE THE BUILDERS GET BACK. SPEAKING OF WHICH—



THEY WON'T HAVE ANY MORE TROUBLE FROM YOU, WILL THEY? EXCELLENT.



"NOW, THOUGH I WOULD NOT HEAR OR KNOW THIS STORY IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR SOME TIME, THIS IS WHERE I ENTER IT."

PRINCESS LUNA, YOU ARE A SOVEREIGN OF EQUESTRIA. YOU SHOULD NOT BE LEAVING THE CASTLE ON YOUR OWN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

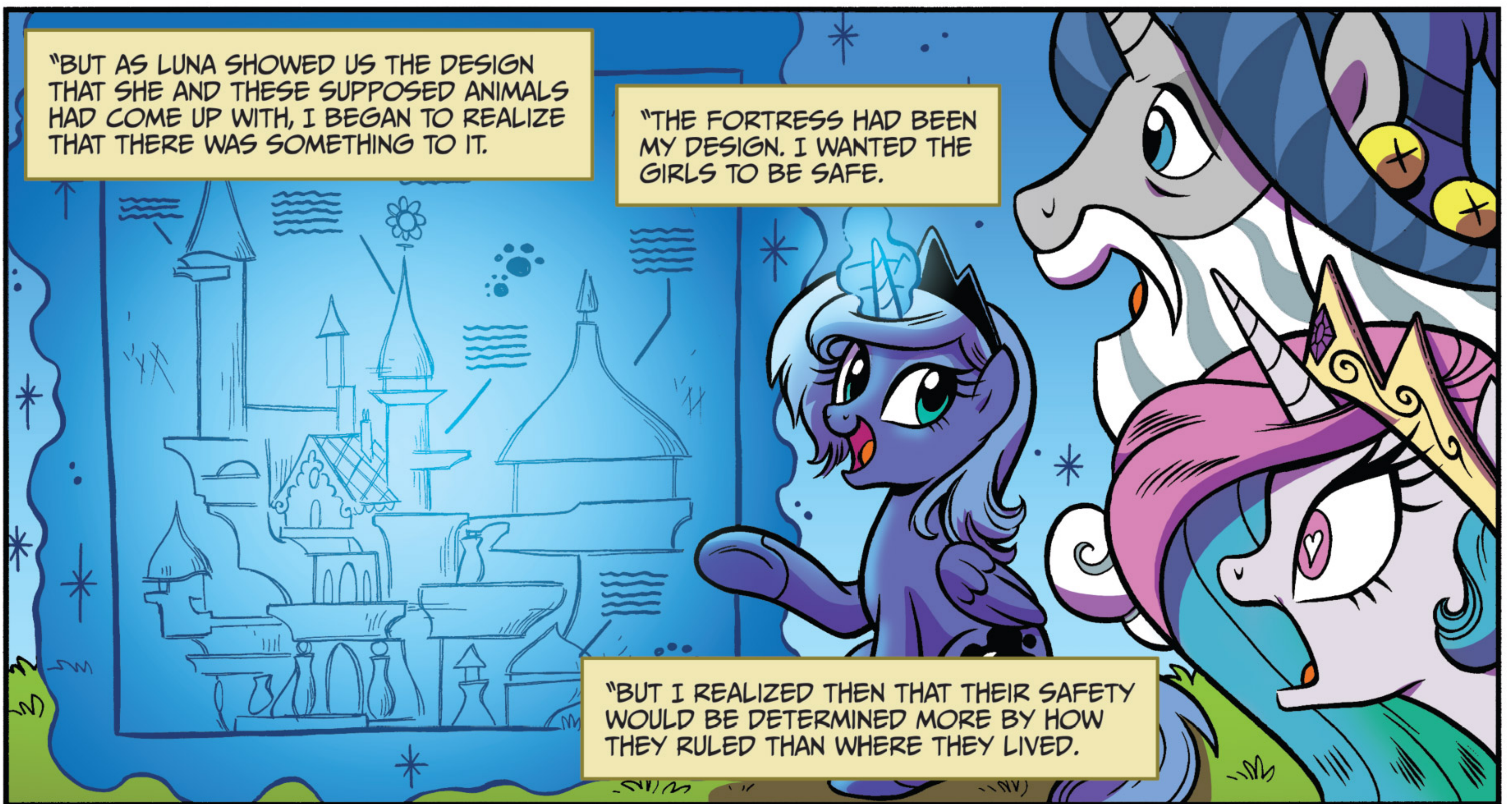
BUT STARSWIRL, THEY WERE TAKING THE CASTLE APART. IF SOMEONE HADN'T COME AND TALKED TO THEM, WE NEVER WOULD HAVE HAD A NEW PLACE TO LIVE.



SO YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THAT YOU FLEW OUT HERE AND SPOKE TO ANIMALS EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT BEFORE?

IT WASN'T LIKE THAT. THEY DIDN'T SAY WORDS, BUT I TOOK TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS AND SEE THEIR REACTIONS. IT'S NOT THAT HARD WHEN YOU MAKE AN EFFORT.

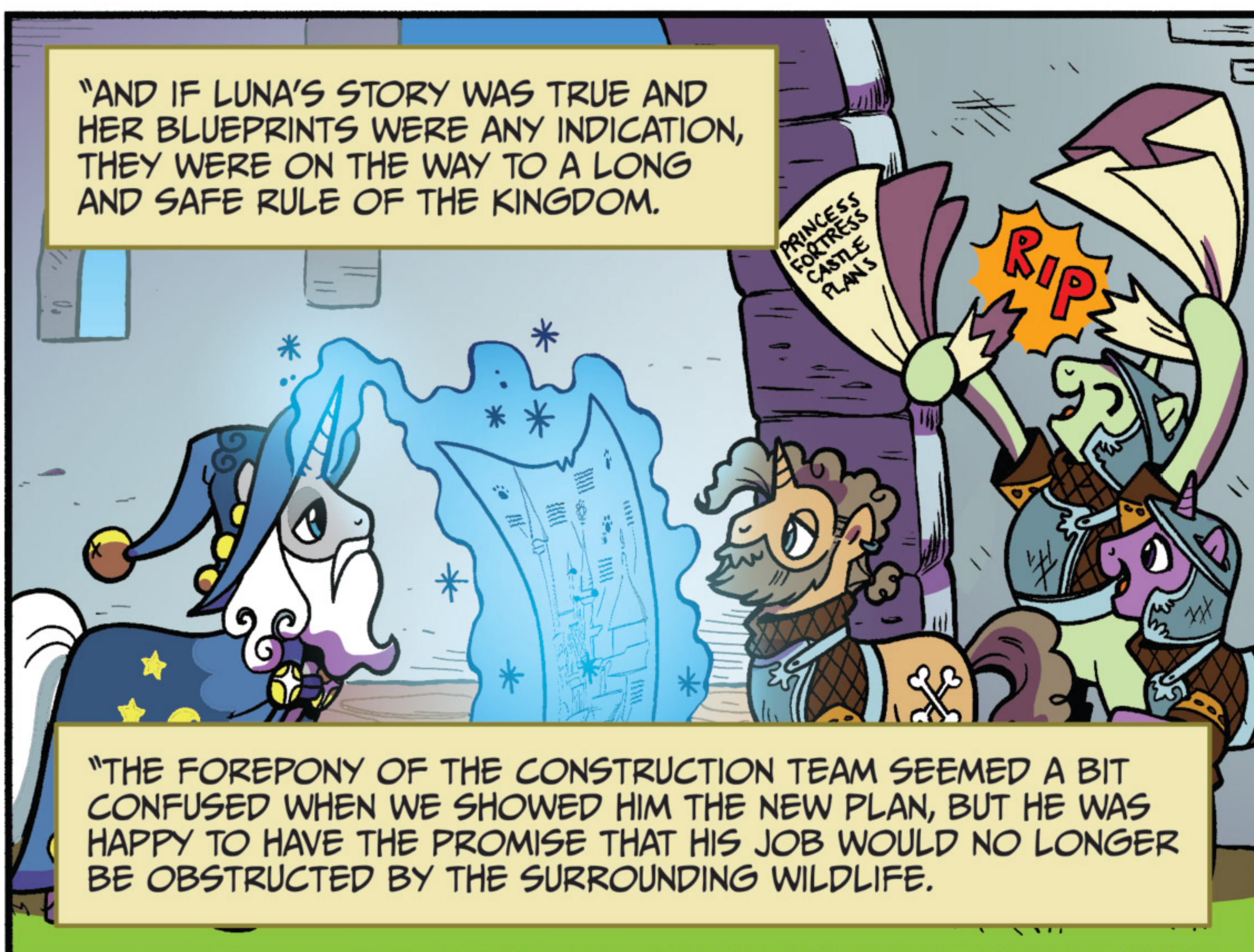
THE LEAST YOU COULD DO IS MAKE YOUR LIES MORE MAGICAL, LUNA.



"BUT AS LUNA SHOWED US THE DESIGN THAT SHE AND THESE SUPPOSED ANIMALS HAD COME UP WITH, I BEGAN TO REALIZE THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING TO IT.

"THE FORTRESS HAD BEEN MY DESIGN. I WANTED THE GIRLS TO BE SAFE.

"BUT I REALIZED THEN THAT THEIR SAFETY WOULD BE DETERMINED MORE BY HOW THEY RULED THAN WHERE THEY LIVED.



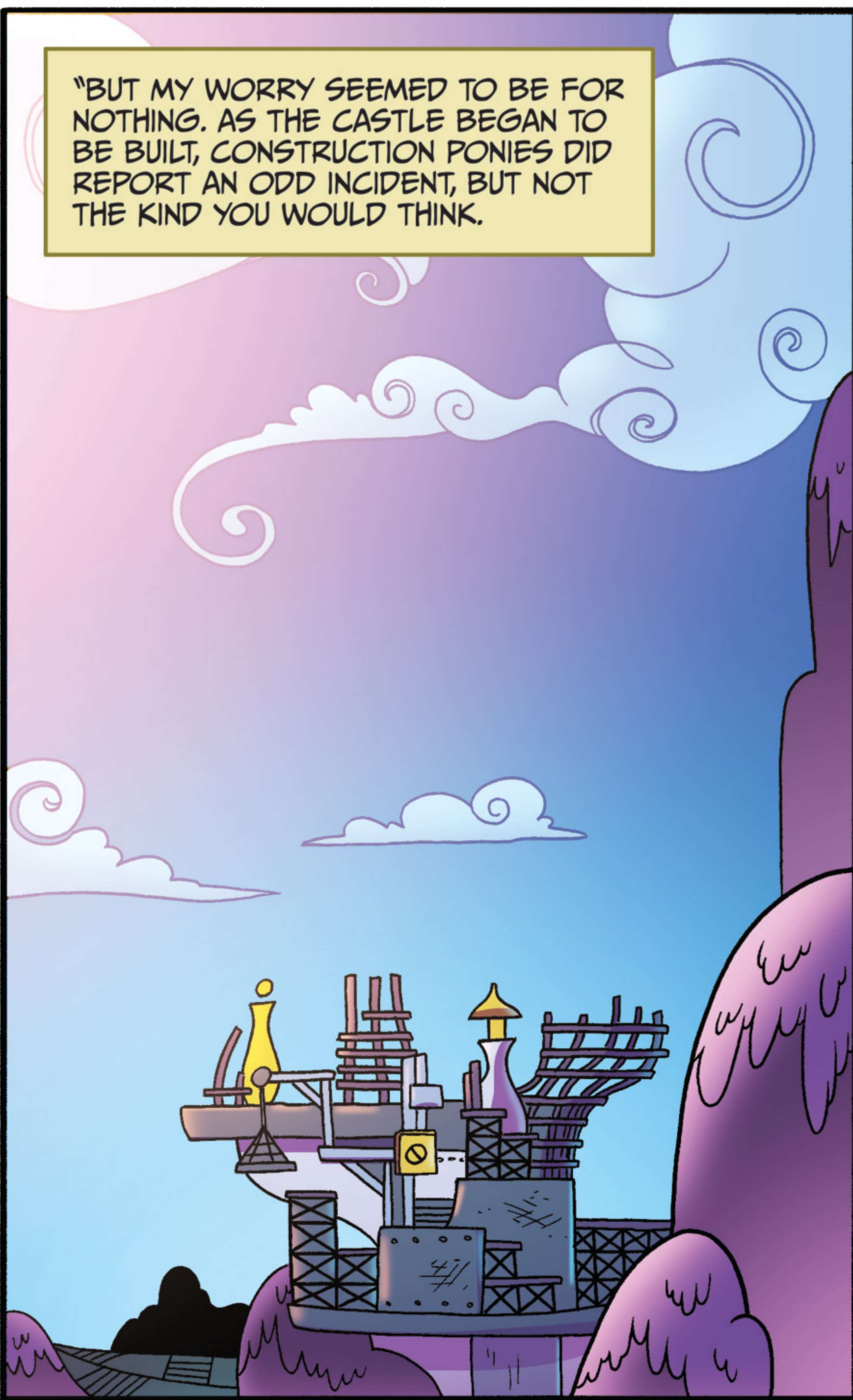
"AND IF LUNA'S STORY WAS TRUE AND HER BLUEPRINTS WERE ANY INDICATION, THEY WERE ON THE WAY TO A LONG AND SAFE RULE OF THE KINGDOM.

"THE FOREPONY OF THE CONSTRUCTION TEAM SEEMED A BIT CONFUSED WHEN WE SHOWED HIM THE NEW PLAN, BUT HE WAS HAPPY TO HAVE THE PROMISE THAT HIS JOB WOULD NO LONGER BE OBSTRUCTED BY THE SURROUNDING WILDLIFE.



"THE ONLY THING THAT CONCERNED ME WERE THOSE GARDENS. THERE WAS NO TELLING WHAT THE ANIMALS WANTED. IF THE GARDENS WERE NOT TO THEIR SATISFACTION, WOULD THEY REVOLT?"

"BUT MY WORRY SEEMED TO BE FOR NOTHING. AS THE CASTLE BEGAN TO BE BUILT, CONSTRUCTION PONIES DID REPORT AN ODD INCIDENT, BUT NOT THE KIND YOU WOULD THINK.



"TOOLS THEY HAD LOST MONTHS AGO APPEARED JUST WHEN THEY NEEDED THEM. PROJECTS THAT WERE LEFT UNFINISHED OVERNIGHT WOULD SUDDENLY BE COMPLETE THE NEXT MORNING.



"THE WORK PONIES HAD RENEWED STRENGTH OF SPIRIT. THE CASTLE WENT UP MUCH FASTER THAN ANY OF US THOUGHT IT WOULD.



"FINALLY, THE BEACON OF HOPE THAT LUNA AND HER WOODLAND FRIENDS HAD ENVISIONED WAS COMPLETE. ALL THAT WAS LEFT WAS THE GARDENS.



"THE WORKPONIES BROUGHT SOME POTTERY, BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE SKILLS TO CREATE THE SORT OF BEAUTIFUL GARDEN THAT THAT CASTLE DEMANDED."



"THAT, I IMAGINED, WOULD FALL TO ME."

LET'S SEE NOW. MAGICAL FICUS... FERNS... FEATHER GRASS... FENNEL.



"TO MY SURPRISE, THE JOB WAS ALREADY COMPLETED. AND THEY HAD DONE A MUCH BETTER JOB THAN I EVER WOULD HAVE."



"IN HER EXCITEMENT, LUNA HAD FORGOTTEN TO TELL ME ABOUT THE STRANGE HOODED PONY SHE HAD MET. IT WOULD BE WEEKS BEFORE SHE REMEMBERED TO TELL ME."

"WHICH IS ODD, BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH THAT PART OF THE STORY HAD NOT BEEN SHARED WITH ME—



"—I COULD HAVE SWORN I SAW THE SHADOW OF A HOODED PONY WALKING THROUGH THE GARDEN."



"BUT WHEN I TRIED TO FOLLOW THE SHAPE, I LOST HER."

"AND FOUND ONLY FLOWERS... BUT... THE FLOWERS MADE ME IMMEDIATELY THINK OF MISTMANE."



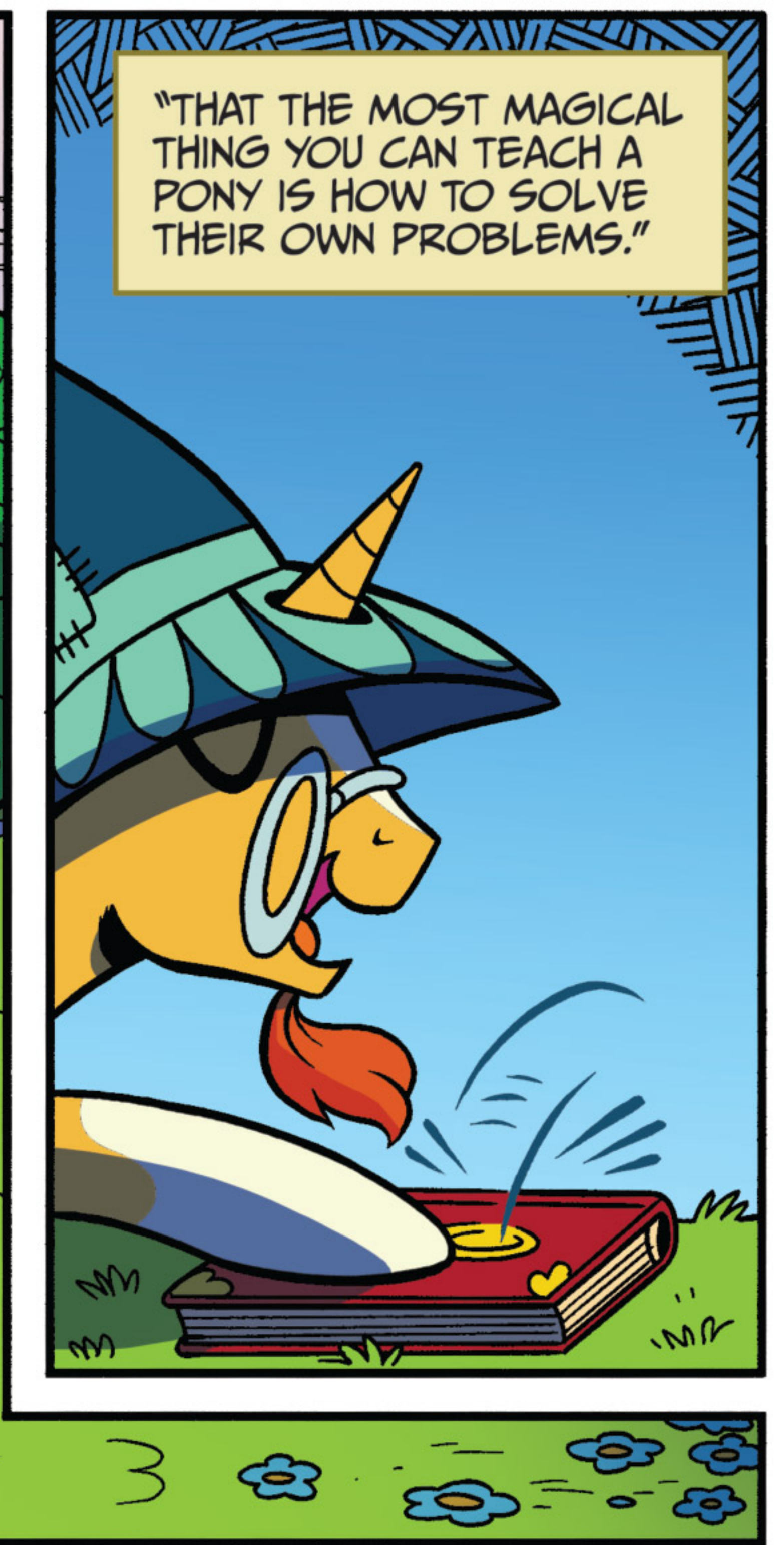
"SOME NIGHTS, WHEN A SPELL WAS VEXING ME, I WOULD GO FOR WALKS IN THE GARDENS."

"AND SOMETIMES I WAS SURE I SAW A HOODED UNICORN TENDING THE PLANTS."

"PERHAPS IT WAS THAT LEGENDARY PONY, AND SHE KNEW A LESSON THAT IT WOULD TAKE ME YEARS OF TEACHING LUNA AND CELESTIA TO LEARN."



"THAT THE MOST MAGICAL THING YOU CAN TEACH A PONY IS HOW TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS."



LOOK AND LISTEN, HUH?

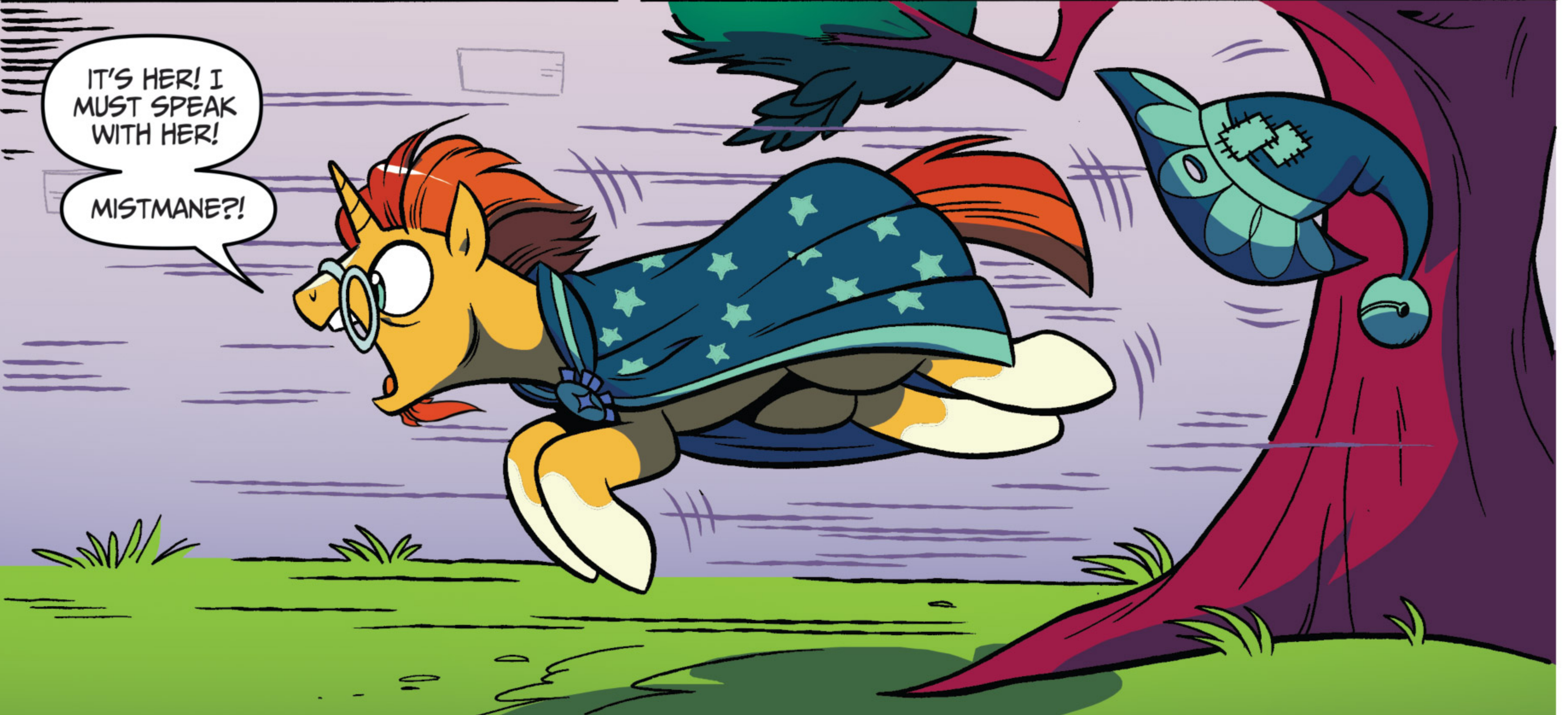


OH MY GOODNESS!



IT'S HER! I MUST SPEAK WITH HER!

MISTMANE?!





AFTER ALL, MISTMANE IS ONLY A LEGEND.



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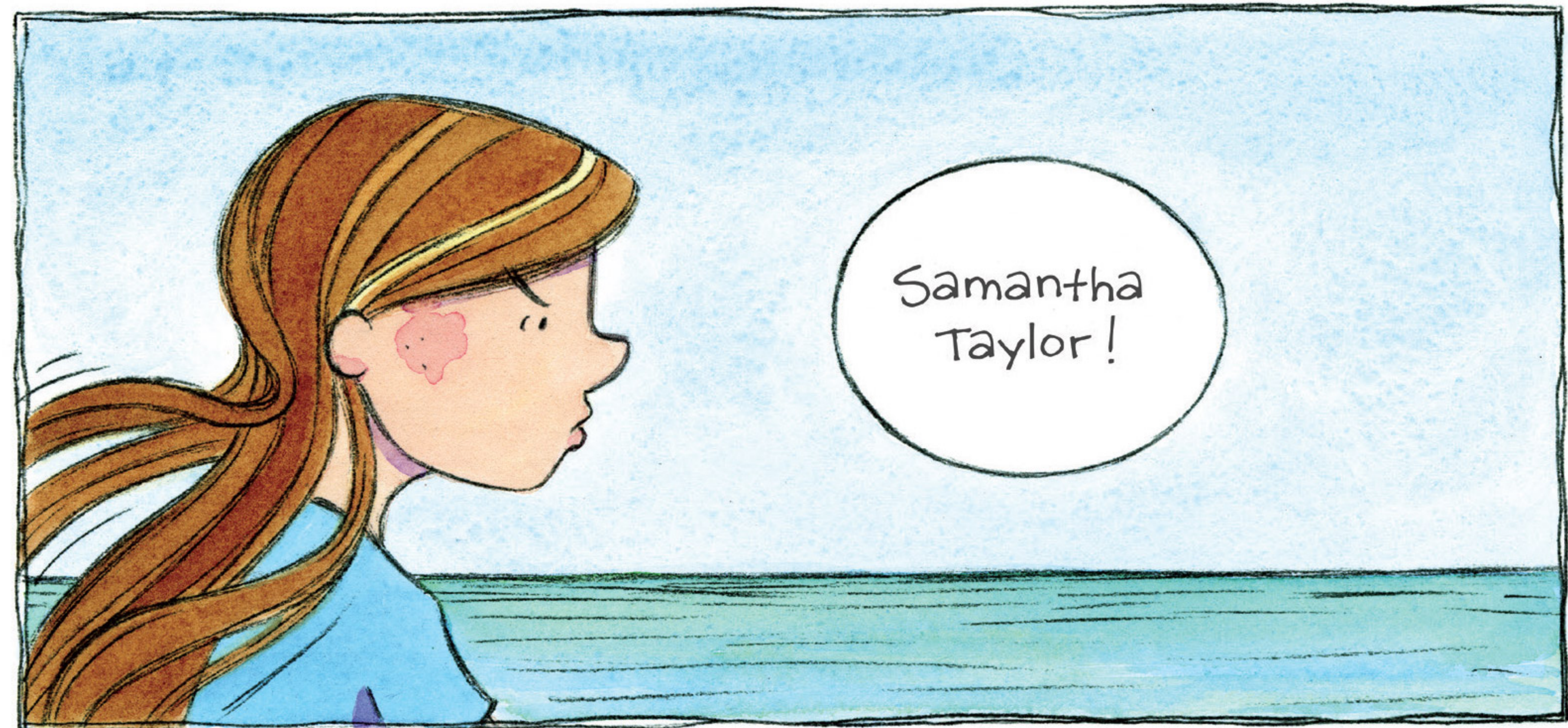
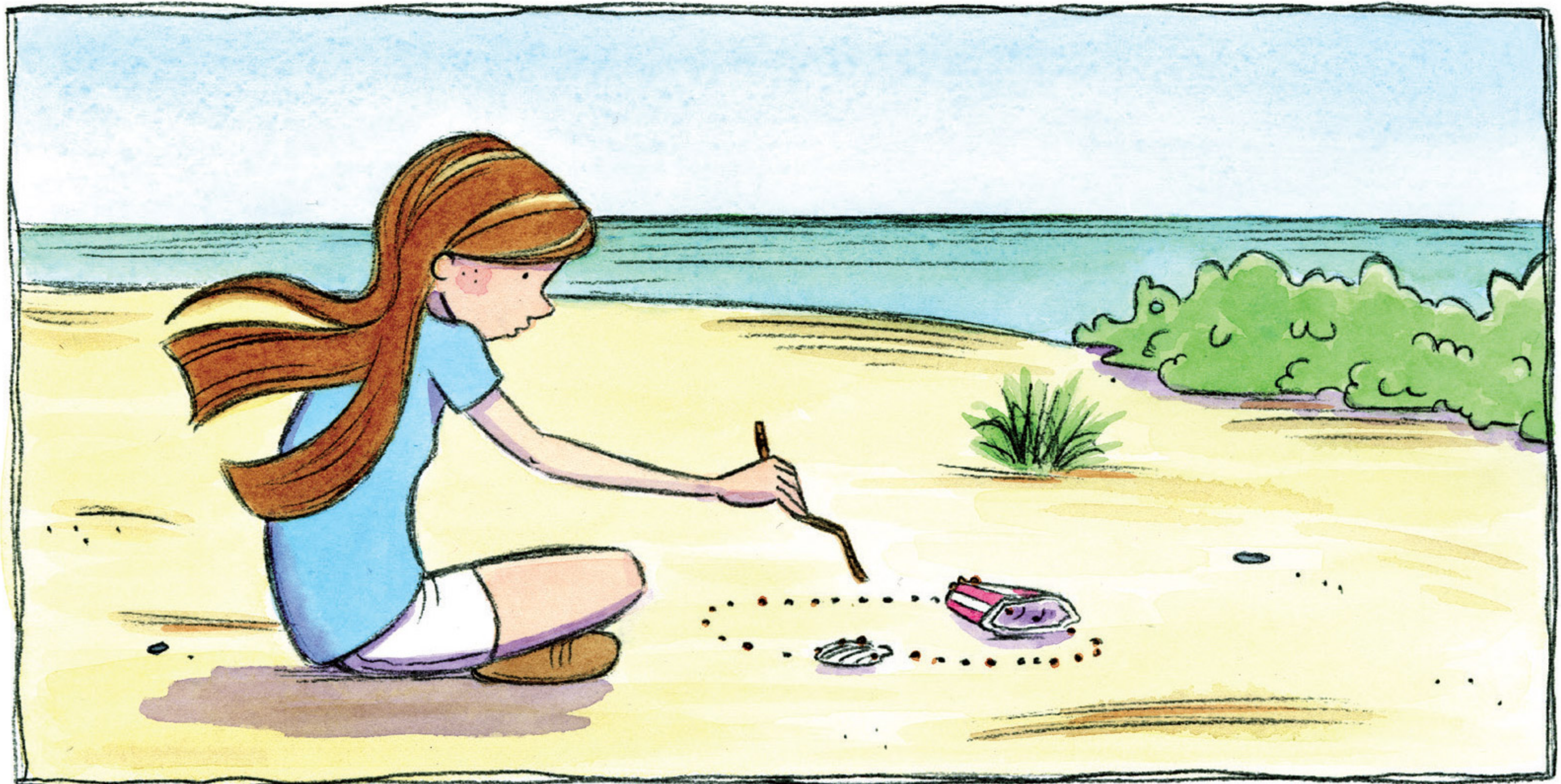
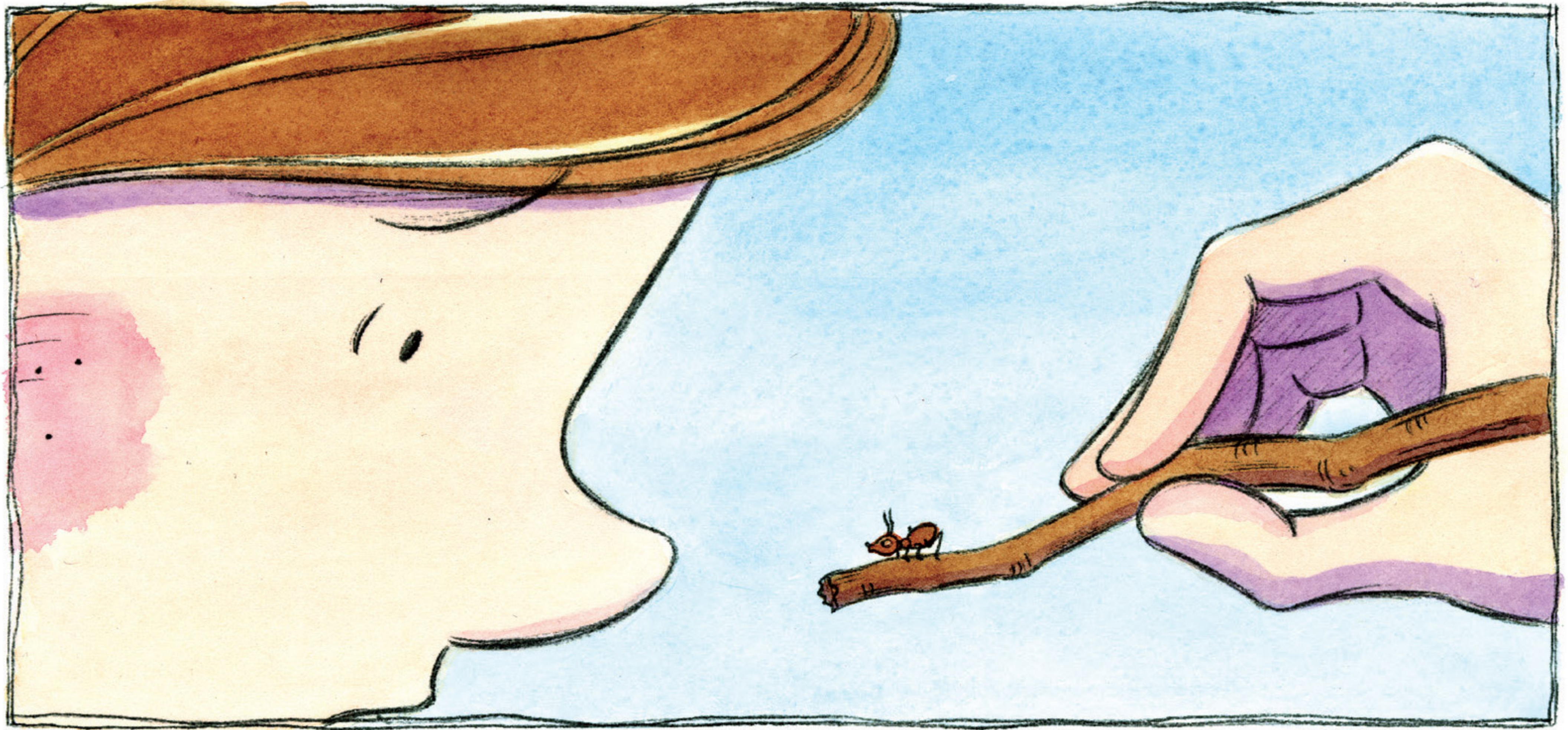
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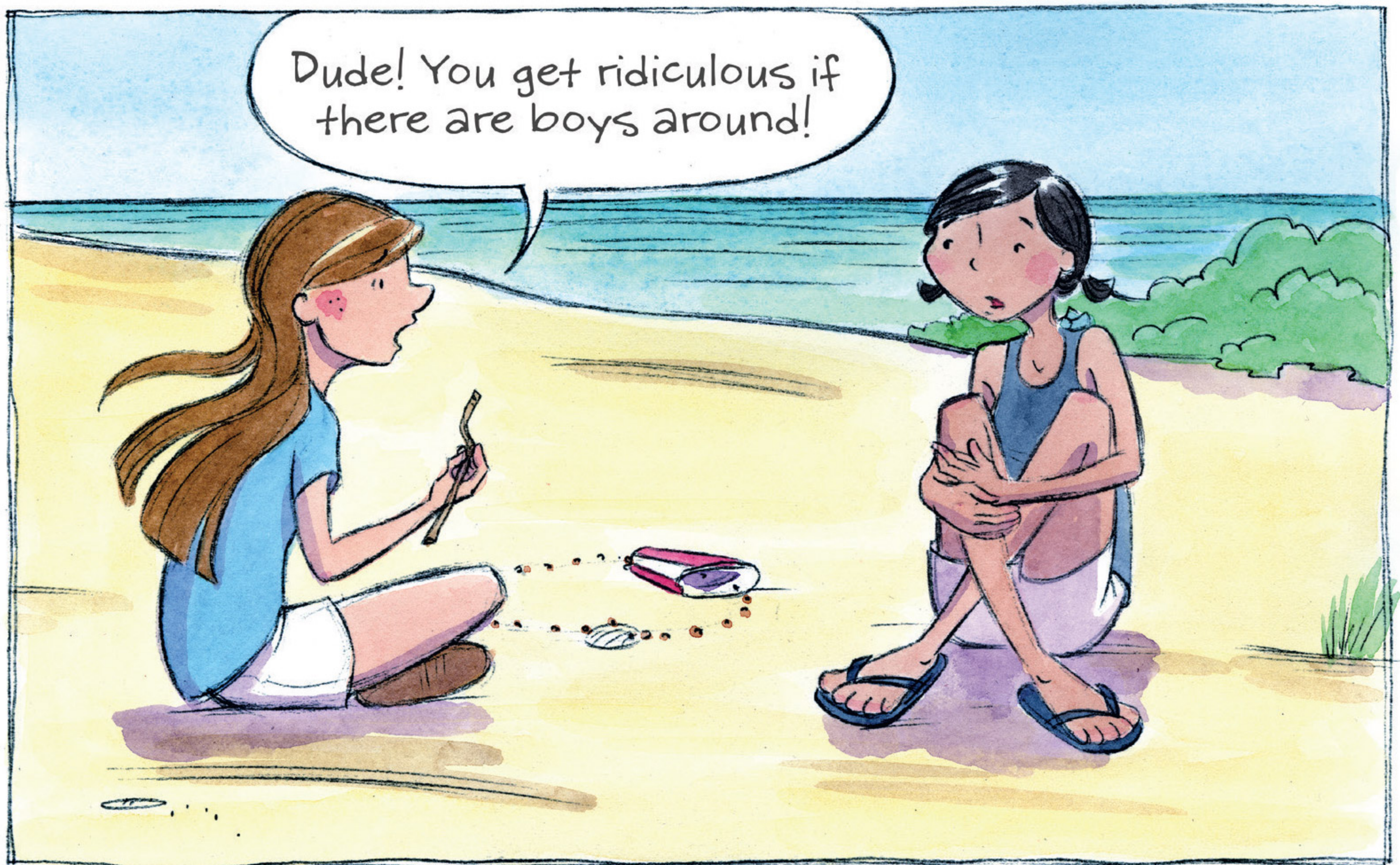






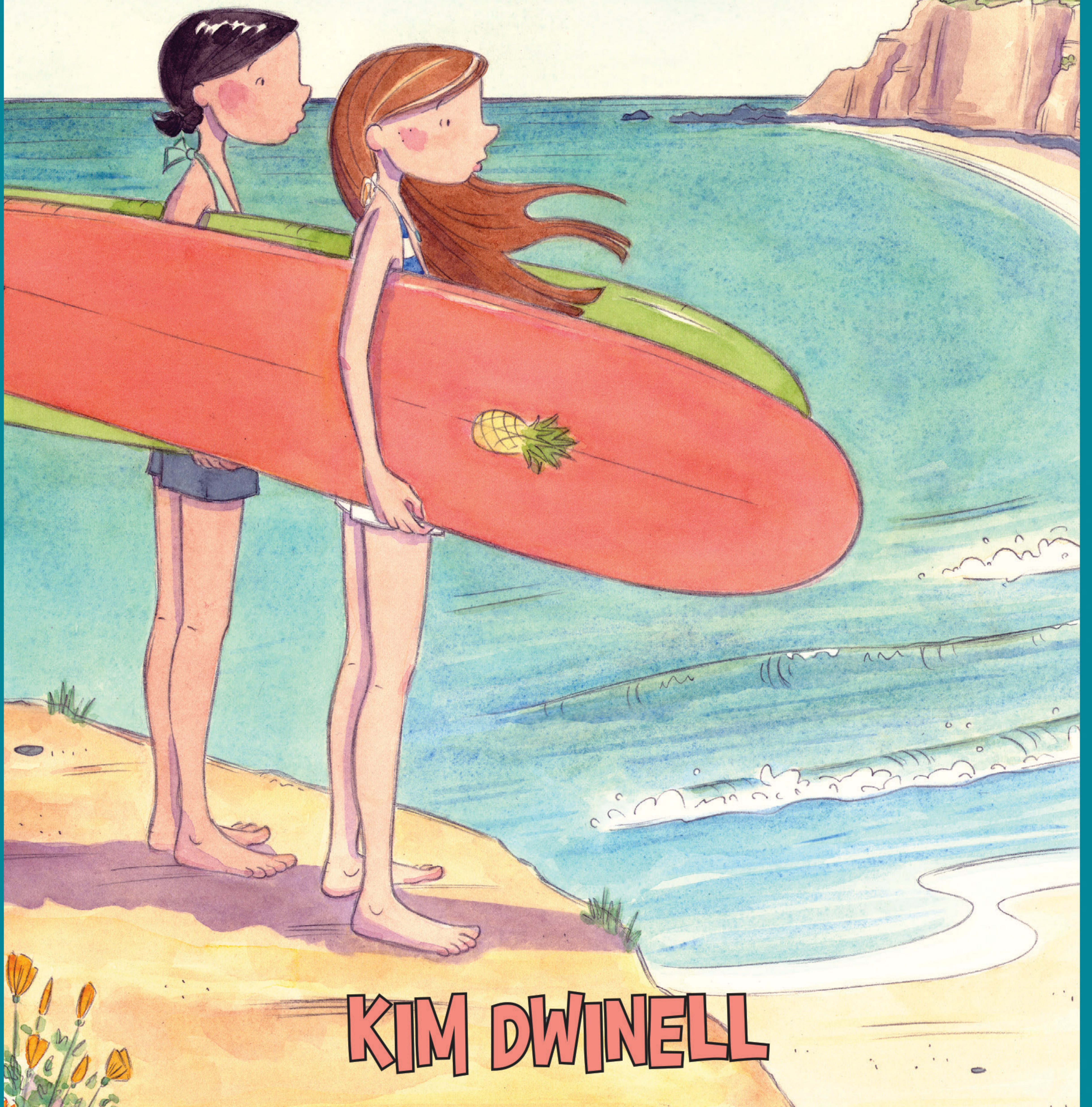
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