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SUNBURST!
YOU GET OUT
HERE RIGHT THIS
MOMENT!

DON'T YOU MAKE
ME TEAR DOWN THIS
DOOR! YOU KNOW
I'LL DO IT!

WAIT! WAIT!
I'M COMING!

KNOCK
KNOCK



WHY DO YOU
ALWAYS INSIST ON
DESTROYING MY
DOOR?

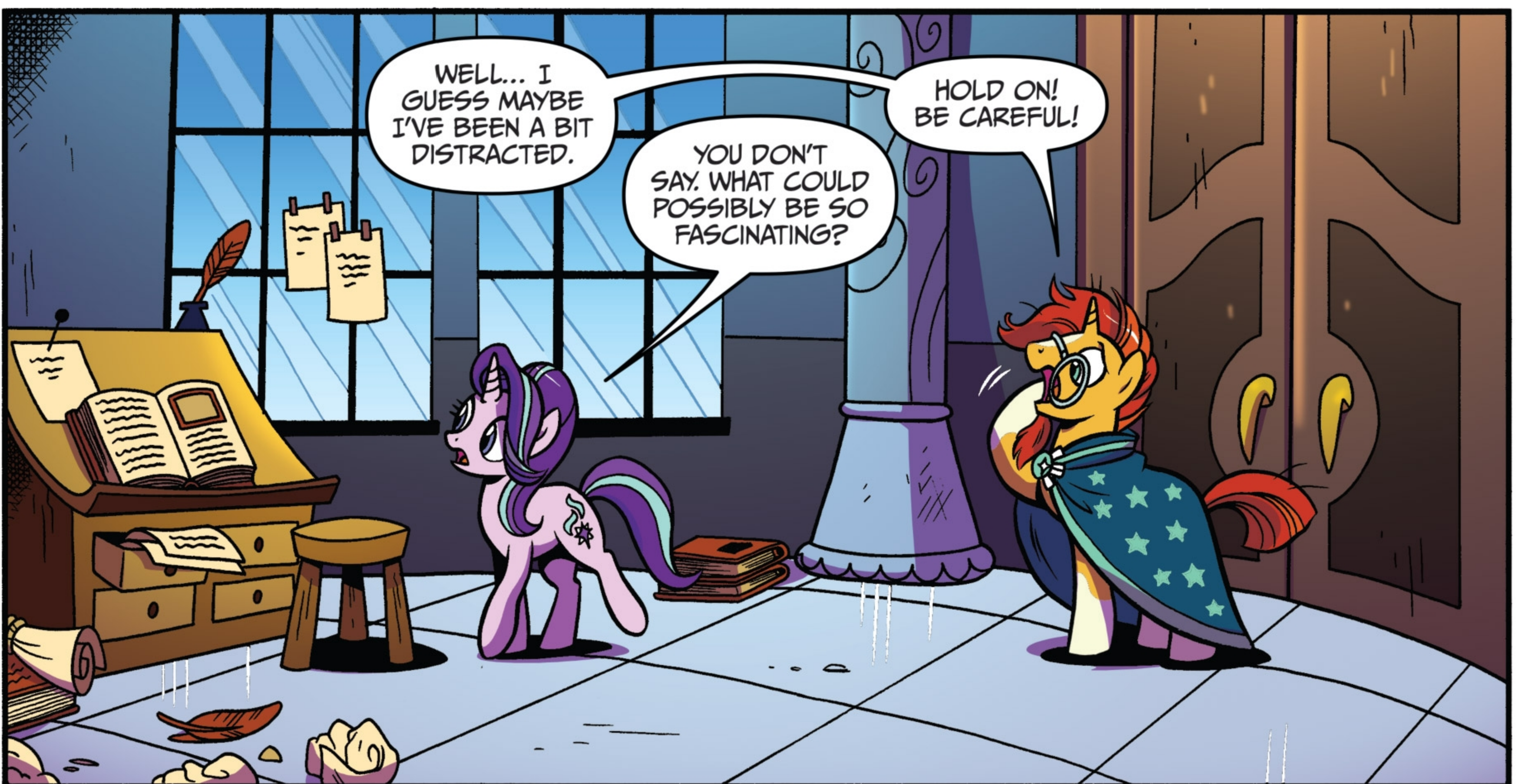
BECAUSE YOU
ARE VERY SLOW
TO ANSWER IT AND
BECAUSE I HAD TO
KNOCK ON IT
AT ALL.

WHAT?!

I SENT YOU A MESSAGE DAYS
AGO LETTING YOU KNOW THAT
TWILIGHT AND I WERE GOING TO BE
IN CANTERLOT AND THAT I WANTED
TO GET LUNCH WITH MY FRIEND
WHILE WE WERE HERE. WITH YOU
LIVING IN THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE
I FEEL LIKE I NEVER
SEE YOU.

YES! AND NOT
ONLY WAS THERE NO
RESPONSE, I'VE BEEN
HERE FOR TWO DAYS
AND HAVEN'T SEEN
YOU ONCE.

YOU DID?



WELL... I
GUESS MAYBE
I'VE BEEN A BIT
DISTRACTED.

YOU DON'T
SAY. WHAT COULD
POSSIBLY BE SO
FASCINATING?

HOLD ON!
BE CAREFUL!



FLASH MAGNUS AND THE ROYAL LEGION? I HEARD THIS STORY WHEN I WAS A FOAL.

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD STORIES ABOUT HIM, BUT THIS IS A NEW ONE.



SO, INSTEAD OF SPENDING TIME WITH YOUR VISITING FRIEND, YOU'RE COOPED UP IN HERE READING PEGASI FOLKTALES.

THAT MAKES ME FEEL MUCH BETTER.

NO, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.



THESE WERE WRITTEN BY STARSWIRL THE BEARDED. NO PONY HAS READ THEM IN OVER A THOUSAND YEARS. IF THEY HAD EVEN READ THEM THEN.

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THESE ARE STORIES NO PONY HAS EVER READ BEFORE?

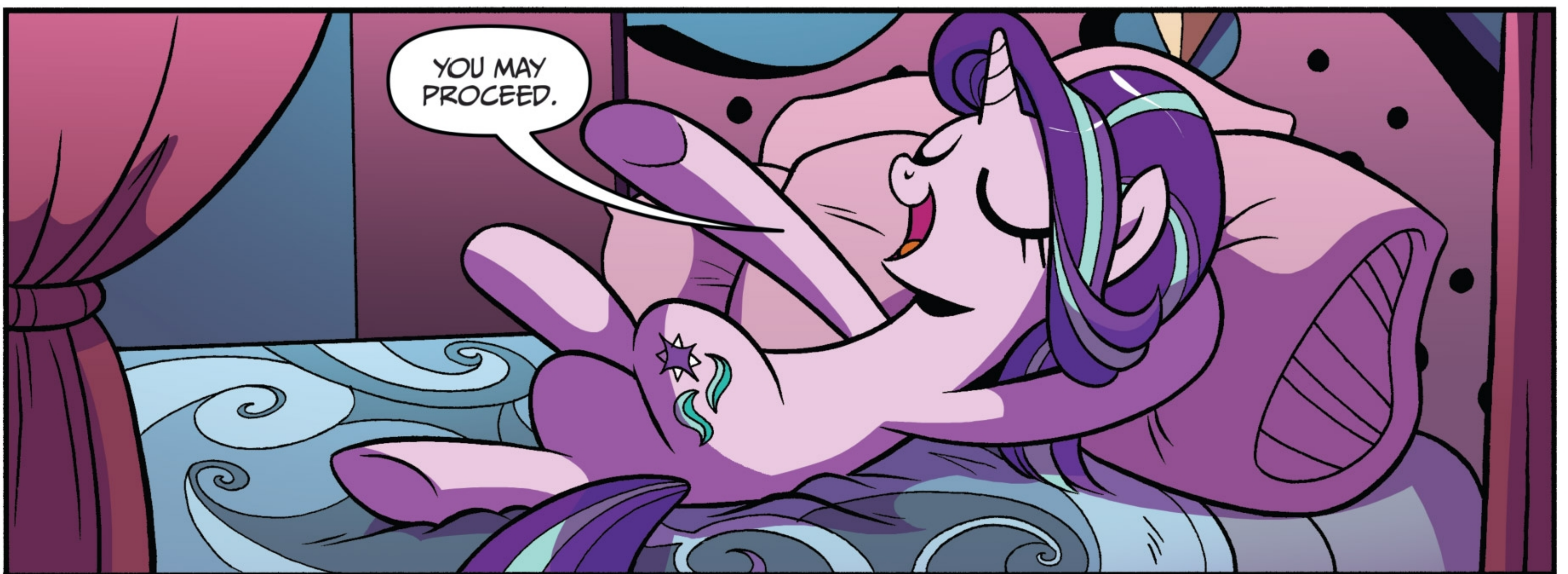
RIGHT! AND THEY HAVE ALL SORTS OF INSIGHTS INTO EQUESTRIAN HISTORY. THEY COULD BE VERY IMPORTANT.



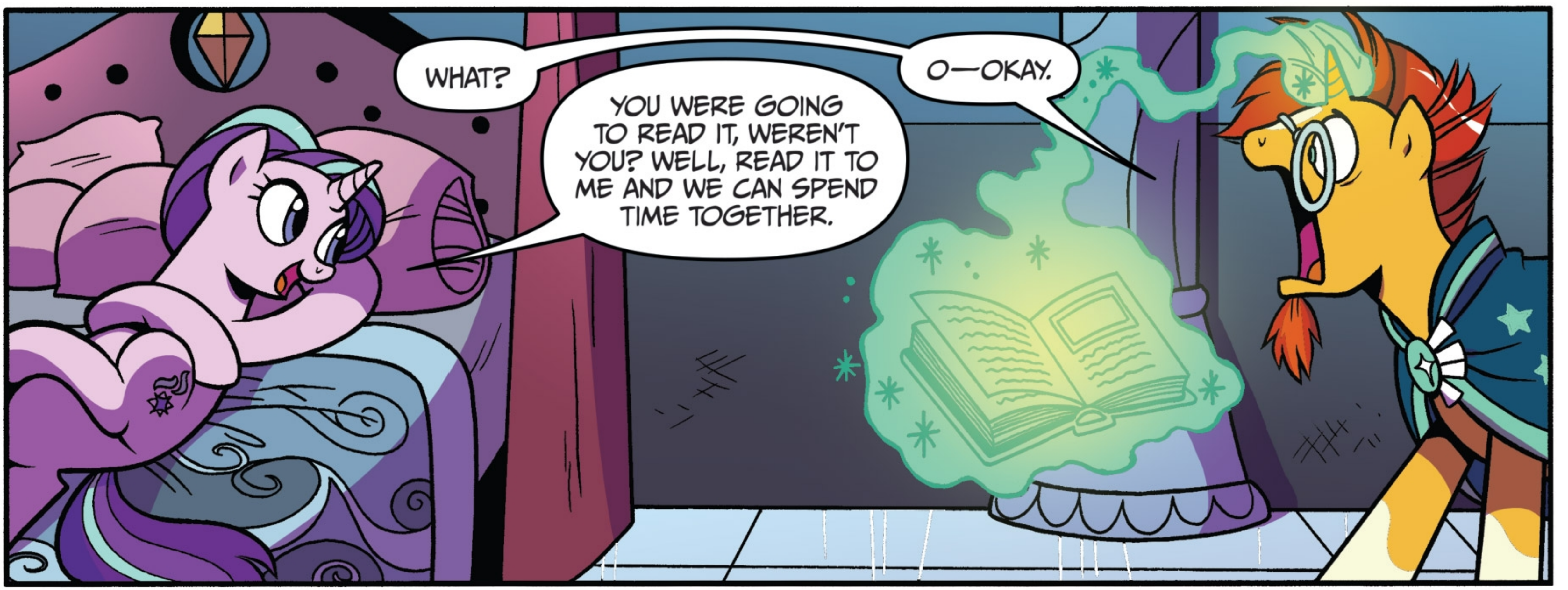
OKAY, YOU'VE CONVINCED ME.

CONVINCED YOU OF WHAT?

AS YOUR FRIEND, SINCE YOU REFUSE TO SHOW UP TO LUNCH OR DINNER WITH ME, I WILL SIT HERE WITH YOU AND ALLOW YOU TO READ ME ONE OF THESE NEW STORIES.



YOU MAY PROCEED.



WHAT?

YOU WERE GOING TO READ IT, WEREN'T YOU? WELL, READ IT TO ME AND WE CAN SPEND TIME TOGETHER.

O-O-KAY.

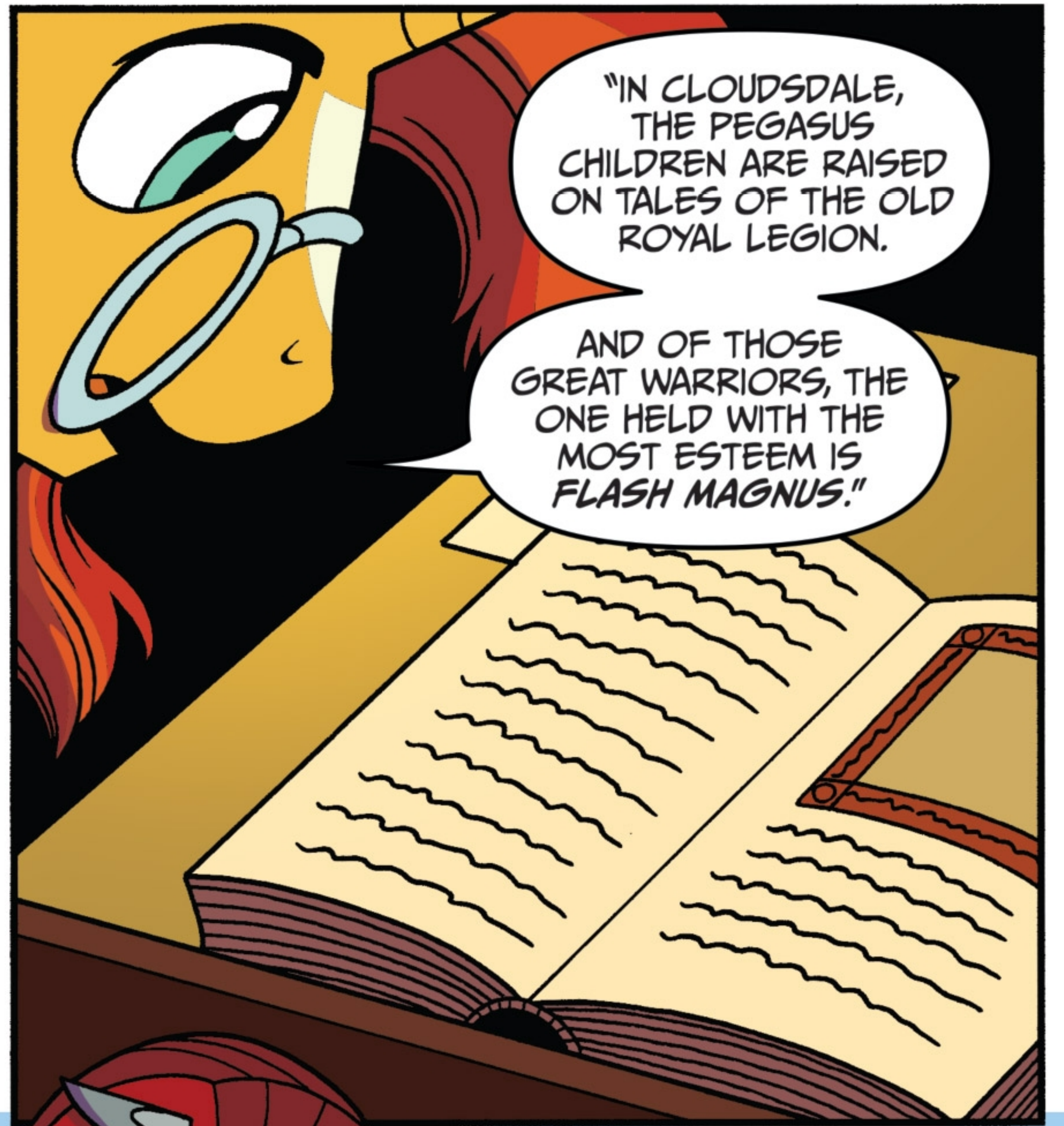


YOU KNOW, I HAD PLANNED ON READING ON MY BED.

I'M SURE YOUR DESK WILL BE MORE COMFORTABLE. BESIDES, YOU NEED TO REALLY PROJECT SO I CAN HEAR YOU.

I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE.

AND DO ALL THE VOICES. THAT'S THE BEST PART.



"IN CLOUDSDALE, THE PEGASUS CHILDREN ARE RAISED ON TALES OF THE OLD ROYAL LEGION.

AND OF THOSE GREAT WARRIORS, THE ONE HELD WITH THE MOST ESTEEM IS FLASH MAGNUS!"



"OF COURSE, FLASH MAGNUS IS MOST FAMOUS FOR HIS BRAVERY IN FACING DRAGONS AND HIS USE OF HIS SHIELD.

"BUT JUST AS WHEN YOU LOOK AT CLOUDSDALE FROM BELOW, THAT SHOWS YOU ONLY A SMALL PART OF THE WHOLE.



"FLASH MAGNUS WAS YOUNG DURING HIS FABLED ENCOUNTER WITH THE DRAGONS AND HAD MANY MORE ADVENTURES AHEAD OF HIM.

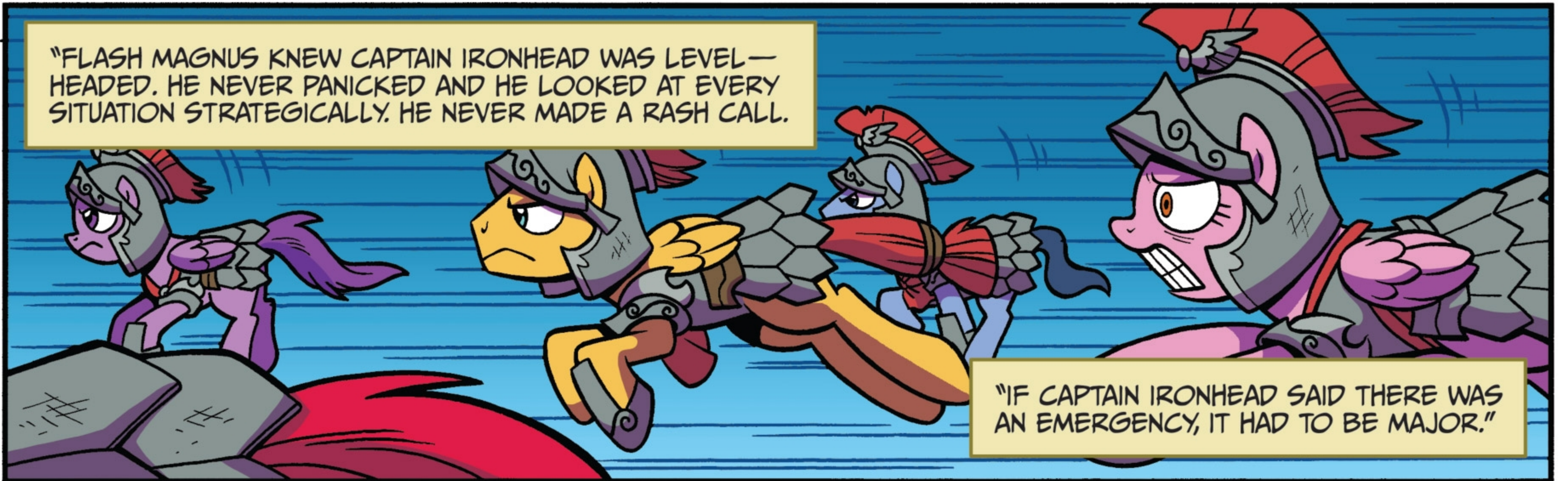
"PERHAPS THE MOST OF NOTE WAS THE ROYAL LEGION'S BATTLE WITH THE DREAD STORM."



EVERYPONY GET TO THE RUNWAY NOW! WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY ON OUR HANDS.

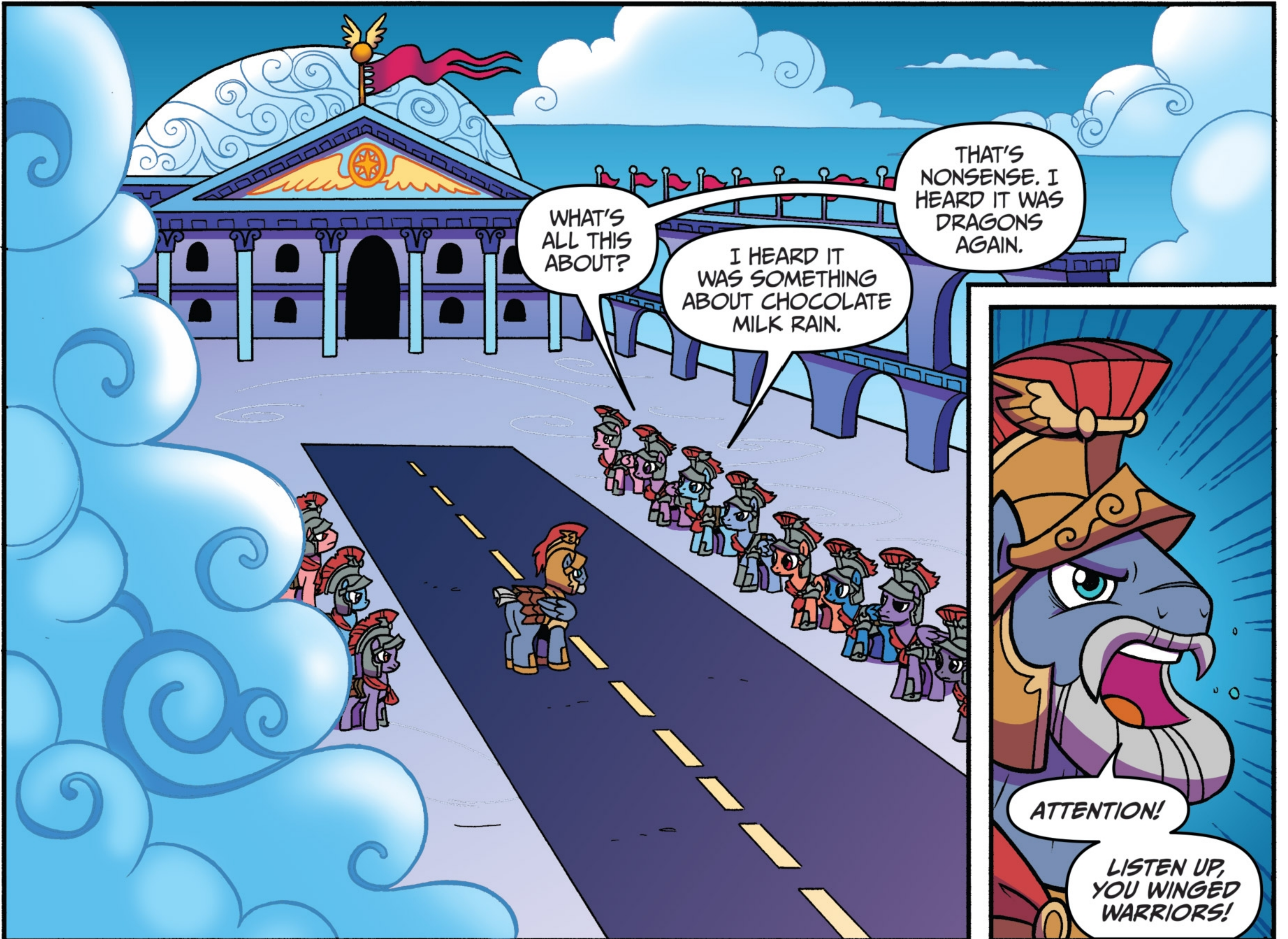
HEY, GRIMHOOF, WHAT'S GOING ON?

CAPTAIN IRONHEAD IS CALLING AN EMERGENCY BRIEFING. ALL HANDS ON DECK.



"FLASH MAGNUS KNEW CAPTAIN IRONHEAD WAS LEVEL-HEADED. HE NEVER PANICKED AND HE LOOKED AT EVERY SITUATION STRATEGICALLY. HE NEVER MADE A RASH CALL.

"IF CAPTAIN IRONHEAD SAID THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY, IT HAD TO BE MAJOR."



WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?

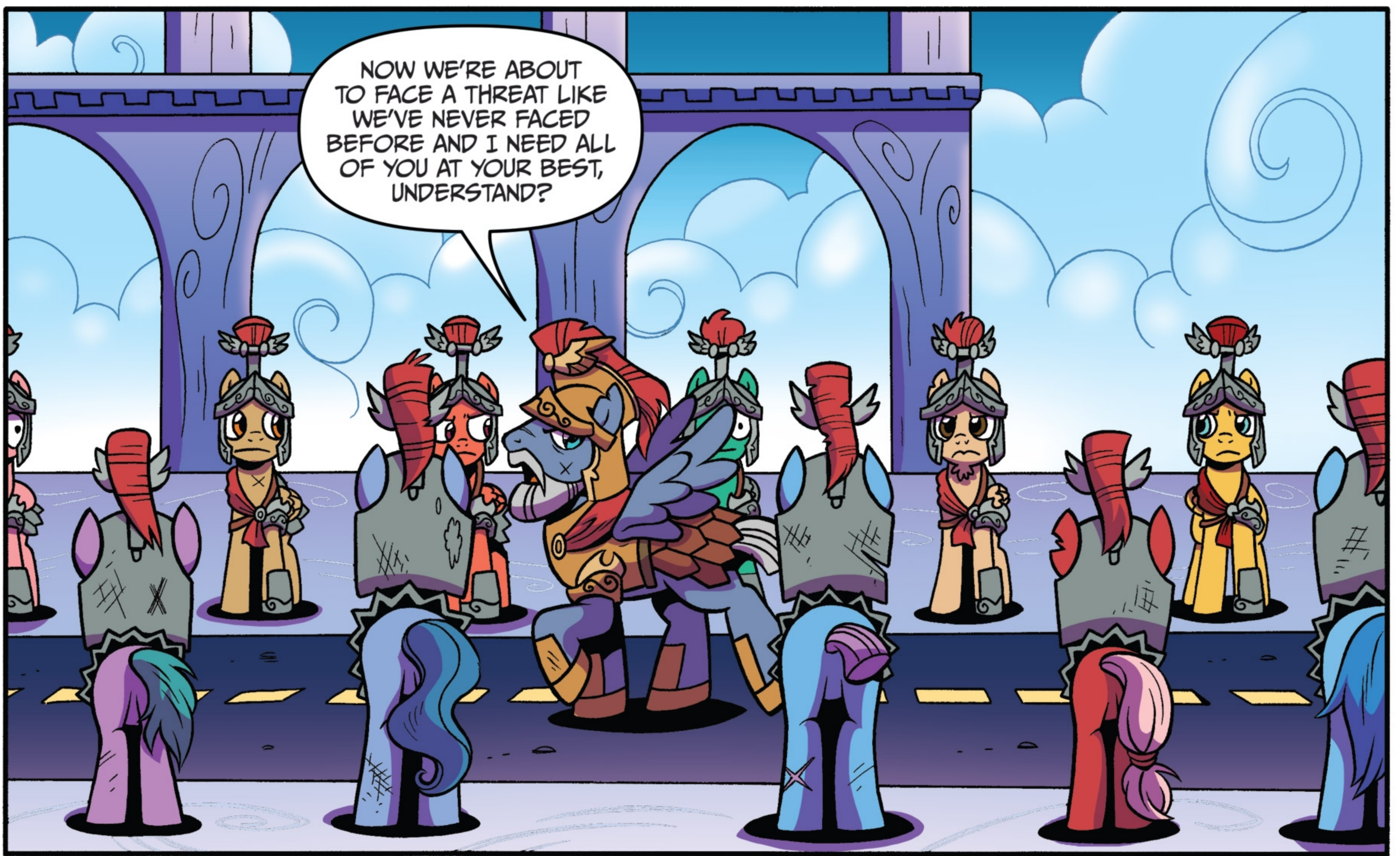
I HEARD IT WAS SOMETHING ABOUT CHOCOLATE MILK RAIN.

THAT'S NONSENSE. I HEARD IT WAS DRAGONS AGAIN.



ATTENTION!

LISTEN UP, YOU WINGED WARRIORS!



NOW WE'RE ABOUT TO FACE A THREAT LIKE WE'VE NEVER FACED BEFORE AND I NEED ALL OF YOU AT YOUR BEST, UNDERSTAND?



THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT AT THE WEATHER FACTORY.

NOBODY KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED, BUT SOMEHOW THE BATCH OF STORM CLOUDS THEY WERE PRODUCING GOT QUADRUPLED.



GASP!



SETTLE DOWN NOW.

ANYWAY, THOSE CLOUDS HIT A SCHEDULED WARM FRONT AND GOT EVEN BIGGER.

WE HAVE A GENUINE SUPER STORM ON OUR HANDS.



AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THE STORM DID A NUMBER ON WEATHER CONTROL COMING OUT OF THE FACTORY, SO NOW IT FALLS TO US.

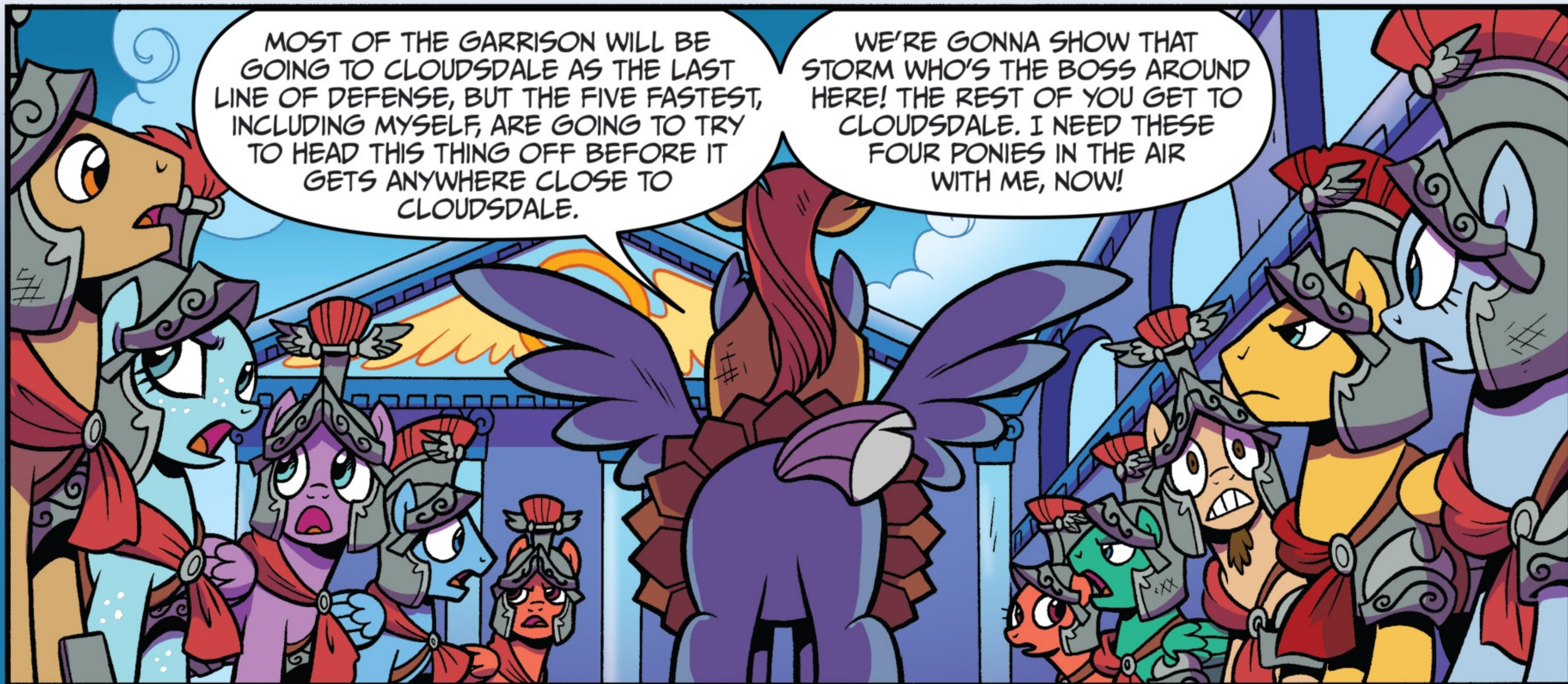


SIR, WHERE'S THE STORM NOW?

IT'S OVER GRIFFON TERRITORY, FLASH MAGNUS, BUT WE'RE MUCH MORE CONCERNED ABOUT WHERE IT'S GOING.



IT'S ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH CLOUDSDALE.



MOST OF THE GARRISON WILL BE GOING TO CLOUDSDALE AS THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE, BUT THE FIVE FASTEST, INCLUDING MYSELF, ARE GOING TO TRY TO HEAD THIS THING OFF BEFORE IT GETS ANYWHERE CLOSE TO CLOUDSDALE.

WE'RE GONNA SHOW THAT STORM WHO'S THE BOSS AROUND HERE! THE REST OF YOU GET TO CLOUDSDALE. I NEED THESE FOUR PONIES IN THE AIR WITH ME, NOW!

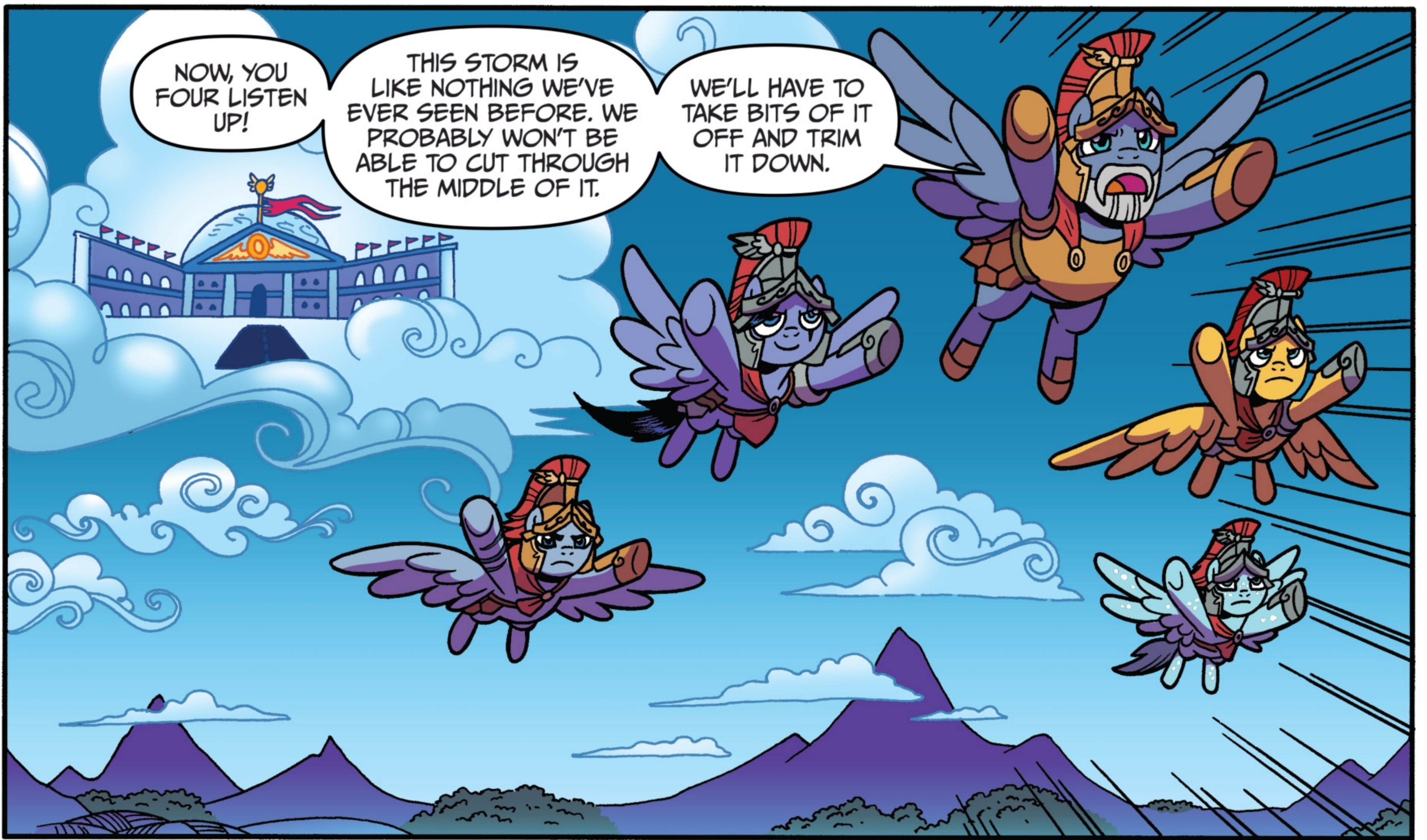


"NIMBUS DASH.

"BELLA BREEZE.

"FLASH MAGNUS.

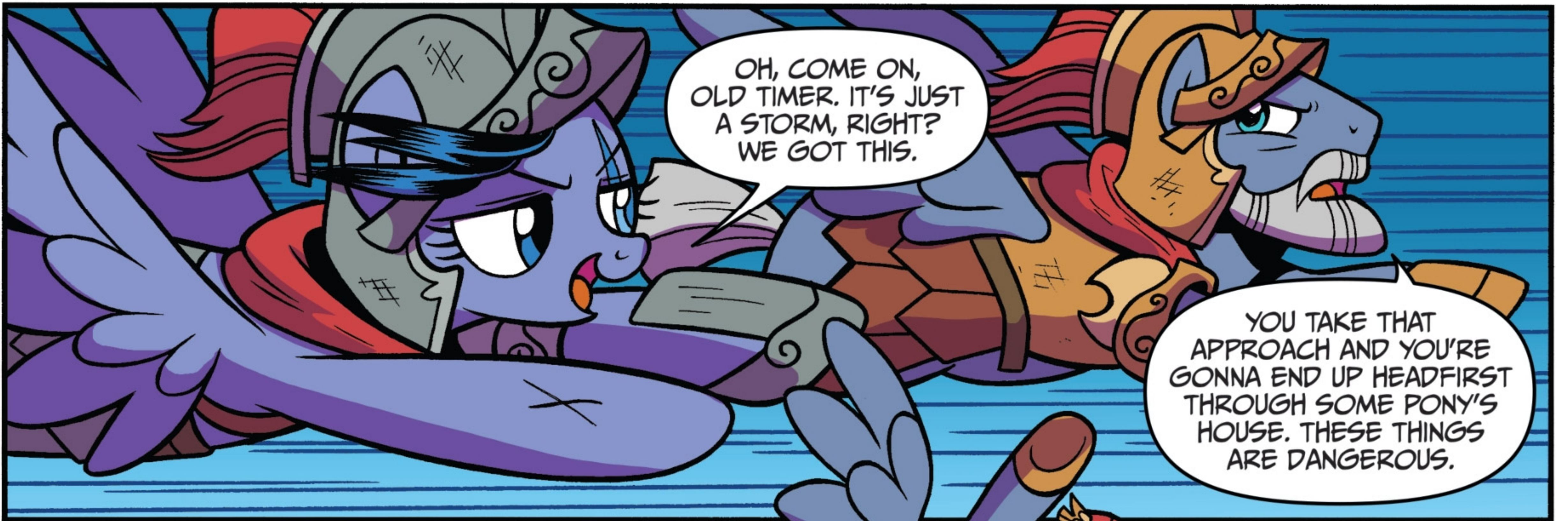
"AND THE FIFTH FASTEST, GRIMHOOF."



NOW, YOU FOUR LISTEN UP!

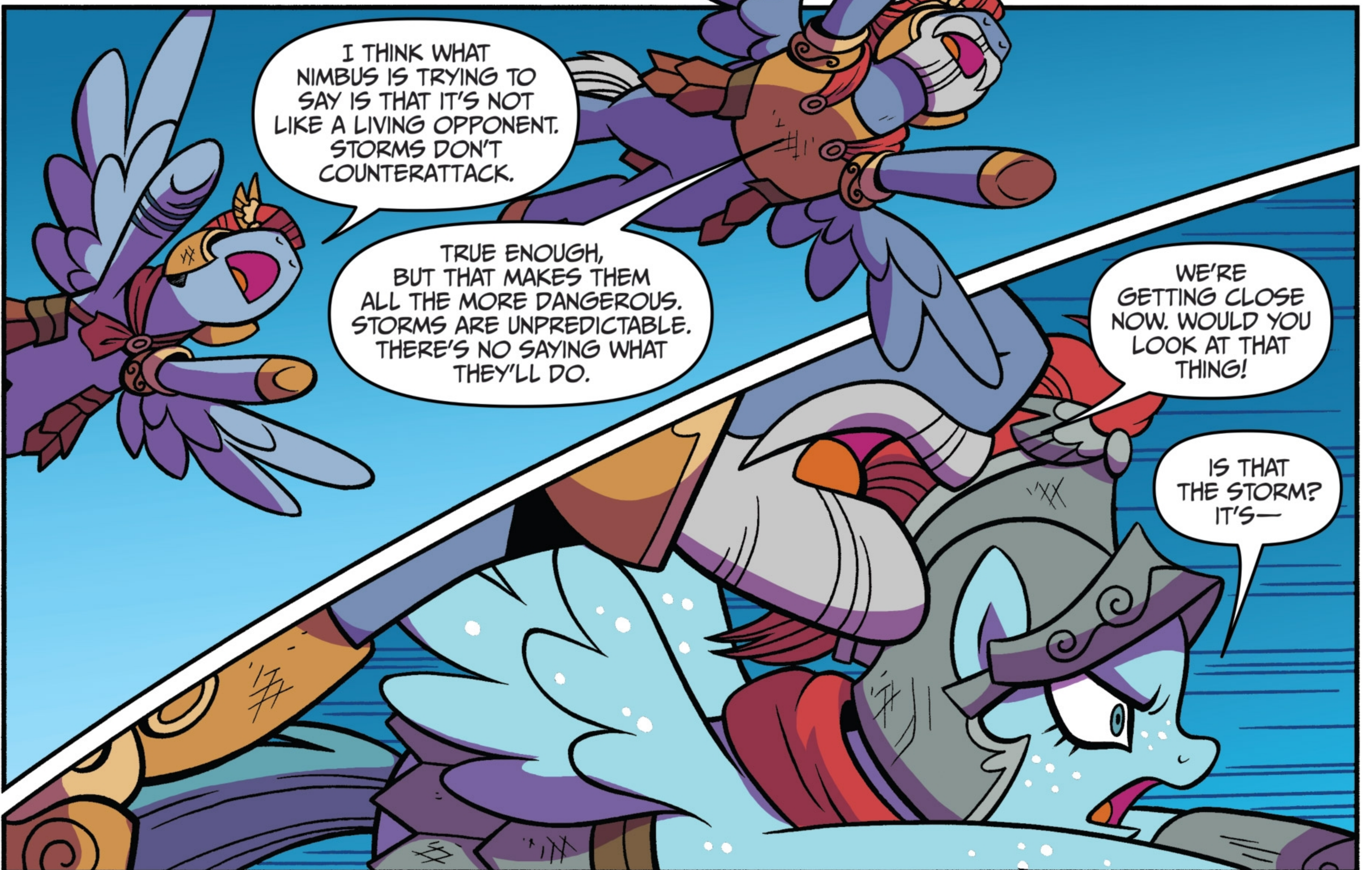
THIS STORM IS LIKE NOTHING WE'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE. WE PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO CUT THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF IT.

WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE BITS OF IT OFF AND TRIM IT DOWN.



OH, COME ON, OLD TIMER. IT'S JUST A STORM, RIGHT? WE GOT THIS.

YOU TAKE THAT APPROACH AND YOU'RE GONNA END UP HEADFIRST THROUGH SOME PONY'S HOUSE. THESE THINGS ARE DANGEROUS.



I THINK WHAT NIMBUS IS TRYING TO SAY IS THAT IT'S NOT LIKE A LIVING OPPONENT. STORMS DON'T COUNTERATTACK.

TRUE ENOUGH, BUT THAT MAKES THEM ALL THE MORE DANGEROUS. STORMS ARE UNPREDICTABLE. THERE'S NO SAYING WHAT THEY'LL DO.

WE'RE GETTING CLOSE NOW. WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT THING!

IS THAT THE STORM? IT'S—

—ENORMOUS.





OKAY, LEGIONNAIRES, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO. MAKE YOUR PONIES PROU—

HOLD IT!



DON'T YOU FLY ONE INCH FARTHER OR YOU'LL HAVE TO ANSWER TO ME AND MY TEAM!



YEAH? AND WHO ARE YOU?

NAME'S BLACKBEAK, HEAD OF THE ROYAL GRIFFON DEFENSE FORCE.

WELL, I'M IRONHEAD, CAPTAIN OF THE ROYAL LEGION, AND WE ARE HERE TO DEAL WITH A ROGUE STORM.



BY "ROGUE STORM" YOU MEAN THE WEAPON YOU COOKED UP TO TAKE OUT THE GRIFFONS?

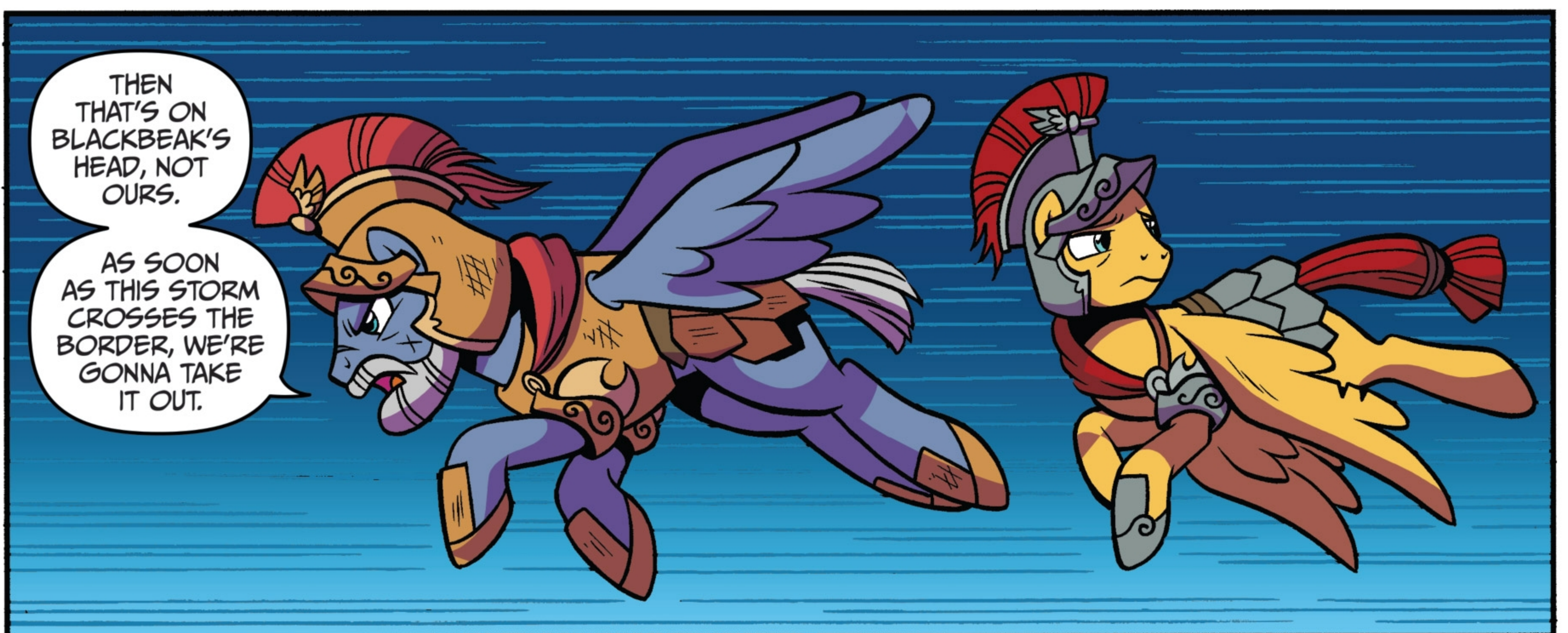
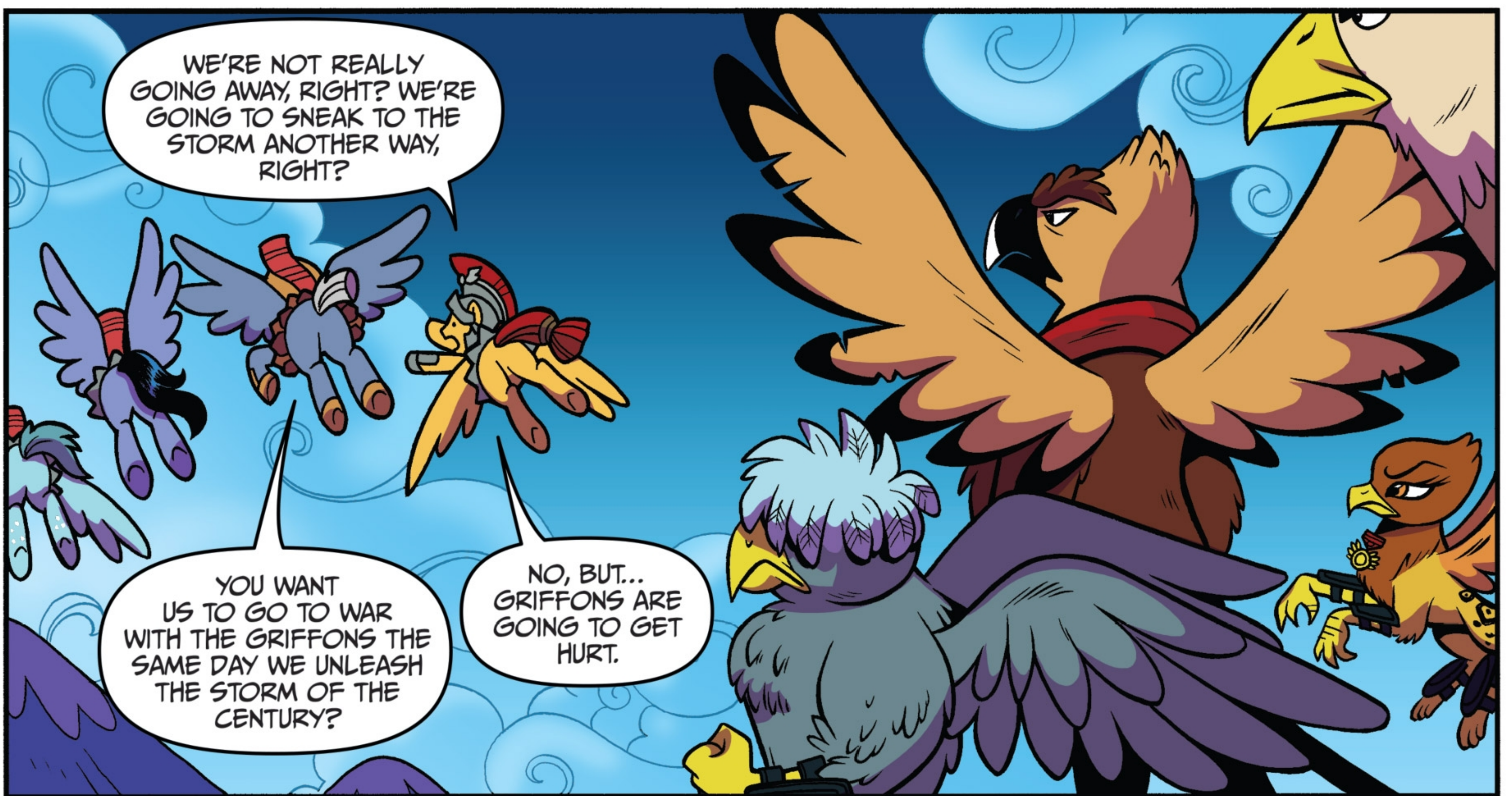
WHAT?!

YOU TELL EVERYONE YOU'RE GOING TO HELP CONTROL OUR WEATHER AND THEN IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT YOU LET LOOSE A STORM LIKE THIS ON US.

NOW SEE HERE, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT. THE WEATHER FACTORY JUST—



I DON'T BELIEVE IN ACCIDENTS!



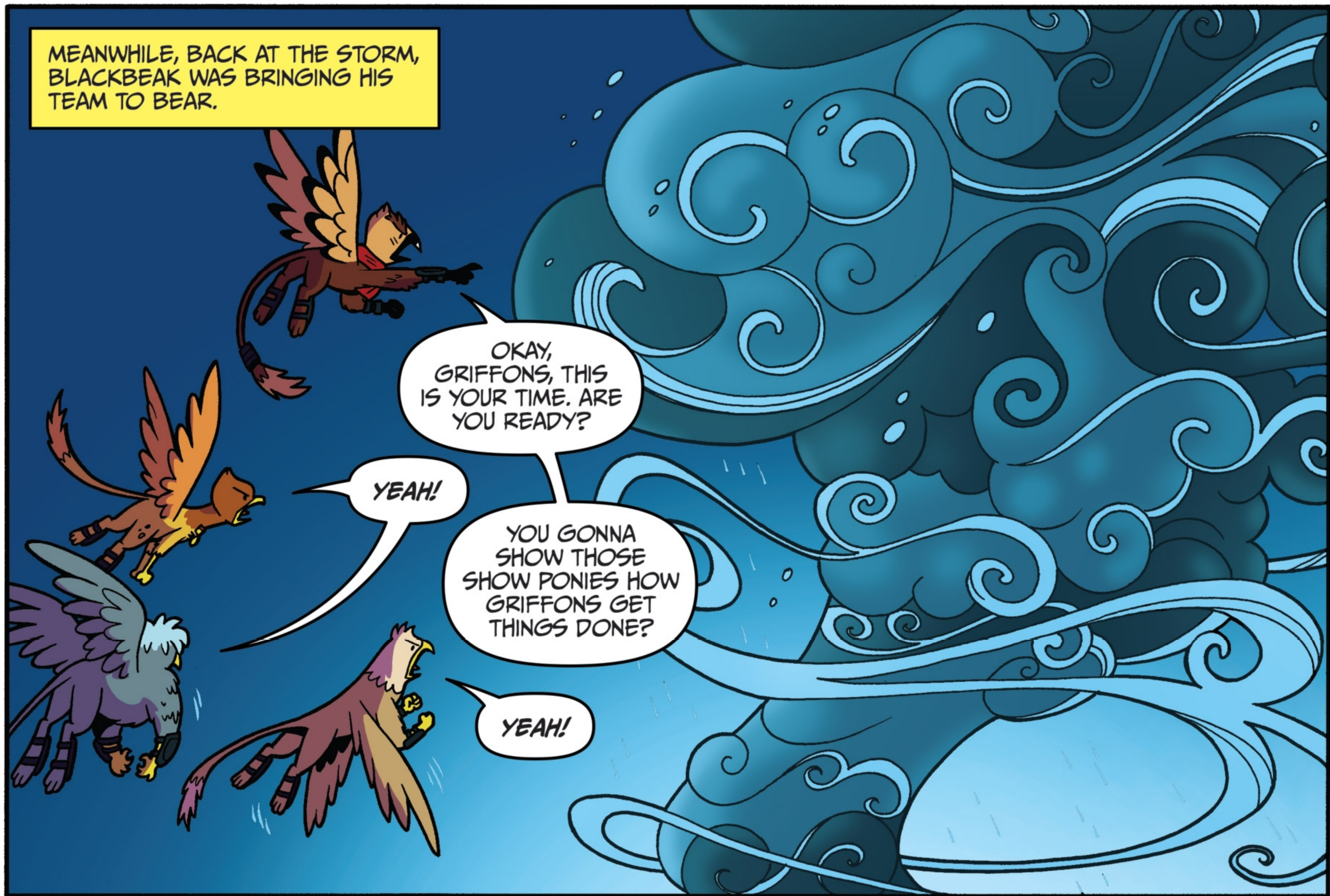
MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE STORM, BLACKBEAK WAS BRINGING HIS TEAM TO BEAR.

OKAY, GRIFFONS, THIS IS YOUR TIME. ARE YOU READY?

YEAH!

YOU GONNA SHOW THOSE SHOW PONIES HOW GRIFFONS GET THINGS DONE?

YEAH!



THEN LET'S DO THIS!

SKR
EEEE





SPIN SPIN SPIN

SPIN

SPIN

THUMP!

ZZZZ

ZZZZ

AAT!



WELL, I CAN'T SEE WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THAT STORM'S GETTING ANY SMALLER.

AS SOON AS THIS THING GOES OVER THE BORDER, BE READY.

CAPTAIN, WHERE IS THE BORDER ANYWAY?



SEE THAT RIVER THERE? THAT'S WHERE THE GRIFFON KINGDOM STOPS AND THE PEGASUS KINGDOM BEGINS.

SO, SOON AS IT CLEARS THAT WE'RE ON THE JOB?

AFFIRMATIVE.

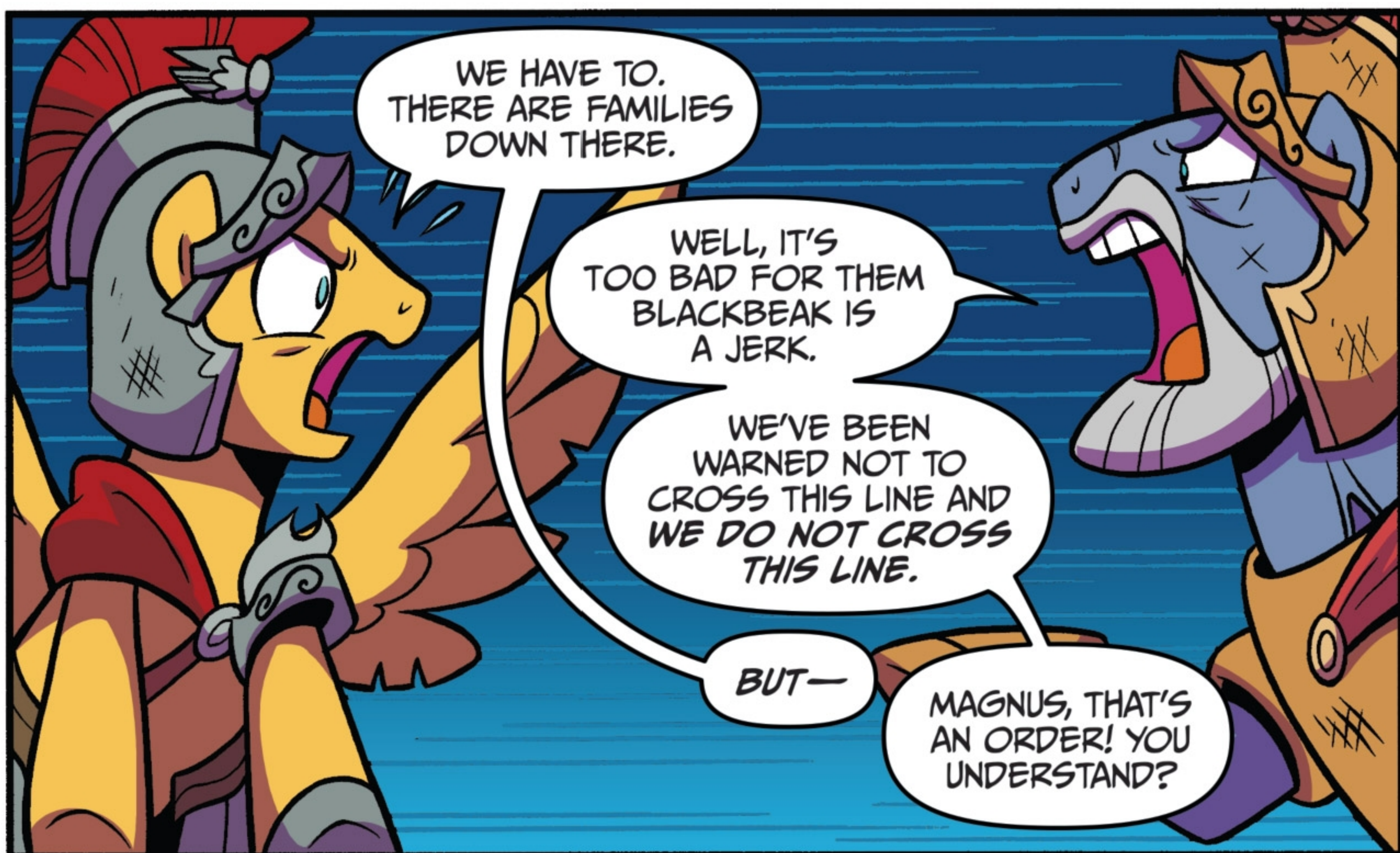


BUT, SIR, THAT TOWN THERE IS RIGHT IN THE PATH OF THE STORM.

SO IT IS.

WE HAVE TO HELP THEM!

DO WE?



WE HAVE TO. THERE ARE FAMILIES DOWN THERE.

WELL, IT'S TOO BAD FOR THEM BLACKBEAK IS A JERK.

WE'VE BEEN WARNED NOT TO CROSS THIS LINE AND WE DO NOT CROSS THIS LINE.

BUT—

MAGNUS, THAT'S AN ORDER! YOU UNDERSTAND?



YES, SIR.

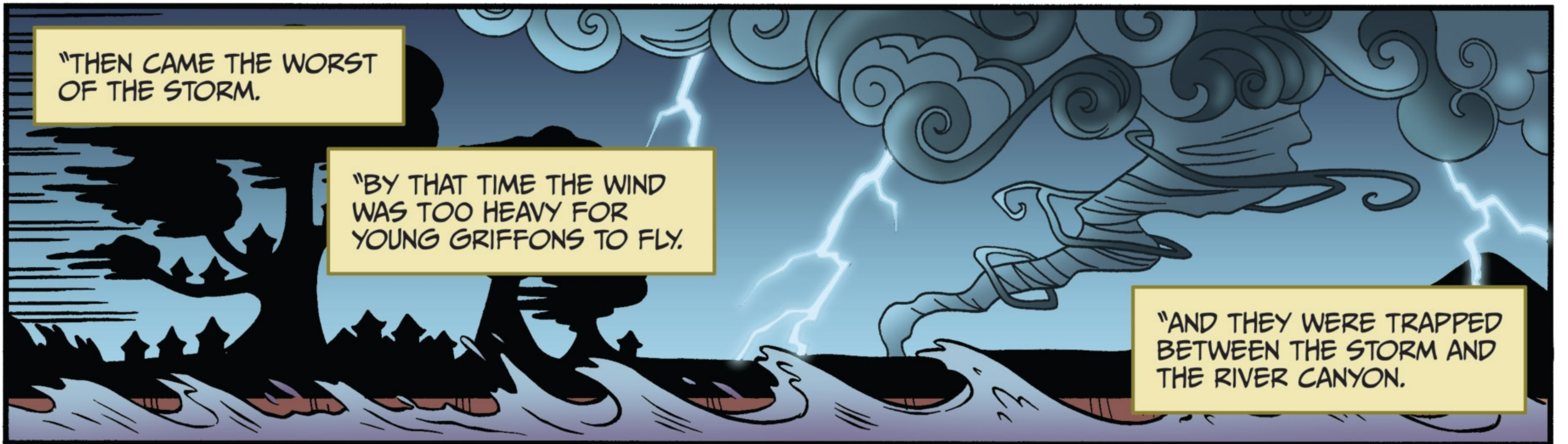


"AND A LITTLE WHILE LATER, IN THE SMALL TOWN OF BEAKWICK, THE SKY BEGAN TO DARKEN.

"AND ALL AT ONCE, IT BECAME OBVIOUS TO THE TOWNSFOLK THAT THE ROYAL GRIFFON DEFENSE FORCE HAD FAILED.

"FIRST CAME THE DARKNESS.

"THEN THE WIND.



"THEN CAME THE WORST OF THE STORM.

"BY THAT TIME THE WIND WAS TOO HEAVY FOR YOUNG GRIFFONS TO FLY.

"AND THEY WERE TRAPPED BETWEEN THE STORM AND THE RIVER CANYON.



"IRONHEAD SAW WHAT WAS HAPPENING, BUT HIS MIND WAS MADE UP."

AS SOON AS THAT THING GETS OVER THE RIVER, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO. WE DON'T WANT OUR PONIES ENDING UP LIKE THEM.



SIR, PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A RESCUE FOR THE GRIFFONS OF THAT TOWN.

DENIED.

BUT SIR—

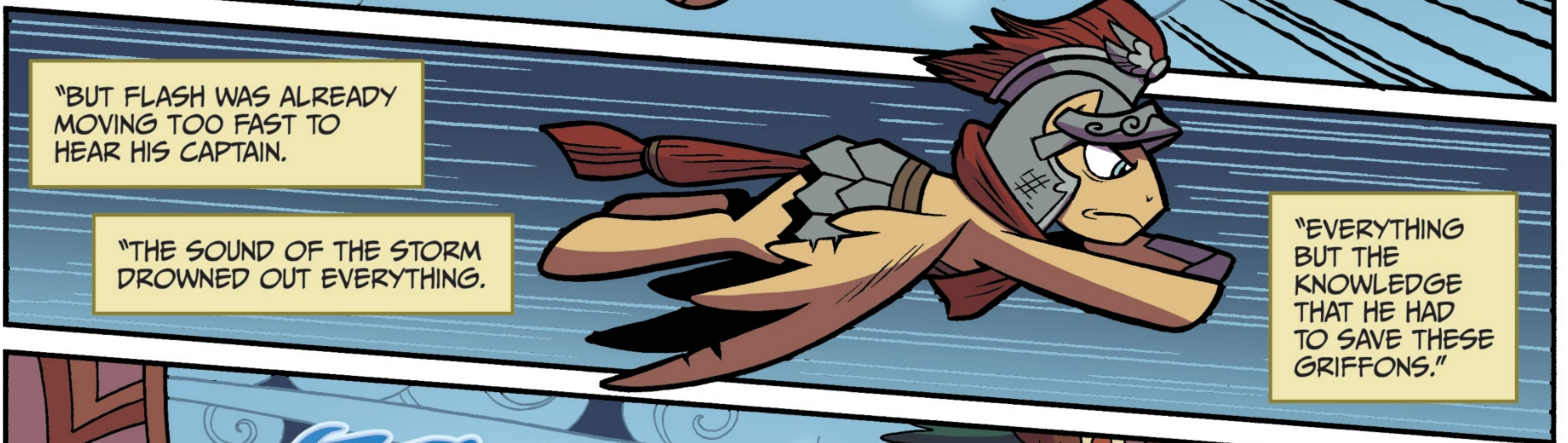
YOU GO OVER THAT LINE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ROYAL LEGION, YOU START A WAR. WHICH WAY DO YOU THINK MORE GRIFFONS GET HURT?



"BUT FLASH MAGNUS HAD MADE UP HIS MIND TOO. HE HAD MADE IT UP BEFORE HE EVEN ASKED."

THEN I'M AFRAID I QUIT, SIR.

MAGNUS! GET BACK HERE!



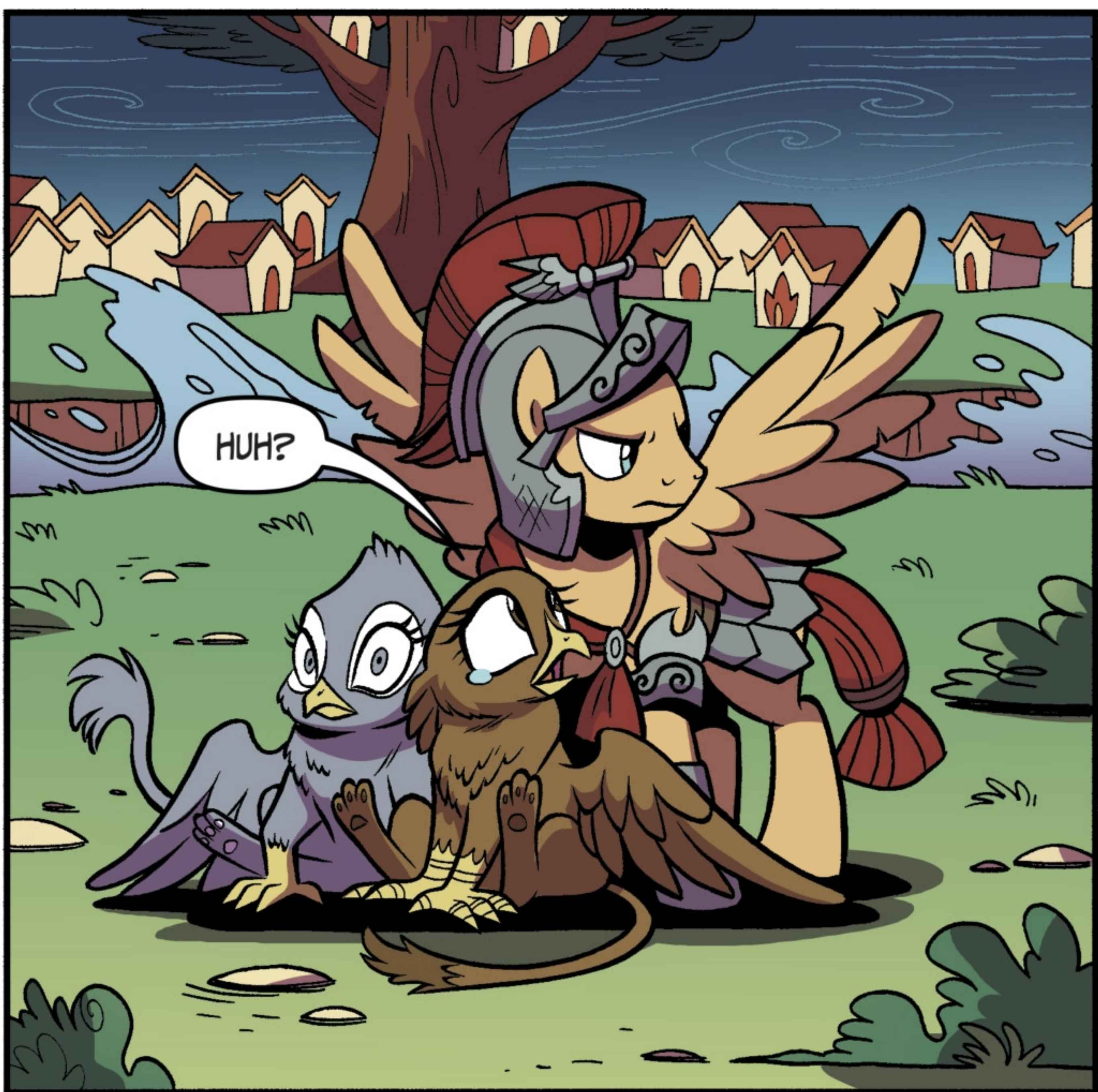
"BUT FLASH WAS ALREADY MOVING TOO FAST TO HEAR HIS CAPTAIN.

"THE SOUND OF THE STORM DROWNED OUT EVERYTHING.

"EVERYTHING BUT THE KNOWLEDGE THAT HE HAD TO SAVE THESE GRIFFONS."



HANG ON, KIDS!



HUH?



GOTTA GO FASTER! GOTTA SAVE THEM!

"BUT FLASH KNEW HE WASN'T FAST ENOUGH. NO MATTER HOW QUICKLY HE MOVED, HE WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO SAVE ALL OF THESE GRIFFONS WITH SPEED ALONE.

"BUT..."

"SOMETIMES THE GREATEST WEAPON A HERO HAS IS NOT THEIR SPEED OR STRENGTH—"

KID'S A FOOL. NO GRIFFON IS GONNA BUILD HIM A STATUE WHEN HE GETS HURT HELPING THEM!

I'M GOING, WITH OR WITHOUT YOU TWO.

IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

I REALLY DON'T WANNA GET KICKED OUT OF THE LEGION.

GRIMMY!

FINE!



"—BUT THE EXAMPLE THEY SET FOR OTHERS."

SORRY, BOSS, WE GOT A FELLOW LEGIONNAIRE TO HELP!

PLEASE DON'T BE MAD.

BE MAD, BUT PLEASE DON'T KICK US OUT!

GET BACK HERE!



"FLASH MAGNUS NEVER WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE THE VILLAGE ALONE—"

"—BUT ONCE YOU PUT FOUR OF THE FIVE FASTEST PEGASI IN EQUESTRIA ON A TASK..."



LOOK OUT BELOW, EVERYONE!

"...IT TENDS TO GET DONE QUICKLY!"



"AND NO SOONER WERE THEY DONE THAN THE STORM FINALLY CROSSED OVER THE BOUNDARY."



SIR, I KNOW I'M PROBABLY NOT WELCOME IN THE LEGION ANYMORE.

BUT I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I STILL GIVE YOU A HOOF WITH THIS STORM.




COME ON, YOUNG BUCKS. WE'LL SORT ALL THIS OUT AFTER CLOUDSDALE IS SAFE.

YES, SIR!



NOW LET'S GET IN FORMATION AND BRING THIS STORM DOWN!



A team of Griffons is shown flying through a stormy sky. The scene is filled with rain, lightning, and swirling clouds. The Griffons are depicted in various flying poses, some leading the way and others following. The overall atmosphere is one of intense action and teamwork.

"AND ONCE THE TEAM STARTED,
THERE WAS NO STOPPING THEM.

"BECAUSE WHILE THEY DIDN'T
HAVE AS MUCH BLUSTER AS
THE GRIFFONS HAD, THEY
HAD TEAMWORK.

"THEY CLIPPED THE CLOUDS WITH
PRECISION. THEY WHISKED AWAY THE
RAIN. THEY DODGED THE LIGHTNING.

"AND JUST
LIKE THAT—"

"THE STRONGEST STORM IN EQUESTIRA WAS STOPPED BEFORE IT EVER GOT CLOSE TO CLOUDSDALE."



HURRAY!

YAY!

THEY DID IT!

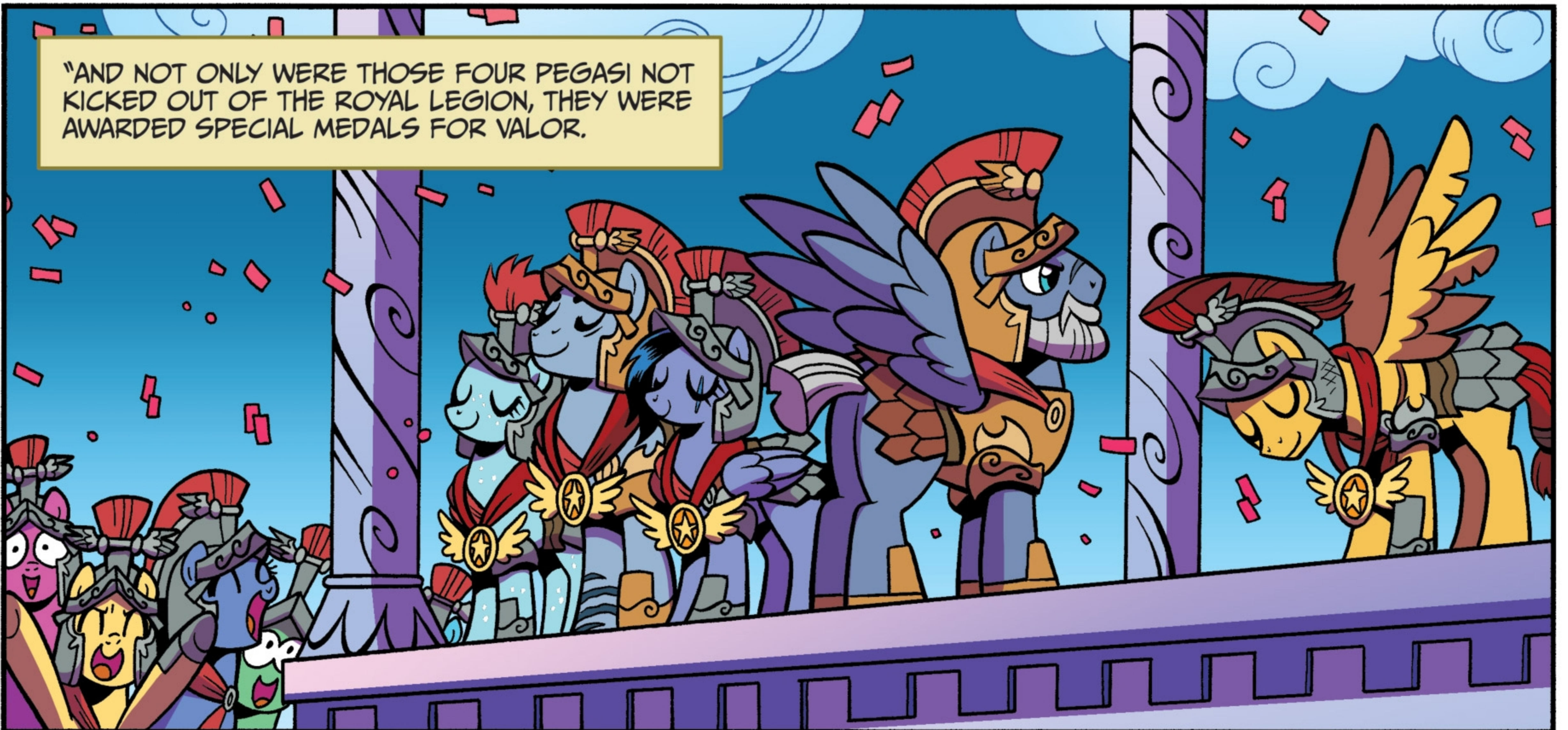
OUR HEROES!

"AND THE ROYAL LEGION BECAME HEROES TO THE GRIFFONS."

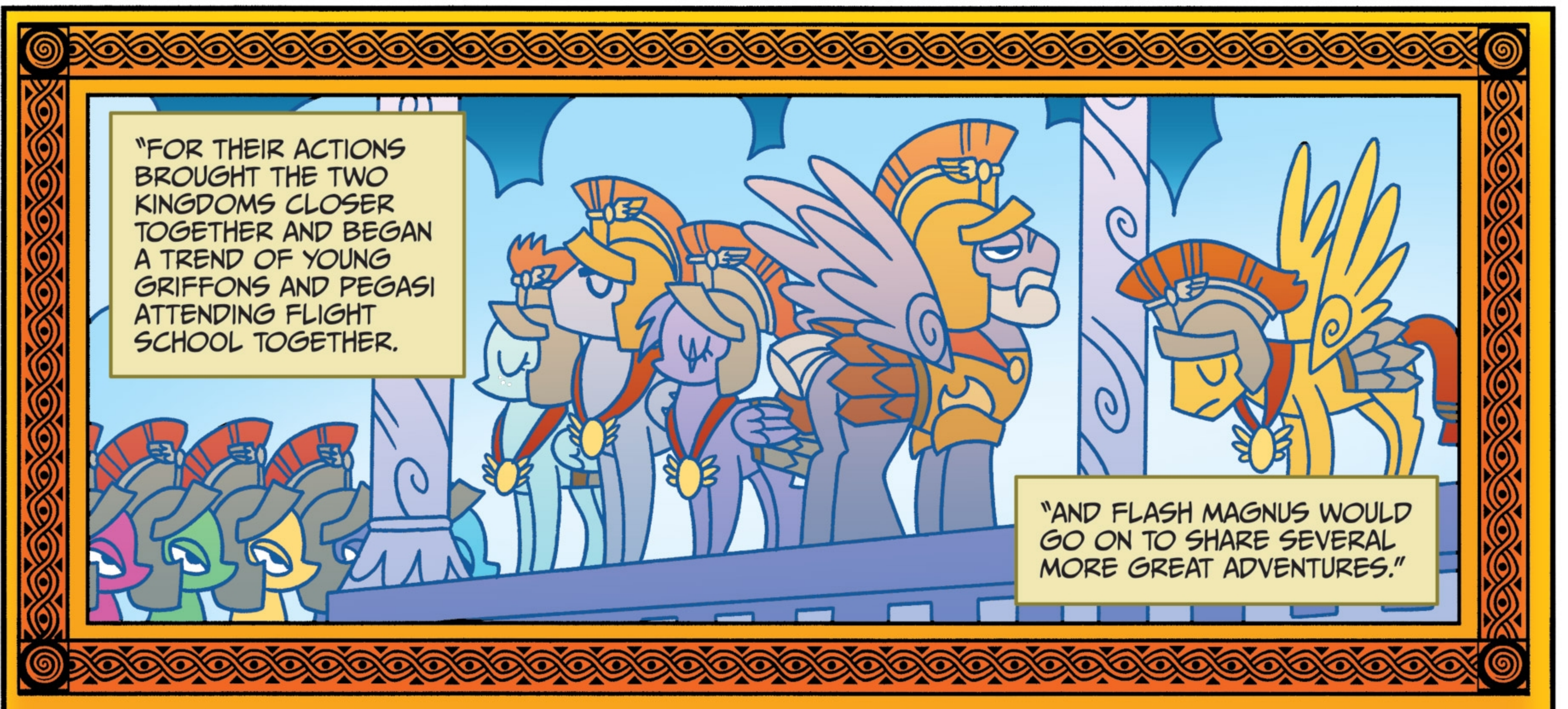


"IN FACT, WHILE YOU MAY HEAR THE STORY ABOUT THE DRAGONS MORE IN CLOUDSDALE, I AM TOLD THAT IF YOU ASK ABOUT FLASH MAGNUS IN GRIFFONSTONE, YOU'LL HEAR THIS TALE."

"AND NOT ONLY WERE THOSE FOUR PEGASI NOT KICKED OUT OF THE ROYAL LEGION, THEY WERE AWARDED SPECIAL MEDALS FOR VALOR."



"FOR THEIR ACTIONS BROUGHT THE TWO KINGDOMS CLOSER TOGETHER AND BEGAN A TREND OF YOUNG GRIFFONS AND PEGASI ATTENDING FLIGHT SCHOOL TOGETHER."



"AND FLASH MAGNUS WOULD GO ON TO SHARE SEVERAL MORE GREAT ADVENTURES."



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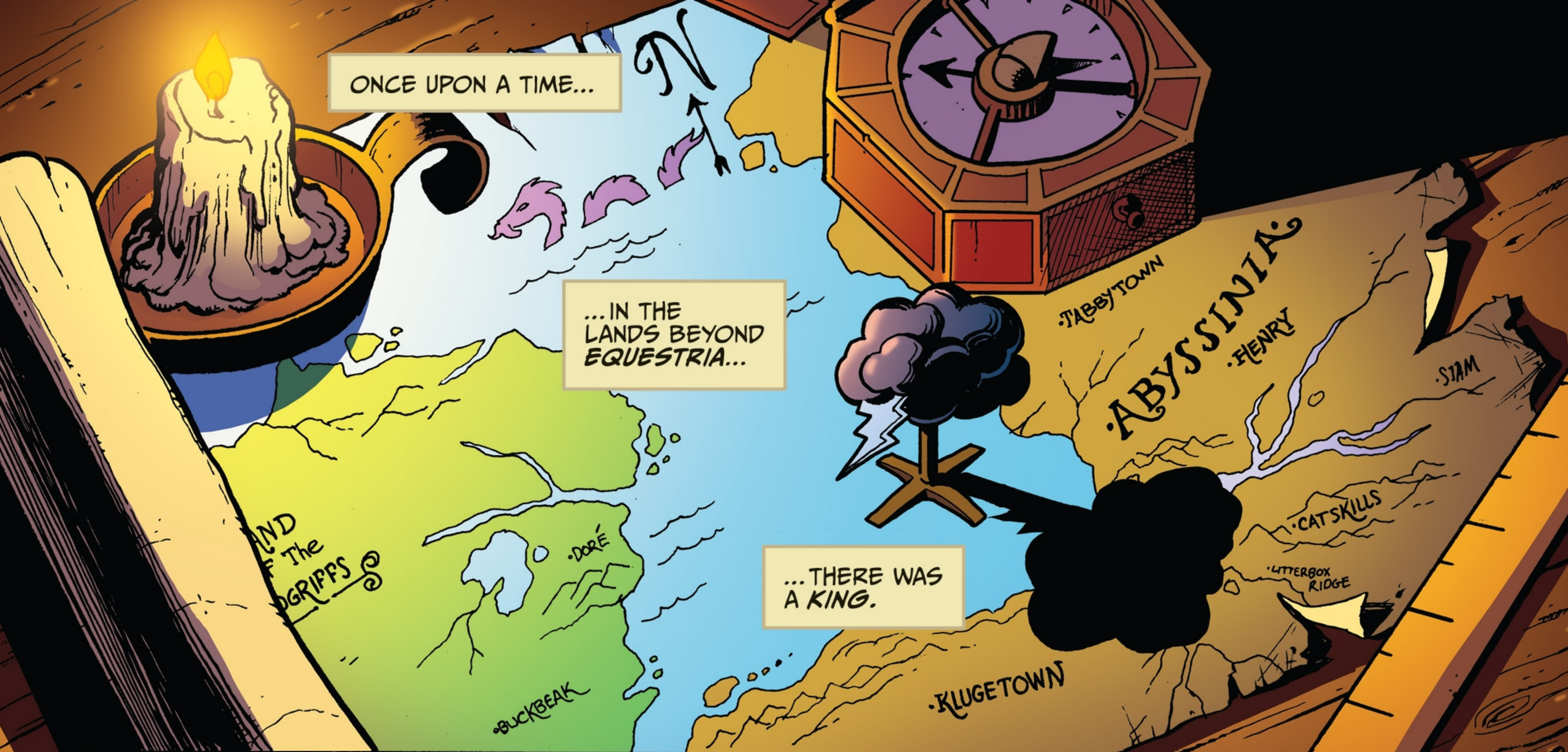
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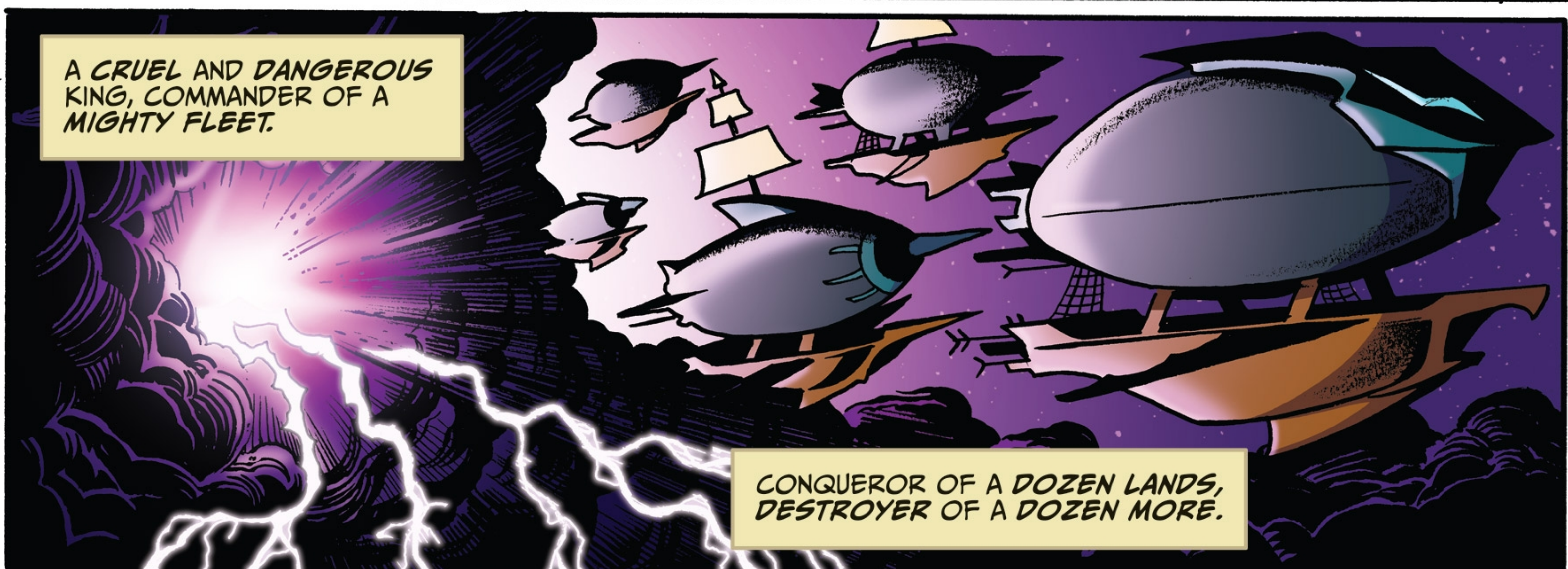
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ONCE UPON A TIME...

...IN THE LANDS BEYOND EQUESTRIA...

...THERE WAS A KING.



A CRUEL AND DANGEROUS KING, COMMANDER OF A MIGHTY FLEET.

CONQUEROR OF A DOZEN LANDS, DESTROYER OF A DOZEN MORE.



THE NAME OF THIS INVINCIBLE, IMPLACABLE FORCE OF NATURE...

...WAS THE STORM KING.

WHOA! HEY!



SEEMS KINDA UNFAIR TO HAVE SOMEBODY ELSE TELLING MY STORY!

IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A WHOLE ISSUE ABOUT ME, THEN I'M GONNA TELL IT!

SO PLEASE, JOIN ME ON THE NEXT PAGE, WON'T YOU?

LET ME TELL YOU A STORY ABOUT—



STORM KING

STRIFE.

MY LORD?

IS EVERYTHING
READY FOR THE
INVASION?





OH YES,
MY LORD.
YOUR ARMADA HAS
ALREADY CONQUERED
THE REST OF
ABYSSINIA.



ONLY
THE CAPITAL,
PANTHERA, STILL
STANDS...

...AND YOUR
FORCES ONLY
AWAIT YOUR
COMMAND.

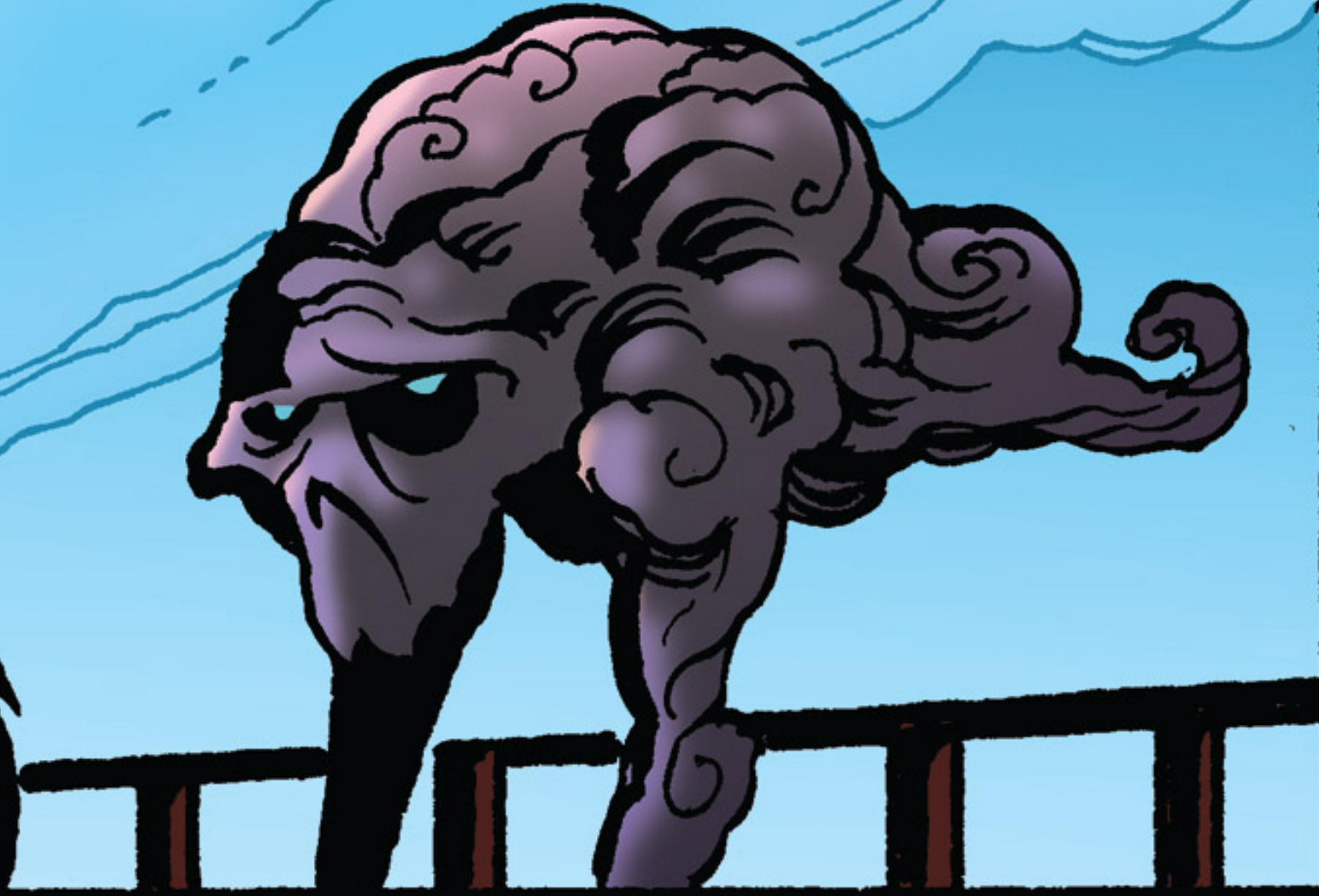
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GOOD.



AFTER
THE INVASION,
I SHOULD DO
SOMETHING FOR
THE SOLDIERS.

YOU KNOW,
LIKE A PIZZA
PARTY! OR A
FUNNY HAT
DAY!

SOMETHING
TO SHOW I
APPRECIATE ALL
THEIR HARD WORK
PILLAGING AND
LOOTING!





AS YOU SAY, MY LORD.

SHALL WE BEGIN THE INVASION?

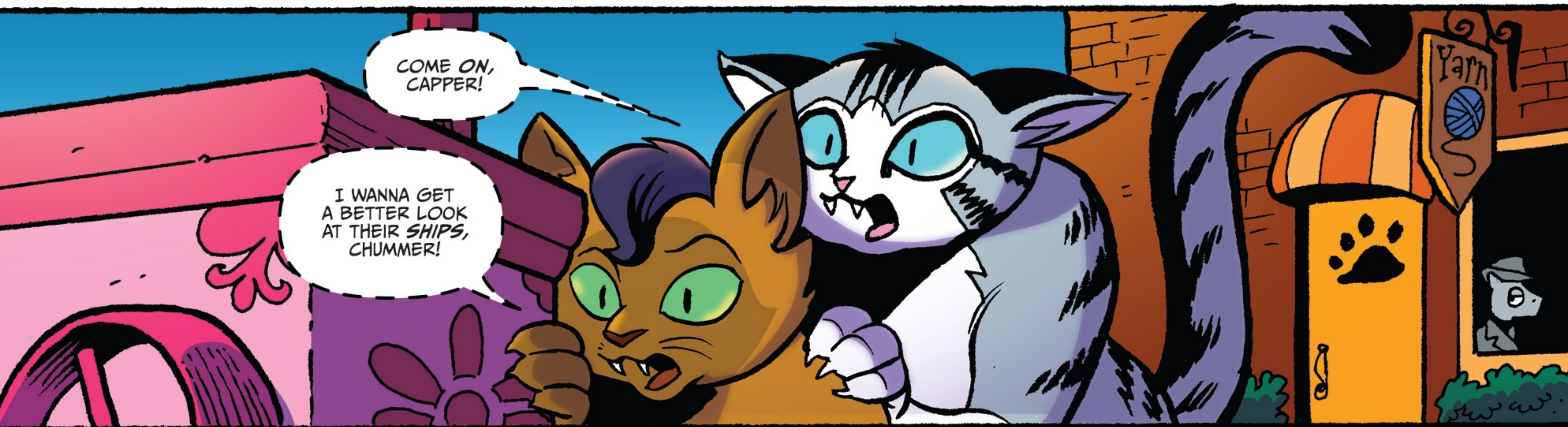
OH! RIGHT!

YEAH, LET'S HIT IT!



ONWARD, MY MINIONS!

AND MAKE ANOTHER EMPIRE FALL.



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