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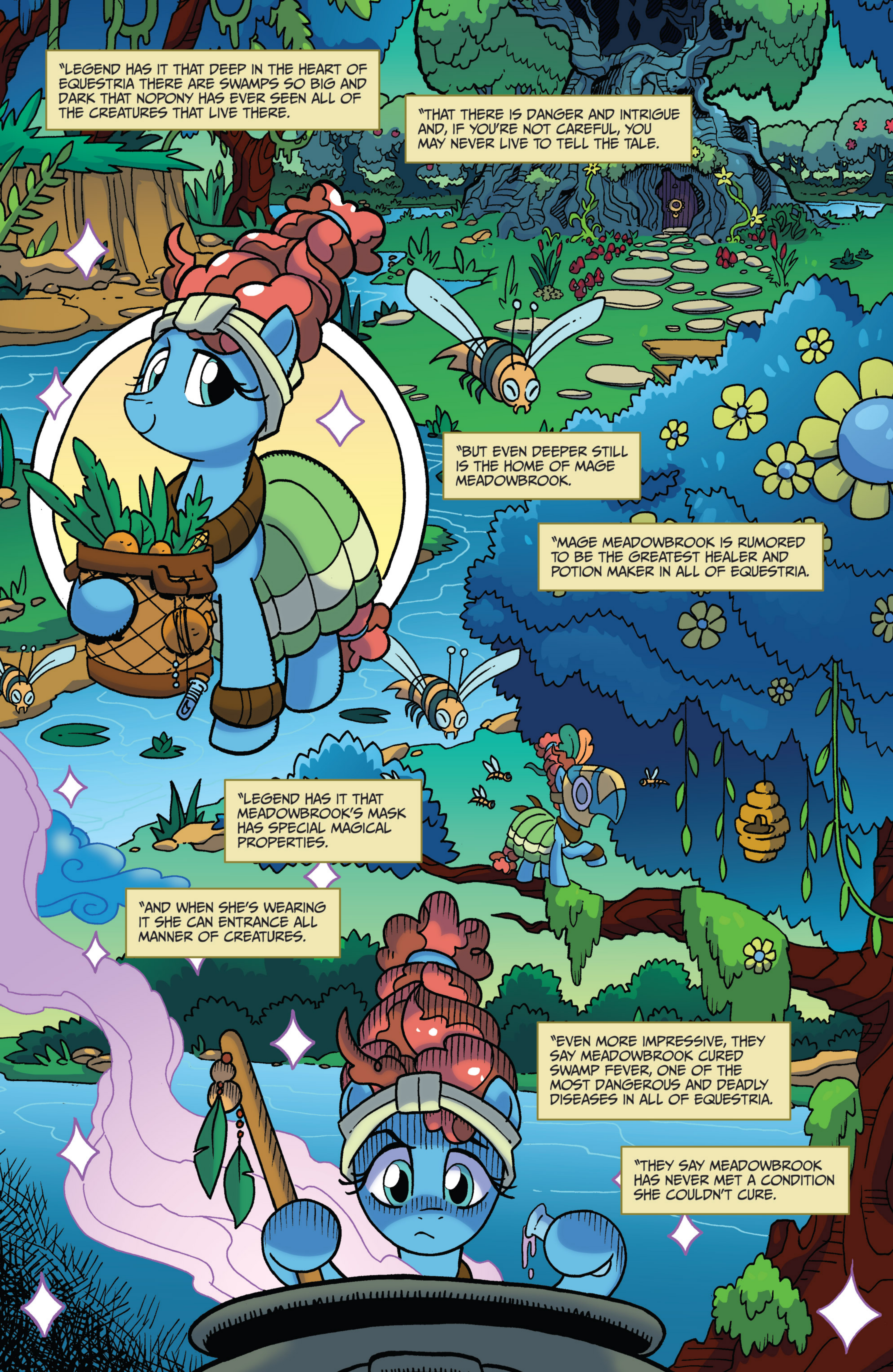
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"LEGEND HAS IT THAT DEEP IN THE HEART OF EQUESTRIA THERE ARE SWAMPS SO BIG AND DARK THAT NO PONY HAS EVER SEEN ALL OF THE CREATURES THAT LIVE THERE.

"THAT THERE IS DANGER AND INTRIGUE AND, IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, YOU MAY NEVER LIVE TO TELL THE TALE.

"BUT EVEN DEEPER STILL IS THE HOME OF MAGE MEADOWBROOK.

"MAGE MEADOWBROOK IS RUMORED TO BE THE GREATEST HEALER AND POTION MAKER IN ALL OF EQUESTRIA.

"LEGEND HAS IT THAT MEADOWBROOK'S MASK HAS SPECIAL MAGICAL PROPERTIES.

"AND WHEN SHE'S WEARING IT SHE CAN ENTRANCE ALL MANNER OF CREATURES.

"EVEN MORE IMPRESSIVE, THEY SAY MEADOWBROOK CURED SWAMP FEVER, ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS AND DEADLY DISEASES IN ALL OF EQUESTRIA.

"THEY SAY MEADOWBROOK HAS NEVER MET A CONDITION SHE COULDN'T CURE.

"I HOPE THE LEGENDS
WERE RIGHT."

MEADOWBROOK!





WHAT'S ALL THE RUCKUS?

AN ARMY OF HUGGABLY FLUFFY ANIMALS IS ABOUT TO MARCH INTO YOUR HOME.

WELL, SHOOT, THE REMEDY AIN'T READY YET.



ROCKHOOF, YOU CLOSE AND HOLD THAT DOOR. YOU MUST WEIGH AS MUCH AS A HUNDRED BUNNIES.

STYGIAN, FOLLOW ME UP TOP. I GOT SOME IDEAS.



I NEED YOU TO GIVE ME AS MUCH TIME AS YOU CAN. THAT DOOR AND THIS UPSTAIRS WINDOW ARE THE ONLY WAY IN.

YOU GOTTA KEEP 'EM AWAY.

HOW?



FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK.

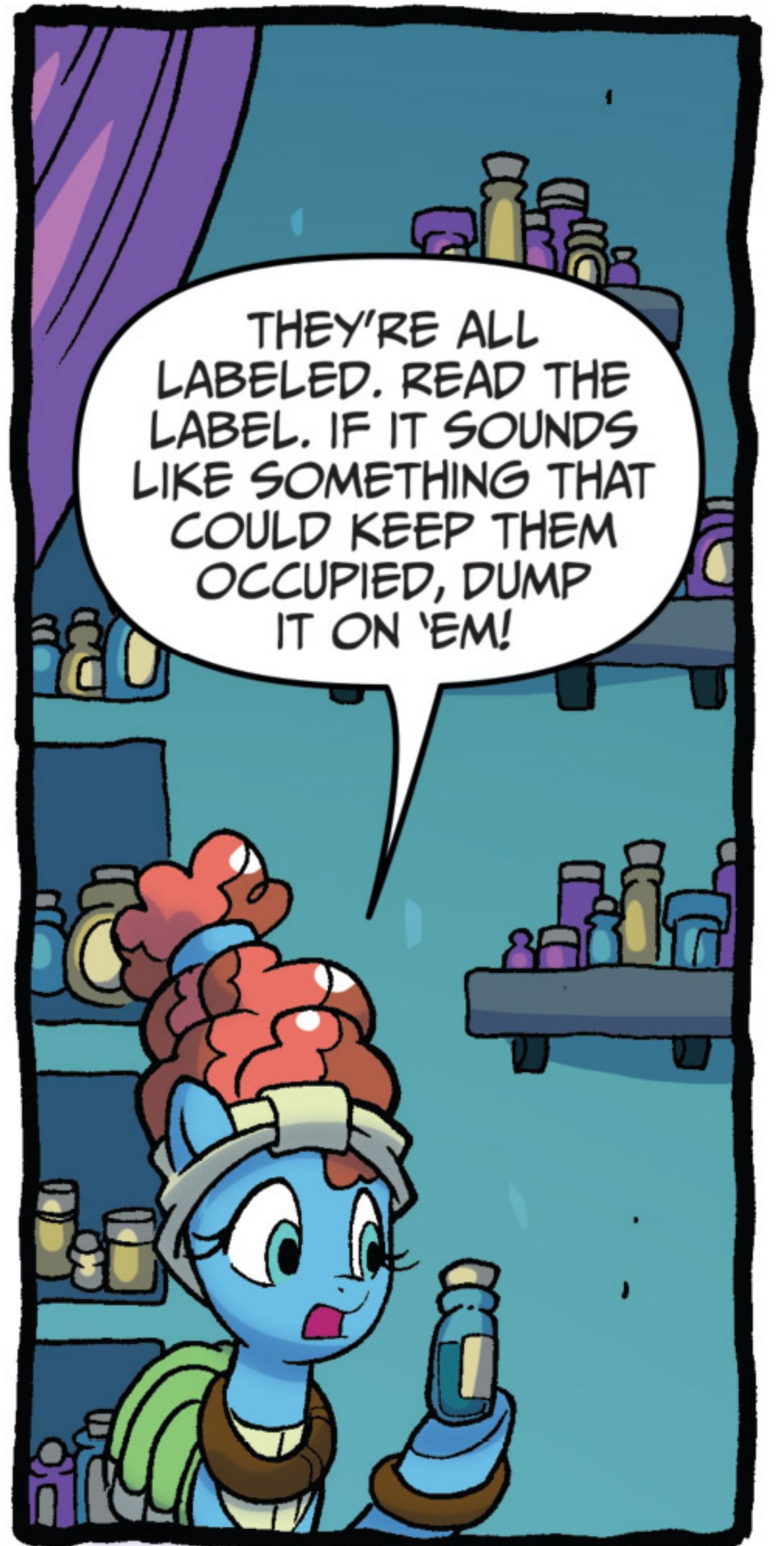
WHOA! WHAT IS ALL THIS?



IT'S MY POTION COLLECTION. I KEEP A LOT OF THINGS ON HAND FOR EMERGENCIES.

WHAT DO THEY DO?

A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING.



THEY'RE ALL LABELED. READ THE LABEL. IF IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING THAT COULD KEEP THEM OCCUPIED, DUMP IT ON 'EM!



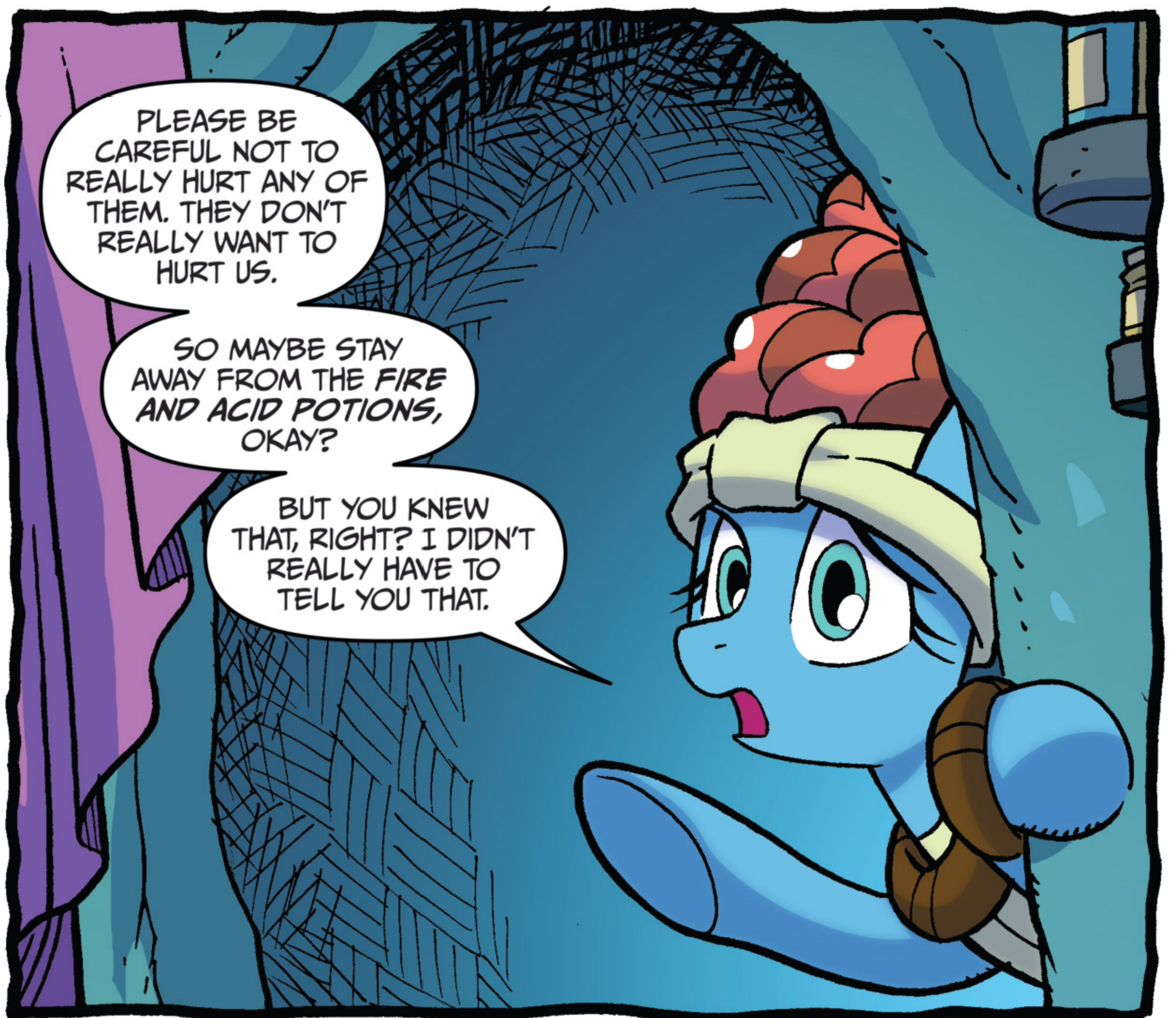
WHAT? HOW? WHO NOW?

YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT! THIS IS AN EMERGENCY.



HOW DO I EVEN KNOW WHERE TO LOOK? THERE ARE SO MANY—

ONE MORE THING!



PLEASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO REALLY HURT ANY OF THEM. THEY DON'T REALLY WANT TO HURT US.

SO MAYBE STAY AWAY FROM THE FIRE AND ACID POTIONS, OKAY?

BUT YOU KNEW THAT, RIGHT? I DIDN'T REALLY HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT.

BOOM!

IS THERE NO LOCK ON THIS DOOR? NO BOLT OR ANYTHING?

I LIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SWAMP. WHO'S GONNA BREAK IN?

BOOM!

YOU KNOW, FOR A BUNCH OF FURBALLS, THEY PUSH PRETTY HARD.

THE SICKNESS DRIVES THEM TO BE EXTRA AGGRESSIVE. USUALLY YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A BUNNY HEADBUTTING YOU.

HEADBUTTING BUNNIES? NOW YOU'RE JUST MAKING ME WANT TO OPEN THE DOOR.

PINK... PINK... THIS SHOULD BE PURPLE!

WHAT AM I MISSING?

THIS SHOULD DO THE TRICK!

HOW YOU DOING OVER THERE, ROCKHOOF?

BOOM!

AH DANG!
THAT ONE
WAS—

SCREEE

UHHMMM—

THONK!

WHAT WAS
THAT?

SLAM!

NOTHING. I
COULD JUST
USE SOME
BACKUP.

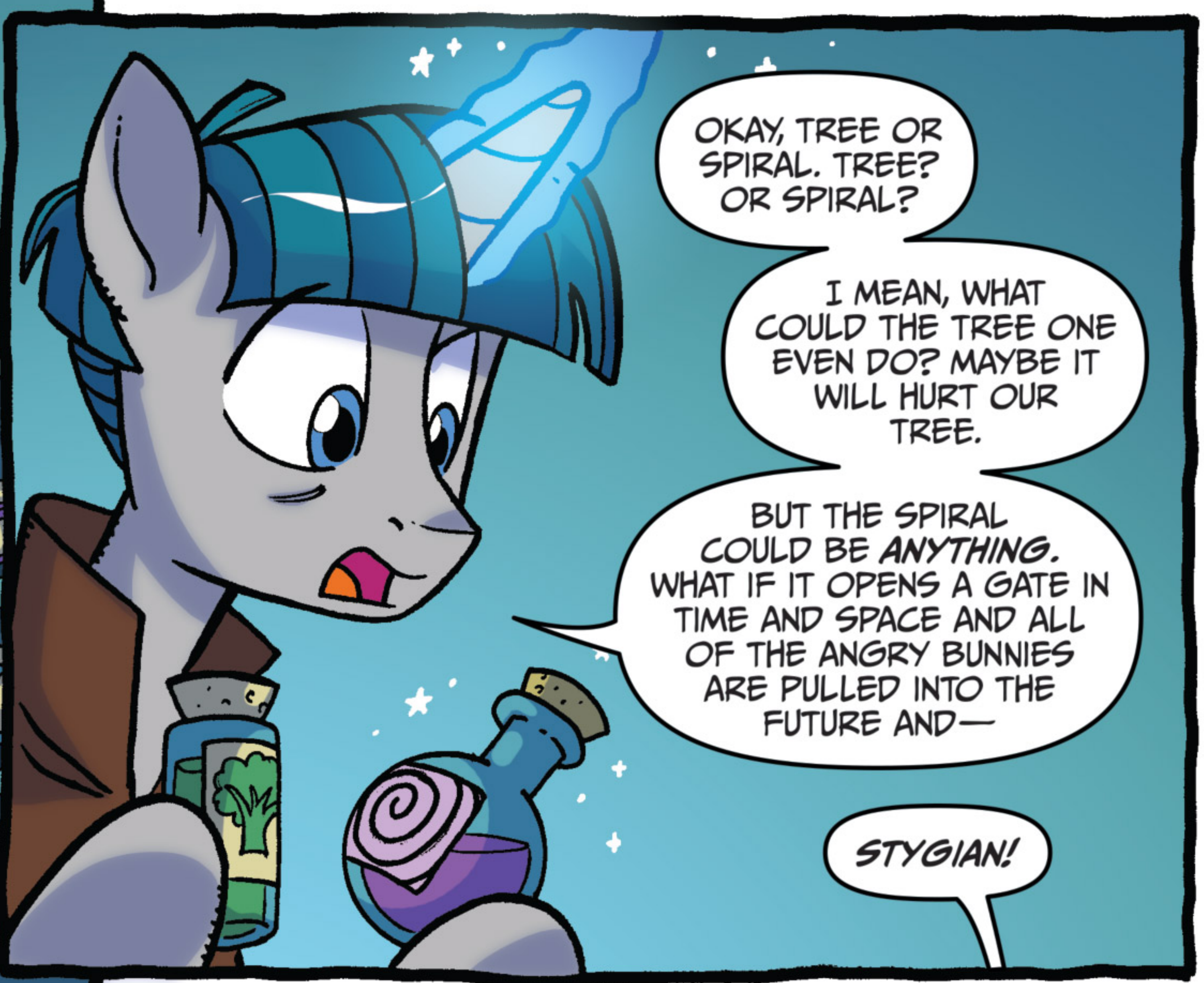
YOU HEAR
THAT, STYGIAN?! I
COULD USE SOME
BACKUP!

OKAY,
OKAY!



OKAY, I FOR SURE DO NOT WANT TO USE THE ONE WITH THE SKULL AND CROSSBONES.

AND I THINK THE ONE WITH THE VOLCANO IS BETTER OFF ON THE SHELF.



OKAY, TREE OR SPIRAL. TREE? OR SPIRAL?

I MEAN, WHAT COULD THE TREE ONE EVEN DO? MAYBE IT WILL HURT OUR TREE.

BUT THE SPIRAL COULD BE ANYTHING. WHAT IF IT OPENS A GATE IN TIME AND SPACE AND ALL OF THE ANGRY BUNNIES ARE PULLED INTO THE FUTURE AND—

STYGIAN!



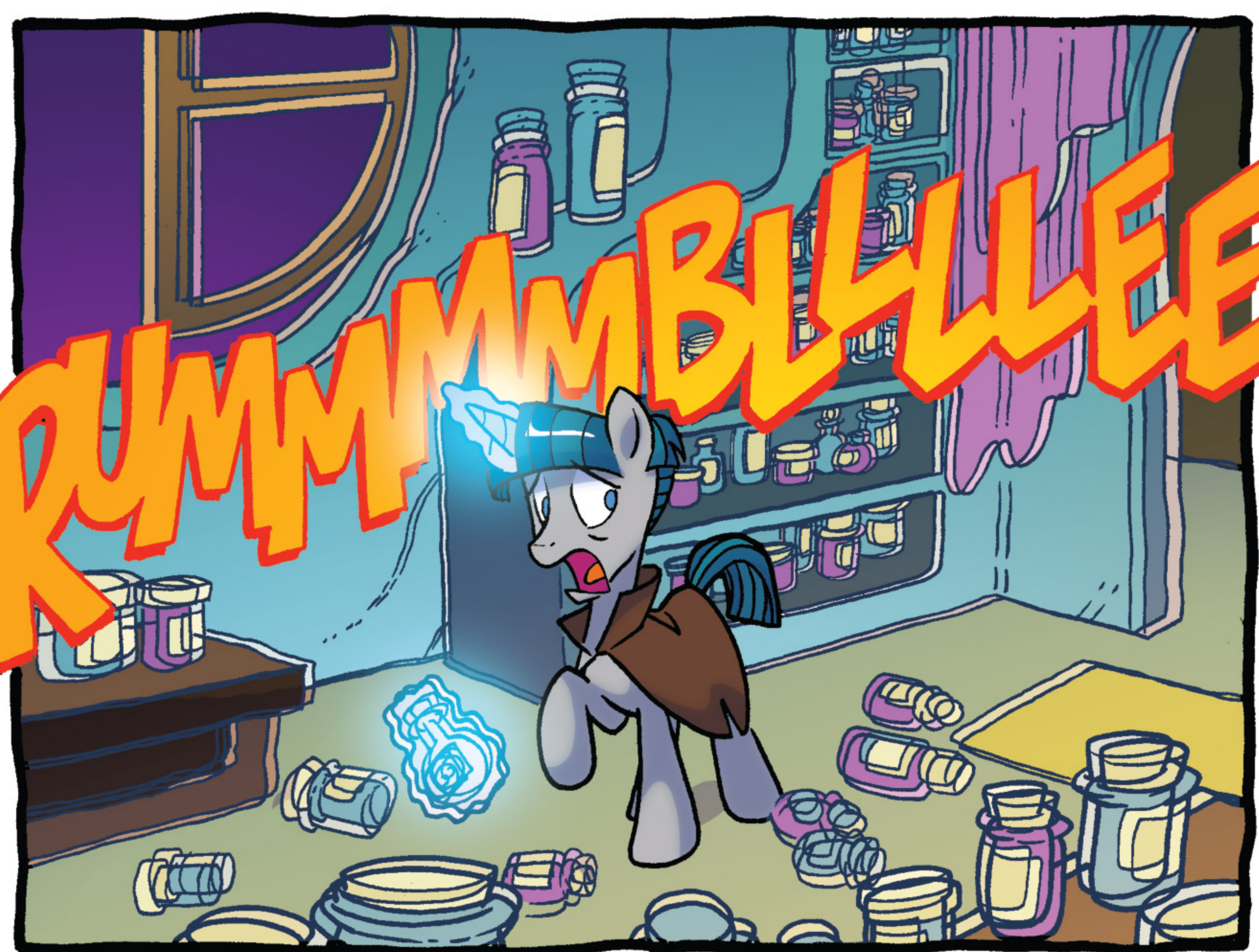
HERE COMES A SPIRAL OR SOMETHING, PUNKS!



GAH! IT DIDN'T DO ANYTHING! I THOUGHT FOR SURE THE SPIRAL WOULD DO SOME—



GAH! I THREW THE WRONG ONE! STYGIAN WHY CAN'T YOU—





SPROUT!



HUH, THAT ONE ACTUALLY TURNED OUT **PRETTY WELL**. WHO KNOWS WHAT THIS ONE WOULD HAVE—



GYAR!

AH!

SPASH!

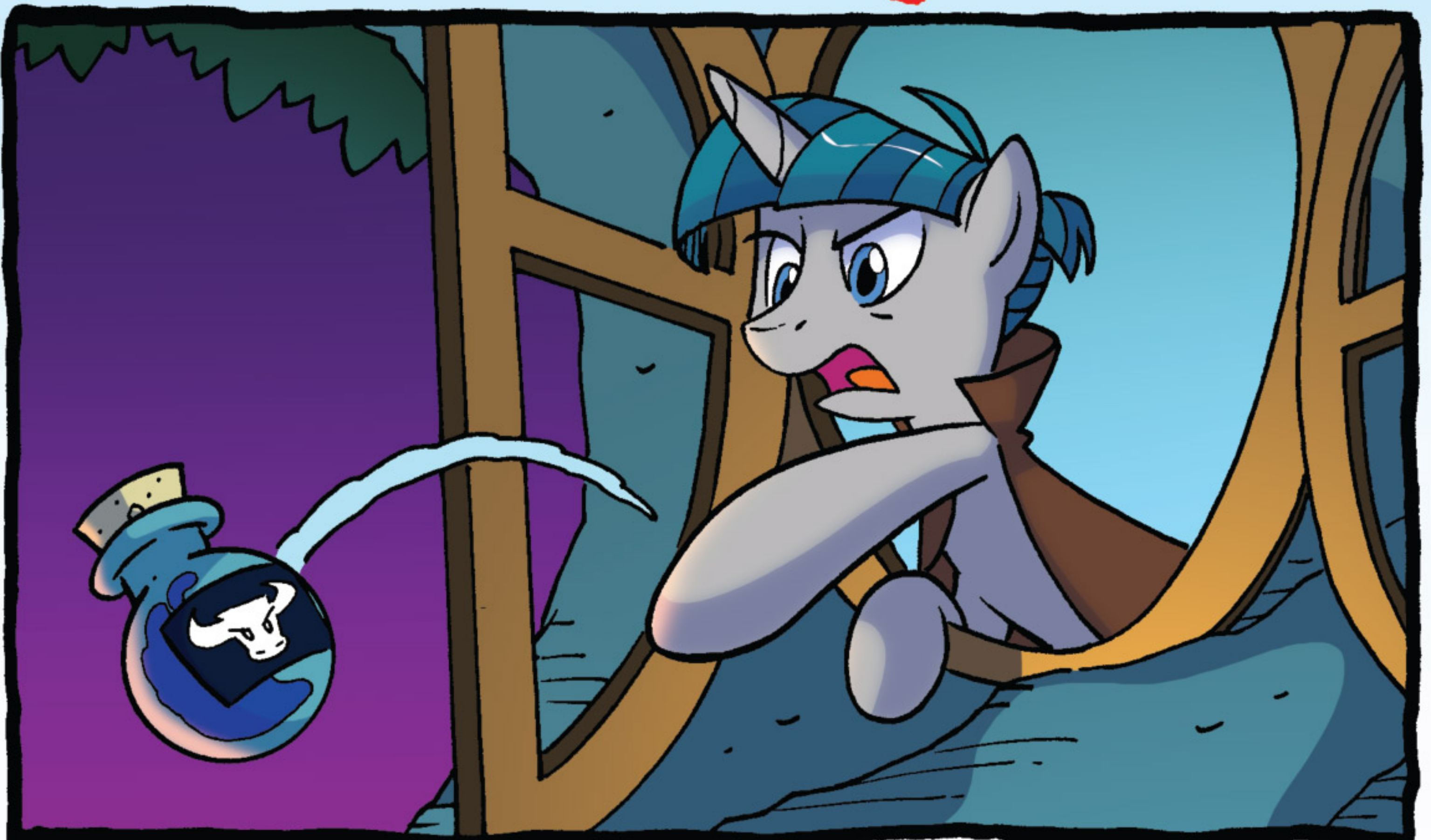
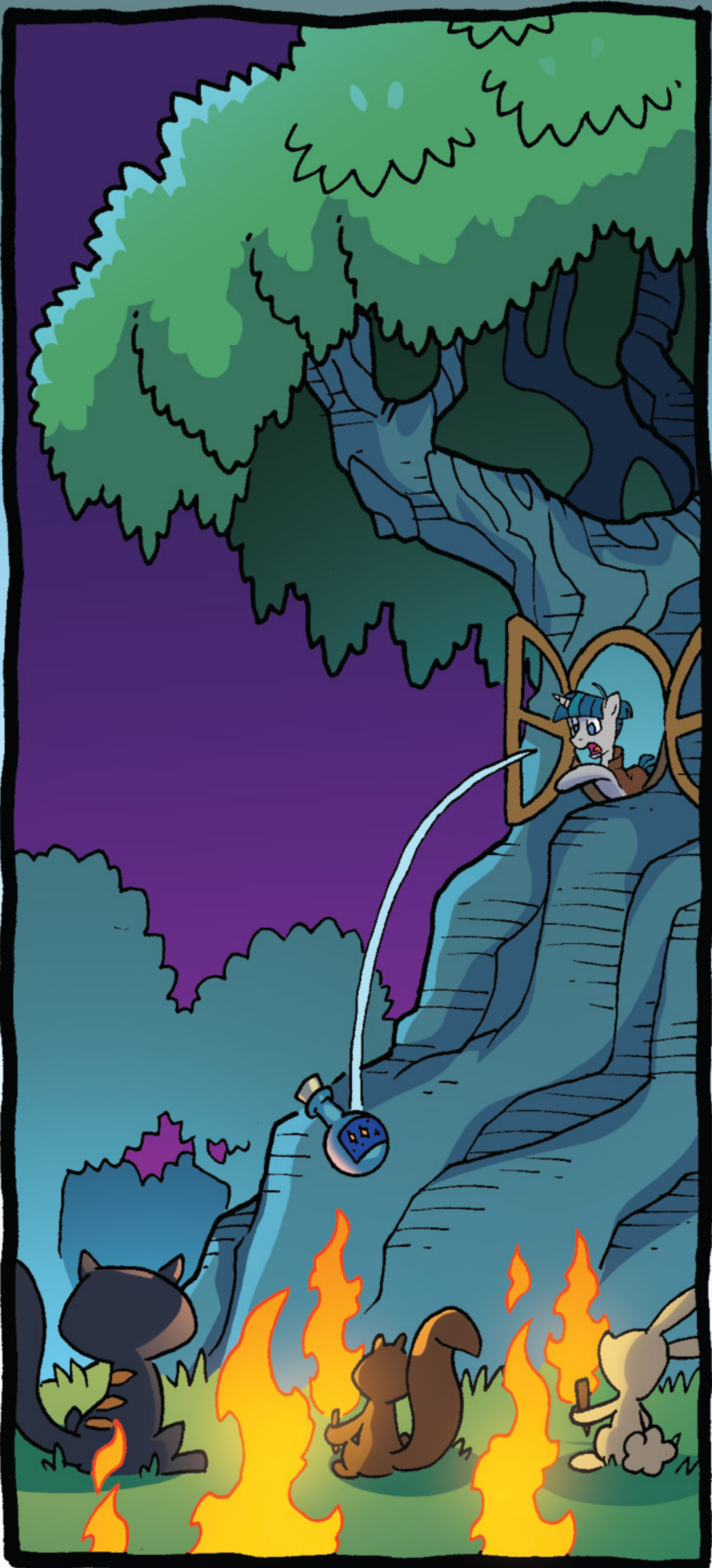
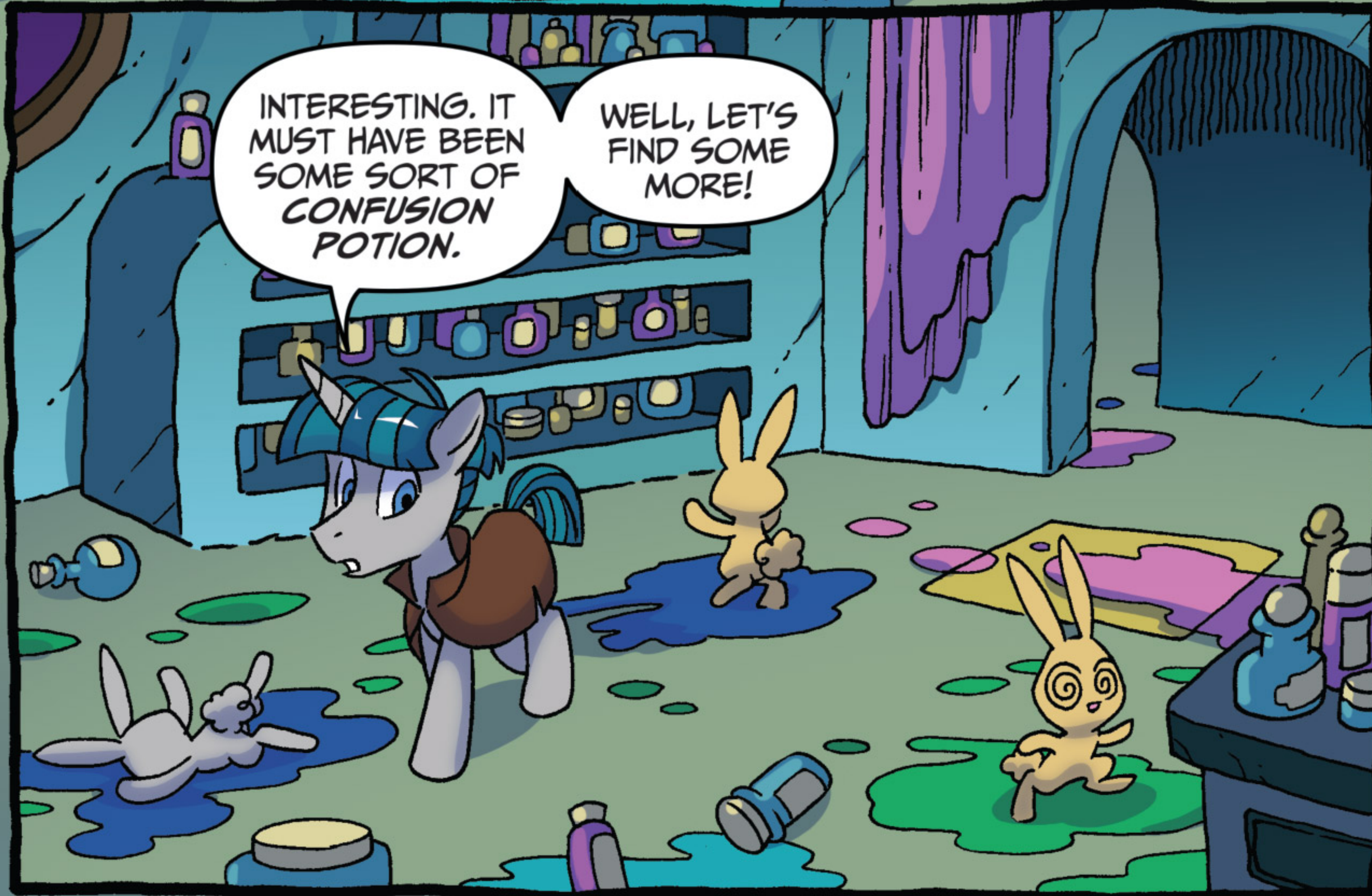


HELLO, LITTLE BUNNIES. NICE BUNNIES.

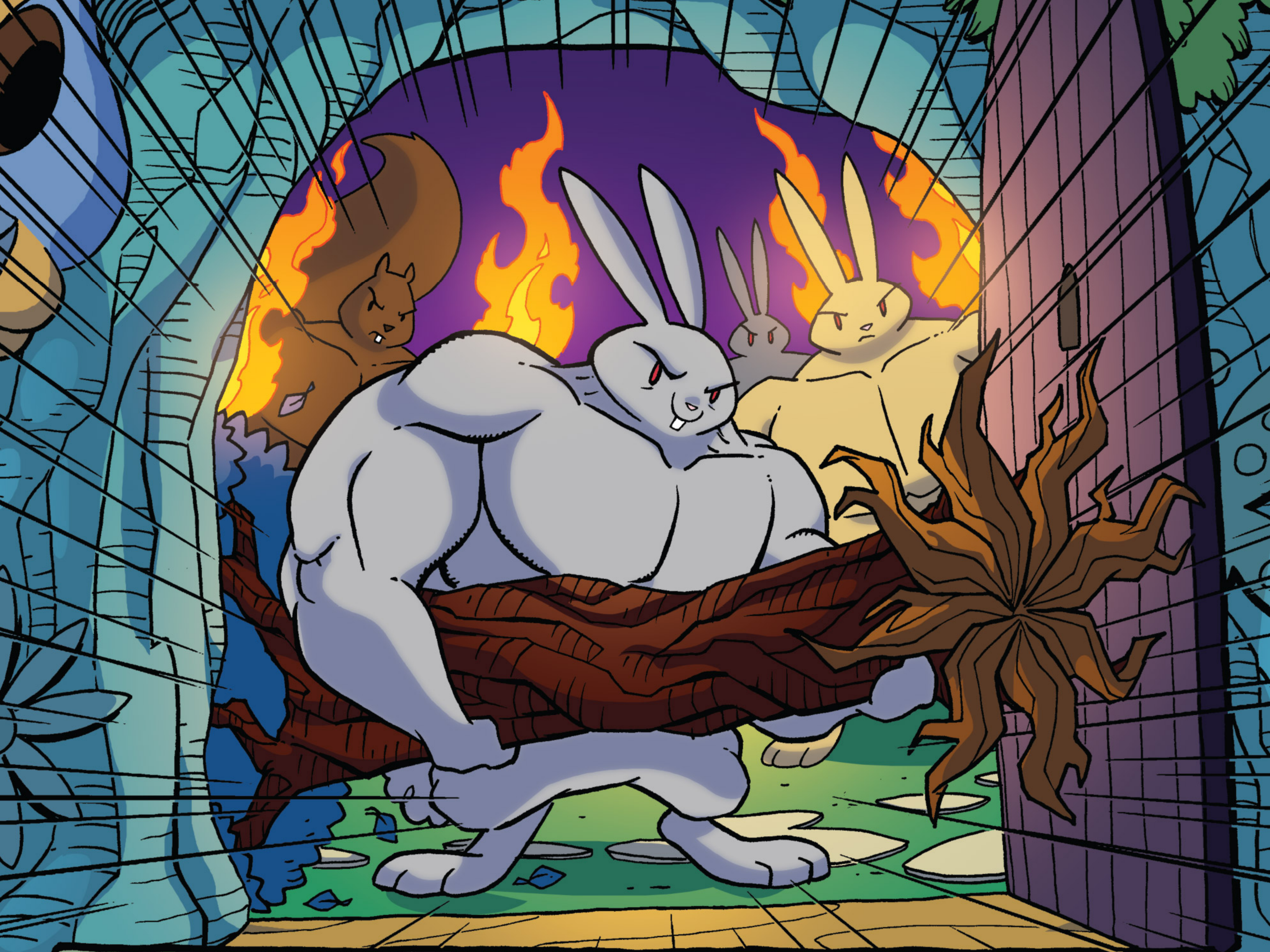


YOU DON'T WANT TO HURT ME, DO YOU—

YAR!







BOYS!
DUMP THE
CAULDRON!
NOW!



SPLASH!



NOW, WHO
STILL NEEDS
TO TAKE THEIR
MEDICINE?



A LITTLE WHILE LATER.

SO, YOU SAY YOUR TOWNFOLK ARE UNDER SOME KINDA SPELL, EH?

YES. SIRENS ARE DRAINING THEM OF ALL THEIR MAGIC.



SURE, I'LL COME WITH YOU.

I USED TO TRAVEL ALL THE TIME, BUT AFTER I GOT STUCK IN A VILLAGE FULL OF ZOMBIE PONIES...

...WELL, I DECIDED I'D RATHER BE A HOMEBODY.

WAIT, ZOMBIE PONIES?

THAT'S A LEGEND FOR ANOTHER TIME, FRIEND.

RIGHT NOW I'M MORE INTERESTED IN HOW WE'RE GONNA GET PAST THOSE SIRENS.

I THINK I HAVE JUST THE PONY FOR THAT.

WAIT! CAN WE EAT FIRST? I CAN'T START ANOTHER TRAVELING MONTAGE WITHOUT EATING FIRST!



THANKS FOR THE HOSPITALITY. I'M SURE YOU'RE NOT USED TO COOKING SO MUCH, A LITTLE MARE LIKE—

YOU WERE SAYING?

YOWZA! YOU SEEING THIS STYGIAN?

UH-HUH, SURE.

I GUESS YOUR EYES WERE BIGGER THAN YOUR TUMMY, HUH?

MA'AM, AIN'T NOTHIN' BIGGER THAN MY TUMMY RIGHT NOW!

THAT WAS TASTY!

I THINK I'M IN LOVE.

MEADOWBROOK,
WHY DO YOU LIVE SO
FAR OUT IN THE SWAMP
ANYWAY?

THAT'S EASY. THERE
ARE PLANTS AND ANIMALS
THE REST OF THE WORLD HAS
NEVER SEEN IN THE DEEP
SWAMP. I CAN MAKE POTIONS
OTHER PONIES NEVER
DREAMED OF.

WHEN I GET OLD I
WANNA LIVE SOMEWHERE
LIKE YOUR SWAMP, AWAY
FROM ALL THE HUSTLE
AND BUSTLE.

YOU DON'T WANT
TO HAVE ANY COLTS
OR FILLIES OF YOUR
OWN? YOU SEEM LIKE
THE GRANDPAPPY
TYPE.

I AIN'T SURE
HOW TO TAKE
THAT.

STYGIAN,
YOU DON'T
TALK MUCH,
DO YA?

I'M JUST THINKING.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT
WHAT'S HAPPENING
BACK AT HOME.





FINALLY, WE MADE IT!

THIS?



THIS IS THE TRAINING CAMP FOR THE PEGASI ROYAL LEGION?

I DON'T SEE ONE SOLDIER! WHY, IF THIS WAS THE GREAT HELM—

NOT THERE, ROCKHOOF—



THERE.

OH.



LET'S CHECK IT OUT.

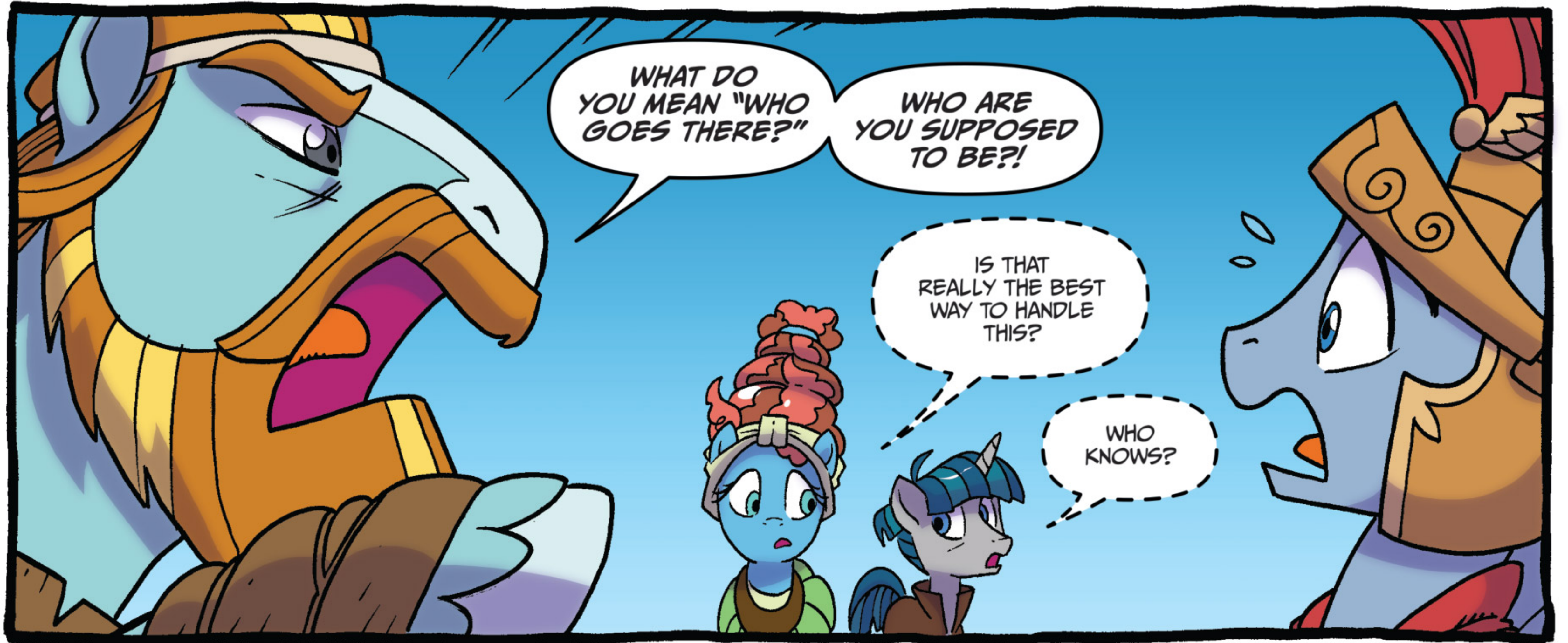
BUT... HOW ARE WE MEANT TO GET UP THERE?



HALT!
WHO GOES
THERE?

LEAVE THIS TO
ME. I KNOW HOW
TO HANDLE OTHER
SOLDIERS.

OKAY.



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN "WHO
GOES THERE?"

WHO ARE
YOU SUPPOSED
TO BE?!

IS THAT
REALLY THE BEST
WAY TO HANDLE
THIS?

WHO
KNOWS?



I AM **GRIMHOOF**, FIFTH
FASTEST PEGASUS IN THE
ROYAL LEGION AND
GUARD ON DUTY TO THE
HEADQUARTERS!

**YOU?! A GUARD?!
WHAT, DID THE WIND
BLOW AWAY ALL THE
SCARECROWS?**

YOU DON'T
LOOK LIKE YOU
COULD GUARD A
SECRET! YA
BONY—

WHO DO
YOU THINK
YOU ARE!



I'M **ROCKHOOF**,
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER
OF THE MIGHTY HELM
AND HERO OF THE
NORTH.

WELL I'M SURE YOU'RE
A **BIG DEAL** IN YOUR LITTLE
TOWN BUT THIS IS THE ROYAL
LEGION, NOT SOME
BACKWATER—

**BACKWATER?!
THE MIGHTY HELM IS
THE WALL THAT KEEPS
EQUESTRIA SAFE!**

AND YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU'D FLY
ABOUT AS WELL
AS A **WALL!**



MAYBE YOU
SHOULD STEP IN
BEFORE WE END
UP IN JAIL.

I THINK
YOU'RE RIGHT.

GENTLEMEN,
THERE'S NO NEED
TO FIGHT—

—FIGHT?



WE'RE NOT GONNA FIGHT. I WAS JUST GIVING THIS PUNY FLYIN PONY A HARD TIME.

THIS ONE'S NOT A SOLDIER, EH?

NOPE. SOME KIND OF BOOKWORM.

FRIEND, IF THE TWO OF US WERE GONNA FIGHT, WE WOULDN'T HAVE SPENT SO MUCH TIME TALKING.



DID YOU UNDERSTAND ANY OF THAT?

I GUESS THEY'RE FRIENDS NOW.

I WANNA GO BACK TO STUDYING SHELLS.

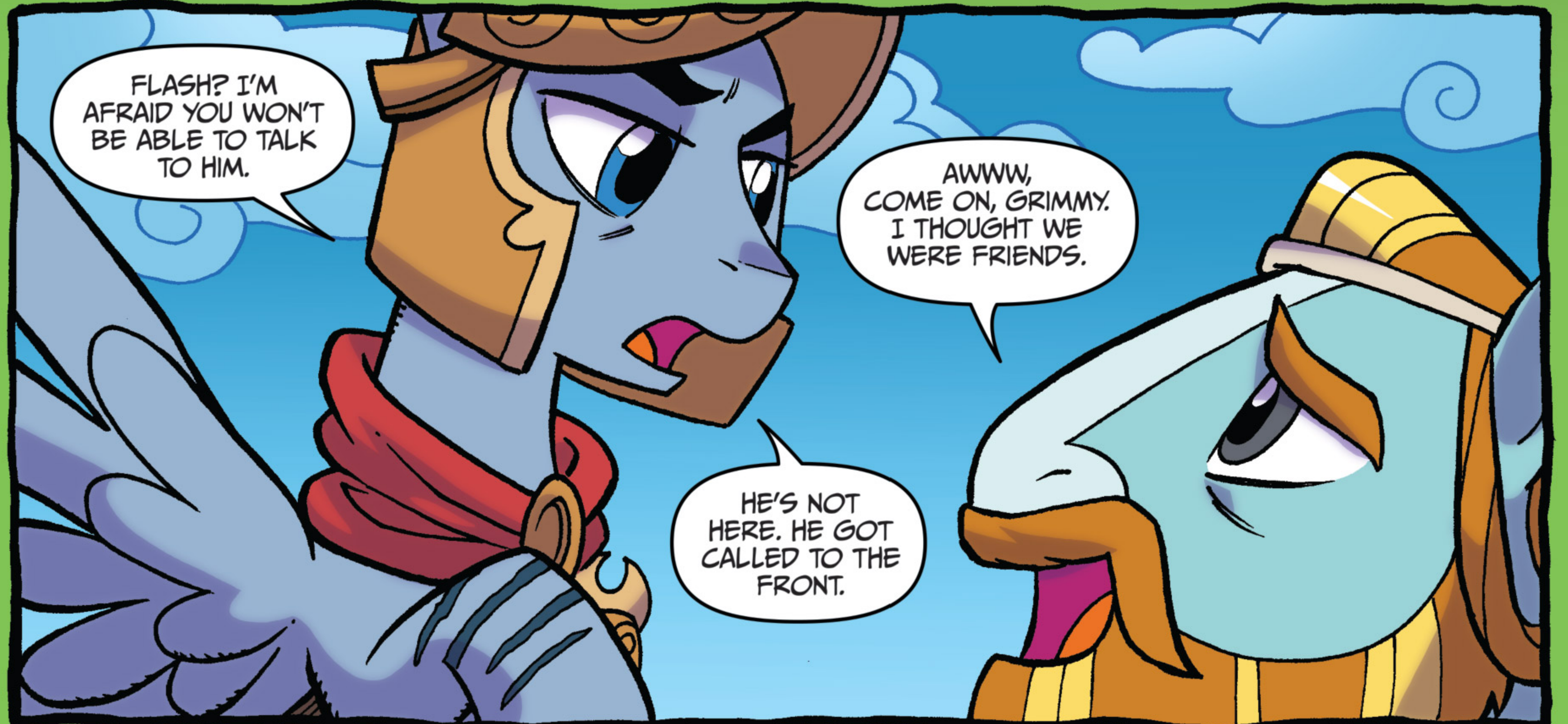


HEY, BUCKETHEAD, WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOME HORSE CALLED...

...WHAT WAS IT? HAY GARRICK? MARE E. ALLEN? WHINNY WEST?

FLASH MAGNUS?

FLASH MAGNUS! THAT'S IT!



FLASH? I'M AFRAID YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TALK TO HIM.

AWWW, COME ON, GRIMMY. I THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS.

HE'S NOT HERE. HE GOT CALLED TO THE FRONT.



THE FRONT?
THE FRONT OF
WHAT?

HAVEN'T YOU
HEARD? THERE'S
ABOUT TO BE
A WAR!



WAIT! A WAR?
WE CAN'T GET
CAUGHT UP IN A
WAR! WE HAVE
TO—

DON'T WORRY,
LITTLE BUDDY, YOU'VE
GOT ROCKHOOF WITH
YOU. JUST POINT ME AT
'EM AND I'LL WIN THE
WAR MYSELF.

YEAH, THAT'S
NOT GOING TO
HAPPEN.



LISTEN,
SMARTER PONIES
THAN YOU HAVE
BET AGAINST
ROCKHOOF.

ROCKHOOF
FOUGHT A
VOLCANO AND
WON.

ROCKHOOF
CHANGED THE
COURSE OF A
RIVER.



ROCKHOOF ONCE
ATE AN *ENTIRE* BOAT
OF OATS IN ONE
SITTING.

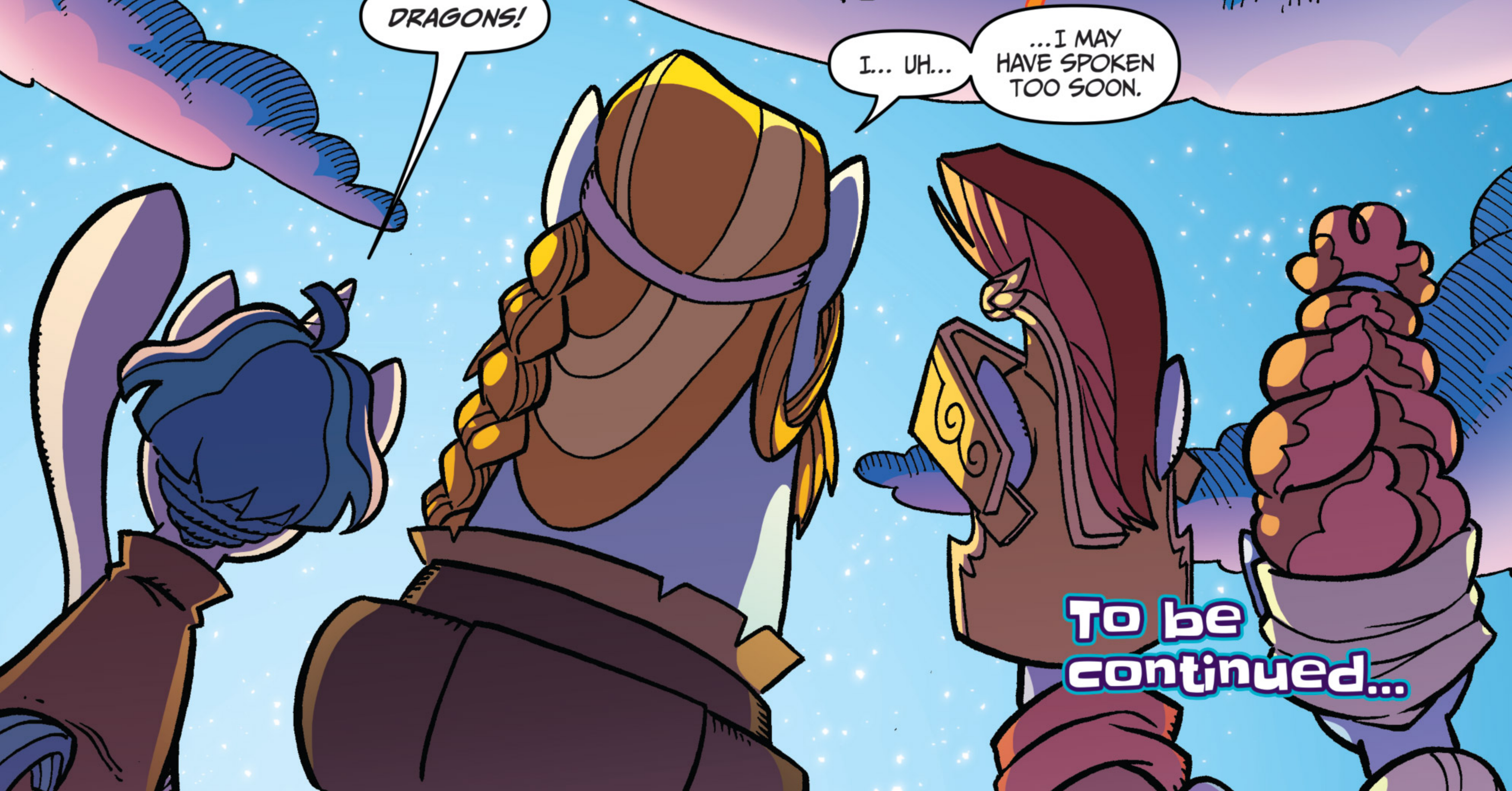
WHATEVER PESKY
CREATURE IS GIVING YOU
TROUBLE, *ROCKHOOF*
CAN HANDLE IT!



DRAGONS!

I... UH...

...I MAY HAVE SPOKEN TOO SOON.



To be continued...

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Great cinnamon sticks! Pinkie Pie, **WHAT** are you doing?

I've memorized *all* the recipes in the Sugarcube Corner cookbook!

I am gonna **DESTROY** everyone else at the Equestria Super Chef Competition!

IT'LL BE TOTAL DESSERT DOMINATION!!

THIS!



IS GONNA BE THE **greatest day even**

nomé nomé



But **HOW** can I get to the Hedge Maze Center without all this **KNOWLEDGE** sloshing out of my brain?



Pinkie, are you planning to **CLEAN UP** this mess?

LATER!

Cooking stardom awaits!

TIP TIP



Now, where in the blazes is the **BACKSTAGE ENTRANCE?**

IF that's even what Granny Smith's note says. Her hoofwriting's like watchin' a spider do the polka after fallin' in an ink-puddle.



And why is Pinkie Pie walking like the sky is about to fall?

Oh well. Better get this pie delivered while it's still--

must... not... spill... recipes..!



WHUMP



Oh--

OH--
OH
NO!



Pardon me!

Comin' through!

'Scuse me!



Come to Applejack, little pie!

Just a mite further--



Fillies and gentlecolts, put your hooves together for the **NINTH ANNUAL EQUESTRIA SUPER CHEF** contestants!

This year's theme is **DESSERTS**, and with only **THREE ROUNDS** to decide which pony trots off with the **50,000 bit** prize--



THE PIE'S THE LIMIT!

By Alex de Campi & Carla Speed McNeil!

Colors by Jenn Manley Lee & Bill Mudron!

So who's signin' for this pie? I can't read Granny Smith's hoofwritin--

Hey! I need a hoof with these lights!

ugh!&



Just go over to Table Five and wait! I'll be right with you.

And, as always, providing you in the back with a magical close-up & personal view of the action, it's our very own

JUMBO DON!

Friends, you can call me Don.

LADIES, you can call me **ANYTIME**.



And **NOW**, let's meet our contestants!



From Manehattan, it's...
SUMMER VAN DER HOOFF!

EXCLUSIVE cuisine for EXCLUSIVE ponies, darlings!



Hey bros! You ready to FIRE up your appetites?!

From Las Pegasus, it's...
BLADE SPARXX!



From Dodge City, it's...
TOFFEE TRUFFLE!

Sweet treats from MY family to YOURS!



From right here in Ponyville, it's hometown girl...

Oooh! OOOH!

Here she is! I'm so excited I could FAINT!

C'mon, Pinkie! Do us PROUD!



...PINKIE PIE!

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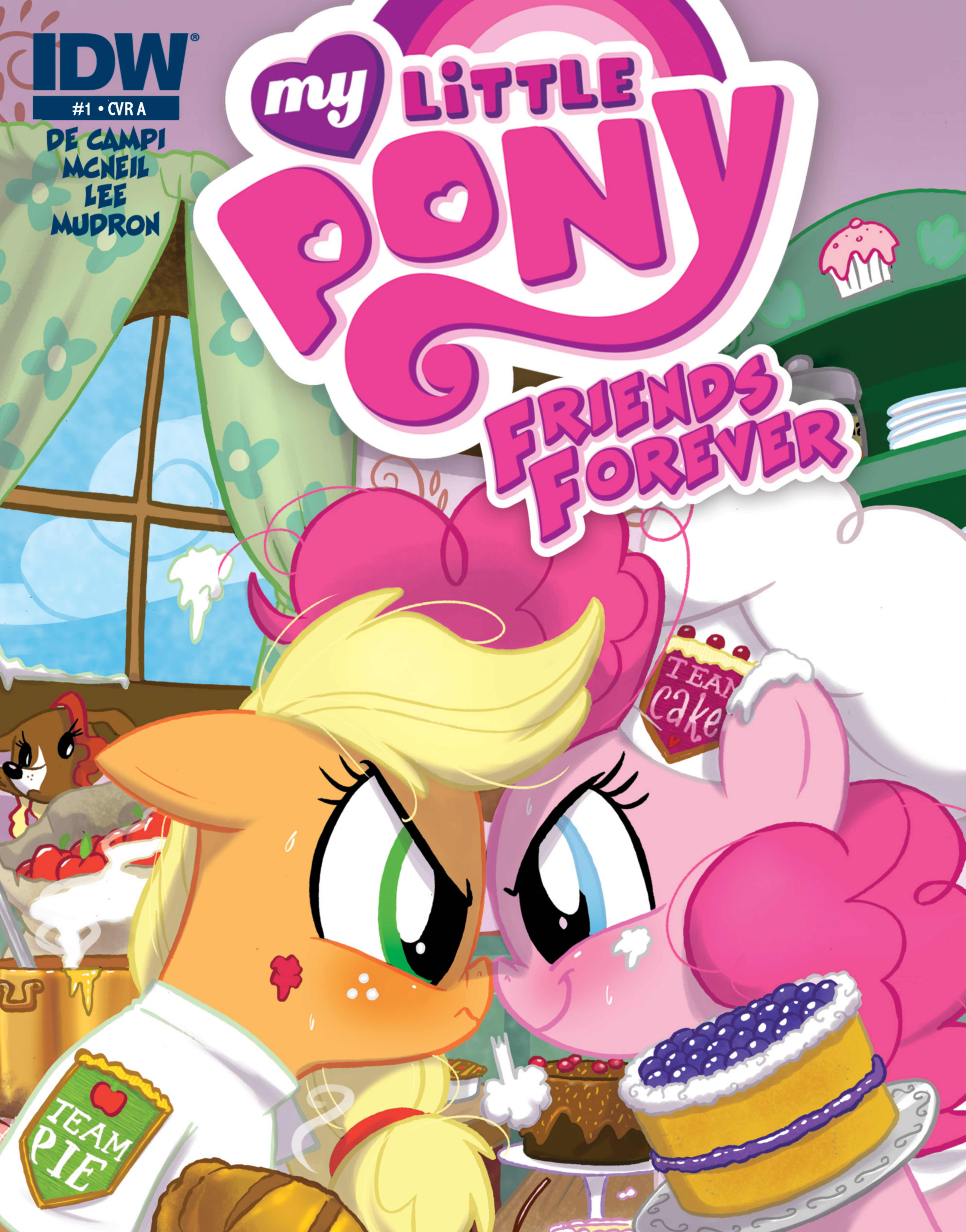
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