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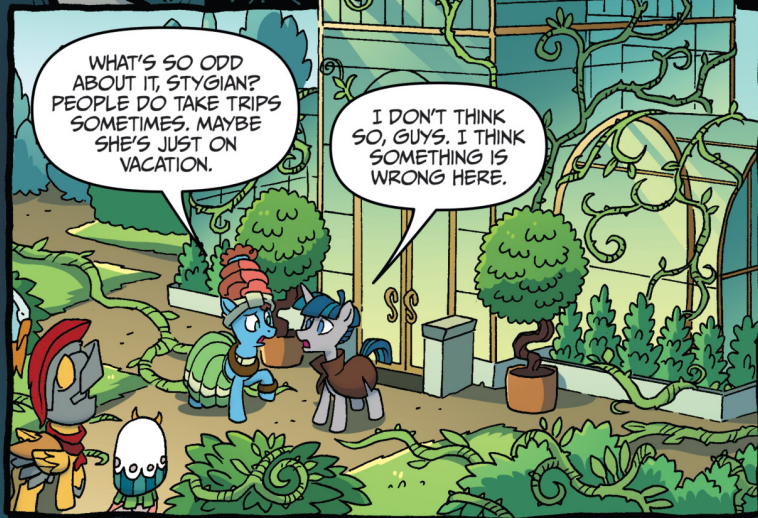
**KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK**

HELLO? MISS MISTMANE? ARE YOU THERE?



THAT'S REALLY ODD.

**KNOCK
KNOCK**



WHAT'S SO ODD ABOUT IT, STYGIAN? PEOPLE DO TAKE TRIPS SOMETIMES. MAYBE SHE'S JUST ON VACATION.

I DON'T THINK SO, GUYS. I THINK SOMETHING IS WRONG HERE.



I DO NOT SEE WHAT IS WRONG WITH A VACATION. OLD PONIES LOVE VACATIONS. SHE IS PROBABLY ON A BEACH OR DOING A FOXTROT.

WHAT'S A FOXTROT?

IT IS A STRANGE SORT OF WALK WHERE THE BACK HOOF OF A DIAGONAL PAIR LANDS BEFORE THE FRONT ONE.

I DON'T GET HOW THAT'S FUN.



GUYS, THE GREENHOUSE IS LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE? IF SHE WAS LEAVING SHE'D HAVE TO—

LOCK IT FROM THE OUTSIDE, EXACTLY.

I THINK MISTMARE IS STILL IN THERE...



AND SOMEPOONY WANTS TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

GASP!

WHAT DO WE DO?



FLASH MAGNUS, FLY OVERHEAD AND SEE IF THERE'S ANY WAY IN THROUGH THE ROOF

SURE THING, CAPTAIN.



ROCKHOOF, YOU SEE IF YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT CHAIN.

AYE, BOSS.

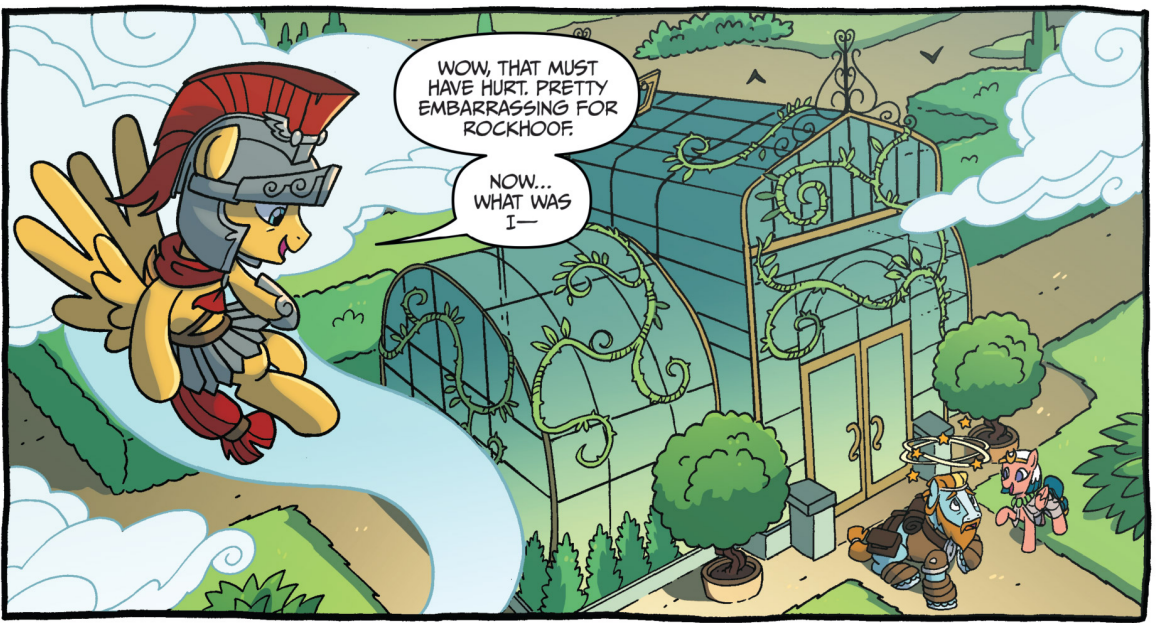


MEADOWBROOK AND SOMNAMBULA, SEE IF YOU CAN'T FIND ANOTHER WAY IN.

SURE THING!

I AM CERTAIN WE WILL DISCOVER SOMETHING.





WOW, THAT MUST HAVE HURT. PRETTY EMBARRASSING FOR ROCKHOOF.

NOW... WHAT WAS I—



—OH YEAH!

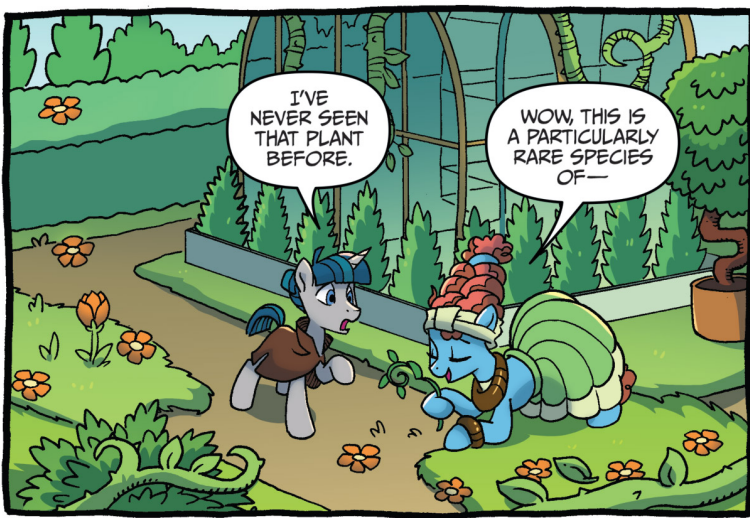
WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT! THERE'S AN OPEN PANEL IN THE ROOF AFTER ALL.



I'LL BE IN BEFORE ANYONE.



I BET ROCKHOOF'S FACE WILL BE RED AFTER—



I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT PLANT BEFORE.

WOW, THIS IS A PARTICULARLY RARE SPECIES OF—



THUD!

GAH!

OH DEAR! WHAT COULD THAT—



FLASH?!

THUMP!

ARE YOU OKAY?



IT'S A TRICK. THE PLANTS AREN'T LETTING US IN.

THE PLANTS?

SURE, SOME PLANTS MOVE ON THEIR OWN BUT I HARDLY THINK IT MAKES SENSE TO ASCRIBE SINISTER—



YOU THINK YOU'RE FUNNY, DOOR! I'LL BUCK YOU CLEAN OFF YOUR HINGES!

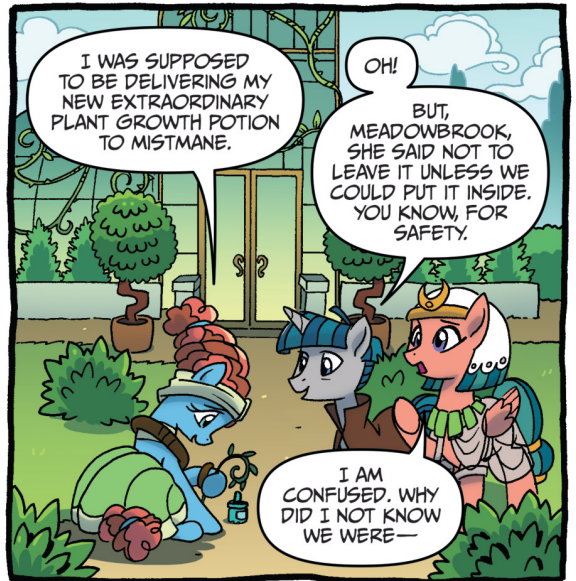
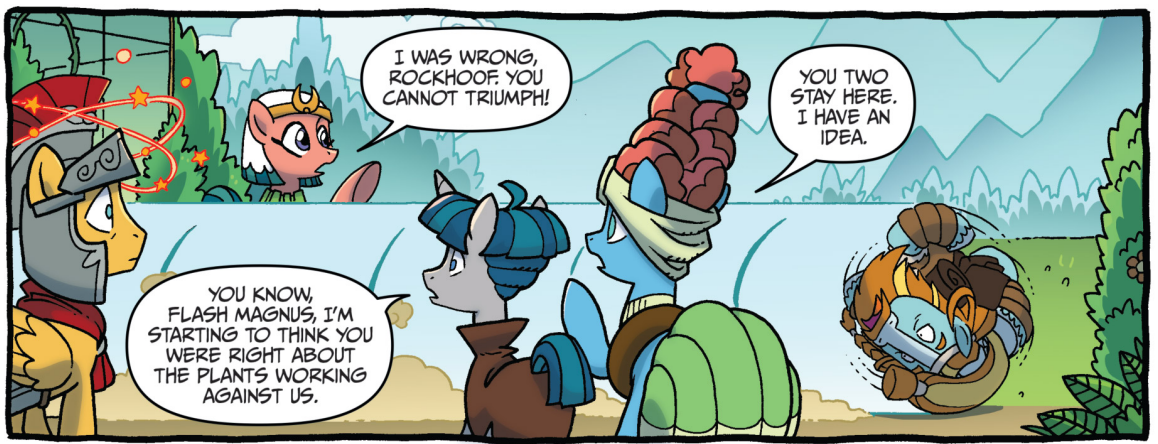
THAT SOUNDS BAD.

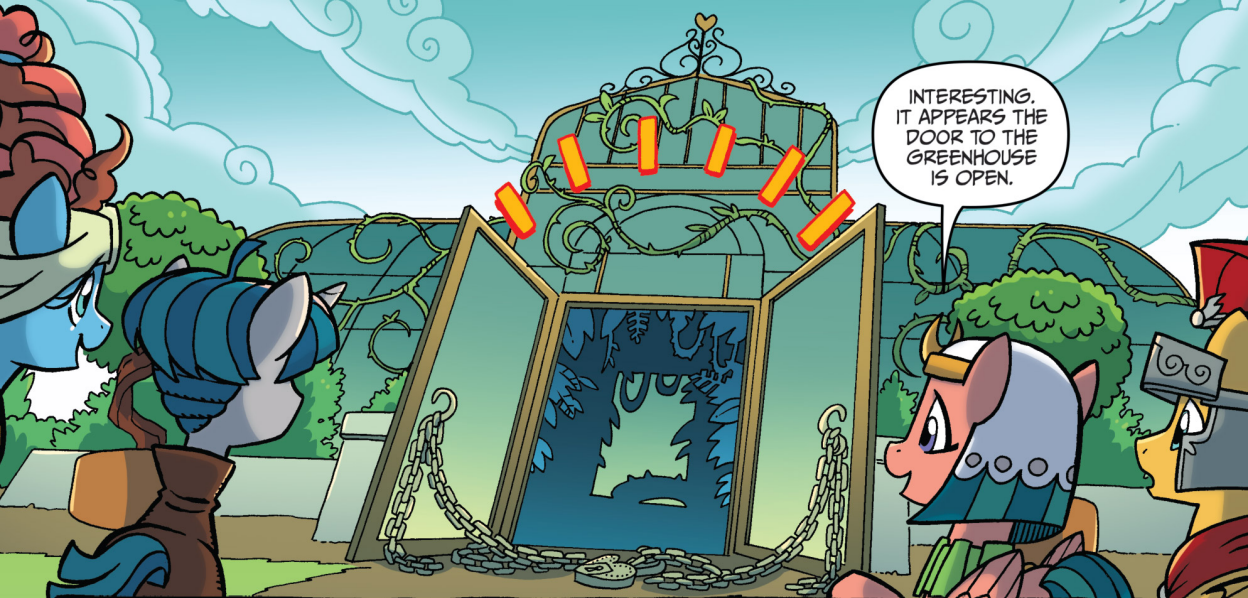
I'M REALLY ANNOYED THAT EVERY TIME I START A SENTENCE IT GETS INTER—

YES! STRIKE TRUE, ROCKHOOF!

GRRRR.







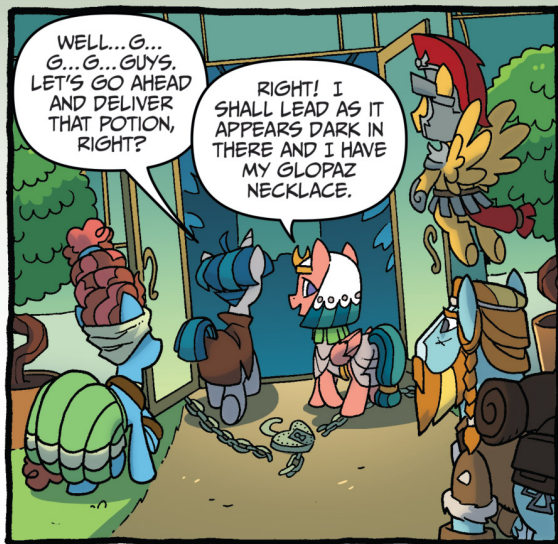
INTERESTING. IT APPEARS THE DOOR TO THE GREENHOUSE IS OPEN.



I'M NOT SURE HOW YOU DID THAT, BUT I'M A LITTLE CREEPED OUT.

AND GUARDS OF THE GREAT HELM DON'T GET CREEPED OUT EASILY.

I AM ALSO UNCERTAIN OF WHAT'S HAPPENING, BUT I MIGHT HAVE A CONCUSSION.



WELL...G... G...G...GUYS. LET'S GO AHEAD AND DELIVER THAT POTION, RIGHT?

RIGHT! I SHALL LEAD AS IT APPEARS DARK IN THERE AND I HAVE MY GLOPAZ NECKLACE.



STAY CLOSE TO ME, PLEASE, SOMNAMBULA.

VERILY. I ENJOY THAT WE ARE ALREADY COMMUNICATING SO WELL AS A TEAM.



I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

I DO NOT. CHEER UP, STYGIAN! WHAT COULD GO WRONG IN A GREENHOUSE?

WHAT INDEED.



GOOD MOVE GETTING US IN HERE, MEADOWBROOK. I SUSPECT I COULD HAVE BEEN KICKING AT THAT DOOR ALL DAY.

THANKS, BUT WAIT TO CONGRATULATE ME UNTIL WE GET OUT OF HERE.

WAIT, WHY WOULDN'T WE GET OUT OF HERE?



WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE WOULD BE THE BEST PLACE TO... UMMM... PUT THIS POTION?

I'M SURE THERE'S PROBABLY A WORK STATION OR SOMETHING, RIGHT?

RIGHT. MAYBE THAT WILL GIVE US SOME INDICATION OF... WHERE SHE WANTED IT.



WAIT. WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT THIS POTION?

FLASH, YOU'RE STILL OUT OF IT, LEAVE THIS—

NO! WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE TO—

FLASH SENTRY!

—RECRUIT MISTMANE TO COME HELP US!



EVERYPONY RUN!



SLAM!



FLASH, I WAS TRYING TO WARN YOU!

I'M SORRY, I JUST CRASHED HEADFIRST INTO A BUILDING.

I DIDN'T CATCH YOUR SUBTLE HINT.



THIS ONE'S AFTER THE GROWTH POTION! GET AWAY FROM ME!

AH, NOW I COMPREHEND! THE PLANTS WERE OBSTRUCTING OUR ENTRANCE!

SIGH
GUYS, WE HAVE TO FIND MISTMANE. SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP THEM.



THAT MUST BE IT! ROCKHOOF, FOLLOW ME!

HUH? WHERE?

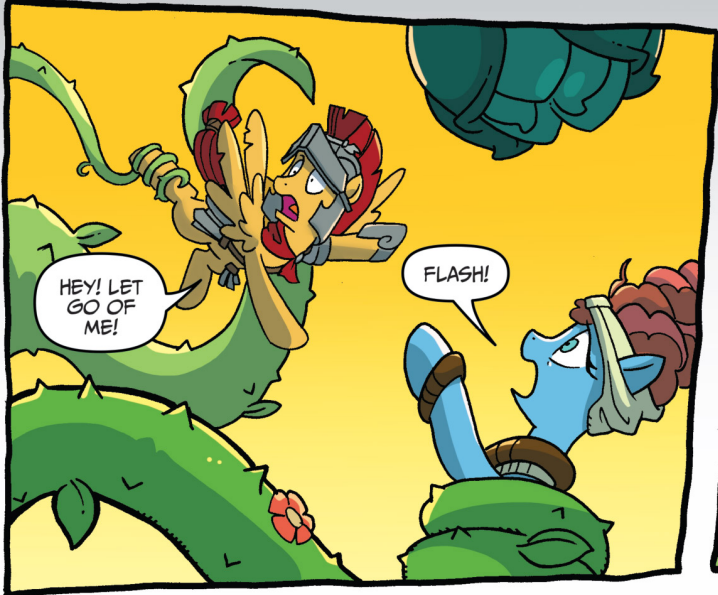
BRING YOUR SHOVEL!



THAT PLANT IS GLOWING! I BET YOU IT'S GOT MISTMANE!

AND HOW ARE WE GONNA GET HER OUT?

YOU'RE GONNA PRY IT OPEN WITH YOUR SHOVEL!



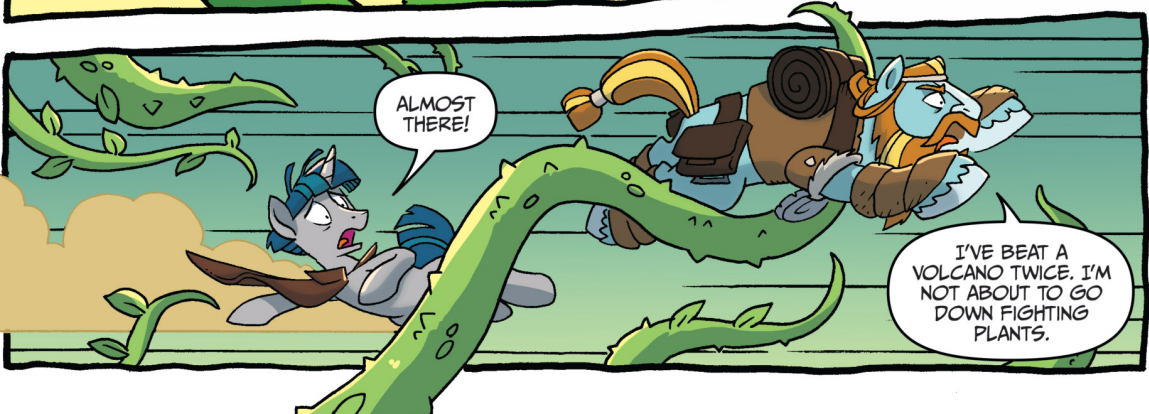
HEY! LET GO OF ME!

FLASH!



STUFF!

GET ME OUT OF HERE!

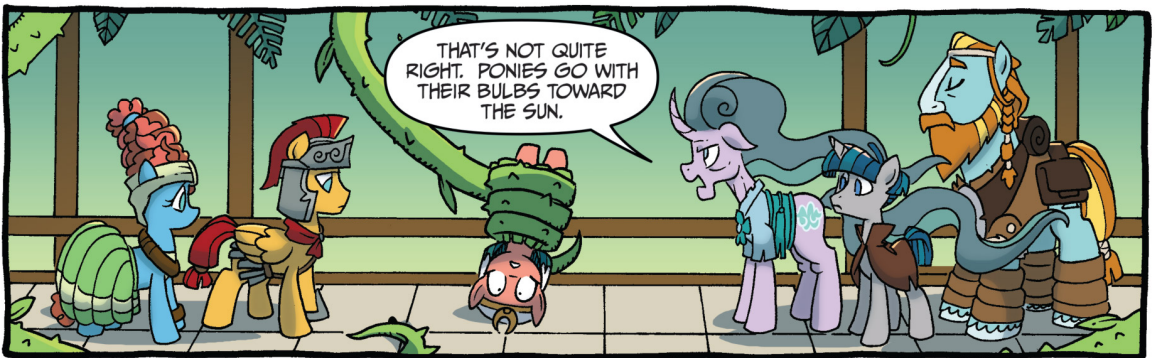


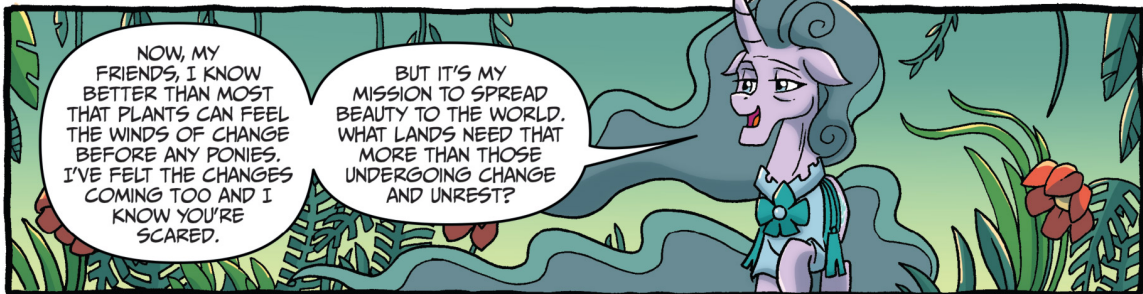
ALMOST THERE!

I'VE BEAT A VOLCANO TWICE. I'M NOT ABOUT TO GO DOWN FIGHTING PLANTS.



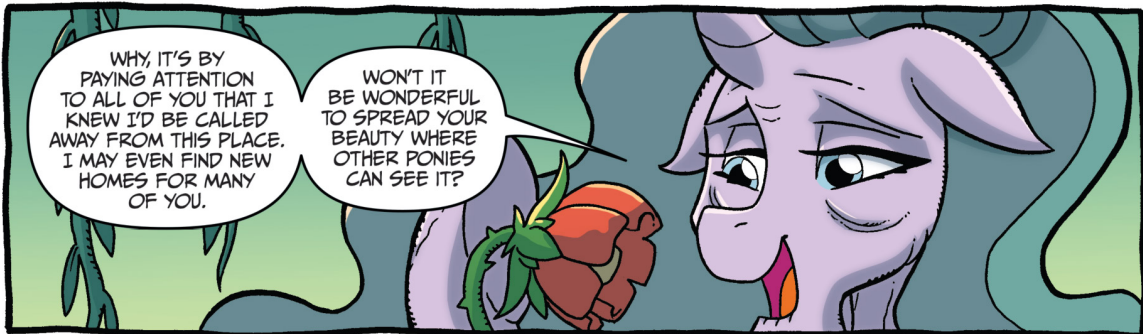






NOW, MY FRIENDS, I KNOW BETTER THAN MOST THAT PLANTS CAN FEEL THE WINDS OF CHANGE BEFORE ANY PONIES. I'VE FELT THE CHANGES COMING TOO AND I KNOW YOU'RE SCARED.

BUT IT'S MY MISSION TO SPREAD BEAUTY TO THE WORLD. WHAT LANDS NEED THAT MORE THAN THOSE UNDERGOING CHANGE AND UNREST?



WHY, IT'S BY PAYING ATTENTION TO ALL OF YOU THAT I KNEW I'D BE CALLED AWAY FROM THIS PLACE. I MAY EVEN FIND NEW HOMES FOR MANY OF YOU.

WON'T IT BE WONDERFUL TO SPREAD YOUR BEAUTY WHERE OTHER PONIES CAN SEE IT?



THERE YOU ARE. THAT'S THE SPIRIT. I'LL BE BACK IN NO TIME.

HEY, YOU'RE THE GUY WHO KNOWS ALL THE LEGENDS. HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A PONY TALKING TO PLANTS BEFORE?

NOPE, THIS IS NEW TO ME.



WELL, THIS LOOKS LIKE QUITE THE GROUP WE HAVE HERE.

HOW DID YOU KNOW WE WOULD COME LOOKING FOR YOU?



OH, IT'S LESS ABOUT KNOWING AND MORE ABOUT FEELING. THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE IN NATURE RECENTLY, LIKE THE WORLD IS HOLDING ITS BREATH.

YOU SEEM LIKE THE LEADER. WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

WELL, I WAS GOING TO GO TO THE CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS TO FIND STARSWIRL THE BEARDED.

STARSWIRL? ISN'T HE A MYTH?



WELL, HE IS A GOOD CHOICE, BUT I'M AFRAID YOU WON'T FIND HIM AT THE CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS.

WHY NOT?

WELL, LET'S JUST SAY THAT HE AND I HAVE NEARLY MET BEFORE—

"—AT THE PRINCESSES' NEW CASTLE."



WOW, THIS CASTLE IS GOING TO BE AMAZING.

THIS COULD BE THE SORT OF PLACE THAT REALLY UNITES EQUESTRIA, YA KNOW? BRINGS US ALL TOGETHER.

NEVER GONNA HAPPEN. PEGASI ARE ALWAYS GONNA BE ON OUR OWN.

MARK MY WORDS, BEFORE LONG THIS'LL ALL BE A CITY. YOU WON'T EVEN RECOGNIZE IT.

YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY GIANT SNAKES HERE, DO YOU?

SHALL WE?



SO, WHERE ARE WE GOING TO FIND STARSWIRL?

HE'LL BE IN THE GARDENS. HE LIKES TO WORK THERE.

IT MADE IT REALLY DIFFICULT TO FINISH PLANTING THEM IN SECRET.



OH MY GOODNESS. THERE HE IS! *THE* STARSWIRL THE BEARDED.

HE'S MY HERO, YOU KNOW? I'VE READ ALL OF HIS BOOKS. PORED OVER ALL OF HIS RESEARCH. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TALK TO HIM.

WELL, HE IS PACING A LINE IN MY BEAUTIFUL GRASS RIGHT THERE, WHY DON'T YOU GO TALK TO HIM NOW?



I CAN'T DO THAT! HE'S THE MOST IMPORTANT CONJURER OF THE MODERN ERA! HE PROPOSED THE IDEA OF ANIMORPHIC SPELLS. LAST I HEARD HE HAD CREATED OVER ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE SPELLS!

WELL, THEN HE SEEMS LIKE EXACTLY THE SORT OF PONY WHOSE HELP YOU NEED TO SAVE YOUR TOWN, YES?

OKAY. YES.





FROM ONE TO ANOTHER, ANOTHER TO ONE. A MARK OF ONE'S... PURPOSE?

NO, THAT'S NOT RIGHT!

EXCUSE ME, MR. THE BEARDED.



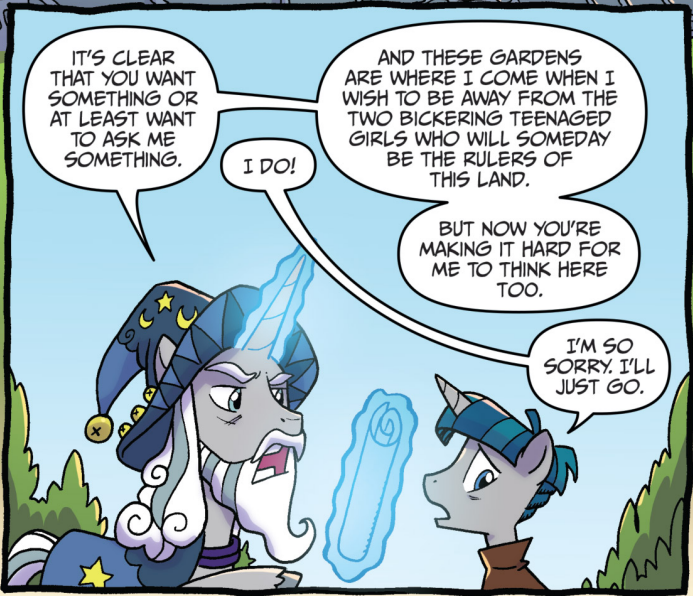
MR. THE BEARDED? OH, COME NOW, STARSWIRL WILL SUFFICE.

RIGHT, RIGHT.

I'M SORRY.

I DIDN'T MEAN—

YOUNG PONY, WILL YOU PLEASE JUST SPIT IT OUT?



IT'S CLEAR THAT YOU WANT SOMETHING OR AT LEAST WANT TO ASK ME SOMETHING.

I DO!

AND THESE GARDENS ARE WHERE I COME WHEN I WISH TO BE AWAY FROM THE TWO BICKERING TEENAGED GIRLS WHO WILL SOMEDAY BE THE RULERS OF THIS LAND.

BUT NOW YOU'RE MAKING IT HARD FOR ME TO THINK HERE TOO.

I'M SO SORRY. I'LL JUST GO.



WAIT!

THERE IS OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING IMPORTANT ON YOUR MIND OR YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME ALL THIS WAY.

I'M SORRY TO BE IRRITABLE, IT'S JUST THAT I HAVE WRITTEN OVER ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY SPELLS AND I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO FINISH THIS ONE.

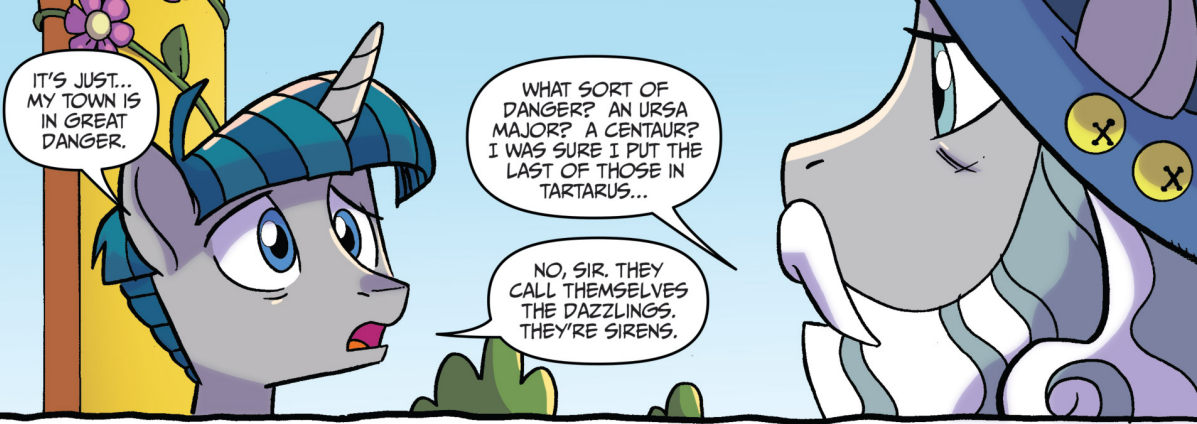
WHAT DOES IT DO?

WELL, IF I KNEW THAT, I'D HAVE FINISHED IT, WOULDN'T I?



SORRY, I DON'T MEAN TO SNAP. IT'S JUST... YOU SPEND ALL DAY AROUND TWO MOODY TEENAGERS WHO CAN ALTER THE FABRIC OF REALITY AND...

...I'M RAMBLING. WHAT WAS YOUR ISSUE?



IT'S JUST... MY TOWN IS IN GREAT DANGER.

WHAT SORT OF DANGER? AN URSA MAJOR? A CENTAUR? I WAS SURE I PUT THE LAST OF THOSE IN TARTARUS...

NO, SIR. THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE DAZZLING. THEY'RE SIRENS.



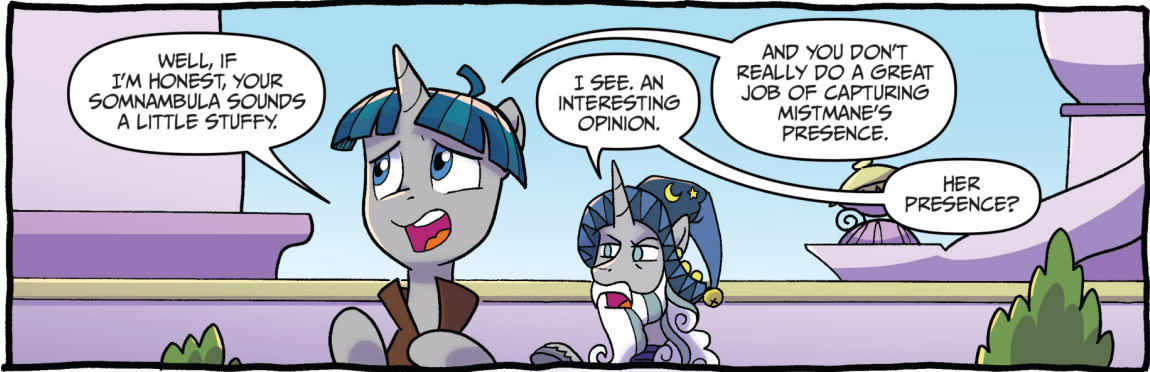
SIRENS? I HAD GIVEN UP ON FINDING AN ACTUAL SIREN. I THOUGHT PERHAPS THEY WERE MYTHS.

I THOUGHT THE SAME THING. I READ YOUR ENTRY ABOUT THEM IN "STARSWIRL'S GUIDE TO MAGICAL AND LEGENDARY CREATURES."

YOU DID? WELL, WHAT ELSE OF MINE HAVE YOU READ?

I'VE READ ALL OF "THE GREAT HEROES OF EQUESTRIA."

YOU DID? WHAT DID YOU THINK?

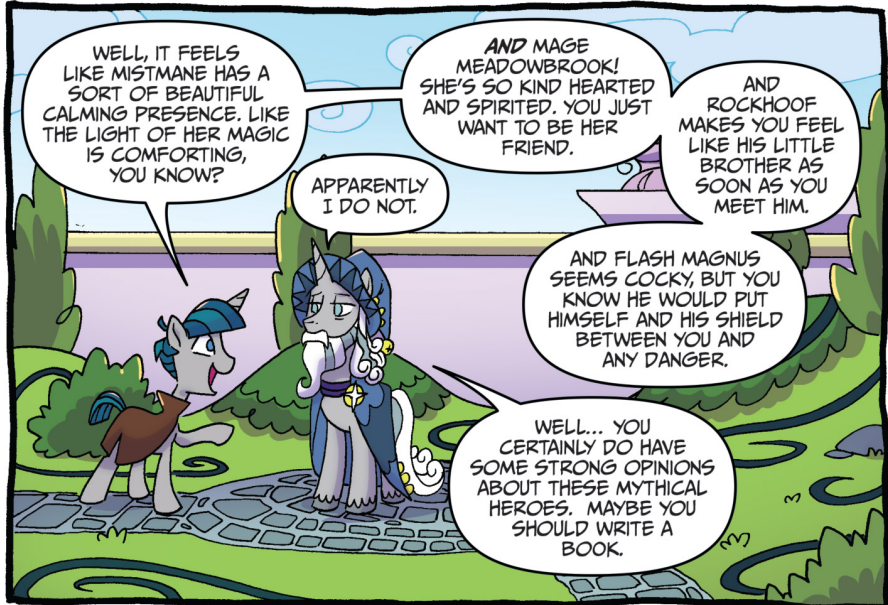


WELL, IF I'M HONEST, YOUR SOMNAMBULA SOUNDS A LITTLE STUFFY.

I SEE. AN INTERESTING OPINION.

AND YOU DON'T REALLY DO A GREAT JOB OF CAPTURING MISTMANE'S PRESENCE.

HER PRESENCE?



WELL, IT FEELS LIKE MISTMANE HAS A SORT OF BEAUTIFUL CALMING PRESENCE. LIKE THE LIGHT OF HER MAGIC IS COMFORTING, YOU KNOW?

APPARENTLY I DO NOT.

AND MAGE MEADOWBROOK! SHE'S SO KIND HEARTED AND SPIRITED. YOU JUST WANT TO BE HER FRIEND.

AND ROCKHOOF MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE HIS LITTLE BROTHER AS SOON AS YOU MEET HIM.

AND FLASH MAGNUS SEEMS COCKY, BUT YOU KNOW HE WOULD PUT HIMSELF AND HIS SHIELD BETWEEN YOU AND ANY DANGER.

WELL... YOU CERTAINLY DO HAVE SOME STRONG OPINIONS ABOUT THESE MYTHICAL HEROES. MAYBE YOU SHOULD WRITE A BOOK.



OH NO, THEY'RE NOT OPINIONS. SILLY ME. I SHOULD HAVE STARTED WITH THIS.

STARSWIRL, THE BEARDED, LEGENDARY HERO OF EQUESTRIA. I HAVE SOME PONIES I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO.



**MEET THE
LEGENDARY HEROES
OF EQUESTRIA.**

EVERYPONY,
THIS IS STARSWIRL
THE BEARDED.

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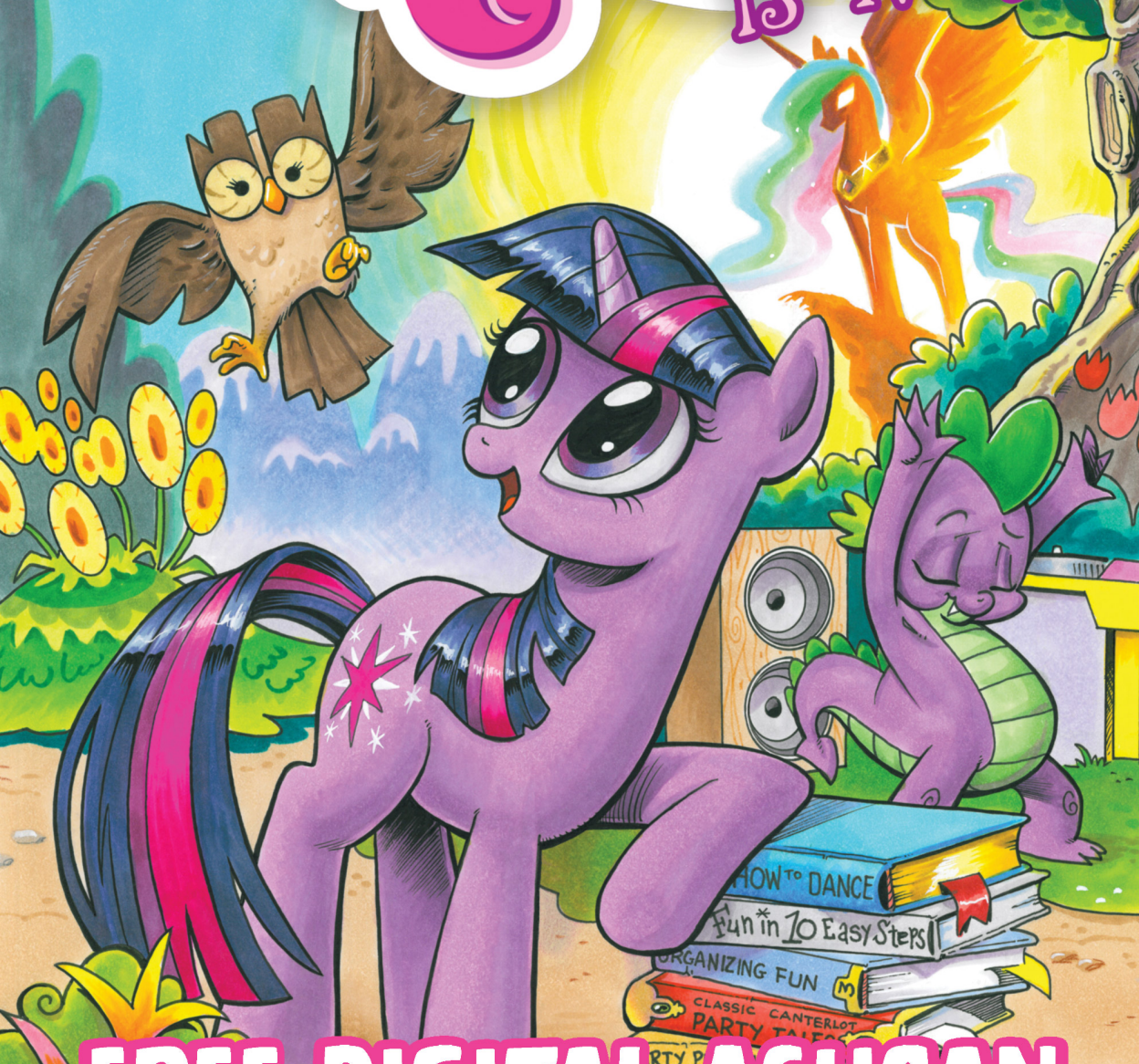
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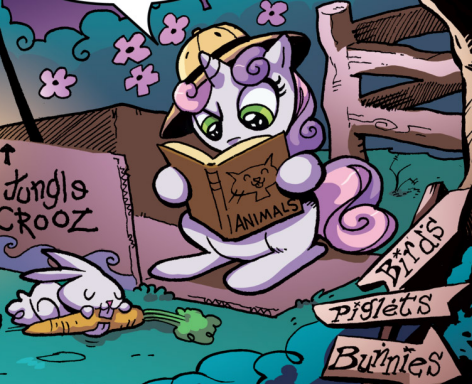
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THIS WAS A GREAT IDEA, WE CAN GET OUR CUTIE MARKS AS ZOOLOGISTS!

ZOO-WHAT? NO, WE'RE GETTING THEM IN BEING JUNGLE ADVENTURERS!

I DON'T THINK FLUTTERSHY'S BACKYARD CAN BE CONSIDERED "THE JUNGLE."



HMM... DID YOU KNOW THAT THE STUDY OF PONIES IS CALLED "HIPPOLOGY"?

HA HA HA

HA HA HA



I DON'T THINK WE LOOK MUCH LIKE HIPPOS...



HEY!

THE RETURN OF QUEEN CHRYSALIS

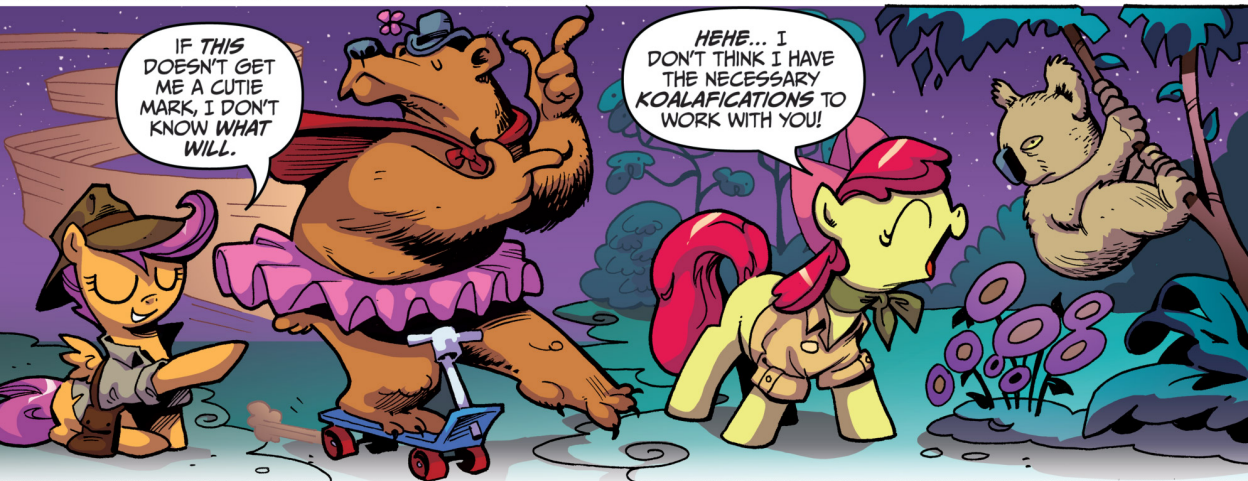




SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO OUT HERE TO TRY AND EARN OUR CUTIE MARKS? LION TAMING? OH! WE COULD TRY BEING PET PSYCHICS!

ER... NO.

LET'S SPLIT UP! WE'LL TAKE TURNS WORKING WITH THE DIFFERENT ANIMALS! I'M SURE BY THE END OF THE NIGHT WE'LL HAVE OUR CUTIE MARKS!



IF THIS DOESN'T GET ME A CUTIE MARK, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL.

HEHE... I DON'T THINK I HAVE THE NECESSARY KOLAFICATIONS TO WORK WITH YOU!



HEY... WAIT, WHAT'S THAT GROUP OF ANIMALS WITH GLOWING EYES DOING STARING AT US?



NOOO!

THE NEXT DAY...



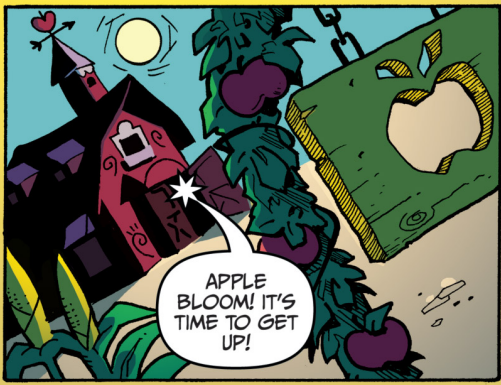
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Reflect

OUCH!

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HEY BUCKAROO!
HOW WAS THE
CRITTER WRANGLING?
GOT YOUR CUTIE
MARK YET?

NO.



ERR... WELL,
MAYBE YOU CAN
TRY SOMETHING
ELSE? TWILIGHT SAYS
THERE'S A FANCY COMET
FLYING OVERHEAD IN A
FEW DAYS, WE COULD
SET UP A TENT IN THE
ORCHARD. YOU CAN
TRY YOUR HOOVES
AT ASTRONOMY!

...NOT
INTERESTED.



WELL...
WHAT'S GOT
HER SO
ADDLED?

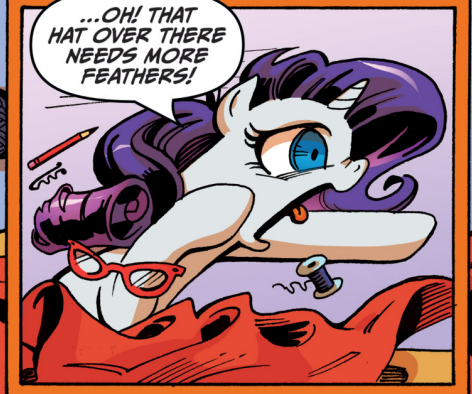


OH! SWEETIE
BELLE! YOU'RE
LOOKING... UM,
STOIC THIS
MORNING?

FINE.
BYE.



WAS I THAT
ODD WHEN I
WAS HER AGE?
I DON'T THINK
I WAS...



...OH! THAT
HAT OVER THERE
NEEDS MORE
FEATHERS!



HEY, SCOOT! WANNA' HELP ME WORK ON THAT TRICK I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT? I NEED SOMEONE TO HOLD THE STOPWATCH!

NO.



WO'? WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO HANG OUT WITH ME? ME?! BUT... I'M AWESOME...



...AND THEN SHE JUST LEFT! LEFT ME!

HRM... THOSE THREE FILLIES ARE SURE ACTIN' FUNNY. THERE'S TWILIGHT... SHE'LL HAVE SOME IDEA WHAT'S GOIN' ON.



EVERYPONY IS ACTING SO STRANGE TODAY! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO PLAN A VIEWING CELEBRATION FOR THE SECRETARIAT COMET THIS WEEK AND I CAN'T GET ANYONE TO LISTEN TO ME AT ALL...

WHAT WAS THAT? I WASN'T LISTENING.



RAINBOW!

TWILIGHT, MY SISTER AND HER CREW ARE BEING AS PECULIAR AS EVERYPONY ELSE... SOMETHING AIN'T RIGHT...

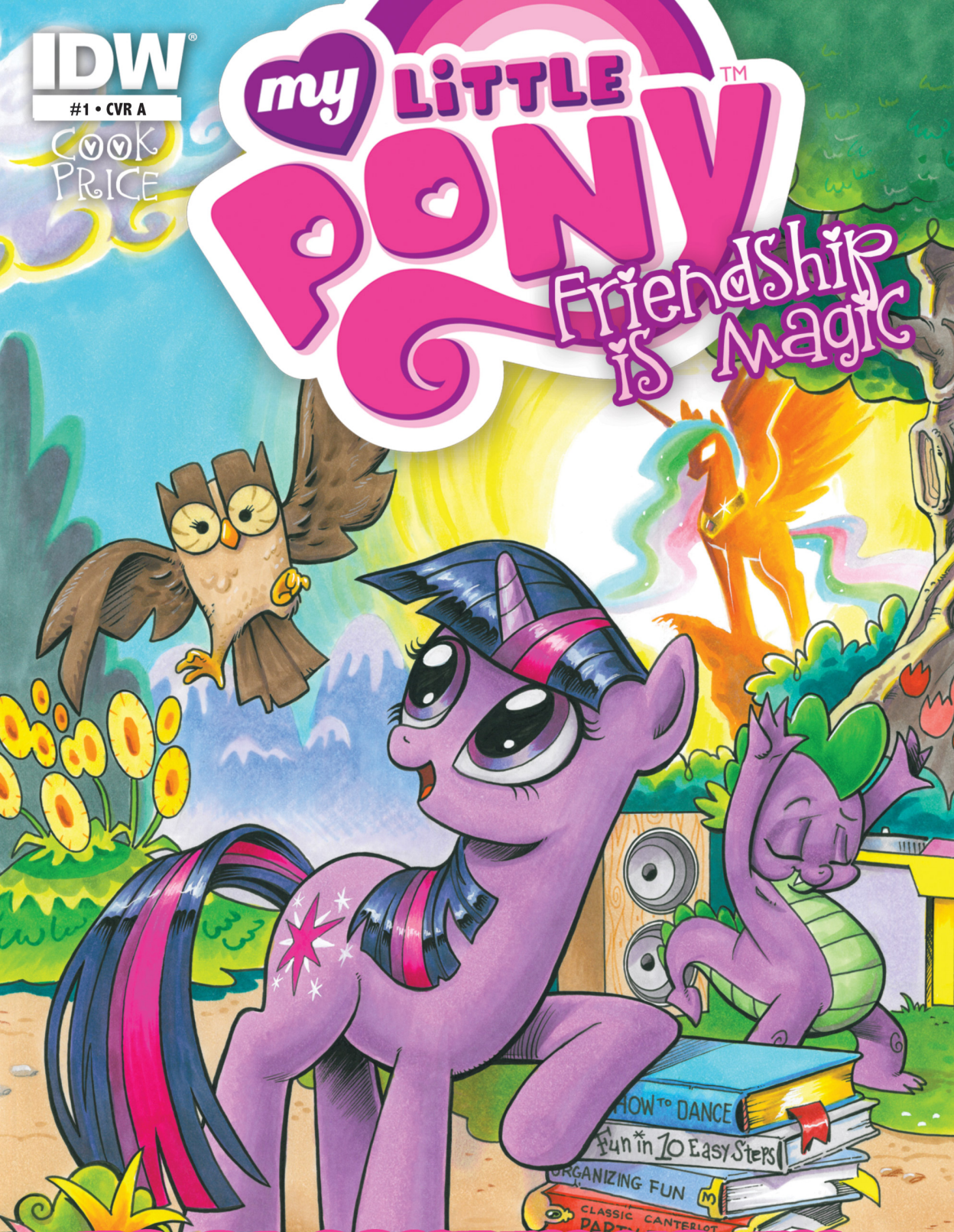
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