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Dear journal:

I have come so far...

...and yet still I have not found what I seek.

I can't remember how many moons it's been...

...since I left Equestria.

My home.

I've seen so much, been to so many places...

...after I lost so much...

...and now I am far from Equestria...

TEMPEST

of EQUESTRIA

...but never have I seen something like this.

BY THE STARS...

TUNA



Something terrible happened here.

I do not need magic to tell me that.

In a way, it's almost comforting...

...knowing that I am not the only one who has suffered loss.

Still, perhaps something useful remains...

...perhaps even something that might heal me.

WHAT IS THIS...?

HEY! YOU!

WHAT?



GET YOUR HANDS OFFA THAT GEM!

THAT'S THE PROPERTY OF TH' STORM KING!



HALT!

SHUFF PUFFS

YER UNDER ARREST!

THAT GEM BELONGS TO THE STORM KING!



DOES IT?

HE SHOULD'VE TAKEN BETTER CARE OF IT, THEN.

GRRR...

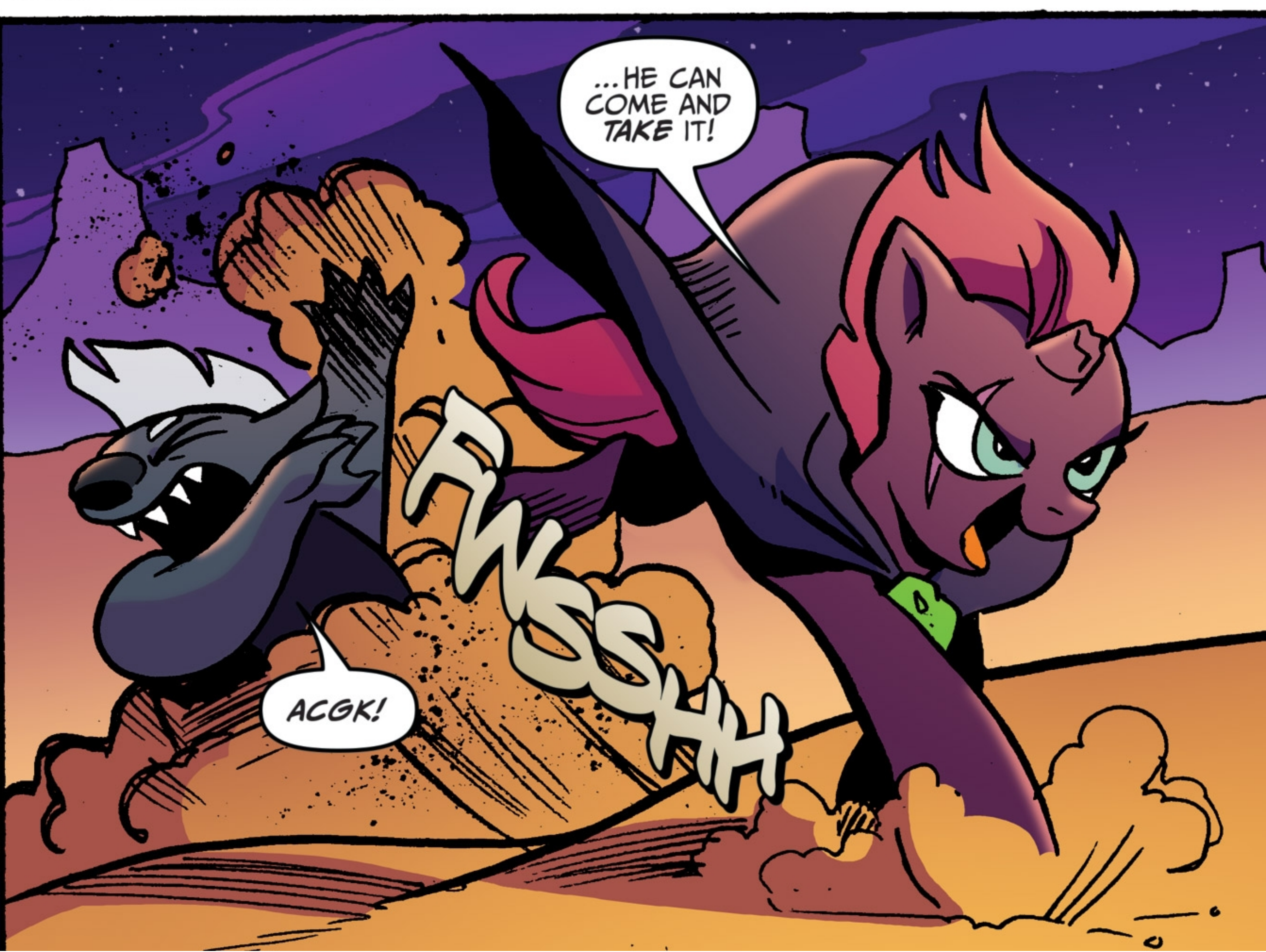
HAND IT OVER, LADY! OR FACE THE STORM KING'S WRATH!

THAT GEM'S GOT A LOTTA MAGIC, AND HE NEEDS IT!



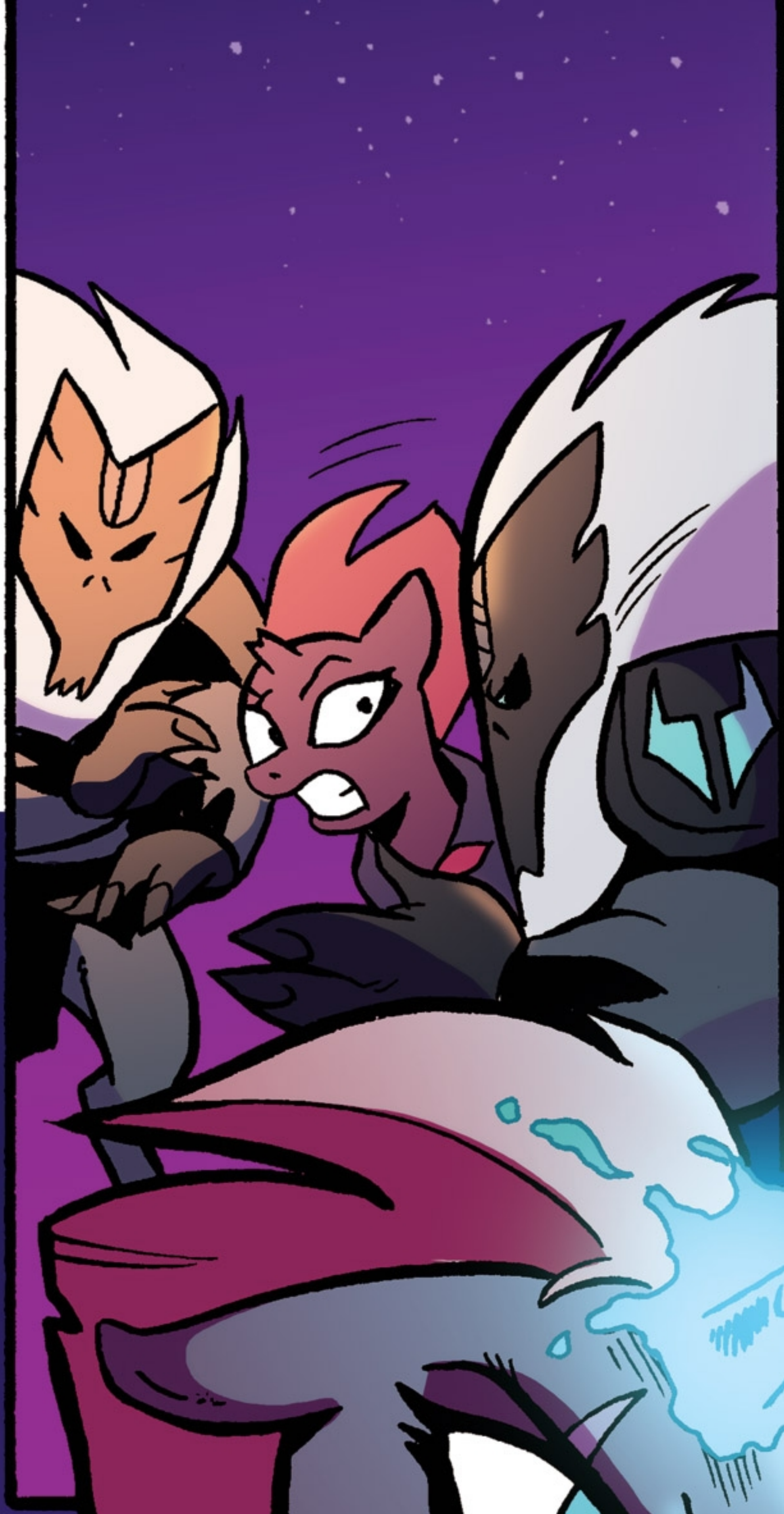
MAGIC...?

THEN... IF HE WANTS IT SO BADLY...



...HE CAN COME AND TAKE IT!

ACGK!



Apparently I have incurred the wrath of this "Storm King," whoever he might be.

But, more importantly...

DOCK OFFICE

I have learned that this gem contains powerful magic.

How powerful, I do not know...

...but perhaps it will be enough.

For now, I need information and quiet...

NOW ENTERING THE FREE CITY OF KLUGETOWN
NO WEAPONS
NO SQUARE DANCE
CALLING
NO CHANGELINGS
NO UMBRUM

Hopefully this "Klugetown" has at least one of those.

WEIRD TRINKETS!

PLOT DEVICES!

THINGS!

'SCUSE ME, MISS—

YOU GOT ANY STRANGE MAGICAL ARTIFACTS YOU WANNA SELL?

NO.

ESPECIALLY NOT TO YOU.



This place is so strange...

... so unlike Equestria.

There's an air of fear and desperation here...

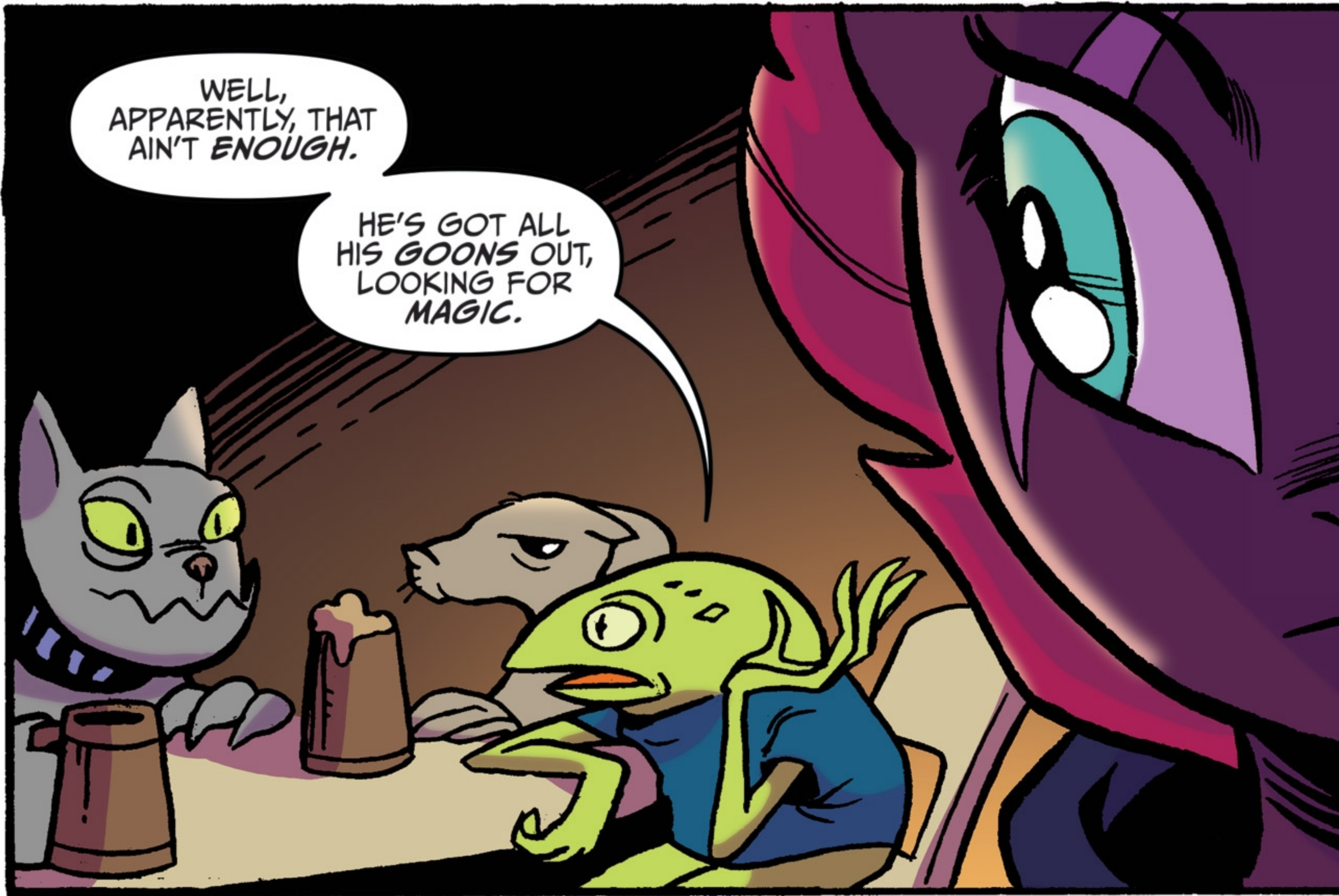
... as if they know something is approaching.



Y'ALL HEARD THE NEWS ABOUT THE STORM KING?

WHAT'S HE DOING NOW?

HE'S ALREADY GOT HALF THE WORLD UNDER HIS THUMB.



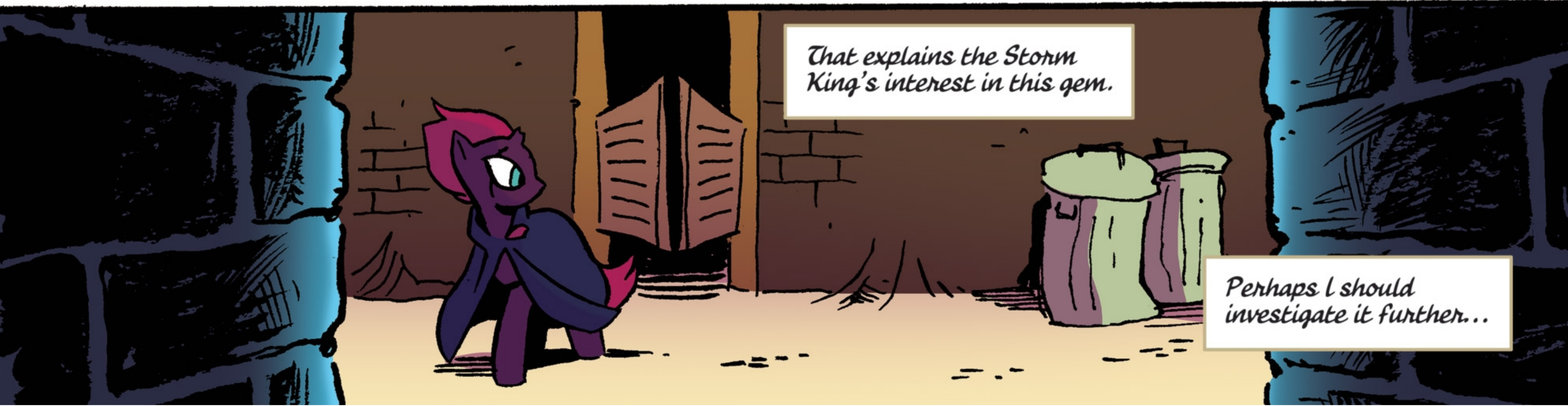
WELL, APPARENTLY, THAT AIN'T ENOUGH.

HE'S GOT ALL HIS GOONS OUT, LOOKING FOR MAGIC.



ARTIFACTS, AMULETS, GEMS...

IF IT GLOWS, HE'S COMIN' FOR IT.



That explains the Storm King's interest in this gem.

Perhaps I should investigate it further...



Even with my damaged horn, I can tell...

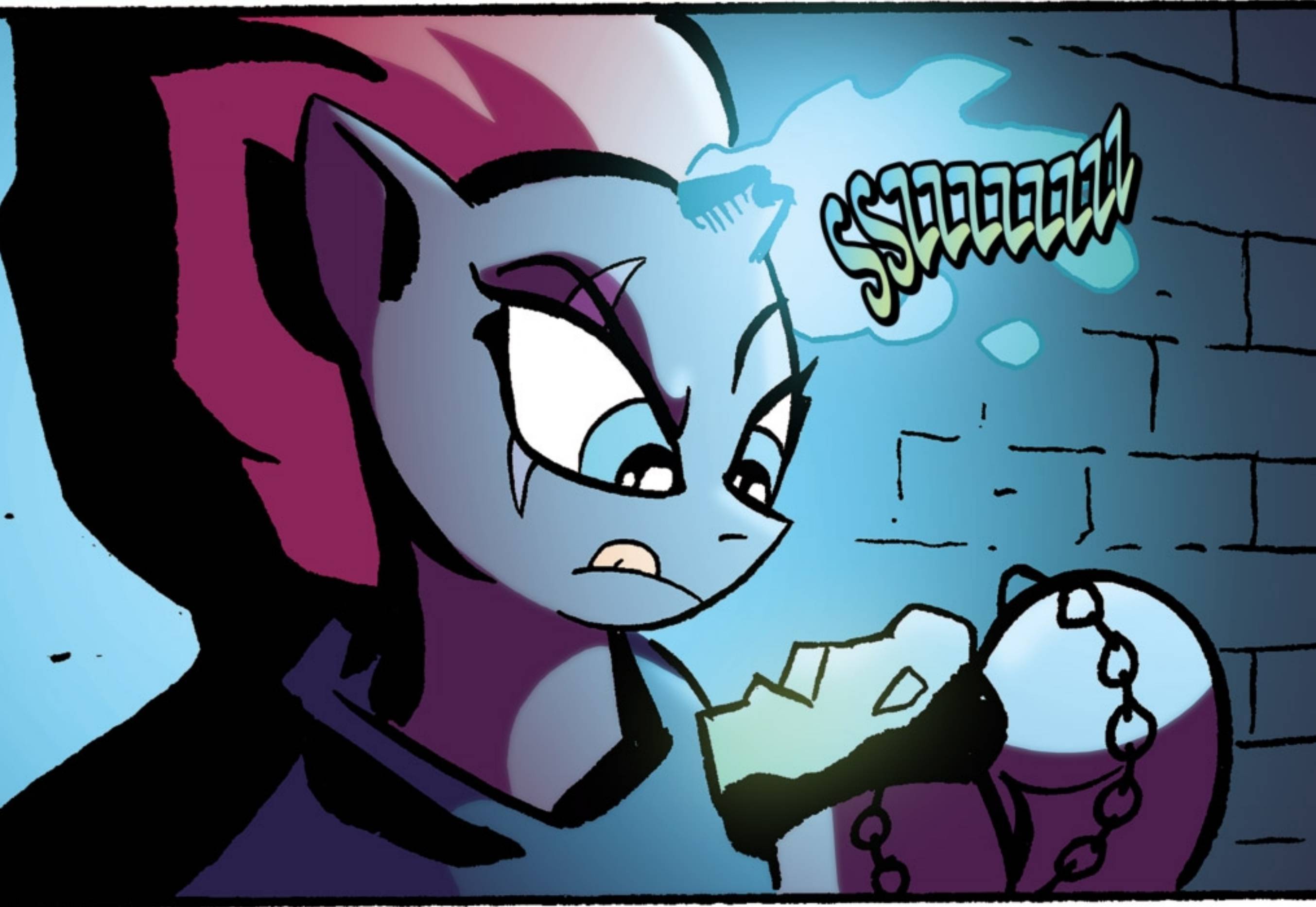
...there is deep magic in this gem.



I hesitate to use my own magic—

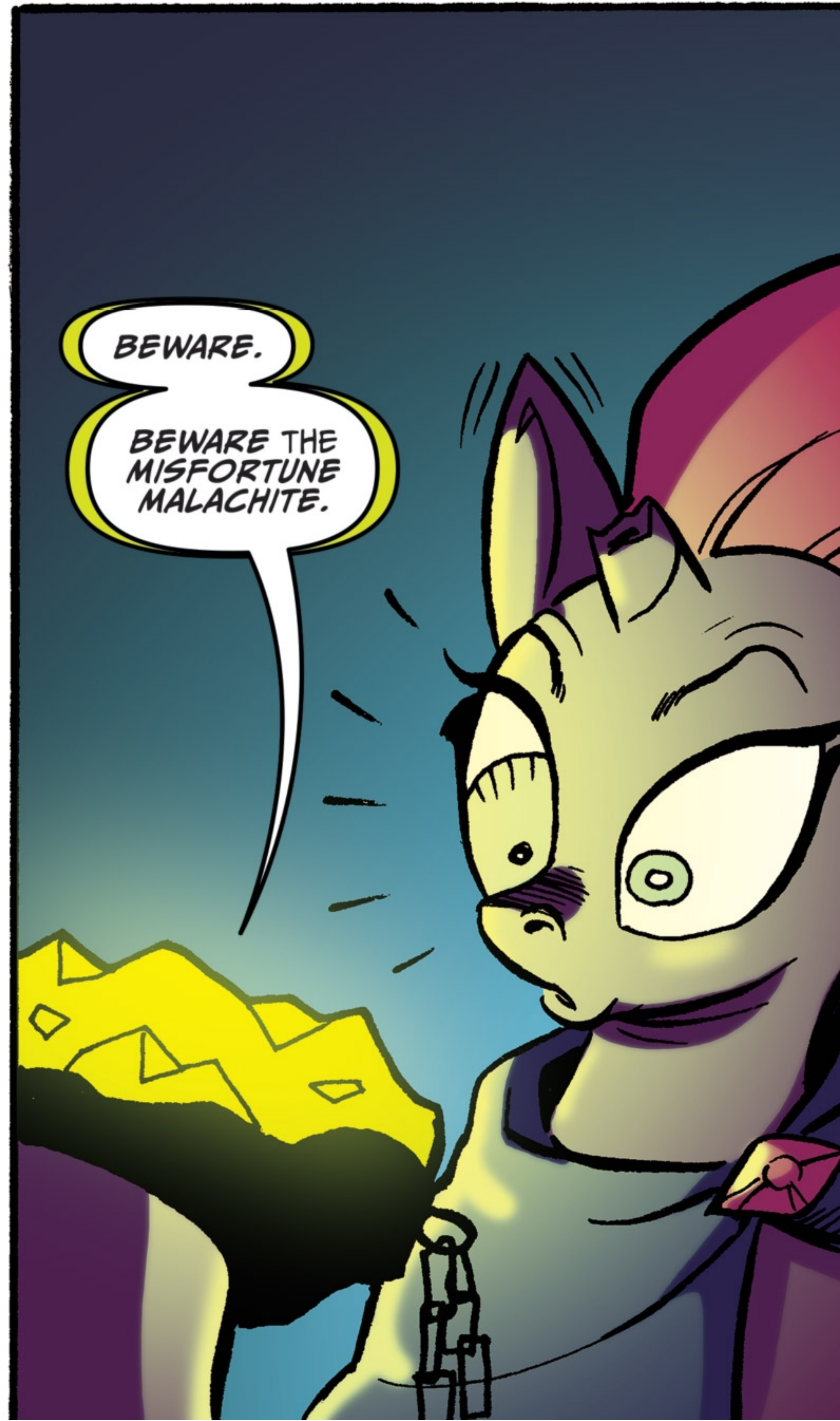
—unpredictable as it has been since I lost my horn—

—but I must risk it.



There are strange energies within it...

I can only hope my magic works as it should—



BEWARE.

BEWARE THE MISFORTUNE MALACHITE.



I THOUGHT TO
USE THE GEM'S
POWER FOR MY
OWN GAIN...

... BUT I
FOUND ONLY
RUIN.

THE
MALACHITE'S
MAGIC BECAME
MY UNDOING.

These are... memories?
echoes?

Fragments, from the
gem's previous owners...

RID
YOURSELF OF
THIS STONE AT
ONCE!

IT WILL ONLY
CHANGE YOUR
LIFE FOR THE
WORSE!

ITS
POWER IS
A TRAP!



ALL
POWER
IS...

...A
TRAP...



So this is the Misfortune
Malachite.

I thought the gem
was a legend...

But apparently
it is all too real.

The malachite is cursed, they say.

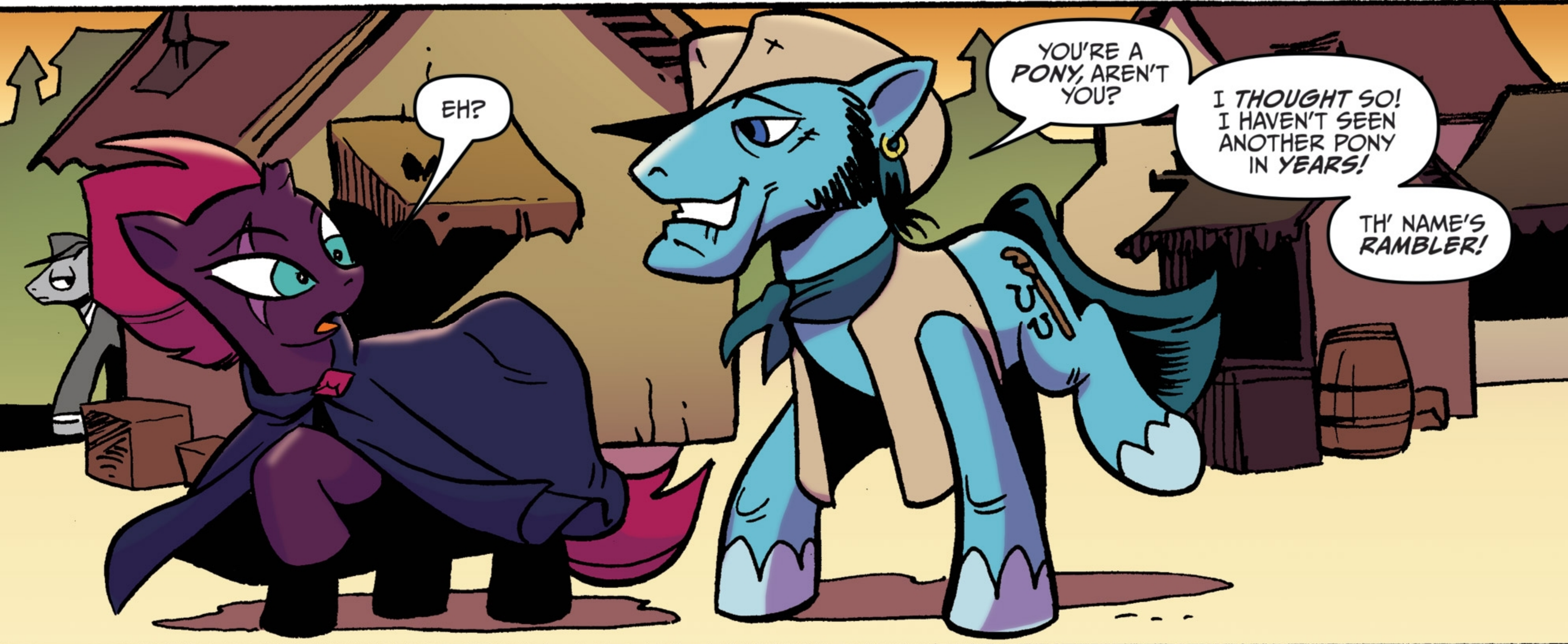
It brings bad luck to any who carry it.

I don't believe in bad luck...

...but I do believe that the Storm King will be coming for me.

I'll need to outrun or hide from him somehow.

HEY! YOU THERE!

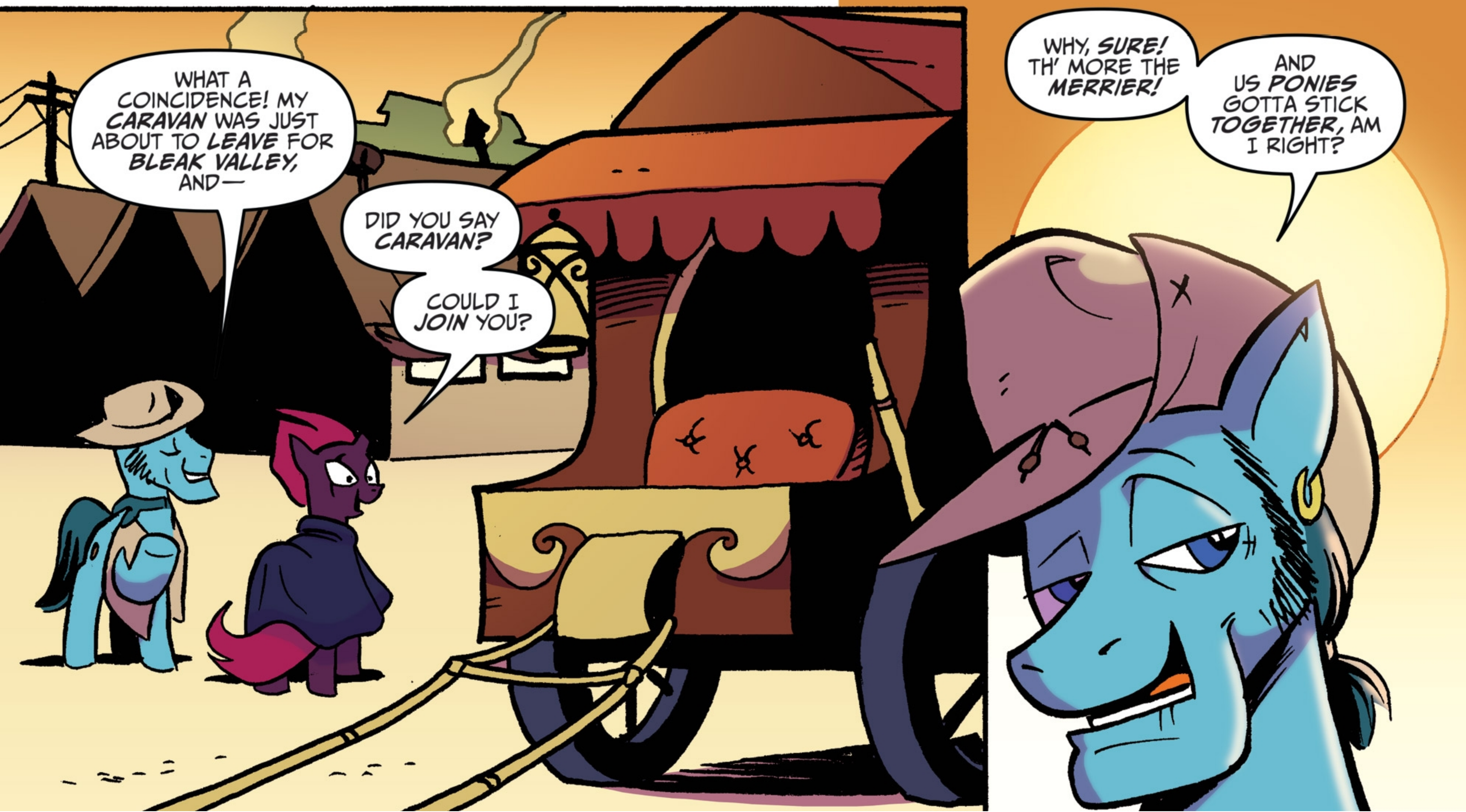


EH?

YOU'RE A PONY, AREN'T YOU?

I THOUGHT SO! I HAVEN'T SEEN ANOTHER PONY IN YEARS!

TH' NAME'S RAMBLER!



WHAT A COINCIDENCE! MY CARAVAN WAS JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR BLEAK VALLEY, AND—

DID YOU SAY CARAVAN?

COULD I JOIN YOU?

WHY, SURE! TH' MORE THE MERRIER!

AND US PONIES GOTTA STICK TOGETHER, AM I RIGHT?



HEY THERE, MISS!

HOW'RE YOU DOIN'?

OH! ER—

FINE! JUST FINE.



I GOTTA SAY, IT'S RARE TO SEE ANOTHER PONY SO FAR FROM EQUESTRIA!

I AIN'T BEEN BACK IN YEARS—I GOT TRAVEL IN MY BONES.



IT'S NICE TO SEE SOMEBODY—

—I MEAN, SOMEPONY!—

—FROM BACK HOME.

WHAT BROUGHT YOU OUT HERE?

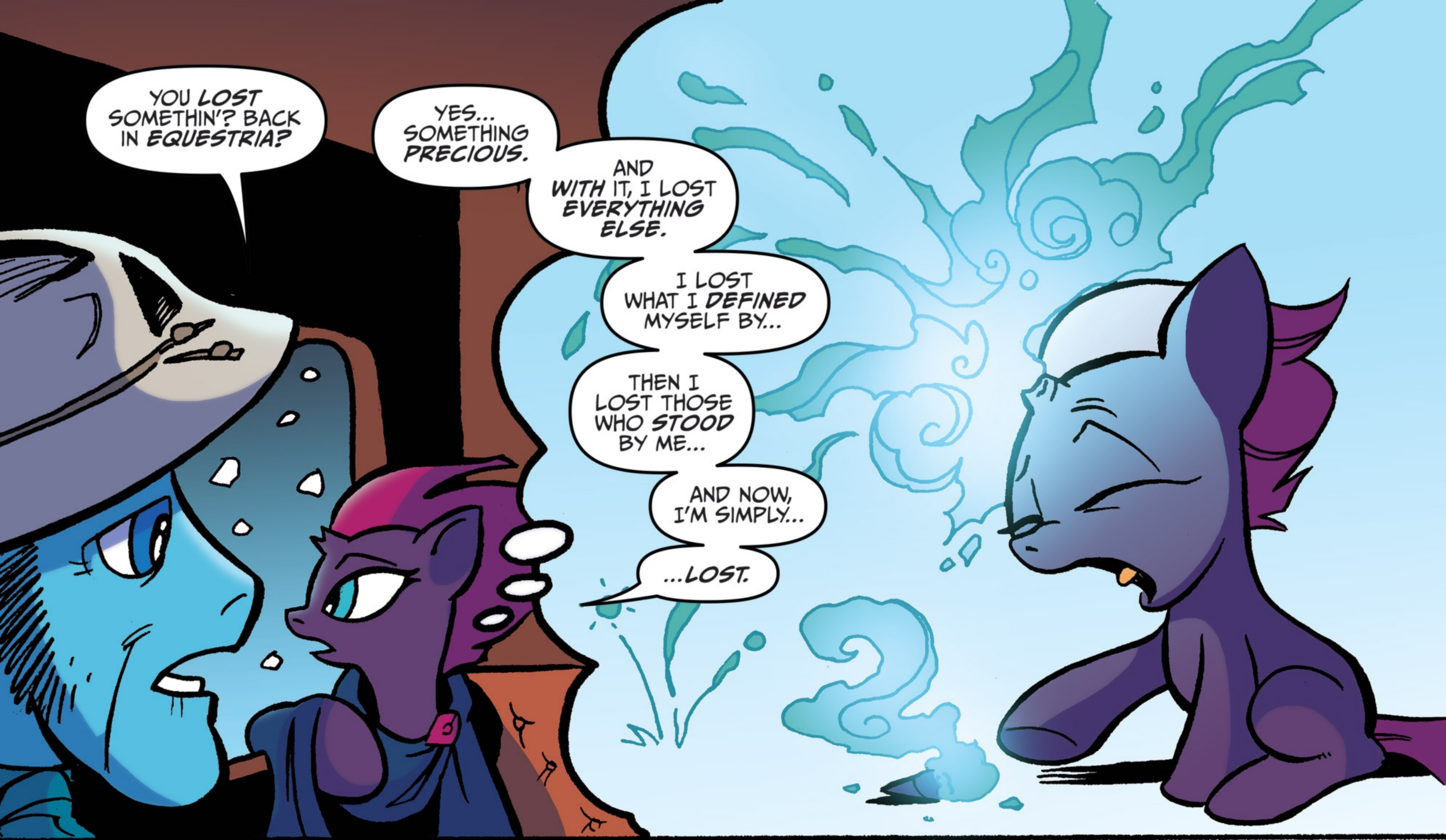


OH—UH—

I'M... LOOKING FOR SOMETHING.

SOMETHING I LOST...

...A LONG TIME AGO.



YOU LOST SOMETHIN' BACK IN EQUESTRIA?

YES... SOMETHING PRECIOUS.

AND WITH IT, I LOST EVERYTHING ELSE.

I LOST WHAT I DEFINED MYSELF BY...

THEN I LOST THOSE WHO STOOD BY ME...

AND NOW, I'M SIMPLY...

...LOST.



I FEEL AS THOUGH THERE IS ALMOST NOTHING LEFT OF ME.

OUT HERE, I'LL EITHER LOSE MYSELF COMPLETELY...

...OR FIND SOMETHING NEW TO BE.



I...

...I'M SORRY—I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

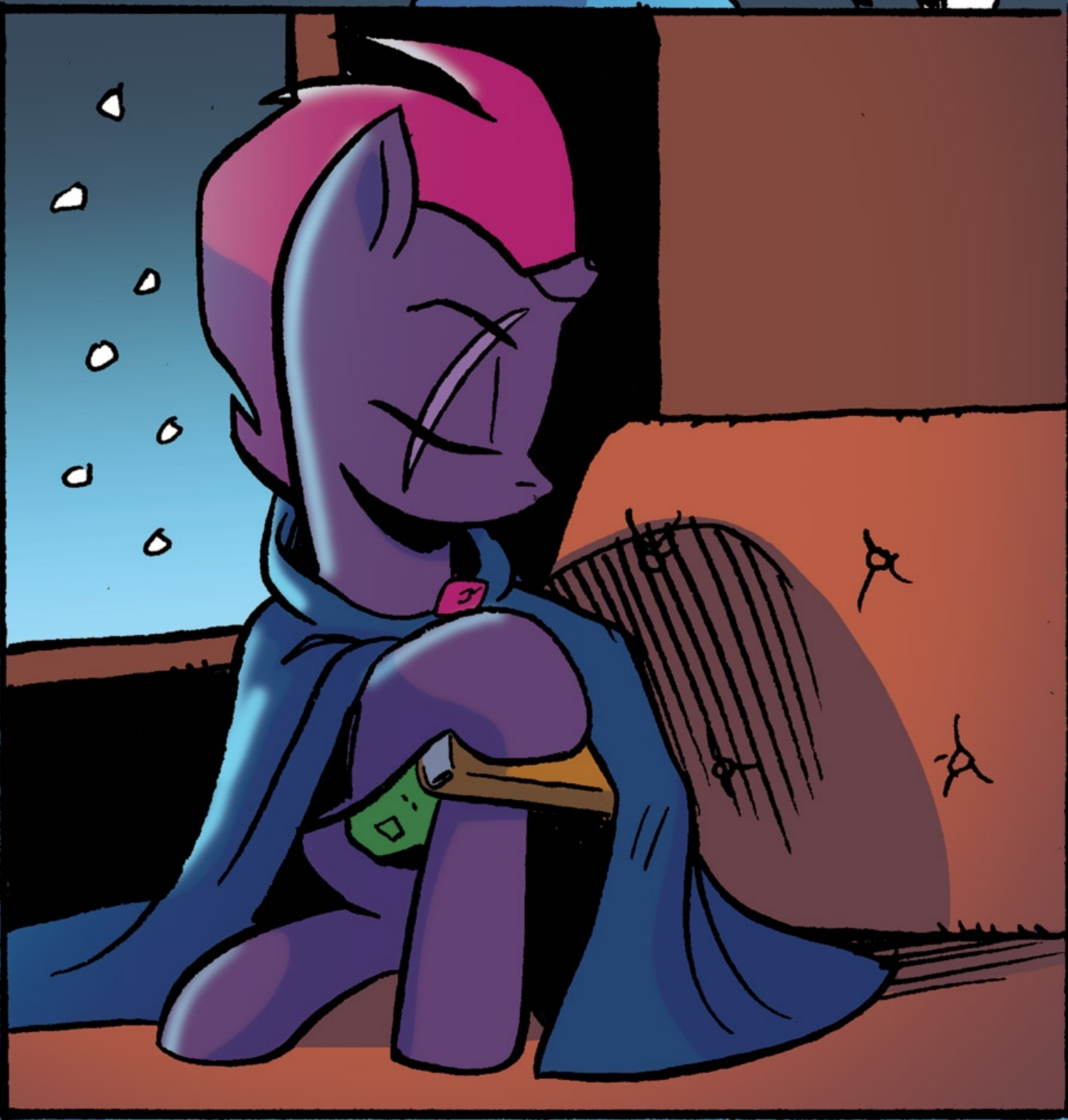
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT TO HEAR.



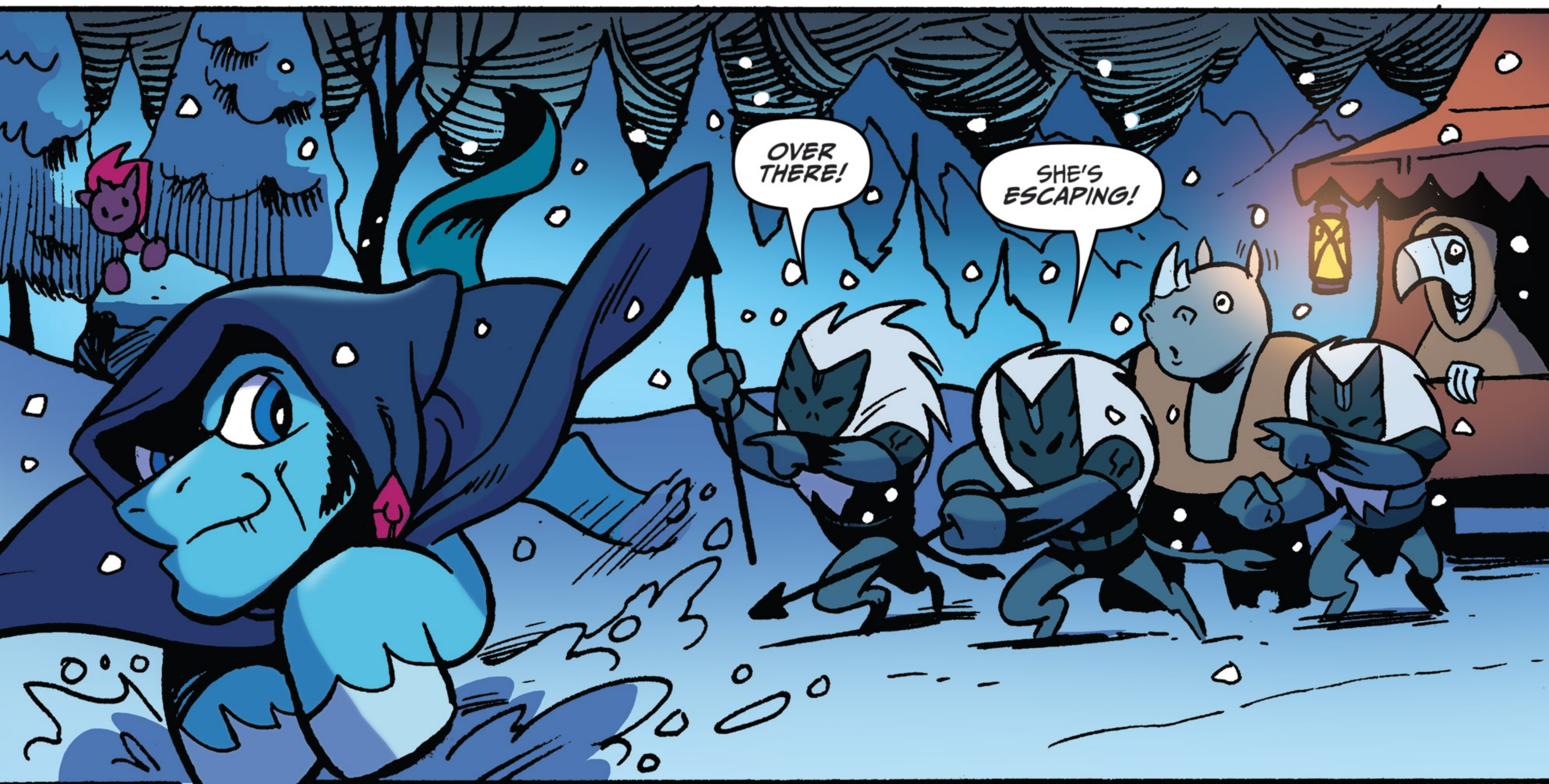
WELL... KEEP YOURSELF BUNDLED UP, MISS.

IT'S LOOKIN' LIKE A REAL STORM OUT THERE.

THANK YOU, RAMBLER. I WILL.





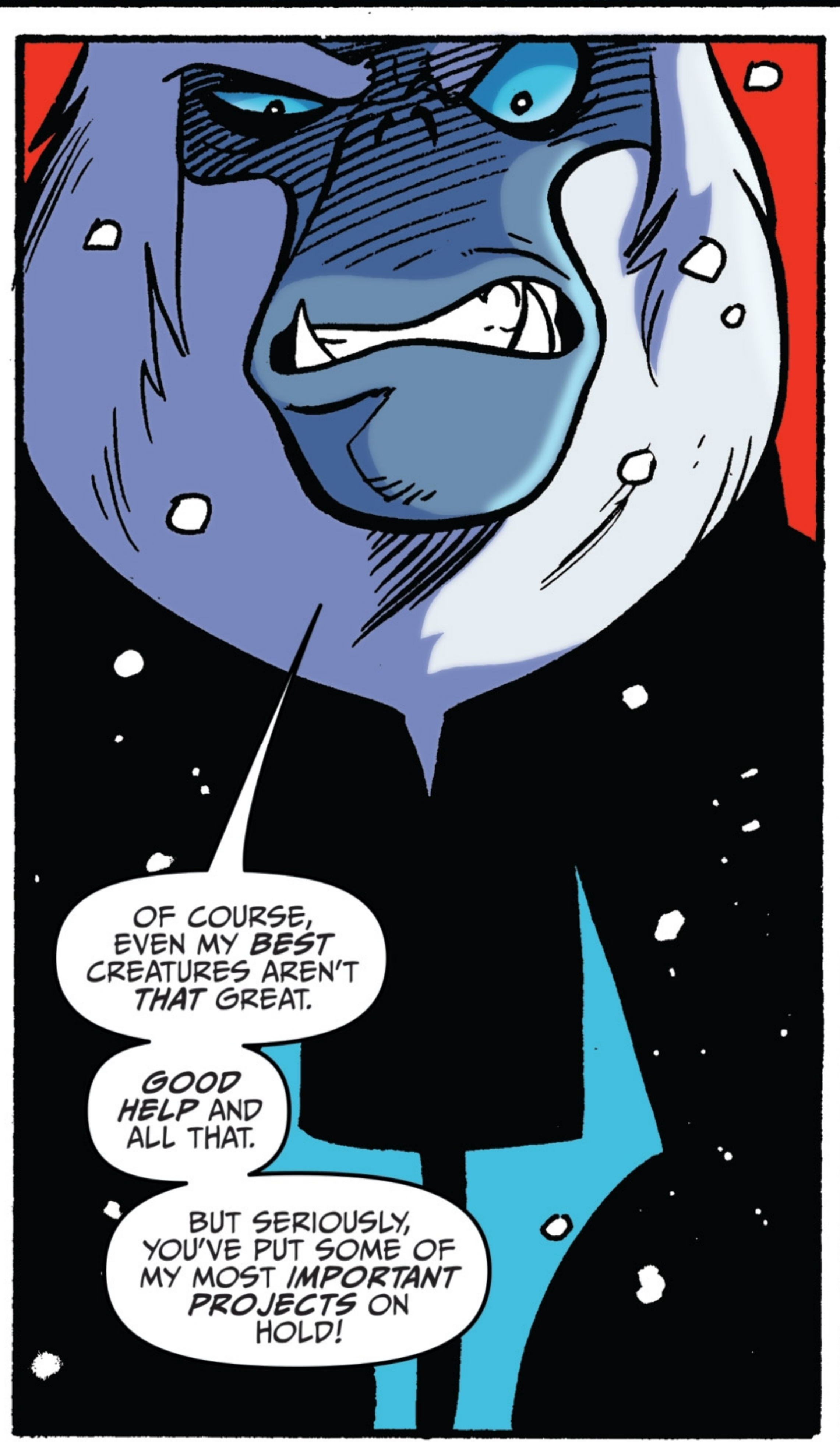




OH.

YOU KNOW, YOU'VE BEEN LEADING ME ON QUITE A CHASE!

SERIOUSLY, I'VE HAD TO PUT MY BEST CREATURES ON YOU!



OF COURSE, EVEN MY BEST CREATURES AREN'T THAT GREAT.

GOOD HELP AND ALL THAT.

BUT SERIOUSLY, YOU'VE PUT SOME OF MY MOST IMPORTANT PROJECTS ON HOLD!



ALL FOR YOU.

SO WHAT ARE YOU, LITTLE PONY?

ARE YOU WORTH MY TIME?



I... I AM A UNICORN.

I'VE COME A VERY LONG WAY, IN SEARCH OF POWERFUL MAGIC.

I'VE FACED MANY DANGERS TO FIND IT.



DANGERS!
I'LL SAY!

YOU WENT
UP AGAINST
ME AND MY
ARMY!

AND YOU'VE
DONE A PRETTY
GOOD JOB,
TOO!



THAT TRICK WITH
YOUR CLOAK AND
THAT OTHER PONY,
JUST NOW?

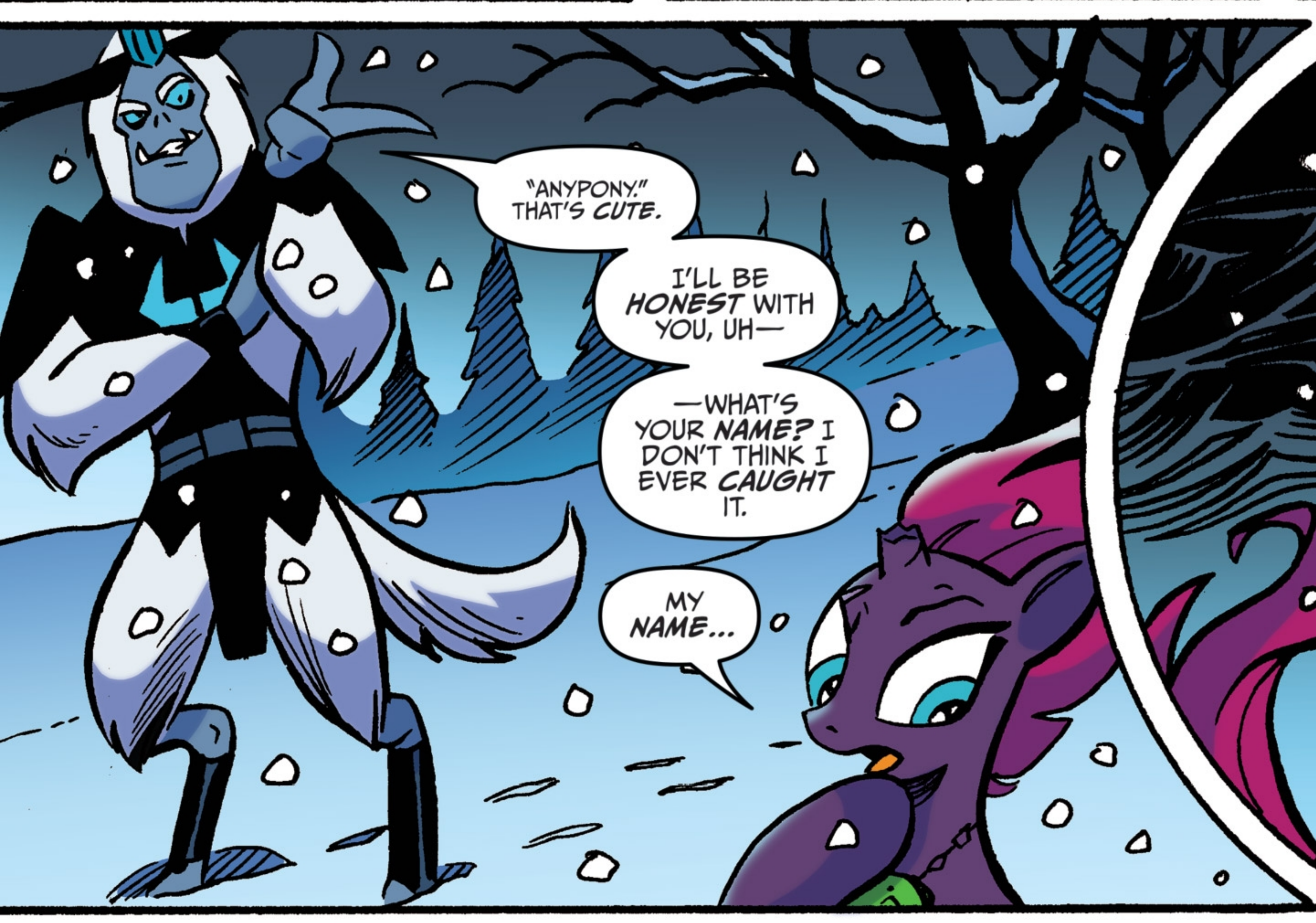
THAT WAS
DARN CLEVER.
BUT WHY DIDN'T
YOU JUST ASK
HIM TO HELP
YOU?

BECAUSE...



...BECAUSE
I LEARNED A
LONG TIME
AGO...

...YOU
CAN'T RELY
ON ANYPONY
ELSE.



"ANYPONY!"
THAT'S CUTE.

I'LL BE
HONEST WITH
YOU, UH—

—WHAT'S
YOUR NAME? I
DON'T THINK I
EVER CAUGHT
IT.

MY
NAME...



...TEMPEST.

CALL ME
TEMPEST.



"TEMPEST"! OH,
THAT'S GREAT! THAT'S
WONDERFUL!

HOW
PERFECTLY
ON BRAND!



I'LL BE
HONEST WITH
YOU, TEMPEST:

I COULD USE
SOMEONE LIKE
YOU.

SMART,
TALENTED,
DRIVEN.



...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WELL, I'VE HAD SOME PERSONNEL SHAKEUPS LATELY.

A HIGH-LEVEL EXECUTIVE JUST DROPPED OUT, AND I NEED HIS POSITION FILLED ASAP.



HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE GOING TO JOIN, I HAVE A CONDITION.

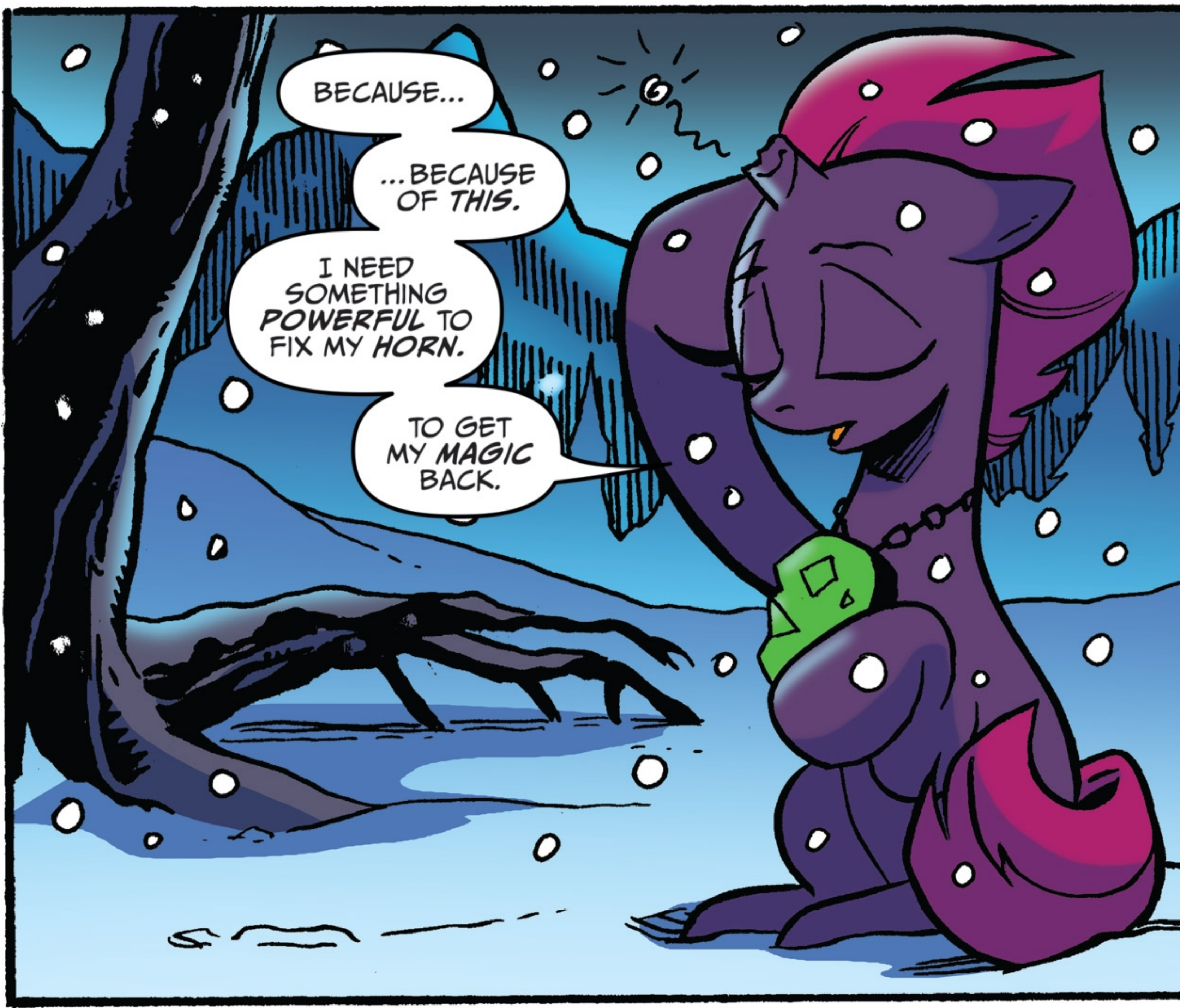
I'LL NEED YOU TO GIVE UP THE MALACHITE.



THE GEM? NO!

I NEED ITS MAGIC!

BECAUSE—



BECAUSE...

...BECAUSE OF THIS.

I NEED SOMETHING POWERFUL TO FIX MY HORN.

TO GET MY MAGIC BACK.



IS THAT ALL?

WELL, I CAN DO THAT FOR YOU.



YOU CAN?!

OF COURSE!

ONCE I'VE FINISHED CONQUERING, I'LL HAVE MORE POWER THAN ANY OTHER CREATURE IN THE WORLD!



IS THAT WHY YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR MAGIC?

JUST FOR... POWER?

WHAT OTHER GOAL IS THERE?



POWER. CONTROL.

THESE ARE THE ONLY THINGS WORTH SEEKING IN THIS WORLD.

I'LL FIX YOUR HORN AND RESTORE YOUR MAGIC...



...IF YOU PAY MY PRICE.



... YOU KNOW, IT'S RUMORED TO BE CURSED.

THEY SAY IT CAUSES BAD LUCK.

DO THEY?



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I THINK "BAD LUCK" IS SUPERSTITION.

I DON'T BLAME CURSES.

EVERYTHING BAD THAT'S HAPPENED TO ME...

... HAS BEEN SOMEONE'S FAULT.

SOMETIMES MINE.

SO YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN BAD LUCK.



I DO.

KRAK



AND IF I'M GOING TO BE CONQUERING, THE LAST THING I NEED IS BAD LUCK.

BESIDES, IT WAS REALLY MORE OF A CONVERSATION PIECE, YOU KNOW?

SO.

YOU WANT MAGIC.

THAT I DO.

I CAN HELP.



I KNOW A PLACE FILLED WITH MAGIC.

PRINCESSES. CRYSTALS. THE CLOUDS THEMSELVES.

TEMPTING.

IF IT'S SO FILLED WITH MAGIC, WHY HAVEN'T YOU ALREADY GONE THERE?

BECAUSE IT'S THE PLACE I CAME FROM.

EQUESTRIA.



CONQUER EQUESTRIA, AND YOU'LL HAVE ENOUGH MAGIC TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT...

...AND FIX MY HORN.

PROMISE ME.



I PROMISE—

—COMMANDER TEMPEST.

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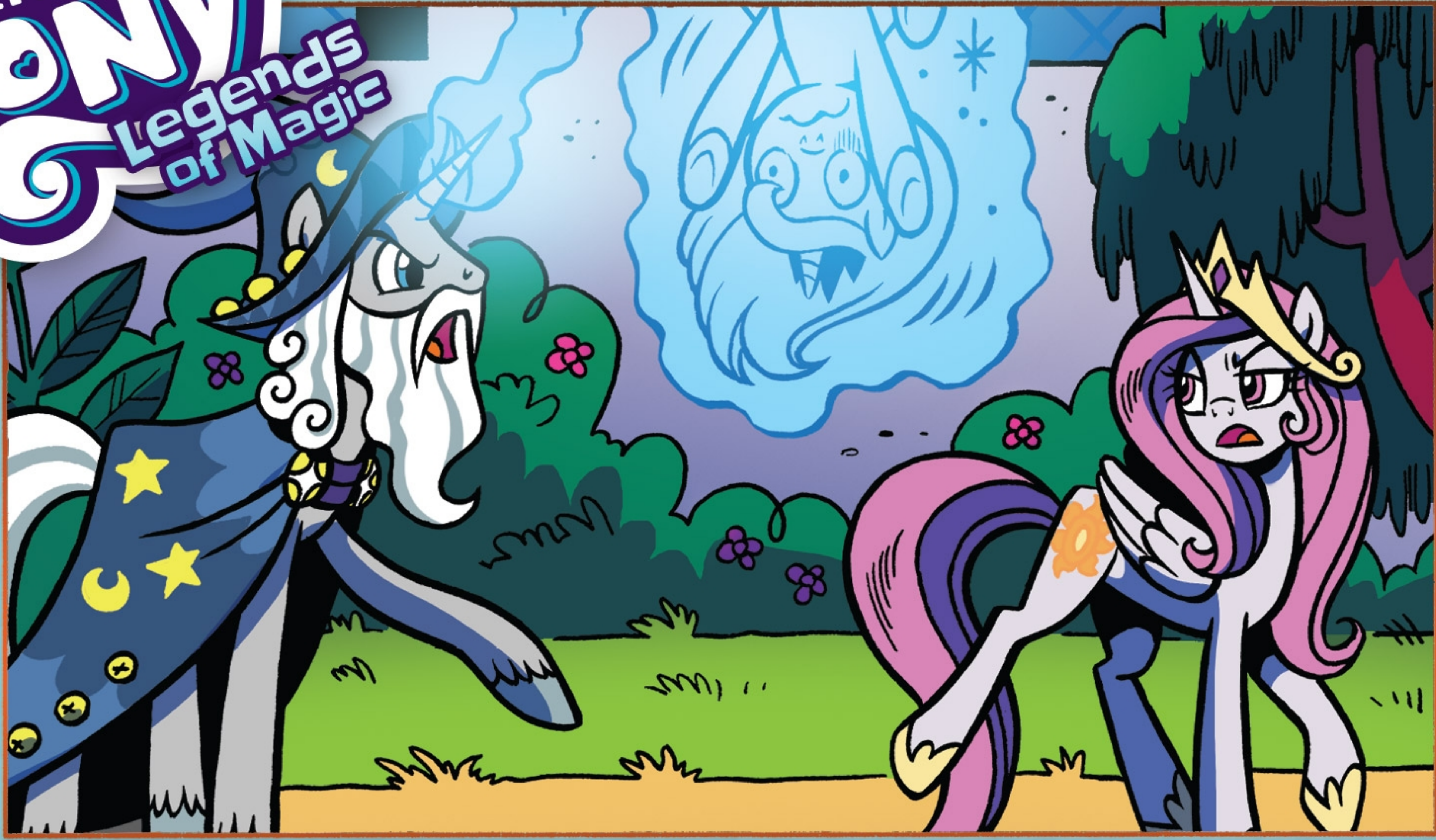
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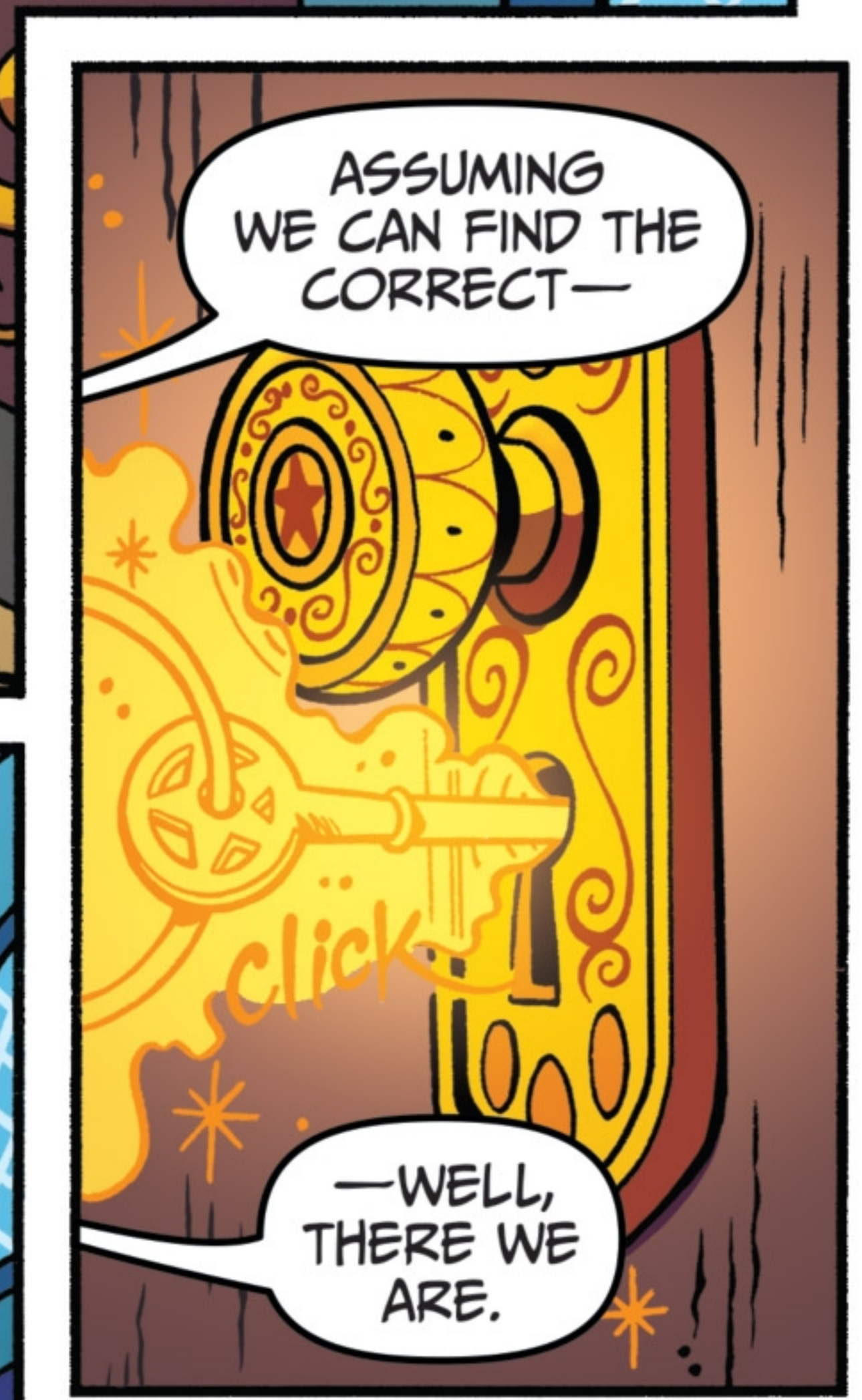


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THIS IS AMAZING!
WHO KNOWS WHAT
COULD BE IN
HERE!

WELL, I AM CERTAIN
THAT LUNA AND I READ
SEVERAL OF THESE
STORIES WHEN WE WERE
UNDER STARSWIRL'S
TUTELAGE.

WHY
WOULD YOU
KEEP ALL OF
THIS LOCKED
AWAY?



WHEN STARSWIRL
DISAPPEARED, LUNA AND I
WERE CONVINCED HE WOULD BE
BACK ANY DAY. HE WAS OFTEN
PULLED AWAY ON ADVENTURES,
JUST TO TURN UP A FEW
WEEKS LATER.

AND WHEN
HE DIDN'T
RETURN?

AT FIRST, WE WERE
SURE HE WOULD. THEN, ONCE
A FEW MONTHS HAD PASSED,
WE STOPPED LOOKING. BUT WE
WERE STILL YOUNG, AND DIDN'T
DARE TO DISTURB OUR
TUTOR'S THINGS.



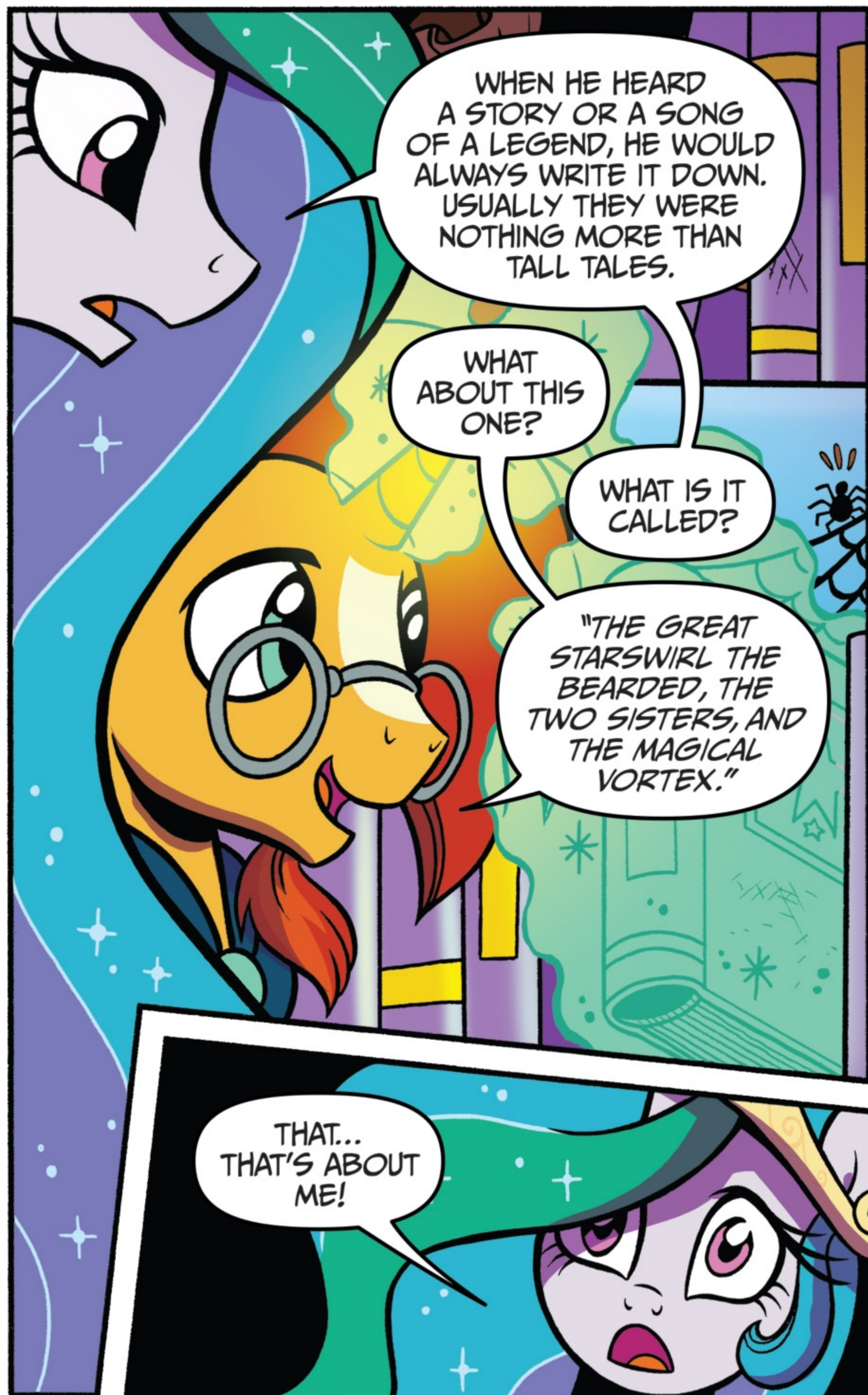
THEN THERE WAS
THE FIGHT, AND I EXILED
LUNA TO THE MOON. AFTER
THAT I WAS TOO BUSY... OR
PERHAPS IT HURT TOO
MUCH TO THINK OF
THOSE DAYS.

"LEGENDS
OF MAGIC"?

STARSWIRL
WAS FOND OF
MYTHS AND
LEGENDS. STORIES
OF PONIES WITH
EXCEPTIONAL
POWER.

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IT LOOKS LIKE
HE WROTE THESE
HIMSELF.



WHEN HE HEARD
A STORY OR A SONG
OF A LEGEND, HE WOULD
ALWAYS WRITE IT DOWN.
USUALLY THEY WERE
NOTHING MORE THAN
TALL TALES.

WHAT
ABOUT THIS
ONE?

WHAT IS IT
CALLED?

"THE GREAT
STARSWIRL THE
BEARDED, THE
TWO SISTERS, AND
THE MAGICAL
VORTEX."



THAT...
THAT'S ABOUT
ME!

LATER THAT NIGHT.

FASCINATING!
THIS WAS WRITTEN
BY STARSWIRL, BUT
IT DOESN'T READ
LIKE A JOURNAL
HERE.

HE'S WRITTEN
AN ACCOUNT
OF HIS OWN
LEGEND.



"NOW, WITHOUT A
DOUBT, MANY AMONG YOU
WILL KNOW THE LEGENDS
OF STARSWIRL THE
BEARDED."

"ONE OF THE
GREAT HEROES OF
OUR TIME, STARSWIRL WAS
KNOWN FOR FACING DOWN
MAGICAL CREATURES AND
FORCES NO OTHER PONY
WOULD DARE."

~~SNORT~~
HE CERTAINLY
WASN'T KNOWN
FOR HIS SMALL
EGO.



But perhaps the most challenging
role for Starswirl was not that of
mage, or wanderer, or hero. But the
most dangerous of all professions—

Indeed, Starswirl was one of the
great pony heroes. His feats will
be sung long after he has left us.



HALT, KNAVE!
GO NO FURTHER!





IT IS NOT YOUR JOB TO MONITOR OR COMMENT ON YOUR SISTER'S PROGRESS. I AM THE INSTRUCTOR HERE.

WELL, THAT MUST BE FRUSTRATING FOR YOU.



ARE YOU OKAY, PRINCESS LUNA?

THANK YOU FOR GETTING ME DOWN. HOW CAN MY OWN SISTER BE SO MEAN? CAN YOU BELIEVE HER?

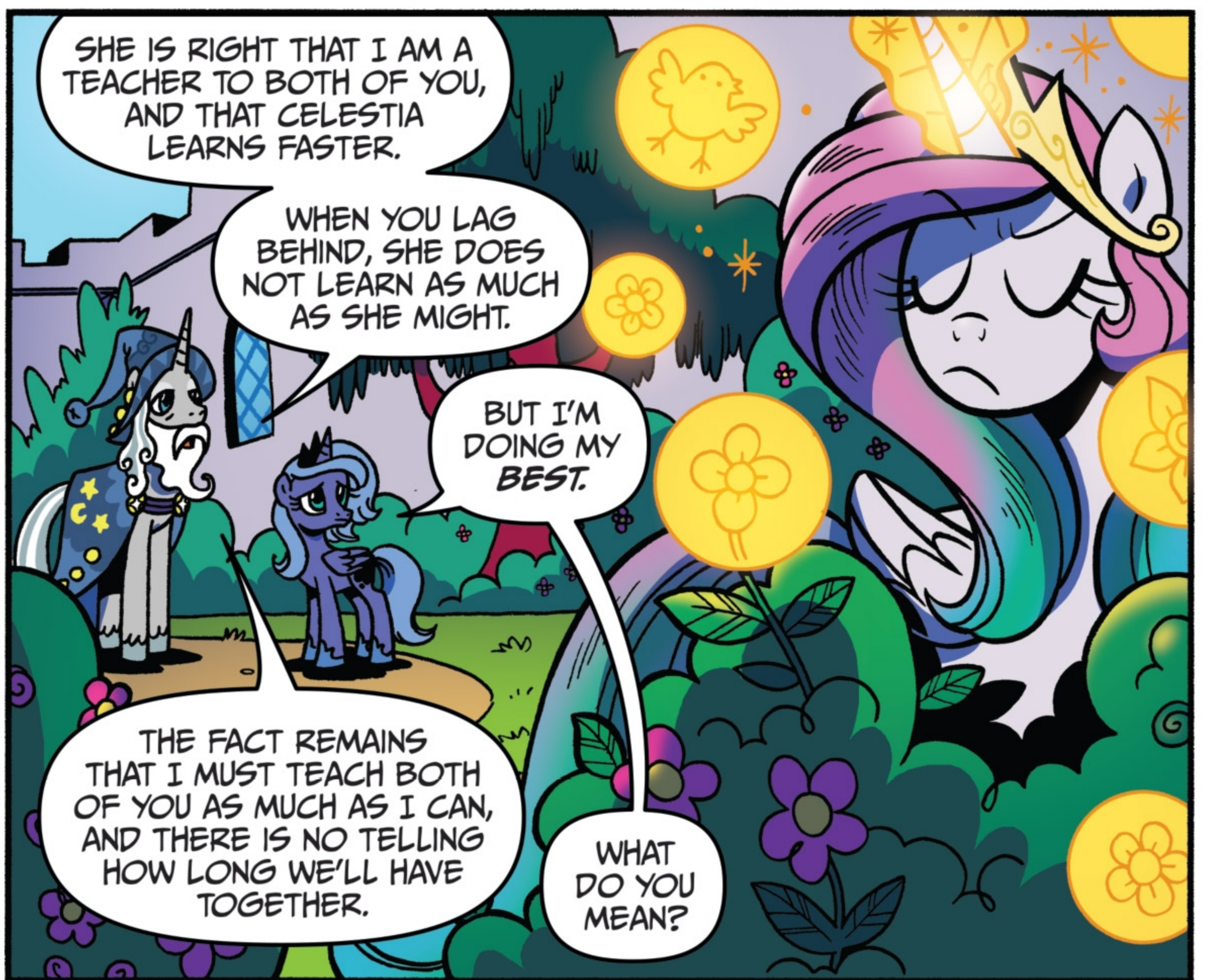
TO BE FRANK, HER COMPLAINT HAS MERIT.



I... I THOUGHT YOU WERE ON MY SIDE.



THERE ARE NO SIDES HERE, PRINCESS LUNA.



SHE IS RIGHT THAT I AM A TEACHER TO BOTH OF YOU, AND THAT CELESTIA LEARNS FASTER.

WHEN YOU LAG BEHIND, SHE DOES NOT LEARN AS MUCH AS SHE MIGHT.

BUT I'M DOING MY BEST.

THE FACT REMAINS THAT I MUST TEACH BOTH OF YOU AS MUCH AS I CAN, AND THERE IS NO TELLING HOW LONG WE'LL HAVE TOGETHER.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



WHEN A CRISIS ARISES, I MAY BE CALLED ON TO DEAL WITH IT, AND SOMEDAY I MIGHT NOT RETURN.

SOMETIMES OUR LIVES REQUIRE US TO DO THINGS THAT DO NOT SEEM IMMEDIATELY POSSIBLE TO US.



AS A PRINCESS, SOMEDAY THOSE THINGS MIGHT BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SURVIVAL OF YOUR KINGDOM OR THE FALL OF ALL OF EQUESTRIA.

IF YOUR BEST IS NOT UP TO THE TASK, EITHER YOU MUST FIND A NEW BEST, OR BE WILLING TO LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES.

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