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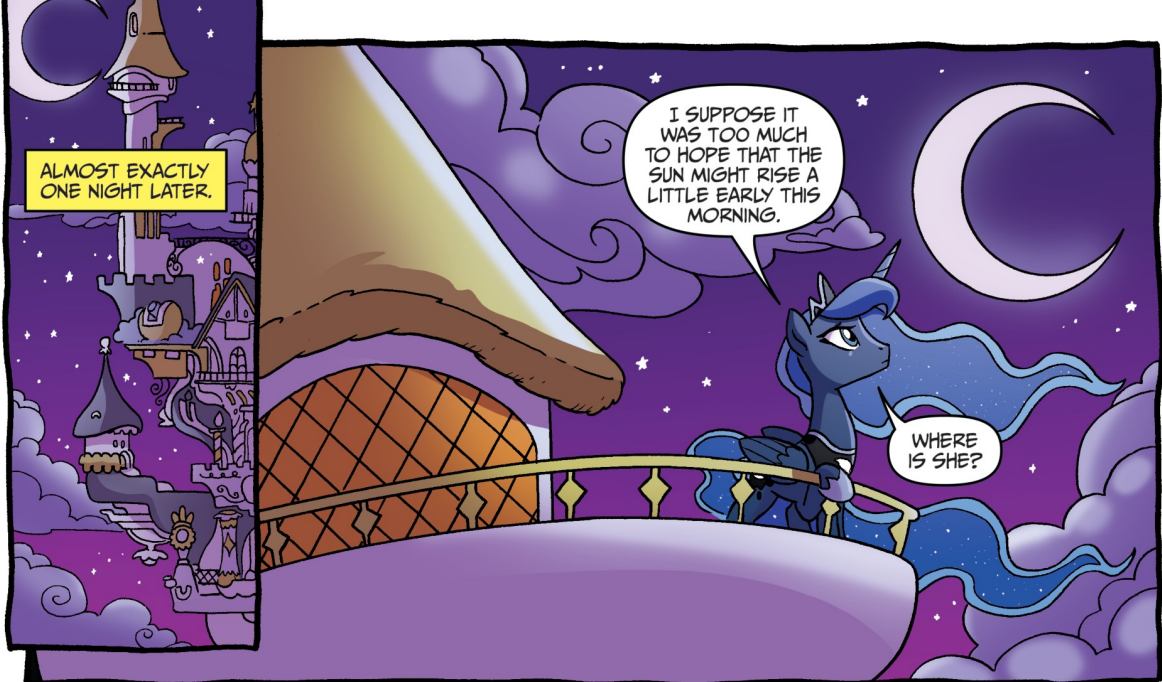
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ALMOST EXACTLY
ONE NIGHT LATER.

I SUPPOSE IT
WAS TOO MUCH
TO HOPE THAT THE
SUN MIGHT RISE A
LITTLE EARLY THIS
MORNING.

WHERE
IS SHE?



I'M RIGHT
HERE, SISTER.
NO NEED TO
FEAR.

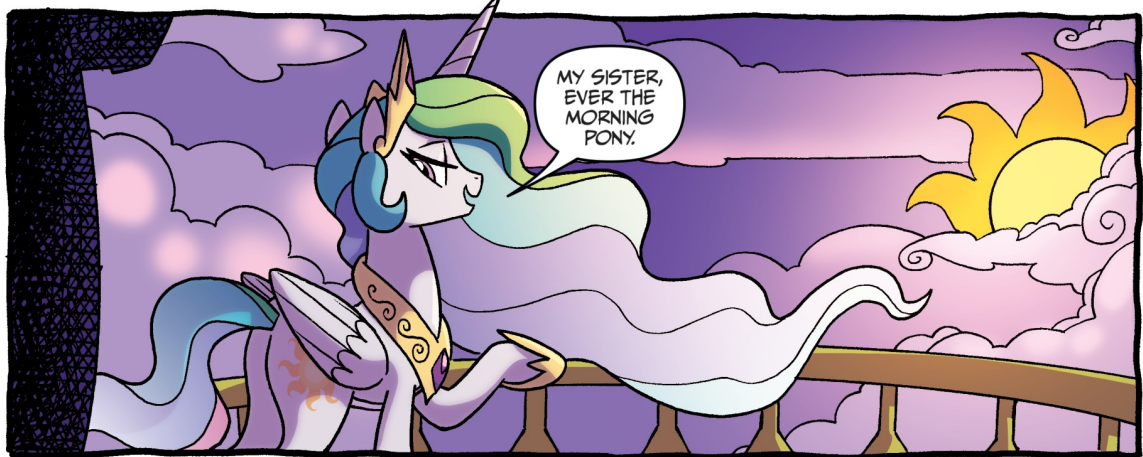
I'M NOT
AFRAID. I JUST
HAVE THINGS
TO DO.



WHAT SORT
OF THINGS?
DOES LUNA
HAVE A DATE?

IT'S NONE OF
YOUR BUSINESS
WHAT I'M GOING
TO DO.

JUST RAISE
THE SUN SO
WE CAN ALL
GET ON WITH
OUR DAY.



MY SISTER,
EVER THE
MORNING
PONY.





DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS?



THIS LOOKS LIKE THE GATE FROM ERIS' CASTLE.

EXACTLY. THIS WAS AN ENCHANTED RELIC USED BY UNICORN KING BULLION. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO MEASURE A PONY'S POTENTIAL FOR GOOD OR EVIL.

ERIS' SEEMS SIMILAR... THOUGH OBVIOUSLY SHE VALUES DIFFERENT TRAITS.



SO, WITH THIS ENCHANTED GATE, YOU'RE SAYING THAT ONLY THOSE WITH EVIL IN THEM CAN GET THROUGH?

I DON'T THINK IT'S ABOUT GOOD AND EVIL. SHE'S A CREATURE OF CHAOS, SO I THINK IT HAS MORE TO DO WITH SOME PONY'S POTENTIAL AND HISTORY OF DOING HARM OR MISCHIEF.



WELL, THEN IT SEEMS GOING TO TWILIGHT AND HER FRIENDS IS OUT.

I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE SAFE.

AND YOUR FRIENDS... LIKELY WOULDN'T WORK EITHER.

I'M AFRAID NOT.



AND REGARDLESS OF HER POTENTIAL, I DON'T WANT MY SISTER NEAR THIS PLACE. YOU SAW WHAT THEY DID TO THE OTHER CELESTIA.

WE ONLY HAVE A FEW DAYS BEFORE ERIS AUCTIONS OFF THE POWER SHE STOLE FROM ME, AND WE'LL NEED HELP TO GET IT BACK. WHO CAN WE GO TO?



I'M SO GLAD YOU ASKED.



LAS PEGASUS.

"THE FIRST THING... THE MOST OBVIOUS THING WE NEED IS SOMEONY SMOOTH. SOMEONY WHO CAN STEAL THAT ORB CONTAINING YOUR POWERS WITHOUT ERIS DROPPING A CAGE ON THEM."

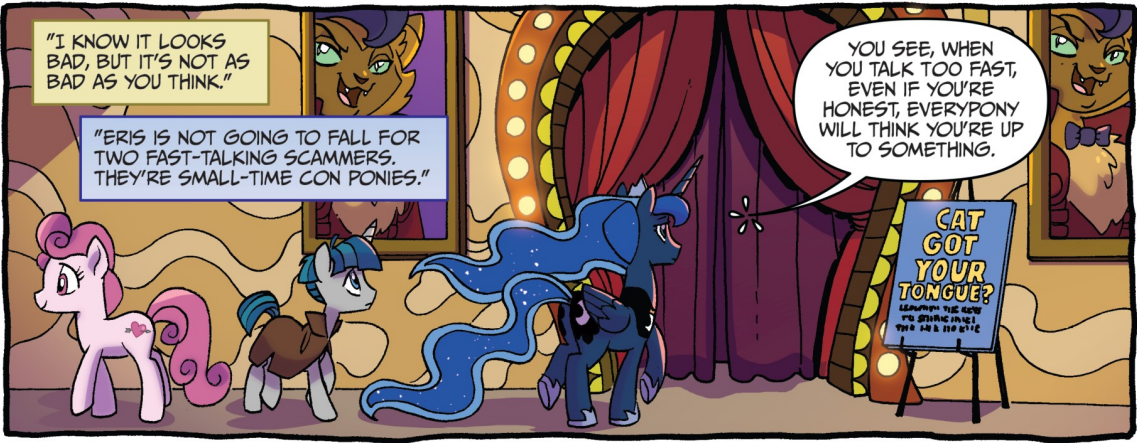
"I CAN TELL YOU HAVE AN IDEA AND THAT I'M NOT GOING TO LIKE IT."



"I THINK IF WE WANT SOMEONE WHO CAN OUTFOX A CREATURE WHO'S ALL ABOUT LUCK, THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE IN EQUESTRIA WE CAN GO."

"LAS PEGASUS. I'M STARTING TO THINK I KNOW WHO YOU MEAN..."

"...AND I WAS RIGHT. I DON'T LIKE IT."



"I KNOW IT LOOKS BAD, BUT IT'S NOT AS BAD AS YOU THINK."

"ERIS IS NOT GOING TO FALL FOR TWO FAST-TALKING SCAMMERS. THEY'RE SMALL-TIME CON PONIES."

YOU SEE, WHEN YOU TALK TOO FAST, EVEN IF YOU'RE HONEST, EVERYONY WILL THINK YOU'RE UP TO SOMETHING.

CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?
LEARN THE CAT
THE STRIKING TALK
THE CAT IS THE CAT



THEY KEY IS TO SLIP INTO A RHYTHM. YOU HAVE TO LURE THEM INTO A SENSE OF SECURITY.

"MY THOUGHTS EXACTLY. WHAT WE NEED IS SOMEONY WHO CAN ROB ERIS BLIND WITHOUT HER EVEN KNOWING."

"AND WHAT IF THE PERFECT PONY FOR THAT—"

"—ISN'T A PONY AT ALL?"

AND ONCE THEY'RE DRAWN INTO THE LITTLE SONG YOU'VE WRITTEN FOR THEM, YOU CAN CONVINCE THEM TO BUY ANYTHING YOU WANT.

CAT
GOT
YOUR
TONGUE?





IS IT REALLY TRUE THAT YOU HELPED SAVE EQUESTRIA FROM THE STORM KING? YOU'RE SO BRAVE.

WELL, I DON'T THINK OF MYSELF AS BRAVE. I'M SURE IN MY POSITION YOU FELLAS WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME.

WHEN THE TIME FOR HEROISM COMES, WELL, IT'S JUST IN MY NATURE TO ANSWER.

GOSH.



I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU FEEL THAT WAY.

WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE PRINCESS OF MY FAVORITE TIME OF DAY. WHAT BRINGS YOUR HIGHNESS TO LAS PEGASUS?

I HAVE NEED OF YOUR ASSISTANCE, CAPPER.



WELL, YOUNG FELLAS, IT LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BE TIME FOR YOU TO TROT ON HOME. IT SEEMS MY HEROIC SERVICES ARE NEEDED AGAIN.

OH MY GOSH, ARE YOU WORKING WITH PRINCESS LUNA NOW?

I SHIP IT! I SO SHIP IT!



NOW, YOU ARE A PRINCESS OF EQUESTRIA. YOU HAVE ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE KINGDOM AT YOUR COMMAND.

IF YOU CALLED ME TO CANTERLOT, YOU KNOW I'D COME.

YET HERE YOU ARE IN A LAS PEGASUS HOTEL RUN BY TWO OF THE SEEDIEST PONIES I'VE EVER MET, WITH THE EX-PONY OF SHADOWS AT YOUR FLANK.



I COULD BE IMAGINING THINGS, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE WHATEVER YOU WANT MY HELP WITH MIGHT NOT BE ABOVE BOARD.

I NEED A THIEF.

I'M LISTENING.



FIVE MINUTES LATER.

SO, WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME IS THAT WE'D BE ROBBING NOT JUST A CASINO, BUT A CASTLE.

AND THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT SORT OF ODDS WE'RE FACING OR HOW READY THEY'LL BE.

AND THAT I AM STEALING FROM AN ACTUAL GODDESS OF LUCK, WHO IS CERTAIN TO HAVE THOSE ODDS IN HER FAVOR?

YES.

ERIS' CASTLE

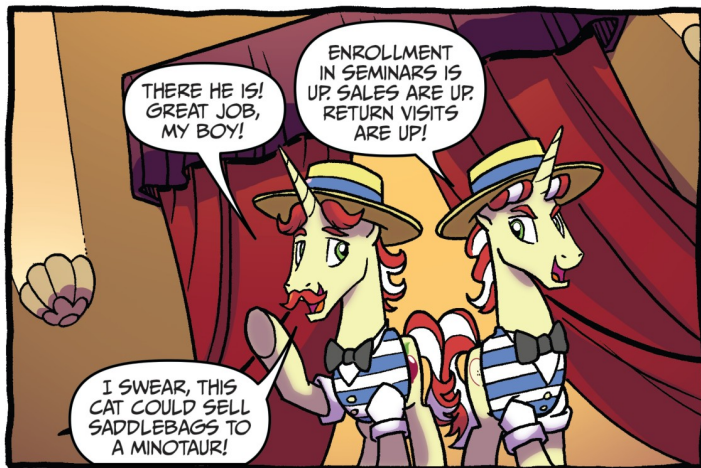


WELL, LET ME FIRST SAY: YOU KEEP UP THE SCHOLAR RACKET, KID, BECAUSE YOU GOT NO FUTURE IN SALES.

WE'RE NOT TRYING TO "SELL" ANYTHING. THIS IS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THIS AND EVERY OTHER REALITY.

AND WE MIGHT HAVE TO FIGHT VILLAINS FROM EACH AND EVERY—

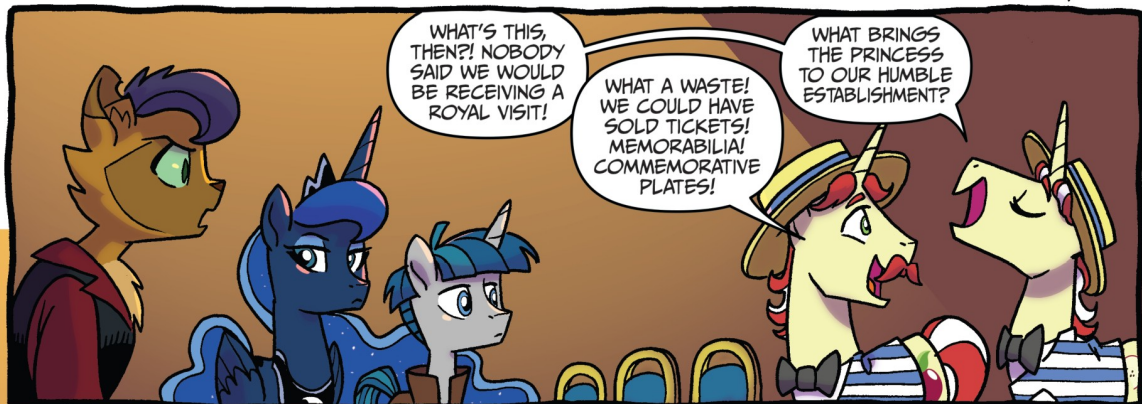
CAPPER!



THERE HE IS! GREAT JOB, MY BOY!

ENROLLMENT IN SEMINARS IS UP. SALES ARE UP. RETURN VISITS ARE UP!

I SWEAR, THIS CAT COULD SELL SADDLEBAGS TO A MINOTAUR!



WHAT'S THIS, THEN?! NOBODY SAID WE WOULD BE RECEIVING A ROYAL VISIT!

WHAT A WASTE! WE COULD HAVE SOLD TICKETS! MEMORABILIA! COMMEMORATIVE PLATES!

WHAT BRINGS THE PRINCESS TO OUR HUMBLE ESTABLISHMENT?



ACTUALLY, GREAT COINCIDENCE, YOUR COMING IN. PRINCESS LUNA IS HERE TO OFFER ME A JOB.

A WHAT?!



YEAH, SHE WANTS ME TO BE A ROYAL ADVISOR. CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT?

DOES SHE NOW?

YEAH, YOURS TRULY IS GONNA BE LIVING HIGH ON THE HOG. SHARING MY VARIOUS AREAS OF EXPERTISE.

WE'LL DOUBLE YOUR PERCENTAGE!



NOW, YOU ALL KNOW HOW DUTIFUL I FEEL TOWARD MY NEWLY ADOPTED COUNTRY. I WOULDN'T WANT TO LET THE PRINCESS DOWN.

NOW THAT IS INTERESTING, BUT PRINCESS LUNA WAS SAYING HER OFFER COMES WITH PRIVATE ROOM AND BOARD IN CANTERLOT, AN INVITATION TO ALL STATE DINNERS, AND THE EAR OF THE PRINCESS WHEN IT COMES TO THE LIBERATION OF MY HOMELAND.

WE'LL TRIPLE IT. FINAL OFFER.



ISN'T THAT RIGHT, PRINCESS?

ERM— I MEAN, YES. YES, OF COURSE. WE THINK CAPPER'S SKILLS WILL BE VERY USEFUL TO THE KINGDOM.



ALAS, MY CHARMING COMPATRIOTS, DUTY DOES CALL, AND CAPPER, HERO OF EQUESTRIA, MUST ANSWER.

NOW, BROTHERS, BE UPSTANDING STALLIONS. DON'T BEG. WE HAD TO PART WAYS EVENTUALLY. BETTER WE PART AS FRIENDS NOW BEFORE ONE OF US CLEANS OUT THE OTHER.

STAY! WE'LL PAY YOU ANYTHING! JUST DON'T LEAVE!



I ADMIRE YOU PASSING UP ALL THOSE BITS FOR THIS.

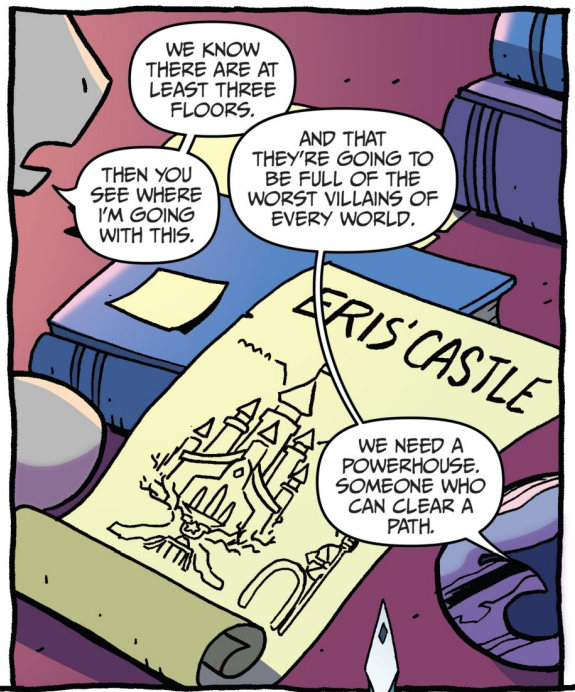
FRIEND, THE BITS MEAN NOTHING TO ME. THIS LITTLE HUSTLE WAS JUST TO PASS THE TIME.

NOW, STEALING A PRECIOUS OBJECT FROM THE GODDESS OF LUCK? THAT IS A TASK WORTHY OF MY SKILLS.



OKAY, THE THIEF PART IS OBVIOUS. WHAT ELSE DO WE NEED ON THIS TEAM?

WELL, THE WAY WE WRECKED THAT ELEVATOR ON THE WAY OUT, I DOUBT WE'LL BE ABLE TO USE THAT THIS TIME, WHICH MEANS WE'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE CASINO FLOORS.



WE KNOW THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE FLOORS.

THEN YOU SEE WHERE I'M GOING WITH THIS.

AND THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE FULL OF THE WORST VILLAINS OF EVERY WORLD.

WE NEED A POWERHOUSE. SOMEONE WHO CAN CLEAR A PATH.



"IF WE VISIT THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE, CADANCE WILL KNOW. WE'LL NEED TO COME UP WITH A REASON WHY WE'RE THERE."

"I THINK I HAVE JUST THE THING. IN THE ROOM WHERE WE FOUND THE MIRROR, THERE WERE ALSO A FEW OF STARSWIRL'S OLD JOURNALS STASHED."

"IS STARSWIRL THERE? I WOULD GREATLY PREFER NOT TO BRING HIM INTO THIS. HE'S BOUND TO—"

"NOT STARSWIRL."



"SUNBURST IS OBSESSED WITH STUDYING MY T—THE EARLY MODERN AGE. HE'LL WANT TO READ THEM FOR SURE."

OH, GEE GOLLY GOSH!

"AND WHILE YOU ARE HANDING THOSE OVER, I CAN CASUALLY INQUIRE OF CADANCE AS TO HER WHEREABOUTS."

WELL, I STILL DON'T THINK SHE CARES MUCH FOR ME, BUT SHE'S BEEN WORKING OUT IN THE BORDERLANDS EVERY DAY. SHE SEEMS... WELL... HAPPY.



OH MY!

I WILL GIVE CADANCE THIS—

"—SHE DOES SEEM TO BE ENJOYING HERSELF."

GREAT MOVE, GLITTER DROPS! I'VE GOT YOUR SIX.

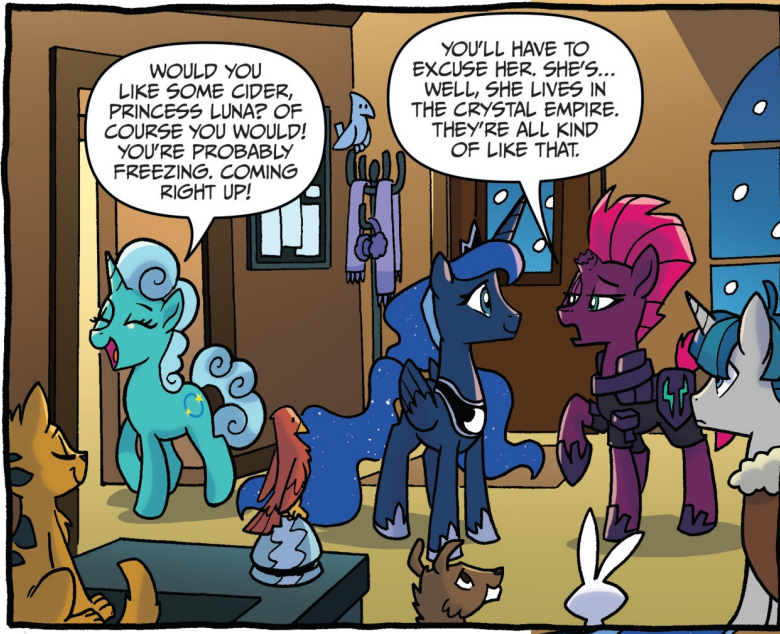




OH MY GOSH! I CAN'T BELIEVE **THE** PRINCESS LUNA IS HERE IN MY RANGER STATION! I'M GONNA FREAK OUT.

THAT REALLY ISN'T NECESSARY, GLITTER DROPS.

LUNA KNOWS MY NAME!



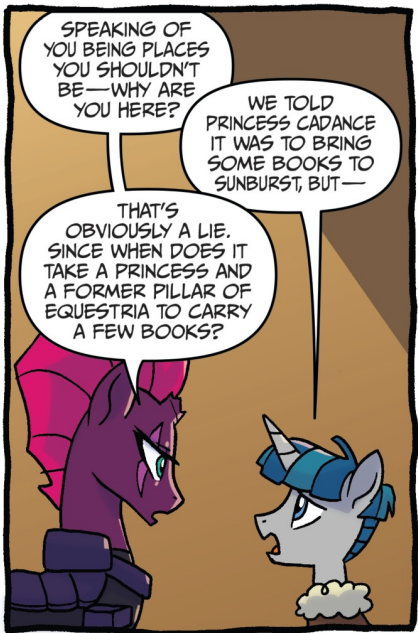
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME CIDER, PRINCESS LUNA? OF COURSE YOU WOULD! YOU'RE PROBABLY FREEZING. COMING RIGHT UP!

YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE HER. SHE'S... WELL, SHE LIVES IN THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE. THEY'RE ALL KIND OF LIKE THAT.

I'M GLAD YOU TWO HAVE RECONNECTED, TEMPEST. YOU'RE FREQUENTLY IN ONE ANOTHER'S DREAMS.

YEAH, HAVE I TOLD YOU THAT I REALLY DON'T LIKE THAT YOU DO THAT?

AS MUCH AS I HATED THE STORM KING, AT LEAST I KNEW HE WASN'T POKING AROUND IN MY HEAD WHEN I SLEPT.



SPEAKING OF YOU BEING PLACES YOU SHOULDN'T BE—WHY ARE YOU HERE?

WE TOLD PRINCESS CADANCE IT WAS TO BRING SOME BOOKS TO SUNBURST, BUT—

THAT'S OBVIOUSLY A LIE. SINCE WHEN DOES IT TAKE A PRINCESS AND A FORMER PILLAR OF EQUESTRIA TO CARRY A FEW BOOKS?



CIDERS FOR EVERYONE! WHAT'D I MISS?

PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER IF WE DISCUSSED THIS IN PRIVATE?

NAH, IF YOU CAN TELL ME YOU CAN TELL GLITTER DROPS. SHE'S MY ONLY REAL FRIEND, AND WHATEVER YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET ME INTO, I'D LIKE SOMEONY TO KNOW.

AWW, FIZZY, YOU SAY THE NICEST THINGS!

FIVE MINUTES LATER.

WAIT, YOU'RE SAYING SHE DRAINED LUNA'S POWER USING A STAFF?

YES. IF MY RESEARCH IS CORRECT, IT SEEMS TO BE THE—

—STAFF OF SACANAS.

YOU KNOW IT?

IT'S WHAT I USED TO DRAIN THE POWER OF THE PRINCESSES FOR THE STORM KING. THOUGH... THE ONE I USED WAS BROKEN.

BUT UNLIKE THE STORM KING, ERIS ISN'T PLANNING TO KEEP THE POWER HERSELF. SHE'S AUCTIONING IT OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

OKAY, YEAH, I'M IN.

NOW HOLD ON A SECOND. I KNOW YOU FEEL GUILTY ABOUT WORKING FOR THE STORM KING, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO KEEP THROWING YOURSELF INTO DANGER.

DROPSY, IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.

I LET ANGER AND RAGE CONTROL ME FOR SO LONG. I LET MYSELF BECOME A WEAPON FOR HIM. I SHARPENED THAT WEAPON IN ORDER TO DO AS MUCH DAMAGE AS I COULD.

NOW I HAVE A CHANCE TO USE IT FOR GOOD. WORKING WITH YOU HAS BEEN A START, BUT THIS—

—THIS IS THE SORT OF OPPORTUNITY I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.

WELL, IF YOU'RE POWERLESS AND THE CAT DOESN'T USE MAGIC, WHO'S GOING TO HAVE TEMPEST'S BACK?

STYGIAN WILL BE THERE... AND WE HAVE ONE MORE RECRUIT.

OKAY, SO WE HAVE CAPPER TO STEAL THE ORB. WE HAVE TEMPEST TO FIGHT OUR WAY OUT.

BUT WITH THAT MANY BAD GUYS, WE CAN'T EXACTLY FIGHT OUR WAY IN. WE NEED A POWERFUL MAGICIAN.

POWERFUL UNICORN MAGICIANS ARE EASY. BETWEEN YOU AND I, WE KNOW THEM ALL.

THE DIFFICULT THING IS FINDING ONE WHO CAN MAKE IT THROUGH THE METER.

STARSWIRL IS OUT. TWILIGHT AND CELESTIA COULDN'T GET THROUGH THE GATE. I THOUGHT ABOUT SUNSET SHIMMER, BUT THE LAST THING WE NEED TO DO IS ADD A SECOND MIRROR TO THIS PROBLEM.

I ALSO THOUGHT ABOUT SUNBURST'S FRIEND, STARLIGHT GLIMMER, BUT I THINK SHE'S TOO CLOSE TO TWILIGHT.

HOLD ON RIGHT THERE.

"WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS ILLUSION MAGIC. IF WE'RE GOING TO GET IN AND OUT, WE'LL NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN DISTRACT GUARDS, BAD GUYS—EVEN ERIS HERSELF."

"OKAY, THAT SOUNDS GOOD. BUT WHERE DO WE FIND SUCH A UNICORN?"

"WELL, LAST I HEARD THERE WAS A FESTIVAL IN YAKYAKISTAN."

"AND SHE'S NEVER ONE TO PASS UP A BIG STAGE..."

YAKS OF YAKYAKISTAN! DO NOT AVERT YOUR EYES! DO NOT FLEE IN TERROR! WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS IS MERELY THE ILLUSION MAGIC OF—



THE GREAT
AND POWERFUL
TRIXIE!



FIVE MINUTES LATER.

WHY DO SO MANY OF MY SHOWS END LIKE THIS?!

HONESTLY, IN WHAT WAY DID YOU EXPECT THEM TO REACT?

WHY WOULD YOU EVEN WRITE A SPELL THAT DID THAT? IT'S GROTESQUE!



THE GREAT AND POWERFUL TRIxie DOES NOT WRITE SPELLS TO SERVE SOME MUNDANE FUNCTION!

SHE WRITES SPELLS BECAUSE SHE THINKS, "I WONDER IF I COULD DO THIS?" AND SOMETIMES THE ANSWER IS, "YES!"



WAIT, WHAT WERE YOU TWO DOING IN YAKYAKISTAN ANYWAY?

WE CAME TO RECRUIT YOU FOR A MISSION. WE NEED SOMEONE GIFTED WITH—

YES! I'LL DO IT!



DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT—

IT DOESN'T MATTER. NO ONE EVER THINKS OF TRIxie FOR THEIR LITTLE TEAM MISSIONS!

NOW SOMEONE TELEPORT US OUT OF HERE BEFORE THERE'S NO TRIxie LEFT TO RECRUIT!



STYGIAN, CAN YOU GET ALL THREE OF US?

I'M ON IT!

LATER.



WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS WITH EVERYPONY, BUT LET'S DO IT ONE MORE TIME.

THE PLACE WILL BE CROWDED WITH VILLAINS, SO WE KEEP OUR HEADS DOWN AS LONG AS WE CAN.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THE REST OF US MAKE SURE CAPPER MAKES IT TO ERIS' OFFICE. HE'S OUR BEST CHANCE TO GET MY POWER BACK BEFORE SOME VILLAIN ENDS UP WITH IT.

WELL, CAN'T SAY AS I'VE EVER HAD A PRINCESS IN MY ENTOURAGE BEFORE. THIS SHOULD BE FUN.

TEMPEST, WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH RESISTANCE WE'LL MEET IN THERE, SO IF WE NEED TO FIGHT, YOU'RE GONNA BE THE MUSCLE.

BRING 'EM ON. I HAVEN'T HAD A DECENT FIGHT SINCE THE INVASION.

TRIXIE, YOU'RE THE DISTRACTION. WHEN WE GET TO THE UPPER LEVELS, WE'RE GONNA ENCOUNTER GUARDS. WE NEED YOU TO DRIVE THEM AWAY SO CAPPER, STYGIAN, AND I CAN REACH THE OFFICE.

WELL, THAT SEEMS LIKE A POOR USE OF MY POWER, BUT I HAVE A MORE IMPORTANT QUESTION—

WHAT'S THE NAME OF OUR COOL SECRET TEAM? PERSONALLY, I LIKE: "TRIXIE AND THE ILLUSIONS."

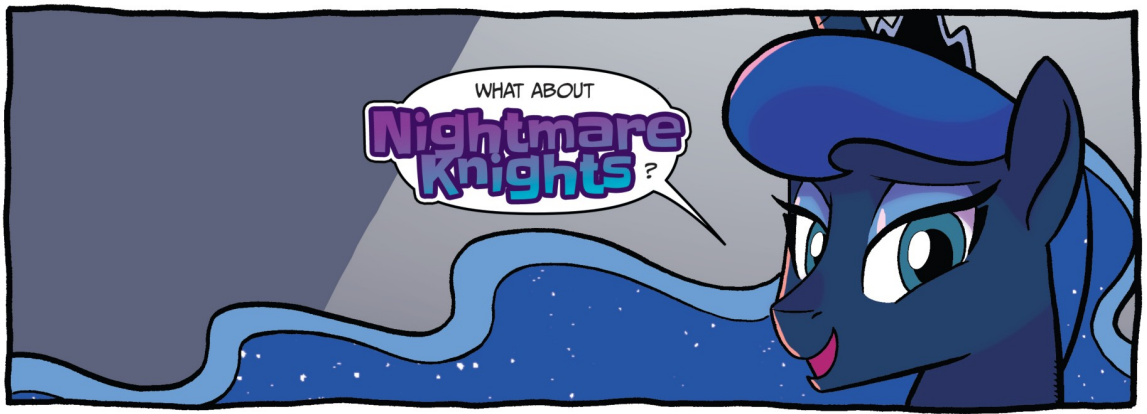
WHY WOULD WE NAME IT IF IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE SECRET?

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PARTIAL TO THE WORD "SQUAD." MAYBE WE DO SOMETHING WITH THAT?

THE LAST TEAM I NAMED TRIED TO BANISH ME SO... LUNA, DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING?

I DO.





WHAT ABOUT
**Nightmare
Knights?**



LIKE THE HOLIDAY?

WAIT, WAIT, WAIT! PASTEL PONY FRIENDSHIP LAND HAS A HOLIDAY ABOUT NIGHTMARES?

ACTUALLY, IT'S ABOUT... OH! IT'S ABOUT NIGHTMARE MOON.

WAIT, TWILIGHT TAUGHT ME ABOUT THIS. ISN'T THAT... LUNA?



IT WAS. ACCORDING TO THE MYTH, I USED TO COME ON THAT DAY OF THE YEAR TO... EAT CHILDREN, I THINK IT WAS?

GOODNESS, PERHAPS IT'S BETTER NO ONE REMEMBERED THE PONY OF SHADOWS. I WOULDN'T WANT... THAT.

BUT I'VE LEARNED TO UNDERSTAND IT. I'VE EVEN EMBRACED IT.



AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE ALL HERE. WE WERE ALL VILLAINS ONCE, AND WE'VE TURNED OUR LIVES AROUND.

NOW THERE'S ONE MISSION THAT ONLY THE FIVE OF US CAN DO. FIVE FORMER VILLAINS.

NIGHTMARE MOON AND HER KNIGHTS.



NIGHTMARE KNIGHTS IT IS, THEN.

ONE LAST ORDER OF BUSINESS. NOW THAT WE'RE A TEAM, AND SINCE WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO SNEAK IN SOMEWHERE YOU ALL HAVE ALREADY BEEN, SHOULD WE NOT HAVE DISGUISES?

OOH! MAKEOVERS!

THE NIGHT OF THE AUCTION. ERIS' WORLD.



NEXT UP!

ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A VILLAIN?



I AM *STARRY NIGHT TERROR*! MY IRON HORSESHOES STALK THE DREAMS OF FOALS EVERYWHERE!

DING!



I AM THE HOOFBEAT FROM UNDER THE FLOORBOARDS! I AM THE SHADOW IN THE EMPTY STABLE! I AM *THE DARK HORSE*!

DING!



I'M *THE ALLEY CAT* AND I... WELL... I STOLE ONE OF YOUR POLEARMS AND TWENTY BITS WHILE I WAS WALKING UP HERE.

DING!



I'M *MAELSTROM SHADE*, AND IF YOU ASK ME ANY MORE QUESTIONS I'M GONNA SHOW YOU WHAT I'M KNOWN FOR.

DING!



THE *GREAT AND POWERFUL ROXY* REFUSES TO ANSWER TO YOUR STANDARDS OF OBJECTIVE MORALITY!

DING!



HOW DID YOU TWO EVER MAKE IT AS VILLAINS? WHAT KIND OF MADE-UP NAMES ARE MAELSTROM AND ROXY?

I JUST DECIMATED ANYONE WHO OPPOSED ME... OR DO YOU NOT REMEMBER?

TRIXIE CONTINUES TO CHALLENGE ALL OF YOUR ASSERTIONS THAT SHE IS OR WAS SOME SORT OF VILLAIN.



HERE WE GO. ARE YOU READY FOR WHAT'S IN THERE?

I DON'T BELIEVE WE CAN BE READY. WE JUST HAVE TO FOCUS ON OUR OBJECTIVE.



THIS REALLY IS SOME PLACE. HOW DID YOU FIND IT, ANYWAY?

ERIS INVADDED A DREAM OF STYGIAN'S DISGUISED AS THE PONY OF SHADOWS IN ORDER TO LURE ME IN.

NOW JUST A SECOND. ARE YOU SAYING SHE OUT DREAM MAGICKED YOU, THE PRINCESS OF DREAM MAGIC?

YES.



CAPPER, OL' BUDDY, WHAT DID YOU GET YOURSELF INTO?

TOO LATE TO TURN BACK NOW, SCAREDY CAT.

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW, I HAVE A COUSIN NAMED SCAREDY CAT.



AH, WELL—HOW BAD COULD IT BE?

Chaos CASINO

I SHOULD HAVE
LEARNED BY NOW
NOT TO ASK THAT
QUESTION.

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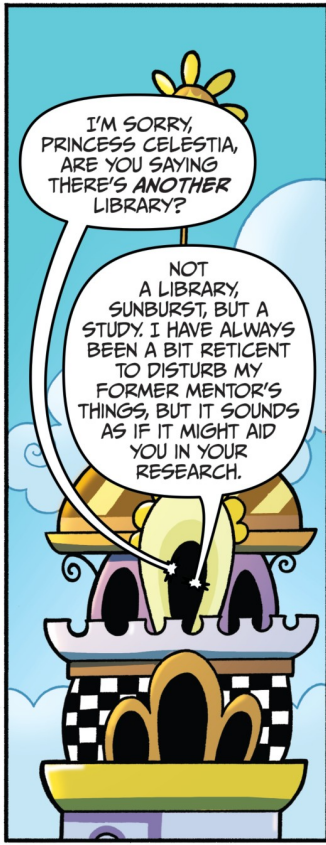


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THIS IS AMAZING! WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD BE IN HERE!

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?

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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.

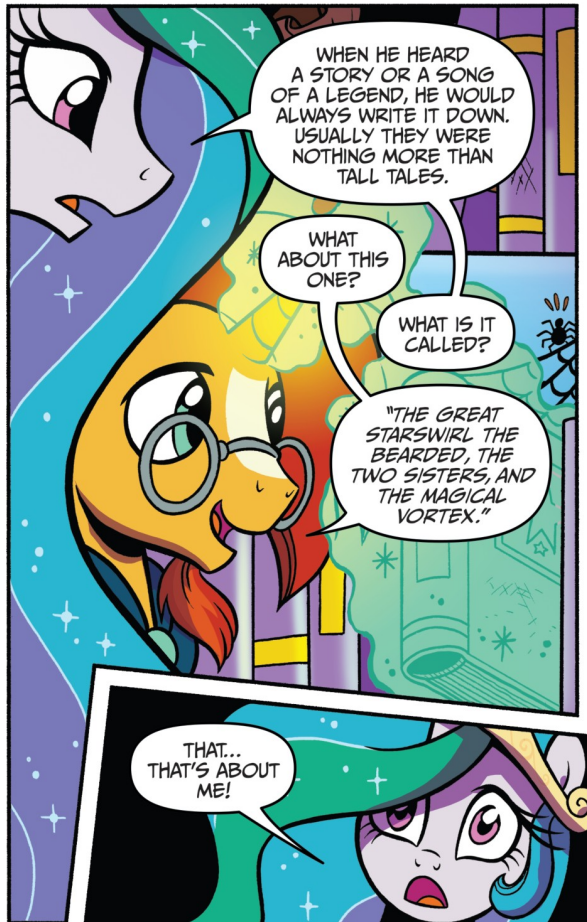


THEN THERE WAS THE FIGHT, AND I EXILED LUNA TO THE MOON. AFTER THAT I WAS TOO BUSY... OR PERHAPS IT HURT TOO MUCH TO THINK OF THOSE DAYS.

"LEGENDS OF MAGIC"?

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

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."

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

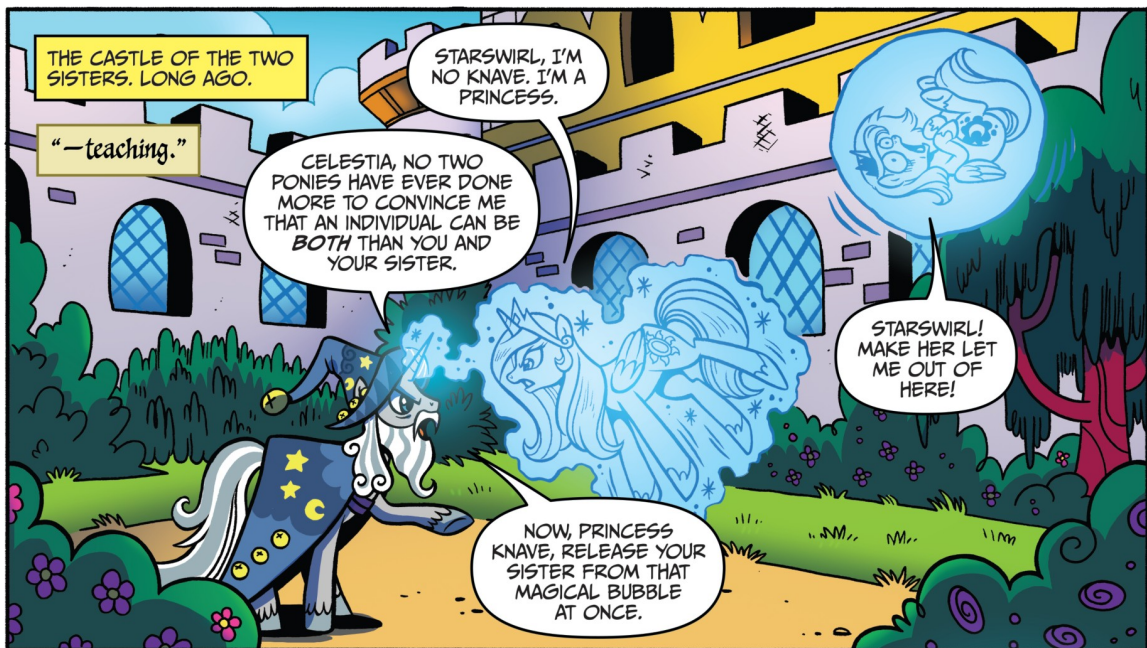


But perhaps the most challenging
role for Starswirl was not that of
mage, or wanderer, or hero. But the
most dangerous of all professions—

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!





THE CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS. LONG AGO.

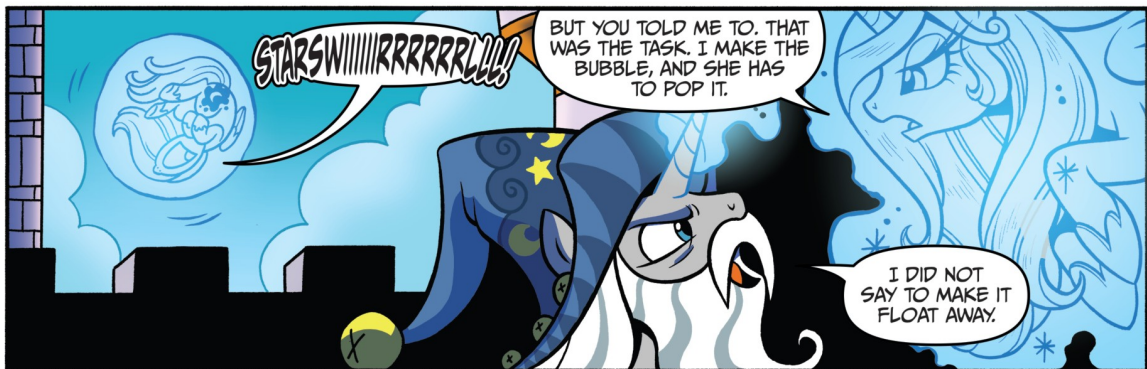
“—teaching.”

STARSWIRL, I'M NO KNAVE. I'M A PRINCESS.

CELESTIA, NO TWO PONIES HAVE EVER DONE MORE TO CONVINC ME THAT AN INDIVIDUAL CAN BE BOTH THAN YOU AND YOUR SISTER.

STARSWIRL! MAKE HER LET ME OUT OF HERE!

NOW, PRINCESS KNAVE, RELEASE YOUR SISTER FROM THAT MAGICAL BUBBLE AT ONCE.



STARSWIRLIIIIIIRRRRRR!!!

BUT YOU TOLD ME TO. THAT WAS THE TASK. I MAKE THE BUBBLE, AND SHE HAS TO POP IT.

I DID NOT SAY TO MAKE IT FLOAT AWAY.



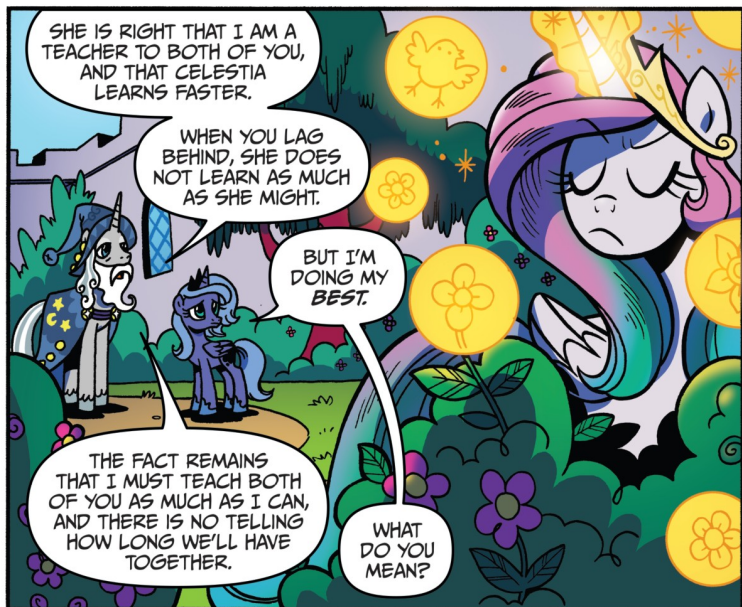
IT'S MEANT TO BE A SIMPLE TRAINING EXERCISE, NOT A CHANCE FOR YOU TO MAKE YOUR SISTER PANIC.

WELL, IT'S NOT MY FAULT SHE CAN'T KEEP UP.



POP!

GAAH!!



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