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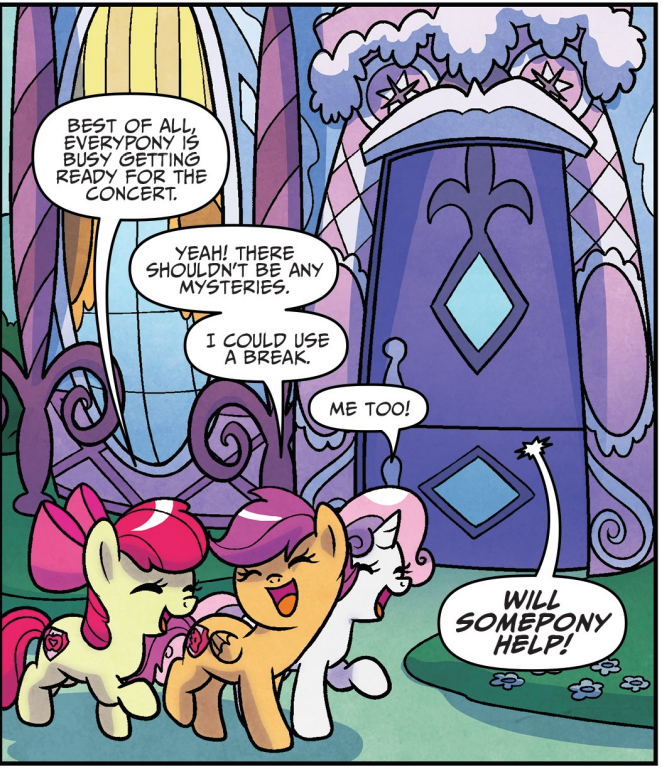
THE TOWN SURE IS BUSTLING TODAY!

WELCOME SONGBIRD SERENADE



IT'S SO AWESOME SONGBIRD SERENADE IS COMING BACK TO PONYVILLE!

AND FOR A BENEFIT CONCERT!



BEST OF ALL, EVERYPONY IS BUSY GETTING READY FOR THE CONCERT.

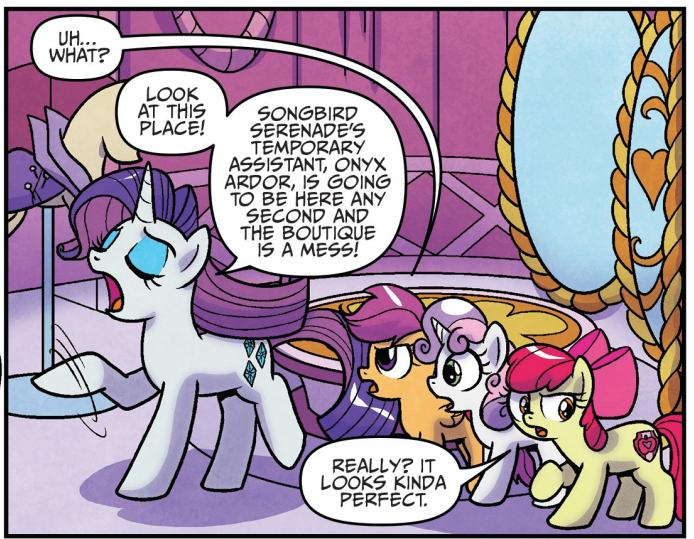
YEAH! THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY MYSTERIES.

I COULD USE A BREAK.

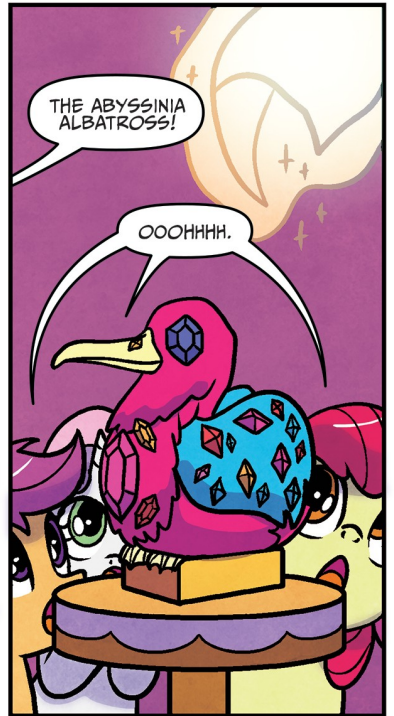
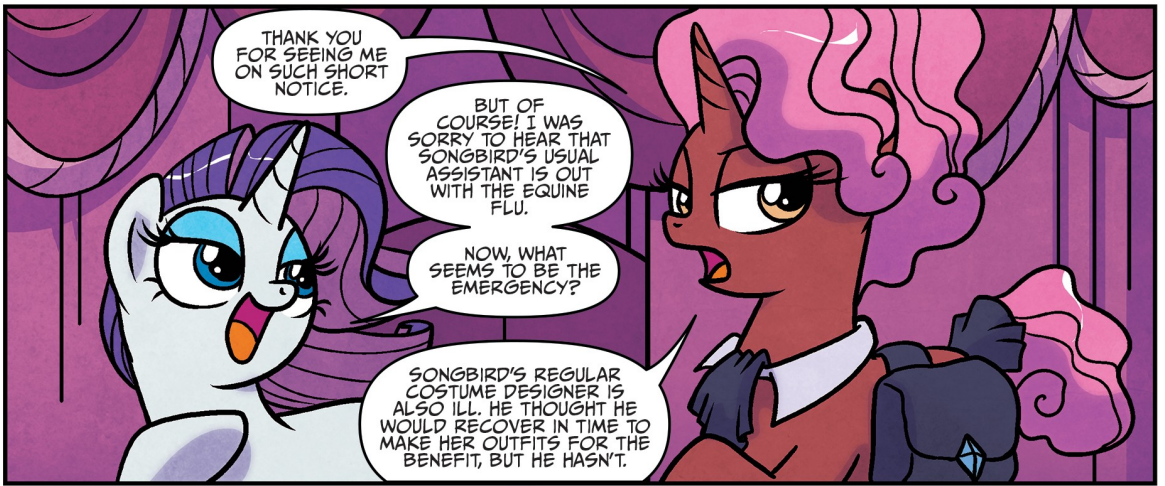
ME TOO!

WILL SOME PONY HELP!

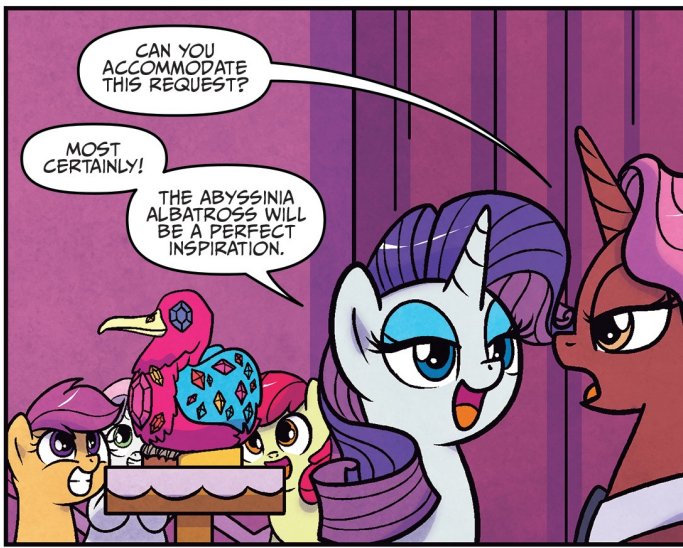
















THE NEXT MORNING.

GOLLY, PONYVILLE SURE LOOKS FESTIVE!

AND SO MANY VISITORS HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED FOR THE CONCERT!



HOW ARE RARITY'S COSTUMES COMING ALONG?

GOOD! THAT ABYSSINIA ALBATROSS STATUE SURE INSPIRED HER.

SHE WAS UP PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE NIGHT WORKING ON THEM.



GOSH, THAT STATUE IS SO BEAUTIFUL, I DON'T BLAME HER!



EVERYTHING SEEMS SO PERFECT RIGHT NOW.

YEAH, I COULD JUST STAND HERE FOR A LONG TIME AND TAKE IT ALL IN.



SHRIEK

WILL SOME PONY HELP!





GEE, SIS, WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM NOW?



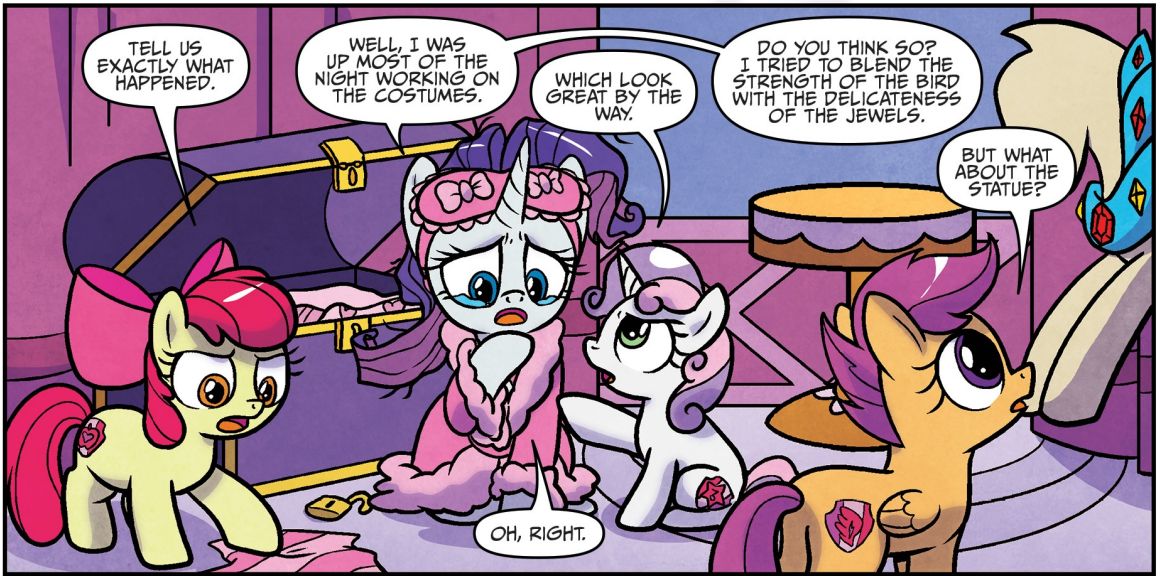
IT'S GONE!

REALLY AND TRULY GONE!

WHAT'S GONE?

NOT THE—

STATUE! IT'S BEEN STOLEN!



TELL US EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.

WELL, I WAS UP MOST OF THE NIGHT WORKING ON THE COSTUMES.

WHICH LOOK GREAT BY THE WAY.

DO YOU THINK SO? I TRIED TO BLEND THE STRENGTH OF THE BIRD WITH THE DELICATENESS OF THE JEWELS.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE STATUE?

OH, RIGHT.



I LOCKED UP THE STATUE IN THE TRUNK AND WENT TO LIE DOWN FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS.

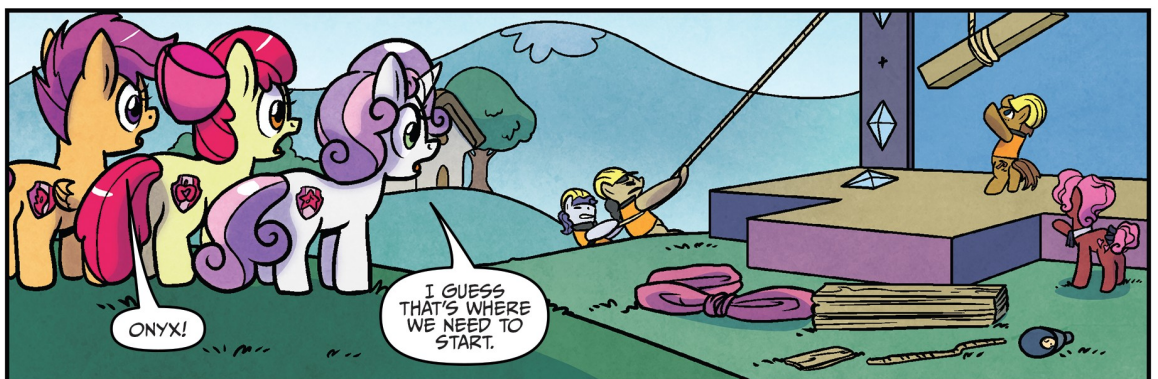
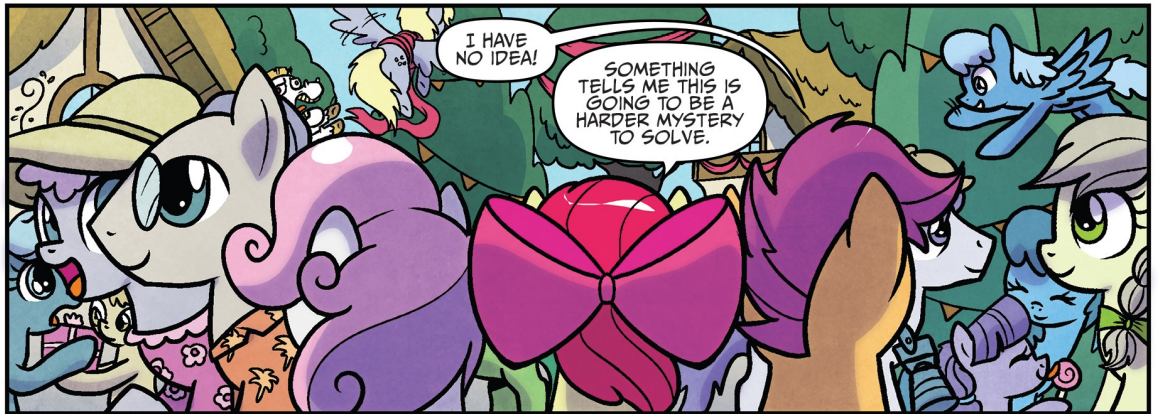
WHEN I WOKE UP AND OPENED THE TRUNK, IT WAS GONE!



WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

YOU'RE GONNA LET THE CUTIE MARK CRUSADER SUPER SLEUTHS FIND THAT STATUE!









STOLEN!  
IT CAN'T  
BE!



SONGBIRD  
SERENADE WILL  
BE HERE  
TOMORROW!

I'LL LOSE  
MY JOB IF IT'S  
NOT FOUND.

WHAT AM  
I GOING  
TO DO?



CAN YOU THINK  
OF ANYPONY WHO  
WOULD WANT TO  
STEAL IT?

IT'S THE  
PRICELESS  
HEIRLOOM OF A  
MAJOR STAR,  
WHO WOULDN'T  
WANT IT?

YES, BUT  
IS THERE  
SOMEONY THAT  
REALLY STANDS  
OUT?

NO...  
YES!



HULKING  
HOARDER.

HE'S A COLLECTOR IN  
CANTERLOT AND HAS ASKED  
ME ABOUT THE STATUE  
BEFORE. IF HE'S HERE,  
HE MOST CERTAINLY  
DID IT!



AND WE'LL  
FIND HIM!

YES, WE  
WILL!

HOW?

NO CLUE.





WAIT, I KNOW! THERE'S A LOT OF PONIES VISITING FROM CANTERLOT.

RIGHT! WE CAN SEE IF ANY OF THEM KNOW WHO HULKING HOARDER IS.

WHO SHOULD WE START WITH?

HI, GIRLS!

TWILIGHT!



WHEN YOU LIVED IN CANTERLOT—

DID YOU KNOW OF A PONY—

CALLED HULKING HOARDER?



HULKING HOARDER? NOT THAT I CAN THINK OF.

CANTERLOT IS SO MUCH BIGGER THAN PONYVILLE. THERE WERE LOTS OF PONIES I NEVER MET.



SORRY, GIRLS.

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I NEED TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING'S RUNNING SMOOTHLY FOR THE CONCERT.

GOOD THING SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

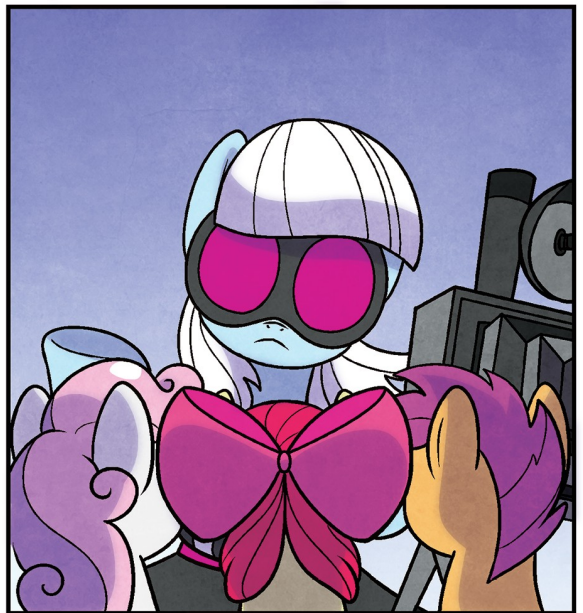
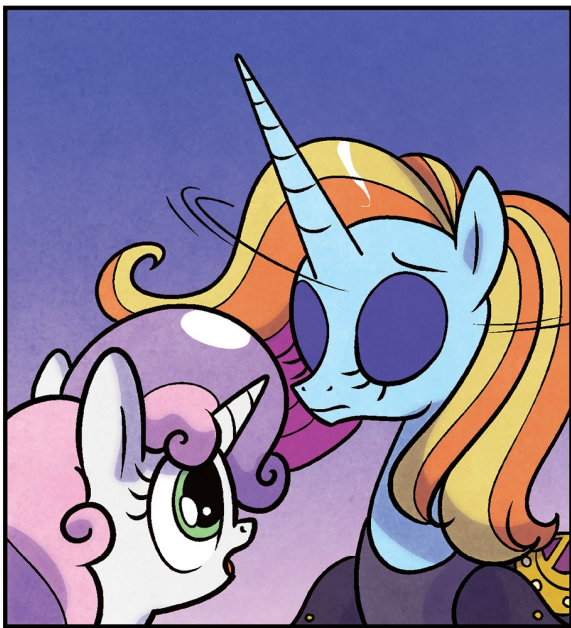


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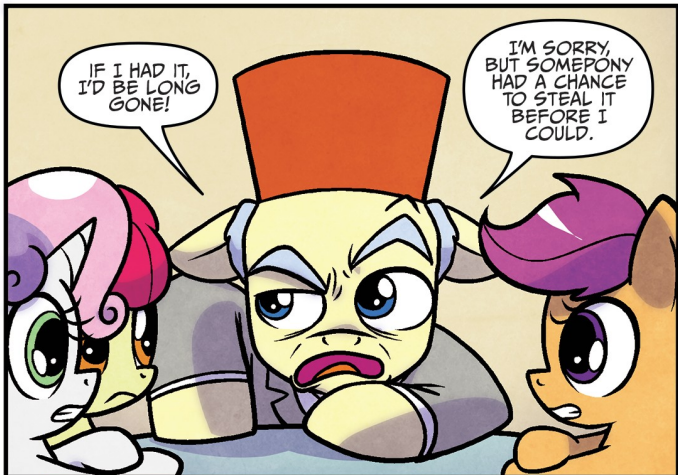
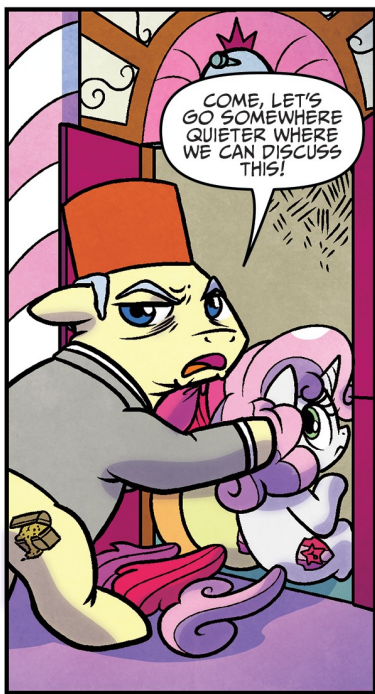
LET'S SPLIT UP AND QUESTION ALL THE PONIES HERE FROM CANTERLOT.

ONE OF THEM MUST KNOW HULKING HOARDER.





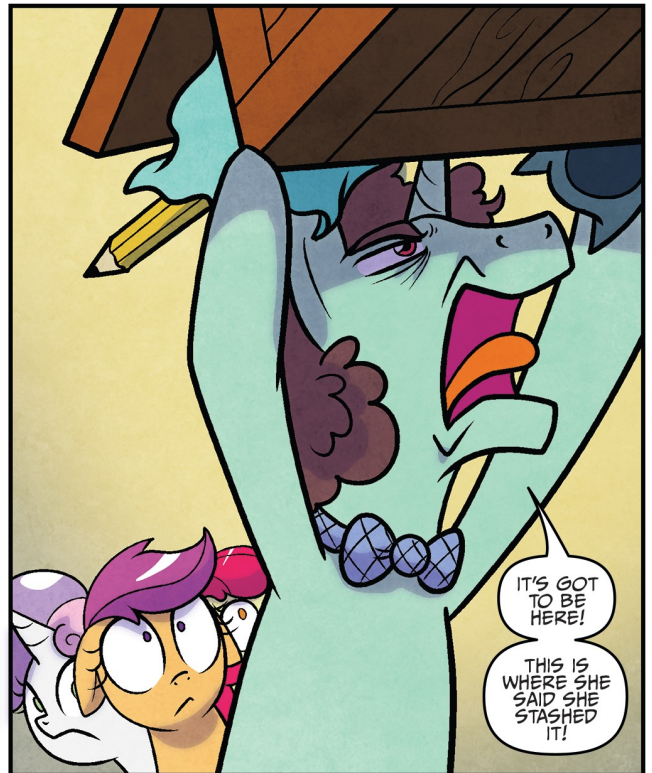
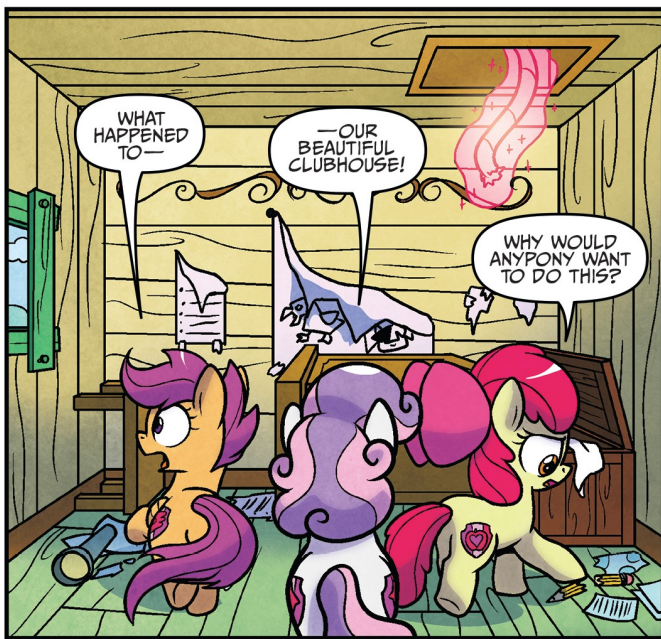




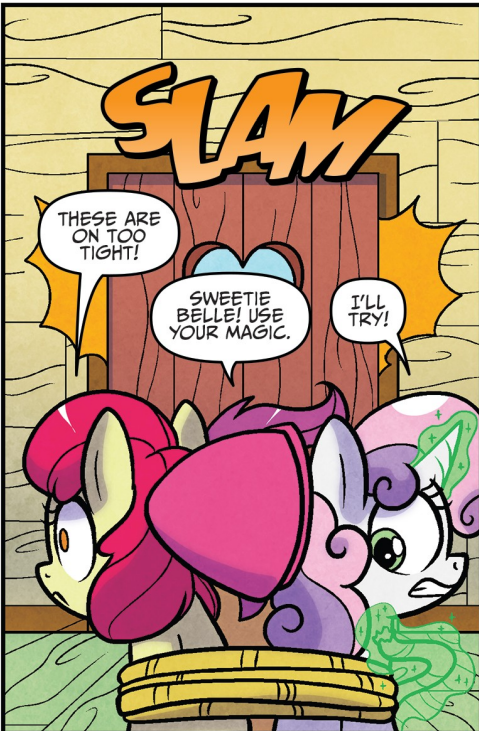




















DO YOU SEE SONGBIRD SERENADE?

NOT YET.

BUT LOOK OVER THERE!

ISN'T THAT ONYX ARDOR?



IT SURE IS!

BUT WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE?

PROBABLY MEETING SONGBIRD SERENADE.

WITH ALL THAT LUGGAGE?



I THINK IT'S TIME TO HAVE ANOTHER CHAT WITH ONYX ARDOR.



HELLO, MISS ARDOR.

WHAT ARE YOU THREE DOING HERE?

WE'RE HERE TO MEET SONGBIRD SERENADE.

WHAT? SHE'S NOT DUE IN UNTIL TOMORROW.

SHE MOVED UP HER ARRIVAL TO TODAY.



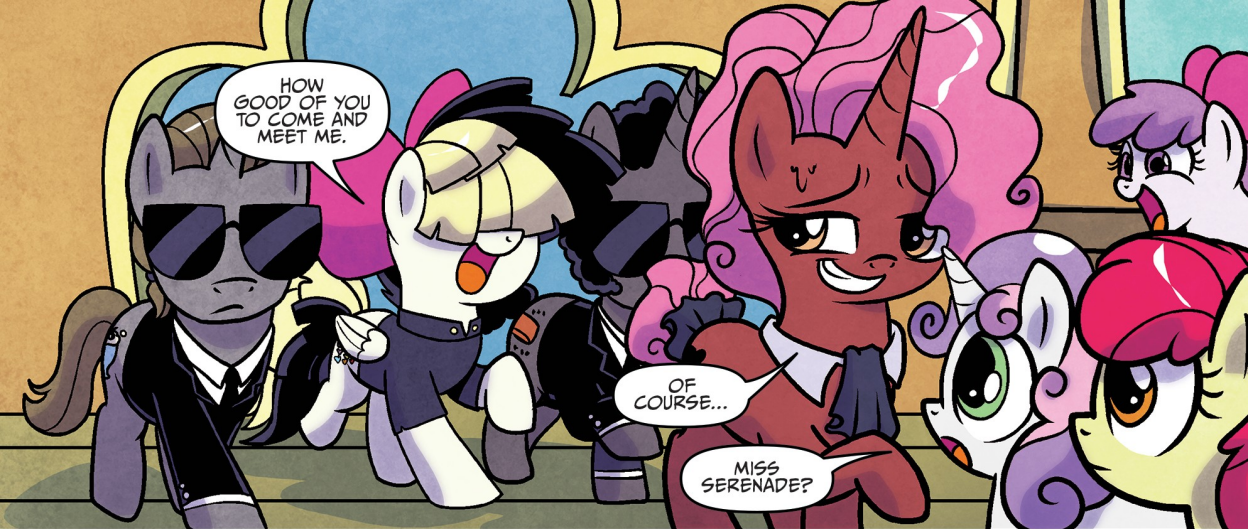
AS HER LOYAL ASSISTANT, WE'D EXPECT YOU TO KNOW THAT.

UM, OF COURSE I DO! I—I'M HERE TO MEET HER, TOO.



ONYX!





HOW GOOD OF YOU TO COME AND MEET ME.

OF COURSE...

MISS SERENADE?



WE ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CAROUSAL BOUTIQUE, AND MY SISTER RARITY WOULD LIKE YOU TO COME APPROVE HER COSTUME DESIGNS.



OH, YES, I AM VERY ANXIOUS TO SEE THE COSTUMES!

FOLLOW ME!

THIS MEANS YOU TOO, MISS, ARDOR.

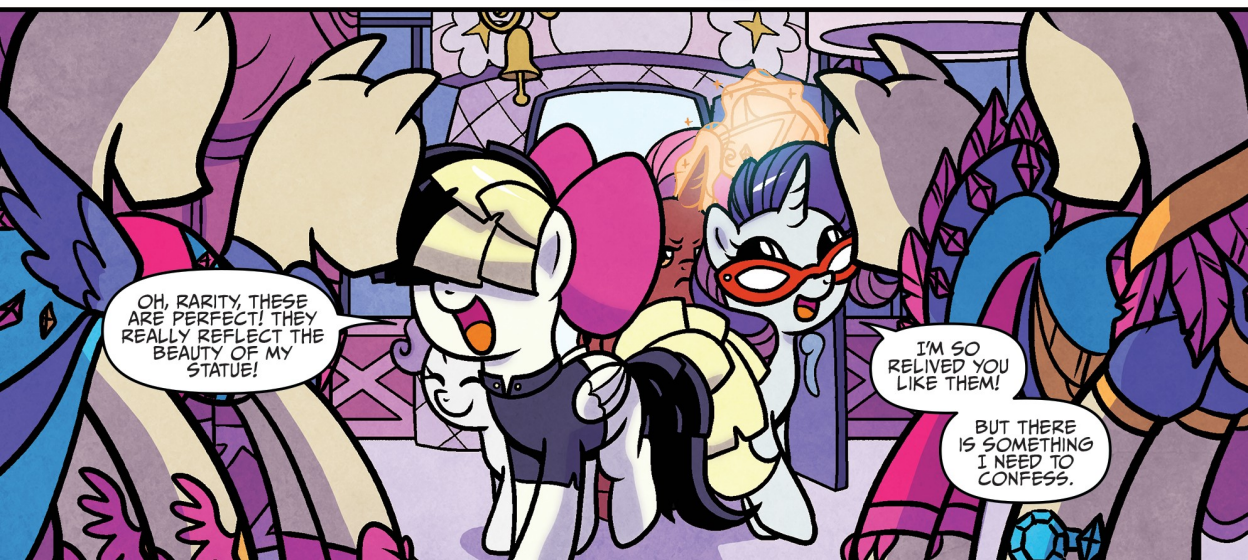


SONGBIRD! PLEASE COME IN.

SONGBIRD Rock Z

THANK YOU FOR ACCOMMODATING ME ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

OF COURSE!

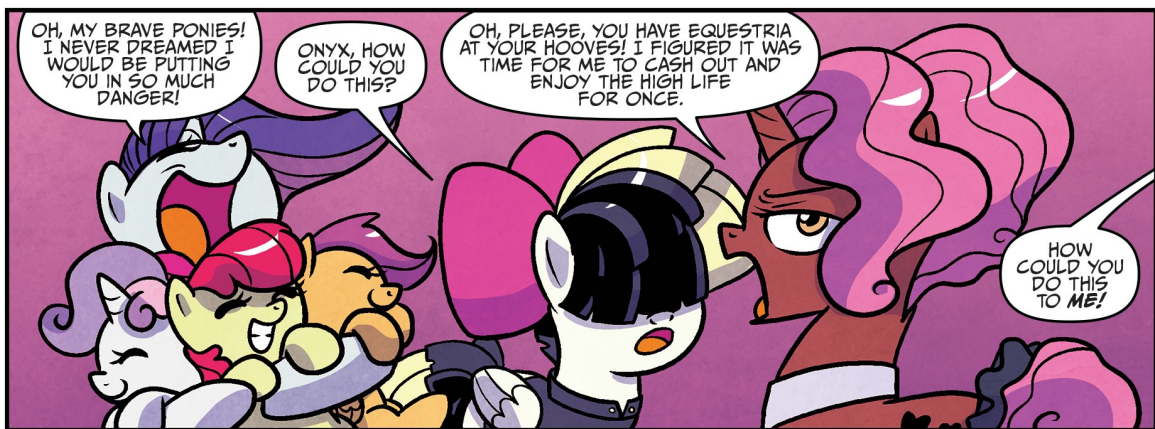


OH, RARITY, THESE ARE PERFECT! THEY REALLY REFLECT THE BEAUTY OF MY STATUE!

I'M SO RELIEVED YOU LIKE THEM!

BUT THERE IS SOMETHING I NEED TO CONFESS.

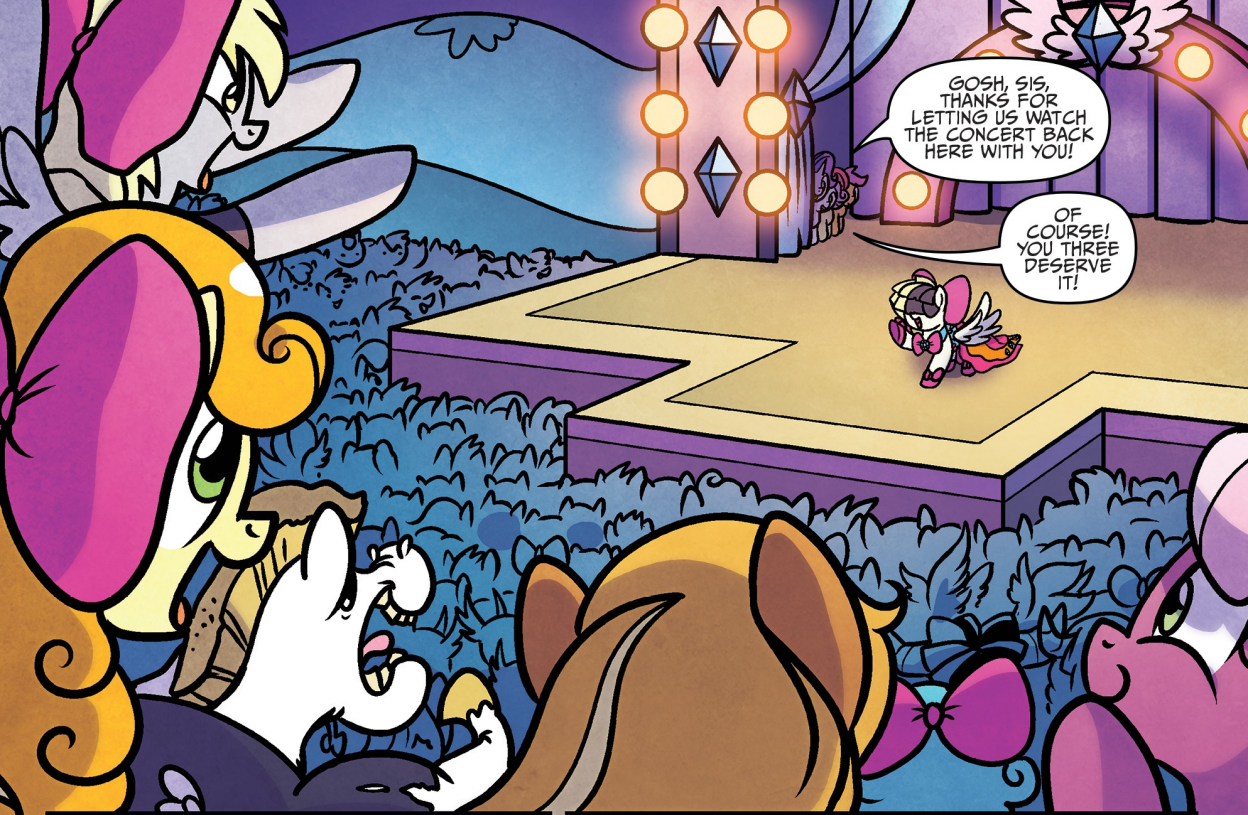










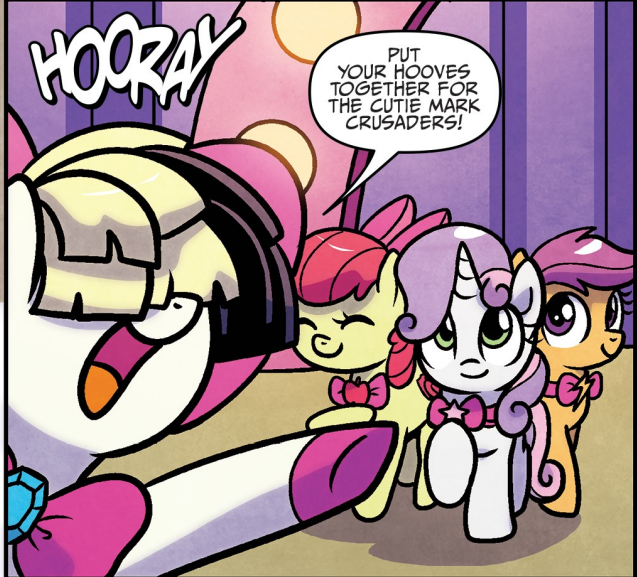


GOSH, SIS, THANKS FOR LETTING US WATCH THE CONCERT BACK HERE WITH YOU!

OF COURSE! YOU THREE DESERVE IT!

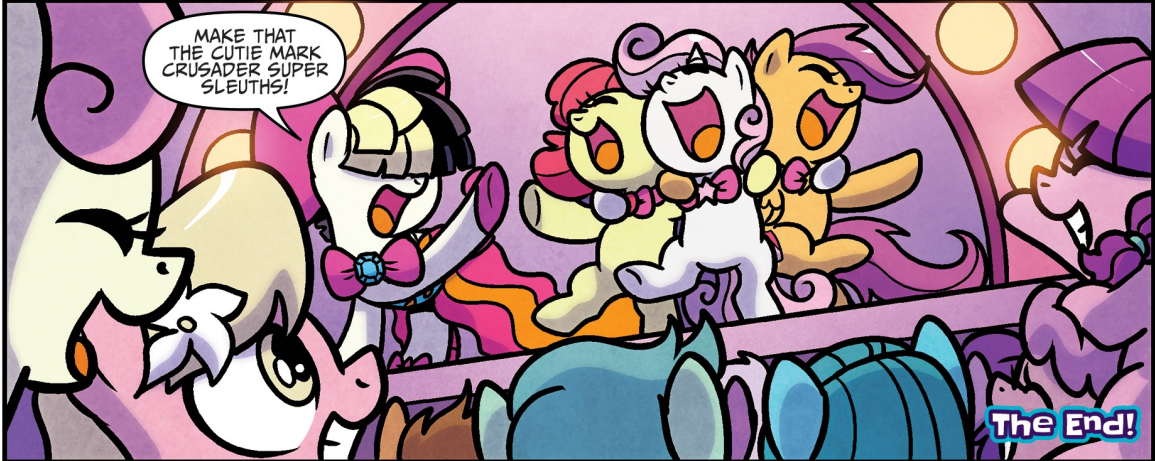


AND NOW I WANT TO BRING ONSTAGE THREE OF PONYVILLE'S MOST BELOVED CITIZENS.



HOORAY

PUT YOUR HOOVES TOGETHER FOR THE CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS!



MAKE THAT THE CUTIE MARK CRUSADER SUPER SLEUTHS!

The End!



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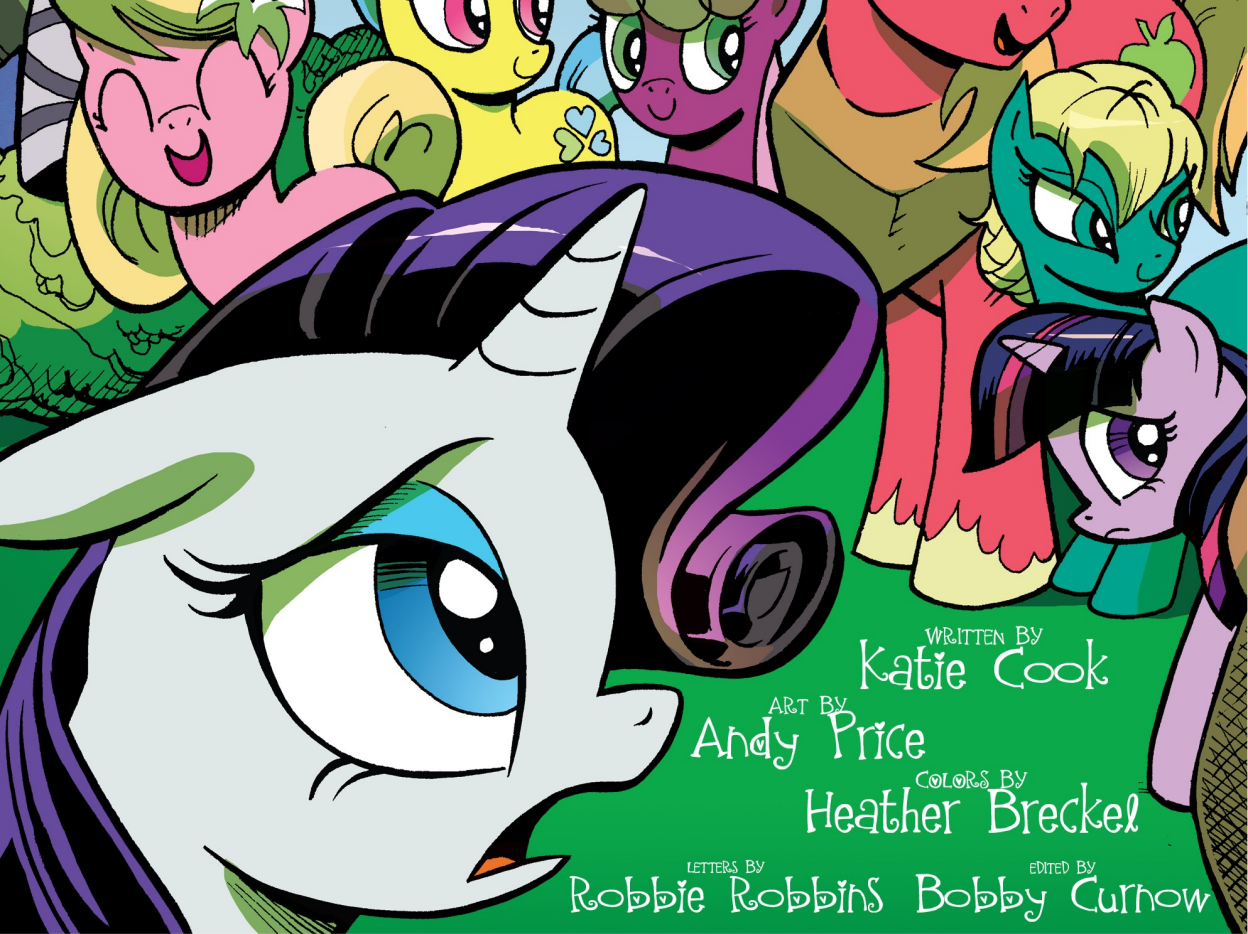


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THIS WAS A GREAT IDEA, WE CAN GET OUR CUTIE MARKS AS ZOOLOGISTS!

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

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



THIS SIDE UP  
Jungles  
CROOZ

Bunnies  
Piglet's  
Bunnies

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

HA HA HA



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



HEY!

# THE RETURN OF THE QUEEN CHRYSALIS





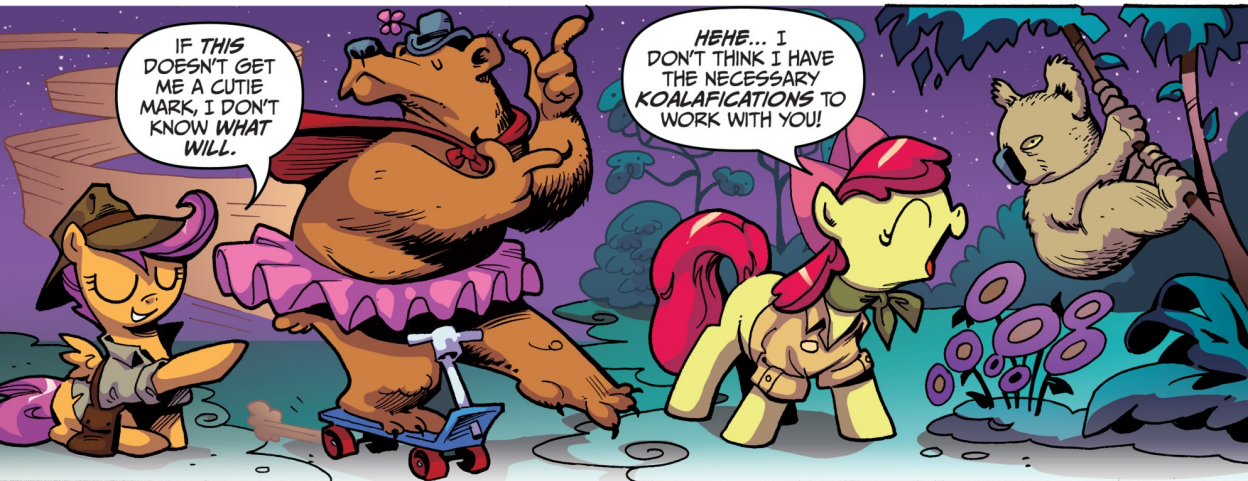


SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO OUT HERE TO TRY AND EARN OUR CUTIE MARKS? LION TAMING? OH! WE COULD TRY BEING PET PSYCHICS!

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!

ER... NO.

Mr. McBitey-PANTS



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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RUN FOR THE ROSES

DUCH!

APPLE BLOOM! IT'S TIME TO GET UP!

Z





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, SCOOTS! 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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