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IT WAS A LONG, LONG TIME AGO...
NOW, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING—
THAT THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.

DID YOU
FIND HIM?

HE'LL TURN
UP. HE ALWAYS
DOES.

WELL, IN THIS ONE TINY, ITTY
BITTY INCIDENT, YOU WOULD
MAYBE BE RIGHT.

IF WE DON'T GET
THIS UNDER CONTROL
NOW, WE MAY NOT BE
ABLE TO REVERSE
ALL THE DAMAGE.

WE HAVE
HIM.

INDEED, THEY
DID HAVE ME.

AH, THERE I AM. I'M GOING
TO REITERATE HERE THAT
THIS WAS NOT MY FAULT.

OW. EASY ON
THE HORNS.

QUIET. DO YOU
HAVE ANY IDEA HOW
FAR YOU'VE
GONE?



DISCORD. THIS ISN'T ONE OF YOUR MERE ANNOYANCES. YOU'RE DESTROYING THE VERY FABRIC OF OUR WORLD. STOP THIS AT ONCE.

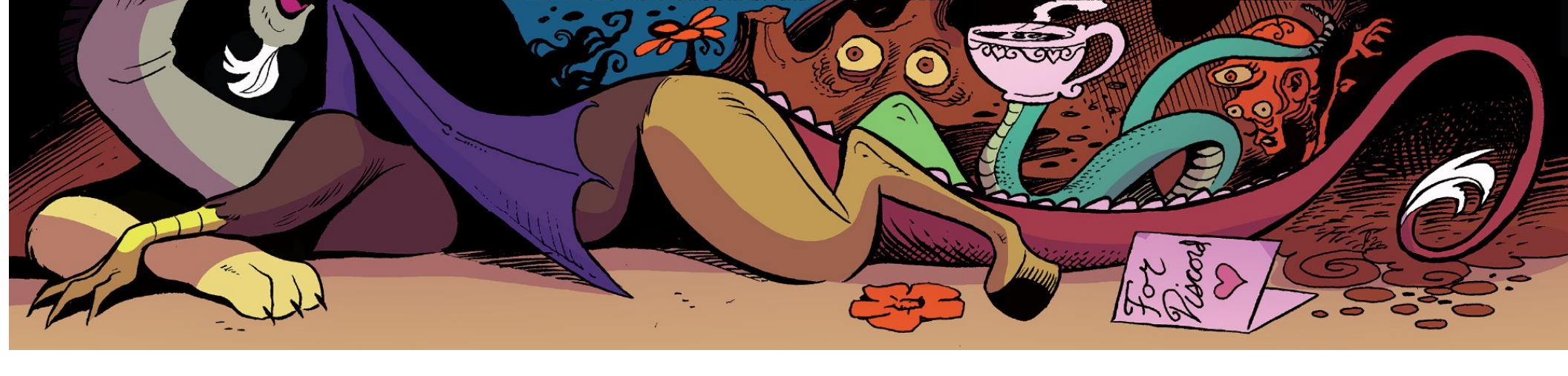


IT'S HAPPENING AT A FRANTIC RATE... HAS HE EVER BEEN THIS CRAZED BEFORE?

DISCORD. STOP BEFORE MORE ARE INJURED.

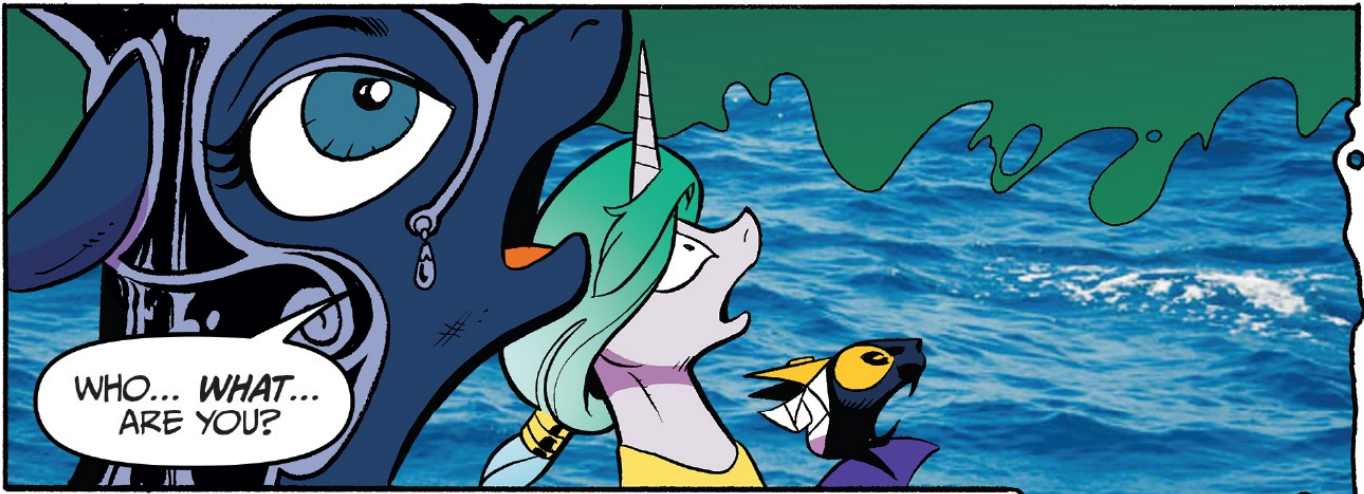


IT ISN'T ME DOING THIS!





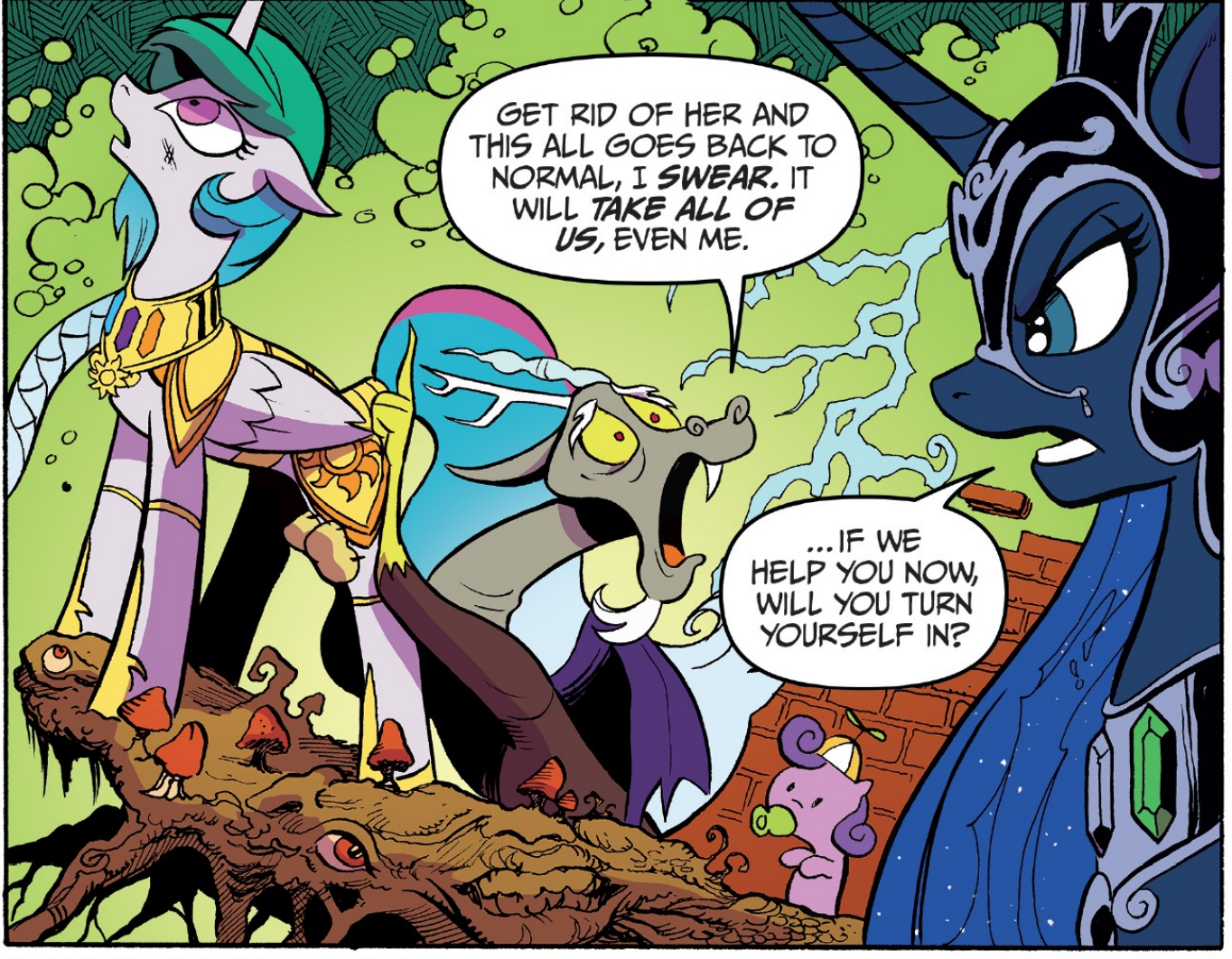
NOW, NOW, IT'S NOT NICE TO TOUCH THINGS THAT AREN'T YOURS. RETURN HIM TO ME.



WHO... WHAT... ARE YOU?



SAVE ME FROM HER. PLEASE.



GET RID OF HER AND THIS ALL GOES BACK TO NORMAL, I SWEAR. IT WILL TAKE ALL OF US, EVEN ME.

...IF WE HELP YOU NOW, WILL YOU TURN YOURSELF IN?



Oh, Diminiscord!

YES. ANYTHING YOU WANT. I'LL SWEAR OFF HIJINKS FOR GOOD. I'LL CLEAN THE CASTLE. I'LL START A YOUTH GROUP. JUST STOP HER.

WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.

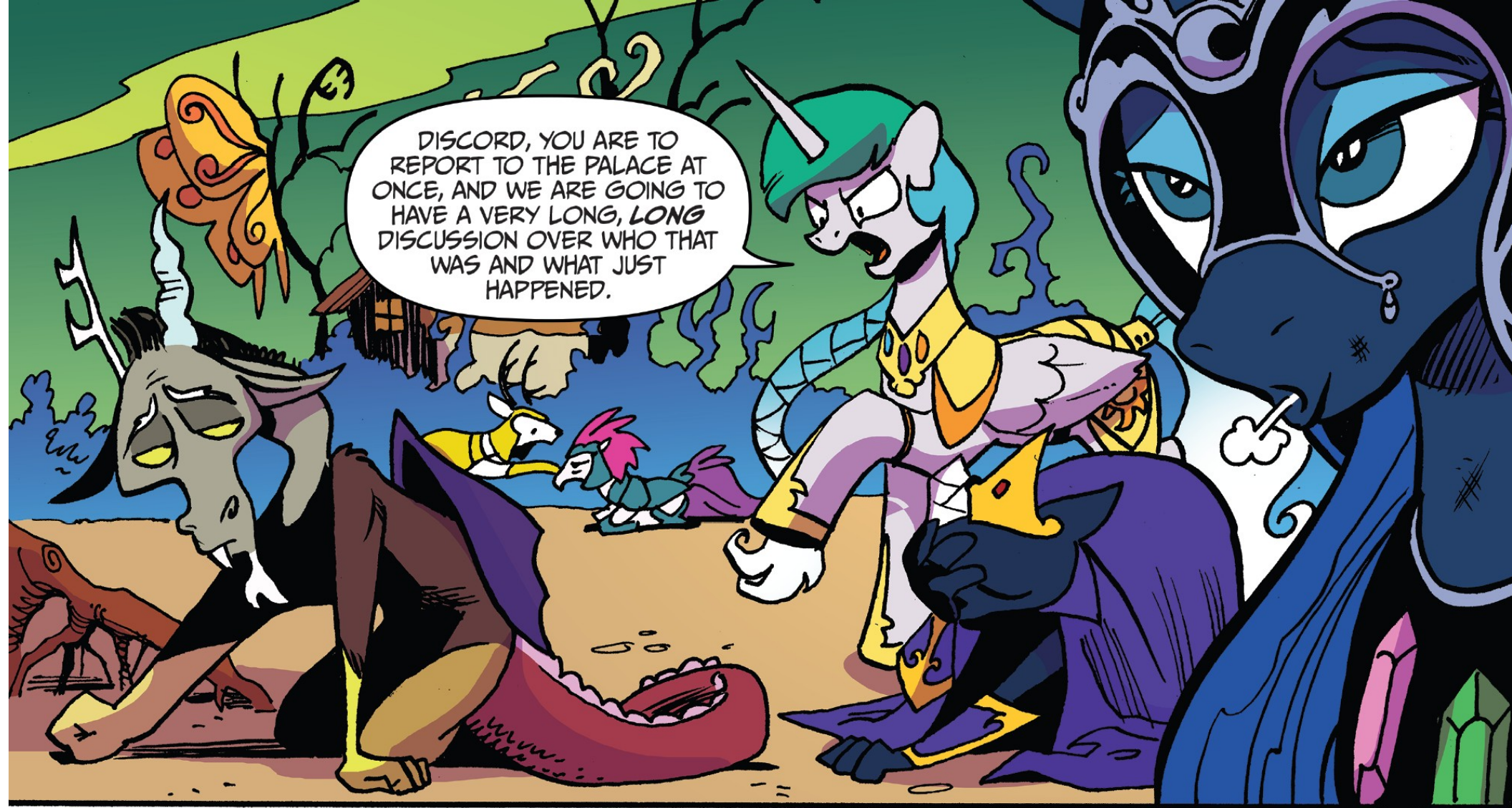


**NO!
DISCORD!
STOP THEM!**

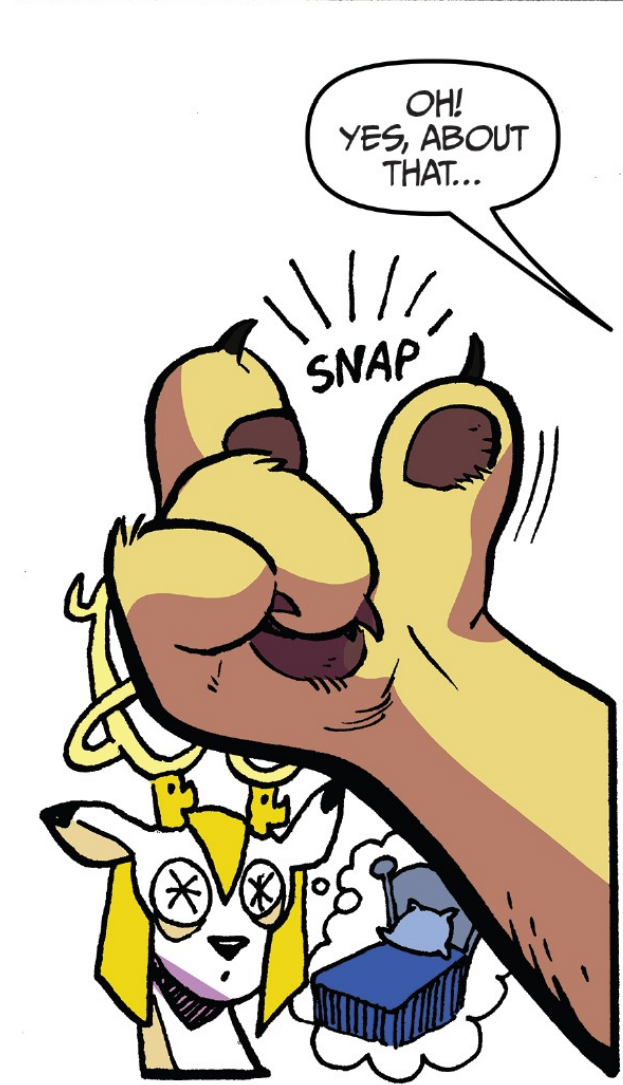


WHAT WAS THAT,
DEAR? I CAN'T HEAR
YOU OVER ALL THE
CHAOS.

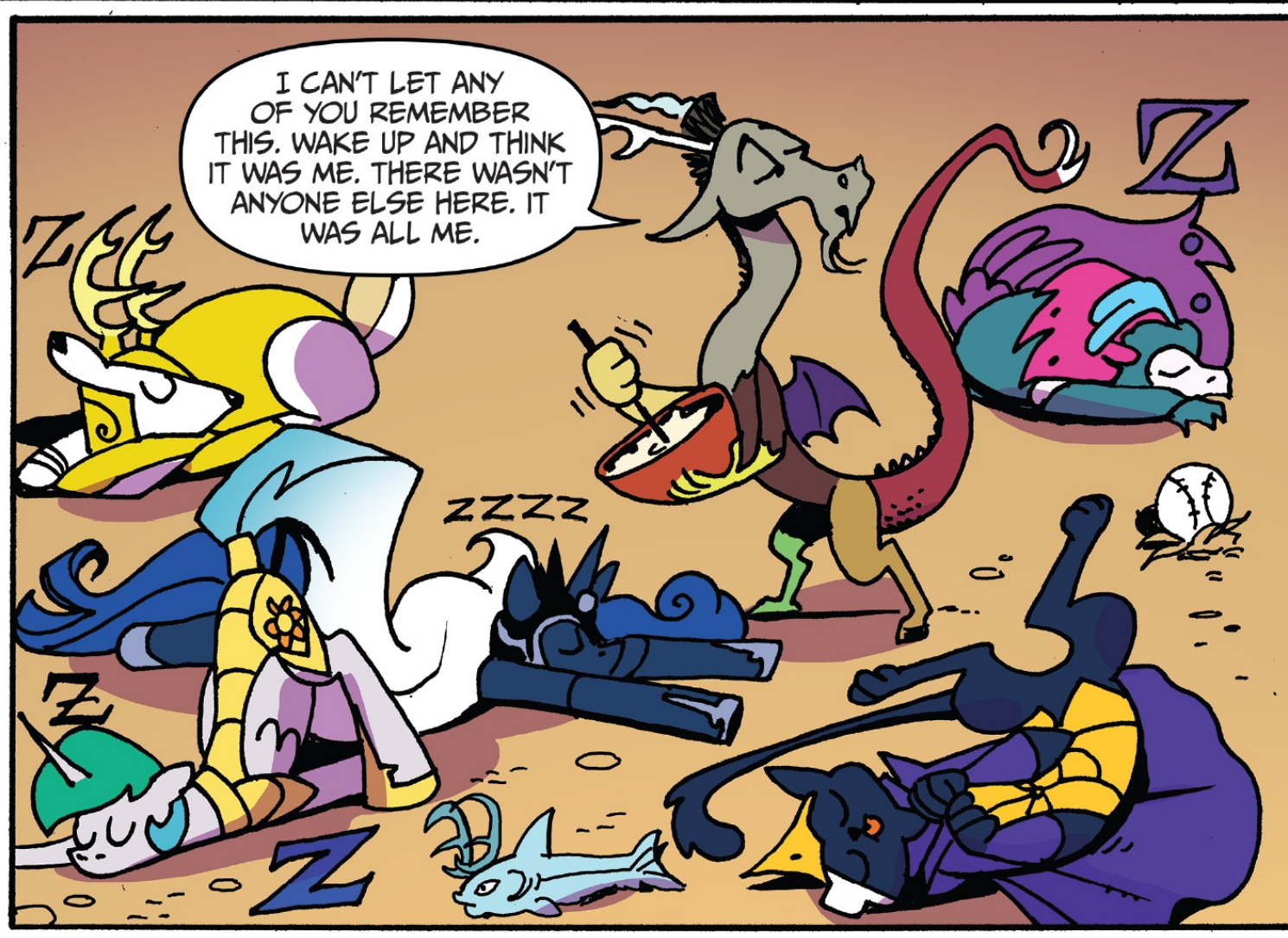




DISCORD, YOU ARE TO REPORT TO THE PALACE AT ONCE, AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A VERY LONG, LONG DISCUSSION OVER WHO THAT WAS AND WHAT JUST HAPPENED.



OH! YES, ABOUT THAT...



I CAN'T LET ANY OF YOU REMEMBER THIS. WAKE UP AND THINK IT WAS ME. THERE WASN'T ANYONE ELSE HERE. IT WAS ALL ME.



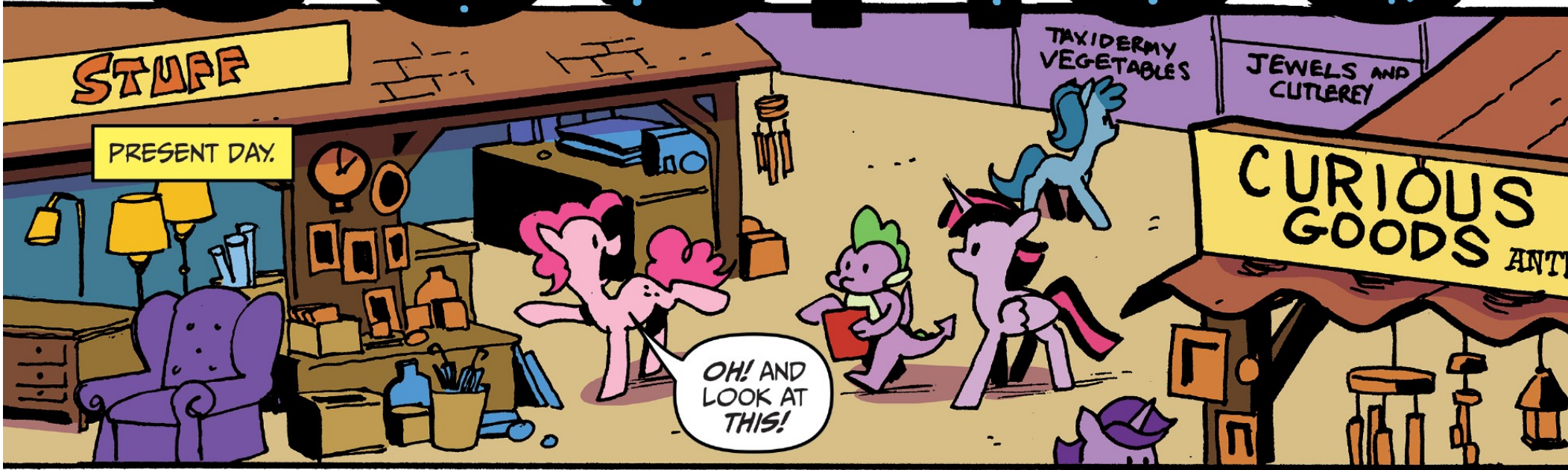
GOODBYE, COSMOS.

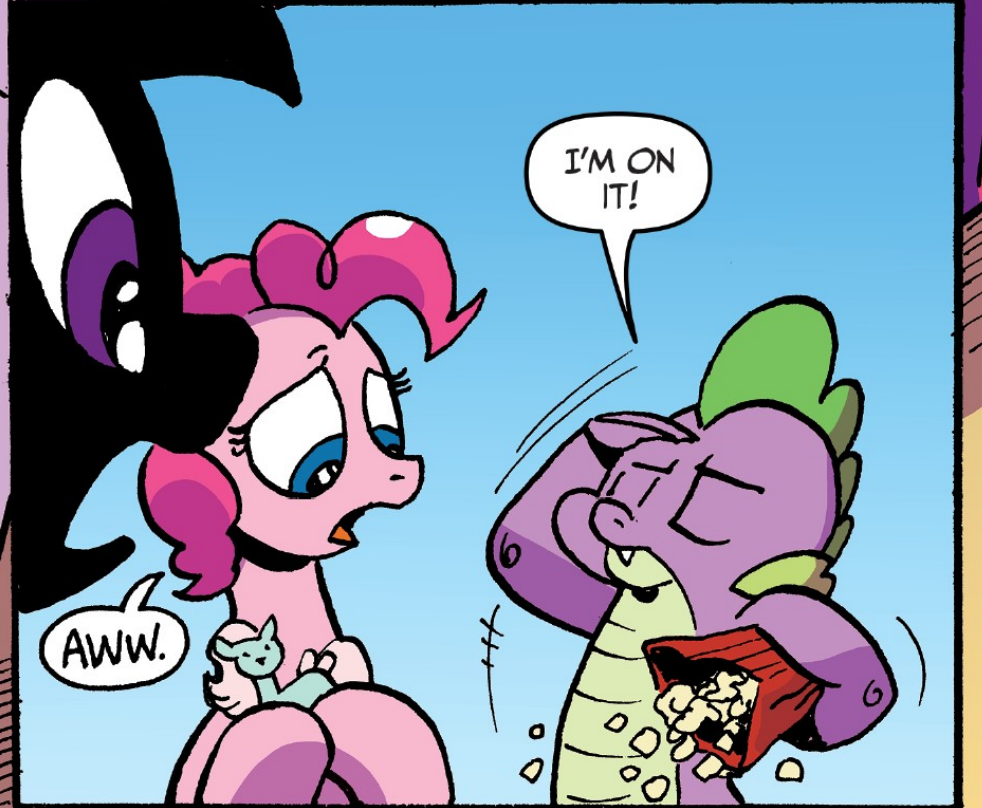


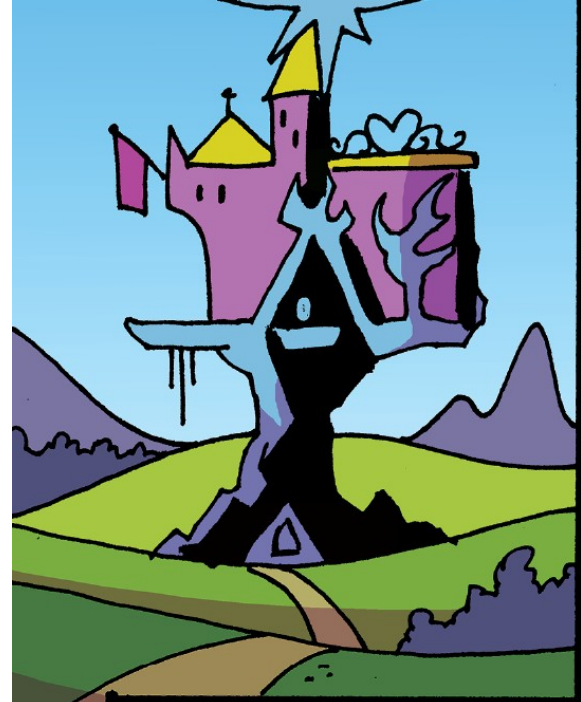
BAMF

Sorry about the mess xoxox Discord

COSMOS







SO. NONE OF YOU HEAR A VOICE WHEN YOU PUT ON THAT NECKLACE?

NOPE.



WAIT... I'M GETTING SOMETHING...

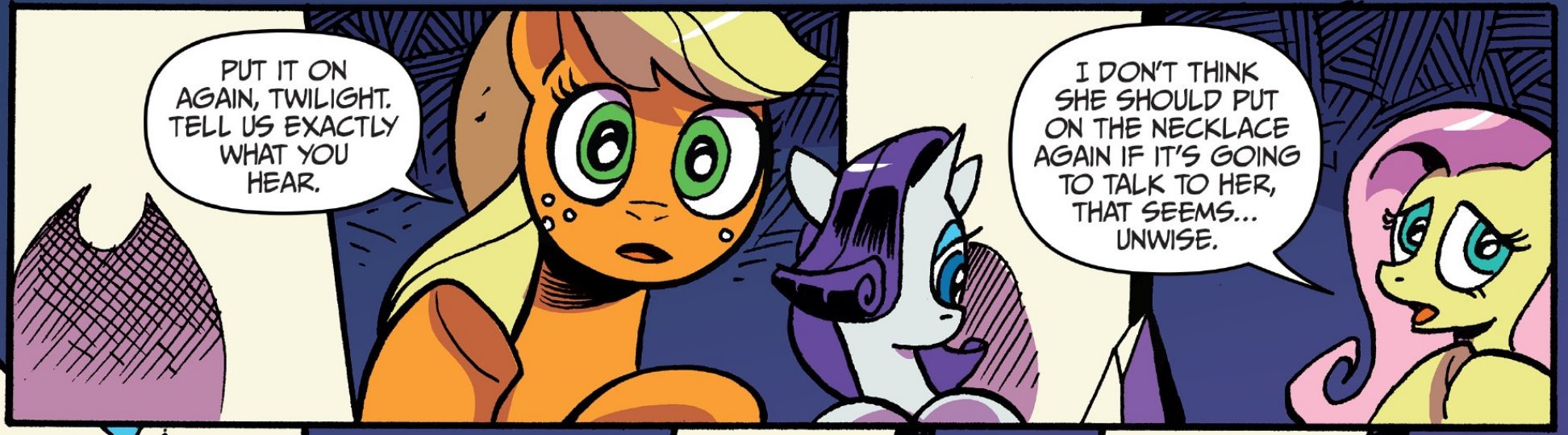
YES. WHAT DO YOU HEAR?



THAT YOU ARE AN OVERWORKED EGGHEAD AND HEARING THINGS AND YOU SHOULD TAKE ~~GASP~~ A BREAK.



HAR DE HAR HAR.

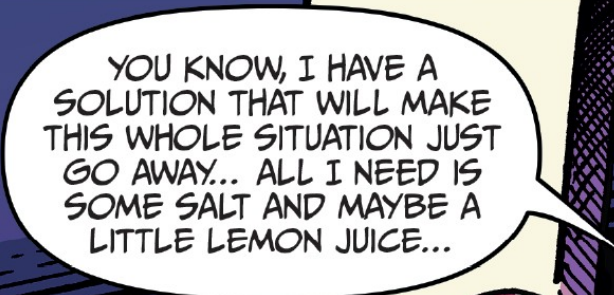


PUT IT ON AGAIN, TWILIGHT. TELL US EXACTLY WHAT YOU HEAR.

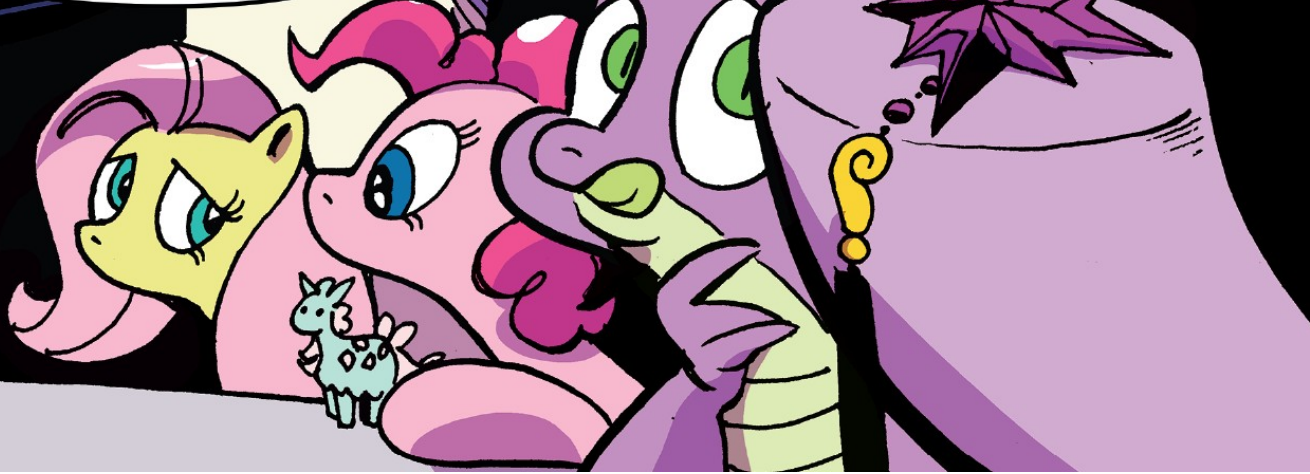
I DON'T THINK SHE SHOULD PUT ON THE NECKLACE AGAIN IF IT'S GOING TO TALK TO HER, THAT SEEMS... UNWISE.



I WORE IT FOR ALMOST 20 MINUTES BEFORE I GAVE IT TO TWILIGHT AND I'M FINE. IT'S JUST JEWELRY.



YOU KNOW, I HAVE A SOLUTION THAT WILL MAKE THIS WHOLE SITUATION JUST GO AWAY... ALL I NEED IS SOME SALT AND MAYBE A LITTLE LEMON JUICE...



THERE WILL BE NO DIGESTION INVOLVED.



"FIND THE REST..." IT KEEPS SAYING TO FIND THE REST...



EEP!



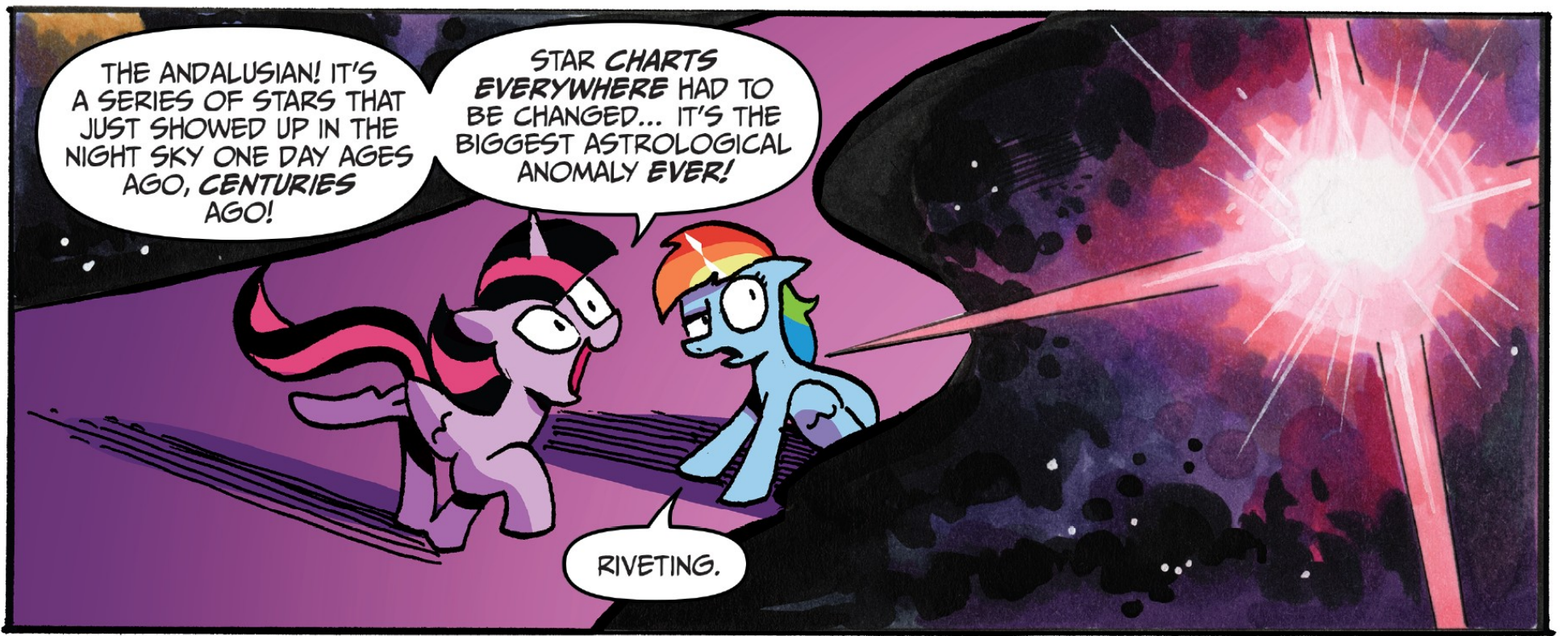
NEAT!

WHAT... WHAT IS IT?

SURELY SOMEONY THAT SPENDS SO MUCH TIME IN THE CLOUDS KNOWS WHAT THE STARS LOOK LIKE.

I KNOW THESE STARS...





THE ANDALUSIAN! IT'S A SERIES OF STARS THAT JUST SHOWED UP IN THE NIGHT SKY ONE DAY AGES AGO, CENTURIES AGO!

STAR CHARTS EVERYWHERE HAD TO BE CHANGED... IT'S THE BIGGEST ASTROLOGICAL ANOMALY EVER!

RIVETING.



THEN ONE DAY, THE WHOLE CONSTELLATION WENT DARK.



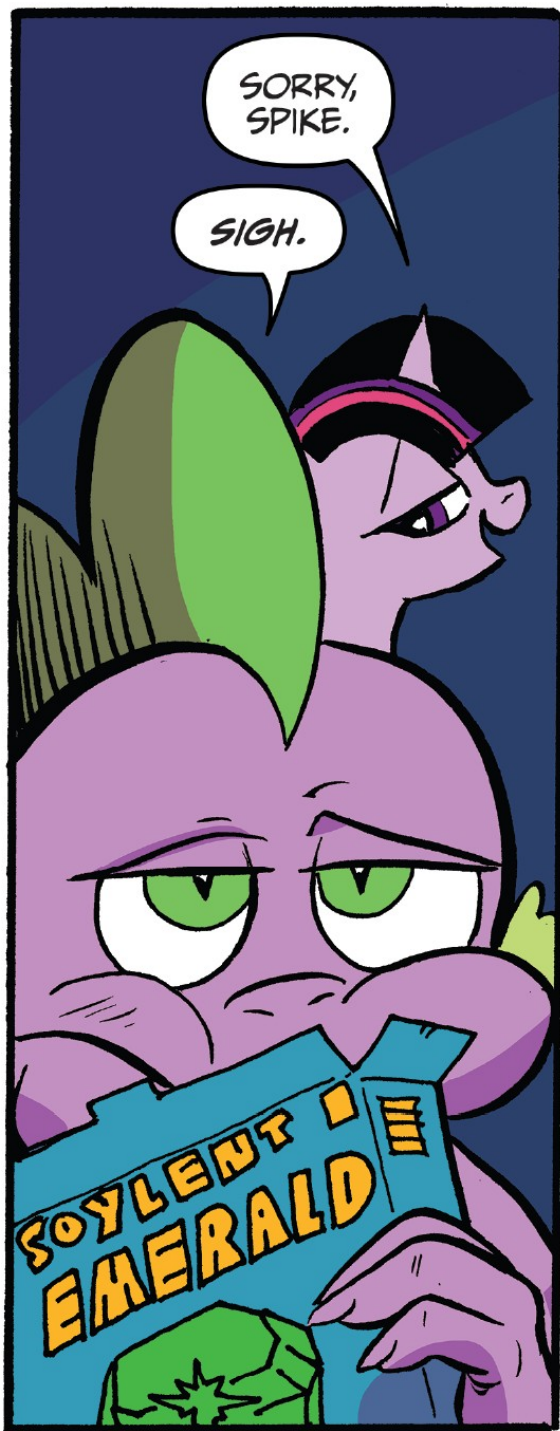
THIS NECKLACE... THESE POINTS ON THE MAP... THEY'RE STARS.



RARITY, BY FINDING THIS NECKLACE YOU MAY HAVE STUMBLED UPON A CLUE TO SOLVING THE BIGGEST COSMIC MYSTERY OF ALL TIME!

WELL, I DO HAVE EXCELLENT TASTE IN JEWELRY AND ADVENTURE.

SO WHAT I'M GETTING OUT OF THIS IS THAT I CAN'T EAT IT?



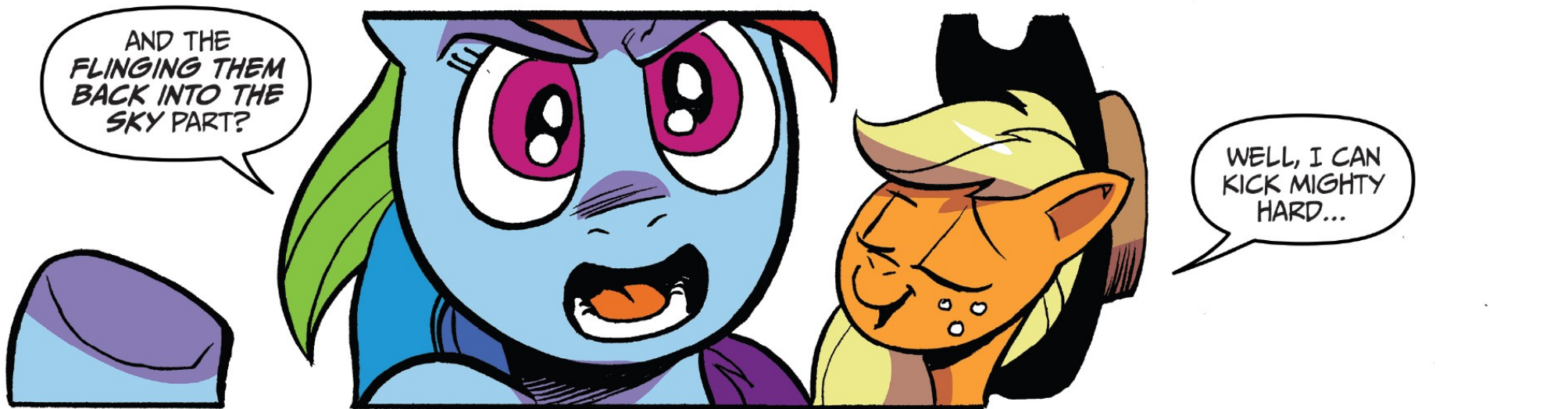
SORRY, SPIKE.

SIGH.



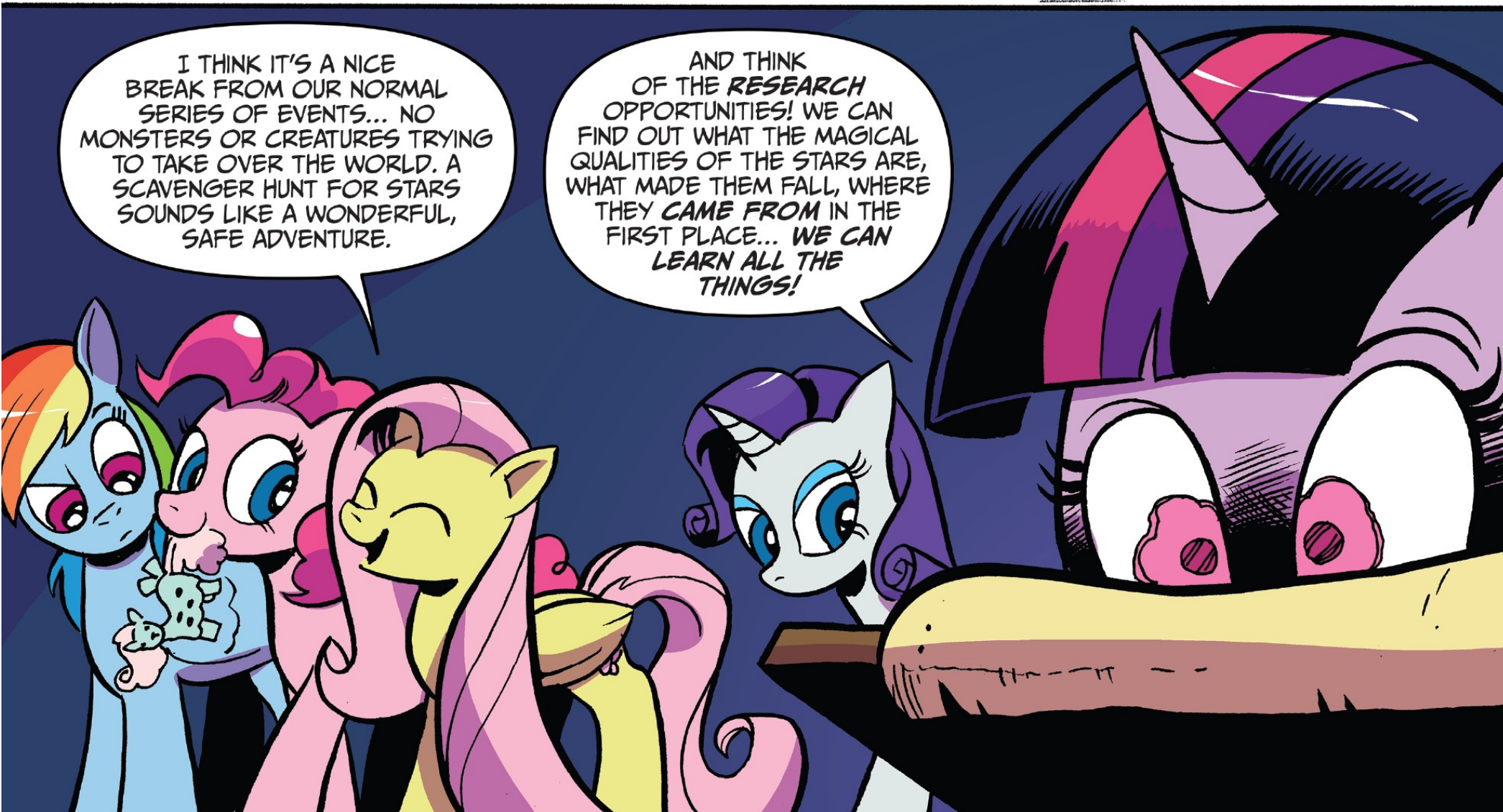
SO... WHAT DO WE DO? JUST FIND ALL THESE THINGS AND FLING THEM BACK INTO THE SKY?

SEEMS SIMPLE ENOUGH... I MEAN, WE HAVE A MAP TELLING US WHERE TO LOOK.



AND THE FLINGING THEM BACK INTO THE SKY PART?

WELL, I CAN KICK MIGHTY HARD...



I THINK IT'S A NICE BREAK FROM OUR NORMAL SERIES OF EVENTS... NO MONSTERS OR CREATURES TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD. A SCAVENGER HUNT FOR STARS SOUNDS LIKE A WONDERFUL, SAFE ADVENTURE.

AND THINK OF THE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES! WE CAN FIND OUT WHAT THE MAGICAL QUALITIES OF THE STARS ARE, WHAT MADE THEM FALL, WHERE THEY CAME FROM IN THE FIRST PLACE... WE CAN LEARN ALL THE THINGS!

FIND THE REST

TWILIGHT, DEAR, YOU'RE GETTING THAT WEIRD LOOK ON YOUR FACE LIKE WHEN YOU'RE ABOUT TO WRITE ONE OF YOUR LONG...

...BORING...

...ACADEMIC PAPERS. DO WE NEED TO HAVE THE TALK ABOUT TIME MANAGEMENT AND THE IMPORTANCE OF *SLEEP* AGAIN? THIS CAN'T BE THE EVERFREE FOREST MYSTICAL FOG MANAGEMENT REPORT ALL OVER AGAIN.



FIND THE REST... YES. I'LL FIND THE REST. I SHOULD LEAVE NOW AND FIND THE REST.



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

OH... YES, JUST EXCITED WITH THE THOUGHT OF DISCOVERY AND ALL THAT. YOU KNOW HOW I GET.



YES, WE *DO* KNOW HOW YOU GET—THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU. OTHERWISE YOU'D TAKE OFF SOLO AROUND EQUESTRIA LOOKING FOR EVERY PURPLE BAUBLE AND DRIVING YOURSELF NUTS.



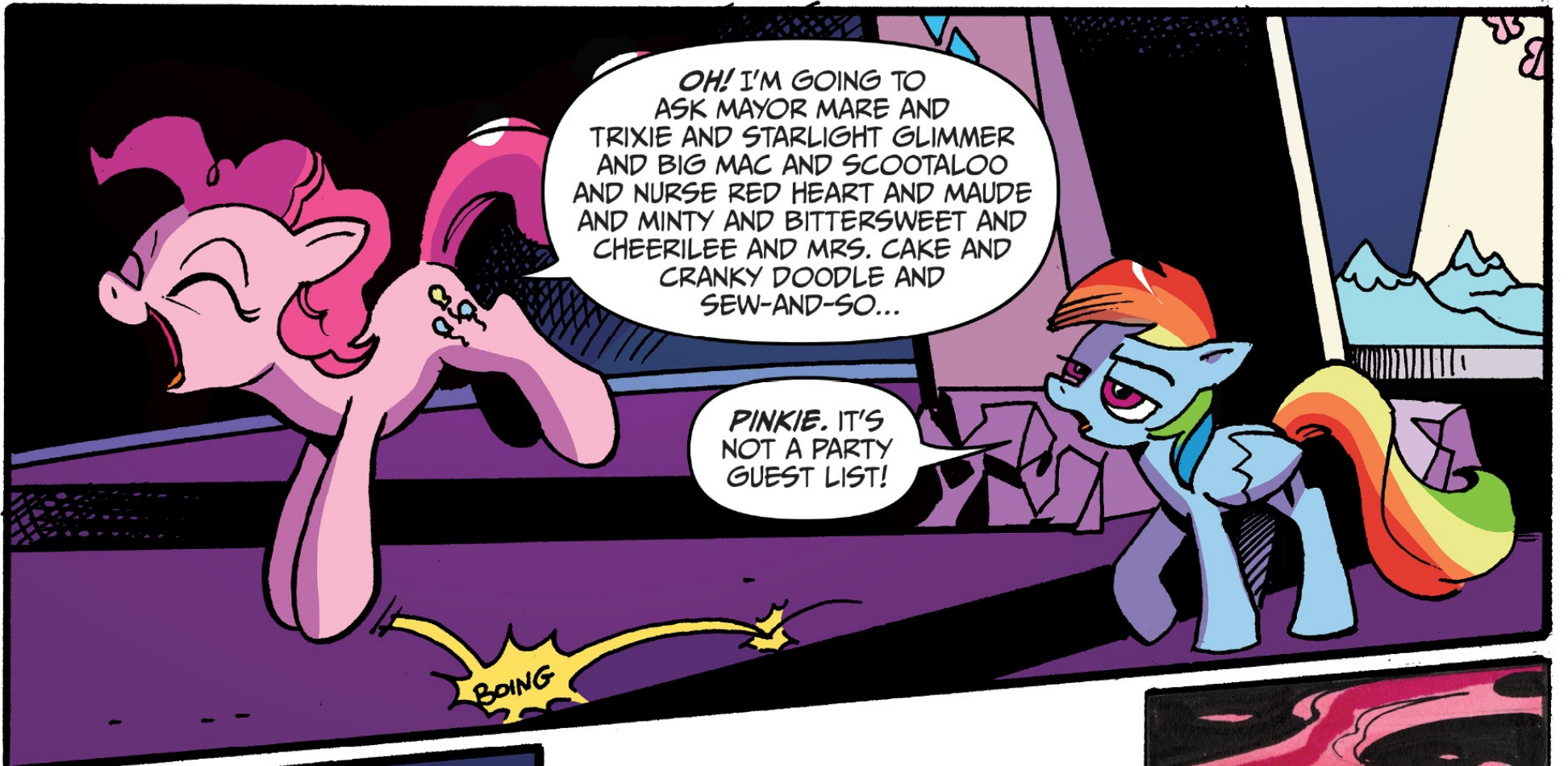




COME ON, PONIES, LET'S GO RALLY UP SOME TROOPS. I THINK IT'LL BE BEST IF WE ALL TEAM UP AND SPLIT UP. LET'S GO SEE WHO IN TOWN IS UP FOR AN ADVENTURE. WE'LL MEET BACK HERE IN A BIT, OKAY, TWILIGHT?

SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN!

I'LL GO MAKE MORE TEACAKES!



OH! I'M GOING TO ASK MAYOR MARE AND TRIxie AND STARLIGHT GLIMMER AND BIG MAC AND SCOOTALOO AND NURSE RED HEART AND MAUDE AND MINTY AND BITTERSWEET AND CHEERILEE AND MRS. CAKE AND CRANKY DOODLE AND SEW-AND-SO...

PINKIE. IT'S NOT A PARTY GUEST LIST!

BOING



I KNOW THAT. IF I WERE MAKING A GUEST LIST, I WOULD INVITE EVERYPONY.

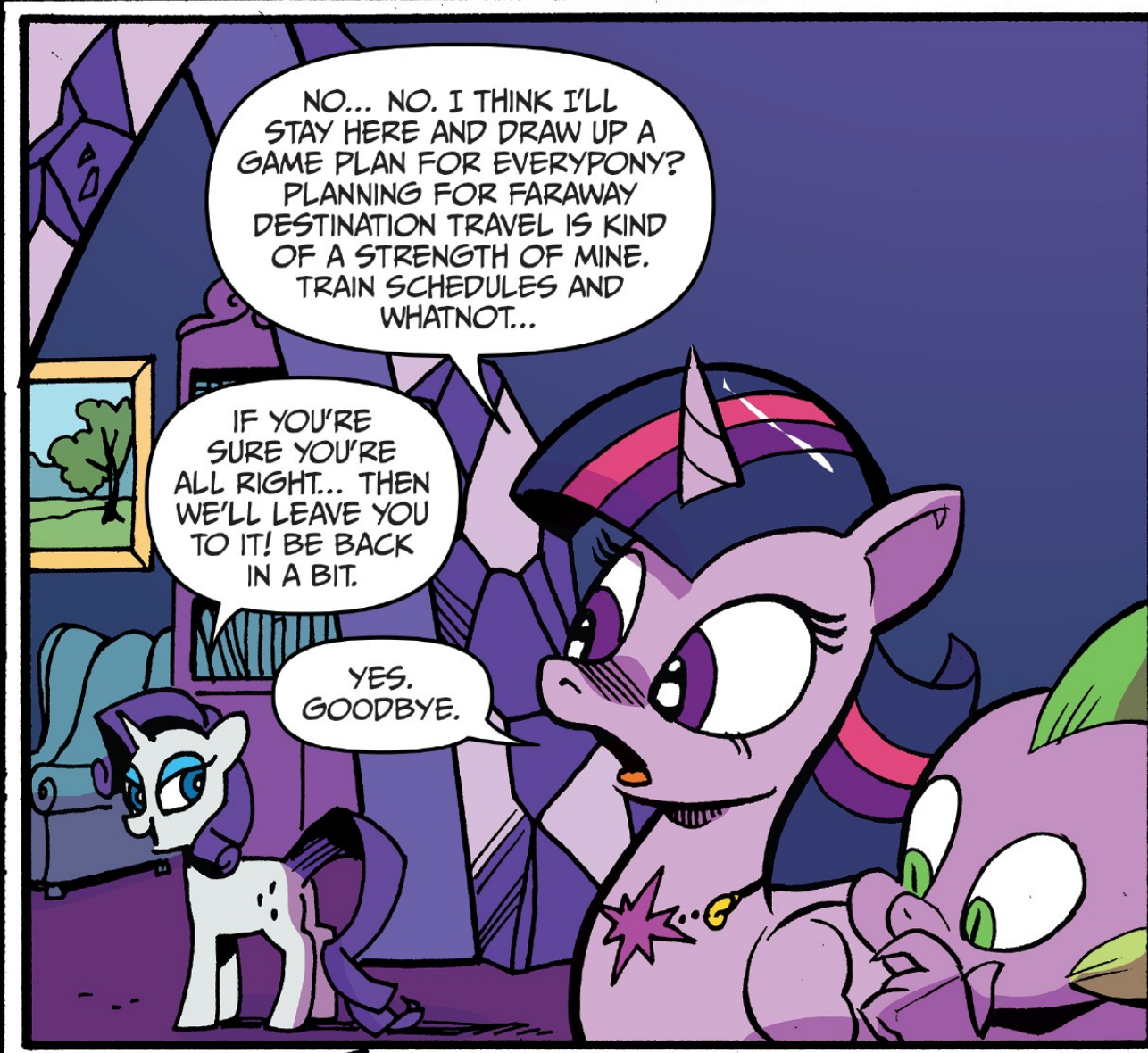
AND I'D BE PUTTING UP STREAMERS. DO YOU SEE STREAMERS?

WANT TO TEAM UP, FLUTTERSHY?

OH, NO THANK YOU. I HAVE SOMEONE IN MIND ALREADY. HE NEEDS SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO SET UP STRUCTURE IN HIS LIFE. IT'LL BE GOOD FOR HIM.



ARE YOU COMING?



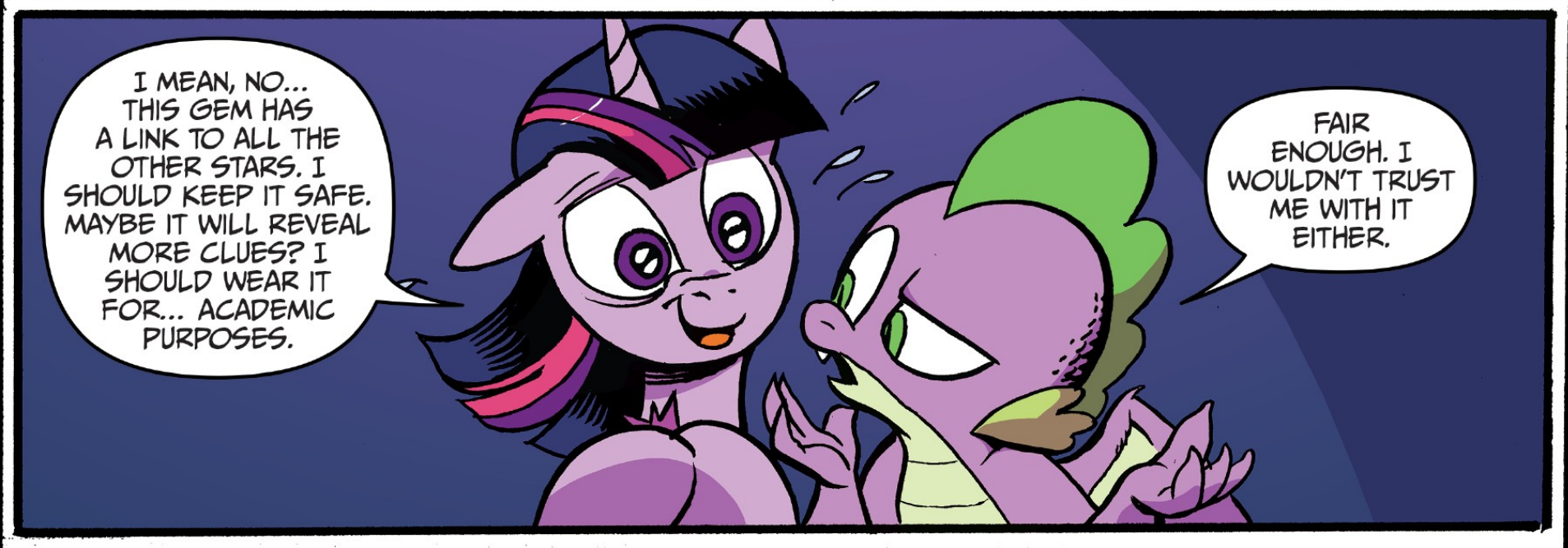
NO... NO. I THINK I'LL STAY HERE AND DRAW UP A GAME PLAN FOR EVERYPONY? PLANNING FOR FARAWAY DESTINATION TRAVEL IS KIND OF A STRENGTH OF MINE. TRAIN SCHEDULES AND WHATNOT...

IF YOU'RE SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT... THEN WE'LL LEAVE YOU TO IT! BE BACK IN A BIT.

YES. GOODBYE.

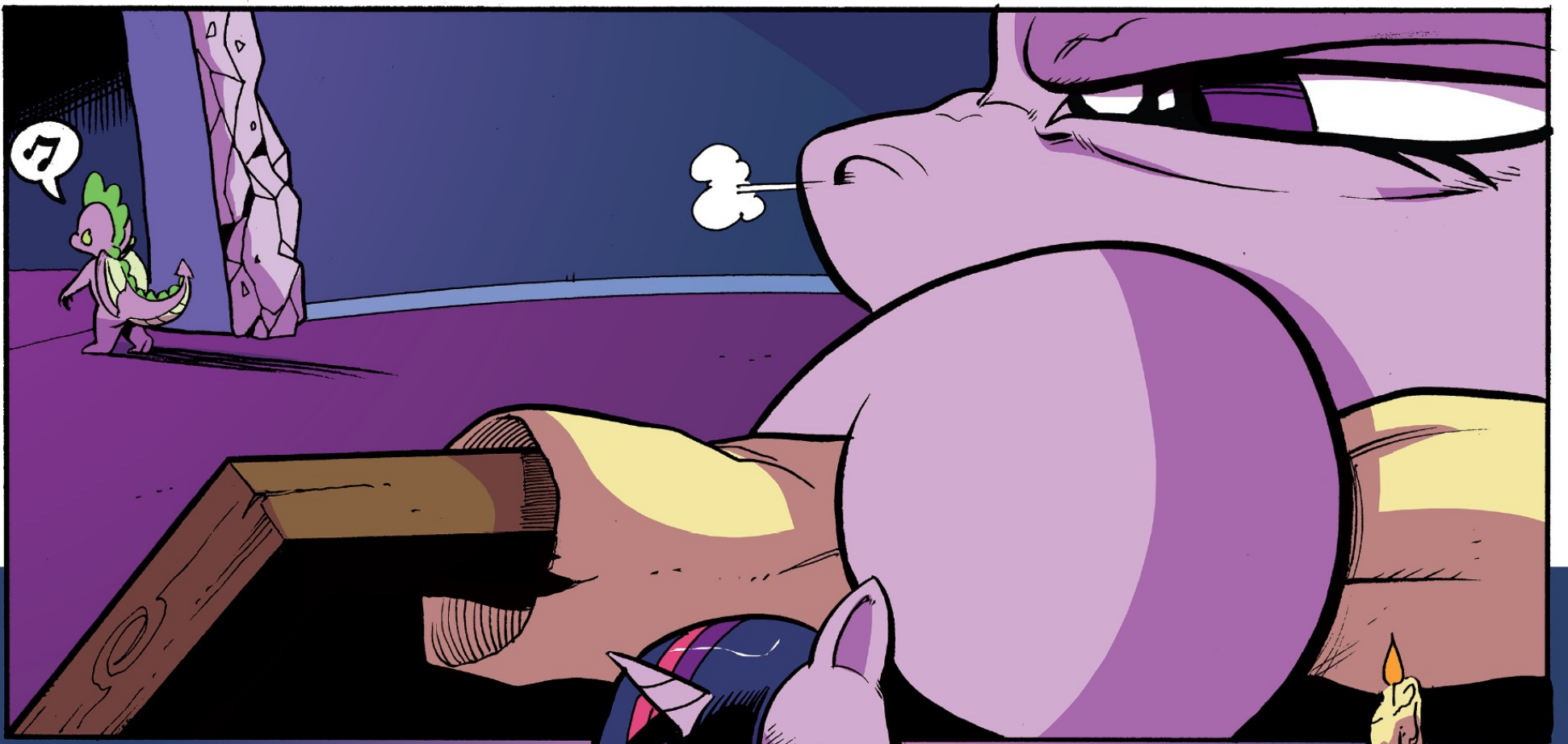


WELL, YOU WON'T NEED THIS FOR A BIT. CAN I AT LEAST SMELL IT UNTIL THEY GET BACK? MAYBE LICK IT? I PROMISE I WON'T EAT IT.



I MEAN, NO... THIS GEM HAS A LINK TO ALL THE OTHER STARS. I SHOULD KEEP IT SAFE. MAYBE IT WILL REVEAL MORE CLUES? I SHOULD WEAR IT FOR... ACADEMIC PURPOSES.

FAIR ENOUGH. I WOULDN'T TRUST ME WITH IT EITHER.



AT LAST, AFTER ALL THIS TIME, SOMEONY POWERFUL ENOUGH FOR ME TO EMBODY HAS FOUND ME.



AND A PRINCESS NO LESS. HOW DELIGHTFULLY FORTUNATE.



I WILL NEED EVERY PIECE OF MY MAGIC BACK SO I CAN GET BACK TO... HIM.

© CORONATION DAY

ARE YOU
READY, DISCORD,
MY DEAR? BIT BY
BIT, I'M COMING
HOME.

Apple 18'



HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SOMEONY RUIN THEIR OWN LIFE?



COSMOS

PART THE 2nd

THERE'S LIFE UNDERGROUND

NOW, COSMOS, JUST... GIVE ME A MOMENT AND I'LL GO SEE WHAT ELSE YOU CAN DESTROY.

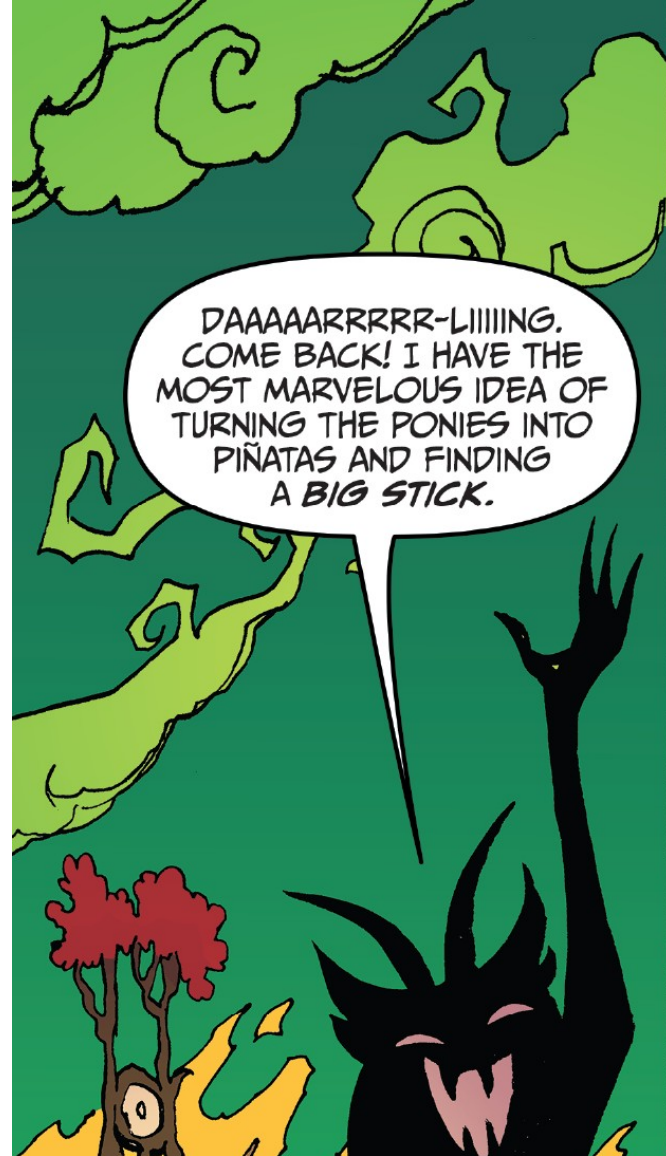


DARLING, WAIT FOR ME!



EVEN I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT MY PARTNERSHIP WITH HER WAS NOT... IDEAL.



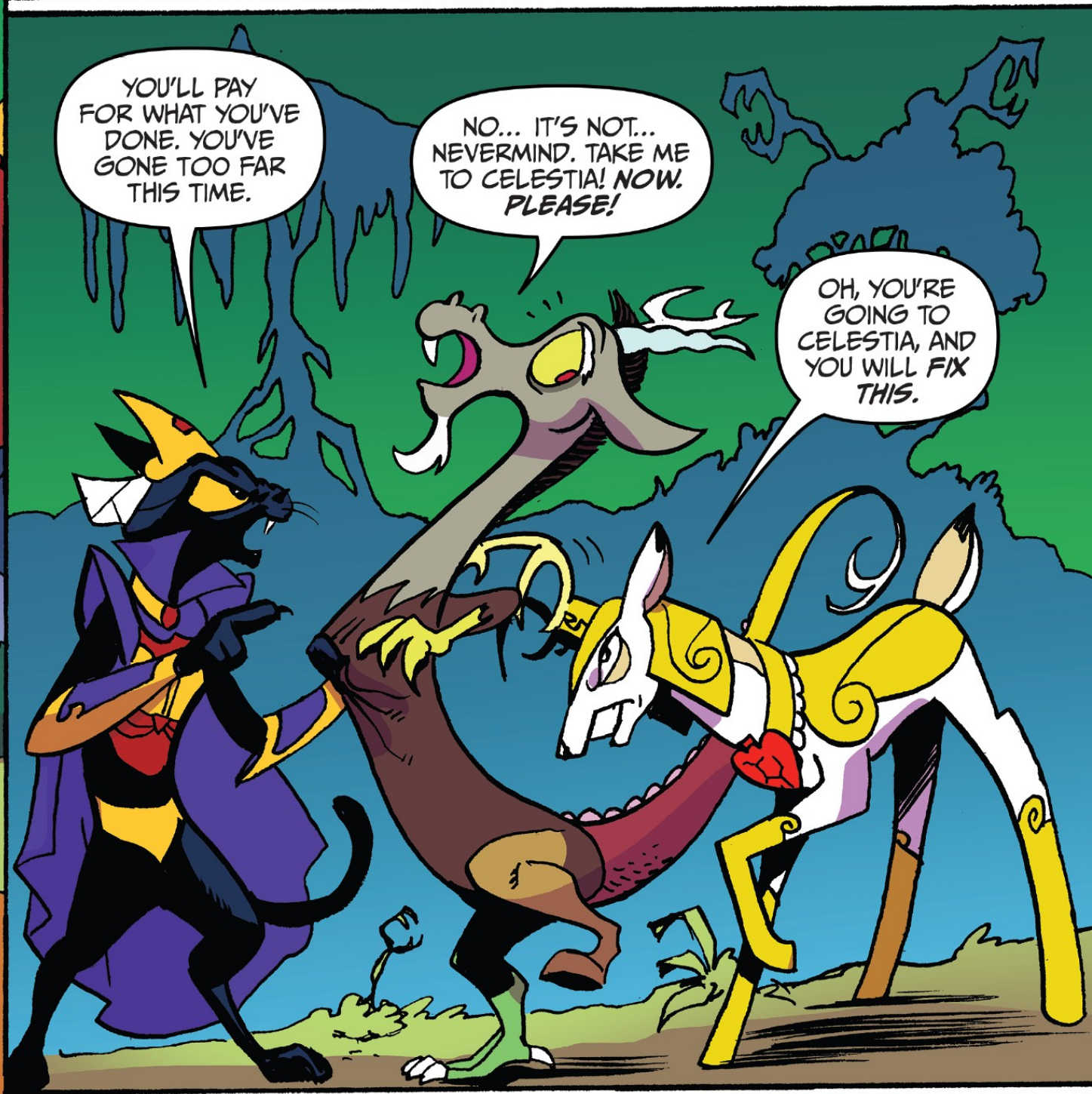


DAAAAARRRRR-LIIING.
COME BACK! I HAVE THE
MOST MARVELOUS IDEA OF
TURNING THE PONIES INTO
PIÑATAS AND FINDING
A BIG STICK.



AH! THE
CAVALRY.

DISCORD!
THERE HE IS—
GRAB HIM.



YOU'LL PAY
FOR WHAT YOU'VE
DONE. YOU'VE
GONE TOO FAR
THIS TIME.

NO... IT'S NOT...
NEVERMIND. TAKE ME
TO CELESTIA! NOW.
PLEASE!

OH, YOU'RE
GOING TO
CELESTIA, AND
YOU WILL FIX
THIS.



...AND THAT WAS
MY PLAN. I JUST
COULDN'T TAKE
IT... HER... ANY
LONGER.

THAT WAS A **LONG** TIME AGO, AS YOU KNOW IF YOU READ THE FIRST PART OF THE STORY. DID YOU READ PART ONE? YOU PROBABLY SHOULD, OR YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE **REALLY** CONFUSED. ANYWAY... BACK TO NOW.

NOW, I'VE GIVEN EVERY GROUP A MAP, YOUR SCHEDULED MODE OF TRANSPORTATION, PROTEIN BARS, A DETAILED TIMELINE, A DRAWING OF THE STAR GEM THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, FORMS FOR YOU TO GET REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY TRAVEL EXPENSES...

DOES SHE SEEM A LITTLE... MORE INTENSE THAN USUAL?

NO... THIS IS A PRETTY NORMAL LEVEL OF INTENSE FOR HER.

...AND SINCE STARLIGHT GLIMMER HAS TO STAY IN PONYVILLE TO OVERSEE FINAL EXAMS, I'D LIKE TO THANK BIG MAC FOR STEPPING UP TO HELP US OUT. YOU, TOO, ZECORA, GIRLS.

I'M JUST EXCITED TO BE INCLUDED IN ONE OF Y'ALL'S ADVENTURES!

WE'RE IN THE BIG LEAGUES NOW, PONIES. WATCH OUT!

AND A SHELF IN THE FRIDGE WITH OUR NAMES ON LUNCH BAGS THAT SAY, "DO NOT EAT MY LUNCH!"

NEXT STEP: OUR OWN CHAIRS AT THE WEIRD MAP-TABLE-THING!

OKAY... PINKIE AND BIG MAC, YOU'RE GOING TO KLUGETOWN.

OH. BIG MAC HAS NEVER *BEEN*. GET READY FOR SOME *SEEDY UNDERBELLY!*

ERRR... YUP?

RAINBOW DASH AND RARITY... YOU'RE OFF TO THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE.

BUT I ALREADY COLOR-COORDINATED ALL YOUR PAPERWORK TO MATCH MINE.

OH, OH! CAN I GO WITH THEM?

OH, ALL RIGHT. ACTUALLY, IT'S PROBABLY FOR THE BEST, SINCE YOU CAN SEND ME A MESSAGE IF ANYTHING COMES UP.

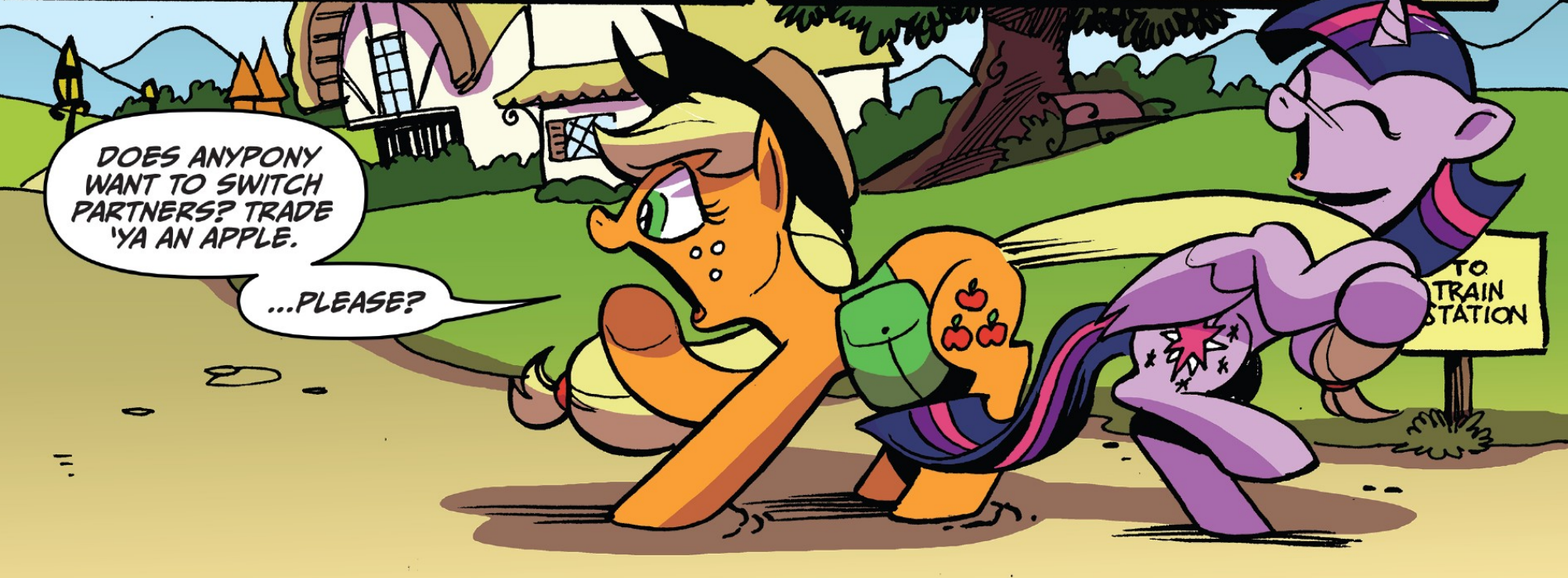
ZECORA, YOU WILL BE IN CHARGE OF GETTING THE STAR GEM FROM GRIFFONSTONE. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HANDLE ALL THREE FILLIES ON YOUR OWN? I'M SURE I CAN FIND ANOTHER PONY TO HELP YOU.

WITH THESE YOUNG ONES? I'LL BE FINE. I'M SURE THEIR TALENTS WILL MAKE OUR GROUP SHINE.

ARE YOU *SURE* YOU HAVE A PARTNER? I DON'T WANT YOU GOING INTO THE EVERFREE FOREST ALONE.

OH, HE'S BACK AT MY HOUSE FEEDING ANGEL BUNNY FOR ME. I'LL GO GET HIM BEFORE I HEAD OUT.

PERFECT.



THIS IS KIND OF A NICE CHANGE OF PACE FOR US, ISN'T IT? USUALLY WE'RE HEADED INTO SOME SORT OF DISASTER FULL OF VILLAINS TRYIN' TO TAKE OVER EQUESTRIA OR DESTROY PONYVILLE OR WIPE OUT...

ENTERING
Canterlot

CANTERLOT

EXPRESS



THE DAY IS YOUNG.

WHAT?



OH, NOTHING. WE'RE HERE!

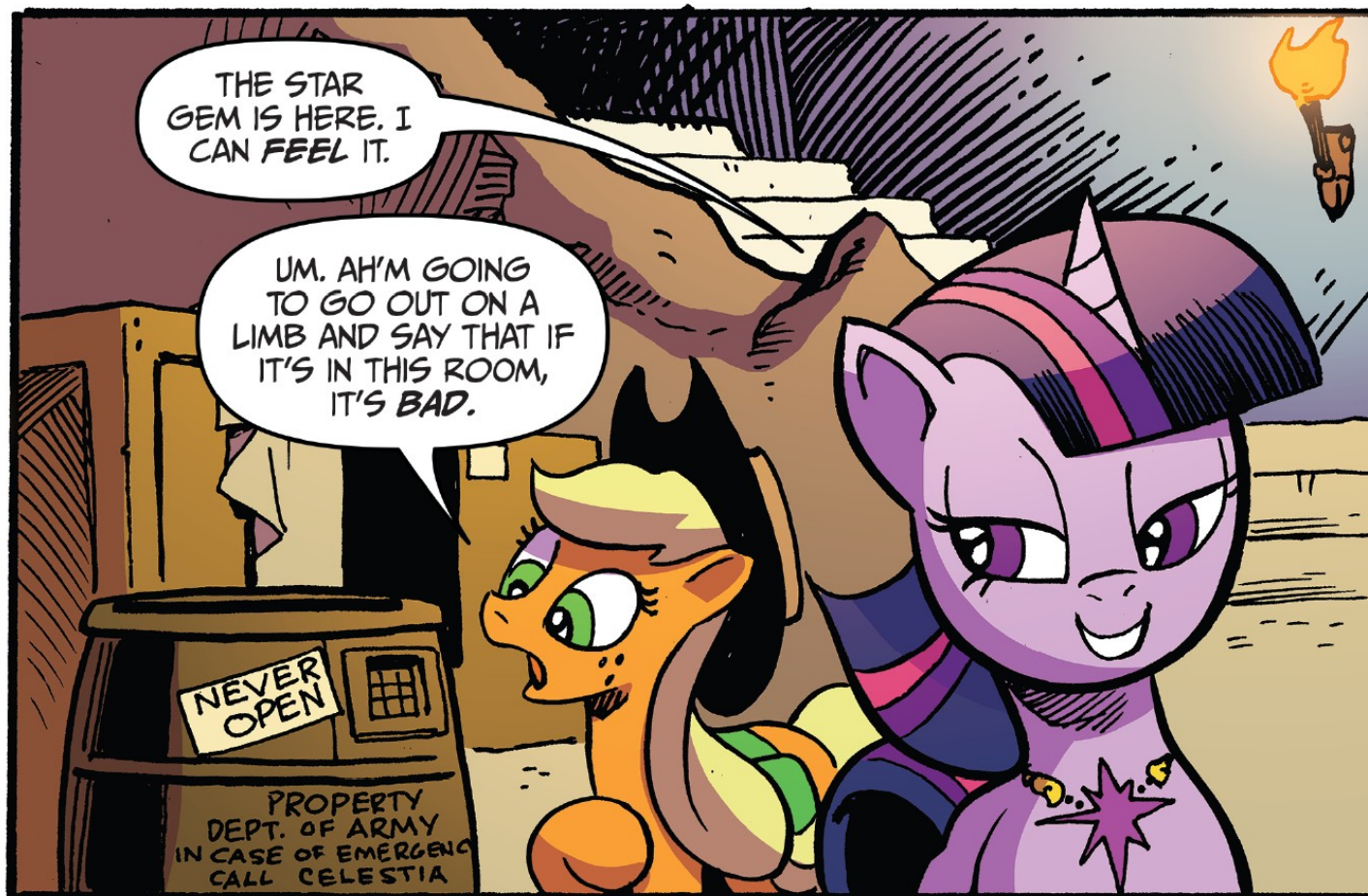
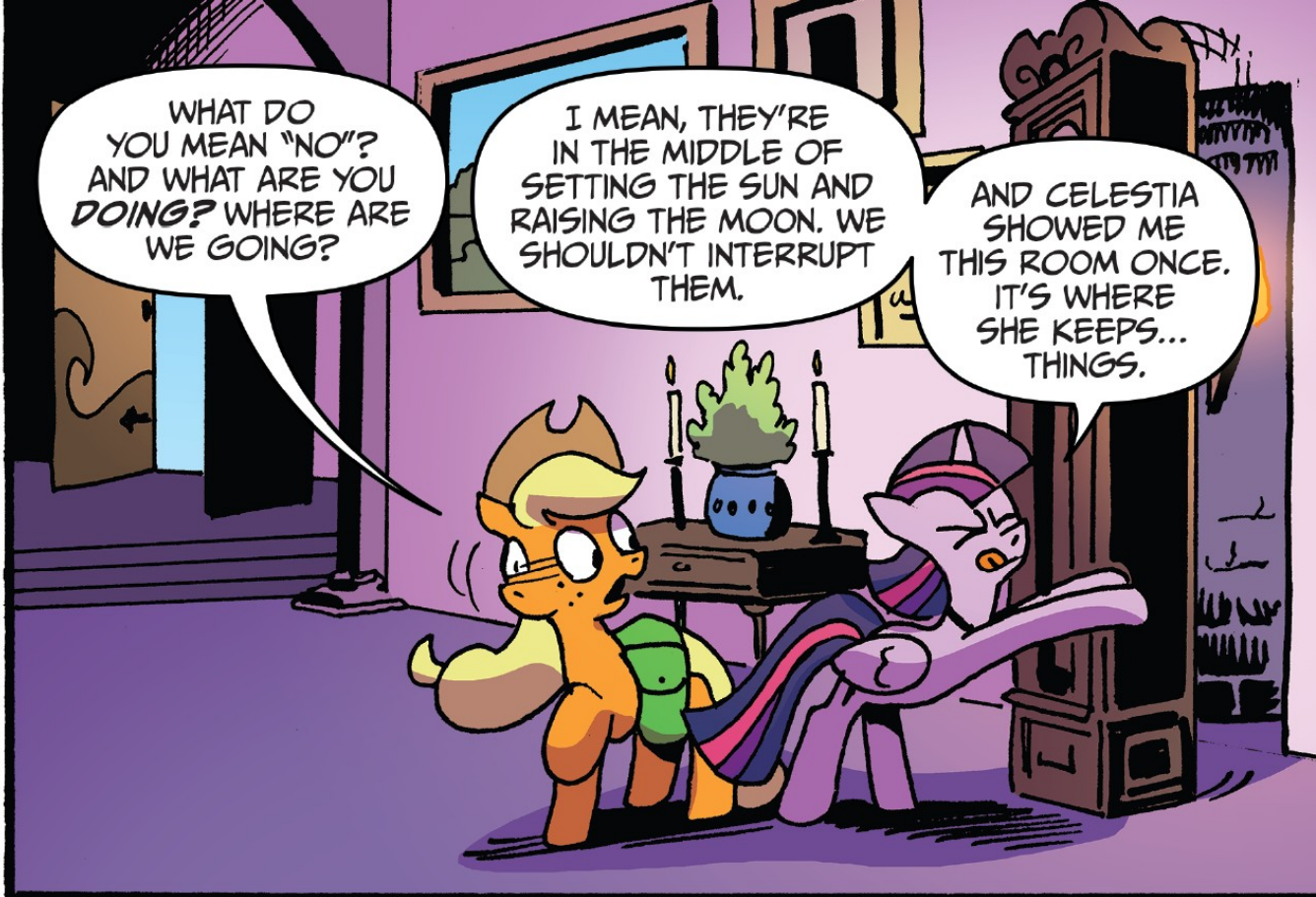
WHAT'S THE PLAN? AH CAN'T MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OF THE SCHEDULE YOU GAVE ME. DID YOU HAVE TO USE SO MANY STICKY NOTES? DOES IT NEED AN APPENDIX WITH FOOT NOTES?

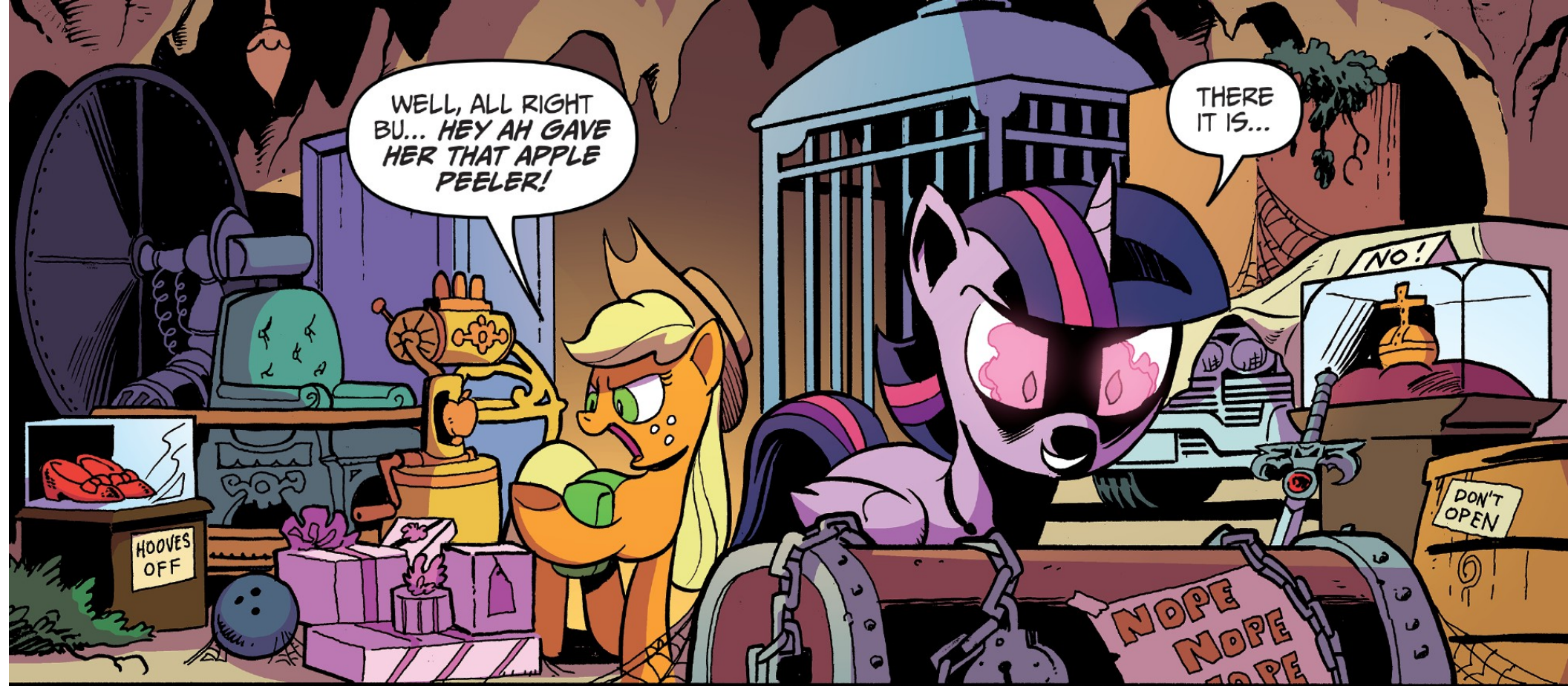
WE'RE GOING TO HEAD TO THE CASTLE. THIS STAR... IS TELLING ME THE NEXT ONE IS CLOSE.

YA KNOW... THAT NECKLACE-THINGIE HAS ME A MIGHT BIT CONCERNED.

IT'S FINE... EVERYTHING IS FINE!

FLOWERS





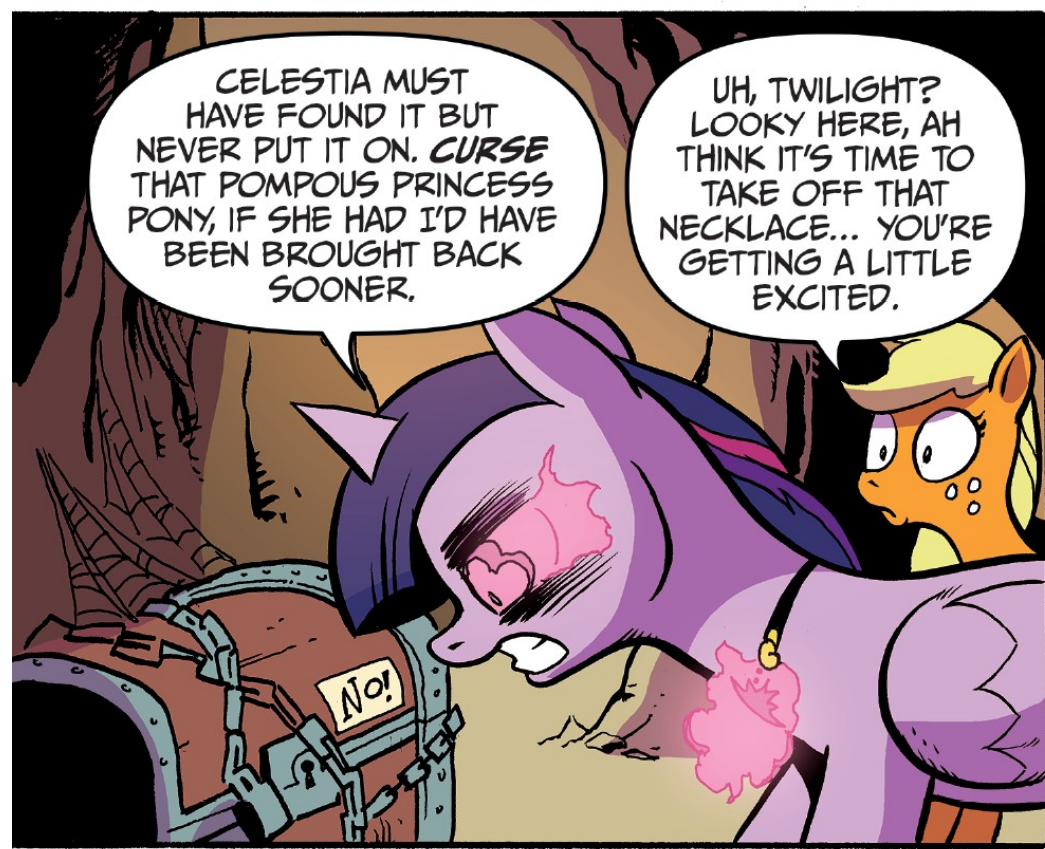
WELL, ALL RIGHT BU... HEY AH GAVE HER THAT APPLE PEELER!

THERE IT IS...

HOoves OFF

NOPE NOPE NOPE

DON'T OPEN



CELESTIA MUST HAVE FOUND IT BUT NEVER PUT IT ON. CURSE THAT POMPOUS PRINCESS PONY, IF SHE HAD I'D HAVE BEEN BROUGHT BACK SOONER.

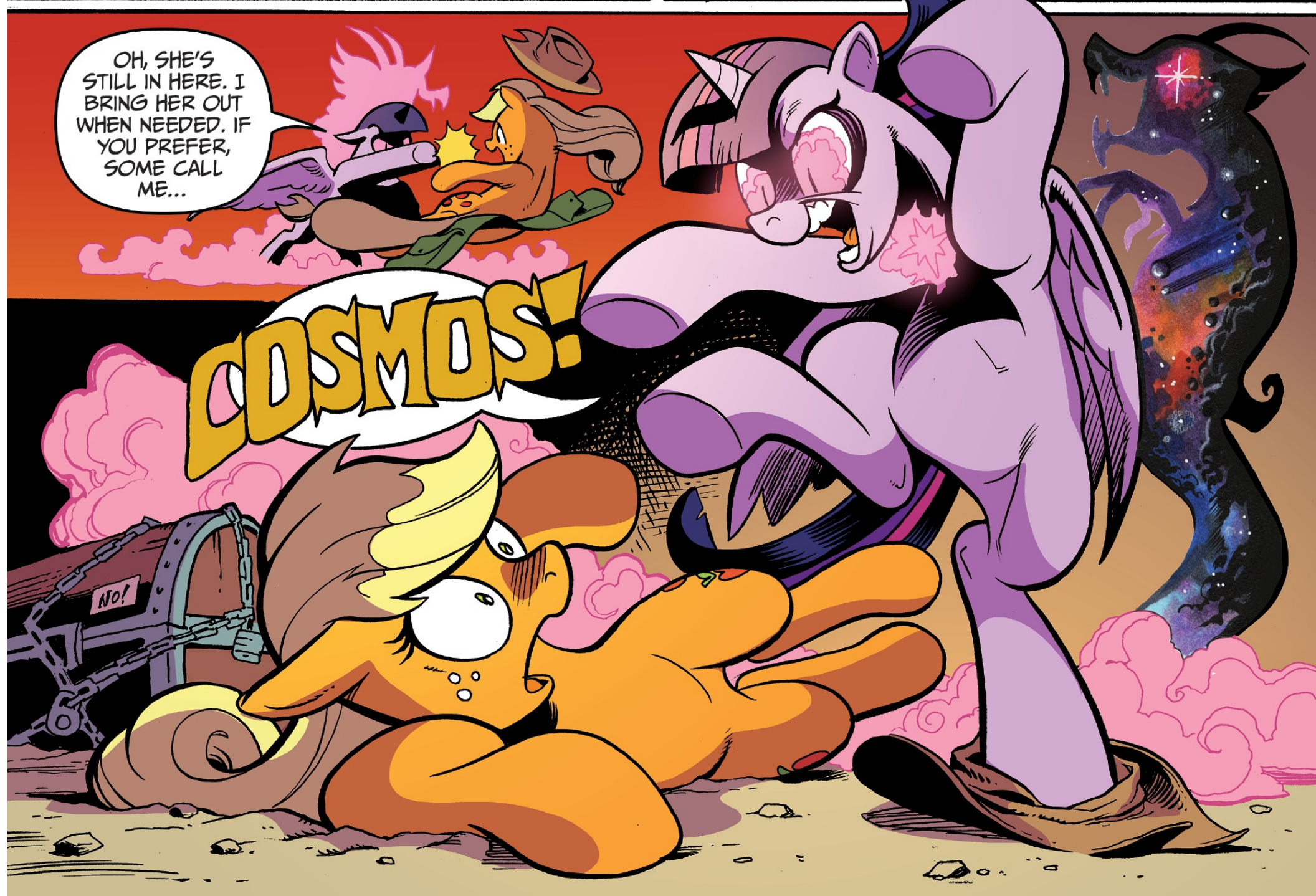
UH, TWILIGHT? LOOKY HERE, AH THINK IT'S TIME TO TAKE OFF THAT NECKLACE... YOU'RE GETTING A LITTLE EXCITED.

No!



DON'T TOUCH IT!

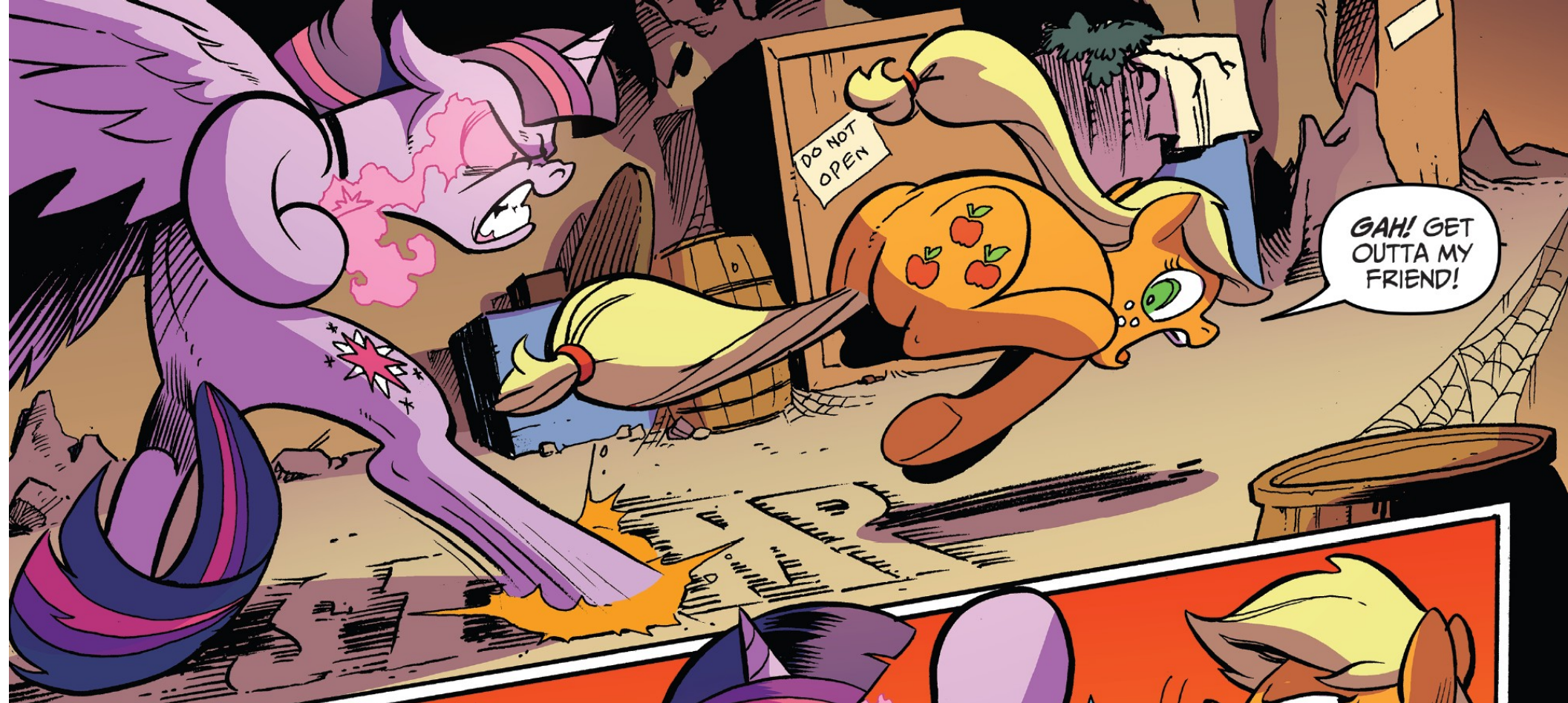
GASP! YOU AIN'T TWILIGHT!



OH, SHE'S STILL IN HERE. I BRING HER OUT WHEN NEEDED. IF YOU PREFER, SOME CALL ME...

COSMOS!

No!



GAH! GET OUTTA MY FRIEND!



NO, I NEED HER TO GET TO HIM! BE STILL!

SWISH

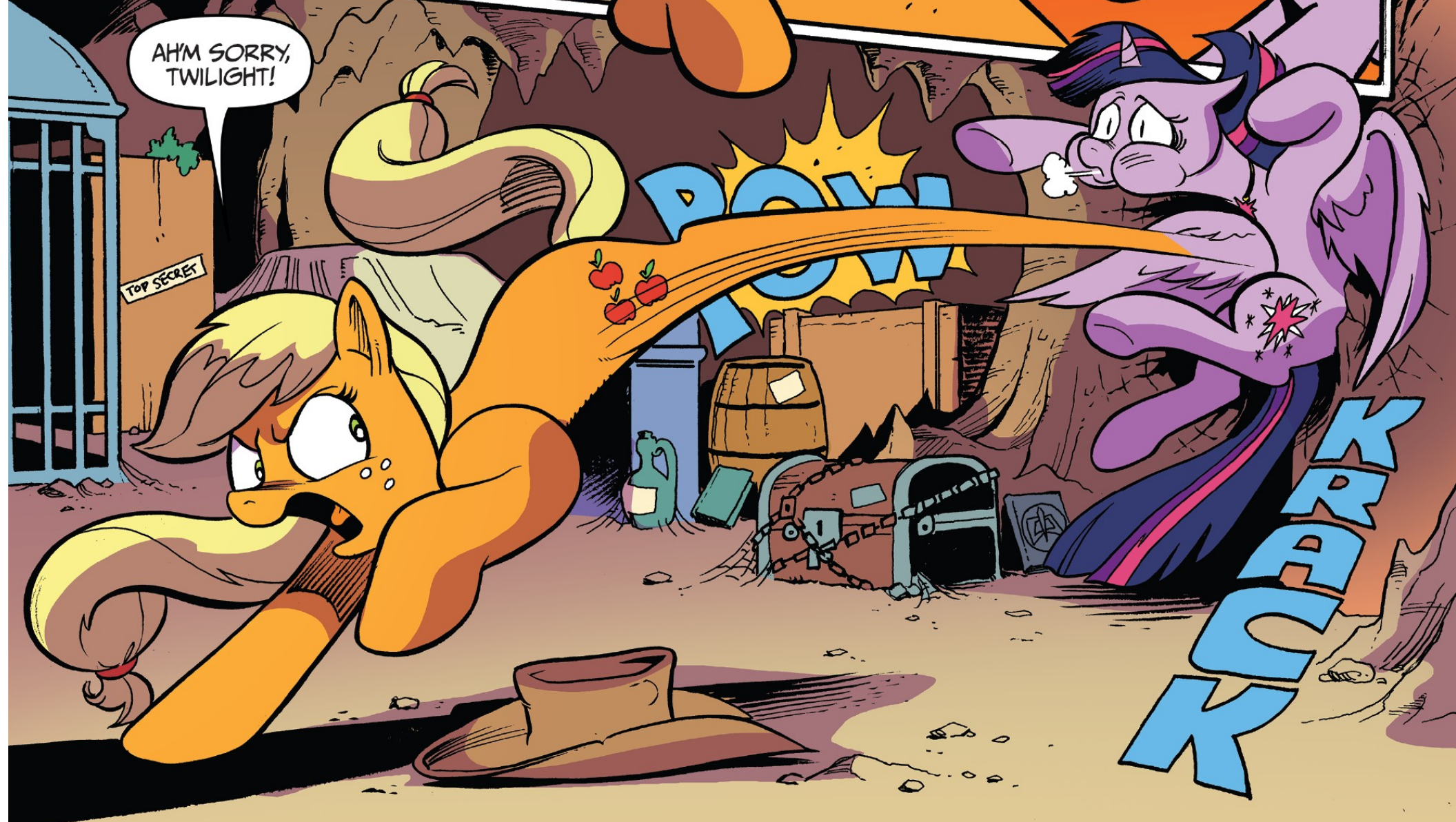


SMASH!



WHOA, NELLY! OKAY, TIME TO QUIT BEIN' NICE...

SNAP

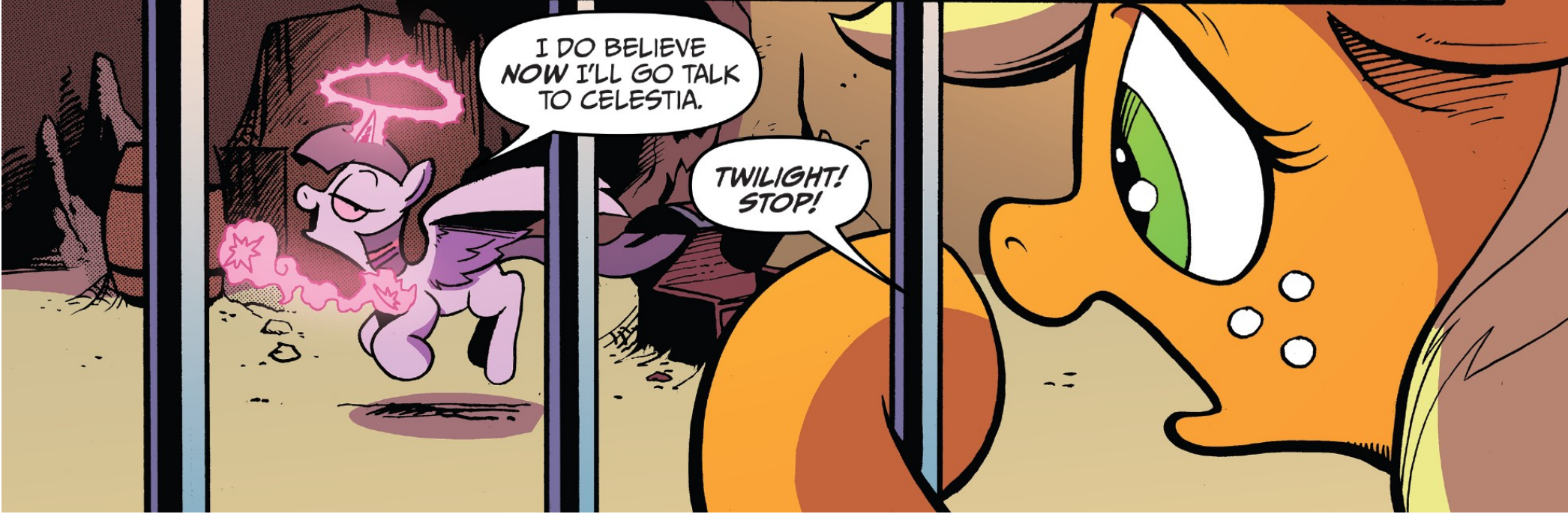
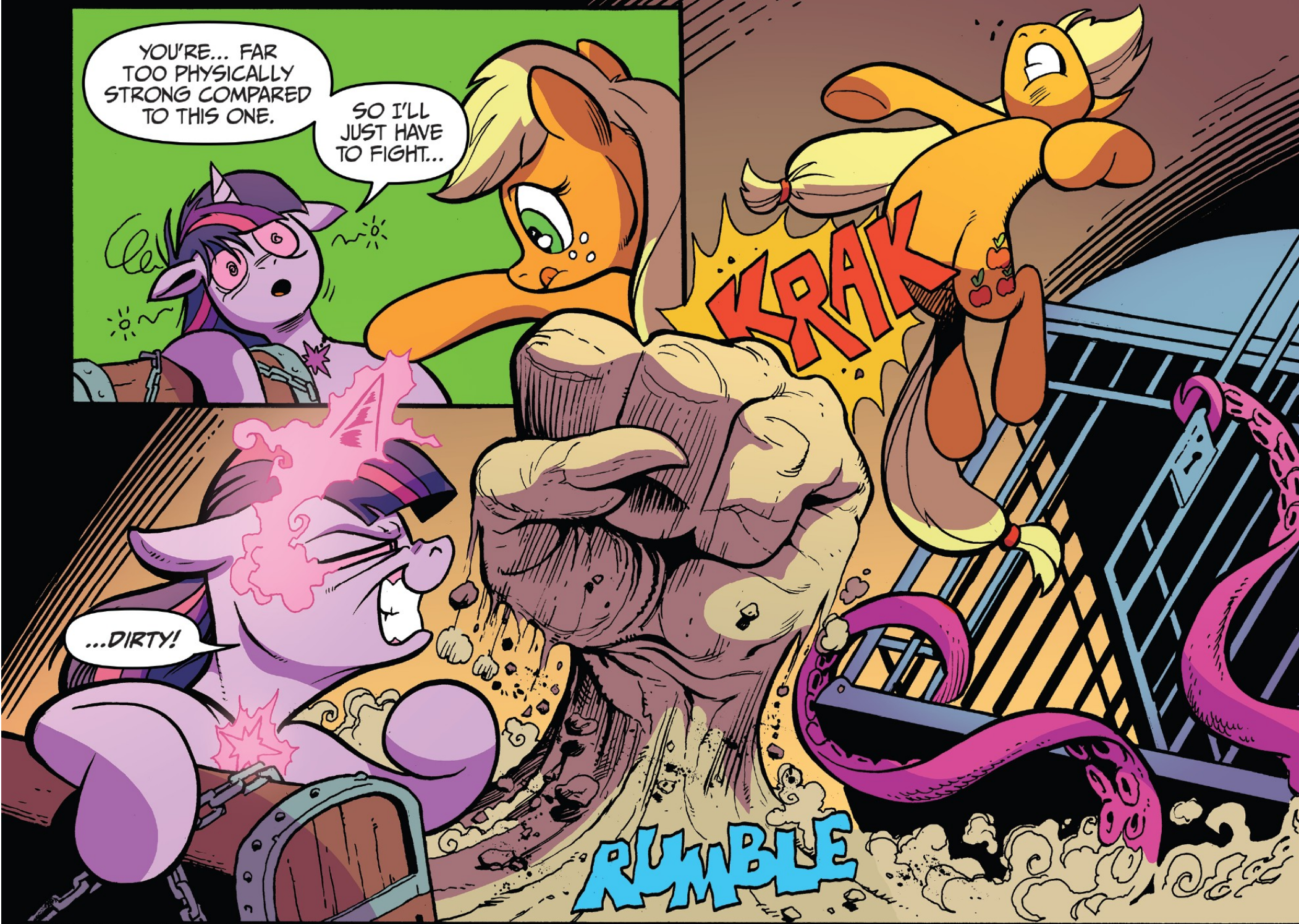


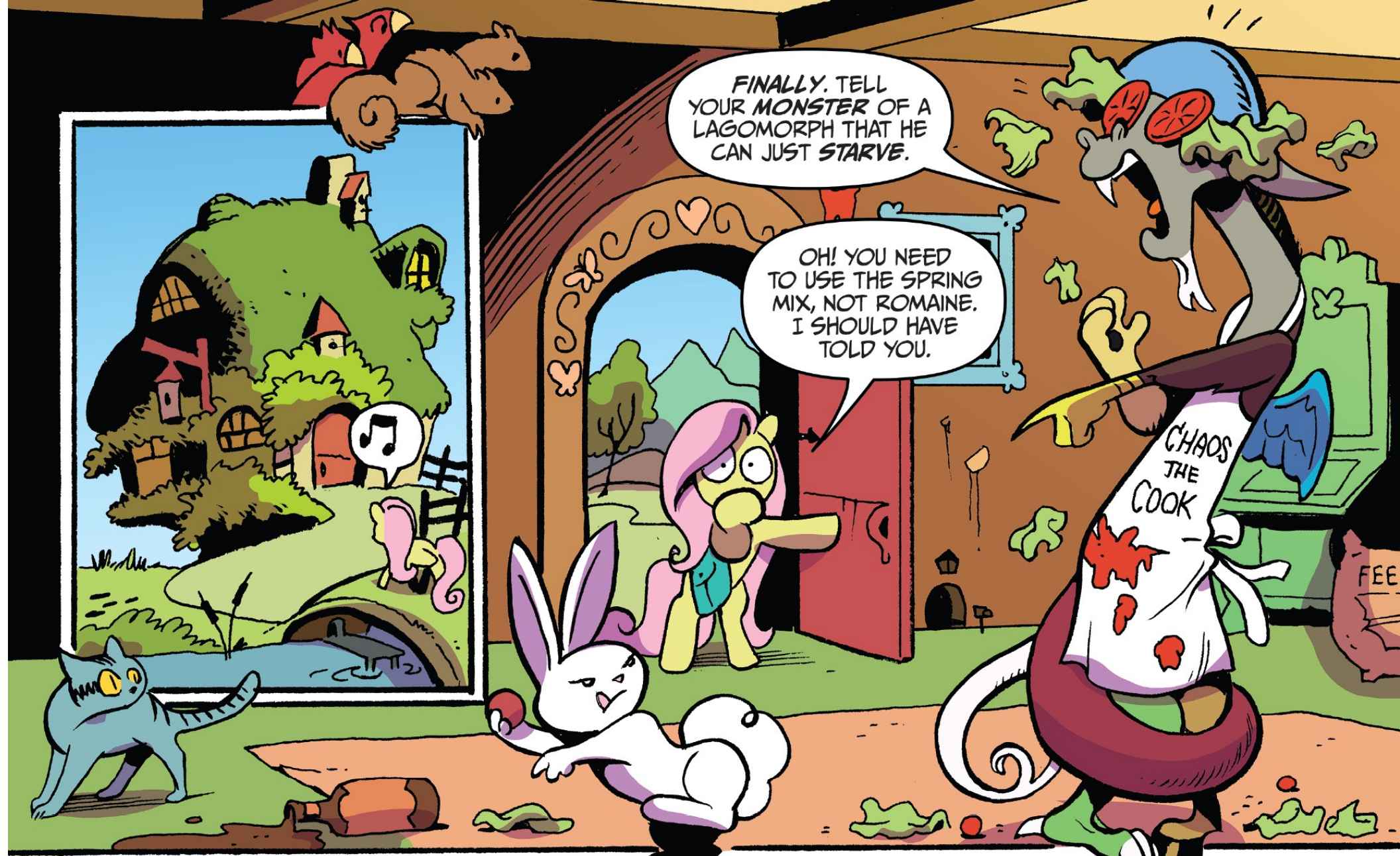
AHM SORRY, TWILIGHT!

POW

KCAR

TOP SECRET





FINALLY. TELL YOUR MONSTER OF A LAGOMORPH THAT HE CAN JUST STARVE.

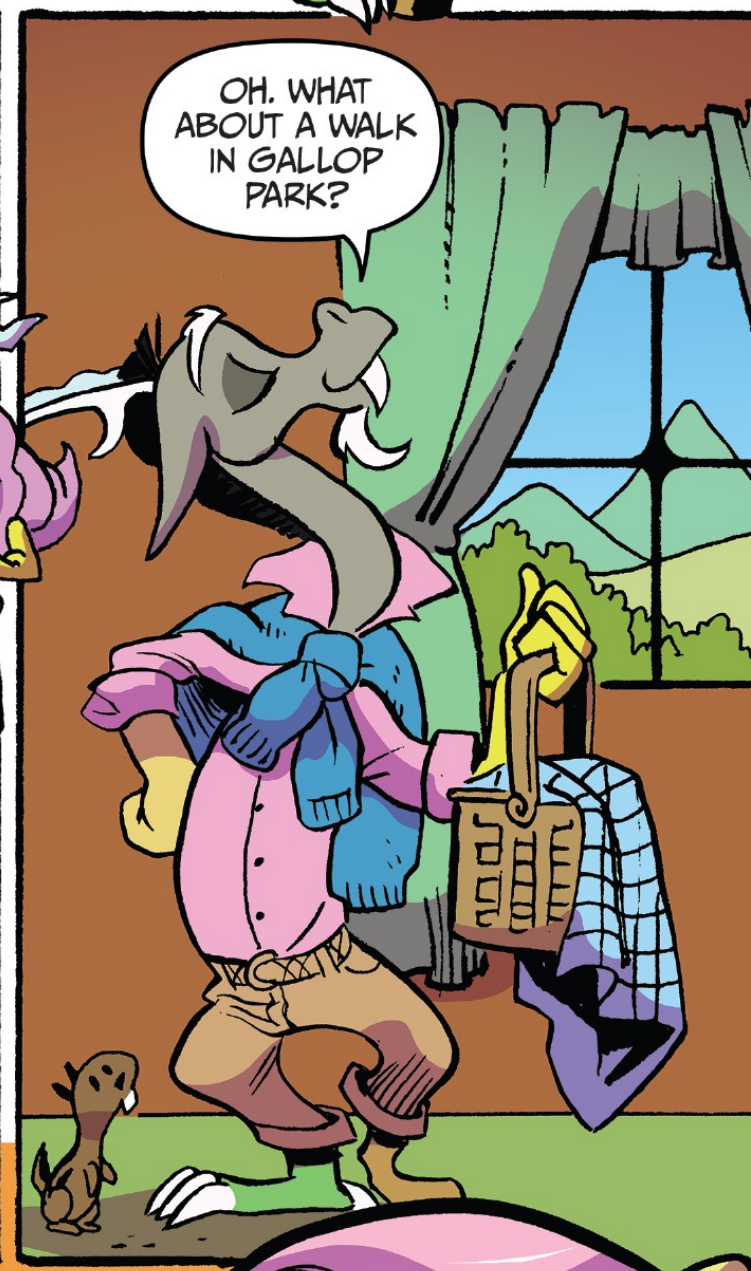
OH! YOU NEED TO USE THE SPRING MIX, NOT ROMAINE. I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU.



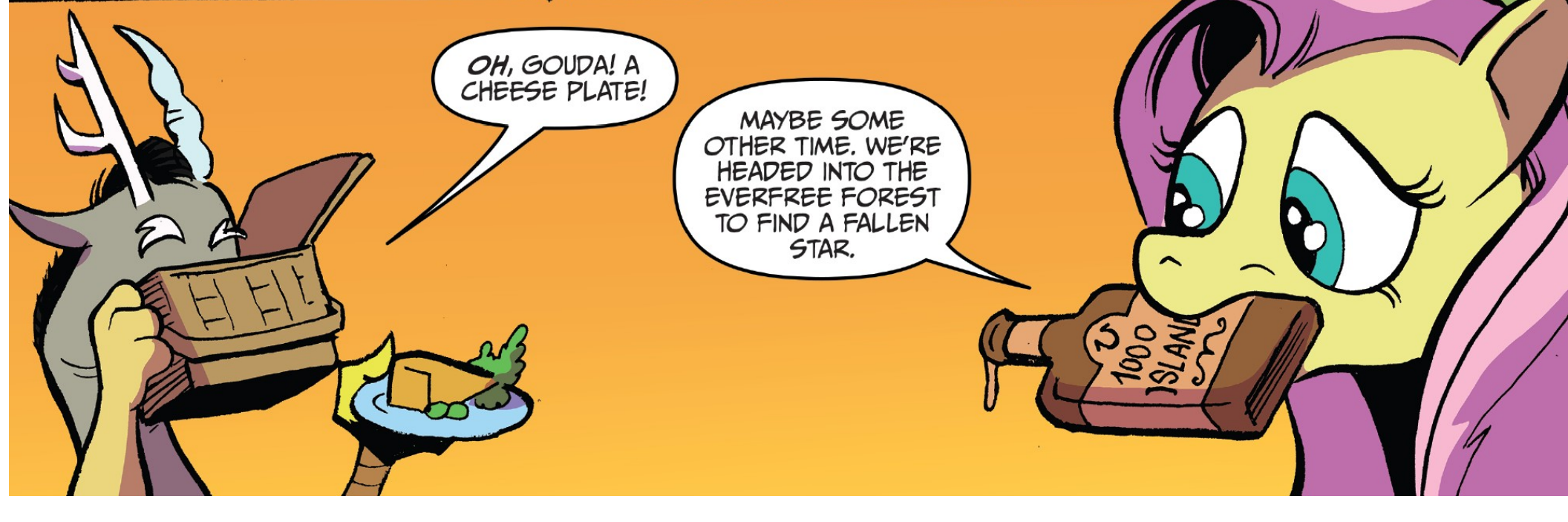
HOW WAS YOUR LITTLE MEETING? YOU SAID WE'RE GOING ON A TRIP? I DO HOPE IT'S TO GO ANTIQUING! A CHIPPENDALE TABLE FOR MY BREAKFAST NOOK WOULD BE LOVELY!



OR PERHAPS—SCUBA DIVING IN THE GREAT FARRIER REEF?

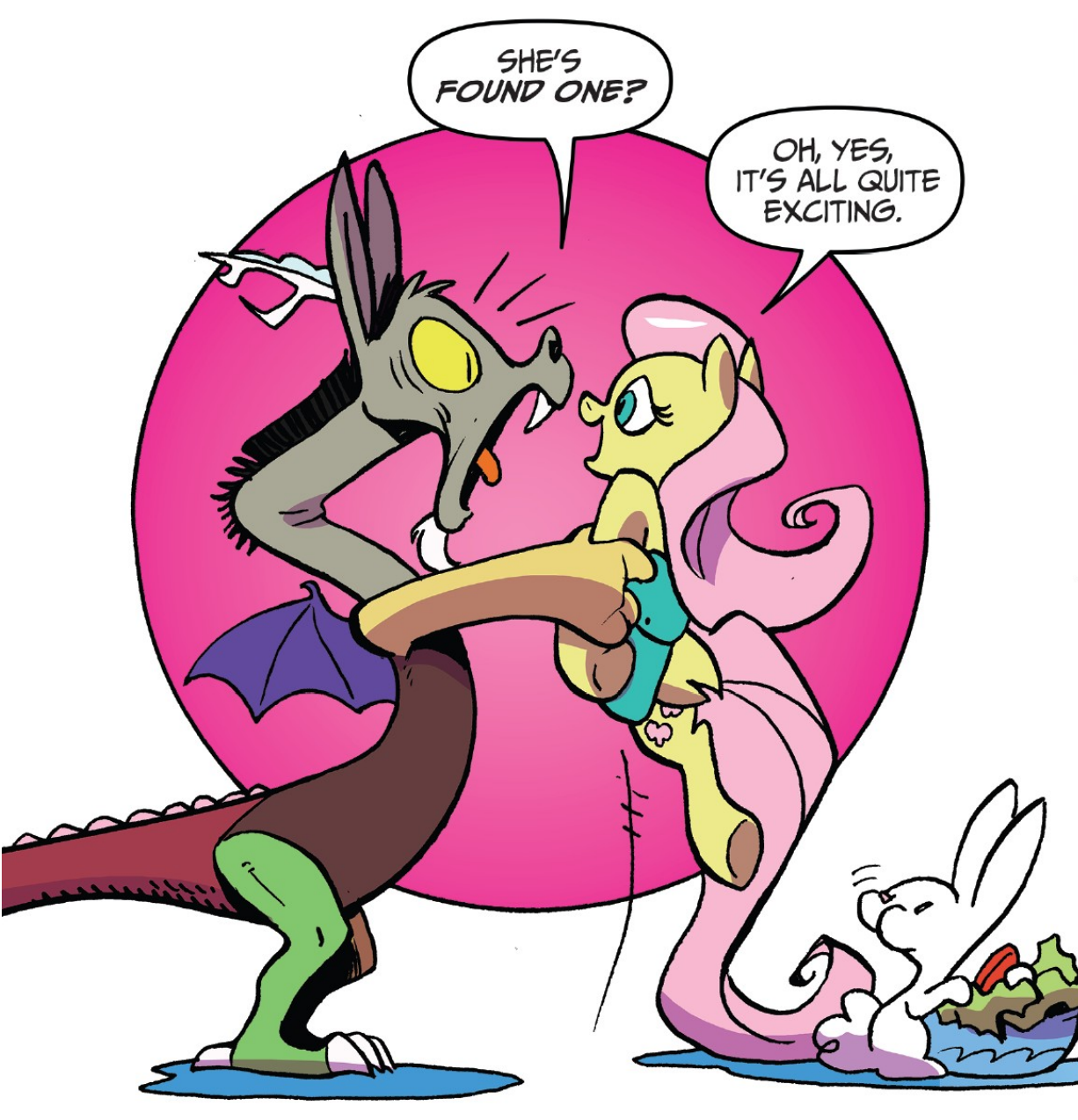
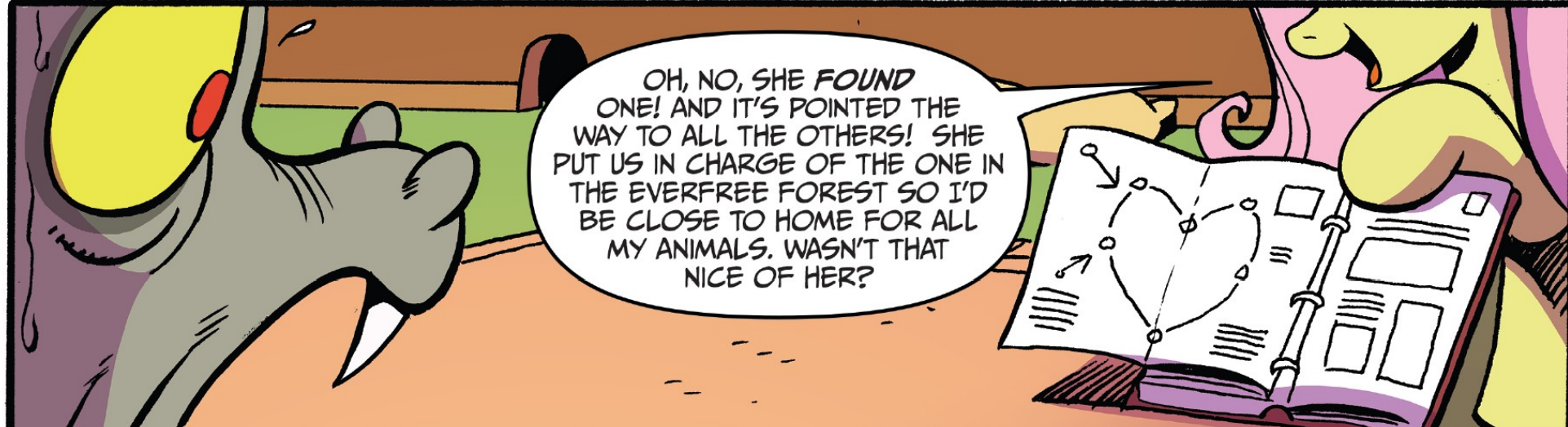


OH. WHAT ABOUT A WALK IN GALLOP PARK?



OH, GOUDA! A CHEESE PLATE!

MAYBE SOME OTHER TIME. WE'RE HEADED INTO THE EVERFREE FOREST TO FIND A FALLEN STAR.

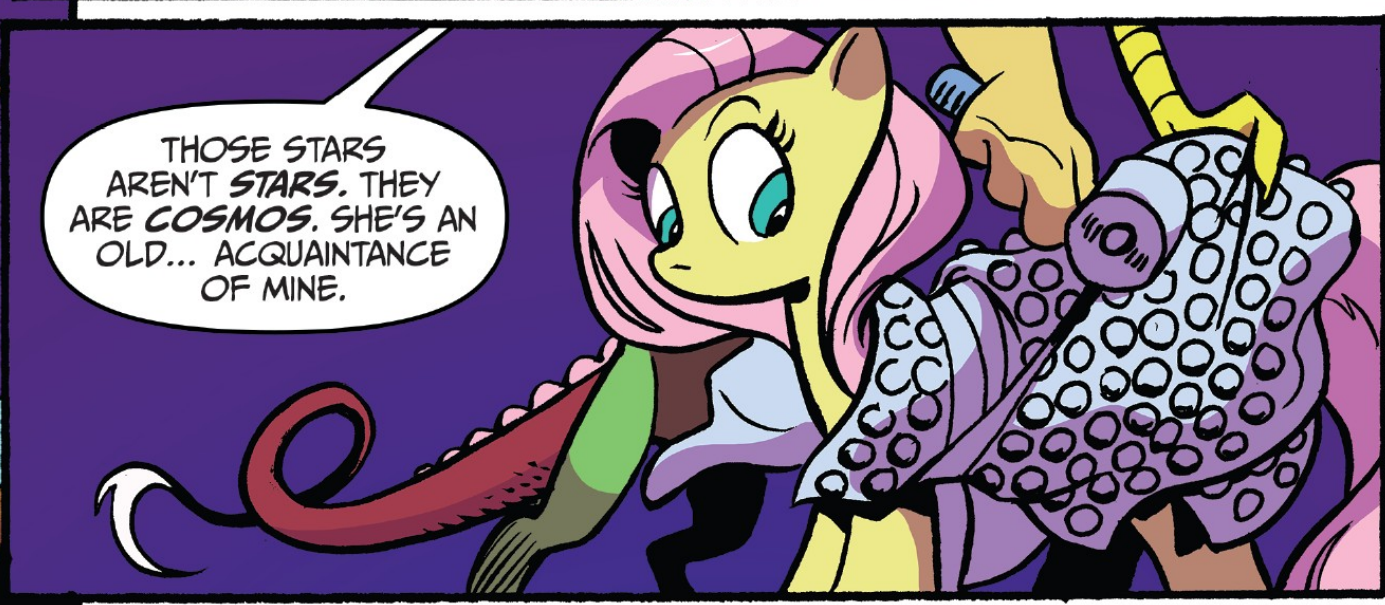


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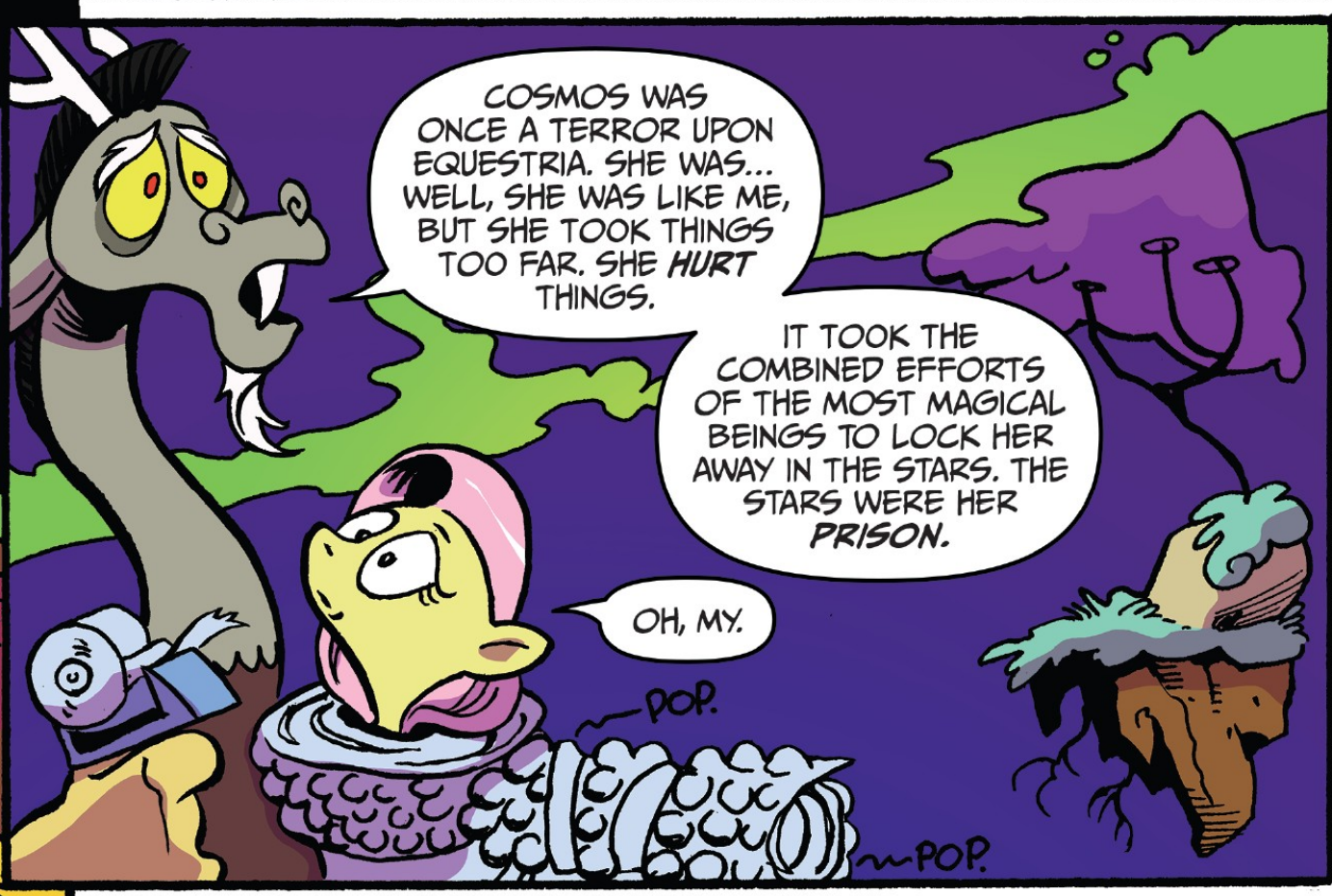


WHY?
DISCORD, WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

POP
BUBBLE
WRAP



THOSE STARS
AREN'T STARS. THEY
ARE COSMOS. SHE'S AN
OLD... ACQUAINTANCE
OF MINE.



COSMOS WAS
ONCE A TERROR UPON
EQUESTRIA. SHE WAS...
WELL, SHE WAS LIKE ME,
BUT SHE TOOK THINGS
TOO FAR. SHE HURT
THINGS.

IT TOOK THE
COMBINED EFFORTS
OF THE MOST MAGICAL
BEINGS TO LOCK HER
AWAY IN THE STARS. THE
STARS WERE HER
PRISON.

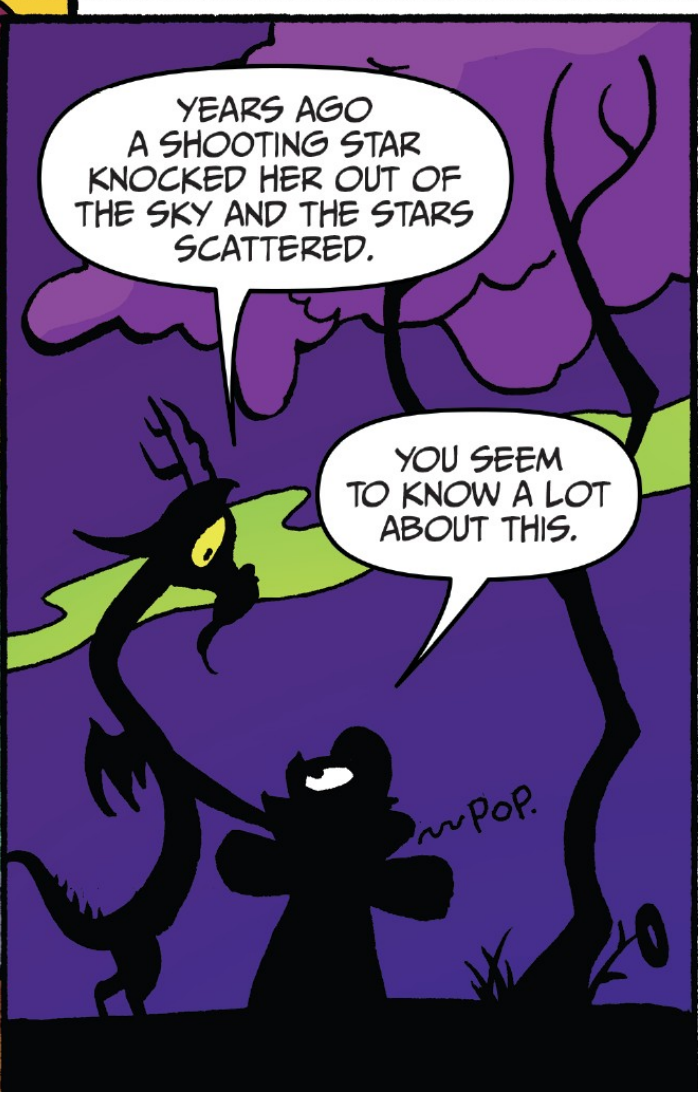
OH, MY.

POP.

POP.



TWILIGHT
CANNOT REUNITE
ALL THE PIECES.



YEARS AGO
A SHOOTING STAR
KNOCKED HER OUT OF
THE SKY AND THE STARS
SCATTERED.

YOU SEEM
TO KNOW A LOT
ABOUT THIS.

POP.



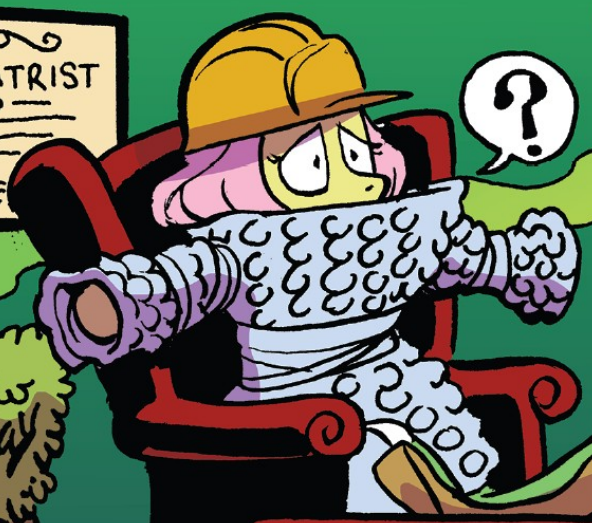
I HAVE A...
VESTED INTEREST
IN KEEPING COSMOS
FROM COMING
BACK.

DO YOU
WANT TO TALK
ABOUT IT?

POP.

POP.

PSYCHIATRIST



NOT REALLY, BUT I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO.



"BEFORE THE STARS FELL, I USED TO MONITOR THEM CONSTANTLY, ALWAYS AFRAID SHE WOULD COME BACK.

"I THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD THING WHEN THEY FELL SPREAD OUT ACROSS THE LAND... IT MEANT SHE WAS THAT MUCH FARTHER AWAY FROM BEING WHOLE."



"I FOUND ONE. IT... CALLED TO ME... IN THE EVERFREE FOREST.



"I HID IT AWAY. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN ALL THOSE STARS BE REUNITED."



OH, DEAR.

"OH, DEAR" ISN'T THE HALF OF IT.

BESIDES, WE'VE BEEN LUCKY THAT NO PONY HAS STUMBLERD ACROSS IT HERE! JUST LEAVING IT BURIED ISN'T AS SECURE AS BRINGING IT TO PRINCESS CELESTIA.

IMAGINE IF A... VILLAIN FOUND IT! OR A DRAGON!

SIGH... RIGHT. YOU'RE RIGHT. LET'S TAKE IT TO CELESTIA. I SHOULD HAVE EONS AGO.

IT'S SO PRETTY. IT'S SAD THAT IT HERALDS THE COMING OF A MONSTER OF UNSPEAKABLE HORROR.

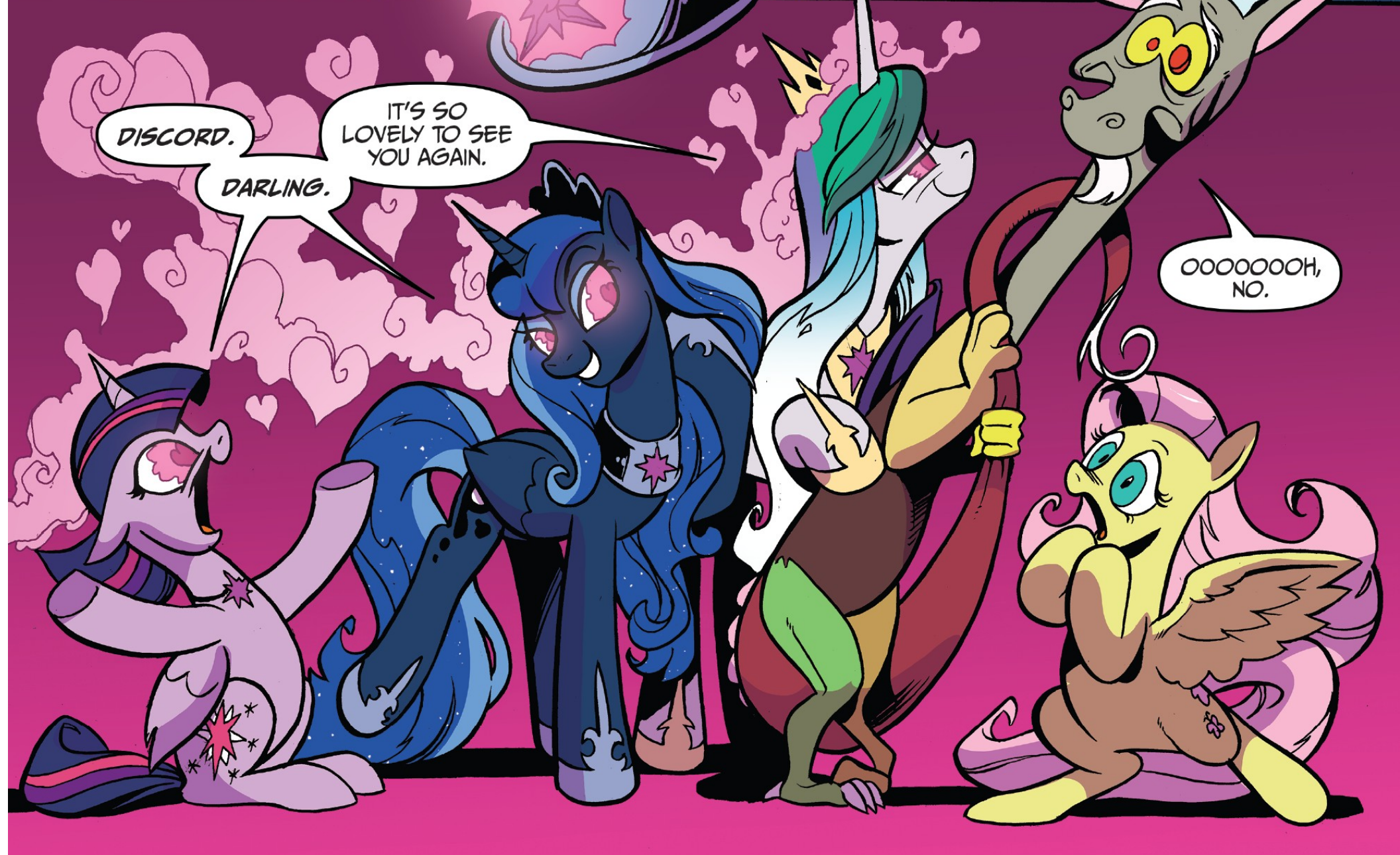
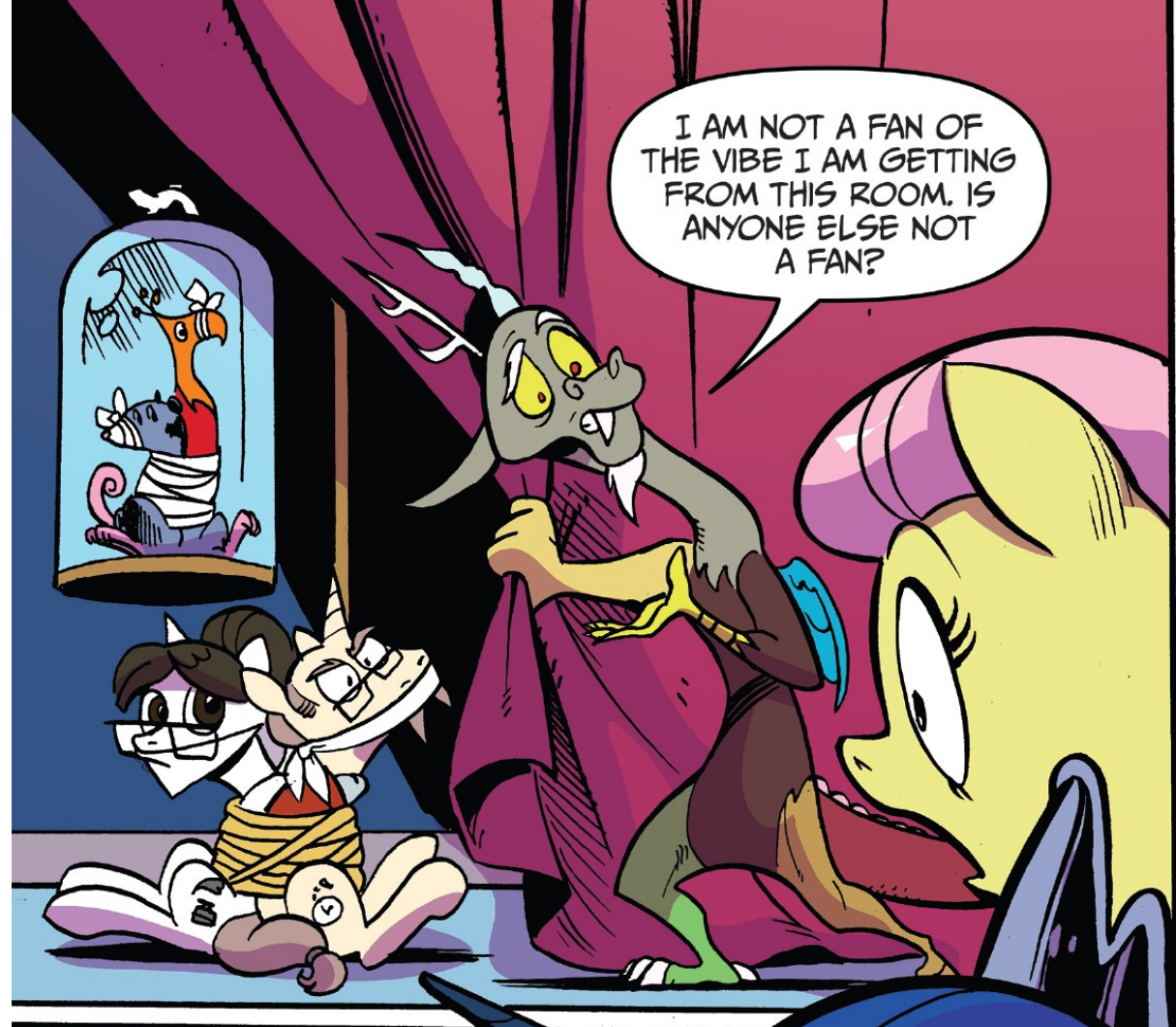
OH, HONEY. YOU HAVE NO IDEA.

SNAP!

SISTER. YOUNG TWILIGHT. PLEASE, JUST TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING. YOU'RE BOTH ACTING BIZARRE! I CAN HELP YOU. LET ME HELP YOU.

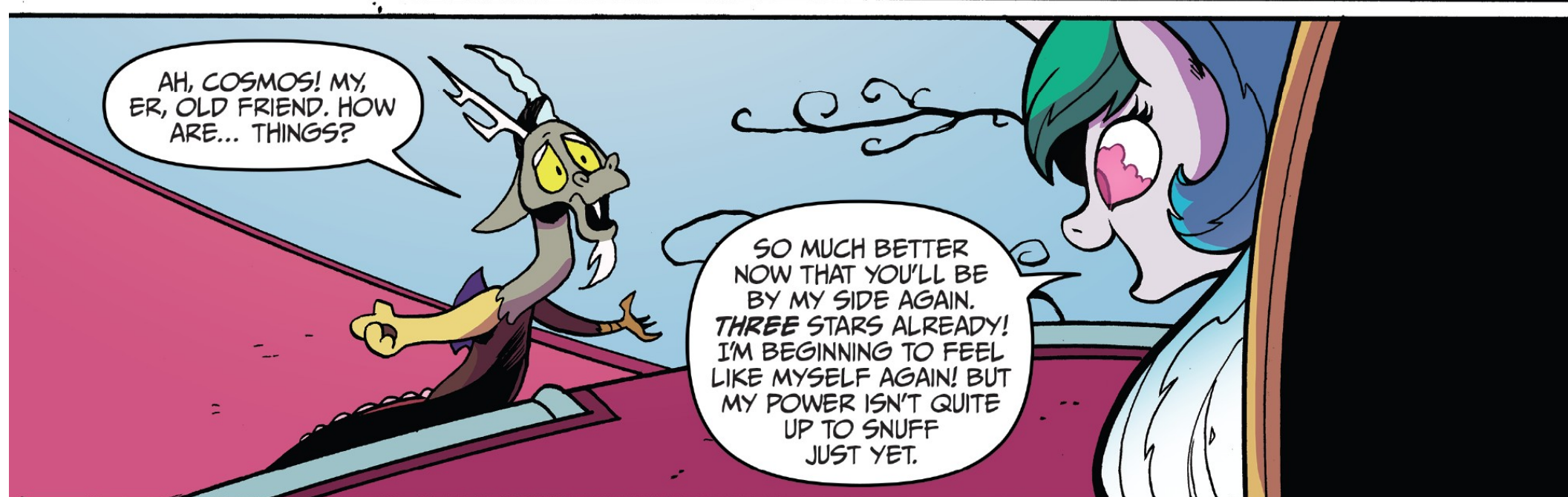
FLUTTERSHEY, THAT WAS EXPEDIENT. VERY WELL DONE.

OH, THANK YOU. BUT YOU KNOW, DISCORD WAS JUST TELLING ME THAT...





OH, HANDSOME, IT'S BEEN SO LONG. COME OVER HERE AND LET ME LOOK AT YOU.



AH, COSMOS! MY, ER, OLD FRIEND. HOW ARE... THINGS?

SO MUCH BETTER NOW THAT YOU'LL BE BY MY SIDE AGAIN. **THREE STARS ALREADY!** I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL LIKE MYSELF AGAIN! BUT MY POWER ISN'T QUITE UP TO SNUFF JUST YET.



REMEMBER, DARLING? HOW I USED TO COVET THIS SEAT? IT SEEMS ALL I HAD TO DO WAS WAIT PATIENTLY FOR IT.

AND NOW **OUR** REIGN OF CHAOS AND TORMENT WILL DOMINATE AGAIN. EVERY PONY IN EQUESTRIA WILL FEAR ME.



AND THEY'LL **ADORE** YOU, DARLING. JUST LIKE YOU ALWAYS WANTED!

ALWAYS WANTED!



WAIT WITH ME, DEAREST. IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE HAD COMPANY.

I'VE BEEN BORED. IN SPACE, NO ONE CAN HEAR YOU SCREAM.

OH, I KNOW ALL ABOUT THAT.

WELL, COSMOS, YOU SEE... I AM ACTUALLY OUT OF THE CHAOS AND DESTRUCTION GAME... GONE IN A NEW DIRECTION. RESTRUCTURED. WHOLE NEW RESUME, REALLY!



COME AGAIN?

GULP



HAVE BEEN FOR A WHILE NOW. I'M A REFORMED DRACONEQUUS. SO I THINK YOU'LL JUST NEED TO FIND SOMEONY ELSE TO... REIGN WITH?



I AM SO VERY DISPLEASED TO HEAR THAT, DARLING.



SO DOES THIS MEAN YOU'LL DO SOME GOODY TWO-SHOES THING LIKE GO BEHIND MY BACK AND STOP THE OTHER PONIES FROM AIDING ME TO COMPLETION?

WHAT? ME? NEVER.



IS... THIS... WHAT YOU'VE ATTACHED YOURSELF TO? UGH.

UH, HI... OBVIOUSLY-NOT-LUNA-AT-THE-MOMENT. IT'S BEEN LOVELY CHATTING WITH ALL OF YOU.

ONE OF YOU? BUT I WAS JUST THINKING THAT WE SHOULD BE...

...LEAVING! WHAT A GOOD IDEA!



YOU'RE SELFISH, DISCORD. IT'S ONE OF THE THINGS I ADORE ABOUT YOU... AND I KNOW YOU. DO YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD DISTRACT YOU FROM WARNING THE WORLD ABOUT MY RETURN?

A STERNLY WORDED LETTER?



IF YOU'RE TOO BUSY TRYING TO SAVE SOMETHING YOU CARE ABOUT.

WHAT? NO.

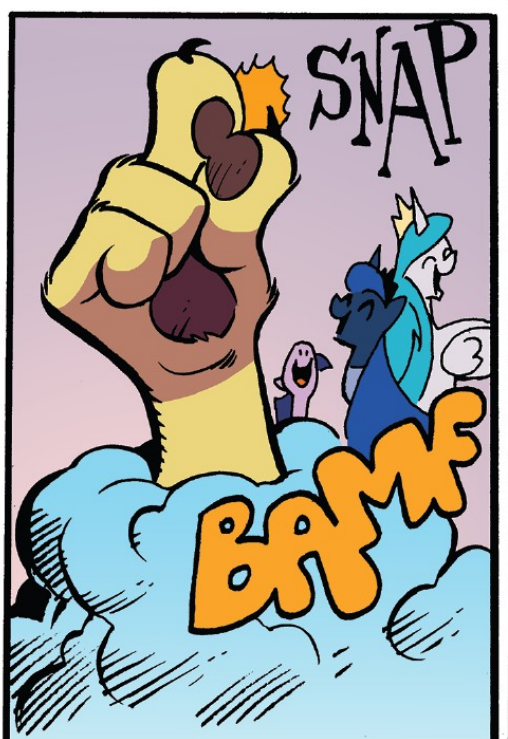
EEP!

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YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO LEAVE, NOW! AND THINK ABOUT HOW YOU'LL WANT TO TALK TO ME WHEN NEXT WE MEET, DEAREST.

OW...



SNAP

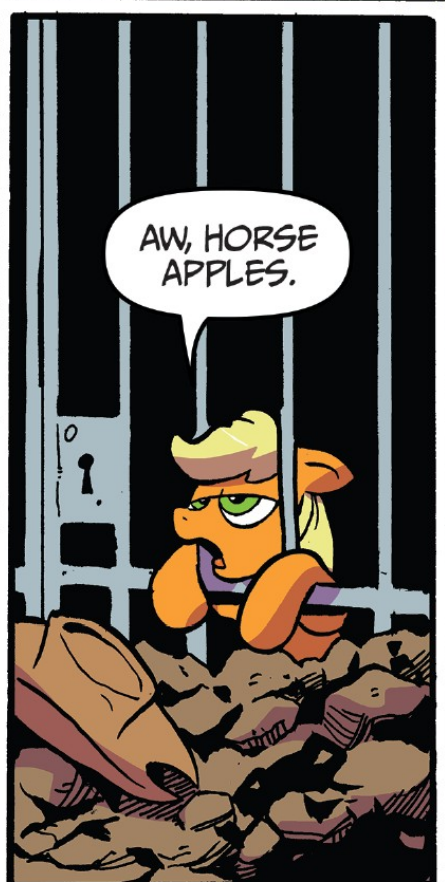
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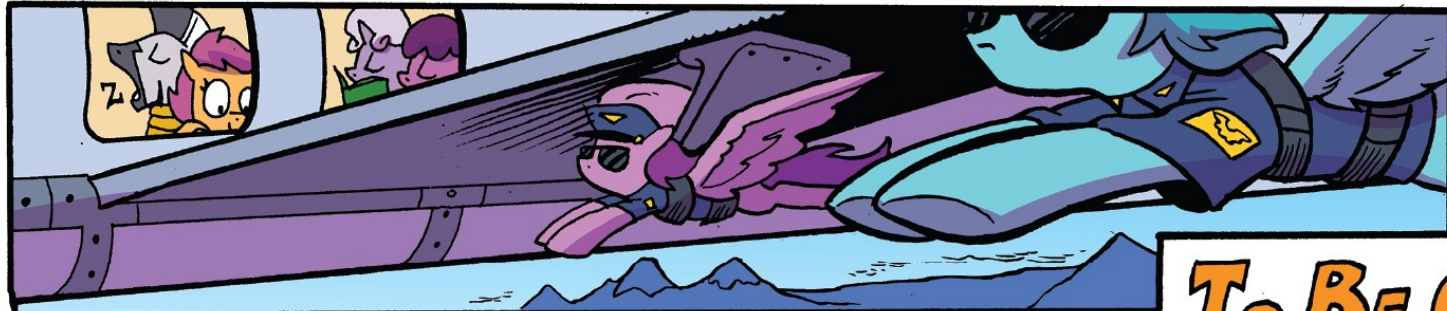
HE'LL BE BACK.

HE ALWAYS COMES BACK.

AND NOW, I'LL LAVISH IN THE LUXURY OF MY NEW CASTLE, AND ALL THE STARS WILL COME TO ME SOON ENOUGH. THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO PERMANENTLY TAKE MY TRUE FORM.



AW, HORSE APPLES.



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