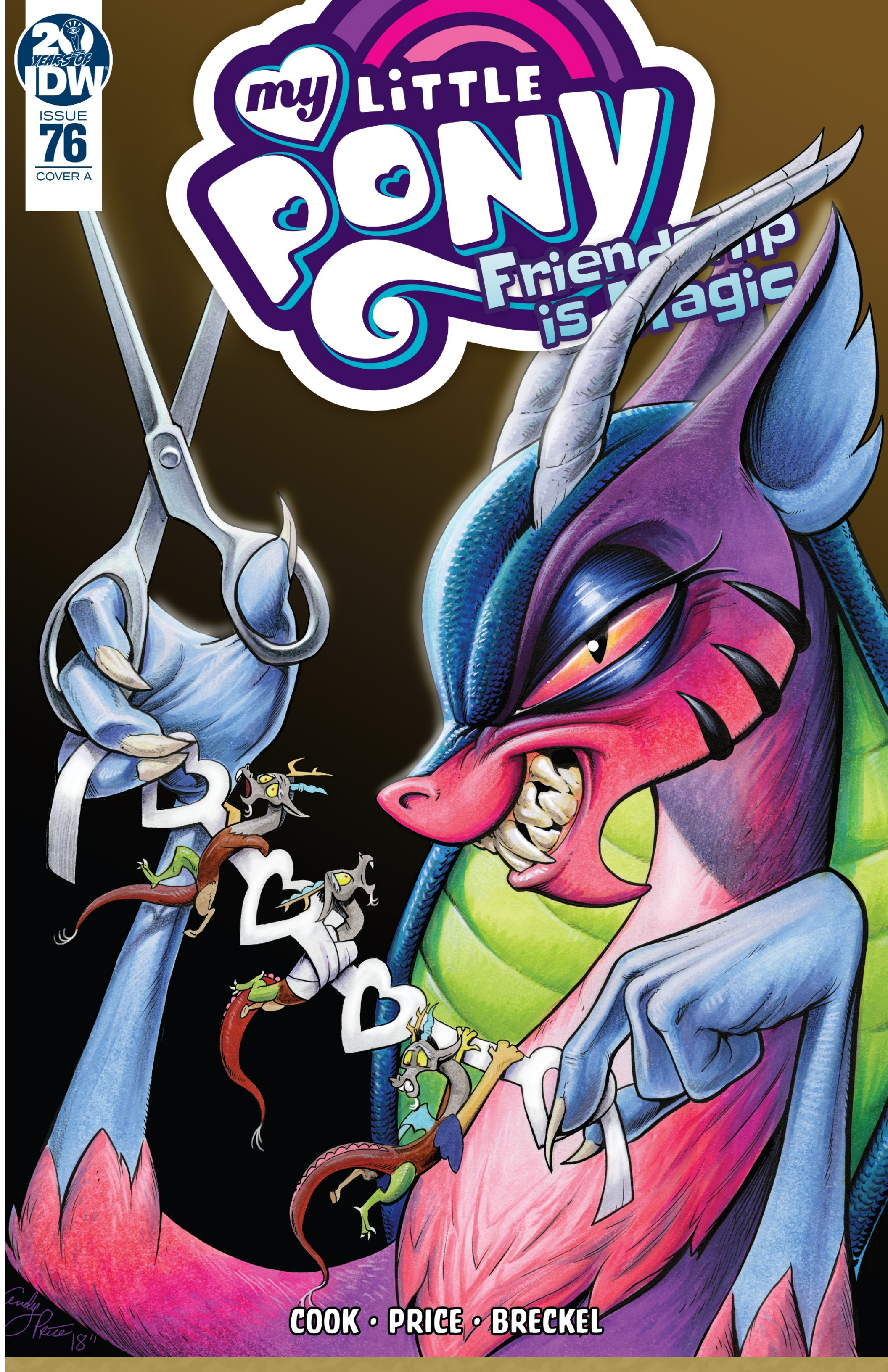


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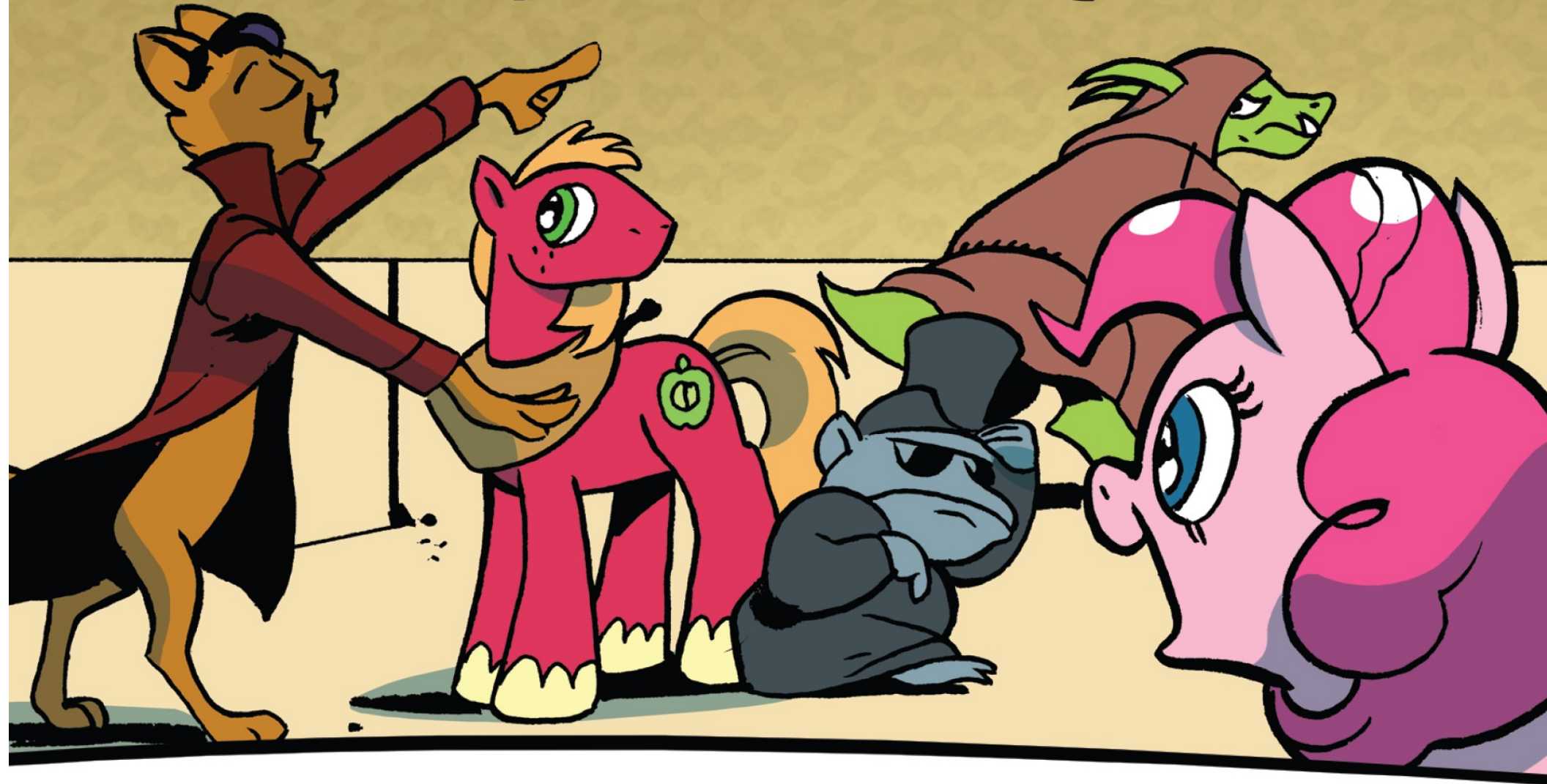
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CANTERLOT FASHION

LOOK, SWEETUMS! HOW LOVELY! THIS IS MINE NOW.

NO, NOT THE STEALING. THAT I WAS OKAY WITH. MY MORALS WEREN'T ALWAYS ABOVE BAR, OKAY?



DON'T GET ME WRONG, HER SENSE OF CHAOS WAS LIKE NOTHING I'D EVER IMAGINED.

IT WAS ALL SO MUCH FUN WHEN IT BEGAN...

BUT HER IDEA OF CHAOS WAS DANGEROUS. THAT'S NOT CHAOS...

NOW LISTEN HERE, COSMOS, YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT KIL...

DEAR ONE... YOU DROPPED MY NEW SCARF.

GULP.

IT'S MADNESS.

YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT MY THINGS!

IS THIS JUST ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR REBELLIONS, SUGAR-BUMPS? IT'S THE THRONES, ISN'T IT? I KNOW YOU'RE AFRAID OF COMMITMENT, BUT...



DISCORD.
BAD PUPPY.
COME BACK.

CANTERLOT
LIBRARY



CHOMP



DAAAARLING...

WHERE IN
EQUESTRIA IS
CELESTIA?

SNAP



AH. THE
B-TEAM! THEY
WORK TOO!

WAIT FOR
ME, DEAREST!

COSMOS WANTED MORE
THAN CHOCOLATE RAIN.
SHE WANTED FIRE AND
DESTRUCTION. I NEVER
WANTED TO CAUSE HARM...
EVEN SOME VILLAINS HAVE
THEIR MORAL STANDARDS.



COSMOS

ACT the 3RD

... AND FAR TOO MANY STARS HAVE FELL ON ME ...



MUST FIND...

THREE MORE STARS...

... AND I SHALL BE WHOLE AGAIN.



WONDERFUL.

KLUGETOWN.

OOOH. THIS STALL HAS LLAMA ACCESSORIES.

UHH...

I KNOW, I KNOW... LOOK FOR THE STAR AND DON'T GET DISTRACTED. I'M SO GLAD I HAVE YOU HERE TO KEEP ME FOCUSED!

JUNK NOBODY WANTS

Toys

UM.

OH. SUNDRIES! HOLD MY LLAMA.

SUNDRIES

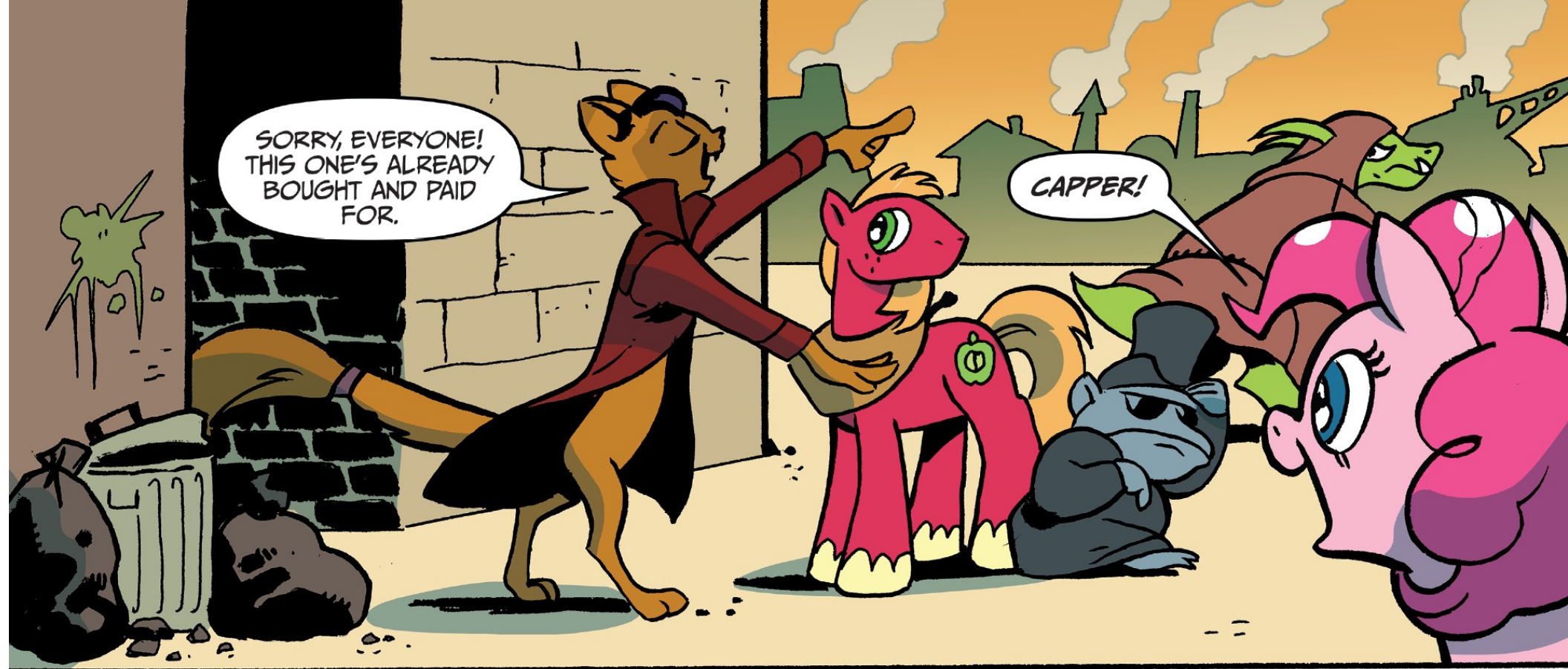
JUNK

OOOH. HOW MUCH FOR THE YOKE AROUND YOUR NECK? ARE YOU SELLING?

...NOPE?

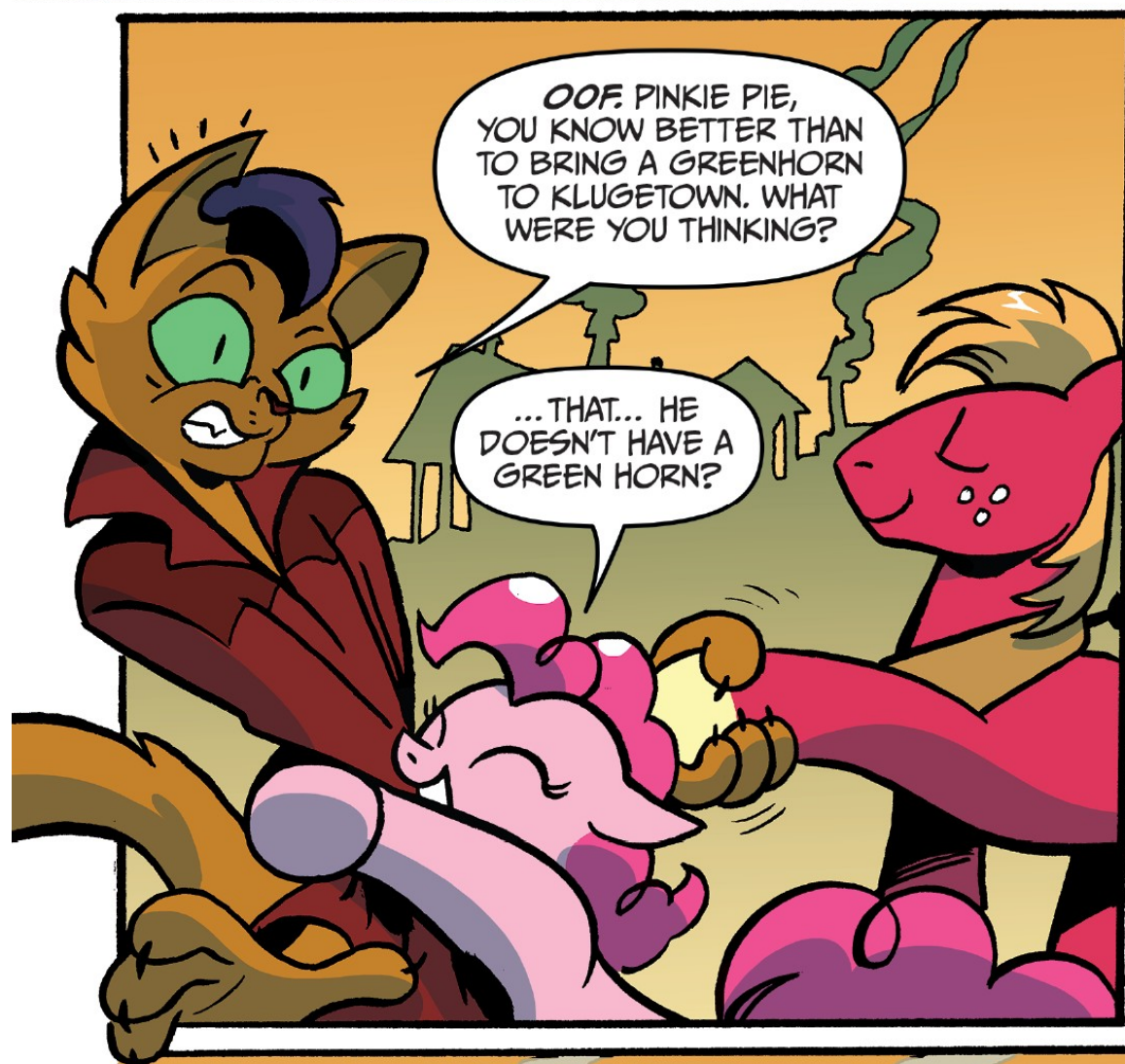
I'LL GIVE YOU THREE STORMBUCKS FOR THE HAIR. IT'LL LOOK BETTER ON ME ANYWAY.

...NOPE?



SORRY, EVERYONE!
THIS ONE'S ALREADY
BOUGHT AND PAID
FOR.

CAPPER!



OOF, PINKIE PIE,
YOU KNOW BETTER THAN
TO BRING A GREENHORN
TO KLUGETOWN. WHAT
WERE YOU THINKING?

... THAT... HE
DOESN'T HAVE A
GREEN HORN?



WHAT
BRINGS YOU
HERE?

GAASP



FIRST I BOUGHT A
LLAMA, AND THEN TWILIGHT
FOUND A FALLEN STAR—AND IT'S
PINK—AND IT'S PART OF A BIG
ASTRONOMICAL MYSTERY, AND IT MADE
OUR MAGICAL MAP ALL SHINY AND
POINTED US TO THE OTHER FALLEN
STARS ALL ACROSS EQUESTRIA,
AND NOW WE'RE ON A MISSION
TO FIND THEM ALL AND...



YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR
THIS?

YEP.

MGLPMHGLM...

IT'S FUNNY, IT LOOKS A LITTLE BIT LIKE THE TOP OF THE TROPHY FOR KLUGETOWN'S YEARLY MUCK MARATHON.

WHAT'S THAT? IT SOUNDS FUN!

IT'S BASICALLY THE ONLY ENTERTAINMENT WE HAVE OUT HERE. FOLKS RUN THROUGH ALL KINDS OF DISGUSTING, DANGEROUS THINGS, AND WHOEVER DOES IT THE FASTEST AND, WELL, SURVIVES, GETS THE TROPHY AND BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR A YEAR. IT'S TODAY.

WELL, THAT'S CONVENIENT.

46TH ANNUAL MUCK MARATHON

The MUCK MINER

LOST



SEE?

THAT'S IT. LET'S GRAB IT! MINE!



OH, YOU'RE ABOUT TO SAY SOMETHING NOBLE ABOUT HOW WE HAVE TO WIN IT, AREN'T YOU? YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD PONY, BIG MAC. I'LL GO SIGN US UP AS A TEAM RIGHT NOW.



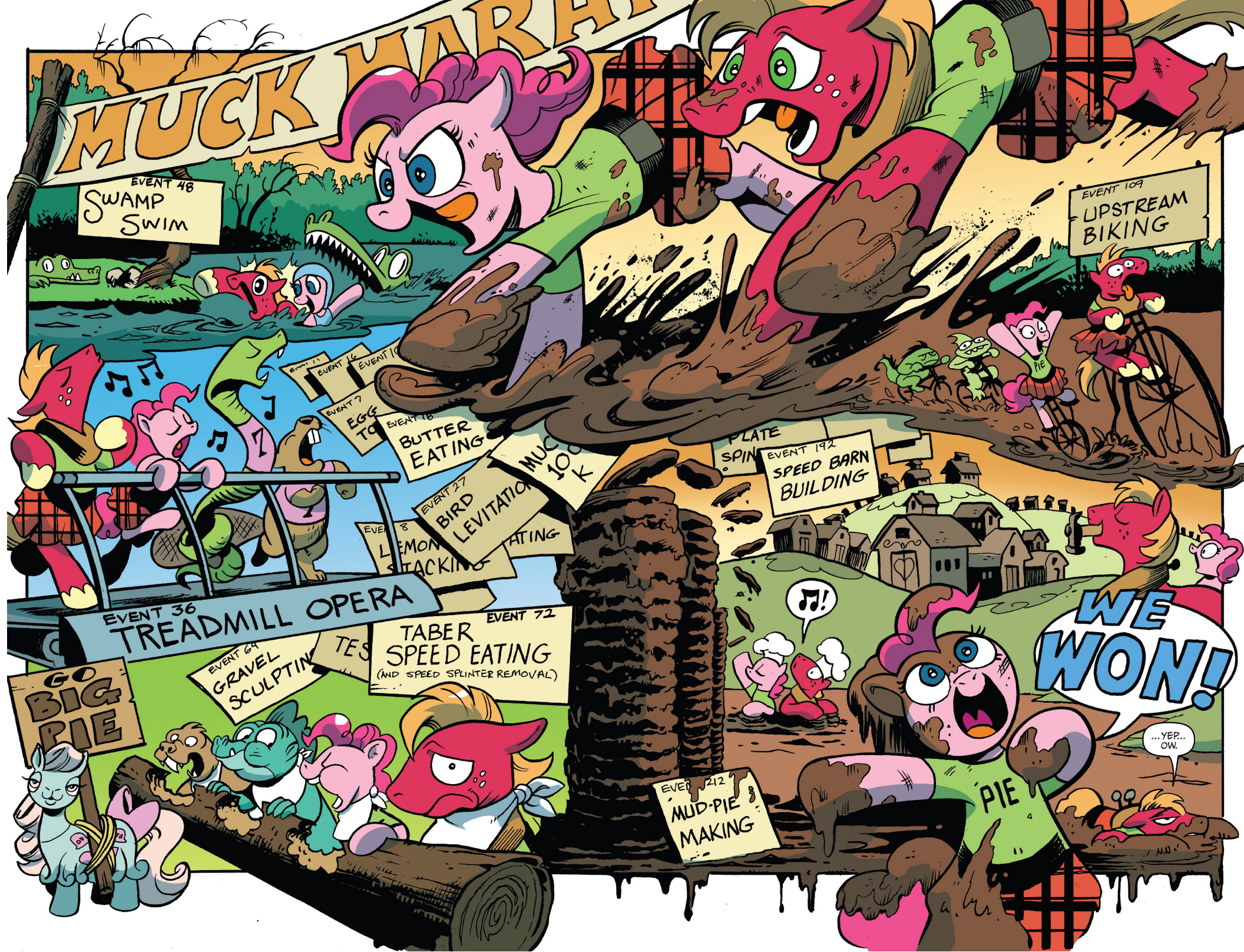
YOU WERE ABOUT TO SUGGEST HOW TO STEAL IT, WEREN'T YOU?

HEY, BIG MAC. LET'S CALL OUR TEAM "BIG PIE," OKAY?

MUCK!

OFFICE

REGISTRATION





OHHH, WHAT DO WE WIN?

...

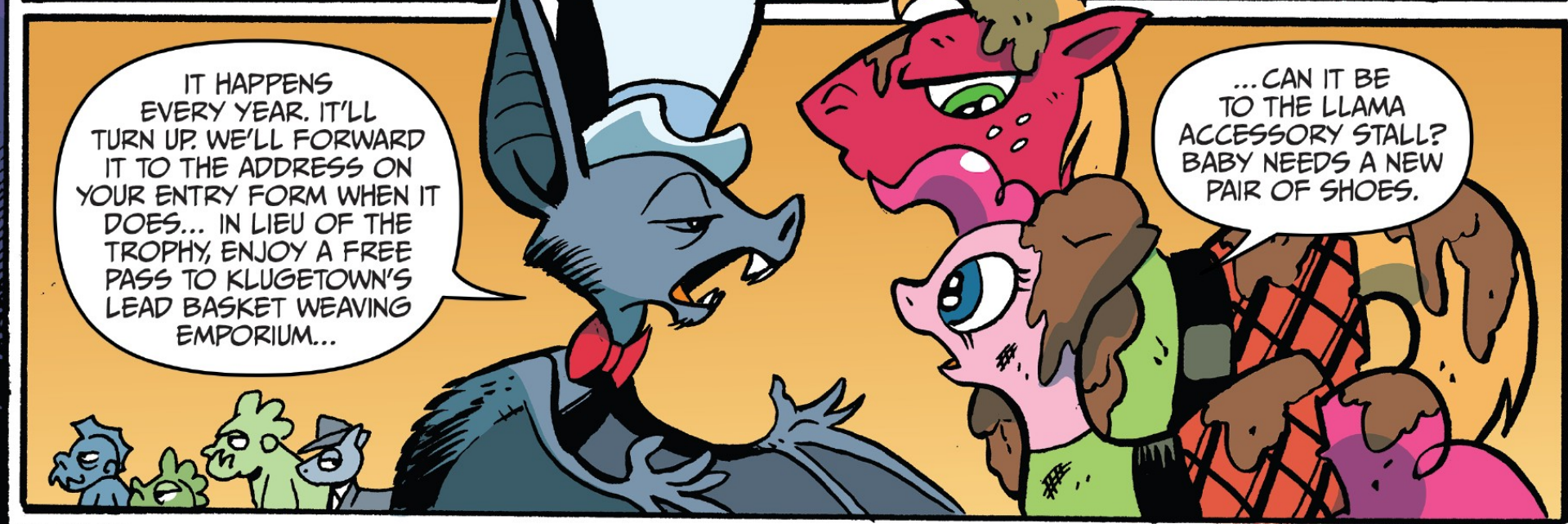


OH, RIGHT.



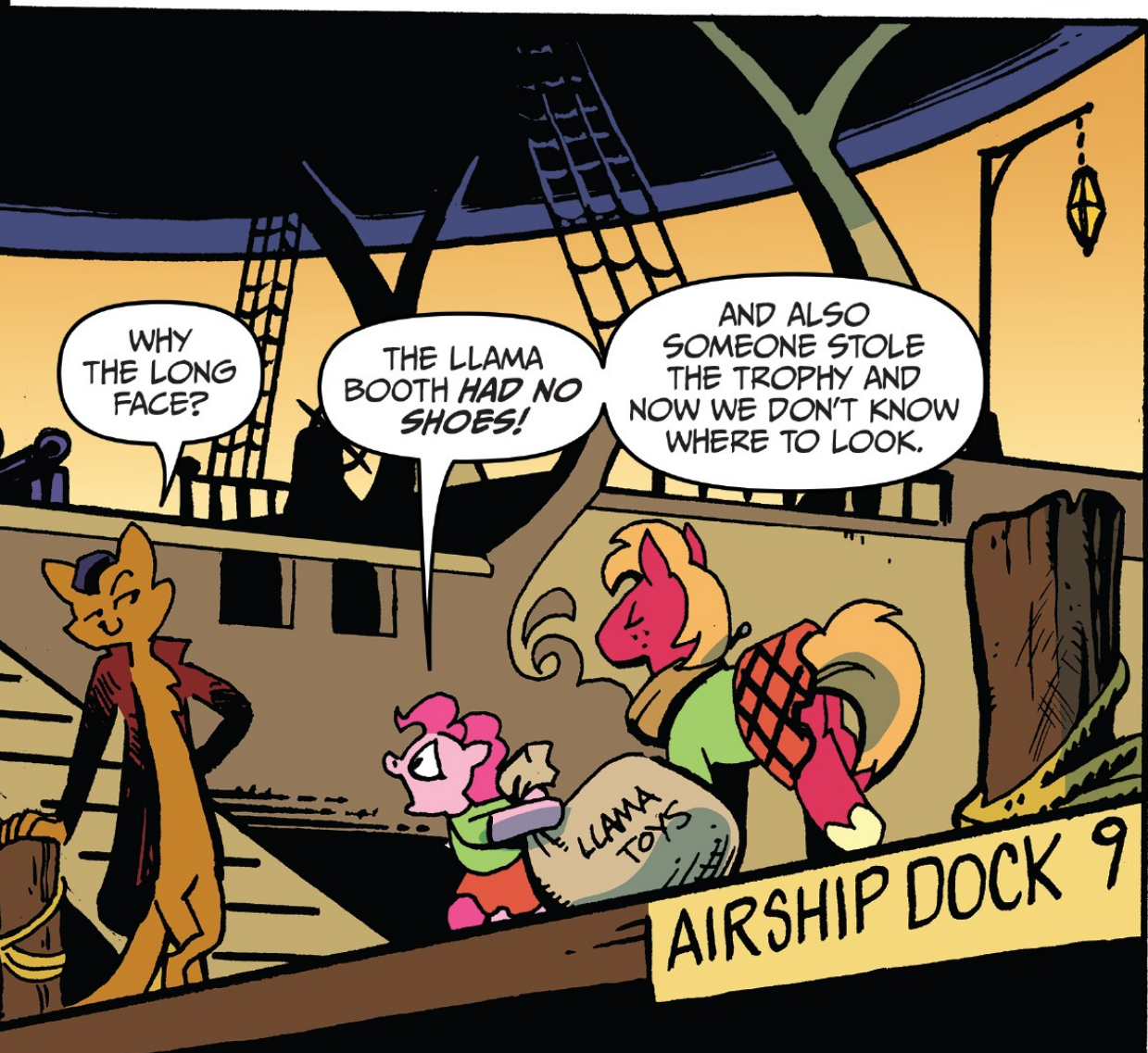
I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE "BIG PIE" ON THEIR WIN OF THIS YEAR'S MUCK MARATHON. THE TROPHY PRESENTATION HAS BEEN CANCELLED AS THE TROPHY HAS BEEN STOLEN... AGAIN.

WHAT?



IT HAPPENS EVERY YEAR. IT'LL TURN UP. WE'LL FORWARD IT TO THE ADDRESS ON YOUR ENTRY FORM WHEN IT DOES... IN LIEU OF THE TROPHY, ENJOY A FREE PASS TO KLUGETOWN'S LEAD BASKET WEAVING EMPORIUM...

... CAN IT BE TO THE LLAMA ACCESSORY STALL? BABY NEEDS A NEW PAIR OF SHOES.



WHY THE LONG FACE?

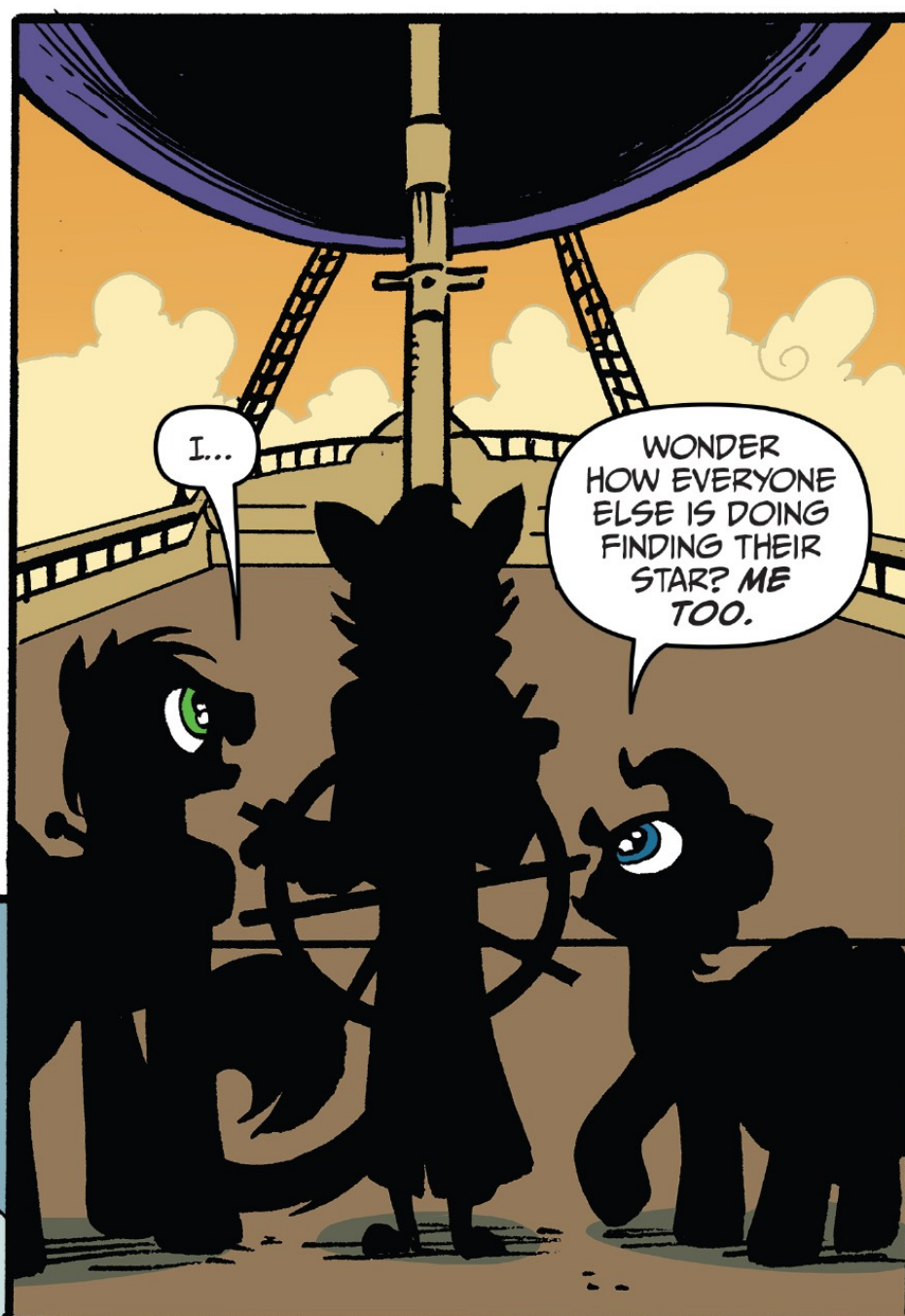
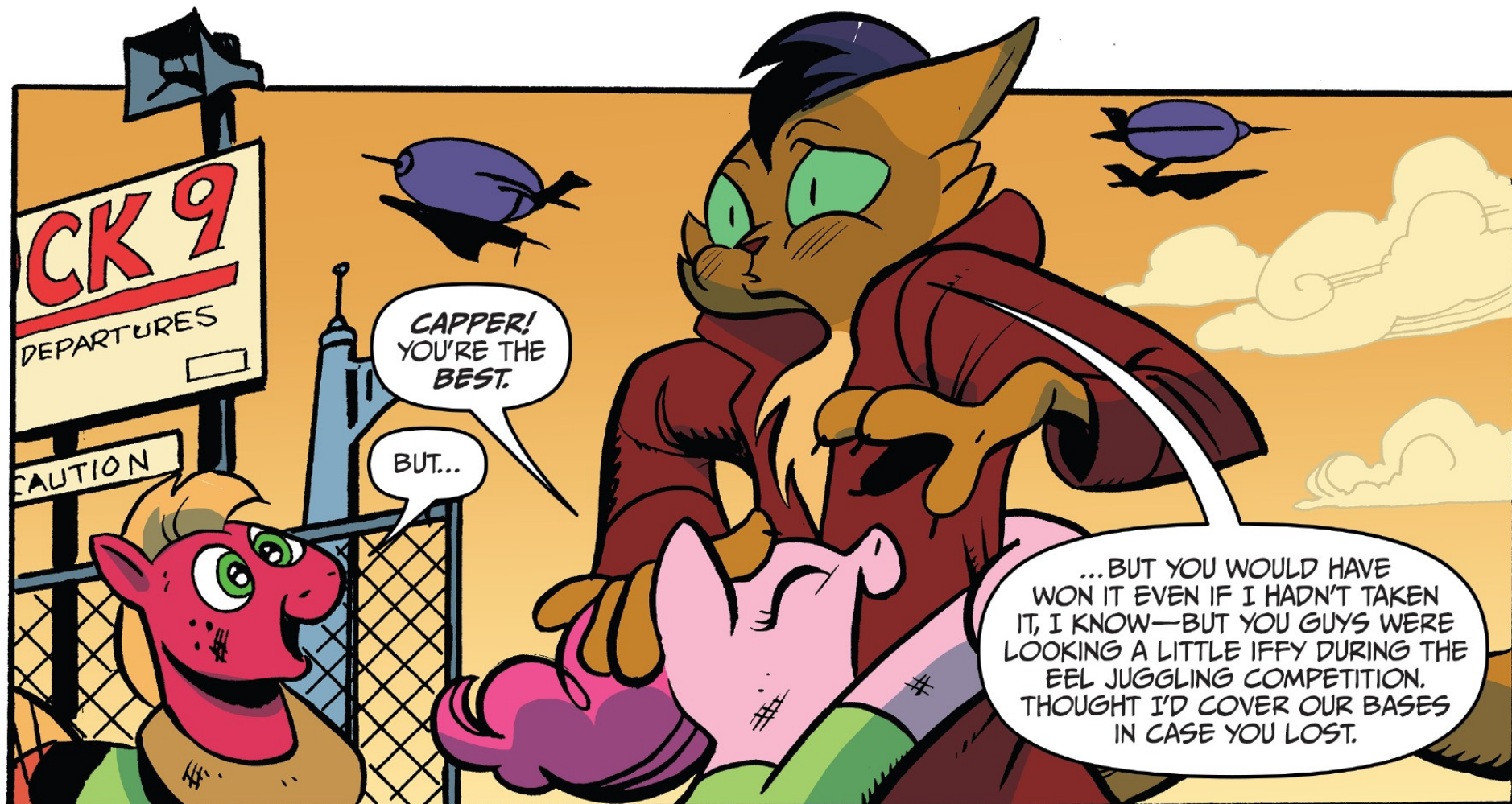
THE LLAMA BOOTH HAD NO SHOES!

AND ALSO SOMEONE STOLE THE TROPHY AND NOW WE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK.



WELL, YEAH. THAT WAS ME.

WAIT, DID YOU HONESTLY THINK I WASN'T GOING TO STEAL IT?

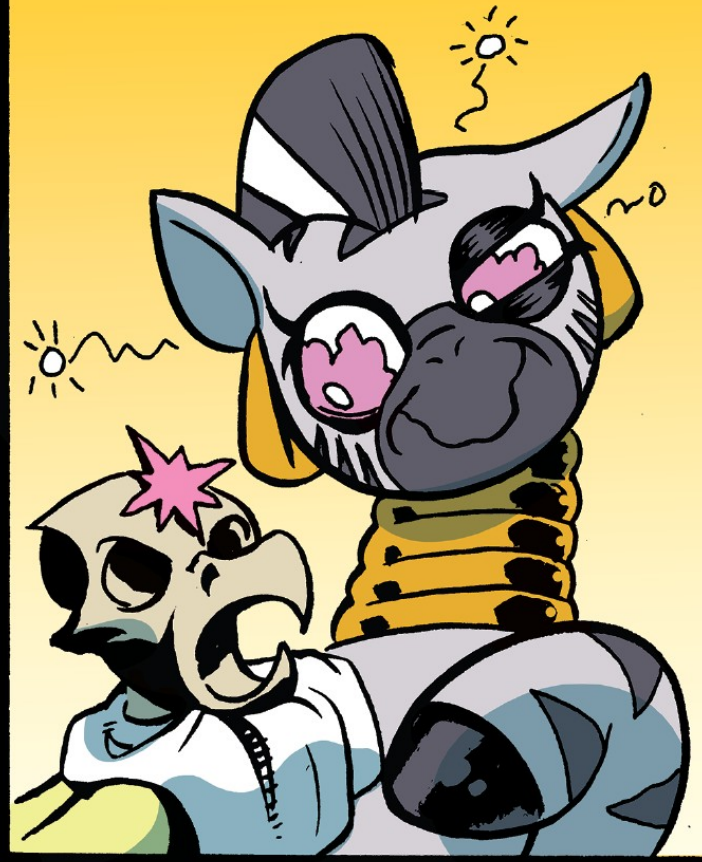


GRIFFONSTONE.

YOU KNOW, IT'S WEIRD THE GRIFFONS WERE SO KEEN TO GIVE US THIS THING.

IT'S PRETTY CREEPY. I'D WANT TO GET RID OF IT TOO.


AND I BOUGHT THIS SOUVENIR GRIFFONSTONE THIMBLE FOR RARITY'S COLLECTION! ODD THING FOR ONE TO COLLECT WITH NO THUMBS, I ALWAYS THOUGHT...



A BAD FEELING, I HAVE ABOUT THIS. IT IS SOMETHING I CANNOT DISMISS.

THIS RELIC HAS THE STRANGEST FEEL, NOW OFF TO CELESTIA FOR HER TO DEAL.

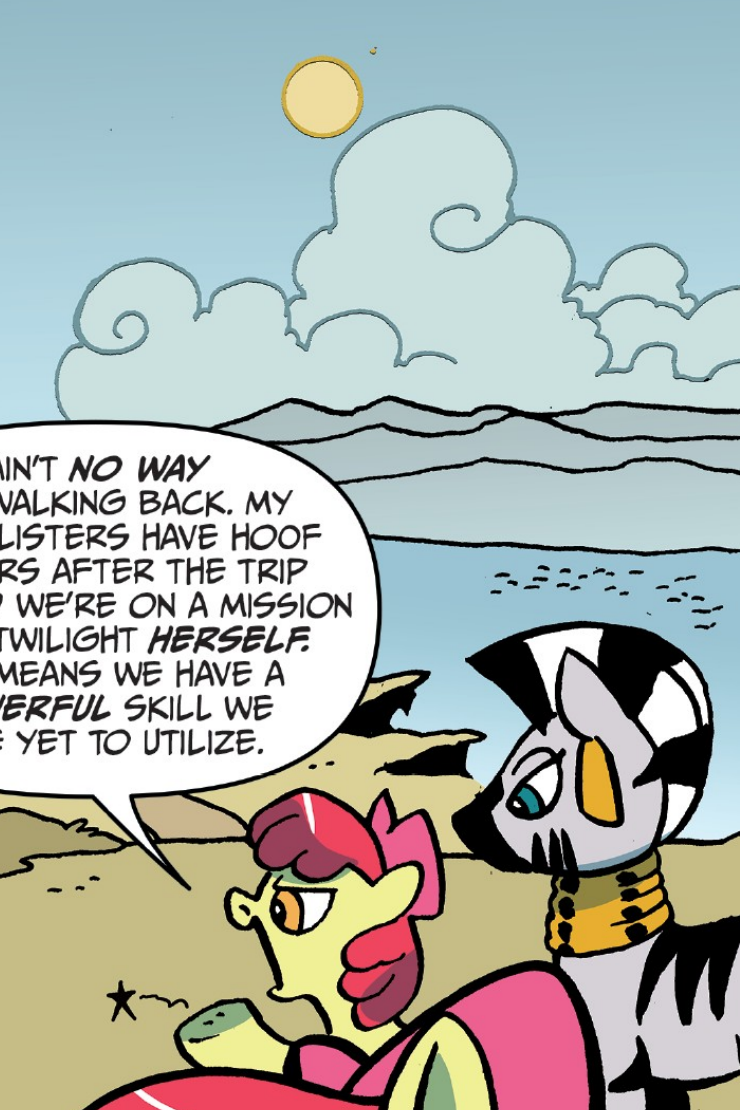




BEST NOT TO TOUCH AN UNKNOWN THING. YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT DANGERS IT MAY BRING.



WELL, I GUESS WE BETTER GET WALKING. IT'S A LONG TRIP HOME.




AIN'T NO WAY AH'M WALKING BACK. MY HOOF BLISTERS HAVE HOOF BLISTERS AFTER THE TRIP HERE. AND WE'RE ON A MISSION FROM TWILIGHT HERSELF. THAT MEANS WE HAVE A POWERFUL SKILL WE HAVE YET TO UTILIZE.




AND WHAT'S THAT?




THE POWER OF... NAME DROPPING!




EXCUSE US BUT WE ARE ON A VERY IMPORTANT MISSION FOR PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE, AND WE NEED TO GET BACK TO CANTERLOT RIGHT AWAY. DO YOU KNOW ANYPONY THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP FOUR WEARY OFFICIALLY DEPUTIZED PRINCESS HELPERS ON THEIR ROYAL TASK?



WOW! A CHANCE TO HELP OUT PRINCESS TWILIGHT? YOU BET I CAN HELP YOU. BOWIE HERE, TOO. CLIMB ON!



SURE, WHY NOT... NOTHING ELSE TO DO. JUST SOLD MY LAST THIMBLE.



OH, DON'T ACT LIKE YOU'RE NOT RELIEVED TO HAVE A RIDE BACK.



HEY, AN AIRSHIP! NEAT!



AND THEN THIS GRIFFON WAS ALL, "OH, THANK CELESTIA SOMEONY WANTS THAT ACCURSED THING"—AND HE GAVE IT TO US! HOW'D YOU GET YOURS? WHY IS THERE MUD IN YOUR MANE? WHY ARE YOU WEARING A SKIRT?



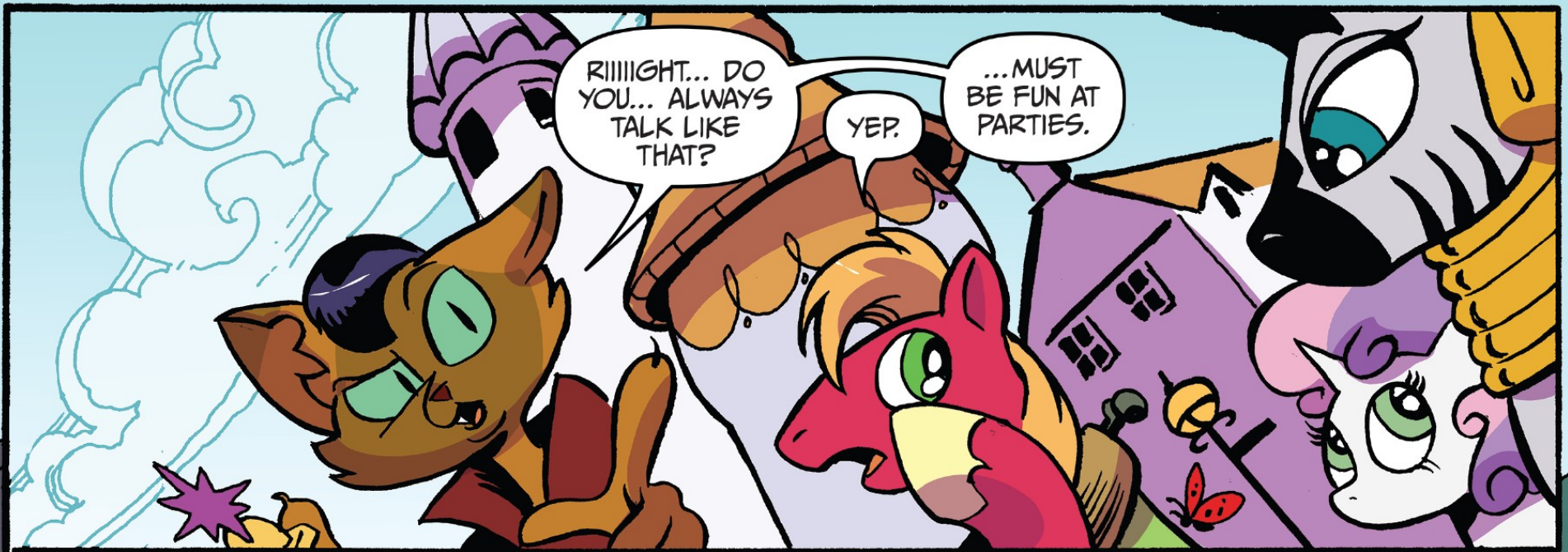
I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.

WE WON A RACE AND I GOT MY LLAMA A HAT. LOOK! PLUMAGE!



STARS, HUH? I BET YOU COULD GET A FORTUNE FOR THEM.

A PROFIT WOULD BE HIGH, I AGREE, BUT MONEY IS NOT THE GOAL—YOU KNOW WOE AND DANGER I FORESEE, SO UNDER LOCK AND KEY THEY SHOULD GO.



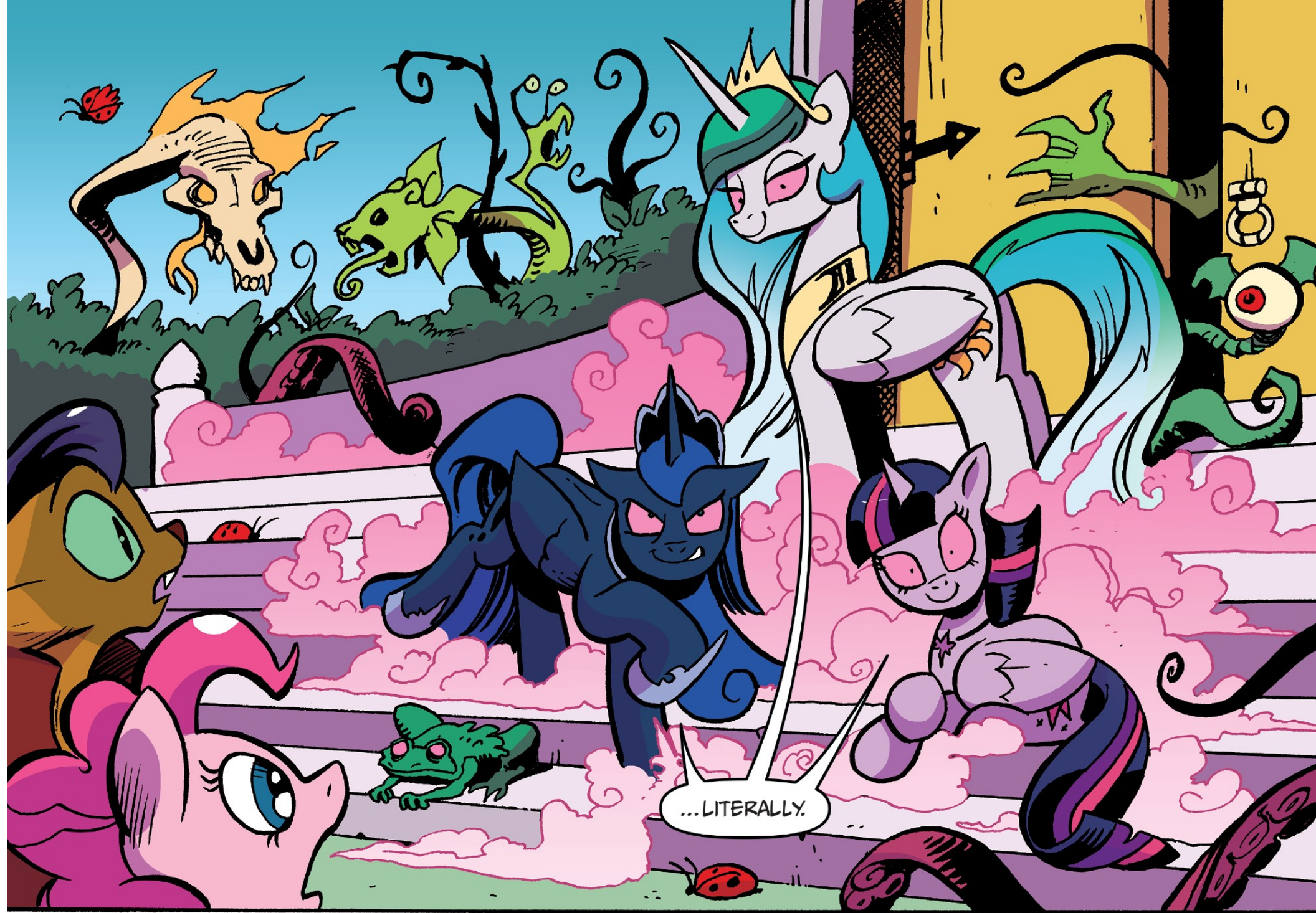
RIIIIGHT... DO YOU... ALWAYS TALK LIKE THAT?

YEP.

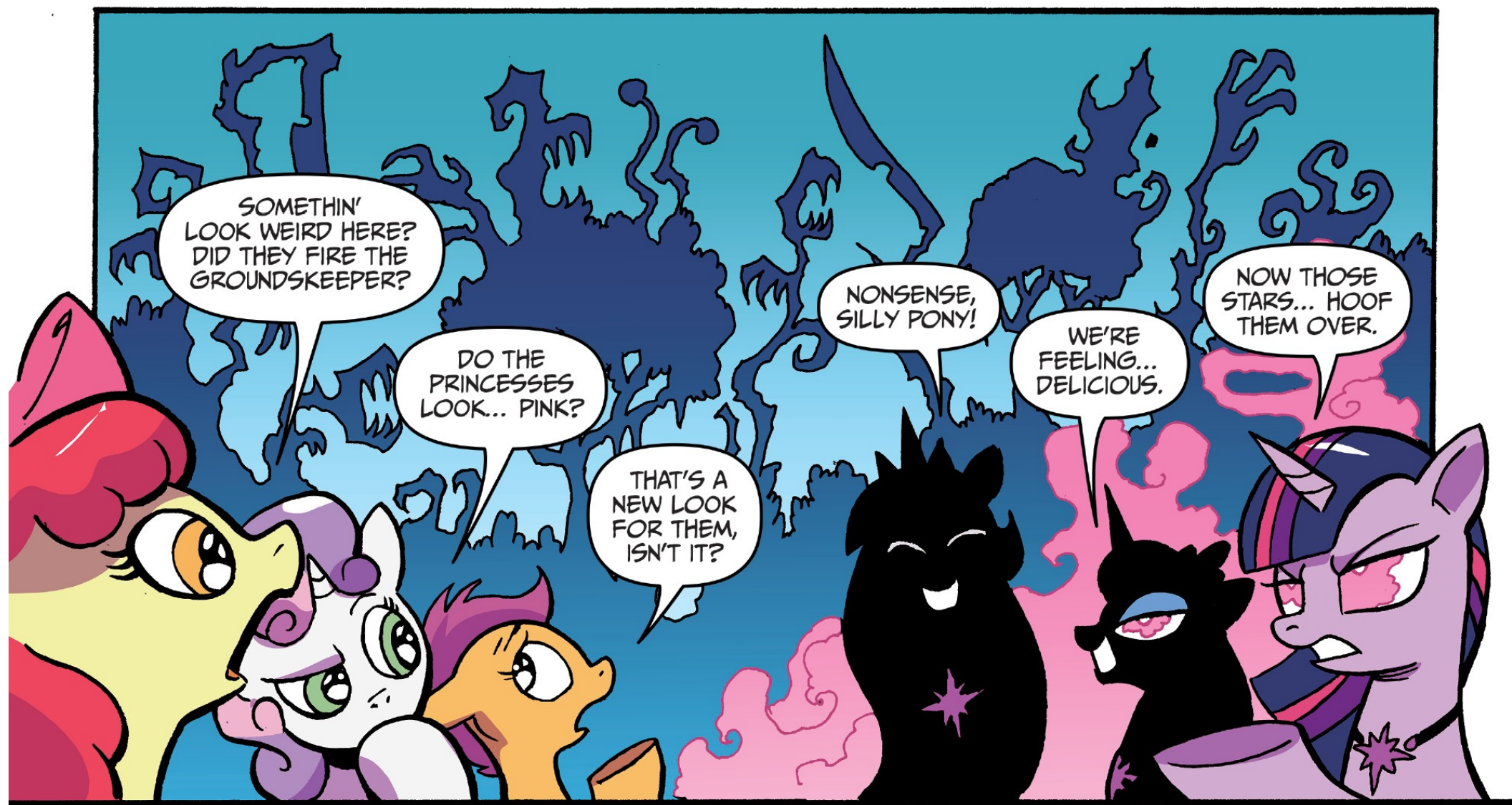
...MUST BE FUN AT PARTIES.



OH, MY STARS.



...LITERALLY.



SOMETHIN' LOOK WEIRD HERE? DID THEY FIRE THE GROUNDSKEEPER?

DO THE PRINCESSES LOOK... PINK?

THAT'S A NEW LOOK FOR THEM, ISN'T IT?

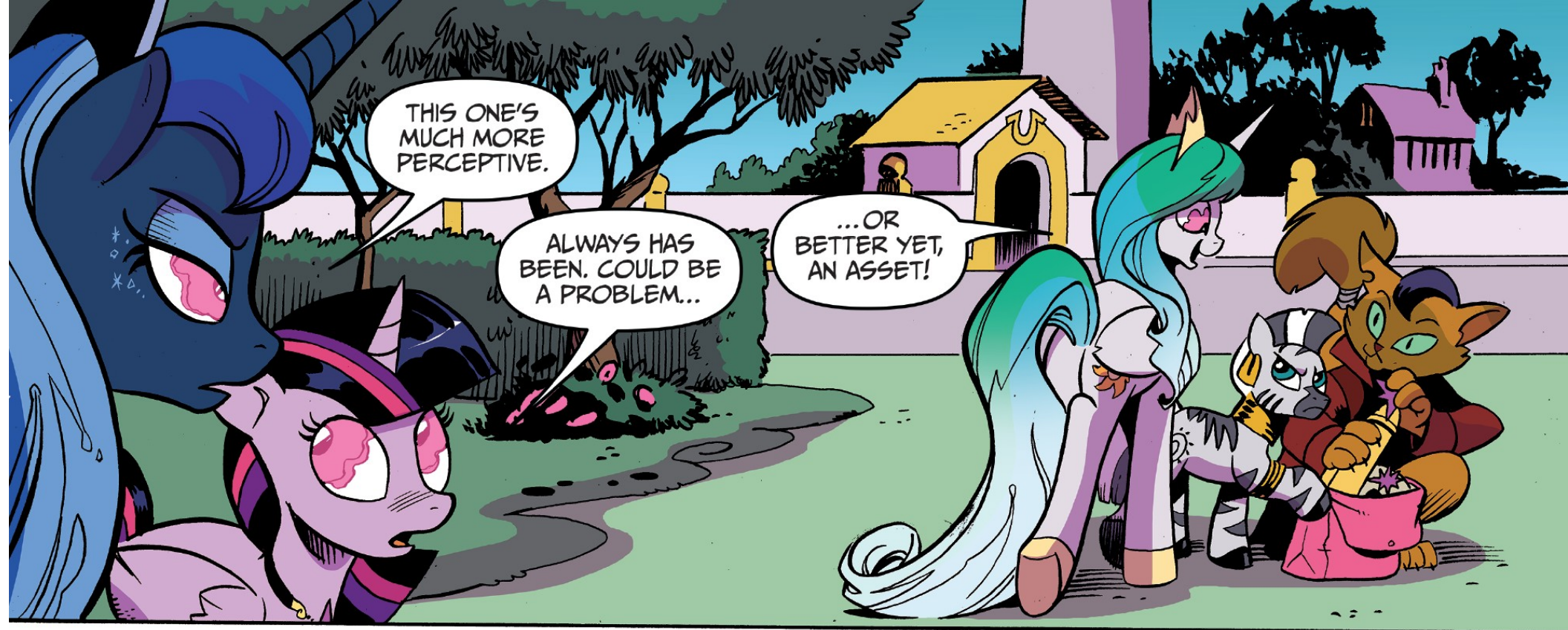
NONSENSE, SILLY PONY!

WE'RE FEELING... DELICIOUS.

NOW THOSE STARS... HOOF THEM OVER.



AS ALWAYS THEY APPEAR RADIANT, 'TIS TRUE, BUT MY DEAR CRUSADERS, SHARPEN YOUR VIEW. OBSERVE THE NECKLACE AND ITS CHARM— AS I FEARED I BELIEVE IT BRINGS THEM HARM.



THIS ONE'S MUCH MORE PERCEPTIVE.

ALWAYS HAS BEEN. COULD BE A PROBLEM...

...OR BETTER YET, AN ASSET!



YOU REALLY WANT TO GIVE US THOSE STARS. YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THIS THE HARD WAY.

I THINK THIS LOOKS EXTRAORDINARILY BAD. A BETTER DEFENSE IS WHAT I WISH I HAD.

HEY, NOW, STRETCH, I THINK STRIPES HERE IS JUST BEING A LITTLE CAUTIOUS...

...WENT THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE, YOU KNOW!



HERE YOU GO, LADIES. NO FUSS, NO MUSS.

NO! I—

YOU MUST BE THE BRAINS OF THE OUTFIT.



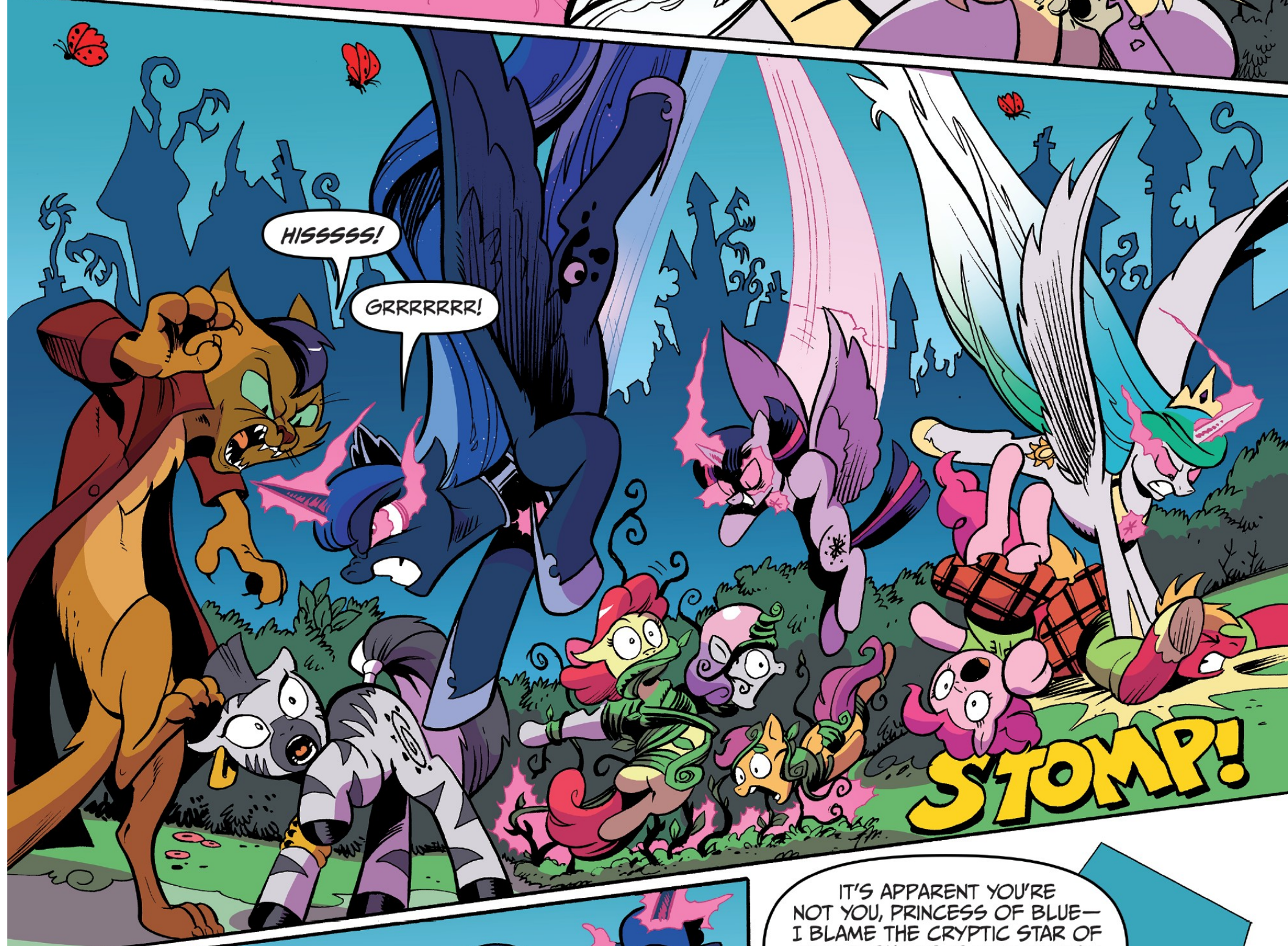
JUST WANNA SEE EVERYONE GET WHAT THEY DESERVE!



WHAT?!



YOU TRY AND MAKE A DUPE OUT OF ME?!



HISSESS!

GRRRRRRR!

STOMP!

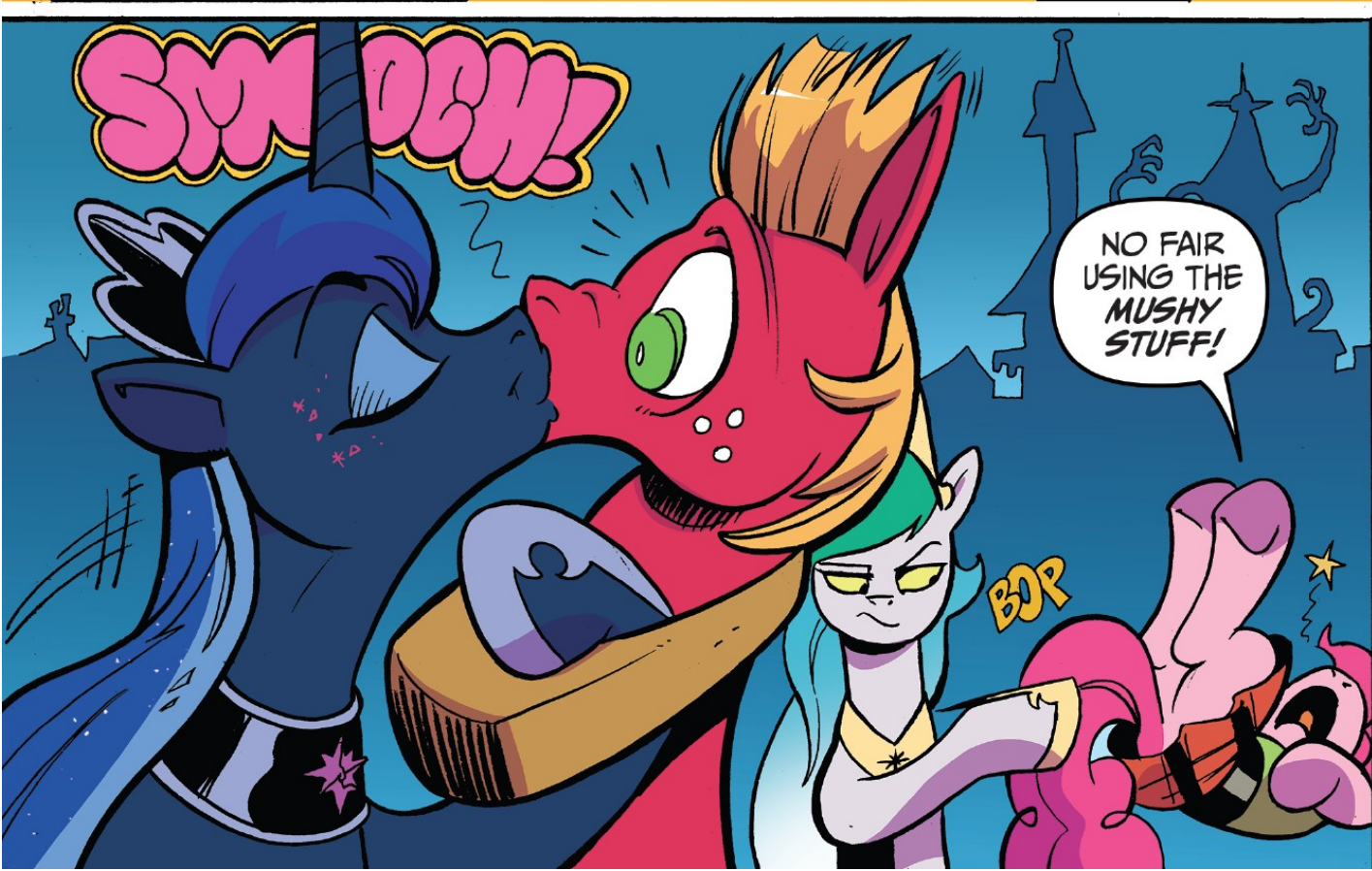
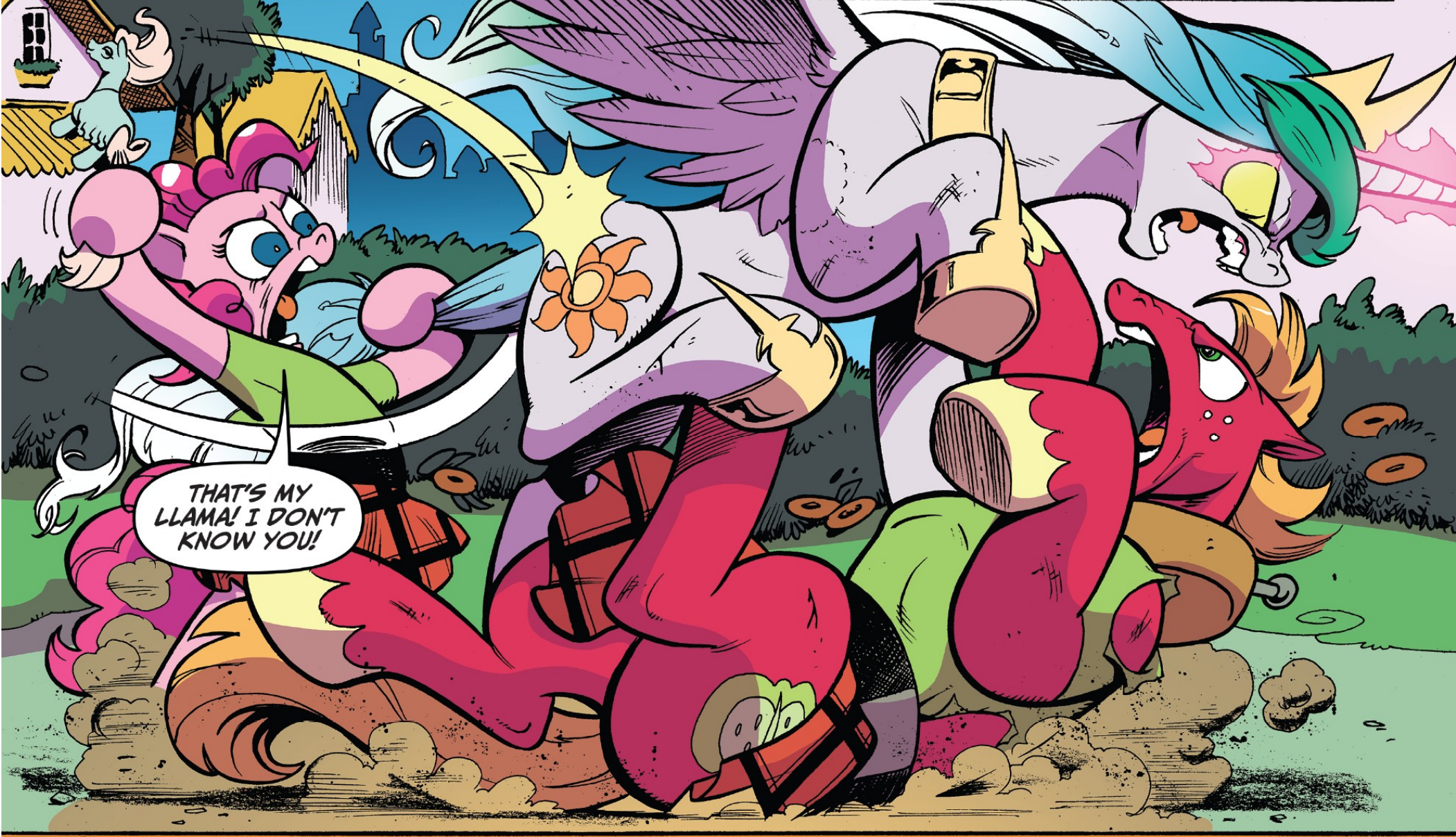
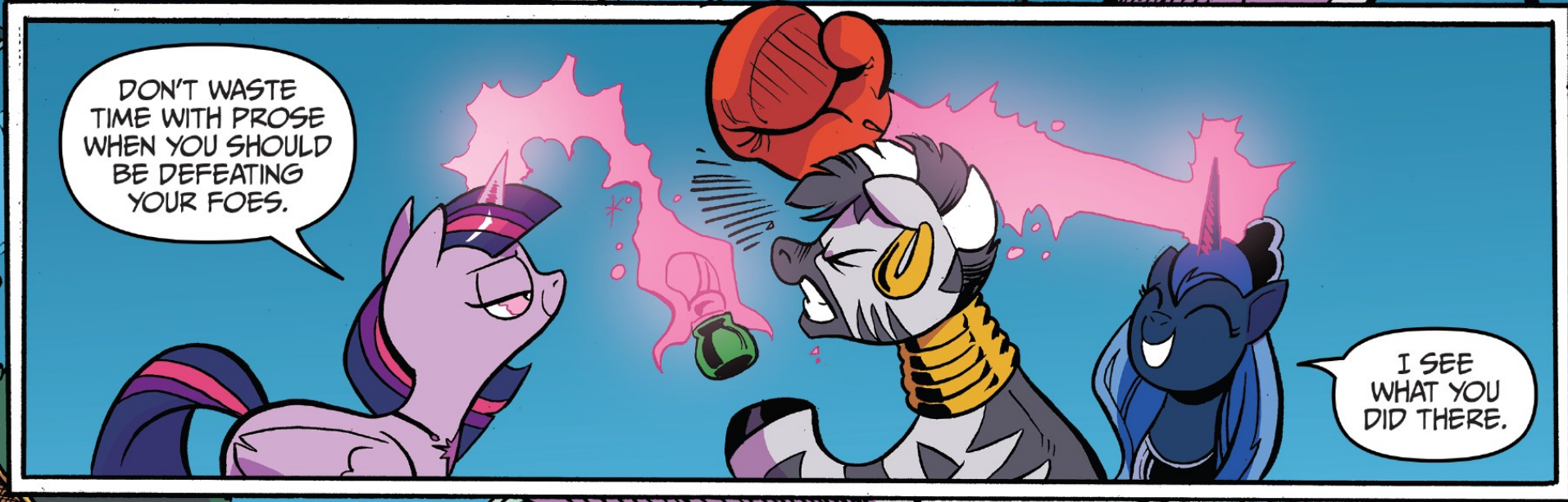


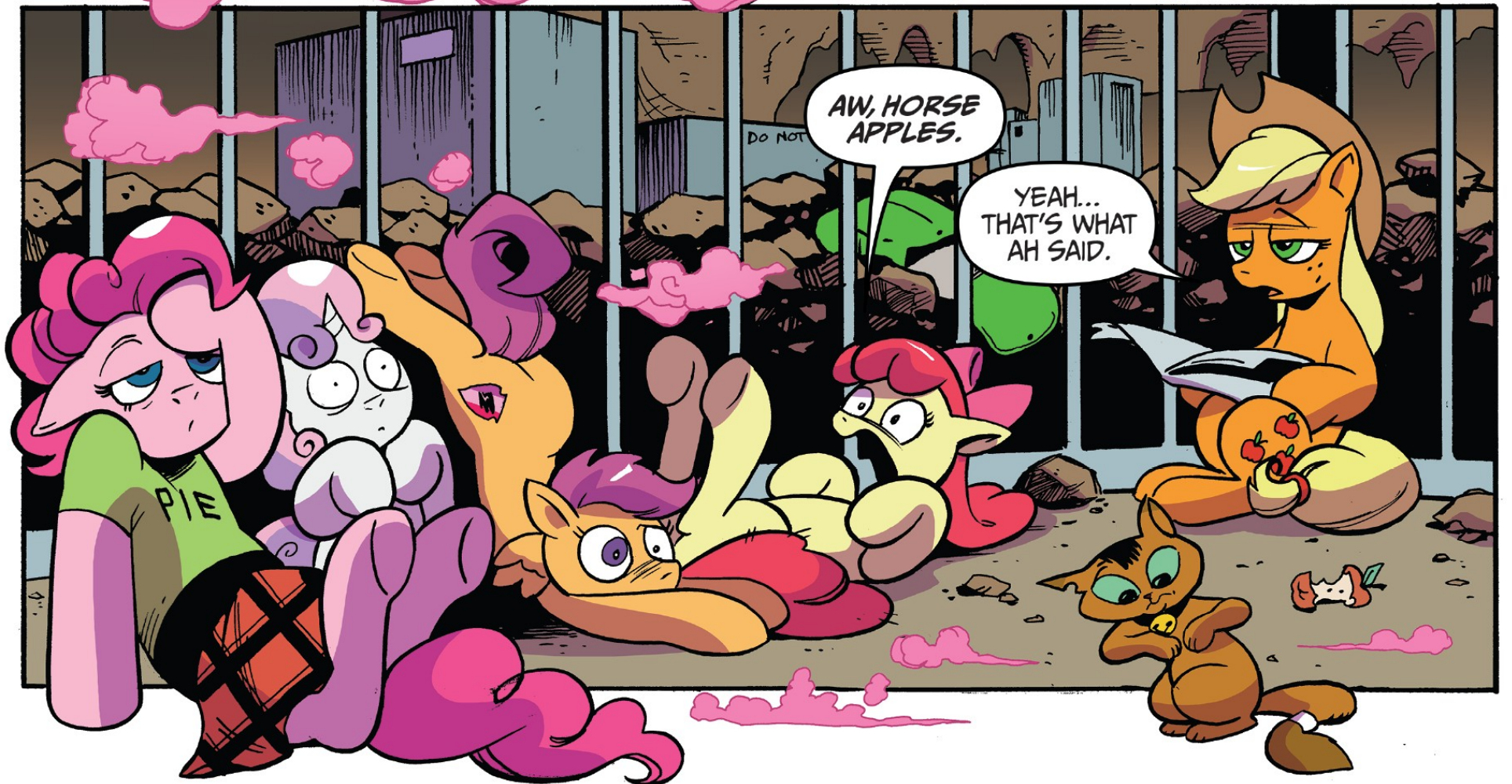
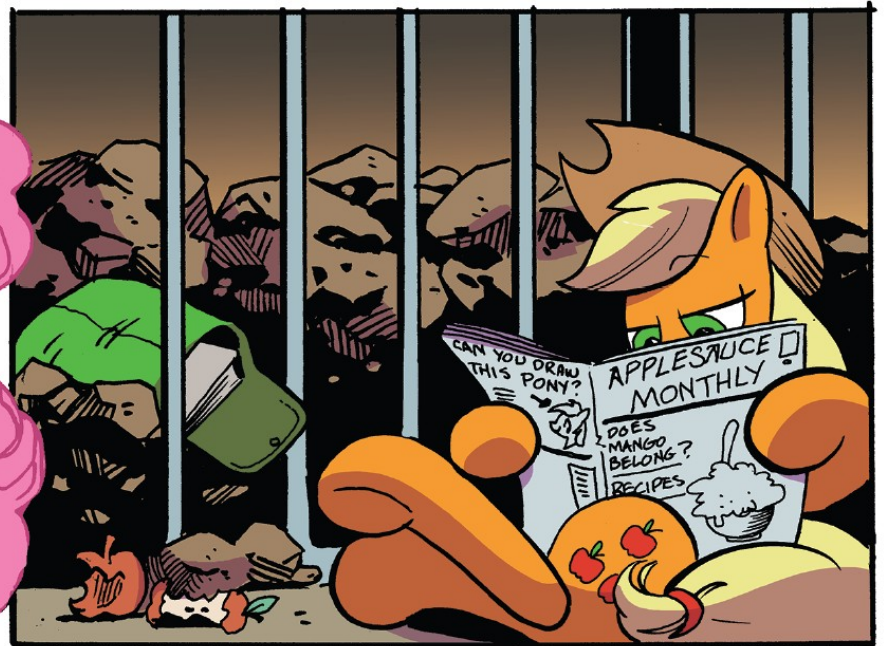
EEEK! ICK! OH, ICK! OH, DIRTY POOL!

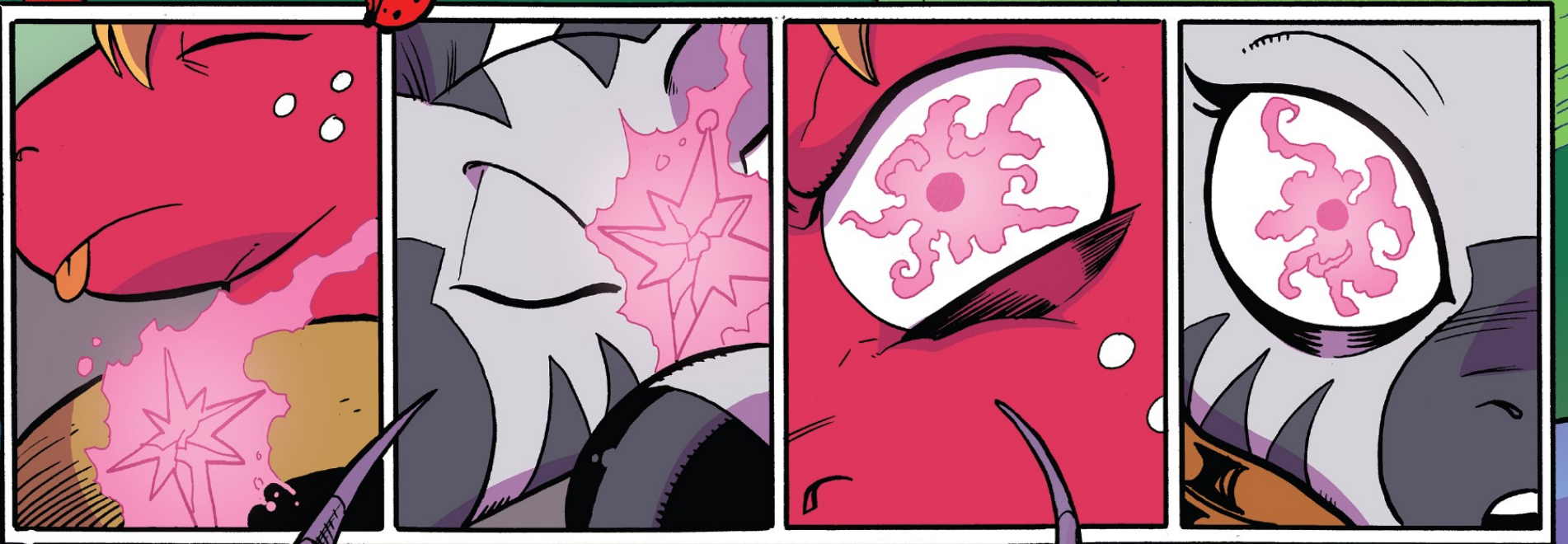
IT'S APPARENT YOU'RE NOT YOU, PRINCESS OF BLUE— I BLAME THE CRYPTIC STAR OF PINK. FIGHTING IS NOT MY WAY, I TURN TO VOODOO. THIS WILL CLEAR YOUR MIND AND HELP YOU THINK!



FROG'S BREATH







I FEEL SO MUCH MORE COMPLETE!

BUT I'M SO BORED WAITING FOR ALL THE STARS.

SAY, WHY DON'T WE HAVE SOME FUN AND...

...GO AND GET THE LAST ONE FOR OURSELVES?

YEP.

To be continued...