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SPACE.

THE BORING FRONTIER.

IT'S SO BORING IN SPACE. LOOK AT THIS, I'M TALKING TO MYSELF NOW.

THOSE FOOLS, TAKING ME AWAY FROM MY EQUESTRIA. AWAY FROM MY DISCORD.

OH! LOOK!

LOOK AT MY DARLING, SEARCHING FOR ME.

I'LL BE FREE OF MY STARRY PRISON ONE DAY, DEAREST. I JUST NEED TO BIDE MY TIME.

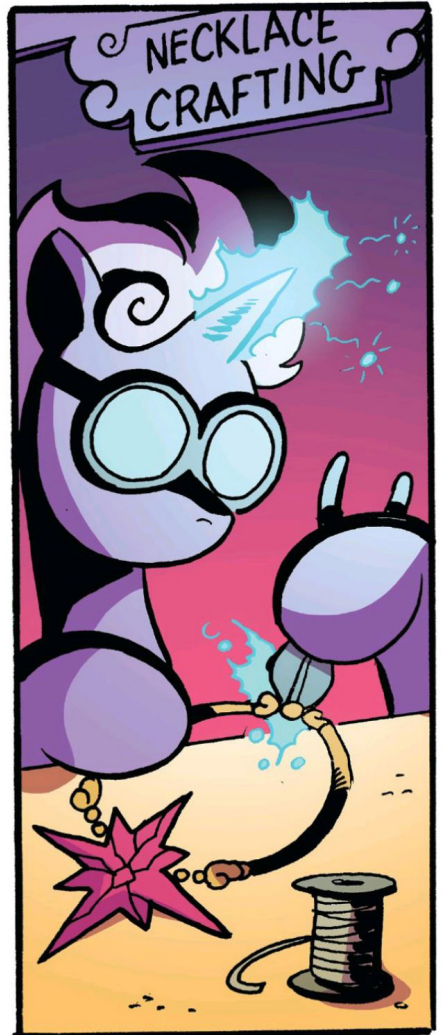
AND THEN... THEN, SWEETHEART...

WE'LL TEACH THEM ALL WHAT CHAOS REALLY IS!

WHAT'S THIS NOW?

FINALLY...

I'M COMING FOR YOU.





HELLO, DARLING.

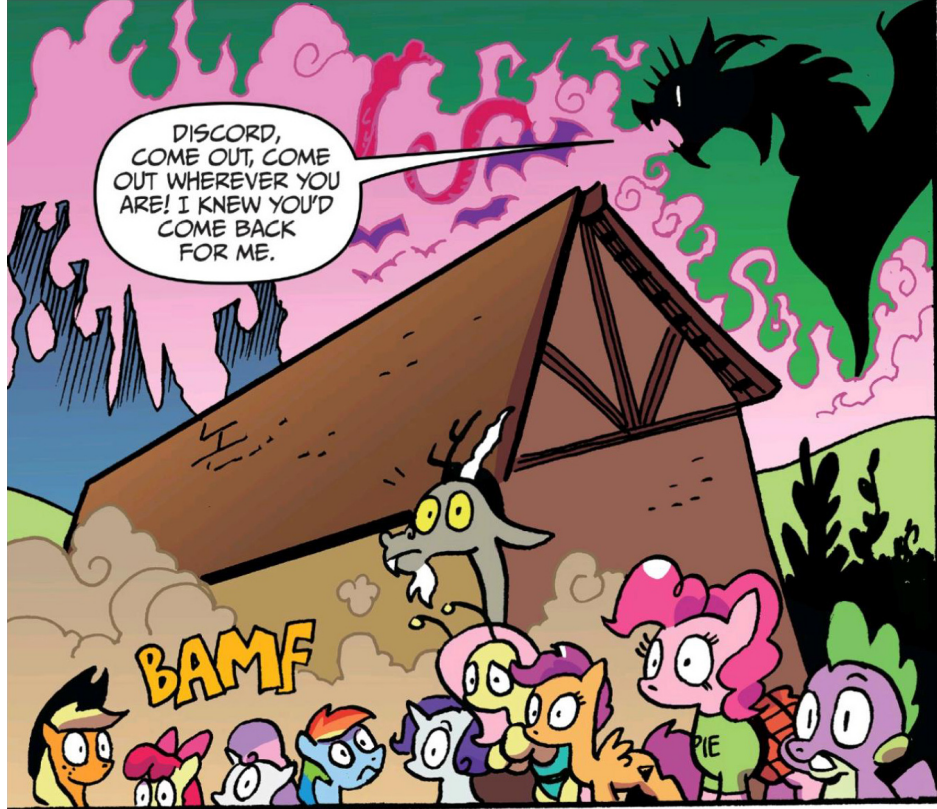
GOSMOS

EPISODE FIVE

I HATE MYSELF FOR HATING YOU

NEW PLAN.
REGROUP.

SNAP



DISCORD, COME OUT, COME OUT WHEREVER YOU ARE! I KNEW YOU'D COME BACK FOR ME.

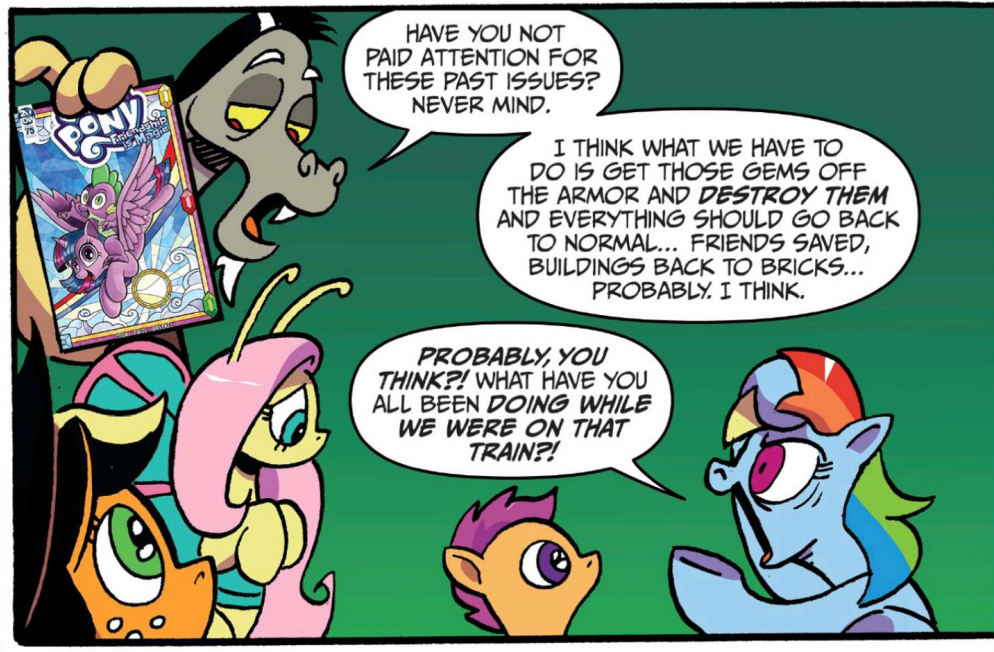
BAMF



HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DEFEAT HER WHEN SHE'S GOT ALL THOSE PONIES... WHAT? IN HER. AS PART OF HER? WHAT IS HAPPENING? WHY IS SHE SO BIG. I HATE EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS.



SHHH. SHE'LL HEAR YOU. DISCORD, WHO IS THAT CRAZY MONSTER AND WHY IS SHE LOOKING FOR YOU?



HAVE YOU NOT PAID ATTENTION FOR THESE PAST ISSUES? NEVER MIND.

I THINK WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS GET THOSE GEMS OFF THE ARMOR AND DESTROY THEM AND EVERYTHING SHOULD GO BACK TO NORMAL... FRIENDS SAVED, BUILDINGS BACK TO BRICKS... PROBABLY. I THINK.

PROBABLY, YOU THINK?! WHAT HAVE YOU ALL BEEN DOING WHILE WE WERE ON THAT TRAIN?!



DISCORD IS RIGHT... IT IS A LONG STORY.

AND I PROMISE TO ACT IT OUT FOR YOU WITH SOCK PUPPETS AND PROPS IF WE DO IT WHILE WE'RE LEAVING!



NO WAY. THIS IS MY FIRST REAL GIANT MONSTER ASSIGNMENT, AND I'M NOT BAILING!

YEAH, AH SAY THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO STEP IN HERE. ALL THE PRINCESSES ARE CAPTIVES, AND WE'RE THE ONLY ONES HERE WHO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON!



DISCORD. YOU ARE TRYING MY PATIENCE.



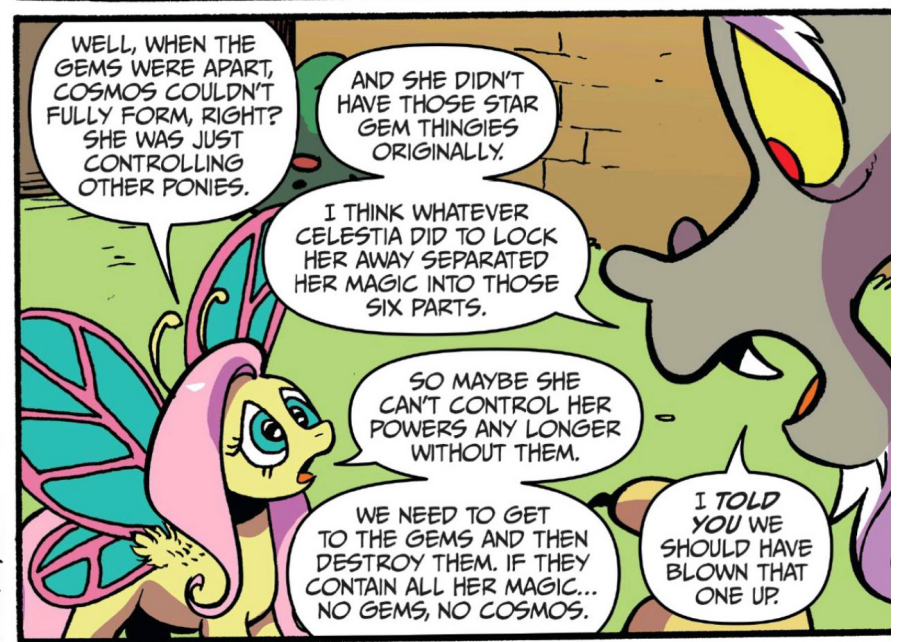
SAY, ABOUT THAT LEAVING IDEA... THE NOTION OF THE TROPICS HAD COME UP...

NO WAY! WE'RE GOING TO SAVE OUR FRIENDS AND SAVE EQUESTRIA... IT'S WHAT WE DO AT THE END OF EVERY SEASON!



SO THE GEMS ARE THE TARGETS. WE CAN TAKE THEM OUT.

AND THEN WHAT?



WELL, WHEN THE GEMS WERE APART, COSMOS COULDN'T FULLY FORM, RIGHT? SHE WAS JUST CONTROLLING OTHER PONIES.

AND SHE DIDN'T HAVE THOSE STAR GEM THINGIES ORIGINALLY.

I THINK WHATEVER CELESTIA DID TO LOCK HER AWAY SEPARATED HER MAGIC INTO THOSE SIX PARTS.

SO MAYBE SHE CAN'T CONTROL HER POWERS ANY LONGER WITHOUT THEM.

WE NEED TO GET TO THE GEMS AND THEN DESTROY THEM. IF THEY CONTAIN ALL HER MAGIC... NO GEMS, NO COSMOS.

I TOLD YOU WE SHOULD HAVE BLOWN THAT ONE UP.



GET THE GEMS. GOT IT. BUT HOW DO WE GET RID OF THEM?

IT TOOK THE COMBINED MAGICS OF SIX POWERFUL BEINGS AND THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY TO STOP HER. THE PRINCESSES LOCKED HER AWAY IN THE SKY... BUT WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A PRINCESS.

NO... WE DON'T HAVE A PRINCESS...



BUT WE DO HAVE A DRAGON.

HUH?



SPIKE, DEAR, ARE YOU HUNGRY?

ALWAYS. HAVE YOU MET ME?



OKAY, WHO HAS A PLAN?

OOH! I DO. PICK ME.



I WOULD LIKE IT ON RECORD THAT I WOULD PREFER IF APPLEJACK CAME UP WITH A PLAN.

I SECOND THAT.

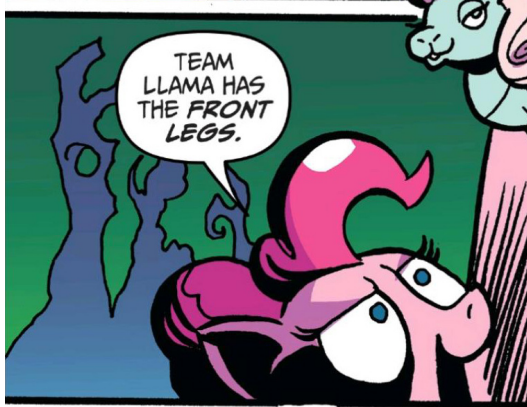
THIRD. YOUR PLANS ALWAYS INVOLVE MASCOT SUITS OR BUCKETS OF FROSTING.



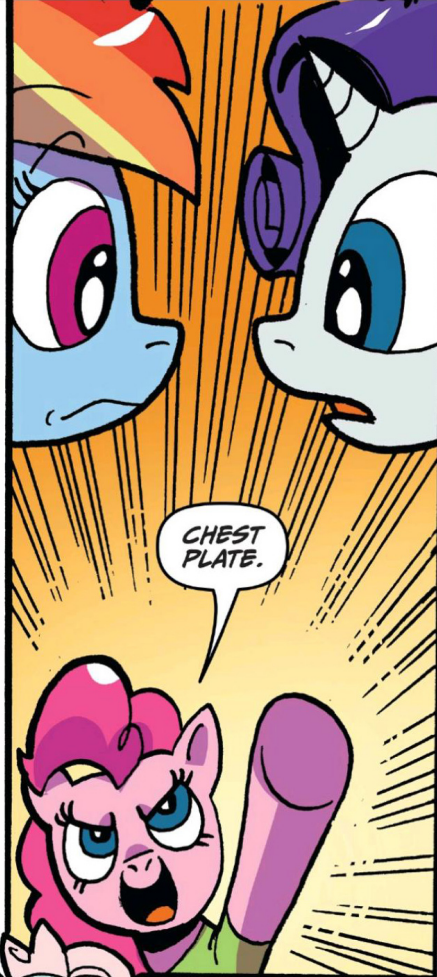
NO, I GOT THIS. TEAM UP.



BACK LEGS.



TEAM LLAMA HAS THE FRONT LEGS.



CHEST PLATE.



OH, BY THE NAME OF ALL THAT'S HOLY, SHE'S TEAMING UP WITH THE LLAMA.

AND ME?



HEAD.

YOU MEAN THE HELMET?



GROUND PATROL. YOU FOLLOW BEHIND AND GET READY FOR SOME TAKEOUT.

YES!



WELL, LET'S TALK ATTACK FORMATION...

NOPE. THAT'S NOT FIGHTING CHAOS WITH CHAOS! LET'S JUST GO.

WHAT? PINKIE, NO.

DID I MENTION THE TROPICS?



I'M IN COMMAND. I COULD ORDER THIS.

YOU'RE NOT IN COMMAND.

BUT I'M NOT... BECAUSE DISCORD IS RIGHT IN POINTING OUT THE ENORMOUS DANGER POTENTIAL IN ANY CONTACT WITH LIFE AND INTELLIGENCE AS FANTASTICALLY ADVANCED AS THIS.

BUT I MUST POINT OUT THAT THE POSSIBILITIES, THE POTENTIAL FOR KNOWLEDGE AND ADVANCEMENT, ARE EQUALLY GREAT. RISK. RISK IS OUR BUSINESS.

RIGHT. SO—

AYE, FIGHT AND YOU MAY SUFFER. RUN, AND YOU'LL LIVE—AT LEAST A WHILE. AND LYING IN YOUR BEDS MANY YEARS FROM NOW, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO TRADE ALL THE DAYS FROM THIS DAY TO THAT FOR ONE CHANCE, JUST ONE CHANCE, TO COME BACK HERE AND TELL OUR ENEMIES THAT THEY MAY TAKE OUR LIVES, BUT THEY'LL NEVER TAKE... OUR FREEDOM!

IS SHE DONE?

WAIT FOR IT.

WE WILL NOT GO QUIETLY INTO THE NIGHT! WE WILL NOT VANISH WITHOUT A FIGHT! WE'RE GOING TO LIVE ON!

WE'RE GOING TO SURVIVE! TODAY WE CELEBRATE OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY!

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN!

WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?



WELL, HER PLAN IS INSANE, BUT THE SPEECH SELLS IT.

WE'RE OUT OF TIME TO COME UP WITH ANYTHING ELSE, ANYWAY.



DARLING!



SWEETNESS,
COME HERE AND SEE
WHAT I'VE MADE
FOR US.

PINKIE, IF WE LIVE
THROUGH THIS, WE ARE
GOING TO HAVE A LONG
TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU
JUST DID.

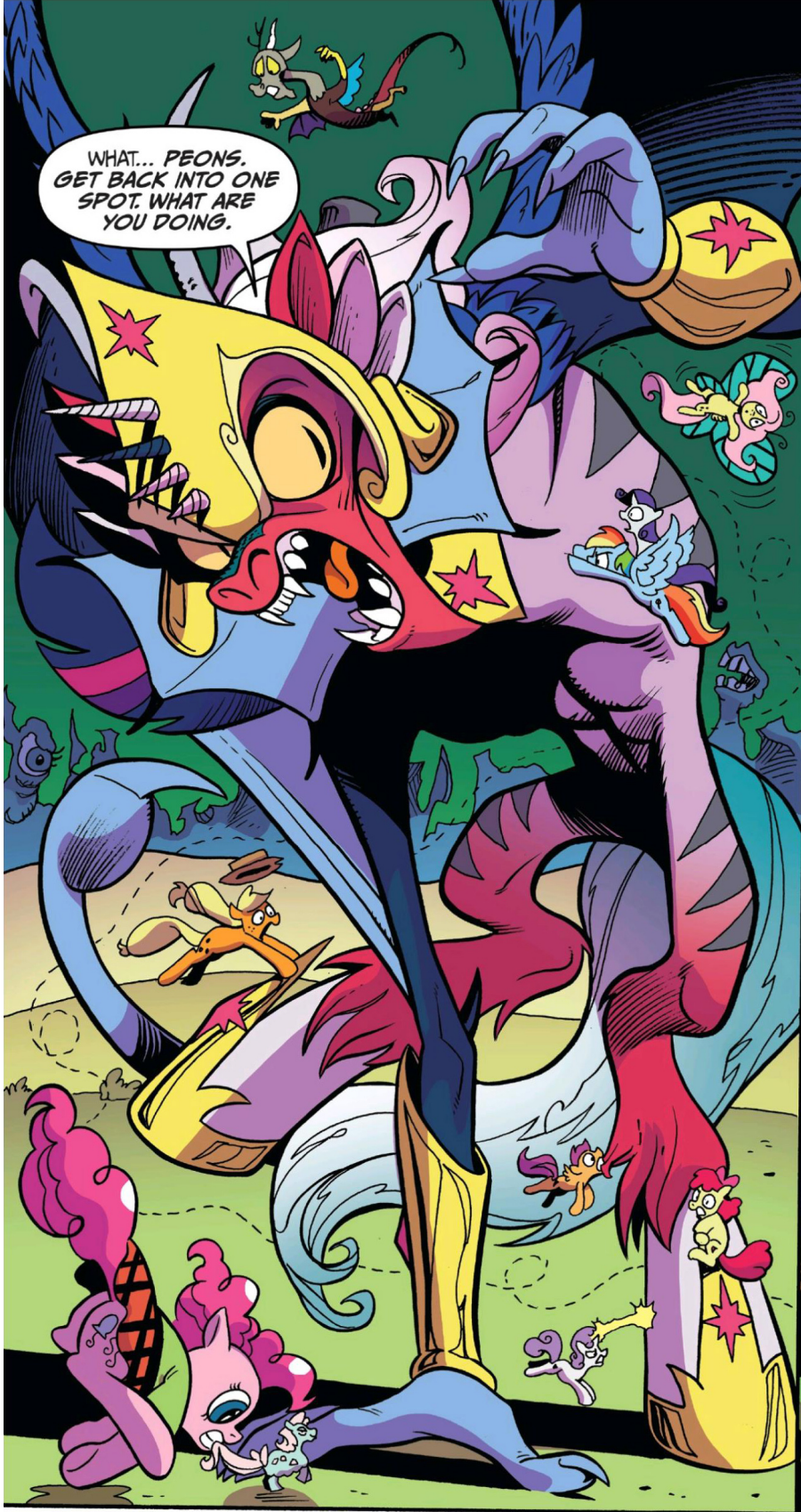


CAN'T HEAR YOU!
RUSHING TOWARD
DANGER TO SAVE
THE DAY!

OH YES, LET'S
RUN TOWARD THE
GIANT MONSTER IN A
BLIND PANIC AND SEE
WHAT HAPPENS.

THAT'S THE
PLAN!

I WAS BEING
SARCASTIC.





I'LL TAKE THE RIGHT, YOU THREE TAKE THE LEFT!

IS THAT MY LEFT OR HER LEFT? THAT'S LIKE STAGE LEFT, RIGHT?

GAH. JUST TAKE THE ONE I DON'T.

SWEET MOTHER of APPLESAUCE



DON'T FORGET LLAMA.

NO PONY LEFT BEHIND!

GAH. I CAN'T BELIVE I'M DOING THIS.

OOH! THIS ONE HAS A NICE HINT OF OAK!



BON APPLE-TEETH!

I DON'T THINK YOU'RE SAYING THAT RIGHT.



IMPUDENT BUGS. ENJOY YOUR NEW LIFE AS A PONY CAROUSEL.

ABSOLUTELY NOT, BUT DROP ME ANYWAY.

READY?



MY HAIR!



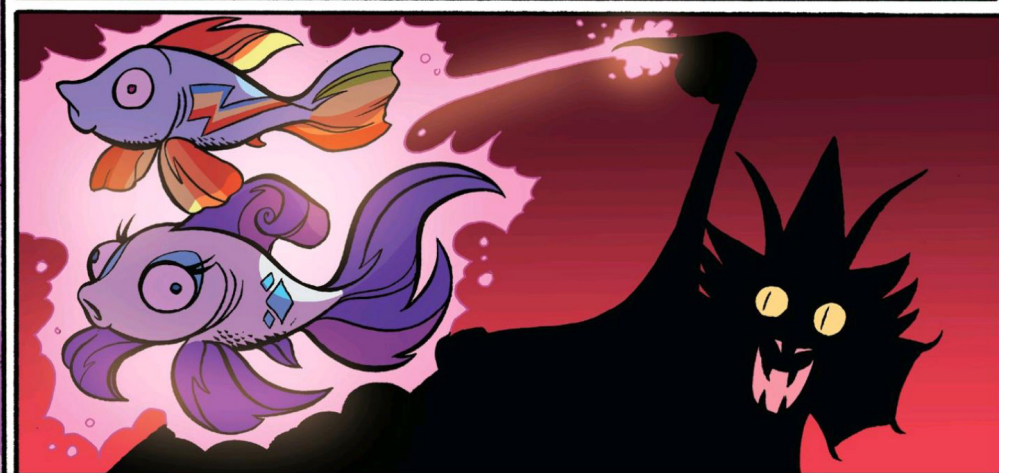
I TOLD YOU A PRONG SETTING WAS THE WORST CHOICE.

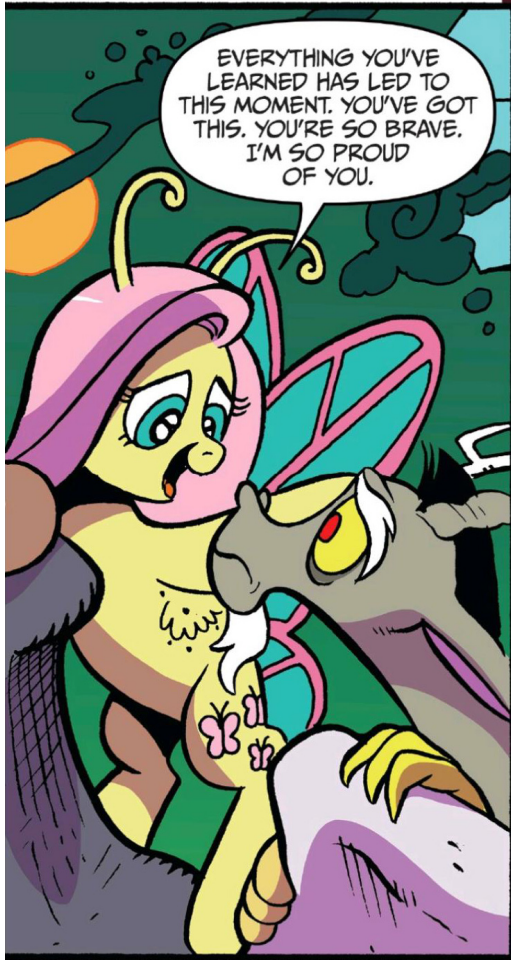


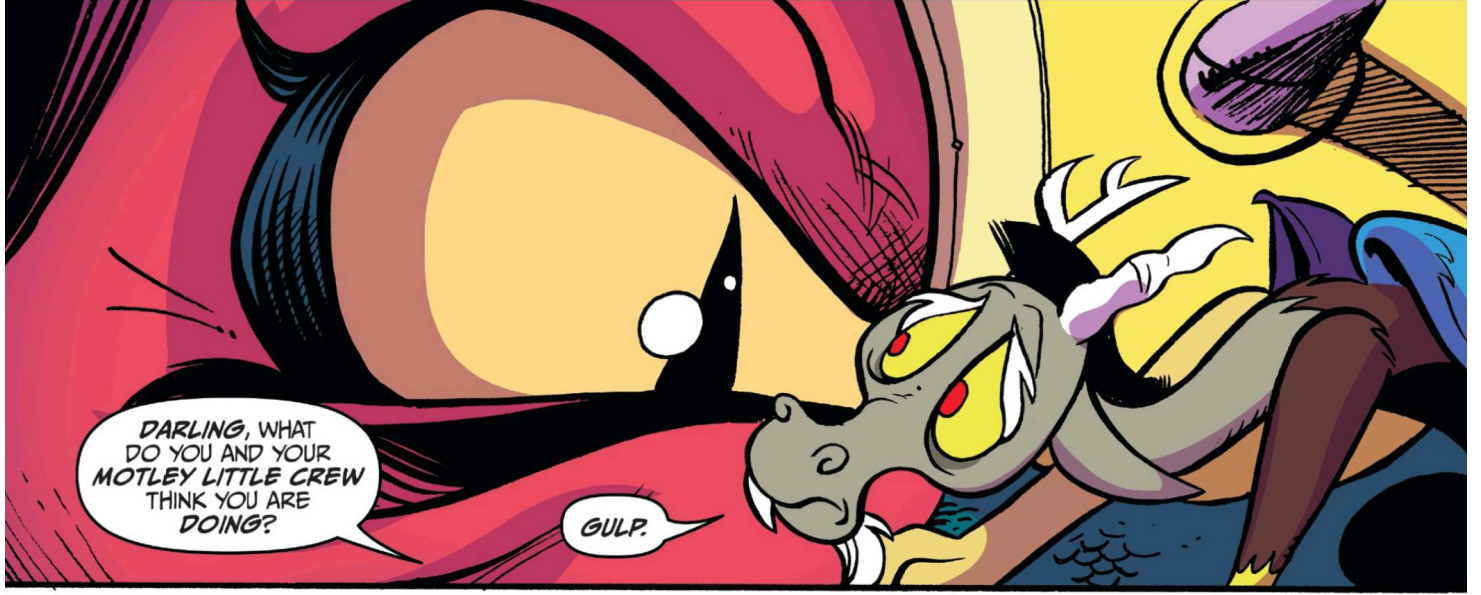
RARITY!



CATCH!







DARLING, WHAT DO YOU AND YOUR MOTLEY LITTLE CREW THINK YOU ARE DOING?

GULP.



COSMOS... THIS IS IT FOR YOU. YOU'RE DONE. PUT EVERYTHING BACK THE WAY IT WAS, OR I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DESTROY THIS LAST PIECE OF YOU. PLEASE.

OH, DEAREST, I KNEW YOU CARED. I WATCHED YOU, YOU KNOW. FROM THE STARS. I WATCHED YOU LOOKING UP AT THE SKY TO ME... YOU CAN'T HURT ME.



I WAS LOOKING UP AT THE SKY BECAUSE I WAS TERRIFIED OF YOU, YOU ARROGANT FOOL. YOU WERE MAKING ME MISERABLE.

NO... YOU ADORE ME.



NO. I WAS THE ONE WHO RAN TO CELESTIA AND LUNA TO BEG THEM TO LOCK YOU AWAY.

BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO DO IT YOURSELF. ADMIT IT. WE'RE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN! YOU CAN'T HURT ME. YOU CARE ABOUT ME.

YOU'RE MY FRIEND.

I DID CARE... ONCE.

BUT YOU... WERE NEVER MY FRIEND!

YOU STOPPED THINKING ABOUT WHAT I WANTED... YOU USED ME! YOU DIDN'T CARE ABOUT ME. THAT'S NOT A FRIEND! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU ARE!

I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU ANYMORE! YOU WILL PUT EVERYONE BACK THE WAY THEY WERE BEFORE YOU CAME BACK! THESE PONIES ARE MY TRUE FRIENDS.



YOU'VE CHANGED.

I HAVE.

I HAVEN'T.



YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT I AM?



I'M MALICE PERSONIFIED!

OF COURSE I USED YOU! WHAT GOES BETTER WITH MALICE THAN CHAOS!

AND IF CHAOS WON'T JOIN ME AS MY COMPANION, YOU CAN SIT AT MY FEET AS MY DOG.

**BERATIS
BRESLA
REDJAY!**

YIP



ZOT!

EH,
BEEN HERE
BEFORE.

POW
BAM

GET OFF ME, YOU
TRAITOR. I WILL TURN
YOU INTO A DUNG
BEETLE, YOU...

GOT IT.

NO.

BRING
THAT BACK, YOU...
I WILL NOT BE
DENIED THIS.
EQUESTRIA IS
MINE.

YOU'RE
MINE!

BAWF

PUPPY WANT A
TREAT? WHO'S A
GOOD BOY?

OH! ME!
I'M A GOOD
BOY!

NOOOOOO!



GULP

DO YOU THINK... THIS IS THE LAST YOU'VE SEEN OF ME? F-FOOLS! I'LL FIND A WAY TO REGAIN MY POWER, AND YOU'LL BE SORRY!

YOU CANNOT DESTROY MALICE!

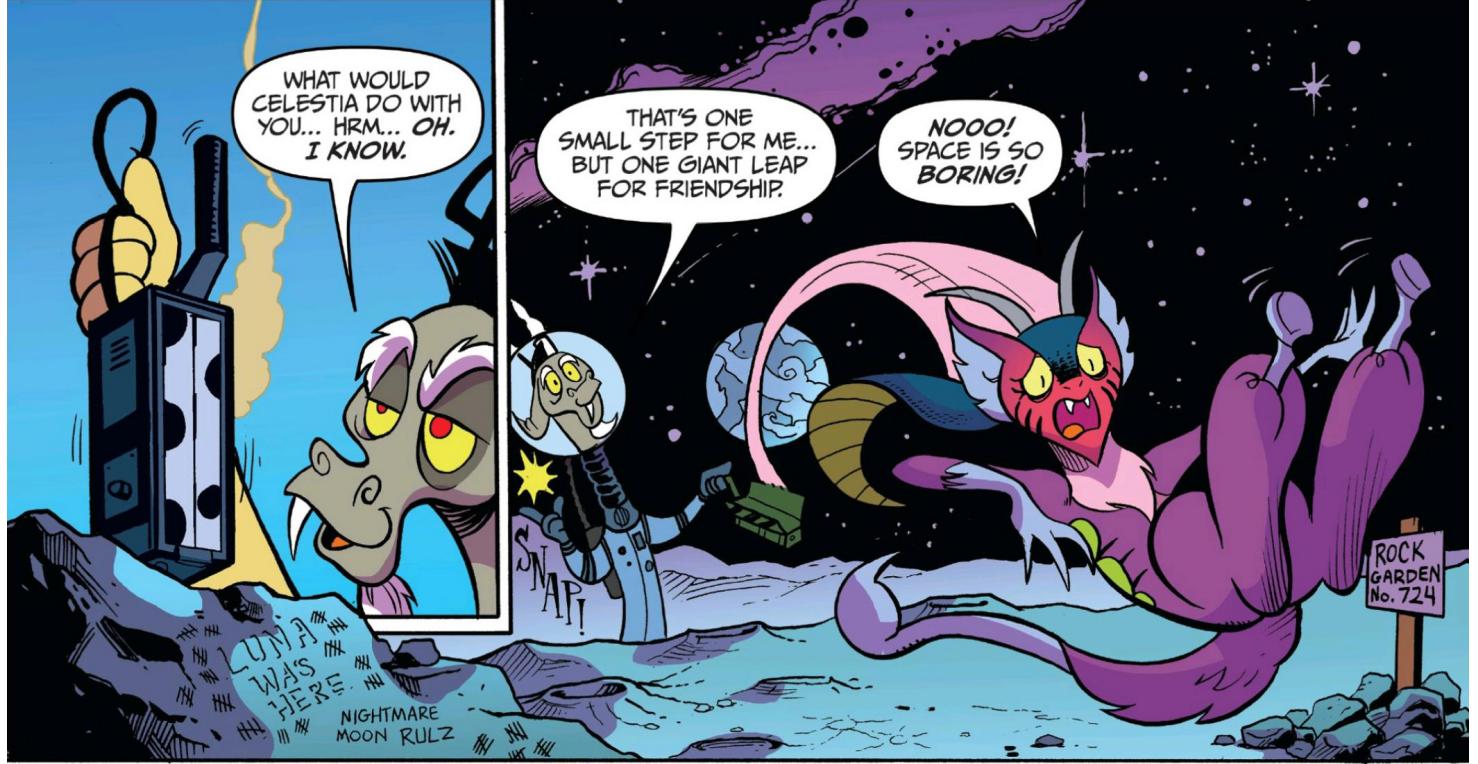
YOU'LL ALL BE SORRY.

I'LL START BY RIPPING THOSE GEMS RIGHT OUT OF YOUR LITTLE DOG.

ACK!

NO... WE'RE DONE. THIS IS OVER.

CHOCOLATE MILK 2%



WHAT WOULD CELESTIA DO WITH YOU... HRM... OH. I KNOW.

THAT'S ONE SMALL STEP FOR ME... BUT ONE GIANT LEAP FOR FRIENDSHIP.

NOOO! SPACE IS SO BORING!

LUNA WAS HERE
NIGHTMARE MOON RULZ

ROCK GARDEN
No. 724



DISCORD! YOU DID IT!

WE DID IT! WE ALL DID... MY FRIENDS...

LUNA WAS HERE



MY PLAN WORKED! GO TEAM LLAMA!

NO MORE PINKIE PIE PLANS. NEVER AGAIN. I WAS A FISH.

A GOLDFISH IS HARDLY A NORMAL FISH. WE WERE VERY DECORATIVE.

SPIKE, DEAR, WALK AROUND A BIT. YOU JUST ATE YOUR WEIGHT IN CARATS. YOU'LL GET HEART BURN IF YOU LIE DOWN.



WE'RE IN THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE? WHY?

I'M LEARNING IT'S BETTER NOT TO ASK.

WHAT HAPPENED? DID WE FIND ALL THE STARS?

AH... ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN... ONCE UPON A TIME, A LONG LONG TIME AGO...

Once upon a Time...
THERE WERE TWO REGAL SISTERS...



I CAN'T SAY I'M HAPPY WITH YOUR PAST ACTIONS, DISCORD, BUT YOU'VE PAID YOUR DUES ON THEM. YOU SHOWED TODAY THE TRUE MAGIC OF FRIENDSHIP, AND YOU PONIES SAVED US ALL FROM A SEVERE THREAT.

DIG IT!



I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU PUT HER ON THE MOON. NOW, NOT ONLY AM I IN CHARGE OF MAKING SURE SHE STAYS UP THERE, I NEED TO WORRY IF SHE'S BEEN MOVING ALL MY MOON-ROCK GARDENS. I HAD THEM JUST THE WAY I LIKED THEM.

LUNA IS A



NOW, DISCORD, WHAT'S THE APPROXIMATE DATE COSMOS WAS ORIGINALLY HURTTLED INTO SPACE?

WHY DO YOU THINK HER MAGIC WAS SPLIT INTO SIX PIECES?



MAYBE GIVE HIM SOME TIME TO PROCESS BEFORE ALL THE QUESTIONS?

BUT I NEED TO KNOW THINGS.

I MISSED OUT ON THE WHOLE ADVENTURE BECAUSE I WAS POSSESSED BY A CRAZY MONSTER. IT'S NOT FAIR.

I NEED TO INTERVIEW ALL OF YOU FOR MY NOTES!



YOU CAN TALK TO DISCORD LATER. I'LL GO FIRST! IT ALL STARTED WITH THIS LLAMA...

AND DON'T FORGET TO WRITE DOWN THAT I'M THE REAL HERO. THOSE GEMS GAVE ME INDIGESTION.

HEY!

END!