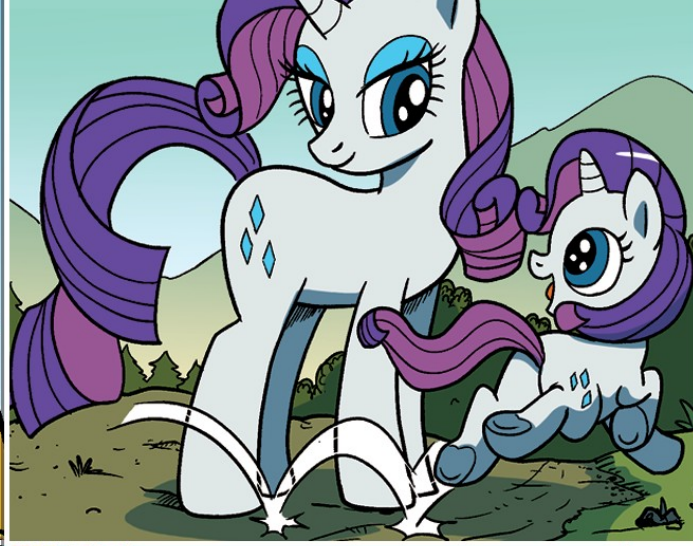


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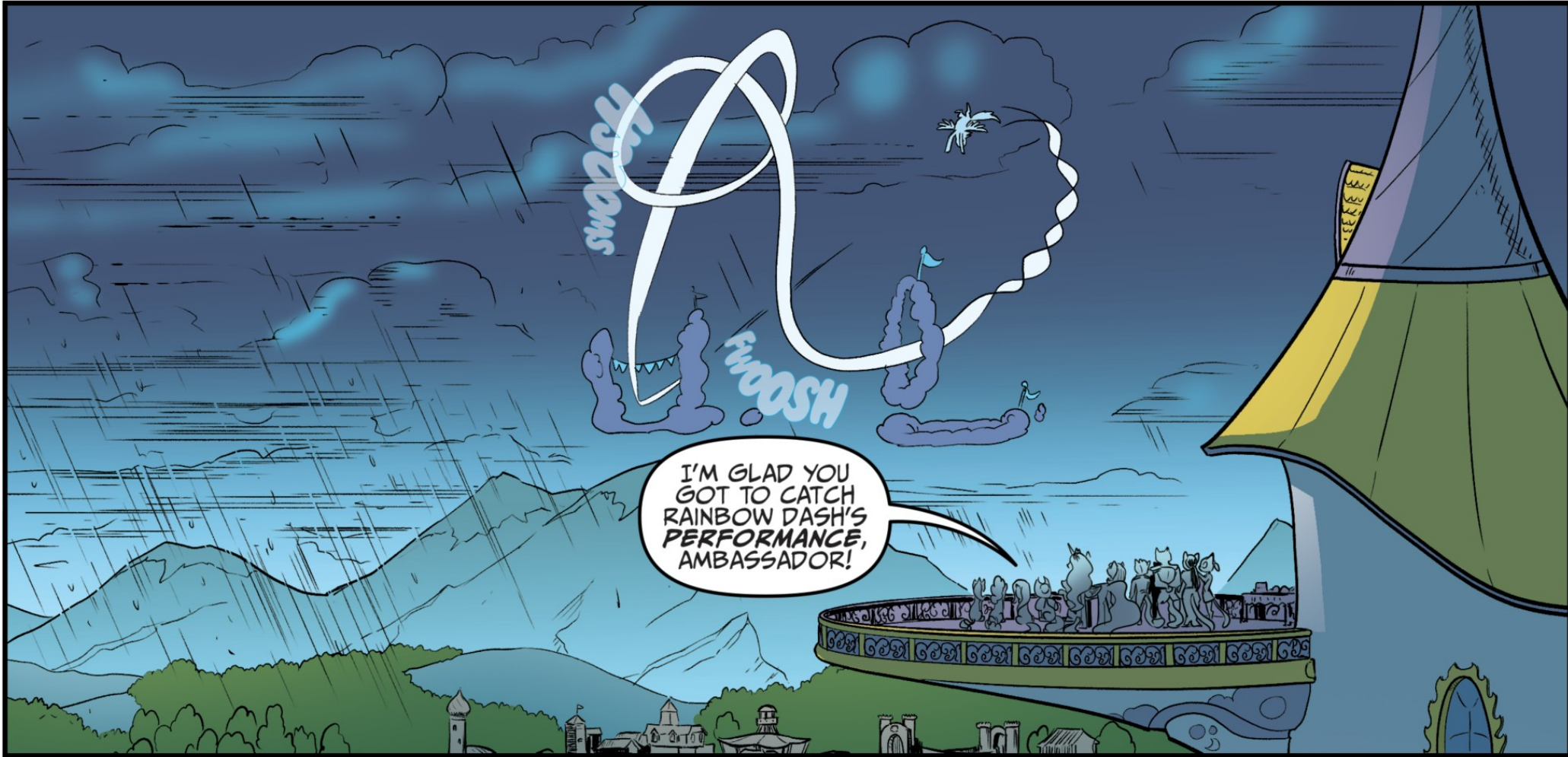
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I'M GLAD YOU GOT TO CATCH RAINBOW DASH'S PERFORMANCE, AMBASSADOR!

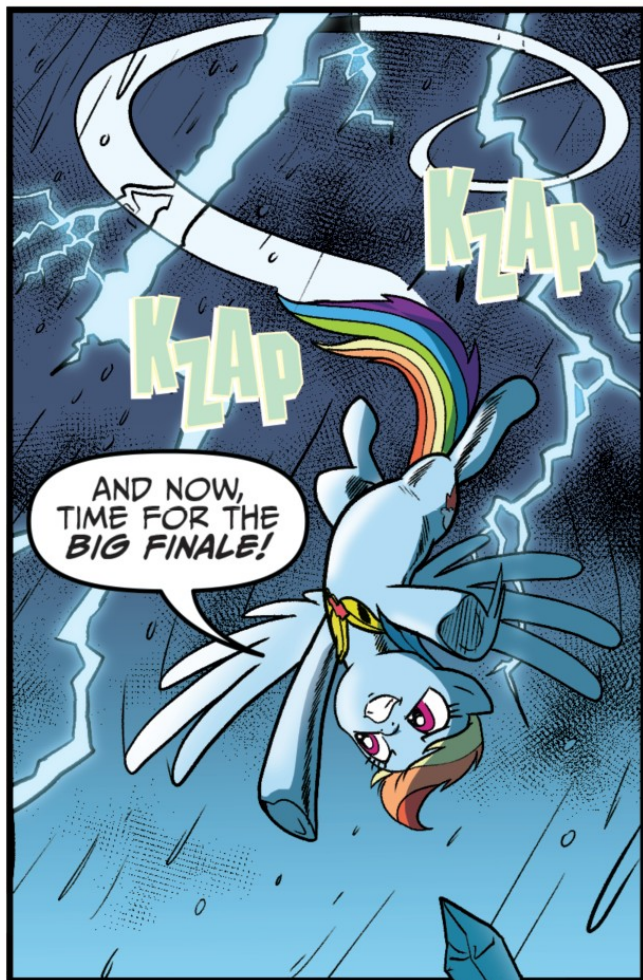


HER FLIGHTS ARE FAMOUS ALL ACROSS EQUESTRIA!

I CAN CERTAINLY SEE WHY!

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS O' THOSE STORM CLOUDS, THOUGH...

I-I THOUGHT THEY CLEARED ALL THE CLOUDS?

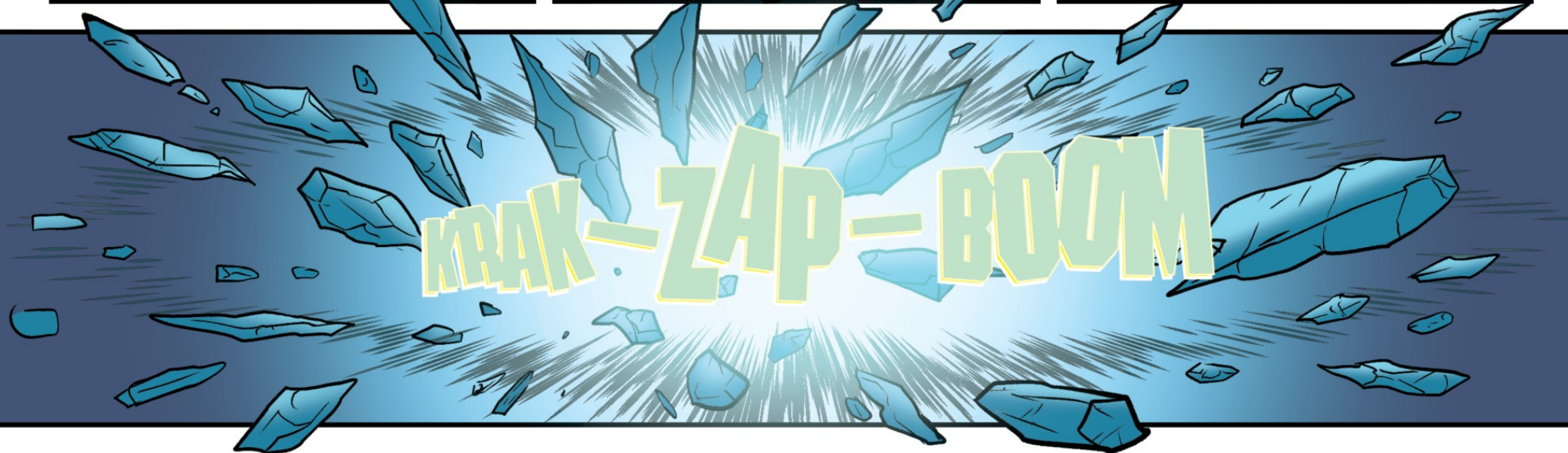


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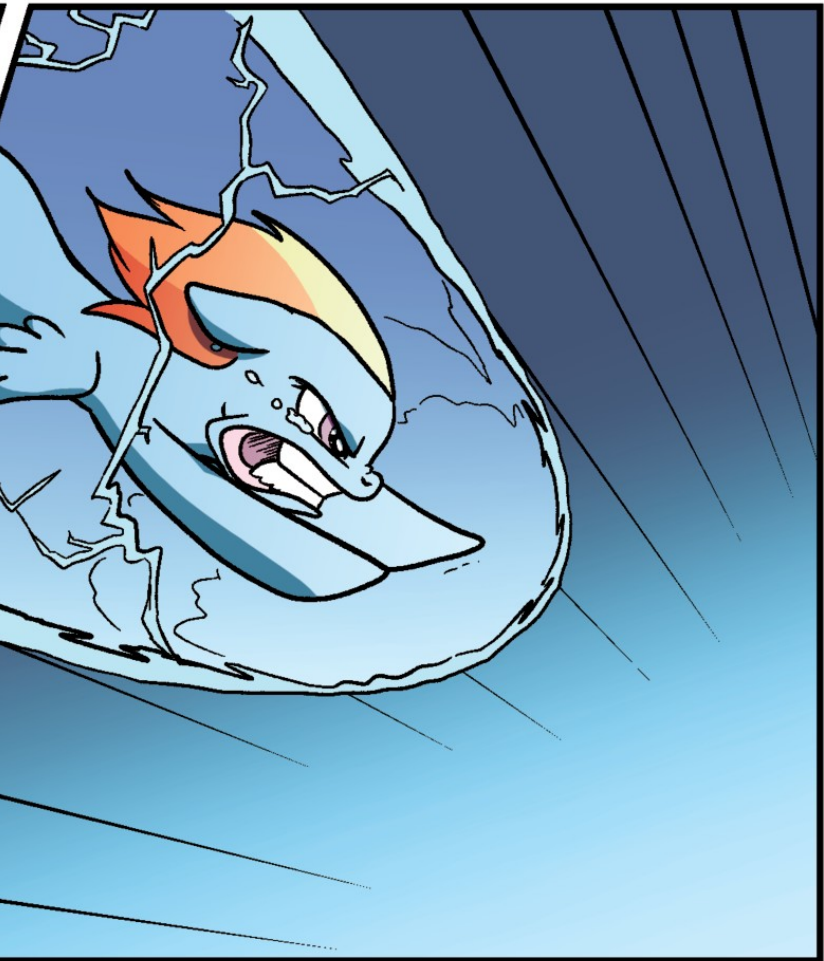
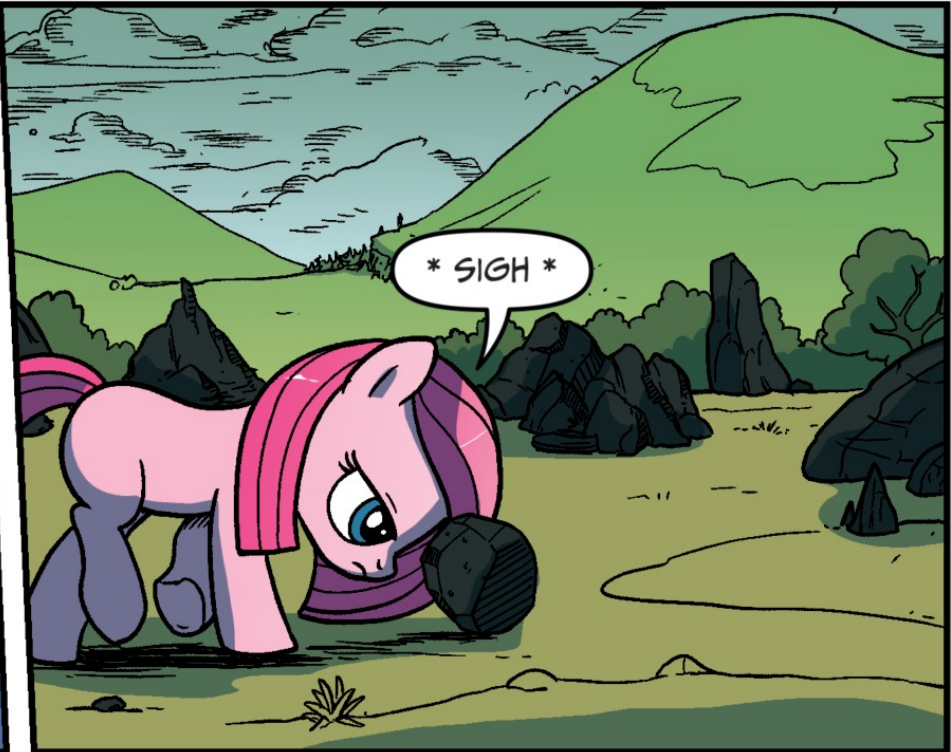
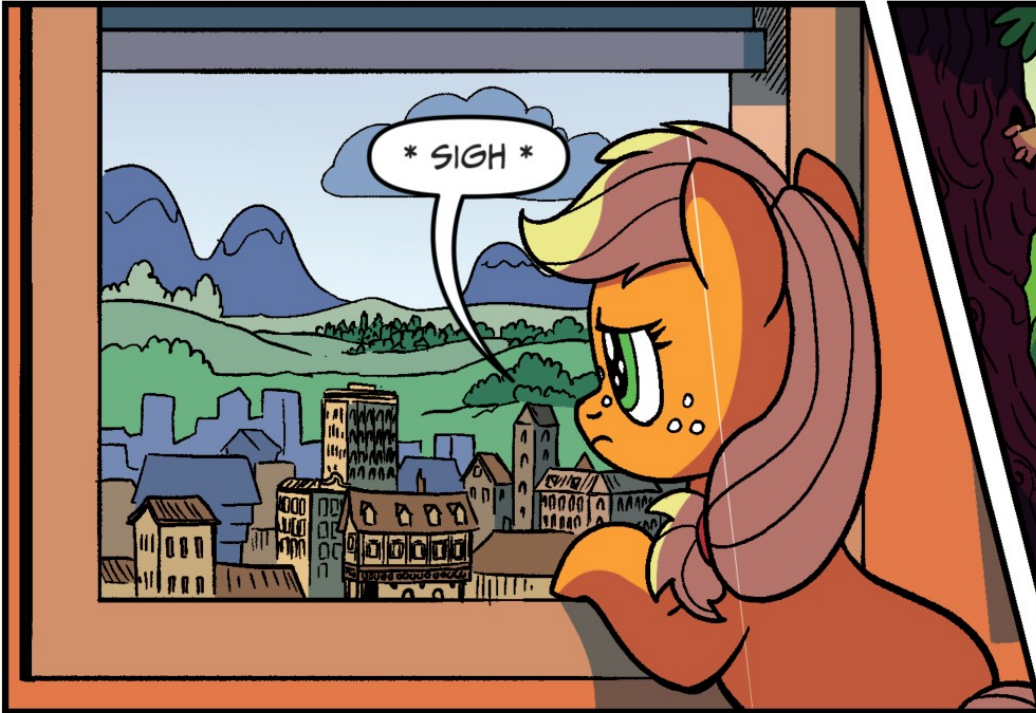
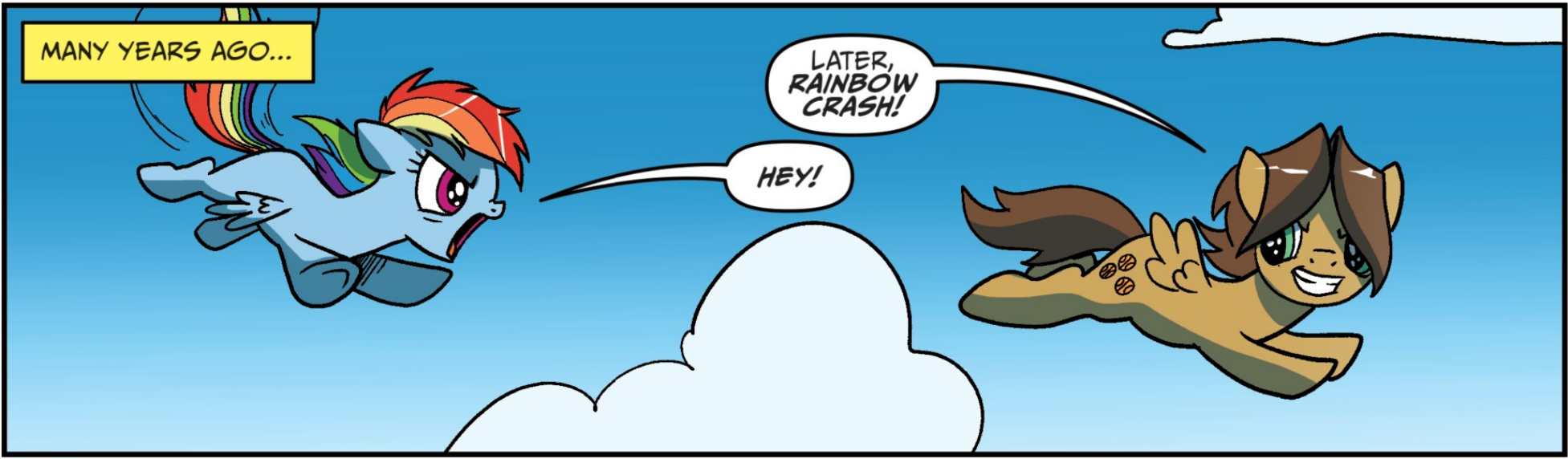


SHE'S BUILDING SPEED FOR THE SONIC RAINBOOM!

DASH! LOOK OUT FOR THAT LIGHTNING—



KRAK-ZAP-BOOM





HUH?

WHAT?

EEEYAAHHH!

PZAP

PZAP

WHOA!

HIYA!

HIYA!

PZAP

PZAP



WHA—WHERE AM I? IS THIS CELESTIA'S SCHOOL?

HOW DID I GET HERE?



OH, NO...

I'VE TRAVELED THROUGH TIME AGAIN, HAVEN'T I?

YOU'RE ME!



CAN'T CATCH ME, YOU WEIRD IMPOSTER!

WILL YOU SLOW DOWN?! I'M YOU!



EEEEEEK!

OH, NO...

PLEASE DON'T SCREAM! WE GET TUMMYACHES WHEN WE SCREAM!



WHAT'S TH' BIG IDEA, GOIN' AROUND LOOKIN' LIKE ME?!

AH AM YOU, YOU ORNERY VARMINT!

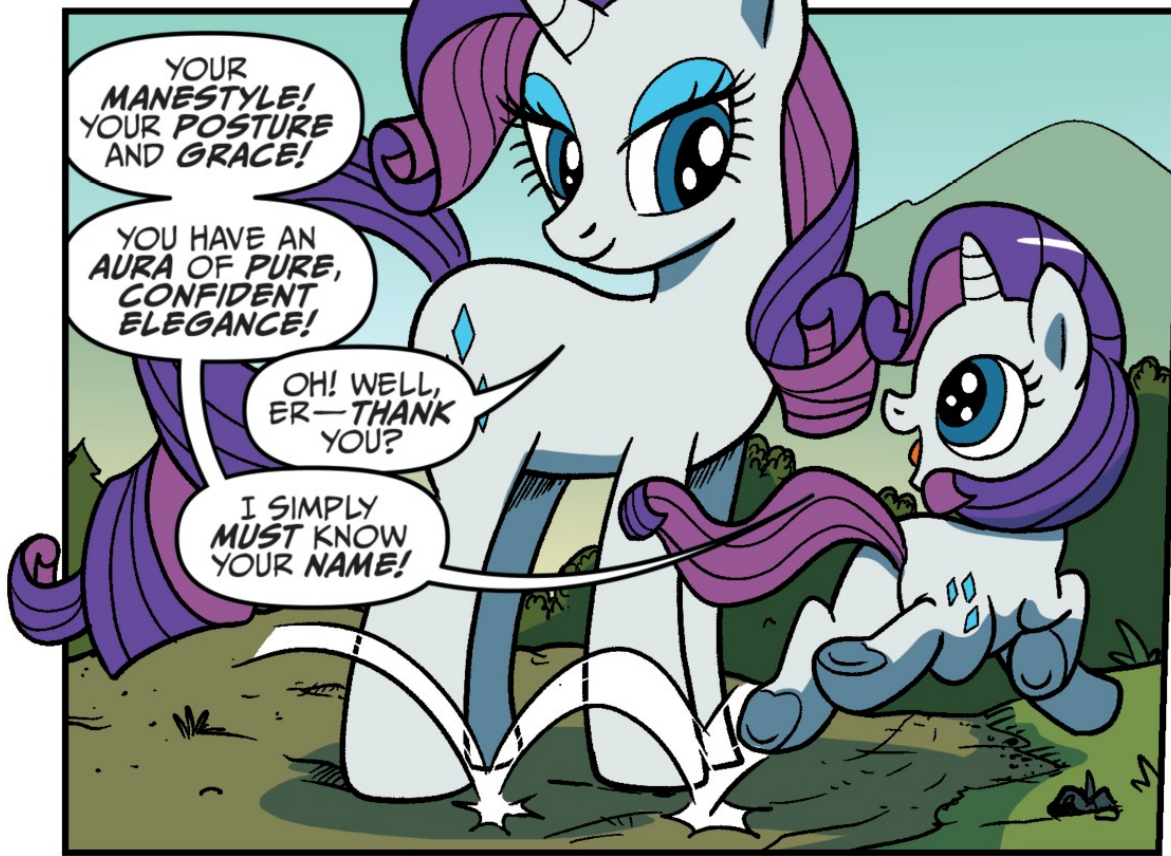
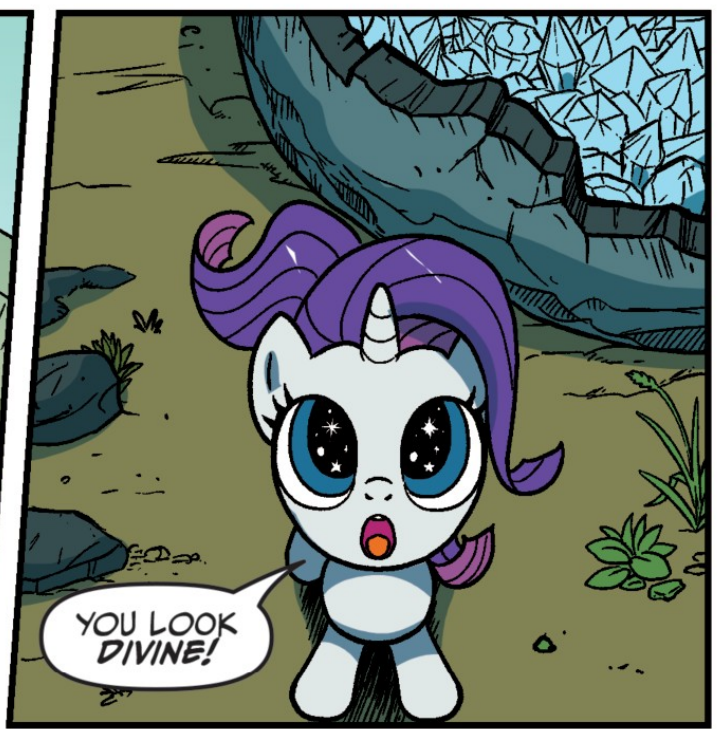


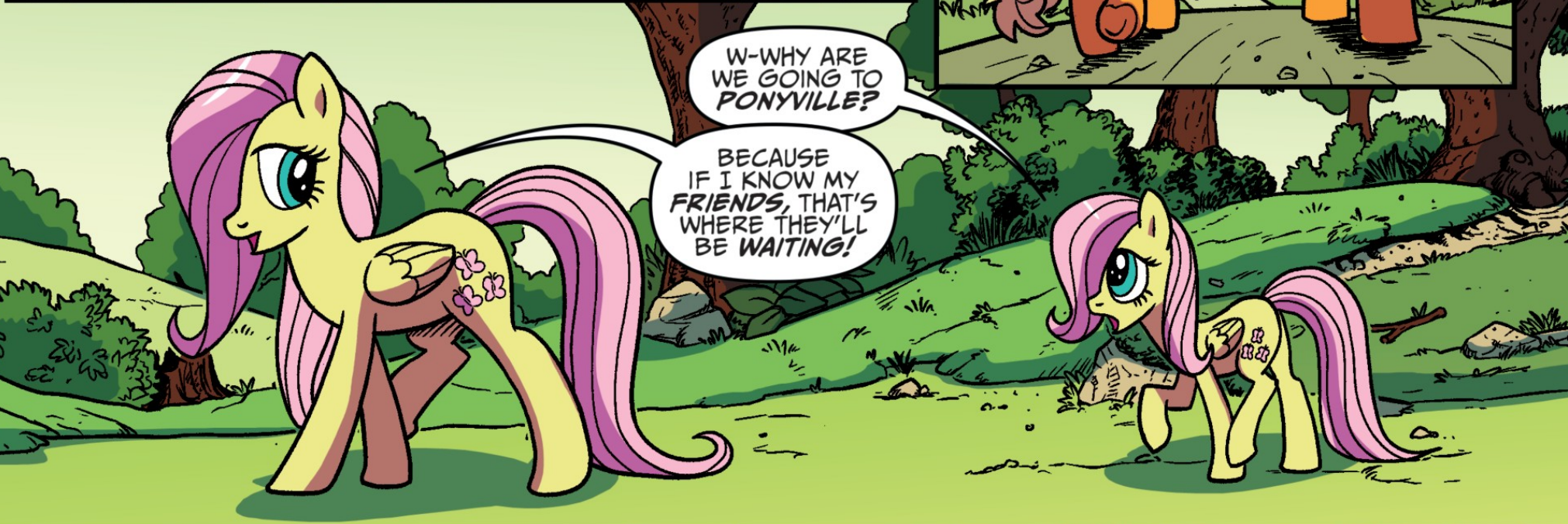
SO SOME KIND OF TEMPORAL DISTORTION SENT YOU TO THE PAST?

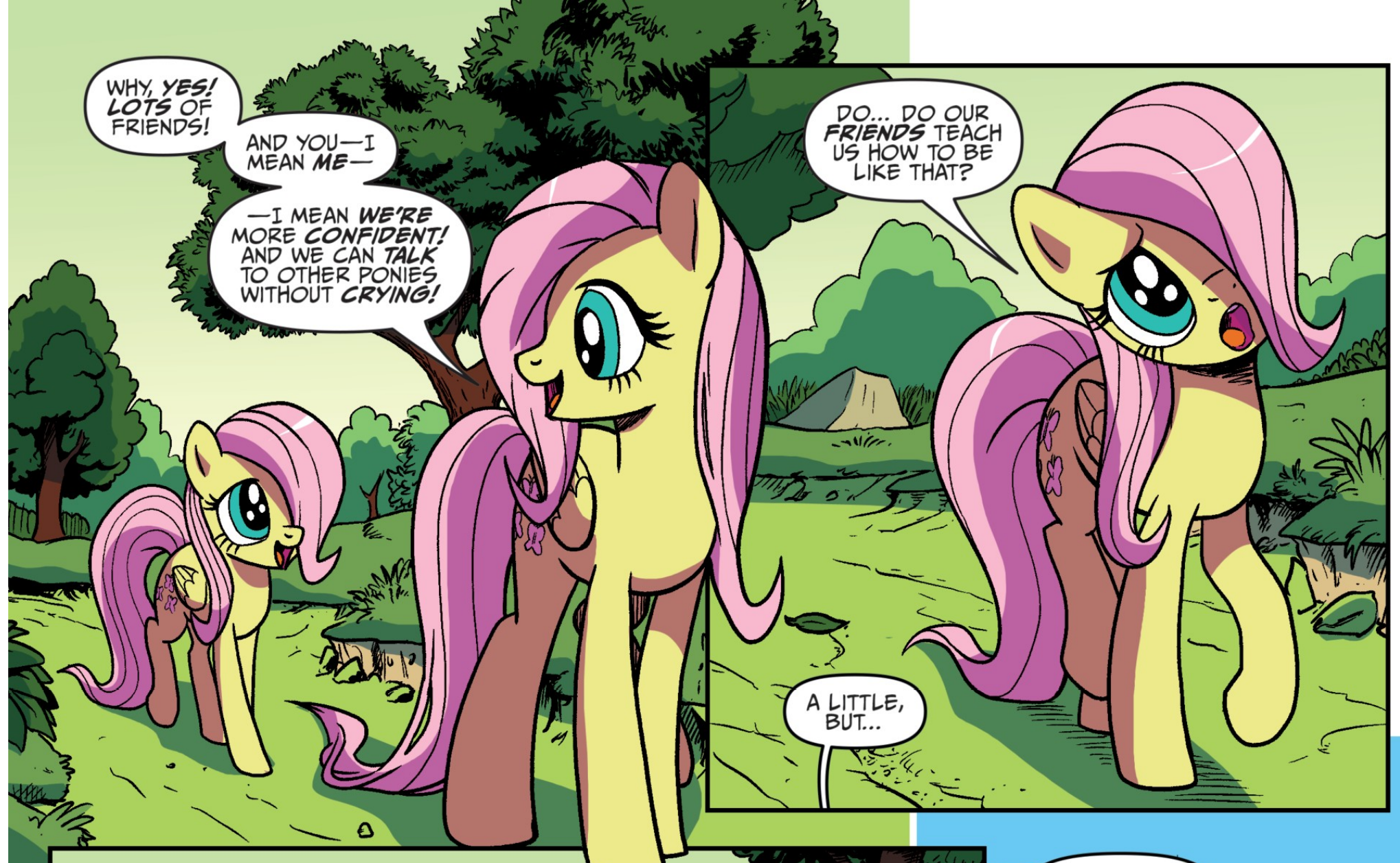
YEP!

AND YOU ARRIVED NEXT TO YOUR YOUNGER SELF BECAUSE OF QUANTUM KIRLIAN ATTRACTION, RIGHT?

RIGHT!







WHY, YES!
LOTS OF
FRIENDS!

AND YOU—I
MEAN ME—

—I MEAN WE'RE
MORE CONFIDENT!
AND WE CAN TALK
TO OTHER PONIES
WITHOUT CRYING!

DO... DO OUR
FRIENDS TEACH
US HOW TO BE
LIKE THAT?

A LITTLE,
BUT...



...MOST OF
THAT **STRENGTH**
IS ALREADY
INSIDE US.

IT TAKES US
SOME TIME
TO FIND IT,
THAT'S ALL.



TRUST ME,
BECAUSE I'VE
BEEN THERE—

—YOU'RE
GOING TO
LOVE IT, OUT
THERE IN THE
WORLD.



SO, WHAT'S
IT LIKE IN THE
FUTURE?

DO WE GET
TO THROW BIG
PARTIES AND BRING
PONIES TOGETHER
AND CREATE JOY
AND LAUGHTER?

YEP! AND YOU'LL
MEET PRINCESSES
AND MONSTERS AND
CHAOS GODS!

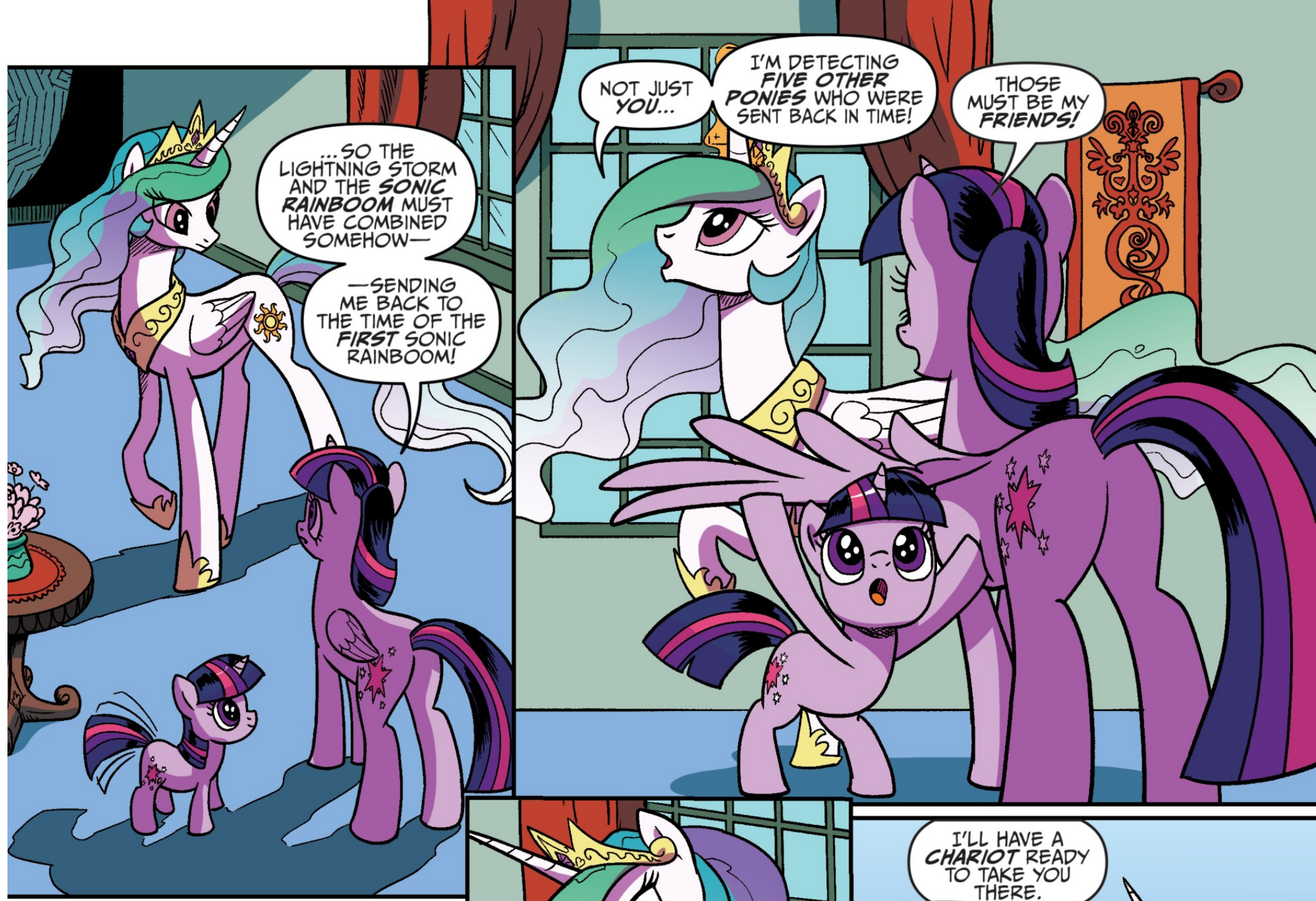
YOU'LL TRAVEL
FAR FROM THE
ROCK FARM!



WAIT—I
LEAVE THE
FARM?

NOT FOREVER!
DON'T WORRY!

BUT IT'S A
BIG WORLD OUT
THERE WAITING
FOR YOU!



...SO THE LIGHTNING STORM AND THE SONIC RAINBOOM MUST HAVE COMBINED SOMEHOW—

—SENDING ME BACK TO THE TIME OF THE FIRST SONIC RAINBOOM!

NOT JUST YOU...

I'M DETECTING FIVE OTHER PONIES WHO WERE SENT BACK IN TIME!

THOSE MUST BE MY FRIENDS!



DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS HOW TO FIND THEM?

I'M GUESSING EVERYPONY WILL HEAD FOR PONYVILLE!

ANY TIME SOMETHING WEIRD HAPPENS, EITHER IT STARTS THERE OR WE END UP THERE!

I'LL HAVE A CHARIOT READY TO TAKE YOU THERE.

OH, I DON'T NEED A CHARIOT! I CAN JUST FLY THERE IN—



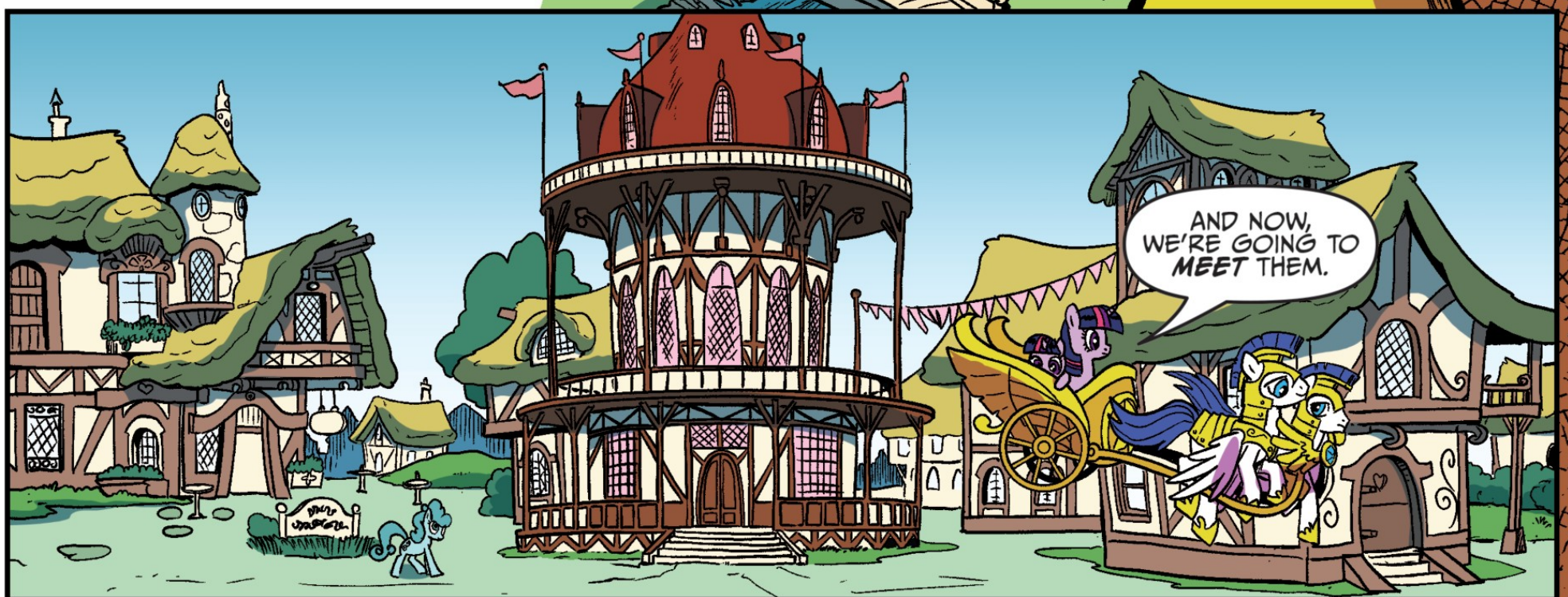
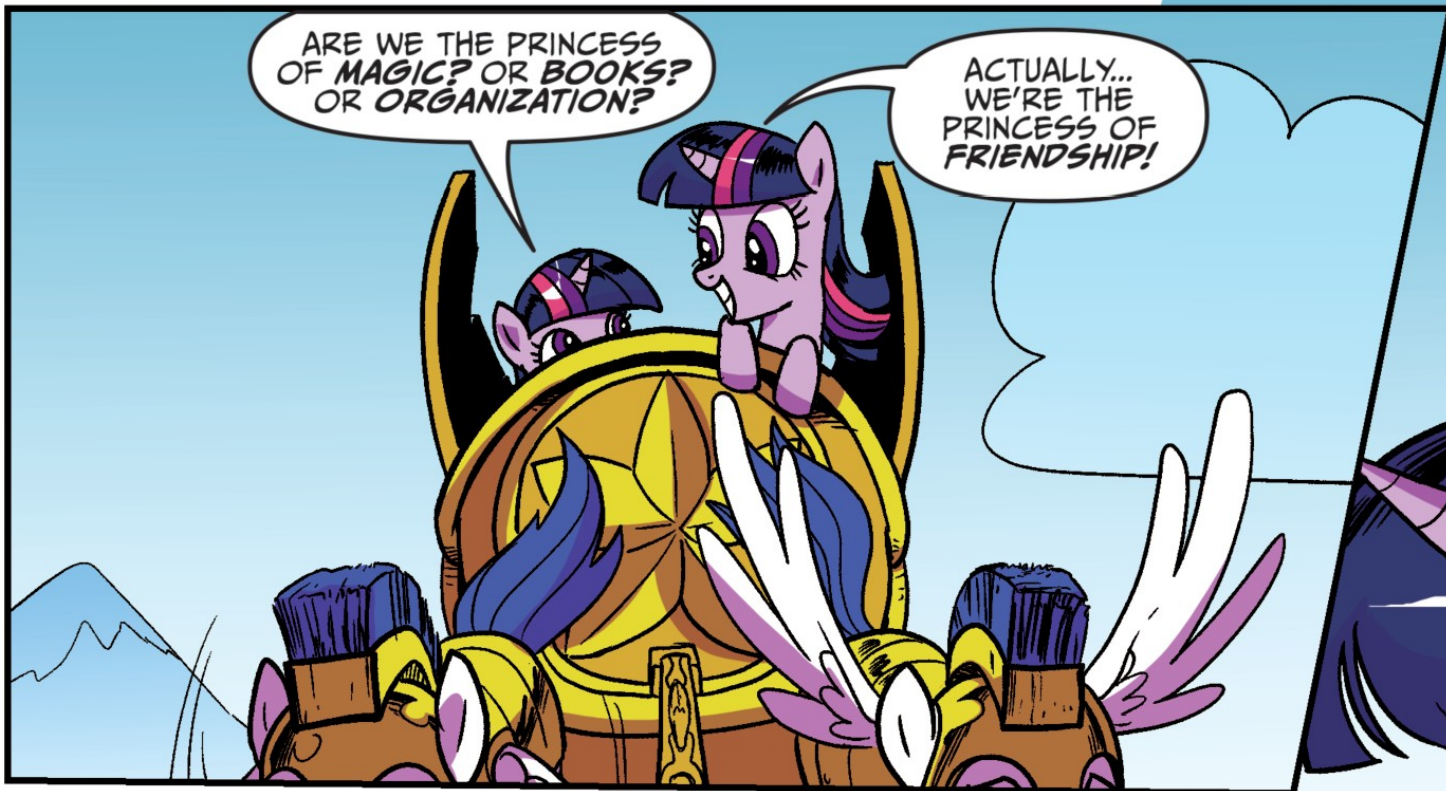
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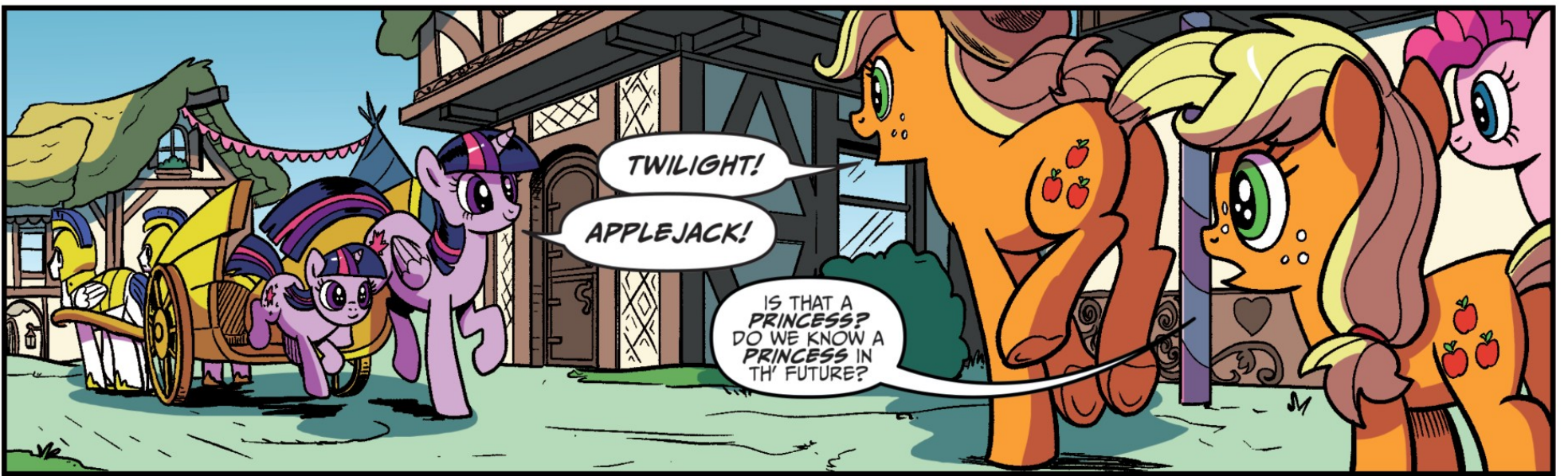
I'D ASK HOW YOU GOT THOSE WINGS, BUT LET'S TRY TO KEEP THE TIME PARADOXES TO A MINIMUM, SHALL WE?

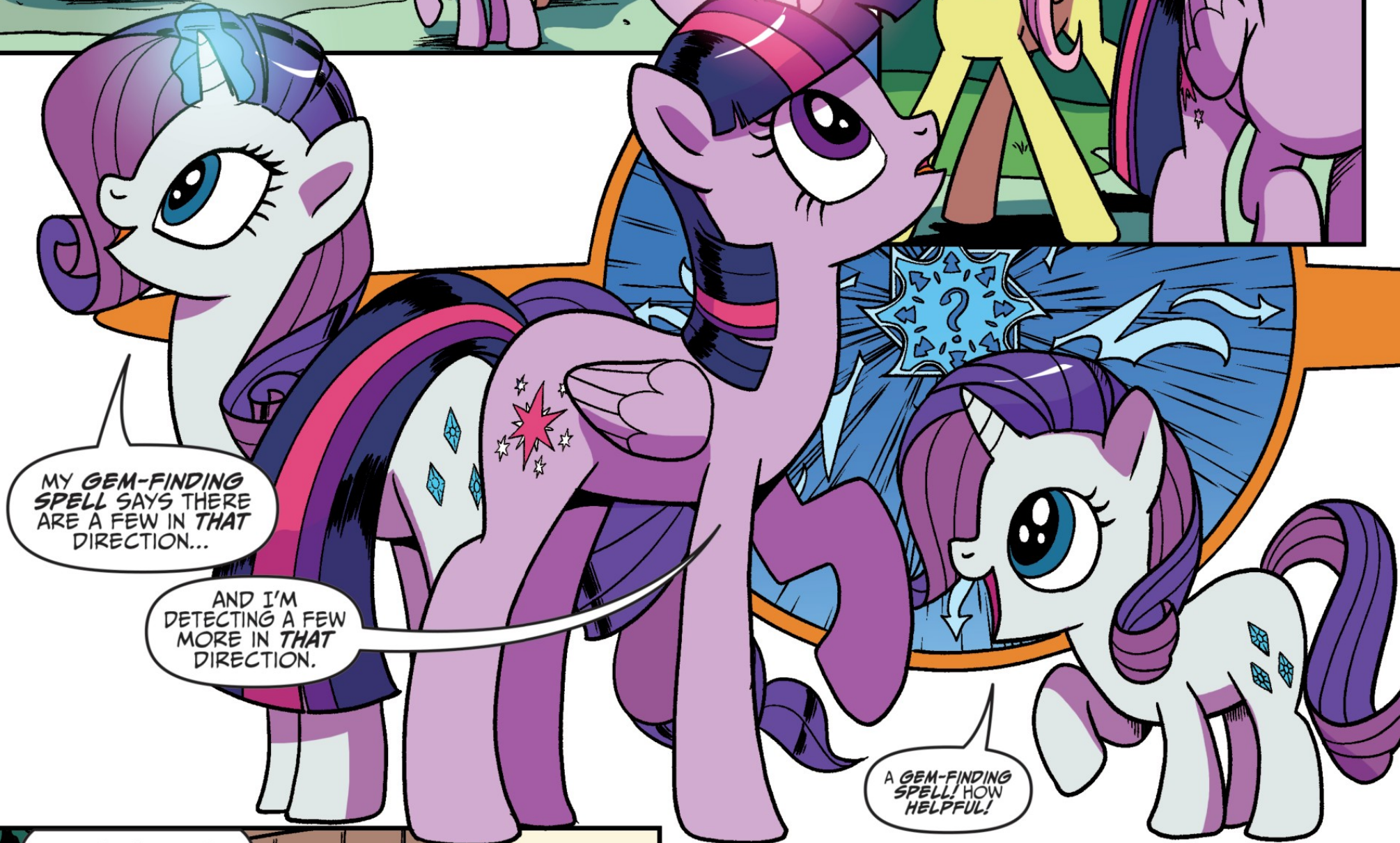


I'LL FOLLOW AS SOON AS I'VE CLEARED THINGS UP HERE!

GOOD LUCK, MY STUDENTS!









UM—HOWDY, Y'ALL! I'M APPLEJACK!

HIYA! I'M PINKIE PIE!



S-SHOULD WE REALLY BE TALKING? WHAT IF IT CAUSES A TEMPORAL PARADOX IF WE MEET BEFORE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO?

OH, PHOOEY TO TEMPORAL PARADOXES!

WE'RE GONNA BE FRIENDS IN A WHILE ANYWAY—WHY NOT GET A HEAD START?



I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO BE FRIENDS...

I MEAN, WE'RE ALL SUCH DIFFERENT PONIES!

I GREW UP ON A FARM, AND I'M GONNA BE FRIENDS WITH A STUNT FLYER, A FASHIONISTA, AN' A PRINCESS?

HEY! I GREW UP ON A FARM, TOO!



BETTER BELIEVE IT, KIDDOS!

THE SIX OF YOU ARE GONNA BE THE BEST FRIENDS IN EQUESTRIA!

EVEN THOUGH WE'RE ALL SO DIFFERENT...



OR MAYBE BECAUSE WE'RE SO DIFFERENT!



BUT I SUPPOSE THAT'S ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSONS I'VE LEARNED:

YOUR FRIENDS CAN COME FROM ANYWHERE.

AND THE *BEST* FRIENDS ARE THE ONES THAT CAN SURPRISE YOU!

I DIDN'T THINK WE'D BE FRIENDS AT FIRST, *EITHER*.
TO THIS DAY I'M STILL SURPRISED!



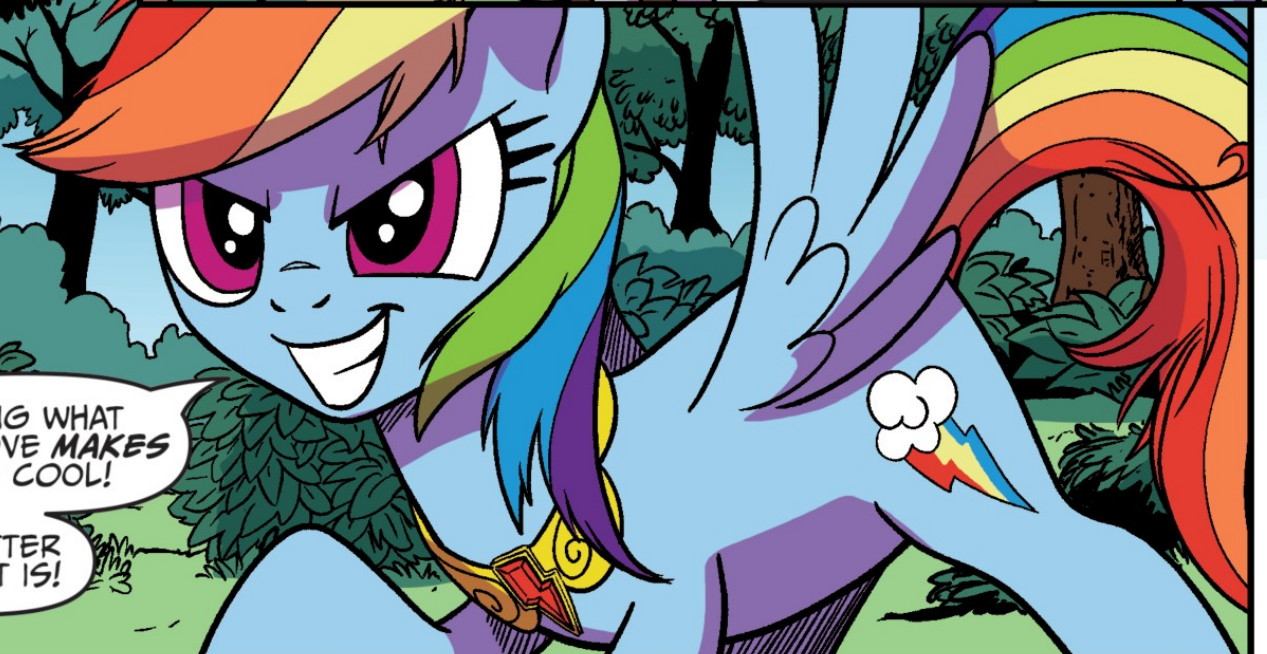
YEAH, I *NEVER* WOULD'VE THOUGHT I'D BE PALS WITH SOMEONE WHO LOVES *FASHION*! I MEAN, HOW *WEIRD* IS THAT?

THANK YOU, RAINBOW DASH.

BUT WHAT I LEARNED IS, WE'RE ALL AWESOME IN OUR OWN WAYS!

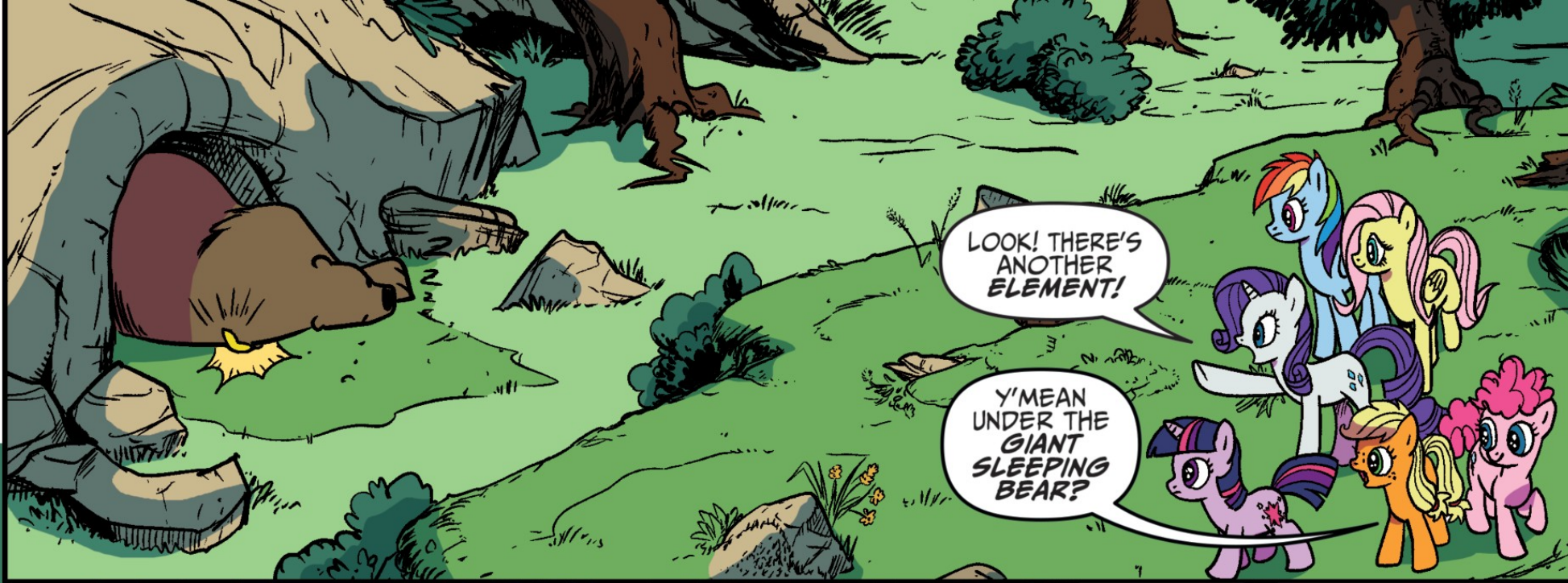


DOING WHAT YOU LOVE MAKES YOU COOL!
NO MATTER WHAT IT IS!



AND LET ME TELL YOU:

EVERYPONY HERE IS *SUPER COOL*.



LOOK! THERE'S ANOTHER ELEMENT!

Y'MEAN UNDER THE GIANT SLEEPING BEAR?



THAT BEAST IS GONNA BE PLUMB ORNERY!

Y'ALL BETTER GET WAY BACK WHILE I PACIFY IT!

THAT WON'T WORK!



IT'S MUCH BIGGER THAN YOU! YOU CAN'T FORCE IT TO GIVE UP THE ELEMENT!

SAYS WHO?

OOH! MAYBE WE COULD DISTRACT IT WITH A PARTY!



NO! IT'S MUCH TOO DANGEROUS!

WHICH IS WHY I GOTTA BE THE ONE TO TAKE IT ON!

AIN'T NOPONY AS TOUGH AS ME ANYWHERE!



BUT YOU COULD GET HURT!

WELL, ONE OF US HAS TO DO IT!



OR—

—ALL OF US COULD DO IT!



WHA—HOW'D YOU DO THAT?

WE WORKED TOGETHER!



NO ONE PONY IS AS SMART, OR AS TOUGH, OR AS FAST AS ALL OF US!

THAT'S THE REAL MAGIC OF FRIENDSHIP!

WELL, THAT AND THE MAGIC LASERS WE CAN FIRE OUT OF THESE JEWELS.



I USED TO THINK I WAS HELPLESS ON MY OWN.

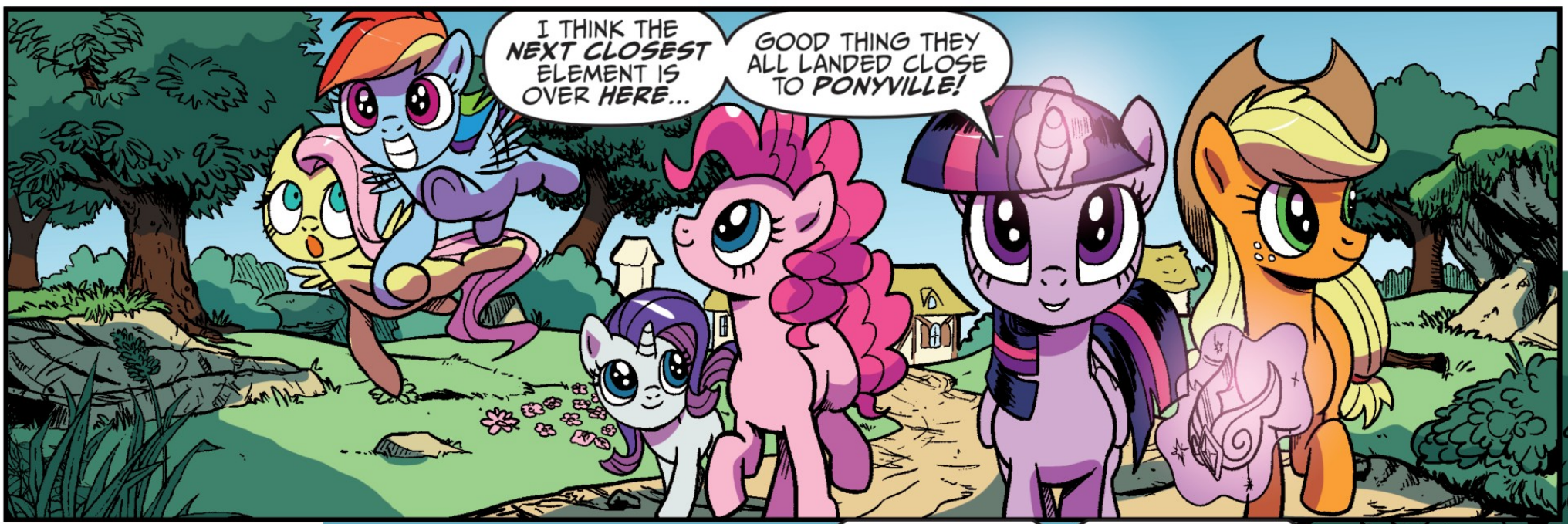
BUT MY FRIENDS HELPED ME FIND THE STRENGTH I'VE ALWAYS HAD!

INDEED!



THAT'S THE LAST OF THE ELEMENTS IN THIS DIRECTION!

WE SHOULD HEAD BACK TO THE TOWN SQUARE AND REJOIN THE OTHERS!



I THINK THE NEXT CLOSEST ELEMENT IS OVER HERE...

GOOD THING THEY ALL LANDED CLOSE TO PONYVILLE!



IS THERE SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT PONYVILLE?

I-I MEAN, MY, ER, OLDER SELF SAID IT WAS A SPECIAL PLACE FOR ALL OF US...

FRANKLY, I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS A BIT OF A BACKWATER!



YEAH, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D WIND UP ON THE GROUND!

WELL, IT'S SPECIAL FOR ME, SINCE MY FAMILY'S BEEN LIVIN' THERE FOR GENERATIONS...

BUT YOU'RE RIGHT. MOST OF US CAME FROM SOMEPLACE ELSE.



FOR ME, PONYVILLE JUST FELT RIGHT.

IT'S MORE THAN JUST THE PLACE WHERE I MADE MY FIRST FRIENDS—

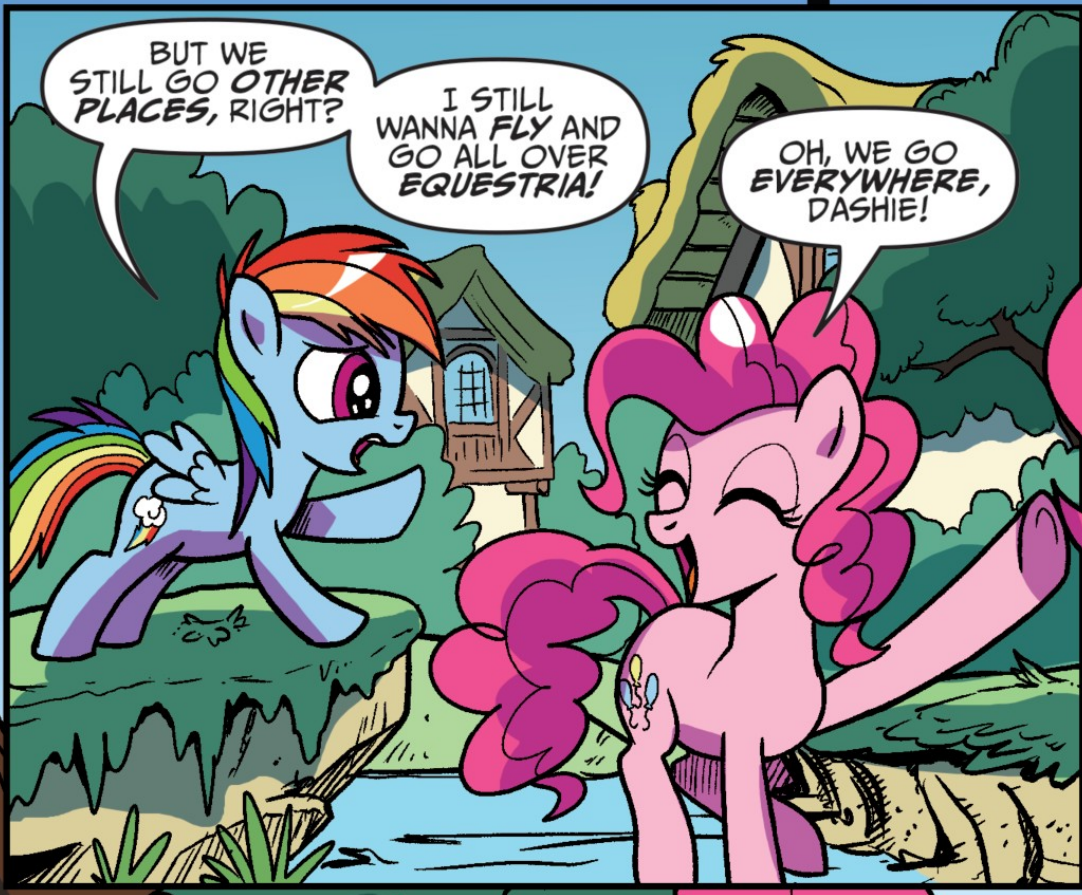
—IT'S THE PLACE I GOT TO MAKE MY HOME!

WHERE I GOT TO SHAPE MYSELF AND FIND WHO I REALLY AM!



I THINK WE EACH FOUND SOMETHING TO LOVE IN PONYVILLE.

AND TOGETHER, WE MADE A HOME FOR ALL OF US.



BUT WE STILL GO **OTHER PLACES**, RIGHT?

I STILL WANNA FLY AND GO ALL OVER **EQUESTRIA!**

OH, WE GO **EVERYWHERE**, DASHIE!



WE HAVE **ADVENTURES BIG AND SMALL!**

WE SAVE **EQUESTRIA FROM EVERYTHING**—NIGHT-MARES, TRICKSTER GODS, HALITOSIS, AND **BAD WEATHER!**

AND WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT **PONYVILLE!**



HAVIN' YOUR **HOOVES ON THE GROUND** MEANS YOU CAN **SOAR AS LONG AS YOU LIKE.**

FRANKLY, THAT'S SOMETHING YOU TAUGHT ME.

OR... WILL TEACH ME?



WILL IT BE... **S-S-SCARY?**

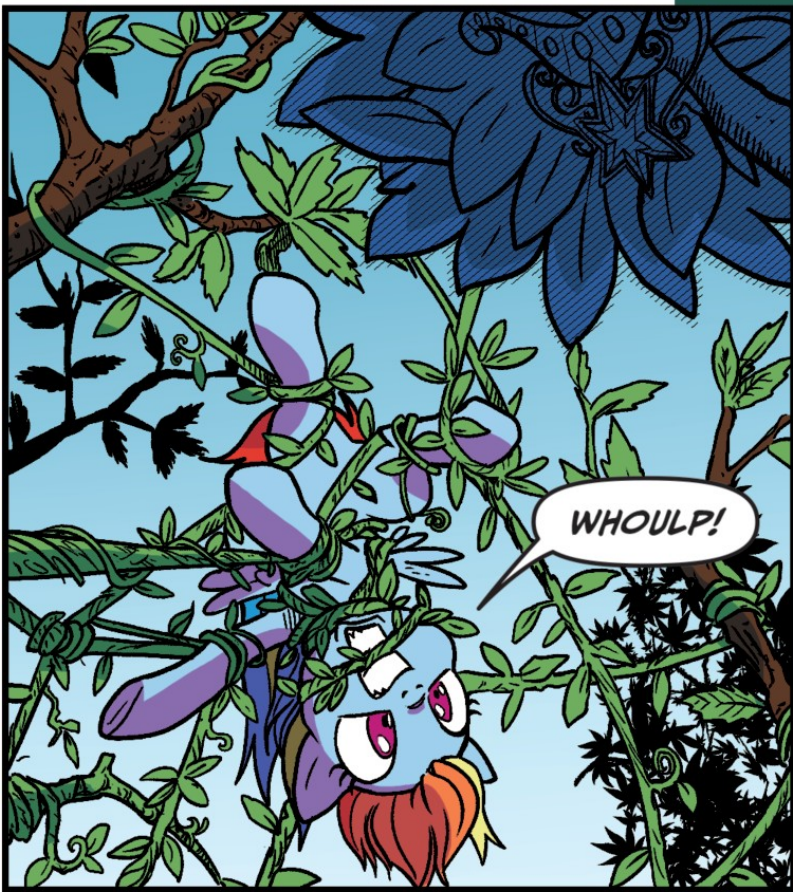
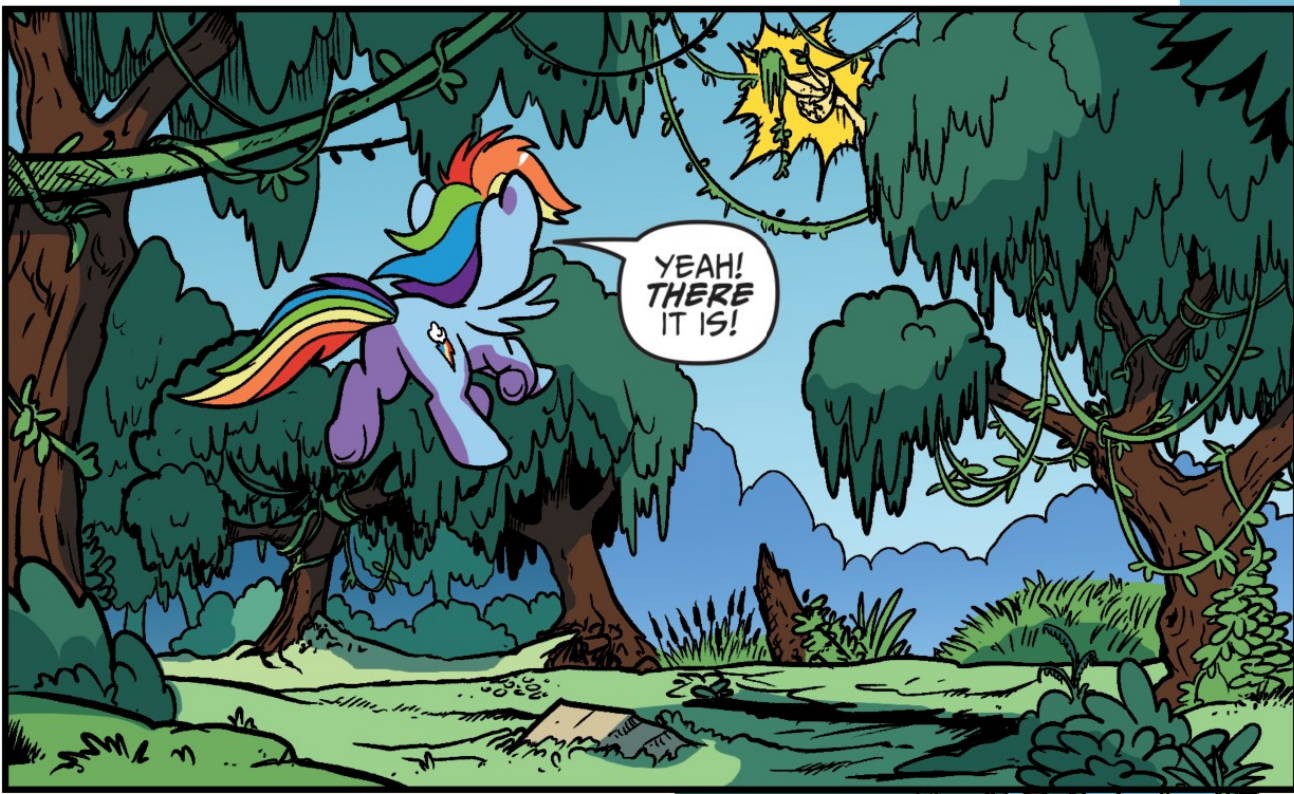
SOMETIMES!

BUT WITH **FRIENDS BY YOUR SIDE**, THERE'S **NOTHING YOU CAN'T DO!**

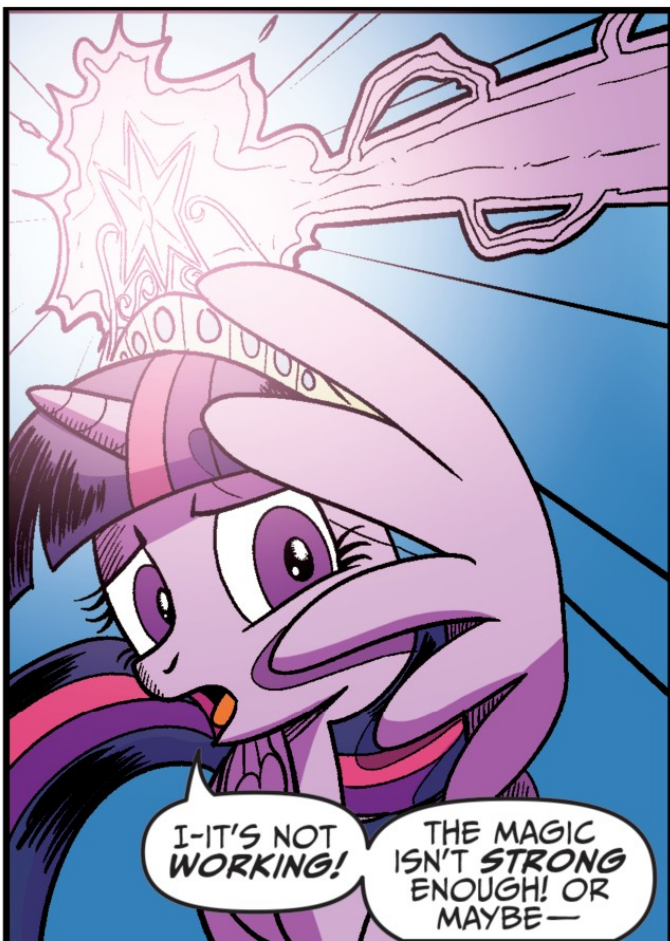
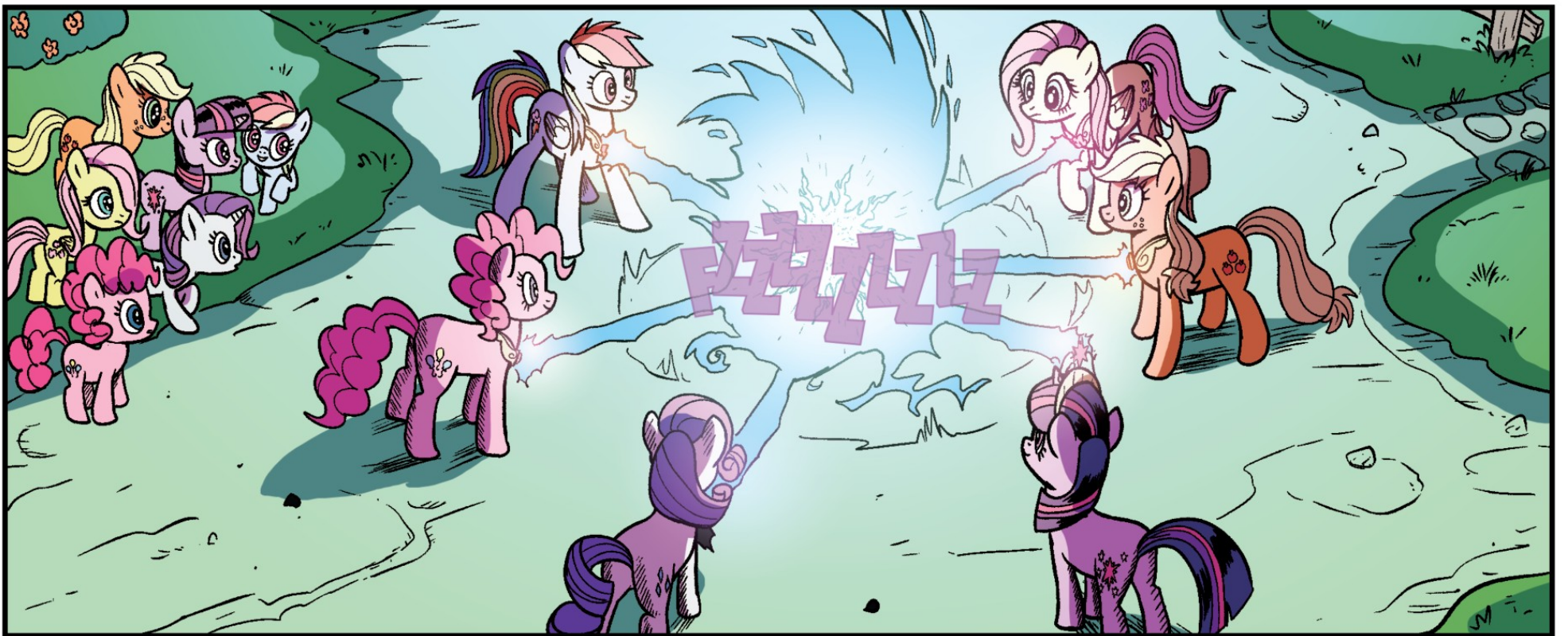


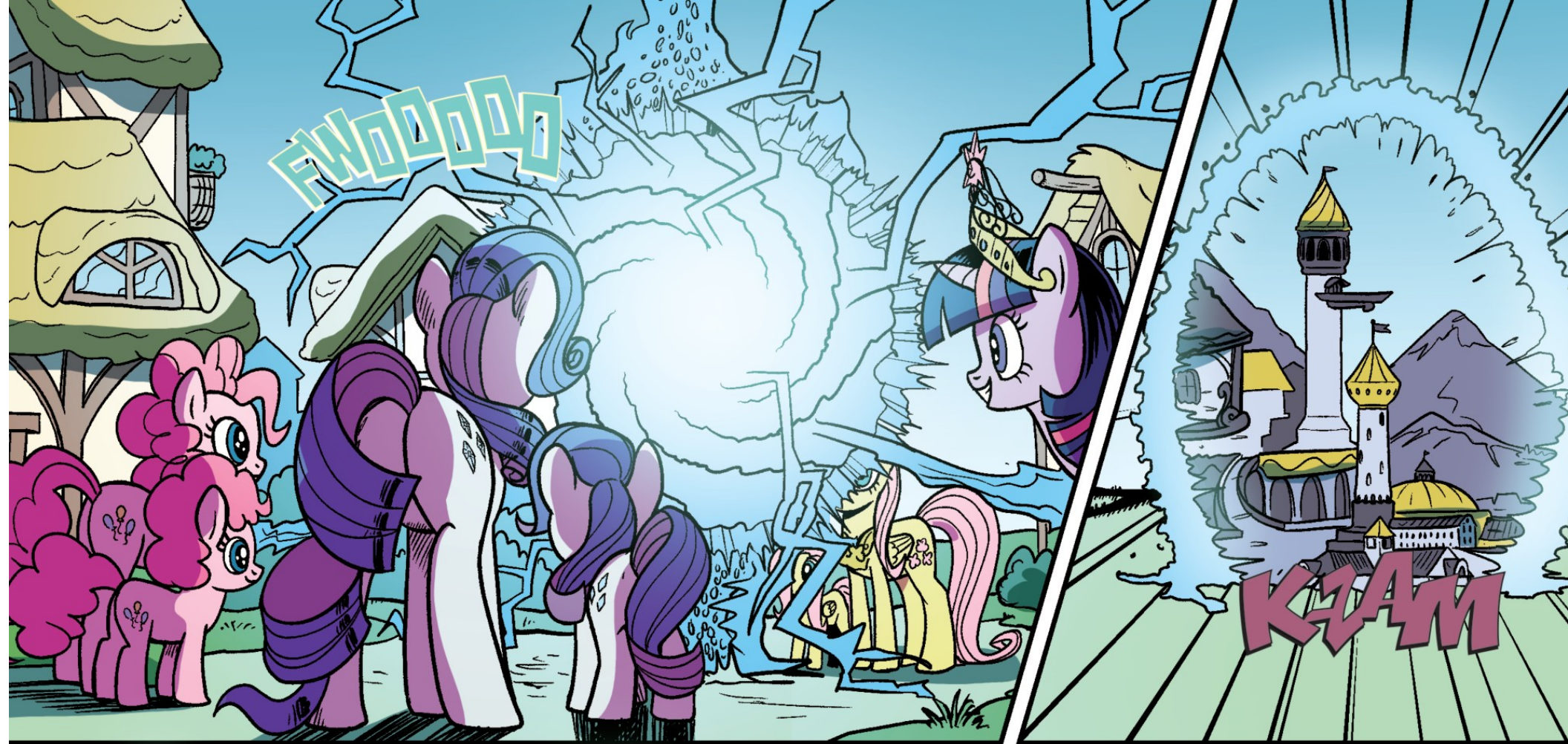
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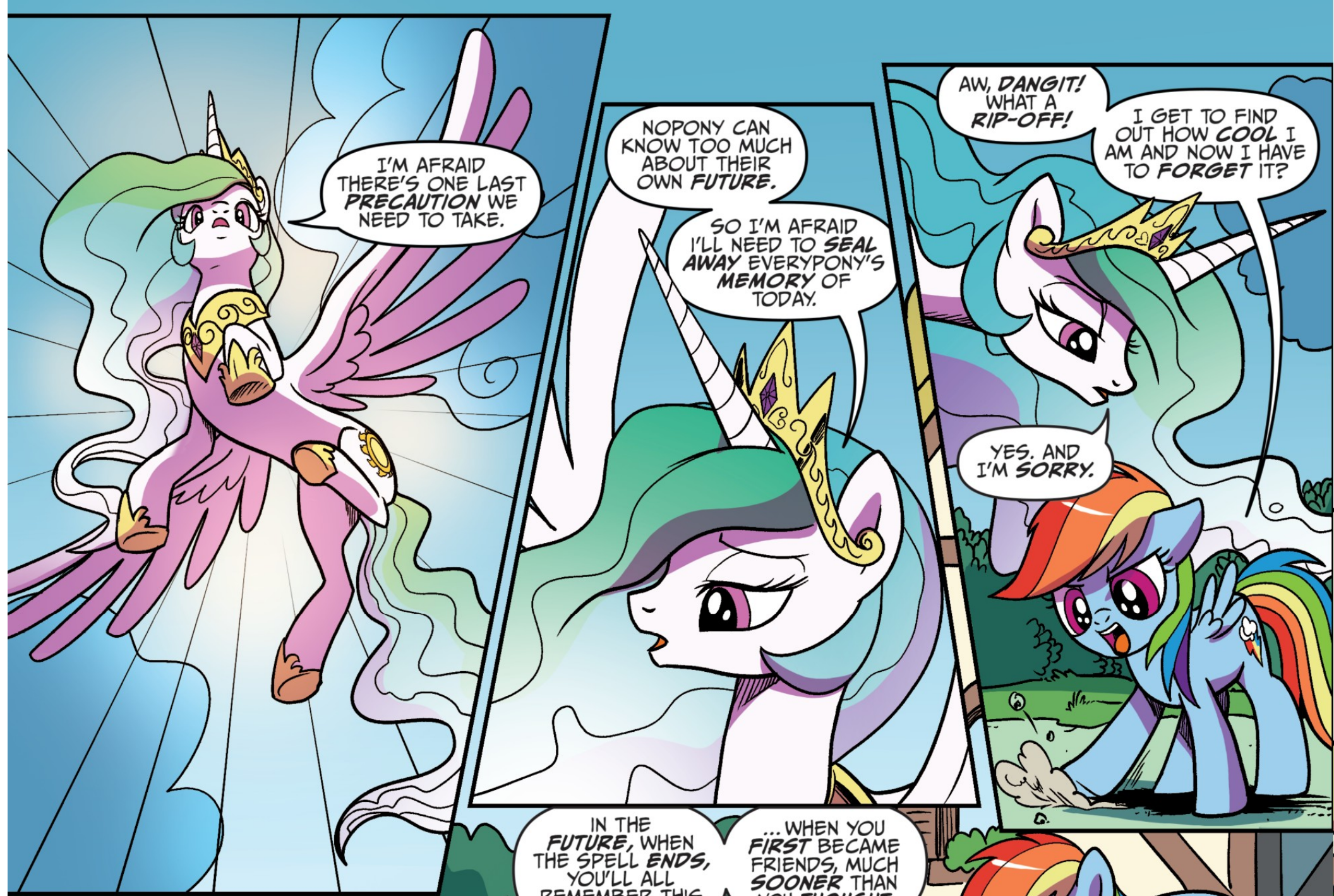
I CAN DO **ANYTHING**—AND I'M GONNA PROVE IT TO **EVERYPONY!**











I'M AFRAID THERE'S ONE LAST PRECAUTION WE NEED TO TAKE.

NOPONY CAN KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURE.

SO I'M AFRAID I'LL NEED TO SEAL AWAY EVERYPONY'S MEMORY OF TODAY.

AW, DANGIT! WHAT A RIP-OFF!

I GET TO FIND OUT HOW COOL I AM AND NOW I HAVE TO FORGET IT?

YES. AND I'M SORRY.



IN THE FUTURE, WHEN THE SPELL ENDS, YOU'LL ALL REMEMBER THIS DAY...

... WHEN YOU FIRST BECAME FRIENDS, MUCH SOONER THAN YOU THOUGHT.



BUT UNTIL THEN...

... WE ALL NEED TO SAY GOODBYE.



