

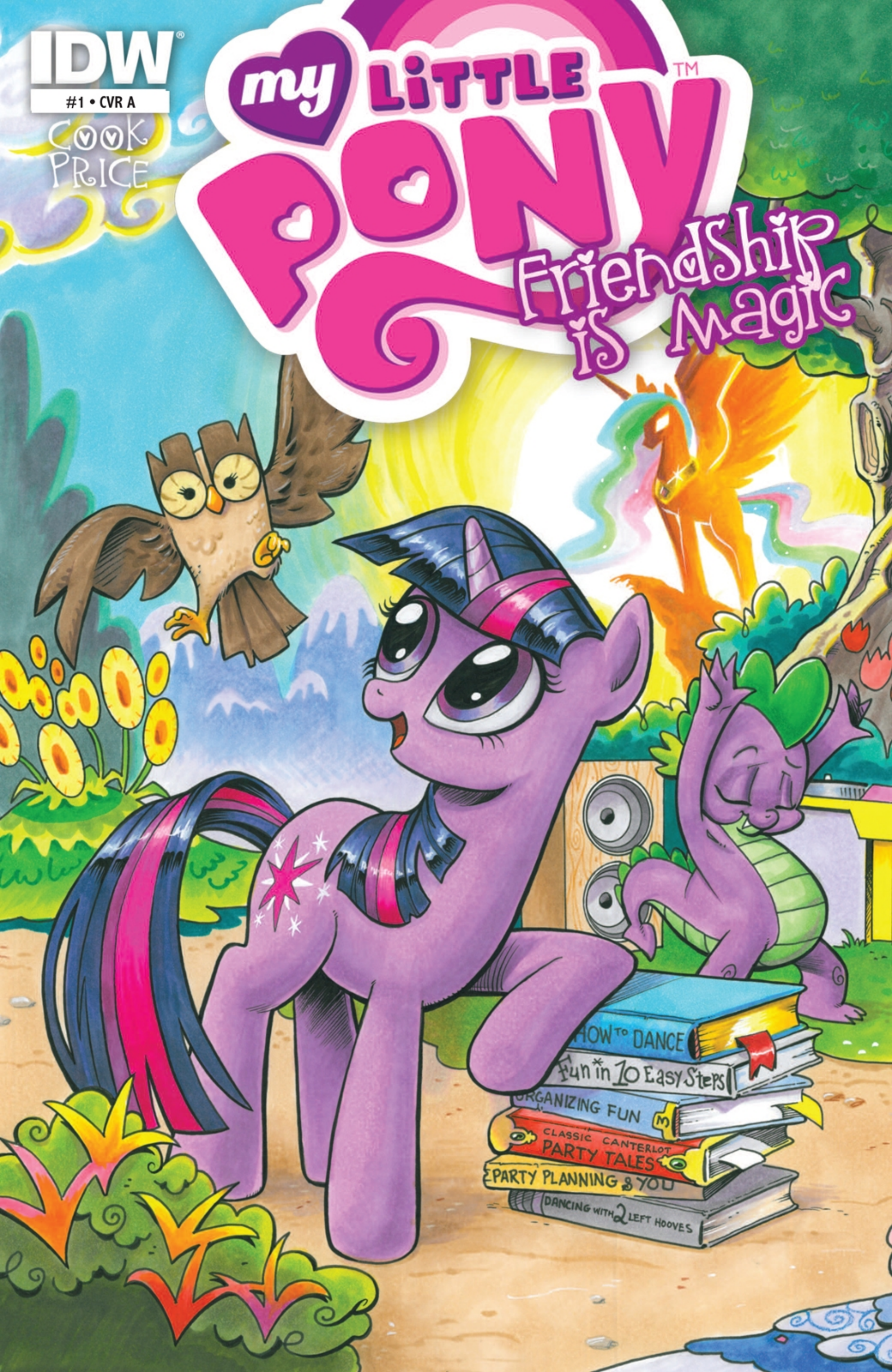
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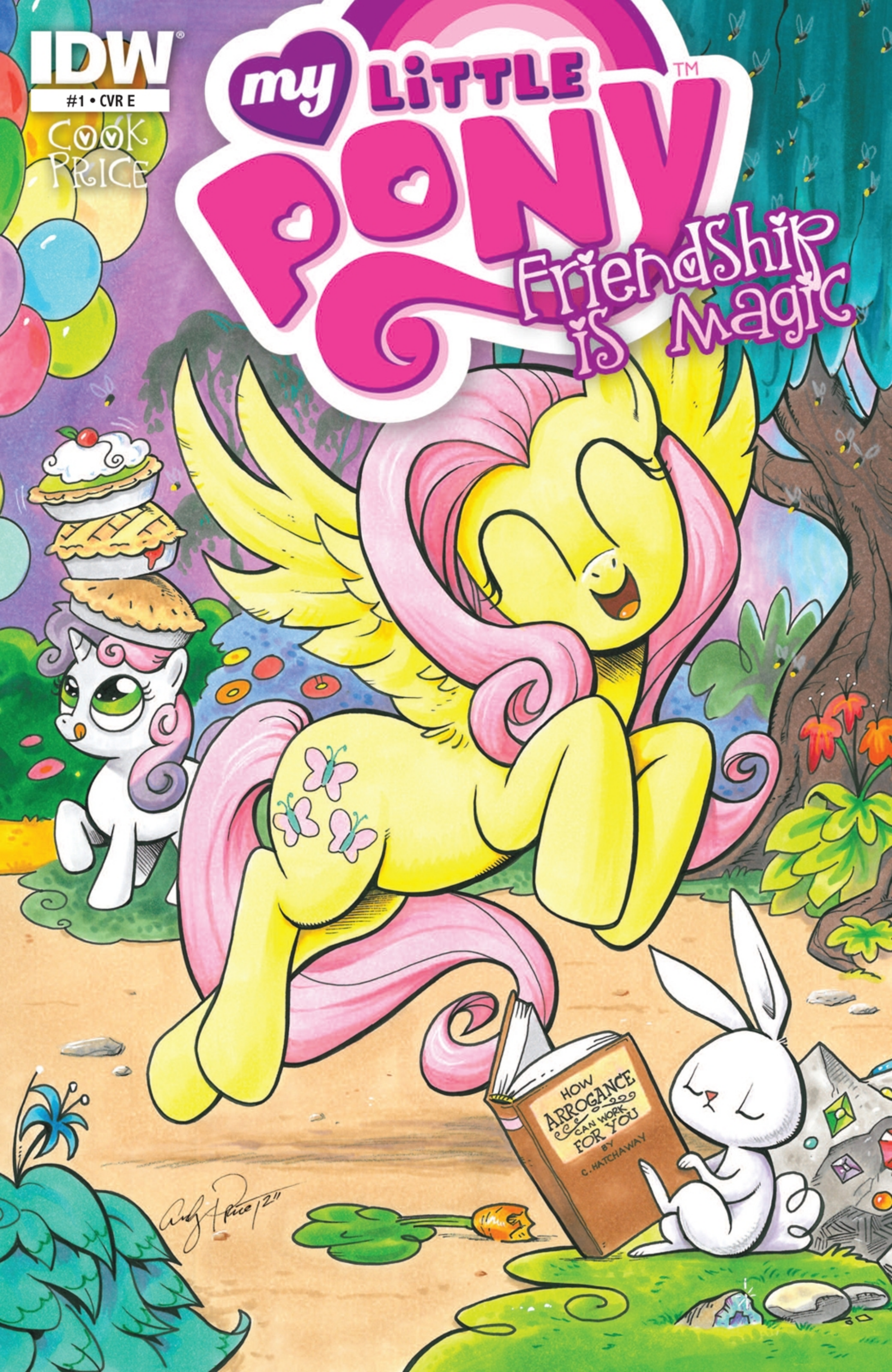
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THIS WAS A GREAT IDEA, WE CAN GET OUR CUTIE MARKS AS ZOOLOGISTS!

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

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

SNUFF
SNUFF

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SNUFF

THIS SIDE UP
Jungle Crooz

ANIMALS

Birds

Piglet's

Bunnies

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

HA
HA

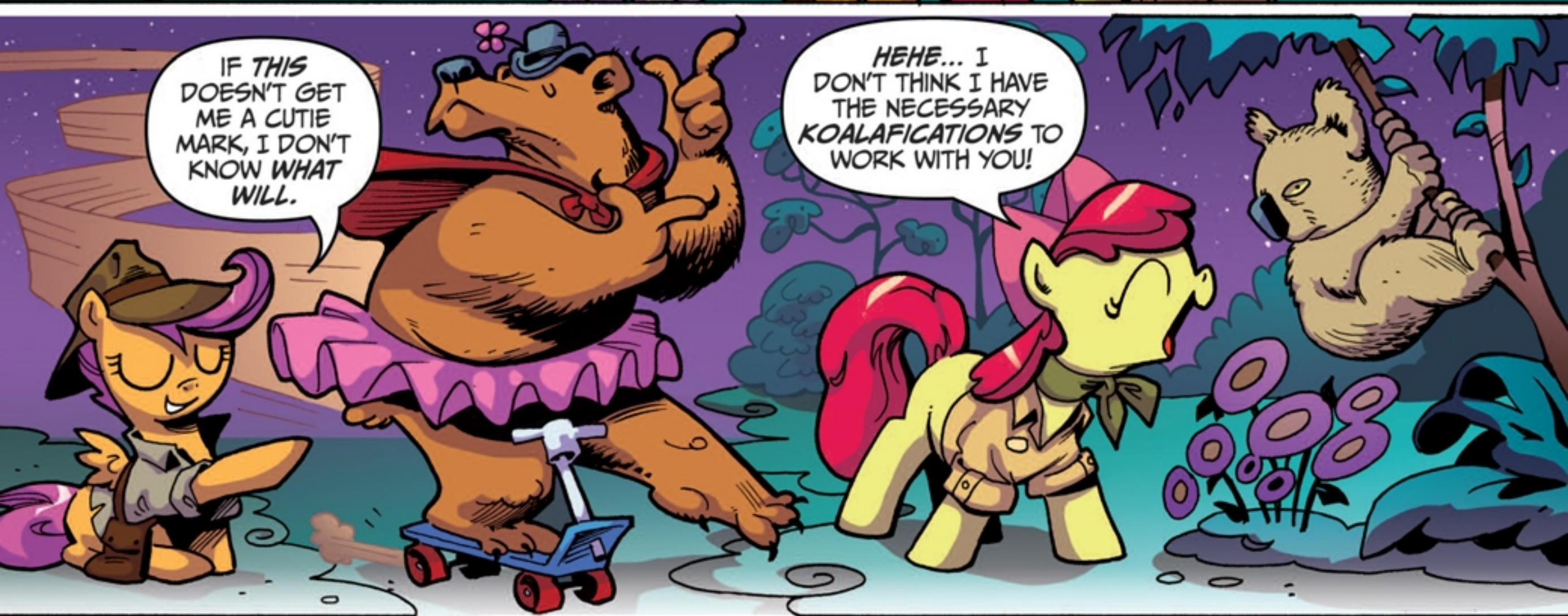
HA

BRUNELLA

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

HEY!

THE RETURN OF QUEEN CHRISALIS



THE NEXT DAY...



APPLE
BLOOM! IT'S
TIME TO GET
UP!







HAVE ANY OF YOU SEEN CHEERILEE? I JUST HEARD SHE DIDN'T SHOW UP TO THE SCHOOLHOUSE TODAY!

AND THE CAKES DIDN'T OPEN UP SUGARCUBE CORNER THIS MORNING!

AT FIRST I THOUGHT MAYBE THEY WERE PLANNING A PARTY BECAUSE MR. CAKE'S BIRTHDAY IS IN 43 DAYS AND THAT'S CUTTING IT WAY CLOSE TO JUST BE STARTING IN ON ORDERING SUPPLIES...

...BUT WHEN I ASKED ABOUT IT, THEY JUST LOOKED AT ME LIKE I WAS CRAZY.



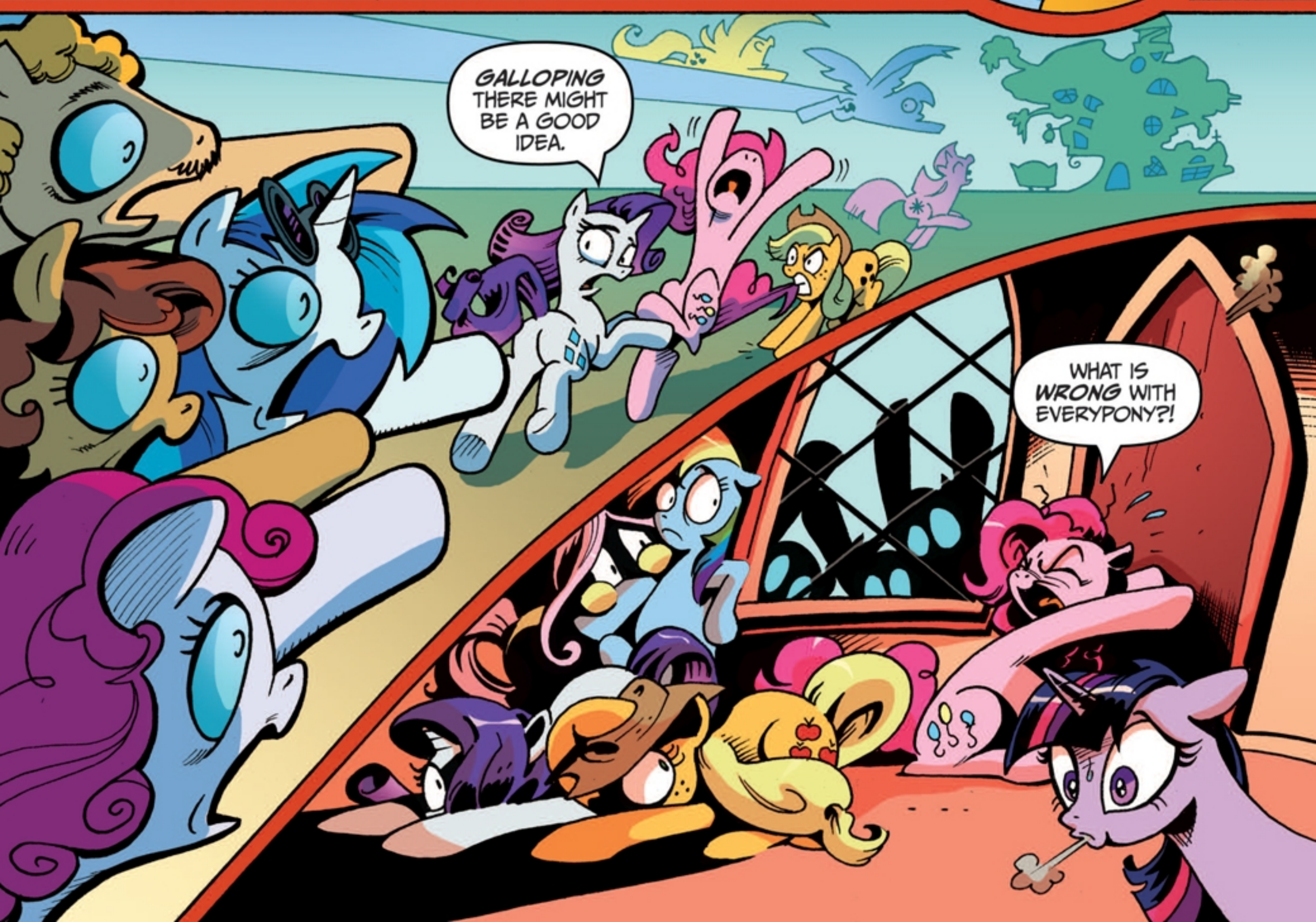
EVERYPONY IS ACTING SO BIZARRE! MORE AND MORE PONIES BY THE HOUR! WHAT IN EQUESTRIA IS GOING ON?



UH... I THINK WE SHOULD MOVE THIS CONVERSATION TO SOMEWHERE MORE... PRIVATE?

QUICK GIRLS, TO THE LIBRARY!

THAT'S YOUR SOLUTION FOR EVERYTHING.



GALLOPING THERE MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH EVERYPONY?!



WAIT... THIS...
THIS IS TOO
FAMILIAR. EVERYPONY
ACTING STRANGE?
ACTING LIKE
THEY'VE BEEN
REPLACED?!



YOU LOST
ME.

GASP! OF COURSE!
THE ROYAL WEDDING!
PRINCESS CADANCE WAS
REPLACED BY A
CHANGELING!

THE *QUEEN*
CHANGELING! ...AND
SHE WENT ALL EVIL
ON EVERYPONY!



OOOH... THE
WEDDING... YEAH...
WELL, I DON'T REMEMBER
MUCH AFTER I HAD PINKIE'S
TUTTI-FRUTTI SHERBET SUGAR
PUNCH. IT MADE THE DAY A
BIT OF A BLUR...

THAT'S
BECAUSE I USE
SEVEN PARTS
SUGAR TO EVERY
ONE PART TUTTI!



HMPF! LUCKY
FOR YOU I KEPT A
FULL JOURNAL OF
WHAT HAPPENED!

Infected

ACCORDING TO MY
EXTENSIVE NOTE-TAKING,
THE CHANGELINGS ARE
BACK... AND THIS TIME,
THEY MUST BE AFTER
PONYVILLE!



WELL, WE NEED TO WARN
PRINCESS CELESTIA RIGHT
AWAY! SHE'LL GET RID OF
THEM RIGHT QUICK!

RIGHT!

SPIKE! TAKE
A LETTER!



RIGHT!

THREE REWRITES AND A SPELL CHECK LATER...

PERFECT! SEND IT TO CELESTIA, SPIKE.

NO PROBLEM.

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL SERVICE!

"DEAR CORRESPONDENT: I AM UNAVAILABLE DUE TO A ROYAL EMERGENCY. PLEASE TRY SENDING YOUR LETTER AGAIN AT A LATER TIME."

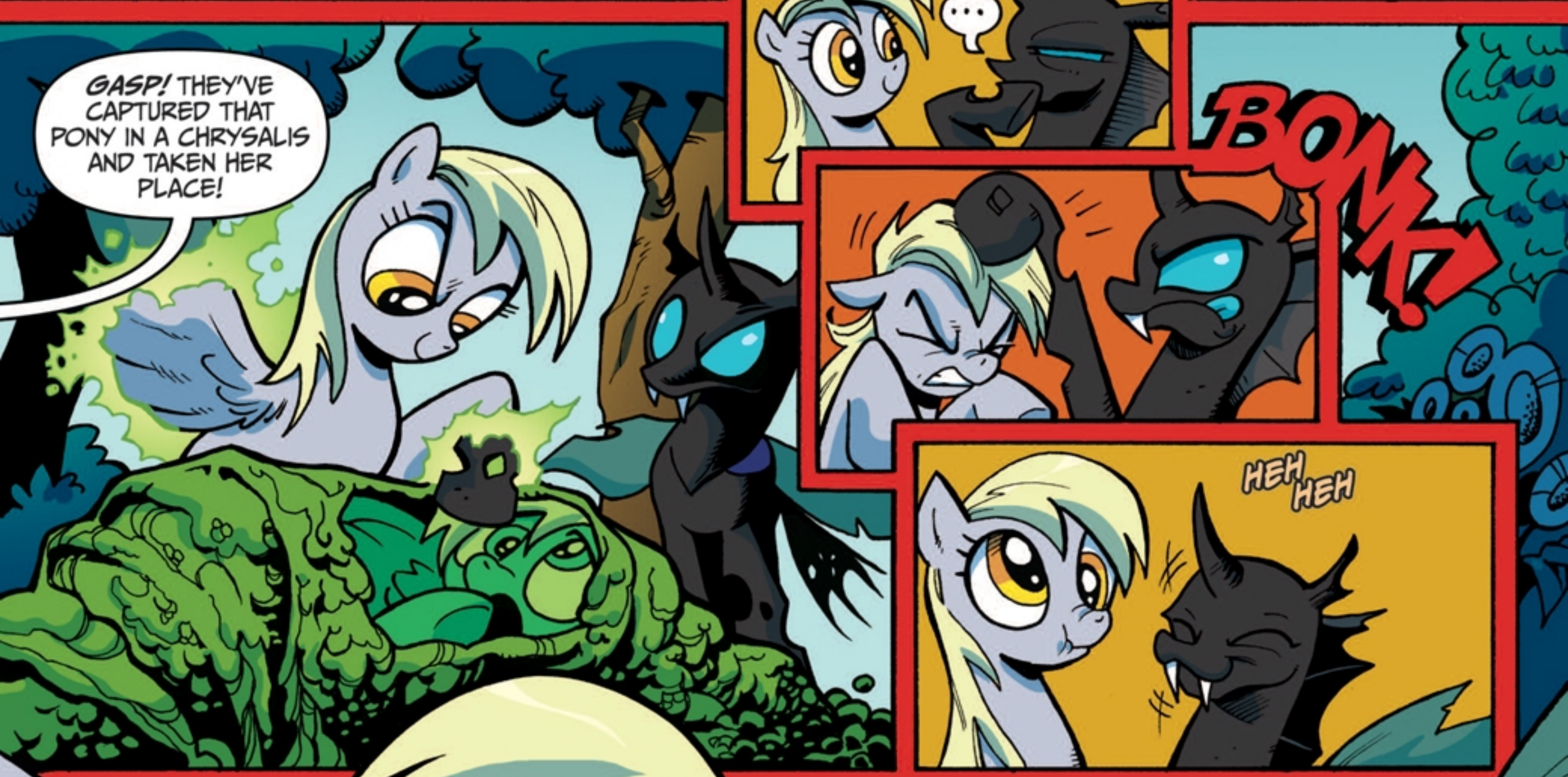
...I... I WAS JUST FORM LETTERED?!

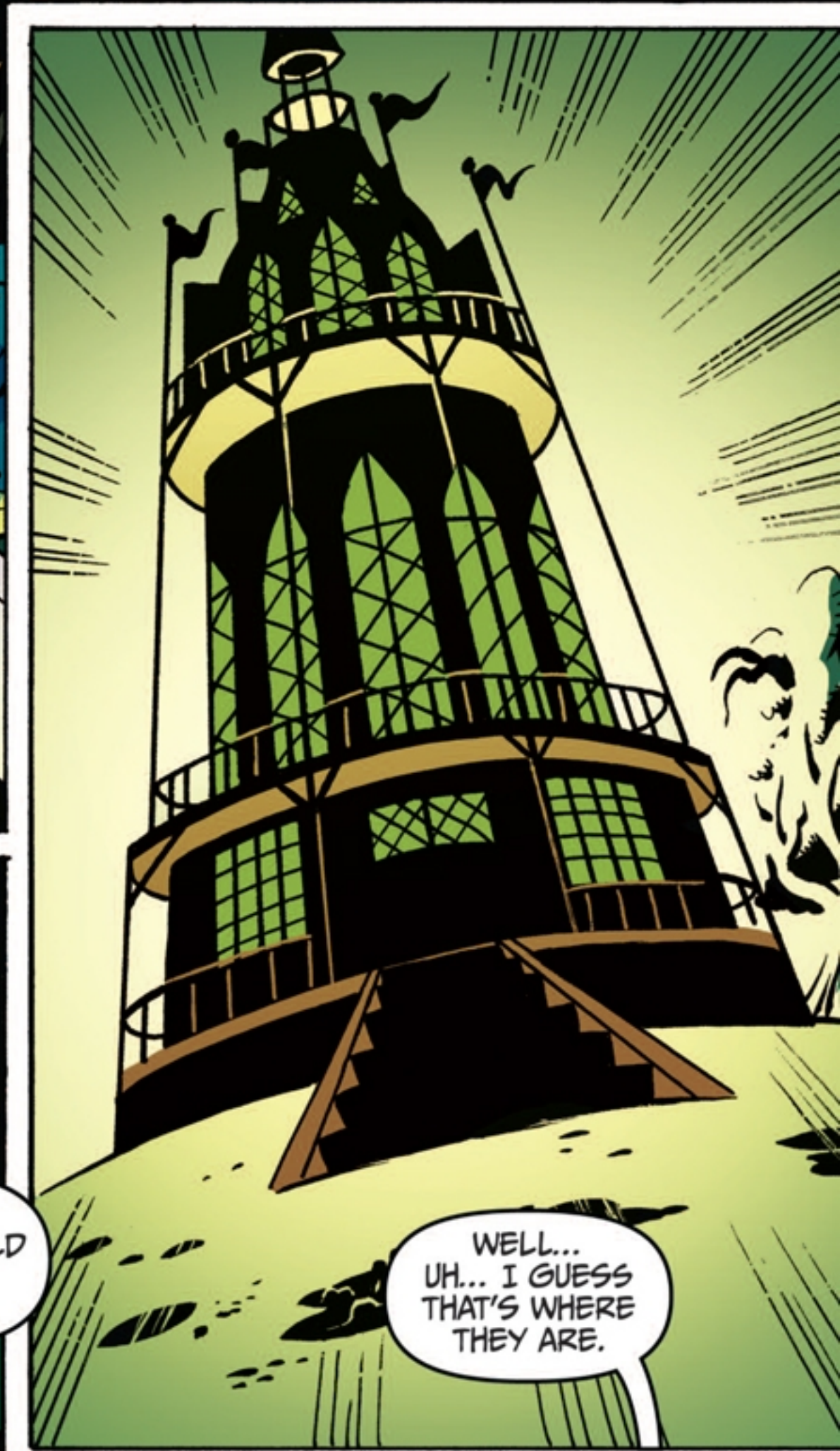
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE ON OUR OWN FOR THIS. IT'S CLOBBERING TIME!

UM... I WOULD BE OKAY WITH WAITING UNTIL THE PRINCESS IS AVAILABLE.

MY SISTER IS MISSIN' AND IF THOSE THINGS ARE RESPONSIBLE, WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON!







LET'S GET
THIS RODEO
STARTED!

GIVE ME BACK
MY SISTER, YOU
RUFFIANS!

IT'S FLANK
WHOOING...

...TIME?

HISSE

OKAY, GIRLS!
WE'VE FOUGHT
THEM BEFORE!
WE CAN HANDLE
THIS!

"...I THINK?"

POOF

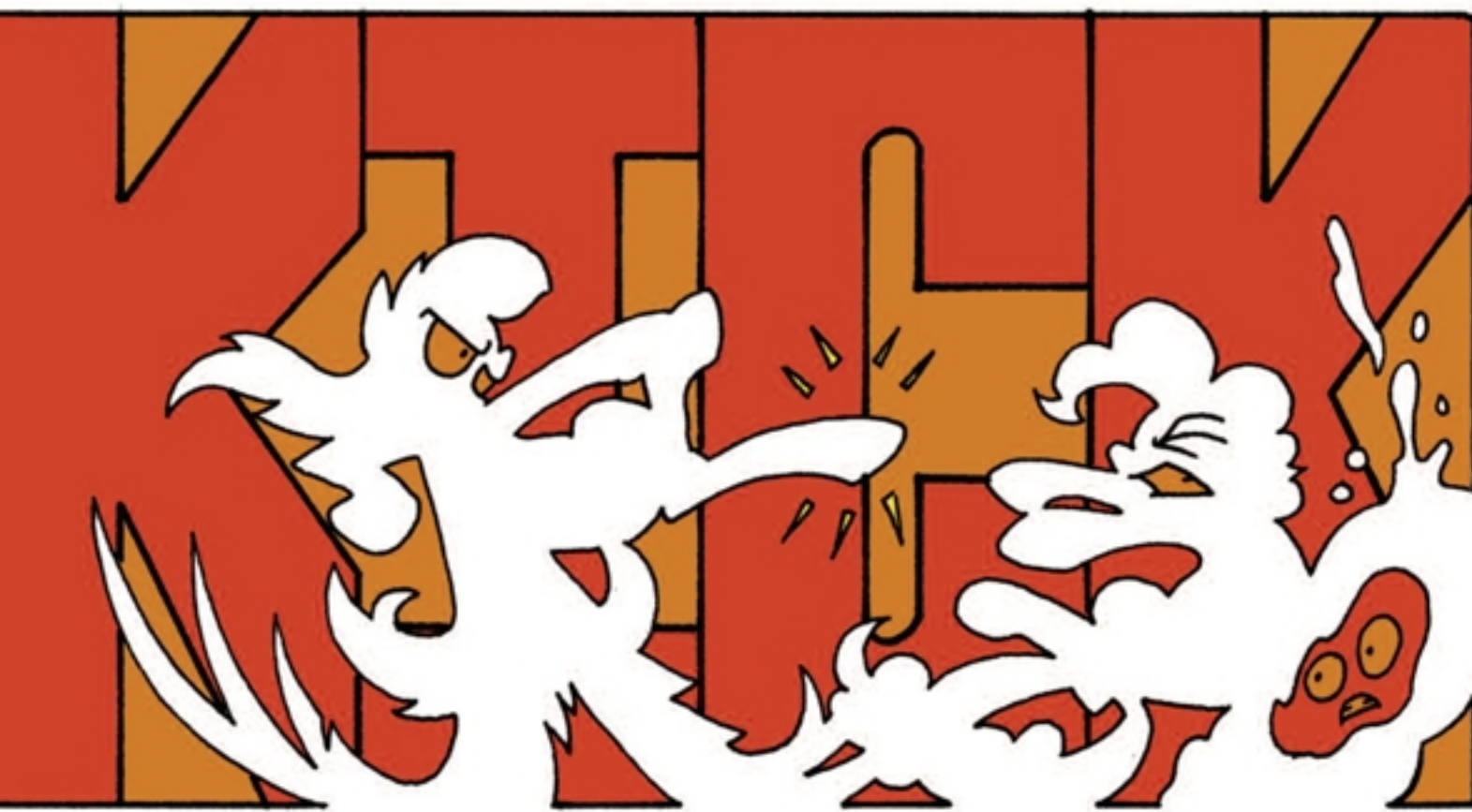
WATCH OUT!
THEY'RE TAKING
OUR FORM TO
CONFUSE US!

WELL,
THIS IS...

...NIGHTMARISH.

OH! THIS WOULD BE
THE **BEST PARTY EVER**
IF WE WEREN'T ALL ABOUT
TO BE TURNED INTO POD
PONIES!

PINKIE!





HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO TELL ME APART FROM ME?!

HMM... DO YOU MIND IF I DO SOMETHING I'VE BEEN DYING TO TRY?



THERE, NOW YOU LOOK DIFFERENT AND FABULOUS!



RARITY! BLAST IT! PRETEND IT'S LAST YEAR'S FASHION OR SOMETHING!

EEP! LEG WARMERS AND STIRRUP PANTS?!

...NOT IN MY SPRING LINE!



UH... TWILIGHT? LITTLE HELP?



WELL... THAT
ESCALATED
QUICKLY... THEN
ENDED ABRUPTLY.

WOW PINKIE!
HOW DID YOU KNOW
THAT CAKE BATTER
WOULD GET ALL THE
CHANGELINGS TO STOP
DEAD IN THEIR
TRACKS?

BECAUSE IT'S
THE BATTER FOR
MY SUPER-STICKY
DOUBLE-BUBBLE
BUBBLE-GUM FOR
GUMMY CAKE!
...DUH.

LET'S START
LETTING EVERYPONY
OUT OF THESE PODS
AND FIND THOSE
FILLIES!

LATER...

THERE'S NO SIGN
OF SWEETIE BELLE,
APPLE BLOOM, OR
SCOOTALOO ANYWHERE,
AND YOU'VE OPENED
ALL THE PODS!

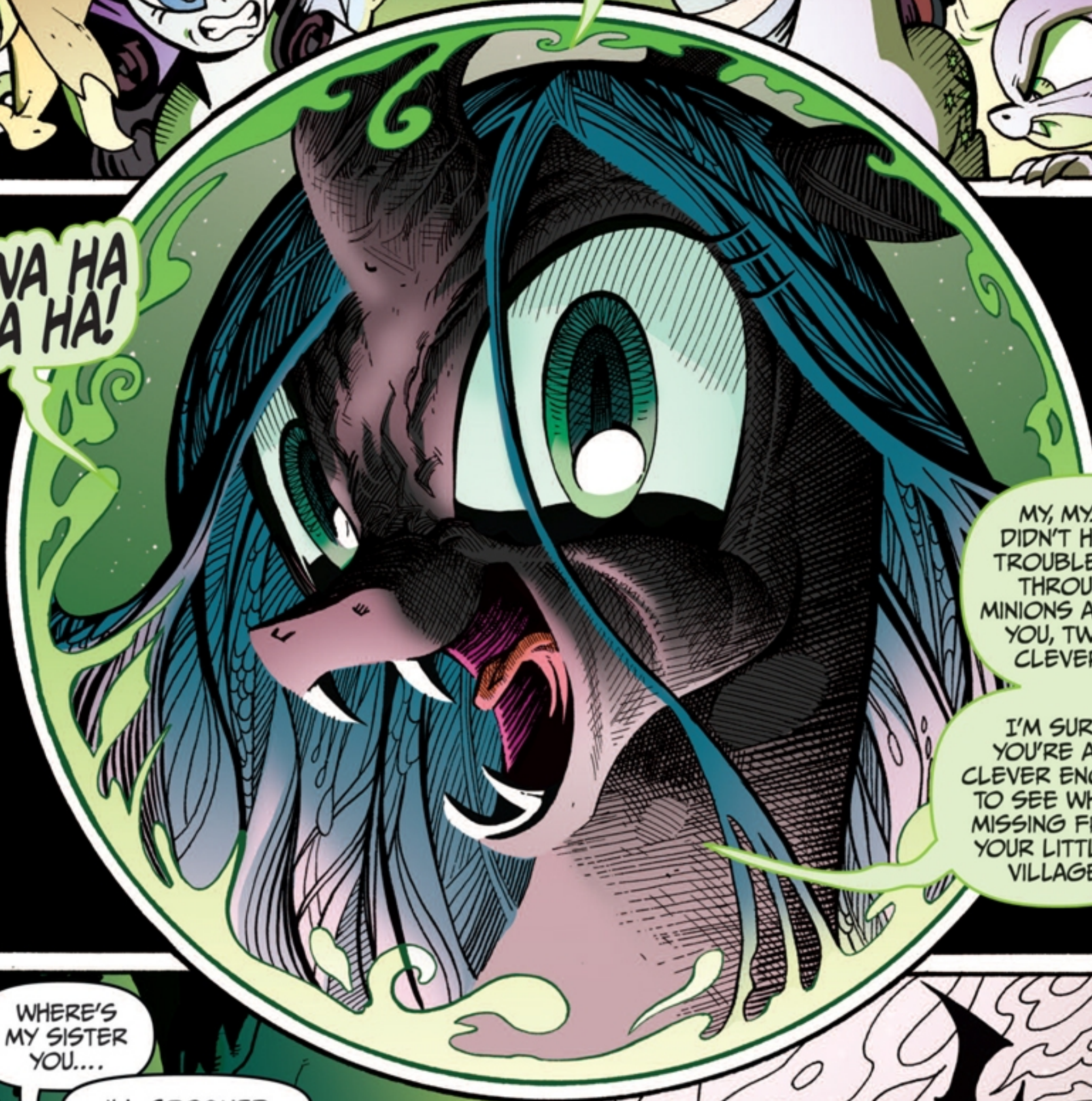
WHERE...
WHERE COULD
THEY POSSIBLY BE?
WHY AREN'T THEY
HERE?!





MWA
HA HA
HA!

MWA HA
HA HA!



MY, MY... YOU
DIDN'T HAVE ANY
TROUBLE SEEING
THROUGH MY
MINIONS AT ALL, DID
YOU, TWILIGHT?
CLEVER GIRL.

I'M SURE
YOU'RE ALL
CLEVER ENOUGH
TO SEE WHO'S
MISSING FROM
YOUR LITTLE...
VILLAGE.



WHERE'S
MY SISTER
YOU....

...ILL-GROOMED...

...SWISS
CHEESE...

...MULE!

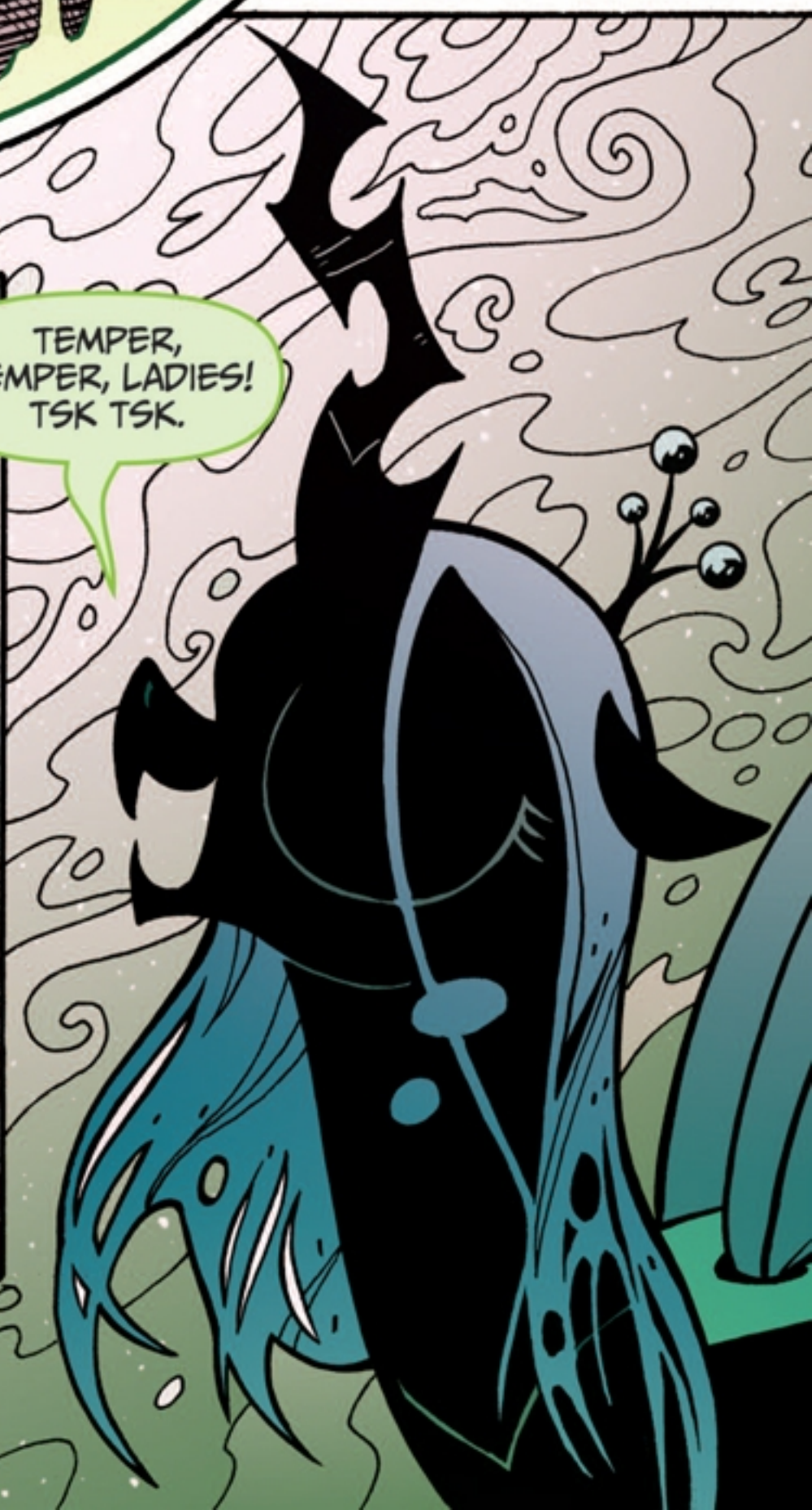


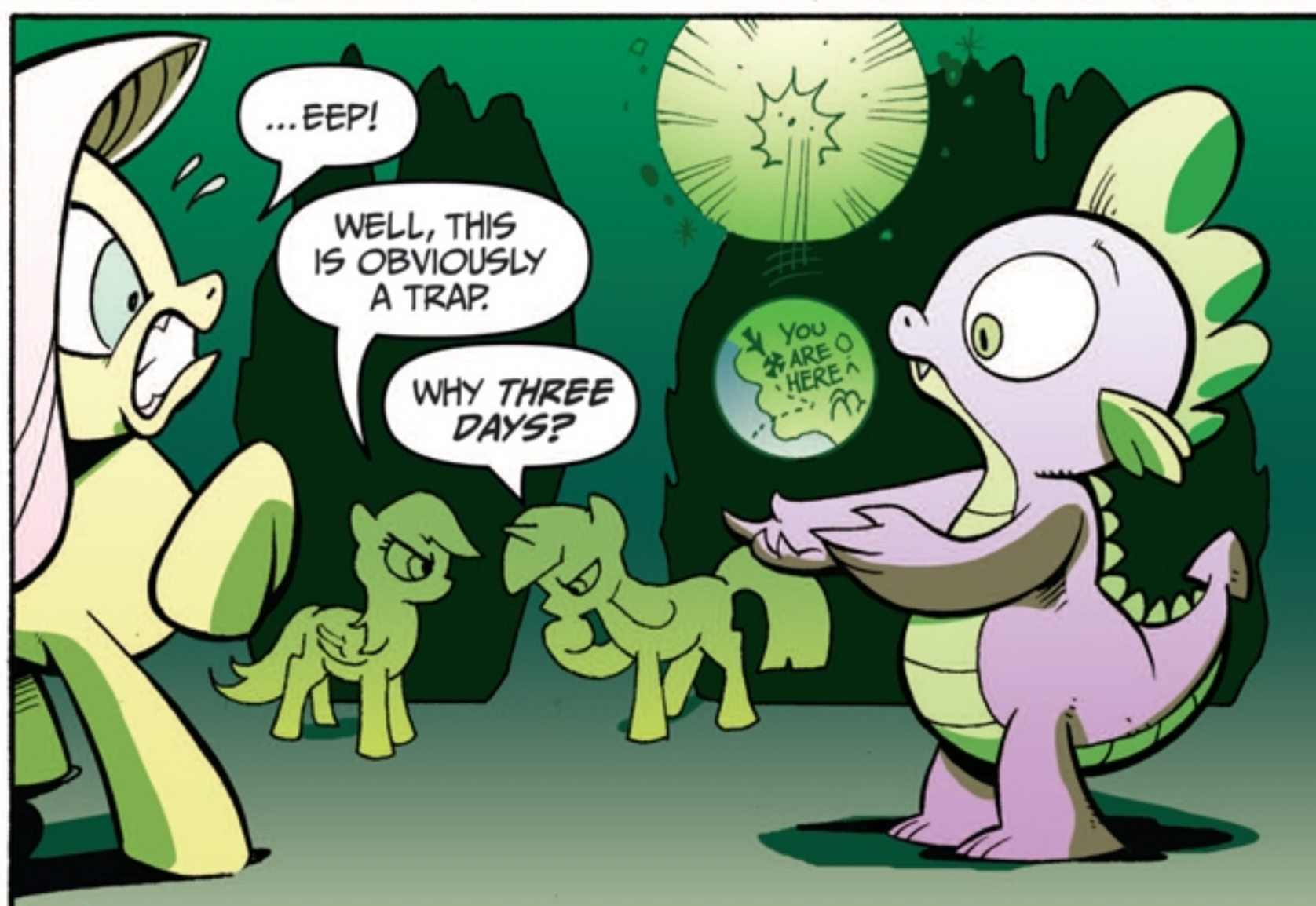
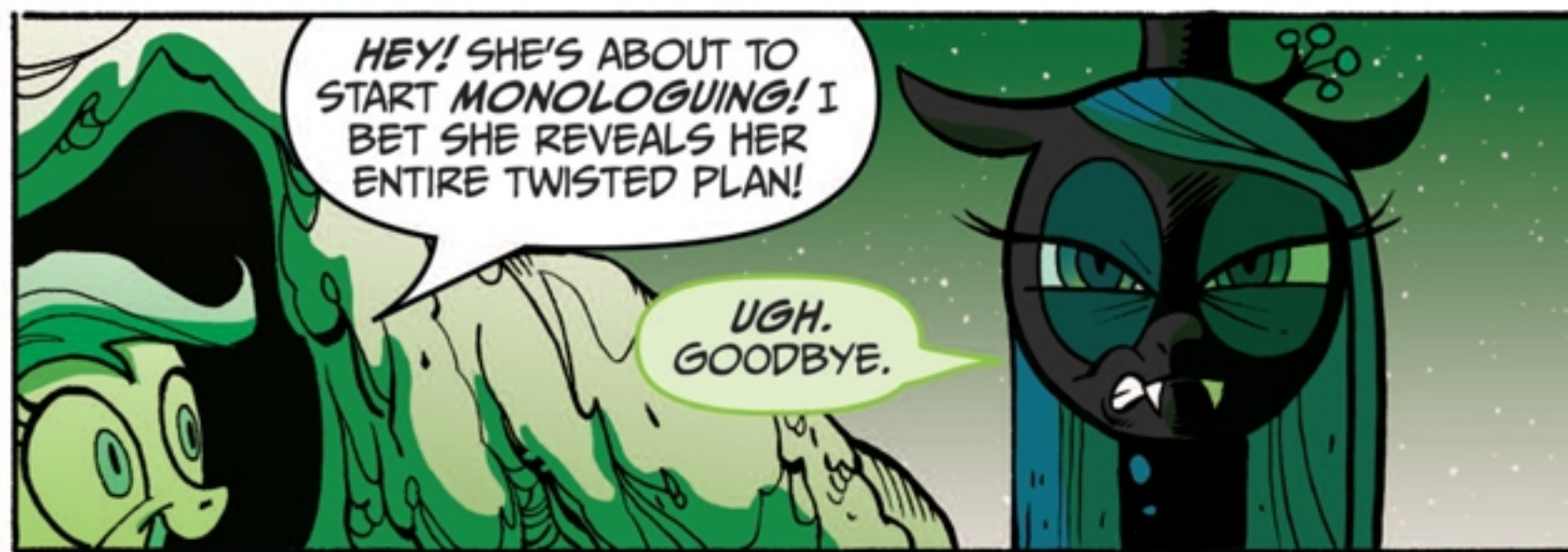
HEY!



hā!

TEMPER,
TEMPER, LADIES!
TSK TSK.







GASP! I KNOW. SECRETARIAT COMET! IN THREE DAYS THE SECRETARIAT COMET IS PASSING THROUGH THE HORSE HEAD NEBULA *BREATHE* AND IT'S ALL PASSING OVER EQUESTRIA. IT'S THE SINGLE BIGGEST CONJUNCTION IN CELESTIAL EVENTS IN OVER 3,000 YEARS!

YOU GOT WHAT IN YOUR WHAT NOW?



IT'S A MAGICAL PHENOMENON, EVERY MAGICAL CREATURE IS GOING TO FEEL THE EFFECTS. IT MUST BE WHY PRINCESS CELESTIA IS UNAVAILABLE. SHE'S PROBABLY PROTECTING CANTERLOT!

BUT... IF CELESTIA IS BUSY, WHO WILL HELP US AGAINST QUEEN CHRYSALIS? WE CAN'T GO TO THE CHANGELING KINGDOM ALONE!

YES, PERHAPS SOME OF THE ROYAL GUARD CAN ACCOMPANY US? MAYBE SOMEONE WITH BROAD SHOULDERS... A NICE COIFFURE... AN ACCENT...

STILL NO ONE WITH ME THAT THIS IS A TRAP?



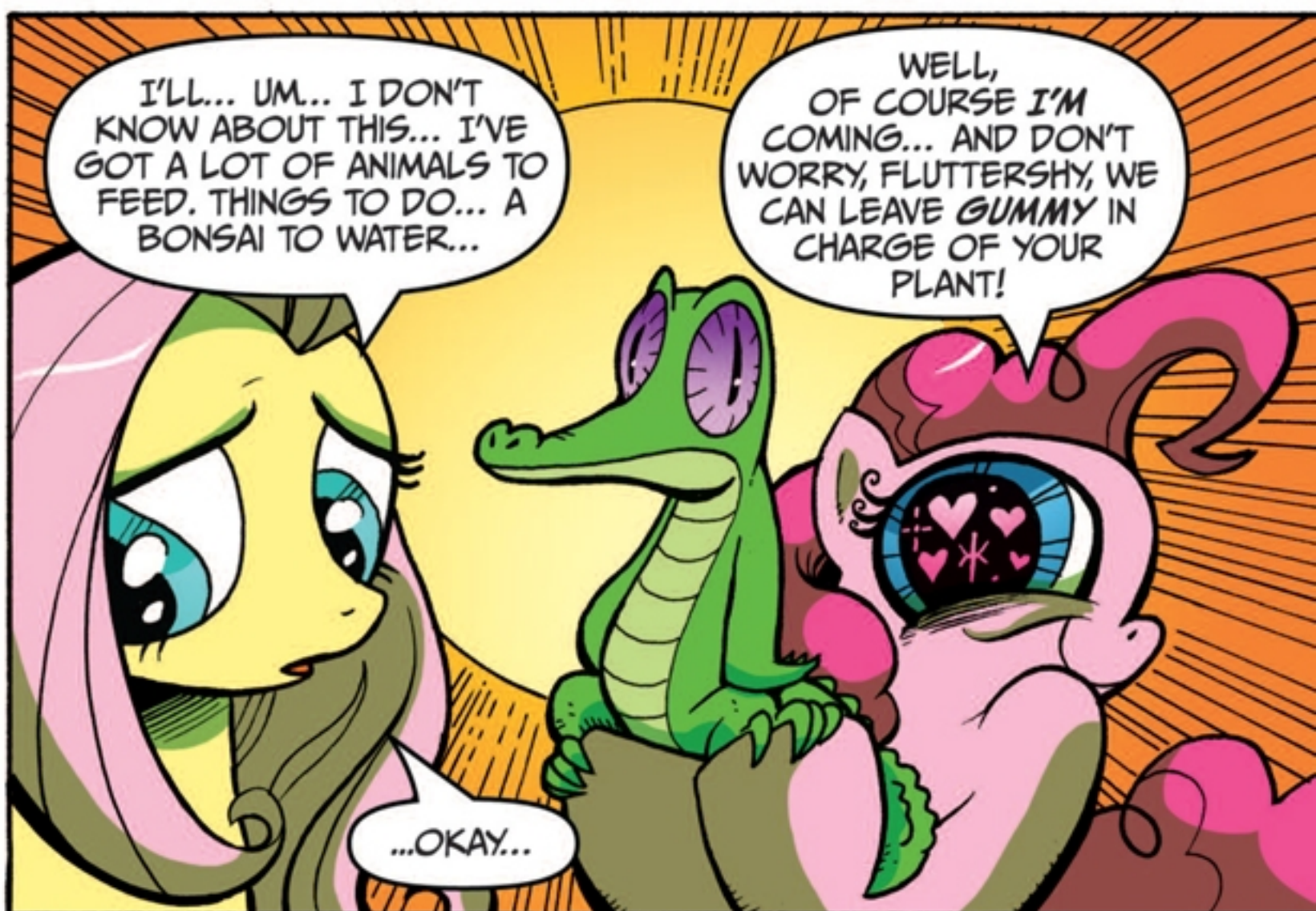
WE KNOW IT'S A TRAP, RAINBOW... BUT I CAN'T WAIT AROUND FOR HELP FROM THE ROYALS. I'VE GOT TO SAVE MY SISTER!

SWEETIE BELLE NEEDS MY HELP. I'M GOING WITH APPLEJACK.

BUT WE SHOULD WAIT... WE NEED TO DO SOME INVESTIGATION INTO WHAT THE QUEEN IS UP TO! HOW IS SHE GOING TO USE THAT MAGICAL SURGE? WHY DO WE NEED TO BE THERE?! WE SHOULD TRY AND WRITE TO THE PRINCESS AGAIN.



WRITE ALL THE LETTERS YOU WANT, THERE'S NO TIME TO WAIT. RARITY AND I ARE LEAVING NOW.



I'LL... UM... I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS... I'VE GOT A LOT OF ANIMALS TO FEED. THINGS TO DO... A BONSAI TO WATER...

...OKAY...

WELL, OF COURSE I'M COMING... AND DON'T WORRY, FLUTTERSHY, WE CAN LEAVE GUMMY IN CHARGE OF YOUR PLANT!



SPIKE, YOU STAY HERE. KEEP TRYING TO GET A HOLD OF PRINCESS CELESTIA AND TELL HER WHERE WE ARE.

I'M LEAVING YOU IN CHARGE OF THE CAPTURED CHANGELINGS. WHEN YOU GET A HOLD OF THE PRINCESS, SHE'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM.



ALRIGHT, EVERYPONY!



WELL, THIS IS SHOWING US THE WAY. IT'S GOING TO TAKE US ALMOST THE WHOLE THREE DAYS TO GET THERE... SO WE NEED TO GET MOVING.

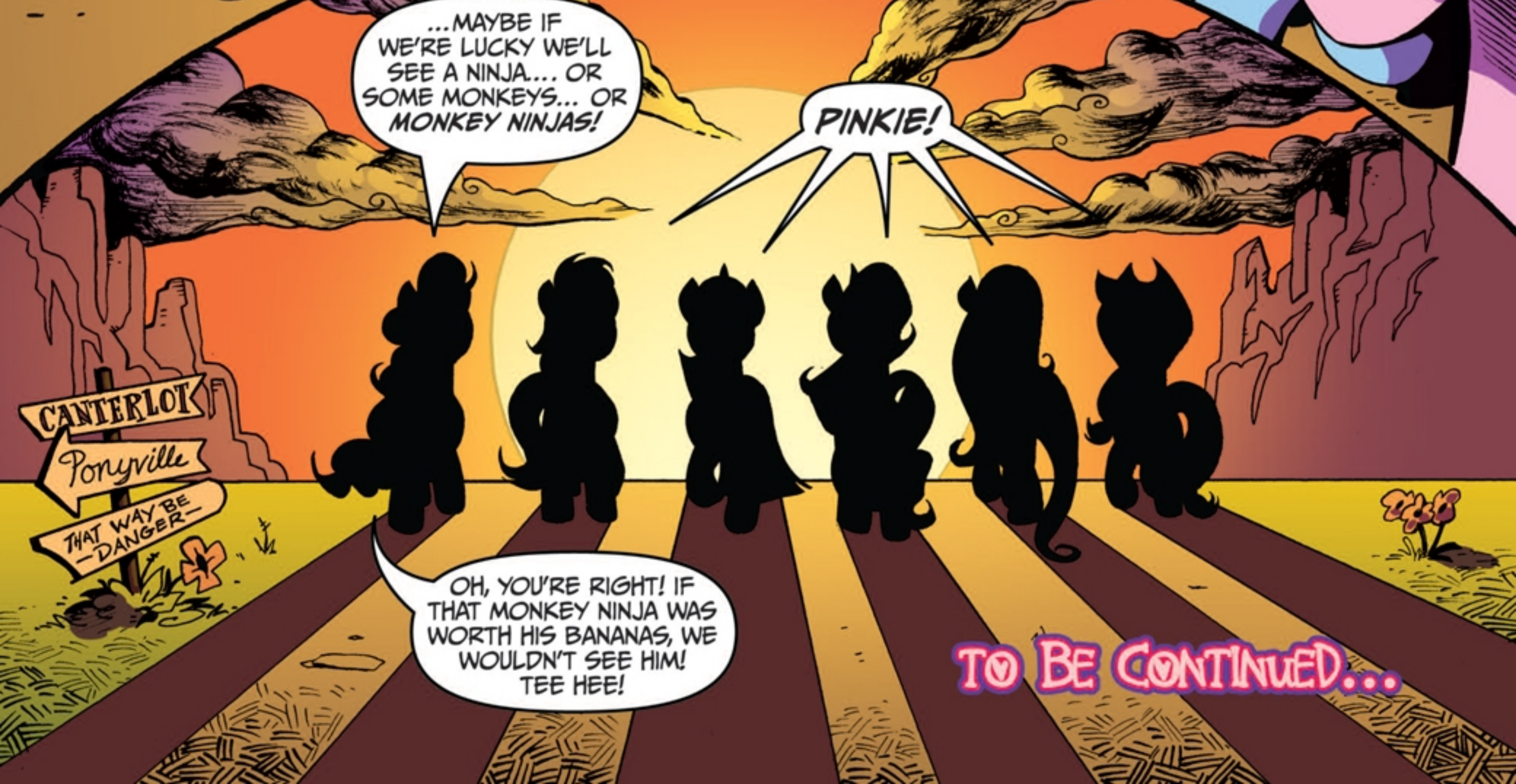


I FEEL LIKE DARING DO! A PONY OF ADVENTURE! WE'RE OFF ON A QUEST!

WOO! RAISE YOUR HOOVES IF YOU'RE READY FOR THREE EXCITING DAYS OF PERIL!



SO RANDOM



...MAYBE IF WE'RE LUCKY WE'LL SEE A NINJA... OR SOME MONKEYS... OR MONKEY NINJAS!

PINKIE!

OH, YOU'RE RIGHT! IF THAT MONKEY NINJA WAS WORTH HIS BANANAS, WE WOULDN'T SEE HIM! TEE HEE!

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How Much Is That Pony In The Window?

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