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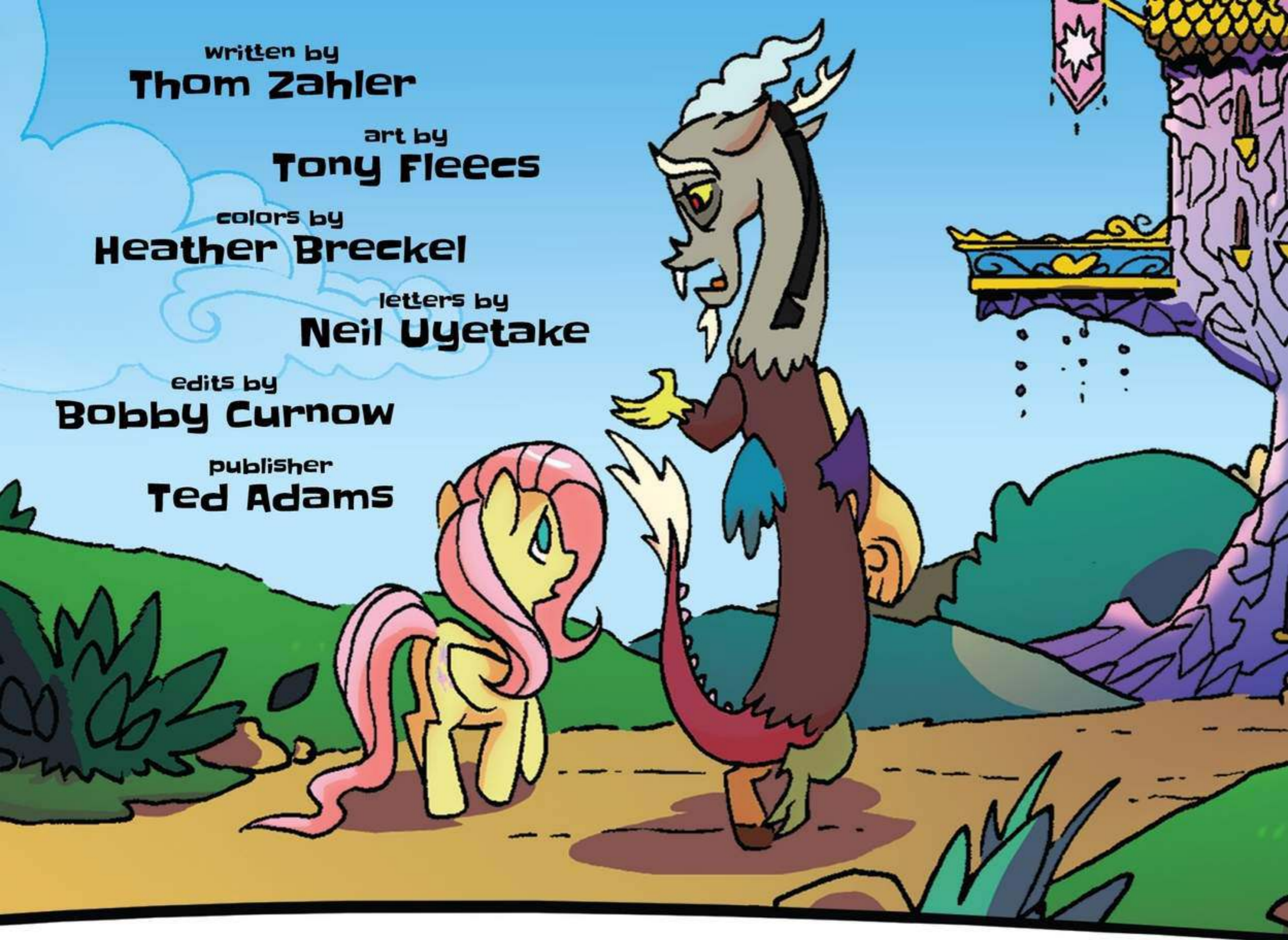
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THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR HOSTING THIS WEEK, DISCORD.

I QUITE LIKED THE PLAID-FLAVORED BISCUITS YOU MADE. AND THE SELF-DUNKING TEA, OF COURSE.

MY PLEASURE, AS ALWAYS, FLUTTERSHY.



I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR NEW ANIMAL SHELTER.

I THINK YOU'LL QUITE LIKE IT. I'M VERY PROUD OF IT, IF THAT'S OKAY TO SAY.

GUMMY, COME BACK! "SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR" IS JUST AN EXPRESSION!



GUMMY! DON'T GO JUMPING INTO STRANGE INTERDIMENSIONAL PORTALS! YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'VE BEEN!



WAIT FOR ME!



OR WAIT FOR HALF OF ME, I SHOULD SAY.



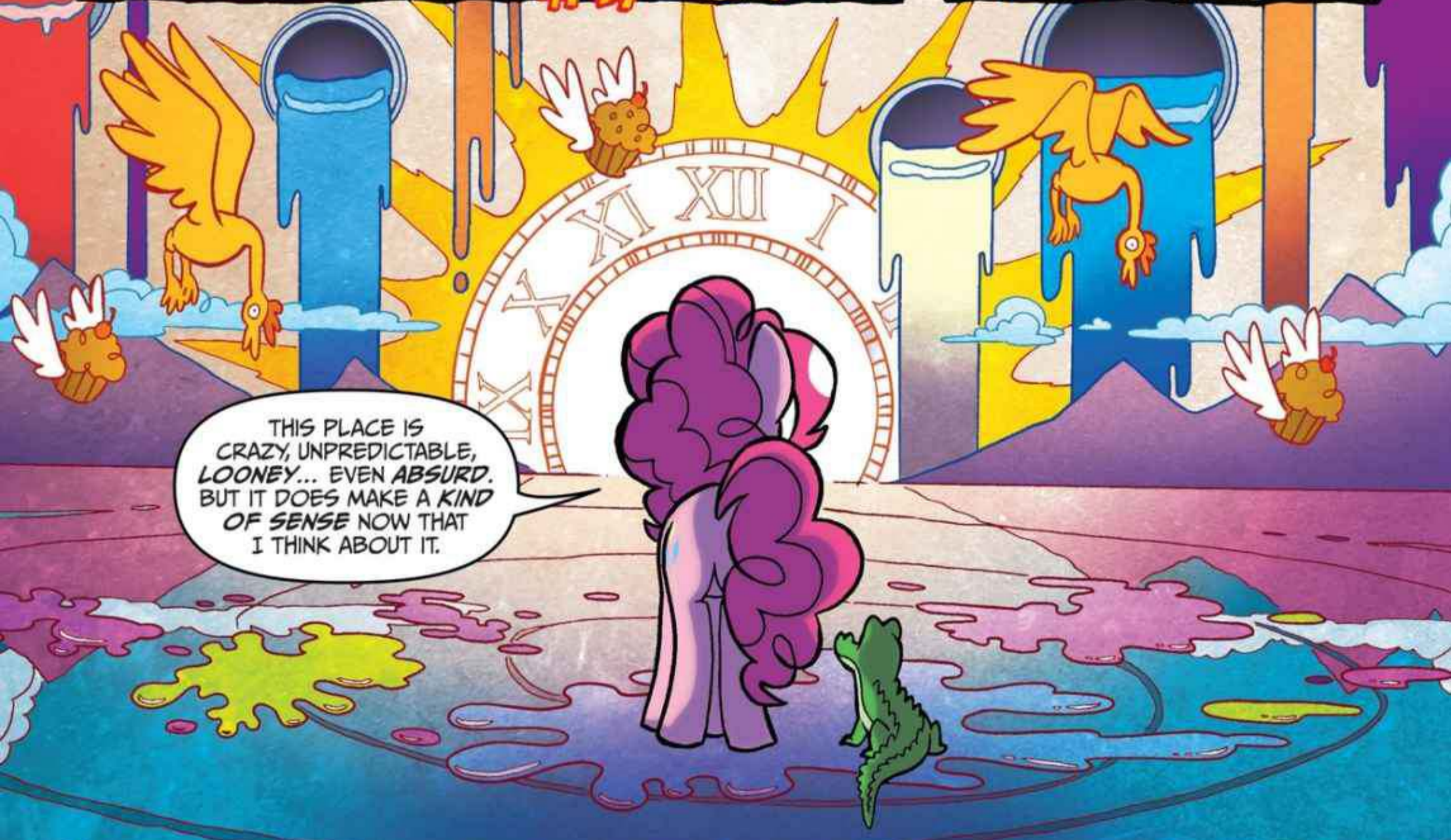
UNHFF!
NOW YOU'VE DONE
IT! I GOT UNSTUCK
FROM THERE JUST TO
GET US STUCK
HERE.

YIPES!
WHERE ARE WE,
GUMMY?

THIS PLACE
SEEMS A LITTLE
FISHY.









THIS REALLY IS AMAZING! AND YOU BUILT IT ALL? BY HOOF? YOU DIDN'T JUST SNAP YOUR FINGERS?

NOT ALL OF US HAVE CHAOS MAGIC POWERS.



FLUTTERSHY, HAVE YOU SEEN PINKIE PIE? WE WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET FOR LUNCH TODAY.

FLUTTERSHY, FLUTTERSHY... WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?

NO, MAUD, I'M AFRAID I HAVEN'T.



I'M MAUD PIE. I'M PINKIE PIE'S SISTER.

AHA! WELL, I AM THE GREAT AND POWERFUL AND AWESOME—

DISCORD. YES, I KNOW.



WELL, PERHAPS YOU'VE HEARD OF ME, BUT MEETING ME IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT. I'M THE LORD OF CHAOS. THE MANTICORE WITH THE MOSTEST.

YOU'RE QUITE IMPRESSIVE.

YOU SAY THOSE WORDS, BUT I'M NOT SURE YOU MEAN THEM.

I'M VERY DRY.



YOU'RE DRY BUT WAIT UNTIL YOU AND I ARE—





THIS PLACE ISN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL, IS IT, GUMMY?



I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY BALLOONS... OR SO MANY INTERESTING ONES.

YOU KNOW WHAT THIS PLACE NEEDS, THOUGH? FIREWORKS! I WISH THIS PLACE HAD FIREWORKS.



AWESOME!



LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE IS OUT THERE.



IT'S LIKE WE'RE AT THE START OF EVERYTHING THAT'S NEW!







WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO KNOCK ON THE DOOR OF YOUR DIMENSION—

—BY USING YOU AS A CONDUIT.

WILL IT—



—HURT?!



CAN'T... OPEN THE... PORTAL!

MAYBE... MAKE IT A... WINDOW!



OOOF!

THAT'S UNEXPECTED!

UNEXPECTED AND NOT GOOD AT ALL.

I THINK WE NOW KNOW WHY PINKIE PIE MISSED HER LUNCH APPOINTMENT.



HOW DID PINKIE PIE GET INTO YOUR CHAOS DIMENSION?

AND WHY DOESN'T SHE LOOK WORRIED?

WELL, I SUPPOSE, I MAY NOT HAVE CLOSED MY PORTAL HOME, PER SE.

MAYBE I JUST LET IT, UM... FADE AFTER FLUTTERSHY AND I USED IT TO GET HERE?

LOOK... I'M DISCORD! CHAOS! PUTTING THINGS AWAY ISN'T MY STRONG SUIT!



SO, WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HER?

WELL, A NORMAL PONY ALONE IN THE CHAOS DIMENSION WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN DRIVEN INSANE BY NOW. BUT PINKIE...

...SHE MIGHT BE RIGHT AT HOME.




I THINK WE'RE GOING TO NEED SOME MORE PONIES.



OKAY, EVERYPONY, HERE'S THE SITUATION. PINKIE PIE IS LOST IN DISCORD'S DIMENSION. WE NEED TO GET THERE AND PICK UP HER TRAIL. THEN WE FIND HER AND BRING HER BACK.

WHAT'S THE BOAT FOR?



WE FOUND A SPELL TO SLIP US INTO THE CHAOS DIMENSION, APPLEJACK, BUT IT'S NAUTICAL MAGIC. SO WE NEEDED A BOAT TO MAKE IT WORK. AND IT'LL BE OUR VEHICLE.

STARLIGHT GLIMMER WILL SEND US ON OUR WAY AND BE OUR ANCHOR, SO WE CAN RETURN.



OF COURSE, ONCE I GET BACK HOME AND GET MY POWERS BACK, I'LL JUST BE ABLE TO SEND YOU ALL BACK WITH A SNAP OF MY FINGERS.

ASSUMING EVERYTHING GOES WELL.



WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

GOOD LUCK!

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'LL NEED IT.




DISCORD, THIS IS WHERE YOU LIVE? IT'S SO MAGICAL... CREATIVE...

IT'S ALL THAT. IT'S ALSO...



...REDECORATED.

A grey dragon-like creature with horns and a beard (Discord) is sitting on a wooden boat. Several other ponies are on the boat with him. The background is a colorful, chaotic scene with pink and purple clouds, balloons, and confetti.

YOU WERE *RIGHT* TO BE CAUTIOUS, TWILIGHT. I DON'T THINK PINKIE IS TRAPPED HERE. I THINK SHE'S TAKEN OVER.

AND IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN OUR TASK JUST GOT A LOT HARDER.

IN MY ABSENCE, THE CHAOS DIMENSION LOCKED ONTO PINKIE'S CREATIVITY AND MISCHIEF. SHE'S RUNNING THE PLACE NOW.

FOR A VAST AND POWERFUL DIMENSIONAL BEING LIKE ME, THAT KIND OF CONVERSATION MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. BUT PINKIE IS ULTIMATELY A *NORMAL* EARTH PONY. BEING MADE RULER HERE... HER PONY BRAIN MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT.

WHICH MEANS I *STILL* DON'T HAVE MY FULL POWER.

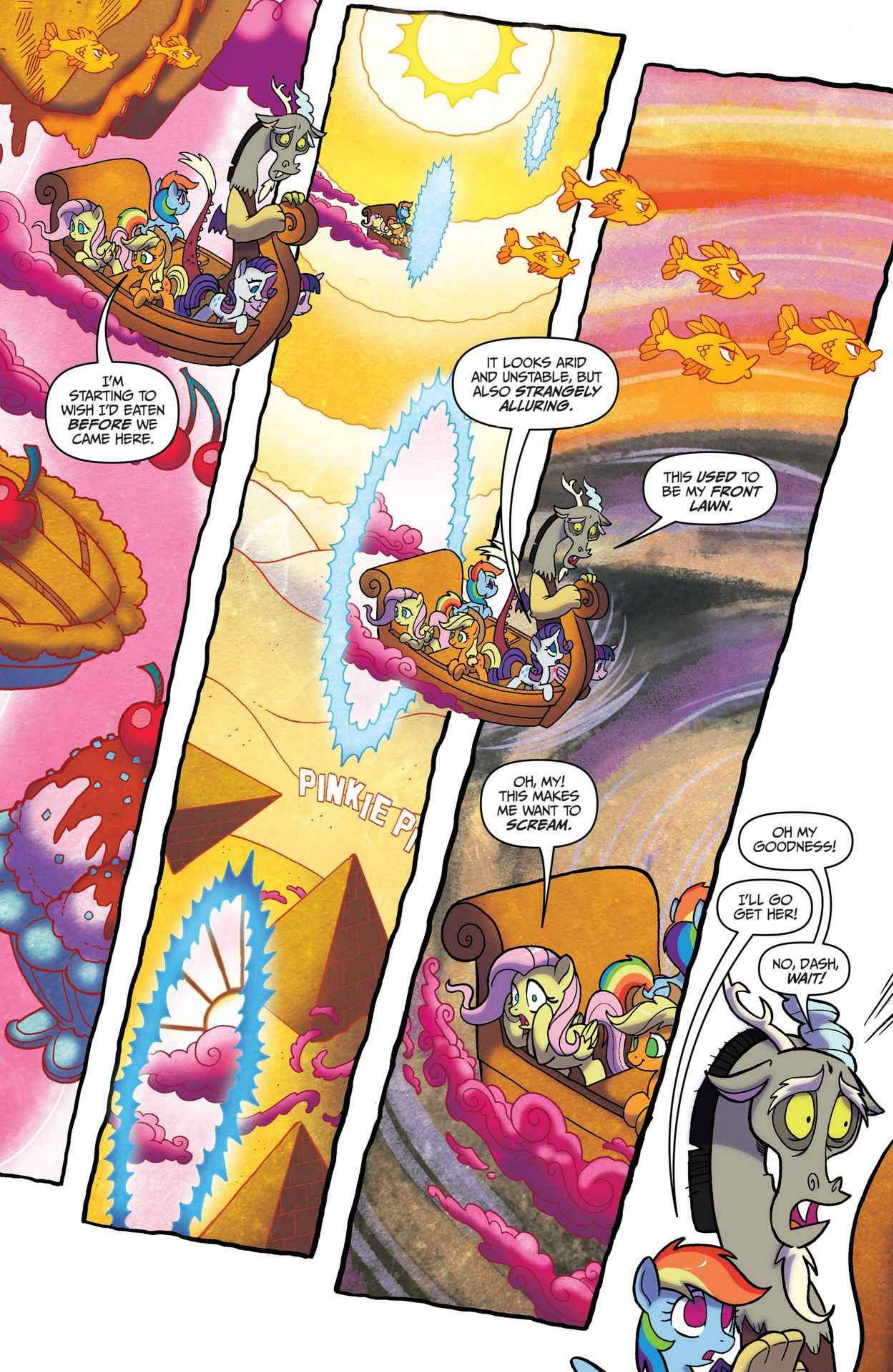
SO, WE'LL FIND HER AND CONVINCE HER TO TURN THINGS BACK OVER TO YOU.

SHE COULD BE QUITE MAD WITH POWER.

WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL WE TALK TO HER. CAN YOU FIND HER, DISCORD?

SHE MAY HAVE PUT A *NEW COAT OF PAINT* ON EVERYTHING, BUT I CAN STILL DISCERN WHERE THINGS ARE. APPROPRIATELY, SHE'S AT THE *CENTER OF THE CHAOS*.

WATCH OUT. THINGS MIGHT GET WEIRD FROM HERE.



I'M STARTING TO WISH I'D EATEN BEFORE WE CAME HERE.

IT LOOKS ARID AND UNSTABLE, BUT ALSO STRANGELY ALLURING.

THIS USED TO BE MY FRONT LAWN.

OH, MY! THIS MAKES ME WANT TO SCREAM.

OH MY GOODNESS!

I'LL GO GET HER!

NO, DASH, WAIT!

PINKIE PI



STRRREEETCH

SNAP!:

WHAT TH—?!



SORRY. YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL. THINGS WORK DIFFERENTLY IN MY—

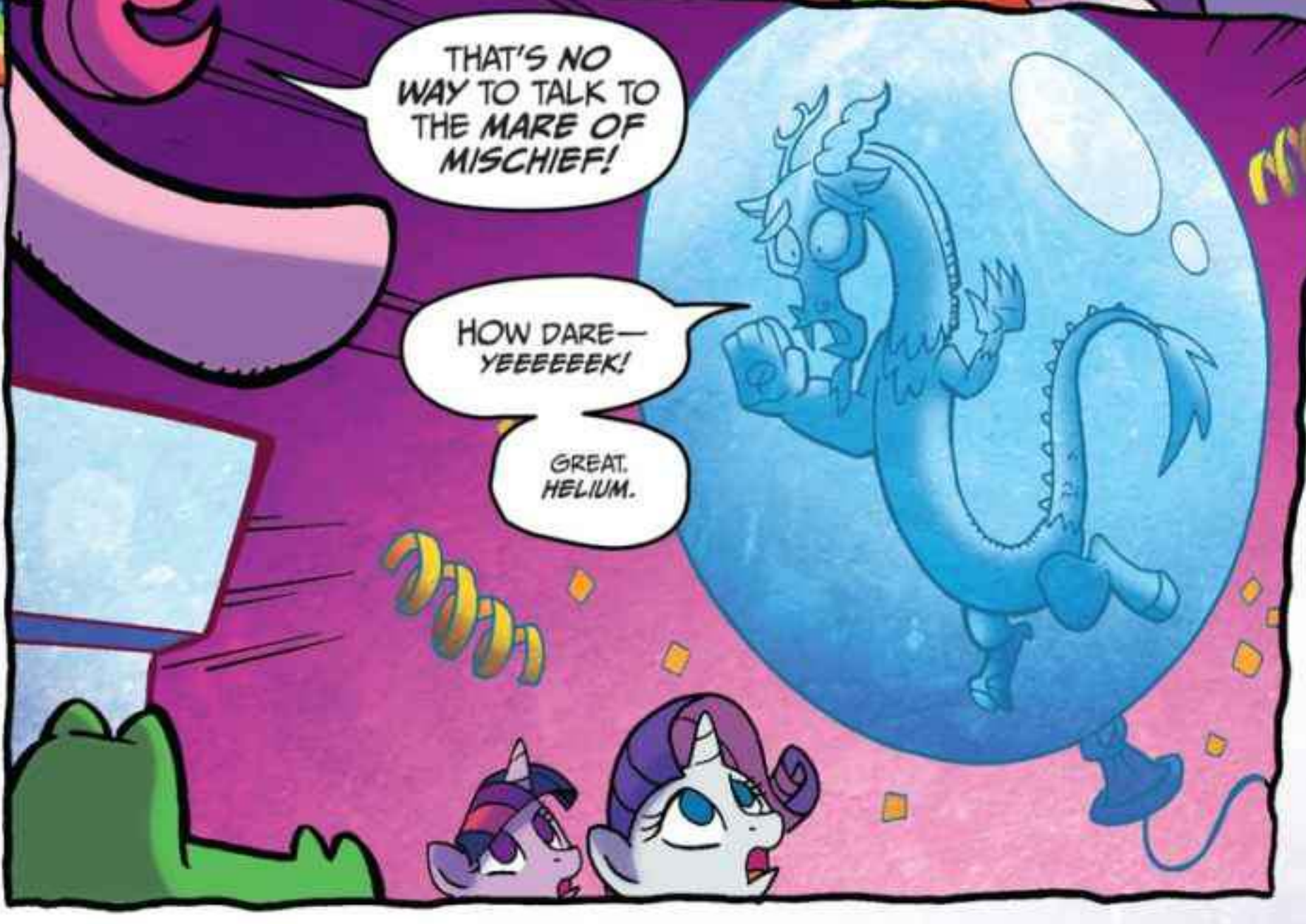
—SUPER AWESOME TOTALLY CRAZY DIMENSION!

SO, WHAT BRINGS YOU ALL HERE?

OOOF

PINKIE, WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU? WE'RE—

WE'RE HERE TO TAKE MY THRONE BACK!



THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK TO THE MARE OF MISCHIEF!

HOW DARE— YEEEBEEK!

GREAT. HELIUM.



PINKIE, THIS ISN'T YOU. YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THE RULER OF THIS PLACE.

YOU SHOULD BE BACK IN PONYVILLE, PLANNING A PARTY OR SOMETHING.



BUT HERE, IT'S A PARTY ALL THE TIME! ANYTHING I CAN IMAGINE, I CAN DO! IT'S PARTY POWER UNFETTERED!

AND SOON, I'LL BE ABLE TO LEAVE WITH MY POWER AND BRING THE CRAZY CHA-CHA-CHAOS. DISCORD WAS ALL ABSURDIST. I'M GOING TO BRING THE FUN.

PINKIE, NO!



PINKIE, YES!

I'LL BE THE LOONIEST, KOOKIEST CHAOSOLOGIST EVER!

THE PRINCESS OF CHAOS!



GREAT. THIS NIGHTMARE AGAIN.

SHE HASN'T BONDED COMPLETELY WITH THE DIMENSION YET. SHE CAN'T LEAVE WITH HER POWER INTACT, LIKE I COULD. BUT SHE WILL SOON.

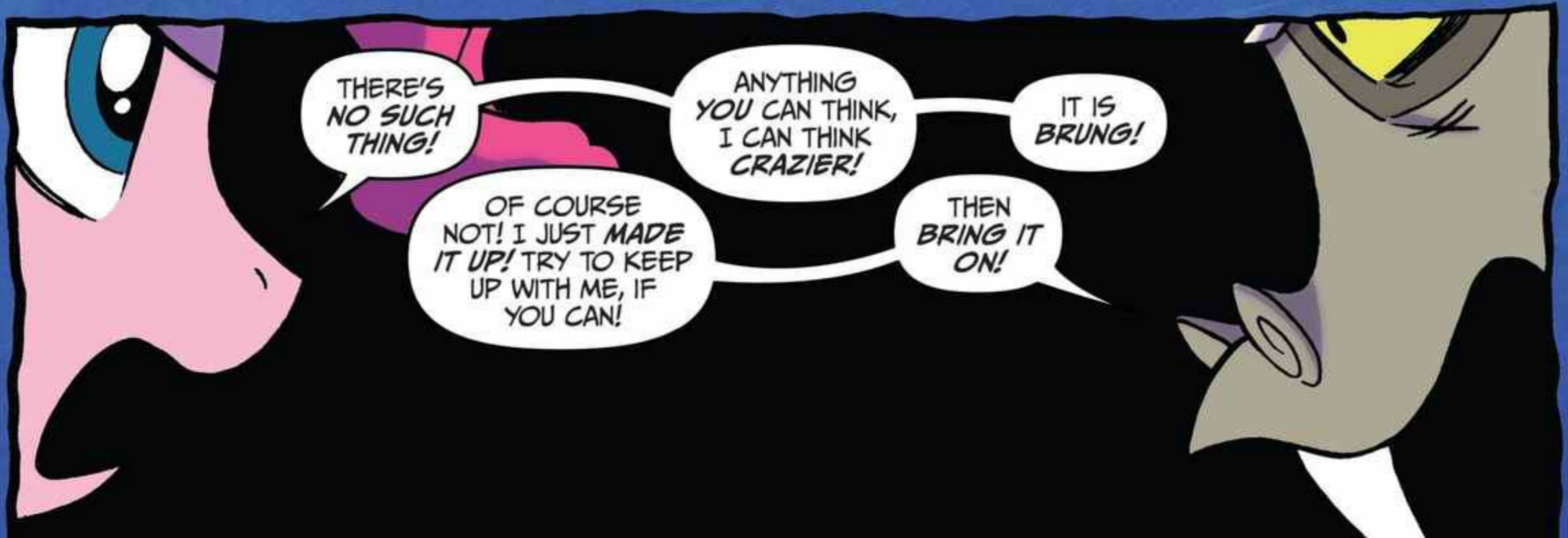
THOUGH IF HER AWESOME APPELLATIONS ARE ANY INDICATION—

—IT WON'T BE LONG.

POP!



I INVOKE TRIAL BY CUCKOO COOK-OFF!



THERE'S NO SUCH THING!

ANYTHING YOU CAN THINK, I CAN THINK CRAZIER!

IT IS BRUNG!

OF COURSE NOT! I JUST MADE IT UP! TRY TO KEEP UP WITH ME, IF YOU CAN!

THEN BRING IT ON!



FIRST ONE TO RUN OUT OF IDEAS WINS.

KIND OF TRITE, BUT I'LL ALLOW IT.

AND LET THE DIMENSION BE OUR JUDGE!



LET'S START THIS OFF ON THE RIGHT NOTE.

NOTES?

BEE SHARPS!



DISCORD 1,701



51,671 **PINKIE**



HAVE SOME OF THESE NOTES!

AUUGH! EDITOR'S NOTES! THE BANE OF CREATIVITY!

ENJOY DEVELOPMENT HECK!

WHEN WILL THIS FIGHT BEGIN, DISCORD? BECAUSE IF THIS IS YOUR BEST, YOU'RE DREAMING!

BUT IF YOU'D LIKE TO HEAR A FAIRY TALE, I CAN DO THAT!



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THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, REALLY? DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING OF YOUR OWN?

DIS-CORD!
DIS-CORD!
DIS-CORD!



OH, JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT I COME UP WITH!



I CAN'T WATCH!

PINKIE PIE SEEMS TO BE MATCHING HIM PRETTY WELL.

NO, AS A CREATIVE MYSELF, I THINK DISCORD JUST PLAYED HIS BEST MOVE.



HERE'S THE SCOOP: HAVE A BRAIN FREEZE!

JUST CHOCOLATE AND VANILLA AND STRAWBERRY? NOT EVEN COOKIE DOUGH OR DRIZZENBERRY OR SUNLIGHT INFUSED FLAVORS? YOU CAN DO BETTER!



COLOR MY WORLD!

10,001 points

6,060 points

AGAIN, JUST THE USUAL COLORS? CAN'T YOU MAKE UP YOUR OWN?

10,001

ROBOTS! FLOWERS! BALLOONS! ACCORDIONS! SPACESHIPS!

9,999

ALL DOWN THE DRAIN!

OH NO!

AW YEAH!

MAYBE IF I COMBINE...

...SPACKLE...
SHUFF! HUFF! HUFF!

...OR MAYBE IF I HAD THREE...

OUT OF IDEAS, PINKIE? BECAUSE I'M NOT!

WHICH MAKES ME THE WINNER... AND STILL CHAMPION... DISCORD!

PINKIE

ZIP!
ZILCH!
NADA!

1,000,000,000 DISCORD

0 BONUS! 100

100 WINNER! 0

ARE YOU OKAY, PINKIE?

YEAH, I JUST HAVE A BIG HEADACHE. WHOA, WHAT WAS I THINKING? I—

—JUST GOT A BIT OUT OF CONTROL. THAT'S WHAT THIS DIMENSION IS ALL ABOUT, PINKIE. CRAZINESS AND CHAOS.

NOW, HOW ABOUT I SEND YOU ALL HOME?

I THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING, BUT THIS PARTY IS OVER. FOR NOW.

AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

THAT WAS VERY CLEVER, DISCORD, GETTING HER TO USE ALL HER IDEAS UP WHILE KEEPING YOURS.

SNAP!



I THOUGHT SO. I'M GLAD IT WORKED, TOO.

IT WAS MY LAST ONE.

SO SHE ALMOST BEAT YOU?



I LET MY GAME GET A LITTLE STALE, I ADMIT. SO I'LL TRY SOME NEW THINGS. JUST IN CASE SHE EVER WANTS A REMATCH.

TA-TA!



WE'RE HOME!

AND THIS TIME HE REMEMBERED TO CLOSE THE DOOR!

YOU'RE BACK! HOW DID IT GO?

WELL, I TOOK OVER A CHAOS DIMENSION AND BECAME THE PRINCESS OF CHAOS.

SO, IT'S BEEN A CRAZY, CRAZY DAY.

THE BEST PART ABOUT BEING AN AGENT OF CHAOS?

YOU NEVER HAVE TO CLEAN UP.

BESIDES, MAYBE I'LL KEEP SOME OF THIS. SHOULDN'T LET A GOOD IDEA GO TO WASTE.



THE END!