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Rarity, Fluttershy, Applejack and Applebloom are visiting Manhattan to see cousin Babs, and take in a magic show by the Great and Powerful Trixie! Unfortunately it seems that Trixie has been framed for stealing a famous diamond! Now she, and our other ponies, are on the run from the law and determined to bring the real thief to justice!

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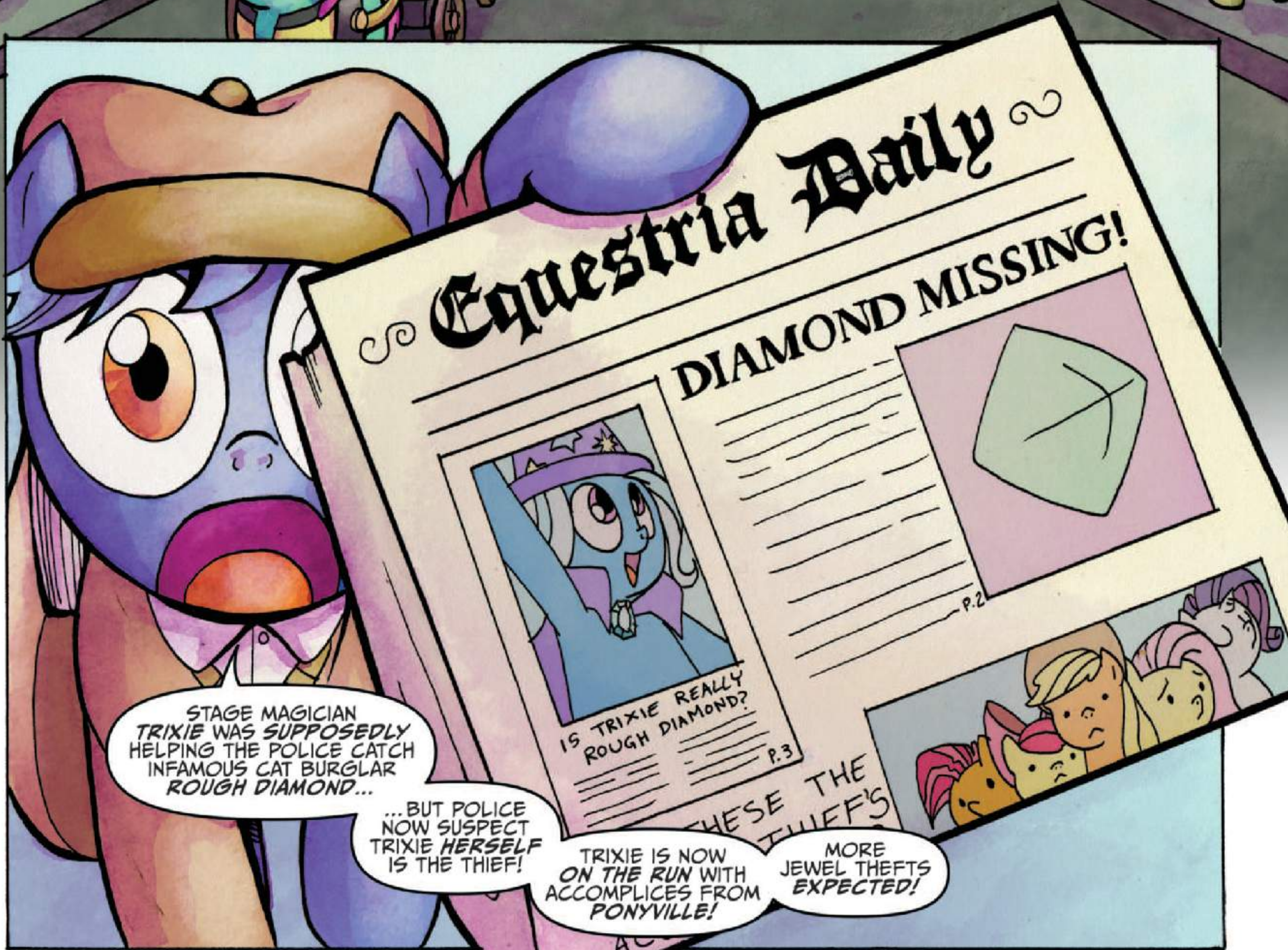
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EXTRA, EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!
JEWEL THIEF ON THE LOOSE IN MANHATTAN!

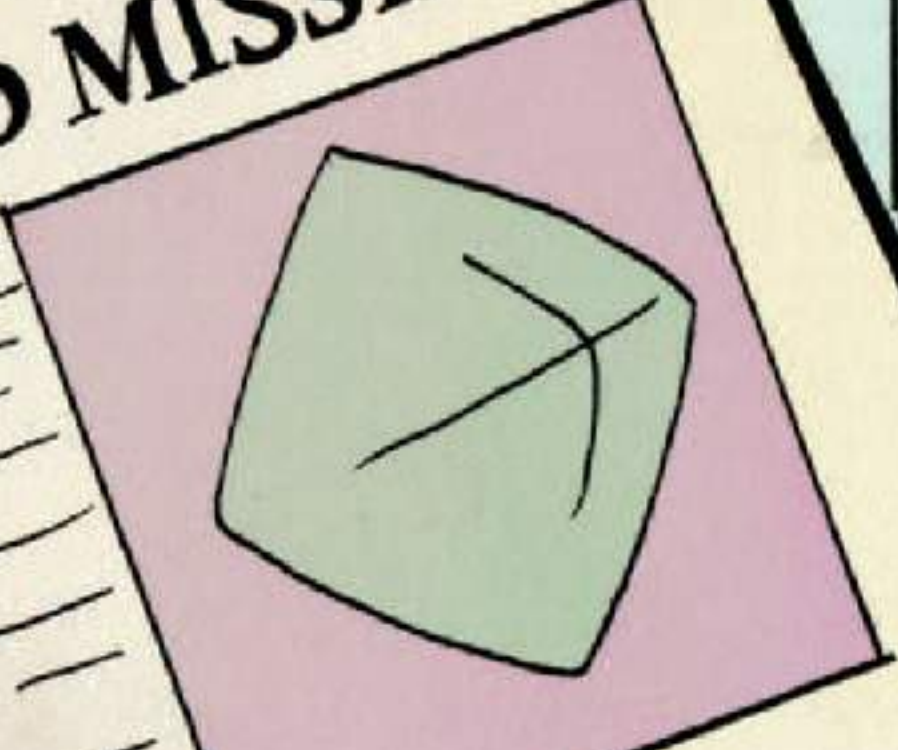


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DIAMOND MISSING!



IS TRIXIE REALLY ROUGH DIAMOND?



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STAGE MAGICIAN TRIXIE WAS SUPPOSEDLY HELPING THE POLICE CATCH INFAMOUS CAT BURGLAR ROUGH DIAMOND...

... BUT POLICE NOW SUSPECT TRIXIE HERSELF IS THE THIEF!

TRIXIE IS NOW ON THE RUN WITH ACCOMPLICES FROM PONYVILLE!

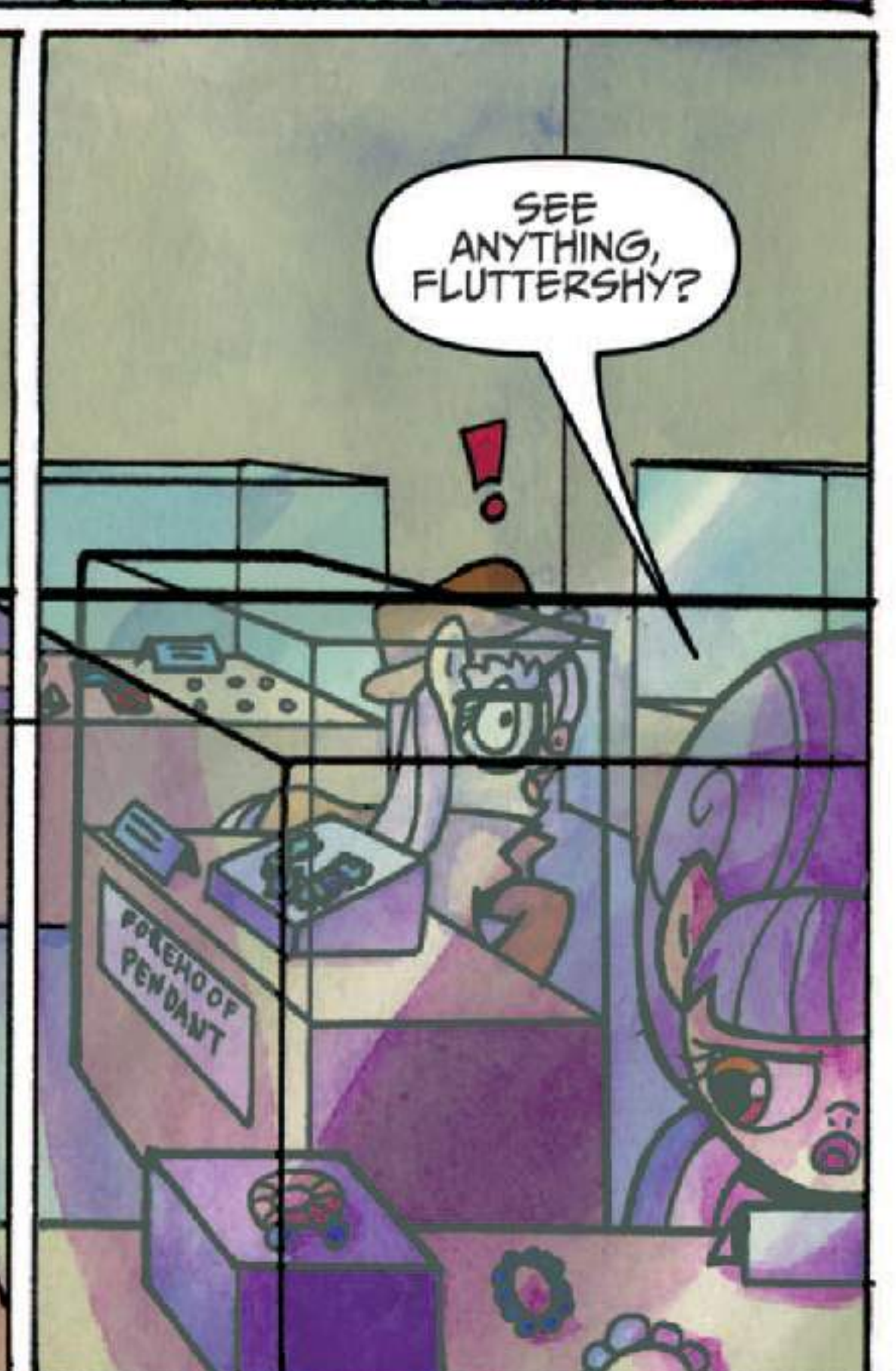
MORE JEWEL THEFTS EXPECTED!

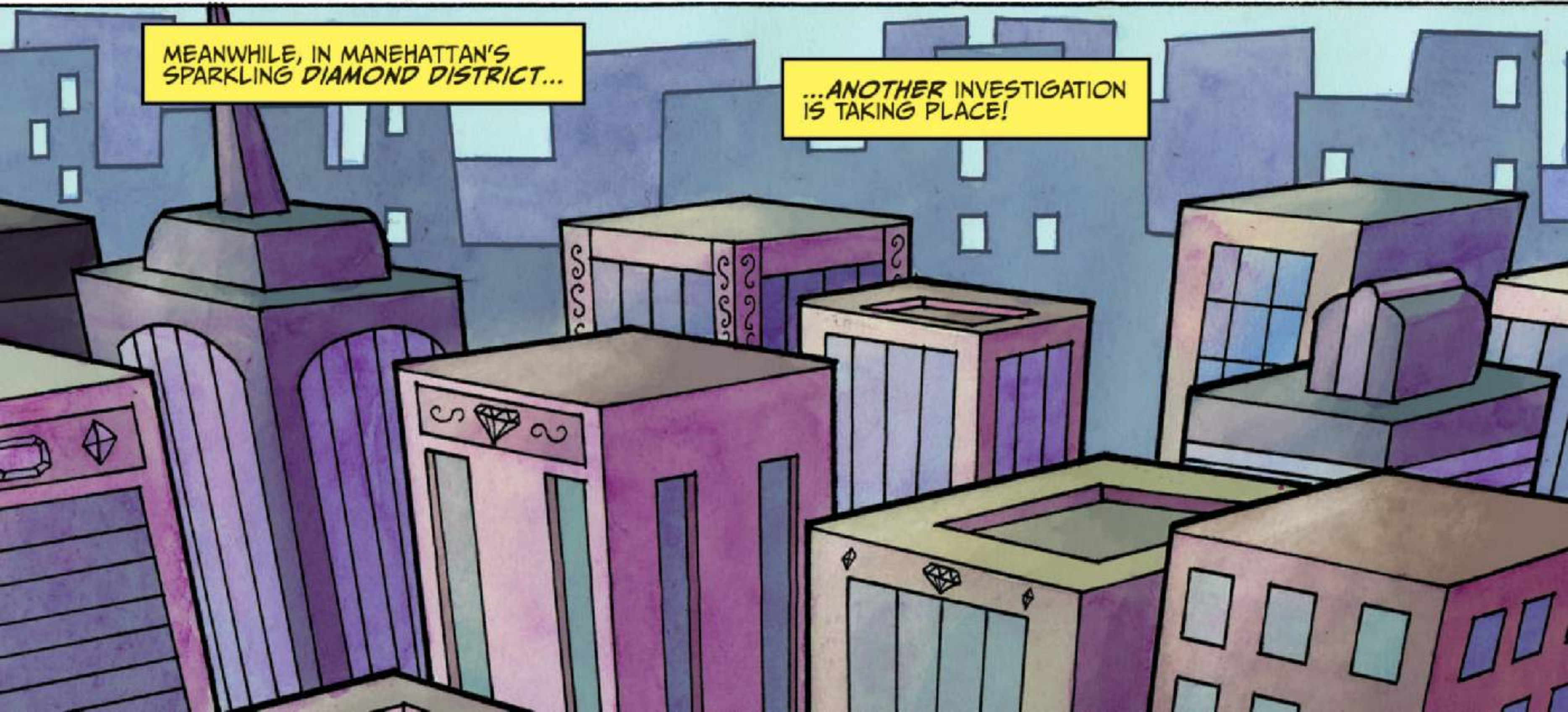


KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS!

SLOW DOWN, APPLE BLOOM!

NO! WE GOTTA GET TO THE MUSEUM!





MEANWHILE, IN MANHATTAN'S SPARKLING DIAMOND DISTRICT...

...ANOTHER INVESTIGATION IS TAKING PLACE!







...I THINK I UNDERSTAND A LITTLE OF WHAT YOU'RE GOIN' THROUGH.



SEE, I USED TO DO BAD THINGS, TOO.

I ACTED LIKE A BULLY, EVEN WHEN I KNEW HOW IT FELT TO BE BULLIED.



JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE DONE BAD THINGS...

... DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE BAD FOREVER.



IT'S HARD WHEN OTHER PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE YOU, THOUGH.

YOU GOTTA WORK TO BE GOOD AGAIN.



ANYWAY, UH...

I GUESS I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT...

I BELIEVE YOU, TRIxie.



OH! THANK YOU, YOU DEAR, SWEET CHILD!

HLK!



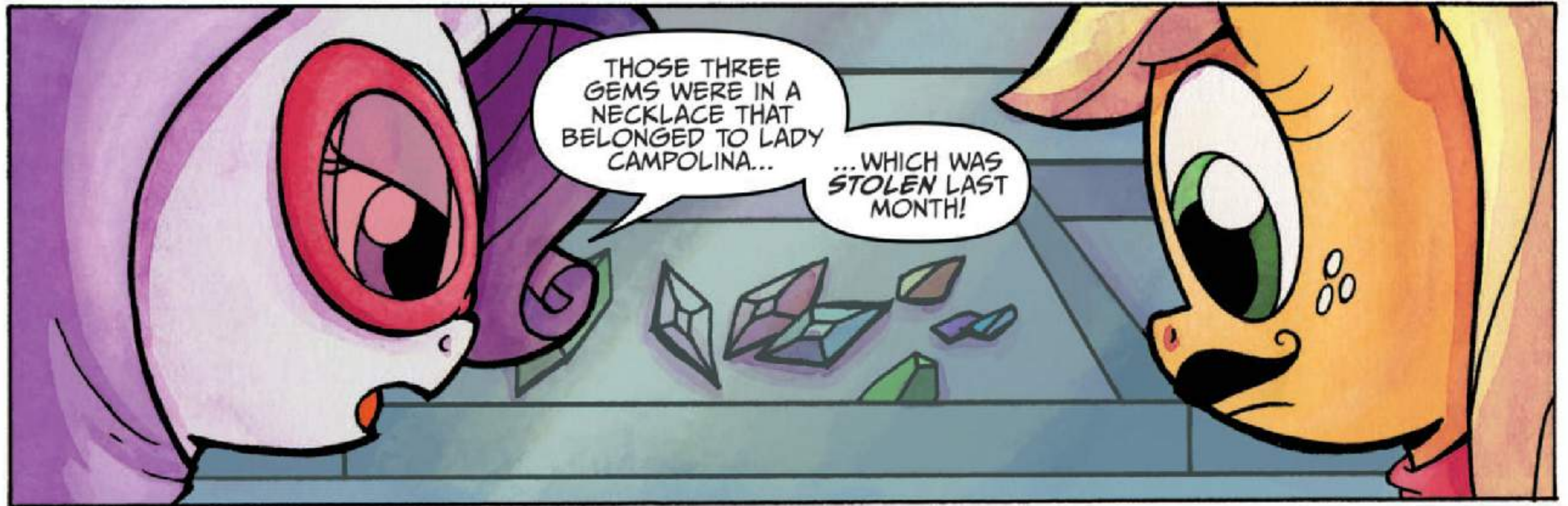
HEY! KEEP IT DOWN, YOU TWO!

OH! SORRY!

GASP!



AHEM!
IF YOU LADIES HAVE QUITE FINISHED...
I BELIEVE I'VE FOUND SOMETHING.



THOSE THREE GEMS WERE IN A NECKLACE THAT BELONGED TO LADY CAMPOLINA...

...WHICH WAS **STOLEN** LAST MONTH!



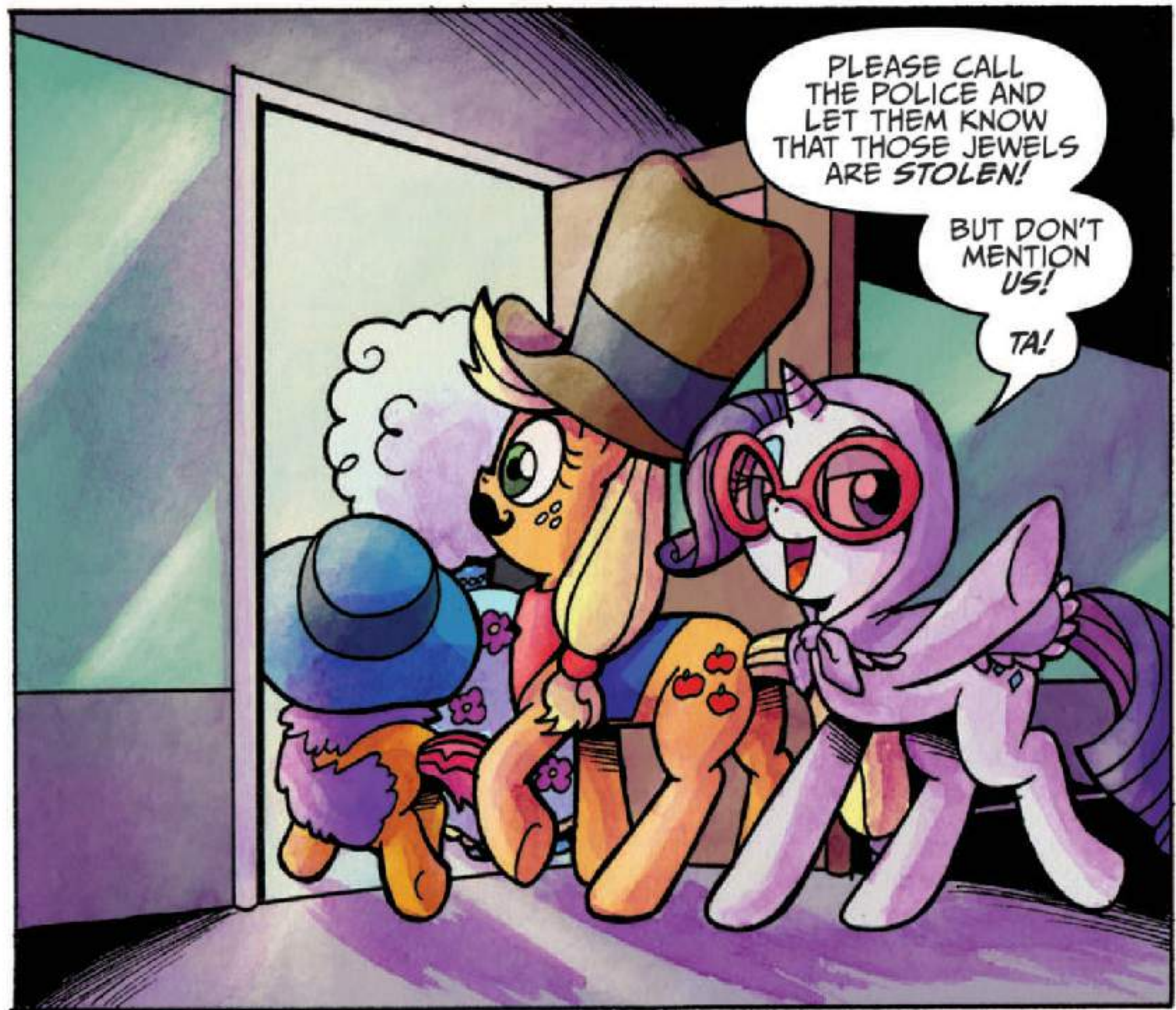
YOU SURE?

POSITIVE!
THE THIEF MUST HAVE TAKEN THE GEMS OUT OF THE NECKLACE IN ORDER TO **SELL** THEM!



HEY, YOU! GIT OVER HERE!







BACK AT BABS SEED'S APARTMENT IN FARRIER HILL:

ALL RIGHT, GALS, WHADDA WE GOT?



WE THINK ROUGH DIAMOND IS GOING TO STEAL THE FOREHOOF PENDANT FROM THE MUSEUM.

WHICH MEANS WE CAN CATCH HER IN THE ACT!



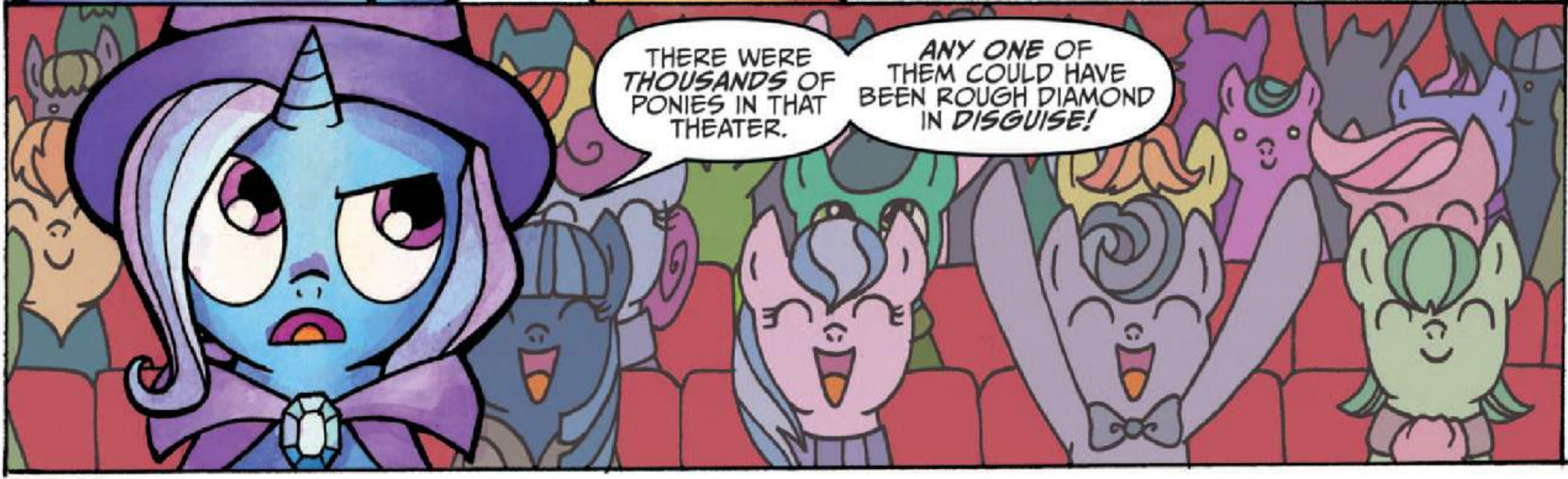
I SAY LET'S SNEAK IN TONIGHT!

ROUGH DIAMOND COULD BREAK IN ANY TIME, AND WE NEED TO BE READY TO CATCH HER!



WHAT DID Y'ALL FIND ABOUT ROUGH DIAMOND?

HARDLY ANYTHING.



THERE WERE THOUSANDS OF PONIES IN THAT THEATER.

ANY ONE OF THEM COULD HAVE BEEN ROUGH DIAMOND IN DISGUISE!

WAIT... IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN JUST ANY PONY...



"THE REAL DIAMOND HAD ALREADY BEEN STOLEN FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, REMEMBER?"

"THE THIEF LEFT THAT SMOKE BOMB IN THE SAFE!"



COME TO THINK OF IT, WHY DID THE THIEF LEAVE A SMOKE BOMB?

SHE COULD HAVE JUST LEFT WITH THE DIAMOND...

TRIXIE, WHO KNEW ABOUT THE REAL DIAMOND?



WELL, MYSELF, THE CHIEF, THE POLICE, THE DIRECTOR...

MAYBE. YOUR ASSISTANTS?



NONE OF THEM HAVE A CUTIE MARK OF A DIAMOND, THOUGH ...

WELL, WHOEVER SHE IS, WE GOTTA CATCH HER!



AND WE'LL DO IT TONIGHT!



THAT NIGHT!

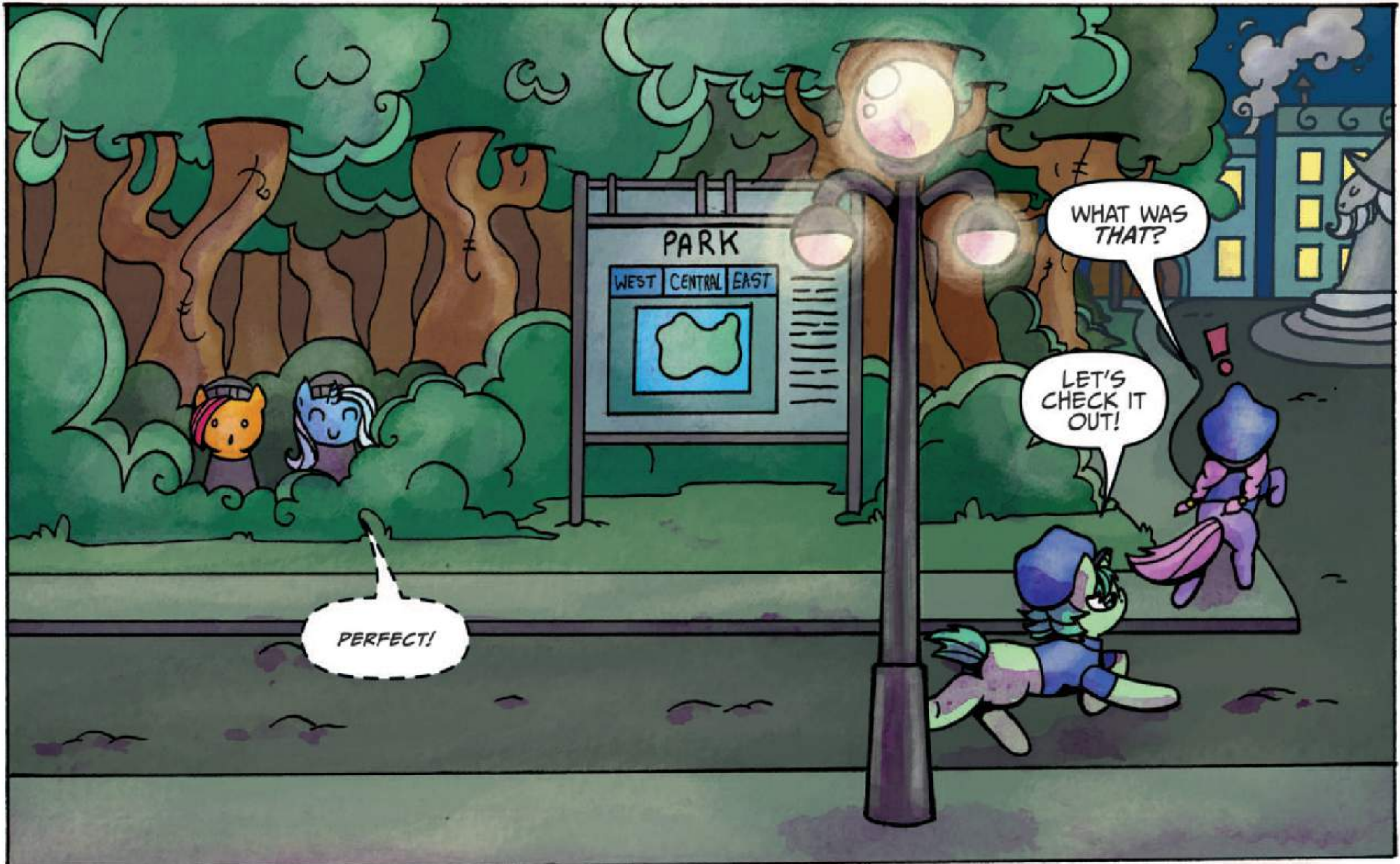


LOOKS LIKE THE POLICE ARE WATCHING THE MUSEUM...

WATCH AND LEARN, YOUNG BABS!

A MAGICIAN HAS MANY TRICKS UP HER SLEEVE!

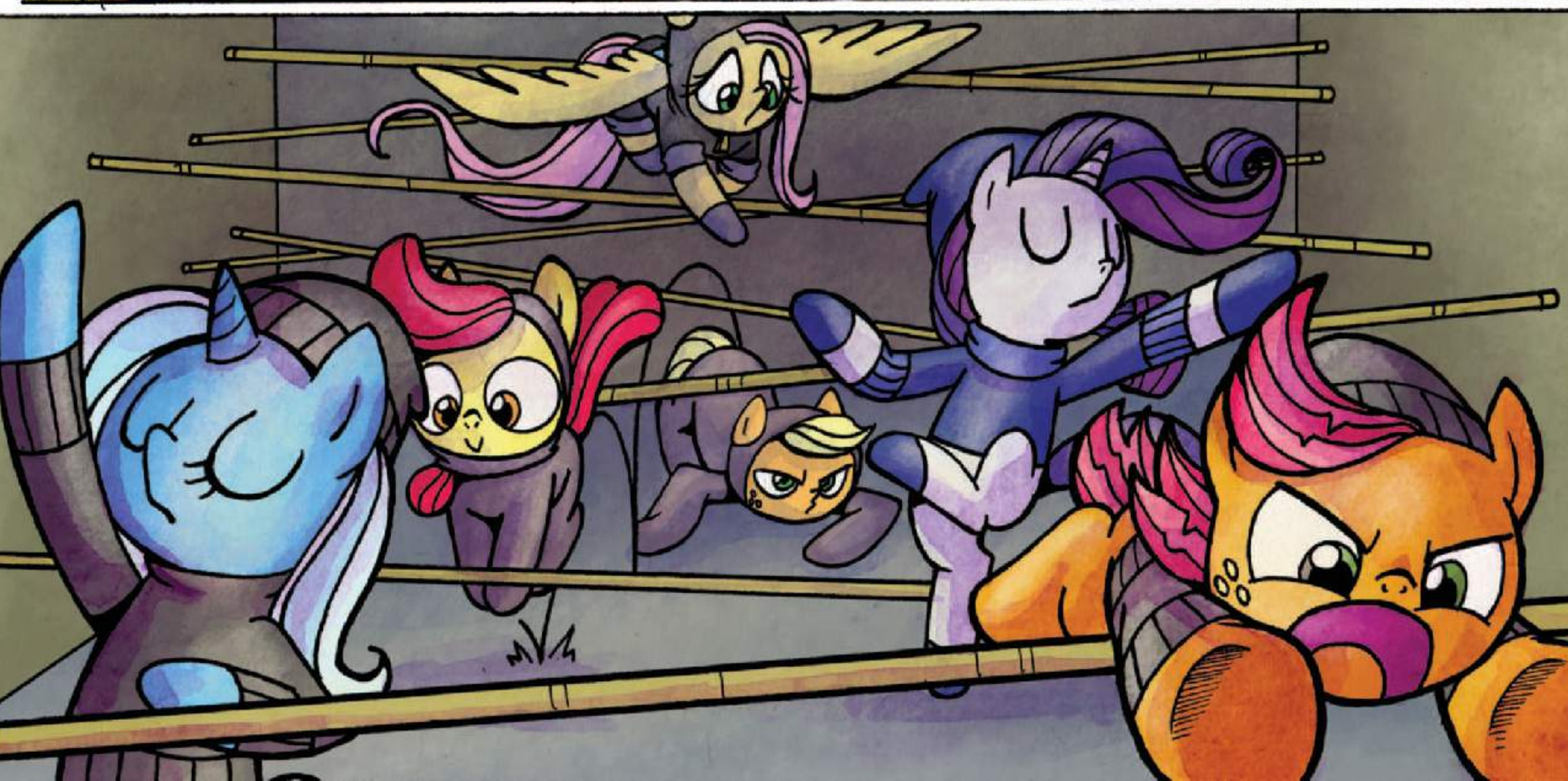
FOR INSTANCE, I SET A SMOKE BOMB SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY, WHICH SHOULD GO OFF...

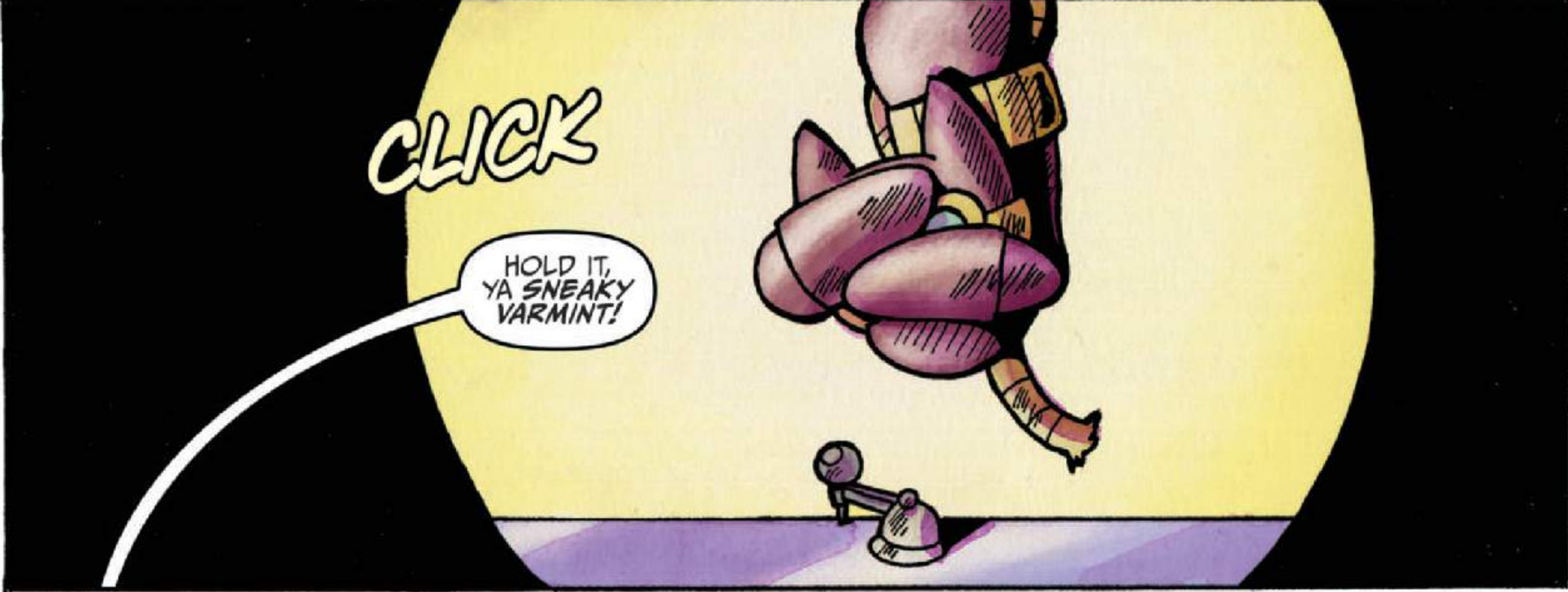
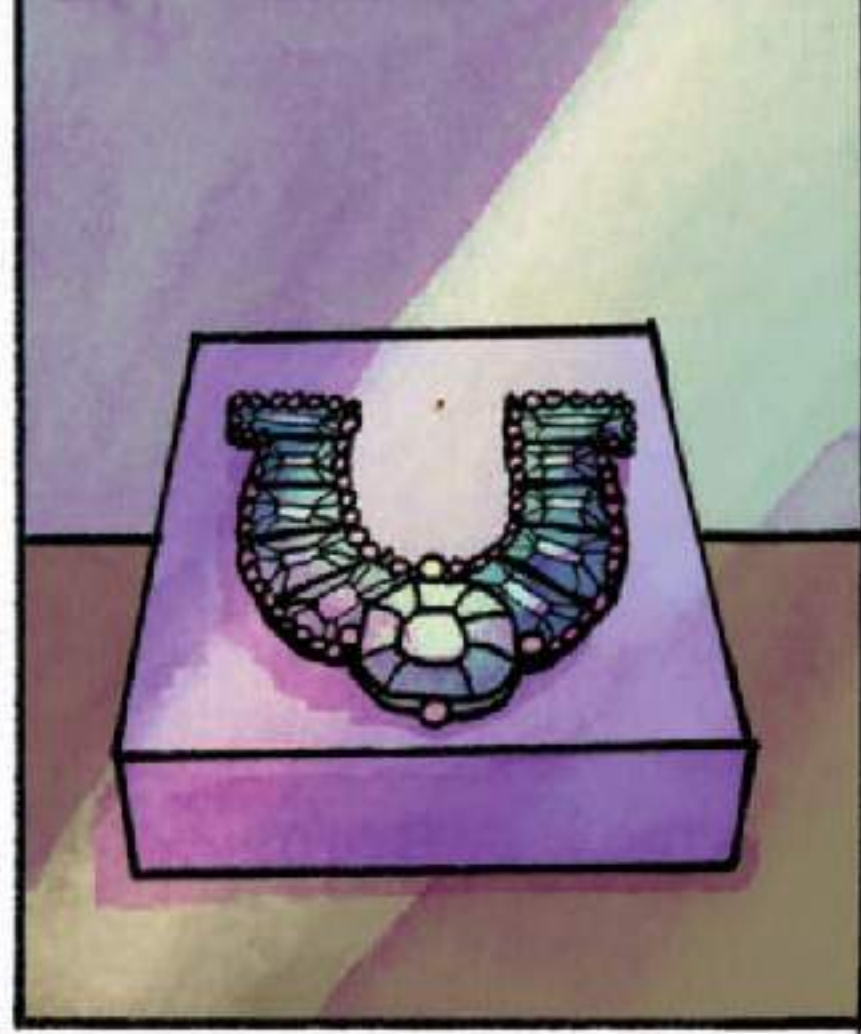
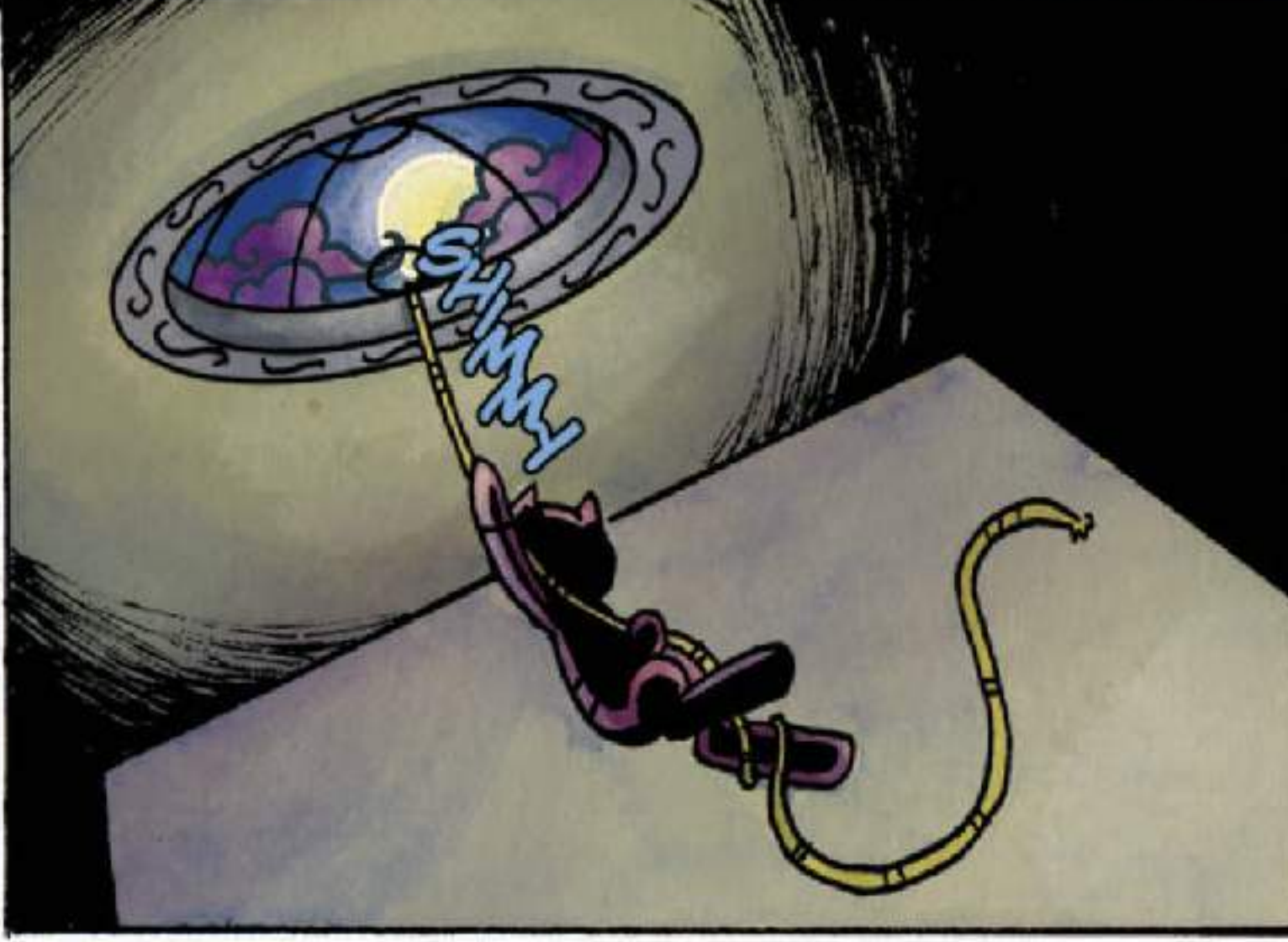
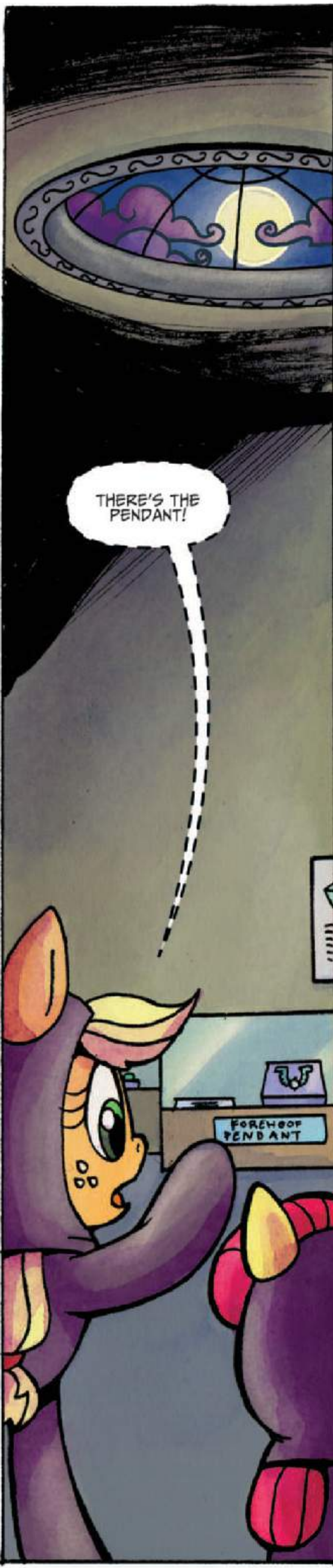


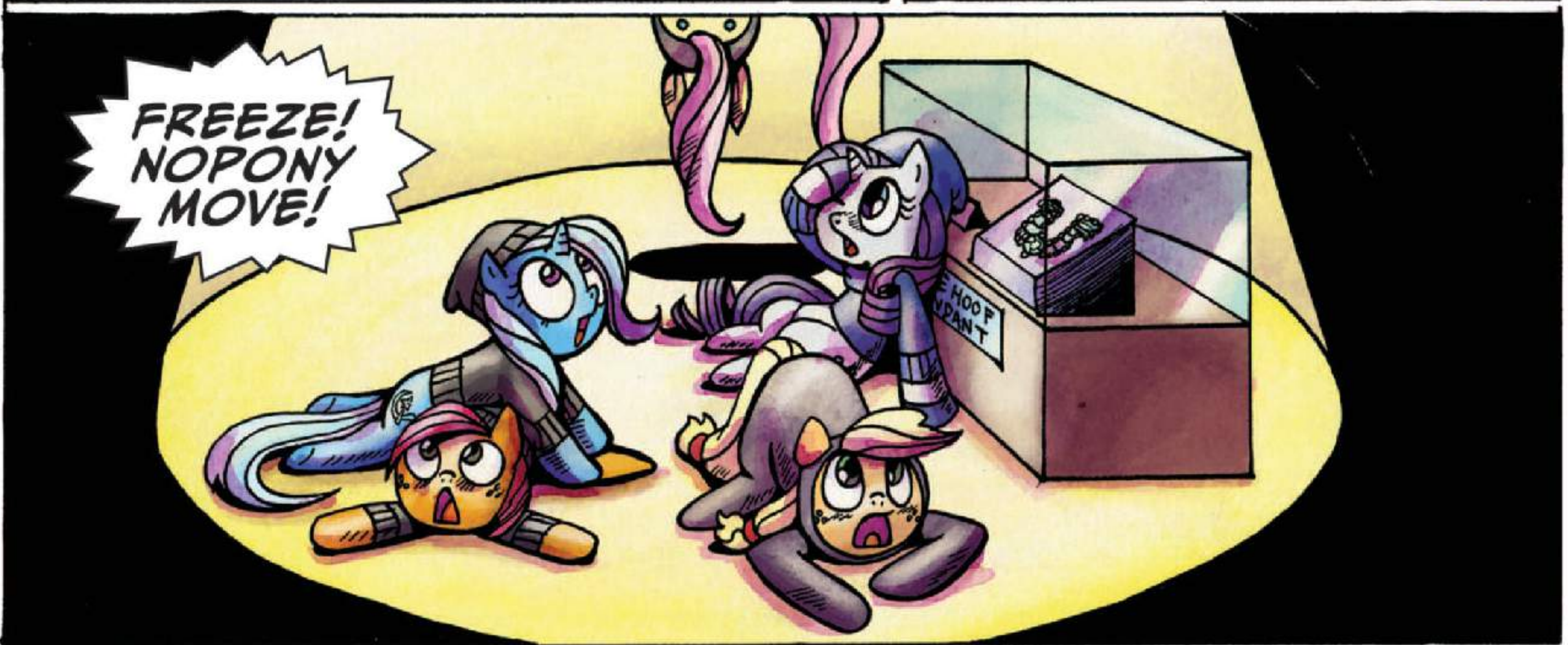
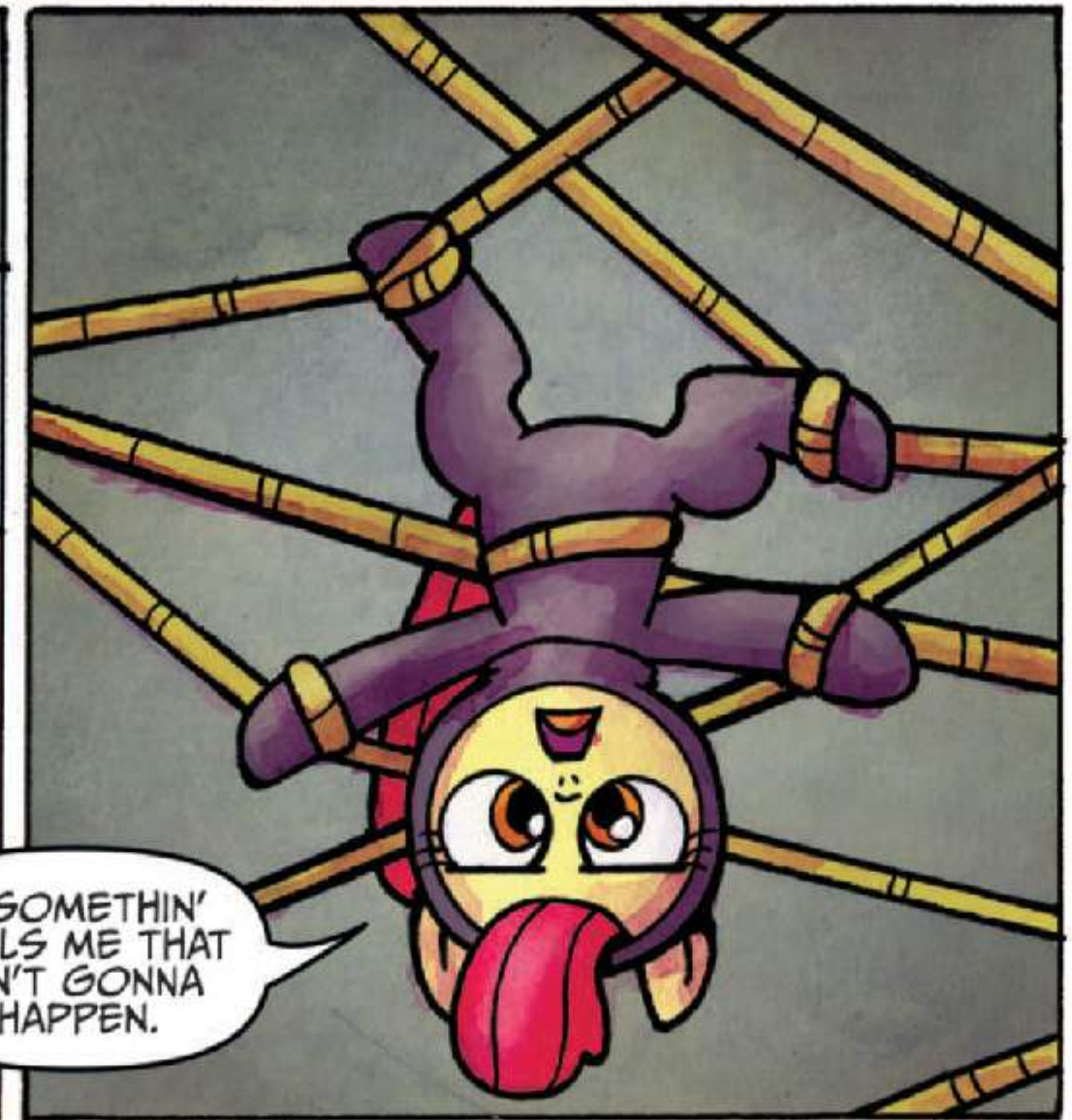
WHAT WAS THAT?

LET'S CHECK IT OUT!

PERFECT!















WHAT?!

TH-THIS IS CRAZY! GET ME DOWN!

BABS, HAVE YOU GONE LOCO?

OFFICER FLUFFLES HERE IS THE THIEF, AND I CAN PROVE IT!



SINCE SHE'S POLICE, SHE COULDA SNUCK IN EARLY AND SABOTAGED TRIxie'S SHOW.



"THEN, WHEN EVERYPONY WAS DISTRACTED, SHE MUSTA SLIPPED THE FAKE DIAMOND UNDER APPLEJACK'S HAT!"



SO WHAT ABOUT THE REAL DIAMOND?

CHIEF! DON'T TELL ME YOU BELIEVE HER?



I'M JUST LISTENING TO A THEORY, OFFICER.

GRRR...



THE REAL DIAMOND WAS IN THE DIRECTOR'S SAFE. HOW DID SHE CRACK THE SAFE?

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION...



OF COURSE! SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO CRACK THE SAFE!

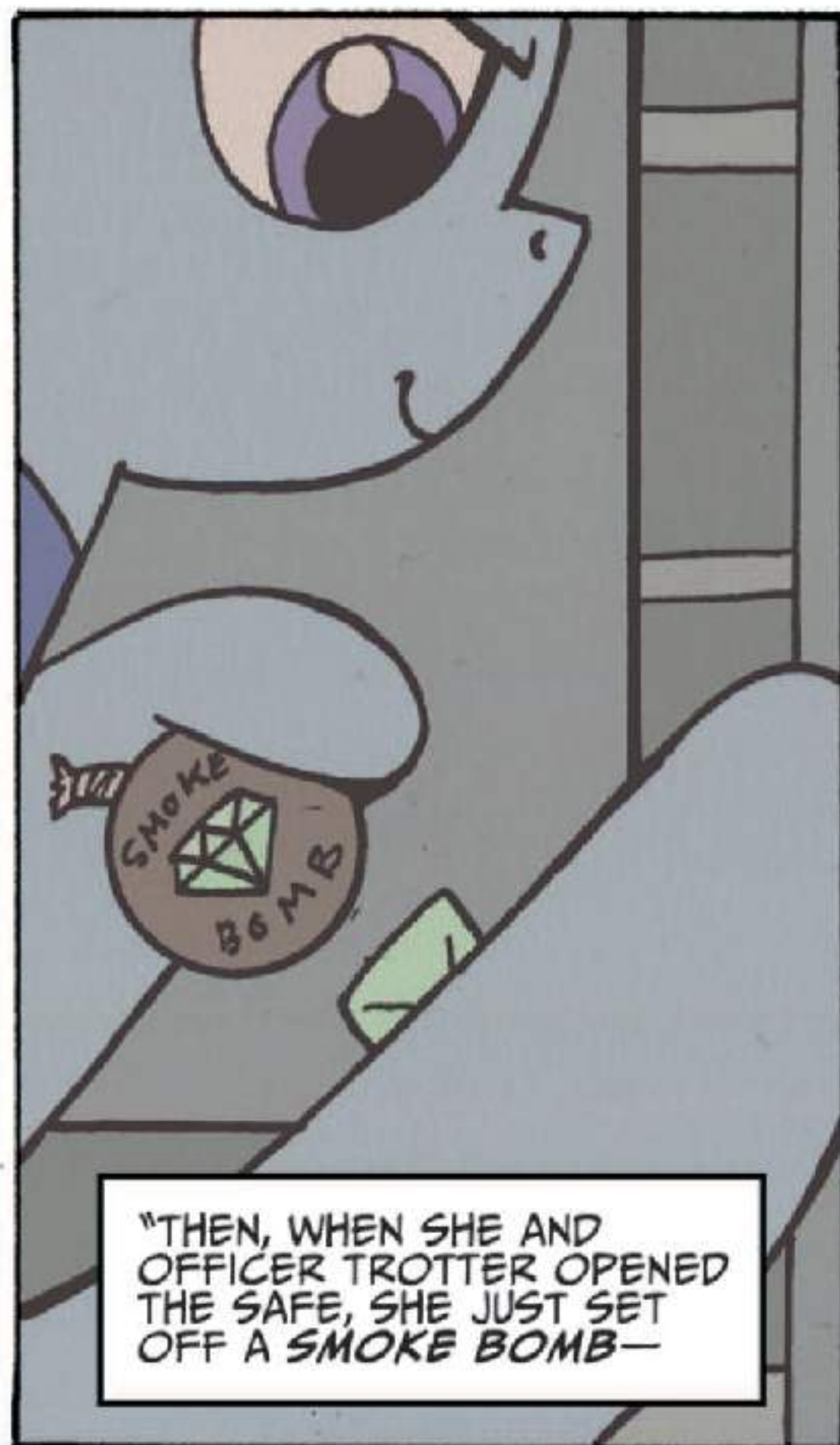
"WHEN WE WERE SEARCHING THE ROOM, THE DIRECTOR TOLD THEM THE COMBINATION!"



"—THEN TOOK THE DIAMOND WHILE WE WERE DISTRACTED!"



"THEN, WHEN SHE AND OFFICER TROTTER OPENED THE SAFE, SHE JUST SET OFF A SMOKE BOMB—"



JUST LIKE YOU SAID, TRIxie:

MAKE THE AUDIENCE LOOK SOMEWHERE ELSE!



SO HOW DID YOU FIGURE ALL THIS OUT?

EASY! HER CUTIE MARK!

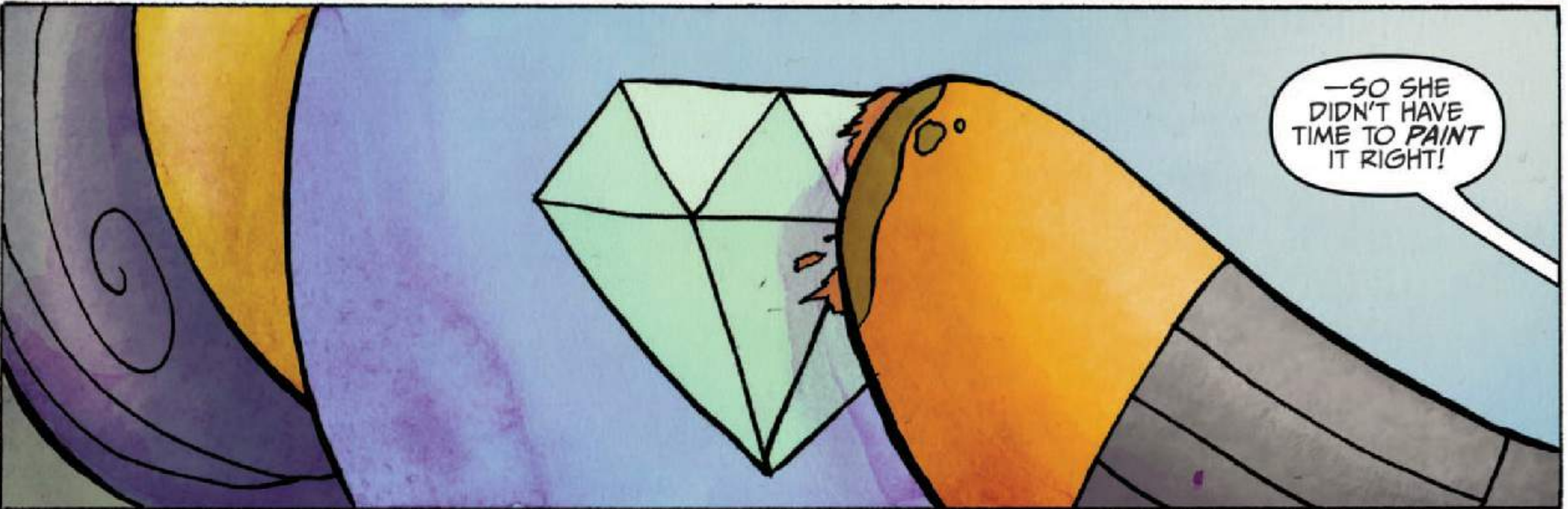


LOOKS A LITTLE STRANGE, DOESN'T IT?

ROUGH DIAMOND HAD TO MAKE A QUICK EXIT TONIGHT—



—SO SHE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO PAINT IT RIGHT!

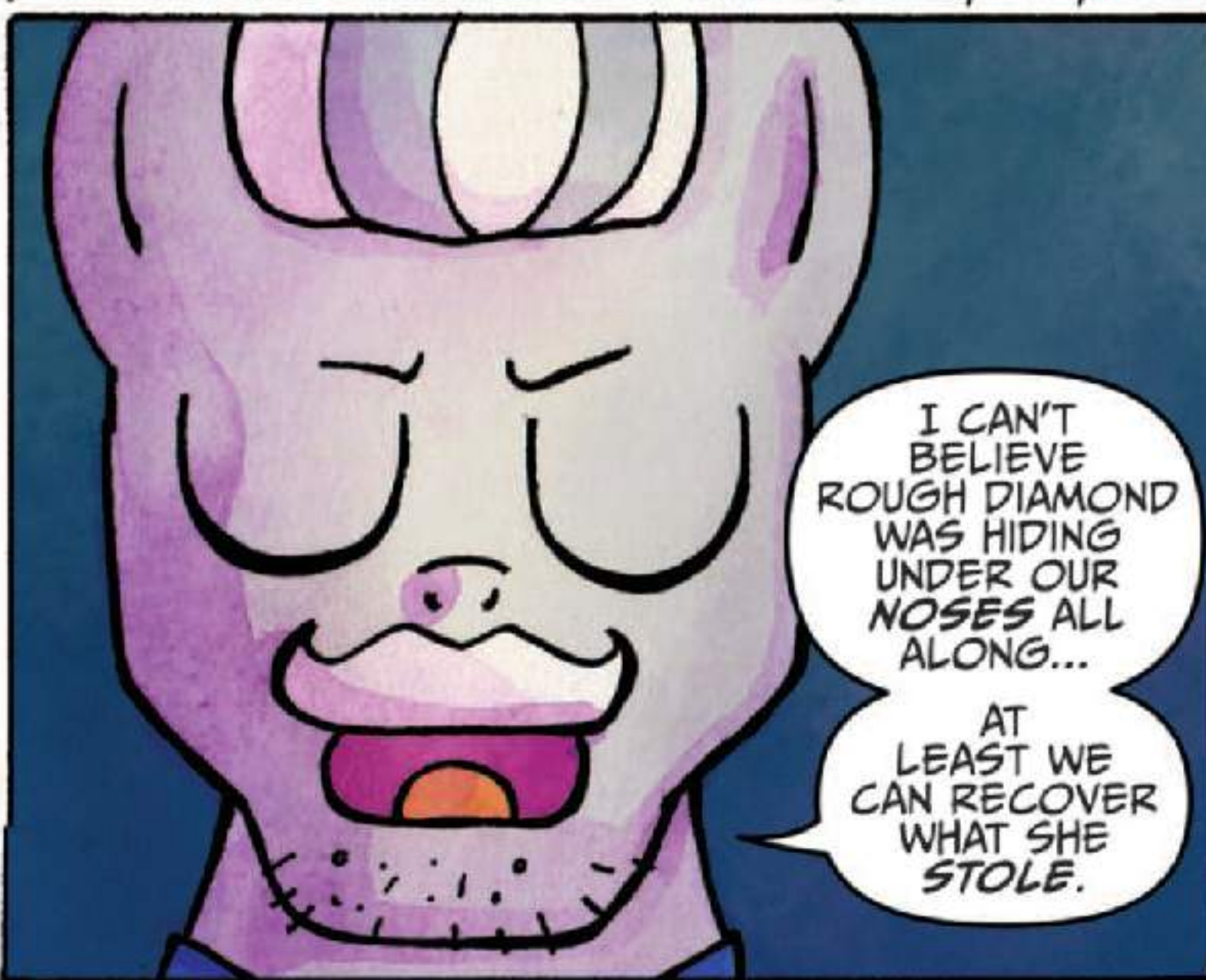




YOU DARNED DO-GOODERS!

I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS! I SWEAR!

ROUGH DIAMOND WILL RETURN!



I CAN'T BELIEVE ROUGH DIAMOND WAS HIDING UNDER OUR NOSES ALL ALONG...

AT LEAST WE CAN RECOVER WHAT SHE STOLE.



AND TRIxie— I'M SO SORRY WE SUSPECTED YOU.

DON'T APOLOGIZE, CHIEF.

YOU DID WHAT YOU THOUGHT WAS RIGHT.



AND YOU, MISS SEED—

THANK YOU.

