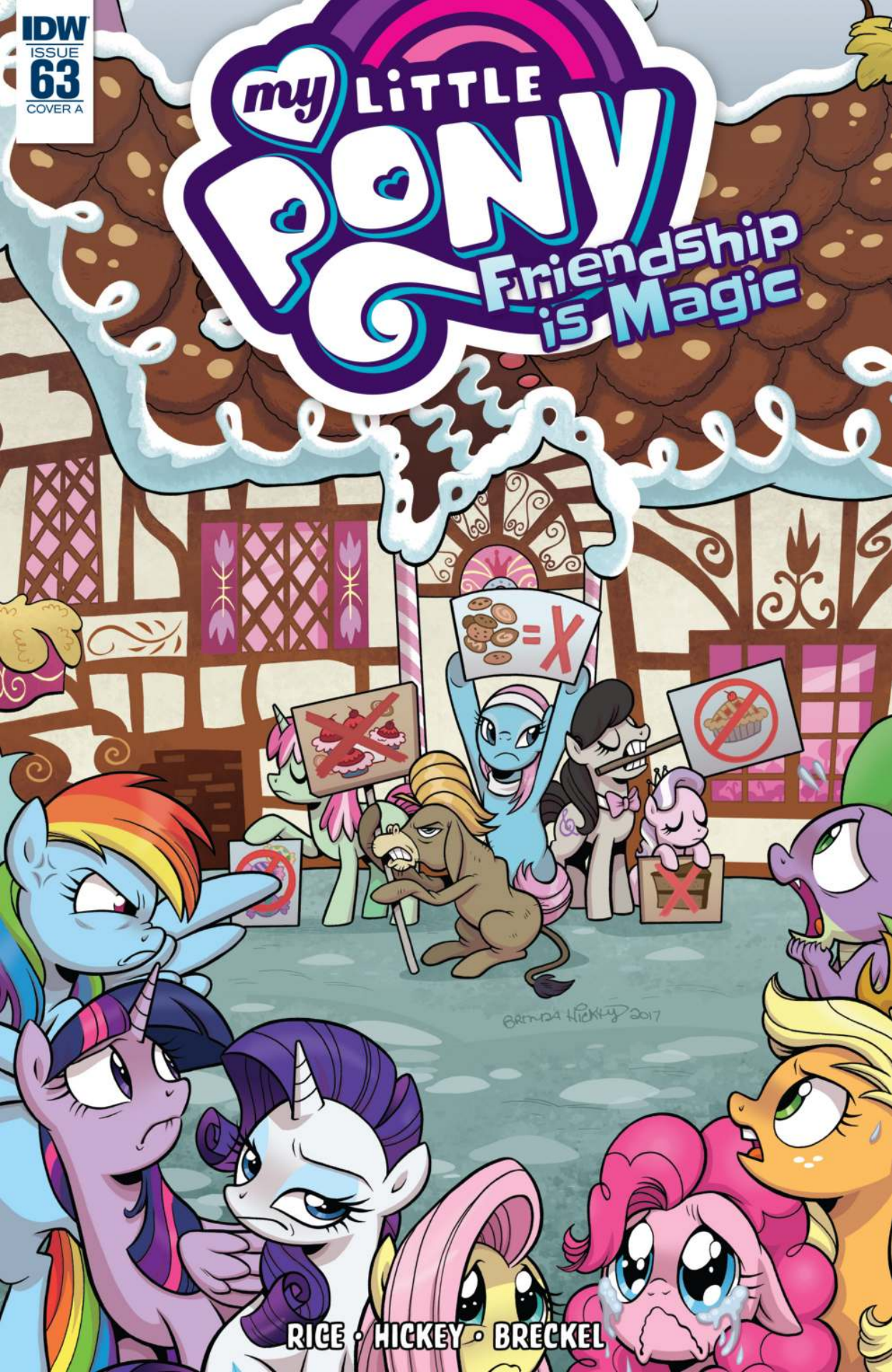


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CAN ANYPONY TELL WHERE THAT DEPRESSING DRUMMING IS COMING FROM?

RIGHT OVER THERE!



WHO IS IT, PINKIE?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE MUCH FUN!



I SHOULD PROBABLY GREET THEM.

ANYPONY WANT TO BE ON THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE?

ME! ME!

WE'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU, MAYOR MARE.



I DON'T KNOW. I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!



GREETINGS, I'M MAYOR MARE AND—

A GREAT EVIL PREVAILS IN THESE PARTS!



WHAT?!















THE NEXT MORNING.

MAYBE TWILIGHT WAS RIGHT.

WE JUST NEEDED TO LET TEMPERANCE BLOW THROUGH TOWN AND NOW WE CAN GET BACK TO NORMAL.

INDEEDY.

READY TO OPEN FOR BUSINESS!



OR NOT!



NO ROTTING TEETH FOR ME!

NO HYPERTENSION FOR ME!

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE MAKING THEM GO ALONG WITH THIS?

DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?



TWILIGHT! WE'RE GLAD TO SEE YOU!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

IF THEY KEEP THIS UP, THEY'RE GOING TO PUT US OUT OF BUSINESS.

IMPOSSIBLE!



SUGARCUBE CORNER IS A FIXTURE IN PONYVILLE.

IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN ONE FANATIC WITH A FEW FOLLOWERS TO SHUT IT DOWN.



IT'S NOT TIME TO PANIC.

HOW LONG CAN THEY POSSIBLY KEEP THIS UP?



ONE WEEK LATER.

IS IT TIME TO PANIC YET?



HALF THE TOWN IS PROTESTING.

AND THE OTHER HALF IS TOO AFRAID TO COME IN.

BUSINESS HAS COMPLETELY DRIED UP.

THIS PLACE IS WHERE WE SELL GRANNY SMITH'S PIES!

WE'RE ALREADY FEELING THE HIT BACK AT SWEET APPLE ACRES.

PARTY PLANNING IS WAY DOWN. NO ONE WANTS TO BLOW OUT THE CANDLES ON A VEGGIE PLATTER.



I REALLY DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD GET THIS BAD.

IS THERE SOMETHING LESS SUGARY YOU CAN MAKE AND SELL?

AND OUR TREATS HAVE ALWAYS MADE EVERYPONY HAPPY... NOT SICK.

HOW CAN THIS BE SUGARCUBE CORNER WITHOUT—SUGAR?

BAKING SWEETS IS WHAT I'M GOOD AT.

IT'S MY SPECIAL TALENT.



I'M FED UP AND AM GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

CAKES? FOLLOW ME!



THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO REASON WITH TEMPERANCE.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, PINKIE?

SOME SOLUTION.

I THINK I NEED SOME ALONE TIME RIGHT NOW.



SUGARCUBE CORNER WITHOUT SUGAR?

PONYVILLE WITHOUT SUGARCUBE CORNER?



PINKIE PARTIES WITHOUT SWEETS?

PONYVILLE WITHOUT PINKIE PARTIES?



IF THERE ARE NO PINKIE PARTIES, THEN WHY AM I EVEN HERE? WHAT'S MY PURPOSE?

DOESN'T TEMPERANCE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF MY PARTIES?



OF COURSE SHE DOESN'T!



HOW COULD SHE IF SHE'S NEVER EXPERIENCED ONE?

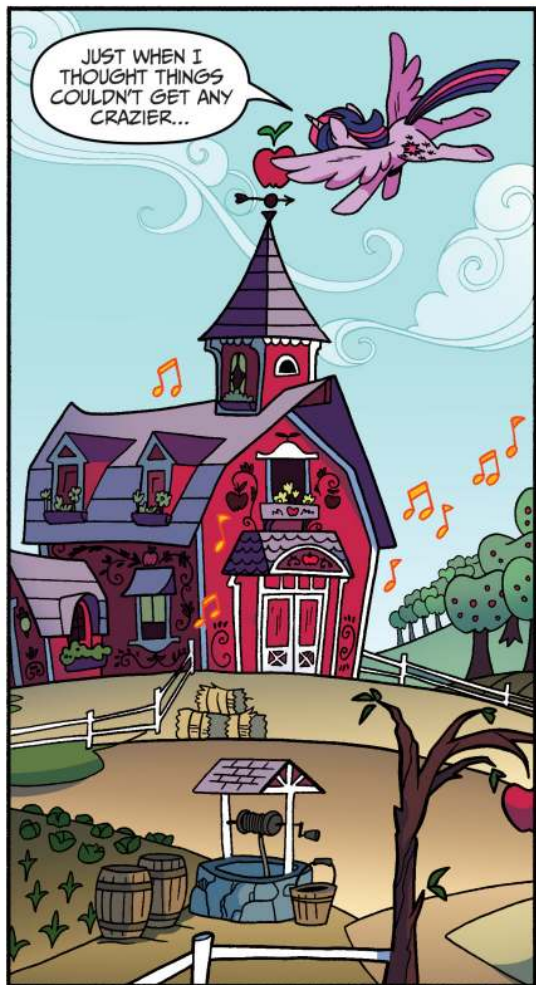
HONK!



TEMPERANCE FLOWERDEW BETTER GET READY FOR THE BEST PARTY OF HER LIFE.











HAS ALL OF PONYVILLE GONE MAD?



I SEE YOU GOT MY NOTE.

RAINBOW DASH, WHAT IS ALL THIS?

LET ME TREAT YOU TO SOME SUGAR.



HOWDY! HOW ABOUT GETTING MY FRIEND HERE A SLICE OF THAT DOUBLE CHOCOLATE CARAMEL CRUNCH CAKE. A LA MODE!

YOU'VE GOT IT!

APPLEJACK, PLEASE TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON.



THAT TEMPERANCE DROVE ALL THE BUSINESS OUT OF SUGARCUBE CORNER.

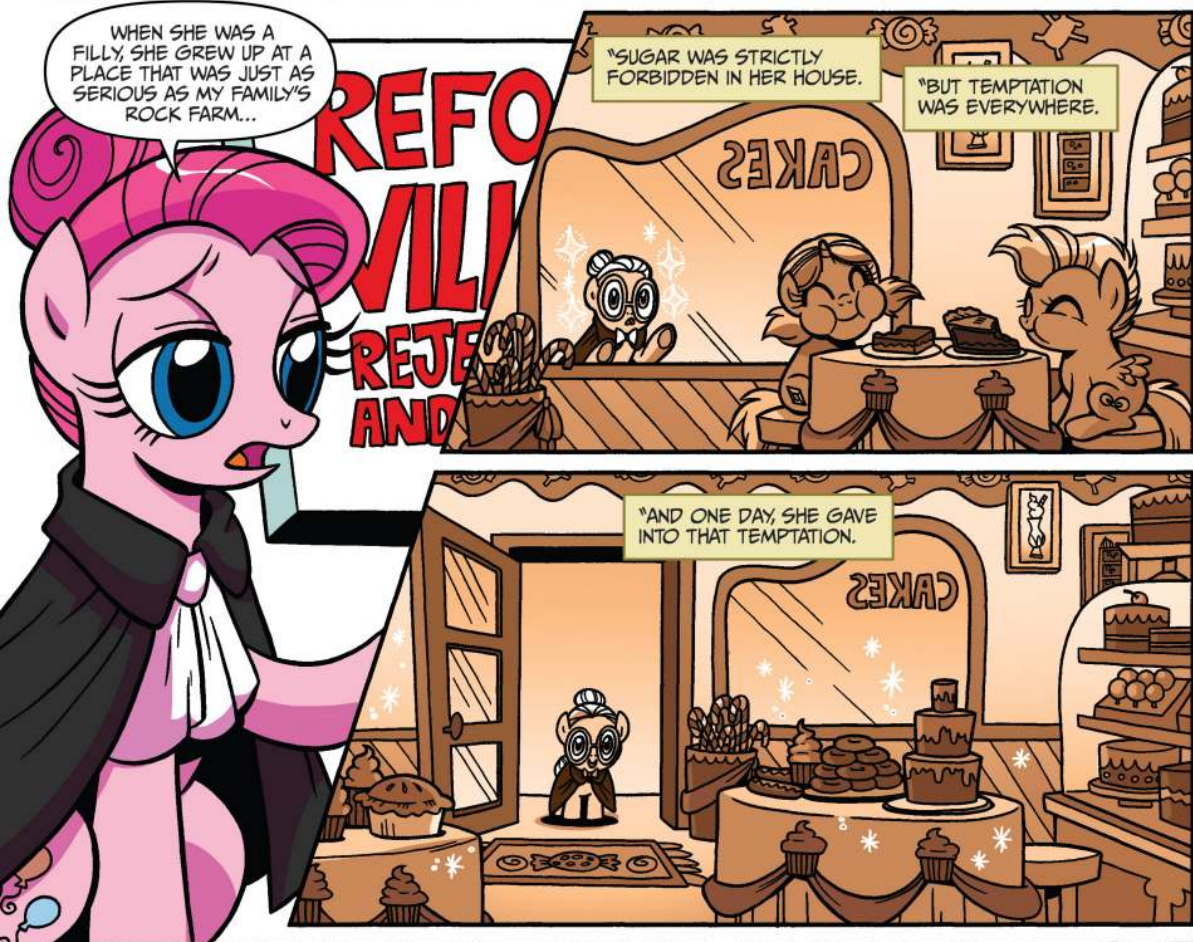
SO ME AND THE CAKES DECIDED TO MOVE ANY REMAINING BUSINESS HERE.

BUT DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE EVERYPONY IS GOING OVERBOARD ON THE SUGAR?

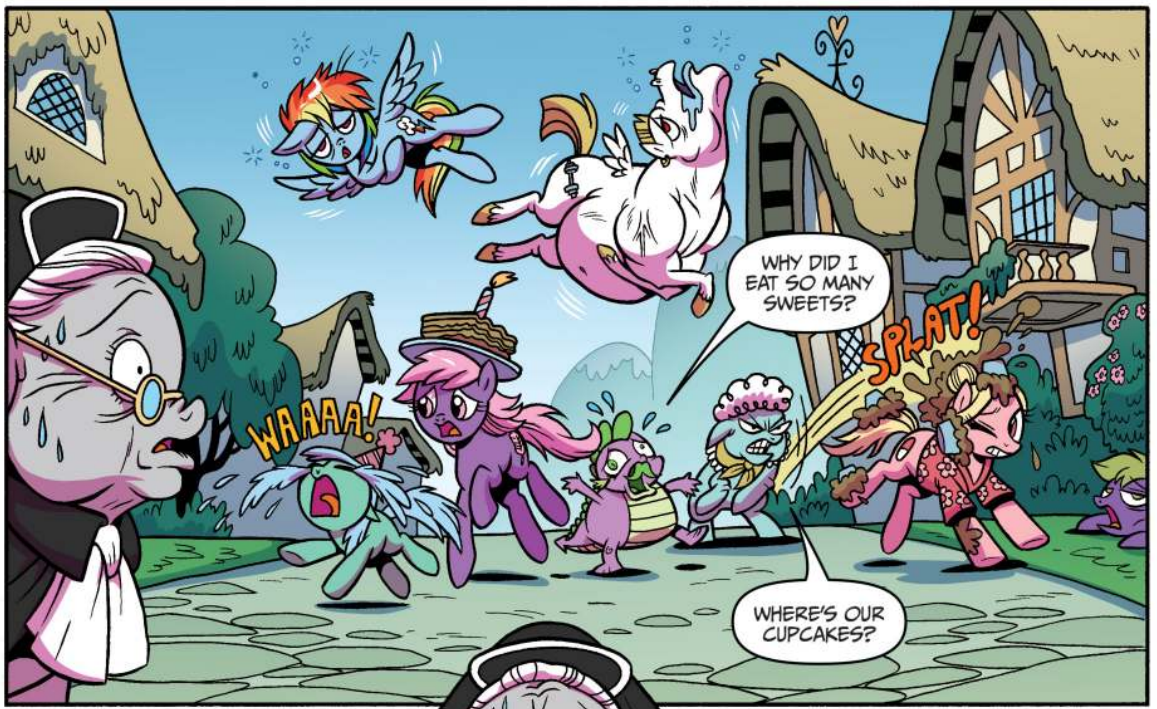
GUESS THEY'RE AFRAID IT'LL GET COMPLETELY OUTLAWED SOON.









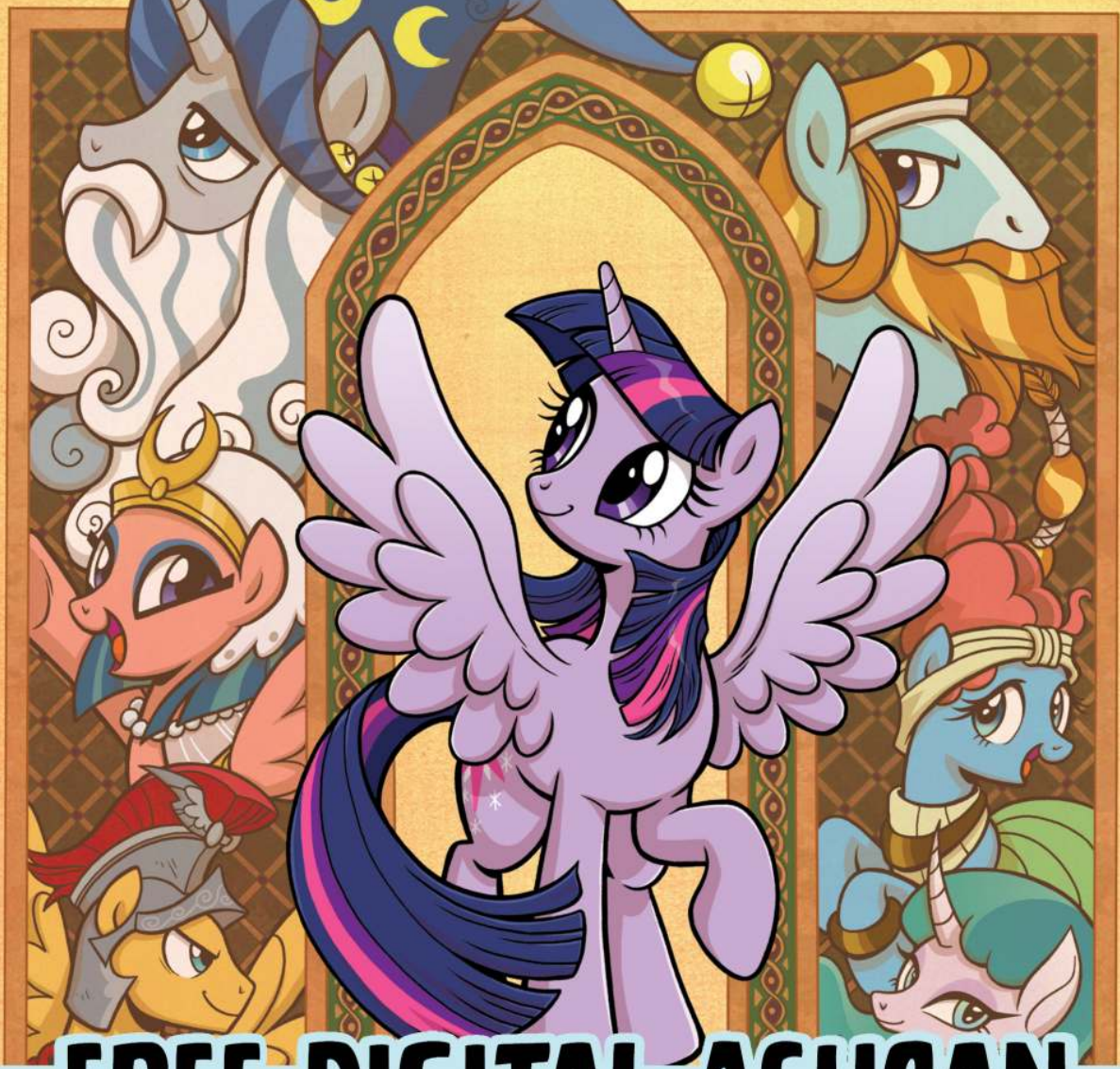




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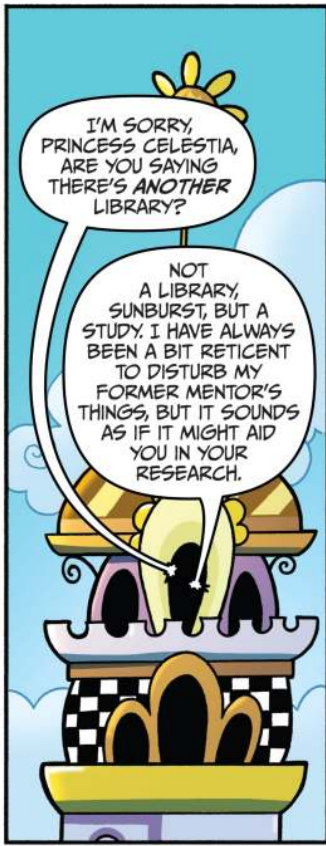
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THIS IS AMAZING!  
WHO KNOWS WHAT  
COULD BE IN  
HERE!

WELL, I AM CERTAIN  
THAT LUNA AND I READ  
SEVERAL OF THESE  
STORIES WHEN WE WERE  
UNDER STARSWIRL'S  
TUTELAGE.

WHY  
WOULD YOU  
KEEP ALL OF  
THIS LOCKED  
AWAY?



WHEN STARSWIRL  
DISAPPEARED, LUNA AND I  
WERE CONVINCED HE WOULD BE  
BACK ANY DAY. HE WAS OFTEN  
PULLED AWAY ON ADVENTURES,  
JUST TO TURN UP A FEW  
WEEKS LATER.

AND WHEN  
HE DIDN'T  
RETURN?

AT FIRST, WE WERE  
SURE HE WOULD. THEN, ONCE  
A FEW MONTHS HAD PASSED,  
WE STOPPED LOOKING. BUT WE  
WERE STILL YOUNG, AND DIDN'T  
DARE TO DISTURB OUR  
TUTOR'S THINGS.



THEN THERE WAS  
THE FIGHT, AND I EXILED  
LUNA TO THE MOON. AFTER  
THAT I WAS TOO BUSY... OR  
PERHAPS IT HURT TOO  
MUCH TO THINK OF  
THOSE DAYS.

"LEGENDS  
OF MAGIC"?

STARSWIRL  
WAS FOND OF  
MYTHS AND  
LEGENDS. STORIES  
OF PONIES WITH  
EXCEPTIONAL  
POWER.

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IT LOOKS LIKE  
HE WROTE THESE  
HIMSELF.



WHEN HE HEARD  
A STORY OR A SONG  
OF A LEGEND, HE WOULD  
ALWAYS WRITE IT DOWN.  
USUALLY THEY WERE  
NOTHING MORE THAN  
TALL TALES.

WHAT  
ABOUT THIS  
ONE?

WHAT IS IT  
CALLED?

"THE GREAT  
STARSWIRL THE  
BEARDED, THE  
TWO SISTERS, AND  
THE MAGICAL  
VORTEX."



THAT...  
THAT'S ABOUT  
ME!

LATER THAT NIGHT.

FASCINATING!  
THIS WAS WRITTEN  
BY STARSWIRL, BUT  
IT DOESN'T READ  
LIKE A JOURNAL  
HERE.

HE'S WRITTEN  
AN ACCOUNT  
OF HIS OWN  
LEGEND.



"NOW, WITHOUT A  
DOUBT, MANY AMONG YOU  
WILL KNOW THE LEGENDS  
OF STARSWIRL THE  
BEARDED."

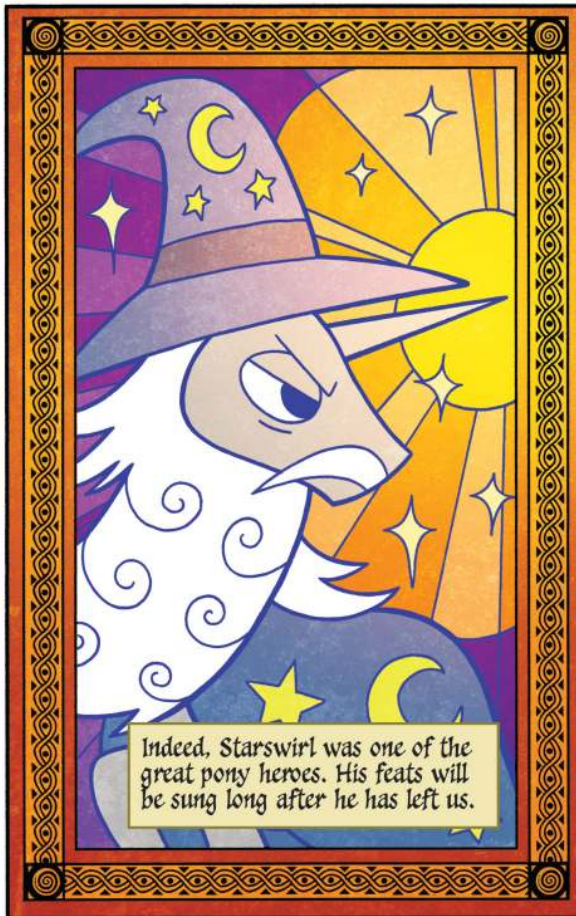
"ONE OF THE  
GREAT HEROES OF  
OUR TIME, STARSWIRL WAS  
KNOWN FOR FACING DOWN  
MAGICAL CREATURES AND  
FORCES NO OTHER PONY  
WOULD DARE."

~~SNORTE~~  
HE CERTAINLY  
WASN'T KNOWN  
FOR HIS SMALL  
EGO.



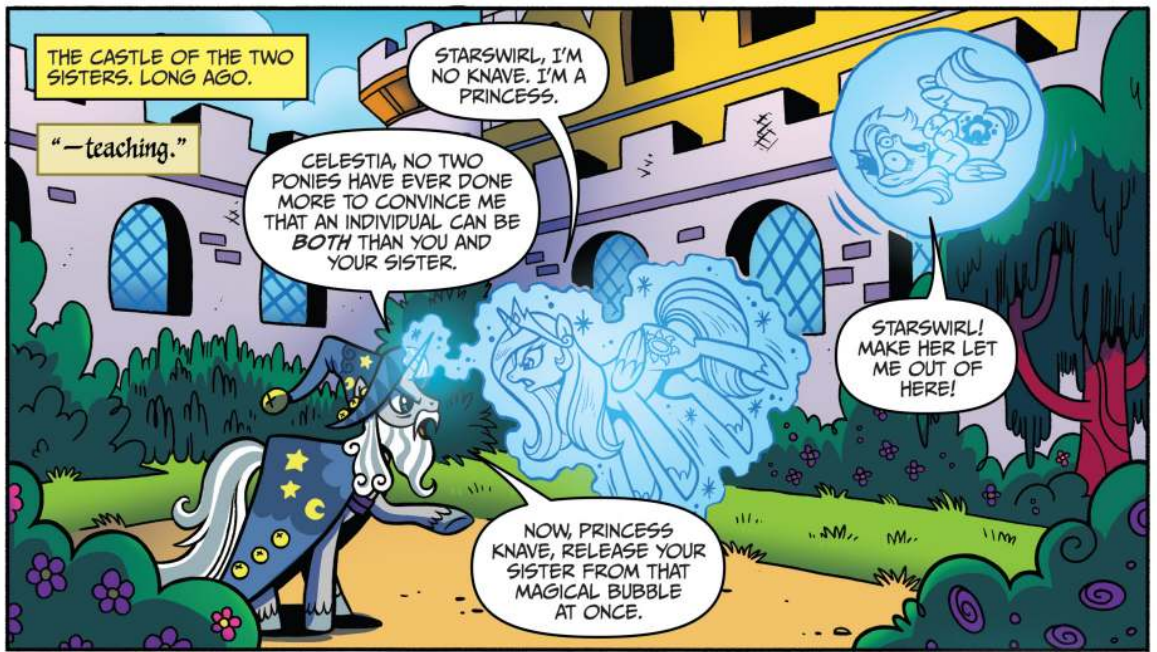
But perhaps the most challenging  
role for Starswirl was not that of  
mage, or wanderer, or hero. But the  
most dangerous of all professions—

Indeed, Starswirl was one of the  
great pony heroes. His feats will  
be sung long after he has left us.



HALT, KNAVE!  
GO NO FURTHER!







IT IS NOT YOUR JOB TO MONITOR OR COMMENT ON YOUR SISTER'S PROGRESS. I AM THE INSTRUCTOR HERE.

WELL, THAT MUST BE FRUSTRATING FOR YOU.



ARE YOU OKAY, PRINCESS LUNA?

THANK YOU FOR GETTING ME DOWN. HOW CAN MY OWN SISTER BE SO MEAN? CAN YOU BELIEVE HER?

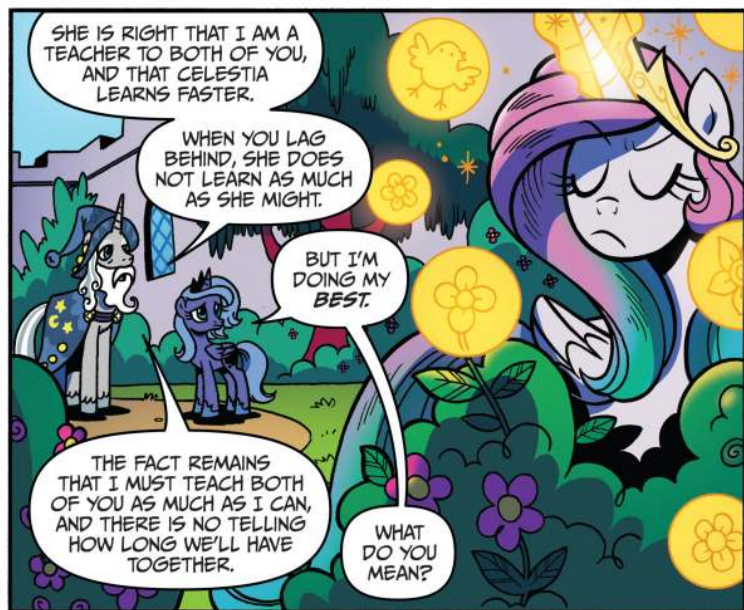
TO BE FRANK, HER COMPLAINT HAS MERIT.



I... I THOUGHT YOU WERE ON MY SIDE.



THERE ARE NO SIDES HERE, PRINCESS LUNA.



SHE IS RIGHT THAT I AM A TEACHER TO BOTH OF YOU, AND THAT CELESTIA LEARNS FASTER.

WHEN YOU LAG BEHIND, SHE DOES NOT LEARN AS MUCH AS SHE MIGHT.

BUT I'M DOING MY BEST.

THE FACT REMAINS THAT I MUST TEACH BOTH OF YOU AS MUCH AS I CAN, AND THERE IS NO TELLING HOW LONG WE'LL HAVE TOGETHER.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



WHEN A CRISIS ARISES, I MAY BE CALLED ON TO DEAL WITH IT, AND SOMEDAY I MIGHT NOT RETURN.

SOMETIMES OUR LIVES REQUIRE US TO DO THINGS THAT DO NOT SEEM IMMEDIATELY POSSIBLE TO US.



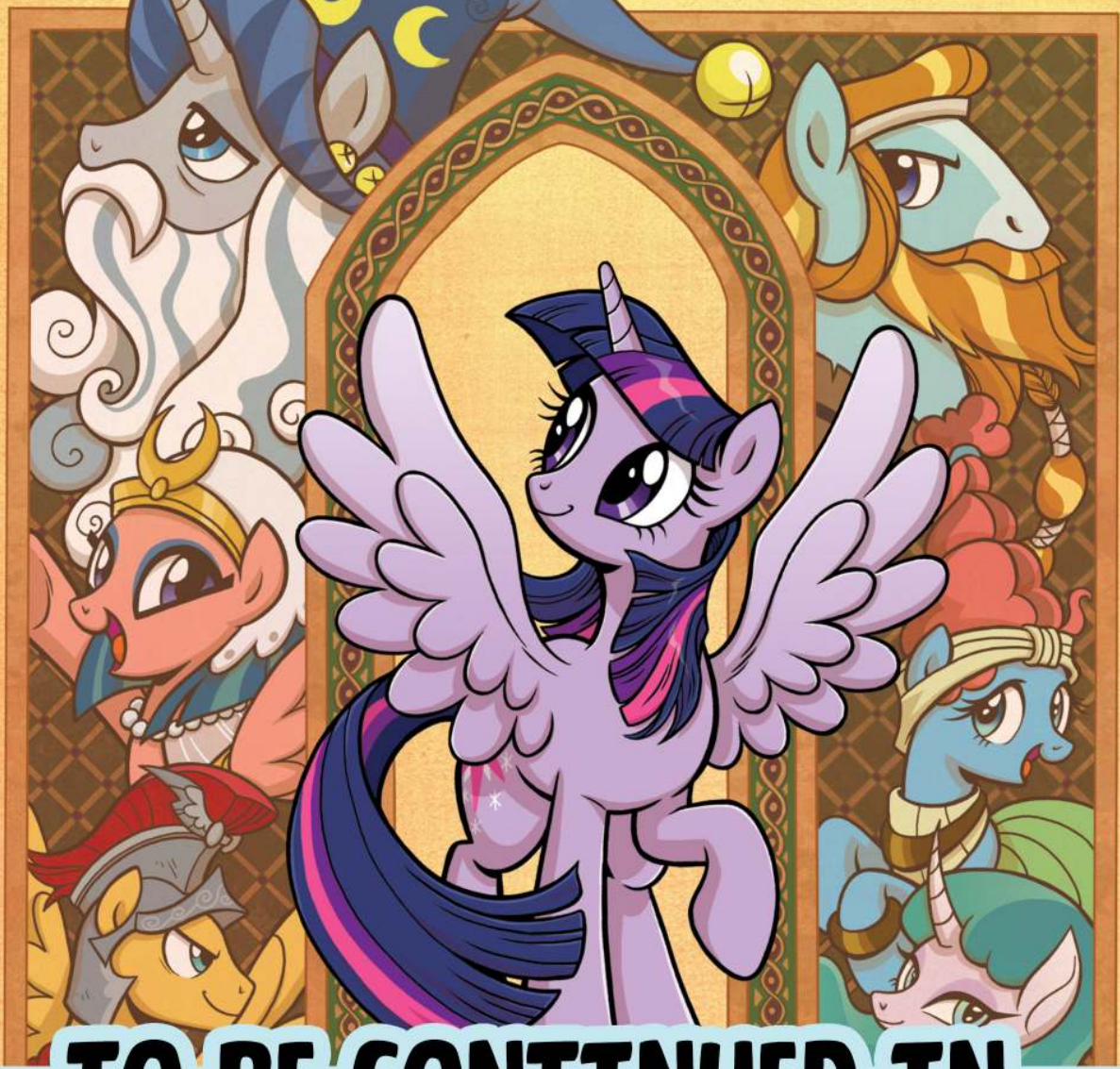
AS A PRINCESS, SOMEDAY THOSE THINGS MIGHT BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SURVIVAL OF YOUR KINGDOM OR THE FALL OF ALL OF EQUESTRIA.

IF YOUR BEST IS NOT UP TO THE TASK, EITHER YOU MUST FIND A NEW BEST, OR BE WILLING TO LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES.

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