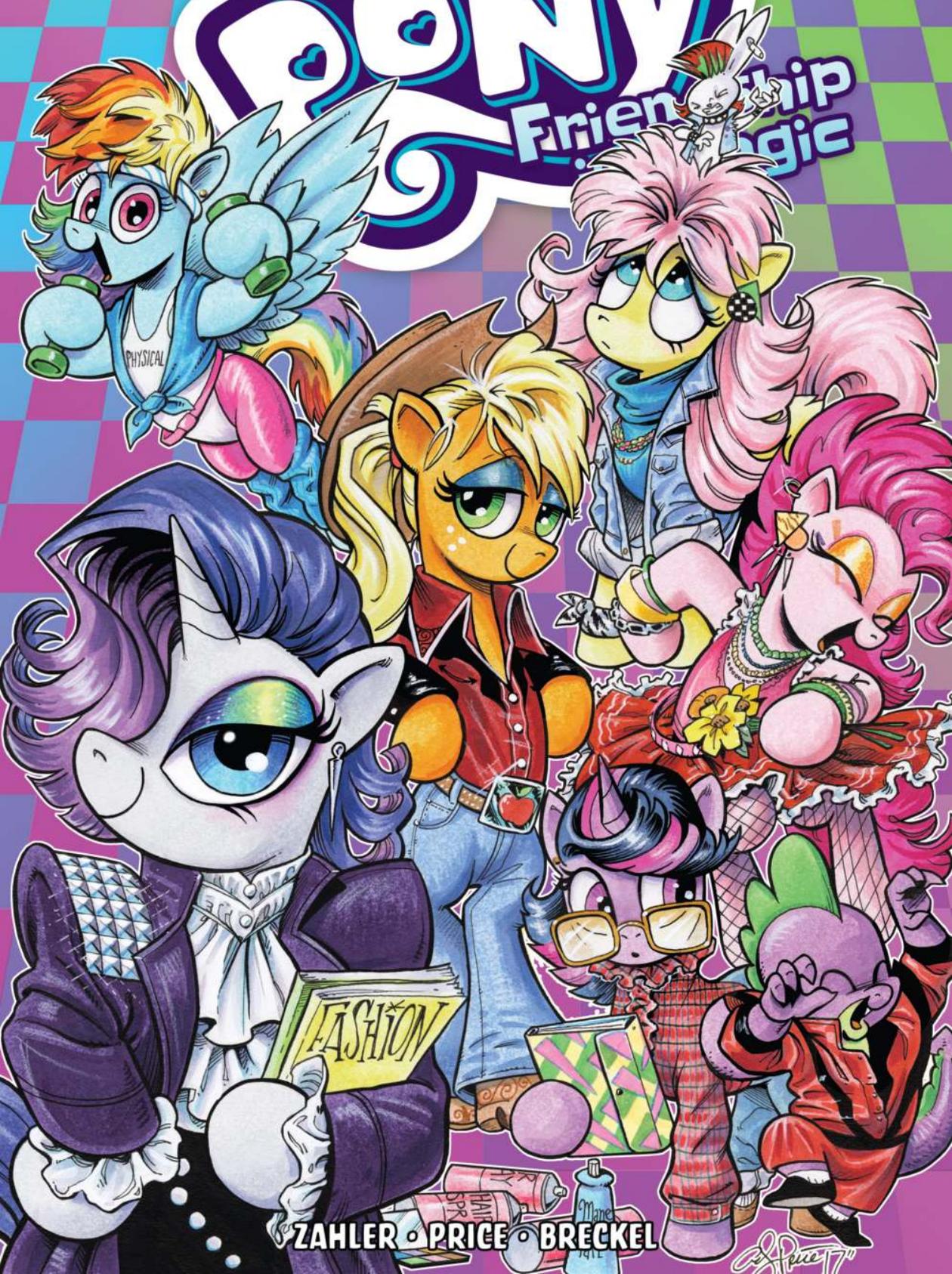


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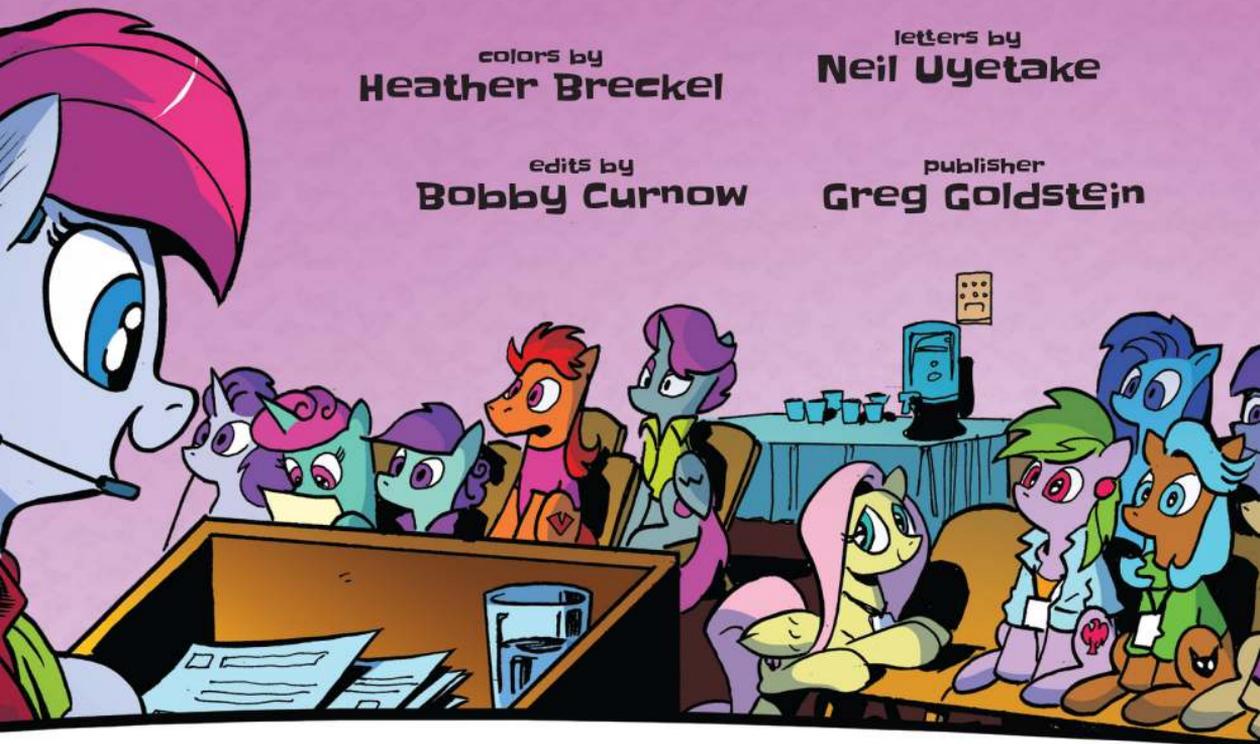
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Everything Old



I'M SURE YOU'LL BE FINE, DARLING. YOU'VE BEEN DOING A PHENOMENAL JOB RUNNING YOUR NEW SHELTER.

YES, BUT THESE ARE ALL PONIES WHO HAVE BEEN DOING WHAT I DO FOR YEARS.

THEY ALL HAVE SO MUCH MORE EXPERIENCE.



YOU'VE GOT DRIVE, DEAR. THAT'S IMPORTANT, AND DON'T FORGET, CONFIDENCE IS PART OF RUNNING A BUSINESS, TOO.



THAT'S NOT REALLY MY STRONG SUIT. IT'S MORE YOURS.

SOMETIMES MY CONFIDENCE IS BLUSTER. YOUR CONFIDENCE IS FROM QUALITY.



WHY, THANK YOU. YOU'RE VERY SWEET.



NEXT STOP, MANHATTAN!

WE'RE ALMOST THERE! ALMOST THERE!





IT'S—IT'S HORRIBLE.

WHAT? WHAT IS IT?

FASHION IS CYCLICAL.



THE FASHIONS— THEY'RE NOUVEAU COLOUR.

IF YOU SAY SO.

FLUTTERSHY, THAT STYLE WAS ALL THE RAGE WHEN I STARTED DESIGNING.

WHEN I FIRST STARTED DESIGNING, YEARS AGO.

EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN!



FASHION TRENDS HAVE LOOPED BACK ON THEMSELVES AND NOW THEY'RE REPEATING. I DON'T WANT TO REPEAT MY WORK!



WELL, CAN'T YOU JUST MAKE YOUR OWN FASHIONS? DO YOU HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRENDS?

OH, FLUTTERSHY, YOU SWEETLY NAIVE LITTLE PONY.





HELLO, EVERYPONY. WELCOME TO THIS INTRODUCTION TO RUNNING A SHELTER. WE'RE GOING TO COVER SOME OF THE **BASICS** OF WHAT YOUR SHELTER NEEDS TO OPERATE.



NOW, I'M SURE ALL OF YOU FILED THE **PAPERWORK** TO REGISTER YOUR SHELTER. THERE'S THE A72 WHICH REGISTERS YOU WITH **CANTERLOT**, BUT DEPENDING ON YOUR TOWN, YOU MAY NEED TO REGISTER **THERE**, TOO.

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WAIT, WE NEED TO **REGISTER** OUR SHELTER? **MAYOR MARE** KNEW I WAS DOING IT?

YOU **DIDN'T** FILL OUT YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS? **ROOKIE!**

WHO CARE WHAT FRANKIE SAYS?



AND THEN, OF COURSE, YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOU GET THE REQUIRED **INSPECTIONS** OF THE SHELTER.

BUT I JUST WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF THE **ANIMALS**.

AFTER THE PRESENTATION—

THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO RUNNING A SHELTER THAN I THOUGHT! I WAS JUST TRYING TO TAKE CARE OF SOME POOR ANIMALS.

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. I JUST OPENED MY OWN OVER IN STALLION LAKE LAST YEAR, AND I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CHANGE A LOT OF THINGS.

IF I WOULD HAVE KNOWN ALL OF THIS BEFORE I STARTED, I MIGHT NOT HAVE EVEN STARTED A SHELTER.

I SUPPOSE I ALWAYS KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME. FASHION HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GRAND CYCLE. BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT TO HIT THE CURVE SO SOON.



"WHEN I FIRST STARTED DESIGNING, NOUVEAU COLOUR WAS ALL THE RAGE, AND I WAS THRILLED TO BE PART OF THAT NEW WAVE."

PRANCE AND THE REVOLUTION

"IT WAS ALL SO FRESH AND NEW BACK THEN."

THIS JACKET IS FANTASTIC, RARITY!

FASHION

NOW IT'S JUST DERIVATIVE.

OH, WOW, WILL YOU LOOK AT THOSE PLEATS? I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT BEFORE!

THE YELLOW ONE WOULD LOOK GREAT WITH A SIDE PONY TAIL.

PLEATS. MY GOODNESS, WHAT WERE WE EVEN THINKING?



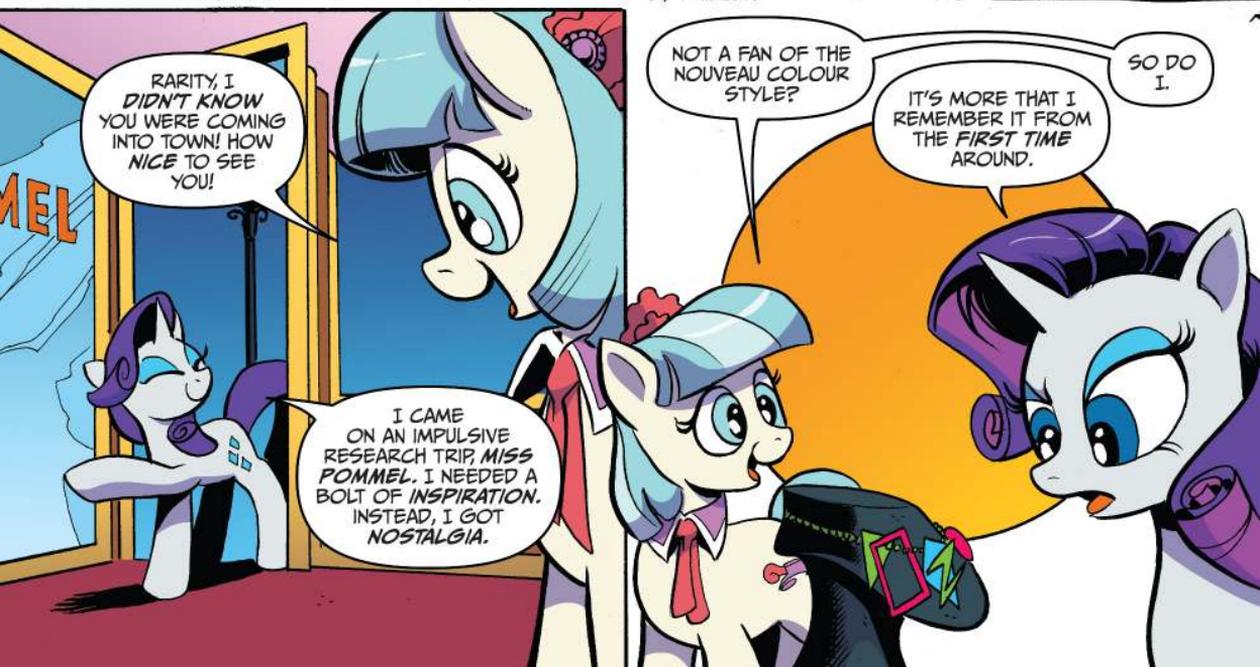


I HAD A *GOOD* RUN, I SUPPOSE. NOW I'LL BE REVISITING MY GREATEST HITS.

MAYBE BELL BOTTOMS WILL RETURN NEXT.



HELLO, MUSEUM OF MY BEST DESIGNS. WHAT *RETRO DESIGN* WILL WE SELL NEXT?



RARITY, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE COMING INTO TOWN! HOW NICE TO SEE YOU!

I CAME ON AN IMPULSIVE RESEARCH TRIP, MISS POMMEL. I NEEDED A BOLT OF INSPIRATION. INSTEAD, I GOT NOSTALGIA.

NOT A FAN OF THE NOUVEAU COLOUR STYLE?

IT'S MORE THAT I REMEMBER IT FROM THE FIRST TIME AROUND.

SO DO I.

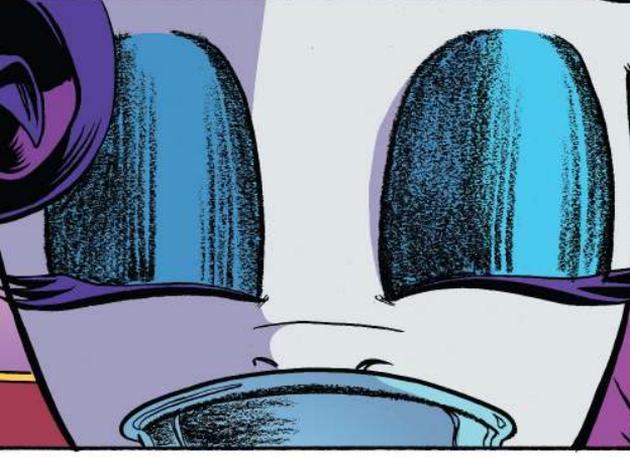


DO YOU REMEMBER TRYING TO MAKE ALL THOSE SNAPS WORK? THE SMALL METAL ONES THAT EVERYONE LIKED?

OH, THOSE WERE A NIGHTMARE. SO DELICATE TO WORK WITH.

PLUS, EVERYTHING WAS MADE OF FABRIC THAT DIDN'T BREATHE.

SO HOT. AND NOT IN THE GOOD WAY. I'M SO GLAD WE HAVE BETTER FABRICS NOW.



I GUESS THINGS COULD BE WORSE, RIGHT?



YOU KNOW, YOU DON'T NEED TO FOLLOW THE TRENDS. YOU CAN BLAZE YOUR OWN TRAIL.



YES, BUT I CAME TO SEE WHAT THE OVERALL TRENDS ARE. AND IF I DON'T INCORPORATE AT LEAST SOME OF IT, MY FASHIONS WILL SEEM OUT OF STEP.

I GOT INTO FASHION TO DO BOLD THINGS. NEW THINGS. AND WHEN I FIRST STARTED, IT WAS A GIANT OPEN CANVAS.

IN SOME WAY, I'M GOING TO BE REPEATING MY BEST IDEAS. AND IF FASHION REPEATS, AM I JUST GOING TO BE DOING VARIATIONS ON THEMES I ALREADY EXPLORED?

YOU'RE ONE OF THE MOST TALENTED DESIGNERS THAT I'VE EVER WORKED WITH. YOU'LL FIND YOUR WAY THROUGH THIS.



I'M THROUGH WITH THIS!

DING-DING-DING



FLUTTERSHY, DARLING, WHAT'S WRONG?

THE SEMINAR! THERE'S SO MUCH THAT I DID WRONG! THAT I HAVE TO DO DIFFERENTLY! IT'S SO FRUSTRATING!



THESE ARE ALL THE BOOKS I NEED TO READ ABOUT RUNNING MY SHELTER.

MY LITTLE FRIENDS DON'T WONDER IF I'VE FILED A BACKUP STRATEGY PLAN FOR ICE STORMS.

IF I KNEW THEN WHAT I KNOW NOW, I WOULD HAVE DONE THINGS SO DIFFERENTLY.



YOU'RE RIGHT.

BUT I DO KNOW.



SWEETIE, I CAN'T SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM, BUT YOU MAY HAVE UNLOCKED MINE.



MAYBE SOME OF MY FASHIONS WILL REVISIT THE THEMES FROM BACK WHEN I STARTED. BUT THEY'LL ALSO BE DONE WITH THE EXPERIENCE THAT I HAVE NOW.

ALL THE MISTAKES I MADE. THE THINGS I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER ABOUT—NOW I DO.

I WON'T BE REPEATING MYSELF. I'LL BE RE-IMAGINING MYSELF. DOING THINGS BETTER THAN I COULD HAVE.

YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH ALREADY—

REALLY? I JUST SAID SOMETHING PRETTY OBVIOUS—

—BUT WOULD YOU MIND HELPING EVEN MORE?

IT'S BETTER THAN GOING BACK TO THE SEMINAR.

MISS POMMEL! WE'RE GOING TO NEED TEA AND BISCOTTI FOR OUR MODEL!

MODEL?

WE'RE GOING TO TAKE SUCH GOOD CARE OF YOU!

THIS IS GOING TO BE SO MUCH FUN!

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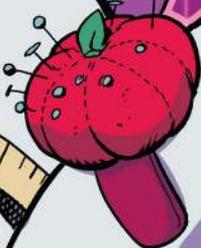
SEE, THIS FASHION JUST FLOATS ON YOU.

THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE MADE OF PARACHUTES.

AREN'T SWEATERS MADE FOR WEARING ON MY NECK, NOT AROUND IT?

POGUE
FASHION FOR CITY AND BARN
LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO WEAR BORING CLOTHES

SHION



OH, THAT WAS A LOT OF FASHION.

IT WAS A LOT, PERIOD.

IT WAS A LOT OF FUN, IS WHAT IT WAS!

IT WAS WEIRDLY LIBERATING, TO TAKE DIFFERENT PATHS THAN I THOUGHT OF THE FIRST TIME AROUND.

CELESTIA SAY RELAX

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THIS IS KIND OF TIGHT, DON'T YOU THINK?

HEELS! PERFECT!

YOW

THE ACID IS STILL A LITTLE FRESH ON THIS. SORRY.

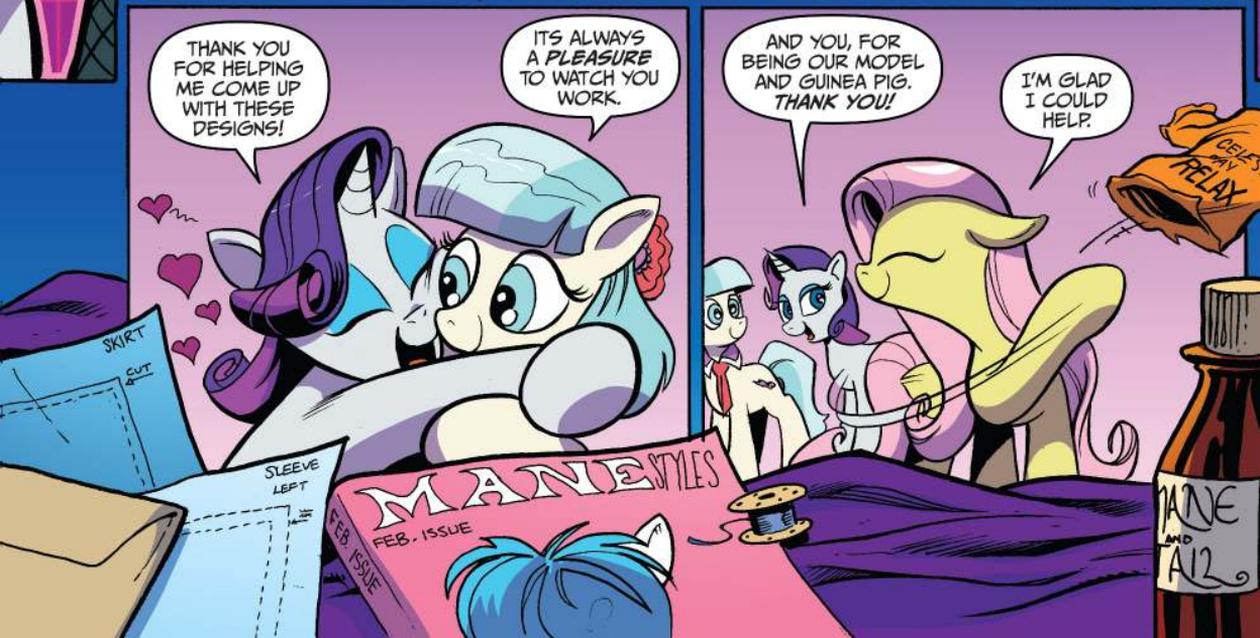
YOUR FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT, YOU GOTTA WEAR SHADES.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME COME UP WITH THESE DESIGNS!

IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO WATCH YOU WORK.

AND YOU, FOR BEING OUR MODEL AND GUINEA PIG. THANK YOU!!

I'M GLAD I COULD HELP.



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MANE AND ALL

GELS MAY RELAX

ARE YOU READY TO HEAD BACK TO THE HOTEL? I HAVE A LONG DAY OF SLOGGING THROUGH ALL THESE MANUALS TOMORROW, AND LOTS OF FINDING OUT HOW I DID EVERYTHING WRONG.

DON'T LET THOSE PONIES GET YOU DOWN, DARLING. YOUR SHELTER IS AMAZING.

LITTER BOX TIPS

YOU BUILT THAT SHELTER ON YOUR OWN. MAYBE NOT THE WAY THEY WOULD HAVE DONE IT. MAYBE NOT EVEN THE WAY IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE. BUT YOU DID IT.

WHEN I STARTED I HAD OTHER DESIGNERS' WORK TO LOOK AT. BUT YOU SAW A NEED AND STARTED FROM SCRATCH AND YOU'RE AMAZING!

BRUCE

Mr. McBITTY-PANTS

CAMEO

EDGAR

POMMEL

YOU'RE VERY KIND.

THEY SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR WHAT NEW IDEAS YOU HAVE TO OFFER, AND THEY'RE FOOLS IF THEY MISSED IT.

ENTERTAINING GORILLAS



SO, RATHER THAN JUST FOCUSING ON WHAT WE NEW SHELTER OWNERS HAVE DONE *WRONG*, MAYBE WE SHOULD FOCUS ON THE PONIES WHO *COME NEXT*.

AND I'M SURE WE'VE ALL MADE A BUNCH OF MISTAKES. MAYBE WE COULD FIND A WAY TO TAKE THOSE LESSONS AND *PASS THEM ON* TO PONIES STARTING NEW SO THAT NO PONIES *REPEAT THEM*.

COULD WE WORK ON CREATING A PROGRAM TO *HELP* PONIES START SHELTERS? WE NEED *MORE* OF THEM, *NOT LESS*.



MISS FLUTTERSHY, I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BE A *GREAT* ADDITION TO OUR GROUP.

SO... YOU WANT TO BUY...

SHELTER IO

SPRING FASHION SPECIAL PREVIEW EVENT

POMMEL

WHAT DO YOU THINK SHE'S GOT IN THERE?

POMMEL

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER FASHIONS!

IS PRINCESS CELESTIA STOPPING BY?

HONK! HONK!

BEEP BEEP

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YOU THINK FASHION'S YOUR FRIEND? FASHION IS DANGER!

RARITY, THESE DESIGNS ARE FANTASTIC! HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THEM?

EXPERIENCE!

SEEMS LIKE YOUR DESIGNS ARE A HIT, RARITY.

THEY'RE OUR DESIGNS. YOU HELPED ON THESE SO MUCH.



AND SECOND, REVISITING MY START INSPIRED SOME OTHER IDEAS. LIKE THIS ONE.



—I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT! I CAN'T WAIT TO START ON IT!



LOOKS LIKE YOU BROKE THROUGH YOUR CREATIVE BLOCK.



I DID! I'M NOT JUST GOING BACK, I'M GOING BIGGER AND BETTER!

HOW WAS THE SEMINAR?



I REALIZED THAT IF I WAS HAVING PROBLEMS THEN MAYBE EVERY PONY WAS. SO I HELPED START A PROGRAM TO HELP PONIES START SHELTERS.

WELL DONE, YOU!



HERE'S TO LEARNING FROM OUR PAST!

AND NOT REPEATING IT!

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NO ONE'S SURE WHAT *IT* IS.

A MOONFLOWER IS BORN



OR WHERE *IT* CAME FROM...



OR WHAT *IT* WANTS...



SOME MOONS CAN WITHSTAND IT.

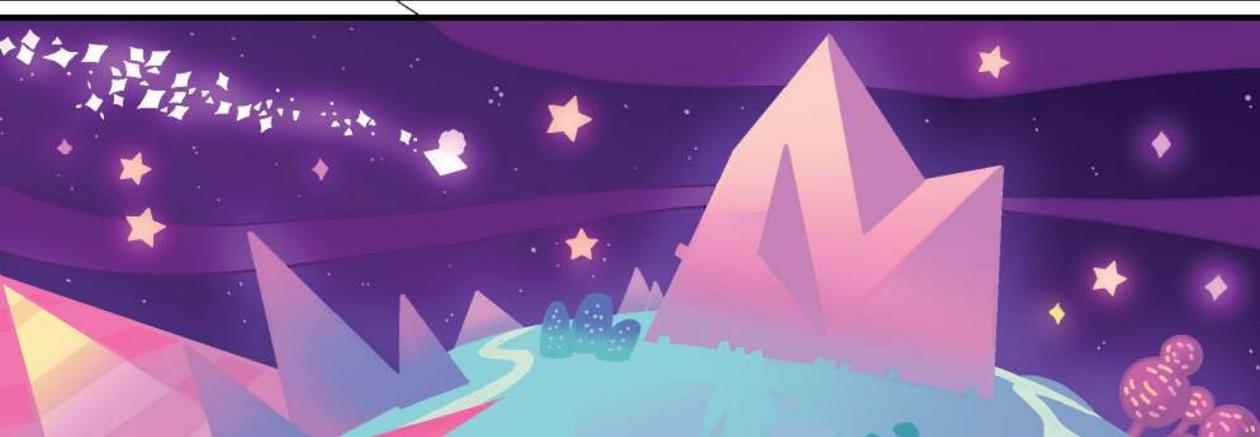


OTHERS... NOT SO MUCH.



WE **MOONFLOWERS** ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THE MOONS OF THIS GALAXY.

AGAINST *THIS* THOUGH, WE **NEVER** WIN.





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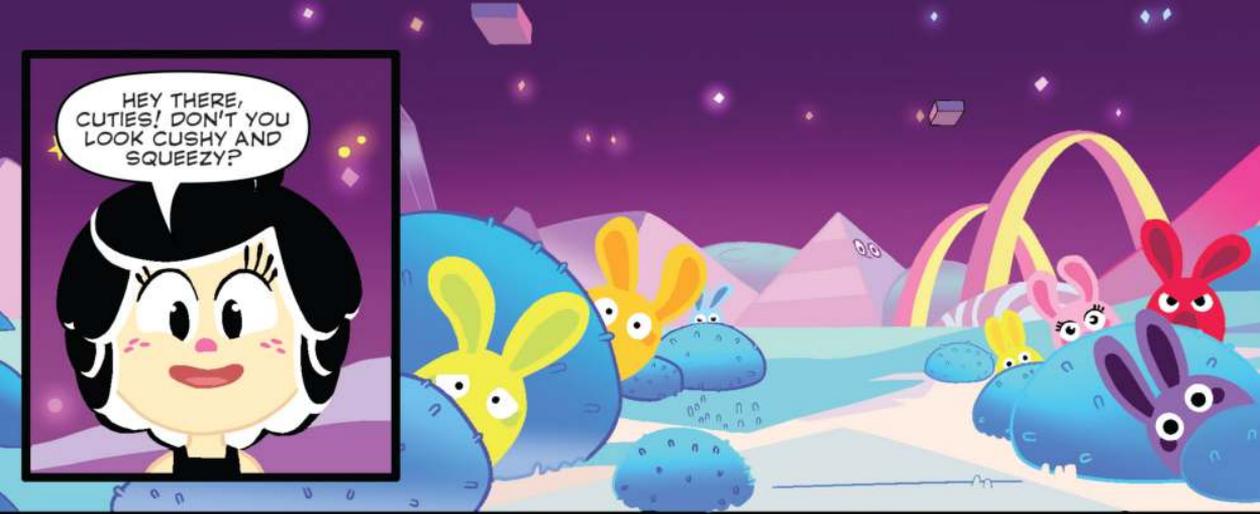


I'M HERE!
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHAT'D I MISS?



AWW...





HEY THERE, CUTIES! DON'T YOU LOOK CUSHY AND SQUEEZY?



HUH?

WHAT IS IT?
SOMETHING I DID? DIDN'T DO?



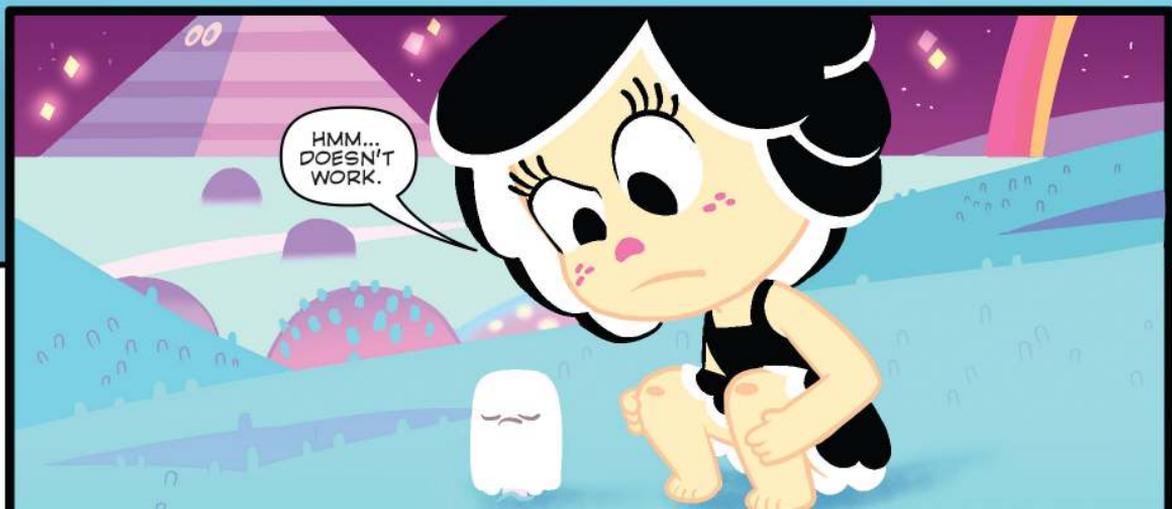
SOMETHING I'M SUPPOSED TO BE DOING, MAYBE?



OOH! I JUST CAN'T TAKE IT, YOU IRRESISTIBLE YUMBUCKETS!



C'MERE, YOU BOUNCY RASCALS!



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