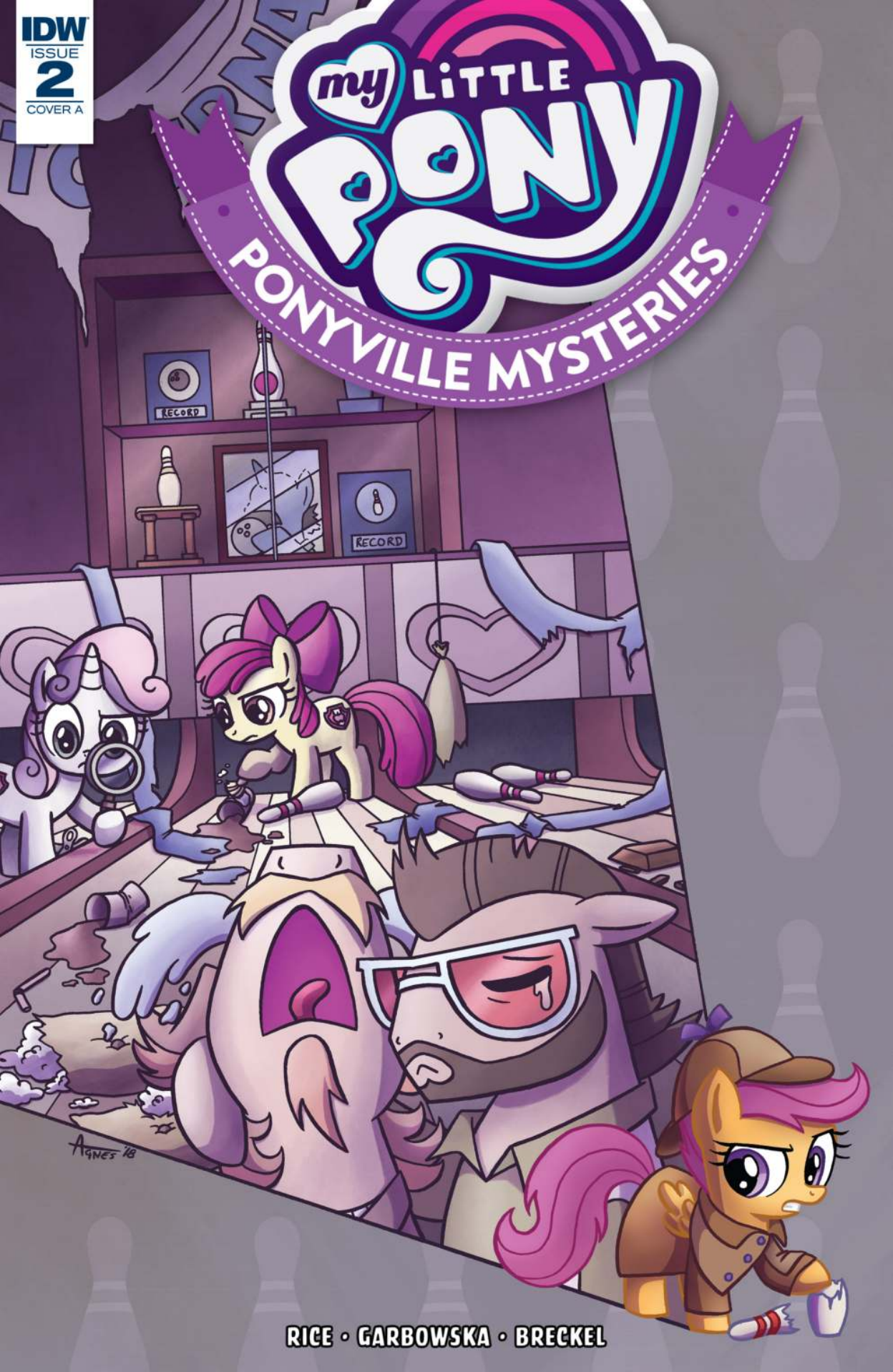


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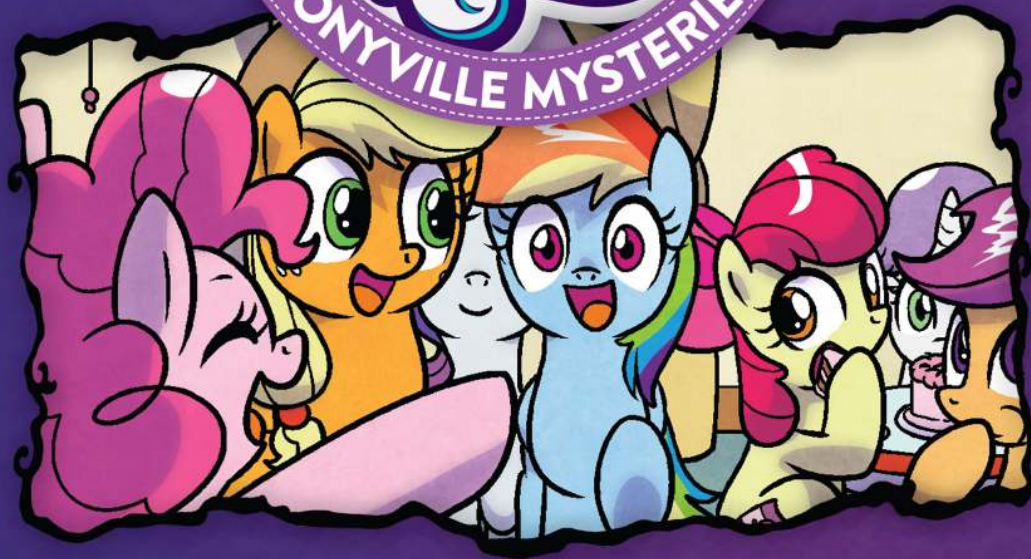
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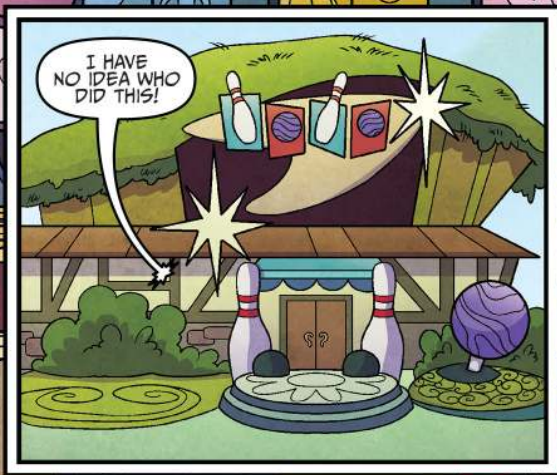
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THINK HARD. WHO HERE IN PONYVILLE WOULD WANT TO STOP YOU FROM PRACTICING?



THERE WAS THIS ONE PONY WHO USED TO COMPLAIN THAT WE STAYED HERE TOO LATE AND MADE TOO MUCH NOISE.

OH, RIGHT.

THAT WAS ME. THEN YOU INVITED ME TO JOIN THE TEAM.

CRANKY, WASN'T MATILDA UNHAPPY THAT YOU'VE BEEN AWAY SO MUCH?

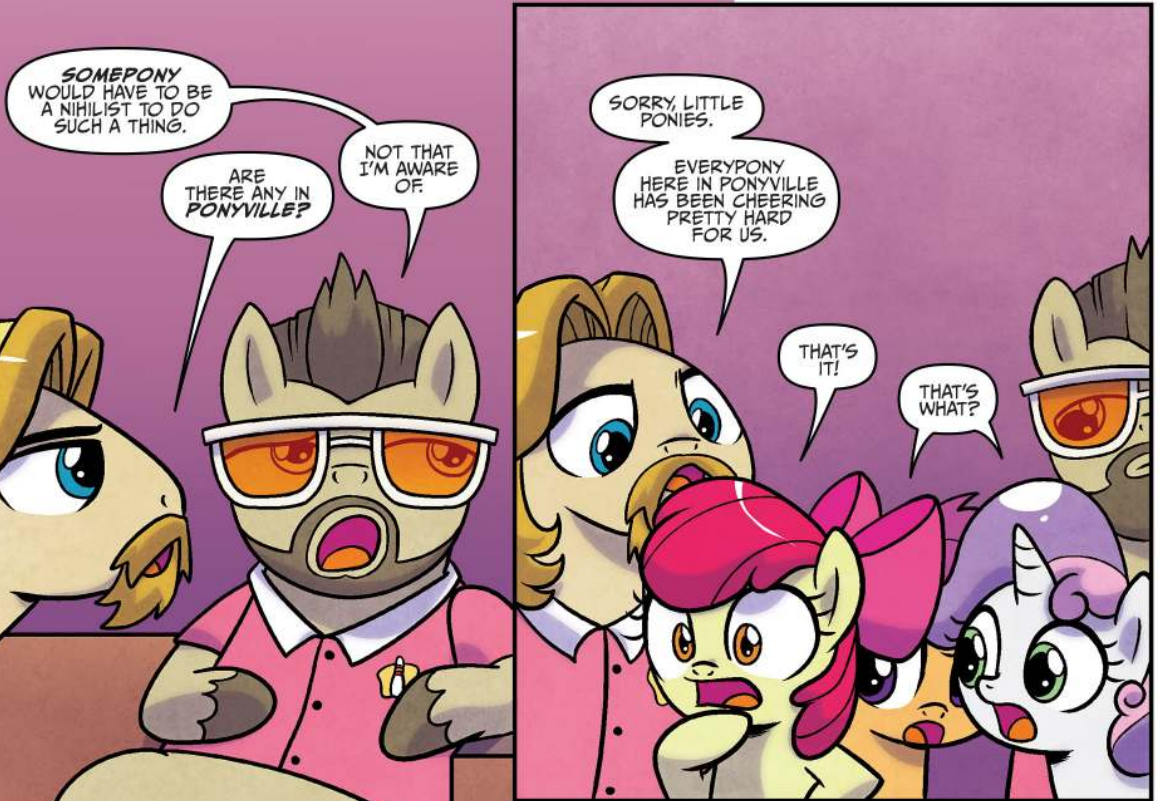
MAYBE A LITTLE, BUT SHE'S ALSO HAPPY I HAVE A HOBBY.

BUT WASN'T APPLEJACK GROUSING THAT BIG MAC HADN'T BEEN HELPING ENOUGH AT SWEET APPLE ACRES.

EYUP!

BUT THEN SHE AND GRANNY SMITH BROUGHT US TARTS AND CIDER THE OTHER NIGHT AND CHEERED US ON.

EYUP!



SOMEPOONY WOULD HAVE TO BE A NIHILIST TO DO SUCH A THING.

ARE THERE ANY IN PONYVILLE?

NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF.

SORRY, LITTLE PONIES.

EVERYPOONY HERE IN PONYVILLE HAS BEEN CHEERING PRETTY HARD FOR US.

THAT'S IT!

THAT'S WHAT?



WE'VE BEEN FOCUSING ON LOCAL PONIES.

BUT WHAT IF THE CULPRIT IS NOT FROM PONYVILLE?

OHHHH.



I DON'T FOLLOW, LITTLE PONY.

WHO'S YOUR BIGGEST COMPETITION IN THE TOURNAMENT?



I GUESS THAT WOULD BE THE TEAMS IN CANTERLOT.

CLOUDSALE.

AND DODGE JUNCTION.



I TOLD YOU. SABOTAGE!

WHOA! YOU THINK ONE OF THE OTHER TEAMS DID IT?

I DON'T KNOW.

BUT WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT!



HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIGURE OUT IF ONE OF THE OTHER TEAMS IS RESPONSIBLE?

NO IDEA.



WHAT'S GOING ON, CRUSADERS?

PLEASE, CALL US SUPER SLEUTHS.

SUPER SLEUTHS! I LIKE IT.

ALL OF THE PINS KEEP DISAPPEARING FROM THE ALLEY.



WHY ARE YOU ALL HERE?

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO SOLVE THIS MYSTERY.

AS IF YOU THREE COULD SOLVE ANYTHING!



ACTUALLY, THEY ONCE FIGURED OUT WHY I WAS TRANSFORMING INTO A TIMBER WOLF—

OH... RIGHT.

AND THEY CAME UP WITH A CURE.



NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE US, WE HAVE SOME HOT LEADS TO FOLLOW.

WE DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE ANY LEADS, RIGHT?

I DON'T THINK SO...

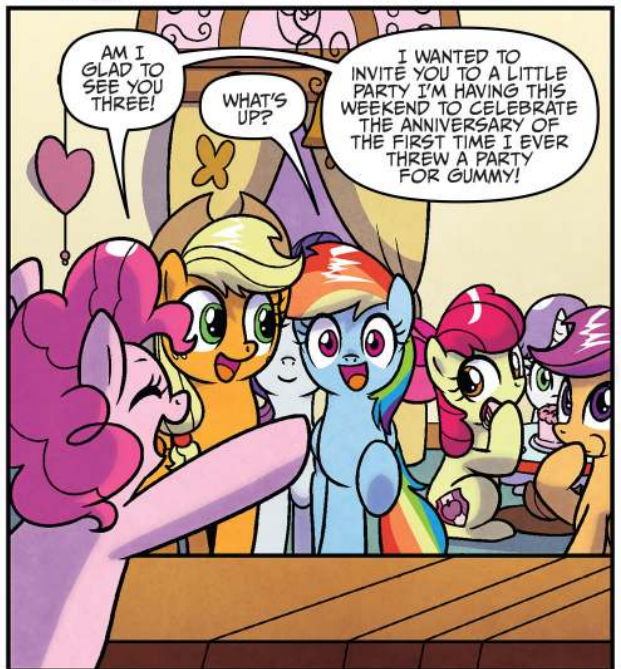
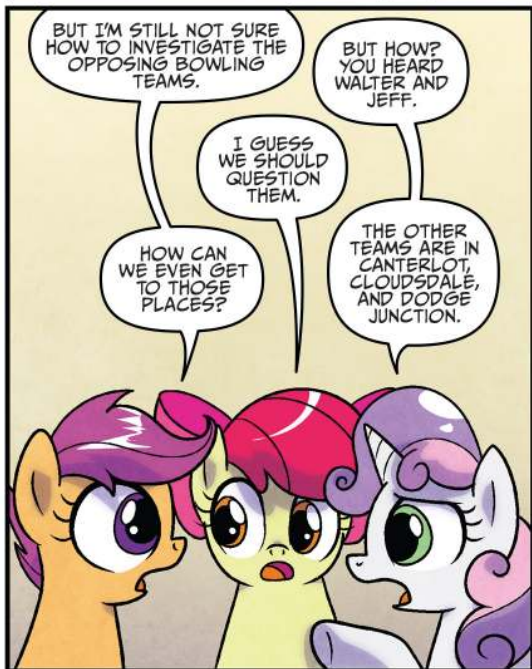
THIS SURE IS EXHAUSTING.



I'VE GOT IT!

YOU SOLVED THE MYSTERY?

WELL, NO. BUT I KNOW WHERE WE CAN GO TO RE-ENERGIZE AND GATHER OUR THOUGHTS.





THE NEXT MORNING.

ALRIGHT, SUPER SLEUTHS, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

RIGHT!



ACTUALLY, NOT REALLY.

DO WE JUST COME OUT AND ASK THE TEAMS IF THEY STOLE THE PINS?

NO...



WE NEED TO QUESTION THEM IN A CLEVER WAY TO GET THEM TO CONFESS.

ALL ABOARD THE PONYVILLE EXPRESS! HEADING TO DODGE JUNCTION AND CANTERLOT.



THAT'S US, GIDDY UP!

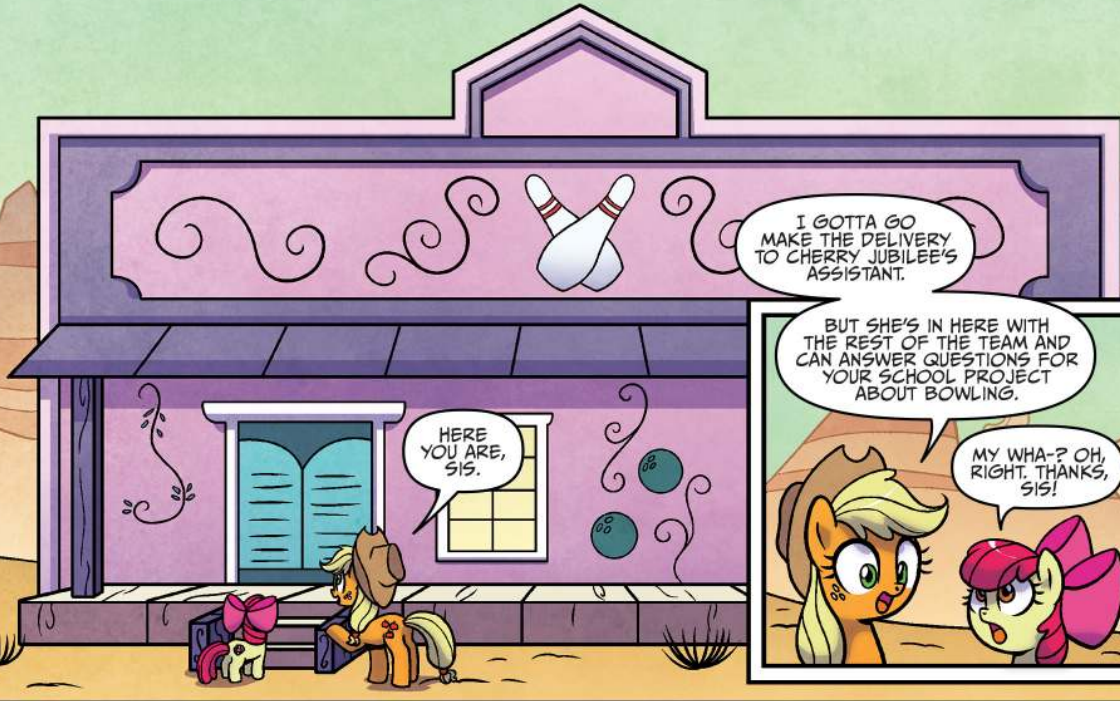
HOP ON, SCOOTALOO, BOW AND WINDY ARE WAITING.



ALRIGHT CRUSADER—I MEAN SUPER SLEUTHS.

FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN AND WE'LL REGROUP AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE TOMORROW.

RIGHT!

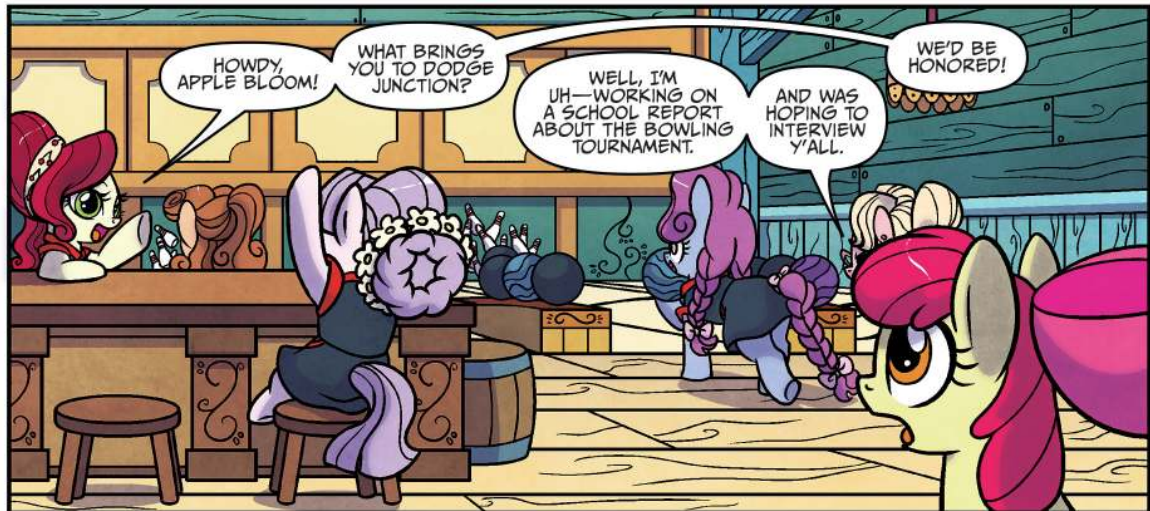


I GOTTA GO MAKE THE DELIVERY TO CHERRY JUBILEE'S ASSISTANT.



BUT SHE'S IN HERE WITH THE REST OF THE TEAM AND CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SCHOOL PROJECT ABOUT BOWLING.

MY WHA-? OH, RIGHT, THANKS, SIS!



HOWDY, APPLE BLOOM!

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DODGE JUNCTION?

WELL, I'M UH—WORKING ON A SCHOOL REPORT ABOUT THE BOWLING TOURNAMENT.

AND WAS HOPING TO INTERVIEW Y'ALL.

WE'D BE HONORED!



LADIES, I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO APPLEJACK'S KID SISTER, APPLE BLOOM.

HOWDY!

ASK AWAY, LIL' FILLY!



WELL, I UH—UM.

UHHH... HOW OFTEN DO YOU PRACTICE?

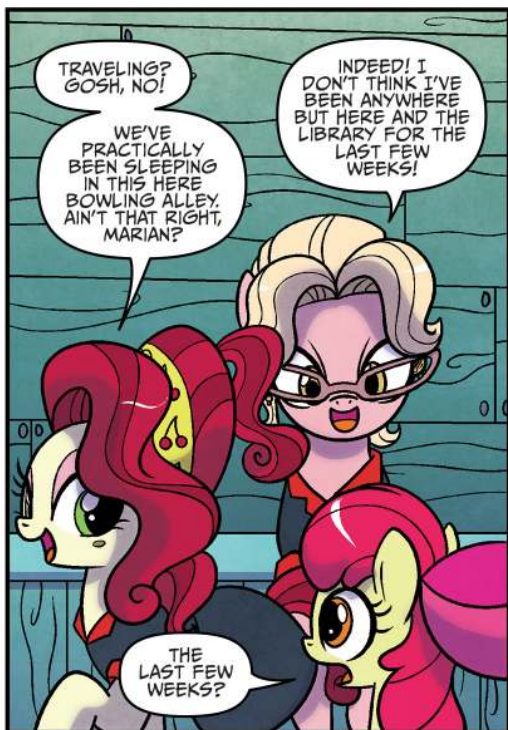


RIGHT NOW, WE'RE PRACTICING NON-STOP.

PONYVILLE IS THE TEAM TO BEAT THIS YEAR!

WE NEED TO GET AS MANY PRACTICE GAMES IN AS POSSIBLE!

HAS ANYPONY ON THE TEAM DONE ANY TRAVELING LATELY?

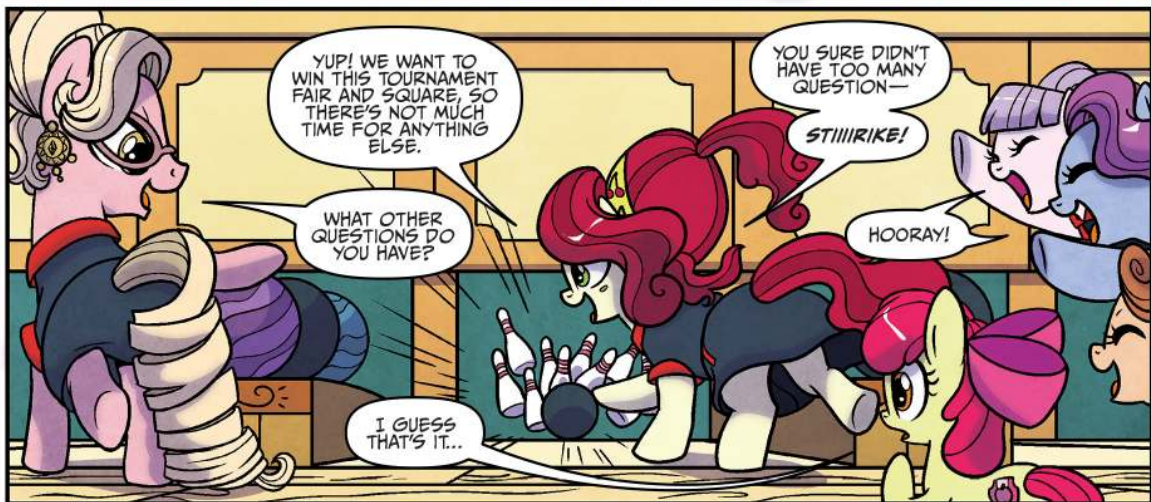


TRAVELING? GOSH, NO!

WE'VE PRACTICALLY BEEN SLEEPING IN THIS HERE BOWLING ALLEY. AIN'T THAT RIGHT, MARIAN?

INDEED! I DON'T THINK I'VE BEEN ANYWHERE BUT HERE AND THE LIBRARY FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS!

THE LAST FEW WEEKS?



YUP! WE WANT TO WIN THIS TOURNAMENT FAIR AND SQUARE, SO THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME FOR ANYTHING ELSE.

WHAT OTHER QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?

I GUESS THAT'S IT...

YOU SURE DIDN'T HAVE TOO MANY QUESTIONS—

STIIIRIKE!

HOORAY!



GOSH, THEY'RE ALL SO NICE AND ARE WORKING SO HARD.

THEY'RE NOT ACTING SUSPICIOUS AT ALL.

I DON'T THINK ANY OF THEM DID IT.



I WONDER IF SCOOTALOO AND SWEETIE BELLE ARE COMING UP WITH ANY BETTER LEADS.



C'MON, SOARINI! STAND UP STRAIGHT, TUCK THOSE WINGS IN, AND GET THAT STRIKE!

YES, MA'AM!



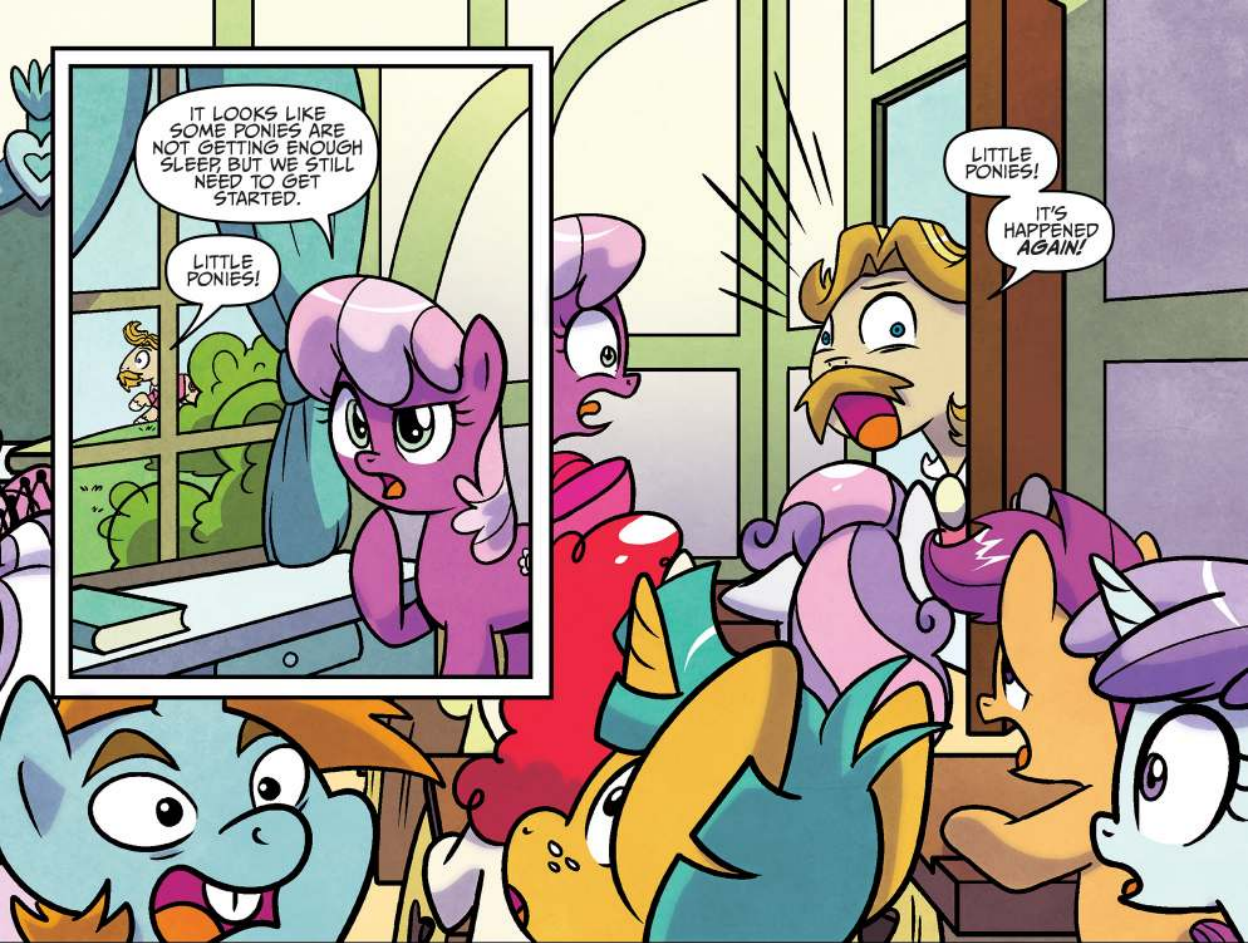
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MAGIC.

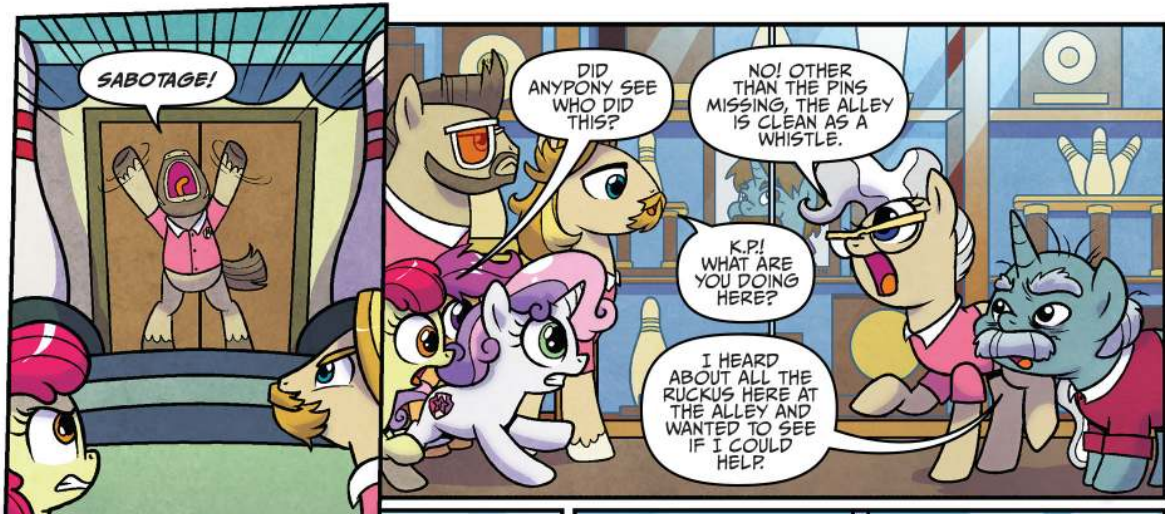
WE WANT
TO WIN THIS
TOURNAMENT
LEGITIMATELY.

YES,
FANCY
PANTS!

A DAY LATER.







SABOTAGE!

DID ANYPONY SEE WHO DID THIS?

NO! OTHER THAN THE PINS MISSING, THE ALLEY IS CLEAN AS A WHISTLE.

K.P.! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I HEARD ABOUT ALL THE RUCKUS HERE AT THE ALLEY AND WANTED TO SEE IF I COULD HELP



K.P.? YOU'RE NOT... KINGPIN?

THE ONE AND ONLY! GAVE UP BOWLING A LONG TIME AGO, SO I JUST GO BY K.P. NOW.

SO, WALTER IS ON THE VERGE OF BEATING YOUR OLD RECORD?

YUP! FIRST PONY TO EVER COME CLOSE.



AREN'T YOU UPSET TO SEE THE RECORD BROKEN?

HAPPY TO SEE WALTER TAKE A RUN AT IT.

UPSET? NAW, THAT OLD RECORD HAS STOOD FOR A LONG TIME.

THOUGH I GUESS MY GRANDPONY IS NOT AS THRILLED.

WHO'S YOUR GRANDPONY?



YOU MIGHT KNOW HIM—

SNIPS!

SNIPS!



WHERE DO YOU THINK THEY'RE HEADING.

WESTWARD... ACROSS THE SANDS OF TIME—

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?





THAT SHE BLOWS!

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!





TODAY, WE WANT TO HONOR ONE OF PONYVILLE'S FINEST...

...A PONY WHOSE RECORD HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME, AND ELICITED COMPLETE DEVOTION FROM THOSE AROUND HIM.



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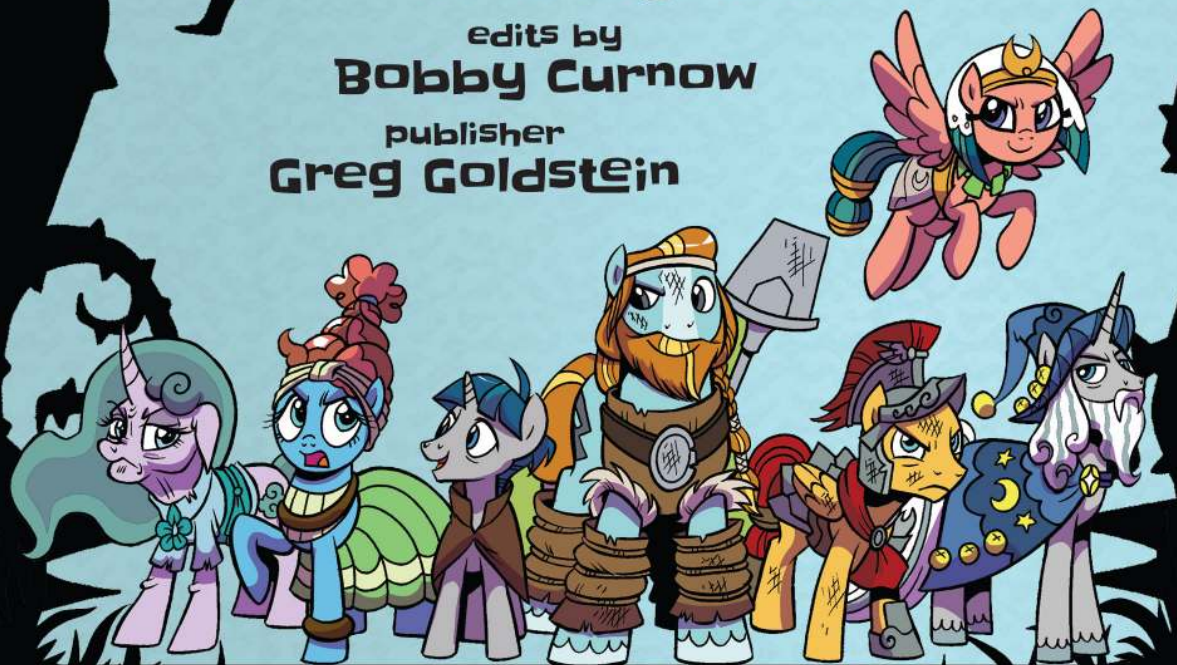
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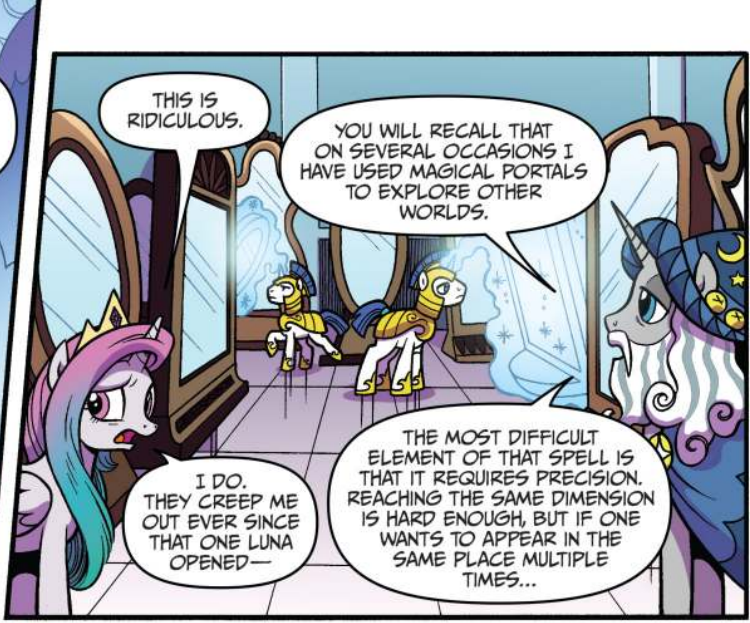
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STARSWIRL, WHAT ARE THESE?

COME NOW, PRINCESS, I'M CERTAIN YOU'VE SEEN A MIRROR BEFORE.

BUT MOST PONIES ARE SATISFIED WITH ONE MIRROR, STARSWIRL.



THIS IS RIDICULOUS.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS I HAVE USED MAGICAL PORTALS TO EXPLORE OTHER WORLDS.

I DO. THEY CREEP ME OUT EVER SINCE THAT ONE LUNA OPENED—

THE MOST DIFFICULT ELEMENT OF THAT SPELL IS THAT IT REQUIRES PRECISION. REACHING THE SAME DIMENSION IS HARD ENOUGH, BUT IF ONE WANTS TO APPEAR IN THE SAME PLACE MULTIPLE TIMES...



...ONE MUST KNOW THE CARTOGRAPHY OF THE LAND AND WORK WITH LANDMARKS. ON TOP OF THAT, ONE MUST UNDERSTAND THE DIMENSIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO PLANES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE DIMENSIONAL ROTATION. EVEN THEN, THE POSITIONS OF OTHER RELATIVE DIMENSIONS CAN CAUSE SLIGHT ALTERATIONS, WHICH WHEN TRANSLATED ACROSS MULTIPLE DIMENSIONS...

WHAT WAS I TALKING ABOUT?

THE MIRRORS, STARSWIRL.

OH, THEY'RE PORTALS!



THE MIRRORS ARE PORTALS?

CORRECT. I NEED A RELIABLE WAY TO ACCESS THE SAME AREA MULTIPLE TIMES.

SO, I CAST AN ENCHANTMENT LINKING TWO MAGICAL OBJECTS ACROSS DIMENSIONS.



SO LONG AS BOTH ITEMS REMAIN INTACT, I CAN TRAVEL BETWEEN THEM FREELY.

BUT ISN'T IT DANGEROUS?

BLOOP!



SURELY OTHER DIMENSIONS CAN BE DANGEROUS, BUT NOT STUDYING THEM DOESN'T MAKE THEM LESS DANGEROUS.

I AM A FIRM BELIEVER THAT IT IS BETTER TO KNOW WHAT IS OUT THERE THAN TO HIDE OUR HEAD IN THE SAND, YOUNG PRINCESS.

AND THAT IS THE BENEFIT OF THE MIRRORS.



RATHER THAN AN OPEN DOORWAY IN MIDAIR, IT APPEARS TO BE A SOLID OBJECT. ONE CANNOT FIND IT UNLESS ONE KNOWS WHERE TO LOOK.

AFTER ALL, WHO WOULD GO AROUND TRYING EVERY TREE IN THE FOREST?

BUT DON'T YOU WORRY THAT SOMETHING BAD WILL FIND US?

SQUAARK?!



WE CANNOT LIVE OUR LIVES IN FEAR OF WHAT MAY FIND US. WE HAVE TO STRIVE TO REACH OUT AND EXPAND OUR KNOWLEDGE.

THAT IS SOMETHING I WANT YOU AND YOUR SISTER TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU RULE. A PRINCESS SHOULD ALWAYS WANT TO UNDERSTAND OTHERS.

CELESTIA? STARSWIRL? ARE YOU UP HERE?



THERE YOU ARE. I JUST CAN'T GET USED TO HOW BIG THIS PLACE IS. SAY, WHAT IS THIS ROOM ANYWAY? WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?

THEY'RE MIRRORS, LUNA. I KNOW YOU DON'T LOOK AT ONE VERY OFTEN, BUT I AT LEAST THOUGHT YOU'D RECOGNIZE THEM.

MIRRORS? ARE YOU SURE?



STRICTLY SPEAKING, YOUR SISTER IS CORRECT... BUT RUDE.

THEY ARE MIRRORS, BUT THEY—

IF THEY'RE MIRRORS, WHY AREN'T THEY REFLECTING ANYTHING?





I KNOW NOT WHEN YOU CAME, BUT TODAY I RETURN YOU THERE, CREATURE!

BZZZZ!



AND WHEN YOU ARRIVE THERE, LET THEM KNOW THAT THIS WORLD IS PROTECTED BY STARSWIRL THE BEARDED.

PSH HH!



AND THAT HE SHALL REPEL YOUR ATTACKS, THOUGH YOU MAY SEND YOUR MONSTERS BY THE THOUSANDS!

WHP ASSH!



THERE IS NO VICTORY HERE FOR YOU!

WE DO NOT SEEK VICTORY—



GET BACK, FOUL CREATURES!

STARSWIRL, HELP!

PLEASE, I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.

WE SEEK ONLY DESTRUCTION!



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