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THE TOWN SURE IS BUSTLING TODAY!

WELCOME SONGBIRD SERENADE



IT'S SO AWESOME SONGBIRD SERENADE IS COMING BACK TO PONYVILLE!

AND FOR A BENEFIT CONCERT!



BEST OF ALL, EVERYPONY IS BUSY GETTING READY FOR THE CONCERT.

YEAH! THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY MYSTERIES.

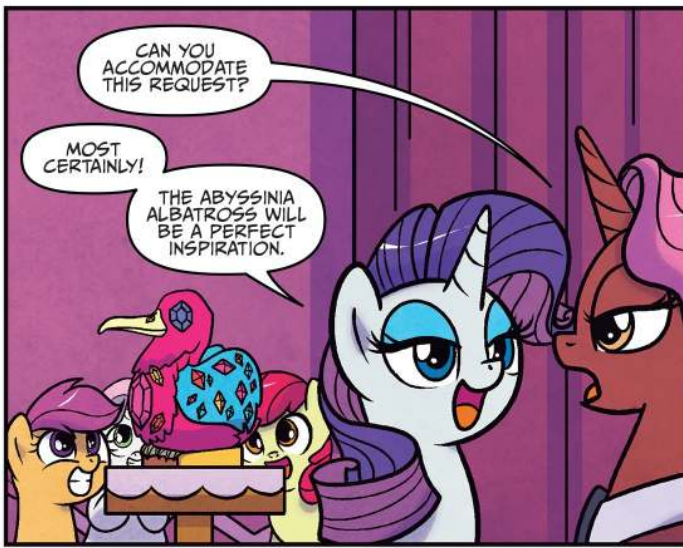
I COULD USE A BREAK.

ME TOO!

WILL SOMEPONY HELP!







CAN YOU ACCOMMODATE THIS REQUEST?

MOST CERTAINLY!

THE ABYSSINIA ALBATROSS WILL BE A PERFECT INSPIRATION.



YES, BUT GUARD THE STATUE WITH YOUR LIFE.

IT IS PRICELESS TO SONGBIRD SERENADE, BUT THERE ARE MANY PONIES WHO WOULD GIVE THEIR FRONT LEFT HOOF TO POSSESS IT.

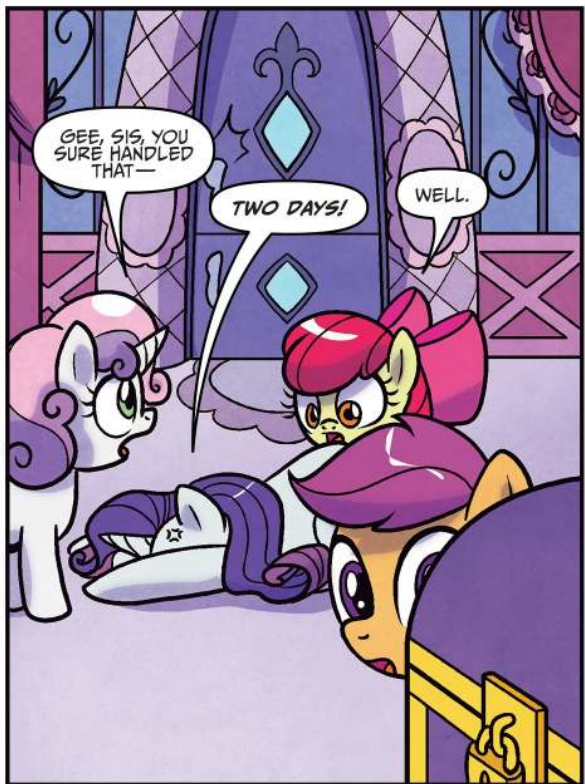


I ASSURE YOU, NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO IT!



THANK YOU. I WILL CHECK BACK IN TWO DAYS TO SEE HOW THE COSTUMES ARE PROGRESSING.

EXCELLENT! I WILL HAVE A FULL LINE TO SHOW YOU.



GEE, SIS, YOU SURE HANDLED THAT—

TWO DAYS!

WELL.



THE NEXT MORNING.

GOLLY, PONYVILLE SURE LOOKS FESTIVE!

AND SO MANY VISITORS HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED FOR THE CONCERT!



HOW ARE RARITY'S COSTUMES COMING ALONG?

GOOD! THAT ABYSSINIA ALBATROSS STATUE SURE INSPIRED HER.

SHE WAS UP PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE NIGHT WORKING ON THEM.



GOSH, THAT STATUE IS SO BEAUTIFUL, I DON'T BLAME HER!



EVERYTHING SEEMS SO PERFECT RIGHT NOW.

YEAH, I COULD JUST STAND HERE FOR A LONG TIME AND TAKE IT ALL IN.



SHRIEK!

WILL SOMEAPONY HELP!









STOLEN!  
IT CAN'T  
BE!



SONGBIRD  
SERENADE WILL  
BE HERE  
TOMORROW!

I'LL LOSE  
MY JOB IF IT'S  
NOT FOUND.

WHAT AM  
I GOING  
TO DO?



CAN YOU THINK  
OF ANYPONY WHO  
WOULD WANT TO  
STEAL IT?

IT'S THE  
PRICELESS  
HEIRLOOM OF A  
MAJOR STAR,  
WHO WOULDN'T  
WANT IT?

YES, BUT  
IS THERE  
SOMEONY THAT  
REALLY STANDS  
OUT?

NO...  
YES!



HULKING  
HOARDER.

HE'S A COLLECTOR IN  
CANTERLOT AND HAS ASKED  
ME ABOUT THE STATUE  
BEFORE. IF HE'S HERE,  
HE MOST CERTAINLY  
DID IT!



AND WE'LL  
FIND HIM!

YES, WE  
WILL!

HOW?

NO CLUE.



WAIT, I KNOW! THERE'S A LOT OF PONIES VISITING FROM CANTERLOT.

RIGHT! WE CAN SEE IF ANY OF THEM KNOW WHO HULKING HOARDER IS.

WHO SHOULD WE START WITH?

HI, GIRLS!

TWILIGHT!

WHEN YOU LIVED IN CANTERLOT—

DID YOU KNOW OF A PONY—

CALLED HULKING HOARDER?



HULKING HOARDER? NOT THAT I CAN THINK OF.

CANTERLOT IS SO MUCH BIGGER THAN PONYVILLE. THERE WERE LOTS OF PONIES I NEVER MET.



SORRY, GIRLS.

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I NEED TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING'S RUNNING SMOOTHLY FOR THE CONCERT.

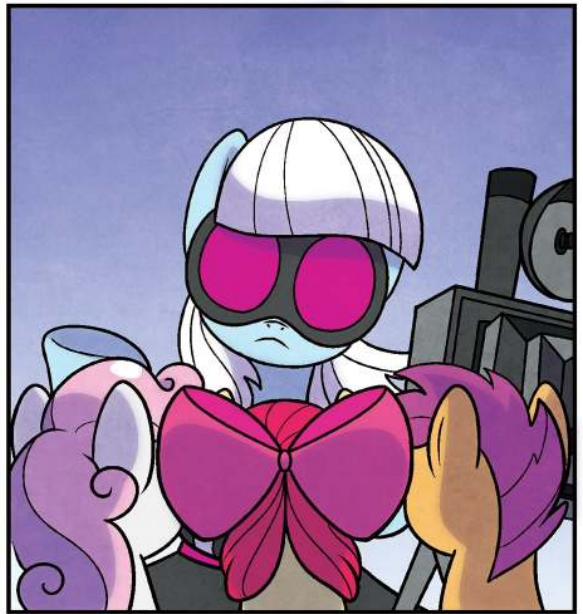
GOOD THING SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

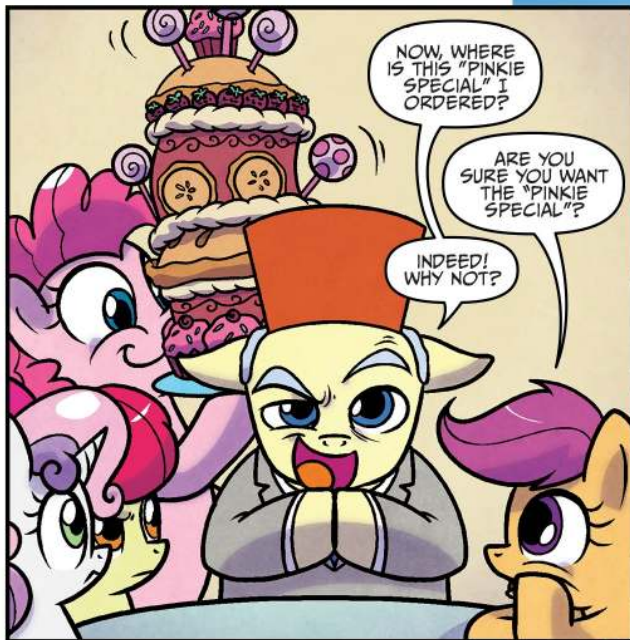


WHAT NOW?

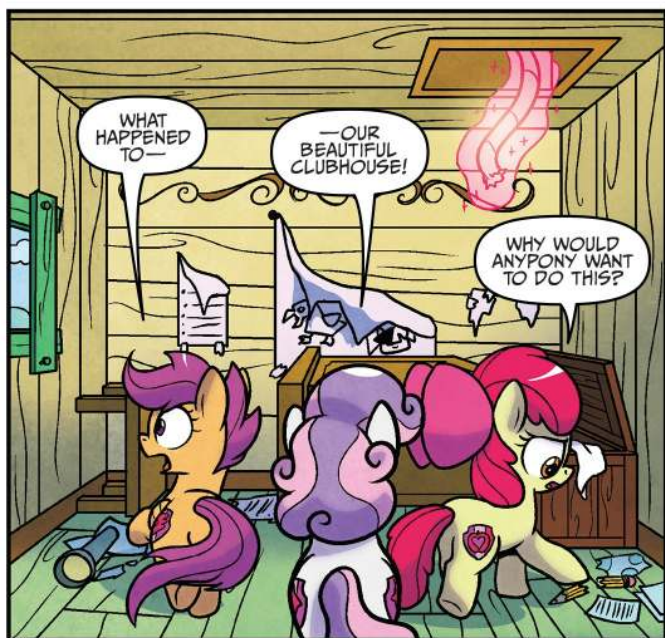
LET'S SPLIT UP AND QUESTION ALL THE PONIES HERE FROM CANTERLOT.

ONE OF THEM MUST KNOW HULKING HOARDER.

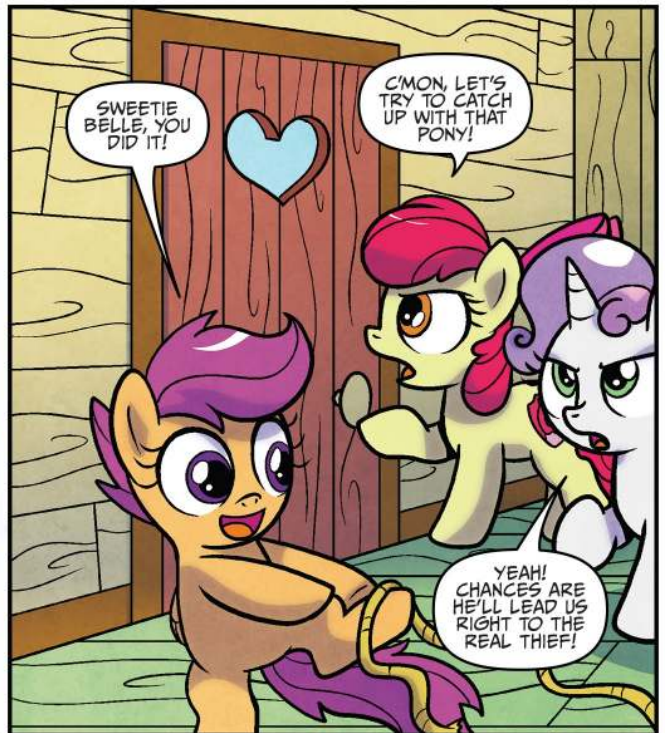














DO YOU SEE HIM?

NO!

NO—WAIT, OVER THERE, HEADING TOWARDS TOWN!



FOLLOW THAT PONY!



DO YOU SEE HIM?

NO!

I THINK WE LOST HIM!



NOW WHAT?

SWEETIE BELLE! THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE HERE!



HI, SIS, I'M SO SORRY, BUT WE HAVEN'T FOUND THE STATUE.

WHAT? OH, I'M SURE YOU'VE TRIED YOUR HARDEST, BUT I HAVE ANOTHER PROBLEM NOW!

SONGBIRD SERENADE HAS DECIDED TO ARRIVE A DAY EARLY!

HER TRAIN IS DUE ANY MINUTE!



I SIMPLY MUST STAY HERE TO FINISH THE COSTUMES.

BUT HAVING MY DARLING SISTER GREET HER AT THE STATION WILL BUY ME SOME TIME.

AND MAYBE YOU THREE CAN HELP BREAK THE NEWS ABOUT THE STATUE.

YOU'VE GOT IT, SIS!

YOU CAN COUNT ON US!



DO YOU SEE SONGBIRD SERENADE?

NOT YET.

BUT LOOK OVER THERE!

ISN'T THAT ONYX ARDOR?



IT SURE IS!

BUT WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE?

PROBABLY MEETING SONGBIRD SERENADE.

WITH ALL THAT LUGGAGE?



I THINK IT'S TIME TO HAVE ANOTHER CHAT WITH ONYX ARDOR.



HELLO, MISS ARDOR.

WHAT ARE YOU THREE DOING HERE?

WE'RE HERE TO MEET SONGBIRD SERENADE.

WHAT? SHE'S NOT DUE IN UNTIL TOMORROW.

SHE MOVED UP HER ARRIVAL TO TODAY.



AS HER LOYAL ASSISTANT, WE'D EXPECT YOU TO KNOW THAT.

UM, OF COURSE I DO! I—I'M HERE TO MEET HER, TOO.



ONYX!







WHEN I STOLE THE STATUE, YOU SAID IT WAS TO MAKE A BETTER LIFE FOR BOTH OF US!

WAIT A SECOND—

YOU STOLE THE STATUE?

AND WHO ARE YOU?

NAME'S JAGGED CLAMP.



SHE ASKED ME TO STEAL THE STATUE AND TOLD ME WHERE I COULD FIND IT. I TOOK IT AND GAVE IT TO HER.

SHE SAID YOU THREE WERE ON HER TAIL AND THAT SHE HAD THE STATUE IN THE LAST PLACE YOU'D LOOK.

THE CLUBHOUSE!

RIGHT. ONLY IT WAS A LIE. A RUSE TO DISTRACT ME SO SHE COULD MAKE A BREAK FOR IT.

KEEP THE STATUE TO HERSELF.

AND I WOULD'VE GOTTEN AWAY WITH IT, IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THESE MEDDLING FILLIES.



YES, IT'S ALL VERY TRAGIC, ISN'T IT? BUT THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO ATTEND TO.

LIKE ME GETTING MY HOOVES ON THIS STATUE AFTER LOOKING FOR IT FOR YEARS!



LOOK AT THE EXQUISITE DETAILING—

WAIT A SECOND!

THIS ISN'T THE REAL ABYSSINIA ALBATROSS! IT'S A CHEAP KNOCK-OFF!

SURE! I NEVER SAID I HAD THE REAL ONE.



WHAT? YOU TOLD ME THIS STATUE WAS PRICELESS!

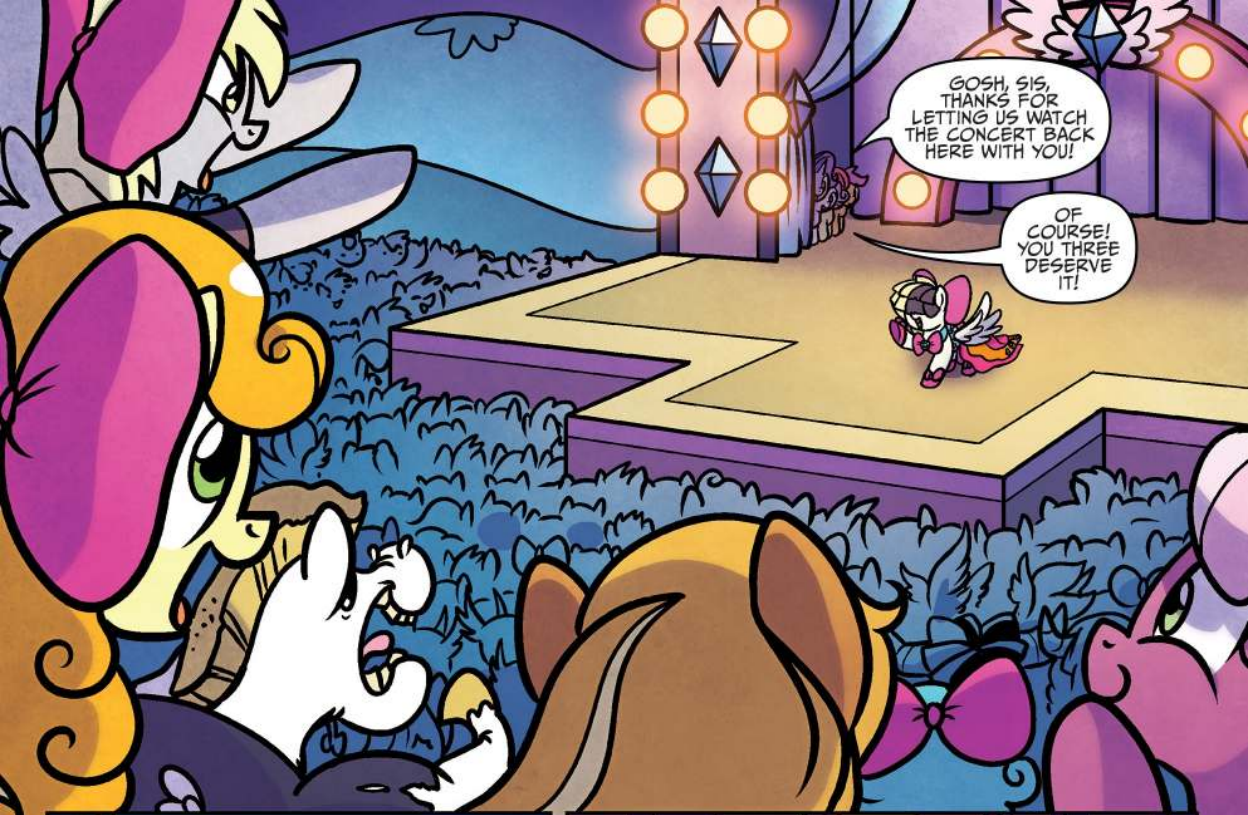
IT'S PRICELESS TO ME. MY GREAT GRANDPONY WON IT FOR ME AT A CARNIVAL WHEN I WAS A FILLY. IT HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART.

A CARNIVAL!



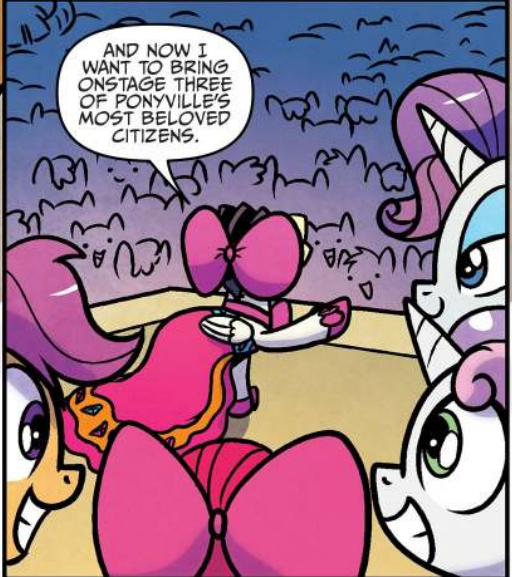
NOW THAT I DID NOT SEE COMING.

NOPE!



GOSH, SIS, THANKS FOR LETTING US WATCH THE CONCERT BACK HERE WITH YOU!

OF COURSE! YOU THREE DESERVE IT!



AND NOW I WANT TO BRING ONSTAGE THREE OF PONYVILLE'S MOST BELOVED CITIZENS.



HOORAY

PUT YOUR HOOVES TOGETHER FOR THE CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS!



MAKE THAT THE CUTIE MARK CRUSADER SUPER SLEUTHS!

The End!

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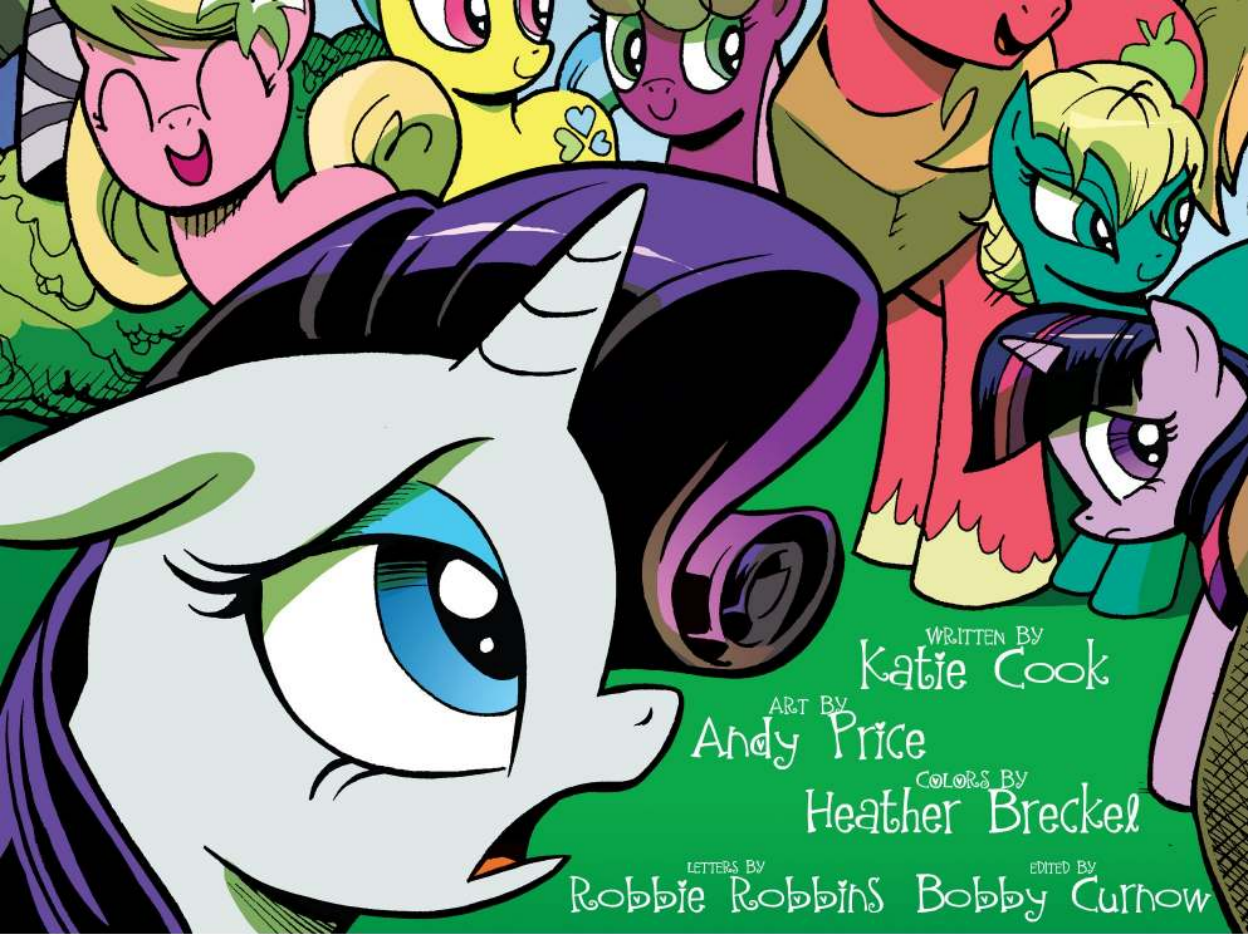


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THIS WAS A GREAT IDEA, WE CAN GET OUR CUTIE MARKS AS ZOOLOGISTS!

ZOO-WHAT? NO, WE'RE GETTING THEM IN BEING JUNGLE ADVENTURERS!

I DON'T THINK FLUTTERSHY'S BACKYARD CAN BE CONSIDERED "THE JUNGLE."



THIS SIDE UP  
Jungles  
CROOZ

BIRDS  
Piglet's  
Bunnies

HMM... DID YOU KNOW THAT THE STUDY OF PONIES IS CALLED "HIPPOLOGY"?

HA HA

HA HA  
BRUNELLA



I DON'T THINK WE LOOK MUCH LIKE HIPPOS...



HEY!

# THE RETURN OF THE QUEEN CHRYSALIS





SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO OUT HERE TO TRY AND EARN OUR CUTIE MARKS? LION TAMING? OH! WE COULD TRY BEING PET PSYCHICS!

LET'S SPLIT UP! WE'LL TAKE TURNS WORKING WITH THE DIFFERENT ANIMALS! I'M SURE BY THE END OF THE NIGHT WE'LL HAVE OUR CUTIE MARKS!

ER... NO.



IF THIS DOESN'T GET ME A CUTIE MARK, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL.

HEHE... I DON'T THINK I HAVE THE NECESSARY KOLAFICATIONS TO WORK WITH YOU!



HEY... WAIT, WHAT'S THAT GROUP OF ANIMALS WITH GLOWING EYES DOING STARING AT US?



NOOO!

THE NEXT DAY...



OUCH!

100



APPLE BLOOM! IT'S TIME TO GET UP!

Apple Bloom  
Cute



HEY BUCKAROO!  
HOW WAS THE  
CRITTER WRANGLING?  
GOT YOUR CUTIE  
MARK YET?

NO.



ERR... WELL,  
MAYBE YOU CAN  
TRY SOMETHING  
ELSE? TWILIGHT SAYS  
THERE'S A FANCY COMET  
FLYING OVERHEAD IN A  
FEW DAYS, WE COULD  
SET UP A TENT IN THE  
ORCHARD. YOU CAN  
TRY YOUR HOOVES  
AT ASTRONOMY!

...NOT  
INTERESTED.



WELL...  
WHAT'S GOT  
HER SO  
ADDLED?



OH! SWEETIE  
BELLE! YOU'RE  
LOOKING... UM,  
STOIC THIS  
MORNING?

FINE.  
BYE.



WAS I THAT  
ODD WHEN I  
WAS HER AGE?  
I DON'T THINK  
I WAS...



...OH! THAT  
HAT OVER THERE  
NEEDS MORE  
FEATHERS!



HEY, SCOOT! WANNA' HELP ME WORK ON THAT TRICK I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT? I NEED SOMEONE TO HOLD THE STOPWATCH!

NO.



WO'? WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO HANG OUT WITH ME? ME? BUT... I'M AWESOME...



...AND THEN SHE JUST LEFT! LEFT ME!

HRM... THOSE THREE FILLIES ARE SURE ACTIN' FUNNY. THERE'S TWILIGHT... SHE'LL HAVE SOME IDEA WHAT'S GOIN' ON.



EVERYBODY IS ACTING SO STRANGE TODAY! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO PLAN A VIEWING CELEBRATION FOR THE SECRETARIAT COMET THIS WEEK AND I CAN'T GET ANYONE TO LISTEN TO ME AT ALL...

WHAT WAS THAT? I WASN'T LISTENING.



RAINBOW!

TWILIGHT, MY SISTER AND HER CREW ARE BEING AS PECULIAR AS EVERYBODY ELSE... SOMETHING AIN'T RIGHT...

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