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Legends of Magic



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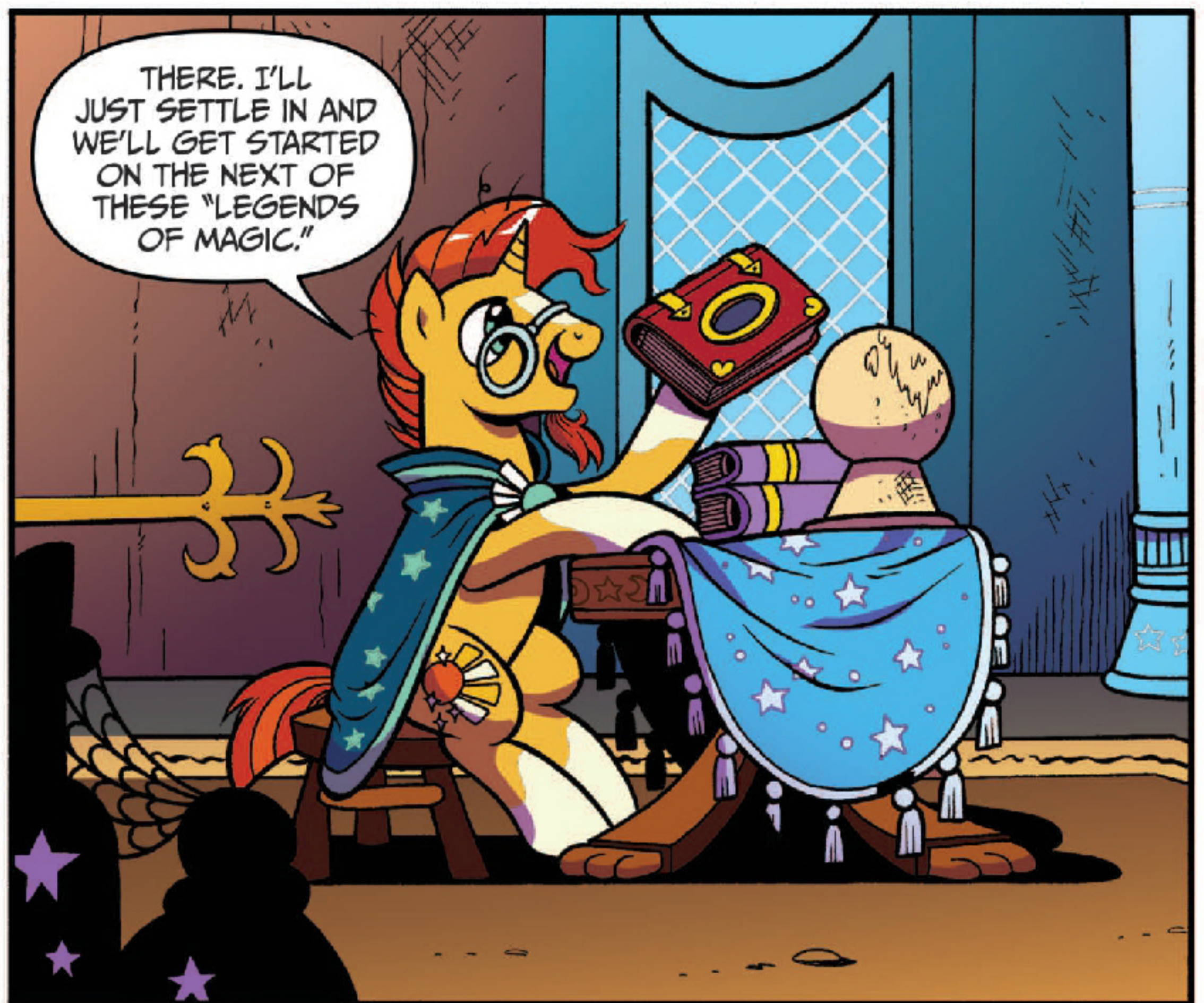


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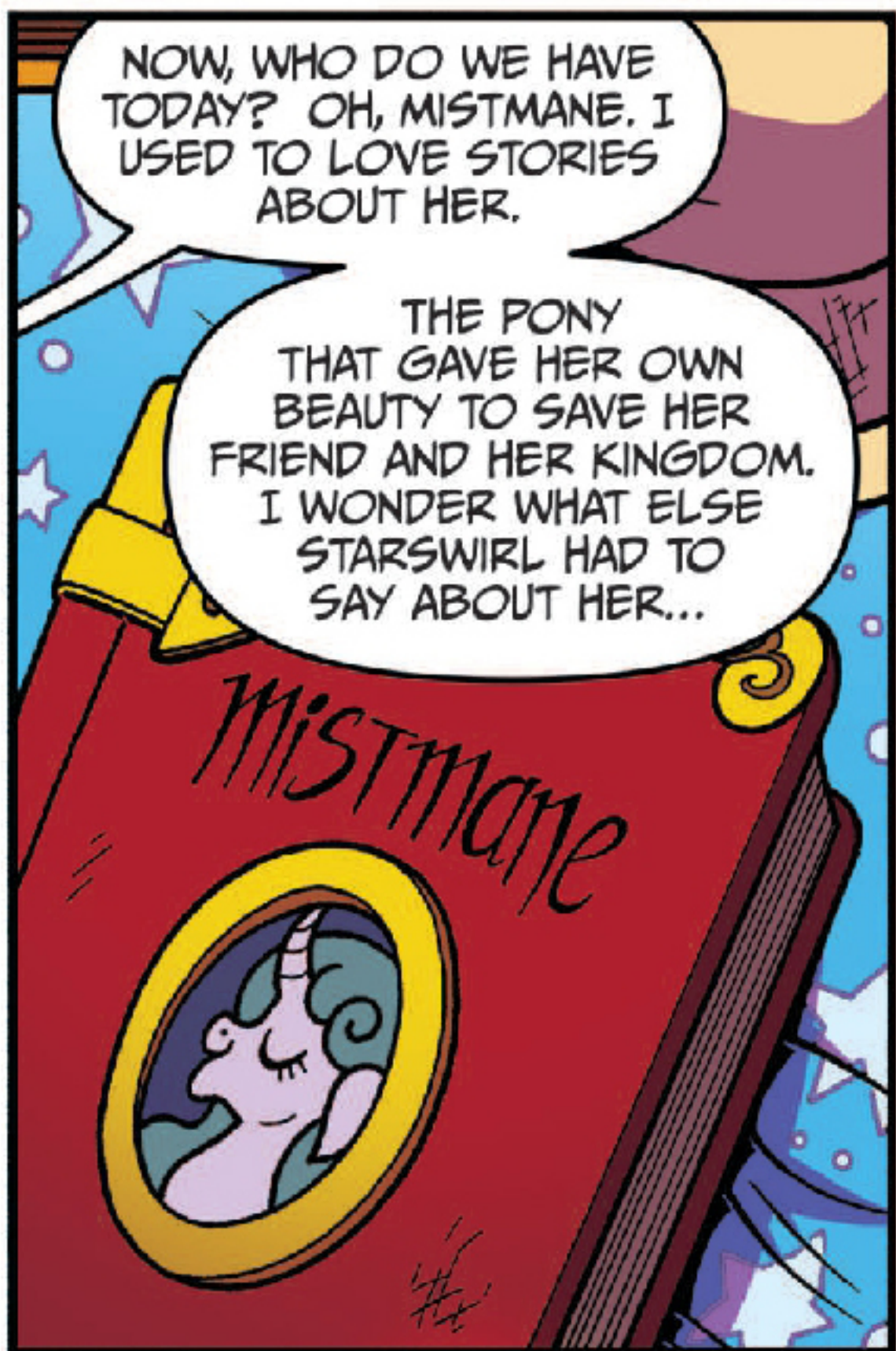


FINALLY,
A LITTLE TIME
TO READ.

THIS TIME I'M
READING BY MYSELF.
LUNA'S ROYAL VOICE
NEARLY MADE ME JUMP
OUT OF MY SKIN
LAST TIME.



THERE. I'LL
JUST SETTLE IN AND
WE'LL GET STARTED
ON THE NEXT OF
THESE "LEGENDS
OF MAGIC."



NOW, WHO DO WE HAVE
TODAY? OH, MISTMANE. I
USED TO LOVE STORIES
ABOUT HER.

THE PONY
THAT GAVE HER OWN
BEAUTY TO SAVE HER
FRIEND AND HER KINGDOM.
I WONDER WHAT ELSE
STARSWIRL HAD TO
SAY ABOUT HER...



"MISTMANE AND
THE MYSTERY OF
THE CASTLE."

PAGE ONE...
AHEM...

HALT, YOU
READING THIS
BOOK!

ME? IS THIS
A PICTURE OF..
STARSWIRL?

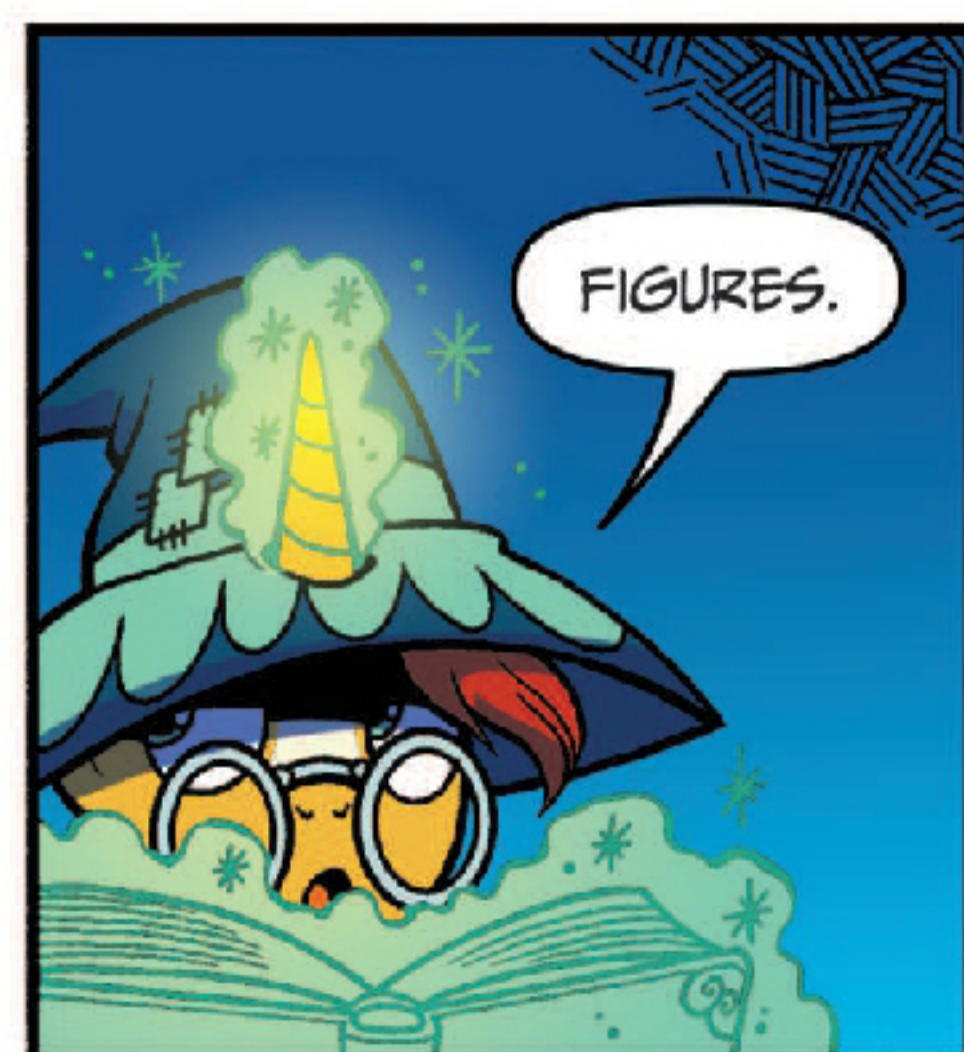
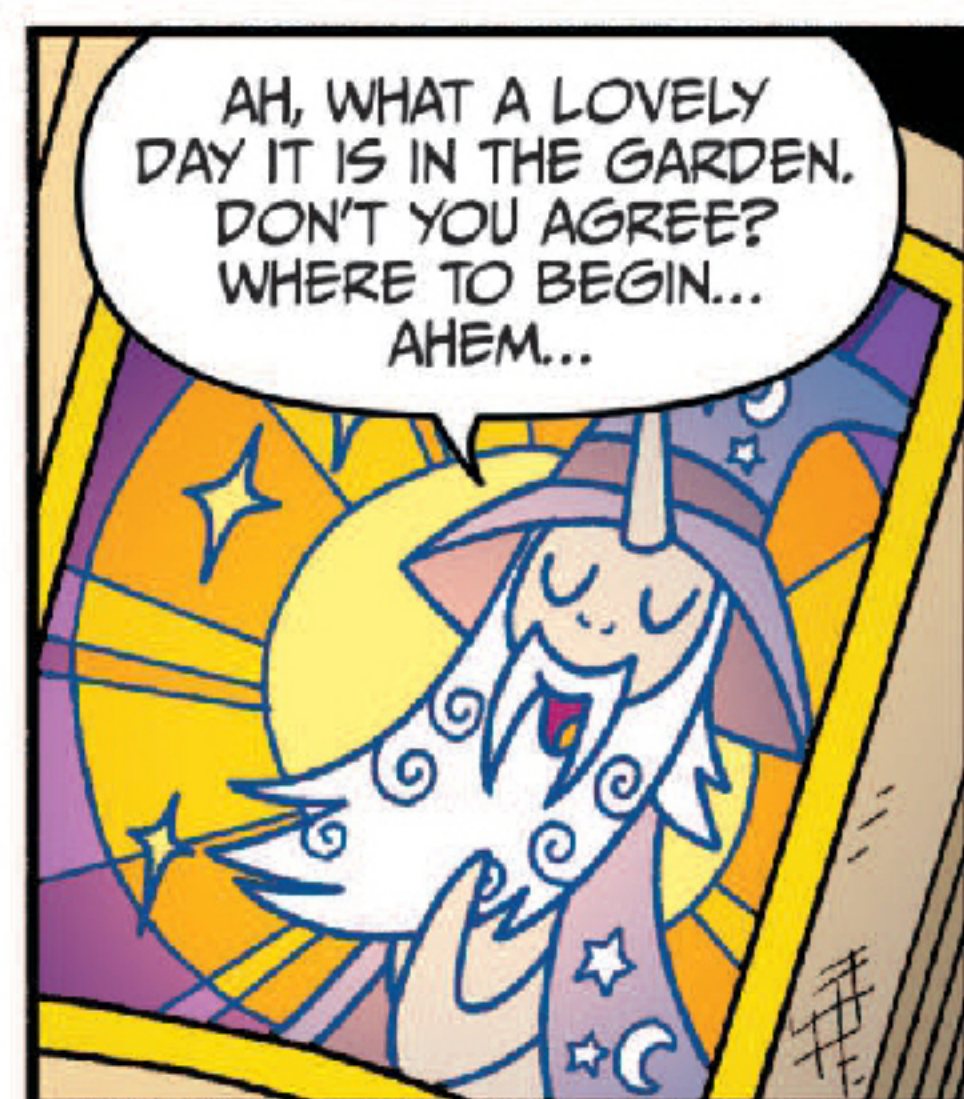


YES, YOU! DO
NOT READ THE TALES OF
MISTMANE IN YOUR CRAMPED
STUDY SURROUNDED BY
SPIDERS AND DUST.

HONOR THE MEMORY OF
THE GREAT SORCERESS. TAKE
THIS BOOK INTO THE GARDENS
AND READ IN THE BEAUTY THAT
REFLECTS HER OWN.



WELL, WHO'S
GOING TO KNOW?
STARSWIRL HAS
BEEN GONE FOR
HUNDREDS OF...



"NOW, EVERYPONY IS FAMILIAR WITH THE MISTMANE WHO WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF ALL PONIES.

"BUT AS I, STARSWIRL THE BEARDED, KNOW—A GREAT AND POWERFUL UNICORN DOES NOT STOP SAVING THE WORLD SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY GET OLD.

"HOW SHE WENT THROUGHOUT THE LAND SPREADING BEAUTY TO EVERY CORNER OF EQUESTRIA.

"NO, CONTRARY TO WHAT LEGEND WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE, MISTMANE'S GREATEST WORKS WERE YET TO COME.

"HOW SHE GAVE UP HER BEAUTY TO SAVE HER FRIEND.

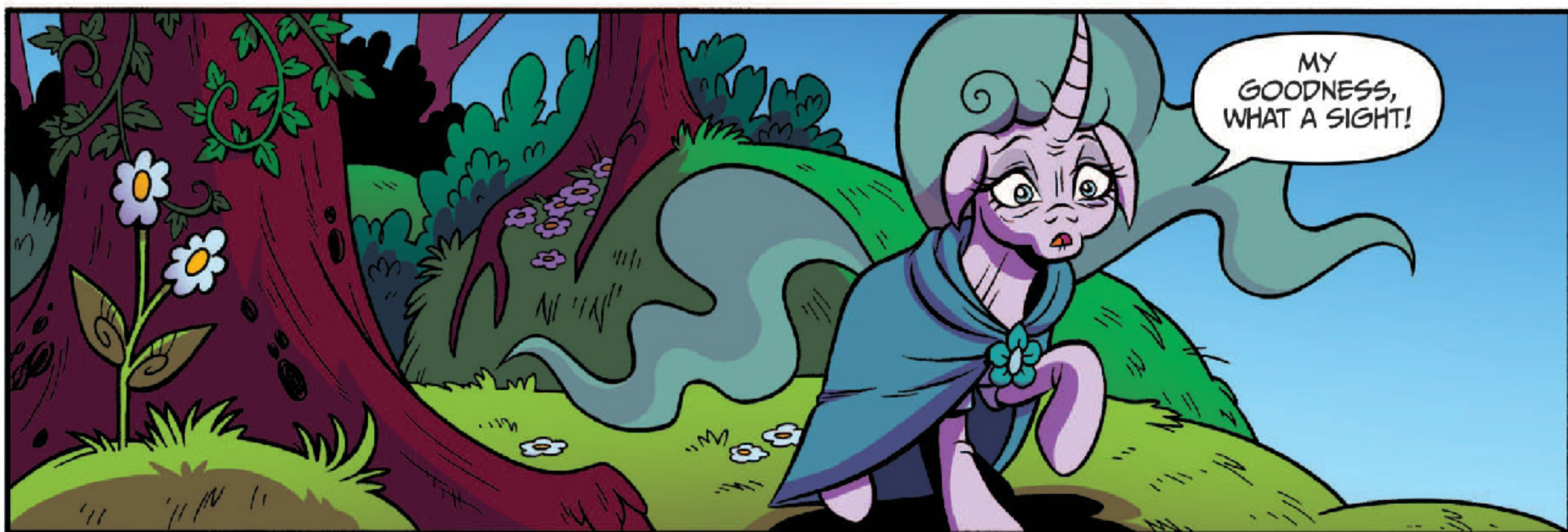
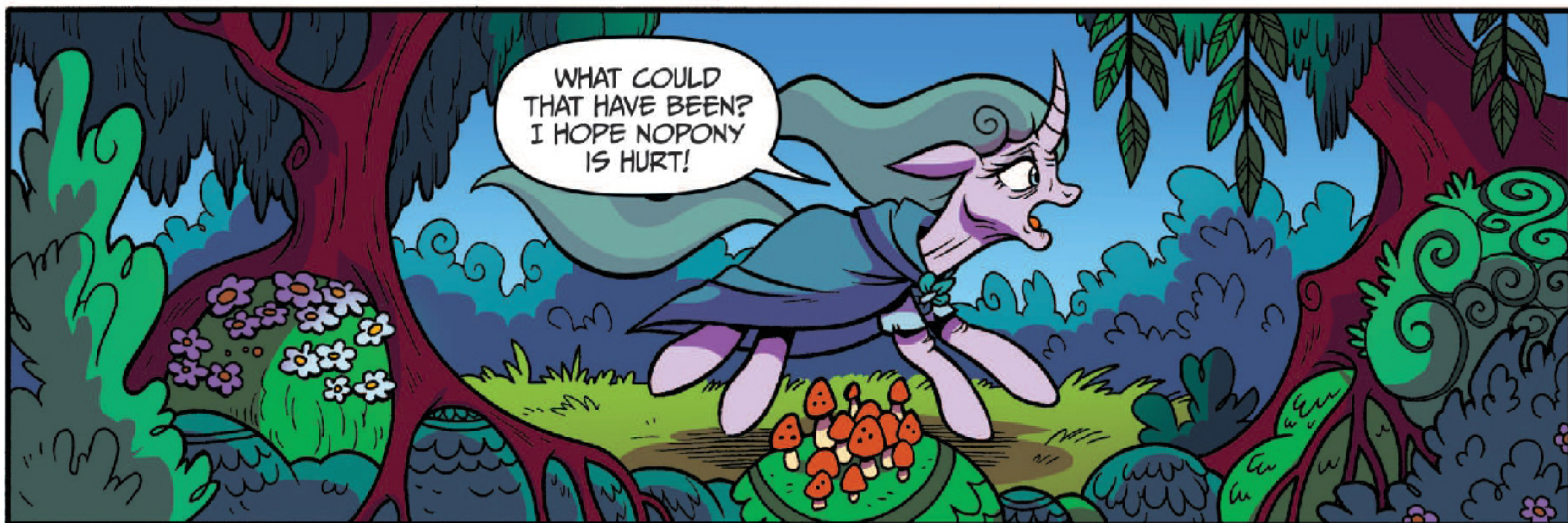
"INCLUDING ONE ADVENTURE WHERE SHE SOLVED A PROBLEM THAT EVEN I COULD NOT.

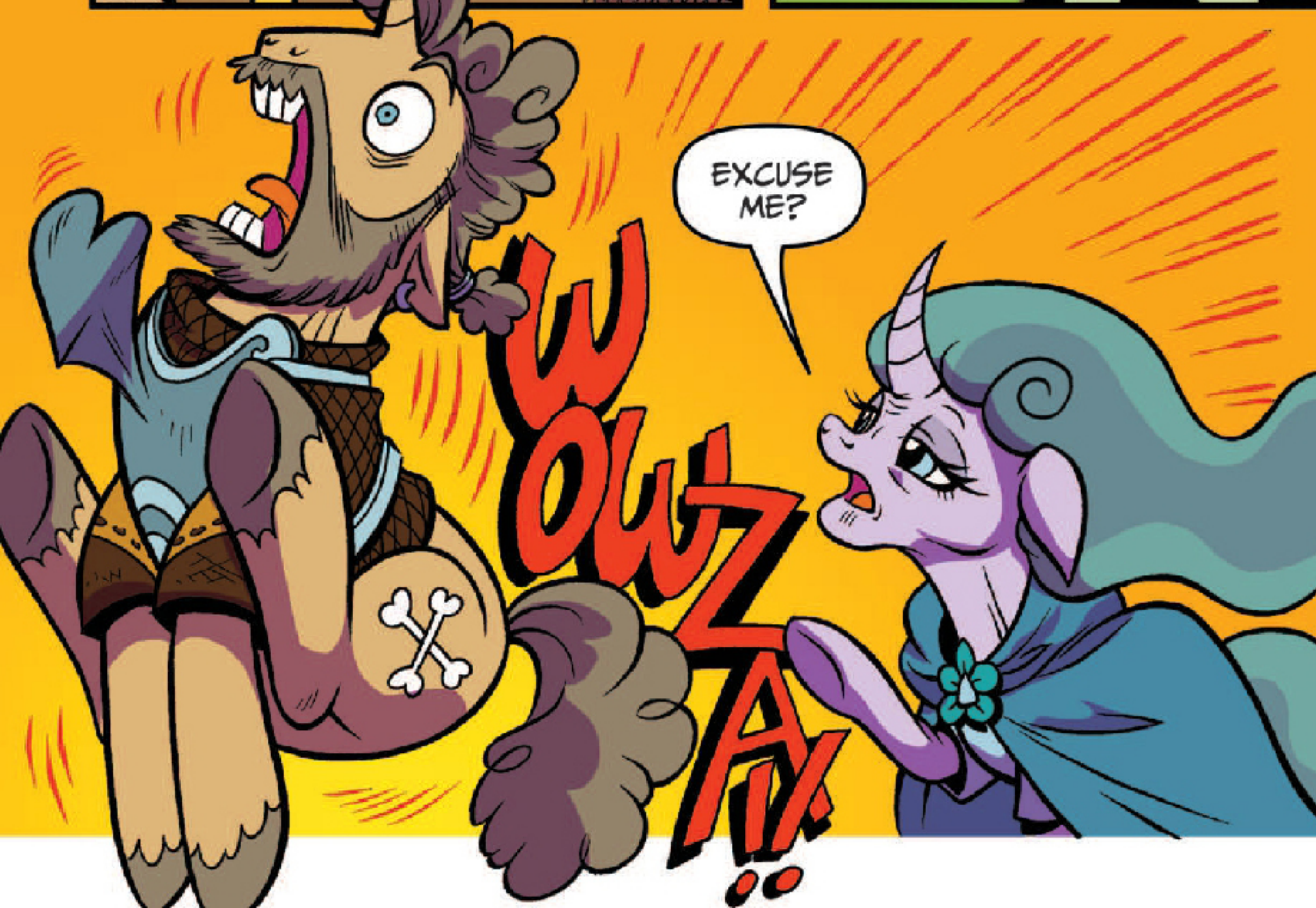
"THIS IS THE TALE OF MISTMANE AND THE MYSTERY OF THE UNBUILDING CASTLE."

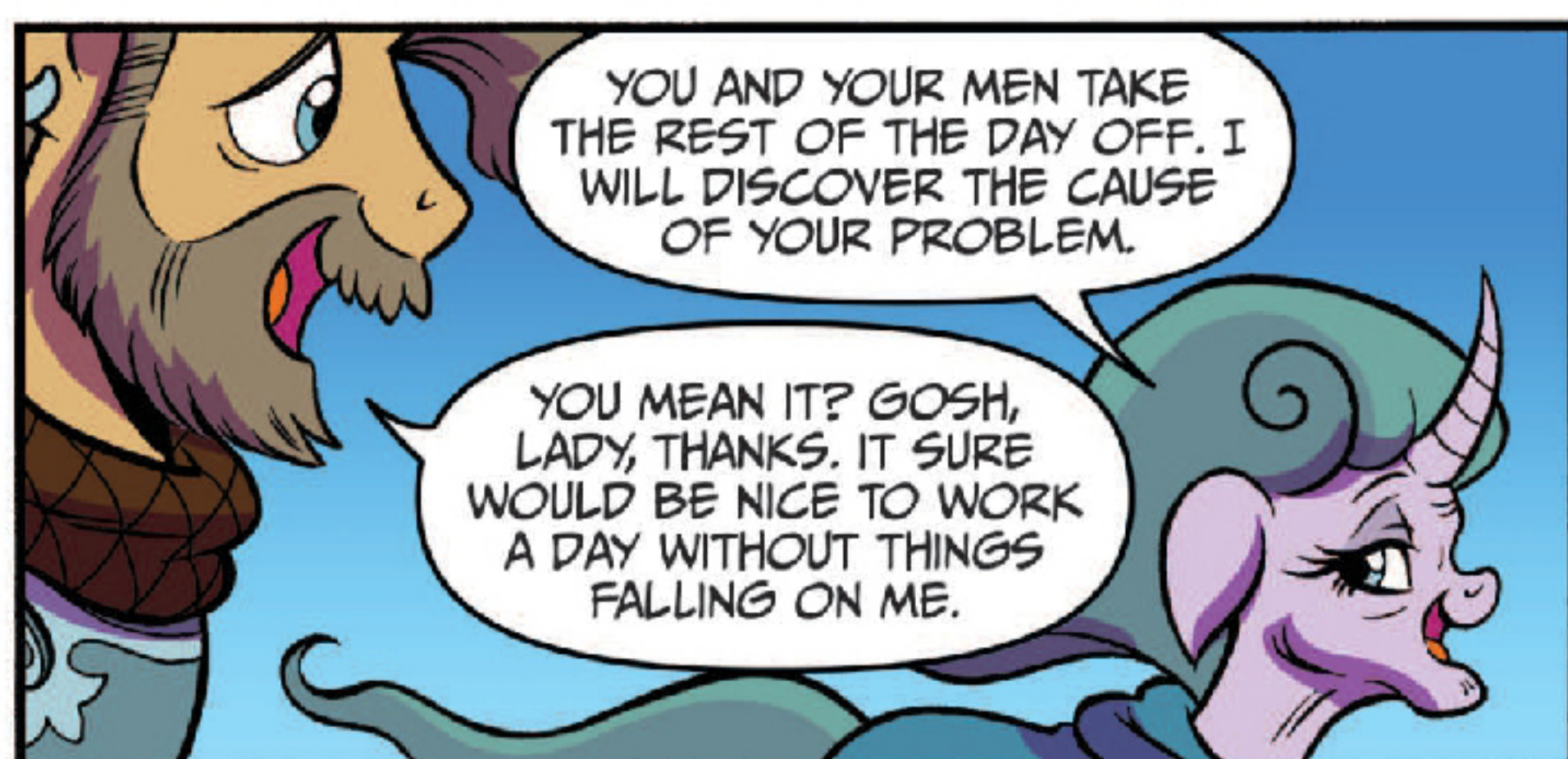
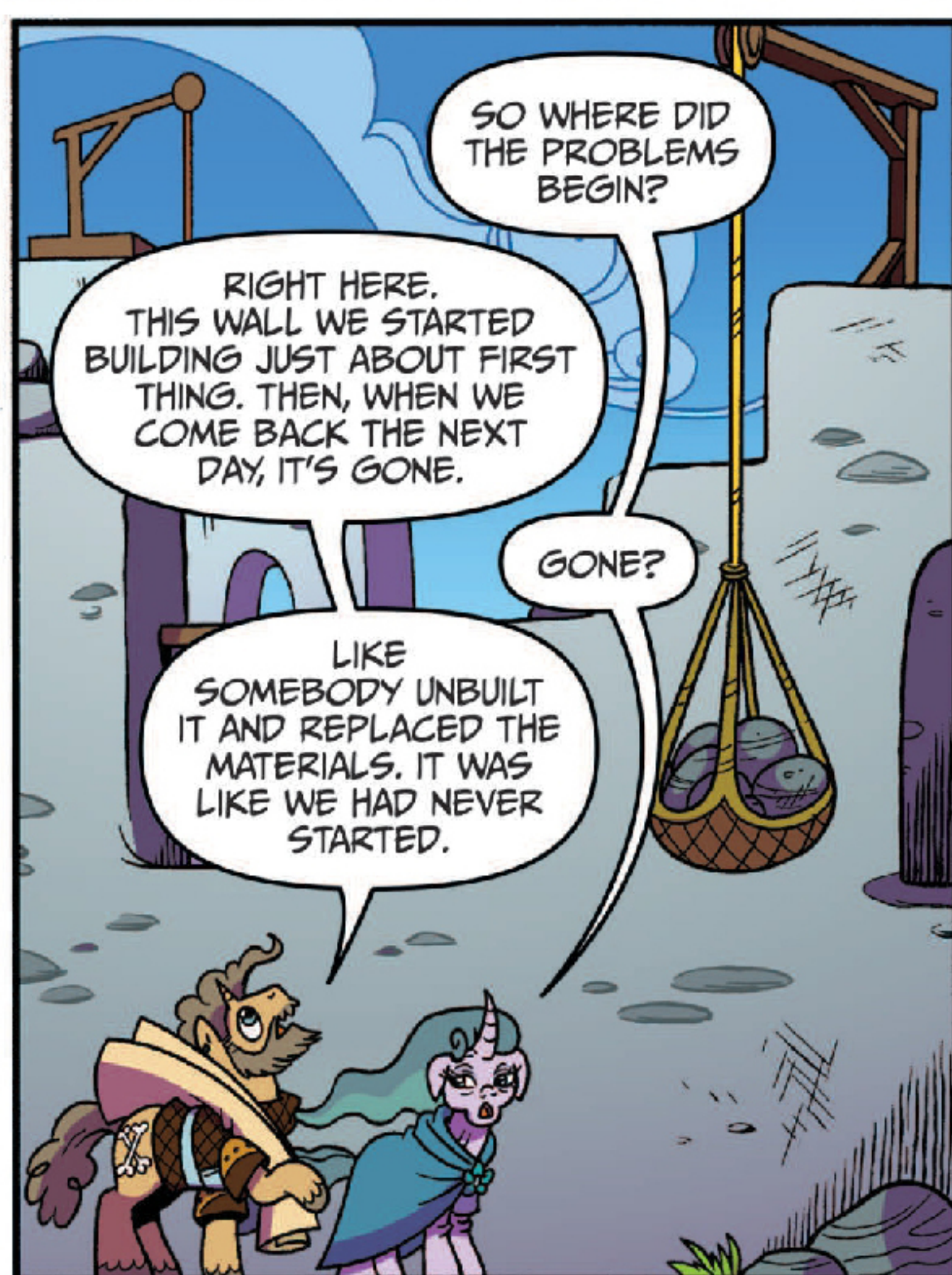
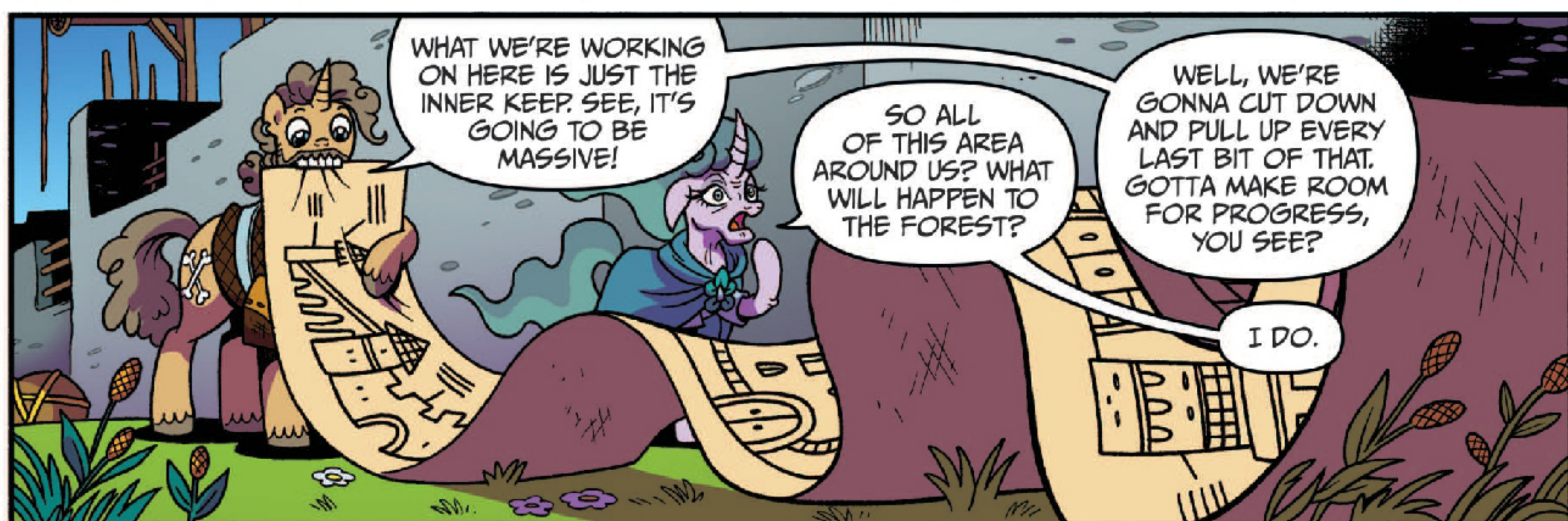
WELL, HELLO MY LITTLE FRIENDS, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL HOME YOU HAVE HERE.

I WONDER, WHATEVER DO YOU CALL THIS LOVELY PLACE?





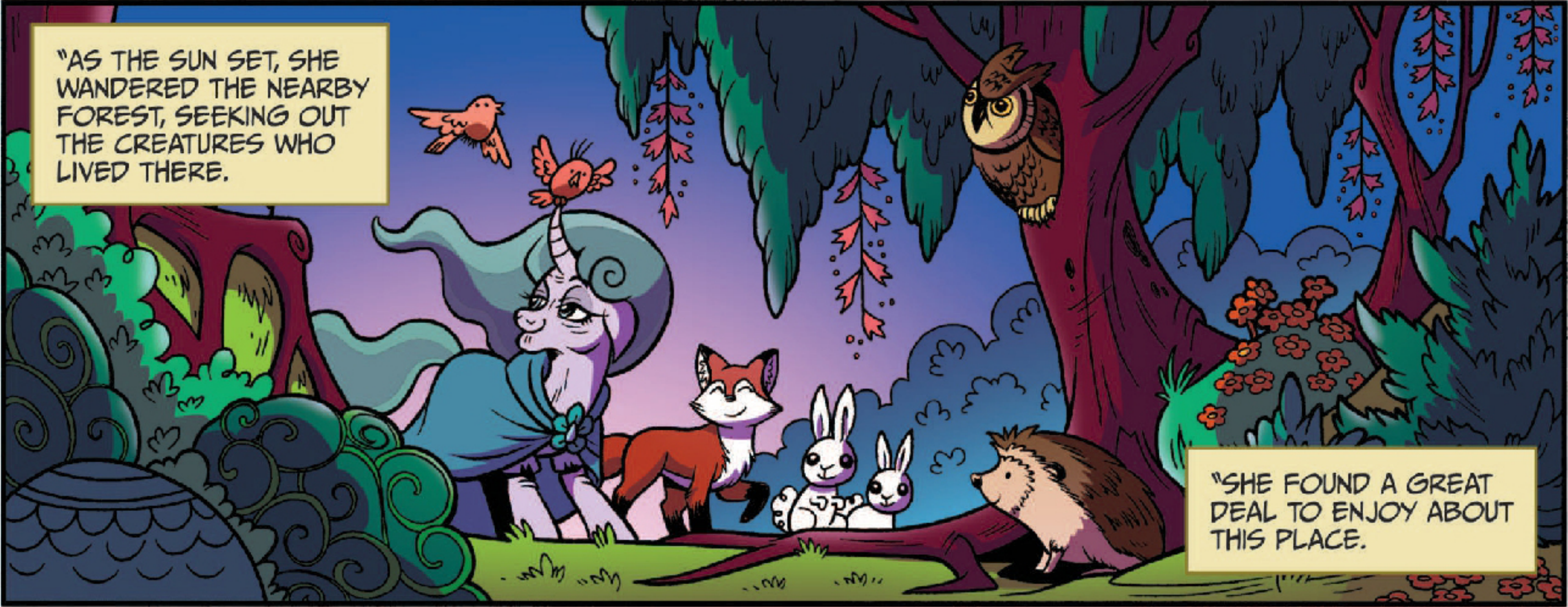






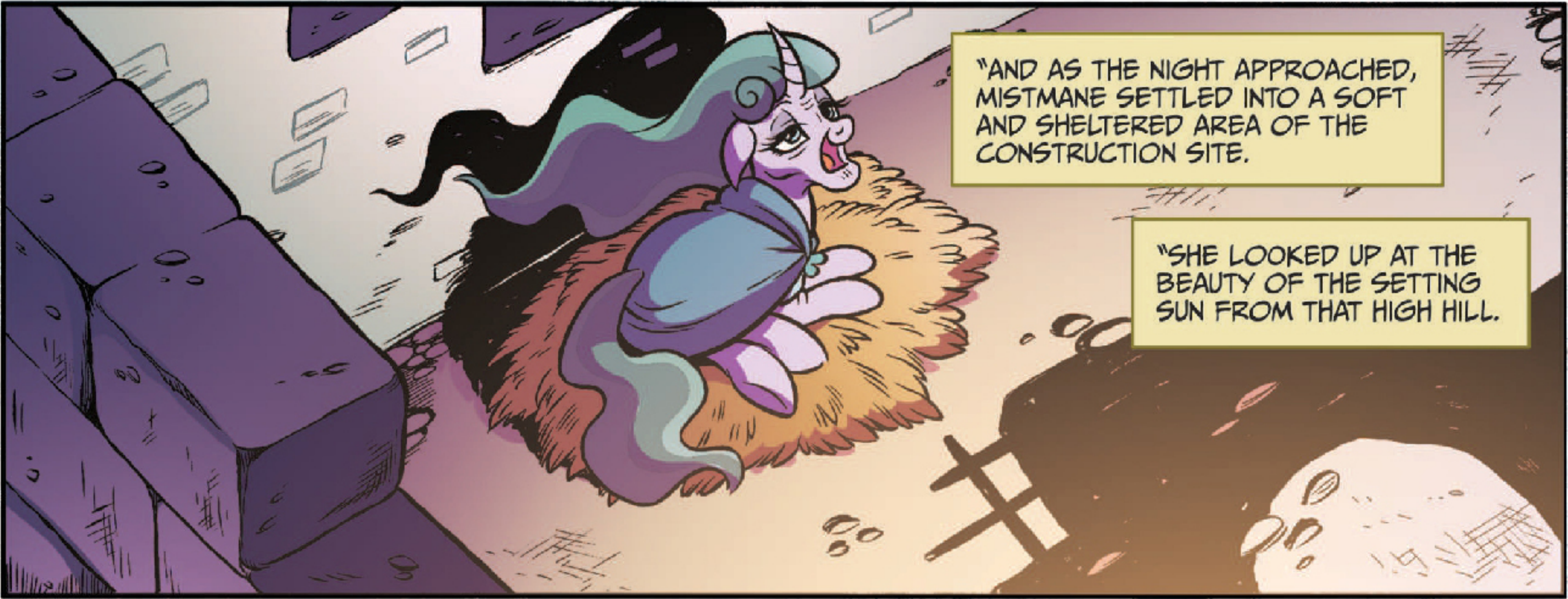
"AND SO MISTMANE SENT AWAY ALL OF THE WORKER PONIES AND KEPT WATCH OVER THE CONSTRUCTION SITE HERSELF.

"SHE WALKED ALL AROUND AND ENJOYED THE BEAUTY OF THAT PLACE.



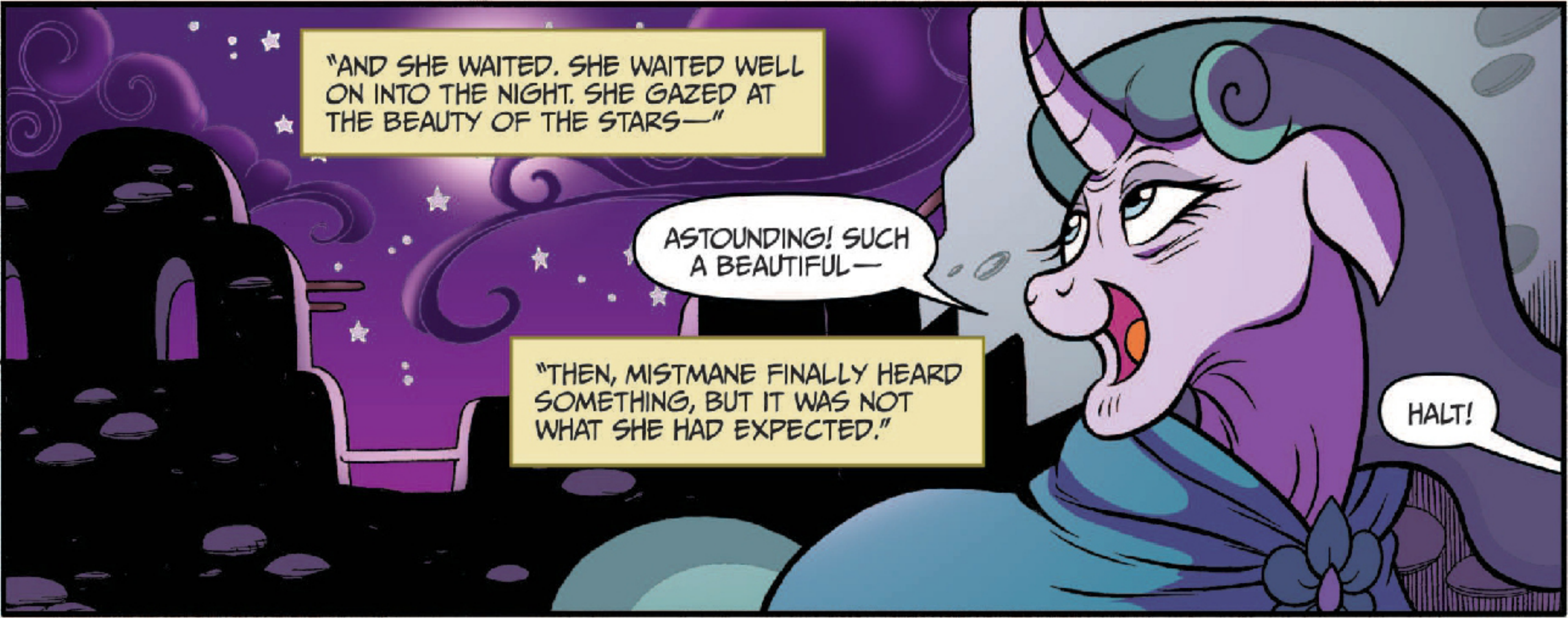
"AS THE SUN SET, SHE WANDERED THE NEARBY FOREST, SEEKING OUT THE CREATURES WHO LIVED THERE.

"SHE FOUND A GREAT DEAL TO ENJOY ABOUT THIS PLACE.



"AND AS THE NIGHT APPROACHED, MISTMANE SETTLED INTO A SOFT AND SHELTERED AREA OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.

"SHE LOOKED UP AT THE BEAUTY OF THE SETTING SUN FROM THAT HIGH HILL.

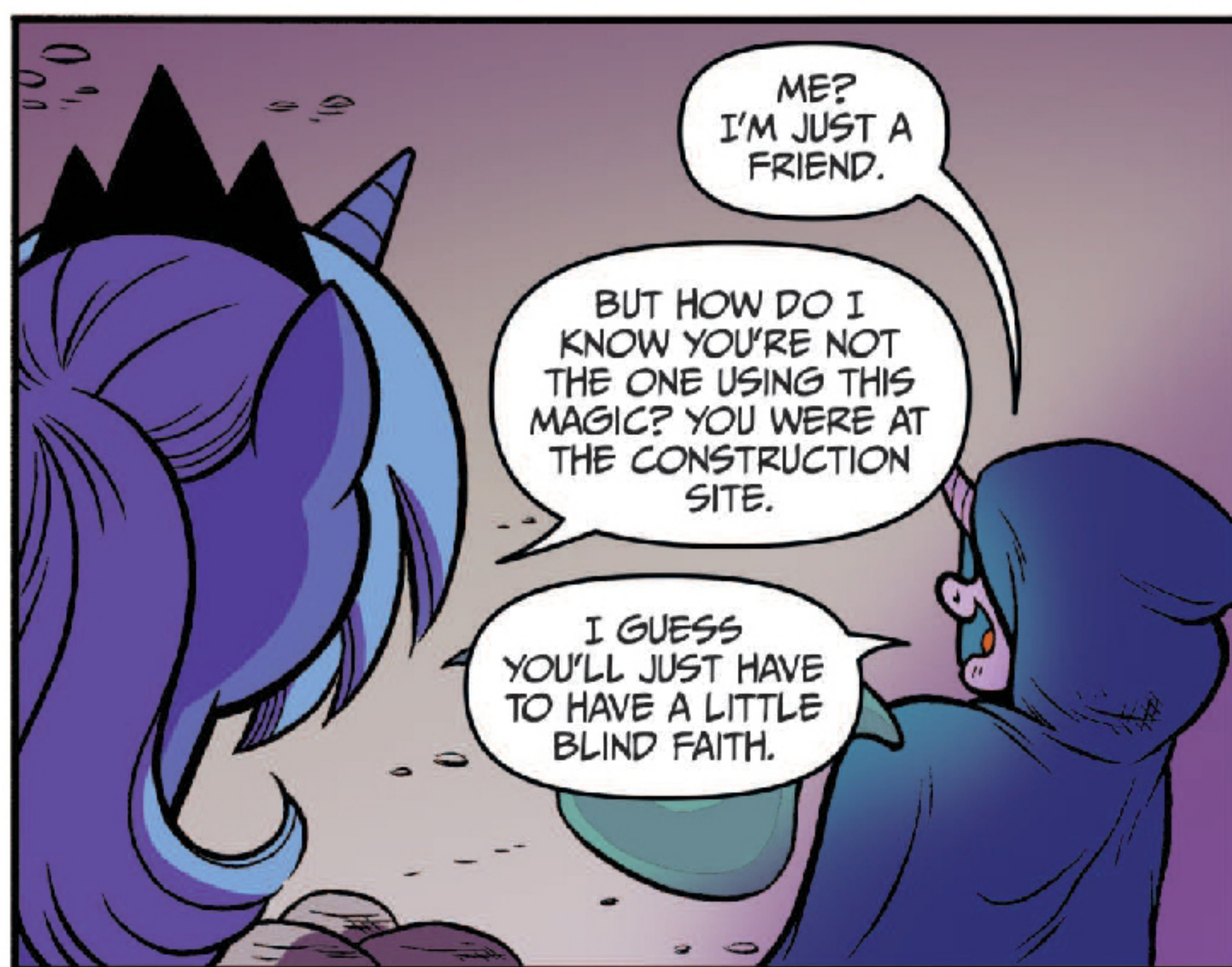


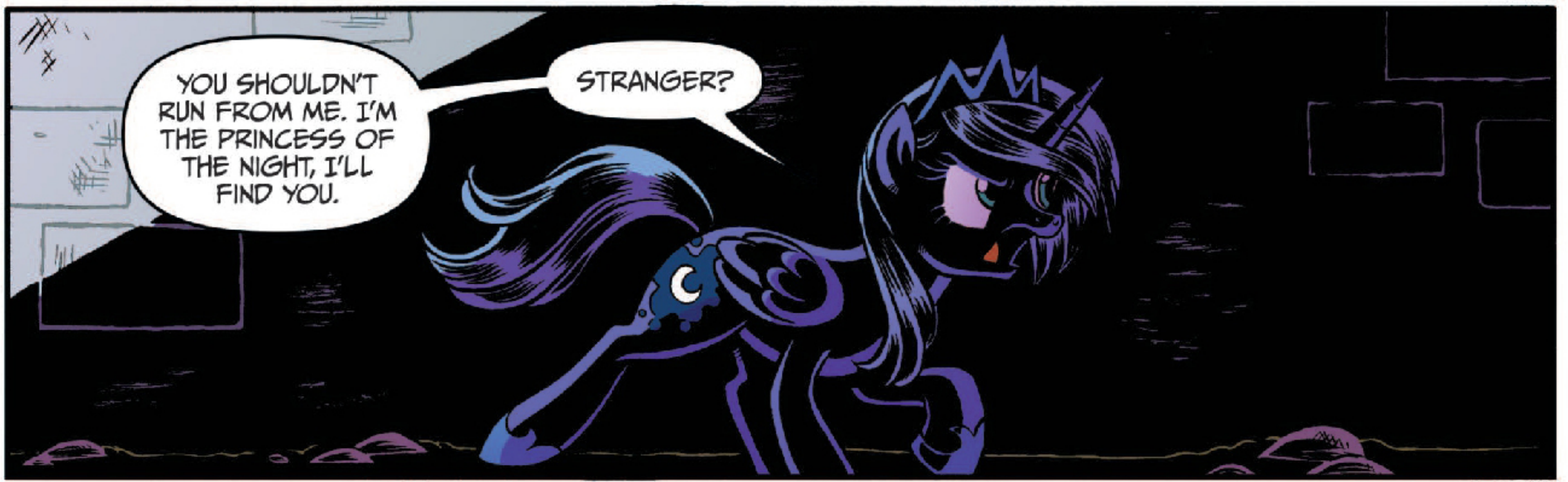
"AND SHE WAITED. SHE WAITED WELL ON INTO THE NIGHT. SHE GAZED AT THE BEAUTY OF THE STARS—"

ASTOUNDING! SUCH A BEAUTIFUL—

"THEN, MISTMANE FINALLY HEARD SOMETHING, BUT IT WAS NOT WHAT SHE HAD EXPECTED."

HALT!

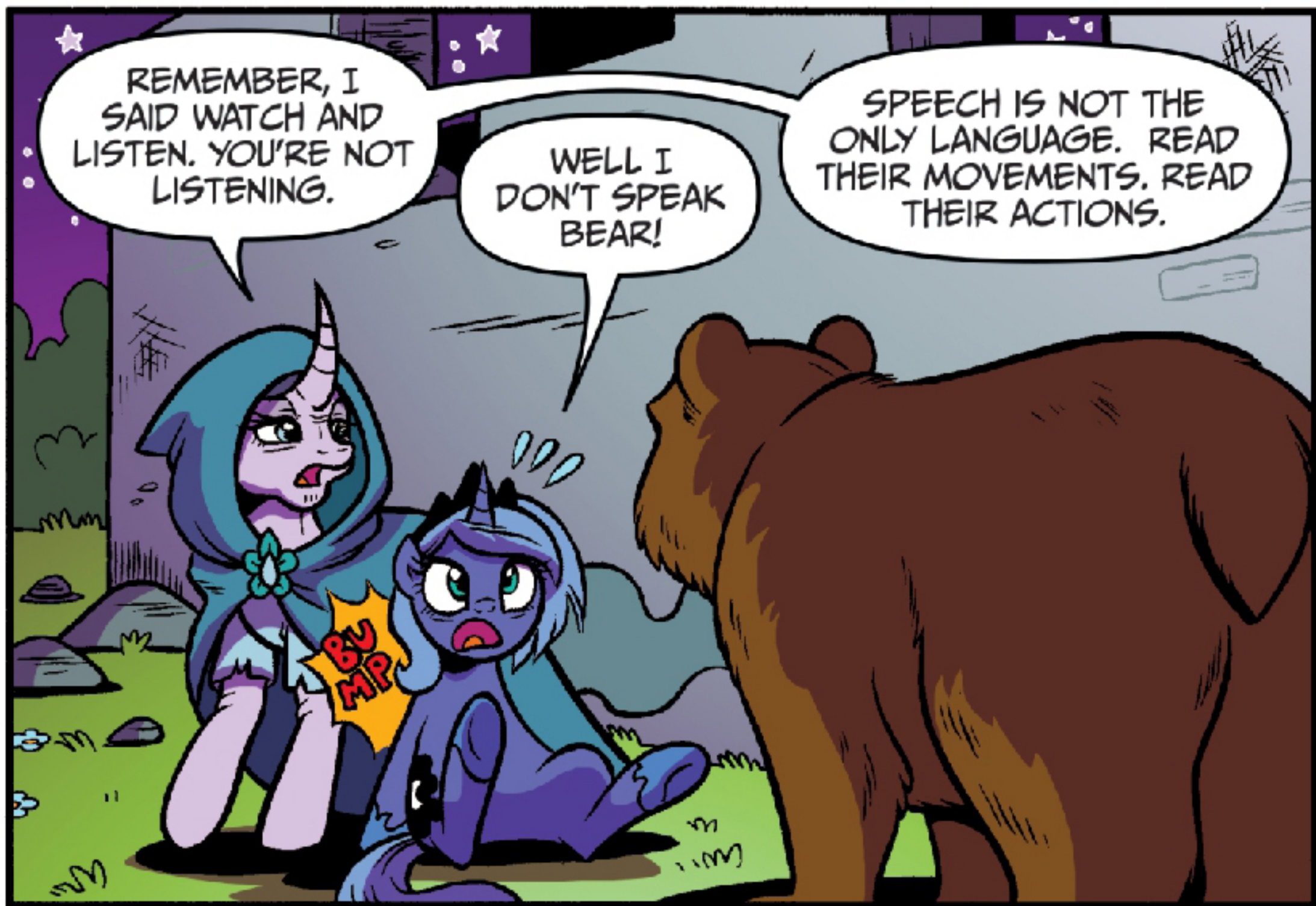












"AND SO, THAT NIGHT, LUNA—THE YOUNGER OF THE TWO SISTERS—SAT DOWN AND ASKED QUESTIONS TO THE CREATURES OF CANTERLOT FOREST.

"SHE STILL COULDN'T SPEAK TO THEM, BUT WHEN SHE SLOWED DOWN AND PAID ATTENTION, SHE FOUND IT WASN'T SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CREATURES WANTED.



"AND MISTMANE, AS THE NIGHT WORE ON, SLOWLY BACKED AWAY. LUNA NEVER EVEN REALIZED SHE WAS GONE."

SO, YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT LOSING YOUR HOMES? THAT THE CASTLE, WITH ITS GIANT WALLS, WILL COVER EVERYTHING?



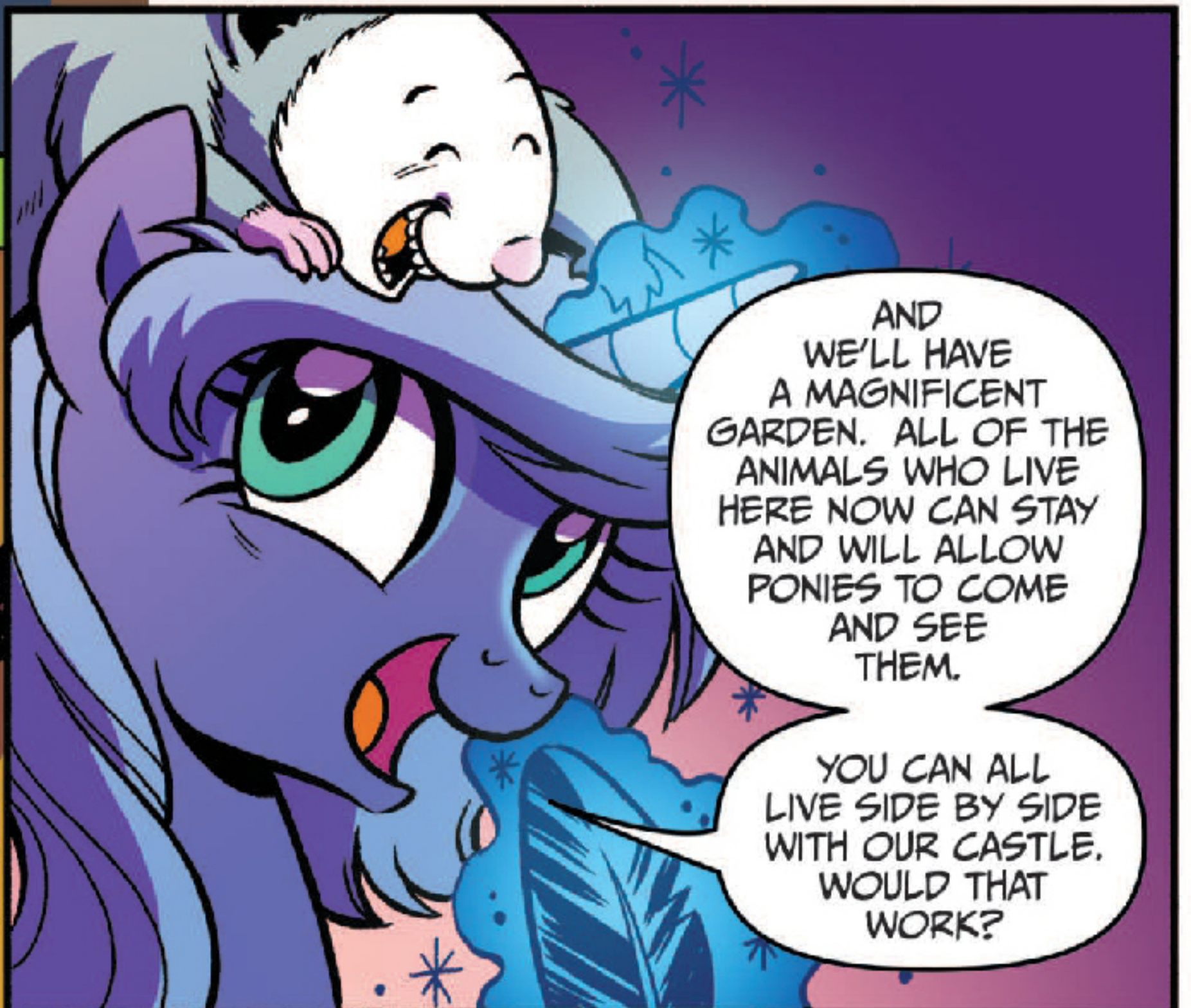
"LUNA LEARNED THAT THE ISSUE WAS NOT THAT THERE WOULD BE A CASTLE, BUT HOW BIG IT WOULD BE AND WHAT IT WOULD DO TO THEIR FOREST."

OKAY, I THINK WE'VE GOT SOMETHING HERE. INSTEAD OF AN ARMORED FORTRESS TO KEEP OUT EVERYONE, IT'S A SHINING BEACON OF HOPE, WELCOMING OTHERS IN?



AND WE'LL HAVE A MAGNIFICENT GARDEN. ALL OF THE ANIMALS WHO LIVE HERE NOW CAN STAY AND WILL ALLOW PONIES TO COME AND SEE THEM.

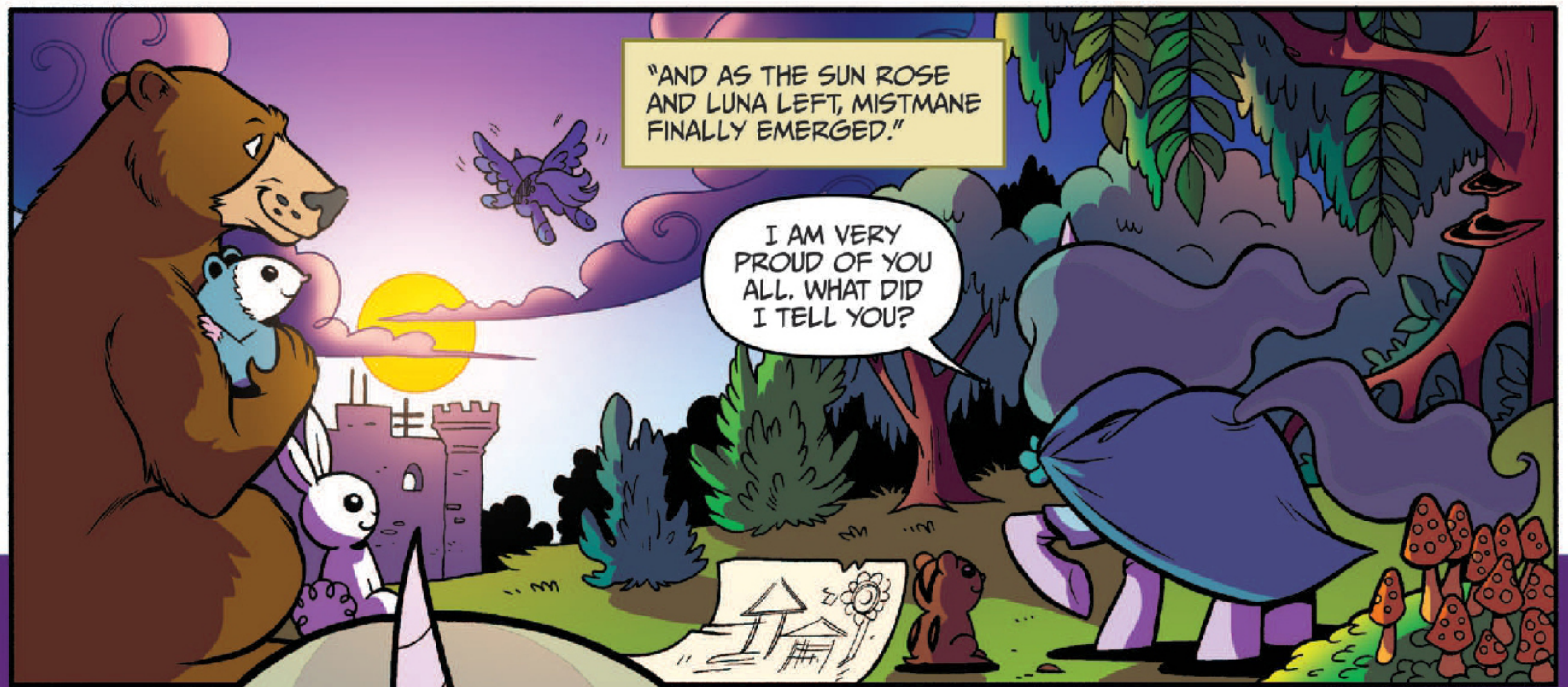
YOU CAN ALL LIVE SIDE BY SIDE WITH OUR CASTLE. WOULD THAT WORK?

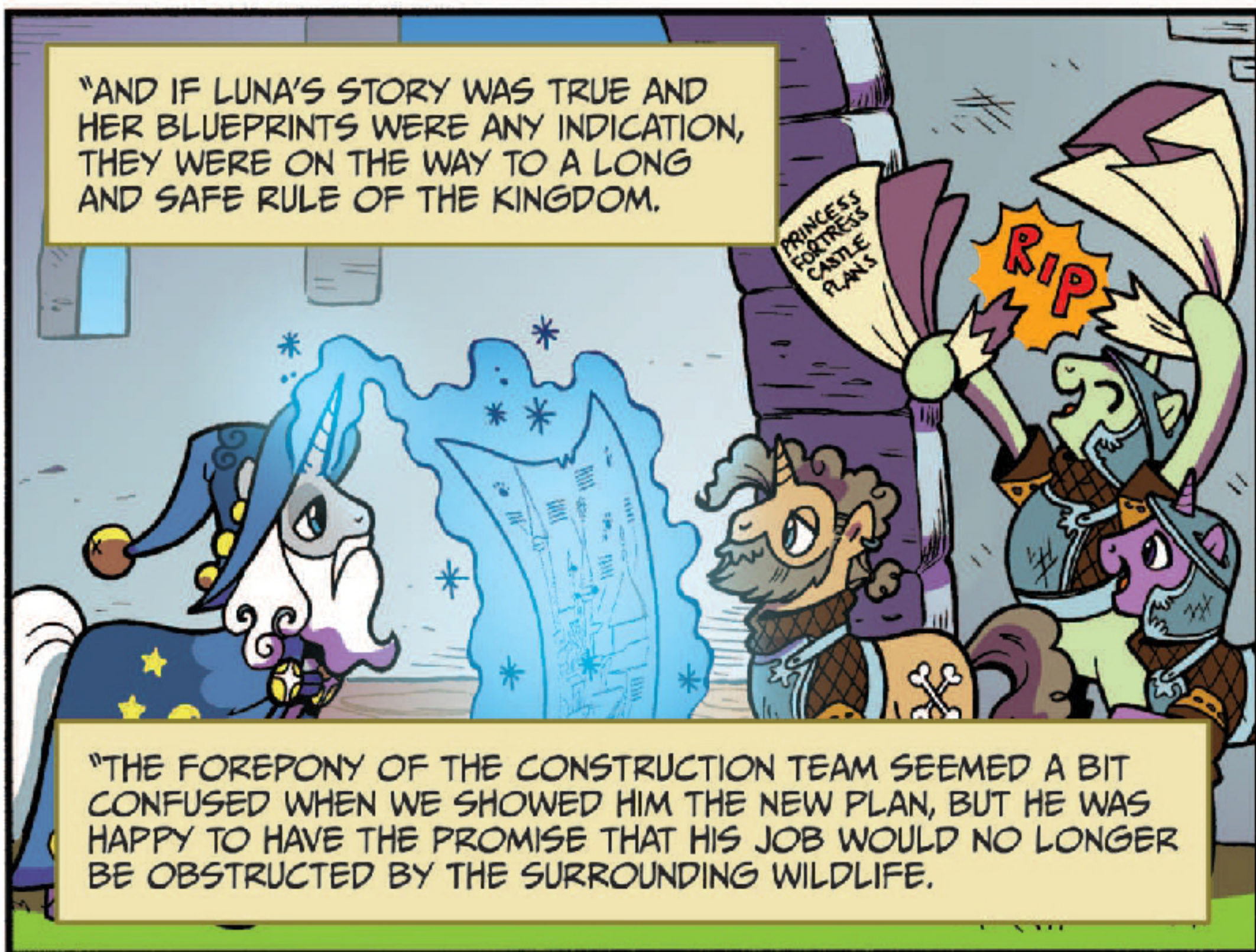
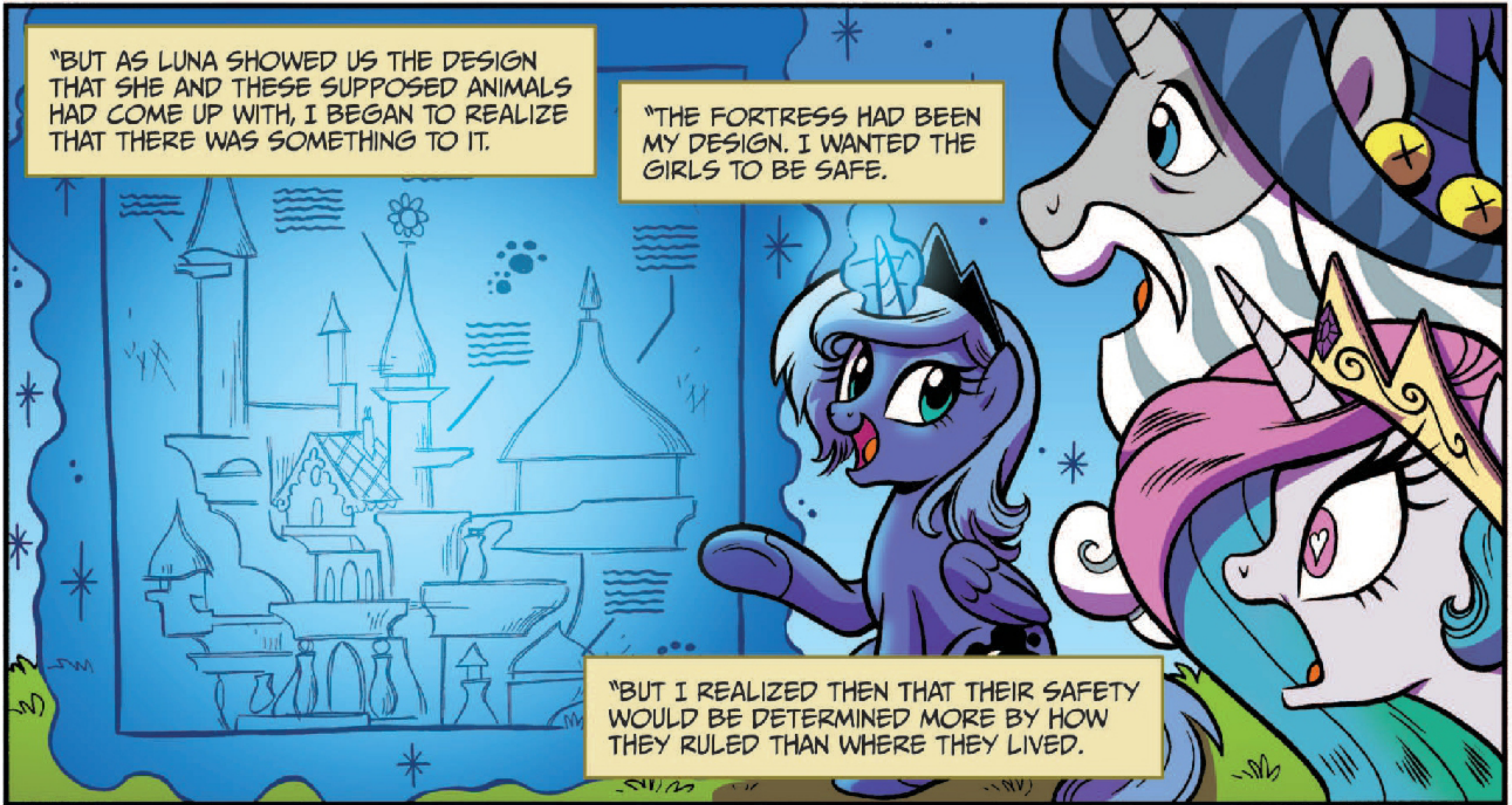
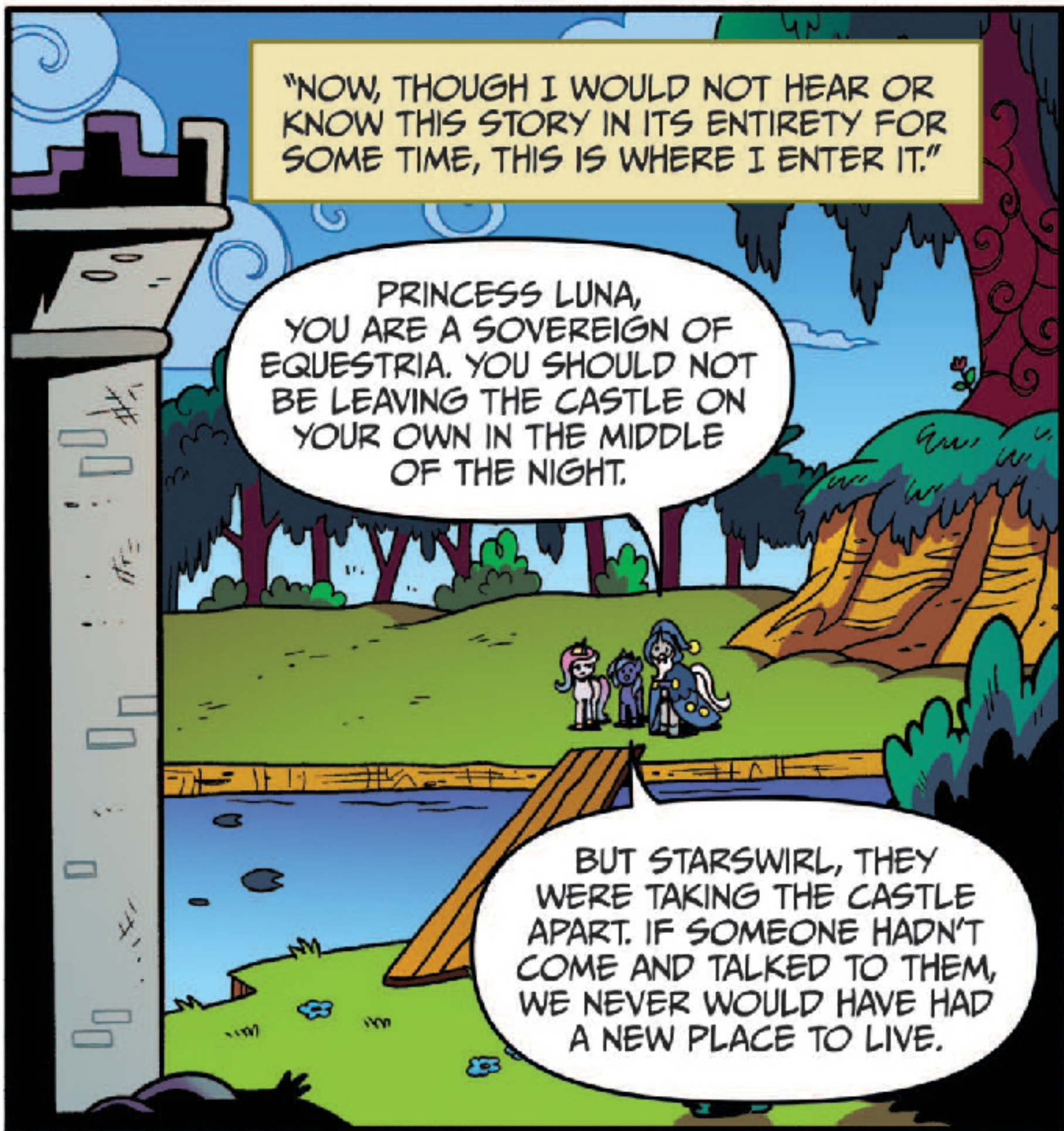


OH MY, IT'S ALREADY MORNING. I NEED TO GET BACK.

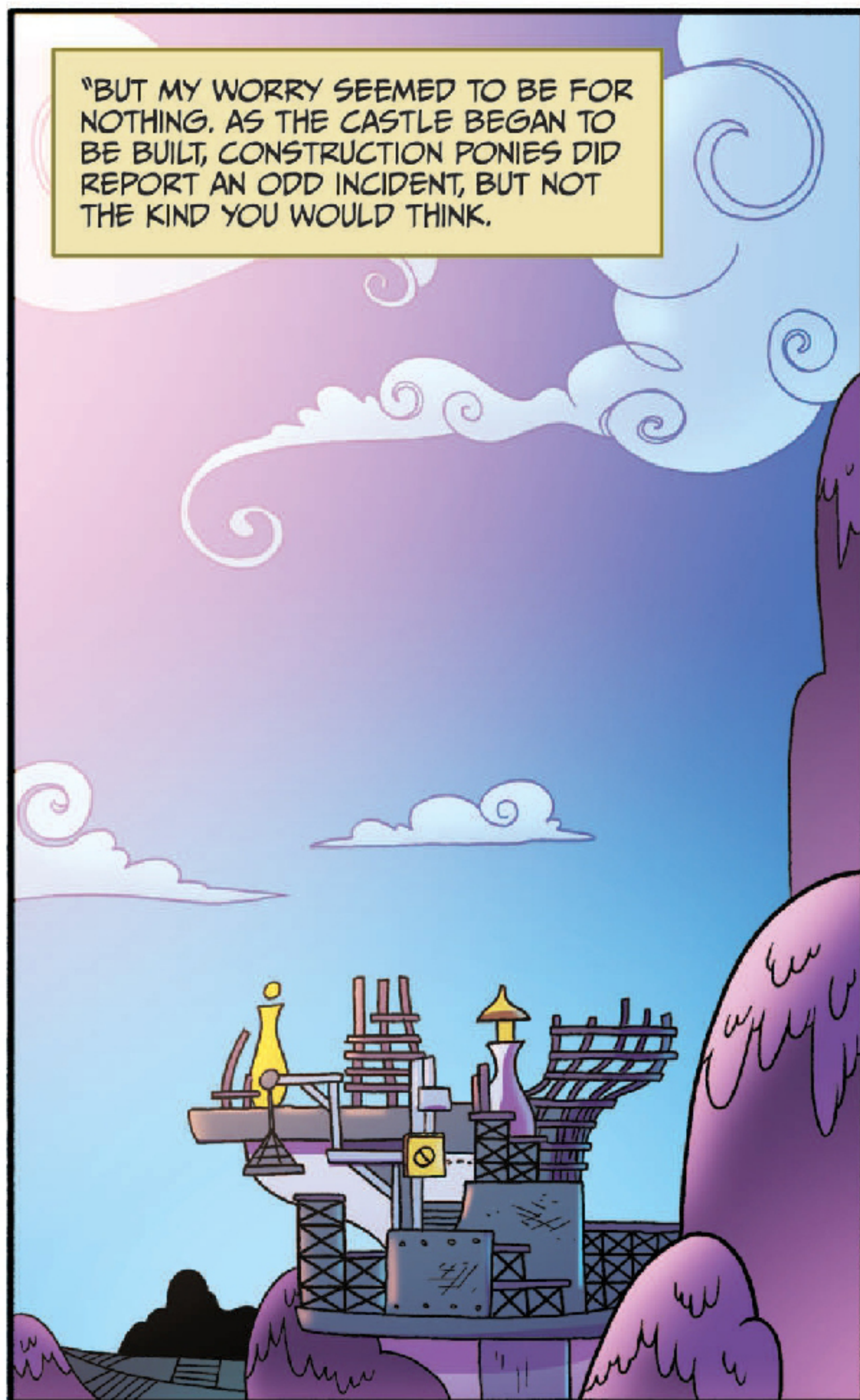
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO TALK TO ME. I'LL REMEMBER TO LISTEN IN THE FUTURE.







"BUT MY WORRY SEEMED TO BE FOR NOTHING. AS THE CASTLE BEGAN TO BE BUILT, CONSTRUCTION PONIES DID REPORT AN ODD INCIDENT, BUT NOT THE KIND YOU WOULD THINK.



"TOOLS THEY HAD LOST MONTHS AGO APPEARED JUST WHEN THEY NEEDED THEM. PROJECTS THAT WERE LEFT UNFINISHED OVERNIGHT WOULD SUDDENLY BE COMPLETE THE NEXT MORNING.



"THE WORK PONIES HAD RENEWED STRENGTH OF SPIRIT. THE CASTLE WENT UP MUCH FASTER THAN ANY OF US THOUGHT IT WOULD.



"FINALLY, THE BEACON OF HOPE THAT LUNA AND HER WOODLAND FRIENDS HAD ENVISIONED WAS COMPLETE. ALL THAT WAS LEFT WAS THE GARDENS.



"THE WORKPONIES BROUGHT SOME POTTERY, BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE SKILLS TO CREATE THE SORT OF BEAUTIFUL GARDEN THAT THAT CASTLE DEMANDED."



"THAT, I IMAGINED,
WOULD FALL TO ME."

LET'S SEE NOW.
MAGICAL FICUS... FERNS...
FEATHER GRASS...
FENNEL.

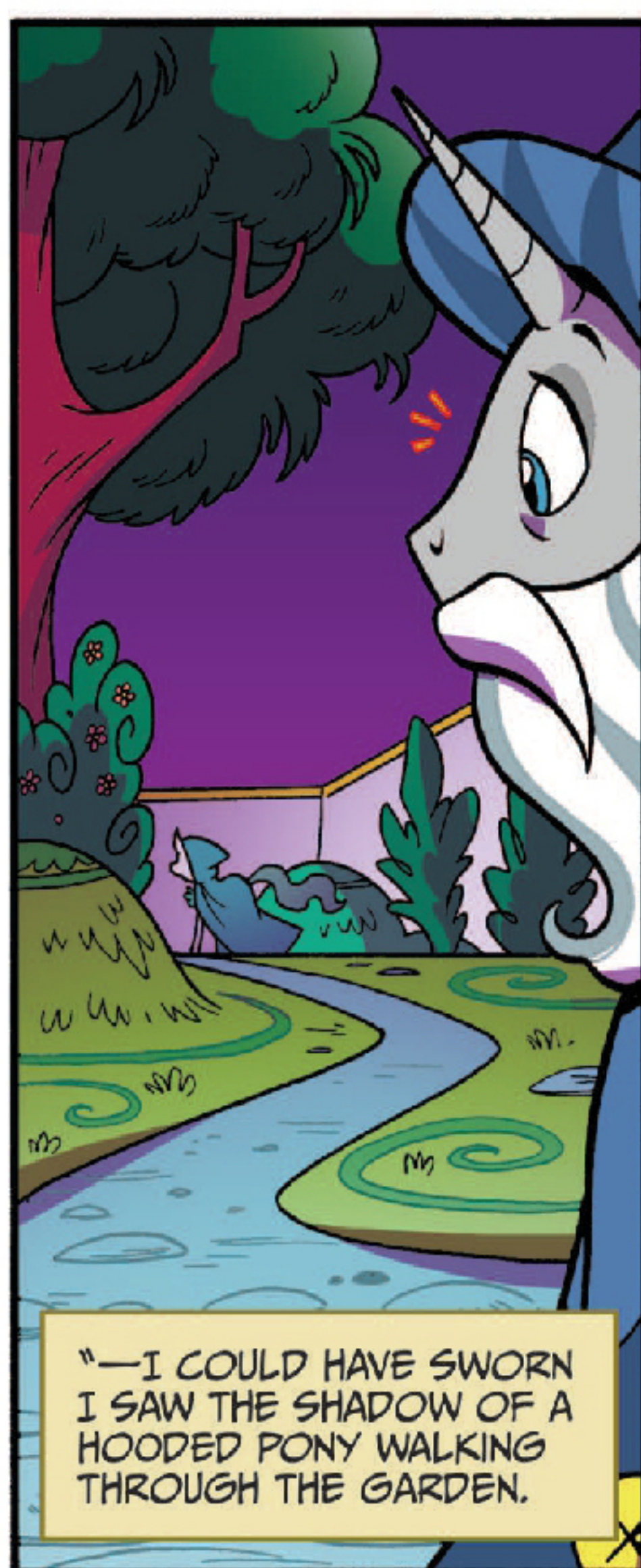


"TO MY SURPRISE, THE JOB
WAS ALREADY COMPLETED.
AND THEY HAD DONE A MUCH
BETTER JOB THAN I EVER
WOULD HAVE."

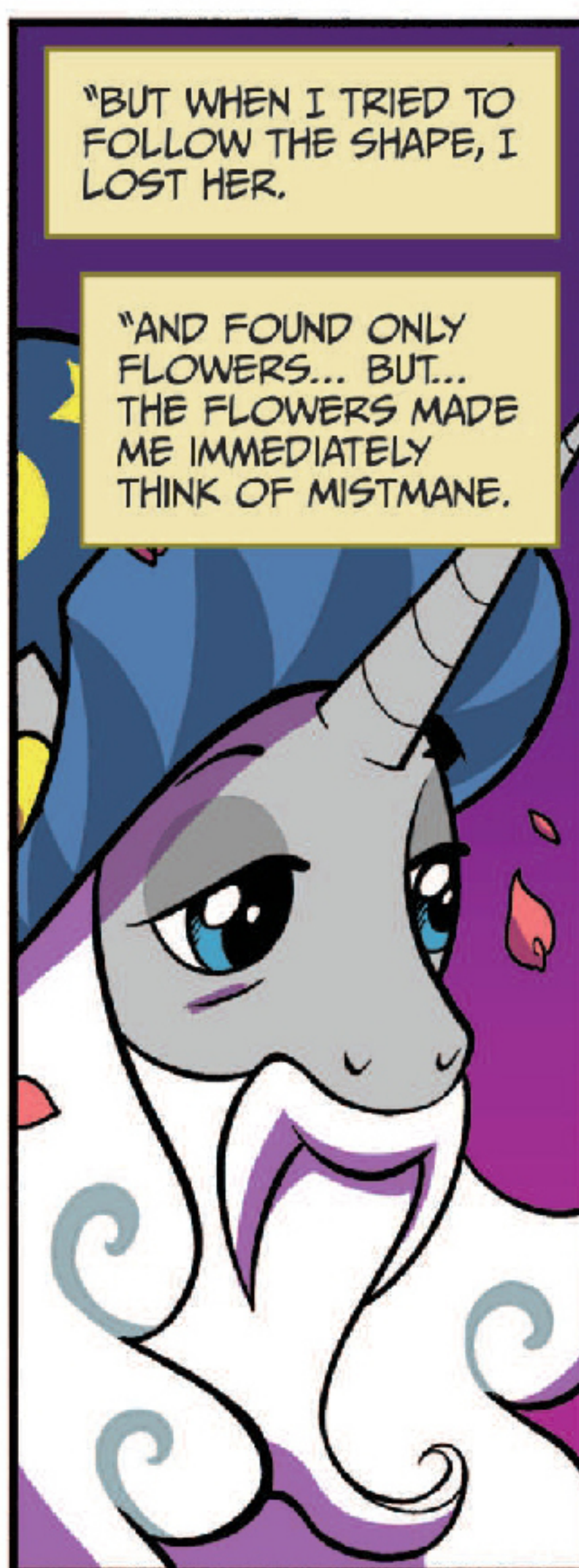


"IN HER EXCITEMENT, LUNA HAD
FORGOTTEN TO TELL ME ABOUT THE
STRANGE HOODED PONY SHE HAD
MET. IT WOULD BE WEEKS BEFORE
SHE REMEMBERED TO TELL ME."

"WHICH IS ODD, BECAUSE EVEN
THOUGH THAT PART OF THE STORY
HAD NOT BEEN SHARED WITH ME—



"—I COULD HAVE SWORN
I SAW THE SHADOW OF A
HOODED PONY WALKING
THROUGH THE GARDEN."



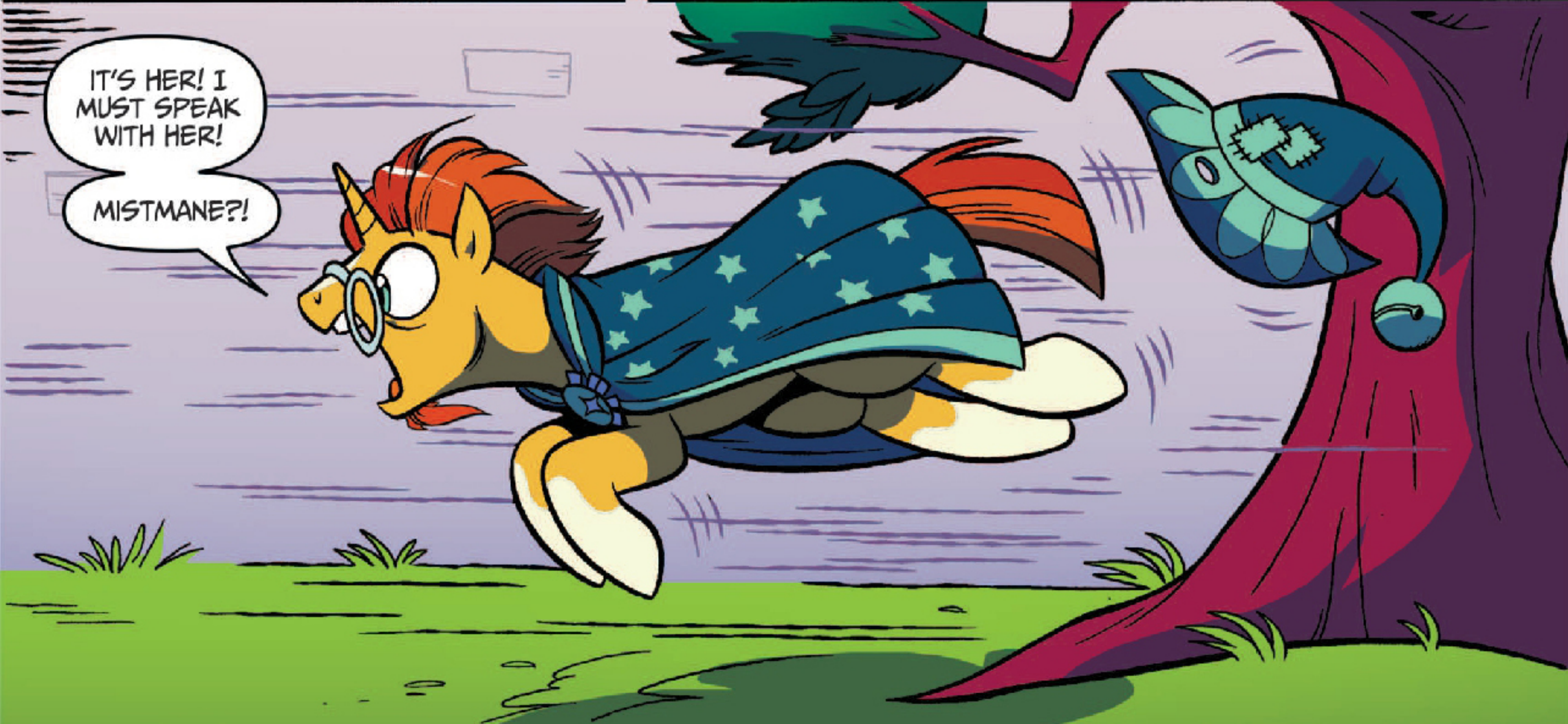
"BUT WHEN I TRIED TO
FOLLOW THE SHAPE, I
LOST HER."

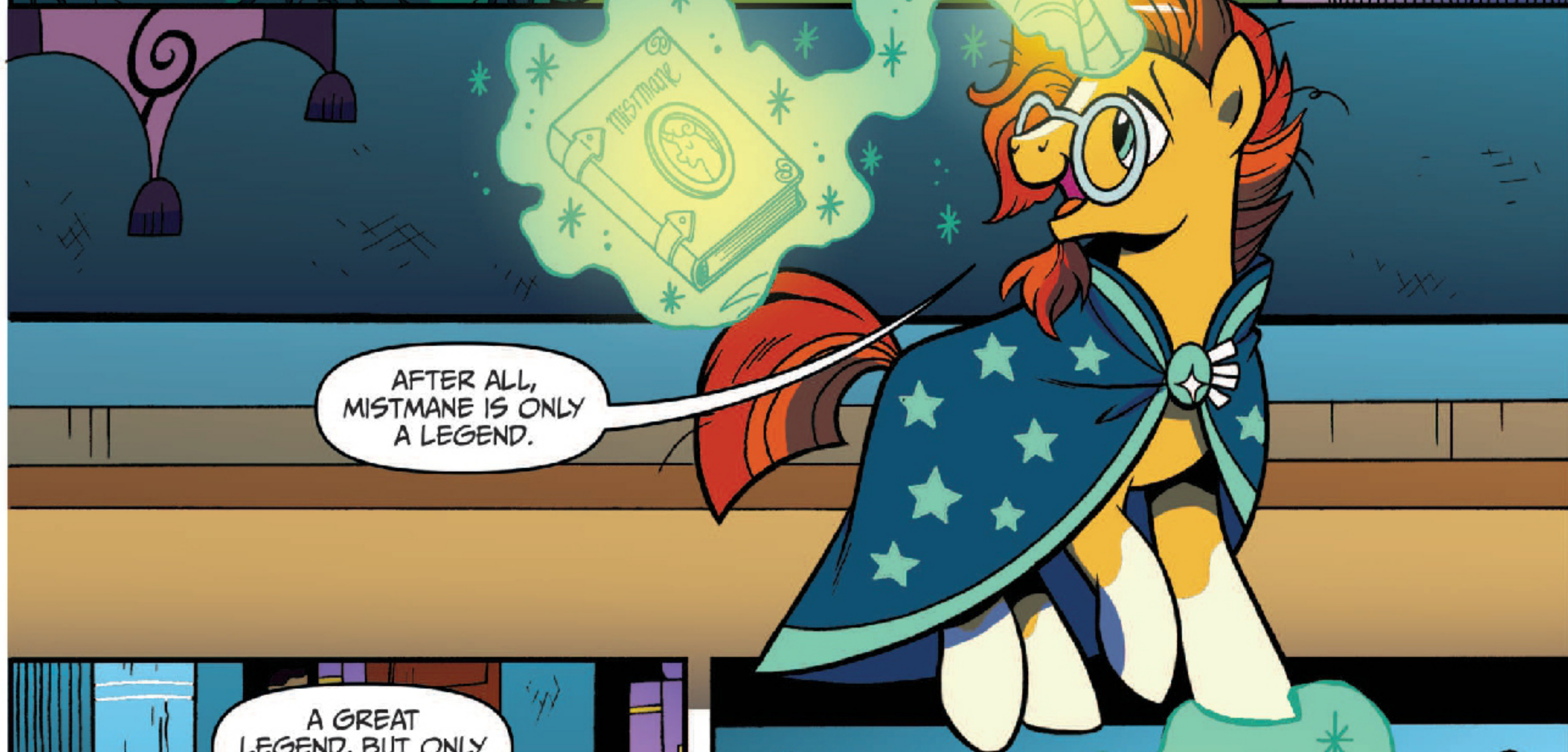
"AND FOUND ONLY
FLOWERS... BUT...
THE FLOWERS MADE
ME IMMEDIATELY
THINK OF MISTMANE."



"SOME NIGHTS, WHEN A SPELL
WAS VEXING ME, I WOULD GO
FOR WALKS IN THE GARDENS."

"AND SOMETIMES I WAS SURE
I SAW A HOODED UNICORN
TENDING THE PLANTS."





To be continued...