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STOP!

LEAVE US ALONE!

NOO!

STAY AWAY!

COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO

MORNING, TWILIGHT! HOW'D YA—

DON'T EVEN ASK, SIR SLEEPSALOT.

NOT *ANOTHER* NIGHTMARE! THAT'S *EVERY DAY* THIS WEEK!

THERE HAS TO BE A WAY TO GET RID OF THESE NIGHTMARES!

NONE OF THESE BOOKS HAVE A SINGLE CURE!

ZZZ

?

IS IT SOMETHING I ATE? TOO MANY GHOST STORIES?

UHH, TWILIGHT?

THESE NIGHTMARES SEEM TO COME OUT OF NOWHERE. THEY JUST HIT—

TWILIGHT! LOOK OUT!

SQUASH

WHOA! SORRY, TWILIGHT!

IT'S OKAY, RAINBOW DASH—I SHOULD'VE BEEN PAYING ATTENTION.

I'M A LITTLE OFF COURSE TODAY, TOO. I HAVEN'T BEEN SLEEPING THAT GREAT. ALL WEEK I'VE HAD—

NIGHTMARES!

NOT TO BE A PEST, BUT WOULD YA MIND KEEPING IT DOWN A BIT, PINKIE PIE, ER, FLUTTERSHY, I MEAN, TWILIGHT?

YES, SOME OF US HAVEN'T HAD OUR BEAUTY REST.

HAVE YOU HAD NIGHTMARES, *TOO*?

WHENEVER I CLOSE MY EYES, I'M STRUCK WITH THOSE GHASTLY IMAGES!

EVERY SINGLE NIGHT, I RECKON, RARITY, ER, TWILIGHT.

THE *BADDEST* DREAMS EVER!

SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO BE SO NEGATIVE! I THINK I'M A BIT GROUCHY.

HOW CAN WE *ALL* BE HAVING NIGHTMARES *ALL* WEEK?

WELL, IT CAN'T BE *ALL* OF YOU RIGHT? WHERE'S PINKIE PIE?

LATER THAT NIGHT...

WELCOME TO MY *SLUMBER* PARTY!

Sweet Dreams

IF ANYTHING CAN CHASE AWAY THOSE HEEBIE-JEEBIE DREAMS, IT'S A GIRLY NIGHT OF *FUN!* RIGHT, RAINBOW DASH?

SUPER. DUPER. FUN.

TEE-HEE!

THIS MEANS WAR, PINKIE PIE!

THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME KIND OF CONNECTION BETWEEN OUR DREAMS...

SOUNDS LIKE AN OLD COINKY-DINK TO ME.

AFTER SUCH A FUN PARTY, I'M SURE WE'LL ALL SLEEP LIKE BABY DRAGONS TONIGHT.

ZZZ

LET'S HOPE SO. GOODNIGHT!

SLEEP TIGHT!

SEE YOU IN THE MORNING!

NIGHT, TWILIGHT! AND RARITY! AND FLUTTERSHY!

AND SPIKE! AND APPLEJACK! AND GUMMY!

YES, GOODNIGHT ***EVERY SINGLE PONY*** IN ***ALL*** OF EQUESTRIA!

AND RAINBOW DASH!

A FEW HOURS LATER...

ZZZ

YOU ARE DISMISSED, TWILIGHT SPARKLE... *FOREVER!*

I... I DID EVERYTHING I COULD!

NO, *PLEASE* COME BACK!

HOLD ON... I CAN FLY TOO!

HEH. TOUGH ROOM!

YEESH! NO THANKS, RARITY.

BUT I MADE IT JUST FOR YOU...

THAT'S 200% COOLER!

MAYBELLE, YOU'RE *SO* GENEROUS—I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'D DO WITHOUT *YOU!*

Twilite

...SHE DIDN'T EVEN SPELL YOUR NAME RIGHT...

AND WE NEVER WILL!

WE DON'T NEED ANYTHING FROM *YOU*, RARITY!

YEAH!

PLEASE, LET ME HELP... DON'T FORGET ABOUT ME.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

AHH!

HELP ME!

FWOOSH

TAKE THAT, YOU DIRTY AIR!

AHHH!

THAT WORKED *SO* MUCH BETTER IN MY HEAD.

RARITY! NO!

ARE THEY GOIN' TO THE MOON?
GO GET HER, RAINBOW DASH!
UH, YOU TOO, FLUTTERSHY!
I'M ON IT!
ME, TOO!
WHOOOSH

LET ME GO, YOU CRETIN!

HANG ON, RARITY!

SWOOOOP

UGH!

FOOOM

RAINBOW DASH!

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

HANG ON...

POOF

WHAA?

ZIP

ZIP

ZIP

NO FAIR!

AWW, MAN!

TALK ABOUT BAD SPORTSMANSHIP...

WHICH WAY DID THEY GO?

COME ON, SPEEDY.

OHMYGOSH OHMYGOSH OHMYGOSH!
RARITY! SHE- SHE! *VOOM!* GONE! TWILIGHT?! HOW?
I'M WRITING A MESSAGE TO PRINCESS CELESTIA RIGHT NOW. SHE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO... I HOPE.
THAT ICKY STUFF LOOKED *REALLY* FAMILIAR!

PINKIE'S RIGHT— IT WAS IN MY NIGHTMARE.
I SAW IT IN MINE!
ME, TOO!

SO, THERE HAS TO BE A LINK BETWEEN THIS... STUFF, AND OUR BAD DREAMS. IT MAKES SENSE.
LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT—YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT THIS GLORIFIED *SMOG* SOMEHOW GOT INTO OUR *BRAINS*?
GASP! BRAINS?! ZOMBIES?!
WHERE DO WE EVEN BEGIN?

PRINCESS LUNA! SHE'S THE PROTECTOR OF DREAMS. *AND* SHE WAS TAKEN OVER BY NIGHTMARE MOON! SHE CAN HELP US INTERPRET OUR NIGHTMARES AND FIND RARITY!
PRINCESS LUNA IS OUR ONLY HOPE!
ANYONE HAVE A SCROLL?
YOU CAN ASK HER IN PONY.

I BELIEVE A DARK ENERGY *HAS* BEEN INFILTRATING YOUR DREAMS. MY SISTER MAY BE ABLE TO HELP.

PRINCESS CELESTIA AND LUNA!

SO, WHAT IN TARNATION IS GOING ON HERE?

AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW DO WE GET RARITY BACK?!

HONESTLY, I DON'T HAVE A CLEAR ANSWER FOR YOU.

BUT YOU'RE THE PROTECTOR OF DREAMS! YOU MUST KNOW *SOMETHING!* ANYTHING?!

ONLY THAT EVIL, DARK FORCES HAVE TAKEN YOUR FRIEND TO THE *NIGHTMARE DREAMSCAPE.*

BUT WHY? WHAT EVIL COULD STILL EXIST AFTER YOU WERE FREED?

LET'S JUST BLAST ON UP THERE AND GET RARITY BACK! WE'RE WASTING TIME!

IT ISN'T THAT SIMPLE. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE PLANNING...

PRINCESS LUNA, I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE, BUT, UM, IS THERE SOMETHING YOU *NEED* TO TELL US?

THESE PONIES CAN BE TRUSTED, LUNA. TELL US.

IT'S... IT'S TROUBLING.

PRINCESS LUNA, THERE'S NOTHING TO BE SCARED OF WHEN YOU'RE SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS!

THANK YOU, FLUTTERSHY...

SOMETHING IS HAPPENING. SOMETHING I HAD HOPED WOULD NEVER COME TO PASS.

DID YOU EAT TOO MUCH BROCCOLI?

SLEEP THROUGH YOUR ALARM?

USE SALT INSTEAD OF SUGAR?

ACCIDENTALLY WEAR YOUR SHIRT BACKWARDS *ALL* DAY?

REALIZE YOUR MOM WAS RIGHT ABOUT *EVERYTHING?!*

NO.

NO.

NO.

NO.

NO.

"WHEN I WAS TRAPPED AS NIGHTMARE MOON, I THOUGHT I COULD SHOW EVERYPONY HOW SPECIAL I WAS BY MAKING THEM FEAR ME.

"THE NIGHTMARE FORCES SOMEHOW KNEW EXACTLY WHAT TO SAY TO CONVINCE ME... TO GIVE ME THEIR ENERGY AND HATE.

"AFTER MY CURSE WAS BROKEN BY THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY, I BELIEVED THE FORCES OF DARKNESS WOULD WITHER AND DIE...

"...BUT I WAS WRONG.

"LEGEND SAYS THAT *IF* THE NIGHTMARE FORCES CAN HARNESS ENOUGH STRENGTH THROUGH THE CYCLE OF THE NEW MOON, THEY ARE GRANTED ONE MORE CHANCE..."

"ONE MORE CHANCE" TO WHAT?

TO CLAIM WHAT NIGHTMARE MOON PROMISED–AN ALL POWERFUL KINGDOM OF THEIR OWN!

IT'S TIME FOR ACTION, NOT SHUFFLING OUR HOOVES!

LIKE WHAT, RAINBOW DASH?

ANYTHING! EVERYTHING! WE COULD... DRESS UP LIKE NINJAS AND ***BE*** THE DARKNESS ITSELF!

WHAT? I'M NOT THINKING BIG ENOUGH, AM I?

BUT WHY DOES THAT GOBBLEDY-GOO CARE A FLYING FEATHER ABOUT US?

TOGETHER YOU POSSESS THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY, WHICH HAVE DEFEATED THE DARK FORCES BEFORE. NOW THEY WILL COME AFTER ALL OF YOU— THE ONLY PONIES WHO CAN DEFEAT THEM... AND DESTROY YOUR HOME—

PONYVILLE!

WE NEED TO GO GET RARITY BACK HOME ON THE JIFFY!

HELLO, EVERYPONY?! THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING THIS *WHOLE* TIME!

NO! I WILL GO INVESTIGATE. *ALONE.* THE NIGHTMARE DREAMSCAPE IS FILLED WITH YOUR WORST FEARS. ITS DENIZENS WILL NOT HESITATE TO USE THEM AGAINST YOU. IT'S NO PLACE FOR *REGULAR* PONIES.

"REGULAR" PONIES? EXCUSE ME, BUT THAT AIN'T FLYING.

IF WE HAVE TO FACE OUR FEARS TO GET RARITY BACK, THEN THAT'S WHAT WE'LL DO.

YEAH!

MEEP.

I MUST AGREE WITH THEM, SISTER. THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY ARE VERY POWERFUL.

THE POWER OF THE ELEMENTS RETURNED YOU TO ME. I TRUST THEY CAN DO IT AGAIN.

BUT WHAT ABOUT PONYVILLE?

I WILL HELP PONYVILLE PREPARE. YOU MUST SAVE RARITY AND STOP THE ATTACK.

BUT, HOW DO SIX PONIES AND A BABY DRAGON GET TO THE *MOON?*

OKAY, HEAR ME OUT—WE GET AN ENLARGING RAY, AND SHOOT ME WITH IT. THEN I'LL CARRY YOU ALL TO THE MOON AND—*SURPRISE*—A MILLION PONIES WILL JUMP OUT AND STOMP THOSE MOONIES TO BITS!

I KNOW A WAY...

I HOPE YOUR FRIEND IS BRAVE. THE NIGHTMARE DREAMSCAPE IS NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART.

RARITY IS STRONG AS AN *OX*, RIDING A FOX, TRAPPED IN A STEEL *BOX*, USING HER TEETH FOR *LOCKS!*

PINKIE PIE'S RIGHT... I THINK. RARITY WOULD NEVER BACK DOWN IF SHE DIDN'T WANT TO DO SOMETHING!

BUT SHE WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING IF WE WERE THERE SAVING HER!

WAIT, *IDEA!* TWO WORDS: *TIME MACHINE.*

IS THIS THING ON?

I *KNOW*, RIGHT? IT'S LIKE WE'RE SPEAKING COWHILI!

WE'LL *ALL* HAVE TO BE STRONG FOR RARITY.

WE MUST MOVE FAST. WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG RARITY'S BRAVERY WILL PROTECT HER.

HEHEHE!

SERIOUSLY? I'VE HAD BAD HAIR DAYS MORE INTIMIDATING THAN THIS. SHOW YOURSELF, THEN TAKE ME HOME. IMMEDIATELY.

R-REALLY, THAT'S THE BEST YOU'VE GOT? WOOSHING AROUND IN THE DARK?

WOOSH

WOOSH

WOOSH

WOOSH

WOOSH

ADMITTEDLY, THAT WAS A *TWINGE* CREEPY.

OH, DEAR. THAT IS DEFINITELY A STEP UP...

GOOD SHOW, WOOSHIE THINGS.

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Yes, spring is the season of new beginnings, and IDW is no slouch in that department!

We're going back to the beginning with *Judge Dredd: Year One*! **Matt Smith** and **Simon Coleby** bring you a tale from Joe Dredd's early days as a Mega-City One Judge…

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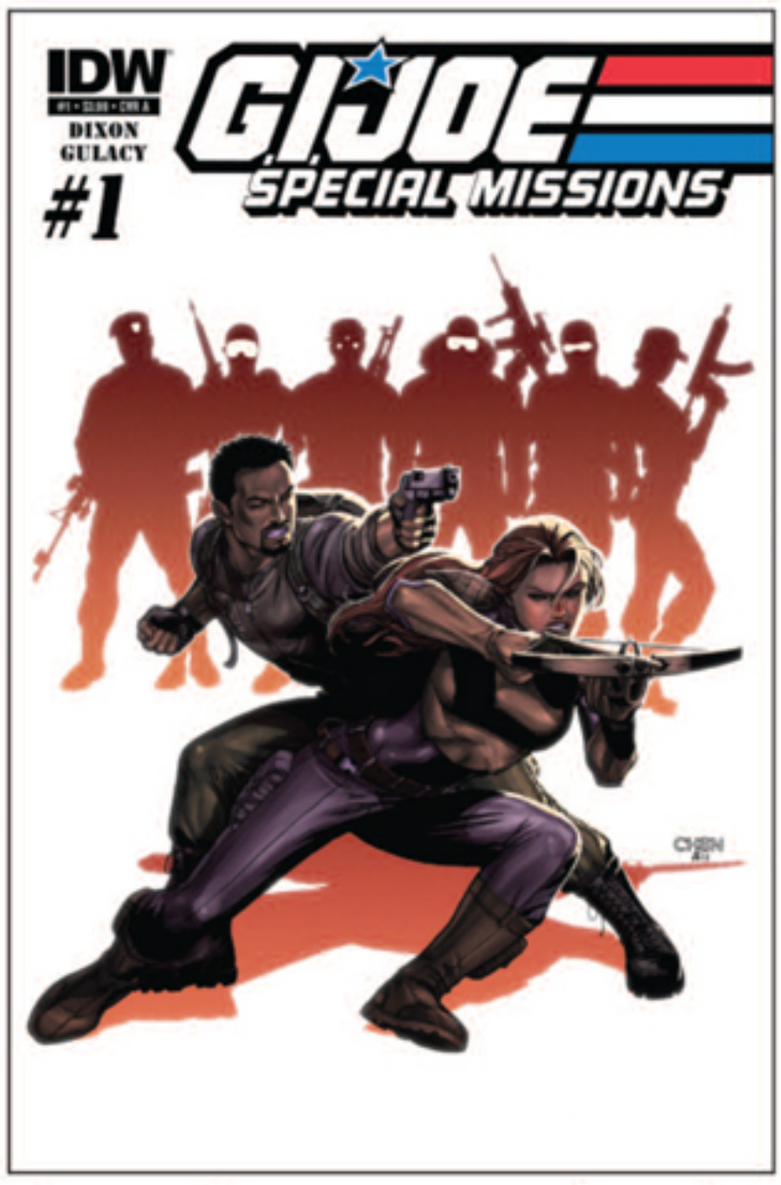

Scarlett assembles a new team to take on the Baroness.

Well, that's just the beginning of what we have happening, but frankly, I need to do a little spring cleaning in my office, the rest of this month's new books are buried in here somewhere.

-Dirk
Marketing Beast

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The Doctor is back! Collecting two great stories, writer **Andy Diggle** and Eisner-award winner **Mark Buckingham** bring you "The Hypothetical Gentleman" along with Brandon Seifert and artist Philip Bond's "The Doctor and the Nurse." This is a great place to start reading *Doctor Who*!

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