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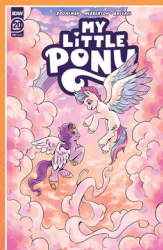
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ATTENTION, RESIDENTS OF ZEPHYR HEIGHTS. FOR YOUR SAFETY, WE ASK THAT YOU RETREAT TO YOUR HOMES.



THE STORM IS BUILDING IN STRENGTH BY THE MINUTE...



...PLEASE TAKE COVER. I PROMISE WE WILL RIDE THIS OUT TOGETHER.

CUT!



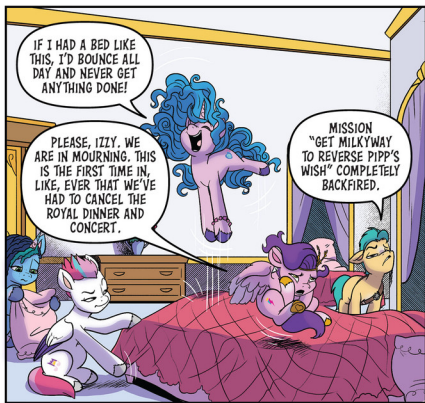
I'VE SENT THE ROYAL HELPERS HOME TO THEIR FAMILIES, BUT I SUGGEST YOU ALL SETTLE IN HERE FOR THE NIGHT.

THAT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED, YOUR MAJESTY.

YES, SLEEPOVER!



ZIPP, PIPP. SINCE YOUR DUTIES FOR THE ROYAL DINNER AND CONCERT HAVE BEEN POSTPONED, WHY DON'T YOU PREPARE THE GUEST ROOMS?



IF I HAD A BED LIKE THIS, I'D BOUNCE ALL DAY AND NEVER GET ANYTHING DONE!

PLEASE, IZZY. WE ARE IN MOURNING. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN, LIKE, EVER THAT WE'VE HAD TO CANCEL THE ROYAL DINNER AND CONCERT.

MISSION "GET MILKYWAY TO REVERSE PIPP'S WISH" COMPLETELY BACKFIRED.



I'M SURE MILKYWAY DIDN'T MEAN FOR IT TO COME TO THIS.

PLEASE! THAT NYMPH LOVES CHAOS, AND SHE LOVES WINNING. SHE GOT BOTH TODAY.

EXCUSE ME--WINNING IMPLIES THAT SHE PLAYED BY THE RULES. WHICH SHE ABSOLUTELY DID NOT.



IT'S NOT ALL THAT BAD. YOU'VE JUST GOTTA LOOK AT TONIGHT LIKE IT'S A BRIDLEWOOD CRYSTAL.

HUH?



CRYSTALS CAN GET VERY MUDDY, BUT NO MATTER HOW COVERED IN DIRT THEY ARE, THEY'RE STILL SHINY UNDERNEATH! YOU JUST NEED TO LOOK AT THEM IN THE RIGHT LIGHT.

I'M LOOKING, BUT I'M NOT SEEING ANY POSITIVES HERE.



A RAINSTORM IS THE PERFECTEST OF PERFECT TIMES FOR MY FAMOUS IZZY S'MORES!

GRAHAM CRACKERS FILLED WITH MARSHMALLOWS, CHOCOLATE, A CUPCAKE, A PIECE OF CHEESECAKE, AND ONE FULL PINEAPPLE.

WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE INGREDIENTS?



A PONY SHOULD ALWAYS COME PREPARED FOR A SLEEPOVER.

SORRY, IZZY. I'M NOT REALLY HUNGRY RIGHT NOW.

ME NEITHER.



LATER.

CLIPTROTS

LIVE

HEY, EVERYPONY!
ZIPP...

...AND PIPP
HERE!

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IF YOU KNOW
ANYTHING ABOUT US,
YOU KNOW WE'RE
TOTALLY BUMMED IT'S
RAINED ON OUR
PARADE.

BUT YOU
ALSO KNOW WE'RE
BOTH REALLY
STUBBORN.

SOOOOO
STUBBORN.

SO IF WE WANT
THE ROYAL DINNER AND
CONCERT TO HAPPEN, IT'S
GONNA HAPPEN.

WE'VE DECIDED TO GO LIVE
IN AN HOUR WITH OUR OWN
VIRTUAL ROYAL DINNER.
YOU'RE ALL INVITED!

TUNE IN AND
YOU'LL ALSO BE ABLE TO
STREAM MY BIG ROYAL
CONCERT.

RIGHT NOW IT MIGHT
SEEM LIKE THERE'S A LOT OF
DISTANCE BETWEEN US,
BUT WE'RE ALL FAMILY. AND
WE KNOW HOW TO COME
TOGETHER WHEN IT
COUNTS.

SO, UH, YEAH. SEE
YOU SOON, ZEPHYR
HEIGHTS!



CandySweetsTime

Did Zipp apologize because she meant it or because she was caught telling Carotang She'd issue a royal decree saying he can never perform in Zephyr Heights again?

GothPony7

Count me out for the Royal Concert
#NotUntilZippGivesUsARealApology

That_Pegasus_Life
Boycott the Royal Concert.



YOU DID EVERYTHING YOU COULD TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.

YEAH, AND IT WASN'T ENOUGH.

YOU WERE RIGHT. I COULDN'T HANDLE BEING A POP STAR. I SCREWED EVERYTHING UP.

YOU WERE PUT IN A MAJORLY HARD POSITION WITH CAROTANG. ANYPONY WOULD HAVE STRUGGLED WITH WHAT TO DO.

EVEN ME.



HITCH IS RIGHT. YOU'VE APOLOGIZED, AND THAT TOOK HUGE GUTS. IN THE END, YOU CAN'T CONTROL HOW OTHER PONIES REACT.

ONLY HOW YOU REACT.

ALL I WANT IS FOR THE ROYAL CONCERT TO BE A SUCCESS.



I MIGHT KNOW HOW TO FIX THINGS, BUT IT'S GONNA HURT BOTH OF OUR EGOS.



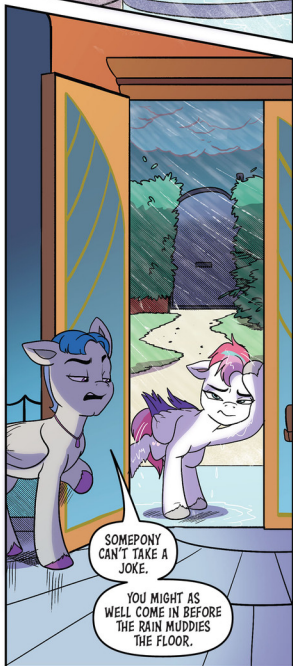


RUBY HILLS,
ZEPHYR HEIGHTS.



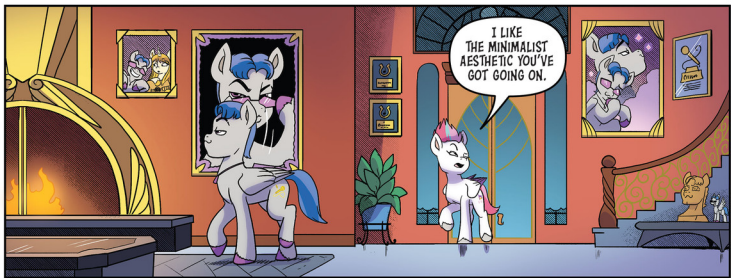
LOOKS LIKE THE
STORM BLEW SOME
TRASH ONTO MY
FRONT PORCH.

"HI" IS
ACTUALLY A MUCH
MORE COMMON
GREETING.



SOMEONY
CAN'T TAKE A
JOKE.

YOU MIGHT AS
WELL COME IN BEFORE
THE RAIN MUDDIES
THE FLOOR.



I LIKE THE MINIMALIST AESTHETIC YOU'VE GOT GOING ON.



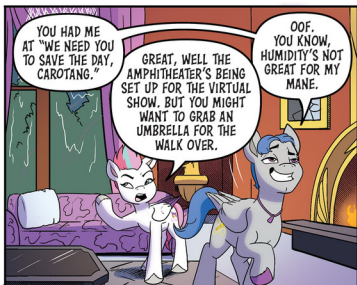
I'M ACTUALLY HERE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEADLINE THE ROYAL CONCERT?

WHAT EXACTLY IS IN IT FOR YOU?



IT'S NOT ABOUT ME. IT'S ABOUT MAKING SURE THE ROYAL CONCERT'S A SUCCESS. I MESSED UP WHEN I CONFRONTED YOU. I WAS TOO HARSH, AND I KNOW I'VE LOST MY FANS' TRUST.

THEY'RE NOT GOING TO SHOW UP FOR ME, BUT I DO KNOW THEY'LL COME IF I SHIFT THE SPOTLIGHT IN YOUR DIRECTION.



YOU HAD ME AT "WE NEED YOU TO SAVE THE DAY, CAROTANG."

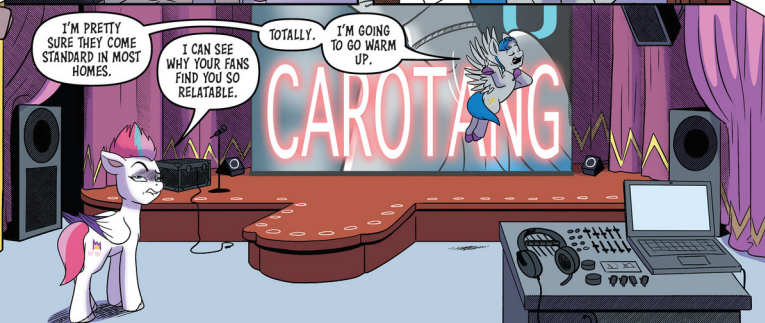
GREAT, WELL THE AMPHITHEATER'S BEING SET UP FOR THE VIRTUAL SHOW. BUT YOU MIGHT WANT TO GRAB AN UMBRELLA FOR THE WALK-OVER.

OOF. YOU KNOW, HUMIDITY'S NOT GREAT FOR MY MANE.



WHY DON'T WE JUST USE THE STAGE IN HERE?!

YOU HAVE A HOME THEATER?!



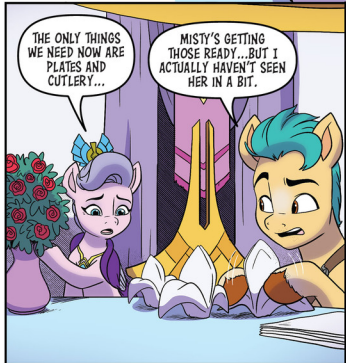
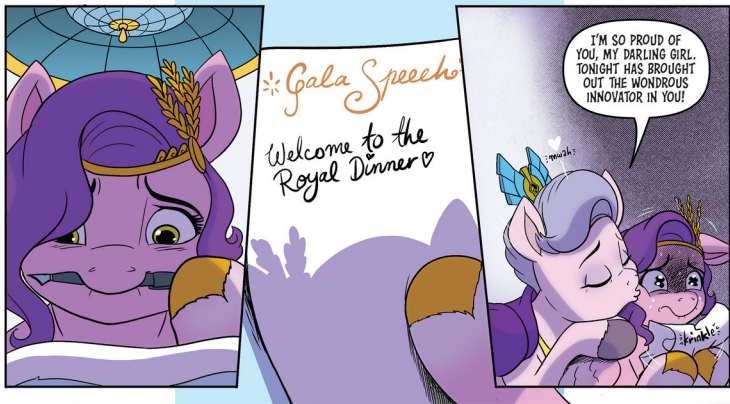
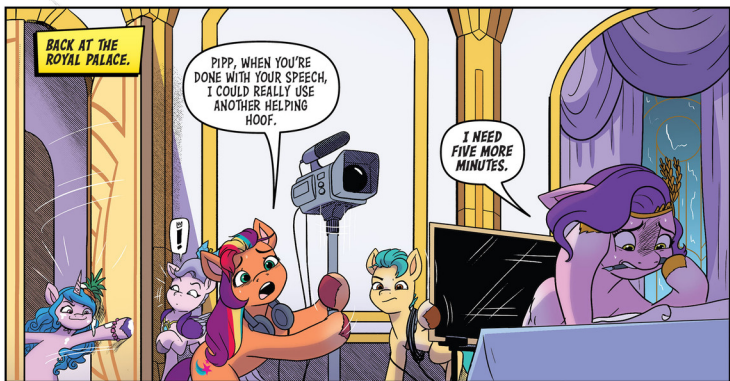
I'M PRETTY SURE THEY COME STANDARD IN MOST HOMES.

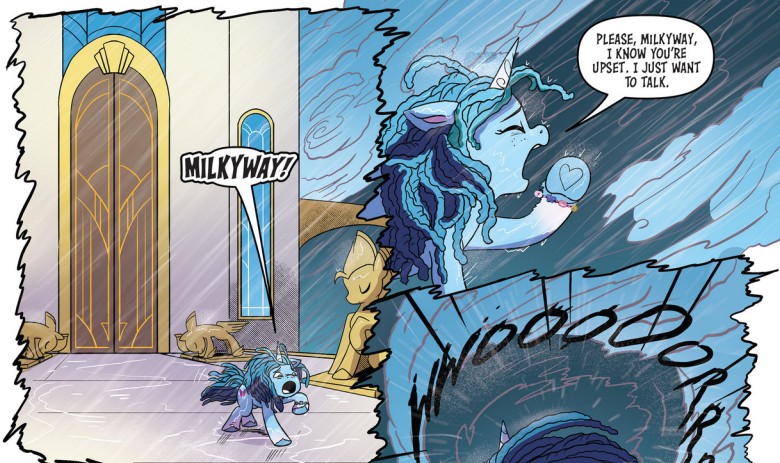
I CAN SEE WHY YOUR FANS FIND YOU SO RELATABLE.

TOTALLY.

I'M GOING TO GO WARM UP.

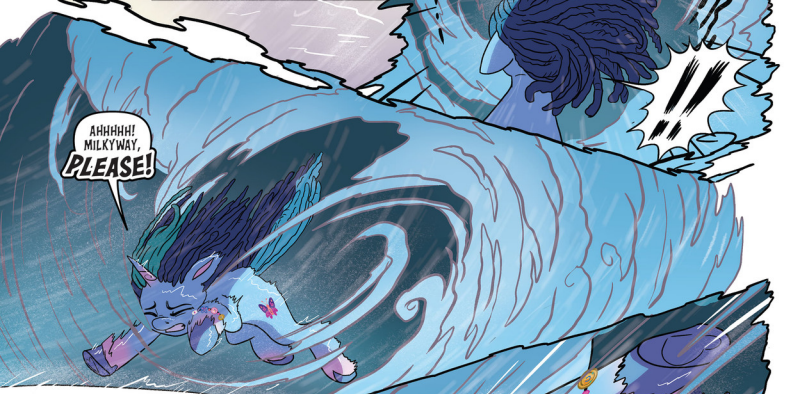
CAROTANG





PLEASE, MILKYWAY,
I KNOW YOU'RE
UPSET. I JUST WANT
TO TALK.

MILKYWAY!

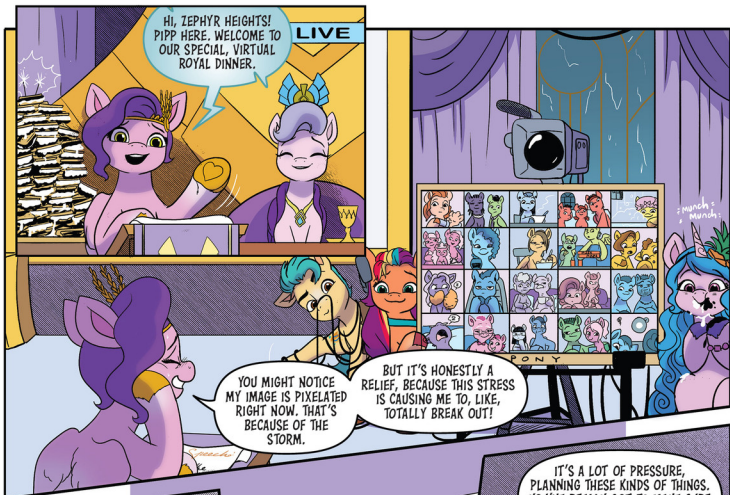


AHHHH!
MILKYWAY,
PLEASE!



WEE-EELLPPPP!





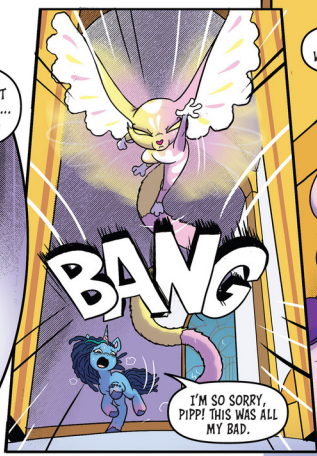
Gala Speech

Welcome to the
Royal Dinner ♡

*So it's a bit clump-out...
Tip your delivery fliers
The duckling joke? No*



BECAUSE THE ROYAL DINNER IS ABOUT CELEBRATING OUR FOOD... I MEAN, OUR FAMILY, AND--



EXCUSE ME. WHO ARE YOU?!

I'M SO SORRY, PIPP! THIS WAS ALL MY BAD.

WE NEED TO TALK--

--AND EVERY PONY IN ZEPHYR HEIGHTS IS PART OF OUR FAMILY, INCLUDING MILKYWAY, WHO IS NOW LIVE IN FRONT OF ALL OF YOU!

SAY HI, MILKYWAY!

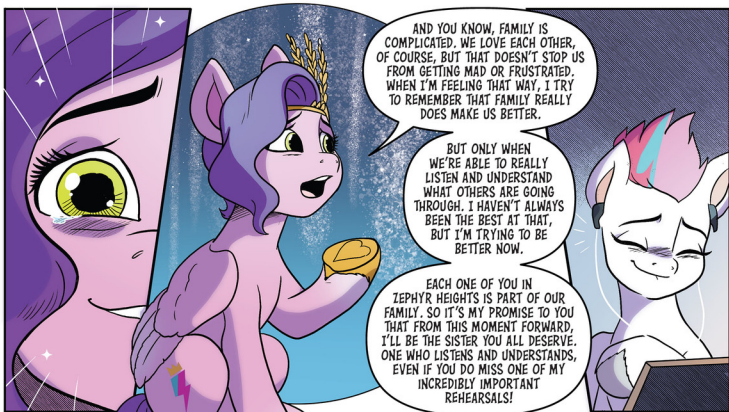
SMILE SO THIS ROYAL DINNER DOESN'T IMplode AND EMBARRASS THE BOTH OF US!

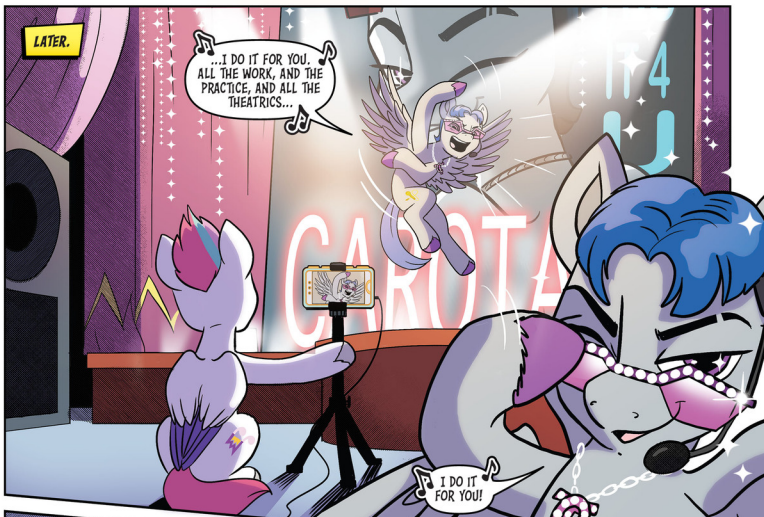
LIVE

YOU'D BETTER MAKE SURE IT'S A SMASH HIT.

ONLY THE BEST FOR OUR VIP!*

*VERY IMPORTANT PONY!





TARTINE ART
Zipp went out of her way to do right by Carotang tonight. She's got my respect.

SADDLE&NEIGH
Zipp is an icon for this!!
And Carotang's on fire!

ZEPHYR-DEN
I love you, Carotang!
Love you, Zipp!

I DO IT FOR YOUUU...

YEAH, CAROTANG!

GO ZIPP!

CAROTANG!

ZIPP!

CAROTANG!

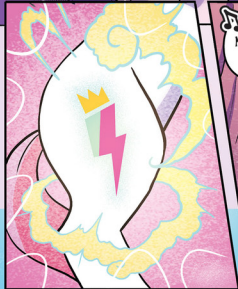
ZIPP!

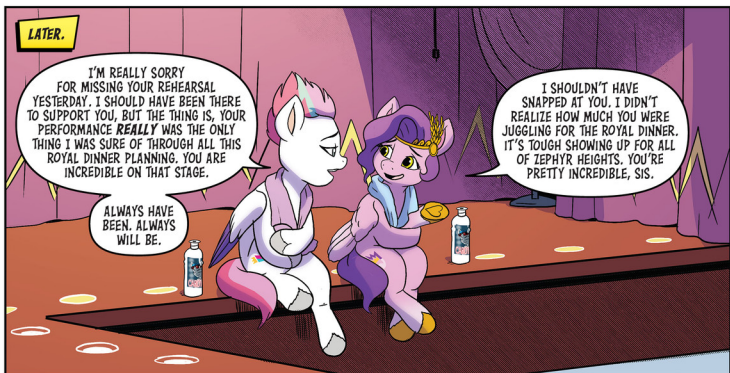
SEEMS LIKE OUR FANS WANT TO SEE YOU UP HERE, TOO.

COME ON, SHOW US YOUR MOVES.

ONLY IF YOU COME WITH.





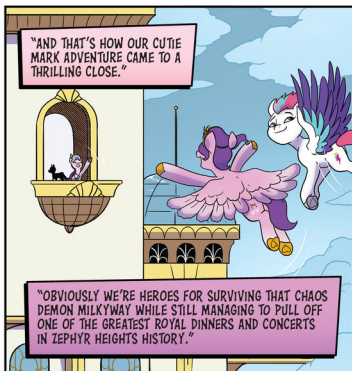


LATER.

I'M REALLY SORRY FOR MISSING YOUR REHEARSAL YESTERDAY. I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE TO SUPPORT YOU, BUT THE THING IS, YOUR PERFORMANCE **REALLY** WAS THE ONLY THING I WAS SURE OF THROUGH ALL THIS ROYAL DINNER PLANNING. YOU ARE INCREDIBLE ON THAT STAGE.

ALWAYS HAVE BEEN. ALWAYS WILL BE.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE SNAPPED AT YOU. I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW MUCH YOU WERE JUGGLING FOR THE ROYAL DINNER. IT'S TOUGH SHOWING UP FOR ALL OF ZEPHYR HEIGHTS. YOU'RE PRETTY INCREDIBLE, SIS.



"AND THAT'S HOW OUR CUTIE MARK ADVENTURE CAME TO A THRILLING CLOSE."

"OBVIOUSLY WE'RE HEROES FOR SURVIVING THAT CHAOS DEMON MILKYWAY WHILE STILL MANAGING TO PULL OFF ONE OF THE GREATEST ROYAL DINNERS AND CONCERTS IN ZEPHYR HEIGHTS HISTORY."



"I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT MILKYWAY'S SPELL WORKED. WE GOT A CHANCE TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER BETTER THAN WE EVER HAD BEFORE."

"IN THE END, EVERYPONY GOT EXACTLY WHAT THEY NEEDED THAT DAY."



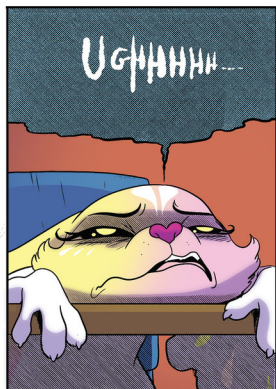
"EVEN IF IT WASN'T EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANTED."

YOU MUST ALWAYS PUT YOUR CLIENT BEFORE YOURSELF.

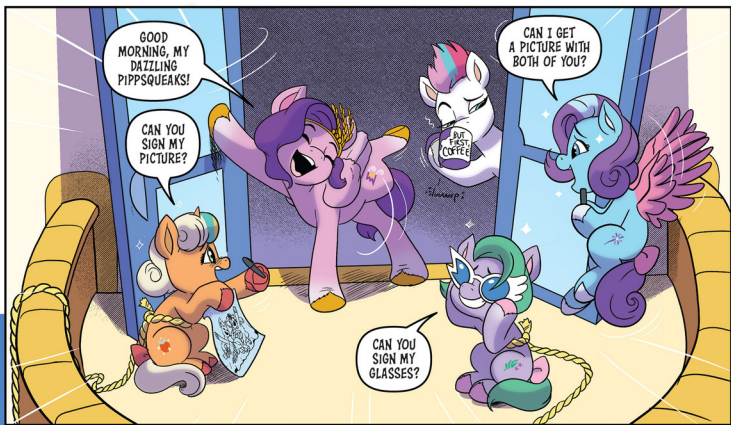
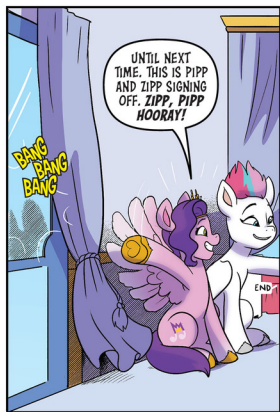
I ALREADY KNOW ALL THIS!

YOUR RECENT ACTIONS WOULD SUGGEST OTHERWISE.

WISHING
↓ ↓ ↓
CLIENT
(SELF)



UGHHHHH...







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KENBUCKY ROLLER DERBY



Lace Up Your Skates and
Get Ready to Dodge, Dip, and Dive!

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IDW VIEW FROM THE BACK PAGE

Hey, there!

It's been a minute.

Used to be that most comic book companies ran regular editorials in the back of their comics. When I first started reading comics, for instance, you could expect some new musings from Stan "The Man" Lee every month. Those and letters columns, in the days before the internet, were the only real ways you could take a peek behind the curtain and get any inkling that there were people making all the four-color adventures populating corner-store spinner racks. Tales from the bullpen or mentions of offices on Broadway in New York City were my first indication that there were jobs to be had putting funny books together.

It wasn't that long ago that you'd find these sorts of things in IDW comics as well. I can't tell you exactly why those went away—it was before my time—but I can do something about bringing them back. It's a perk of having a fancy title like Editor-in-chief.

So, consider this the first editorial of many—our return to communicating directly with you, our reader. This inaugural column is IDW's way of saying, "Hello again"; next month, you'll start getting something more.

Expect us to do some hyping, but also to peel back the curtain with some musings from behind the scenes. Ever wonder how we come up with a big story like last summer's *Star Trek: Day of Blood*? Or where we find all those cool artists to draw *Sonic the Hedgehog*? What are our editors' favorite *My Little Ponies* and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*? Or how do the folks behind *Beneath the Trees Where Nobody Sees* block that day's work from their minds so they can fall asleep at night?

These are the kinds of things you might find out here.

In addition, we are putting other fun things back into our comics, like places to print fan letters and art. Whether you read *Godzilla* or *Earthdivers*, *Dungeons & Dragons* or *The Hunger and the Dusk*, keep your eyes peeled for more info on how you can take part!

Because we aren't ashamed to admit that we missed hanging out with you all. It's been too long!

Jamie S. Rich
Editor-in-chief, IDW



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