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OH, I SIMPLY CANNOT WAIT TO BE LOUNGING IN THAT GLORIOUS HORSESHOE BAY SUN!

I THINK WE'RE ALL IN NEED OF A DAY OF R&R!

SIGH

ADVENTURE #1
THE Salty Sea Mare



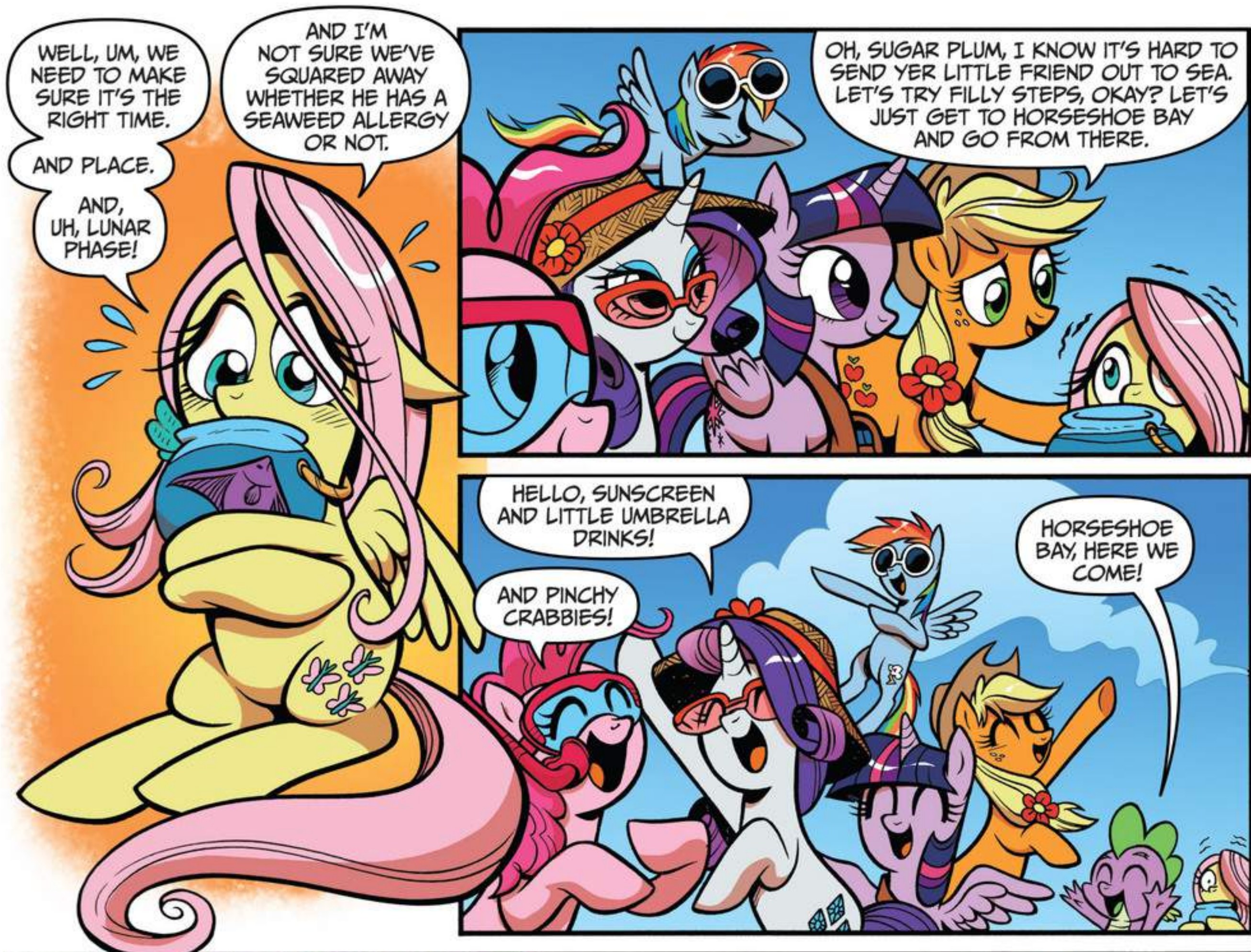
FLUTTERSHY, YOU DID A GREAT JOB OF HEALING GIL'S FIN, BUT IT IS TIME FOR HIM TO GO HOME.

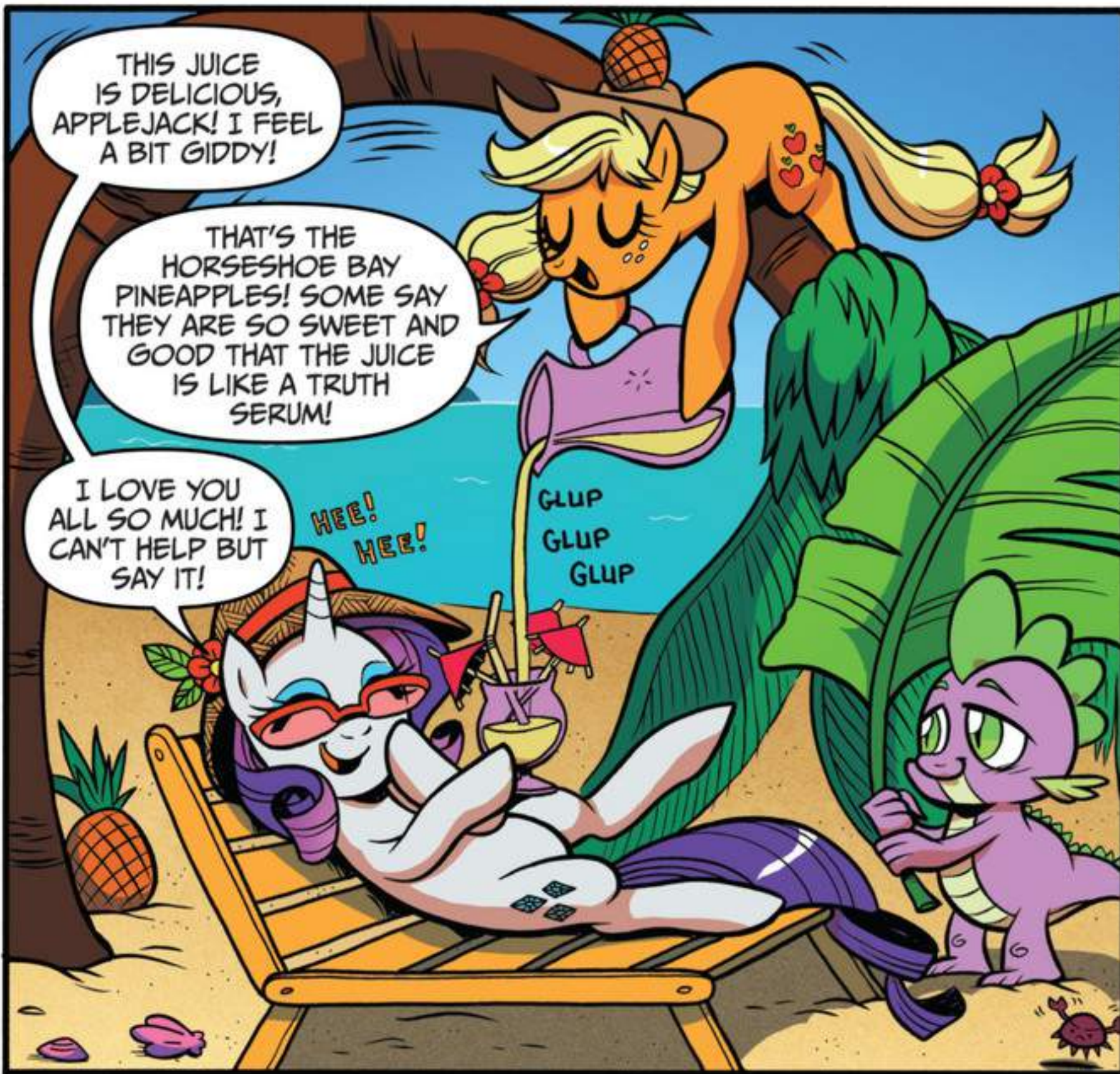
YEAH! I BET OL' GILLY BOY CAN SWIM A BAJILLION MILES AN HOUR NOW!



AND ONCE YOU SET HIM FREE, WE CAN CELEBRATE. MAYBE WITH ONE OF THOSE LITTLE UMBRELLA DRINKS, NO? I ADORE THEM!

I LOVE THE BEACH CRABBIES THAT PINCH YOUR HOOFSIES!





THIS JUICE IS DELICIOUS, APPLEJACK! I FEEL A BIT GIDDY!

THAT'S THE HORSESHOE BAY PINEAPPLES! SOME SAY THEY ARE SO SWEET AND GOOD THAT THE JUICE IS LIKE A TRUTH SERUM!

I LOVE YOU ALL SO MUCH! I CAN'T HELP BUT SAY IT!

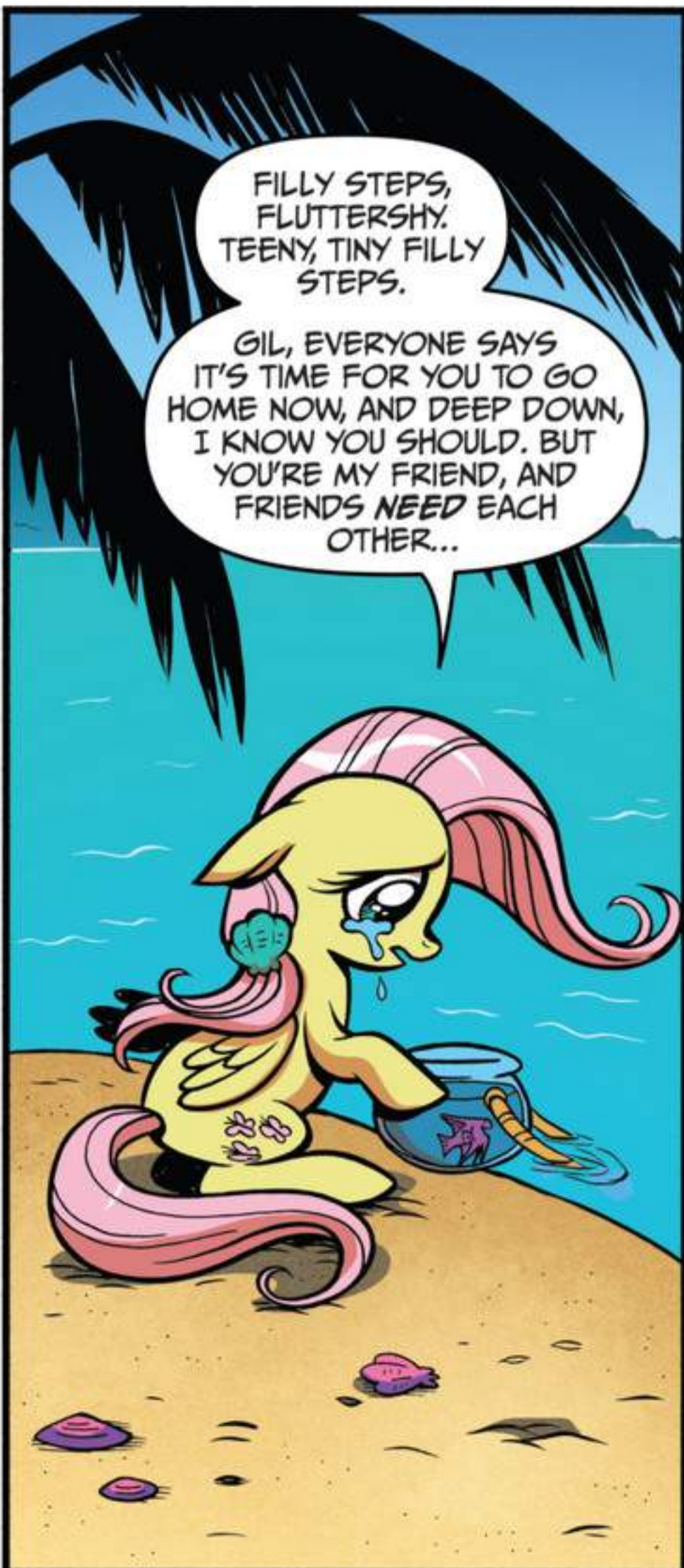
HEE!
HEE!

GLUP
GLUP
GLUP



AND I ACTUALLY THINK PUCE IS A NICE COLOR.

Hic!



FILLY STEPS, FLUTTERSHY. TEENY, TINY FILLY STEPS.

GIL, EVERYONE SAYS IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO HOME NOW, AND DEEP DOWN, I KNOW YOU SHOULD. BUT YOU'RE MY FRIEND, AND FRIENDS NEED EACH OTHER...

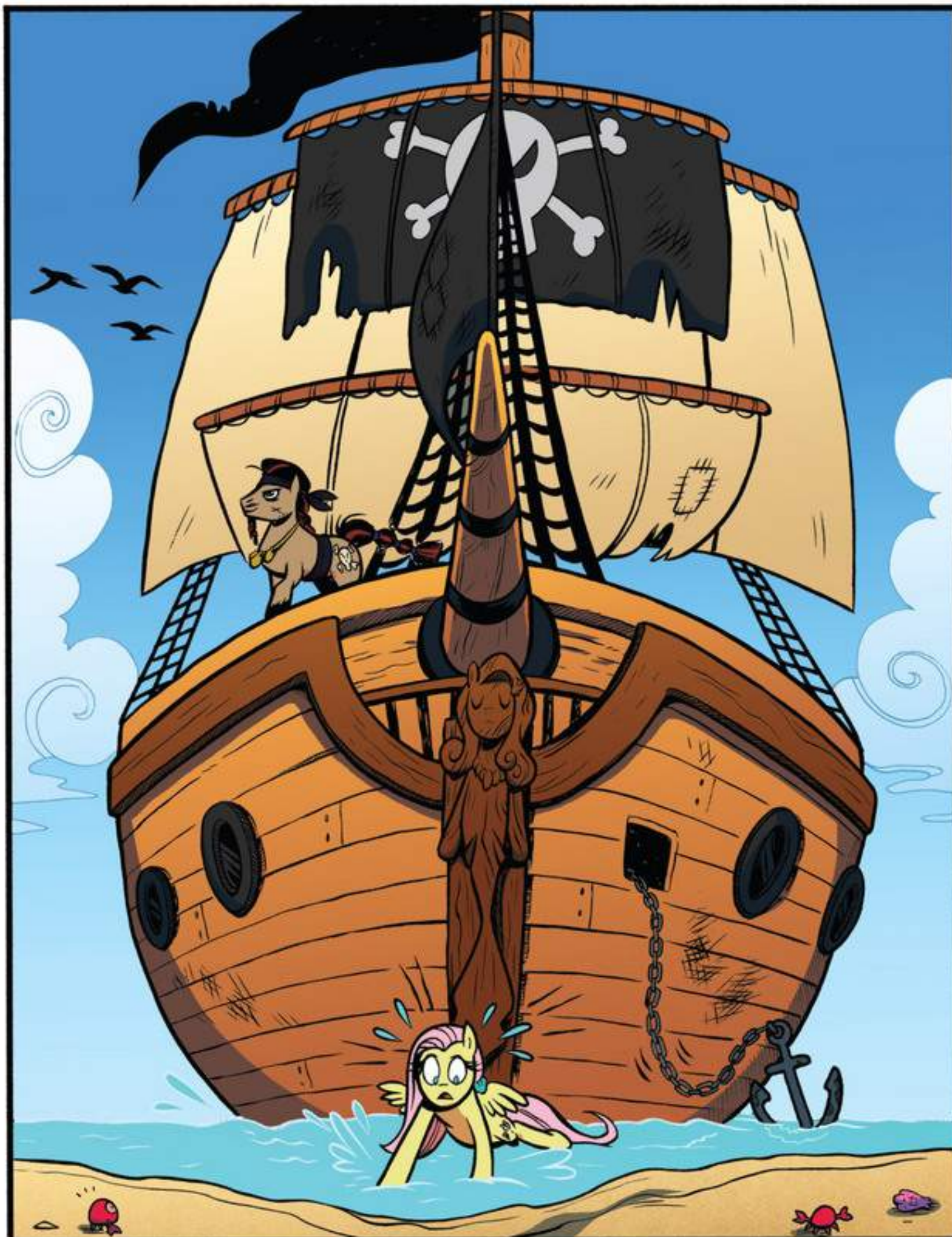


...AND I'M KEEPING YOU WITH ME FOREVER OR UNTIL I'M SURE YOU DON'T NEED ME ANYMORE. WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.



WHOOOSH!

PHEW! I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER NOW, DON'T YOU, GIL? I PROMISE I'LL NEVER, EVER, EVER LET ANYTHING BAD HAPPEN TO YOU!





WHAT?! A REAL PIRATE, RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!

YE WEE FILLIES SEEN ANY CREW-WORTHY STALLIONS 'ROUND THESE PARTS?

TALK ABOUT STALLIONS...



STALLIONS? NO. CREW-WORTHY? YES! YOU'RE LOOKIN' AT THE BEST CREW EVER, BUBS!

WE'RE SORRY, UH, SIR, OUR FRIEND HAS APPARENTLY SPENT TOO MUCH TIME IN THE SUN TODAY. THERE IS A TOWN NEARBY! PLENTY OF STRONG, EH, RUSTIC-TYPES THERE!



ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! WE COULD BE PIRATES! PIRATES!! I SPEAK PIRATE!

SINCE WHEN?

I'M IN! HELPING MAKE DREAMS REAL EVERY DAY!



MY BANDANA-LOVING FRIEND, THESE PONIES ARE THE FINEST FILLIES EVAH!

APPLEJACK CAN COOK IN THE GALLEY!

TWILIGHT IS A BRAINIAC ABOUT MAPS!

RARITY CAN PIRATE GEAR US ALL RIGHT UP!

PINKIE PIE... HAS HER ARMY OF CRABS!

SPIKE IS A-

PARROT?



CLOSE ENOUGH! AND FLUTTERSHY...

WAIT... WHERE'S FLUTTERSHY?

MFF!



WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?! AYE-AYE, CAPTAIN!

I MUST BE BRAVE FOR GIL...

FLUTTERSHEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!



I'M, UM, PIRATING?

UH, SILVER ME TUBERS! IS THAT RIGHT?

BLARGH!

IF SHE'S GOING, I'M GOING!

YIPEE!



WELL, HALF YER FRIENDS BE IN. YE BEST JOIN THEM!

HA! YOU HONESTLY THINK WE'RE GOING WITH YOU TO— WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

THE GALLOPINGHOST ISLANDS.



THE GALLOPINGHOST ISLANDS?! NO PONY CAN FIND THOSE ISLANDS! THEY'RE THE STUFF OF LEGEND.



AYE, ONLY THE CLEVEREST, BRIGHTEST NAVIGATORS CAN FIND THE WAY THERE. I'M SURE I CAN FIND SOME WORTHY PIRATES IN TOWN.

IF YE DON'T THINK YE'D BE SMART ENOUGH FER THE TASK...



ONLY THE BRIGHTEST NAVIGATORS, HUH?



WELL, IT MIGHT NOT BE FUN, BUT AT LEAST WE'RE HERE TO KEEP OUR KNUCKLEHEAD FRIENDS SAFE, RIGHT GUYS?

SIGH SPIKE WANT A CRACKER?

OH, I'LL SURVIVE.



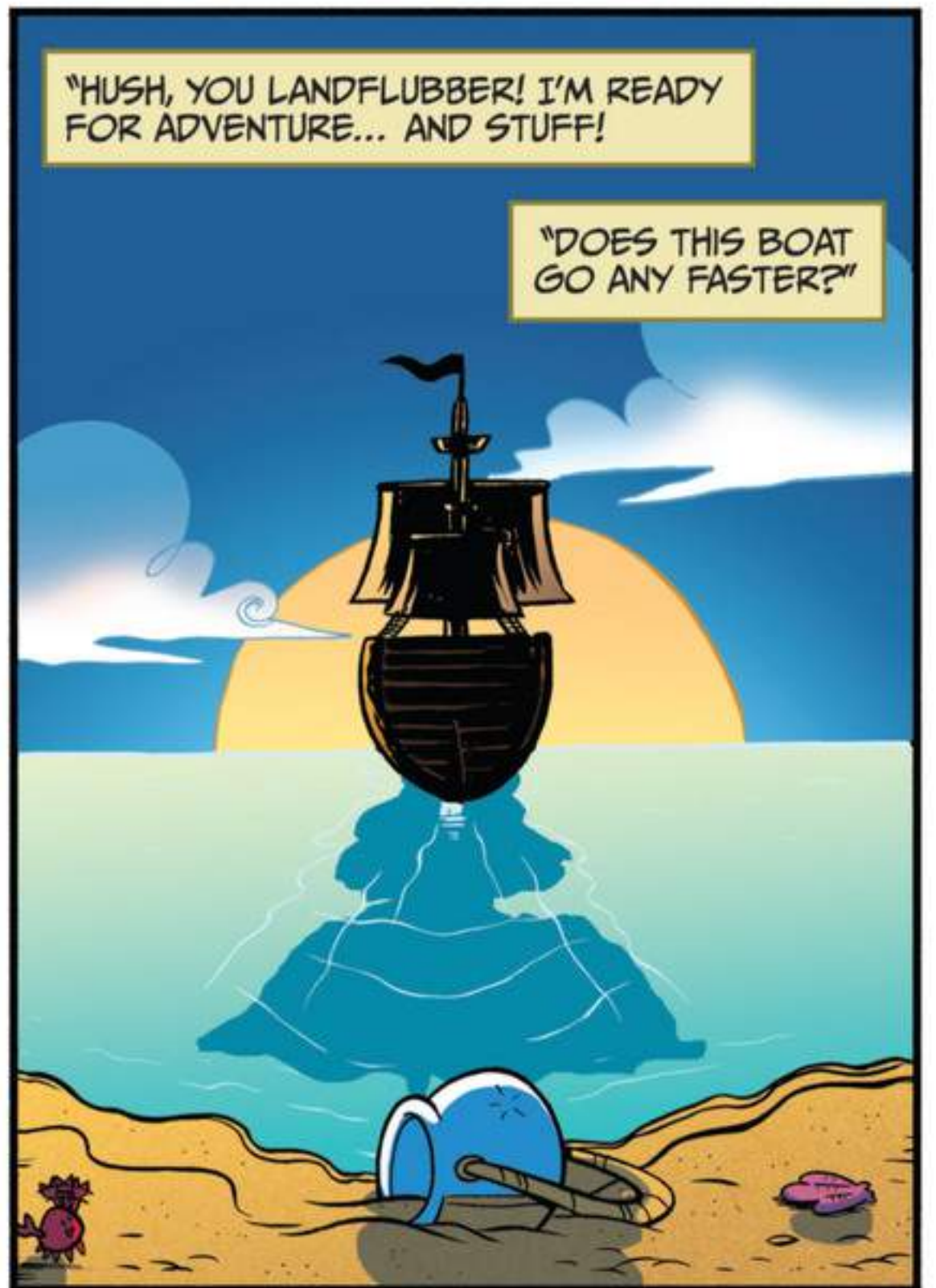
WELCOME TO THE SALTY SEA MARE! YOUR QUEST BE TWO-FOLD: FIND ME FORMER CREW, GET ME SPECIAL MAP BACK, AND MIND YER OWN BUSINESS, SAVVY?

THAT'S TRI-FOLD!

SEE, TWILIGHT, NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!

FLUTTERSHEY, ARE YOU SURE YOU WANNA DO THIS? NO OFFENSE, DARLIN', BUT PIRATING DOESN'T SEEM QUITE YER SPEED.

SURE... JUST A MYSTERIOUS CAPTAIN SENDING US TO DO HIS DIRTY WORK ON A FABLED ISLAND. WHAT COULD GO WRONG?



"HUSH, YOU LANDFLUBBER! I'M READY FOR ADVENTURE... AND STUFF!"

"DOES THIS BOAT GO ANY FASTER?"













BUT ME ANCHOR BE RUSTIER!

AND ME MARE BE THE FAIREST!

AVAST, ME HEARTIES!

UGH! CAN'T ANYPONY HEAR ME?!

IT'S LIKE I'M SPEAKING A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE!

AYE, BUT ME MOM BE THE PROUDEST!

MOM



WHICH ONE OF YE SCALLYWAGS CAN POINT US TOWARD THE MAP OF THE WANDERING X?



WELL, I'LL BE—OUR DASHIE CAN SPEAK PIRATE!

THE MAP OF THE WANDERING X AIN'T FOR NO LILY-LIVERED LANDLUBBERS. WHO BE ASKING?



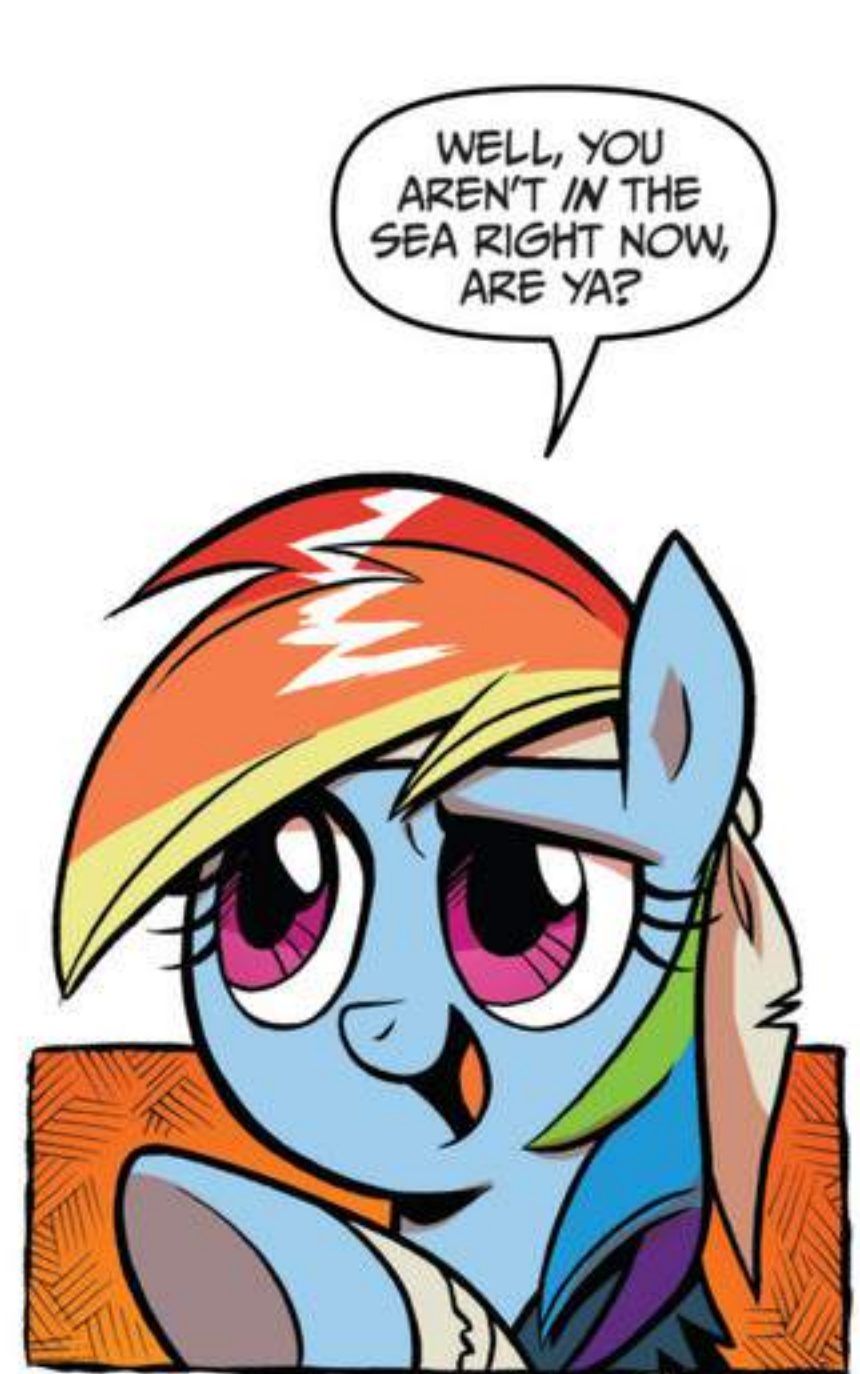
THE FOUR PONIES OF THE APOCALYPSE, THAT'S WHO!



WE'RE THE MOST ROUGHEST, TOUGHEST PIRATE CREW KNOWN TO THE SEA!

YEPPER! I MEAN, ARGH!

THEN WHY HAVEN'T WE HEARD OF YE?



WELL, YOU AREN'T IN THE SEA RIGHT NOW, ARE YA?



WHO'S THIS MAP REALLY FOR? ONLY ONE PIRATE BE CRAZY ENOUGH TO GO WANTIN' IT.



IT BE FOR ME OWN PEEPERS ALONE, SAVVY?

RAINBOW DASH!



HA! IF YE CAN DISARM US, WE'LL TAKE YOU TO YER PRECIOUS MAP.

A PROPER SWASHBUCKLE! *SQUEE!*

CHING

BOING!



HEY, YOOU GUUYS!

SWING

Klonk

POW!

Kick!



OH, PIRATES CAN DANCE, BUT THE FOUR PONIES OF THE APOCALYPSE WILL RUE THE DAY! APOCALYPSE, YAY!



ANY LAST WORDS BEFORE YE BE HUMILIATED?

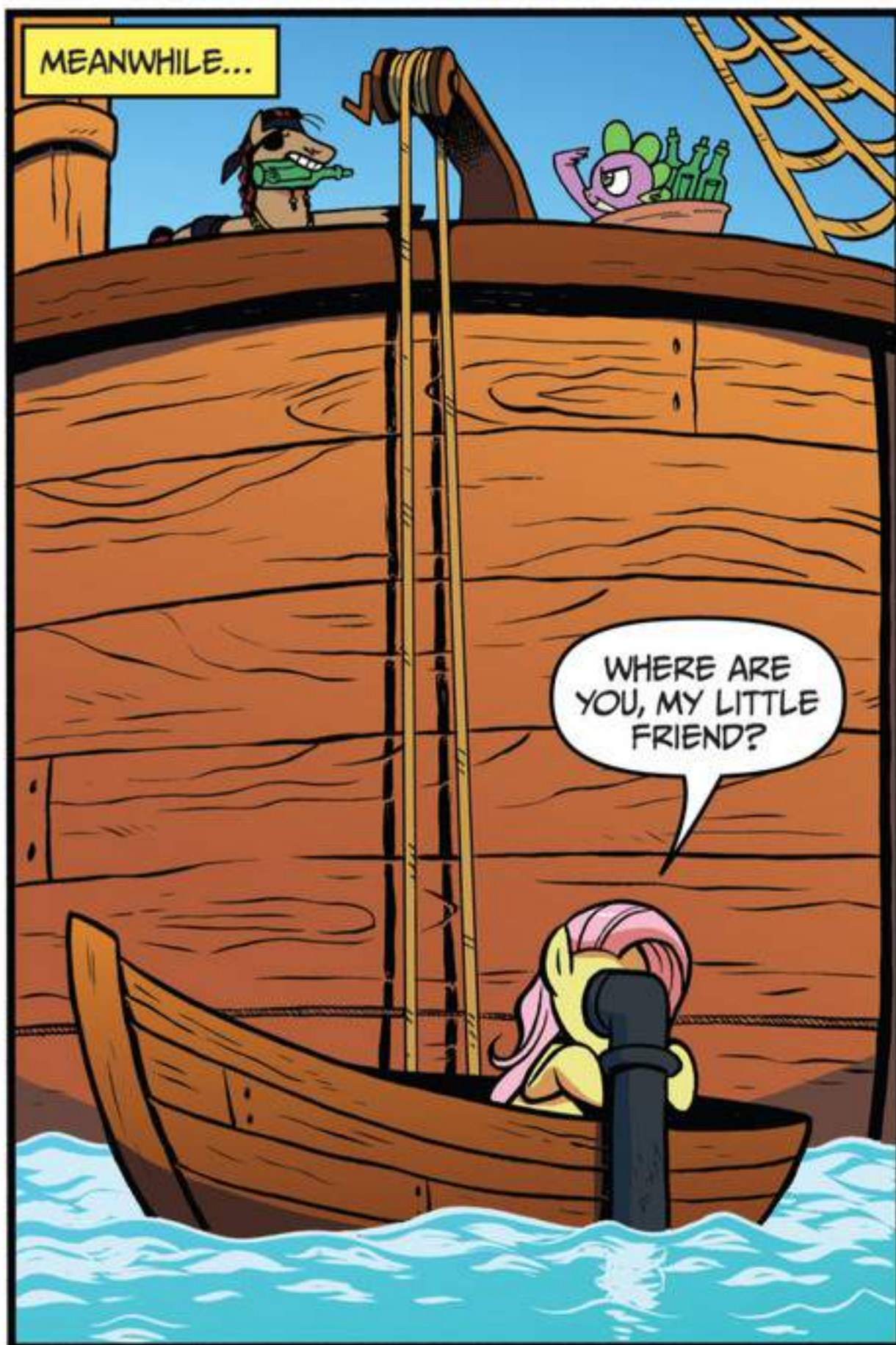


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Klank

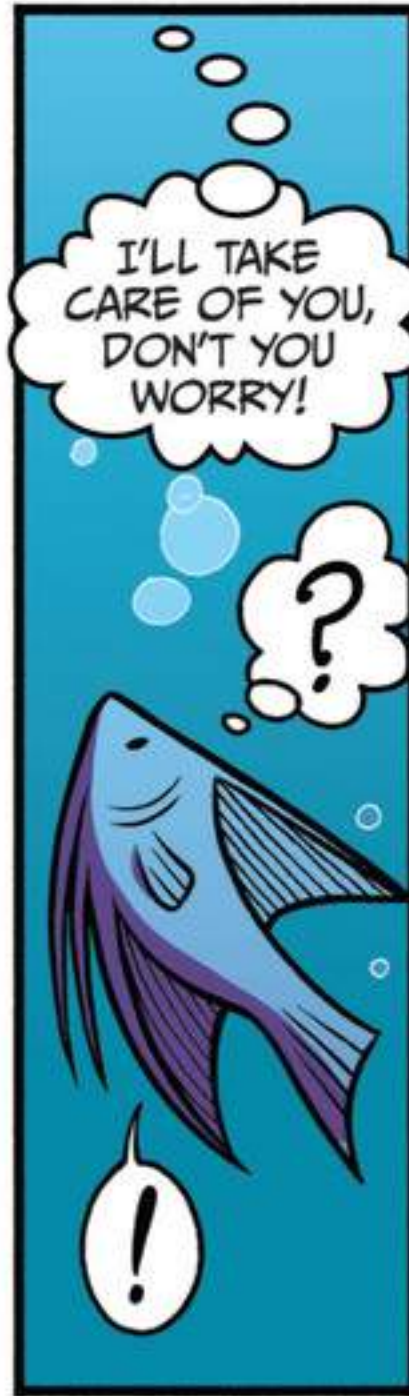
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YOU MUST BE SO TIRED!



I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU, DON'T YOU WORRY!

?

!



BOY, YOU CAN SWIM FAST NOW!



REUNITED! LET'S JUST KEEP THIS OUR SPECIAL SECRET FOR NOW. IT MIGHT TAKE A WHILE FOR THE OTHERS TO UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH I NEED YOU— I MEAN, YOU AREN'T READY TO LEAVE YET.

SPLOSH!



TALKIN' TO COCONUTS? IT BE EARLY IN THE VOYAGE FER CABIN FEVER.

GET SOME REST! I'LL SEE YOU SOON!



OH, SORRY. I WAS JUST... I'M VERY EAGER TO BE ON THIS VOYAGE, SIR.

YOU'RE EXCITEMENT IS ADMIRABLE... WHAT DID THEY CALL YOU?





FEELING... CHATTY, CAPTAIN?

TRY YER BEST, ORANGE PONY. I KEEP ME CARDS CLOSE TO THE VEST FER A REASON.



WHAT ARE YA WRITING IN THOSE MESSAGES THAT SPIKE KEEPS THROWING IN THE SEA?

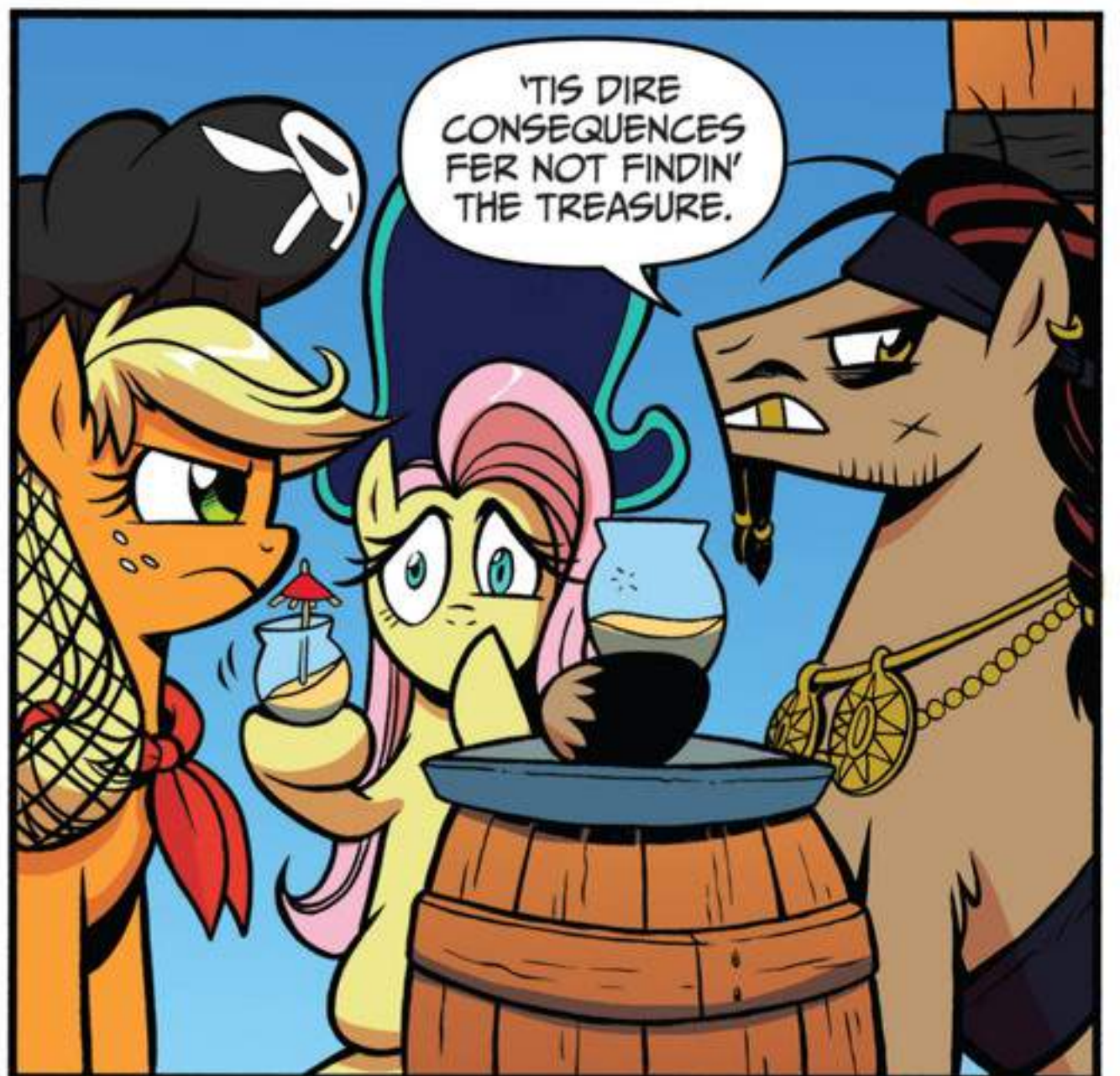
HA! THEY BE LOVE LETTERS, OF COURSE.



MAYBE YOU WANNA TELL ME ABOUT THIS TREASURE YER SO GUNG-HO TO GET AFTER?

...IT BE THE GREATEST TREASURE OF THEM ALL, BUT THE PATH BE MORE ELUSIVE THAN ANY VOYAGE KNOWN TO PIRATE.

GULP



'TIS DIRE CONSEQUENCES FER NOT FINDIN' THE TREASURE.



AND WHAT CONSEQUENCES ARE THOSE?

I CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT ME TREASURE. IF I FAIL, I'LL BE TAKIN' A ONE-WAY TRIP TO WAVY BONES' LOCKER!

ALL BECAUSE THAT DASTARDLY CREW STOLE ME MAP!

H-C



PARDON, BUT "DASTARDLY"? MY FRIENDS ARE OUT THERE LOOKIN' FOR THIS DASTARDLY CREW?! THEY COULD BE HURT!

YER FRIENDS WILL BE FINE, SO LONG AS THEY DON'T START A QUARREL.



SO, YE BE WANTING THE MAP OF THE WANDERING X, AYE?

ONLY TROUBLE CAN COME FROM THAT BIT OF PARCHMENT!



OOOH, TROUBLE! SCARY PIRATES ARE SCARED OF PAPER?! HA!



IT'S OKAY—I'M SCARED OF A LOT OF SILLY THINGS! LIKE GIANT SPIDERS!

AND DARK, STORMY DAYS!

AND CLOWNS IN FOOTIE PAJAMAS! IT'S OKAY TO BE SCARED OF THINGS THAT AREN'T SCARY!



THROW THEM IN THE BRIG—FOREVER!

WHOA! HOLD ON THERE, MR. PIRATE! WE MEAN NO DISRESPECT.

SPEAK FOR YERSELF, PRINCESS!



PRINCESS, EH?!

YEPEROO! PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE! SHE'S FANCY AND EVERYTHING!

SQUISH!



WE HAD NO IDEA. PLEASE FORGIVE OUR MANNERS. WE'VE NEVER MET A TRUE PRINCESS BEFORE.

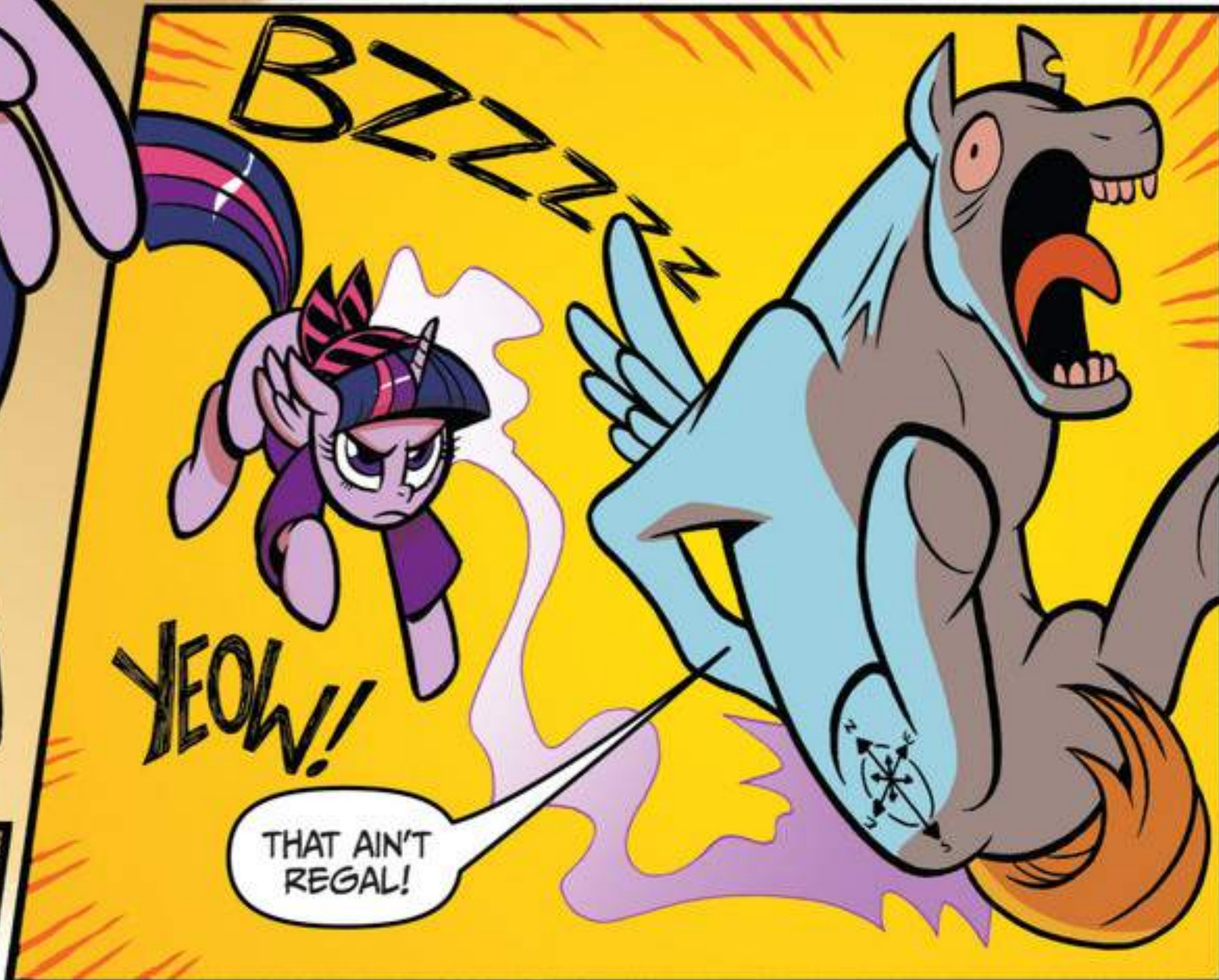
CERTAINLY THERE BE LANDLUBBERS WANTIN' YER SAFE RETURN?



I AM A PRINCESS. IF YOU ALL TAKE US SAFELY TO THE MAP, I WILL SHARE WHATEVER TREASURE WE MAY FIND. MY WORD IS MY BOND.



AYE, BUT I RECKON A RANSOM WOULD BE MORE... AGREEABLE.



THAT AIN'T REGAL!



HA! DON'T MAKE HER ANGRY!

YOU WOULDN'T LIKE HER WHEN SHE'S ANGRY!



MY DEAL STILL STANDS! TAKE US SAFELY AND YOU'LL GET YOUR REWARD.

TWILIGHT, IT'S CALLED "BOOTY"!

HEHE! BOOTY... TAKE OUR BOOTIES TO THE BOOTY!

ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT!



"BUT YE BE WARNED, THE PIRATE WHO YEARNS FOR THIS MAP BE MAD!"



WHY SAYS ARE YOU SO SURE THIS IS FOR SOMEONY ELSE?

LOOK AT THE LOT OF YA—A PRINCESS, A FANCY FROCK, A PINK THING, AND A WANNABE PIRATE—IT'S THE ONLY CREW HE COULD GET.

"HE"?

SLAP!



HOOFBEARD, OF COURSE!

HOOFBEARD?! HOOFBEARD?! I KNEW HE LOOKED FAMILIAR! HE'S THE COOLEST PIRATE EVER!

...AND THE MANGIEST, MEANEST, CRAZIEST PIRATE THAT EVER BE KNOWN!



"WE WERE HIS CREW, ON A QUEST FOR TREASURE USING THE MAP YE SEEK—THE MAP THAT LEADS NOWHERE."

"THE X MARKED THE SPOT. EVERY SPOT. THE X MOVED, AND WE ALONG WITH IT."

"WE WERE CHASING A GHOST, WE WERE... AND IT DROVE THE CAPTAIN MAD!"



MAD? AS IN CRAZY?

MAD AS IN EVIL! THE MAP WAS CURSED, NO DOUBT. CAN'T BE DESTROYED, CAN'T BE LOST. THE CAPTAIN WAS GOING TO END HIMSELF AND ALL OF US. SO WE TOOK IT AND PUT IT WHERE WE KNEW WE'D NEVER GET IT BACK.

AND WHERE BE SUCH A PLACE THAT FEARSOME PIRATES FEAR TO TREAD?

HEH, YOU THREW IT DOWN A HOLE?

IT AIN'T THE PLACE THAT BE THE BAD. 'TIS THE CREATURE. MEET THE GHOST OF THE GALLOPINGHOST ISLANDS, LADIES.



THIS PLACE FEELS... BAD.

NOPONY IS BRAVE ENOUGH TO VENTURE INTO ITS LAIR AND RETRIEVE THE MAP.

YOU GUYS, IT'S JUST A LITTLE—



CRACKLE-GRUNTS

SPIDE-SPIDE

CRABBIE!

GULP!

SORRY, PRINCESS! YER ON YER OWN! WE'LL INVOICE YE!

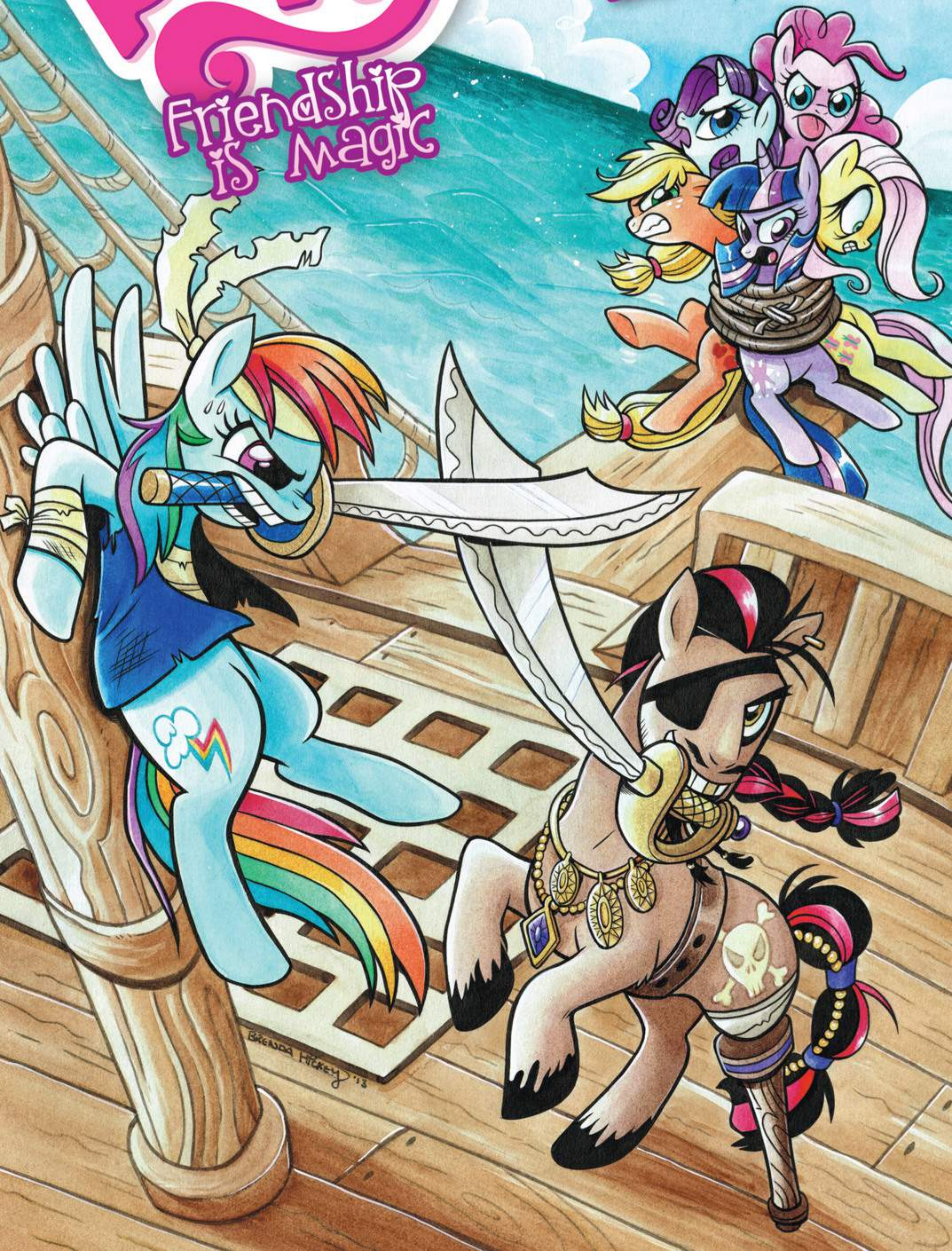
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