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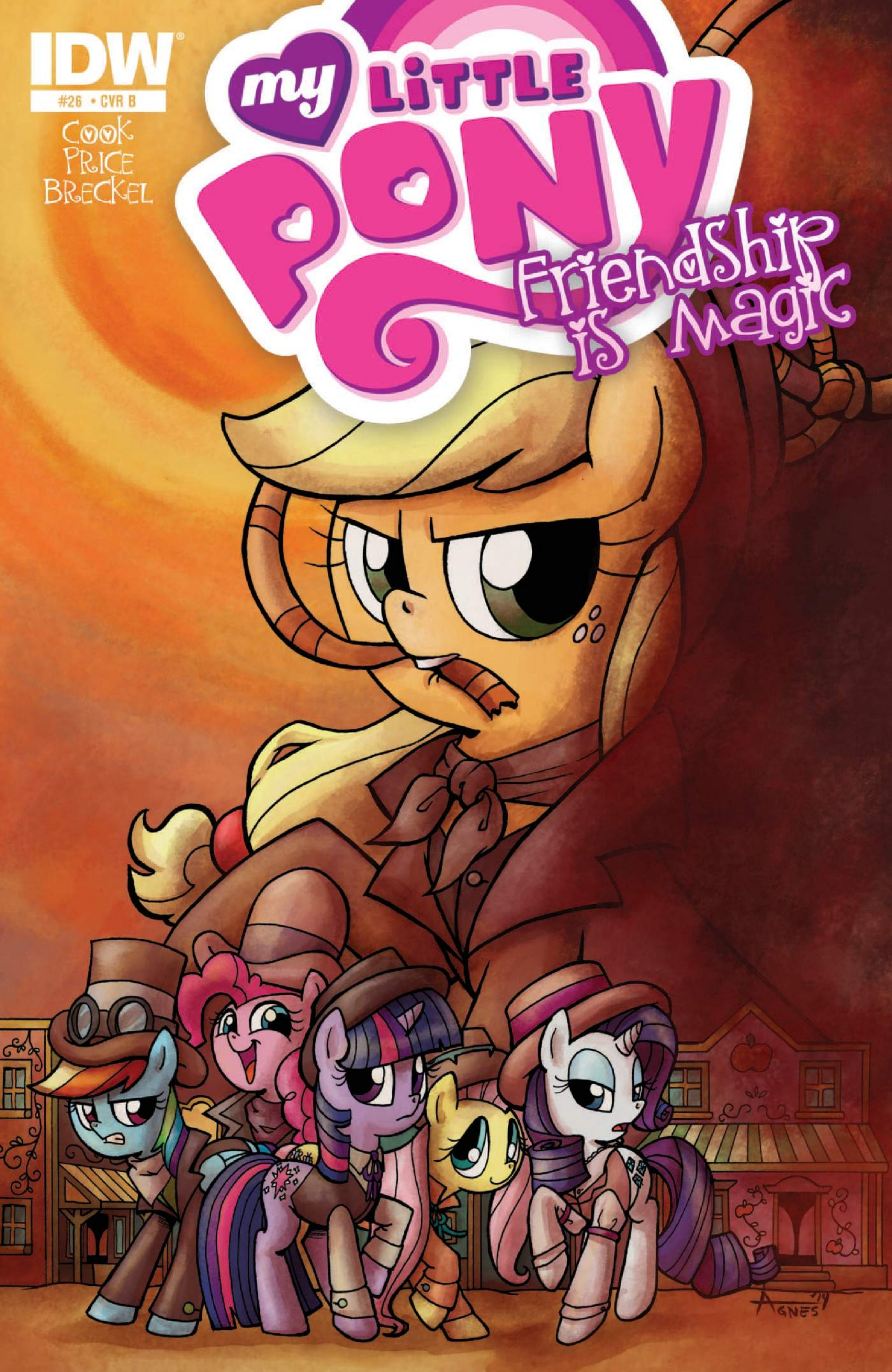
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...AND THE WHOLE TOWN OF CANTER CREEK TEAMED UP TO DEFEAT THE CATTLE RUSTLER GANG, ONLY TO HAVE EVERYTHING FAIL.

WHAT HAPPENED?!



WELL, TO BE FAIR, IT WASN'T A VERY GOOD PLAN. A FENCE AND SOME MAPLE SYRUP IS HARDLY GOING TO STOP A FULL-GROWN STEER. EVEN THE SHERIFF LOST HEART AND GAVE UP.

WELL, HOW DOES THE STORY END? IS IT A HAPPY ENDING OR DID THE CATTLE RUSTLERS WIN?



EH? OH! THE ENDING!



WHO KNOWS HOW IT'LL END? IT'S ALL HAPPENING NOW RIGHT OVER THERE!

HIGH PLAINS PONIES

by Katie, Andy, Heather, Neil, Bobby, and the rest of the stablehands



TUMBLEWEED!
WILL YOU GET
BACK OVER
HERE?

NO, MA'AM. I HAVE GIVEN
UP MY LIFE AS THE LAW TO
BECOME A HUMBLE SALOON
PIANO PLAYER. I MAY EVEN
CHANGE MY NAME TO
"HONKY TONK."



FORGET HIM!
WE NEED TO COME
UP WITH SOMETHING
ELSE... OUR LAST
PLAN FAILED.

FAILED
BIG TIME!



SIGH. WE MAY
AS WELL GET USED
TO LONGHORN BEING
IN CHARGE. HE'S
GOING TO WIN IN
THE END.

THAT'S A
DEFEATIST
ATTITUDE.

I'M SURE
WE CAN THINK
OF SOMETHING
ELSE!



IF YOU WOULD
JUST BLAST THEM
AWAY WITH YOUR MAGIC,
WE COULD ALL GO
HOME TOMORROW.

I TOLD YOU,
THE CATTLE
RUSTLERS ARE
COWS. THEY ARE
LEGAL CITIZENS OF
EQUESTRIA AND I
CAN'T JUST "BOOM.
MAGIC. THE
END" THEM!



LAME.

UH...
EVERYPONY? I
THINK YOU SHOULD
SEE THIS...



WHAT'S HE DOING HERE ALL GUSSIED UP FOR?

IS HE IN A CRAVAT? WITH HIS NECK LINE? A BOLD CHOICE!



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HE'S GOING TO THE TOWN CLERK?



WHAT ARE THOSE PAPERS?



MA'AM.



WE HAVE A PROBLEM!

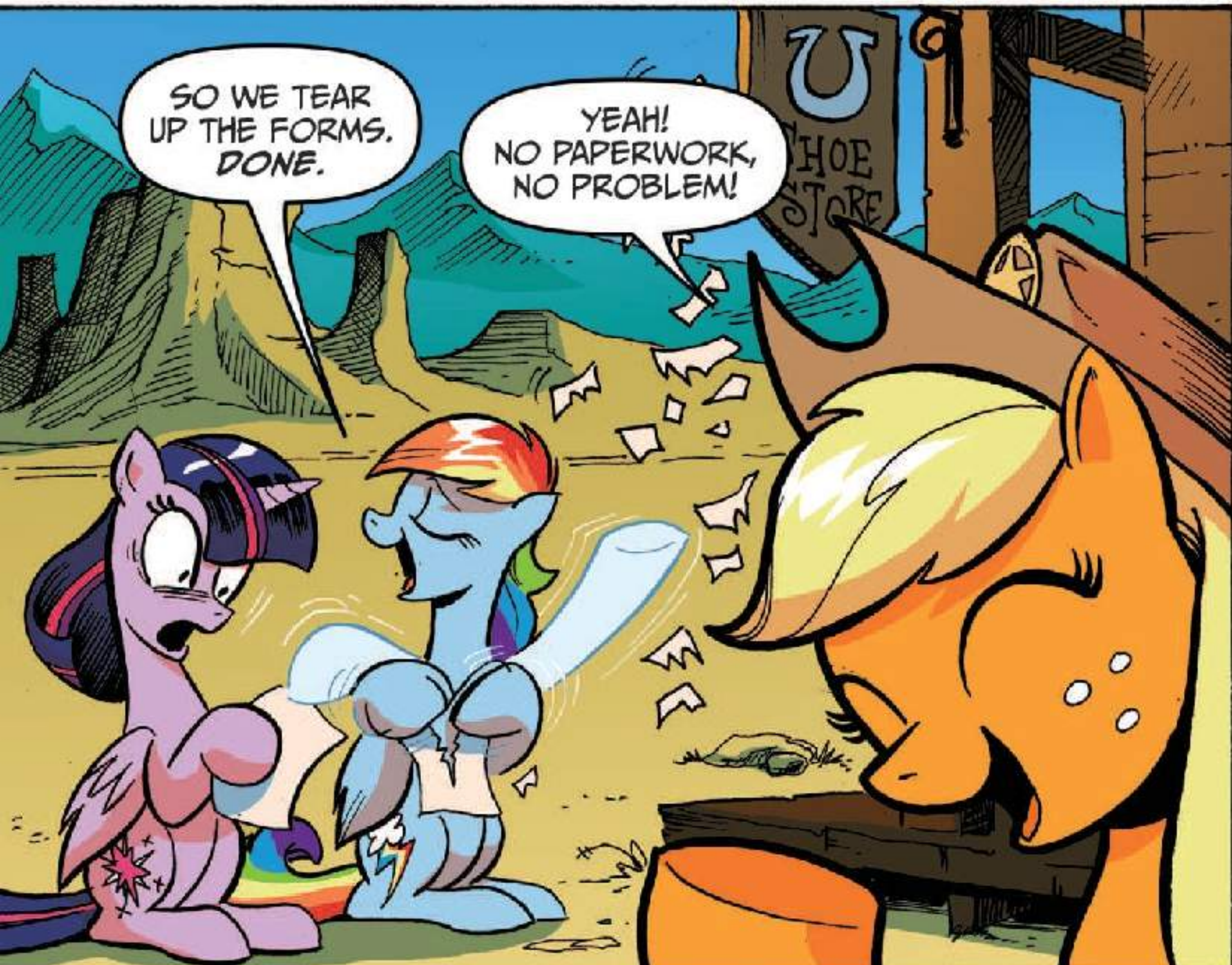


LONGHORN HAS FILED THE PAPERWORK TO LEGALLY ACQUIRE RANCHO BRONCO!

HE'S HAVING THE RANCH DECLARED ABANDONED BY CHILI PEPPER. LONGHORN HAS LIVED ON THE PROPERTY FOR MONTHS AND HAS THE RIGHT TO APPLY FOR THE DEED. IT'S ALL LEGIT, IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING, HE'LL OWN THE PROPERTY IN SEVEN DAYS.

WHAT?!

NO!



SO WE TEAR UP THE FORMS. DONE.

YEAH! NO PAPERWORK, NO PROBLEM!



DON'T YOU DARE. THESE ARE NOTARIZED. WE CAN'T JUST MAKE THEM DISAPPEAR! IT'S ILLEGAL!



DARN IT.

WE NEED TO THINK OF A NEW PLAN AND FAST!

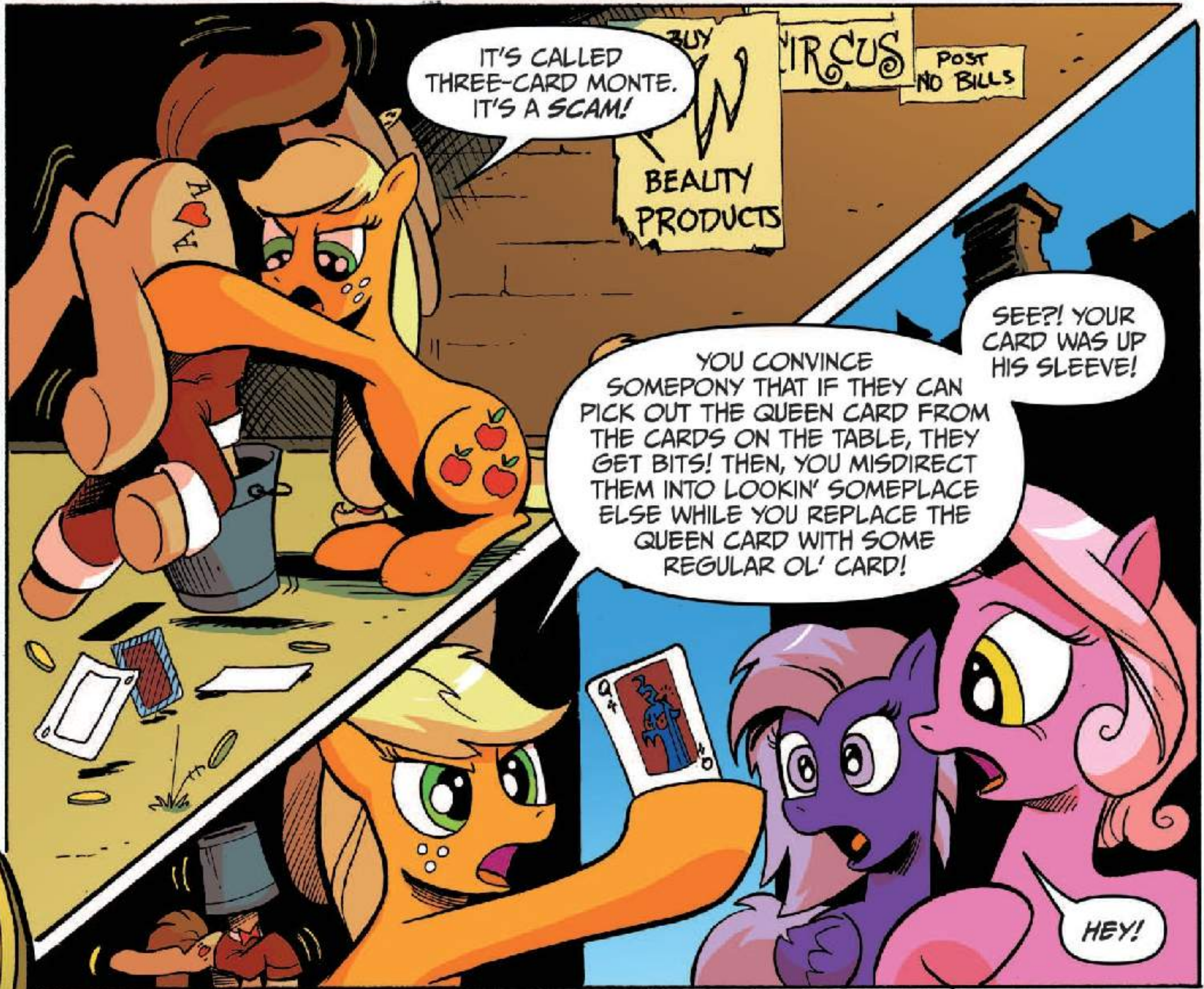


WHAT'S ALL THIS?



GAMBLIN'?! NOT IN MY TOWN!

IS THAT WHAT THEY'RE DOING? IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE JUST PLAYING CARDS!



IT'S CALLED THREE-CARD MONTE. IT'S A SCAM!

YOU CONVINCE SOMEONY THAT IF THEY CAN PICK OUT THE QUEEN CARD FROM THE CARDS ON THE TABLE, THEY GET BITS! THEN, YOU MISDIRECT THEM INTO LOOKIN' SOMEPLACE ELSE WHILE YOU REPLACE THE QUEEN CARD WITH SOME REGULAR OL' CARD!

SEE?! YOUR CARD WAS UP HIS SLEEVE!

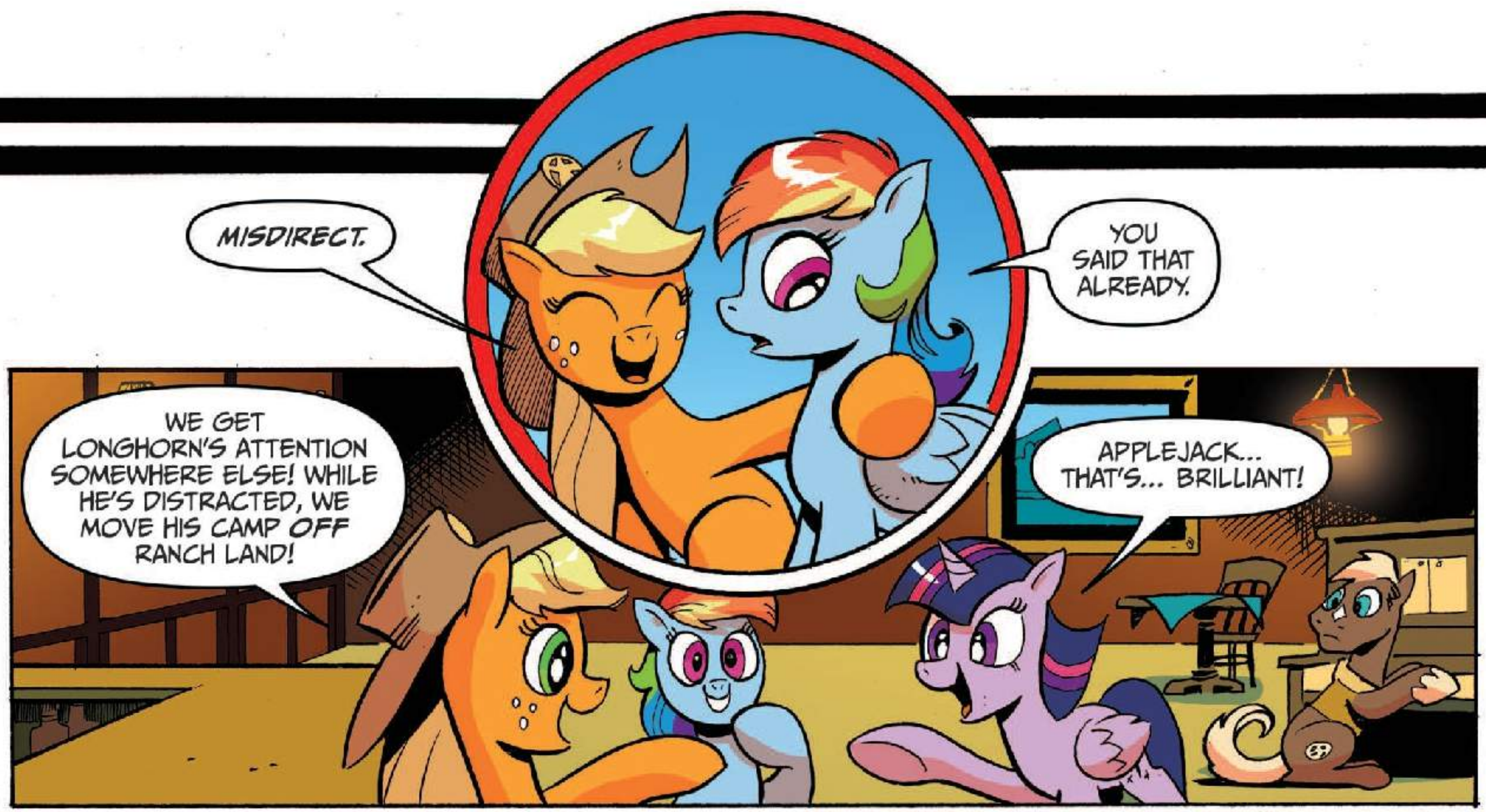
HEY!



WAIT A MINUTE...

I HAVE AN IDEA.

GIN!



MISDIRECT.

YOU SAID THAT ALREADY.

WE GET LONGHORN'S ATTENTION SOMEWHERE ELSE! WHILE HE'S DISTRACTED, WE MOVE HIS CAMP OFF RANCH LAND!

APPLEJACK... THAT'S... BRILLIANT!



BUT HE ALREADY FILED THE PAPERWORK? WHAT WILL MOVING THE CAMP DO?

I GET IT! IF HE DOESN'T LIVE ON THE PROPERTY, HIS CLAIM IS NO GOOD! WE CAN SAY IT WAS NEVER ON THE RANCH IN THE FIRST PLACE!

EXACTLY.



SO HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO... FIRST UP, TWILIGHT, I NEED YOU TO GO THROUGH HIS PAPERWORK LIKE THE WEIRDO YOU ARE. IF THERE'S SO MUCH AS AN "I" THAT ISN'T CROSSED, YOU CALL HIM OUT ON IT. USE THAT RED TAPE.

RIGHT!

RED TAPE? ARE WE WRAPPING A PRESENT?



WAIT... WEIRDO?



REST UP, BOYS. IN A FEW DAYS... WE'RE MOVING INTO THE HOUSE ON THE RANCH.

DOES THAT MEAN WE GET BEDS? I'VE BEEN USING A CACTUS AS A PILLOW FOR MONTHS.



TELEGRAM FOR MR. LONGHORN!

?



GROAN... I MISSED SOME PLACE I NEEDED TO INITIAL IN ALL THAT PAPERWORK?! I HATE STUFF.

NOW NOW, BUREAUCRACY IS IMPORTANT! IT'S THE REASON YOU CAN MAKE A PLAY FOR THIS LAND, AFTER ALL.

WHAT, NO TIP?



I'M RUNNING INTO TOWN TO TAKE CARE OF THIS. HOLD DOWN THE FORT WHILE I'M GONE.

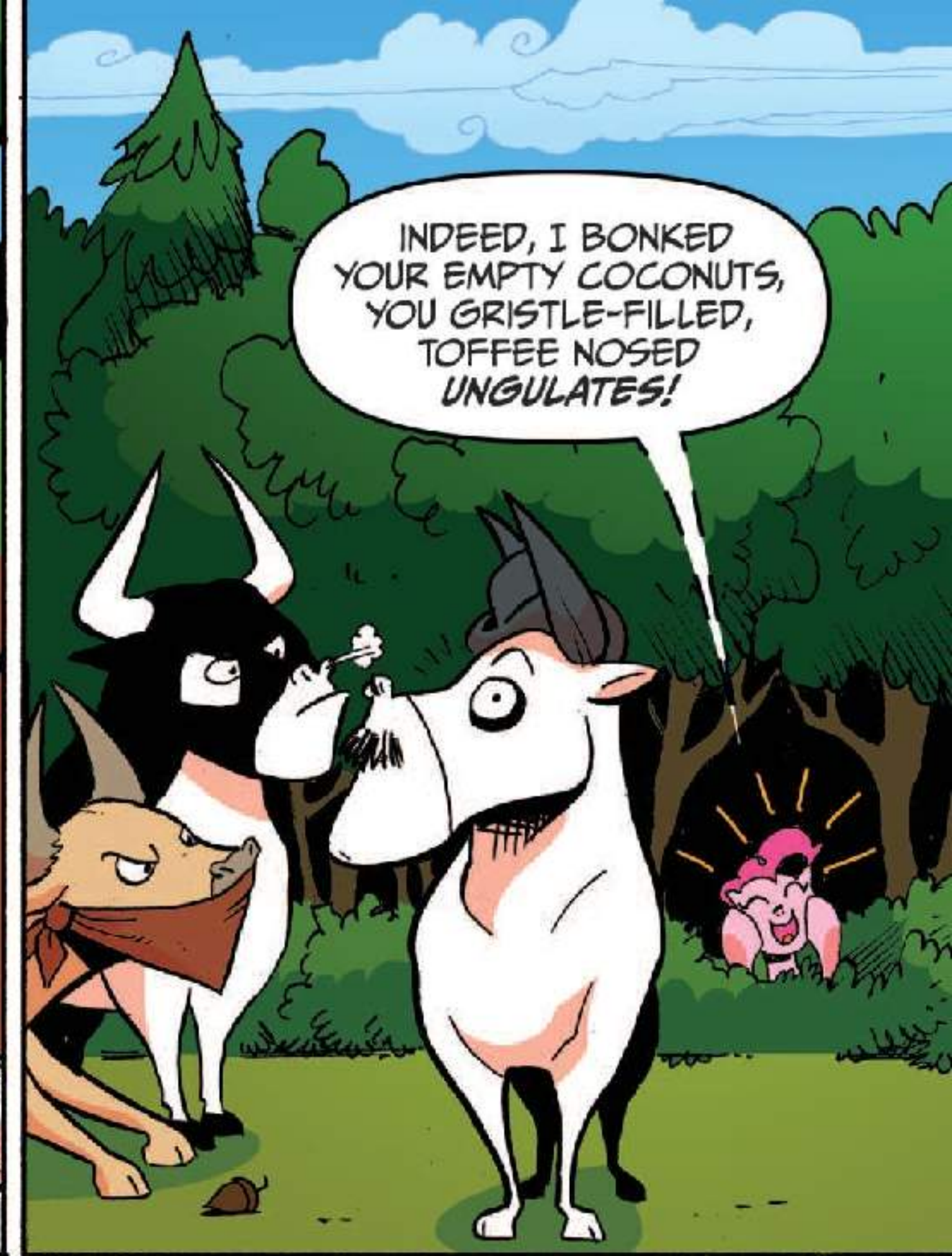
HAVE FUN!



WAIT! HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO MOVE ALL THIS WHILE THE OTHER BULLS ARE STILL HERE?!

UHH...

I SAY WE IMPROVISE!



MEANWHILE, AT THE CANTER CREEK CLERK OFFICE...



THE NEXT MORNING.



THAT WAS A BUST. WE NEED TO GET EVERY ONE OF THE CATTLE RUSTLERS OUT OF THE CAMP!

AND WE'LL NEED MORE PONIES. IT'S A LOT TO MOVE.



LET'S GET THE TOWN PONIES INVOLVED. I'LL GO PUT OUT THE WORD.

I'LL HELP YOU, RAINBOW DASH.



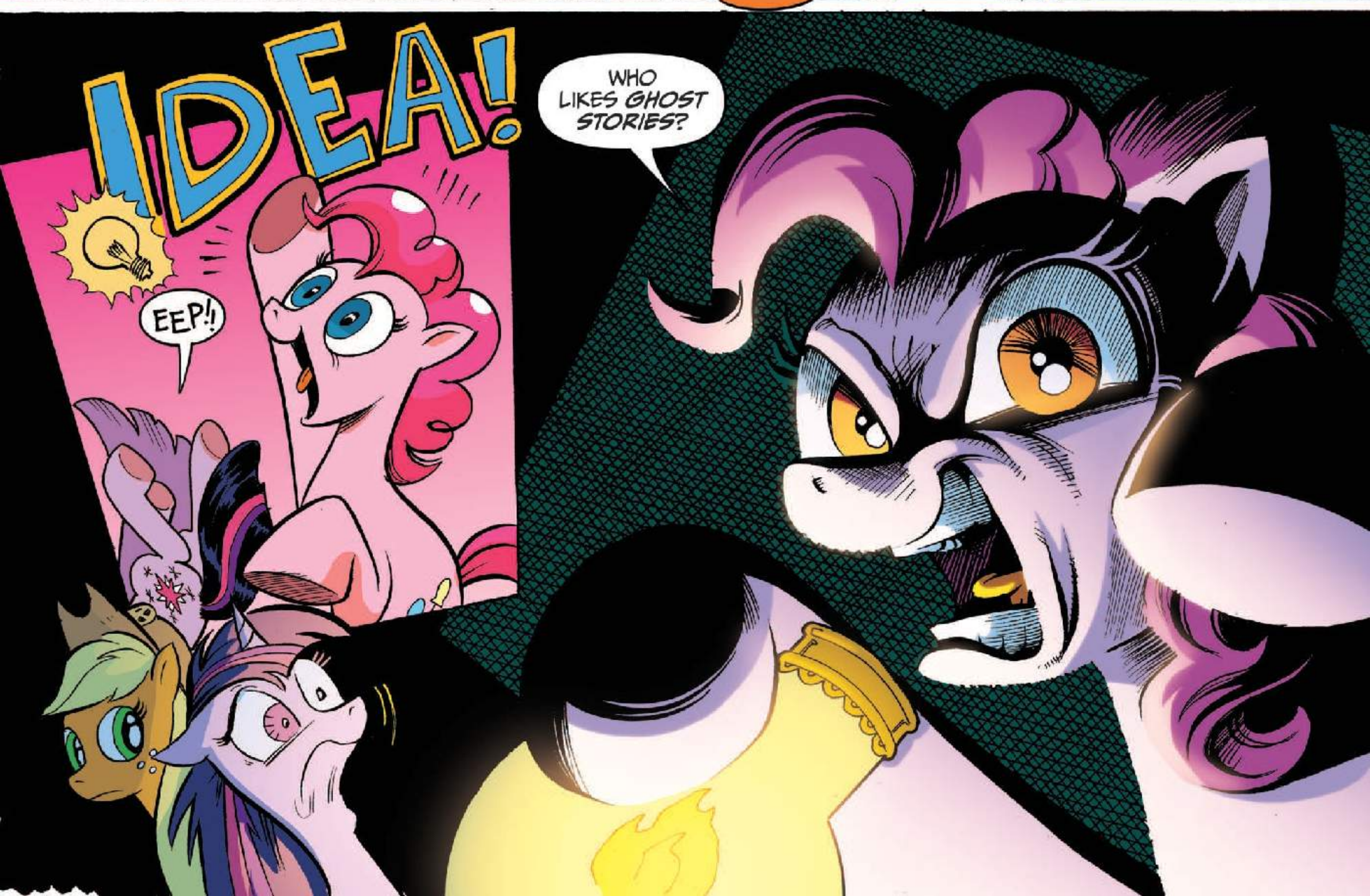
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST A PIANO PLAYER NOW?

I CAN TALK TO A FEW PONIES FOR YOU, IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT IT'S SOMETHING.

IDEA!

EEP!

WHO LIKES GHOST STORIES?





TELEGRAM FOR A MR. LONGHORN!

NOT AGAIN!



ANOTHER MISSED INITIAL? AND I DIDN'T DOT AN "I"?! THIS IS RIDICULOUS.



HEY! DID YOU HEAR THE STORY ABOUT HOW THESE MOUNTAINS ARE HAUNTED?

WHO SAID THAT?



ZIP



YEAH, THEY SAY THE GHOST OF AN OOOOOLD PROSPECTOR PONY HAUNTS THESE MOUNTAINS... SEARCHING FOR THE GOLD THAT HE NEVER FOUND IN LIFE.

YIPE!



THEY SAY YOU CAN STILL HEAR HIS PROSPECTING PANS CLANGING AS HE APPROACHES. CLANG. CLANG!

!

CLANGCLANG



CLANGCLANG



IT'S THE PROSPECTOR'S GHOST! RUN!

HE'S AFTER MY GOLD TOOTH! I KNOW IT!



LET'S PICK IT ALL UP, PONIES! IT'S MOVING THREE MILES THAT WAY.

EVEN THE CACTI? THEY'RE POKEY.



EVEN THE CACTI, RIGHT DOWN TO THE SMALLEST ROCK. IT'S GOT TO LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME. LET'S MOVE IT.



I'M TELLING YOU, I ALREADY SIGNED THAT ONE.

I'M SORRY, SIR. BUT AS YOU CAN SEE... YOU DIDN'T. JUST SIGN IT NOW AND WE'LL GET THIS ALL FILED.

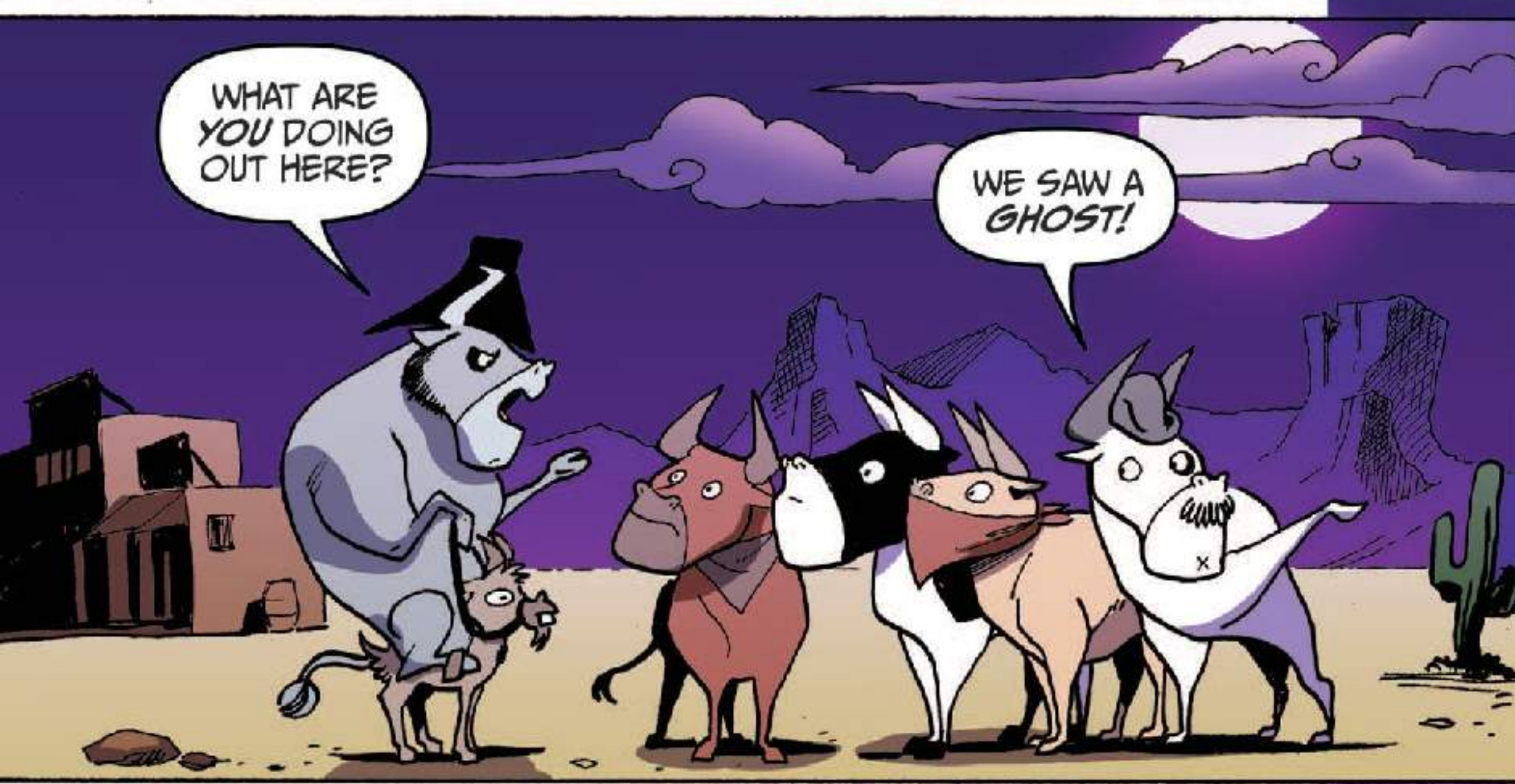
CLERK



THERE.



Giggle!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?

WE SAW A GHOST!



IDIOTS.



THAT WALK SEEMED SHORTER THAN USUAL.

THE TRIP HOME ALWAYS FEELS FASTER THAN THE JOURNEY AWAY, THEY SAY!

HEY! THERE'S MY FAVORITE CACTUS TO SCRATCH MY BACK ON!



WHEN'S SUPPER? I'M STARVED.

COMING RIGHT UP!

NOPE.

ZIP

12 FEET. WE MISSED THE PROPERTY LINE BY 12 FEET. THEY'RE STILL ON THE RANCH!

WHAT?! WHO LET THAT HAPPEN?!



SO WHAT? WE CALL HIM BACK OUT HERE AND MOVE IT AGAIN. NO BIGGIE.

YES, RECREATE THE SCENE THAT TOOK AN ENTIRE TOWN TO ORCHESTRATE AND THEN MOVE AN ENTIRE CAMPSITE ALL OVER AGAIN. EASY.

NOT NECESSARILY...



OH! TELEGRAM PONY! DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE UNIFORMS?!

I HAVE A NAME... AND YES! I DO HAVE ANOTHER ONE. WHY?

GO GET IT.



TELEGRAM FOR...

DON'T SAY IT.



THIS IS THE LAST TIME WE MEET. GOT IT?

GULP YES SIR!





YOU KNOW, I WORRY ABOUT THE BOSS'S BLOOD PRESSURE.



YEP, HE SHOULD CUT BACK ON HIS SALT INTAKE.

UM, EXCUSE ME?



I... ER... HAVE A MESSAGE FOR... OH... OH DEAR... UM...



EEP!



SHE'S SO CUTE!



SHE'S LIKE A LITTLE DOLL! EEE!

WELL, I HAVE A NOTE FOR A... UM... MR... OH MY...



I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, I HAVE THE WRONG CAMPSITE.



WHAT A CUTIE-PATOOTIE! DAW!

IF BOSS HEARD YOU TALKING LIKE THAT, HE'D TURN YOU INTO A CHAIR.



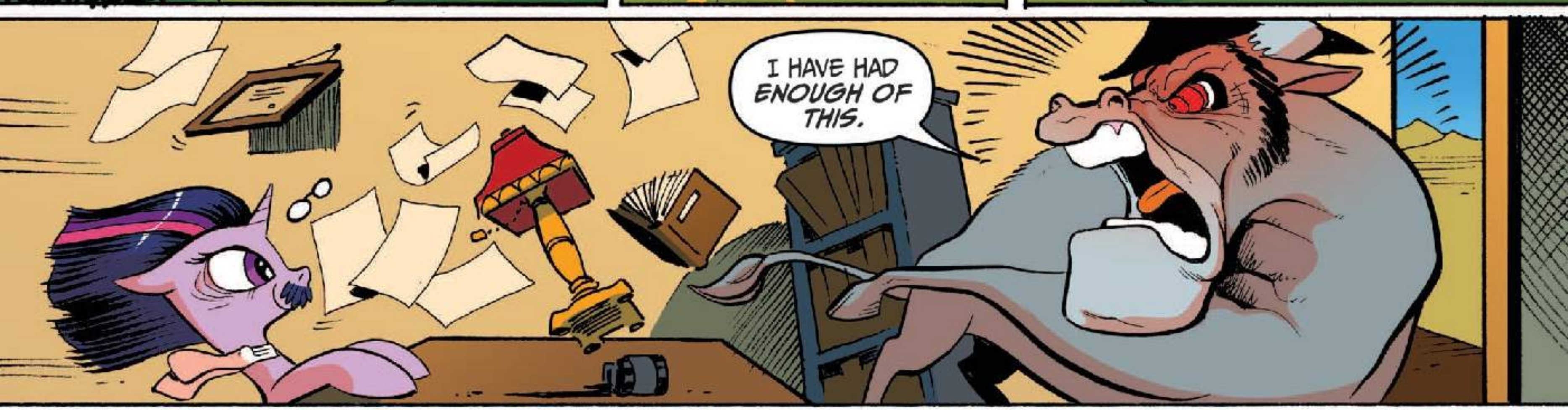
WELL, BOSS ISN'T HERE, IS HE?



THUD!



HA!



I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS.



IT'S TIME TO ROUND UP THE BOYS AND GO EVICT SOME PONIES.



UH OH. HE LOOKS MAAAAAAD.



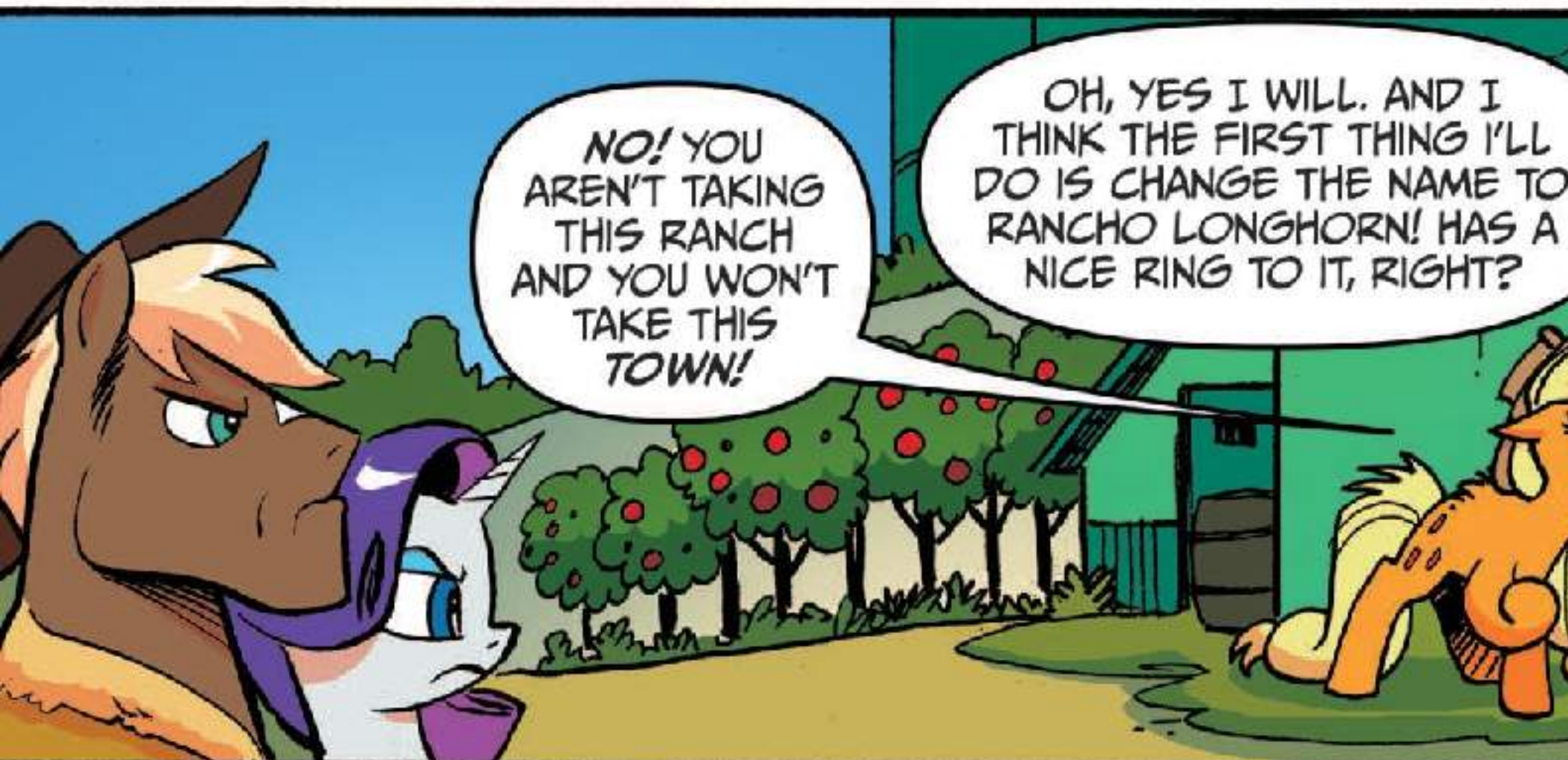
AWFULLY NICE OF Y'ALL TO REBUILD MY BARN FOR ME!

IT'S NOT YOUR BARN, IT'S THE RANCH'S BARN.

SMACK!



AND, COME END OF WEEK, I'LL OWN THE RANCH. BUT I WANT ALL OF YOU TO STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND LEAVE THE RANCH. NOW. I'M TAKING UP RESIDENCY A LITTLE EARLY.



NO! YOU AREN'T TAKING THIS RANCH AND YOU WON'T TAKE THIS TOWN!



OH, YES I WILL. AND I THINK THE FIRST THING I'LL DO IS CHANGE THE NAME TO RANCHO LONGHORN! HAS A NICE RING TO IT, RIGHT?



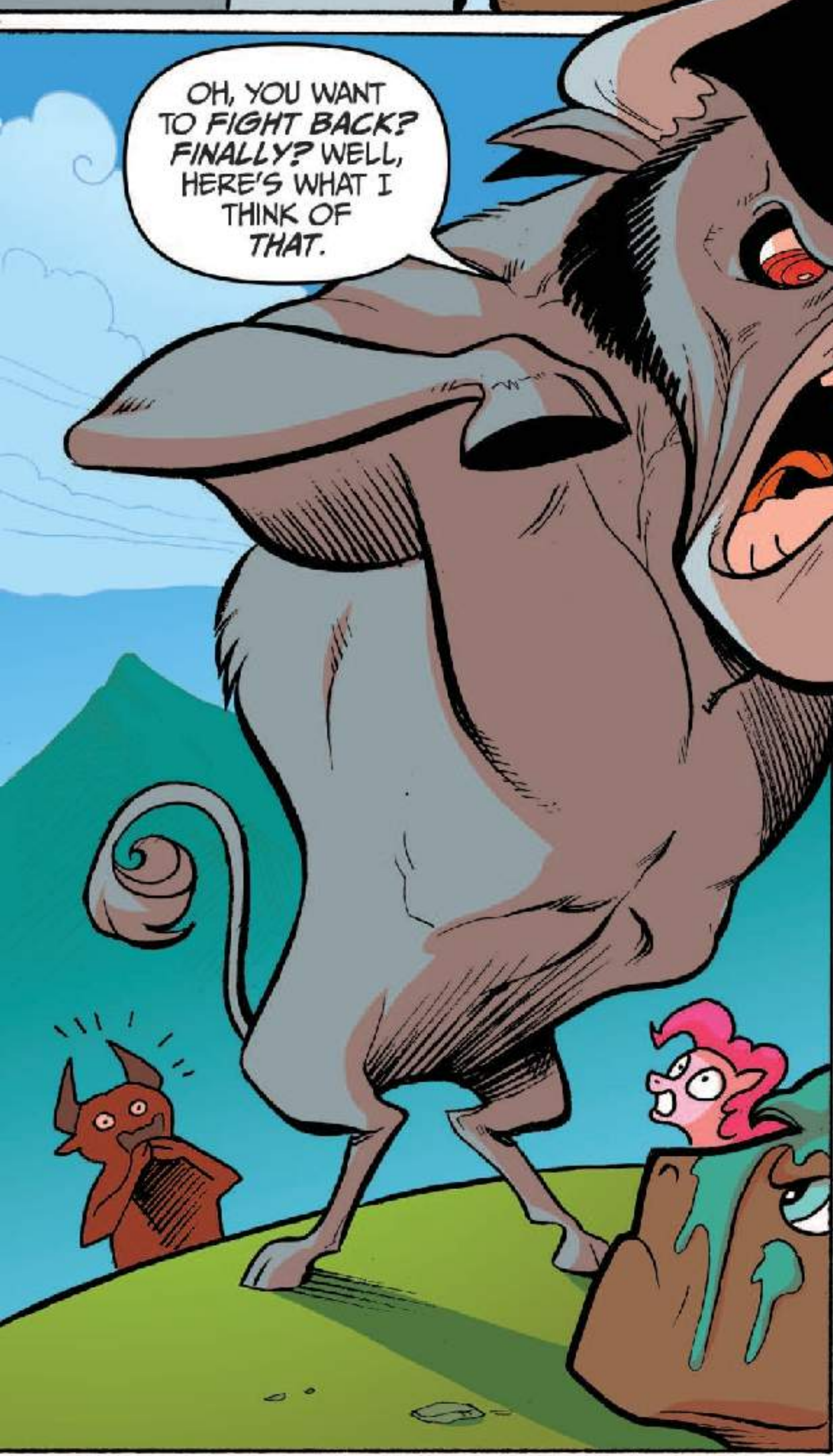
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LEAVE, LONGHORN.



NO.



OH, YOU WANT TO FIGHT BACK? FINALLY? WELL, HERE'S WHAT I THINK OF THAT.



EVERYBODY OFF MY PROPERTY... OR I'M GOING TO HAVE TO HURT THE LADY.

MY HAIR! HOW DARE YOU TOUCH MY HAIR! YOU RUFFIAN!



NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME FOR YOU TO RUN TO THE TOWN HALL AND GET ME MY DEED... LIKE A GOOD LITTLE LAW PONY.





ABOUT THAT...



HERE YOU GO!

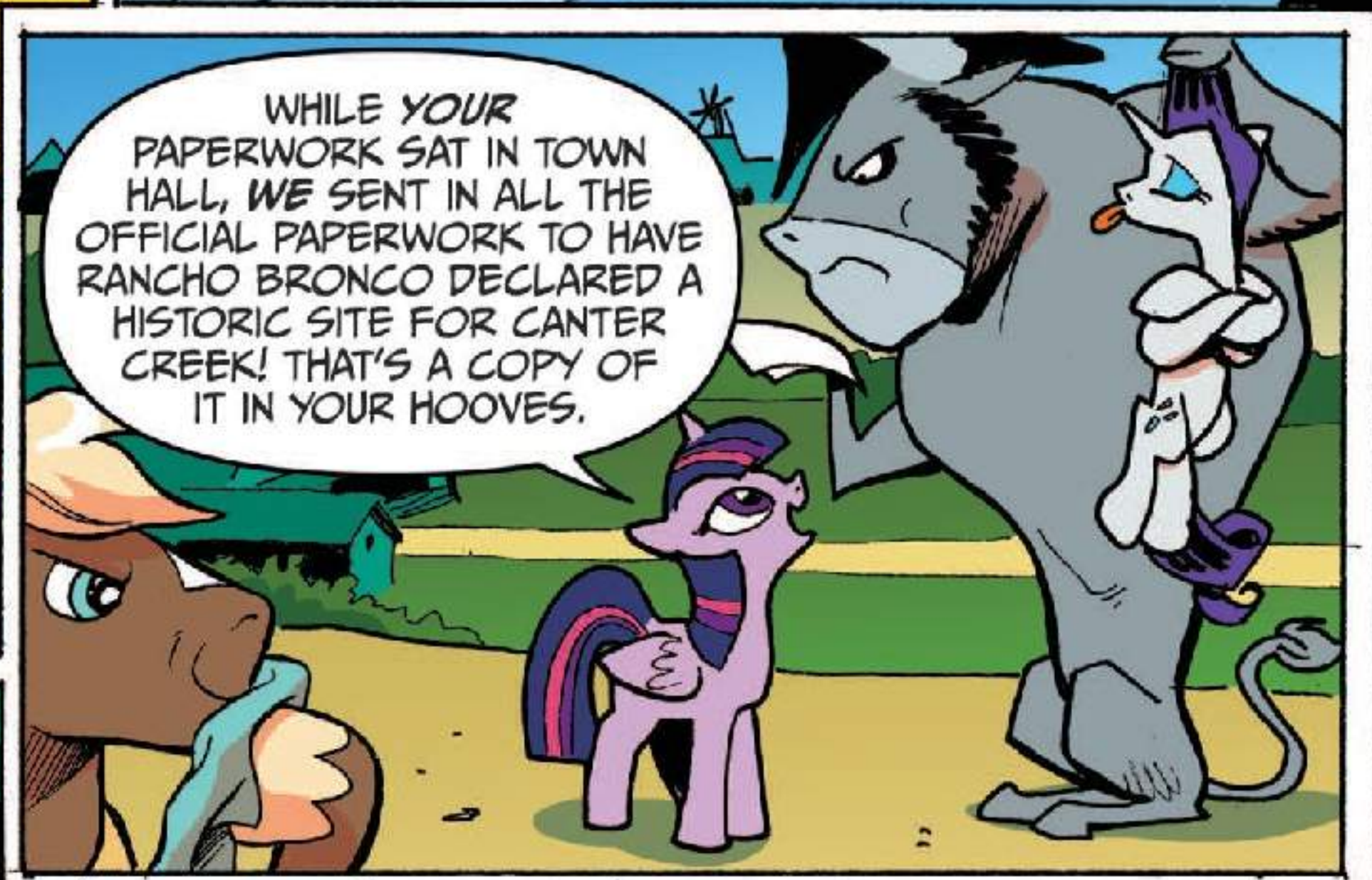


THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.

WAIT... WHAT'S ALL THIS? THESE AREN'T MINE?



WELL OF COURSE THEY AREN'T YOURS! YOUR PAPERWORK WAS INCOMPLETE!



WHILE YOUR PAPERWORK SAT IN TOWN HALL, WE SENT IN ALL THE OFFICIAL PAPERWORK TO HAVE RANCHO BRONCO DECLARED A HISTORIC SITE FOR CANTER CREEK! THAT'S A COPY OF IT IN YOUR HOOVES.



IT'S NOTARIZED BY PRINCESS CELESTIA HERSELF, WHICH MEANS...

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

o aaaa
o uuuu
o wwww
o xxxxx

① Celestia ✨
② Luna ☾

o uuuu wwww
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o yyyyy





GRRRRR...



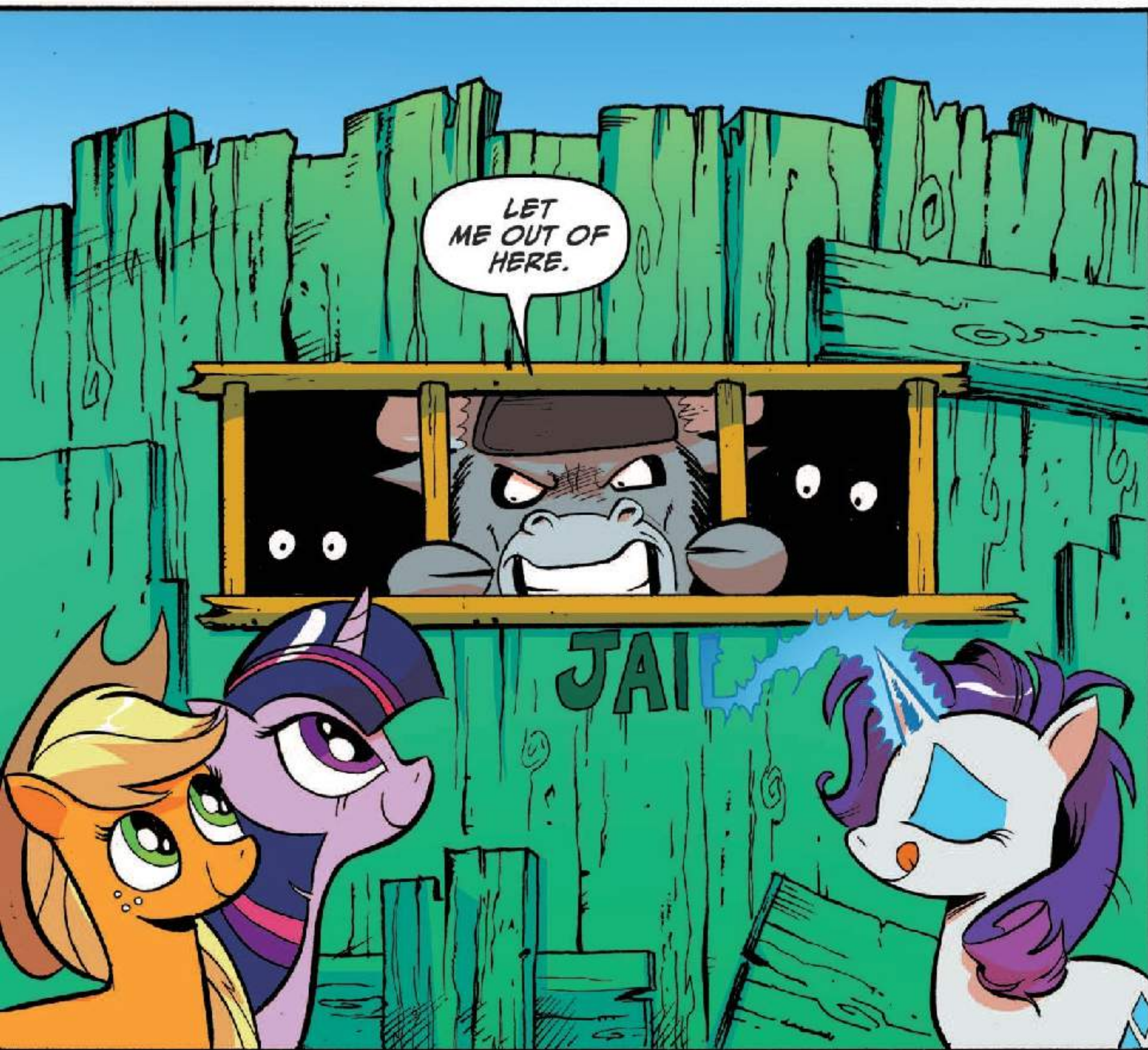
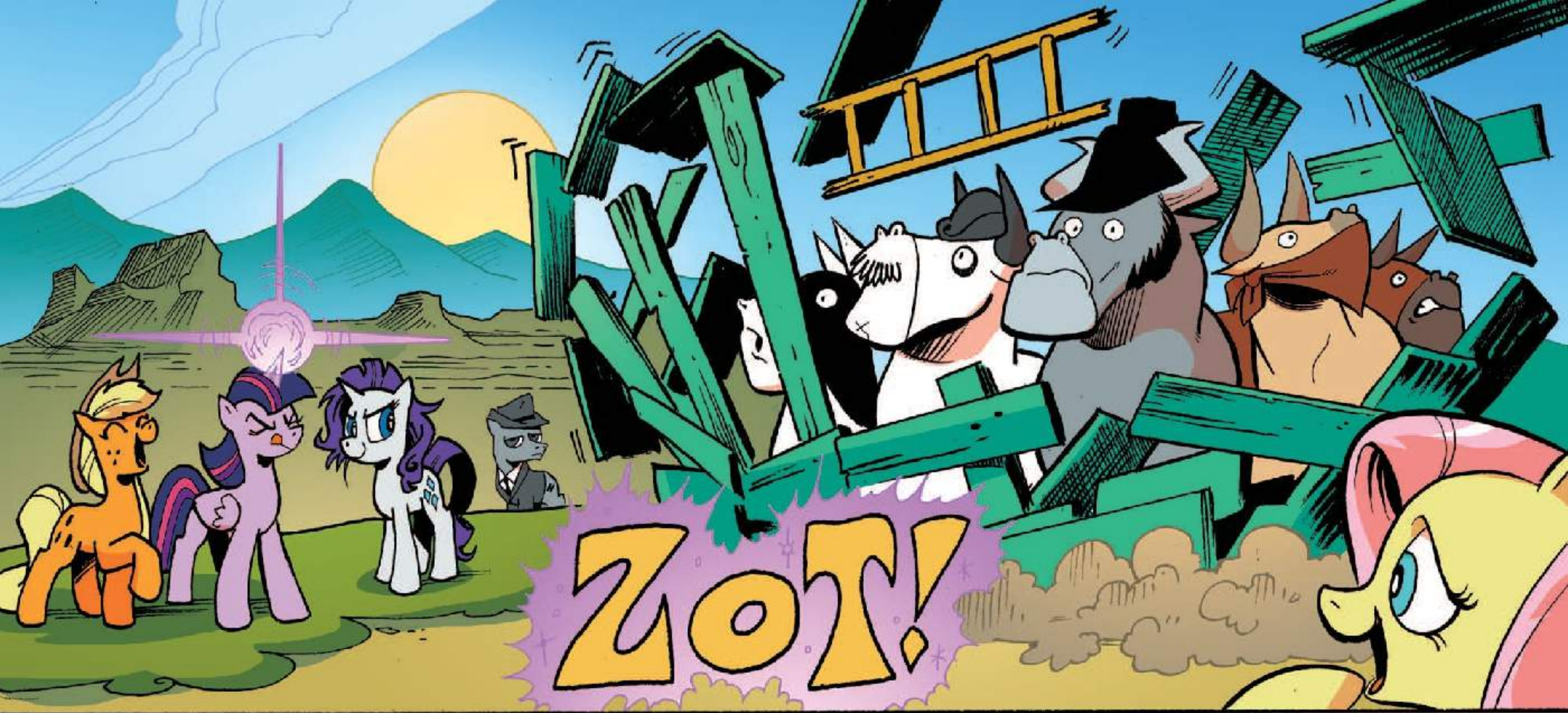
SMASH!

WHY, PRINCESS, I DO THINK I SEE SOMEONE DESTROYING A HISTORIC SITE OF EQUESTRIA!

WHY, APPLEJACK, I DO BELIEVE YOU ARE RIGHT!

WHY, PRINCESS, I DO BELIEVE THE DESTRUCTION OF SUCH A SITE IS CAUSE FOR YOU USIN' YOUR FANCY MAGIC TO PUT A STOP TO IT!

WHY, APPLEJACK, I DO BELIEVE YOU ARE RIGHT AGAIN!



THE NEXT DAY...

YOU'LL BE NEEDING THIS BACK, SHERIFF.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, APPLEJACK.

AHEM?

AHEM?

EVERYPONY! I MEANT THANK YOU, EVERYPONY!

YOU PONIES WILL BE JUST FINE. YOU EVER NEED US, YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND US.

CALL ME.

SCHITZEN GRUBEN

THE TRAIN WILL BE HERE SOON, LET'S GO HOME!

PONDEROSA

DODGE JUNCTION

BIG THUNDER MINE

FEELS LIKE WE SHOULD BE RIDING OFF INTO THE SUNSET, RIGHT? ARE THOSE GOATS STILL HERE?

PINKIE, DON'T BE WEIRD.

I BET THOSE GOATS FELT TERRIBLE.

END

my LITTLE PONY

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MOFFINS

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The REVENGE of
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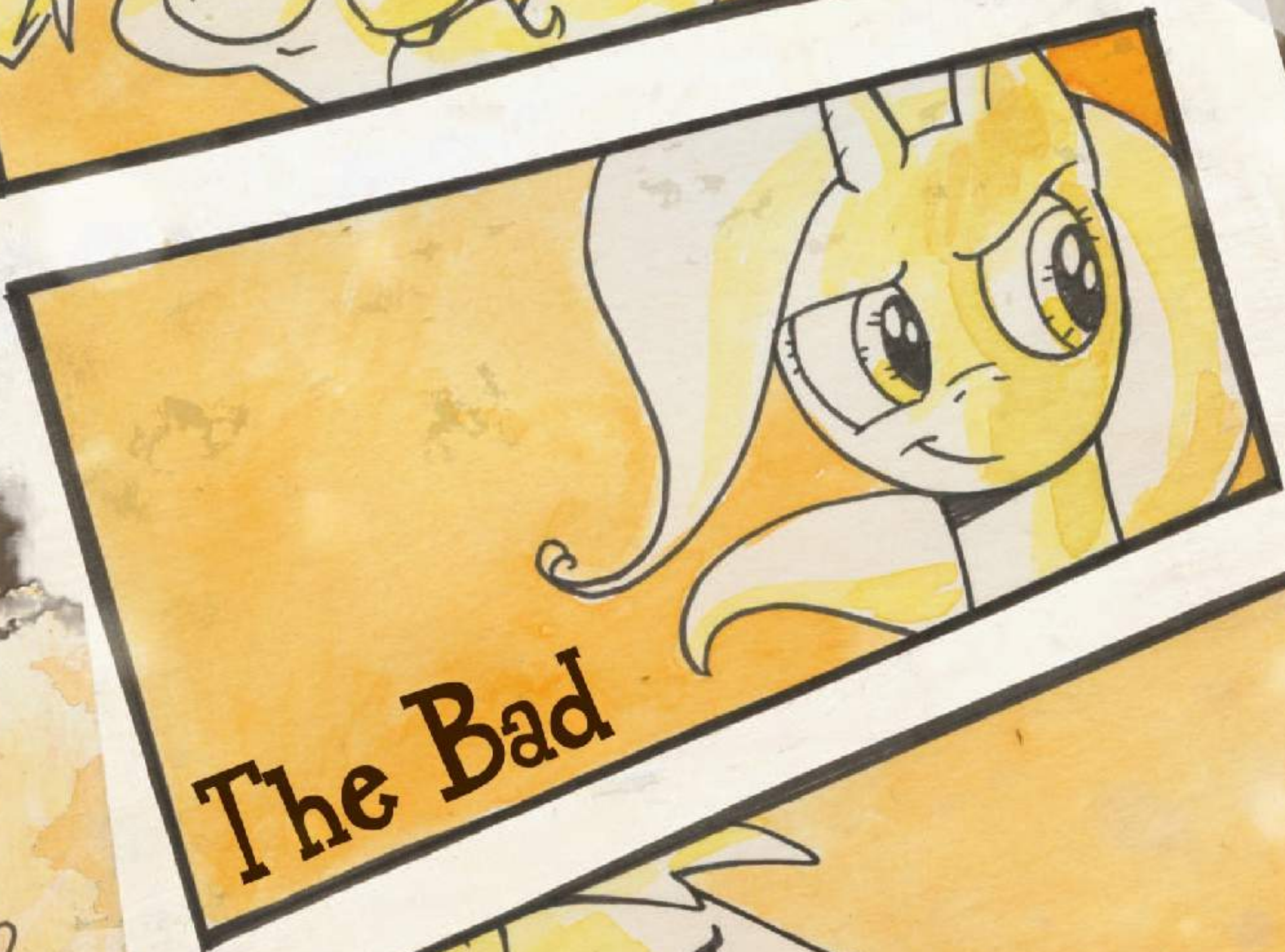
For A Few Bits More

The pony in
black is waiting.





The Good



The Bad



The Ponies

