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THE EVERFREE FOREST IS EXPANDING ACROSS ITS BORDERS AND TANGLING ITSELF FURTHER INTO EQUESTRIA.

THE FOLIAGE IS TOO THICK! I CAN BARELY MOVE! I HOPE TWILIGHT SPARKLE IS FARING BETTER THAN US...

I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE IN HER! I BET SHE'S GOT THIS ENTIRE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL!

...BECAUSE OTHERWISE THIS SEEMS A BIT GRIM.

## ROOT OF THE PROBLEM



IDEAS I'M OUT OF, THAT'S FOR SURE. FOR THIS VAST GROWTH, I HAVE NO CURE!

## PART 2: FLOWER POWER



THERE HAS TO BE **SOMETHING** THAT WOULD LET THE FOREST GROW HERE AGAIN. WE CAN'T JUST **GIVE UP** ON OUR HOME!



I HAVE SENT DOZENS OF MESSENGER BIRDS TO THE PRINCESS WITH NO REPLY. IT'S TIME FOR MY SUBJECTS TO DEAL WITH THIS OUR WAY.

CELESTIA SAYS SHE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT ANY OF THIS! SHE'S PUT HER FAITH IN US TO HELP YOU! LET US HELP!

SO, WHAT? ALL OUR LETTERS HAVE JUST GONE MISSING?

WHAT IF WE LET WELL-TO-DO BUILD THE THEME PARK AND JUST... YOU KNOW... TAKE THE HIT ON OUR SIDE? WE LOSE SOME OF PONYVILLE AND WHATEVER BUT WE REBUILD SOMEWHERE ELSE?

THAT'S A TERRIBLE PLAN! IF WE DON'T STOP WELL-TO-DO, WHO'S TO SAY HE WON'T JUST FINISH UP THIS PARK AND THEN DECIDE TO TEAR UP MORE OF THE FOREST TO BUILD MORE TACKY JUNK? OR ANOTHER PARKING LOT? OR A QUILLS AND SOFAS OUTLET? WHERE DOES IT END?

I LOVE OUTLET SHOPPING!

NOT NOW, RARITY.

WE CANNOT TAKE THE LAND BACK HE'S ALREADY POACHED. HE'S EFFECTIVELY KILLED IT. NOTHING WILL GROW THERE NOW. AND I CAN'T GIVE YOU BACK THE LAND WE ARE TAKING FROM EQUESTRIA. MY SUBJECTS NEED IT. I AM SORRY.

I KNOW JUST TALKING TO WELL-TO-DO ISN'T WORKING... WHAT IF WE TRY SOMETHING ELSE? MAYBE A PEACEFUL PROTEST!

OH! NONVIOLENT RESISTANCE!

CAN I BE IN CHARGE OF THE SIT-IN?!











WAIT... YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT?!

AND WHAT'S ALL THAT?!



YOU'RE STILL USING MY FACE ON MERCHANDISE?! I DIDN'T AGREE TO THAT!

THIS? THIS IS THE PARK'S NEW MASCOT "PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPORKLE"! SEE? TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM YOU! OUR LEGAL DEPARTMENT SAID IT'S COMPLETELY FINE!

BUT... WHA... I... WHAT?

OOOO!



WE HAD A FOCUS GROUP! TURNS OUT PONIES LOVE THINGS LIKE PRINCESS THEMED KNICK-KNACKS AND GLUTEN-FREE, ORGANIC BEVERAGES FULL OF NUTRI-WHATEVERS! CRATES OF THESE DOLLS AND BARRELS OF THIS SMOOTHIE MIX CAME IN JUST THIS MORNING! COMBINE THIS WITH FREE PARKING AND WE'LL BE A HIT!



ENOUGH WITH THE PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS! THIS CALLS FOR ACTION.

THAT MINOTAUR JERK NEEDS TO GET HIS COMEUPPANCE! I'D LIKE TO BOOT HIM RIGHT IN THE...

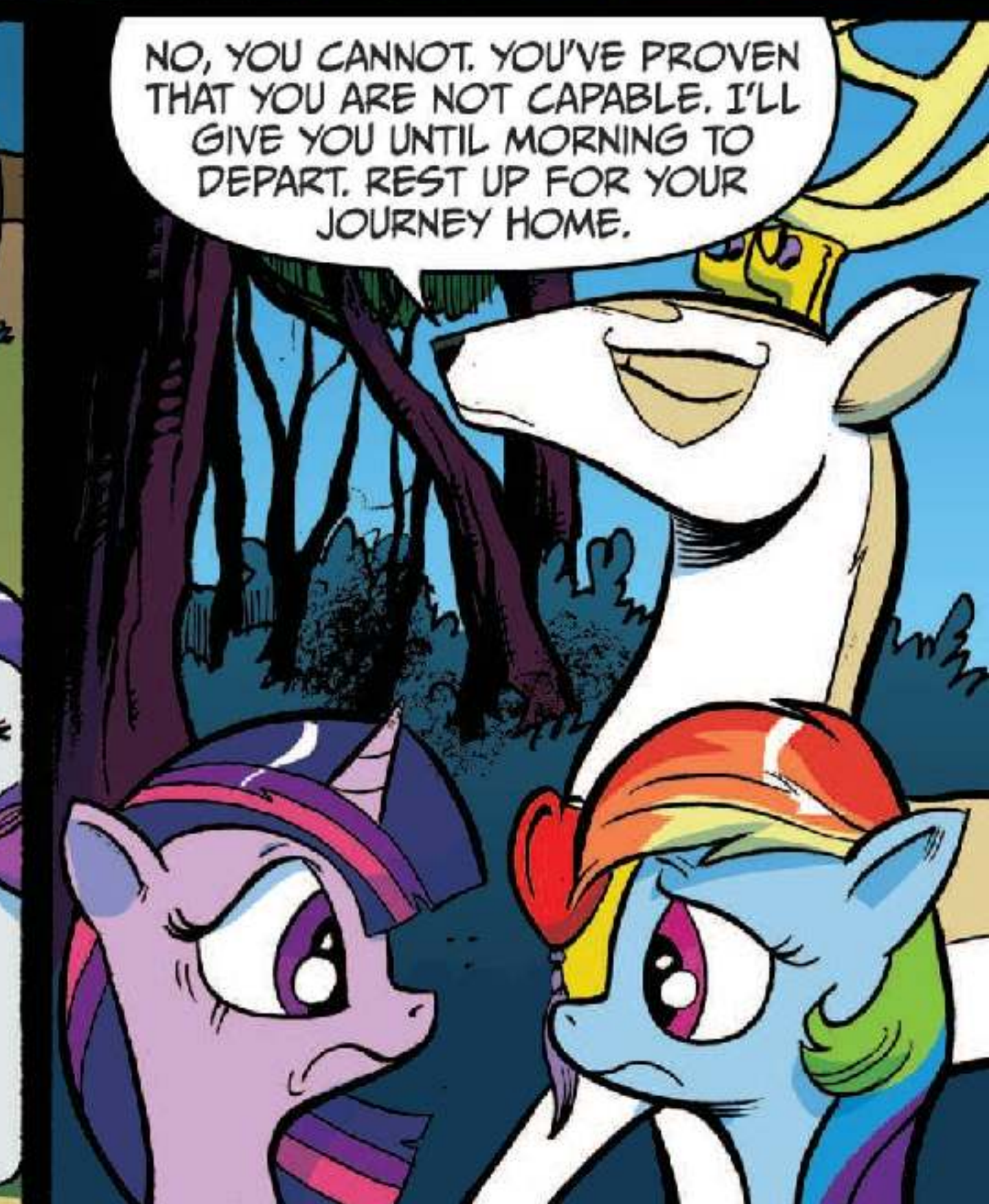
SPORKLE?



I THINK THE AGGRESSIVE APPROACH MAY BE THE RIGHT ONE... I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RECLAIM THE SOIL HE'S WASTED, BUT I CAN SHOW HIM THE FOREST IS NOT TO BE CHALLENGED FURTHER.

...BUT THIS IS WHERE YOUR INVOLVEMENT ENDS, LITTLE PONIES. IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LEAVE.

WHAT? NO! WE CAN HELP!



NO, YOU CANNOT. YOU'VE PROVEN THAT YOU ARE NOT CAPABLE. I'LL GIVE YOU UNTIL MORNING TO DEPART. REST UP FOR YOUR JOURNEY HOME.









EEP!

WELL, WELL!  
WHAT DO WE  
HAVE HERE?



LET...  
LET ME  
GO!

IT'S THE  
PUNY PRINCE!  
WHERE'S YOUR  
OLD MAN,  
BUMBLES?



MY NAME IS  
BRAMBLE!

WE RUSH IN  
THERE WITHOUT  
THINKING TO  
HELP!

AHH!  
WHAT DO  
WE DO!



WELL, BRAMBLE, IT'S  
CONVENIENT FOR ME THAT  
YOU'VE STOPPED BY. YOU  
SEE, YOUR DAD IS A BIT OF  
A THORN IN MY SIDE ON  
THIS PROJECT!

NO! THINKING  
GOOD. STAY  
BACK!



AND I HAVE  
PLANS FOR HIM...  
YOU'RE JUST THE  
THING I NEED TO  
GET HIM ON MY  
SIDE.

MY PAPA  
WILL NEVER  
SIDE WITH  
YOU!



AHH! WE  
NEED TO GET  
HELP!

COME ON! WE  
NEED TO TELL  
ASPEN!





RAINBOW DASH!  
BRAMBLE? IS BRAMBLE  
WITH YOU?! I WENT TO TUCK  
HIM IN AND HE WASN'T IN HIS  
ROOM. WE CAN'T FIND  
HIM ANYWHERE!



WE SAW HIM!  
HE WAS EXPLORING  
THE CONSTRUCTION  
SITE... WELL-TO-DO  
TOOK HIM!

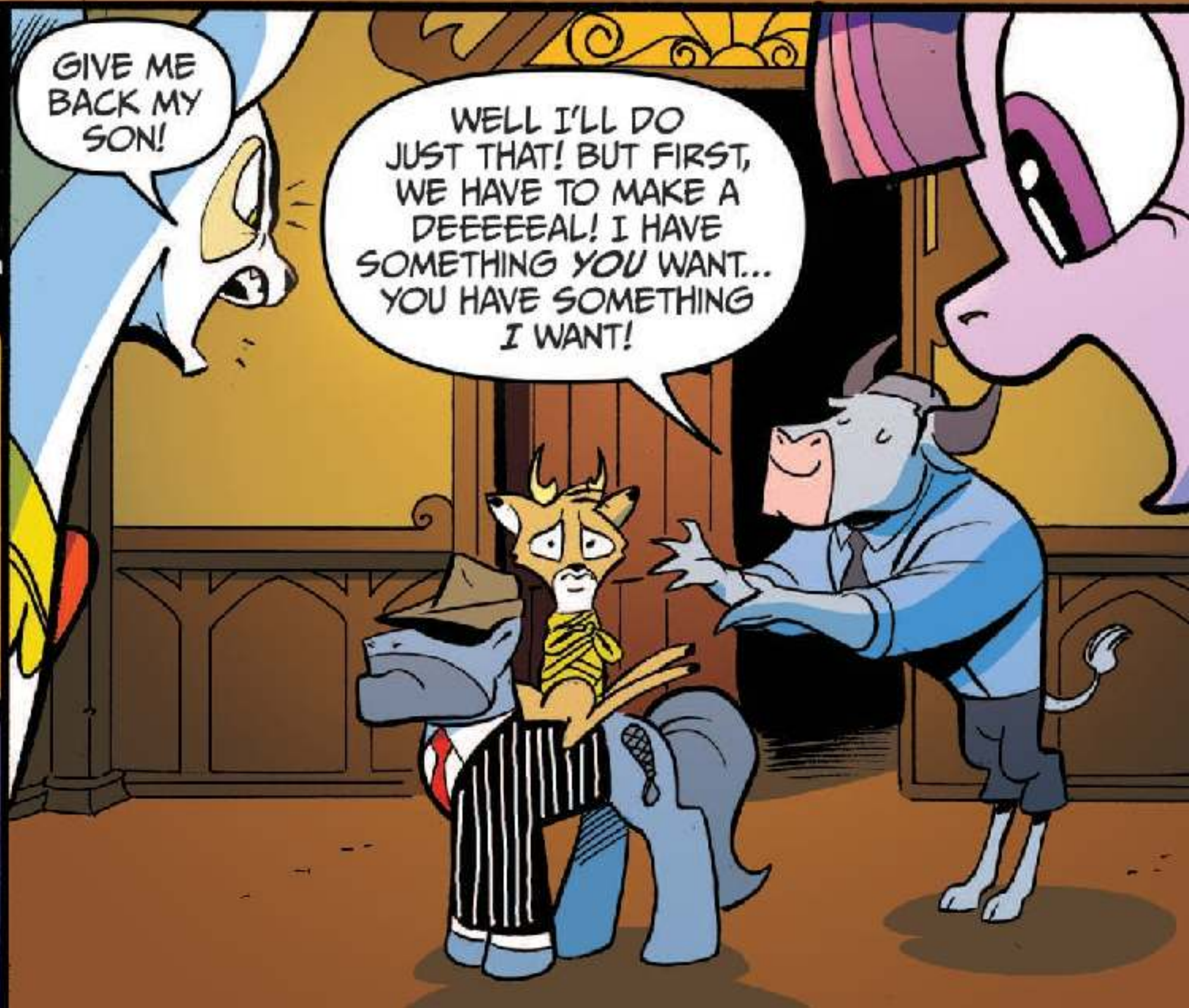


THE MINOTAUR WANTS A  
FIGHT? I'LL TAKE HIM ON  
HEAD-TO-HEAD! HORNS  
TO HORNS.

ASPEN! CALM  
DOWN! WE'LL  
GET BRAMBLE  
BACK!



OH, BUT YOU  
CAN HAVE HIM  
BACK!



GIVE ME  
BACK MY  
SON!

WELL I'LL DO  
JUST THAT! BUT FIRST,  
WE HAVE TO MAKE A  
DEEEEEAL! I HAVE  
SOMETHING YOU WANT...  
YOU HAVE SOMETHING  
I WANT!







FIRST UP, I'D LIKE YOU AND YOUR LITTLE WOODLAND CRITTERS TO STOP COMING ONTO MY LAND.

FINE.



SECONDLY... AND LASTLY.

I WANT YOU TO BECOME THE FACE AND BRAND OF FUN FUN LAND!

WHAT?



WE HAD ANOTHER FOCUS GROUP. YOU KNOW WHAT PONIES LOVE MORE THAN PRINCESSES? LOVABLE, CUTE WIDDLE ANIMALS! AND THEY LOVE THIS "ORGANIC" NONSENSE. AND "GOING GREEN" MUMBO JUMBO... WE'RE GOING TO MAKE YOU THE FACE OF "FUN FUN LAND... THE GREEN AMUSEMENT PARK!"



FUN FUN FUN  
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HEY!

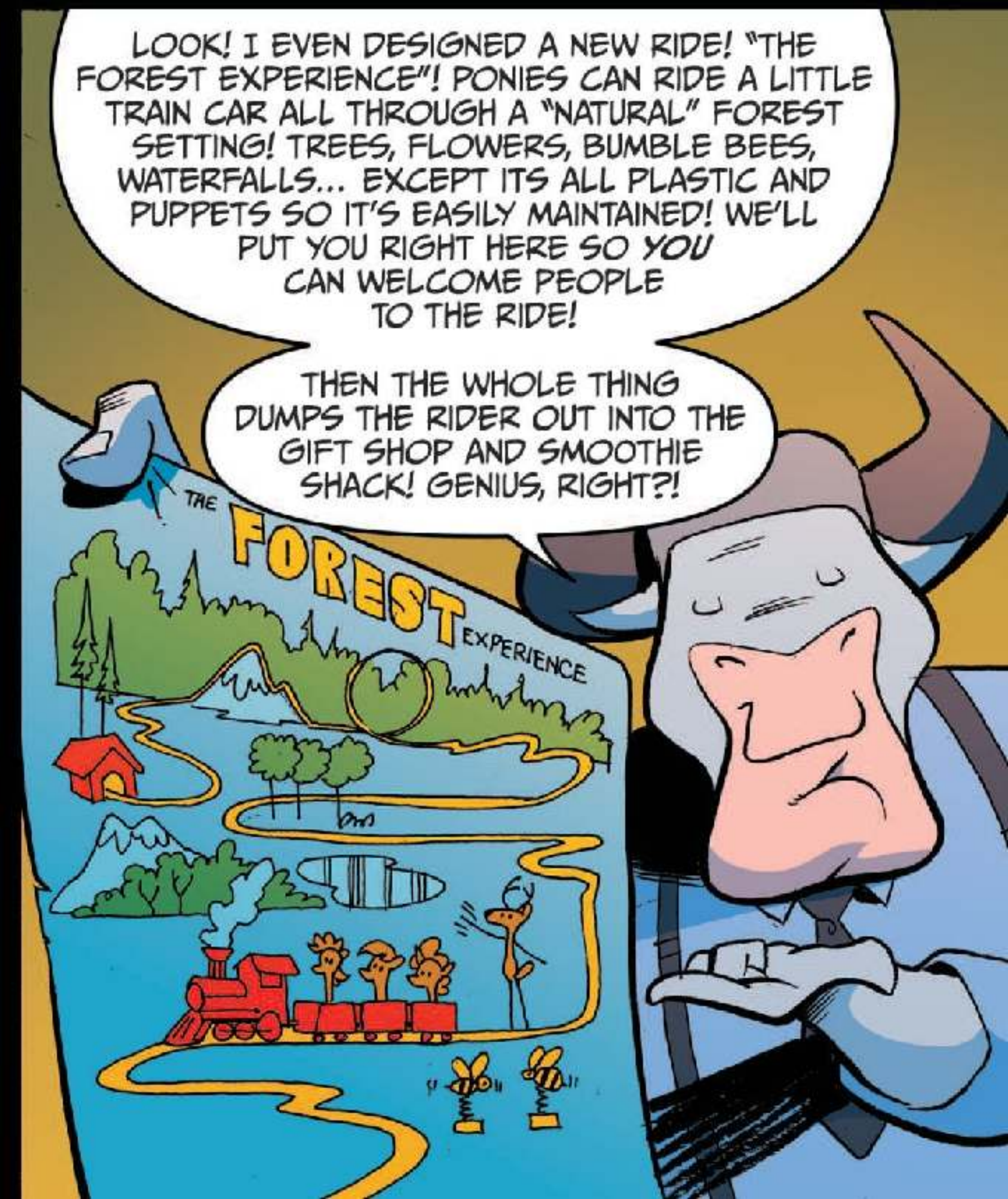


DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT "GREEN" MEANS?

IT'S A COLOR! I BOUGHT A TON OF GREEN PAINT! WE'LL SLAP IT ON EVERYTHING!

BLEH. EVEN CELADON?

ASPEN'S LP  
SOUNDS OF THE FOREST  
LAWN MOWERS AT 6 A.M.  
PARK RANGERS  
FLOWERS GROWING  
MUD  
PICNIC BASKETS  
BEAVERS  
FUN FUN



LOOK! I EVEN DESIGNED A NEW RIDE! "THE FOREST EXPERIENCE"! PONIES CAN RIDE A LITTLE TRAIN CAR ALL THROUGH A "NATURAL" FOREST SETTING! TREES, FLOWERS, BUMBLE BEES, WATERFALLS... EXCEPT ITS ALL PLASTIC AND PUPPETS SO IT'S EASILY MAINTAINED! WE'LL PUT YOU RIGHT HERE SO YOU CAN WELCOME PEOPLE TO THE RIDE!

THEN THE WHOLE THING DUMPS THE RIDER OUT INTO THE GIFT SHOP AND SMOOTHIE SHACK! GENIUS, RIGHT?!









HERE'S A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.

PAPA! WE'LL COME GET YOU!

BRAMBLE! STAY SAFE! LISTEN TO BLACKTHORN!



BRAMBLE! WHAT'S HAPPENED!?

\*SOB\*

WE NEED TO TALK NOW.



A LITTLE LATER...

SO THAT'S ALL OF IT.

THIS PAPER HE SIGNED SAID THAT, AS THE LEADER OF THE FOREST, HE AND HIS SUBJECTS WON'T RETALIATE. HE'S JUST GOING TO SIT IN THE PARK AND LOOK PRETTY "UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE PARK IS NO LONGER STANDING". THIS IS A NIGHTMARE!



HMM... "NO LONGER STANDING", EH? AND I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT ASPEN IS NO LONGER THE "LEADER OF THE FOREST".

IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT!

PINKIE.

WELL IT IS.



I SHALL RULE IN HIS ABSENCE... AND I SIGNED NO SUCH AGREEMENT. RETALIATION SOUNDS LIKE A FINE IDEA RIGHT ABOUT NOW, DON'T YOU THINK?

I LIKE YOUR STYLE.





PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE, I REQUIRE YOUR AID.

ANYTHING!



YOU'LL WANT TO TAKE THAT ONE WITH YOU.

WHAT? ME?



UH, HELLO? MONSTERS! I HAVE SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU!



GATHER UP ALL THE GIANT MONSTERS THAT LIVE IN THE FOREST?! IS THAT DEER OUT OF HIS MIND? HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO CONVINCE THEM TO HELP?!

BLACKTHORN SAID ALL WE HAD TO DO WAS EXPLAIN THE SITUATION. IT'LL BE FINE.

DOES HE REALLY THINK FLUTTERSHY CAN DO THIS?

EEK!



EEK! YOU'RE SO CUTE! YOU'LL HELP US, WON'T YOU? YES YOU WILL! WOOKIE' DAT' FACE!

NEVERMIND. WE'RE GOOD.





THERE HE IS!

THEY DID USE CELADON! DOUBLE BLEH!



PSSSSST! ASPEN!

SIGH. SORRY PONIES, THE PARK IS CLOSED. FUN FUN LAND... EQUESTRIA'S GREENEST AMUSEMENT PARK IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN ON...



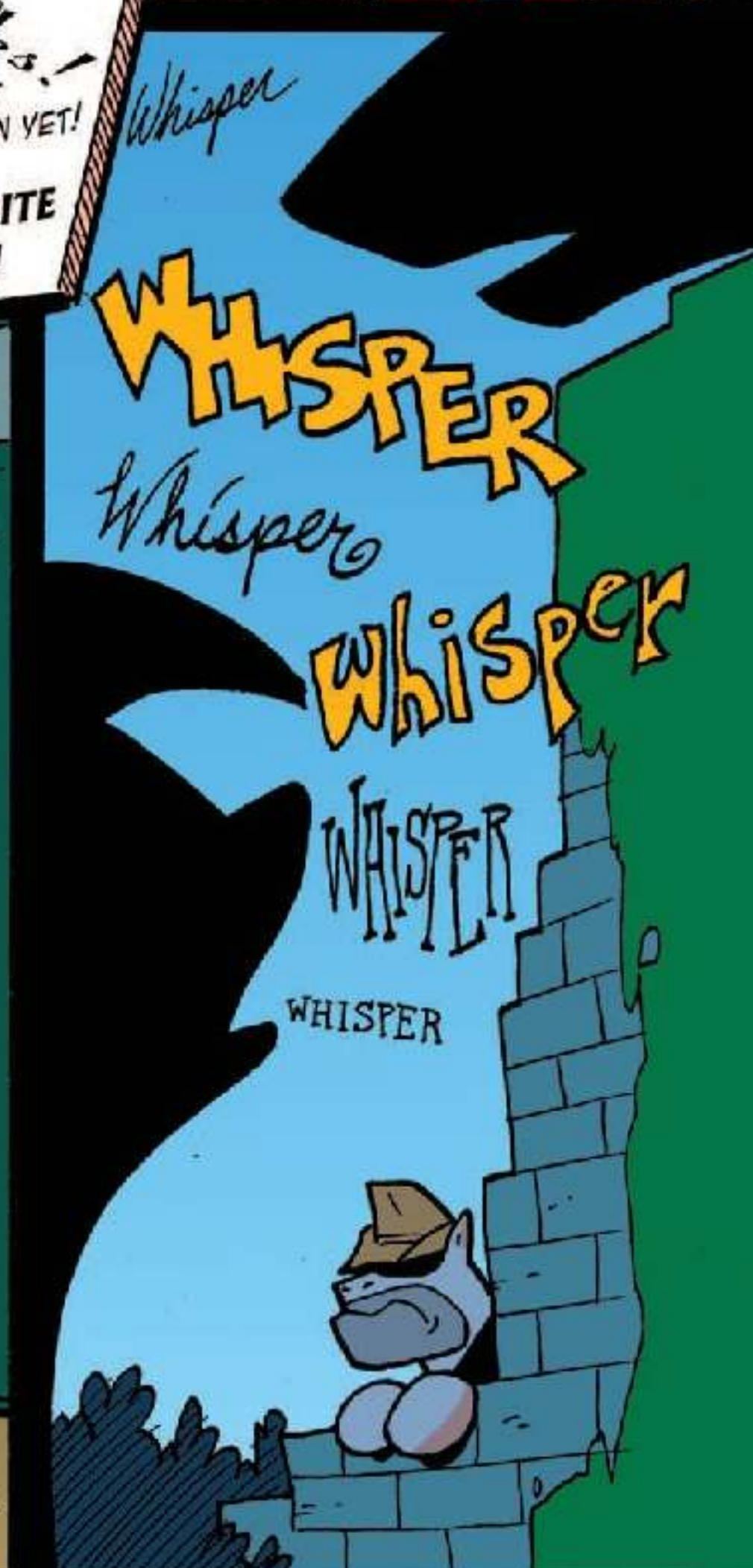
ASPEN. SNAP OUT OF IT!

WE'RE HERE TO TELL YOU TO BRACE YOURSELF! BLACKTHORN IS PLANNING A MASSIVE SKIRMISH.

HE'S WHAT?

SHHHH!

Sorry Folks!  
EQUESTRIA'S GREENEST AMUSEMENT PARK ISN'T OPEN YET!  
JOIN US SOON AT EQUESTRIA'S FAVORITE Family Fun Park!



WHISPER  
Whisper  
Whisper  
WHISPER  
WHISPER  
WHISPER



JARGON! THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE TELLS ME YOU'RE ABOUT TO SAY SOMETHING I WON'T LIKE.



A FULL-SCALE ATTACK, HUH? I KNEW THESE DEER WOULD PUT UP MORE OF A FIGHT THAN FLOWERS AND VINES EVENTUALLY.



BUT WHAT IN EQUESTRIA COULD THEY POSSIBLY DO? THROW A BADGER AT ME? HA! I HAVE AN ARMY OF BULLDOZERS! THEY DON'T STAND A CHANCE.









THEY'RE CERTAINLY READY FOR US.

EVERY PONY OVER THERE IS GETTING A STERN TALKING TO WHEN THIS IS OVER.

THEN WE SHALL MEET THEM HEAD ON.



BEEP!  
BEEP!  
BEE-ooops.

SLOOSH



THAT'S... THAT'S THE GUNK THAT HAD ALL THE NEW GROWTH BY THE OFFICE.



BLACKTHORN! TWILIGHT! I HAVE AN IDEA!





HEY FOREST FOLK! LISTEN UP!

IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT SOME OF YOU MAY BE THINKING OF STAGING A COUP!

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT MEANS.



I DON'T CARE ABOUT IF YOUR HOME IS A TREE. I WILL CUT THAT TREE DOWN, BUILD A HOUSE OUT OF IT AND SELL IT TO YOU.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR FOREST. I DON'T CARE ABOUT CUTE LITTLE SQUIRRELS. I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR FLORA AND YOUR FAUNA.

I CARE ABOUT THIS. MY BUSINESS IS MY BUSINESS AND I WILL CRUSH ANY OF YOU THAT TRY TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM ME! AS LONG AS THIS PARK IS STILL STANDING, YOU AREN'T GETTING RID OF ME. SO LEARN TO ACCEPT CHANGE, ALL OF YOU!



BUT I'M NOT A MINOTAUR WITHOUT REASON. STOP ALL THIS HOSTILITY AND HALF OFF ADMISSION ON OPENING DAY FOR ALL OF YOU! AND A COUPON FOR A FREE ASPEN DOLL AND SMALL ORGANIC SMOOTHIE!



WELL NOW HE'S JUST POKING THE BEAR.

HOW? THE BEAR IS OVER HERE NEXT TO ME?





WHAT A JERK... CARE TO JOIN ME IN RUSHING IN THERE WITHOUT THINKING?

LET'S.



HEY! WAIT! WHAT ABOUT FREE ADMISSION?!

WOOOOO



AIM FOR THE BARRELS! THE INGREDIENTS CAN HELP REGROW THE FOREST!

SMOOTHIES! YOU WANT SMOOTHIES? WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO? I HAVE COUPONS FOR A FREE LARGE SMOOTHIE!



OH COME ON. DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY BITS THAT STUFF IS BY THE BARREL?! ORGANIC ISN'T CHEAP!

I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THIS.

ME TOO.

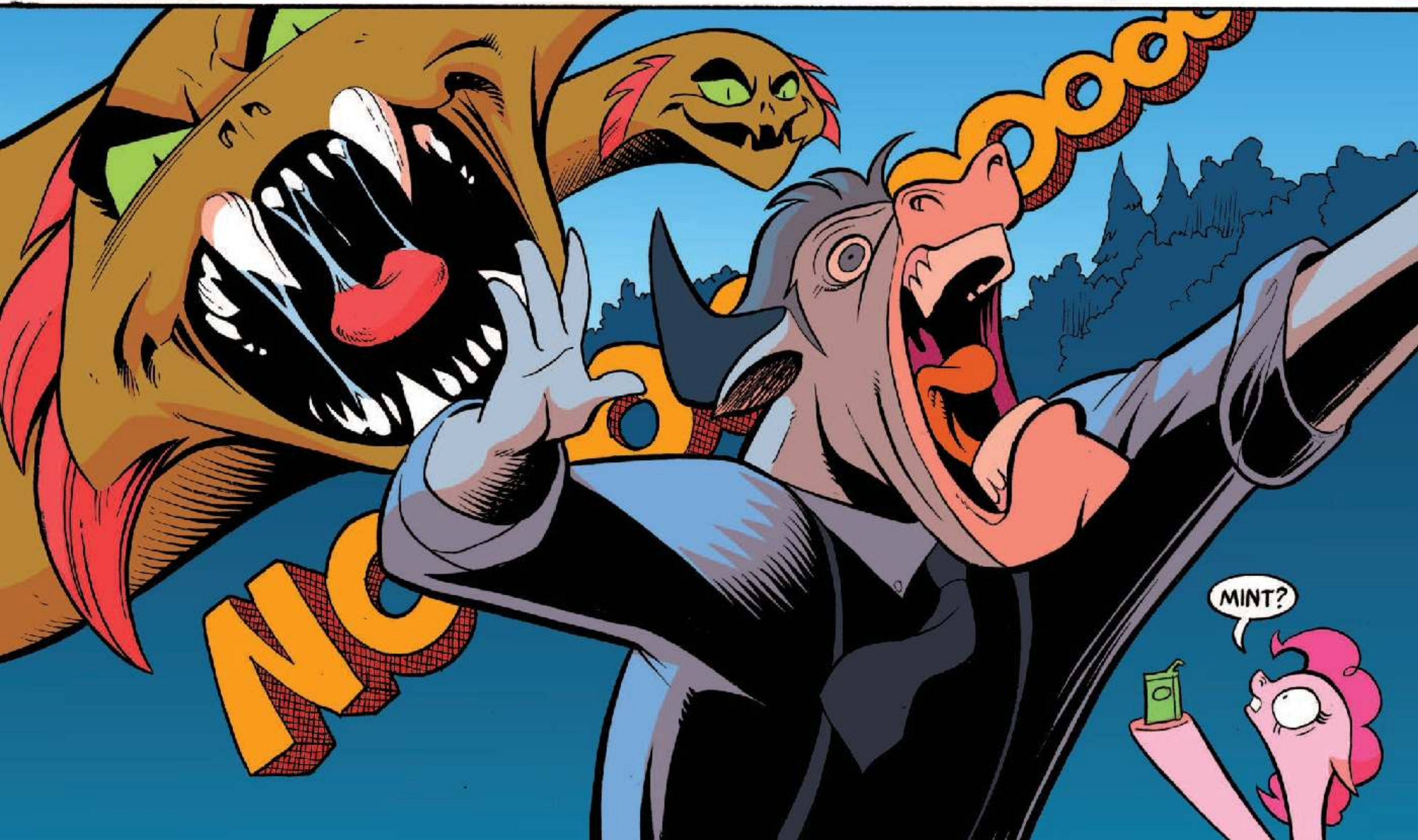
KICK ME

SMOOTHIE MIX  
POZZLEBERRY FLAVOR













OH DEAR.

UH... I'M SURE HE'S FINE.



WELL, IT WOULD APPEAR YOU'VE GOTTEN YOUR FOREST BACK.

IT WOULD APPEAR SO. THANK YOU, PONIES.

HARD HAT AREA

OFFICE

SMOOTHIE STAND

MULTI-A-HURL





UH, DOES THIS MEAN WE CAN CALL A TRUCE AND YOU'LL PULL YOUR CREEPY VINES AND TREES BACK FROM... ER... EVERYWHERE ELSE?

I WILL TRAVEL TO THE FOREST EDGES OF PONYVILLE AND CANTERLOT PERSONALLY TO PULL BACK OUR VINES AND TREES FROM YOUR HOMES.



Eau de Criminal

SNUF  
SNUFF  
SNIFF



SOMEONE DIDN'T GET HIS COMEUPPANCE!



AIEEE!!

THAT'S BETTER.

NICE DISTANCE.





OF YOUR MAGIC, I HAVE MUCH TO LEARN. MAY I VISIT YOU AND STUDY IN TURN?

OF COURSE, ZECORA. WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU VISIT THICKET.

I BET ALL MY GLITTER FELL OVER. THAT'S NEVER GOING TO COME OUT OF THE CARPET.

MY APOLOGIES, RARITY. I'LL COME BY AND PERSONALLY HELP WITH THE CLEAN UP IN YOUR BOUTIQUE ONCE WE'RE FINISHED HERE.



WHY THAT'S SO SWEET, BLACKTHORN. YOU JUST COME ON BY ANY OL' TIME.

I DON'T LIKE HIM.



TWILIGHT SPARKLE! KING ASPEN!

PRINCESS CELESTIA! HOW'S CANTERLOT?

WELL, IT'S CERTAINLY THE MOST EXCITEMENT CANTERLOT HAS HAD SINCE YOUR BROTHER'S WEDDING. LUNA IS OVERSEEING A TEAM OF DEER THERE NOW. WE'LL GET IT ALL SORTED OUT.







I AM SO SORRY, ASPEN. I TRULY HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS HAPPENING WITH THAT MINOTAUR.

IT'S ALRIGHT, PRINCESS. I...

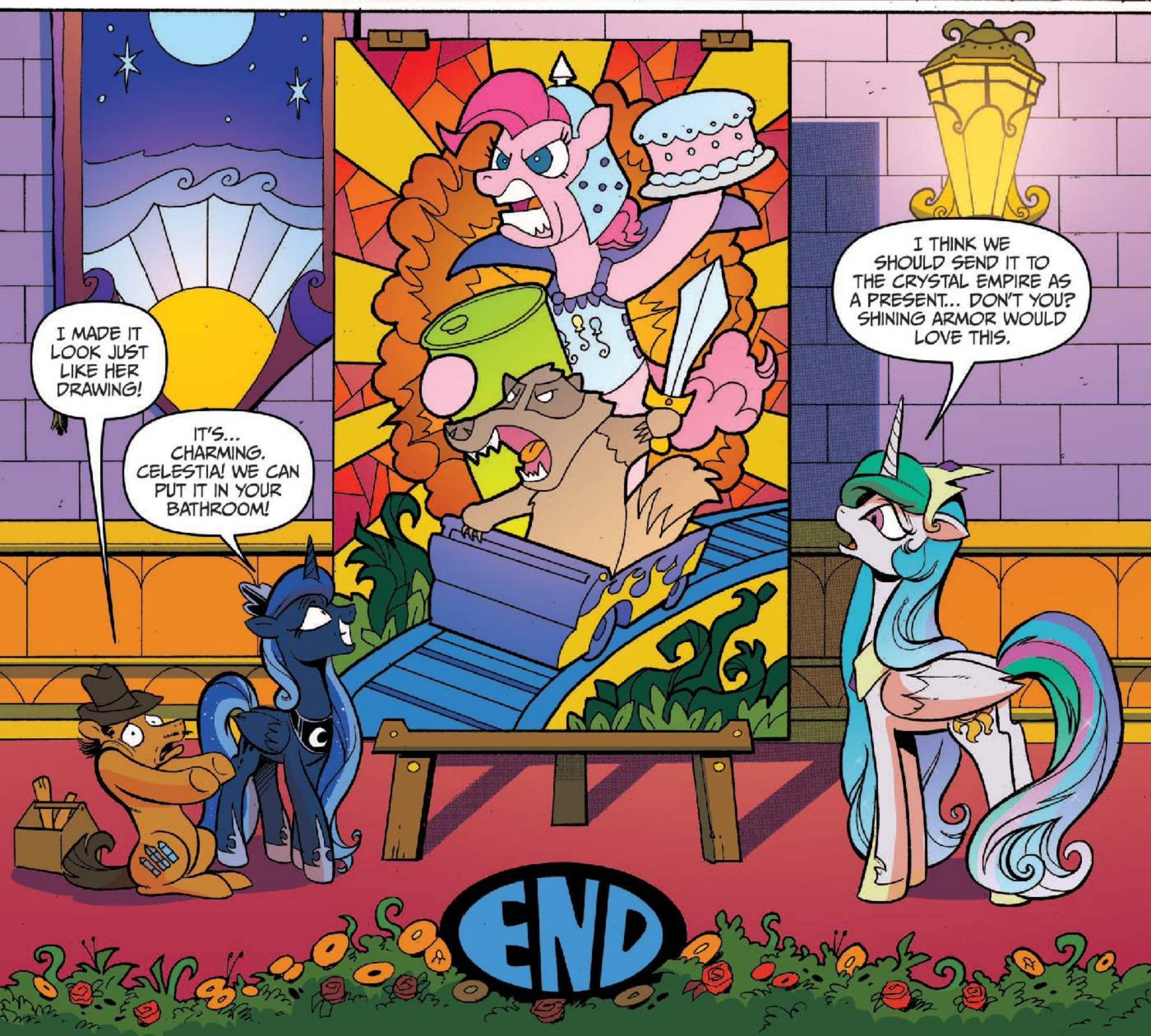
PRINCESS CELESTIA!



THIS HAS BEEN LIKE... A **CRAZY** ADVENTURE, RIGHT?! DO YOU THINK IT'S WORTHY OF A STAINED GLASS WINDOW IN THE CASTLE? HUH? IS IT? BECAUSE I **DESIGNED ONE** FOR IT ON OUR WALK HOME! SAY IT IS! PLEASE! CAN I BE IN CHARGE OF IT? PLEEEEEEASE?

UH... SURE, PINKIE PIE. YOU GO RIGHT AHEAD AND SEE THE ROYAL ARTISANS ABOUT THAT.

YES!



I MADE IT LOOK JUST LIKE HER DRAWING!

IT'S... CHARMING, CELESTIA! WE CAN PUT IT IN YOUR BATHROOM!

I THINK WE SHOULD SEND IT TO THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE AS A PRESENT... DON'T YOU? SHINING ARMOR WOULD LOVE THIS.

END



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DAY  
FOSSELL







THE INNARDS OF THIS HYDRA ARE A GOLD MINE! THE REAL ESTATE MARKET HERE IS PRACTICALLY UNTOUCHED!

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY ANIMALS THIS MONSTER EATS IN A DAY? THERE'S A TOTALLY UNTOUCHED CUSTOMER BASE... AND IT GROWS EVERY DAY!

NOW, MR. JACKALOPE. CAN I INTEREST YOU IN A DUPLEX NEAR THE KIDNEYS?

HOW ABOUT A NICE, DETACHED CONDO RIGHT HERE IN THE STOMACH? ZERO BITS DOWN!

...

NEW BUILD!  
PARASITE FARM!  
-STOMACH = 3  
-FULLY FURNISHED

3 BR 1 BA  
CAPE COD  
PINKIE TOE  
HANGNALL EYE

1 BR STUD  
LUNGS  
-WINDY  
-CHEAP RENT

2 BR 1.5 Bath  
BRAIN  
-PETS OKAY  
-GOOD SCHOOLS

HIGH RISE!  
NECK #2

