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SPACE.

THE BORING
FRONTIER.

IT'S SO BORING IN SPACE.
LOOK AT THIS, I'M TALKING
TO MYSELF NOW.

THOSE FOOLS, TAKING ME
AWAY FROM MY EQUESTRIA.
AWAY FROM MY DISCORD.

OH! LOOK!

LOOK AT MY
DARLING,
SEARCHING
FOR ME.

I'LL BE FREE OF MY STARRY
PRISON ONE DAY, DEAREST. I
JUST NEED TO BIDE MY TIME.

AND THEN... THEN,
SWEETHEART...

WE'LL TEACH THEM
ALL WHAT CHAOS
REALLY IS!

WHAT'S THIS NOW?

FINALLY...

I'M COMING
FOR YOU.





HELLO, DARLING.

GOSMOS

EPISODE FIVE

I HATE MYSELF FOR LOVING YOU



NEW PLAN. REGROUP.

SNAP



DISCORD, COME OUT, COME OUT WHEREVER YOU ARE! I KNEW YOU'D COME BACK FOR ME.

BAMF



HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DEFEAT HER WHEN SHE'S GOT ALL THOSE PONIES... WHAT? IN HER. AS PART OF HER? WHAT IS HAPPENING? WHY IS SHE SO BIG. I HATE EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS.



SHHH. SHE'LL HEAR YOU. DISCORD, WHO IS THAT CRAZY MONSTER AND WHY IS SHE LOOKING FOR YOU?



HAVE YOU NOT PAID ATTENTION FOR THESE PAST ISSUES? NEVER MIND.

I THINK WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS GET THOSE GEMS OFF THE ARMOR AND DESTROY THEM AND EVERYTHING SHOULD GO BACK TO NORMAL... FRIENDS SAVED, BUILDINGS BACK TO BRICKS... PROBABLY, I THINK.

PROBABLY, YOU THINK?! WHAT HAVE YOU ALL BEEN DOING WHILE WE WERE ON THAT TRAIN?!



DISCORD IS RIGHT... IT IS A LONG STORY.

AND I PROMISE TO ACT IT OUT FOR YOU WITH SOCK PUPPETS AND PROPS IF WE DO IT WHILE WE'RE LEAVING!



NO WAY, THIS IS MY FIRST REAL GIANT MONSTER ASSIGNMENT, AND I'M NOT BAILING!

YEAH, AH SAY THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO STEP IN HERE. ALL THE PRINCESSES ARE CAPTIVES, AND WE'RE THE ONLY ONES HERE WHO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON!



DISCORD. YOU ARE TRYING MY PATIENCE.



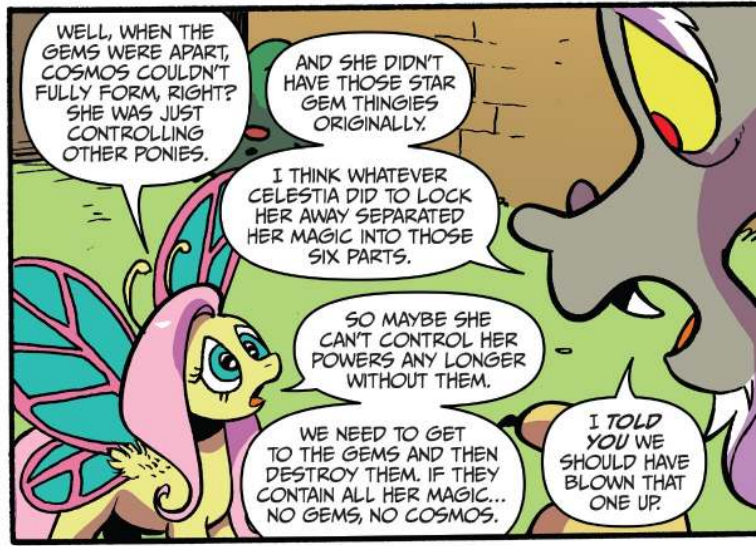
SAY, ABOUT THAT LEAVING IDEA... THE NOTION OF THE TROPICS HAD COME UP...

NO WAY! WE'RE GOING TO SAVE OUR FRIENDS AND SAVE EQUESTRIA... IT'S WHAT WE DO AT THE END OF EVERY SEASON!



SO THE GEMS ARE THE TARGETS. WE CAN TAKE THEM OUT.

AND THEN WHAT?



WELL, WHEN THE GEMS WERE APART, COSMOS COULDN'T FULLY FORM, RIGHT? SHE WAS JUST CONTROLLING OTHER PONIES.

AND SHE DIDN'T HAVE THOSE STAR GEM THINGIES ORIGINALLY.

I THINK WHATEVER CELESTIA DID TO LOCK HER AWAY SEPARATED HER MAGIC INTO THOSE SIX PARTS.

SO MAYBE SHE CAN'T CONTROL HER POWERS ANY LONGER WITHOUT THEM.

WE NEED TO GET TO THE GEMS AND THEN DESTROY THEM. IF THEY CONTAIN ALL HER MAGIC... NO GEMS, NO COSMOS.

I TOLD YOU WE SHOULD HAVE BLOWN THAT ONE UP.



GET THE GEMS. GOT IT. BUT HOW DO WE GET RID OF THEM?

IT TOOK THE COMBINED MAGICS OF SIX POWERFUL BEINGS AND THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY TO STOP HER. THE PRINCESSES LOCKED HER AWAY IN THE SKY... BUT WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A PRINCESS.

NO... WE DON'T HAVE A PRINCESS...





BACK LEGS.



CHEST PLATE.



HEAD.

YOU MEAN THE HELMET?



TEAM LLAMA HAS THE FRONT LEGS.



OH, BY THE NAME OF ALL THAT'S HOLY, SHE'S TEAMING UP WITH THE LLAMA.

AND ME?



GROUND PATROL. YOU FOLLOW BEHIND AND GET READY FOR SOME TAKEOUT.

YES!



WELL, LET'S TALK ATTACK FORMATION...

NOPE. THAT'S NOT FIGHTING CHAOS WITH CHAOS! LET'S JUST GO.

WHAT? PINKIE, NO.



DID I MENTION THE TROPICS?



I'M IN COMMAND. I COULD ORDER THIS.

YOU'RE NOT IN COMMAND.

BUT I'M NOT... BECAUSE DISCORD IS RIGHT IN POINTING OUT THE ENORMOUS DANGER POTENTIAL IN ANY CONTACT WITH LIFE AND INTELLIGENCE AS FANTASTICALLY ADVANCED AS THIS.

BUT I MUST POINT OUT THAT THE POSSIBILITIES, THE POTENTIAL FOR KNOWLEDGE AND ADVANCEMENT, ARE EQUALLY GREAT. RISK. RISK IS OUR BUSINESS.

RIGHT. SO—

IS SHE DONE?

WAIT FOR IT.

AYE, FIGHT AND YOU MAY SUFFER. RUN, AND YOU'LL LIVE—AT LEAST A WHILE. AND LYING IN YOUR BEDS MANY YEARS FROM NOW, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO TRADE ALL THE DAYS FROM THIS DAY TO THAT FOR ONE CHANCE, JUST ONE CHANCE, TO COME BACK HERE AND TELL OUR ENEMIES THAT THEY MAY TAKE OUR LIVES, BUT THEY'LL NEVER TAKE... OUR FREEDOM!

WE WILL NOT GO QUIETLY INTO THE NIGHT! WE WILL NOT VANISH WITHOUT A FIGHT! WE'RE GOING TO LIVE ON!

WE'RE GOING TO SURVIVE! TODAY WE CELEBRATE OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY!

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN!

WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?



WELL, HER PLAN IS INSANE, BUT THE SPEECH SELLS IT.

WE'RE OUT OF TIME TO COME UP WITH ANYTHING ELSE, ANYWAY.



DARLING!



SWEETNESS,
COME HERE AND SEE
WHAT I'VE MADE
FOR US.

PINKIE, IF WE LIVE
THROUGH THIS, WE ARE
GOING TO HAVE A LONG
TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU
JUST DID.



CAN'T HEAR YOU!
RUSHING TOWARD
DANGER TO SAVE
THE DAY!

OH YES, LET'S
RUN TOWARD THE
GIANT MONSTER IN A
BLIND PANIC AND SEE
WHAT HAPPENS.

THAT'S THE
PLAN!

I WAS BEING
SARCASTIC.





I'LL TAKE THE RIGHT, YOU THREE TAKE THE LEFT!

IS THAT MY LEFT OR HER LEFT? THAT'S LIKE STAGE LEFT, RIGHT?

GAH. JUST TAKE THE ONE I DON'T.

SWEET MOTHER of APPLESAUCE

ZAP



DON'T FORGET LLAMA.

NO PONY LEFT BEHIND!

GAH. I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M DOING THIS.

OOH! THIS ONE HAS A NICE HINT OF OAK!



BON APPLE-TEETH!

I DON'T THINK YOU'RE SAYING THAT RIGHT.



IMPUDENT BUGS. ENJOY YOUR NEW LIFE AS A PONY CAROUSEL.

READY?

ABSOLUTELY NOT, BUT DROP ME ANYWAY.



MY HAIR!



I TOLD YOU A PRONG SETTING WAS THE WORST CHOICE.

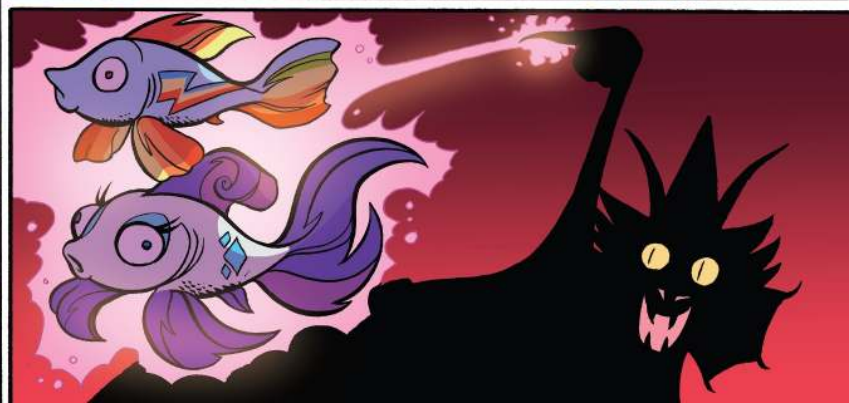


RARITY!



BOOM

CATCH!





OH, NO. DISCORD, I HAVE TO GO HELP THEM.

YOU WANT ME TO DO THIS BY MYSELF?



EVERYTHING YOU'VE LEARNED HAS LED TO THIS MOMENT. YOU'VE GOT THIS. YOU'RE SO BRAVE. I'M SO PROUD OF YOU.



RIGHT.



YOU GO. I DO HAVE THIS.



MAYBE. MAYBE I HAVE THIS.



DARLING, WHAT DO YOU AND YOUR MOTLEY LITTLE CREW THINK YOU ARE DOING?

GULP.



COSMOS... THIS IS IT FOR YOU. YOU'RE DONE. PUT EVERYTHING BACK THE WAY IT WAS, OR I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DESTROY THIS LAST PIECE OF YOU. PLEASE.

OH, DEAREST, I KNEW YOU CARED. I WATCHED YOU, YOU KNOW. FROM THE STARS. I WATCHED YOU LOOKING UP AT THE SKY TO ME... YOU CAN'T HURT ME.



I WAS LOOKING UP AT THE SKY BECAUSE I WAS TERRIFIED OF YOU, YOU ARROGANT FOOL. YOU WERE MAKING ME MISERABLE.

NO... YOU ADORE ME.



NO. I WAS THE ONE WHO RAN TO CELESTIA AND LUNA TO BEG THEM TO LOCK YOU AWAY.



BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T
HAVE THE HEART TO DO IT
YOURSELF. ADMIT IT. WE'RE
TWO SIDES OF THE SAME
COIN! YOU CAN'T HURT ME.
YOU CARE ABOUT
ME.

YOU'RE MY
FRIEND.

I
DID CARE...
ONCE.

BUT YOU...
WERE NEVER
MY FRIEND!



YOU STOPPED
THINKING ABOUT WHAT
I WANTED... YOU USED
ME! YOU DIDN'T CARE
ABOUT ME. THAT'S NOT
A FRIEND! I DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHAT
YOU ARE!

I'M NOT AFRAID OF
YOU ANYMORE! YOU WILL
PUT EVERYONE BACK THE
WAY THEY WERE BEFORE
YOU CAME BACK! THESE
PONIES ARE MY TRUE
FRIENDS.



YOU'VE CHANGED.

I HAVE.

I HAVEN'T.



YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT I AM?



I'M MALICE PERSONIFIED!

OF COURSE I USED YOU! WHAT GOES BETTER WITH MALICE THAN CHAOS!

AND IF CHAOS WON'T JOIN ME AS MY COMPANION, YOU CAN SIT AT MY FEET AS MY DOG.

**BERATIS
BERESLA
REDJAY!**



ZOT!

YIP



EH,
BEEN HERE
BEFORE.

POW
BAM

GET OFF ME, YOU
TRAITOR. I WILL TURN
YOU INTO A DUNG
BEETLE, YOU...

GOT IT.

NO.

BRING
THAT BACK, YOU...
I WILL NOT BE
DENIED THIS.
EQUESTRIA IS
MINE.

YOU'RE
MINE!

BAHF

PUPPY WANT
TREAT? WHO'S A
GOOD BOY?

OH! ME!
I'M A GOOD
BOY!

NOOOOOO!

GULP

DO YOU THINK... THIS IS THE LAST YOU'VE SEEN OF ME? F-FOOLS! I'LL FIND A WAY TO REGAIN MY POWER, AND YOU'LL BE SORRY!

YOU CANNOT DESTROY MALICE!
YOU'LL ALL BE SORRY.

I'LL START BY RIPPING THOSE GEMS RIGHT OUT OF YOUR LITTLE DOG.

ACK!

NO... WE'RE DONE. THIS IS OVER.

CHOCOLATE MILK 2%







I CAN'T SAY I'M HAPPY WITH YOUR PAST ACTIONS, DISCORD, BUT YOU'VE PAID YOUR DUES ON THEM. YOU SHOWED TODAY THE TRUE MAGIC OF FRIENDSHIP, AND YOU PONIES SAVED US ALL FROM A SEVERE THREAT.

DIG IT!



I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU PUT HER ON THE MOON. NOW, NOT ONLY AM I IN CHARGE OF MAKING SURE SHE STAYS UP THERE, I NEED TO WORRY IF SHE'S BEEN MOVING ALL MY MOON-ROCK GARDENS. I HAD THEM JUST THE WAY I LIKED THEM.



NOW, DISCORD, WHAT'S THE APPROXIMATE DATE COSMOS WAS ORIGINALLY HURTLER INTO SPACE?

WHY DO YOU THINK HER MAGIC WAS SPLIT INTO SIX PIECES?



MAYBE GIVE HIM SOME TIME TO PROCESS BEFORE ALL THE QUESTIONS?

BUT I NEED TO KNOW THINGS.

I MISSED OUT ON THE WHOLE ADVENTURE BECAUSE I WAS POSSESSED BY A CRAZY MONSTER. IT'S NOT FAIR.

I NEED TO INTERVIEW ALL OF YOU FOR MY NOTES!



YOU CAN TALK TO DISCORD LATER. I'LL GO FIRST! IT ALL STARTED WITH THIS LLAMA...

AND DON'T FORGET TO WRITE DOWN THAT I'M THE REAL HERO. THOSE GEMS GAVE ME INDIGESTION.

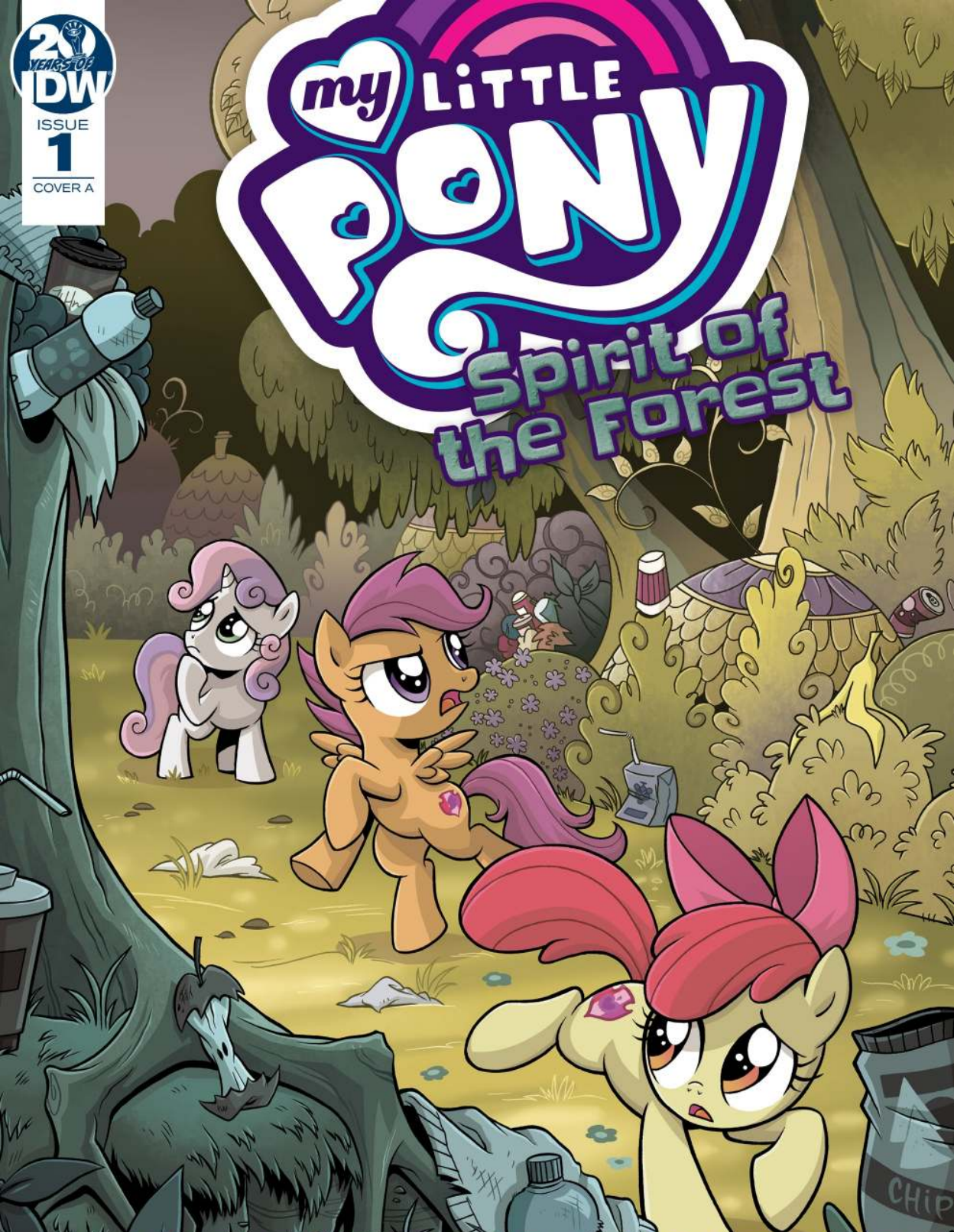
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YEEHAW!

CUTIE MARK
CAMPING TRIP,
Y'ALL!

YEAH!



WHITE TAIL
WOODS IS SO
PRETTY THIS TIME
OF YEAR...

I WISH WE COULD
SPEND A WHOLE MONTH
OUT CAMPING INSTEAD OF
JUST A WEEKEND!



ARE YOU
KIDDING?

A WHOLE
MONTH IN THE
WOODS WITHOUT A
BATH? YOU'D GET
ALL STINKY!

THAT'S THE PRICE
YOU PAY FOR
FREEDOM!



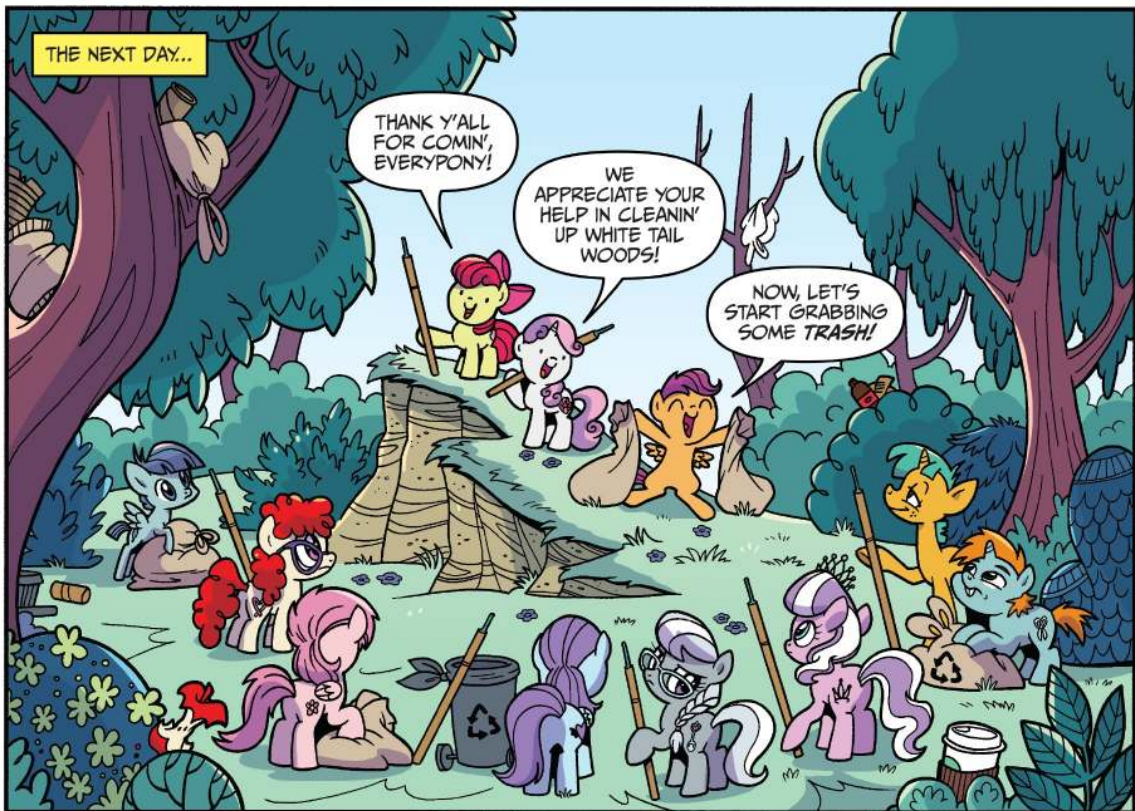


THE NEXT DAY...

THANK Y'ALL FOR COMIN', EVERYPONY!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN CLEANIN' UP WHITE TAIL WOODS!

NOW, LET'S START GRABBING SOME TRASH!



THANKS, TWIST!

NO PROBLEM!



RRGH! STUPID LITTER!

WHY DO WE HAVE TO CLEAN IT UP? MAKE THE PONIES WHO LITTERED DO THE CLEANING!





WELL... IT'D BE BETTER IF EVERYPONY PICKED UP AFTER THEMSELVES...

... BUT IF THEY DON'T, *SOME*PONY NEEDS TO!

WELL, WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE *US*?



I DIDN'T DUMP ALL THIS GARBAGE!

IT'S NOT MY FAULT, SO IT'S NOT MY RESPONSIBILITY!

MAYBE NOT...



... BUT JUST BECAUSE WE DIDN'T *CAUSE* IT DOESN'T MEAN WE DON'T NEED TO FIX IT.



THESE WOODS BELONG TO *EVERYPONY*!

AND THAT MEANS WE *ALL* NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO KEEP THEM *BEAUTIFUL*!



UM.

O-O-KAY.



THAT WAS VERY, UM—*SPIRITED*!

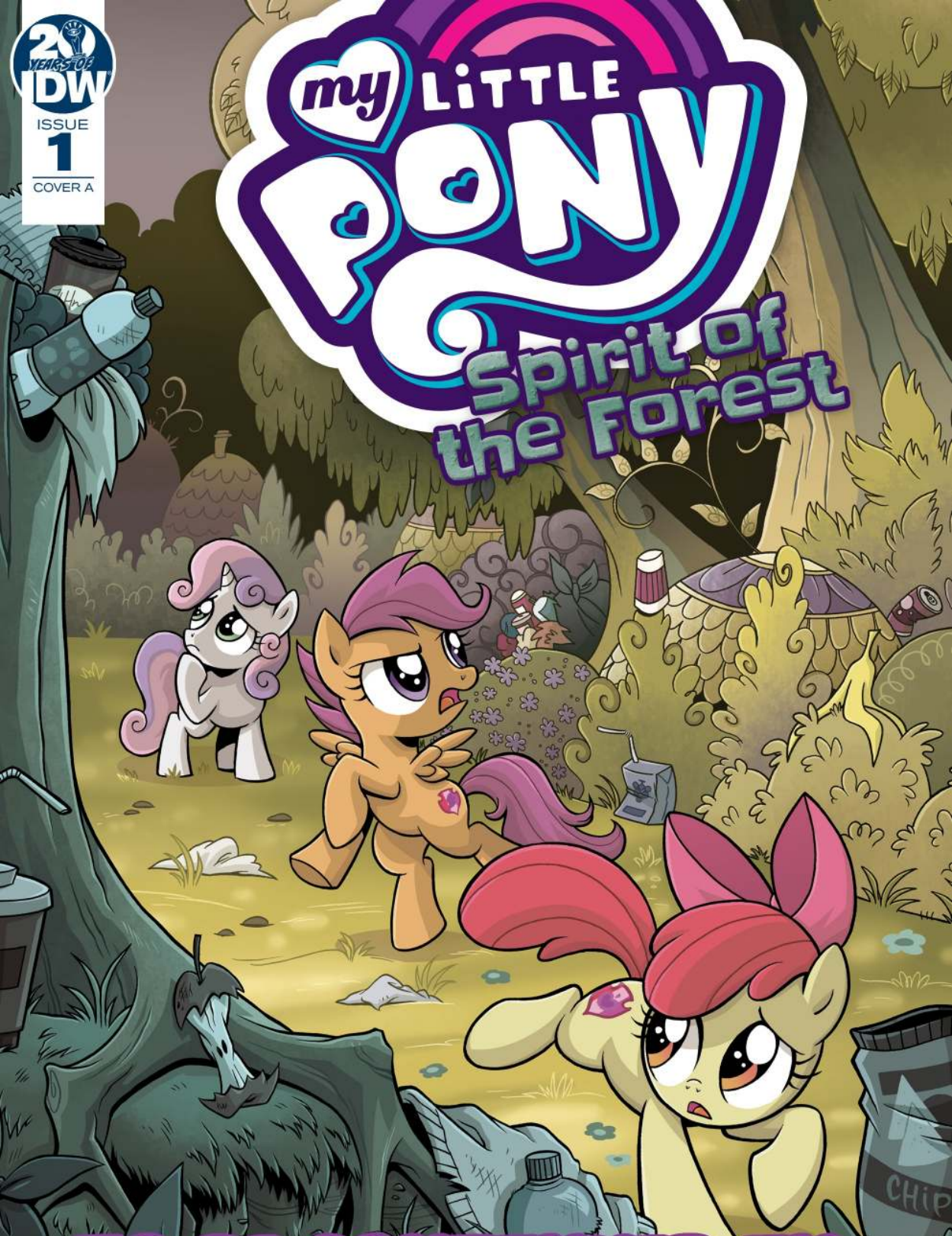
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU FELT SO STRONGLY ABOUT THESE WOODS, DIAMOND TIARA!

THEY'RE *IMPORTANT* TO ME AND MY FAMILY.

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