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I CAN'T BELIEVE I GET TO FLY WITH THE WONDERBOLTS TOMORROW!

YOU'RE GOING TO DO GREAT, RUMBLE!

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE IT! THIS WHOLE WEEKEND IS GOING TO BE SO MUCH FUN!





YEAH, THERE'S PLENTY TO DO HERE.

I WANT TO TRY ON A WONDERBOLTS UNIFORM!

THE "CHOCOLATE BOLTS ON A STICK" LOOK YUMMY!



ONE QUICK OUTFIT CHANGE LATER...

ONCE THE ACADEMY COMMANDANTS SEE MY FLYING, I'M SURE THEY'LL OFFER ME A SPOT HERE—

—WELL, ON THE SPOT!





SPEAKING OF WHICH, IT'S TIME FOR US TO HEAD TO PRACTICE.

CATCH YOU LATER!



HARD TO STARBOARD! LOOK SHARP!

WOO-HOO!

WATCH IT, RUMBLE.

YOU'RE KILLING IT, RED!



OKAY, THIS IS THE BIG ONE—**STARBURST MANEUVER!** WATCH YOUR FLANKS!







NAH, IT'S OKAY. I KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT.

I'M SORRY YOU AREN'T GOING TO GET TO FLY, THOUGH. I WAS **REALLY** LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THAT.



HEY, YOU MAY BE GROUNDED, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO JUST SIT AROUND HERE, DO WE? WE'RE AT WONDERBOLTS ACADEMY. LET'S GO **EXPLORE!**

LATER...

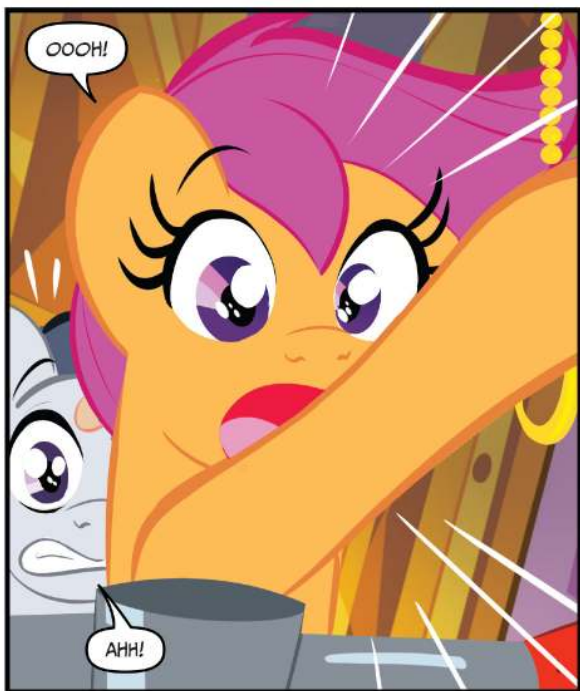
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS? WHEN I SAID **EXPLORE**, I DIDN'T MEAN **BREAK** INTO THE MUSEUM.

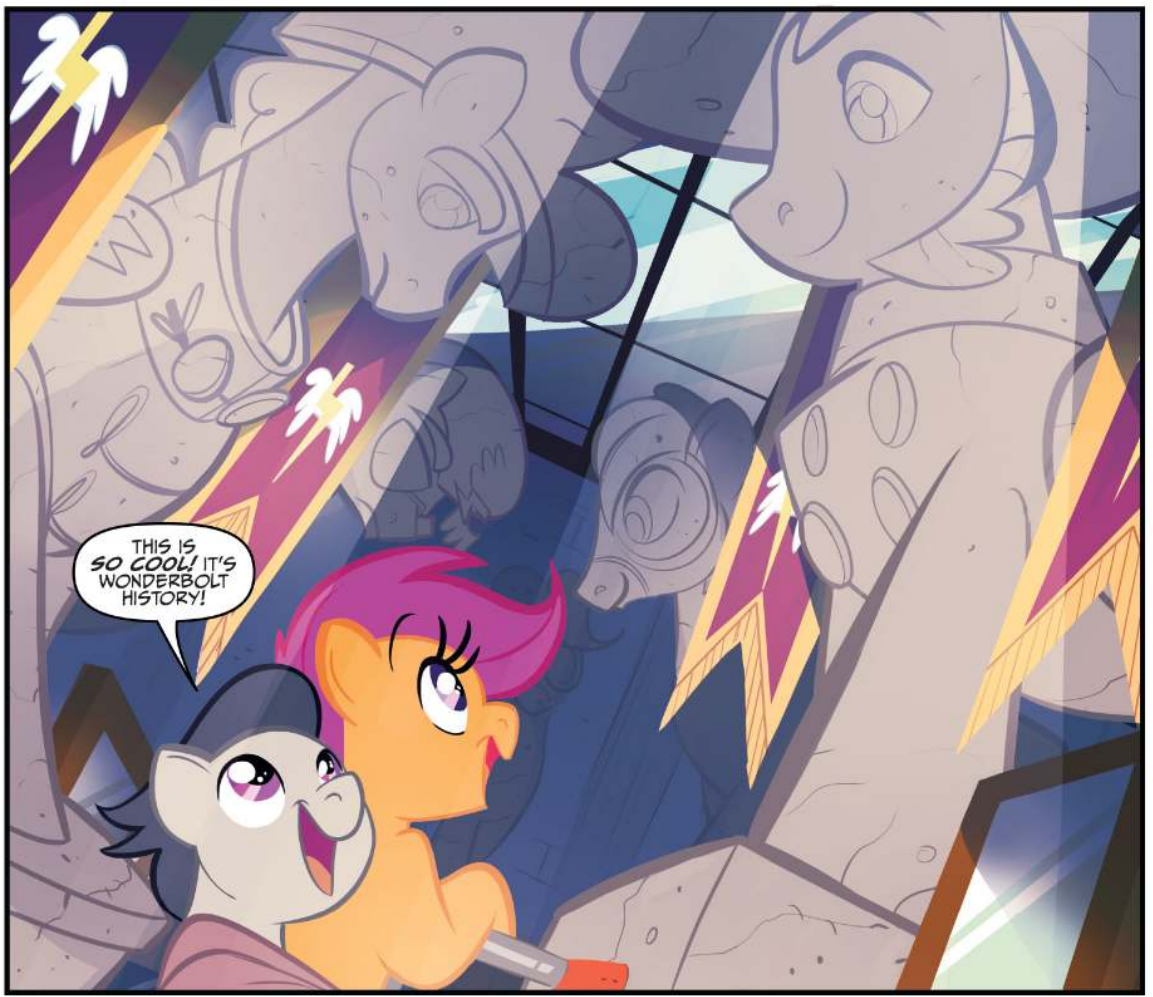
WE DIDN'T BREAK IN. THE DOOR WAS UNLOCKED. NOW TURN ON THAT LIGHT.

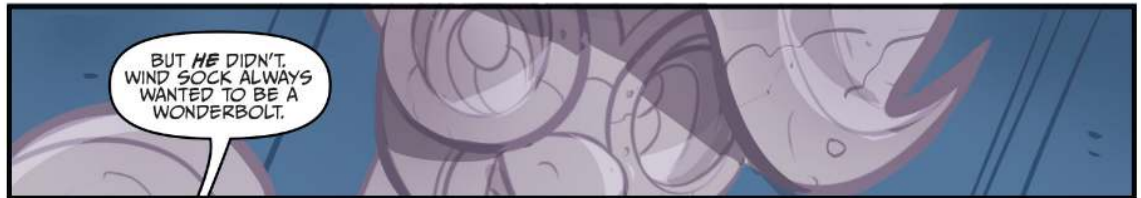


OOOH!

AHH!







A LONG TIME AGO...

"HE WANTED TO BE A WONDERBOLT SO BAD HE GOT THE ONLY JOB AN EARTH PONY COULD AT THE WONDERBOLT HEADQUARTERS—**JANITOR**."



"AND MANY OF THE WONDERBOLTS **NEVER** LET HIM FORGET IT."

WHY DID THE GENERAL LET THIS **WINGLESS WONDER** WORK HERE?

HEY HIM SWEEPING UP IS ONE LESS THING WE NEED TO DO.



"BUT HE HAD A **SECRET**."



"IF NATURE DIDN'T GIVE HIM WINGS, HE WAS GOING TO GIVE THEM TO **HIMSELF**."



"HE TRIED AND TRIED AND **TRIED**."



"AND FAILED AND FAILED AND FAILED."

"UNTIL ONE DAY, HE DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE."

ALL HOVES ON DECK! WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM!

PEGASUS DOWN! PEGASUS DOWN!

"ONE OF THE WONDERBOLTS WAS SHOWING OFF AND GOT TOO CLOSE TO BREEZEWOOD CANYON DURING A WINDSTORM."

"BREEZEWOOD? THAT'S WHERE THE WINDS WHIP AROUND SO MUCH NO PEGASUS CAN FLY THROUGH THEM."

"EXACTLY."

"AND NOW THIS WONDERBOLT WAS CAUGHT ON THE CANYON FLOOR WITH A BROKEN WING AND NO WAY OUT."

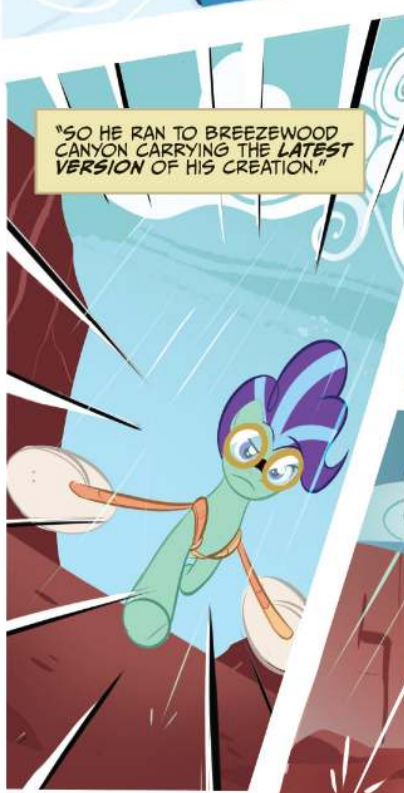
"AND NO WONDERBOLT COULD BEAT THE WINDS TO REACH HIM."



"BUT WIND SOCK HEARD THIS AND HAD AN IDEA."



"SO HE RAN TO BREEZEWOOD CANYON CARRYING THE LATEST VERSION OF HIS CREATION."



DAUNTLESS CAN'T STAY DOWN THERE FOREVER!

MAYBE THE STORM WILL PASS.

I DON'T THINK SO. NO TIME SOON, AT LEAST.



I'VE GOT AN IDEA. BUT I'M GOING TO NEED THAT **STRETCHER** AND **YOUR HELP** TO MAKE IT WORK.



WHAT'S THIS GROUND GOING ON ABOUT?

WE'VE GOT A PONY DOWN AND NO WAY TO GET HIM. IF SOCK'S GOT AN IDEA, I WANT TO HEAR IT.





I'VE BEEN WORKING ON AN IDEA FOR HOW TO FLY. FOR HOW TO LET *ME* FLY. NOW TAKE APART THAT STRETCHER.



WHAT I THINK I'VE NEEDED IS A MORE FLEXIBLE MATERIAL LIKE THAT CANVAS.

LIKE THE STRETCHER?

EXACTLY.

"WIND SOCK HAD BEEN WORKING ON AN INVENTION SO A FLIGHTLESS PONY LIKE HIM COULD ACTUALLY TAKE FLIGHT."



WHAT IS THAT?

IT'S *WINGS* FOR THE *WINGLESS*.

IT'S A GLIDER.



DOES IT WORK?

DON'T KNOW. THIS WILL BE THE *FIRST PONIED FLIGHT*.



"HIS GLIDER WORKED! AND FOR JUST A SECOND—JUST **ONE** SECOND—HE BASKED IN BEING ABLE TO FLY.

"BUT JUST THE **ONE**."

"LATER, HE'D REALIZE THAT HIS GLIDER WAS A **FIXED WING**, AND MORE STABLE THAN PEGASUS WINGS IN ALL THOSE WHIPPING WINDS.



"BUT FOR NOW, HE HAD A JOB TO DO.



"HE HAD TO **RESCUE** HIS FELLOW WONDERBOLT."

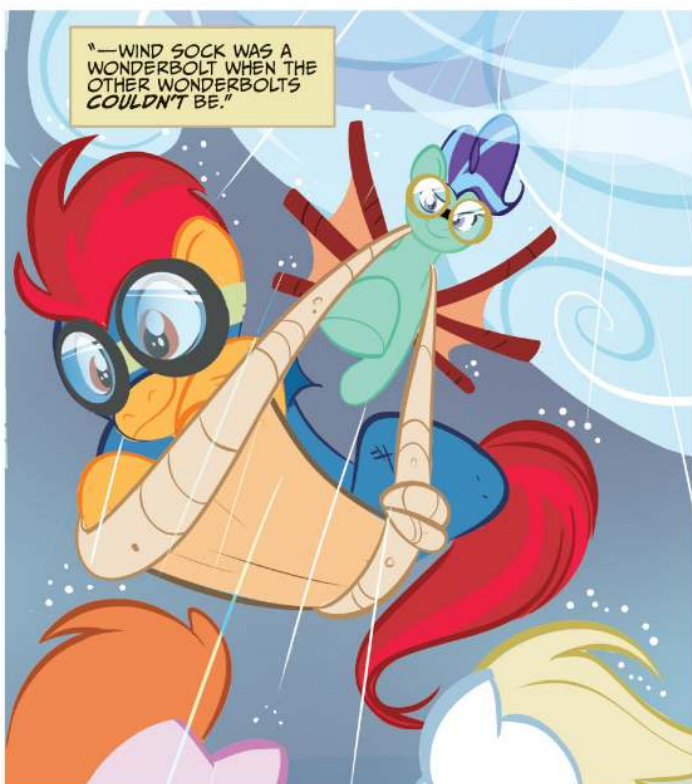


WHAT IS THAT **CRAZY** THING?

IT'S YOUR WAY OUT OF HERE! NOW **COME ON!**



"WHEN IT *REALLY* COUNTED—



"—WIND SOCK WAS A WONDERBOLT WHEN THE OTHER WONDERBOLTS *COULDN'T* BE."



THAT CRAZY FLYPONY DID IT!



THAT WAS SOME FLYING, CADET.

I'M NOT A CADET, SIR. I'M JUST THE GROUNDSKEEPER.

NOT ANYMORE—CADET.



AFTER ALL THAT, YOU'RE GOING TO BE A WONDERBOLT.



THE NEXT DAY—

WELCOME, EVERYPONY! GET READY FOR THE FOALS AND FRIENDS AIR PARADE, FEATURING THE WONDERBOLTS AND SOME FUTURE WONDERBOLT CADETS!



HAD TO SHOW OFF, DIDN'T YOU? AND YOUR ANTICS GOT RUMBLE HURT—AND YOU GROUNDED.

SORRY, MOM.



WHERE'S RUMBLE? HE'S NOT STILL IN THE HOSPITAL, IS HE?

DID HE STAY AWAY BECAUSE HE COULDN'T FLY?

OH, HE'LL BE ALONG.



EVERYPONY, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO—



—THE PRIDE OF THE EQUESTRIAN SKIES—

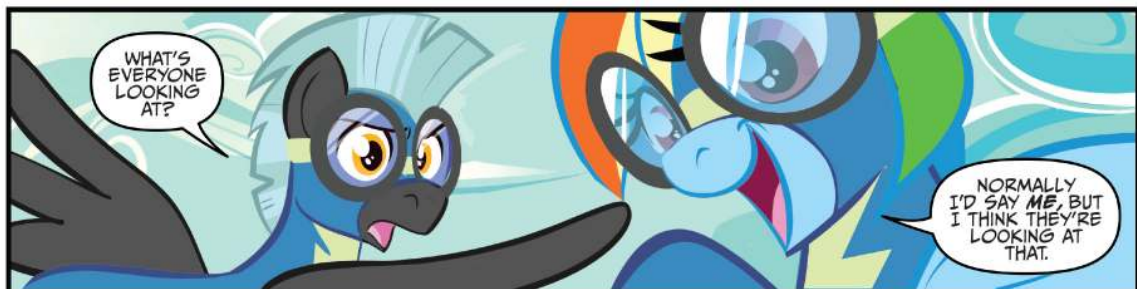




-THE
WONDERBOLTS!



WAIT—WHAT
IN TARNATION
IS THAT?



WHAT'S
EVERYONE
LOOKING
AT?

NORMALLY
I'D SAY ME, BUT
I THINK THEY'RE
LOOKING AT
THAT.



HEY! YOU'RE
NOT DOING
THIS WITHOUT
ME!





LET'S HAVE
A HAND FOR THE
WONDERBOLTS!

ALTIUS
VOLANTIS—
SOARING HIGHER!



THANK YOU,
GENERAL.

KEEP
'EM FLYING,
SON—



—NO FORCE
IN EQUESTRIA
CAN STOP
YOU!

The End!

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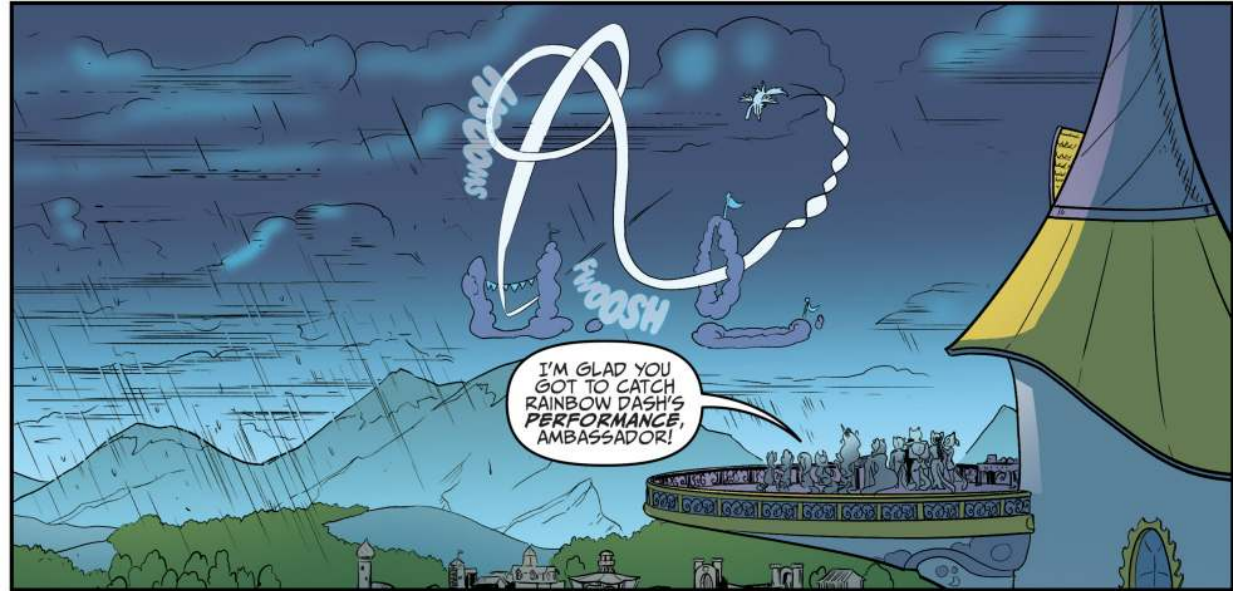
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HUH?

WHAT?

EEYAAHHH!

PZAP

PZAP

WHOA!

HIYA!

HIYA!

PZAP

PZAP



WHA—WHERE AM I? IS THIS CELESTIA'S SCHOOL?

HOW DID I GET HERE?



OH, NO...

I'VE TRAVELED THROUGH TIME AGAIN, HAVEN'T I?

YOU'RE ME!



CAN'T CATCH ME, YOU WEIRD IMPOSTER!

WILL YOU SLOW DOWN?! I'M YOU!



EEEEEEK!

OH, NO...

PLEASE DON'T SCREAM! WE GET TUMMYACHES WHEN WE SCREAM!



WHAT'S TH' BIG IDEA, GOIN' AROUND LOOKIN' LIKE ME?!

AH AM YOU, YOU ORNERY VARMINT!



SO SOME KIND OF TEMPORAL DISTORTION SENT YOU TO THE PAST?

YEP!

AND YOU ARRIVED NEXT TO YOUR YOUNGER SELF BECAUSE OF QUANTUM KIRLIAN ATTRACTION, RIGHT?

RIGHT!



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