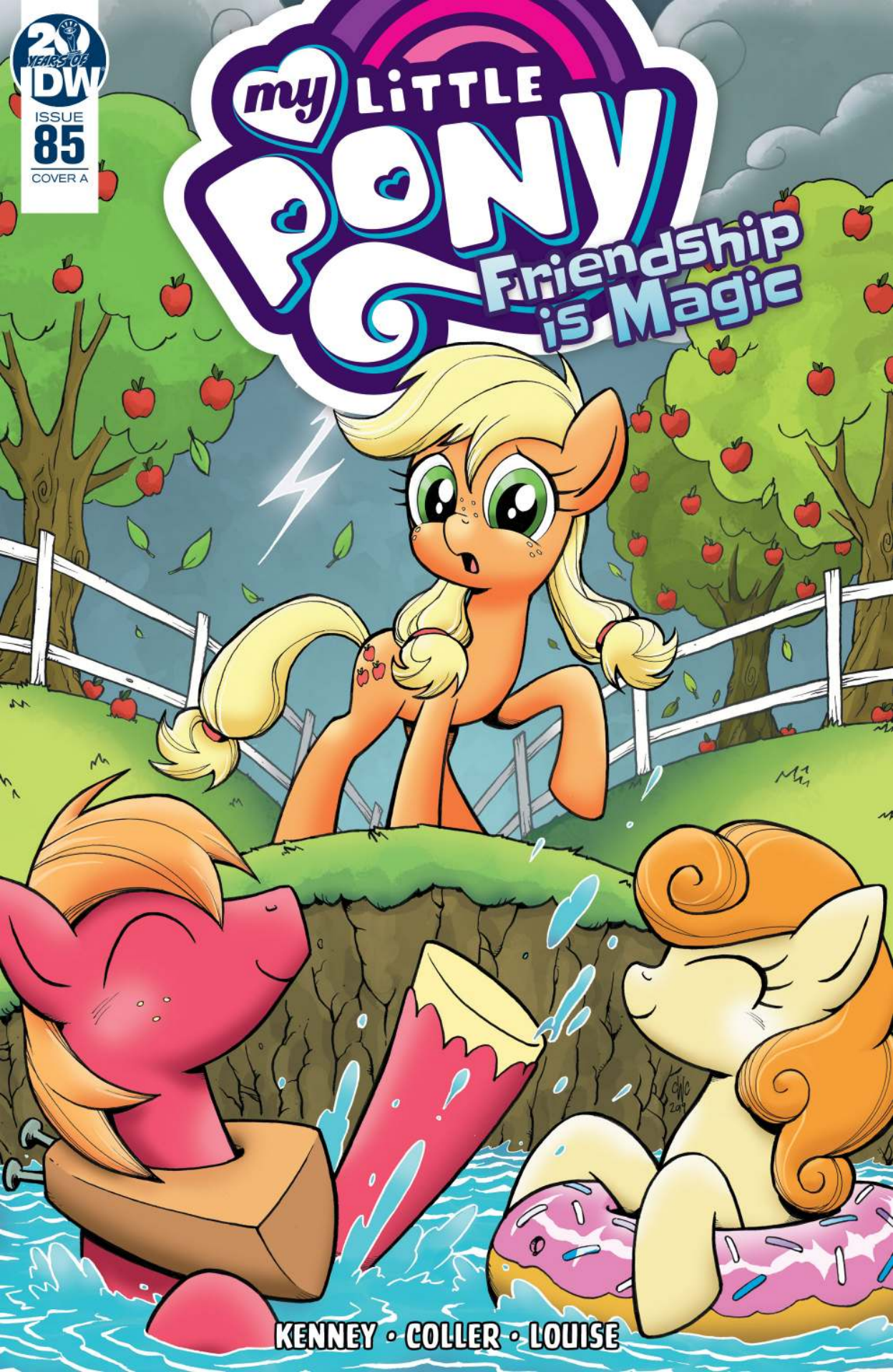


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ALRIGHT, APPLE BLOOM. YOU WERE PICKIN' APPLES, AND THEN YOU SAW WHAT, EXACTLY?

A GIANT FLY-DER! BIGGER'N YOU!

THAT DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE. FLY-DERS ARE ONE; TINY, AND TWO: ALL THE WAY OVER IN LUNA BAY.

BUT I SAW IT! WHY'D YOU COME HELP ME LOOK IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME?

'CAUSE I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T LET IT GO, AND GRANNY WOULDN'T LET YOU COME OUT HERE ALONE AFTER DARK. BUT I PROMISE, IT CAN'T BE A FLY-DER.

OH, YEAH?



THEN HOW DO YA EXPLAIN THAT?



I NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE. WE GOTTA ASK TWILIGHT...

UH-HUH.

...I WONDER IF IT CAME FROM TARTARUS?

YUP.



WHATSAMATTER? YA SCARED?

NO! I'M NEVER—



AAAAAAAAAAAA!







YEARS 'N YEARS AGO...

YOU REMEMBER  
THE OLD WELL AT  
THE EDGE OF THE  
PROPERTY?



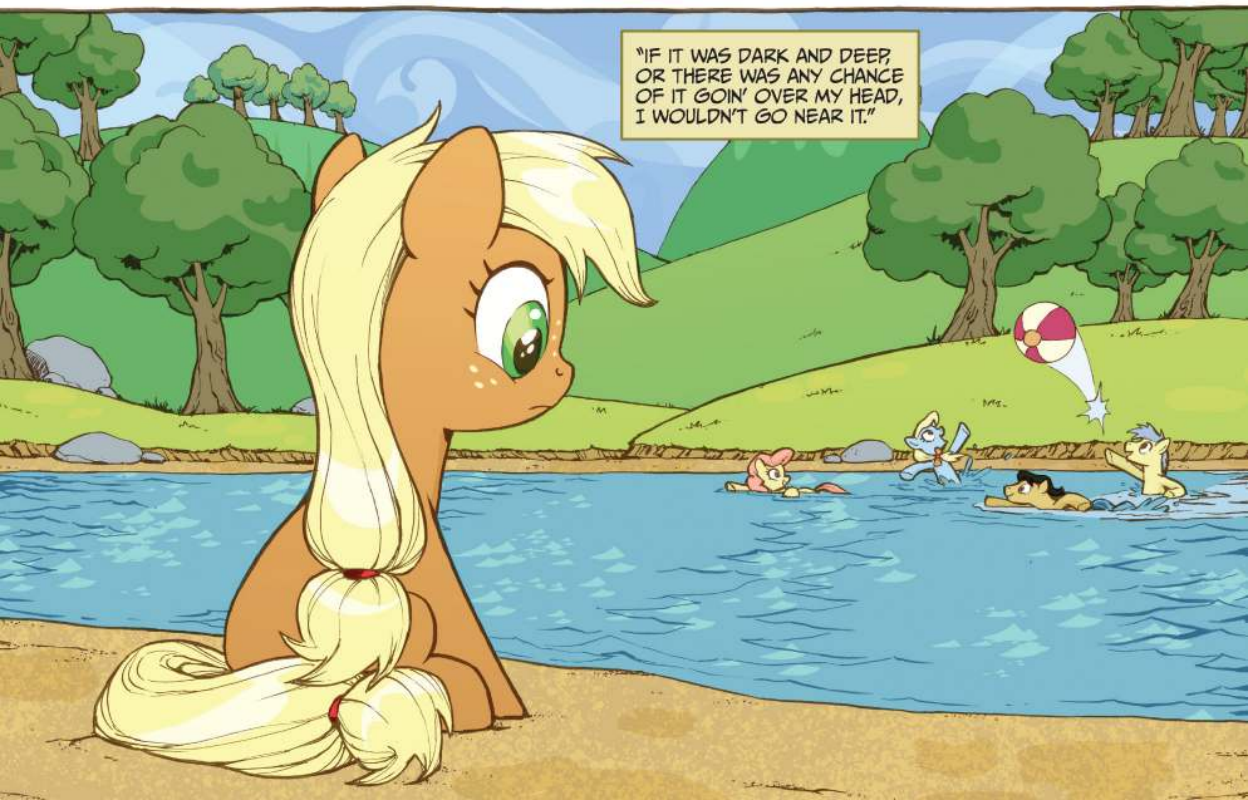
"ONE DAY, I DECIDED I HAD  
TO SEE HOW DEEP IT WENT.  
WHAT IF SOMETHIN' WAS  
INSIDE? MERPONIES? TINY  
LITTLE FISHIES?"

HELLOOOOO?!  
ANYPONY DOWN  
THERE?

HELLLLLLLP!











NOW HOLD ON JUST A DARN MINUTE!

I'VE SEEN YOU GO IN WATER PLENTY OF TIMES! HECK, I'VE SEEN YOU SWIM! YOU'RE NEVER SCARED!

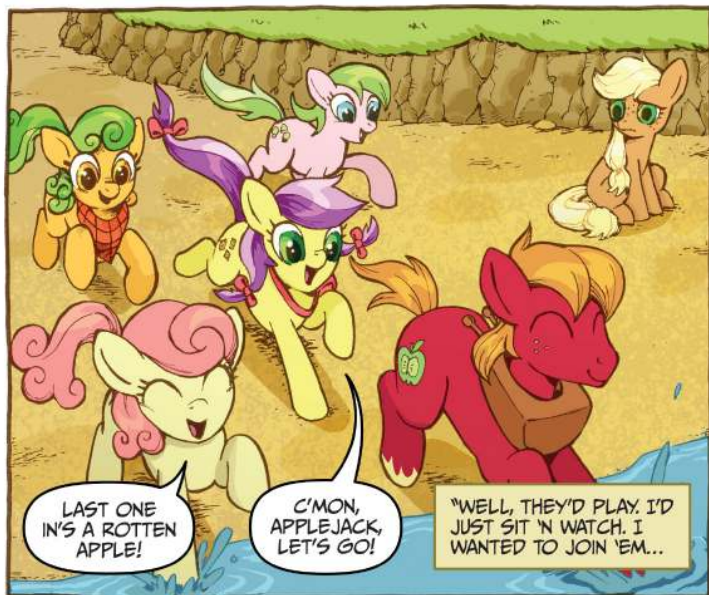
MAY I FINISH, PUH-LEASE?

FINE.

"THANK YA KINDLY."

"NOW, MY FEAR OF WATER CAME AT A REAL BAD TIME—IT WAS THE HOTTEST DANGED SUMMER YOU'D EVER FELT."

"AFTER WORKIN' IN THE ORCHARDS ALL DAY, WE'D GO DOWN TO THE LAKE TO COOL OFF 'N PLAY!"



LAST ONE IN'S A ROTTEN APPLE!

C'MON, APPLEJACK, LET'S GO!

"WELL, THEY'D PLAY. I'D JUST SIT 'N WATCH. I WANTED TO JOIN 'EM..."



"... BUT I WAS TOO SCARED."





C'MON, APPLEJACK!



WE'RE PLAYIN' WATER TAG!



WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HER?

DUNNO, SHE'S JUST SITTIN' THERE POUTIN'.

WELL, IF SHE'S GONNA POUT, I'M GONNA PLAY!



SQUEEEEE!

OLLY OLLY PONYFREE!

I THOUGHT WE WERE PLAYIN' TAG?

GOTCHA!













C'MON, AJ!  
THERE'S ROOM  
FOR YOU!

WE NEED  
A NEW PONY  
POLO. BIG  
MAC'S NO  
GOOD AT  
IT.

HEY!



AAAA!

SLIP



"BIG MAC GRABBED  
ME BEFORE I COULD  
GO UNDER, BUT IT  
DIDN'T MATTER. IT WAS  
LIKE PROOF THAT I  
COULDN'T GO IN THE  
WATER, THAT I NEVER  
COULD. THAT I'D BEEN  
RIGHT TO BE AFRAID."



WHAT'S  
WRONG WITH  
HER?

I DUNNO, BUT SHE  
LOOKED... I DUNNO,  
LIKE SHE SAW A  
TIMBERWOLF.

WHY?

BEATS  
ME.

"I MADE A  
PROMISE TO  
MYSELF, THEN  
AND THERE."

SLIP



I'M NEVER  
GOIN' IN THE  
WATER AGAIN!









"...ALRIGHT THEN. YOU MIND IF I FINISH THE STORY?"

"...SURE, GO AHEAD."

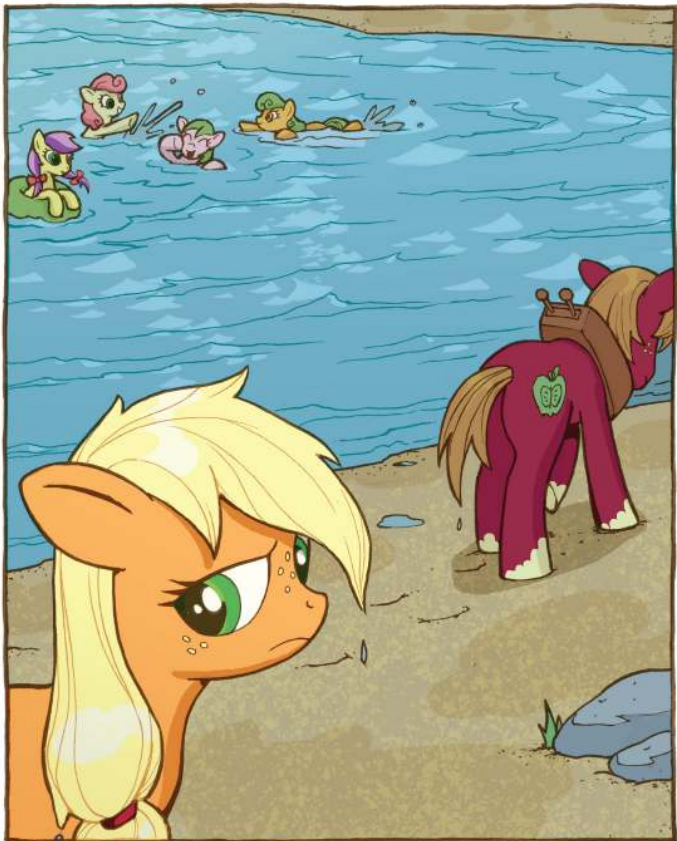
AW, C'MON, APPLEJACK. YOU'LL GO IN THE WATER AGAIN WHEN YOU'RE READY.

YOU STAY OUTTA THIS! I NEVER WOULD'VE GONE IN IF YOU HADN'T MADE ME!



"MADE" YOU? I SAVED YOU!

WHY DON'T YOU JUST LEAVE ME ALONE?!







WHERE'S HE GOIN'?

YOU OKAY, AJ?

C'MON, IT'S STILL SUNNY, WE GOTTA GO PLAY!

YOU GONNA COME ALL THE WAY IN THIS TIME?



"Y'SEE, I'VE GOT THIS HABIT, WHEN I'M AFRAID."

EVERYBODY JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!

"I TAKE IT OUT ON THE PONIES TRYIN' TO HELP ME."



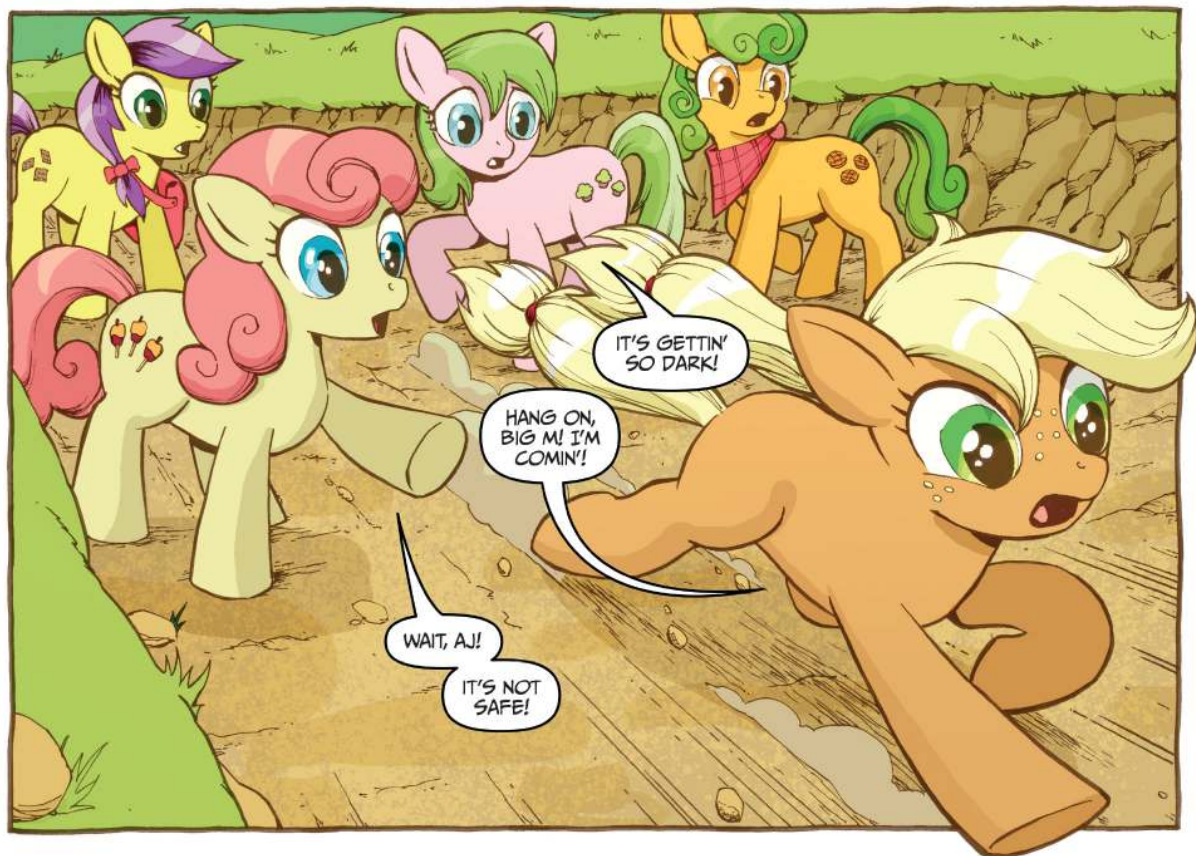
"I WAS SO SCARED, AND SO MAD THAT I WAS SCARED, THAT I HURT THE PONIES I LOVED—"

"—WHEN I COULD'VE JUST ADMITTED WHAT I WAS FEELIN'."









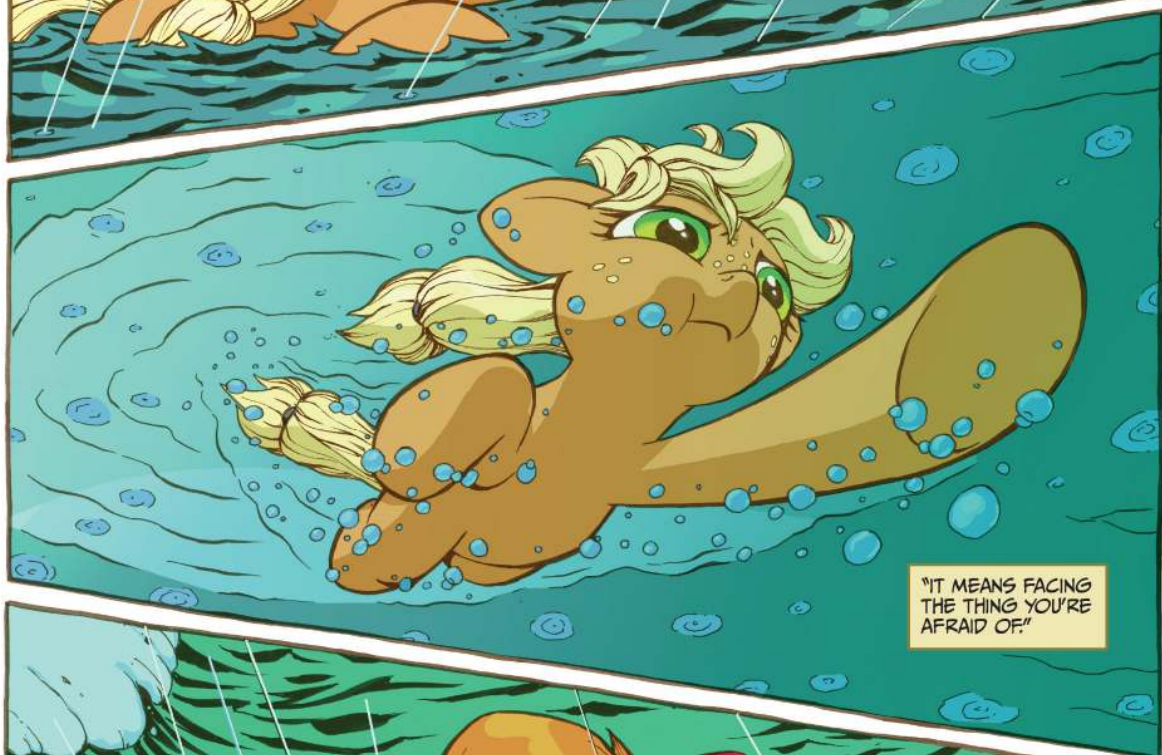




"THAT'S WHEN I KNEW  
WHAT IT REALLY MEANT  
TO BE AFRAID."







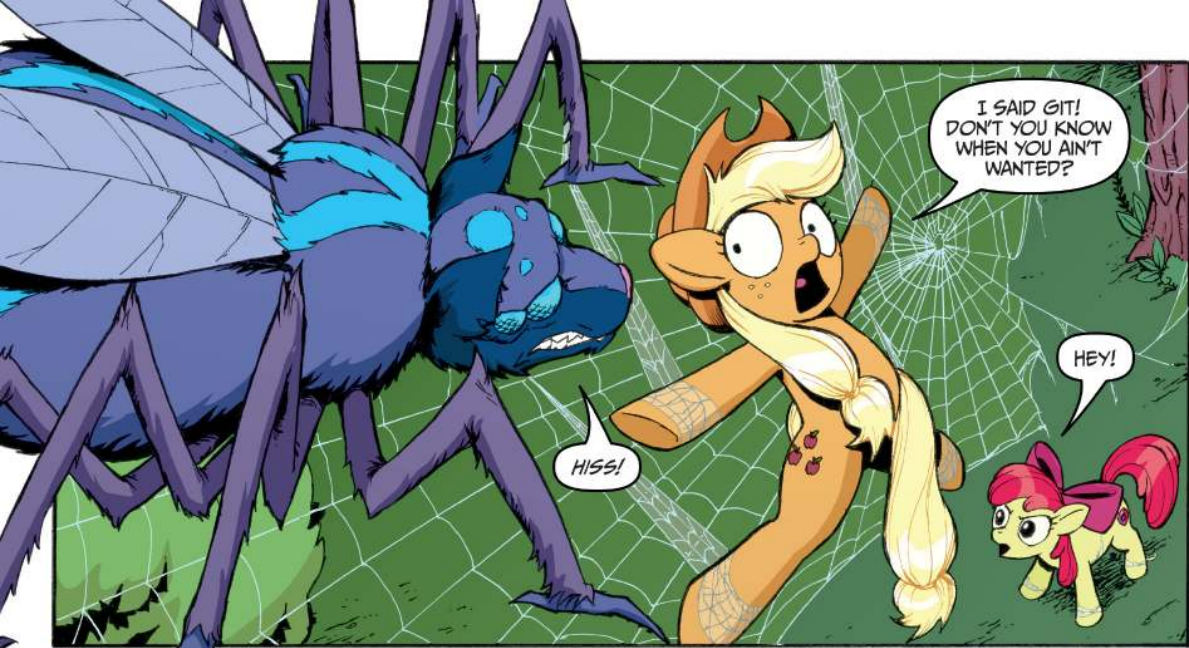












I SAID GIT!  
DON'T YOU KNOW  
WHEN YOU AIN'T  
WANTED?

HEY!

HISS!



NOW LISTEN  
HERE, WE'VE HAD QUITE  
ENOUGH OF YOU LEAVIN' WEBS  
ALL OVER OUR FARM AND  
SCARIN' EVERYPONY!

SO HOW  
ABOUT YOU LET MY  
SISTER DOWN, CLEAN  
UP YOUR WEBS, AND GO  
SOMEWHERE DARK AND  
CREEPY. LIKE STRAIGHT  
BACK TO TARTARUS!



NOD NOD NOD



CAN'T  
BELIEVE THAT  
WORKED.

ME  
NEITHER.



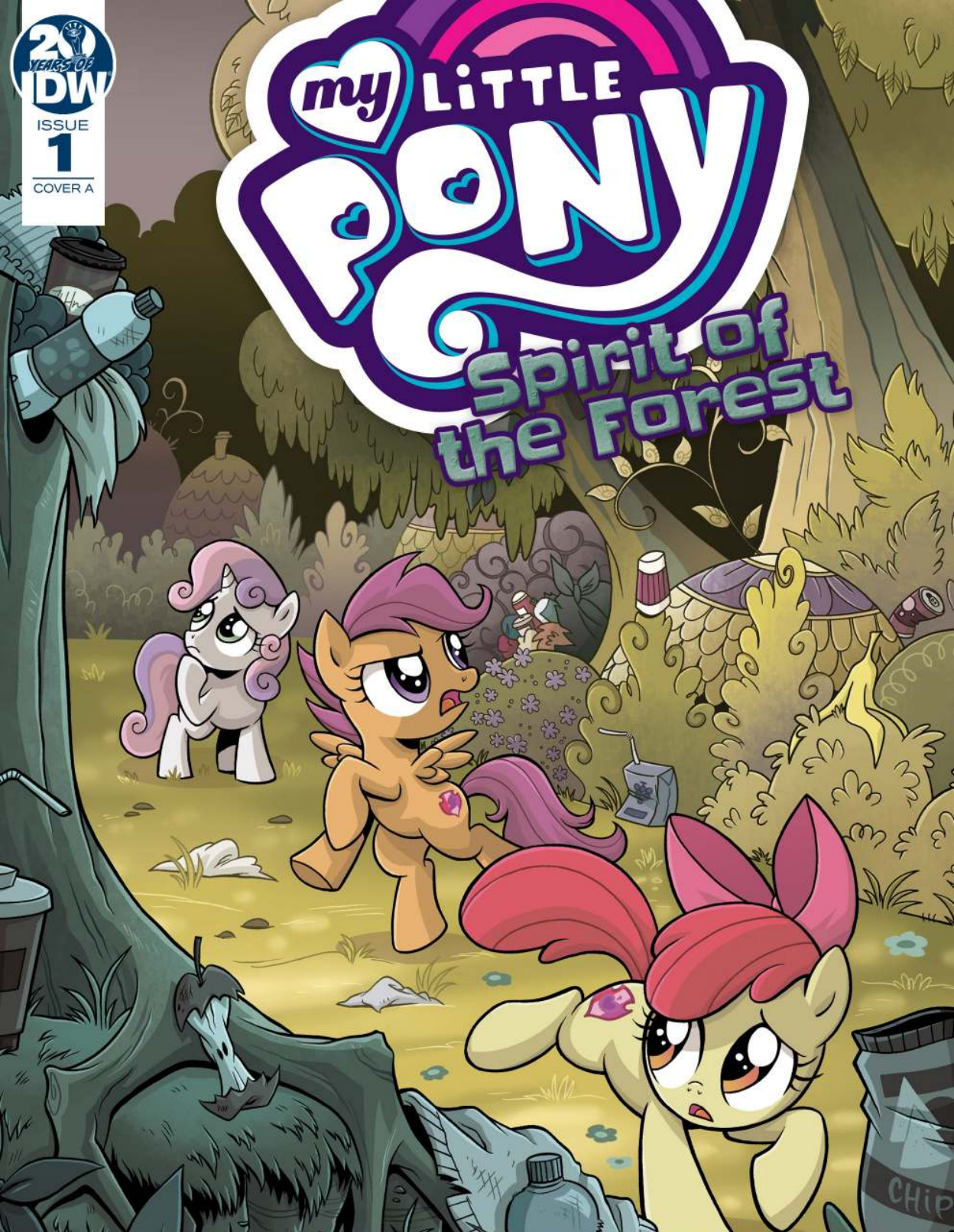




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**YEEHAW!**

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*!

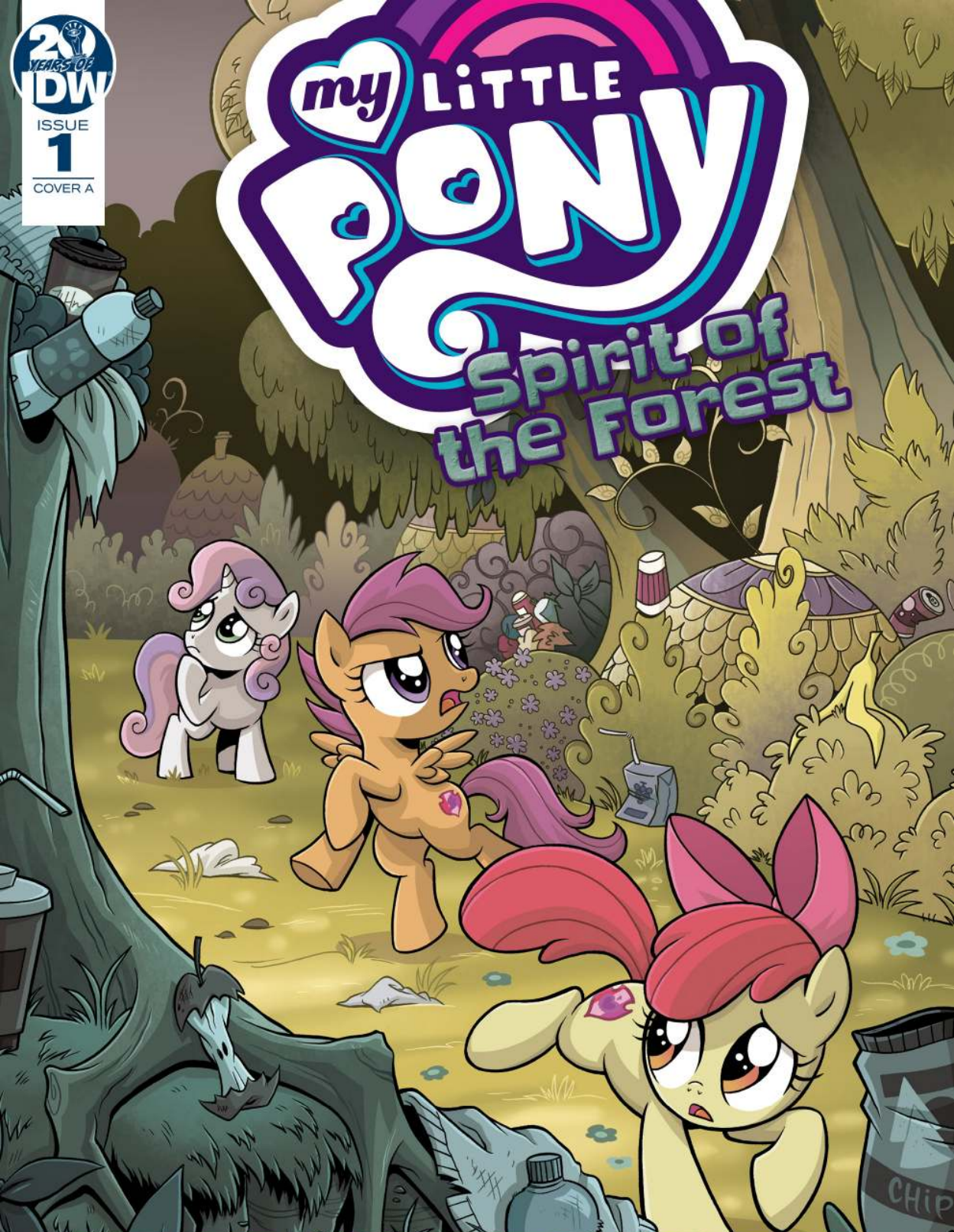
THEY'RE *IMPORTANT* TO ME AND MY *FAMILY*.



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