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Reins, Trains and Carts with Wheels



EH?
WHAT'S ALL
THIS THEN?

IT'S CALLED
"THE MAIL" GRANNY
SMITH! I THOUGHT
YOU KNEW THAT.



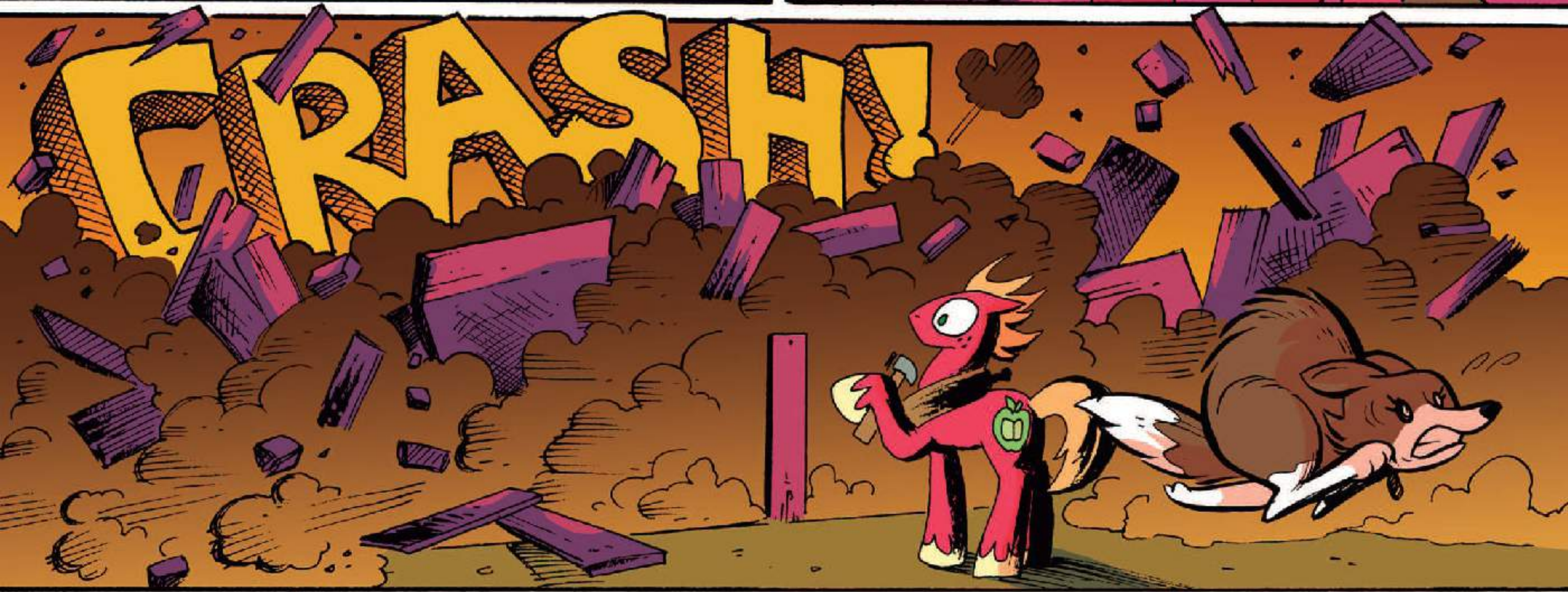
WHIPPERSNAPPERS...

"DEAR PONYVILLE APPLES,
WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT YOUR
DELICIOUS APPLES AND WE HAD AN IDEA.
WE'D LIKE TO INCORPORATE SOME OF YOUR
PRODUCE INTO OUR NEW LINE OF DESSERTS IN
OUR SHOP... DO YOU HAVE TIME TO COME
OUT FOR A VISIT AND A BUSINESS CHAT?
WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!"

"SIGNED, THE
WEST COAST
ORANGES."

BUSINESS
EXPANSION, HOW
EXCITIN'! SELLING OUR
APPLES OUT WEST... THIS
COULD EARN US ENOUGH
BITS TO REBUILD THE
BARN... AGAIN...





I CAN HOP ON A TRAIN TODAY AND BE IN APPLEWOOD LATE TOMORROW... I CAN HAVE A CHAT WITH THE ORANGES AND BE BACK QUICK AS A WHIP! GRANNY! SEND A MESSAGE BACK THAT I'M ON MY WAY!



A MONTH IS NOTHING WHEN IT COMES TO PLANNING A HARVEST! I NEED TO COUNT HOW MANY BASKETS WE HAVE! I NEED TO CHECK THE SILO TO SEE IF THOSE RACCOONS ARE STILL NESTING THERE... I NEED TO...

TAKE YER' TIME! THE ZAP APPLES AREN'T DUE FER' HARVESTIN' FER' ANOTHER MONTH!



...BUILD A BARN.

...ER
...YUP?



I'LL GRAB SOME SAMPLES OF OUR LATEST APPLE CROP TO TAKE WITH ME. I JUST NEED MY SADDLEBAGS AND THEN I'M OFF TO APPLEWOOD!

Z



THIS'LL GET US OUR CUTIE MARKS IN BASE-JUMPING FOR SURE!



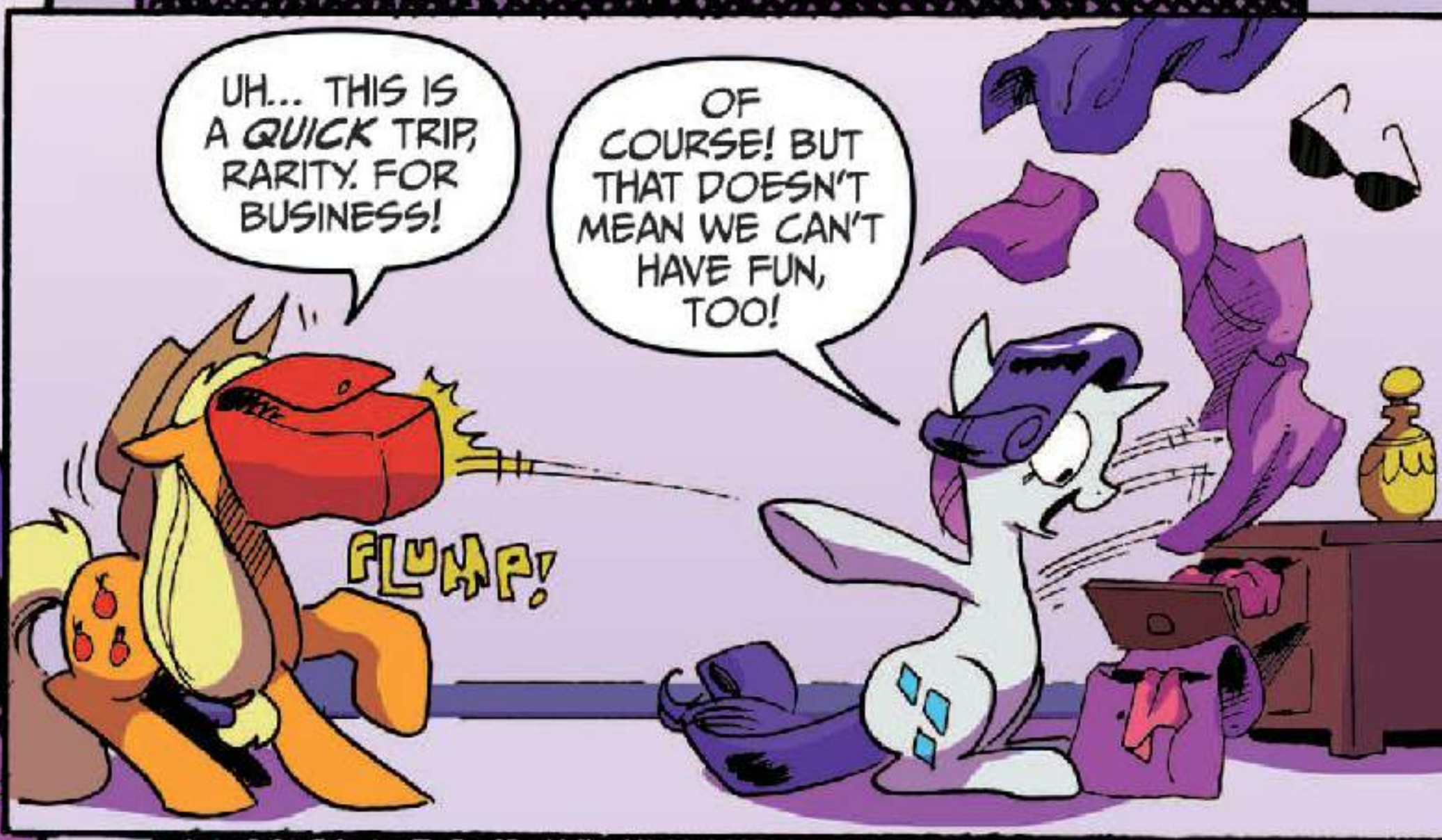
OR I'LL GO BORROW A DUFFLE BAG OR SOMETHIN' FROM RARITY. SHE'S GOT A MILLION OF 'EM.

MY TURN!



HEY RARITY, YOU GOT A SMALL, NON-FRILLY SUITCASE I CAN BORROW? I NEED TO GO TO APPLEWOOD AND...

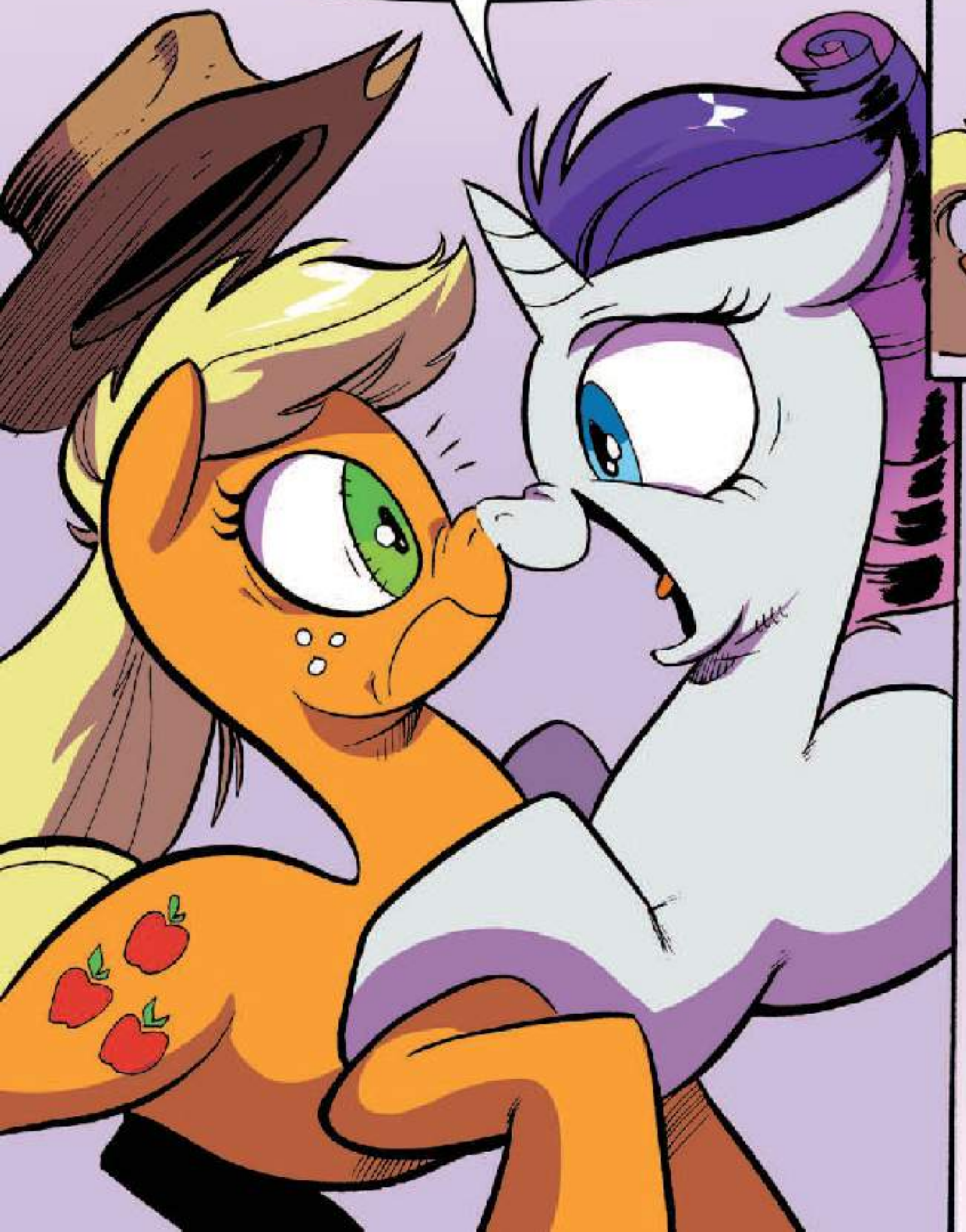
APPLEWOOD?! WHY... THAT'S THE HOME OF SOME OF THE BIGGEST STARS IN EQUESTRIA! YOU MUST TAKE ME WITH YOU! WE CAN SEE THE APPLEWOOD SIGN! COMPARE OUR HOOF PRINTS WITH CELEBRITY HOOF PRINTS ON THE WALK OF FAME! GO SHOPPING ON RODEO DRIVE! GO TO WHINNY WORLD!



UH... THIS IS A QUICK TRIP, RARITY. FOR BUSINESS!

OF COURSE! BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T HAVE FUN, TOO!

FLUMP!

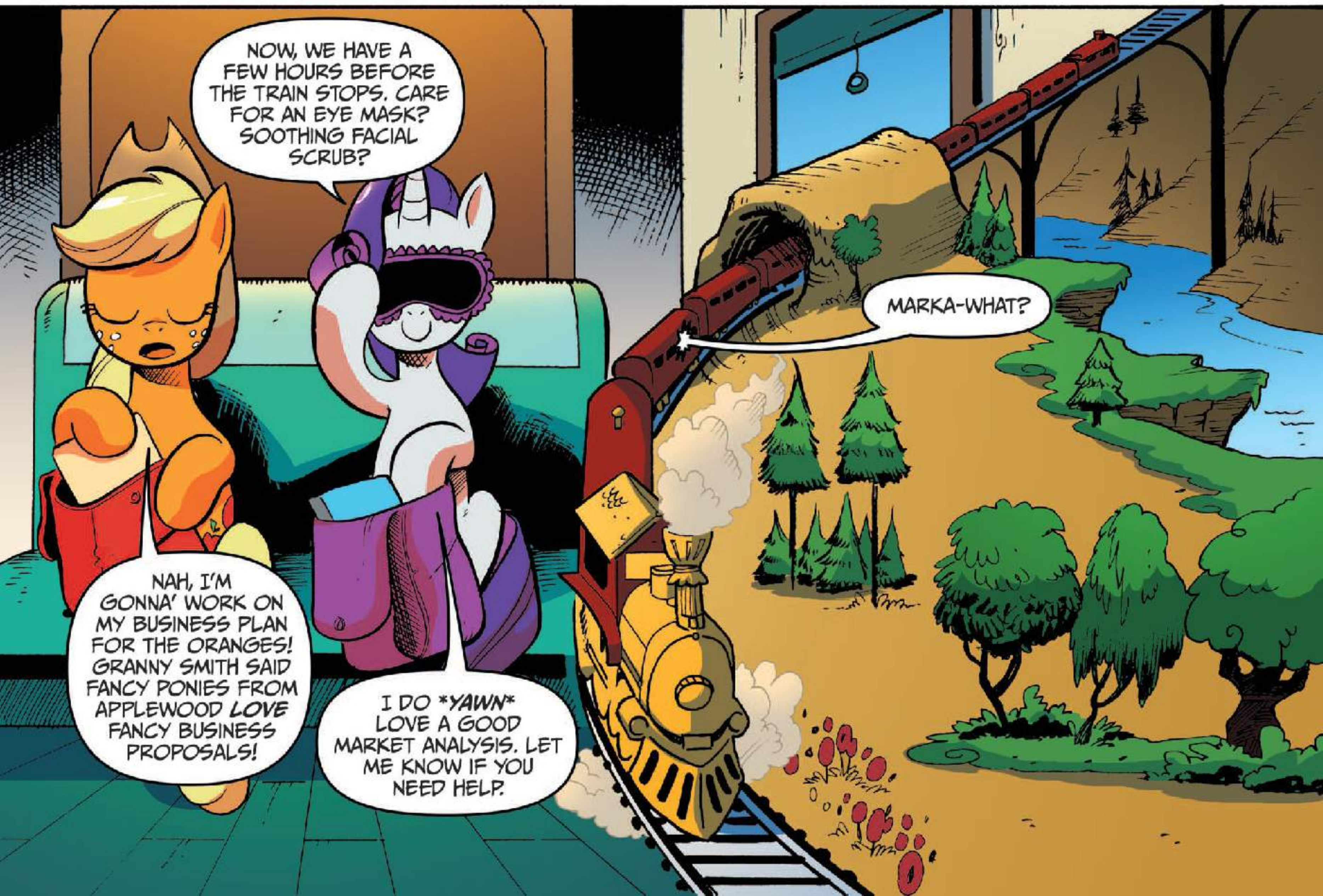


WELL, ALRIGHT... BUT PACK LIGHT.

LOOK! I FOUND MY BOOK OF "ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS OF EQUESTRIA"!

YEAH. LEAVE THAT BOOK HERE.







A FEW HOURS LATER...

WELCOME TO SALT LICK CITY, PONIES! YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS BEFORE WE HEAD OFF AGAIN, WHY NOT GO FOR A WALK?

OKAY. WE HAVE TO BE BACK BEFORE THE TRAIN LEAVES. THE NEXT TRAIN DOESN'T LEAVE UNTIL TOMORROW, SO WE HAVE TO BE BACK HERE. GOT IT?

THIS'LL BE QUICK. WE CAN SEE THE BALL OF YARN FROM HERE, IT'S NOT FAR!



I GUESS IF YOU CAN SEE THE BALL OF YARN FROM HERE IT'S NOT BAD. HOW BIG CAN... IT... BE...?



OOOOOH! THERE IT IS! LET'S GO!



JUST LOOK AT IT! THINK OF ALL THE SWEATERS YOU COULD KNIT OUT OF IT!

THAT YOU COULD KNIT. I CAN'T EVEN HOLD KNITTING NEEDLES. TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DON'T KNOW HOW GRANNY SMITH DOES IT.



FASCINATING... APPLEJACK, YOU SIMPLY MUST READ THIS BIT ABOUT CASHMERE/SILK BLENDS!

FASCINATIN' YEP.

SILK HELPS STRENGTHEN THE FIBERS!



AND OH! IT SAYS HERE THAT THEY COULD KNIT OVER 3,000 SWEATERS FROM THE BALL. I WONDER IF THEY MEAN LIKE A PLAIN CARDIGAN OR A CABLE-KNIT...

JUST A PLAIN SWEATER, I'D SUPPOSE. I'D LOVE TO SEE THE NUMBERS FOR MORE ELABORATE SWEATERS...

I'LL JUST WAIT HERE. I'LL LET YOU ->YAWN<- KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME... TO GO...

LAST KNOWN EXAMPLE OF CRYSTAL SPUN @ M YARN



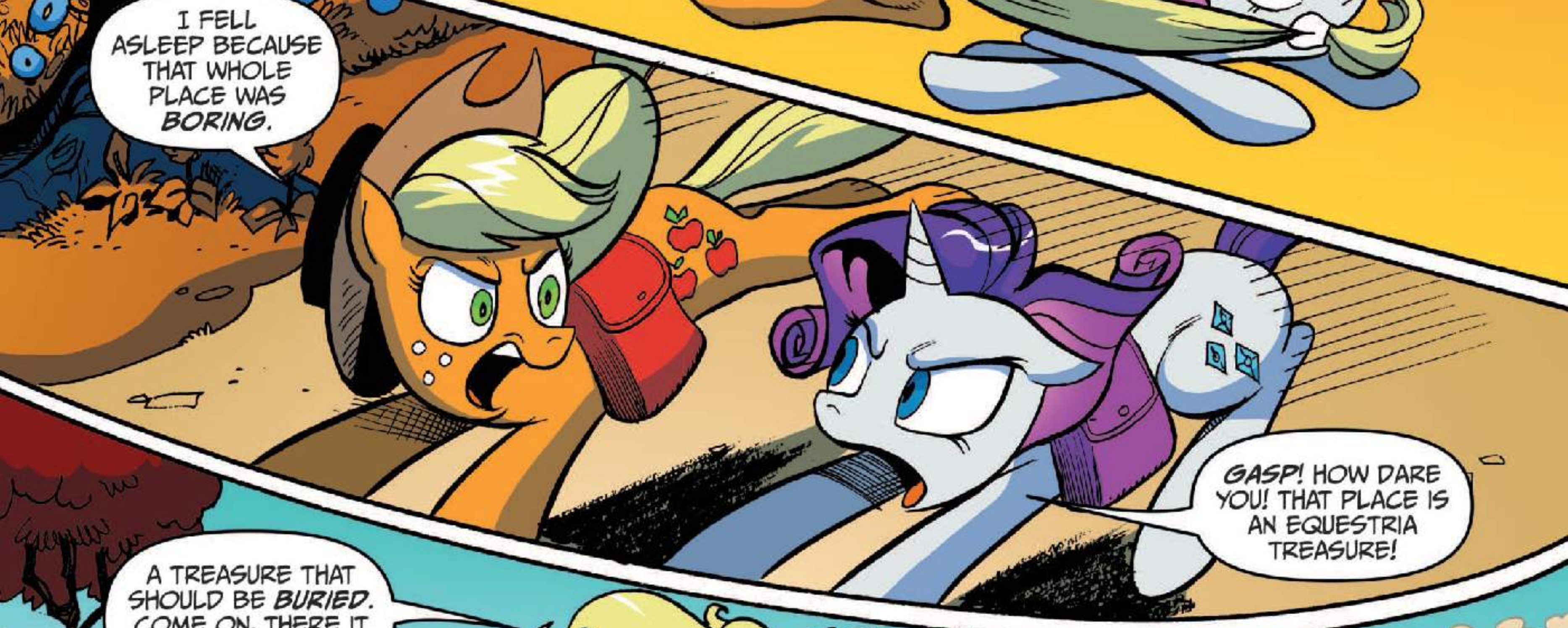
APPLEJACK!
WAKE UP!

WE NEED TO
GO! I GOT CAUGHT
UP IN TALKING ABOUT
KNITTING VERSUS
CROCHETING AND LOST
TRACK OF TIME! OUR
TRAIN IS LEAVING
SOON! LET'S
GO!



WHAT?! HOW
COULD YOU LET
THAT HAPPEN?!

ME?! YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO
FELL ASLEEP!



I FELL
ASLEEP BECAUSE
THAT WHOLE
PLACE WAS
BORING.

GASP! HOW DARE
YOU! THAT PLACE IS
AN EQUESTRIA
TREASURE!

A TREASURE THAT
SHOULD BE BURIED.
COME ON, THERE IT
IS! WE CAN STILL
MAKE IT!



ARE YOU
SURE THIS
IS...

OF COURSE
I'M SURE! IT'S
THE ONE LEAVIN',
ISN'T IT?!

GRISWOLD'S
WORLD
OF
MATCHING
SHOES AND BELTS



WHEW!
WE MADE
IT!



HEH! LOOKS LIKE
YOU PONIES MADE IT
JUST IN TIME! GOT YOUR
TICKETS TO SEADDLE
READY?

SEADDLE?
WHAT?! NO!
WE'RE GOING TO
APPLEWOOD!



THAT TRAIN WAS
DELAYED 15 MINUTES! LOOKS
LIKE YOU BOARDED THE WRONG
ONE. NO WORRIES, WE'LL GET
YOU TO SEADDLE TONIGHT AND
GET YOU TURNED AROUND IN
THE MORNING ON THE
NEXT TRAIN OUT.



MORNING?!



SEADDLE! WELL, IF
WE'RE GOING THERE, WE
SIMPLY *CAN'T* MISS OUT ON
SEEING PONY BARTLETT'S
WATER SKI & JUMPING BOAT
THRILL SHOW!



IN THE MEANTIME,
I COULD HELP YOU
WITH YOUR BUSINESS
PROPOSAL! CAN I TAKE
A LOOK AT WHAT YOU
HAVE SO FAR?

I DON'T NEED
HELP. I HAVE APPLE
SAMPLES AND A PLAN. I
PLAN TO TAKE A NAP AND
WAIT UNTIL THIS WHOLE
DAY ENDS.



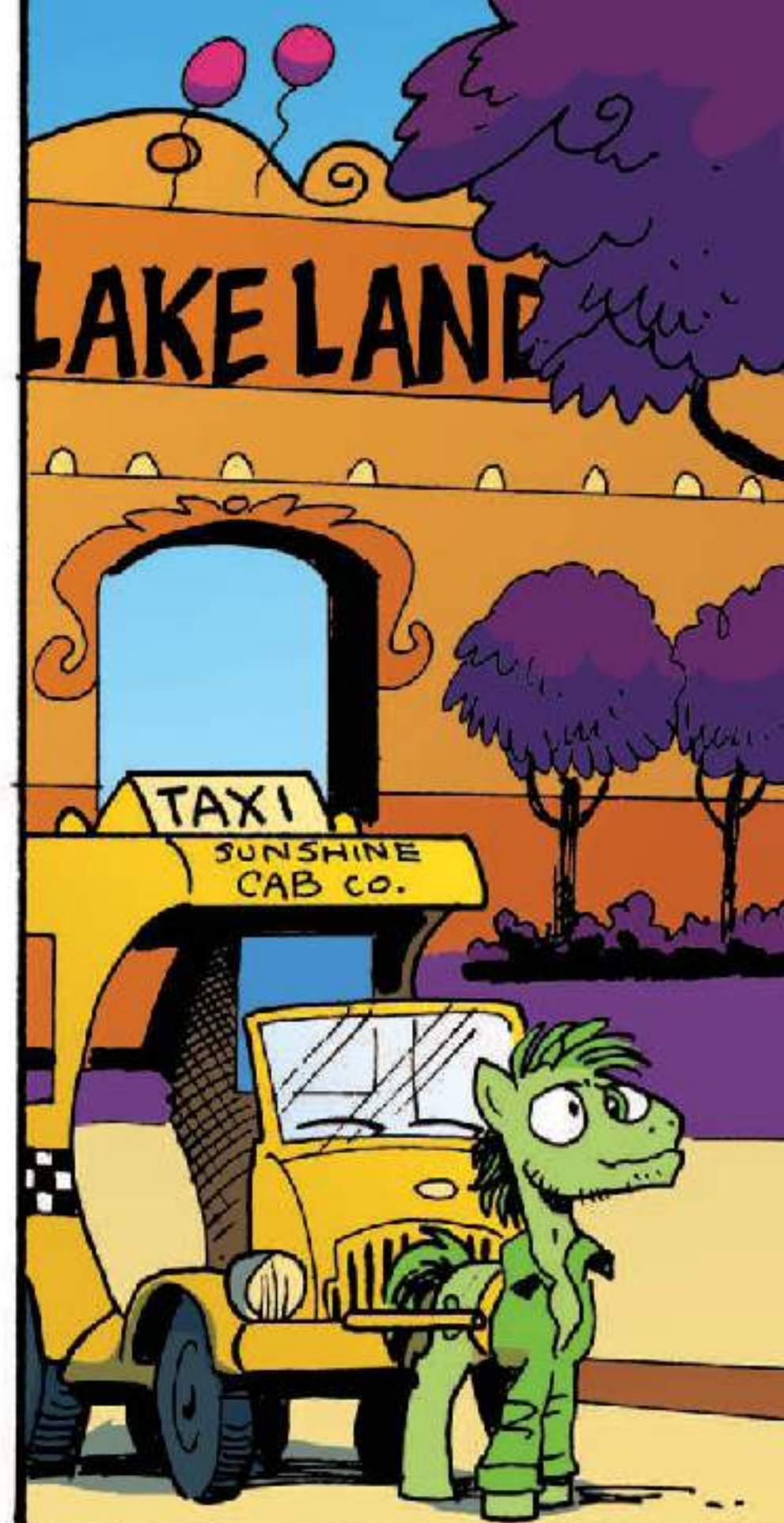
SLAM

SHE REALLY IS A
LOVELY PONY MOST
OF THE TIME. SHE'S
JUST UNDER A LOT
OF STRESS.

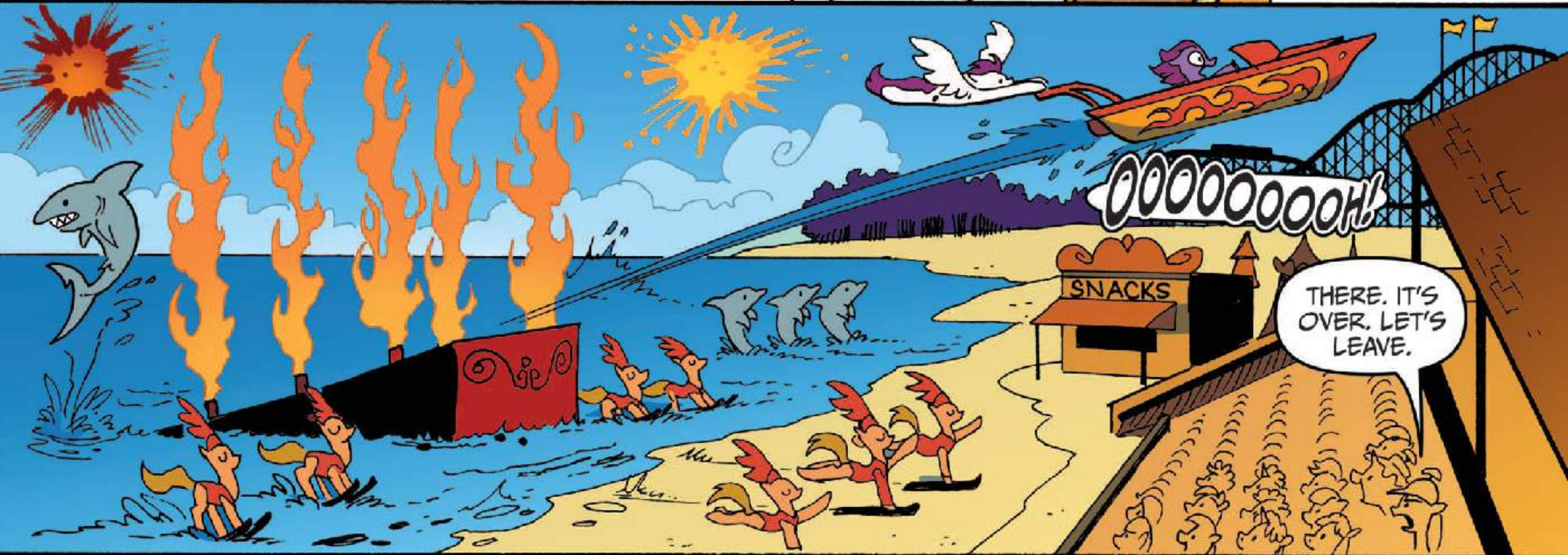
THE NEXT MORNING.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TALKED ME INTO THIS. IF WE MISS OUR TRAIN AGAIN, I WILL PERSONALLY BALL UP EVERY STITCH OF CLOTHING YOU OWN AND ROLL THE WHOLE MESS INTO A GORGE.

PISH POSH. WE HAVE HOURS YET. ENJOY YOURSELF! BESIDES, I HAVE THE TAXI WAITING OUTSIDE FOR US. WE'LL BE FINE!



NOW I BOUGHT YOU ONE OF THOSE "HAYDOG" THINGS YOU LIKE, PUT ON THIS HAT AND ENJOY THE BIG FINALE!



THERE. IT'S OVER. LET'S LEAVE.



I DON'T SEE WHY YOU'RE IN SUCH A RUSH. THE FIREWORKS AREN'T EVEN OVER. LOOK!

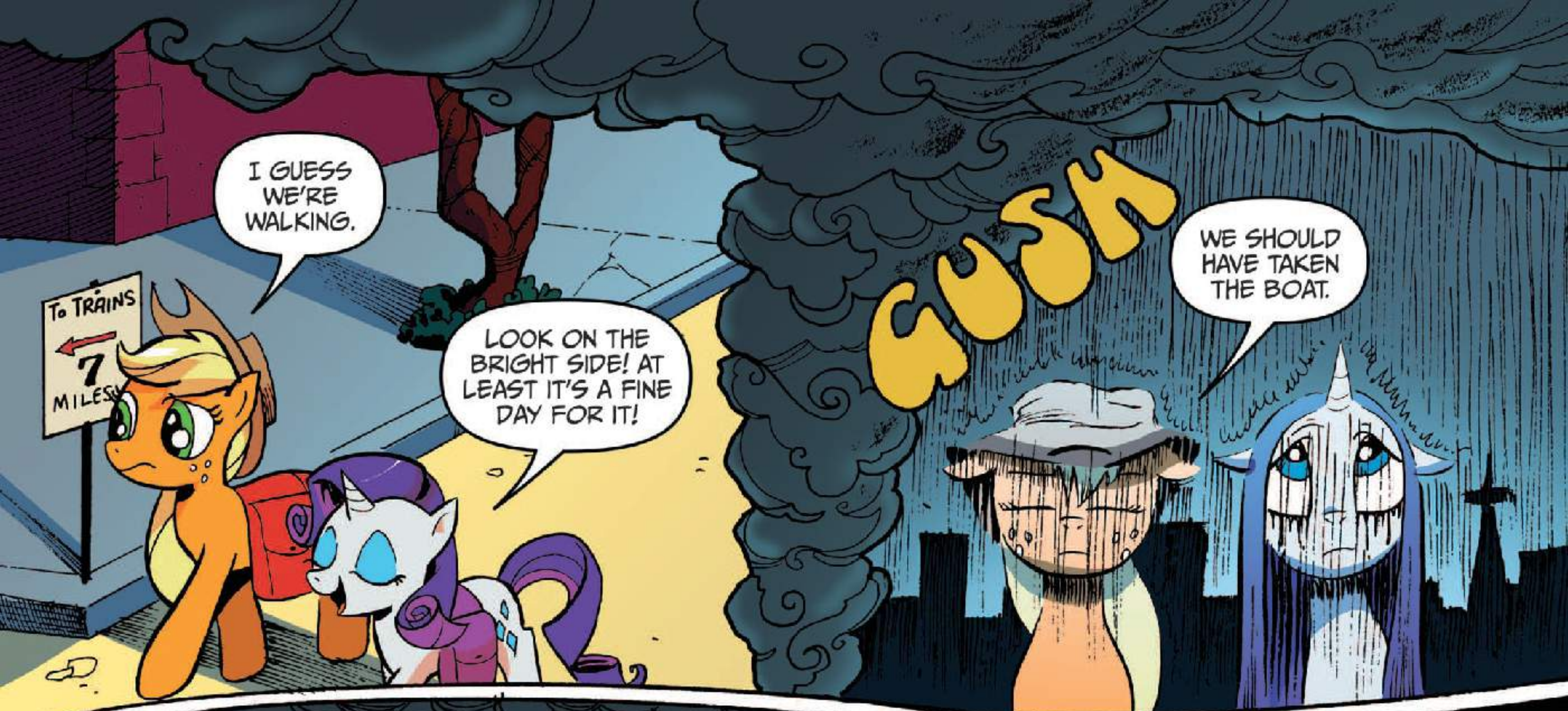
NO PONY GETS BUSINESS MORE THAN ME! THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T ENJOY THE SIGHTS IN OUR SPARE TIME. WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO GET BACK TO THE...

THIS IS A BUSINESS TRIP, RARITY! YOU OWN A BUSINESS, I'D THINK YOU'D UNDERSTAND!



...TRAIN.

THIS HAPPENS EVERY SHOW.



I GUESS WE'RE WALKING.

LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE! AT LEAST IT'S A FINE DAY FOR IT!

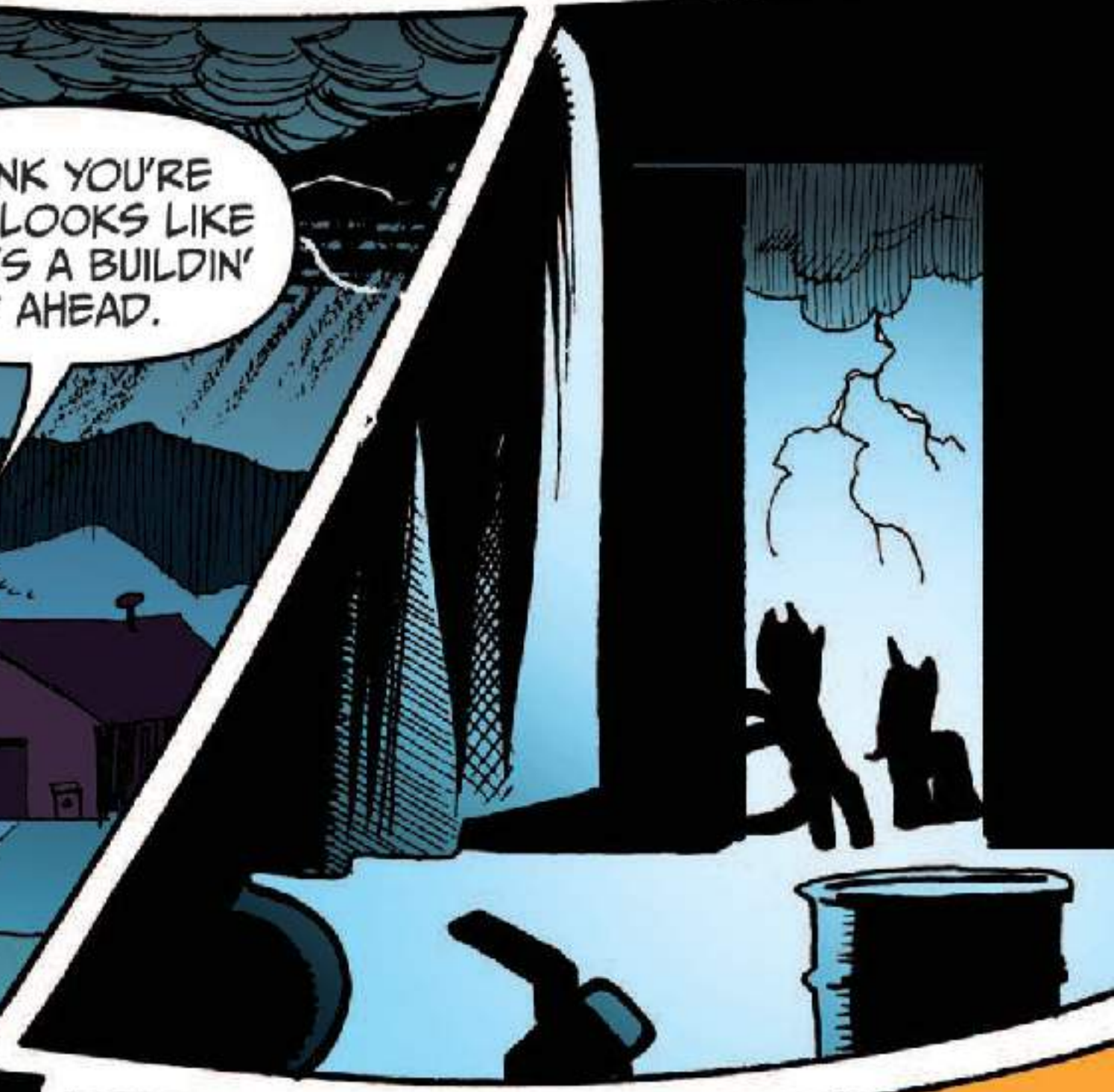
WE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE BOAT.

GUSH



I THINK WE SHOULD FIND SOME SHELTER.

I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT. LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A BUILDIN' UP AHEAD.



WILL THESE ACCOMMODATIONS DO, MISS PRISSEY PANTS?

THAT MONIKER WAS UNCALLED FOR, APPLEJACK. BUT I FORGIVE YOU BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE CRANKY-WANKY.

BEEP



BOOP

VERY CRANKY-WANKY.

SIGH. WE'LL STOP FOR A BIT AND WAIT FOR THE RAIN TO STOP.

YOU CAN WORK ON YOUR BUSINESS PLAN! DO YOU HAVE SOME PROJECTION CHARTS? I HAVE SOME MARKERS PACKED IF YOU WANT TO MAKE AN EYE-CATCHING PIE-CHART!

WHAT? I DIDN'T BRING ANY PIE... JUST APPLES.

SOME TIME LATER.

HEY RARITY, WAKE UP. THE RAIN IS SLOWIN' UP.

NO, MOMMY... NOT THE ONE WITH THE SHOULDER PADS...

BUSINESS PLAN
① SELL APPLES
②

IT'S A MUDDY MESS OUT THERE. WE BETTER GET WALKING... WE'VE MISSED THE FIRST TRAIN BUT WE WON'T MISS THE SECOND ONE.

OOOOORRR...

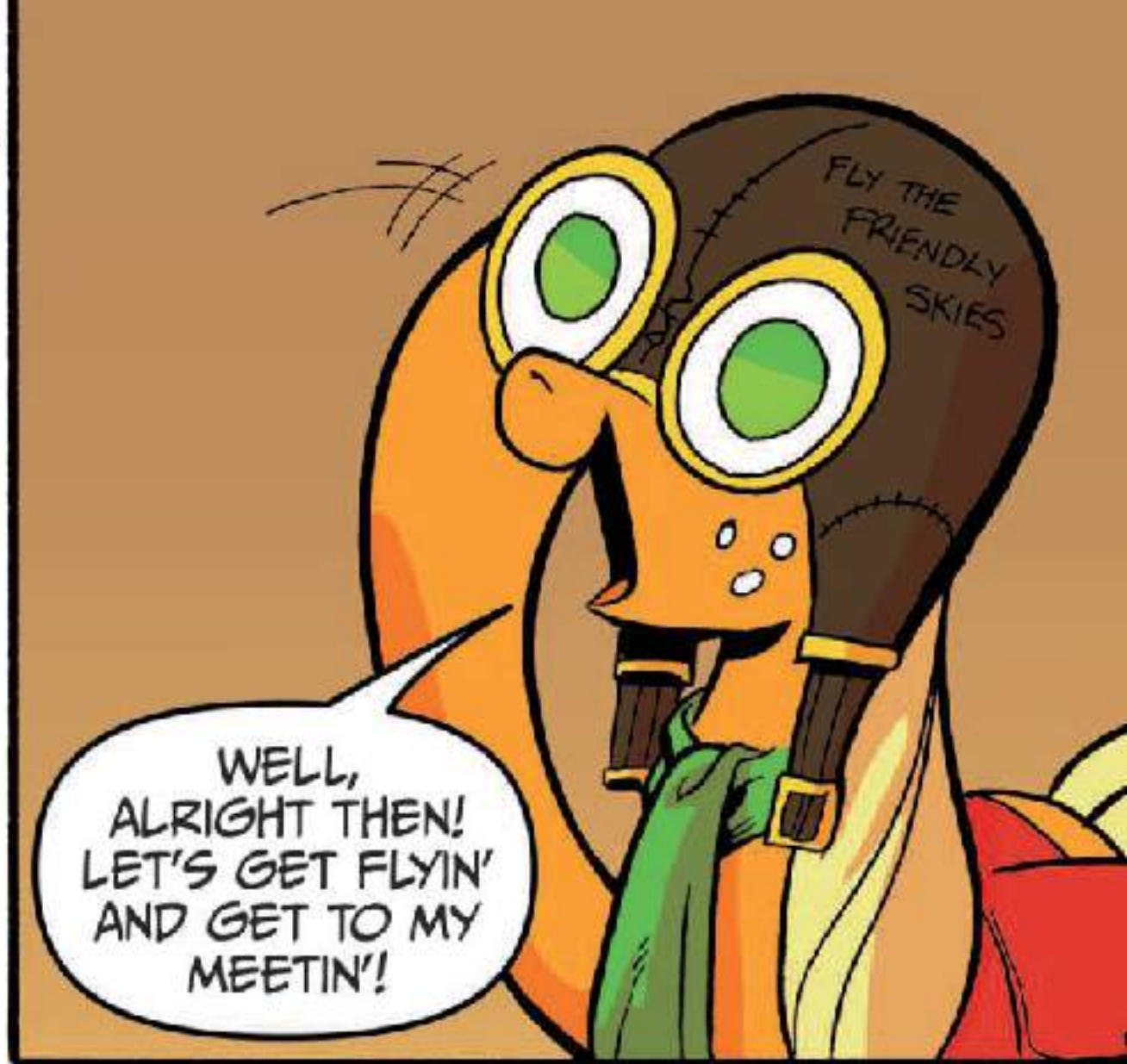
IT LOOKS LIKE THIS COULD HELP US.

COUGH! COUGH! WHAT IS THAT?!

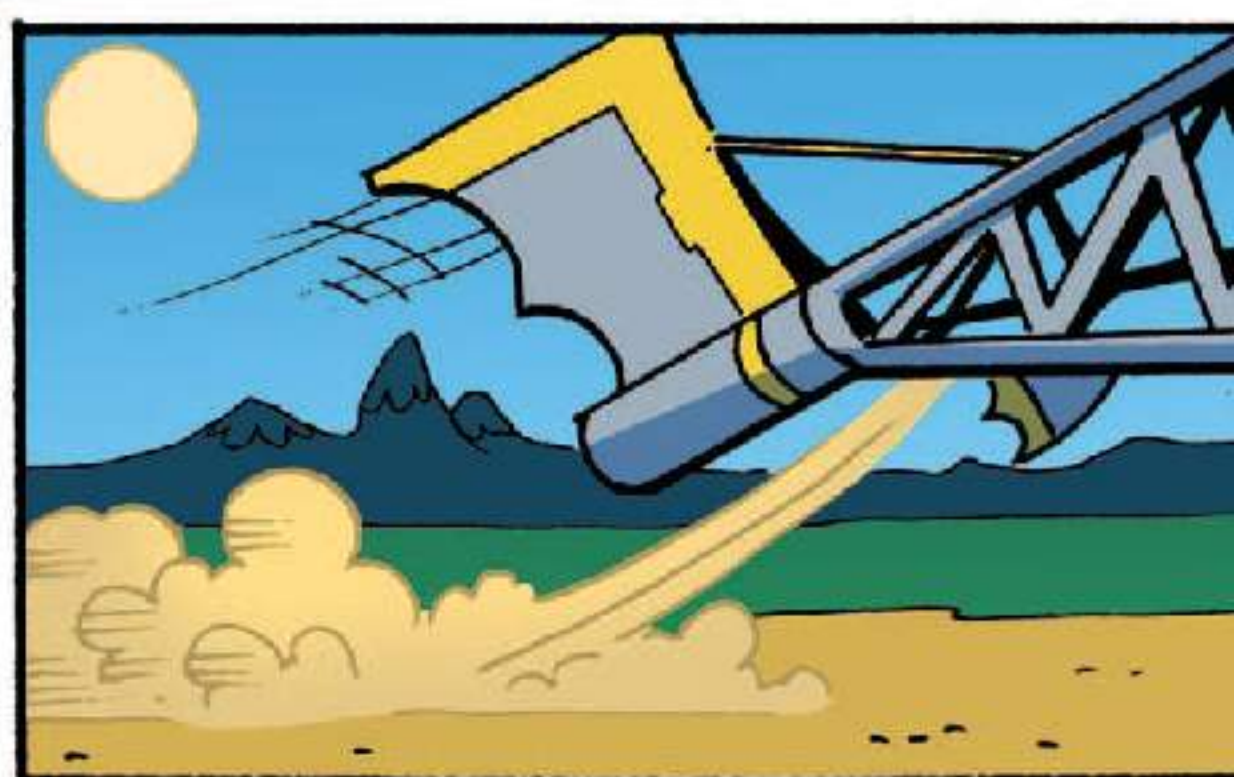
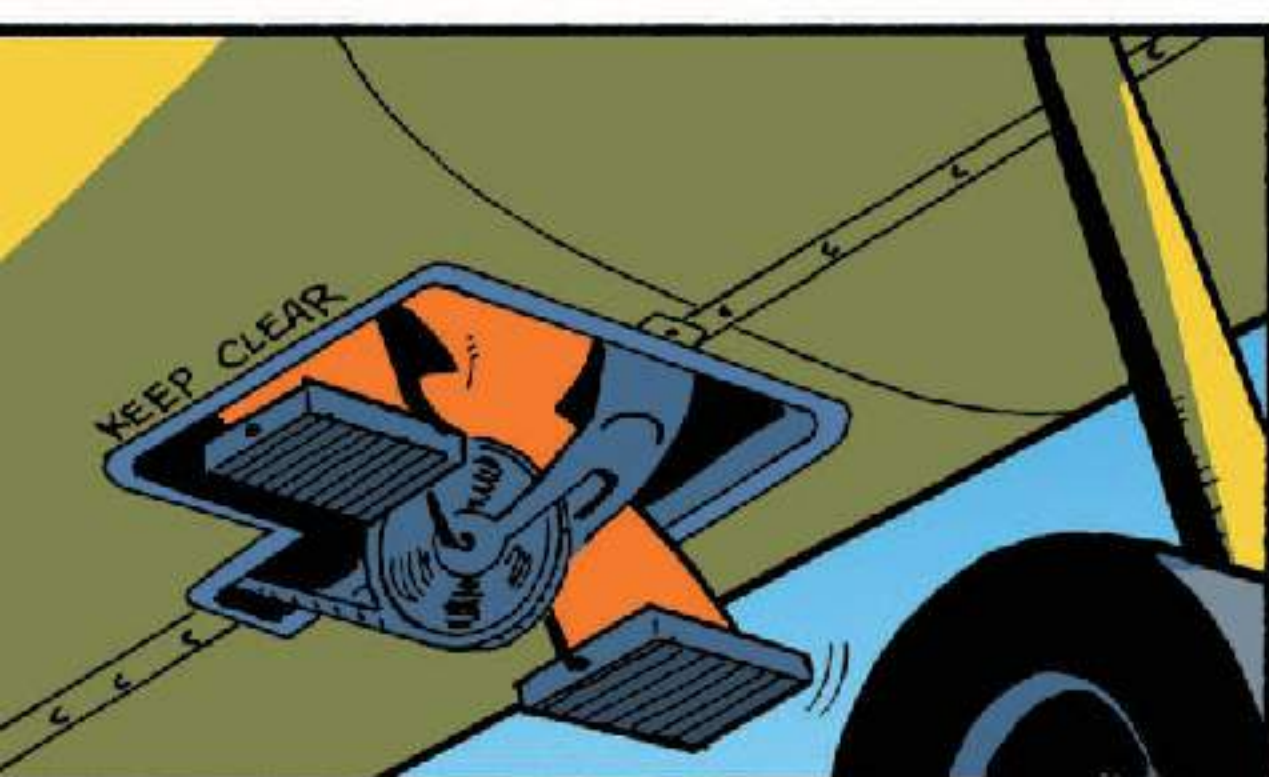


YOU SURE THIS THING WILL GET US TO APPLEWOOD?

OF COURSE! DIDN'T YOU SEE ALL THE PRETTY DRAWINGS OF HOW IT WORKED? WE'LL BE OFF LIKE A PEGASUS IN NO TIME!



WELL, ALRIGHT THEN! LET'S GET FLYIN' AND GET TO MY MEETIN'!



WHEN IS THE MEETING? YOU NEVER TOLD ME!

HUH? WELL, I HAD GRANNY SMITH TELL THEM I'D BE ALONG BY N' BY. I GUESS IT'S WHEN I SHOW UP!

I TOLD MY MOTHER, "THERE'S GOTTA BE AN EASIER WAY, MA", BUT NOOOO...



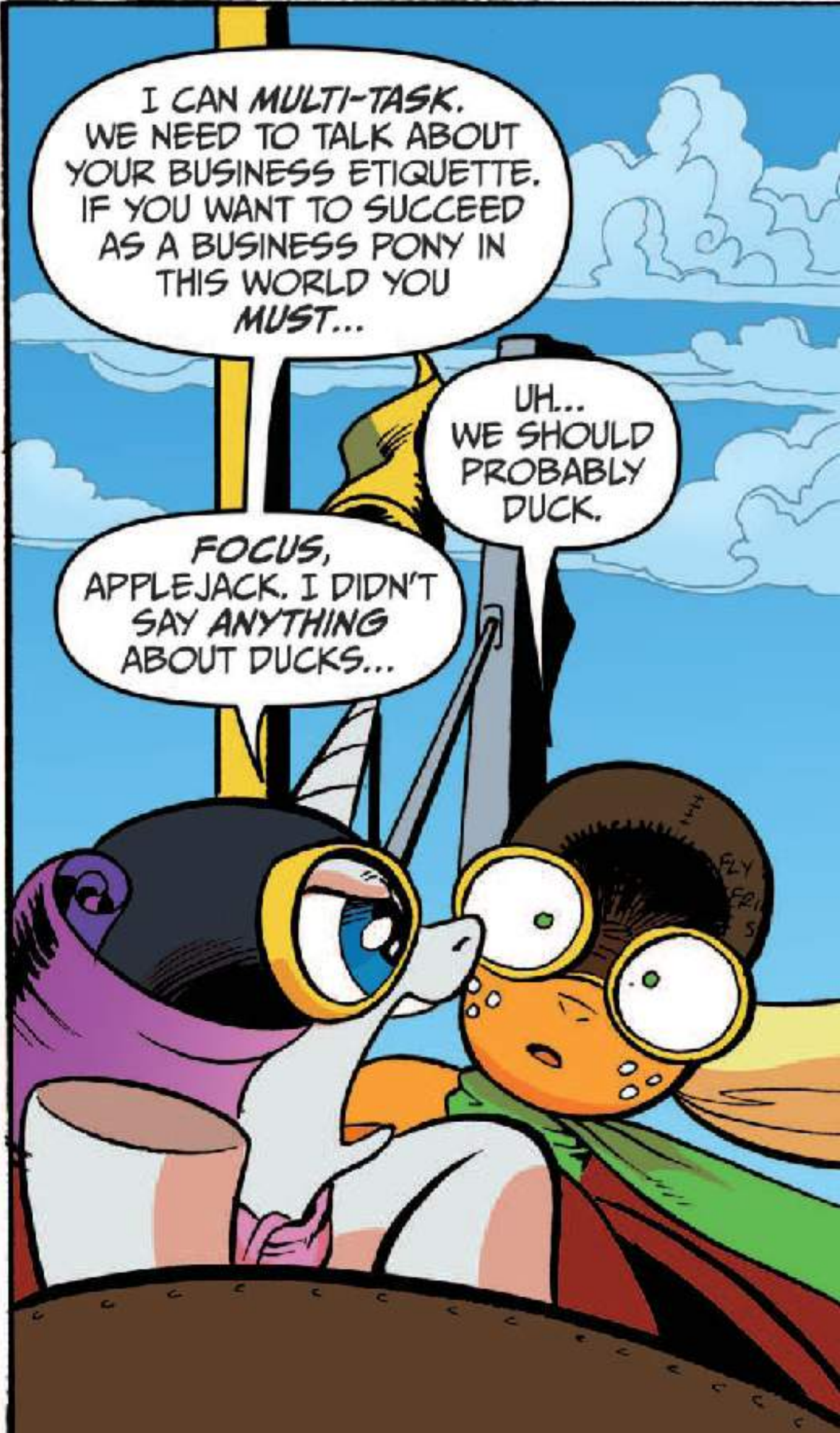
YOU DIDN'T CONFIRM A MEETING?!

IT'S FAMILY! WE WORK DIFFERENT THAN YOUR FANCY DRESS MAKIN' STUFF...



THAT'S JUST LUDICROUS. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT BUSINESS. IT'S ABOUT COMMON COURTESY! AND WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A HURRY IF YOU DON'T HAVE A TIMETABLE?! YOU DON'T JUST DROP IN ON PONIES HALF A COUNTRY AWAY!

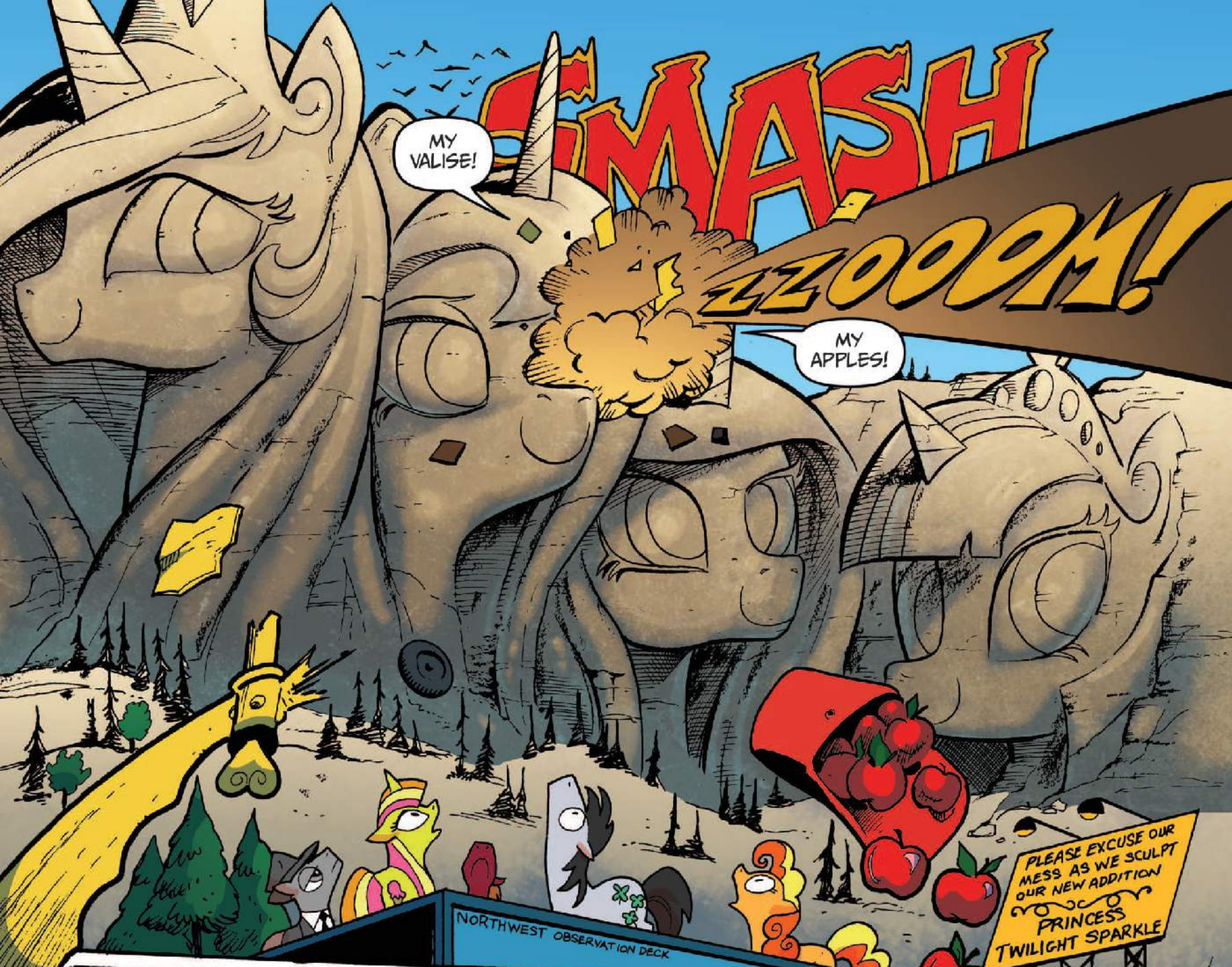
UH... MAYBE YOU SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON STEERIN' AND NOT YELLIN'?



I CAN MULTI-TASK. WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS ETIQUETTE. IF YOU WANT TO SUCCEED AS A BUSINESS PONY IN THIS WORLD YOU MUST...

UH... WE SHOULD PROBABLY DUCK.

FOCUS, APPLEJACK. I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT DUCKS...



MY VALISE!

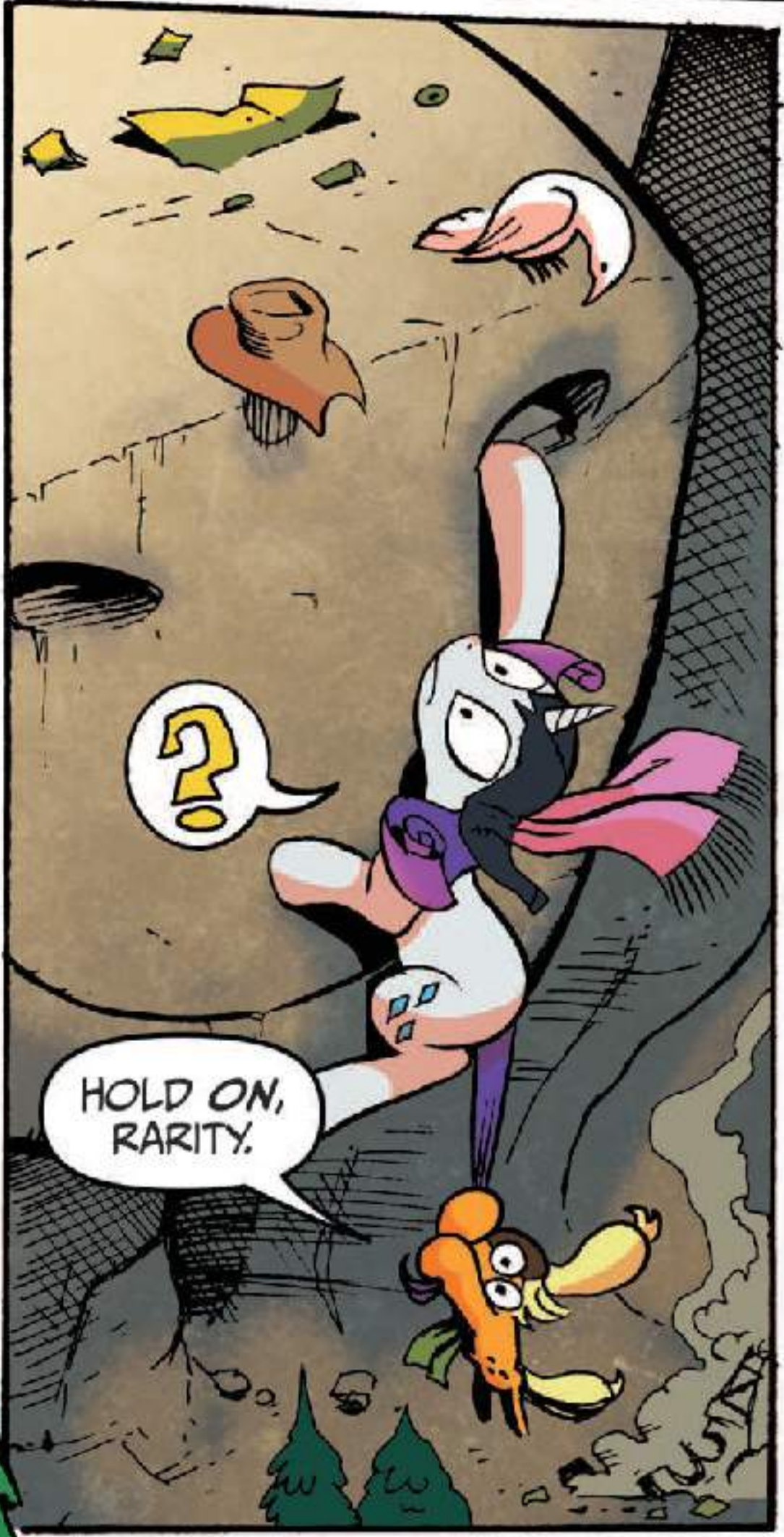
MY APPLES!

SMASH

ZZOOON!

PLEASE EXCUSE OUR MESS AS WE SCULPT OUR NEW ADDITION PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE

NORTHWEST OBSERVATION DECK



?

HOLD ON, RARITY.



GOOD NEWS! MY BOOK IS OKAY! AND LOOK! MOUNT MONUMENT! I HAVE THIS PLACE HIGHLIGHTED ON PAGE 43!



MOUNT MONUMENT? THAT MEANS WE WERE FLYIN' THE WRONG WAY! GAAAAAAAH!

SIGN THE PETITION TO ADD QUEEN CHRYSALIS TO THE MONUMENT

Queen Chrysalis: _____

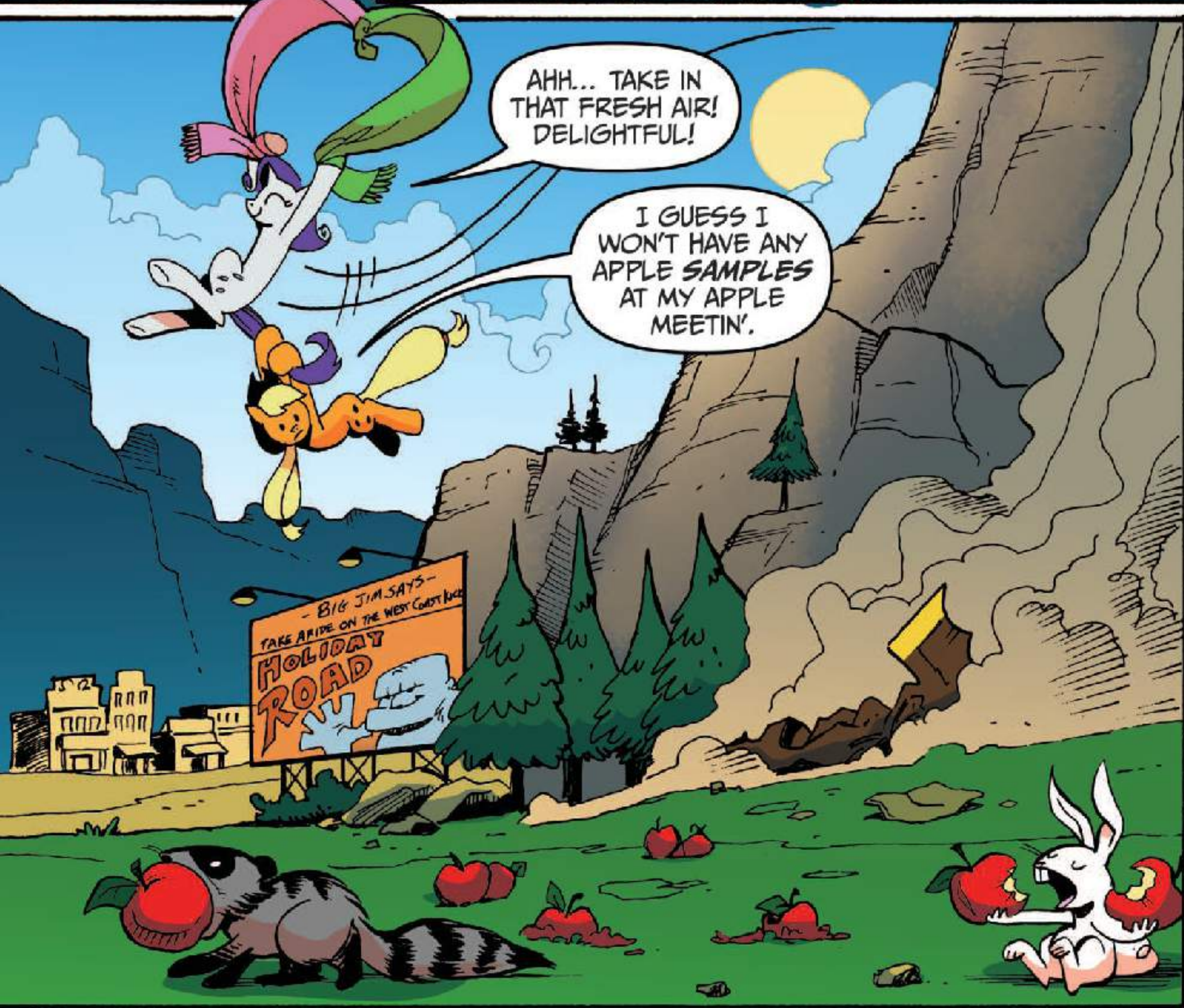


THERE'S A TOWN DOWN THERE. WE'LL GET DOWN AND ASK FOR DIRECTIONS!

HAND ME YOUR SCARF, PLEASE.

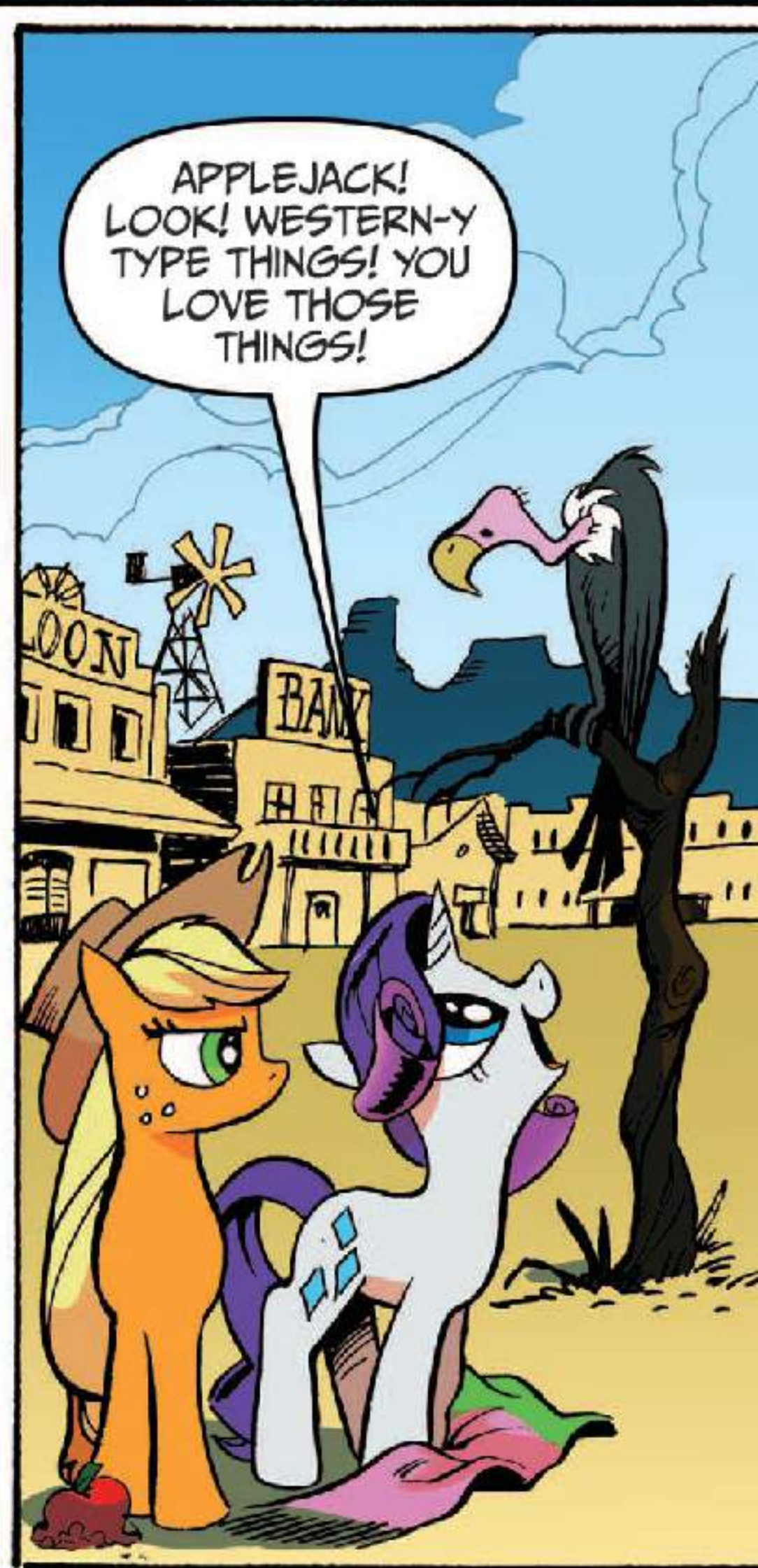
AND HOW, MISS SMARTY PANTS, ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET DOWN?

?



AHH... TAKE IN THAT FRESH AIR! DELIGHTFUL!

I GUESS I WON'T HAVE ANY APPLE SAMPLES AT MY APPLE MEETIN'.



APPLEJACK! LOOK! WESTERN-Y TYPE THINGS! YOU LOVE THOSE THINGS!



NOW, WE'LL HIRE A PONY TO TAKE US TO THE NEXT TOWN WITH A TRAIN. WE CAN ZIP OFF TO APPLEWOOD.

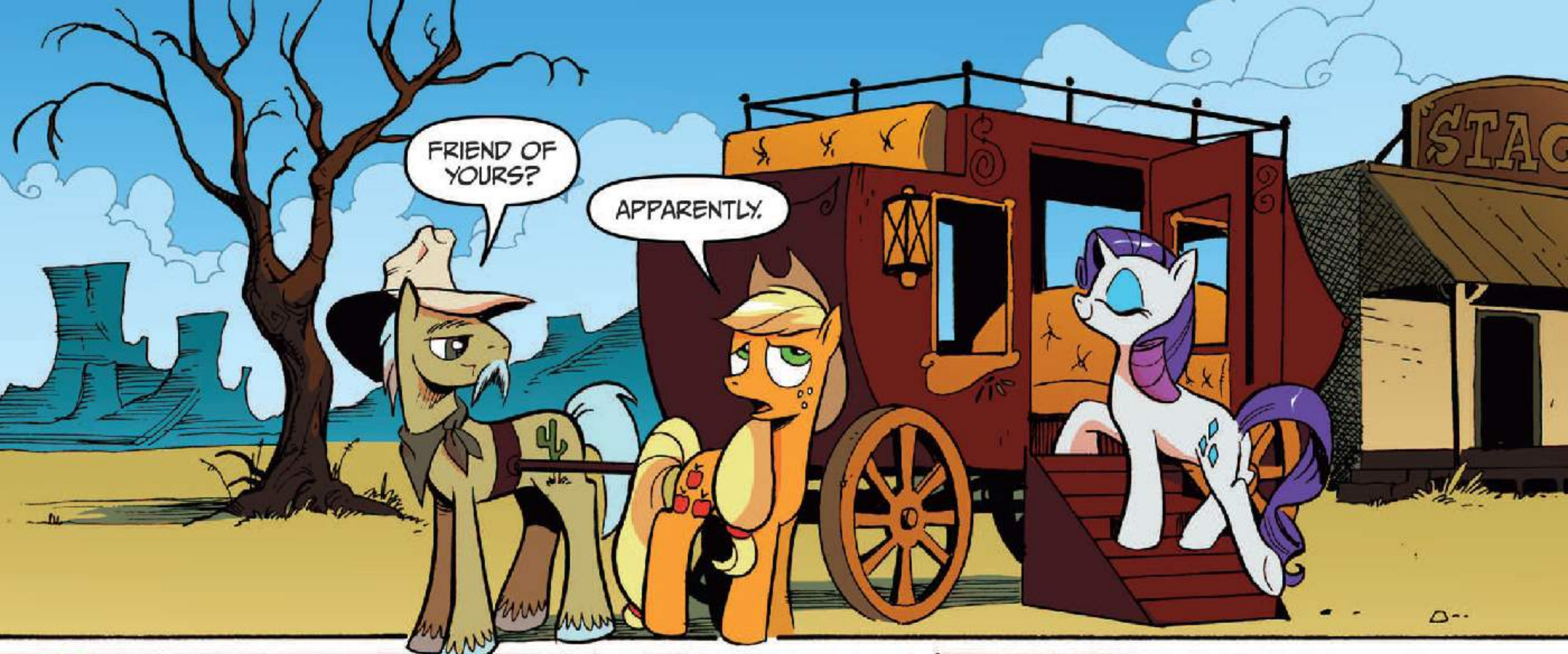
FINE.



WE NEED A RIDE TO THE CLOSEST TOWN WITH A TRAIN STATION.

YOU'LL WANT SAN FRANCISCOLT! APPLEWOOD IS A QUICK JUMP FROM THERE. IF YOU CAN HELP ME HITCH UP, I'D BE GLAD TO TAKE YOU!

APPLEJACK HERE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU! SHE KNOWS ALL ABOUT HITCHES AND CARTS AND MENIAL LABOR!



FRIEND OF YOURS?

APPARENTLY.



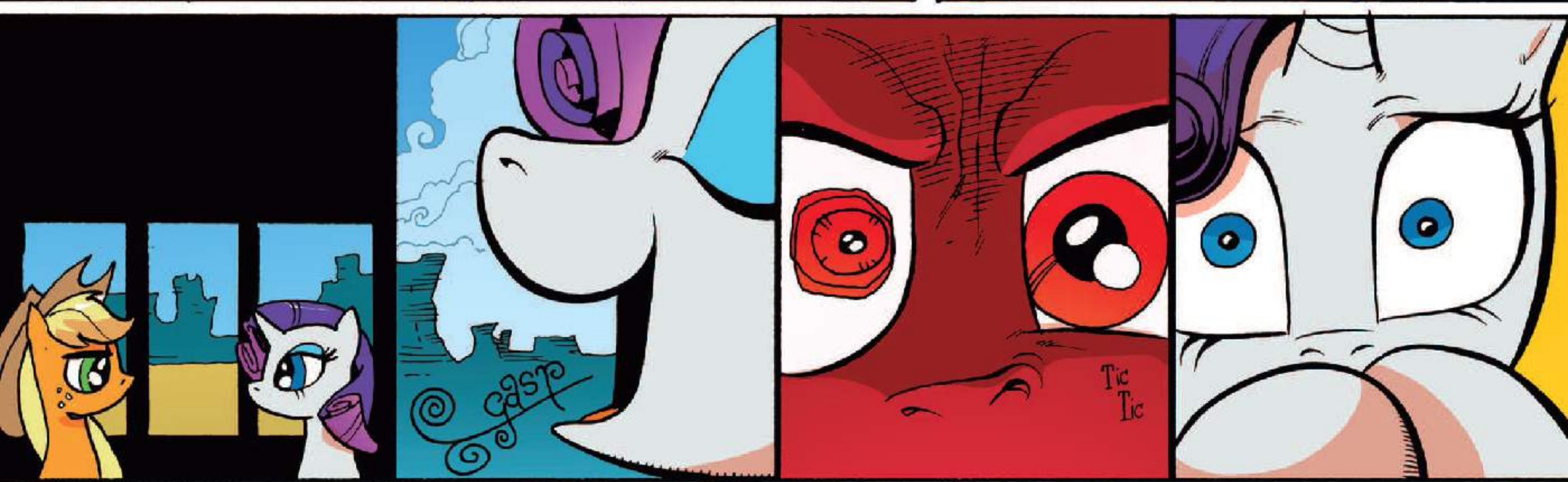
NOW WE JUST NEED TO SIT BACK AND ENJOY A QUIET RIDE TO THE TRAIN STATION.

OH! WE MAY GET TO SEE A FEW OF THESE LANDMARKS FROM THE WINDOWS! OOOH! WE'LL BE PASSING EQUESTRIA'S LARGEST...



I SAID QUIET RIDE.

FLOOMP



gasp

Tic Tic



LOTS OF BROWNS HERE, AREN'T THERE? I LOVE A GOOD EARTH TONE...

NO TALKING.

THANK

WHAT WAS THAT?



ANGUS MCSTEER

BUFFALO BULL

DOC HOLSTEIN

JERSEY SHORE

KING LONGHORN

THANK YOU



PONIES! STAY IN THE COACH! IT'S THE CATTLE RUSTLER GANG! THEY'RE GOING TO TRY AND ROB US!

OH COME ON.

OOOH! INTRIGUE! I LOVE IT!

HAND OVER YOUR LOOT!



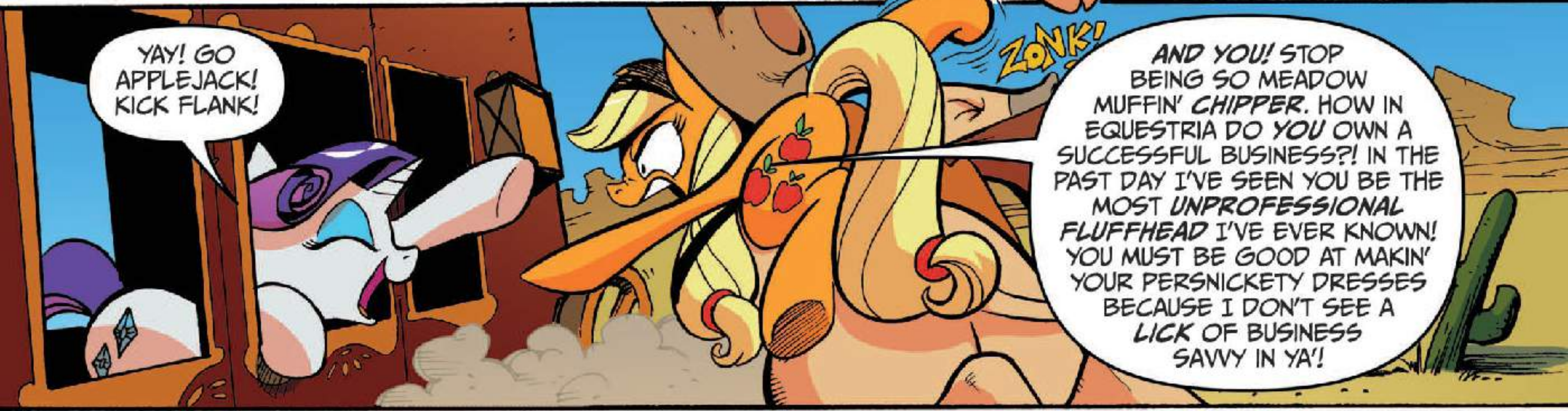
WE DON'T HAVE ANY BITS, SINCE ALL OUR MONEY WAS IN OUR LUGGAGE. WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN? THEY WON'T WANT MY HAIR, WILL THEY?! I BET THEY COULD SELL IT FOR A FORTUNE?! OH NO, APPLEJACK! DON'T LET THEM TAKE MY HAIR!

GAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHH!



HEY!

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FER' MAKING ME LATE AGAIN!



YAY! GO APPLEJACK! KICK FLANK!

ZONK!

AND YOU! STOP BEING SO MEADOW MUFFIN' CHIPPER. HOW IN EQUESTRIA DO YOU OWN A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS?! IN THE PAST DAY I'VE SEEN YOU BE THE MOST UNPROFESSIONAL FLUFFHEAD I'VE EVER KNOWN! YOU MUST BE GOOD AT MAKIN' YOUR PERSNICKEY DRESSES BECAUSE I DON'T SEE A LICK OF BUSINESS SAVVY IN YA!



YOU TAKE THAT BACK!

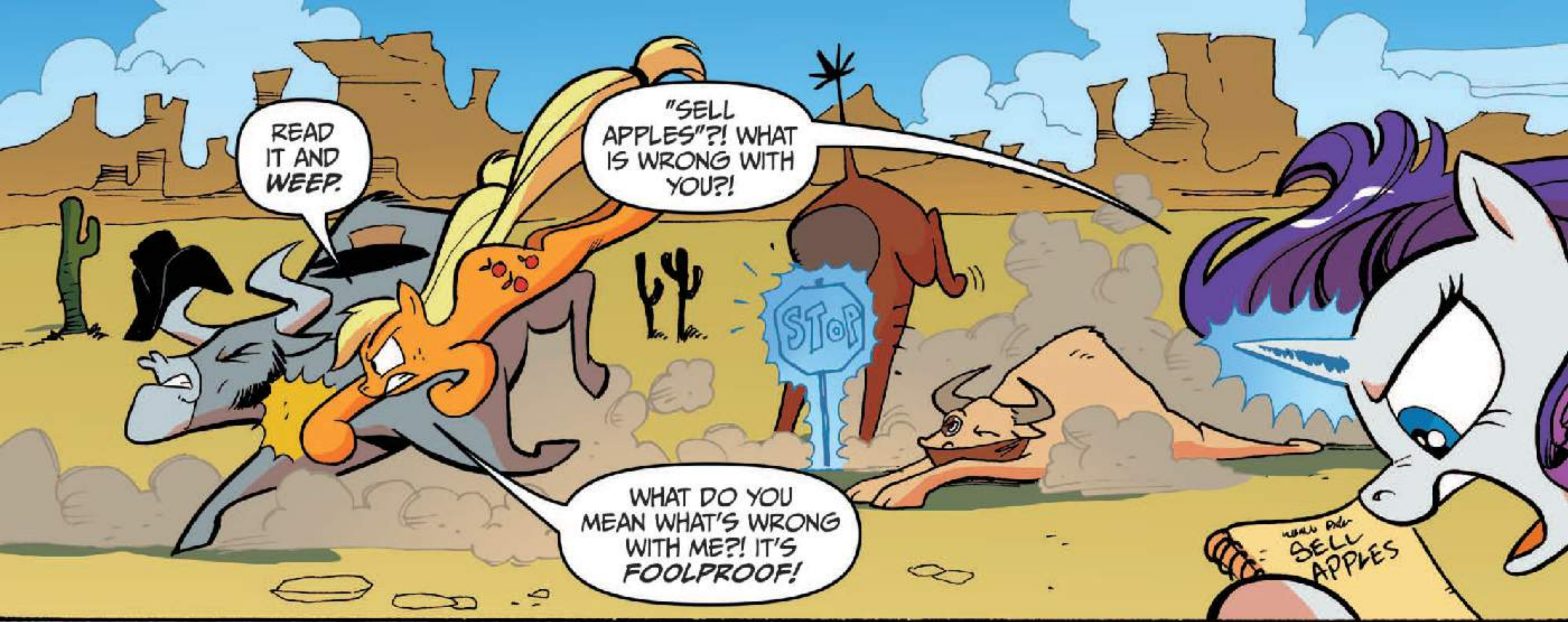
NEVER!



AND WHAT'S YOUR "SAVVY" PROPOSITION TO EXPAND APPLE FARMS TO APPLEWOOD? I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU DO ANY WORK ON THIS "FANCY" BUSINESS PLAN YOU KEEP TALKING ABOUT!

I GOT YER' FANCY BUSINESS PLAN RIGHT HERE!

!?



READ IT AND WEEP.

"SELL APPLES"?! WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?! IT'S FOOLPROOF!

READ THE SELL APPLES



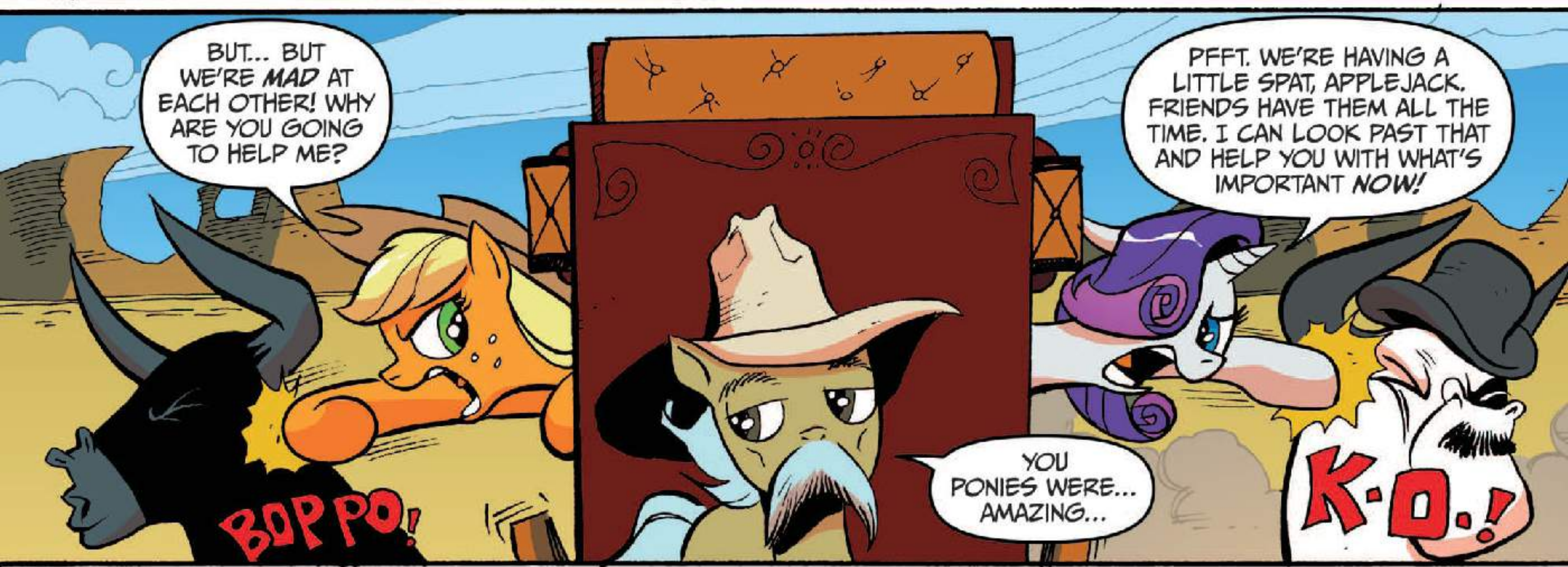
WHERE ARE YOUR PROJECTIONS? YOUR LIST OF PRODUCTS? YOUR SHIPPING TIMELINES?! YOUR MISSION STATEMENT. WHO IS GOING TO HANDLE SOCIAL MEDIA?

SOCIAL WHAT? WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHAT AN APPLE IS? THEY SELL THEMSELVES!



I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE THIS POORLY OFF. QUICK, WE NEED TO GET SOMEWHERE WHERE I CAN GET TO PENS, A LEGAL PAD, AND LOTS OF MULTI-COLORED INDEX CARDS. NOW!

AND ANOTHER THING!... WAIT... WHAT?



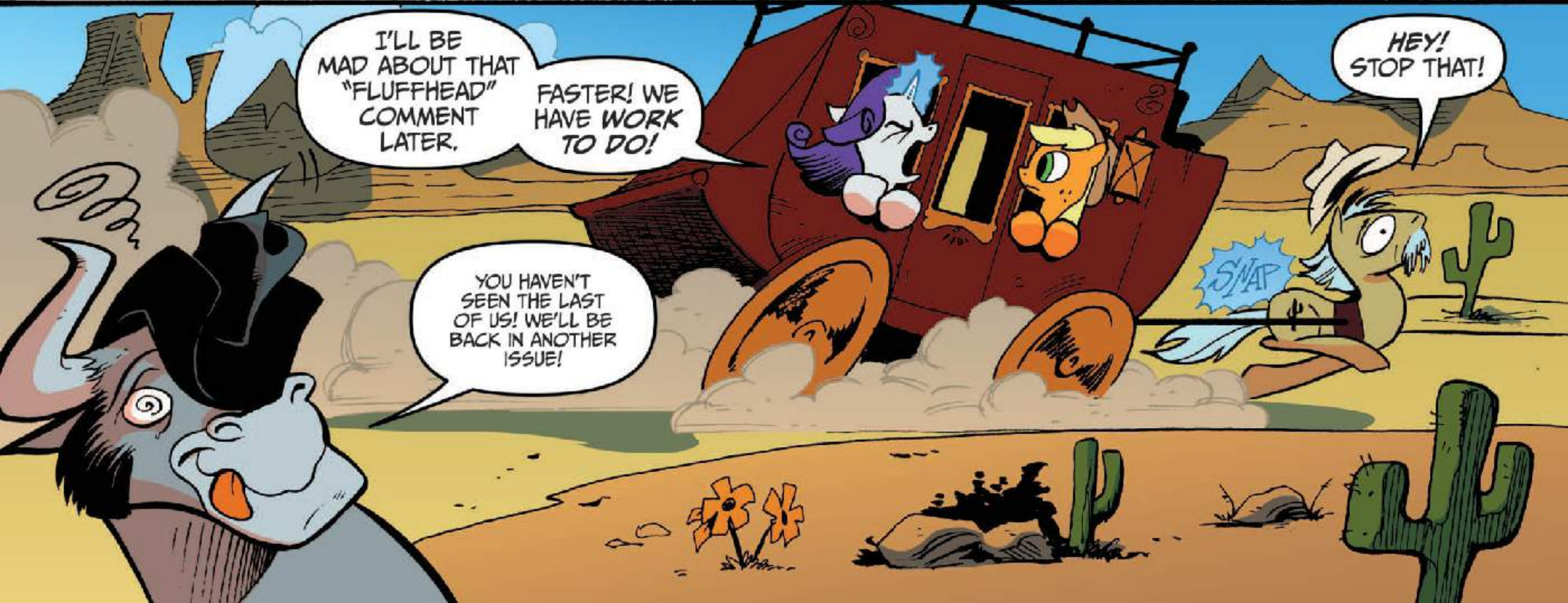
BUT... BUT WE'RE MAD AT EACH OTHER! WHY ARE YOU GOING TO HELP ME?

BOP PO!

PFFT. WE'RE HAVING A LITTLE SPAT, APPLEJACK. FRIENDS HAVE THEM ALL THE TIME. I CAN LOOK PAST THAT AND HELP YOU WITH WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW!

YOU PONIES WERE... AMAZING...

K.O.!



I'LL BE MAD ABOUT THAT "FLUFFHEAD" COMMENT LATER.

FASTER! WE HAVE WORK TO DO!

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF US! WE'LL BE BACK IN ANOTHER ISSUE!

HEY! STOP THAT!

SNAP



I DON'T GET IT. YOU'RE USUALLY THE MOST **OVERLY DRAMATIC** PONY I KNOW. I'M USED TO SEEING YOU EYE-TWITCH AND GO HAYWIRE OVER EVERY LITTLE THING ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS. THESE PAST COUPLE DAYS, YOU'VE BEEN PRETTY CALM ABOUT THINGS...

I ONLY EYE-TWITCH AND, AS YOU SAY, "GO HAYWIRE" WHEN I NEED TO. YOU SAID YOU WERE FINE WORKING ON YOUR "PLAN" BY YOURSELF, I DIDN'T PUSH.



THOUGH I PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE, I'D HAVE GONE POSITIVELY BATTY ON THE FIRST TRAIN RIDE FOR YOU.

AND I'M SORRY, RARITY... NONE OF THE MISSED TRAINS, DESTROYED TAXIS, RAINSTORMS, PLANE CRASHES, AND GOOD, OL' FASHIONED STAGECOACH ROBBERIES WERE YOUR FAULT. I BLEW UP AT YA' AND YA' DIDN'T DESERVE IT. YOU ARE A FANCY BUSINESS PONY. A GOOD ONE.

BUSINESS PLAN
SELL APPLES
PREFERENCES



I GUESS I JUST WANTED TO WRAP ALL THIS UP AS FAST AS POSSIBLE AND GET HOME. I DON'T LIKE BEING AWAY FROM HOME.



APOLOGY ACCEPTED.

JUST LIKE THAT? I SAID A COUPLE HURTFUL THINGS.



APPLEJACK! NEVER TURN DOWN AN APOLOGY WHEN IT'S OFFERED!

NOW, WE CAN HAIL A TAXI AND BE AT THE ORANGES BY LUNCH. HOW'S THAT SOUND?

YOU KNOW, HOW ABOUT WE SHOOT FOR DINNER?

DINNER? SHOULDN'T WE GO STRAIGHT THERE?

I THOUGHT WE'D TAKE A DETOUR.

TAXI!

SUNGLA

WHINNYLAND

WILHELM WOMBAT

ELMER EAGLE





The Haunted Stable



City Bear DISCO



Rainforest YACHT CLUB



Pirates of the CARRIAGEBEAN



CORRAL LAND
PLAINS LAND
DREAM LAND
TRACK LAND

ONE MORE RIDE ON "NIGHTMARE MOON MOUNTAIN" AND THEN ON TO COLTIFORNIA ADVENTURE!

ONE MORE OAT WHIP FIRST!



WE'RE HERE!

WHAT A LOVELY SETTING!
IT'S SO... SO...
CITRUSY!



THANKS AGAIN, RARITY.
YOU REALLY ARE A GOOD FRIEND.

BEST FRIENDS!



APPLEJACK?!
IT'S BEEN YEARS!
WHAT IN EQUESTRIA
ARE YOU DOING
HERE?!



I... ER... WE...
YOU WROTE ME TO
COME? GRANNY SMITH
SENT WORD TO
EXPECT ME?

WHY, I HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT
YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT.



BUT... BUT...
PIE CHARTS...

COME IN! THE
KALE FAMILY IS HERE
AND THEY BROUGHT
DINNER! I'M SO HAPPY
TO SEE YOU! WHO'S
YOUR FRIEND?

BUSINESS...
ASSOCIATE...
FRIEND?

OH!
I LOVE
KALE!

BACK IN PONYVILLE...

YOU KNOW, I THINK THIS SAYS "EAST COAST" AND NOT "WEST COAST."



We... Went... **Dancin'** Across **EQUESTRIA!**



APPLEJACK: LEARNED A LESSON ABOUT... SOMETHING.



RARITY: HAD A MINOR BREAKDOWN OVER OWN PROJECT SOMETIME LATER.



APPLE BLOOM: DID NOT GET HER CUTIE MARK IN BASE JUMPING.



BIG MAC: BUILT A BARN.



WHEN EVERYTHING'S GOING YOUR WAY, YOU'RE DRIVING IN THE WRONG LANE.



GRANNY SMITH: HAS AN OPTOMETRIST APPOINTMENT NEXT TUESDAY.



CURATOR OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST BALL OF YARN: CURRENTLY WORKING OUT HOW MANY SOCKS COULD BE KNIT WITH THE BALL OF YARN.



THE OWNERS OF THE GYRO-FLYER: WERE INCREDIBLY CONFUSED UPON RETURNING TO THE BARN SOME WEEKS LATER.



THE STRANGER: SO DID THE STRANGER DELIVER APPLEJACK AND RARITY TO APPLEWOOD AND HAVING NO FURTHER CONCERN, HE SOUGHT ADVENTURE IN THE WEST. MANY WRONGS DID HE RIGHT, HONOR AND FEAR WERE HEAPED UPON HIS NAME AND IN TIME, HE BECAME A KING BY HIS OWN HAND... BUT THAT IS ANOTHER STORY.



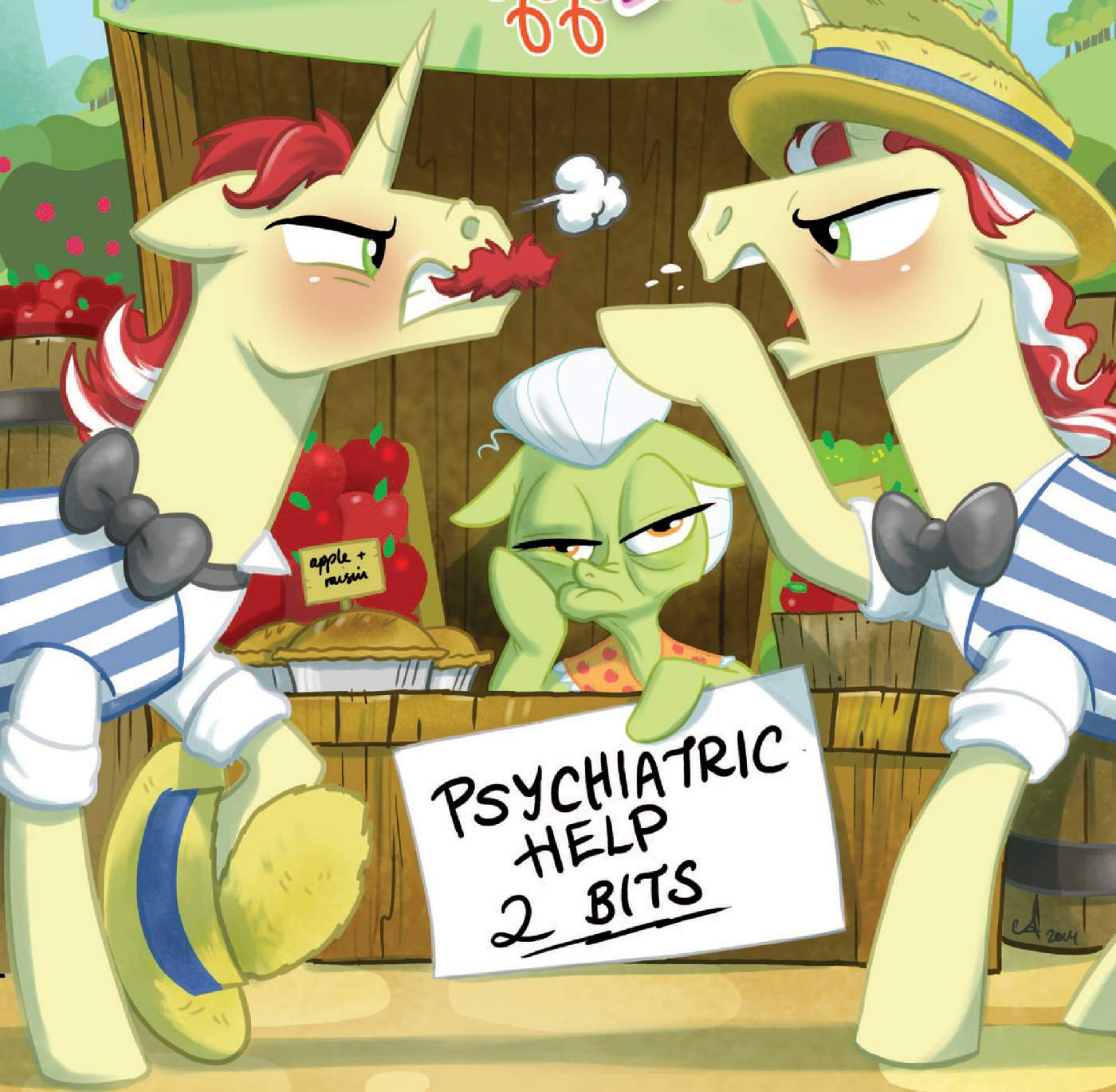
THE MANHATTAN ORANGES: ARE STILL WAITING FOR APPLEJACK.



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