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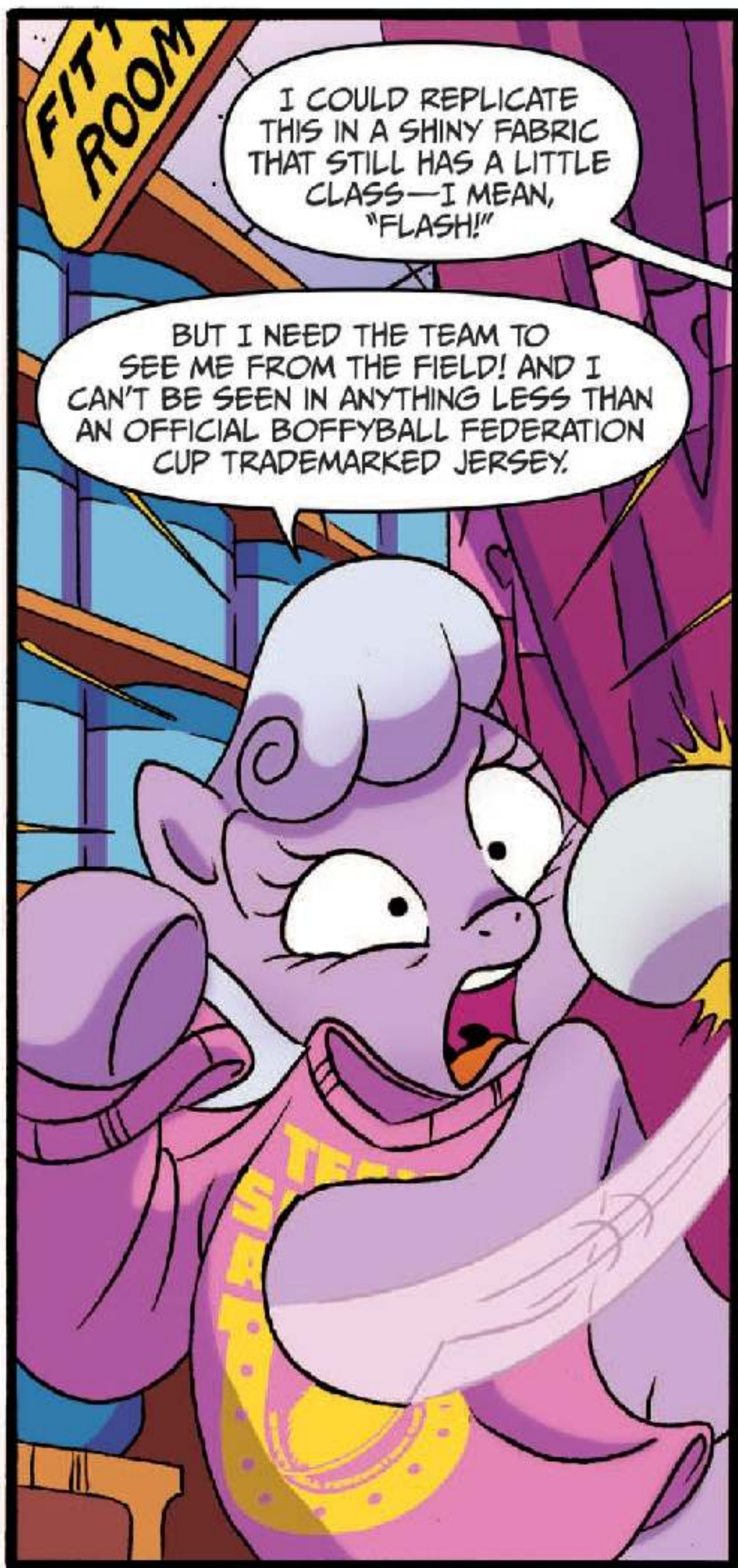
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—AND LAST YEAR I GOT THE FULL LINE OF TEAM SADDLE ARABIA BOBBLEHEADS, BUT *THIS* YEAR I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO THE BOFFYBALL CUP. I'M THE LUCKIEST PONY IN PONYVILLE!

MMM-HMMM.

ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE YOU WANT ME TO "SPANGLE" THIS? COMPLETELY SURE?



I COULD REPLICATE THIS IN A SHINY FABRIC THAT STILL HAS A LITTLE CLASS—I MEAN, "FLASH!"

BUT I NEED THE TEAM TO SEE ME FROM THE FIELD! AND I CAN'T BE SEEN IN ANYTHING LESS THAN AN OFFICIAL BOFFYBALL FEDERATION CUP TRADEMARKED JERSEY.



DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE A COVETED PIECE OF BOFFYBALL MERCHANDISE WHEN YOU SEE IT?!

I CAN'T SAY I FOLLOW THE SPORT MYSELF, LILAC LINKS. WE DON'T PLAY IT IN EQUESTRIA AND I'VE ALWAYS FOUND IT A TOUCH... UNCOUTH.



WELL, OF COURSE IT'S UNCOUTH, RARITY. THAT'S THE APPEAL.



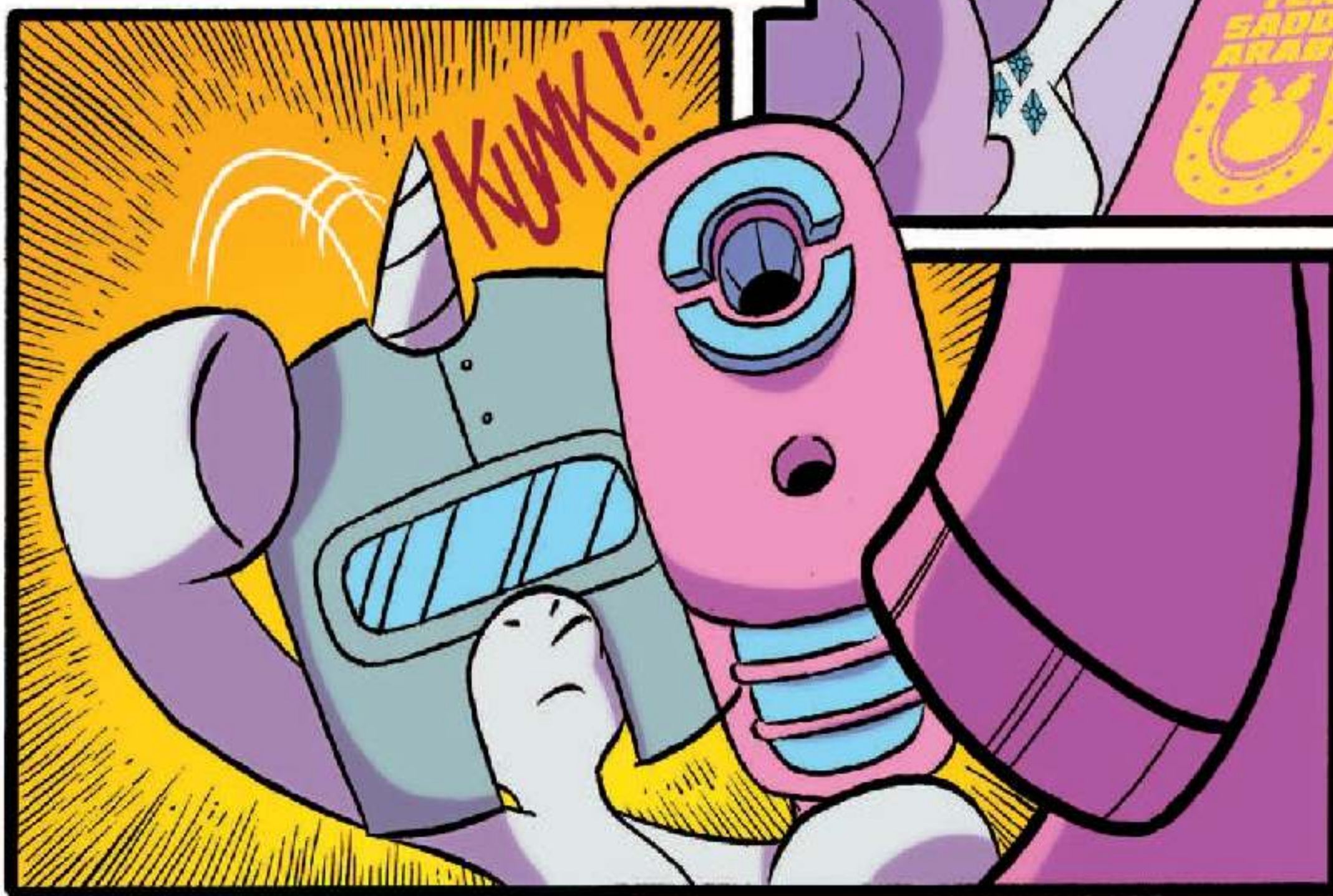
I DO RECOGNIZE IT'S QUITE POPULAR OUTSIDE OF EQUESTRIA, AND THE GAME WILL BE THE PLACE TO BE SEEN NEXT WEEK. IF ITS FANS LIKE A LITTLE STUDD RAZZ-MA-TAZZ ON THEIR JERSEYS...

SO BE IT.



BUT I WANT TO WATCH!

UNLESS YOU HAVE A LICENSE TO OPERATE A SPANGLE GUN AND A "SPARKLE CERTIFICATION," WHICH I HAVE, LEAVE THIS TO THE PROFESSIONALS, PLEASE!



KWK!

KNOCK!
KNOCK! KNOCK!

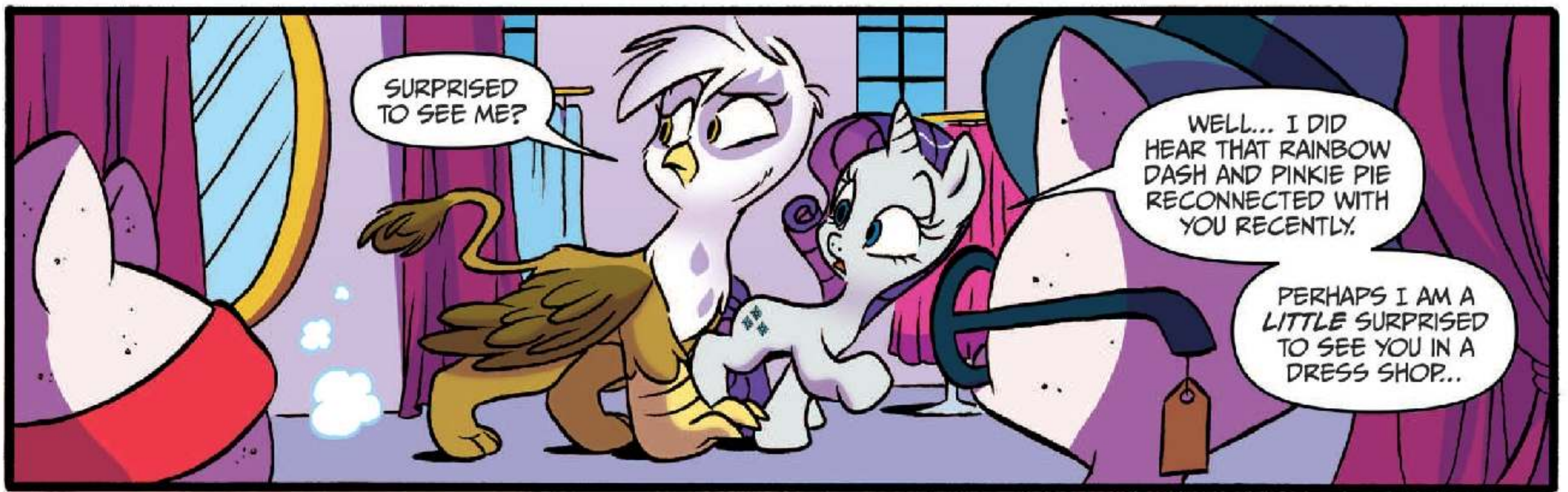


REALLY, YOU DON'T TAKE "GO AWAY" FOR AN ANSWER, DO YOU? WHY, YOU'RE AS RUDE AS—



—GILDA!

HEY, RARITY. IT'S BEEN AWHILE.



SURPRISED TO SEE ME?

WELL... I DID HEAR THAT RAINBOW DASH AND PINKIE PIE RECONNECTED WITH YOU RECENTLY.

PERHAPS I AM A LITTLE SURPRISED TO SEE YOU IN A DRESS SHOP...



DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT HERE FOR ONE OF YOUR FRILLY LITTLE FROU-FROU DRESSY-POOS.

IS THIS... ECH... LACE?



I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T COME ALL THE WAY FROM GRIFFONSTONE TO CRITIQUE MY CHOICE OF TRIMMING.

MAYBE YOU FLEW BY TO WIN ME OVER WITH YOUR CHARMING NEW PERSONALITY?



ER, NO... ACTUALLY, I CAME TO ASK FOR SOMETHING.

I MEAN, TO ASK IF YOU'D LIKE TO DO SOMETHING... IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.



IT'S OK IF YOU'RE NOT. WHATEVER.

WELL! I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT A GRIFFON MIGHT NEED FROM ME.

THE GRIFFIN KINGDOM IS NOT EXACTLY NOTED FOR THEIR DEVOTION TO FASHION...



IT'S JUST THAT WE'VE GOT THIS BOFFYBALL TEAM AND WE'D LIKE YOU TO, YOU KNOW, DESIGN THE UNIFORMS.



YOU WANT ME TO DESIGN OFFICIAL BOFFYBALL FEDERATION UNIFORMS?

EVERY FAN FROM HERE TO SADDLE ARABIA WOULD SEE THEM...

AND WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE SPIFFY UNIFORMS?

WE'RE WEARING RARITY FROM PONYVILLE!

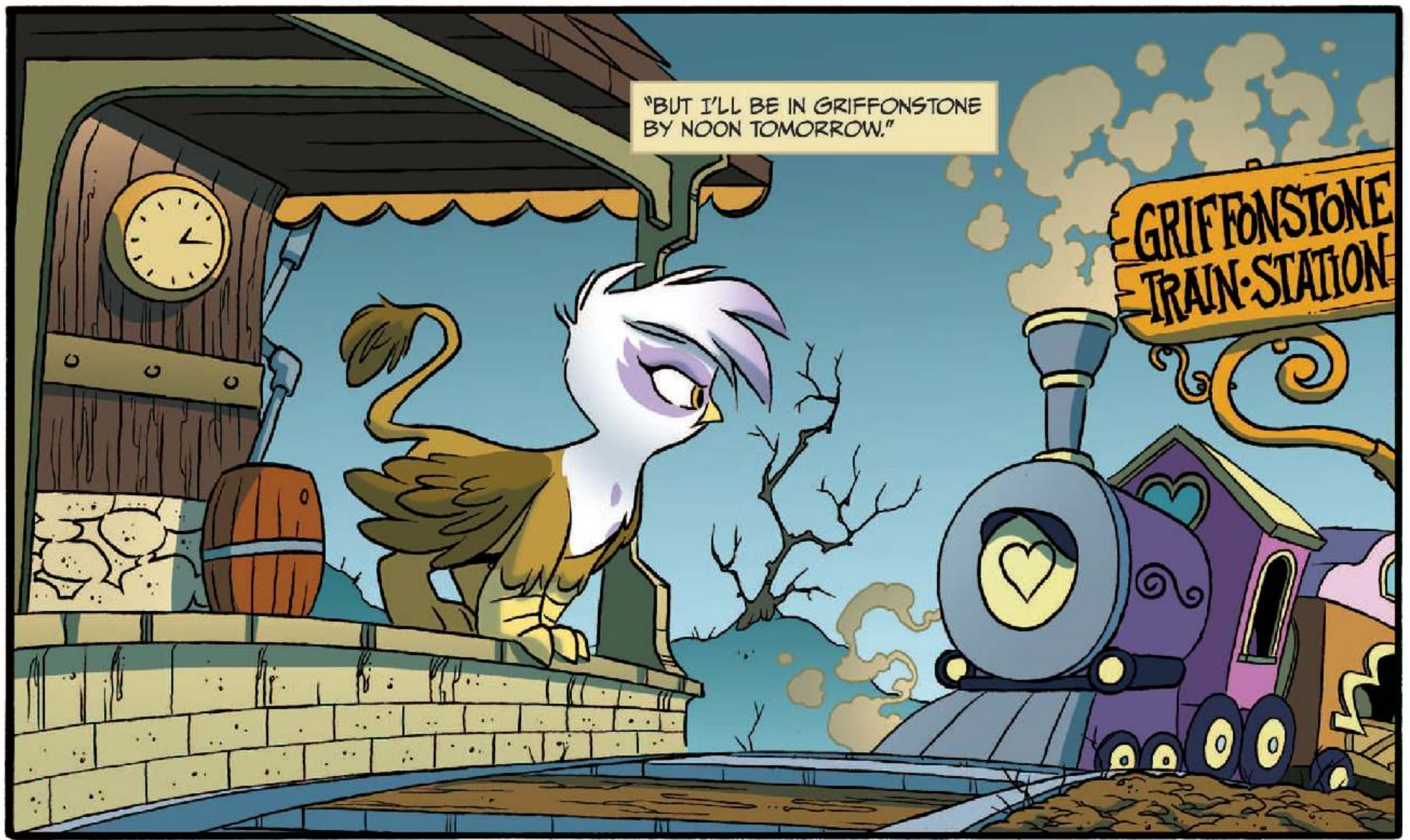


UH, DO YOU NEED A "MOMENT" WITH WHATEVER IS GOING ON IN YOUR HEAD RIGHT NOW?



OH, SORRY. IT SOUNDS DELIGHTFUL, DARLING.

I'LL JUST NEED TO DO SOME LIGHT PACKING...



"BUT I'LL BE IN GRIFFONSTONE BY NOON TOMORROW."



YOU'RE KIND OF LATE?

NOT JUST LATE, DARLING. FASHIONABLY LATE. IT'S AN ART FORM.



THE CONDUCTORS TOOK A LITTLE LONGER THAN EXPECTED TO LOAD ALL OF MY THINGS.



YOU REALLY NEED ALL OF THIS STUFF FOR A ONE-WEEK TRIP?

WELL, LET ME THINK... THREAD, NEEDLES, PINS, FABRIC, SEWING MACHINE, EMBROIDERY MACHINE, PATTERNS, ZIPPERS...

CLOTHES TO SLEEP IN, CLOTHES TO KEEP WARM, SOMETHING TO WEAR IF WE GO OUT FOR DINNER, SOMETHING TO WEAR IF WE DECIDE TO STAY IN, INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH HAIR-DRYER I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT—

YES, ALL QUITE ESSENTIAL!

GRIFFONSTONE MOUNTAIN TRAIL



SO HOW IS THE GRIFFON SCONE BUSINESS GOING, GILDA?

WELL...



GRIFFON SCONES STILL PAY THE BITS, BUT LATELY WE'VE...

WELL...

WE'VE KIND OF FOUND A NEW OBSESSION.

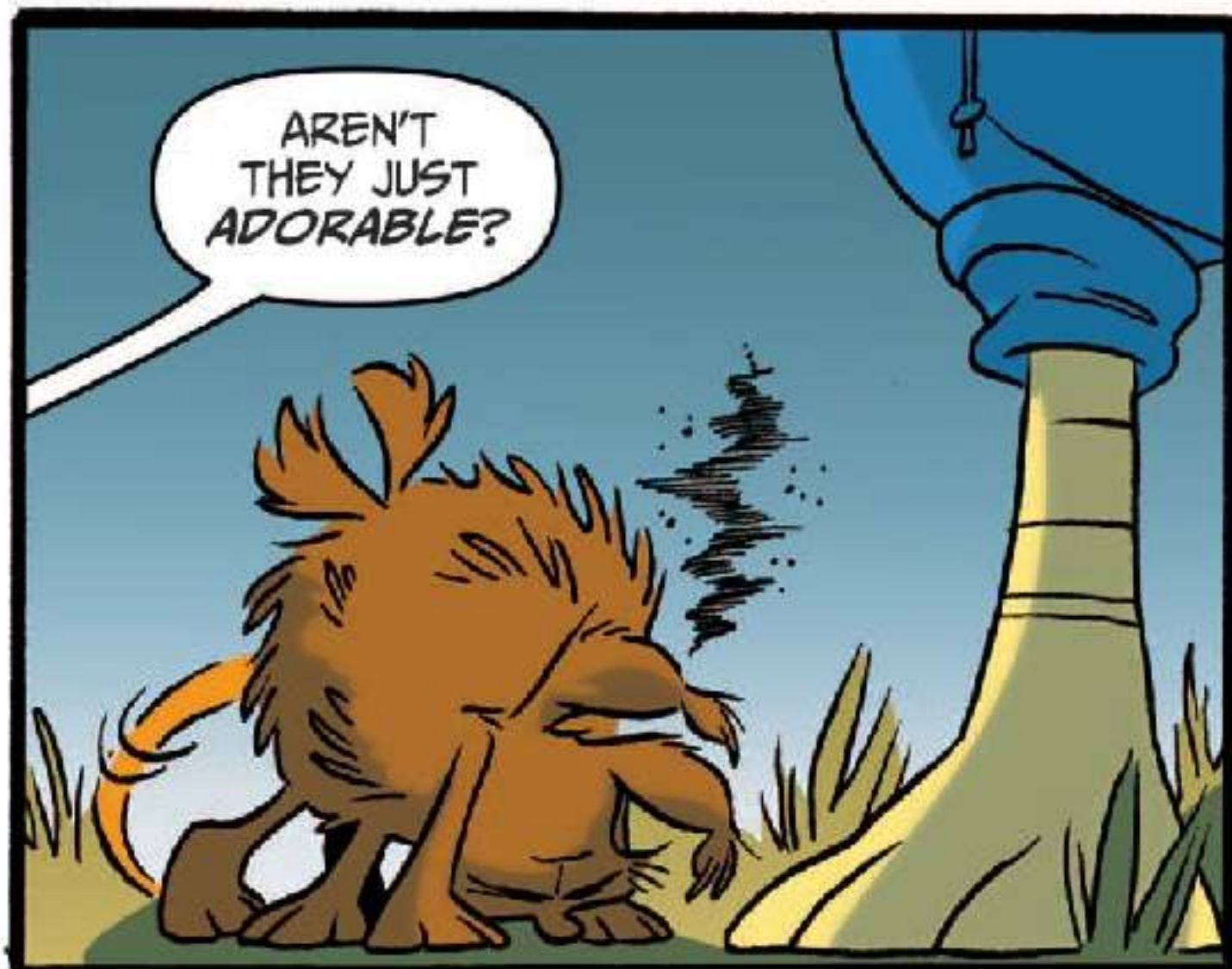
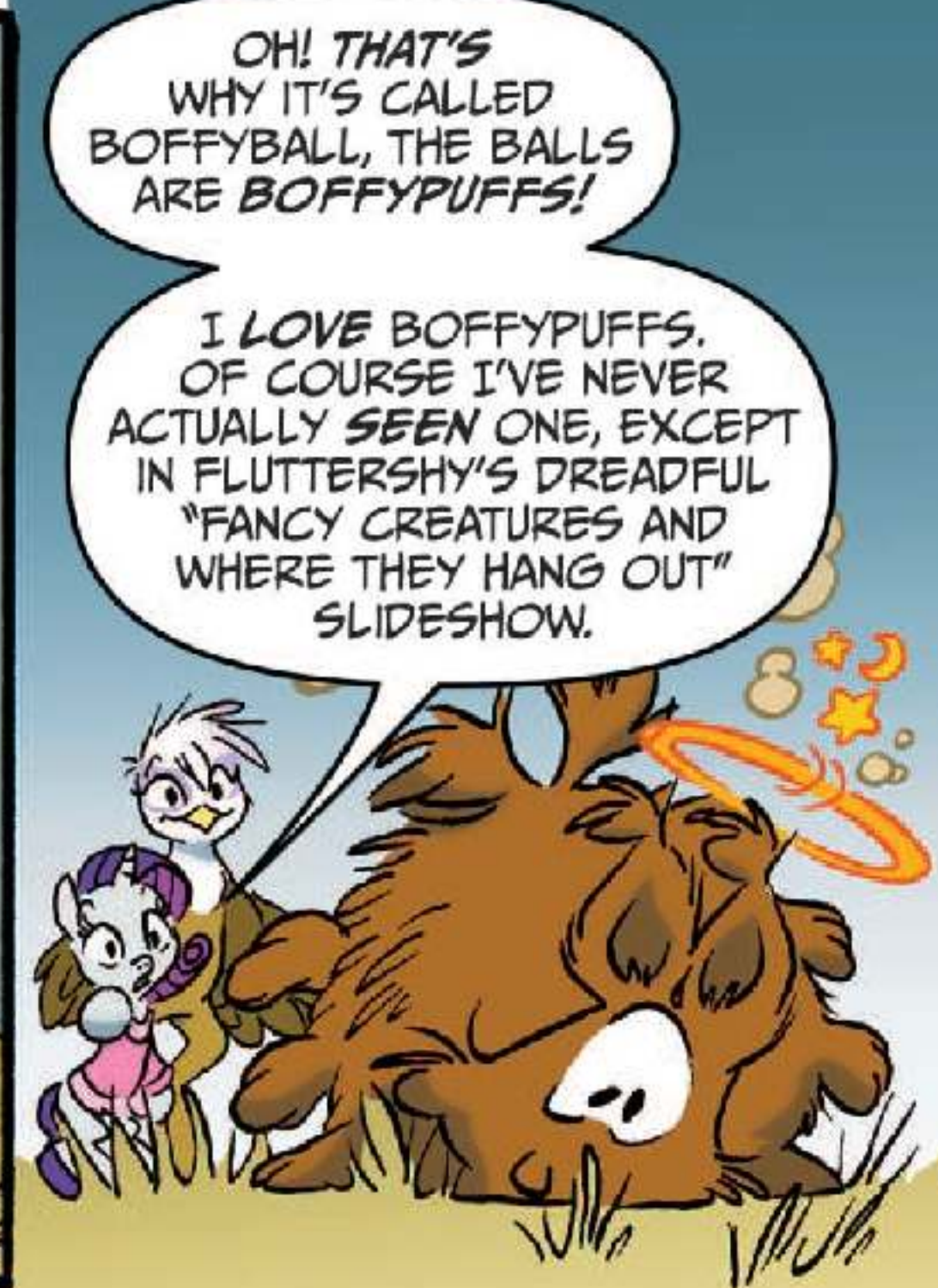
NOT THAT ANY GRIFFON CARED UNTIL IT LOOKED LIKE WE HAD HALF A CHANCE OF WINNING THE BOFFYBALL CUP. I PRACTICALLY DRAGGED GRETA TO TRYOUTS BY THE TAIL.



IS THIS THE PONY THAT'S GOING TO DESIGN OUR UNIFORMS?

SERIOUSLY, GRETA, IS SHE LIKE, FOR REAL WITH THAT MANE?

THANK KING GROVER YOU'RE HERE, THERE AREN'T ENOUGH SAFETY PINS IN GRIFFONSTONE TO HOLD MY SUIT TOGETHER ANYMORE.





COACH!

I MIGHT HAVE TROUBLE DOING IT NOW BUT I SCORED A BAJILLION POINTS WHILE YOU WERE GONE, HONEST!

DO YOU WANT TO SEE ME CATCH THE BALL? I CAN TOTALLY CATCH THE BALL, MOSTLY.

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. GIVE A GRIFFON SOME SPACE.



THIS MUST BE THE LITTLE FILLY WHO'S GOING TO MAKE US THE TEAM EVERYONE WANTS TO SEE—

—WITH UNIFORMS SO AMAZING THE OPPOSING TEAM WILL BE TOO BUSY STARING IN AWE TO SCORE A POINT!

OH! WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF A STYLISH UNIFORM CAN DO ALL OF THAT—PERHAPS MOST OF THAT.



YOU'RE SOME GENIUS DESIGNER IF YOU CAN MAKE THIS FLOCK OF BIRDBEAKS LOOK LIKE A PROFESSIONAL TEAM.



BUT I'M NOT EXPECTING MIRACLES.

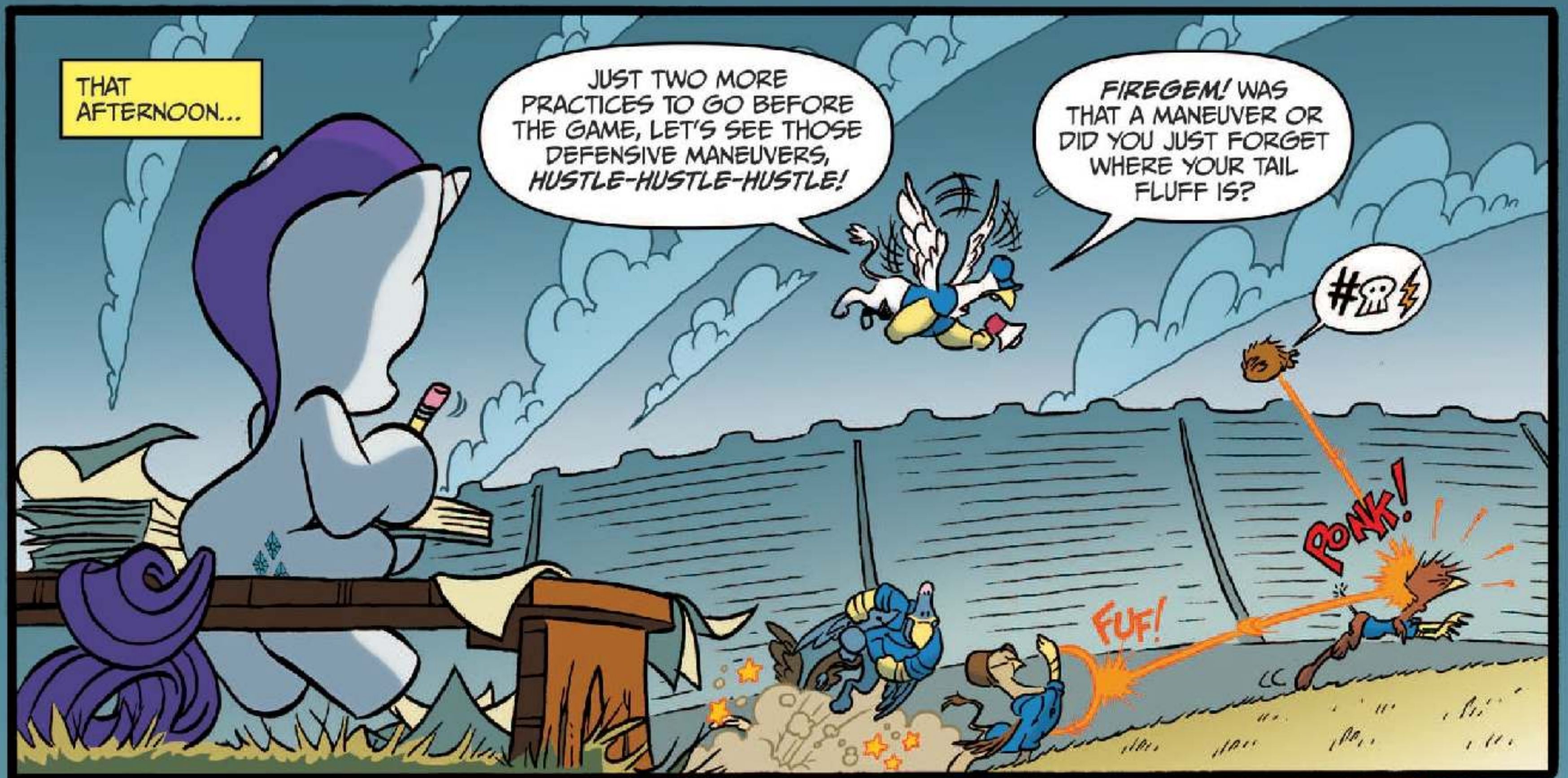
NOT EVEN PRINCESS CELESTIA COULD "POOF" OL' FIREGEM INTO A BOFFYBALL PLAYER WITH ANY SELF-RESPECT.



NOW LET'S GET THIS PRACTICE STARTED!

DOES HE ALWAYS SINGLE OUT FIREGEM LIKE THAT? THE POOR THING DOESN'T SEEM TO BE TAKING IT VERY WELL.

COACH KLAUS IS TOUGH ON ALL OF US, IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.



THAT AFTERNOON...

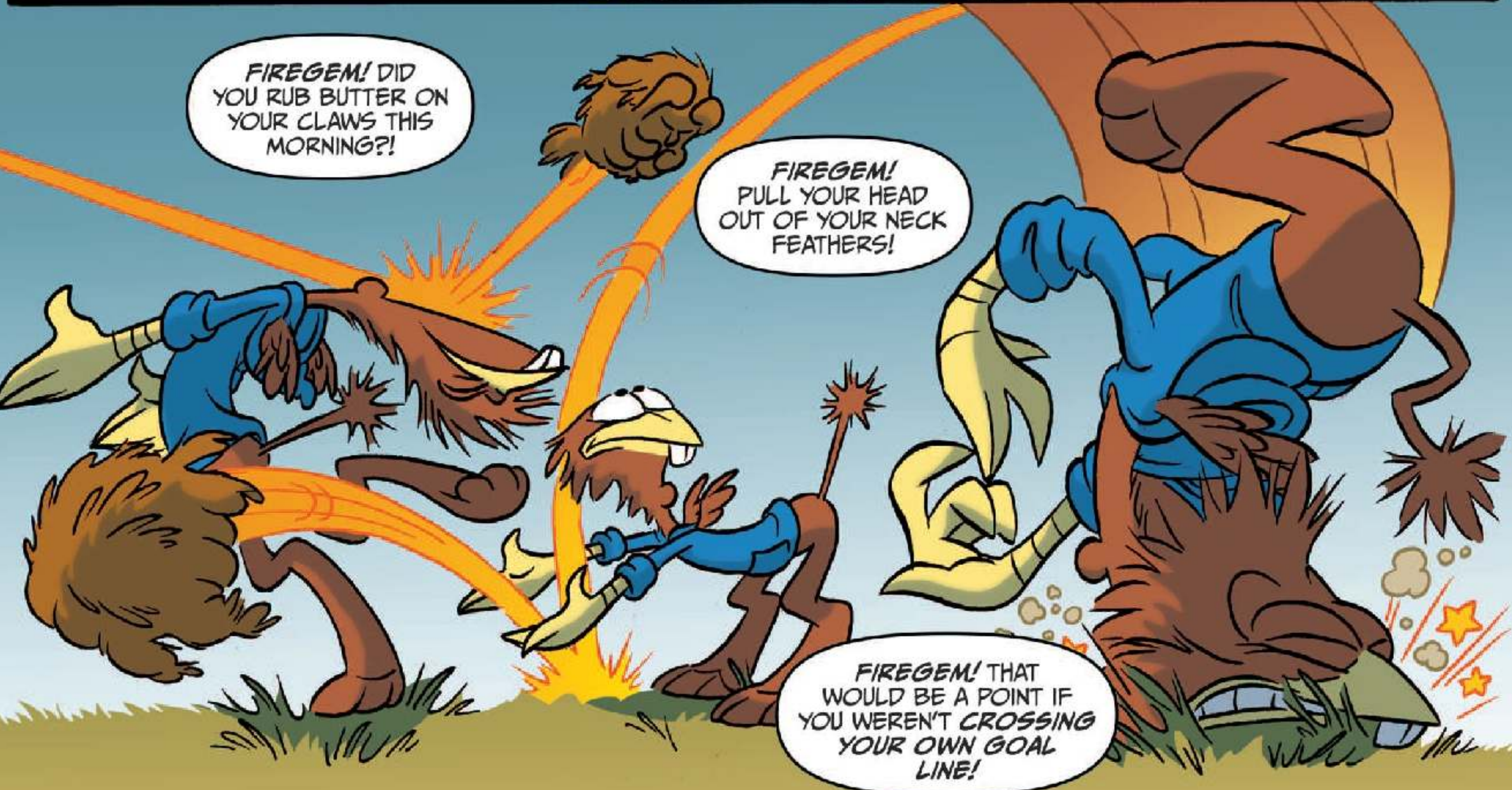
JUST TWO MORE PRACTICES TO GO BEFORE THE GAME, LET'S SEE THOSE DEFENSIVE MANEUVERS, HUSTLE-HUSTLE-HUSTLE!

FIREGEM! WAS THAT A MANEUVER OR DID YOU JUST FORGET WHERE YOUR TAIL FLUFF IS?

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FUF!

PONK!



FIREGEM! DID YOU RUB BUTTER ON YOUR CLAWS THIS MORNING?!

FIREGEM! PULL YOUR HEAD OUT OF YOUR NECK FEATHERS!

FIREGEM! THAT WOULD BE A POINT IF YOU WEREN'T CROSSING YOUR OWN GOAL LINE!



I KNOW IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, BUT I CAN'T HELP NOTICING THIS GAME DOESN'T SEEM TO BE YOUR FORTÉ.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

THE TEAM IS KIND OF SHORT ON PLAYERS AND IF THEY DON'T HAVE SEVEN ON THE FIELD THEY GET DISQUALIFIED. AFTER ELKE DROPPED OUT, HILDA CAUGHT MUSK OX POX AND FRANZ TWISTED HIS WING, WELL...



I'M THE LAST GRIFFON WHO'S BEEN TO TRAINING CAMP AND IT'S KIND OF IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PILEBLITZ AND A BLITZPILE—

HINT: THEY'RE BOTH VERY PAINFUL.



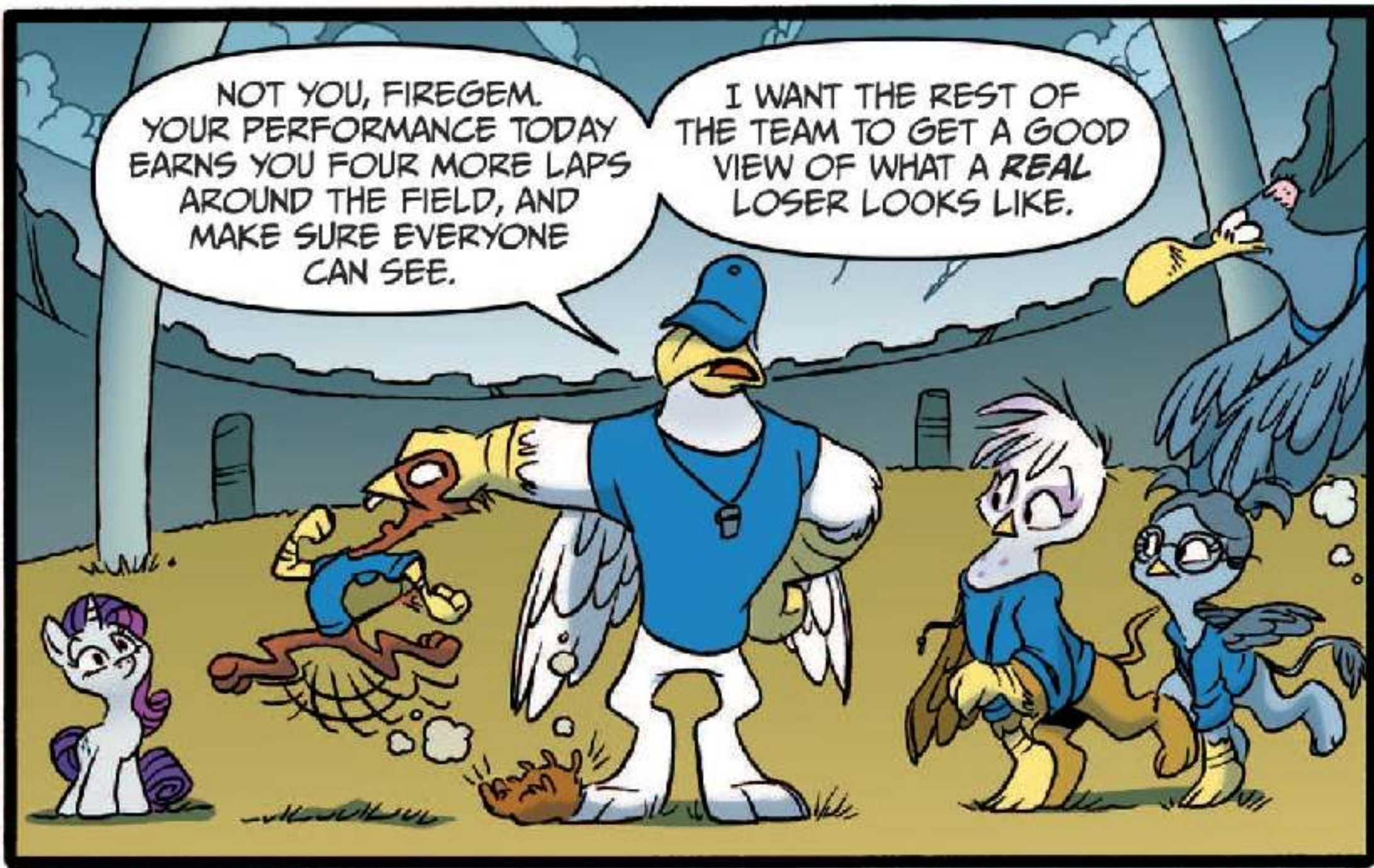
IT'S AN HONOR JUST TO PLAY FOR A LEGEND LIKE COACH KLAUS—

—EVEN IF IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE AN HONOR SOMETIMES.

TWO HOURS LATER...



OK, THAT'S A WRAP!

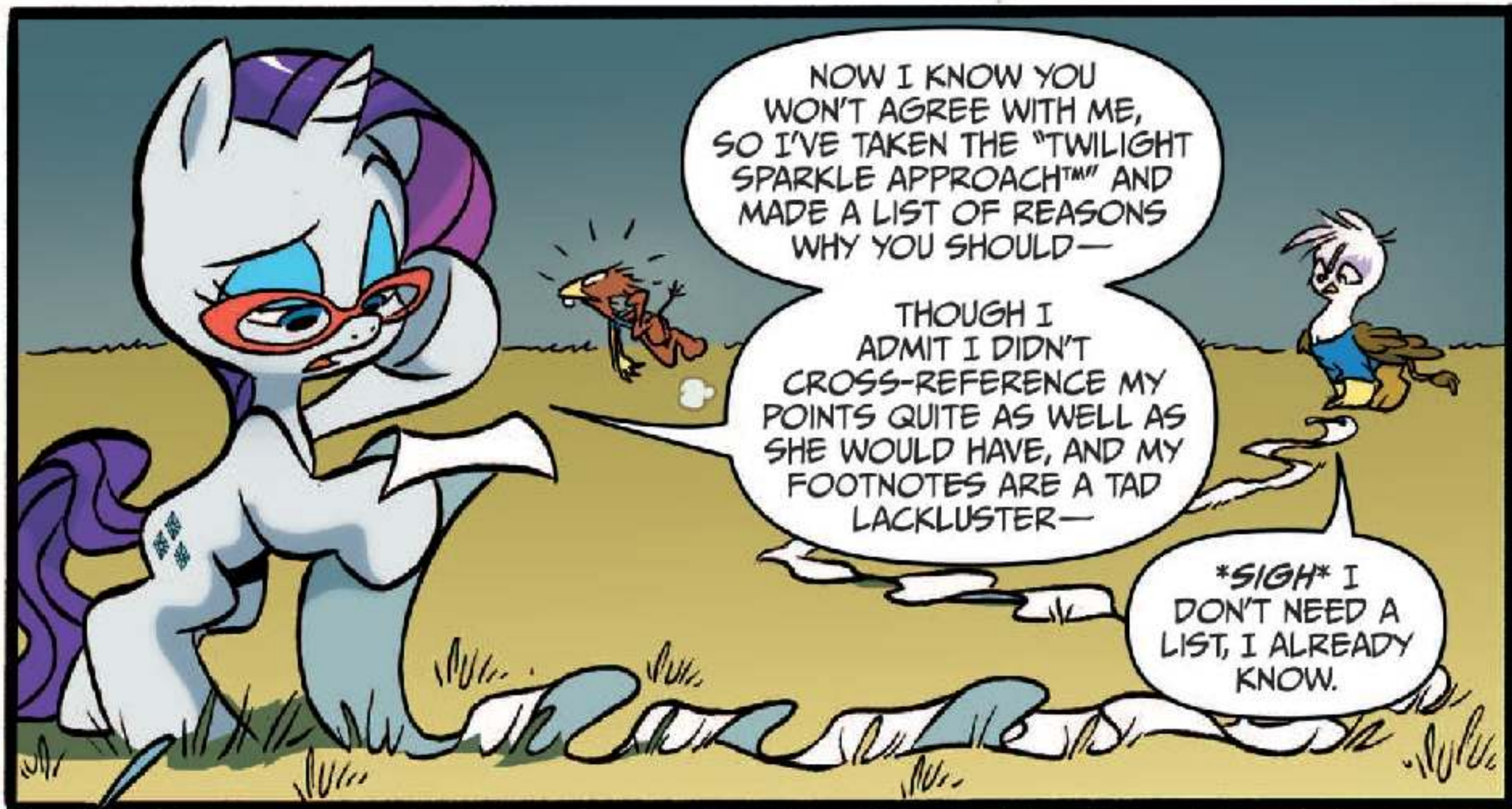


NOT YOU, FIREGEM. YOUR PERFORMANCE TODAY EARNS YOU FOUR MORE LAPS AROUND THE FIELD, AND MAKE SURE EVERYONE CAN SEE.

I WANT THE REST OF THE TEAM TO GET A GOOD VIEW OF WHAT A REAL LOSER LOOKS LIKE.



I THINK COACH KLAUS IS FAR TOO HARSH ON FIREGEM. YOU SIMPLY MUST SAY SOMETHING TO HIM, GILDA.



NOW I KNOW YOU WON'T AGREE WITH ME, SO I'VE TAKEN THE "TWILIGHT SPARKLE APPROACH™" AND MADE A LIST OF REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD—

THOUGH I ADMIT I DIDN'T CROSS-REFERENCE MY POINTS QUITE AS WELL AS SHE WOULD HAVE, AND MY FOOTNOTES ARE A TAD LACKLUSTER—

SIGH I DON'T NEED A LIST, I ALREADY KNOW.



YOU DO?

EVERY GRIFFON ON THE TEAM KNOWS IT BUT THEY'RE TOO AFRAID TO SAY ANYTHING.

MOSTLY THEY'RE JUST GLAD HE'S NOT DOING IT TO THEM.



COACH KLAUS STARTED THE GRIFFON TEAM AND HELPED REWRITE THE RULES SO FLYING CREATURES COULD JOIN THE BOFFYBALL FEDERATION. HE'S OUR HERO!

I JUST BAKE SCONES. WHO AM I TO TELL HIM HOW TO RUN A TEAM?



YOU'RE A GRIFFON WHO KNOWS HOW TO TREAT YOUR FRIENDS WITH AT LEAST A MODICUM OF RESPECT. I'M CONFIDENT YOU'LL DO THE RIGHT THING.

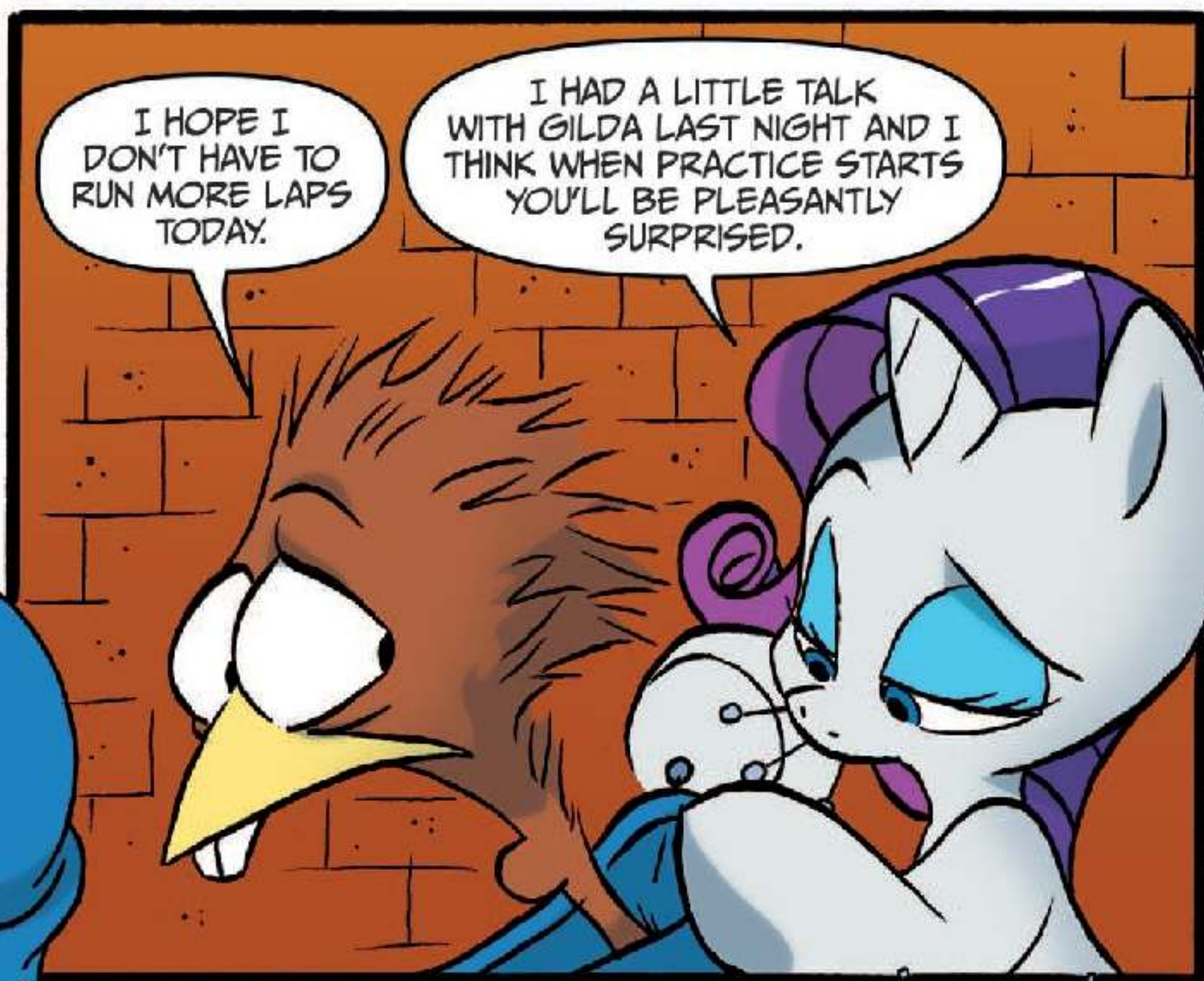
—GRRR— PONIES CAN BE SO SMUG SOMETIMES.





ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT ME TO MODEL FOR YOU, RARITY? I'M A LITTLE SCRAWNIER THAN THE AVERAGE GRIFFON...

NO REALLY, YOU'RE PERFECT, DARLING.



I HOPE I DON'T HAVE TO RUN MORE LAPS TODAY.

I HAD A LITTLE TALK WITH GILDA LAST NIGHT AND I THINK WHEN PRACTICE STARTS YOU'LL BE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED.



HOW ARE THOSE UNIFORMS COMING?!

YIPES!



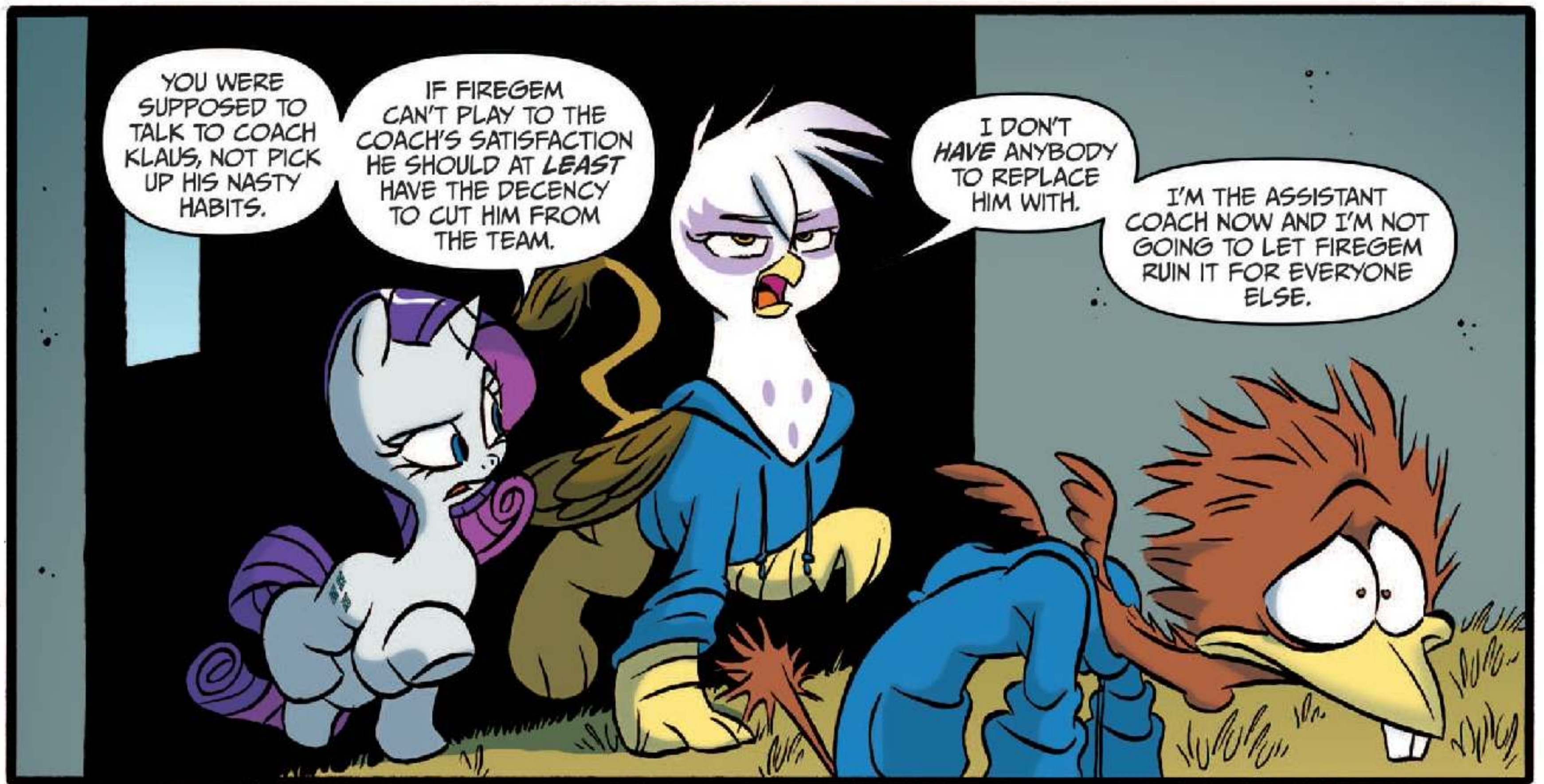
GET OUT ON THE FIELD, LAMER-BRAINER!

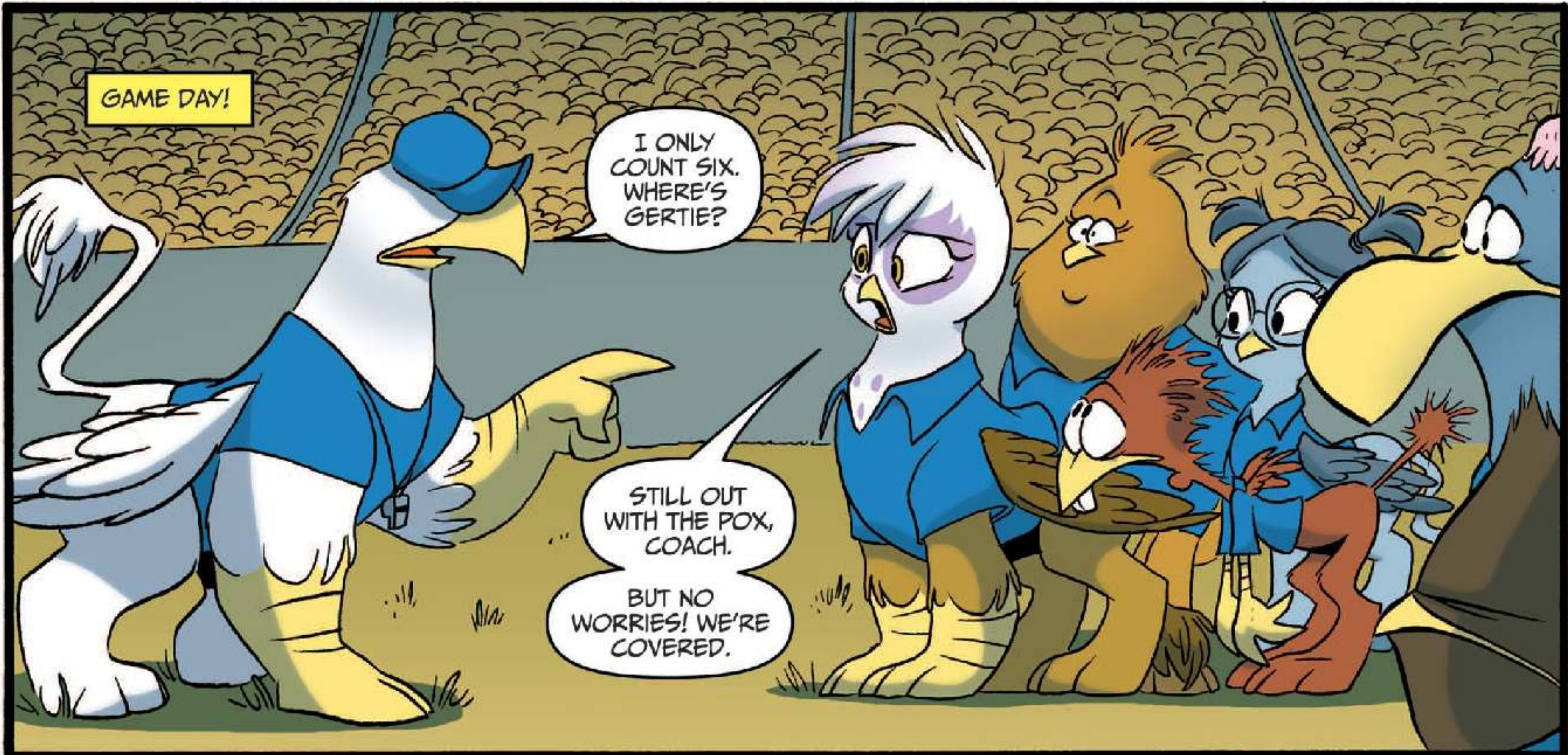


I'LL HAVE NEW UNIFORMS READY FOR THE ENTIRE TEAM JUST IN TIME FOR THE BOFFYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP. FIREGEM WAS HELPING ME WITH THE PROTOTYPE.

THEN USE A DIFFERENT MODEL!

IF WE DON'T WIN THE NEXT GAME WE AREN'T GOING TO THE CUP AND WE WON'T NEED ANY UNIFORMS.





GAME DAY!

I ONLY COUNT SIX. WHERE'S GERTIE?

STILL OUT WITH THE POX, COACH.

BUT NO WORRIES! WE'RE COVERED.



FIREGEM, WHERE'S THAT SUB?

RIGHT HERE!



I MAKE THIS SPORT LOOK GOOD.



RARITY?! NO WAY! YOU'RE GOING TO GET HURT!

IF FIREGEM CAN TAKE IT, SO CAN I.

THAT MAKES SEVEN. GAME ON!



SHE'S A PONY! SHOULDN'T THAT DISQUALIFY HER?

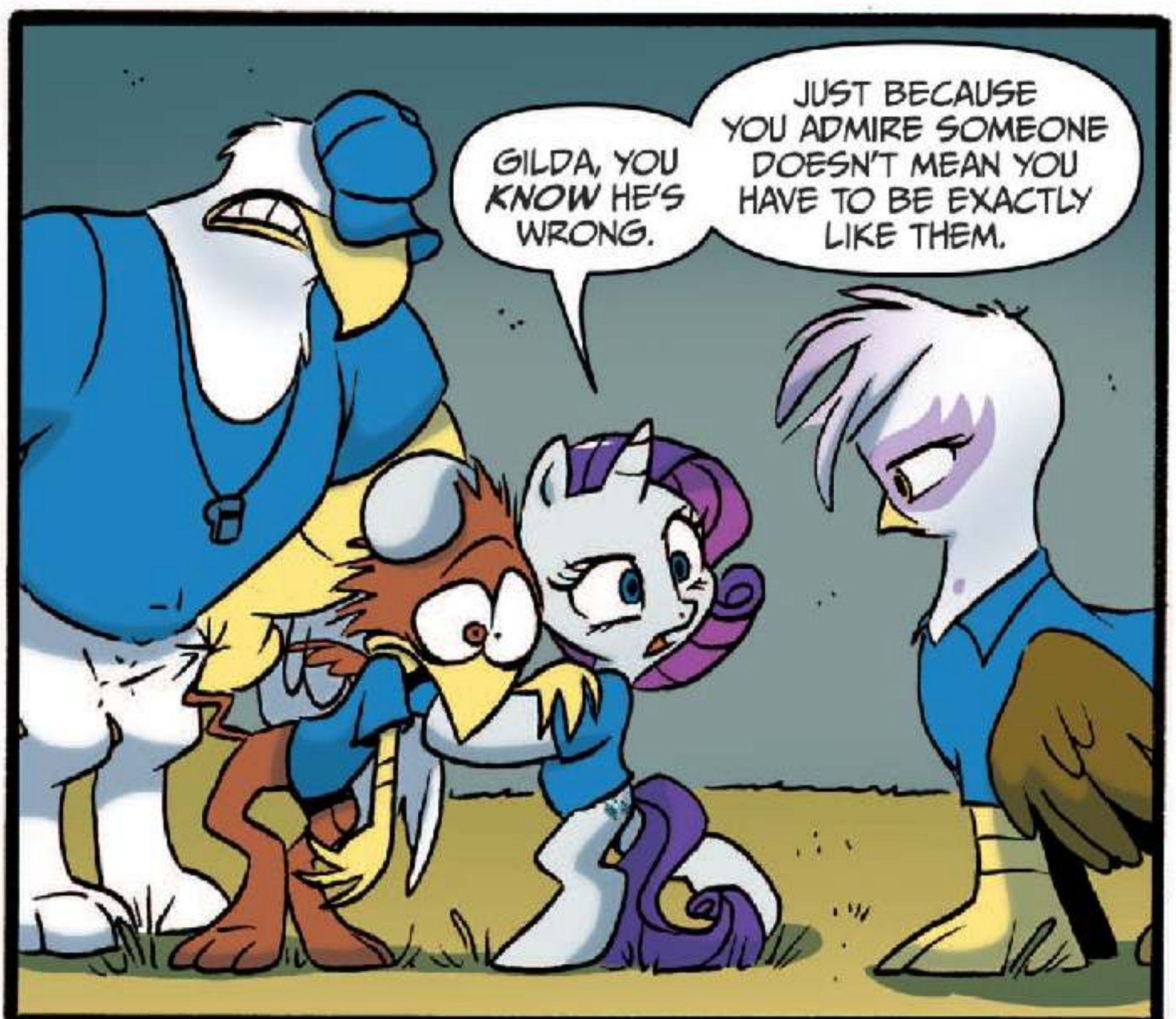
SHE'S GOT FOUR LEGS AND A UNIFORM, THAT'S ALL I CARE ABOUT.

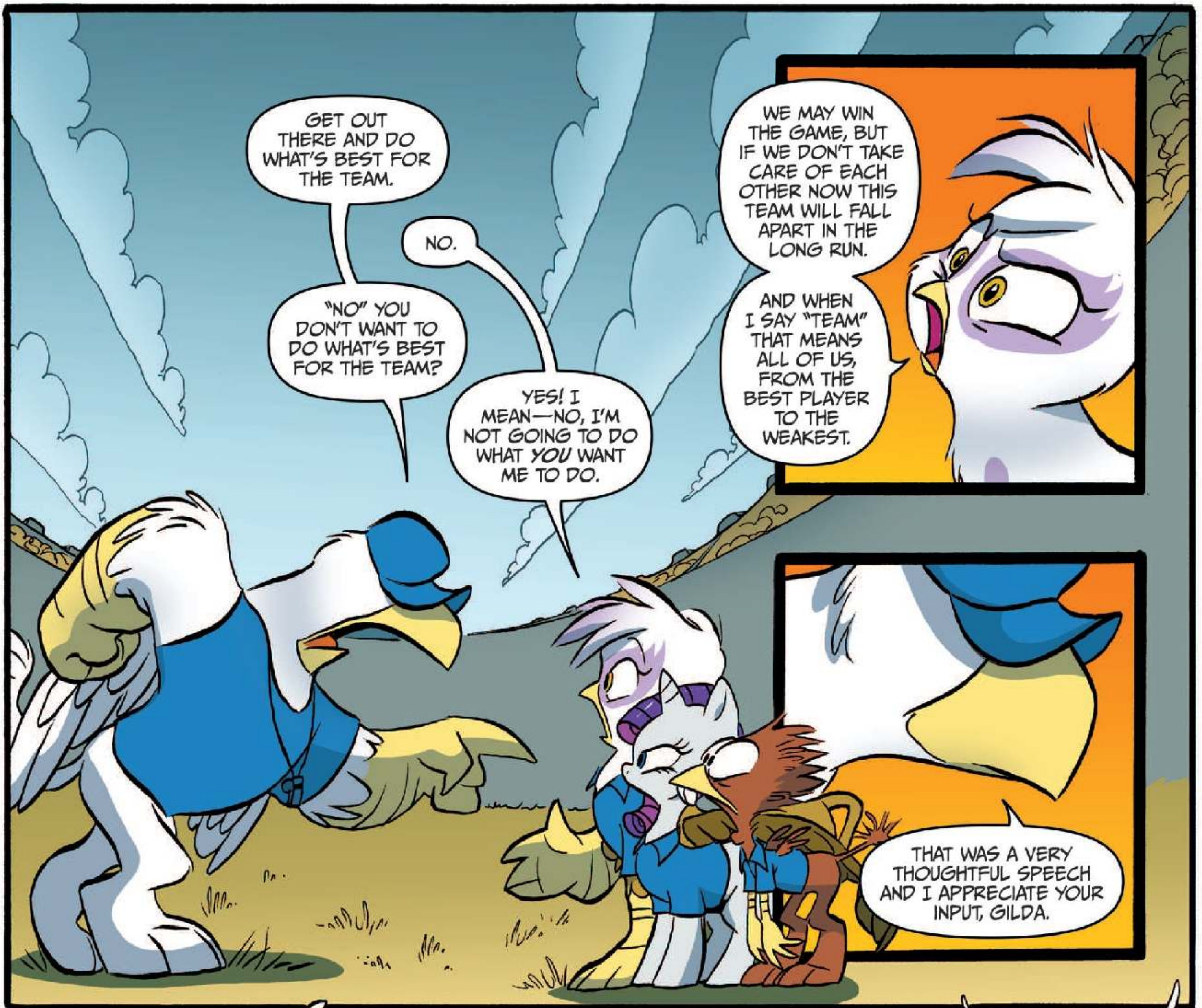
SO AFTER WE CATCH THE BALL DO WE DUNK IT IN SOMETHING OR PASS IT TO THE OTHER TEAM?





SMASH!!!





GET OUT THERE AND DO WHAT'S BEST FOR THE TEAM.

NO.

"NO" YOU DON'T WANT TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR THE TEAM?

YES! I MEAN—NO, I'M NOT GOING TO DO WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO.

WE MAY WIN THE GAME, BUT IF WE DON'T TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER NOW THIS TEAM WILL FALL APART IN THE LONG RUN.

AND WHEN I SAY "TEAM" THAT MEANS ALL OF US, FROM THE BEST PLAYER TO THE WEAKEST.



THAT WAS A VERY THOUGHTFUL SPEECH AND I APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT, GILDA.



NOW GET BACK OUT THERE AND WIN THIS BALL GAME!

WEEEEEEEEEE



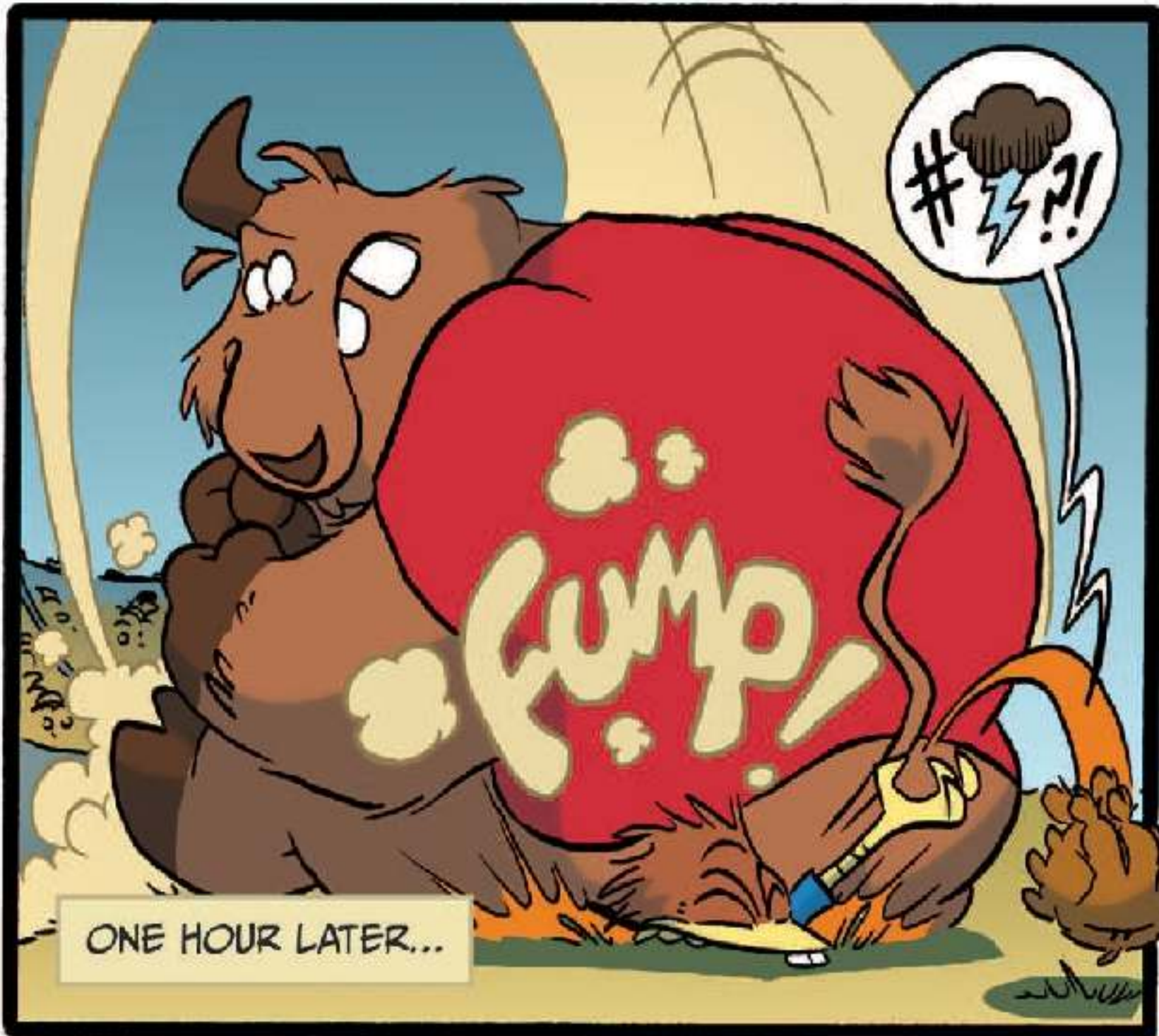
NO FLYING IN BOFFYBALL! THAT'S AN AUTOMATIC EJECTION FROM THE GAME.

WHAT?! B-BUT—

RULES ARE RULES, COACH.

YOU SHOULD KNOW, YOU HELPED WRITE 'EM.



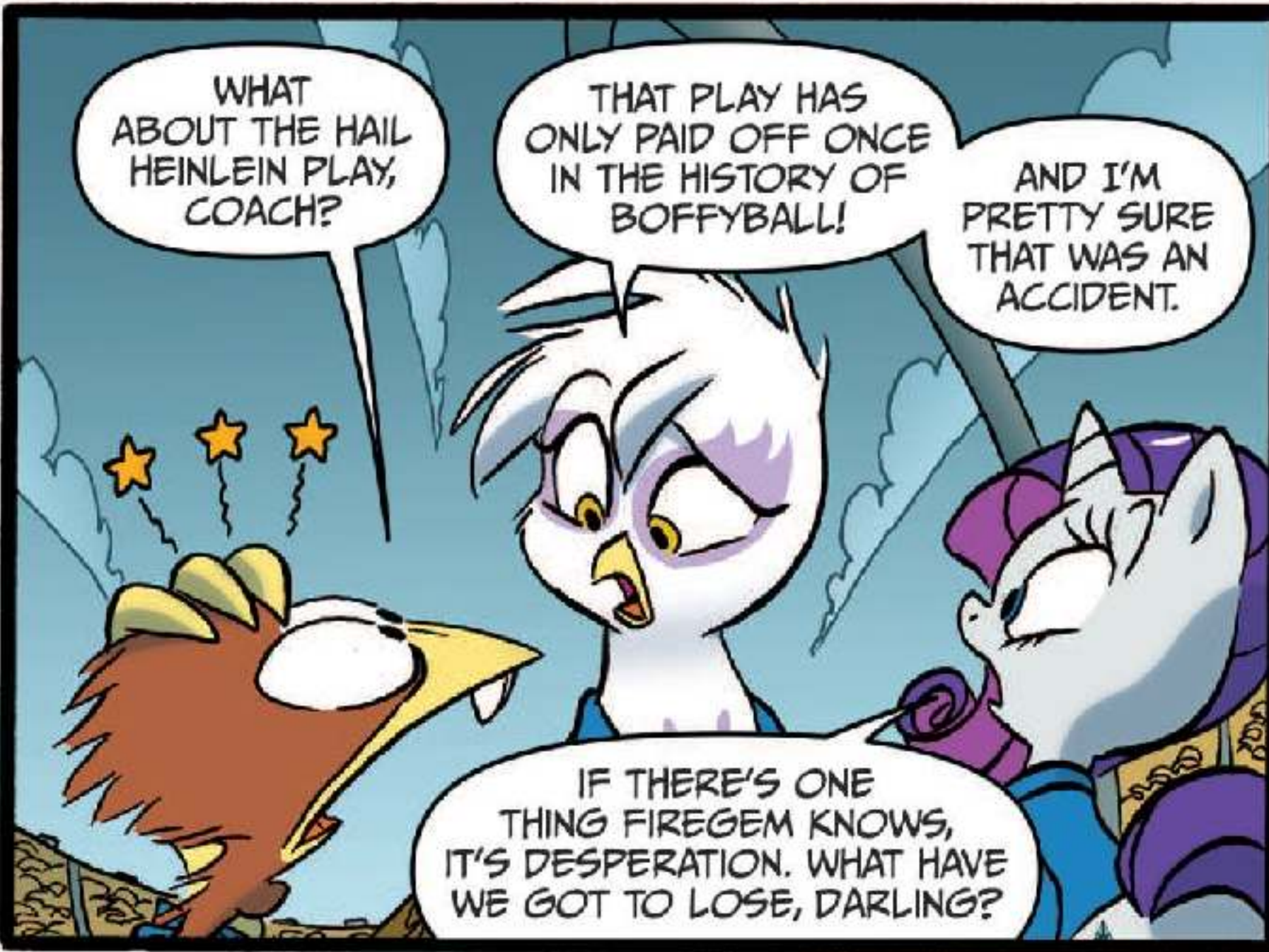


ONE HOUR LATER...



WE ARE SOOO LOSING THIS GAME.

GRIFFONSTONE DIDN'T SPEND A BIT ON BOFFYBALL UNTIL WE HAD A CHANCE AT THE CUP. WHAT'S EVERY GRIFFON GOING TO THINK IF WE CAN'T EVEN SCORE ONE POINT IN THE PLAYOFF GAME?



WHAT ABOUT THE HAIL HEINLEIN PLAY, COACH?

THAT PLAY HAS ONLY PAID OFF ONCE IN THE HISTORY OF BOFFYBALL!

AND I'M PRETTY SURE THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT.

IF THERE'S ONE THING FIREGEM KNOWS, IT'S DESPERATION. WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO LOSE, DARLING?



"NOT MUCH I GUESS."







"AT LEAST THE LOCKER ROOM IS STILL INTACT!"

OH YEAH! NOW THAT'S A UNIFORM...

IT'S SUCH A SHAME YOU WON'T USE THEM UNTIL NEXT SEASON.

WHAT IF WE JUST WORE THEM ON REGULAR DAYS? THAT'S NOT WEIRD, RIGHT?

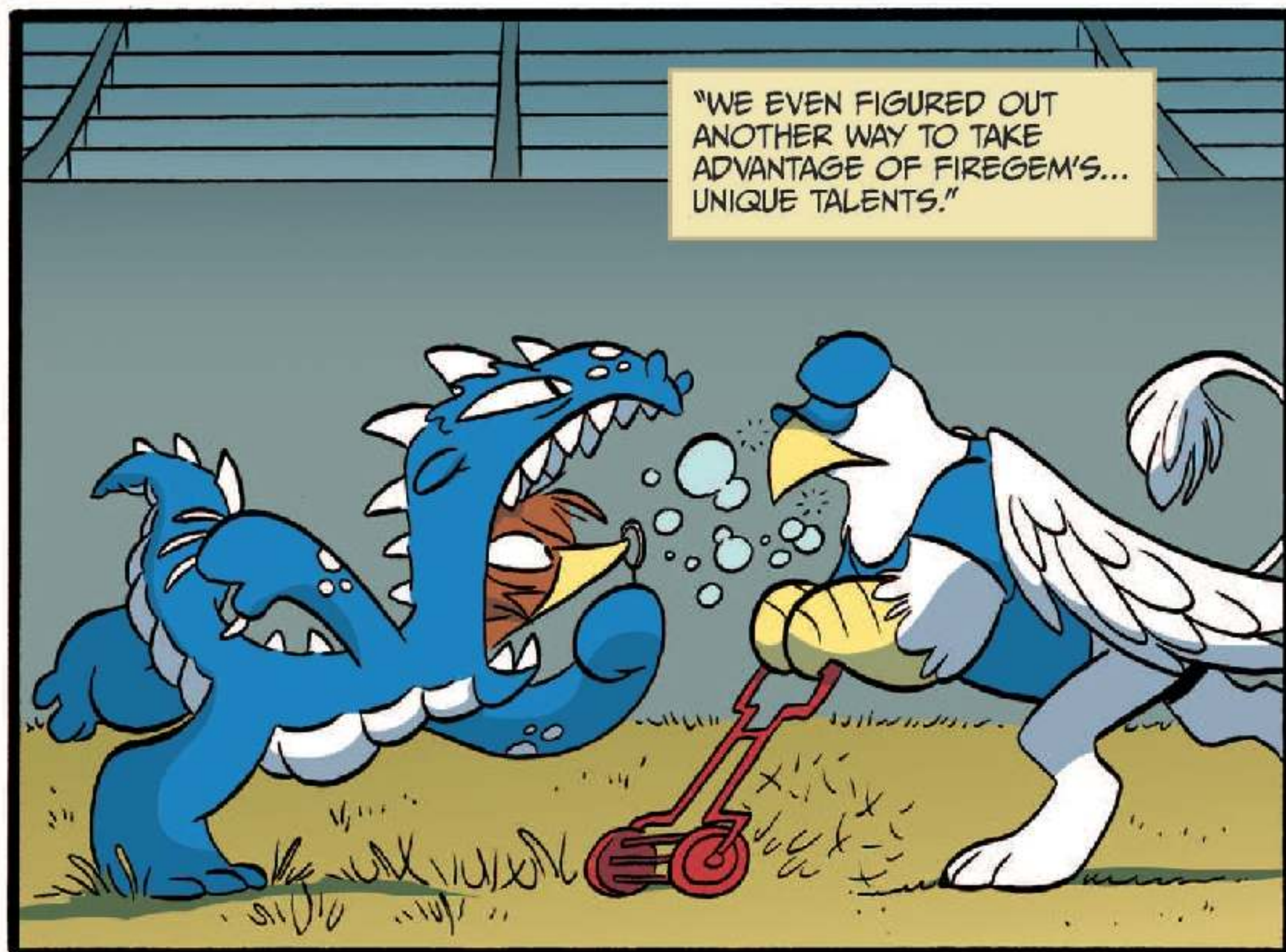
IT'S WEIRD, GRETCHEN. WAIT UNTIL PRACTICE STARTS.



IT WAS TERRIBLY BRAVE TO STAND UP TO COACH KLAUS THE WAY YOU DID. IS HE STILL ANGRY WITH YOU?

NAH, WE ALL HAD A TALK AFTER HE COOLED OFF.

HE'S FOUND A BETTER WAY TO DEAL WITH STRESS THAN JUST PUSHING SOMEBODY AROUND.



"WE EVEN FIGURED OUT ANOTHER WAY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FIREGEM'S... UNIQUE TALENTS."



WE'LL HAVE SO MANY GRIFFONS TRYING OUT FOR BOFFYBALL NEXT YEAR WE'LL HAVE TO TURN SOME OF THEM DOWN!

I'M SO GLAD IT ALL WORKED OUT! NOW I'VE GOT A TRAIN I SIMPLY CANNOT MISS.

THESE TRUNKS ARE JUST A TEENSY-BIT HEAVY BUT IF EVERYONE DOES THEIR PART I'M SURE WE CAN GET DOWN THE MOUNTAIN IN LESS TIME THAN IT TAKES TO—



HUMPH.
"GO TEAM."

