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Dear Diary,

What a tremendously exciting week it has been!

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tap
tap

WELCOME E.G.G.S!

It all started at the annual Equestrian Geological and Gemological Society convention.

IT'S A ROCK FACT!

DO NOT TAKE IT FOR GRANITE

Sedimentary, MY DEAR WATSON

I like to attend and see what new gemstones have been discovered, so I can use them in my designs!

LOVELY LIMESTONE

Little did I know I would soon be pulled into a thrilling adventure ...

And I certainly didn't expect that my partner in adventure would be...

MAUD PIE!

HELLO.

TAP
TAP



Pinkie Pie's sister Maud is quite an interesting character.

ARE YOU STILL STUDYING FOR YOUR ROCKTORATE IN ROCK SCIENCE?

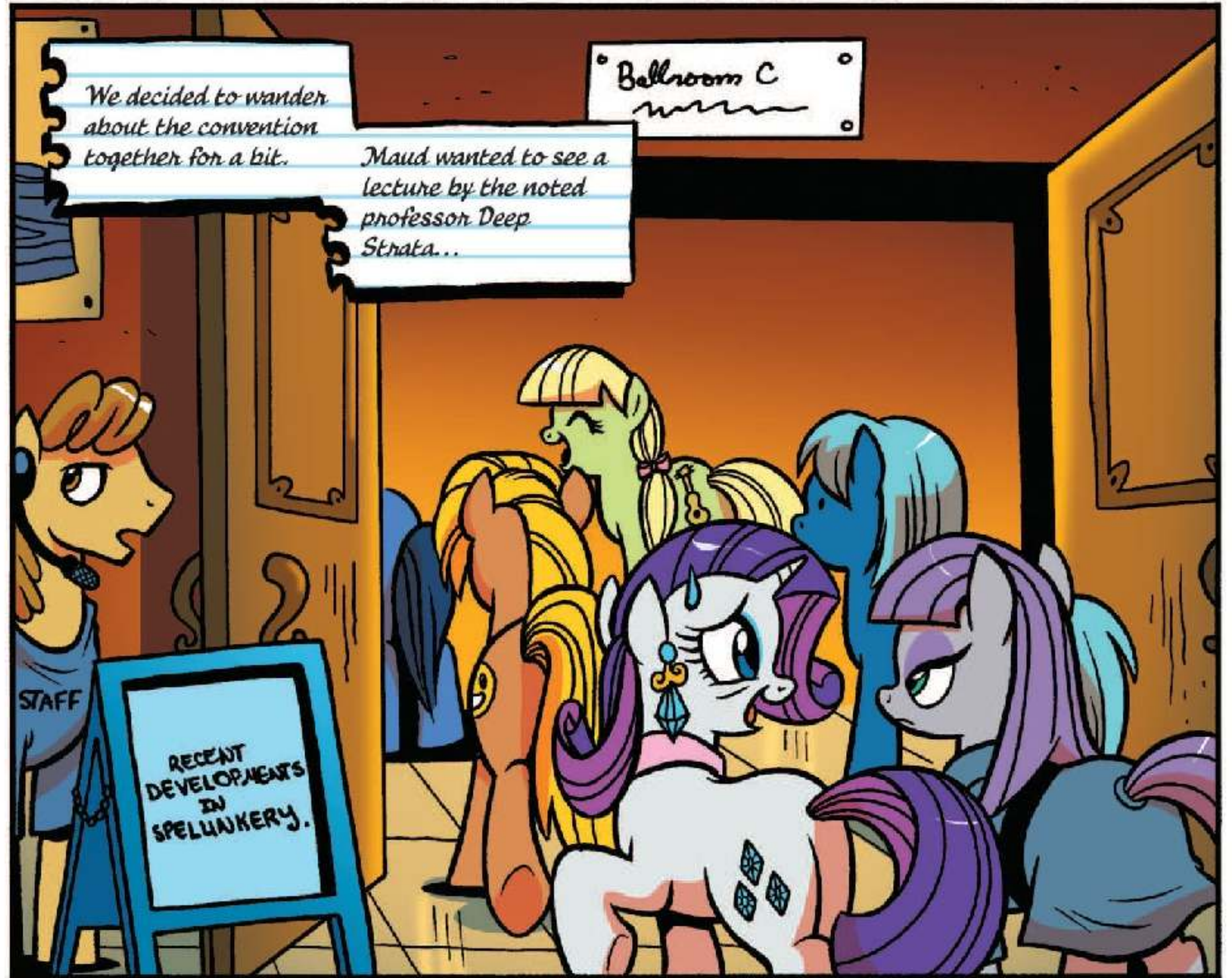
YES.



Even if she is a bit...

IT'S ABSOLUTELY THRILLING.

...reserved.



We decided to wander about the convention together for a bit.

Maud wanted to see a lecture by the noted professor Deep Strata...

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SPELUNKERY.



...and it turned out to be most interesting indeed!

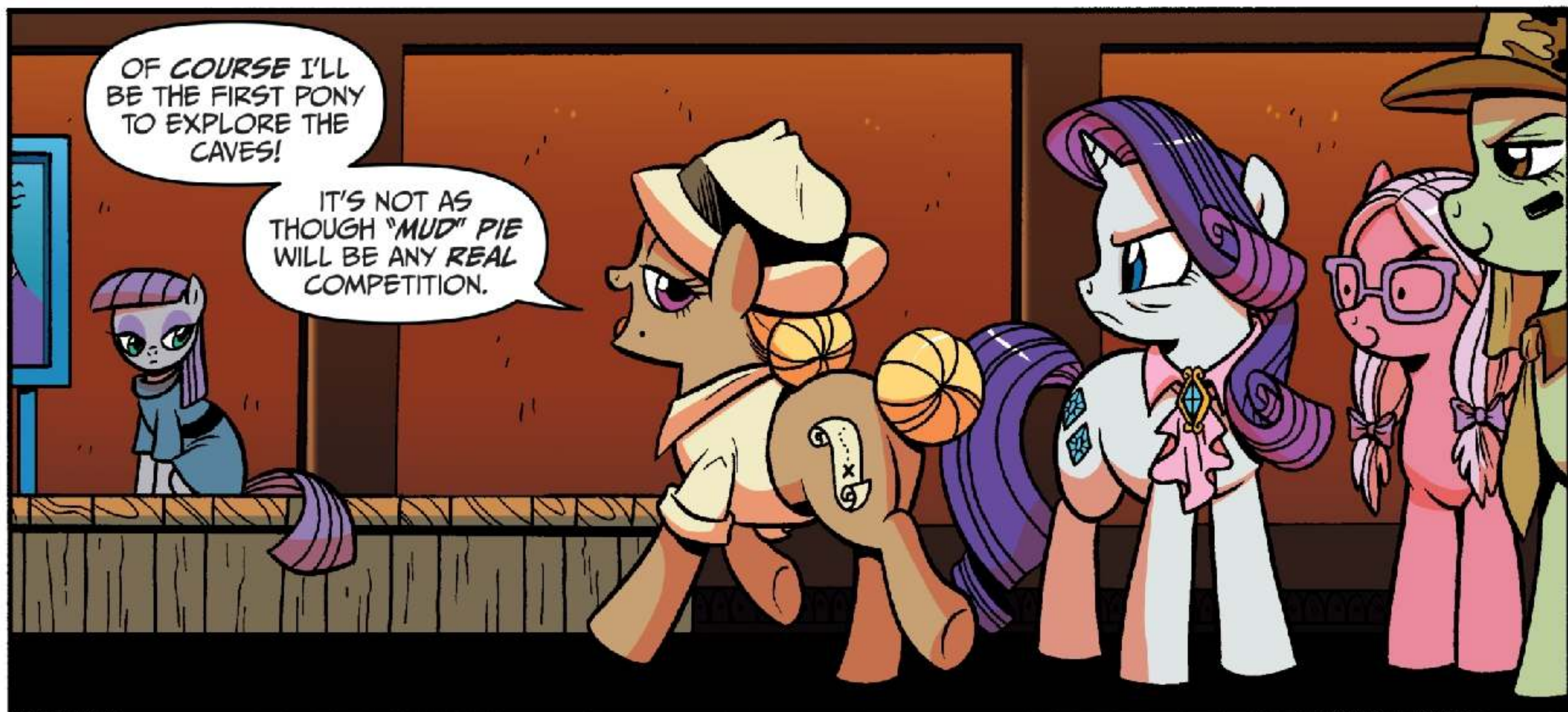
...AS MY THEORIES PREDICTED, A LARGE CAVE SYSTEM BENEATH THE CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN RANGE HAS RECENTLY BEEN UNCOVERED!



I'M TOO BUSY WITH OTHER EXPEDITIONS TO EXPLORE THE CAVES MYSELF—

—SO THE PONY THAT DOES EXPLORE THEM WILL RECEIVE FULL CREDIT FOR THE DISCOVERY!







YOU SEE, I HAVE SOMETHING THAT SHE DOESN'T:
PASSION.

TA TA, ALL!

I'LL INVITE YOU TO THE MUSEUM THEY OPEN IN MY HONOR!

MAUD!



I CANNOT LET A FRIEND OF MINE BE DEFEATED BY THAT—THAT UNCOOUTH UPSTART!

WE ARE GOING TO EXPLORE THOSE CAVES FIRST!



YOU ARE GOING TO WRITE AN AMAZING PAPER ON THEM!



AND YOU ARE GOING TO CRUSH YOUR RIVAL BENEATH YOUR ELEGANT HOOF!

ARE YOU WITH ME?!



KAY.



Sigh!

Maud and I were now involved in a race for discovery!

It was terribly thrilling.

tap tap tap

Fortunately, I had remembered to bring one of my adventuring outfits with me!

FAH-BULOUS, DARLING!

FABULOUS.

TAXI!

THE ONLY WAY ANYWHERE NEAR THE CRYSTAL MOUNTAINS IS BY AIR.

WE'LL NEED TO BOOK PASSAGE ON AN AIRSHIP.

RIGHT.

LUCKILY, THE RESPLENDENT DUCHESS FLIES DIRECTLY THERE, AND WE SHALL BE JUST IN TIME TO CATCH IT!

are you KIDDING me?!

Resplendent Duchess





MY GOOD PILOT!

WE ARE BUT TWO POOR PONIES ENGAGED IN A RACE FOR SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY!

WE NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF A SKILLED AND EXPERIENCED PILOT!



WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO TAKE US?

IT WOULD MEAN EVER SO MUCH TO US!

WELL...



I S'POSE I CAN TAKE YOU AS FAR AS CANTERTINE, BUT THAT'S WHERE I'M PICKIN' UP A LOAD OF FLOATSTONE.

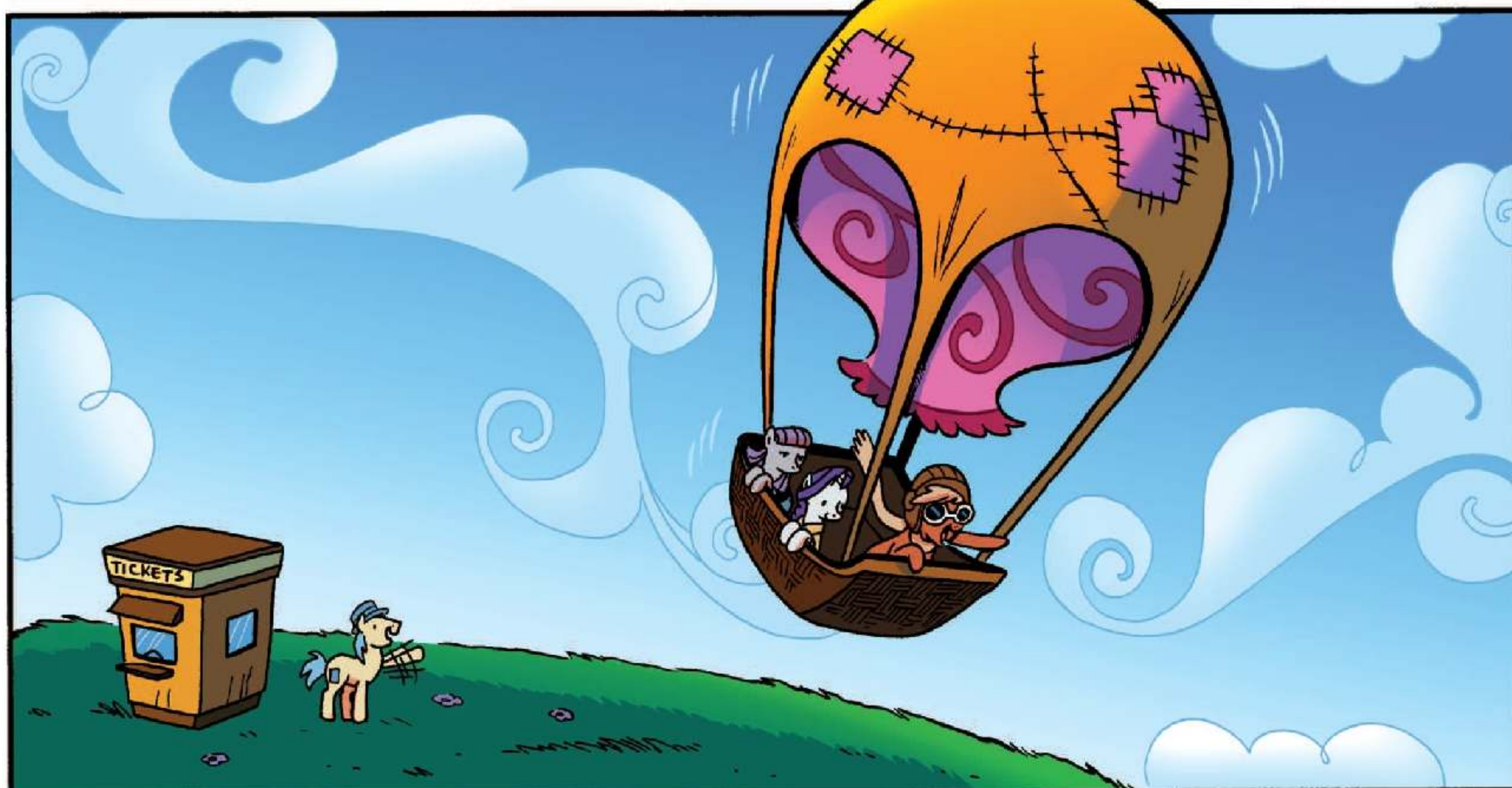
YOU'LL HAVE TO GET TO TH' CRYSTAL MOUNTAINS FROM THERE!



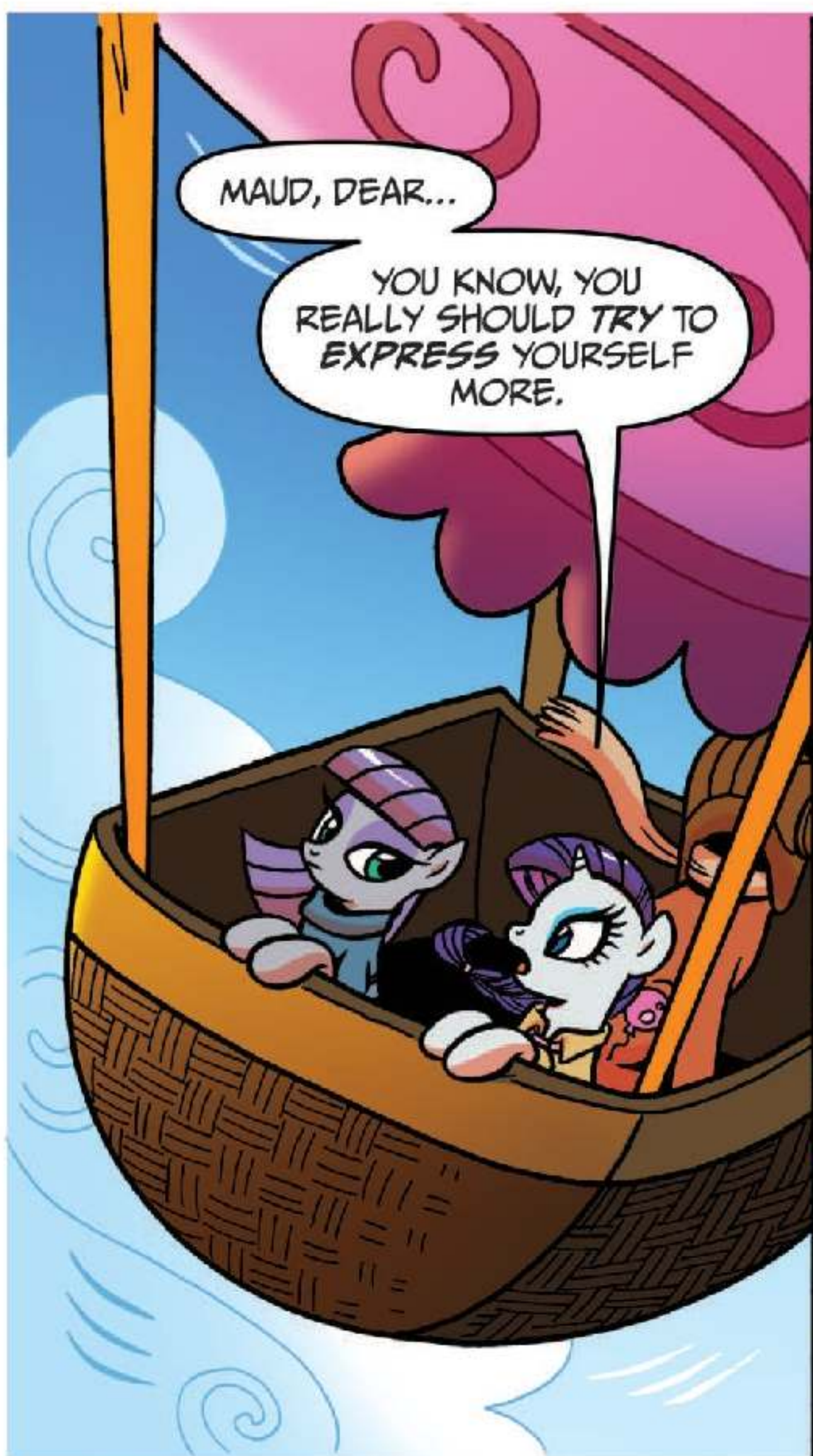
OH, THANK YOU, GENTLE PILOT!

COME ON, MAUD!

HEY, WAIT!



TICKETS



MAUD, DEAR...

YOU KNOW, YOU REALLY SHOULD TRY TO EXPRESS YOURSELF MORE.



BUT I DO EXPRESS MYSELF.

WHEN PONIES ASK ME WHAT I'M THINKING, OR HOW I'M FEELING, I TELL THEM.

WELL—YES, BUT—



—YOU HAVE A VERY... DIRECT WAY OF SPEAKING, MAUD.

BUT YOU'RE STILL HARD TO READ, SOMETIMES.



FROM THE WAY YOU TALK, IT'S DIFFICULT TO TELL WHAT YOUR EMOTIONS ARE.

SOMETIMES, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE EMOTIONS.



BUT I DO.

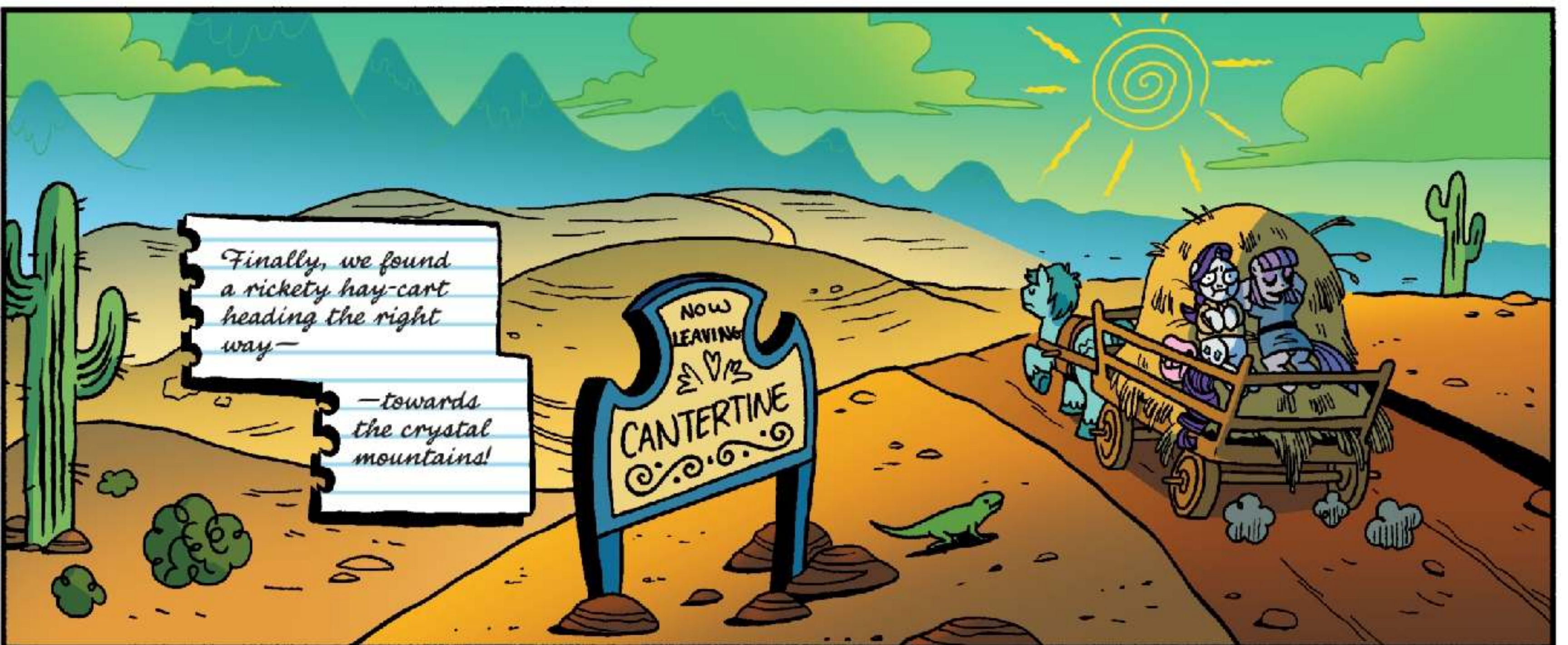
I GET ANGRY OR HAPPY OR SAD LIKE ANY OTHER PONY.

OH—WELL—I KNOW THAT, MAUD, DARLING!

BUT—IT MAY NOT BE OBVIOUS TO OTHER PONIES, THAT'S ALL!



HM.





Many more obstacles stood between us and our goal—



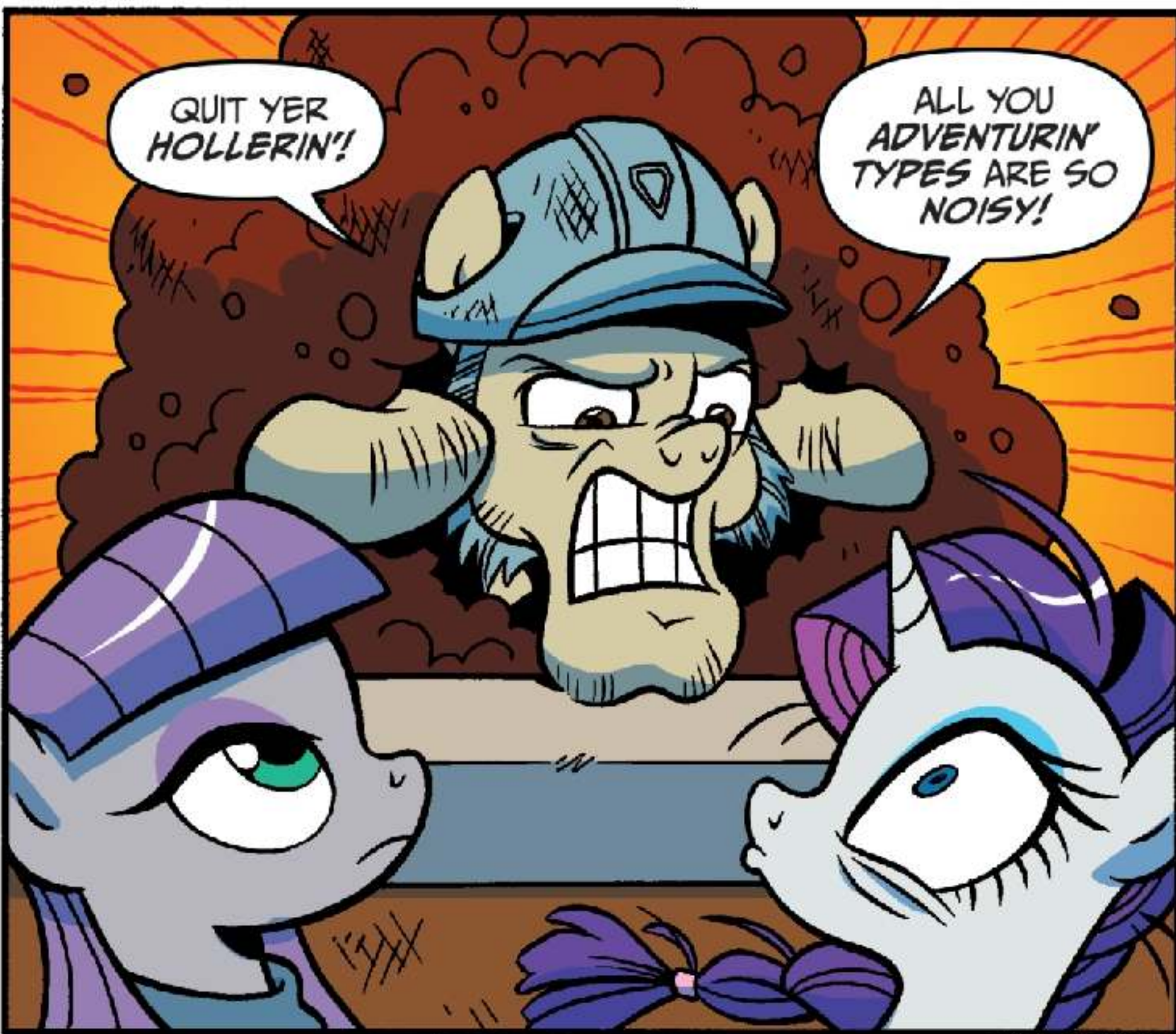
—some of them too ludicrous to describe here—



—but at last, we came to the mine where the caves had been discovered!



HELLO?
IS ANYPONY HERE?



QUIT YER HOLLERIN'!

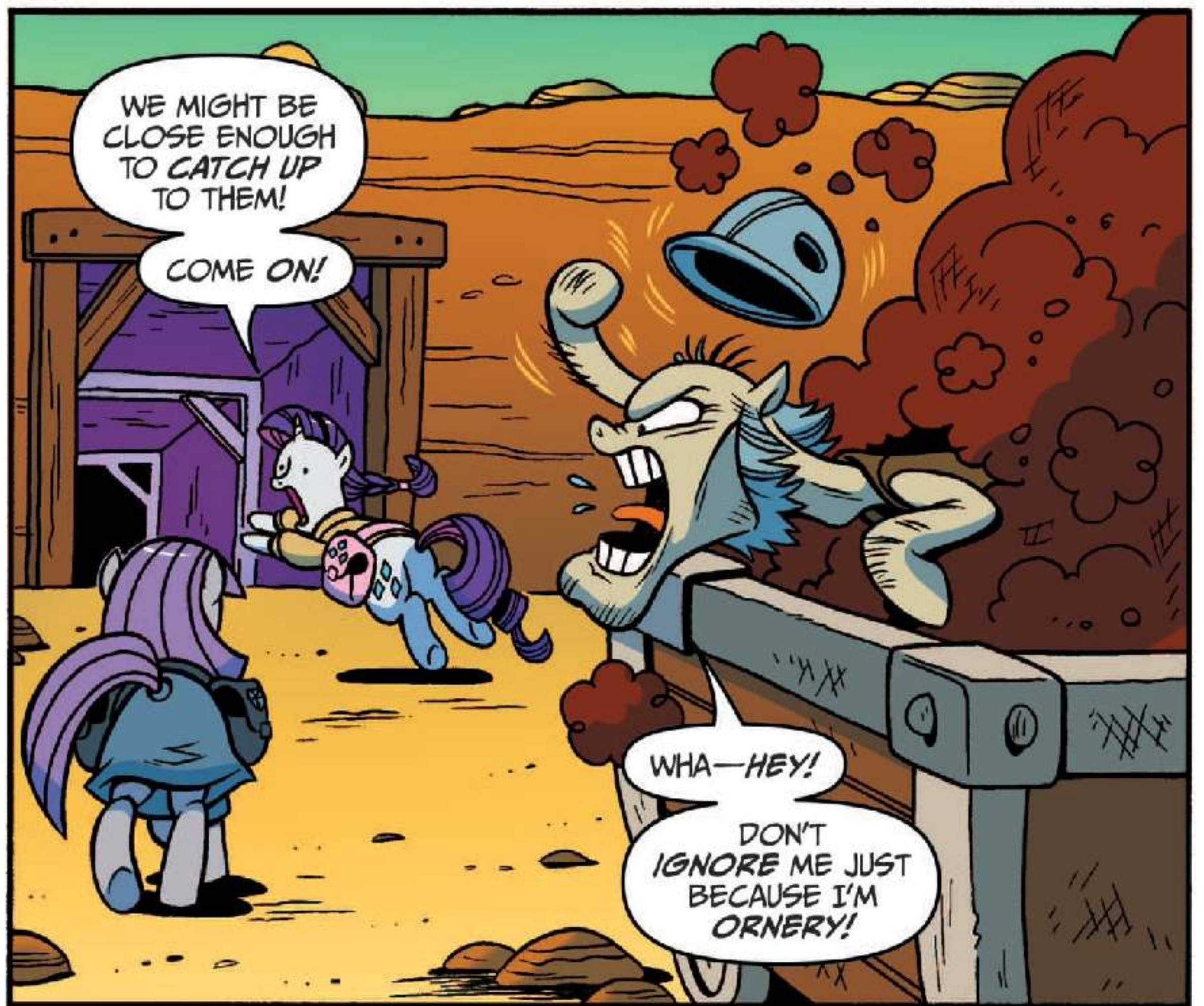
ALL YOU ADVENTURIN' TYPES ARE SO NOISY!

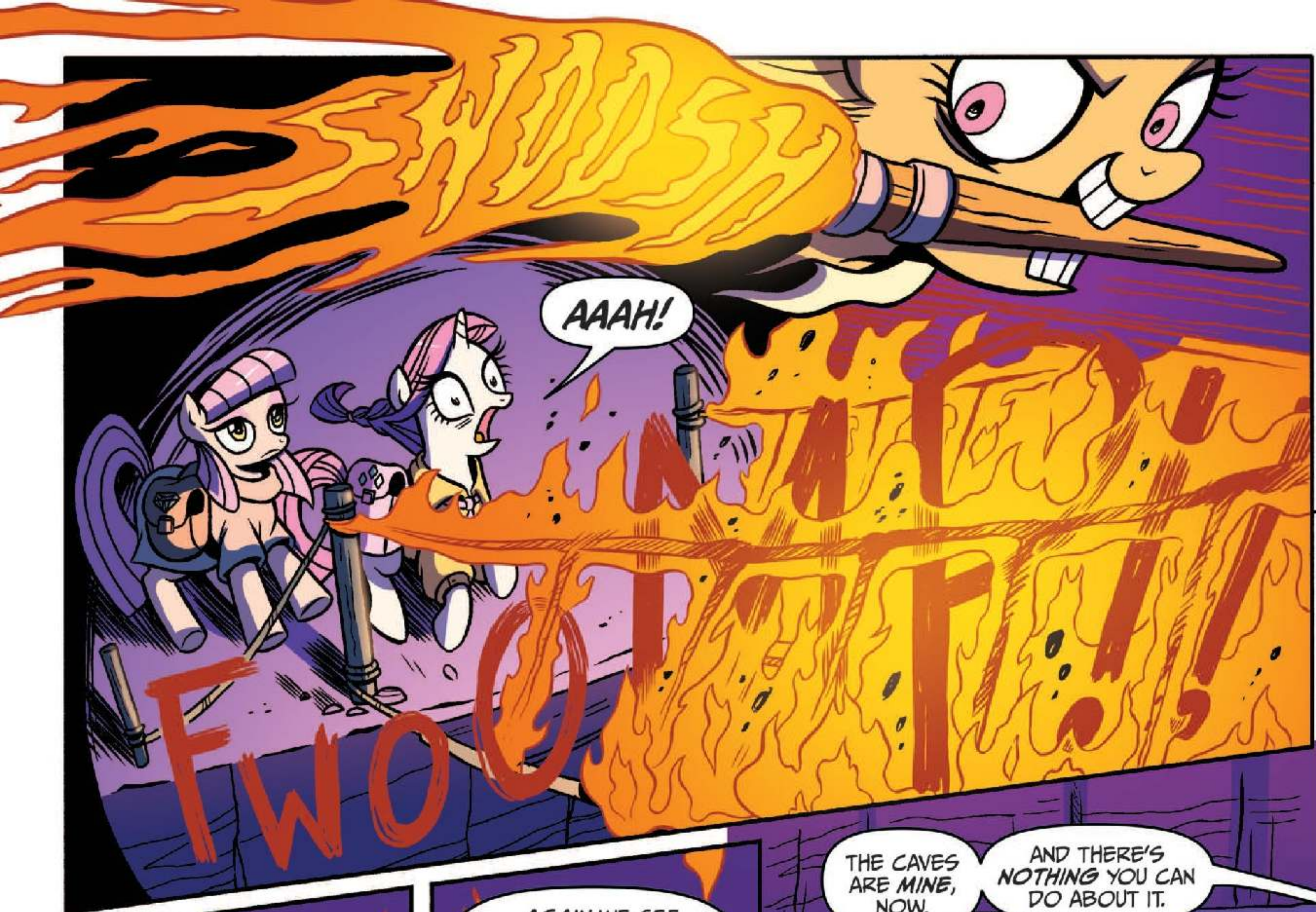


DID YOU SAY— "ADVENTURING TYPES"? HAVE OTHER PONIES COME THROUGH HERE?

YEAH! THAT OTHER BUNCH WENT DOWN TH' MAIN TUNNEL NOT FIVE MINUTES AGO!

IGNORED ME! DIDN'T EVEN LISTEN TO MY FOLKSY WARNINGS!





AAAH!

FWO



AH, MAUD...



...AGAIN WE SEE THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN POSSESS WHICH I CANNOT TAKE AWAY.



THE CAVES ARE MINE, NOW.

AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.



TA TA AGAIN, DARLINGS!

HAVE FUN WITH THE BATS!

HA HA HA



inhale



sigh.

And so, dear diary...



tap
tap
tap

...that was the end
of this adventure.



tap
tap
tap

Maud and I are
stuck on the wrong
side of this abyss...

...while Buried
Treasure no doubt
plunders the caves
below.



tap
tap
tap

Well, it was fun
while it lasted.

But I suppose
it's time for us to
wrap things up...



MAUD, DEAR, I
THINK WE OUGHT
TO HEAD BACK
HOME.

I'M AFRAID
WE'VE LOST.



I SUPPOSE
IT'S NOT THAT
MUCH OF A
LOSS.

YOU CERTAINLY
DON'T SEEM TOO
SAD ABOUT IT,
AT LEAST.



...



I SUPPOSE IT'LL MAKE FOR AN EXCITING CHAPTER IN MY DIARY, AT LEAST...



"DEAR DIARY..."

"THIS HAS BEEN AN AMAZINGLY INCREDIBLE WEEK!"



"I WAS SO NERVOUS ABOUT GOING TO THE CONVENTION—"

"THANK GOODNESS I RAN INTO MY FRIEND RARITY!"



OH, MY— THIS ISN'T MY DIARY!

I'M SO SORRY, MAUD— I DIDN'T MEAN TO PRY!



IT'S JUST, YOUR DIARY LOOKS SO MUCH LIKE MINE, AND—

READ IT.



EH?

YOU CAN READ MY DIARY.

IT'S OKAY.



MAYBE...

MAYBE IT'LL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND.



WELL— IF YOU'RE SURE, DEAR...

Rarity has encouraged me to explore those caves.

I'm so lucky to have such an outgoing and generous friend!

I've never been able to stand up to Buried Treasure...

...but Rarity really fired me up!

I'm sure I can do this, with her help!

...Rarity convinced the pilot to help us.

I could never have done that on my own! She's amazing!

I wish I could be more open with my feelings...

...like Rarity.

But that's just not the kind of pony I am!

...I was terrified! I couldn't do a thing!

Thank goodness Rarity was there!

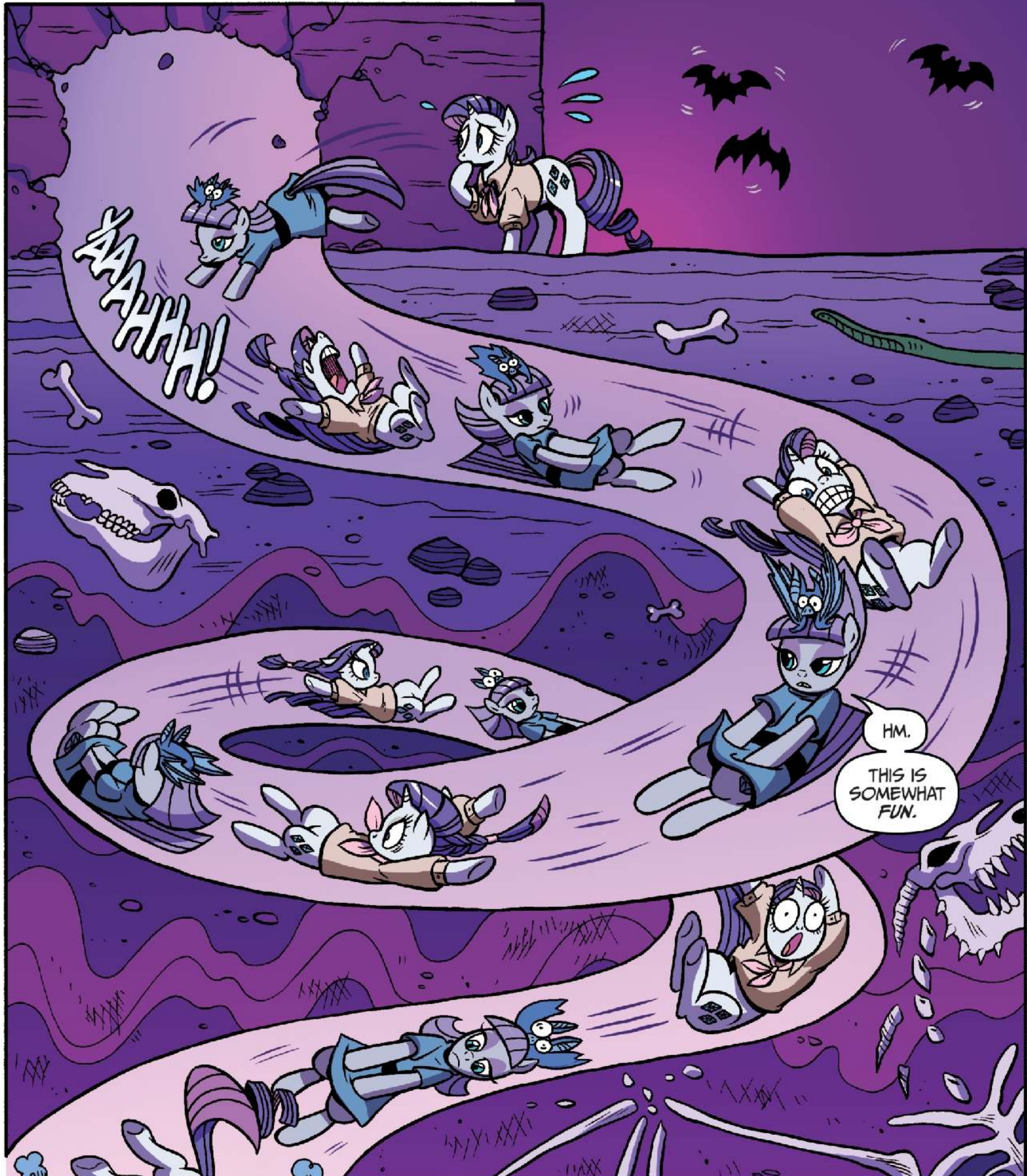
...I'm never going to reach the caves now.

I can't believe it. I'm so disappointed.

This is the most awful day...







AAAAHHH!

HM.
THIS IS SOMEWHAT FUN.



OOF!
OOF!

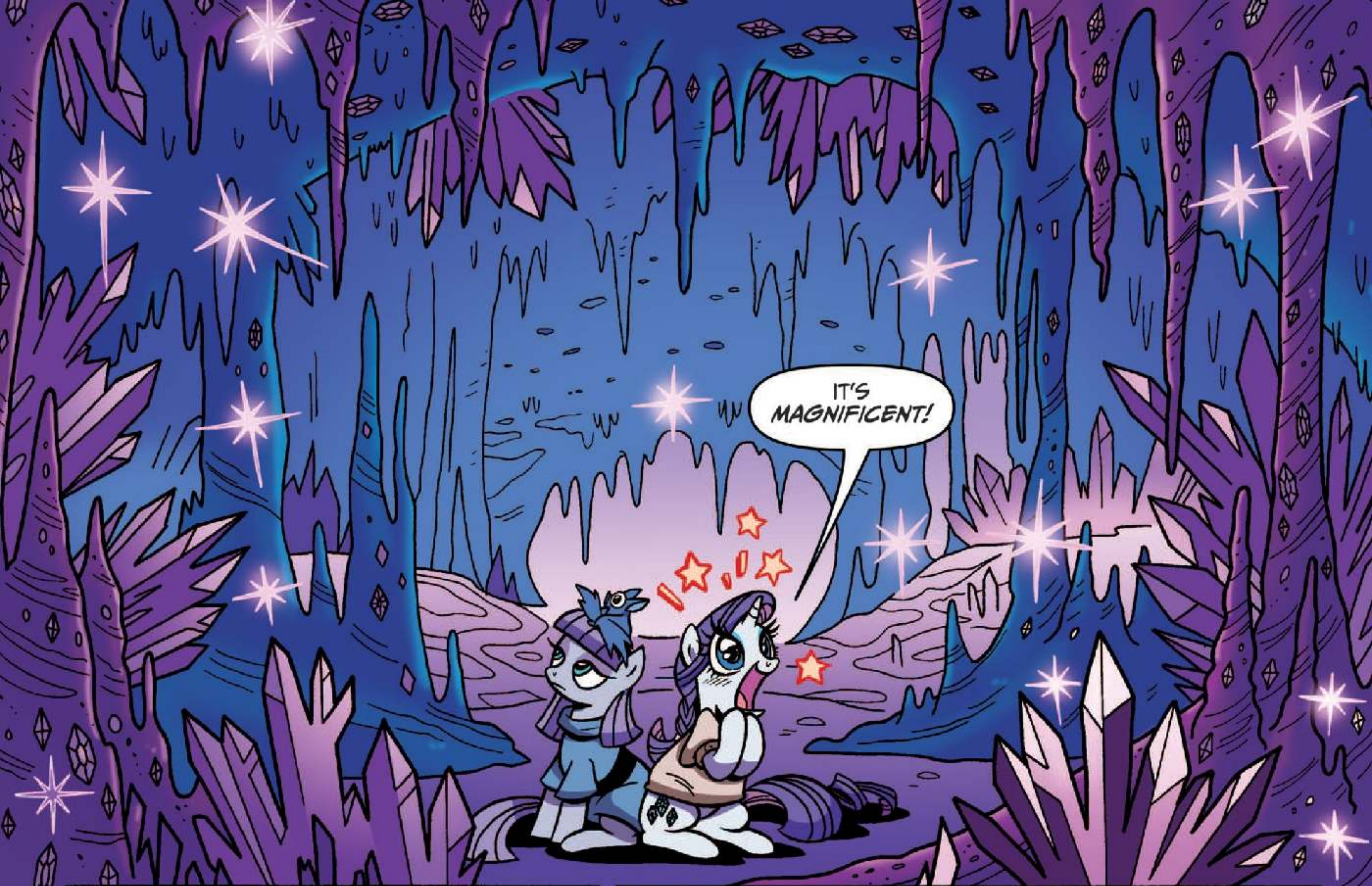
WHUMP!



GASP

MAUD!
THE CAVES!

WE MADE IT!



IT'S MAGNIFICENT!



IT'S THE MOST GORGEOUS PLACE I'VE EVER SEEN.

IT IS BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?

WHAT?!



HOW DID YOU GET HERE BEFORE US?



WELL, MS. TREASURE—

I SUPPOSE WE SIMPLY HAVE SOMETHING YOU DON'T!



PASSION.



NUTS TO THIS
ARCHAEOLOGY
STUFF! I'M GOING
BACK TO LAW
SCHOOL!

I WOULD NEVER
HAVE GUESSED THAT
THESE CAVES WERE
HERE...

...AND THAT BURIED
FAR BELOW THE SURFACE
IS SUCH BEAUTY!



I GUESS THERE
ARE BEAUTIFUL
THINGS BURIED
EVERYWHERE.

INDEED!



AND THANK YOU
FOR HELPING ME
FIND ONE!



OKAY,
ROCKS...



WHO WANTS TO
TALK FIRST?

FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK

Ted Adams here. I'm going to be your monthly guide through the IDW/Top Shelf checklist, pointing out our big hits and bringing your attention to some gems that you might otherwise miss.

Kevin Eastman and I have been friends for longer than either of us would like to admit so it was a particular treat for me when IDW picked up the rights to publish *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* comics back in 2011. Kevin's been an integral part of our creative team for the entire run—co-writing the books with Tom Waltz and providing covers for

every issue. This month our regular series reaches issues #59—making it one of the longest-running comic series in stores today.

June 3rd sees the release of Paramount's *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows* and we've got a new Turtles mini-series that will be fun for fans new and old. Ben Bates and Dustin Weaver are writing the five-issue

Bebop & Rocksteady mini-series that will ship weekly throughout June. Ben and Dustin are joined by a great group of artists—Sophie Campbell, Giannis Milonogiannis, Damian Couceiro, Nick Pitarra, and Ryan Browne—and Nick Pitarra has turned in five amazing covers that make one enormous TMNT image. Kevin is also doing a rare variant cover for the first issue.

While we're talking about Kevin, I hope if you're ever in the San Diego area, you'll check out IDW's San Diego Comic Art Gallery. Curated by Kevin, the gallery has his replica studio—filled from floor to ceiling with TMNT memorabilia and the things that inspire Kevin—as well as a series of regularly rotating exhibits. In June, we're going to be featuring *Berkeley Breathed* and *Bloom County*.

While there isn't a new Transformers movie this year, June sees the launch of *Transformers: Till All Are One* by Mairghread Scott and Sara Pitre-Durocher. In our regular ongoing *Transformers* series, Optimus Prime is busy conquering Earth and the Lost Light is exploring space. This all-new series will explore what's happening on Cybertron.

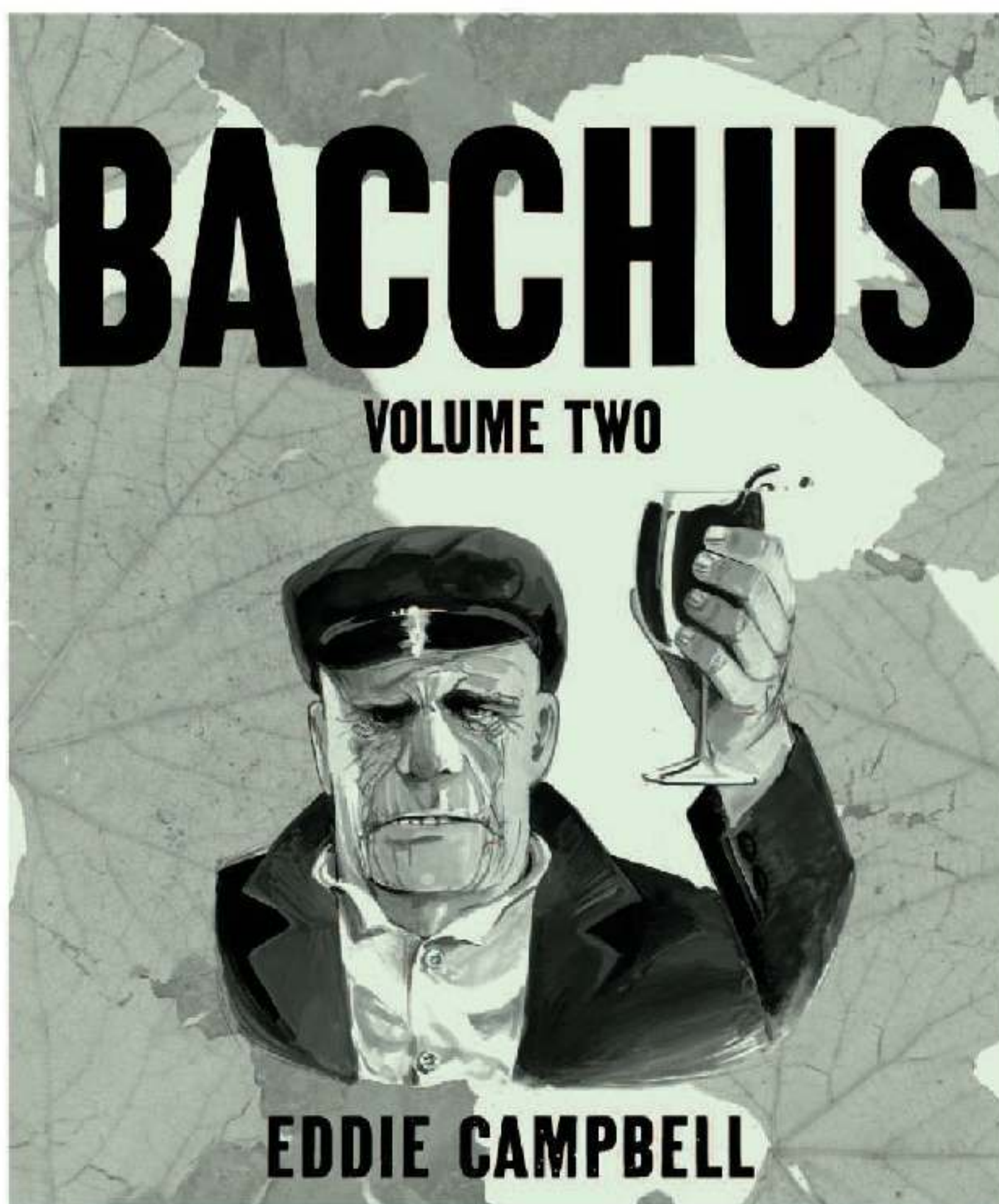
In other Hasbro news, June also sees the release of *Action Man #1* by John Barber and Paolo Villanelli. In the U.S., we had G.I. Joe and in the U.K., they had Action Man. You may have already seen a preview of

Action Man in our *Rom #0* Free Comic Book Day comic but either way, get ready for an all-new take on the ultimate British special agent.

I'm very happy to report that *Locke & Key* creators, Joe Hill and Gabriel Rodriguez, have reunited to bring us *Tales From the Darkside*—a four-issue mini-series that re-imagines the classic TV series for an all-new audience. And if you haven't read *Locke & Key*, stop whatever you're doing right now and pick up a copy of the first book. I guarantee you won't be able to put it down.

Library of American Comics has the third volume of *Walt Disney's Donald Duck: The Daily Newspaper Comics* out in June. Over 750 sequential daily strips from 1943 to 1945, written by Bob Karp and beautifully illustrated by Al Taliaferro.

Top Shelf has two books this month—Eddie Campbell's *Bacchus: Omnibus Edition* Vol. 2 and Benjamin Frisch's *The Fun Family*. With *Bacchus*, Eddie brings us more than 500 pages of the gods



and myths of ancient Greece brought to modern life. *Fun Family* is Benjamin's debut graphic novel and it explores the darker side of an artist who draws a comic strip about the quintessential wholesome American family.

I hope you've been enjoying *Wynonna Earp*—Friday nights at 10/9c on Syfy. Season one wraps up on June 24th with some big changes for all of our characters.

Another diverse month for us and I can't wait for next month's column where I'll be telling you all about the return of *Rom*!

