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THE MANY TALES OF QUEENS CHRYSALIS

WARNING
DO NOT APPROACH
KEEP AWAY 200 YARDS
PENITENTIARY

THIS PLACE STILL GIVES ME THE WILLIES.

COULD IT BE BECAUSE THE LAST TIME WE WERE HERE IT WAS TO DUKE IT OUT WITH ONE OF THE MOST EVIL VILLAINS IN EQUESTRIA?

I BET THAT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.

RESTRICTED ACCESS
CAUTION
STOP
FROM HERE

WE'RE JUST HERE TO CHECK IN ON CHRYSALIS AND MAKE SURE HER IMPRISONMENT IS ALL GOING TO PLAN.

ENTRY GATE
ALL VISITORS MUST
SUBMIT TO MAGICSCAN

ALL VISITORS MUST BE GIVEN CLEARANCE
STOP

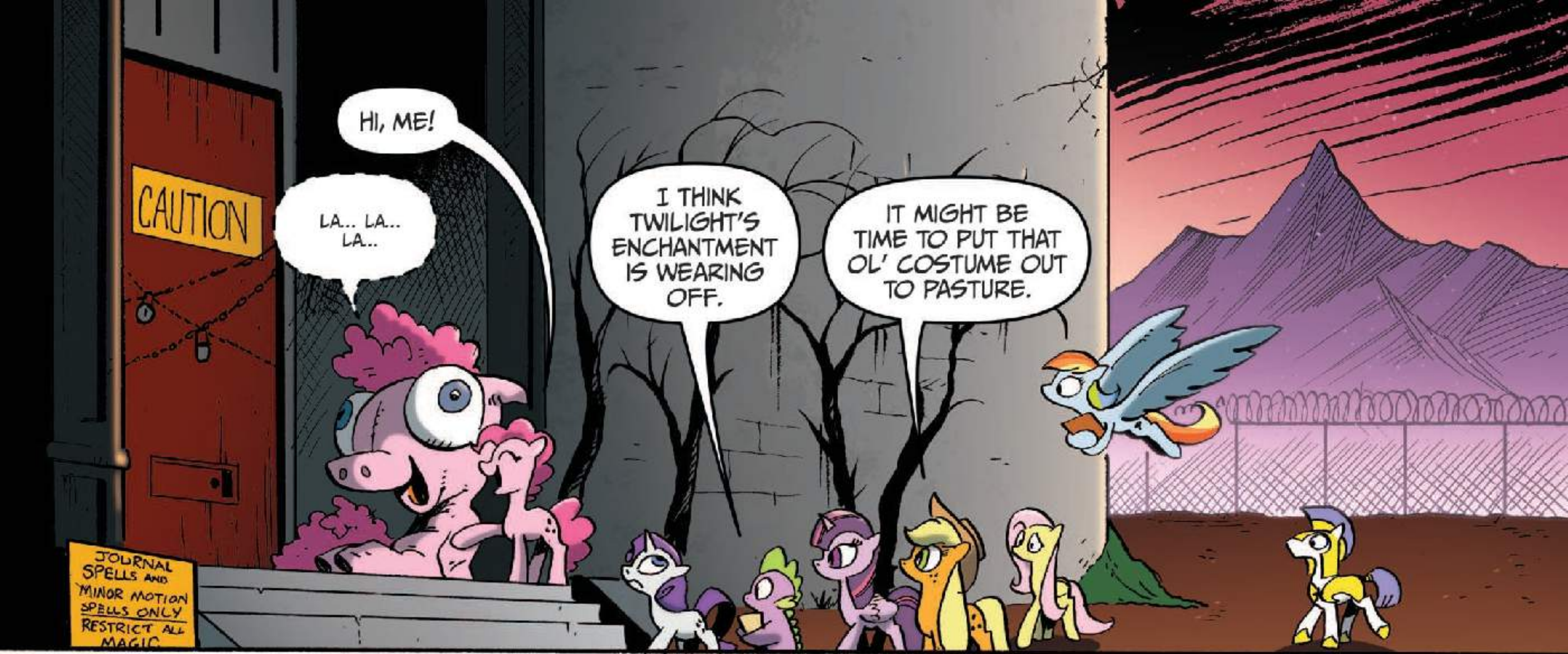
PLAN?

FIRST EDITION
DARING DO AND THE LEGEND OF THE LOST ART

OH, YES! I'VE MAPPED OUT HER ENTIRE 1,000-YEAR PUNISHMENT TO THE MINUTE!

OOOH! COLOR-COORDINATED STICKY-NOTES! VERY NICE!

NO CAKE FOR 1,000 YEARS?! THAT'S JUST CRUEL!



HI, ME!

LA... LA...
LA...

I THINK TWILIGHT'S ENCHANTMENT IS WEARING OFF.

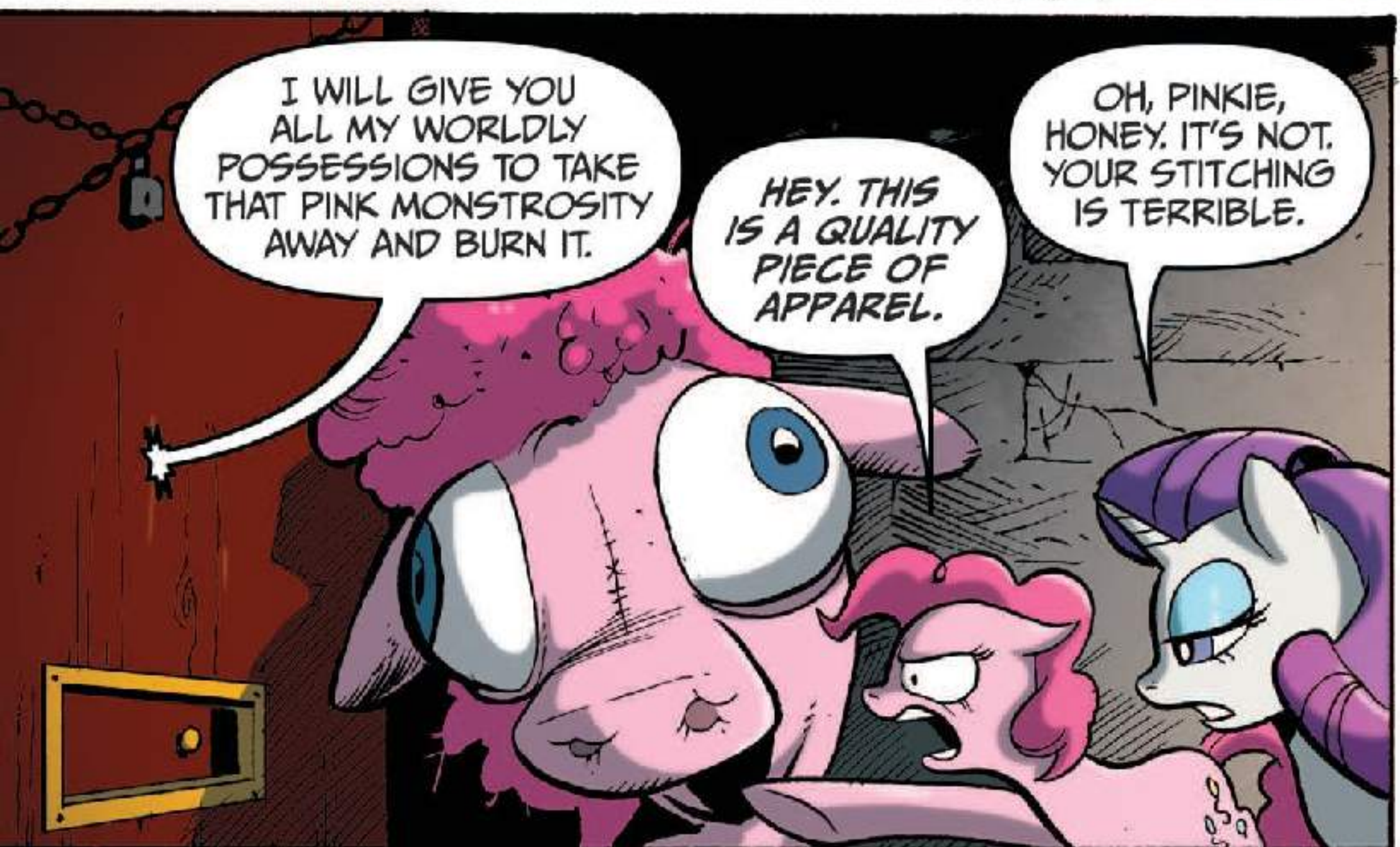
IT MIGHT BE TIME TO PUT THAT OL' COSTUME OUT TO PASTURE.

I WILL GIVE YOU ALL MY WORLDLY POSSESSIONS TO TAKE THAT PINK MONSTROSITY AWAY AND BURN IT.

HEY. THIS IS A QUALITY PIECE OF APPAREL.

OH, PINKIE, HONEY. IT'S NOT. YOUR STITCHING IS TERRIBLE.

YOUR WORLDLY POSSESSIONS AMOUNT TO ZILCH, CHRYSALIS! SO EXCUSE US IF WE DON'T...

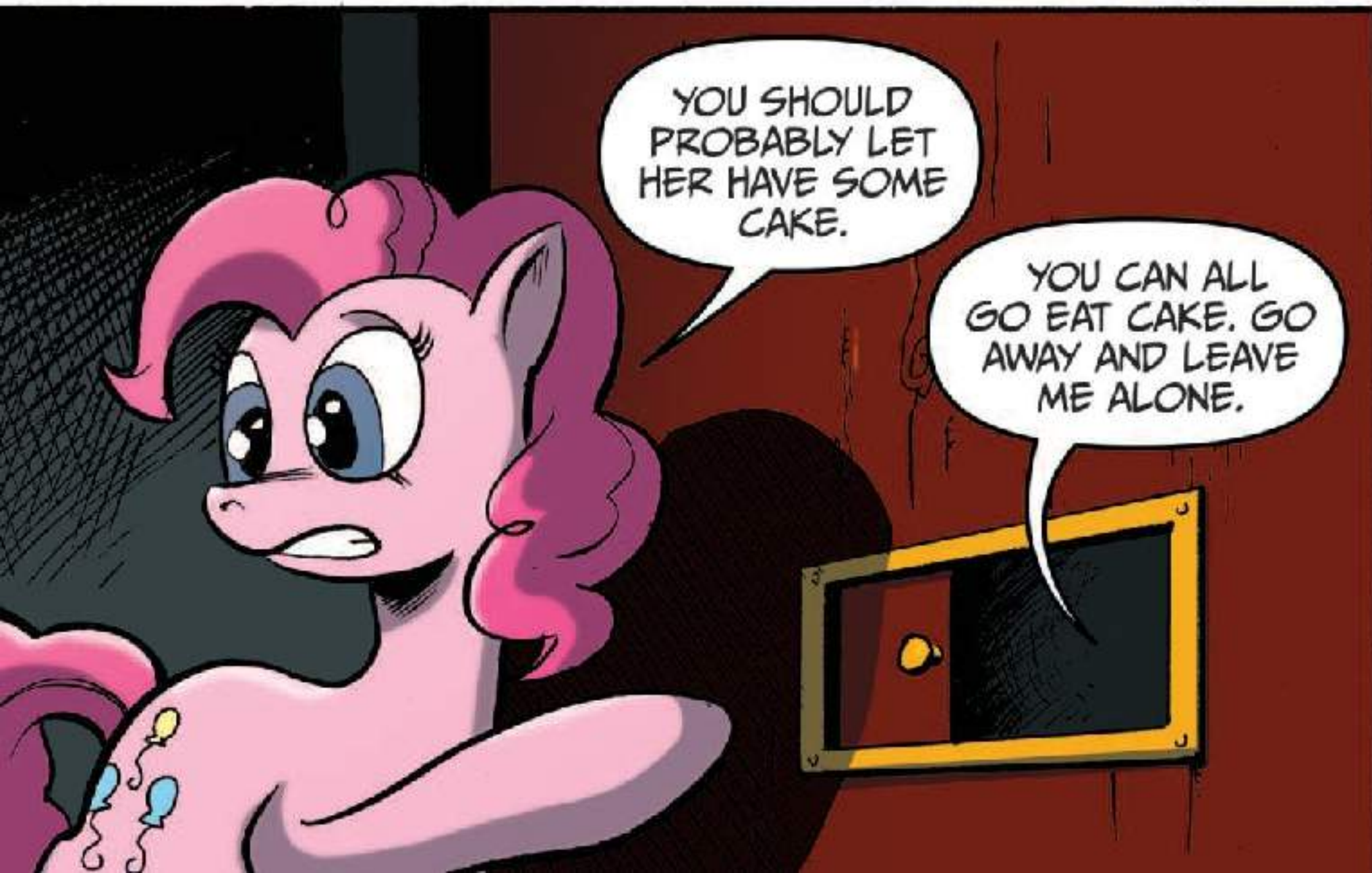


WHOA...

OH MY...

SHE LOOKS TERRIBLE! ARE YOU FOLLOWING HER APPROVED DIET ON PAGE 372?

WE ARE! SHE AND HER MINIONS BARELY TOUCH ANY OF IT!



YOU SHOULD PROBABLY LET HER HAVE SOME CAKE.

YOU CAN ALL GO EAT CAKE. GO AWAY AND LEAVE ME ALONE.





WELL, WELL, WELL. LOOK HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN.

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE SHE'S THE SAME VILLIAN WE'VE FACED IN THE PAST.

OR THE SAME REPROBATE THAT RUINED THE CLOUD CITY OF TIMBUCKTU.



TIMBUCKTU?

SOUNDS MADE UP.

WHAT?!

YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF THE FALL OF TIMBUCKTU?!

DON'T YOU KNOW YOUR EQUESTRIA HISTORY?!



THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO...

IT'S ALL RIGHT HERE IN SECTION 37-F! IT ALL STARTED 1,000 YEARS AGO...

WHY IS IT ALWAYS 1,000 YEARS AGO? THAT MUST HAVE BEEN ONE HECK OF A YEAR...



...I GOT THIS ONE, TWI. IT'LL BE BETTER TO TELL A STORY FROM THE **GUTS**... NOT READ IT OUTTA' SOME REPORT!

HEY!

STORY TIME!

GRAM



OOH! I LOVE THIS STORY. PULL UP A COUCH, EVERYPONY!

WHAT? AM I THE ONLY PONY WHO BROUGHT HER OWN COUCH?

IF YOU INSIST ON THIS INSIPID STORYTELLING, CAN YOU DO IT AWAY FROM MY DOOR?

YOU DON'T GET A VOTE.

CAUTION



TIMBUCKTU! THE JEWEL OF THE SKIES! IMAGINE A GLEAMING CITY OF WHITE CLOUDS LIKE CLOUDSDALE... BUT FULL OF SPARKLY-EYED PEGASUS!

"THE CITY OF TIMBUCKTU WAS ONCE A THRIVING METROPOLIS IN THE SKY. THE CENTER OF TRADE BETWEEN THE PEGASUS AND ALL OTHER FLYING CREATURES.

"THE RULER OF IT ALL WAS KING ORION. HE WAS LOVED BY HIS SUBJECTS AND HIS CITY WAS, LIKE... **RAKING** IN THE BITS... HE WAS ON TOP OF THE CLOUDS!

"... LITERALLY. HIS PALACE WAS TOTALLY ON TOP OF THE CLOUDS. IT WAS A SUPER TALL PALACE. **HUGE**."

"IS THAT RELEVANT TO THE STORY, RAINBOW DASH?"

"WHO'S TELLING THIS STORY? CAN IT."

"EVERY PEGASUS WAS SO HAPPY AND CONTENT THAT THEY **TOTALLY** DIDN'T SEE IT COMING!"



GASP!

"CHRYSLIS AND HER CHANGELINGS TORE THROUGH THE CITY, DRAINING THE **LOVE** AND HAPPINESS FROM EVERY PONY!"



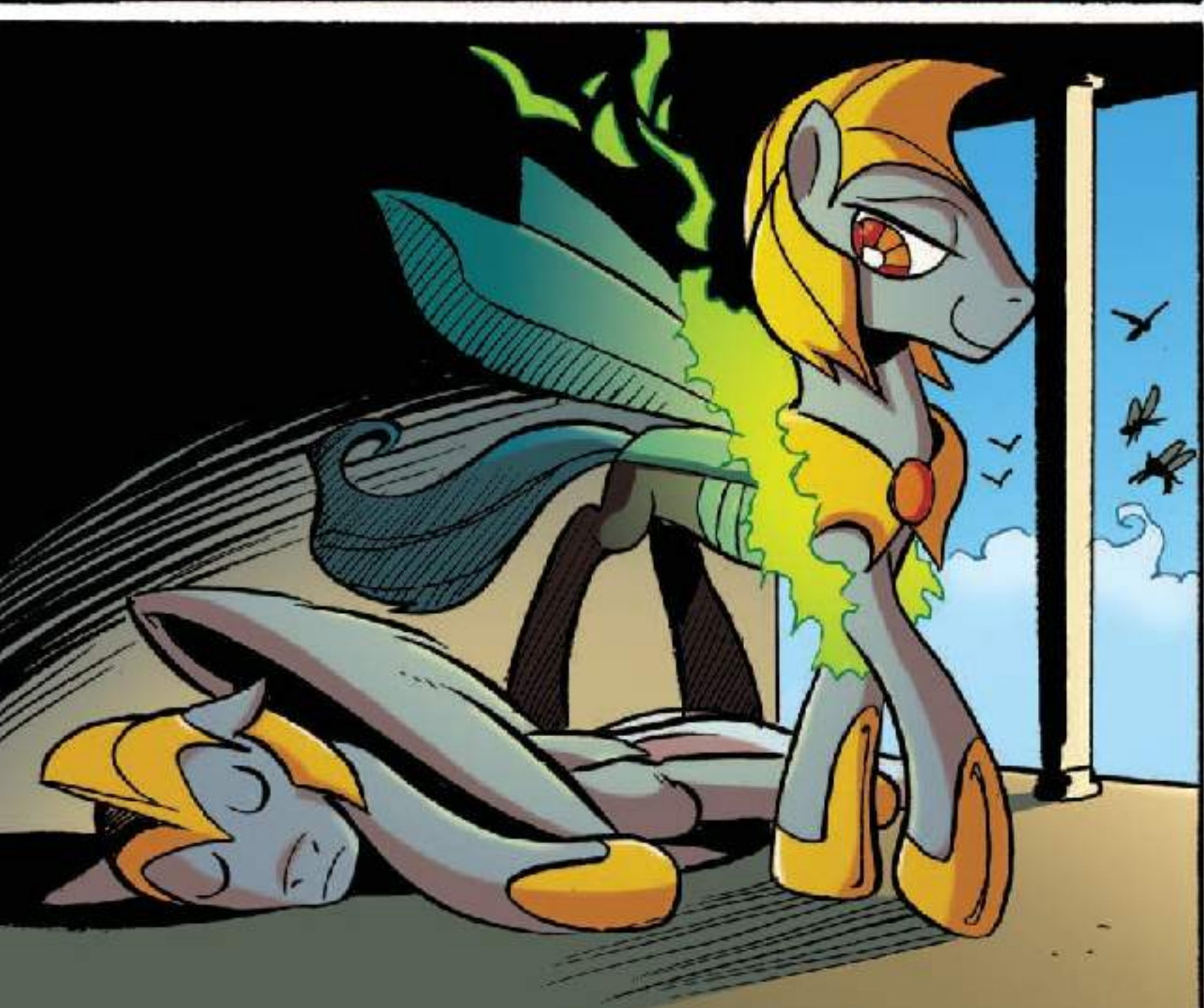
"KING ORION AND HIS GUARDS FOUGHT BACK AS WELL AS THEY COULD WITHOUT MAGIC. IT WAS BRUTAL, BUT IT LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO WIN WITH JUST THEIR BRUTE STRENGTH."



"THE PEGASUS DIDN'T HAVE MAGIC... BUT THE CHANGELINGS DID!"



Shhhhh...



RETREAT!

"CHRYSLIS, IN DISGUISE, ORDERED THE PONIES TO RETREAT BACK TO THE PALACE."



WHY DID YOU ORDER THE RETREAT! WE WERE SO CLOSE!

MY KING... IT WAS NECESSARY.

NECESSARY FOR WHAT?!



FOR THIS.

Ka-Lock



I CAN FEEL THE LOVE YOU CREATURES HAVE FOR YOUR HOME... DELICIOUS.



AND NOW YOU, YOUR MAJESTY.

NO!

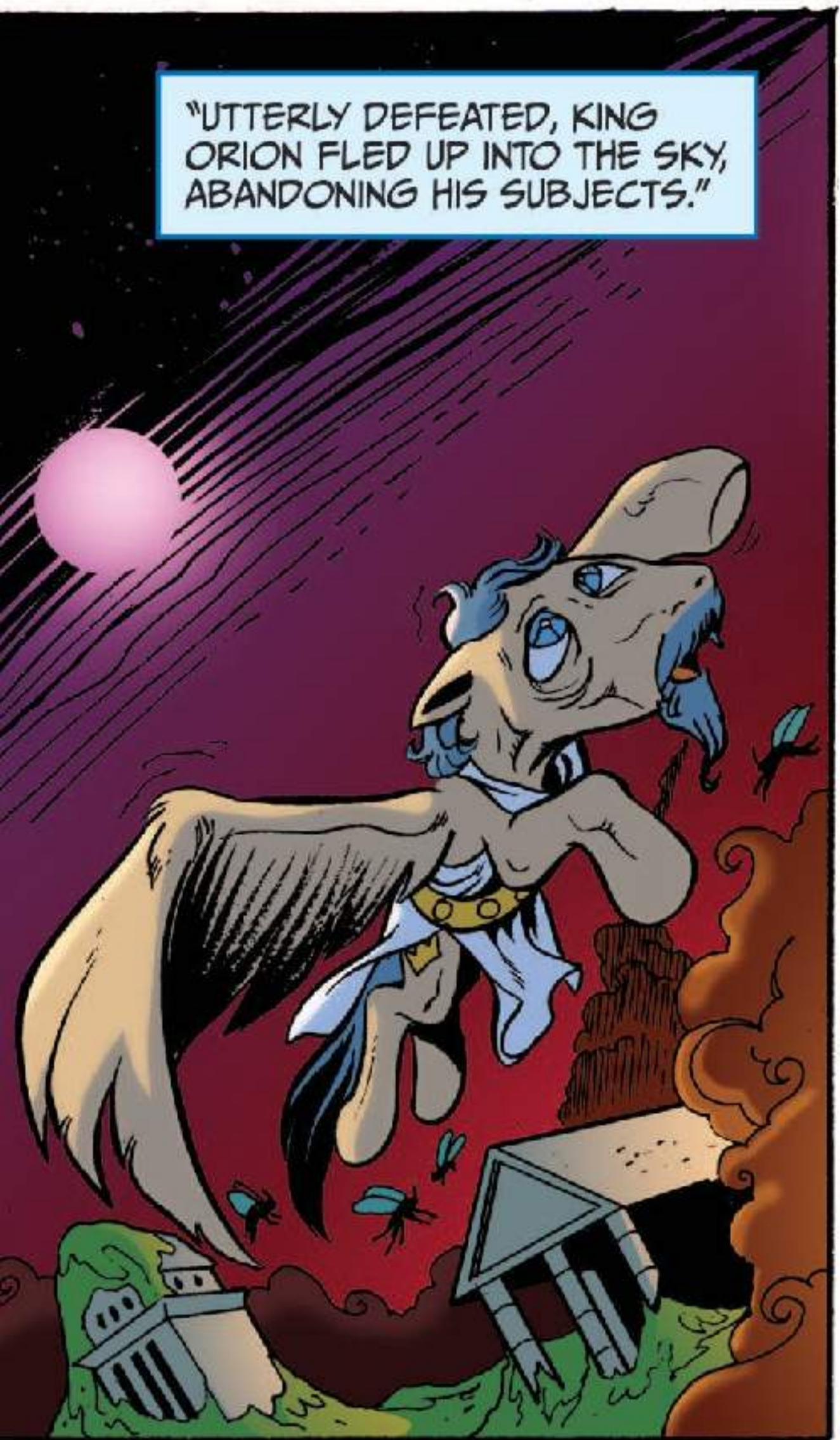


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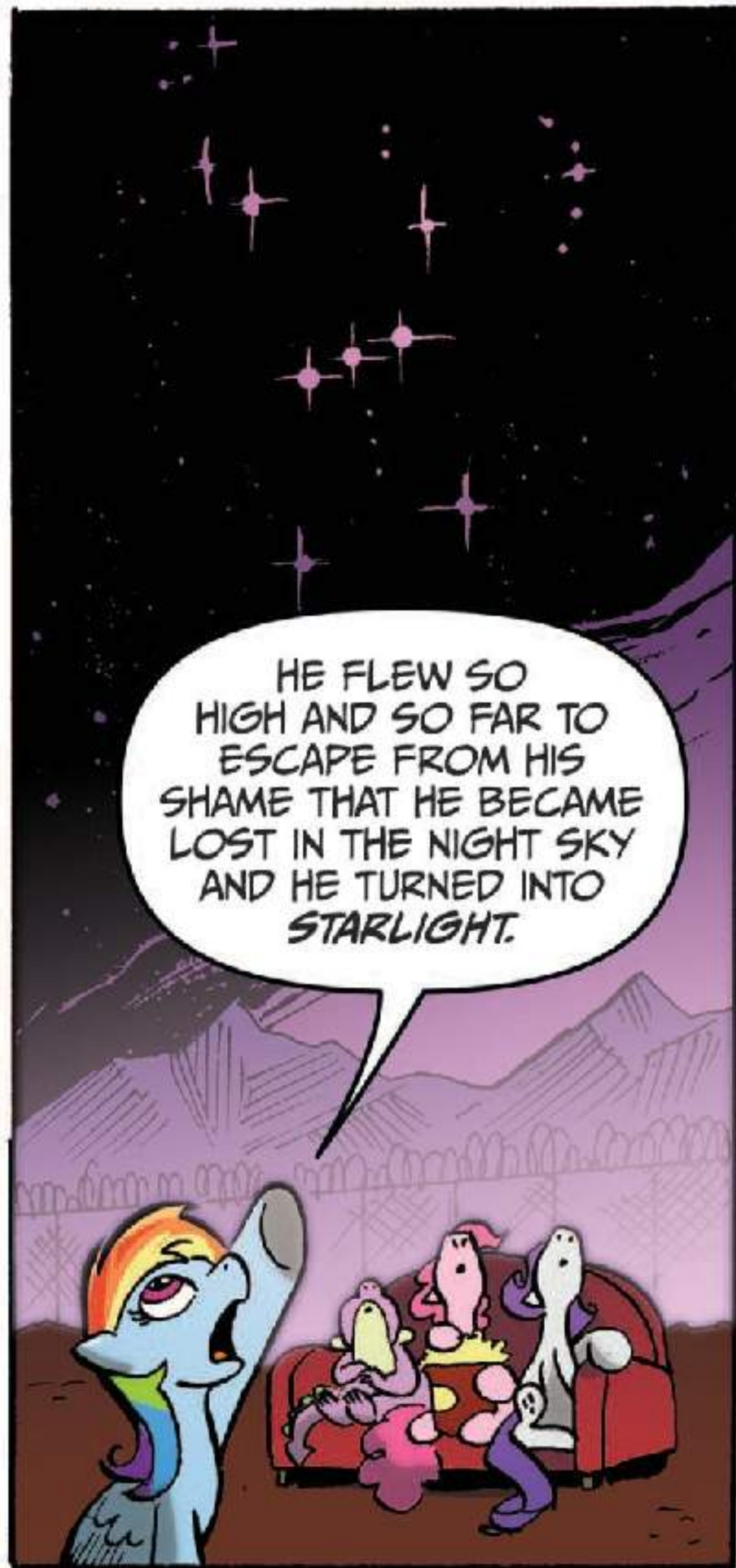


QUEEN CHRYSALIS HAS A NICE RING TO IT, DOESN'T IT?

VERY NICE, YOUR MAJESTY.



"UTTERLY DEFEATED, KING ORION FLED UP INTO THE SKY, ABANDONING HIS SUBJECTS."



HE FLEW SO HIGH AND SO FAR TO ESCAPE FROM HIS SHAME THAT HE BECAME LOST IN THE NIGHT SKY AND HE TURNED INTO STARLIGHT.



WELL, THERE WERE SOME HISTORICAL INACCURACIES IN YOUR STORY... BUT OVERALL NOT BAD. AND I'M PRETTY SURE THAT STAR PART IS MADE UP.

OH PIFFLE, TWILIGHT. RAINBOW DASH ADDED TO THE MYTHOS!



ORION WAS A FOOL... BUT OH... THAT CITY. THAT CITY WAS... TASTY.

EW... FROSTING IS TASTY. PEAGASUS... NOT TASTY. BLEH.



I LIKE THE BIT ABOUT THE STARS. IT ADDS SOMETHING. ORION WAS AN IMBECILE... THE STAR BIT MAKES HIM A LEGEND. IT'S THE GOAL OF ALL OF US TO BE REMEMBERED, AFTER ALL.



IS THAT YOUR GOAL? TO BE REMEMBERED?

IF THAT WAS MY GOAL, I'VE ALREADY ATTAINED IT.



CAUTION

NO PONY IS GOING TO FORGET ME.

WE CAN TRY.

OH NO, I DON'T THINK ANY PONY WILL FORGET ABOUT THE SIEGE ON TROT!



THAT DEBACLE WAS HER?!

OF COURSE IT WAS! DIDN'T YOU READ TWILIGHT'S REPORT? IT'S IN THE DIJON YELLOW SECTION.

I SENT A COPY TO EVERYPONY BEFORE WE CAME!

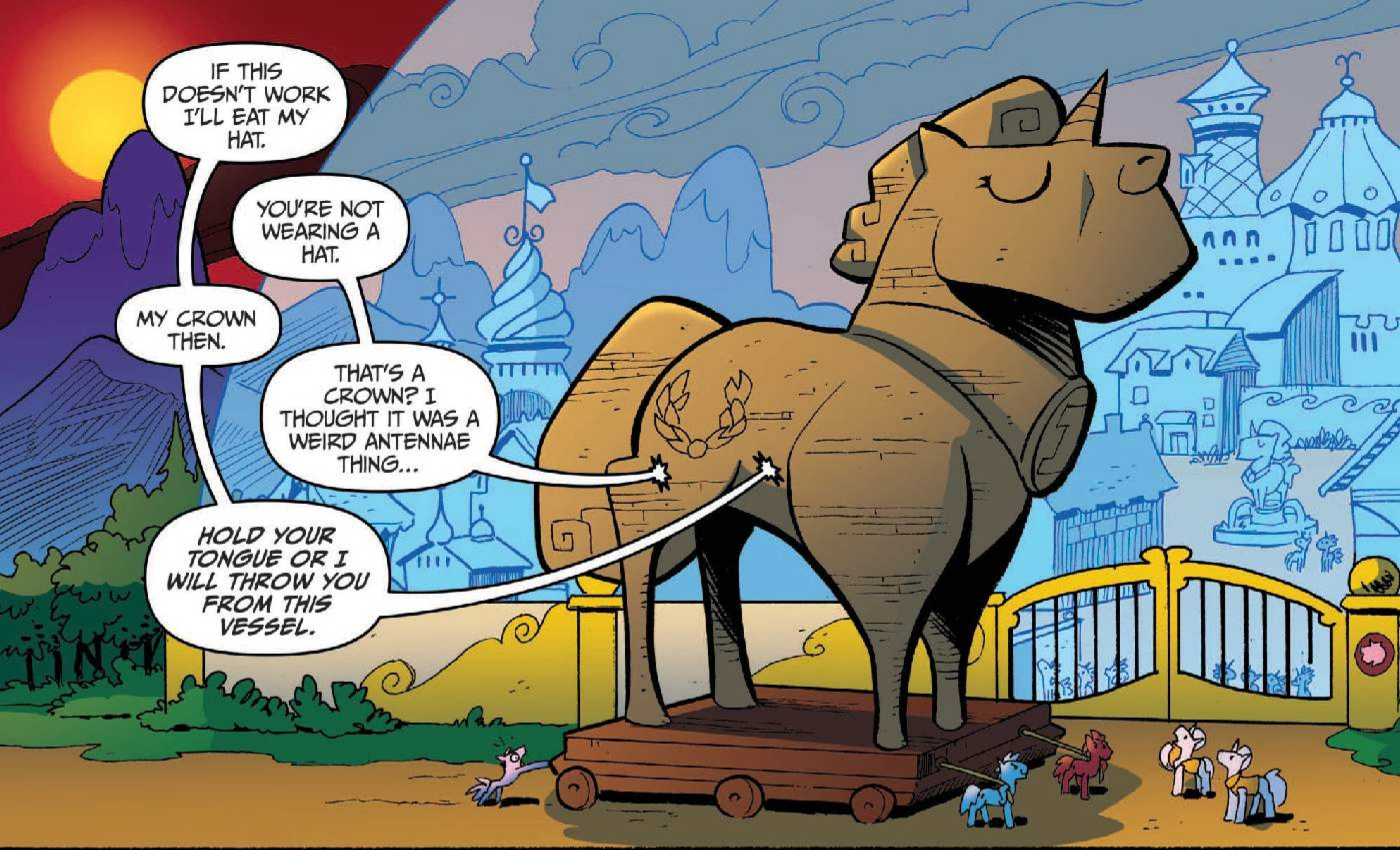


IT WAS NOT 1,000 YEARS AGO...

THANK GOODNESS.

I KNOW THAT THE PONIES HAVE SEEN THROUGH OUR CAMOUFLAGE AND BLOCKED US FROM THE CITY... BUT IS THIS REALLY THE WAY TO GET BACK IN?

EMPEROR INCITATUS IS A BUFFOON. THE VERY FACT THAT HE FIGURED OUT WHO I WAS AND HAD THE POWER TO THROW US FROM THE CITY WALLS IRKS ME.



IF THIS DOESN'T WORK I'LL EAT MY HAT.

YOU'RE NOT WEARING A HAT.

MY CROWN THEN.

THAT'S A CROWN? I THOUGHT IT WAS A WEIRD ANTENNAE THING...

HOLD YOUR TONGUE OR I WILL THROW YOU FROM THIS VESSEL.



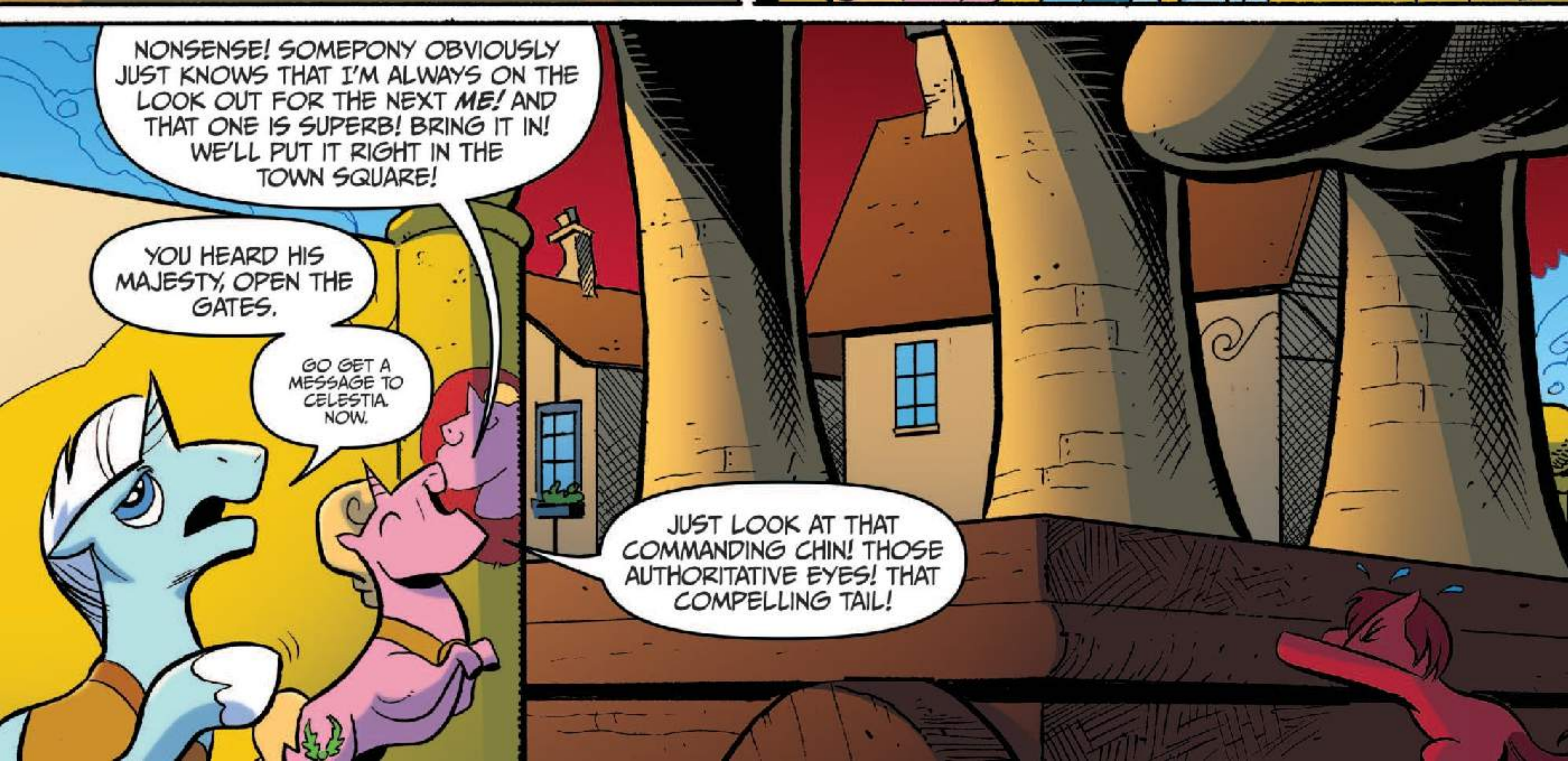
WE COME BEARING A GIFT FOR THE GLORIOUS EMPEROR INCITATUS!

HMM... I DON'T KNOW, THIS SEEMS A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS...

OOOH! A PRESENT FOR ME?! IT'S PERFECT! DROP THE SHIELD! OPEN THE GATES!



ER... YOUR ILLUSTRIOUSNESS? DIDN'T WE JUST DEFEAT THE CHANGELING ARMY AND THEIR QUEEN AND BANISH THEM FROM THE CITY? LIKE, JUST THE OTHER DAY? YOU DON'T THINK THIS IS A LITTLE... WEIRD?

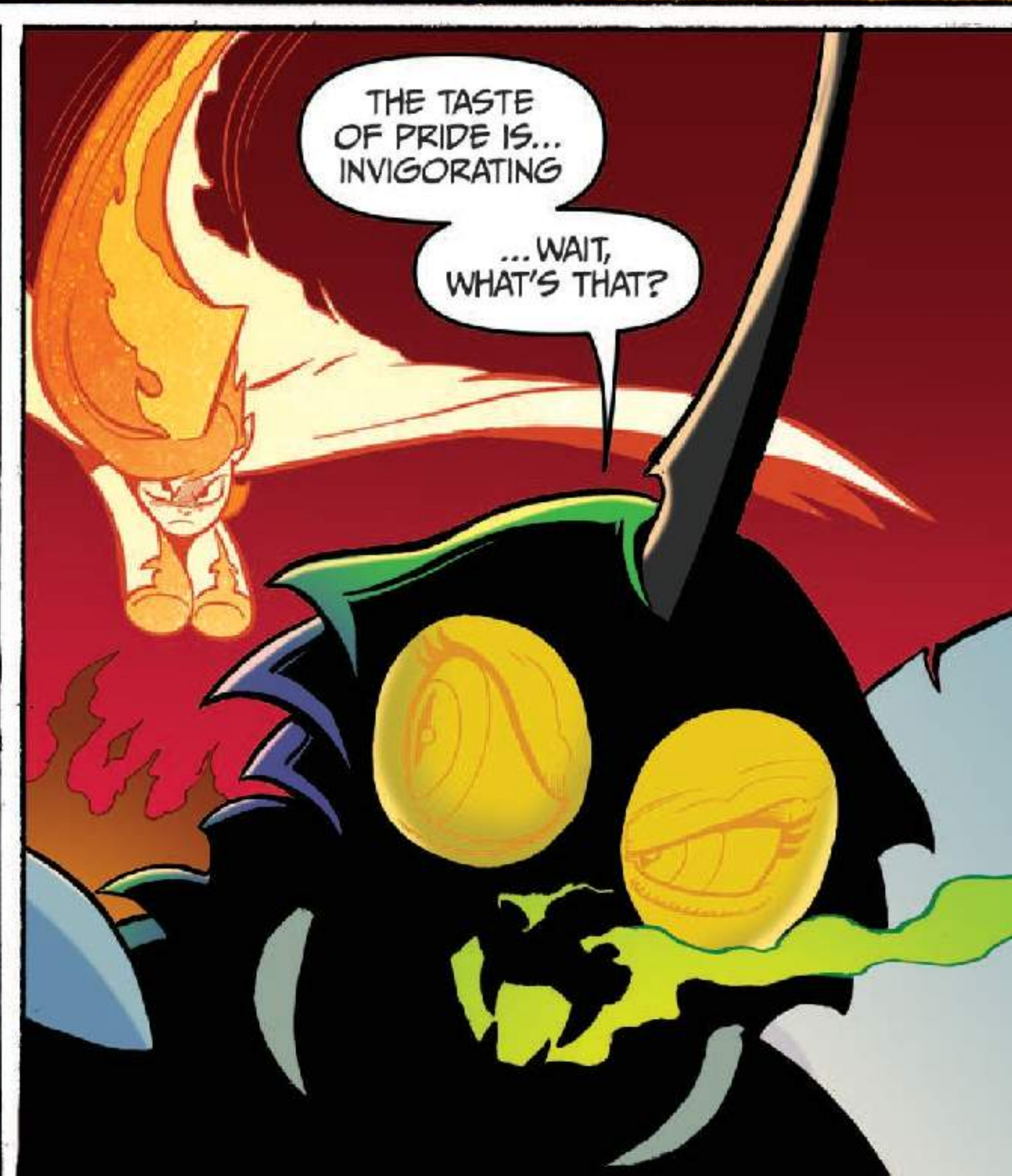
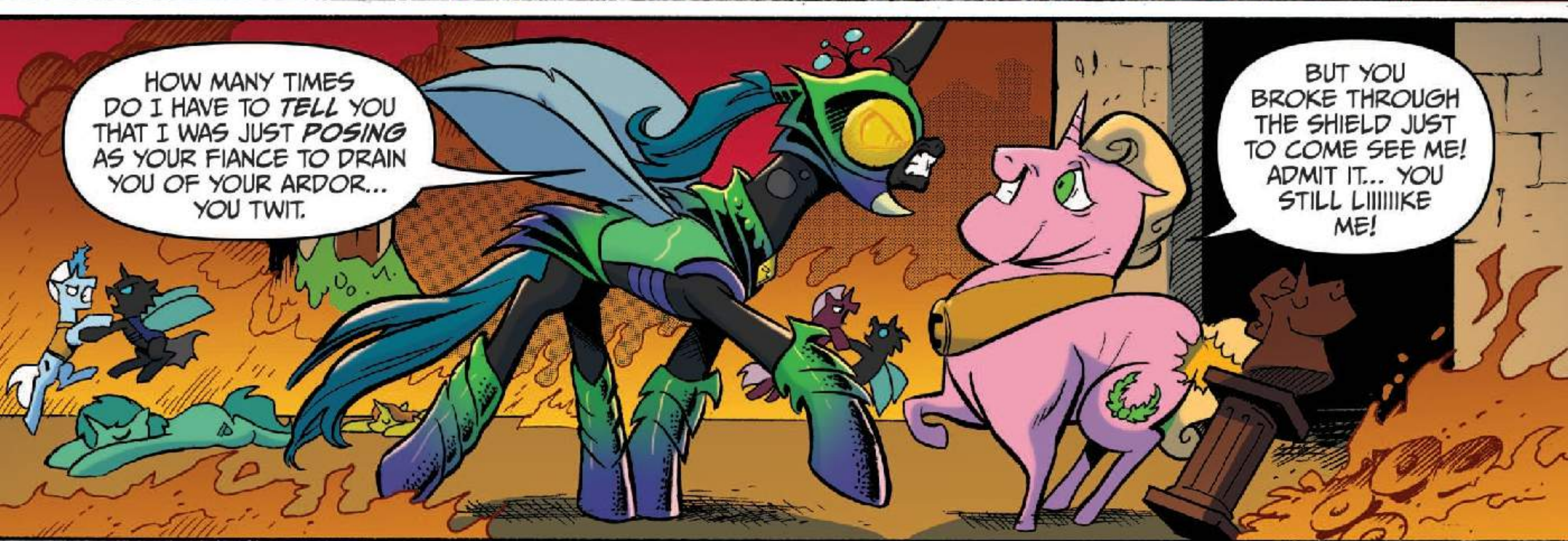


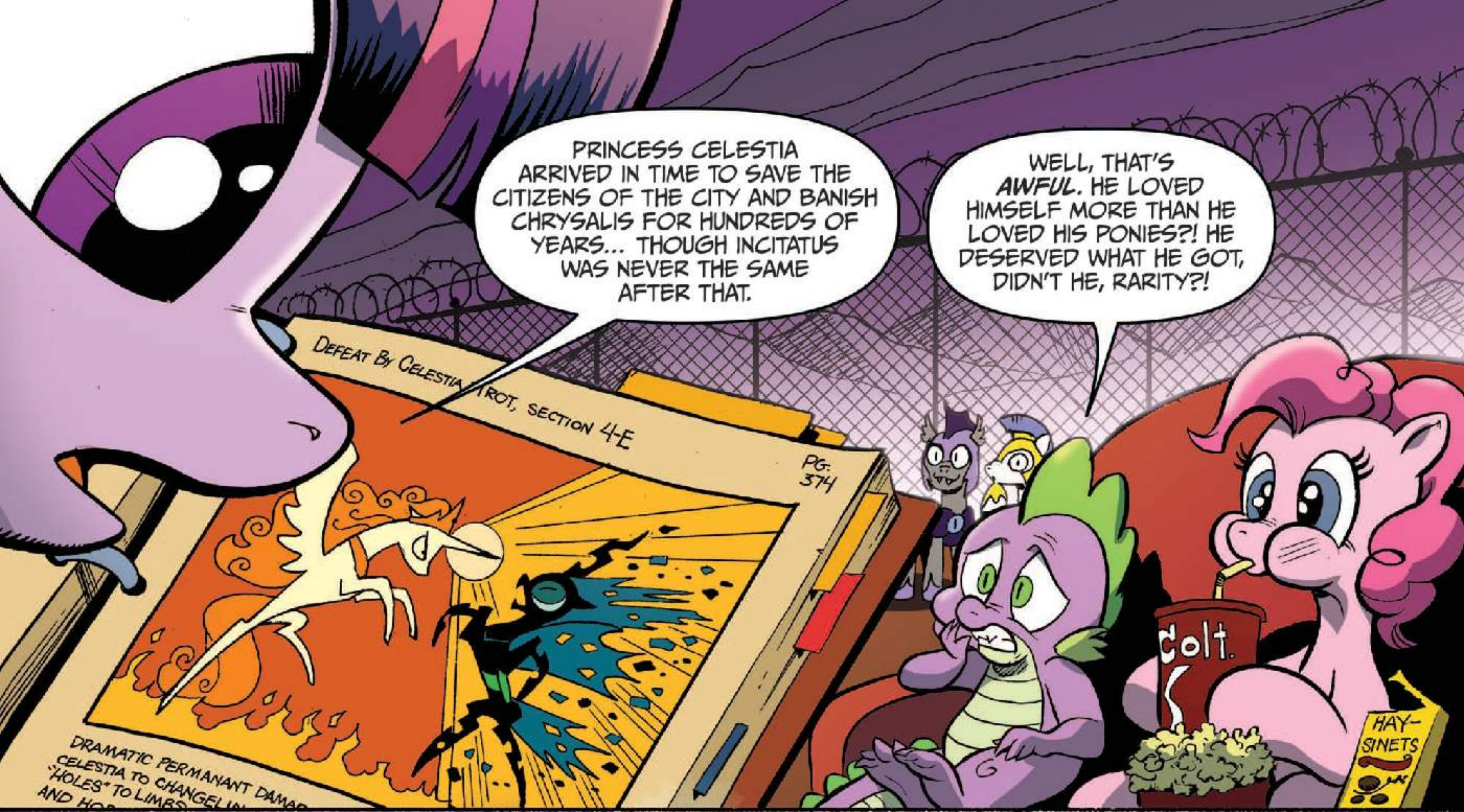
NONSENSE! SOMEPOONY OBVIOUSLY JUST KNOWS THAT I'M ALWAYS ON THE LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT ME! AND THAT ONE IS SUPERB! BRING IT IN! WE'LL PUT IT RIGHT IN THE TOWN SQUARE!

YOU HEARD HIS MAJESTY, OPEN THE GATES.

GO GET A MESSAGE TO CELESTIA NOW.

JUST LOOK AT THAT COMMANDING CHIN! THOSE AUTHORITATIVE EYES! THAT COMPELLING TAIL!





PRINCESS CELESTIA ARRIVED IN TIME TO SAVE THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY AND BANISH CHRYSALIS FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS... THOUGH INCITATUS WAS NEVER THE SAME AFTER THAT.

WELL, THAT'S AWFUL. HE LOVED HIMSELF MORE THAN HE LOVED HIS PONIES?! HE DESERVED WHAT HE GOT, DIDN'T HE, RARITY?!



HMM? WAS SOMEPOONY TALKING?



WHAT?!



I TAKE IT BACK. YOU PONIES ARE MOST ENTERTAINING. SIGH. IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I'VE HAD AN ACTUAL CONVERSATION.

THAT CAN'T BE TRUE, YOU'VE GOT ALL YER' MINION FRIENDS IN THERE WITH YOU!



I'VE SENT THEM ALL INTO HIBERNATION. THERE'S NO POINT IN HAVING THEM ALL AWAKE AND WASTING ENERGY WHEN THEY CAN BE RESTING. I MAY BE A CAPTIVE, BUT I STILL HAVE MY SUBJECTS TO CONCERN MYSELF WITH.



THAT'S... SURPRISINGLY NOBLE OF YOU.

WE'VE BEEN IMPRISONED BEFORE. THIS IS NOT A NEW ROUTINE FOR US. AFTER THAT INCITATUS DEBACLE, CELESTIA HAD US BOUND INSIDE OF VOLCANO FOR COUNTLESS YEARS.

A VOLCANO?! NEAT! HOW WAS THAT?

...HOT.

ARE ALL THE CHANGELINGS IN THERE WITH YOU? I COULD HAVE SWORN MY DATE LAST WEEK HAD BEEN COMPLETELY DRAINED OF ALL EMOTION, PERSONALITY... EVERYTHING!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

The Ritzy Hay Bale

WHY IT'S SO NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN! I'M SO GLAD SHINING ARMOR SET UP THIS LITTLE DATE FOR US!

HI! IT'S SO NICE TO...

WHAT A LOVELY TIE YOU'RE WEARING! ALTHOUGH THE WINDSOR KNOT IS A CLASSIC, ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE CHANGED THINGS UP A BIT? AN ELDREDGE KNOT IS ALL THE RAGE IN CANTERLOT, YOU KNOW. IS THAT SILK OR IS IT A BLEND?

SPEAKING OF BLENDS, DO YOU LIKE THE DRESS I HAVE ON? IT'S A SILK/WOOL BLEND! AMAZING, RIGHT? I HOOF-DYED IT MYSELF! I REALLY THOUGHT THE VERMILLION WOULD BRING OUT THE COLOR OF MY CUTIE MARK.

OF COURSE, THE DRESS COVERS MY CUTIE MARK... SO I GUESS THAT'S A MOOT POINT. HRM.

HE JUST BLANKED OUT FOR HOURS. I COULD HAVE SWORN THAT HE WAS UNDER SOME CHANGELING MIND CONTROL THINGY.

SURE. THAT'S WHY.



YOU WERE TRAPPED IN A VOLCANO? HOW DID YOU GET OUT OF THAT?!



OH, YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THAT...

OH, BUT I *DO!* I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING IN THE RECORDS ON HOW YOU ESCAPED THE VOLCANO! THIS WILL BE A GREAT ADDITION TO MY NOTES!

IT ALL STARTED WITH A DRAGON...



EEP!

SHE'S JUST TALKING ABOUT A DRAGON. THERE ISN'T ONE ACTUALLY HERE.

YOU NEVER KNOW!

"IT WAS NOT THE MOST PLEASANT AMBIENCE."

"TOO BAD, AMBIENCE IS SO IMPORTANT WHEN IT COMES TO A HOME! FENG SHUI AND ALL THAT..."

"HISSSSSS"

"MAYBE SAVE THE FANCY DECOR TALK FOR LATER, RARITY."

DOESN'T THAT PRINCESS USUALLY TURN HER FOES INTO STATUES? I THINK I'D PICK THE TOPIARY OVER THIS.

RUMBLE!

WHAT? IS IT ERUPTING?!



IS THAT A CAVE IN?!

THE ENTRANCE IS... OPENING?! IS OUR SENTENCE OVER? ARE WE FREE?

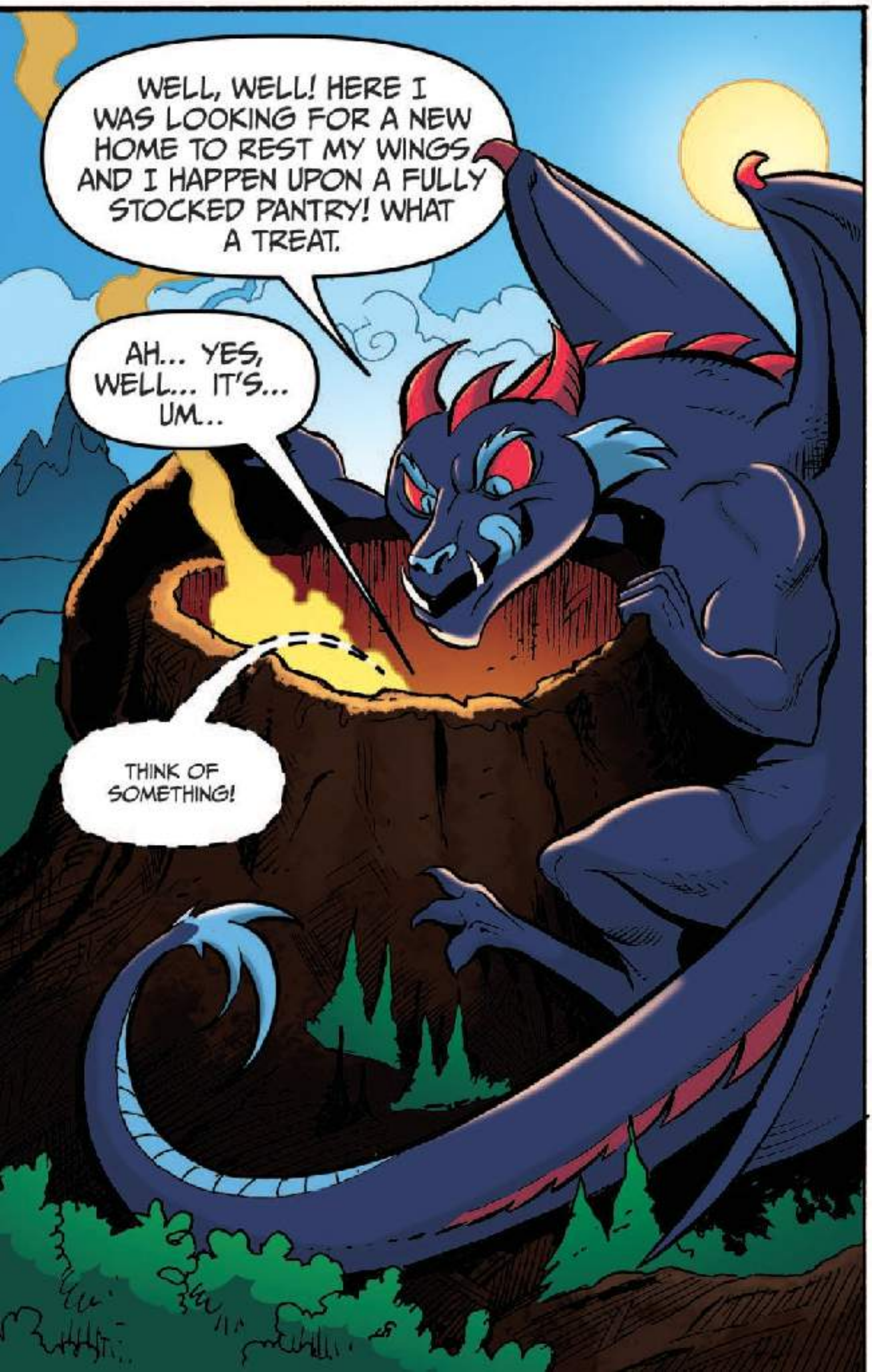


A DRAGON?! ARE YOU KIDDING ME? THE ONE CREATURE THAT DOESN'T FEEL ANY LOVE COMES TO CALL. GAH.

"HEY! DRAGONS LOVE."

"LATER, SPIKE."

NOPE, NOT FREE.



WELL, WELL! HERE I WAS LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME TO REST MY WINGS AND I HAPPEN UPON A FULLY STOCKED PANTRY! WHAT A TREAT.

AH... YES, WELL... IT'S... UM...

THINK OF SOMETHING!



IIIIIT'S... JUST SUCH AN HONOR TO BE BE EATEN BY SUCH A RESPLENDENT BEAST SUCH AS YOURSELF.

WHAT?! THAT'S YOU THINKING OF SOMETHING?!



QUITE THE HONOR! I'M KIND OF A BIG DEAL WHEN IT COMES TO THE DRAGON WORLD, YOU KNOW? HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE GREAT SERGIO?

WE'VE ALL HEARD OF YOURRR... GLORIOUS SCALES! PERHAPS YOU COULD SHOW THEM TO US?



MY SCALES ARE GLORIOUS! I POLISH THEM DAILY! I'M SO GLAD YOU NOTICED!

WE NEED TO GET HIM TO DO SOMETHING TO GET HIM AWAY FROM THAT OPENING!

OH! GET HIM TO BREATHE FIRE!



YES! GREAT SCALES... AND I ONCE SAW A DRAGON IN EQUESTRIA THAT COULD BREATHE FIRE SO HOT IT MELTED ROCK! CAN YOU DO THAT?

OH, WAIT. THAT'S AN AWFUL SUGGESTION. TAKE IT BACK!

?



FIRE! WHY, I AM THE BEST FIRE DRAKE IN THE NORTH! I CAN TAKE OUT AN ENTIRE FOREST WITH ONE SNEEZE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN TAKE IT BACK? THAT WAS YOUR IDEA!



HOW WAS THAT?



VERY... EFFECTIVE. NOW WHAT OF YOUR WINGS? I'VE HEARD YOU HAVE THE MOST IMPRESSIVE WINGS OF ALL THE DRAGONS!



MY WINGS ARE IMPRESSIVE! I'LL SHOW YOU THIS ONE MORE THING, BUT THEN I REALLY MUST EAT YOU ALL, YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?

PRETTY MAJESTIC, HUH? THERE'S A PONY IN CANTERLOT THAT MAKES LITTLE SILVER FIGURINES BASED OFF ME IN THIS POSE. THEY'RE SO CUTE!

REALLY? I'D LIKE TO SEE ONE!

I THINK I HAVE ONE, JUST A SECOND!

HEY!
OW!

HEY!
THIS IS HOT!
OW!

NITWIT.

HE SURE WAS. GOOD PLAN... MAYBE NOT THROW ME NEXT TIME?

ARRGGGG!

I WAS TALKING ABOUT YOU.

EEEEEE!
HOT! HOT!
HOT!

SMASH



WHAT? HE WAS FINE.

PROBABLY.



CHRYSALIS, THERE'S ANOTHER THING THAT I DON'T HAVE IN HERE. SINCE YOU'RE BEING SO OPEN RIGHT NOW, CAN YOU TELL ME... WELL, WHERE ARE YOU FROM? WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR ORIGINS?



WELL... I COULD TELL YOU THAT... IF...

IF? IF WHAT?



IT'S SO LONELY IN THIS PLACE. I'D LIKE THE BOOK THE RAINBOW ONE IS READING. THAT'S THE NEWEST DARING DO BOOK, CORRECT? I HAVEN'T READ IT.



A BOOK! TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER, I ALWAYS SAY!

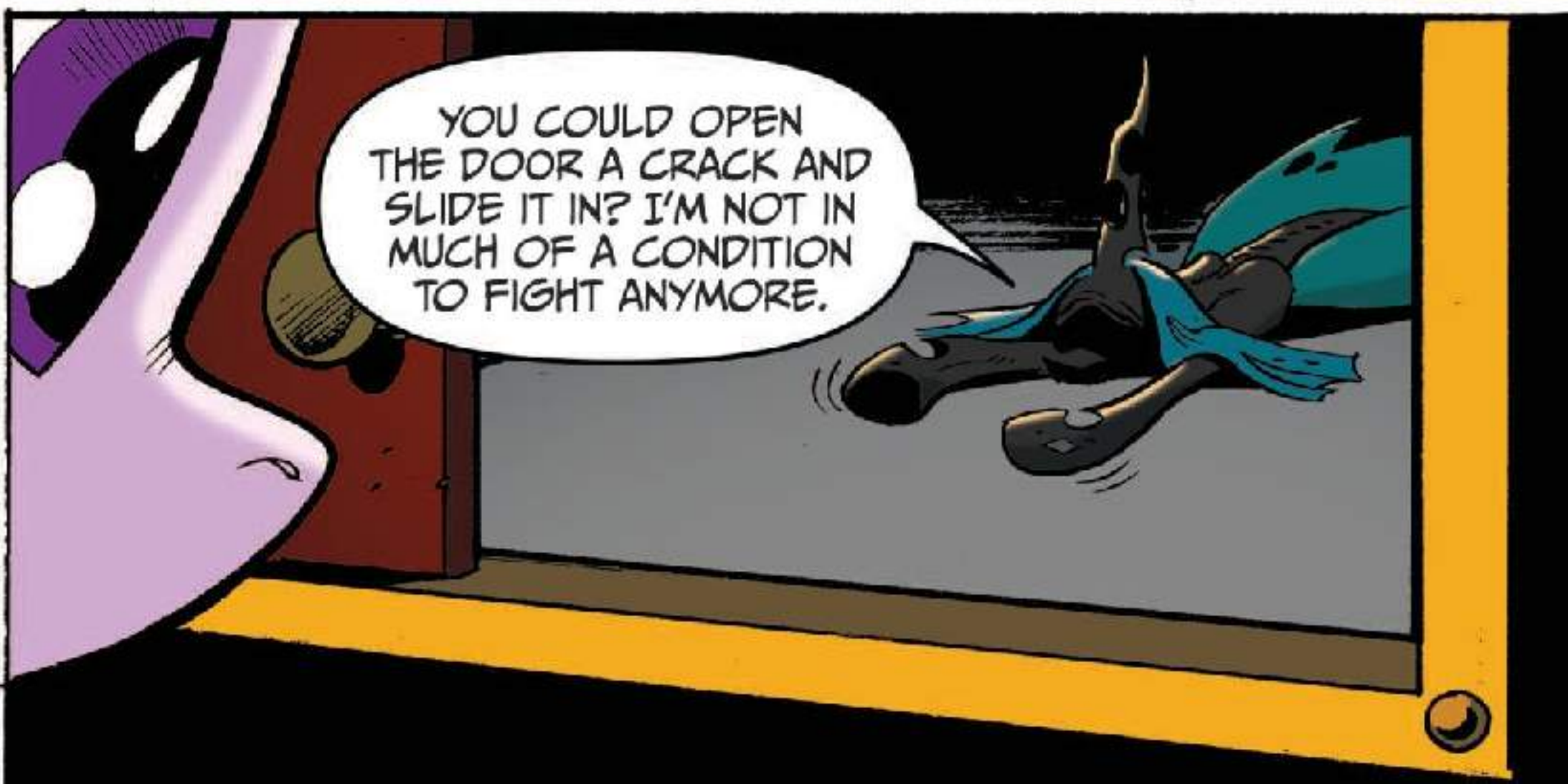


HEY!

I'LL BUY YOU ANOTHER ONE. ASKING FOR A BOOK IS SHOWING SIGNS OF TRUE REFORM!



OH... IT DOESN'T FIT.



YOU COULD OPEN THE DOOR A CRACK AND SLIDE IT IN? I'M NOT IN MUCH OF A CONDITION TO FIGHT ANYMORE.



I AM AGAINST THIS.

I AM TOO, THAT'S MY BOOK!

WHAT HARM COULD IT DO? THERE ARE GUARDS EVERYWHERE AND SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S ABOUT TO KICK THE BUCKET.

THAT POOR BUCKET.

IT'S JUST AN EXPRESSION, PINKIE.

I'M WITH APPLEJACK. IT'S A BOOK. IT'S A COMFORT WE CAN OFFER HER WHILE SHE'S IMPRISONED.



I MEAN, I DID THAT TO HER... I NEED TO AT LEAST MAKE THINGS A LITTLE BETTER FOR HER.

YOU'RE A NICE PONY, TWILIGHT.

4 DAYS TO RETIREMENT...

CLANK!
KA CHUNK!



OKAY! I'M JUST GOING TO LEAVE THE BOOK RIGHT BY THE DOOR!

THANK YOU...



WHAT THE...

HELLO, PRINCESS.



DO YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW HOW WE CAME TO BE? I'LL TELL YOU...

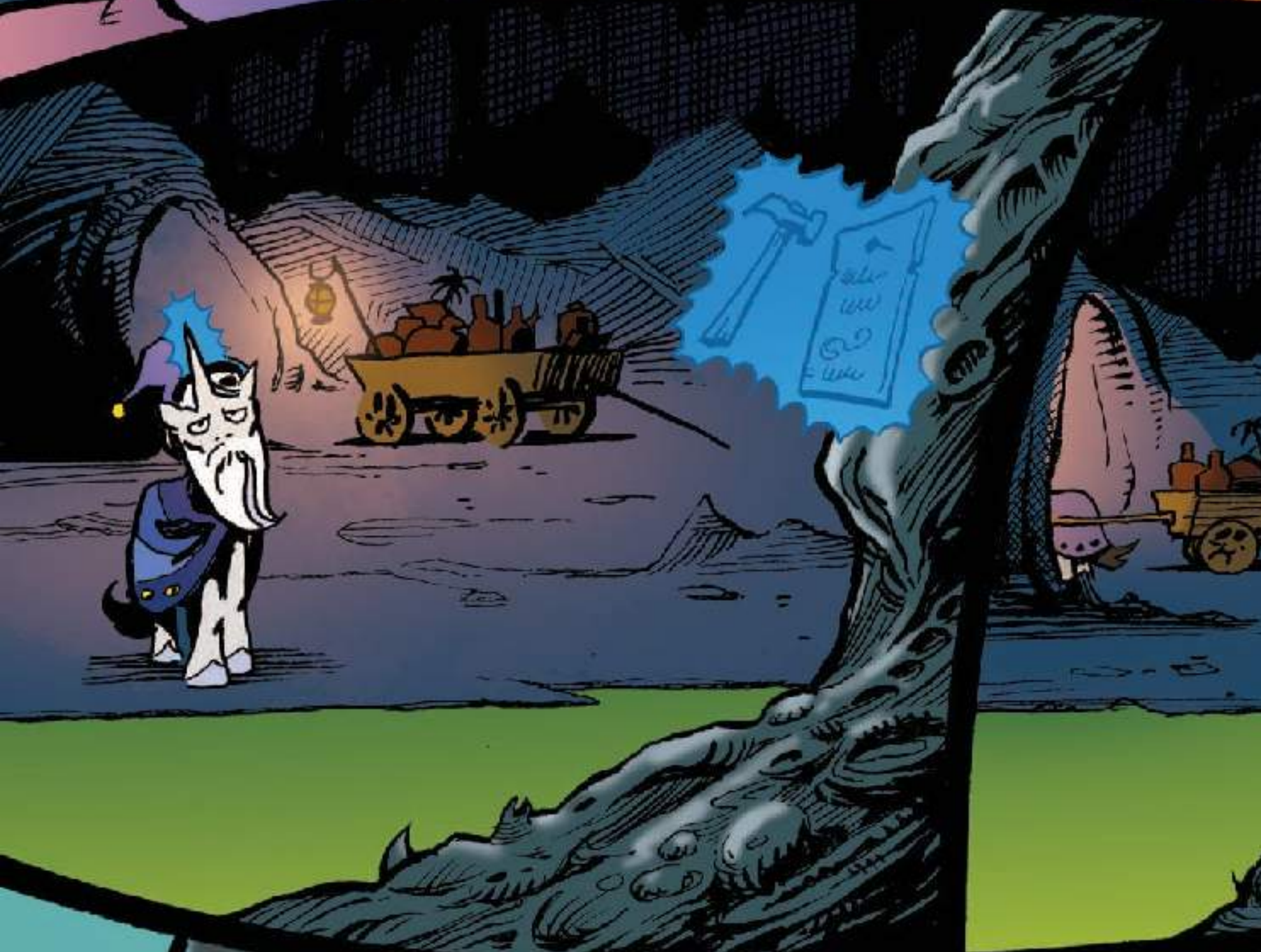
I... I...





ZOT

HELP ME!





THERE IS NO STORY. I WAS BORN THIS WAY.

EKK!



SEE YOU, PRINCESS... SOON!

SLAM



ZAP FOW
CAUTION ZOT
BANG SLAM



PERFECT
This Day Has Been Just

SO... YOU GOING TO UPDATE YOUR REPORT TO INCLUDE THE DAY YOU LET ONE OF EQUESTRIA'S MOST NOTORIOUS VILLAINS ESCAPE?

I HAVE A QUILL. I CAN WRITE IT IN NOW!

WHO WANTS TO TELL PRINCESS CELESTIA ABOUT THIS?

NOT IT!

ATTENTION CITIZENS OF EQUESTRIA! CHANGELINGS ARE ON THE LOOSE!

THE END?

LOOK UNDER YOUR BED! DON'T OPEN THE DOOR! BEWARE!