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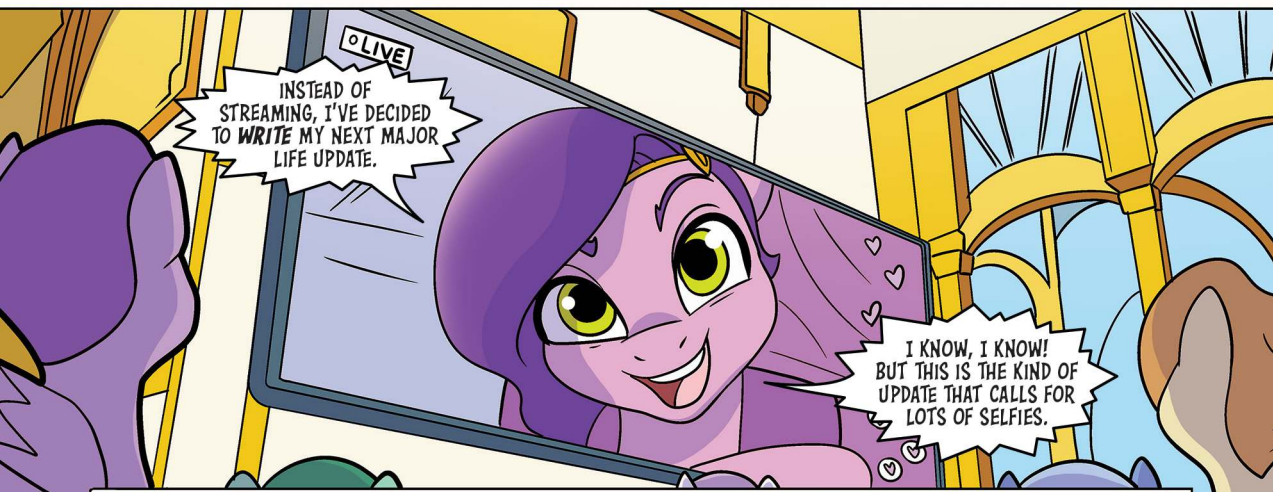
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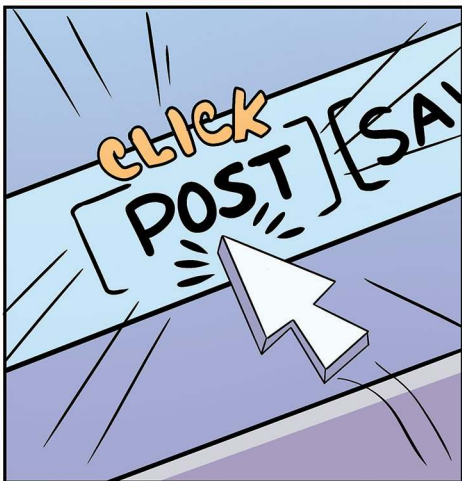
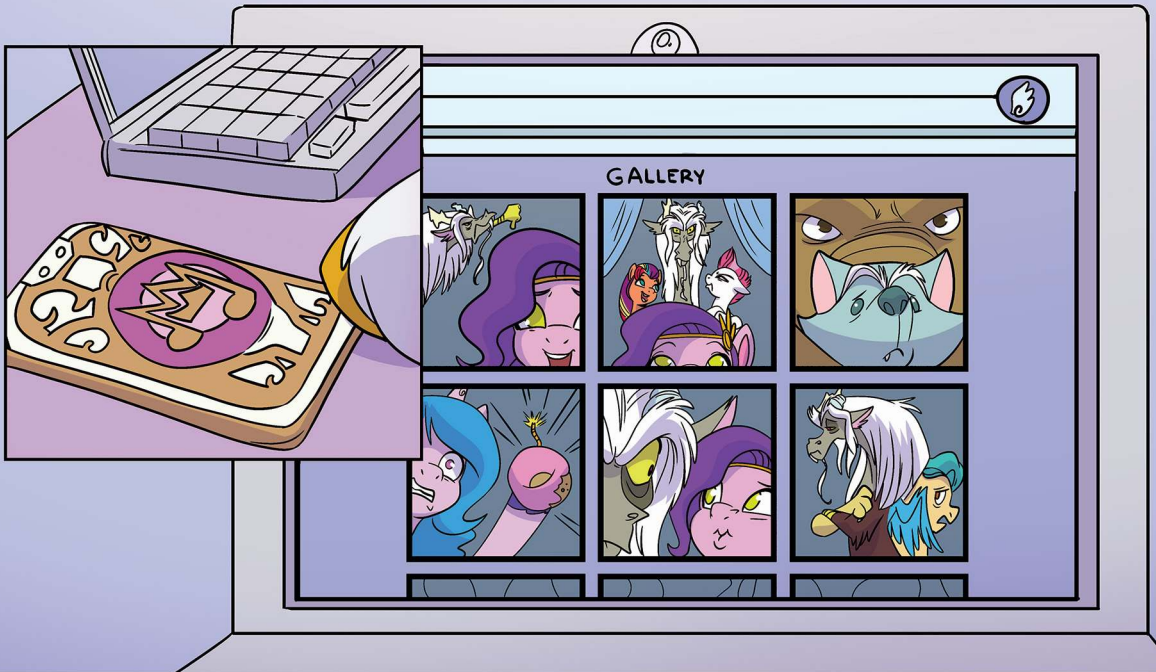
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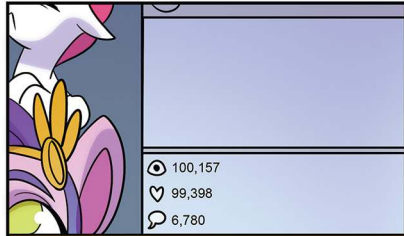
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MY LITTLE FILLY!
HOW ARE THINGS IN
THE BEAUTIFUL
BRIGHTHOUSE?

GREAT!

UM, MOM?
CAN I ASK YOU
SOMETHING?

OF
COURSE.



WELL, I'VE BEEN
THINKING, MAYBE, ABOUT
GETTING A LITTLE MORE
REAL WITH THE
PIPPISQUEAKS.

NO, THAT
IS NOT FOR
PETS!

SORRY,
DARLING. "REAL"
HOW?

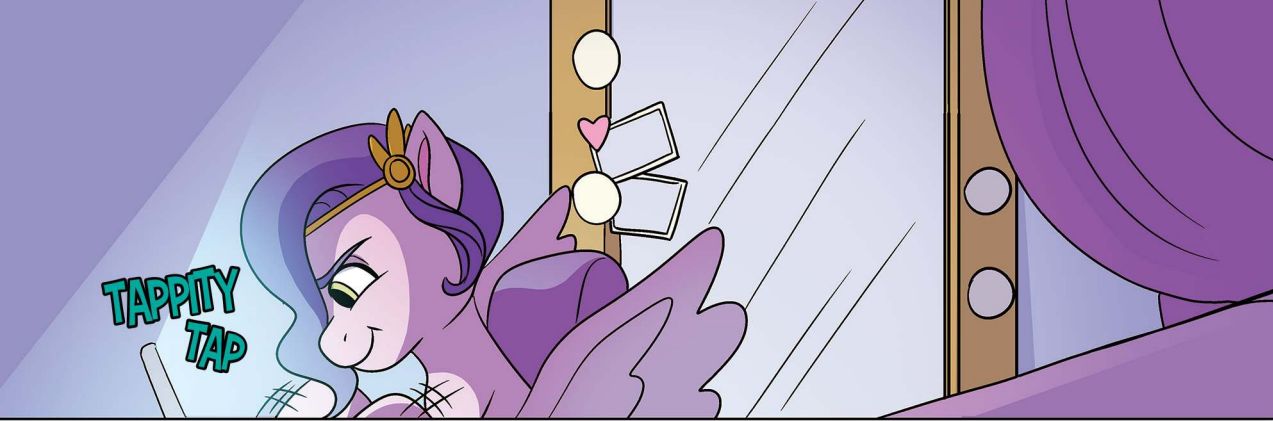
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WRITE ABOUT THE DAY
EVERYPONY LEARNED
I CAN'T FLY.



WHAT?!

BORK!

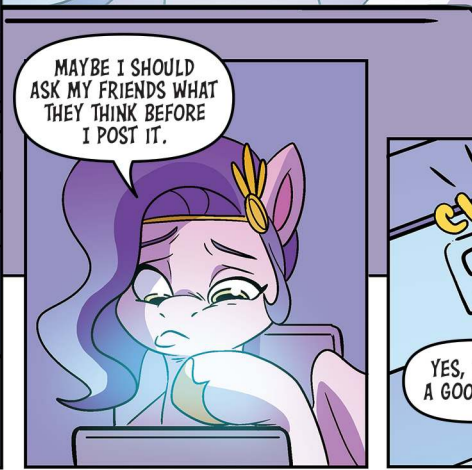
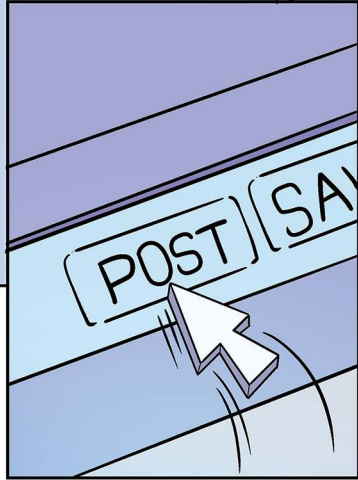




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DONE!



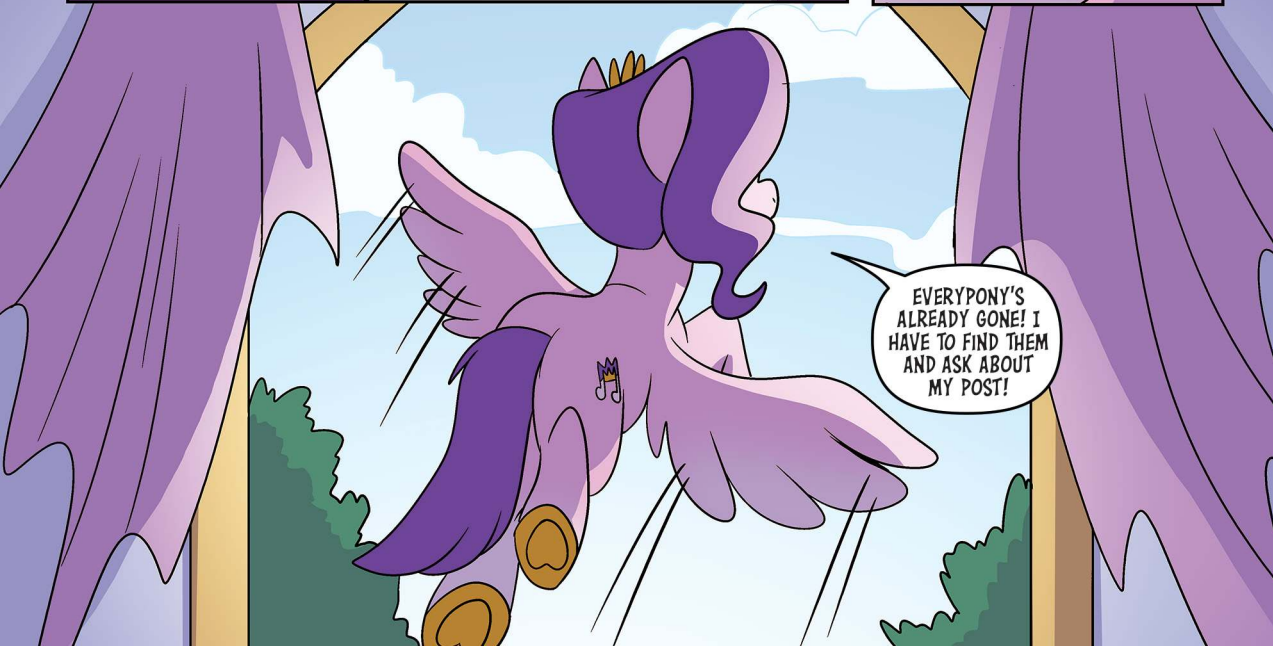
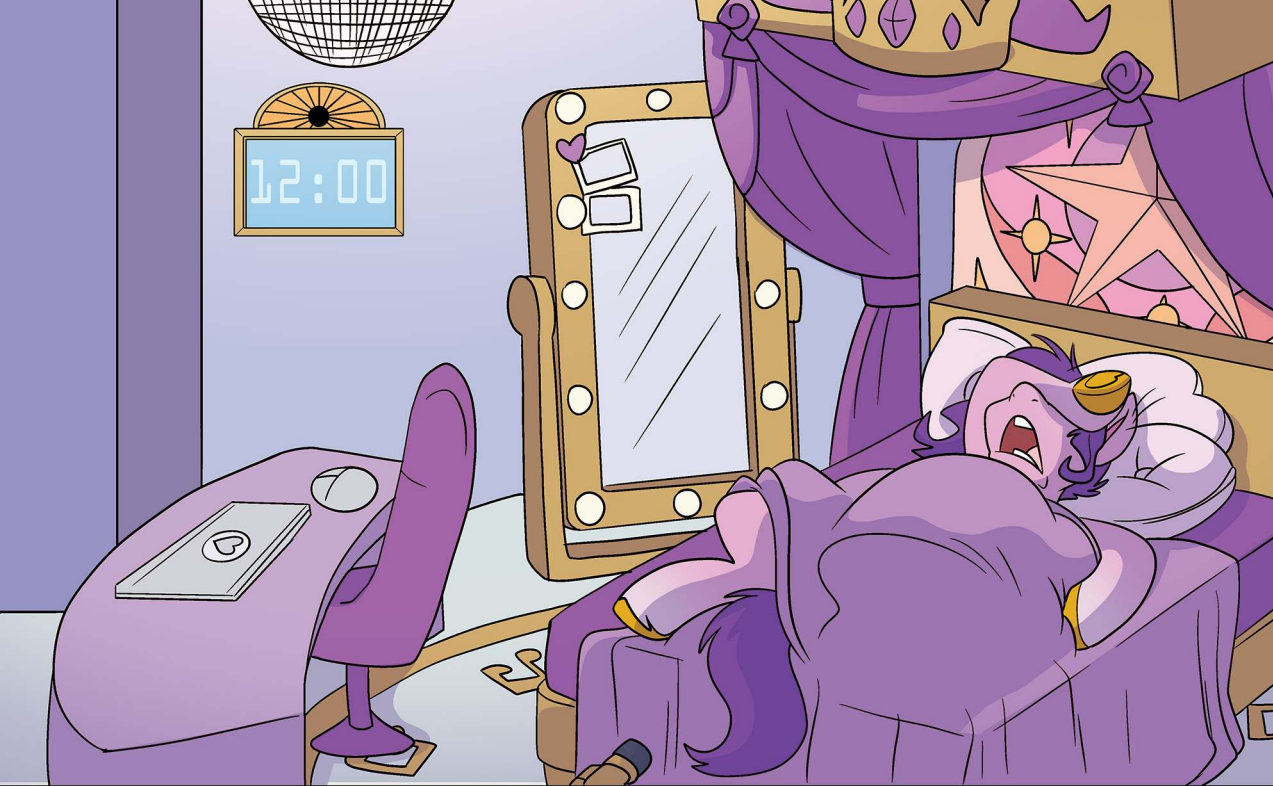
MAYBE I SHOULD ASK MY FRIENDS WHAT THEY THINK BEFORE I POST IT.



YES, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.



I'LL GET UP SUUUUPER EARLY AND ASK EVERYONE WHAT THEY THINK BEFORE THEY HEAD OUT FOR THE DAY.





SUNNY! I KNEW YOU'D BE CLOSE BY. YOU'RE JUST WHO I WANTED TO TALK TO!



OH, HEY, PIPP. LATE NIGHT?

YES, I WAS... CREATING.

SUNNY, YOU'RE, LIKE, THE SMARTEST PONY I KNOW. I NEED YOUR ADVICE.



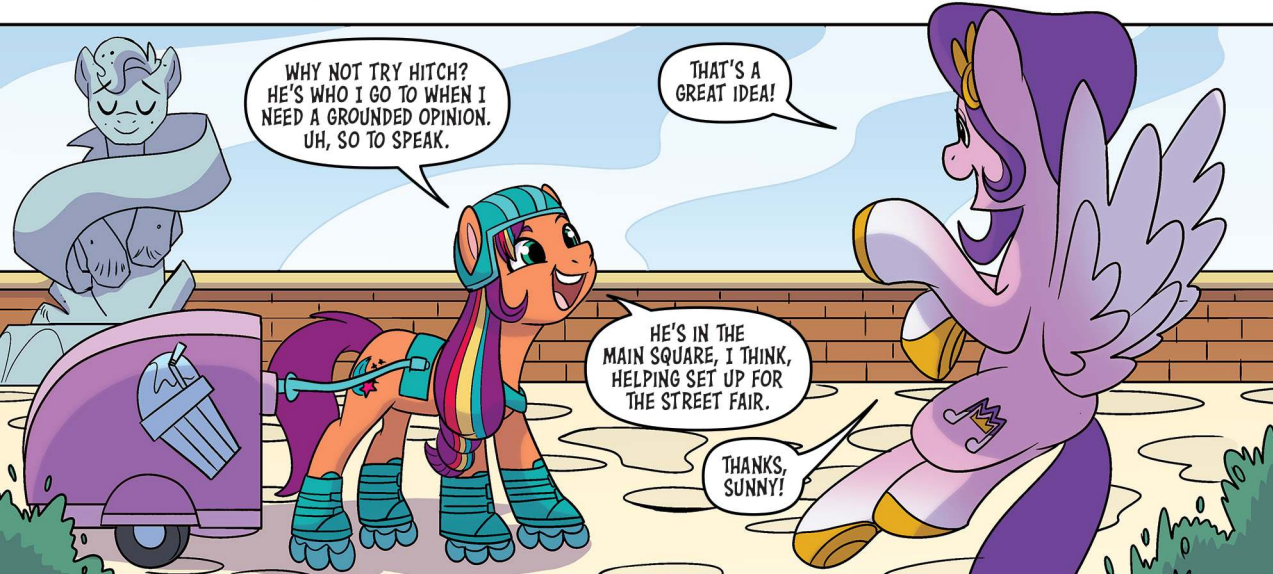
I WANT TO POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT THE DAY EVERYPONY LEARNED I COULDN'T FLY. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

OH. THAT'S...



SORRY, PIPP. EVERYTHING WITH DISCORD HAS ME SO DISTRACTED. I CAN'T REALLY FOCUS ON ANYTHING ELSE.

OH. OKAY. I CAN ASK SOMEPONY ELSE.

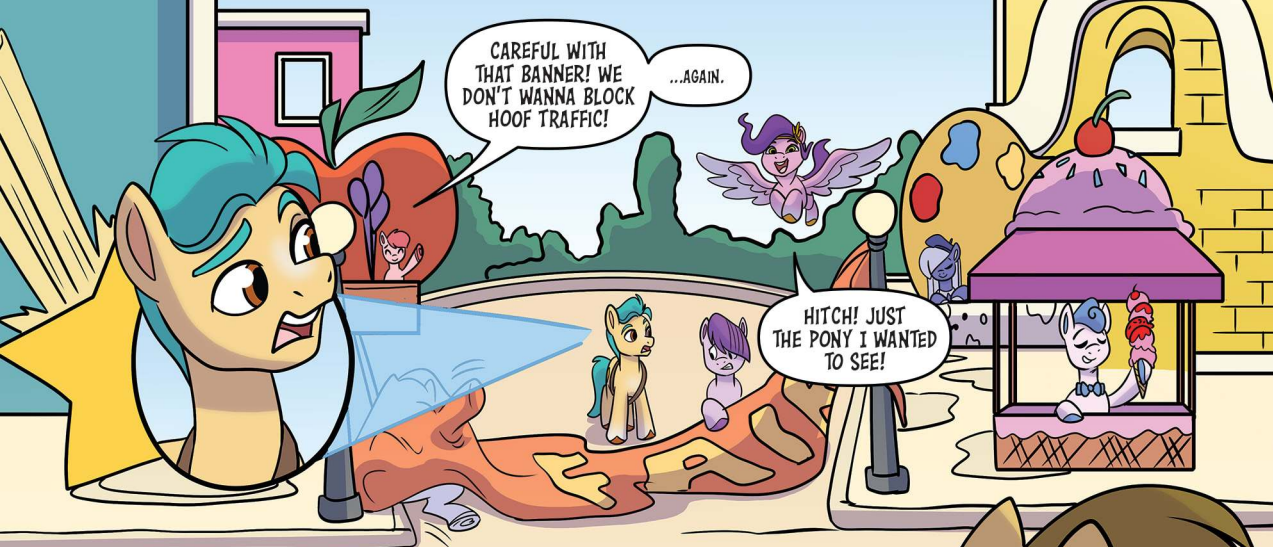


WHY NOT TRY HITCH? HE'S WHO I GO TO WHEN I NEED A GROUNDED OPINION. UH, SO TO SPEAK.

THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!

HE'S IN THE MAIN SQUARE, I THINK, HELPING SET UP FOR THE STREET FAIR.

THANKS, SUNNY!



CAREFUL WITH THAT BANNER! WE DON'T WANNA BLOCK HOOF TRAFFIC!
...AGAIN.

HITCH! JUST THE PONY I WANTED TO SEE!



I AM?

YOU'RE SO SILLY SOMETIMES. YES!

I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT MY NEXT BIG SOCIAL MEDIA POST!



UH... OKAY.

RAISE THE BANNER MORE ON THE RIGHT SIDE!

SORRY, PIPP, GO AHEAD.



I WANT TO POST ABOUT THE DAY EVERY PONY LEARNED I COULDN'T FLY. HOW SAD I WAS AND HOW ASHAMED I FELT.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?



ER, ISN'T THAT A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR NORMAL POSTS? YOU KNOW, YOUR BRAND?

ISN'T IT USUALLY SINGING, SPARKLES, AND GLAMOUR?



YEAH, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT CAN'T CHANGE.

IT CAN BE SPARKLES AND REAL FEELINGS.

I SUPPOSE.

WELL, THANKS, I GUESS.

ANYTIME!

NO, NO, NO, THE BANNER'S ALL CROOKED NOW!



IZZY!

AGH!

IT TOOK ME FOREVER TO FIND YOU!

YEAH, I COME BACK TO WORK ON BIG CRAFTS PROJECTS. I FIND LA VILLA IZZY "CREATIVELY STIMULATING"!

THAT'S GREAT! BECAUSE I WANTED TO ASK FOR YOUR OPINION.

I WANT TO DO A SOCIAL MEDIA POST ABOUT WHEN EVERYPONY FOUND OUT ME, ZIPP, AND MY MOM LIED ABOUT BEING ABLE TO FLY.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

UM...

THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!

REALLY?!

YES! IT'S JUST SO BRAVE!

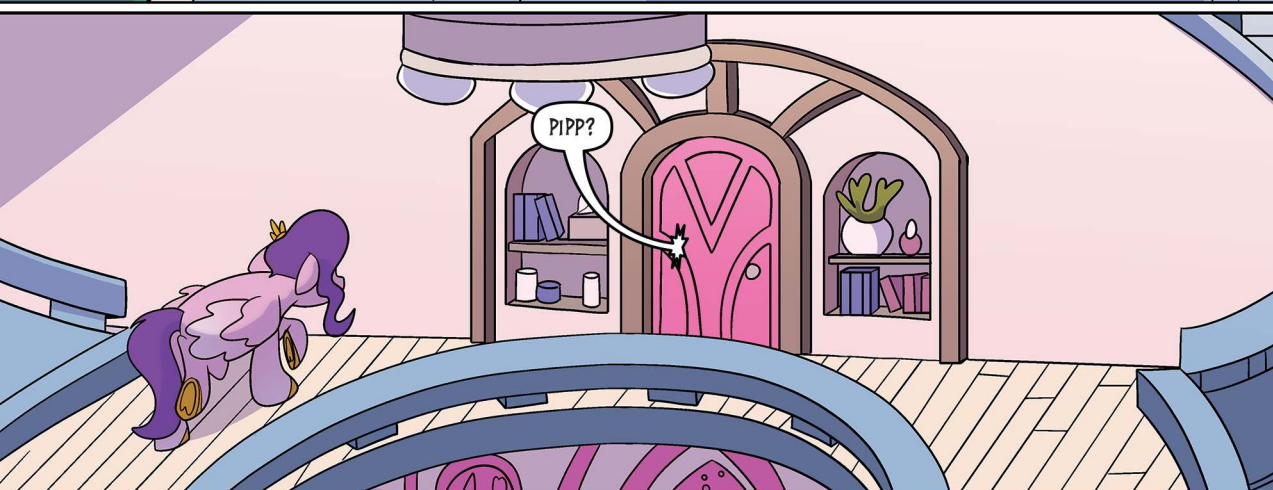


BRAVE?
WHY IS IT
BRAVE?

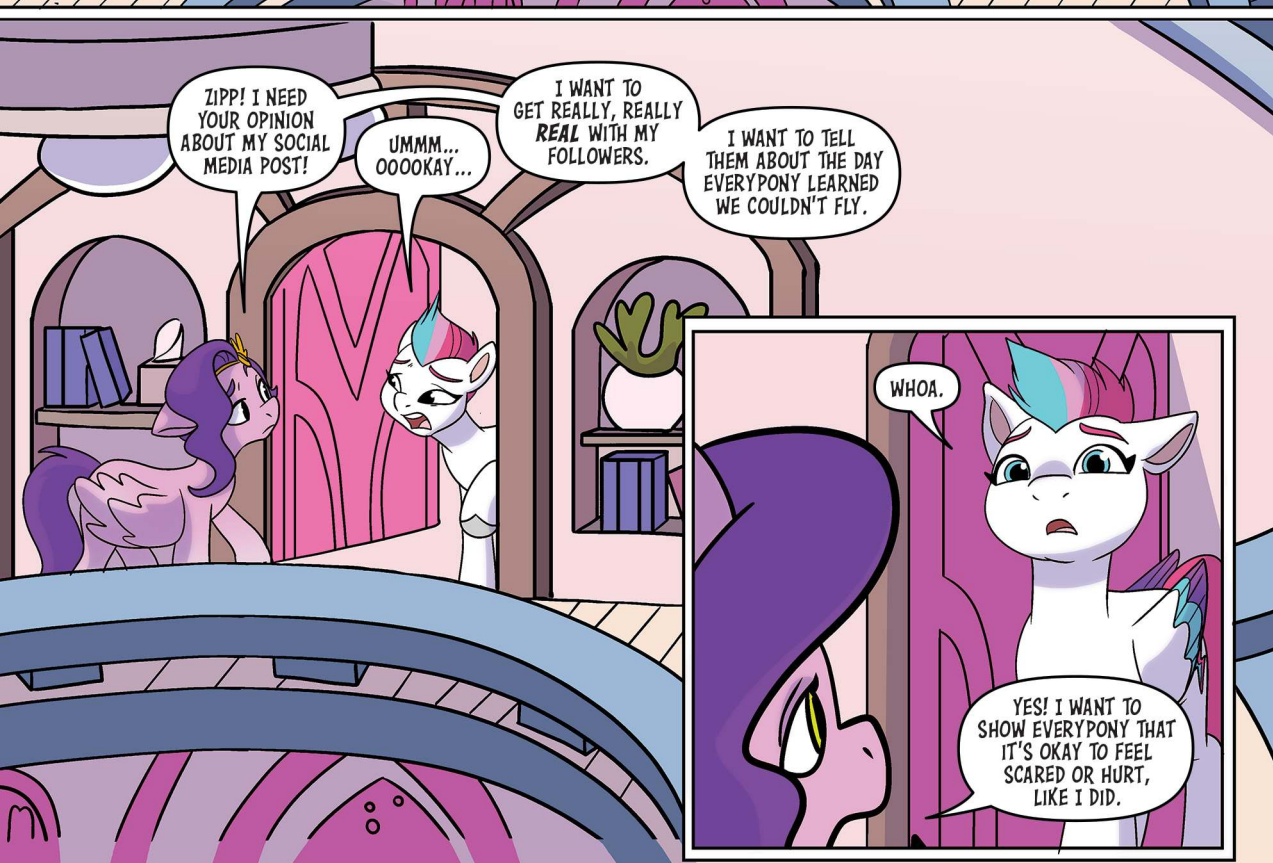
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WANT TO TELL 1.6 MILLION
PONIES ABOUT THE WORST, MOST
EMBARRASSING, MOST HORRIBLE
DAY OF MY LIFE!

OH, RIGHT. WELL
I, UM, I SHOULD
GO. BYE!

BYE, PIPP!



PIPP?



ZIPP! I NEED
YOUR OPINION
ABOUT MY SOCIAL
MEDIA POST!

UMMM...
OOOOKAY...

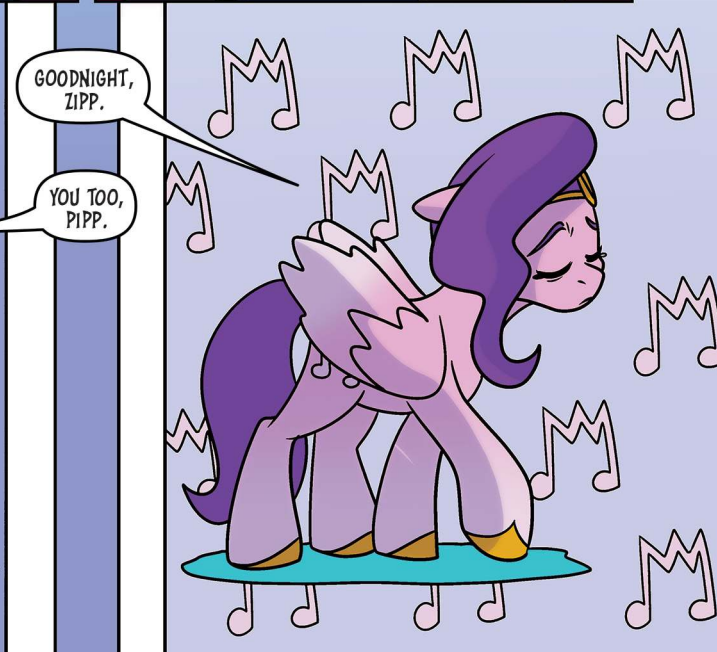
I WANT TO
GET REALLY, REALLY
REAL WITH MY
FOLLOWERS.

I WANT TO TELL
THEM ABOUT THE DAY
EVERYPONY LEARNED
WE COULDN'T FLY.



WHOA.

YES! I WANT TO
SHOW EVERYPONY THAT
IT'S OKAY TO FEEL
SCARED OR HURT,
LIKE I DID.





POSTS - NEW - DRAFTS ①

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DRAFTS ①

CLICK

POST

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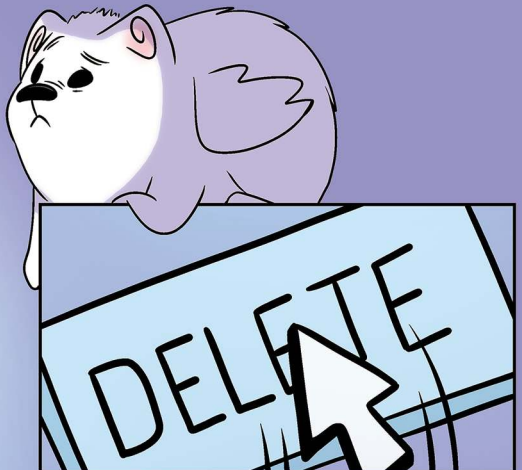


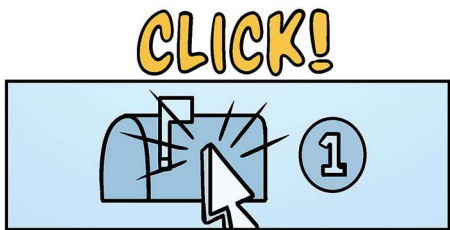
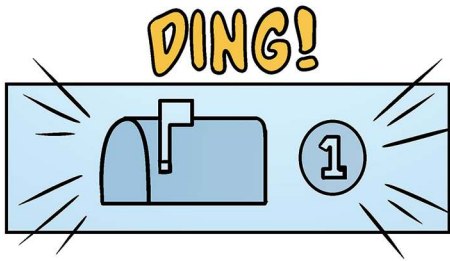
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One week later.



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...OR IF I'D BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY FRIENDS.

I WAS SCARED IF I TRIED TO TALK TO THEM, THEY'D THINK I WAS BORING OR WEIRD.



SO I DECIDED TO MAKE THINGS UP.



I TOLD THEM ABOUT ME, MY FAMILY, AND BRIDLEWOOD.

BUT NONE OF THE STORIES I TOLD WERE TRUE.



I TOLD EVERYPONY THAT MY HOBBIES WERE SKYDIVING AND SURFING.

I SAID MY AUNT WAS A PRINCESS AND MY GRANDMA WAS A QUEEN.

I SAID I HAD TWO FULL-GROWN DRAGONS AS PETS AND A SPHINX WAS MY BEST FRIEND.

AT ONE POINT, I EVEN SAID BRIDLEWOOD WAS MADE OF COTTON CANDY.



EVERYPONY LOVED IT...

...BUT NONE OF IT WAS TRUE. I'VE NEVER SEEN THE OCEAN, I'M NOT ROYALTY, I DON'T KNOW ANY DRAGONS OR SPHINXES, BRIDLEWOOD IS MADE OF NORMAL TREES, AND I HATE TREES, AND I HATE, HATE, HATE HEIGHTS.



IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR MY NEW FRIENDS TO FIGURE OUT I WAS LYING.

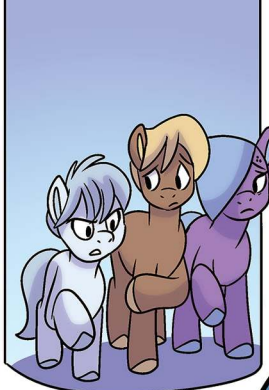
SOMEONE VISITED BRIDLEWOOD, AND, WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT I SAID ABOUT THE TREES.



EVERYONE WAS REALLY UPSET WITH ME, BUT THEY WEREN'T JUST ANGRY. THEY WERE HURT.

THEY SAID IF I'D TOLD THEM THE TRUTH, WE COULD'VE ALL STAYED FRIENDS.

BUT I HADN'T.



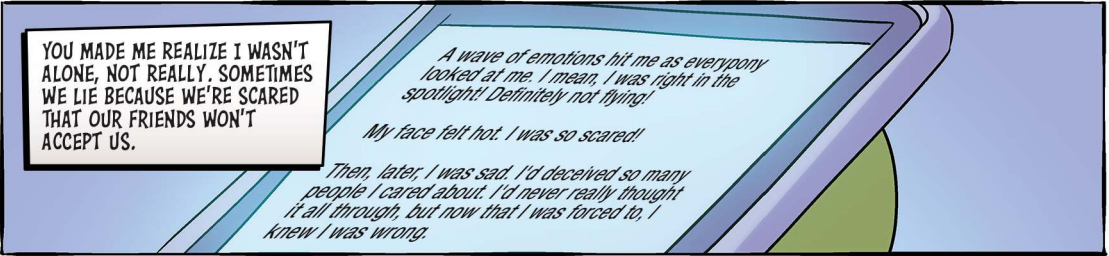
I'D BEEN AFRAID I COULDN'T MAKE FRIENDS, BUT THAT DAY, I FOUND OUT IT'S EVEN WORSE TO MAKE THEM AND LOSE THEM.



I THOUGHT I WAS THE LONELIEST, SADDEST PONY IN THE WORLD...



...THEN I SAW YOUR POST.



YOU MADE ME REALIZE I WASN'T ALONE, NOT REALLY. SOMETIMES WE LIE BECAUSE WE'RE SCARED THAT OUR FRIENDS WON'T ACCEPT US.

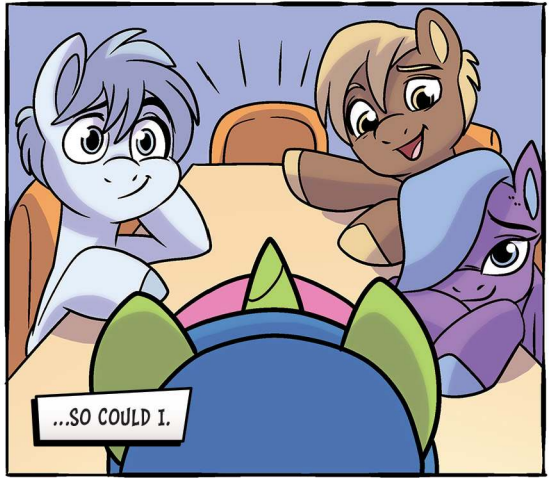
A wave of emotions hit me as everypony looked at me. I mean, I was right in the spotlight! Definitely not flying!

My face felt hot. I was so scared!

Then, later, I was sad. I'd deceived so many people I cared about. I'd never really thought it all through, but now that I was forced to, I knew I was wrong.



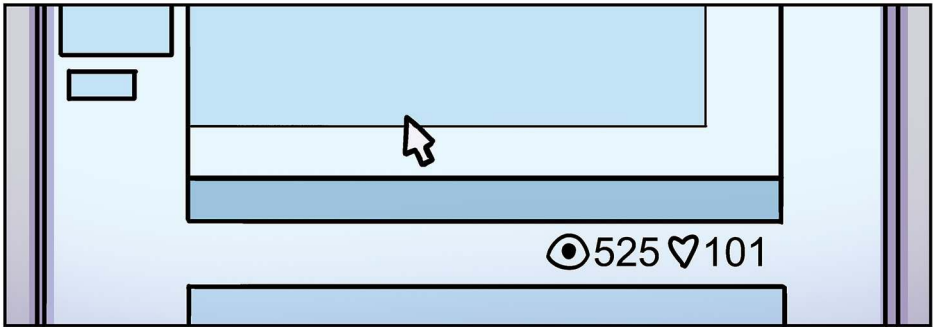
WHAT I DID WAS WRONG, BUT I KNEW THAT IF YOU COULD ADMIT THE TRUTH AND WORK PAST THE FEAR AND SADNESS...

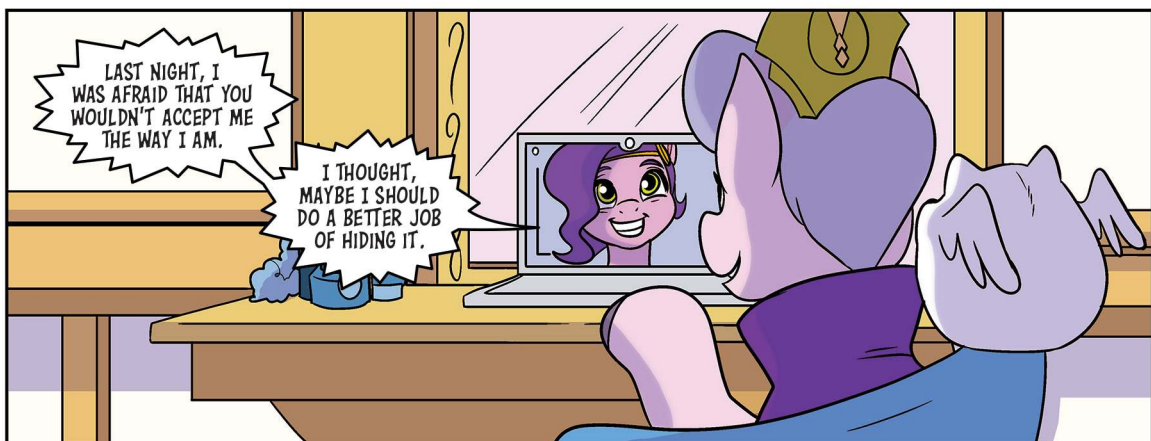


...SO COULD I.



THANK YOU, FROM THE PIPPSQUEAK WHO THINKS YOU'RE THE COOLEST PONY EVER. YOU HELPED ME GET MY FRIENDS BACK. LOVE, FELICITY.







SHOUT-OUT TO FELICITY FOR REMINDING ME THAT WHO I AM--EVERY PART OF ME--



--IS ENOUGH.

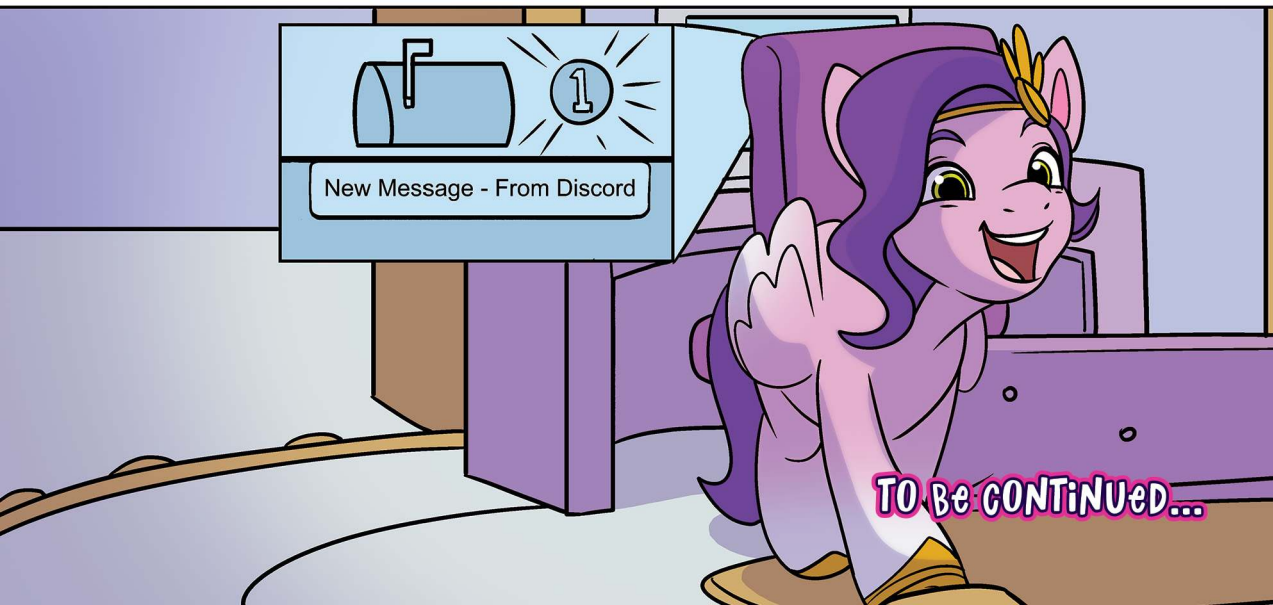
LOVE YOU, PIPPSQUEAKS. KEEP DOING WHAT YOU DO BEST: BEING YOU.

LIVE



ALL OF YOU.

PIPP, PIPP, HOORAY!



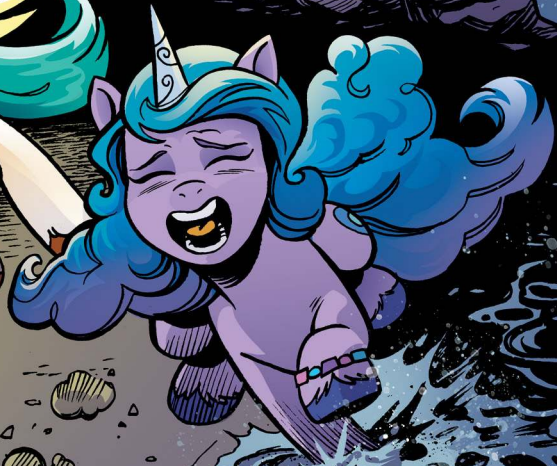
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