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SOME YEARS AGO, A CASE FILE CROSSED MY DESK AND CHANGED EVERYTHING I THOUGHT I KNEW ABOUT MARETIME BAY.

IT WAS FROM BEFORE MY TIME AS SHERIFF, BUT AS I HOOVED THROUGH THE PAGES, I KNEW IT WAS SOMETHING I'D NEVER FORGET.

MOSEY DOWN THIS TRAIL WITH ME AS WE EXPLORE THE COLDEST CASE IN THE HISTORY OF EQUESTRIA.

THIS IS...

MARE CRIME BAY

The Case of the Missing Cupcake

AAAAND CUT!
NOW, THAT IS A PERFECT INTRO!





Y'KNOW, WHEN YOU SUGGESTED THIS WHOLE PODCAST THING, I WAS SKEPTICAL.



WHOA, WHOA... PUT A HITCH IN THAT GIDDYUP! I WAS GONNA SAY...

...YOU WERE RIGHT. LOOK AT THIS.



I'VE BEEN SENT SO MUCH NEW INFORMATION. I REALLY THINK I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SOLVE THIS!

WE.



THAT'S WHAT I MEANT. I'D NEVER HAVE GOTTEN THIS FAR WITHOUT YOUR HELP, DETECTIVE ZIPP.

SURE, YOU WOULD'VE!



MAYBE NOT THE WHOLE "USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO REVIVE ATTENTION ON A COLD CASE" ASPECT, BUT YOU CARED ENOUGH TO WANT TO.



SPEAKING OF! YOU READY TO RECORD THE RECAP FOR THE NEXT EPISODE?

MARECRIME BAY

EPISODE 2

WELCOME BACK!

BEFORE WE GET INTO SOME UPDATES, LET'S DO A QUICK RECAP FOR ANYPONY JUST JOINING US!

"PANSY SILVERBELL WAS HEADING TO THE MARETIME BAY BAKE-OFF, WHERE SHE WAS THE FOUR-YEAR REIGNING CHAMPION."



"WHILE PANSY NEVER ARRIVED AT THE BAKE-OFF, WE LEARNED THAT SHE SPOKE WITH AT LEAST TWO OTHER PONIES WHILE SHE WAS EN ROUTE."

Pansy Silverbell

- LOVES: gardening, baking, street magic, soup.
- Friends describe her as "pretty cool" and "sure loves soup"
- Known enemies?...

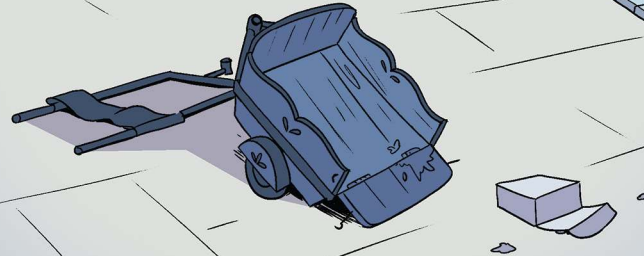


"PONIES WHO MAY JUST HAVE THE ANSWERS TO A MYSTERY NOPONY HAS BEEN ABLE TO CRACK."

"WHAT KEPT PANSY FROM ENTERING HER CUPCAKES? AND MORE CHILLINGLY ..."



"...WHY DID SHE DISAPPEAR THAT DAY, NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN?"



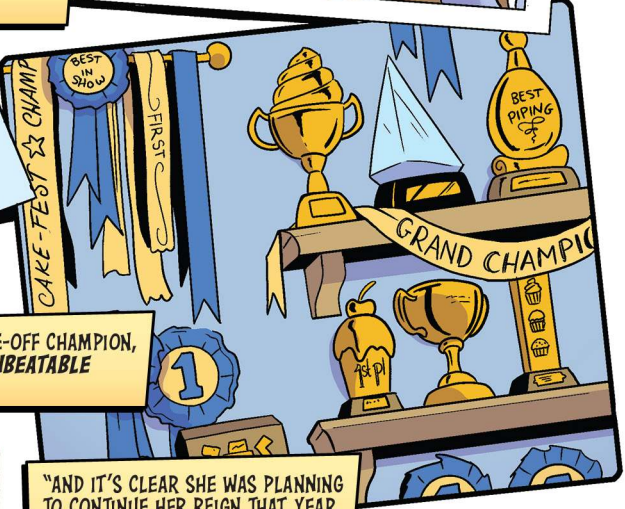
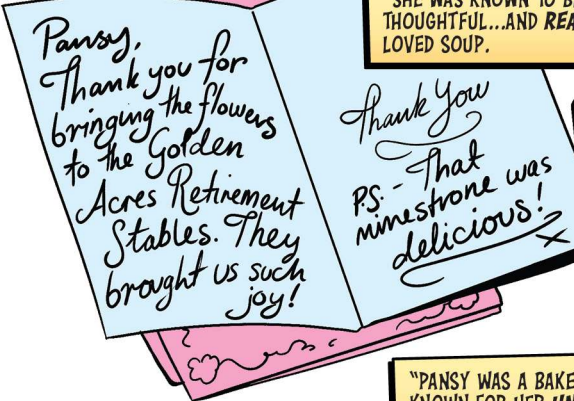


LET'S REFLECT ON WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE PONY AT THE HEART OF OUR STORY.

"PANSY STARTED A BAKING CLUB TO CONNECT ALL KINDS OF PONIES IN MARETIME BAY. SHE SPENT MOST OF HER TIME VOLUNTEERING."



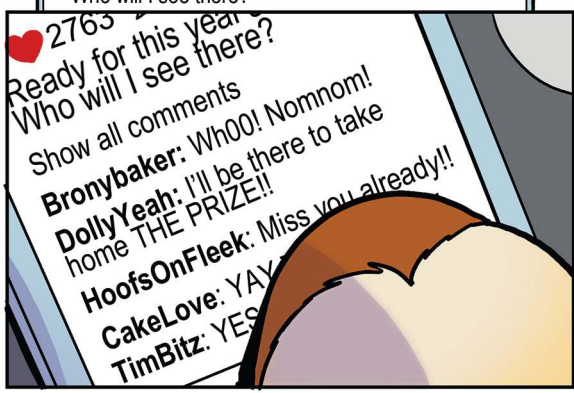
"SHE WAS KNOWN TO BE KIND, THOUGHTFUL...AND REALLY LOVED SOUP."



"PANSY WAS A BAKE-OFF CHAMPION, KNOWN FOR HER UNBEATABLE CUPCAKES."

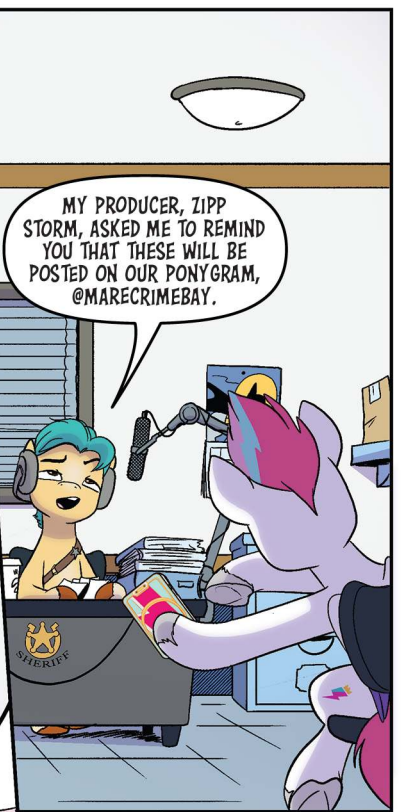
"AND IT'S CLEAR SHE WAS PLANNING TO CONTINUE HER REIGN THAT YEAR AS WELL...OR WAS SHE?"

"SEEMS LIKE PANSY MIGHT'VE HAD SOME RIVALRY, BUT WE HERE AT MARECRIME BAY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY THESE COMMENTERS."



COULD BE TROLLS OR COULD BE A CLUE.

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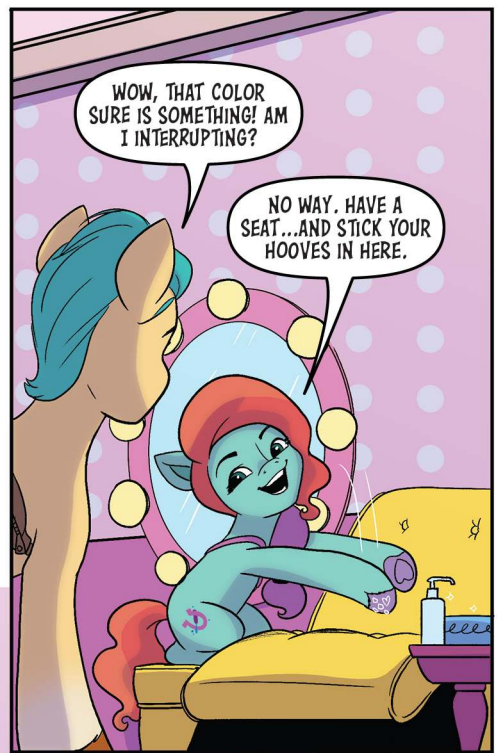


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"THESE CONFIRM THE TIMELINE BUT HAVE INTRODUCED SOMETHING CURIOUS."

"HIGH STAKES FOR A BAKE-OFF, AND POSSIBLY SOME TROUBLE IN PANSY'S PATH?!"





YOU MUST BE OFF YOUR SADDLE, ASKING ME ABOUT HER WHILE I'M AT WORK! THIS IS A SMALL TOWN, HITCH. PONIES GOSSIP.

ER, I'M SORRY, JAZZ. I DIDN'T MEAN TO--



TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW, WHERE YOU WERE, WHAT YOU SAW!

IS THAT WHAT I SOUND LIKE?



NO, YOU JUST CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE. PULL UP A BUCKET.

ARE THESE OFFICIAL QUESTIONS OR INFO FOR THE PODCAST?



HEH, BIG FAN?

AND NO, NOTHING OFFICIAL. I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED, AND SINCE YOU KNEW HER...



I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH I WANNA SAY. DOES THAT SOUND BAD?

SOUNDS LIKE YOU MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE...



I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE.

"THERE I WAS, JUST TAKING A WALK, ENJOYING THE DAY, RIGHT?"

"NOT A CARE IN THE WORLD! UNTIL..."

KRAK!

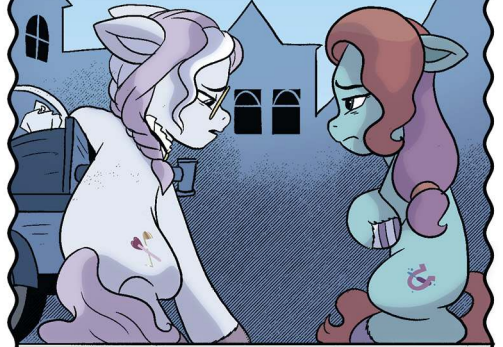
"...RAN RIGHT INTO HER! SHE WAS ON HER WAY TO THE BAKE-OFF."



"I HELPED HER LOAD UP THE WAGON, AND, UH... THAT WAS IT."



"HONESTLY, HITCH, THERE JUST ISN'T MUCH OF A STORY HERE."

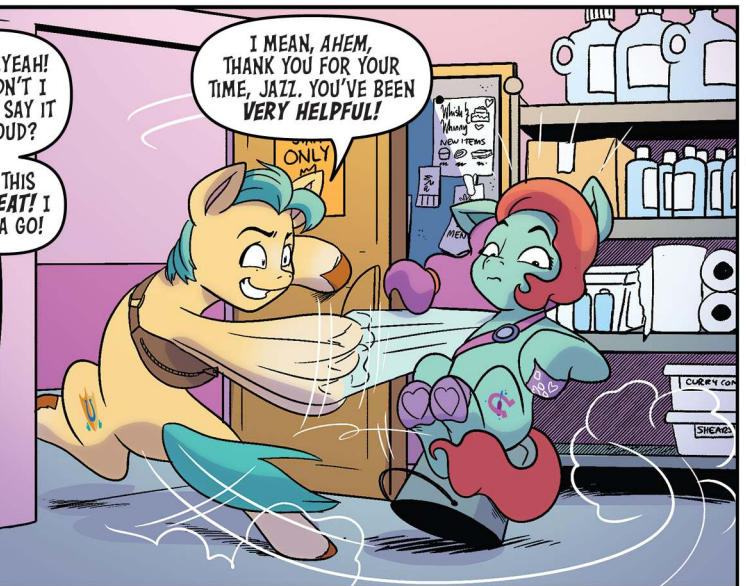


"WELL, THAT'S ALL VERY INTERESTING, JAZZ..."



"...BUT NONE OF IT EXPLAINS WHY YOU BOTH LOOK SO GRIM IN THIS PICTURE."







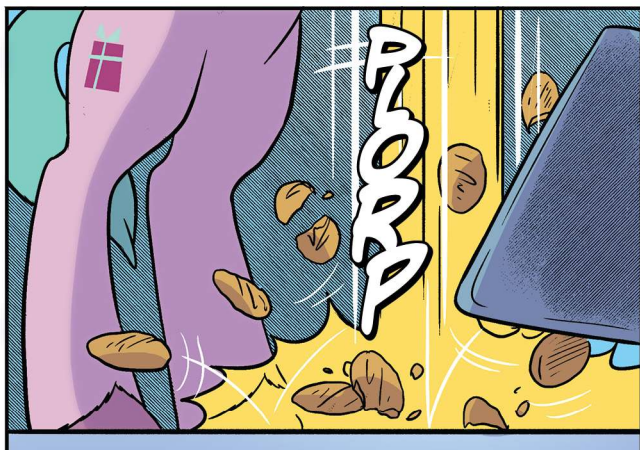
THANKS SO MUCH FOR AGREEING TO MEET WITH ME, DAHLIA. ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU'RE SO BUSY!

OH, THIS? NAH, JUST AN ORDER FOR THE MARETIME BAY BUNTERS FILLY LEAGUE.



TELL ME, DAHLIA, WERE YOU MAD WHEN YOU THREATENED PANSY ON PONYGRAM?

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POPP



OH, I WASN'T MAD, JUST COMPETITIVE! WANTED TO OPEN MY OWN BAKERY!

Y'KNOW, LIFELONG DREAM AND ALL.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU WANTED IT PRETTY BAD.



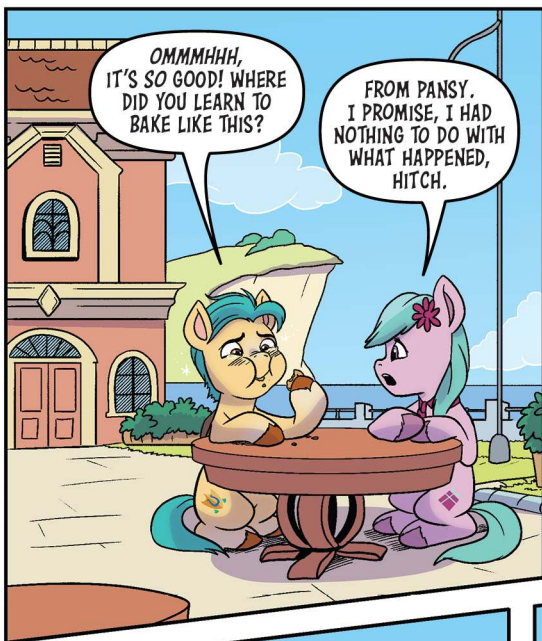
BAD ENOUGH TO MAKE PANSY SILVERBELL DISAPPEAR?!

ACK!

FLOUR FLO



START TALKING, AND IT BETTER BE GOOD.



MARETIME BAY

EPISODE 3

--BUT THEIR STORIES LEFT ME WITH MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS, WHICH LEADS ME INTO TODAY'S EPISODE.

ALTHOUGH MY HOEVES DO LOOK BETTER THAN EVER.

OUR STYLIST



Jazz Hooves



DAHLIA



food truck turf war? →

SOMETHING IS MISSING, AND I'M NOT SURE WHERE TO LOOK... SO IT'S BACK TO INVESTIGATING!

Maretime Bay BAKERY!

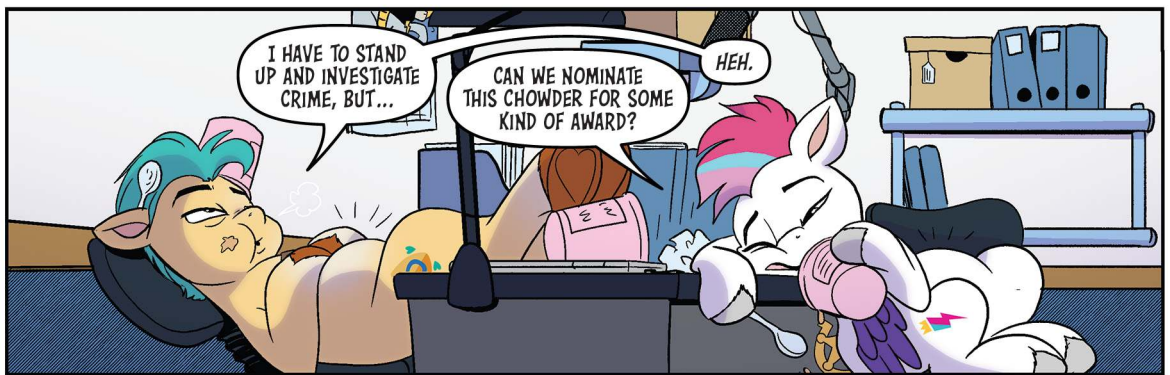
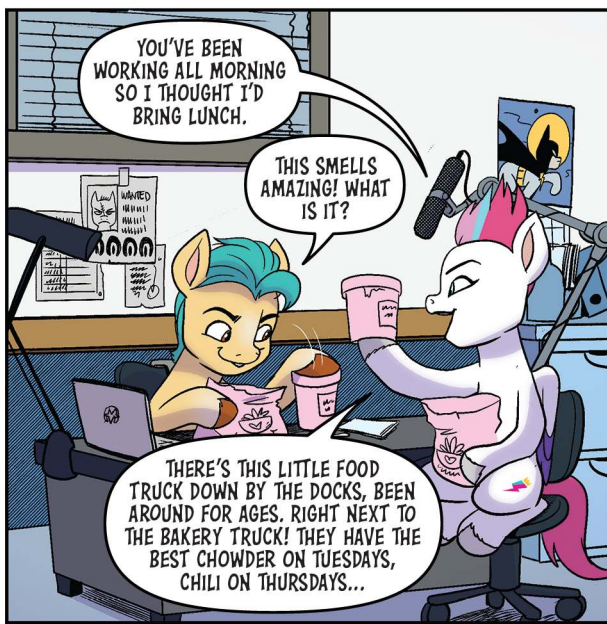
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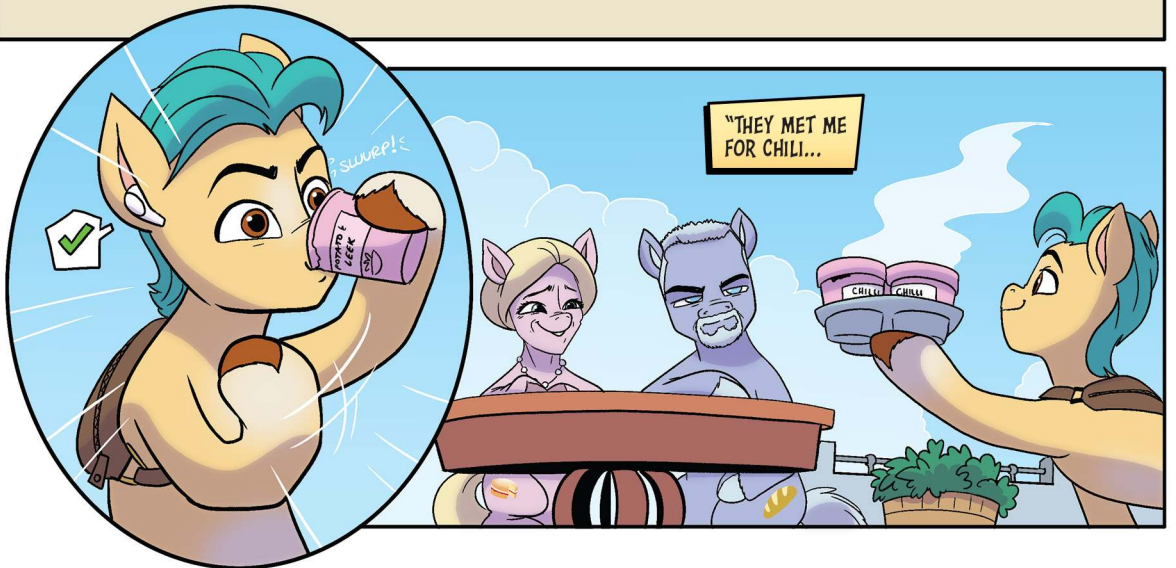
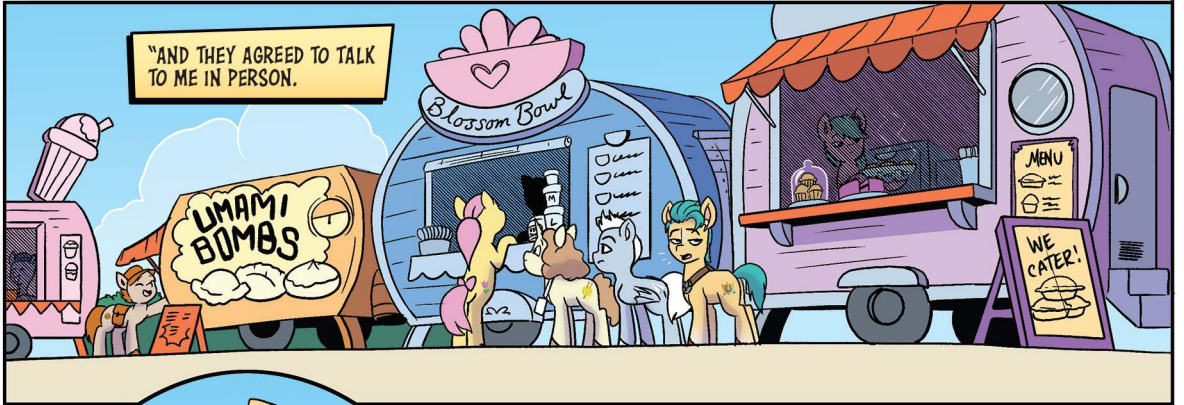
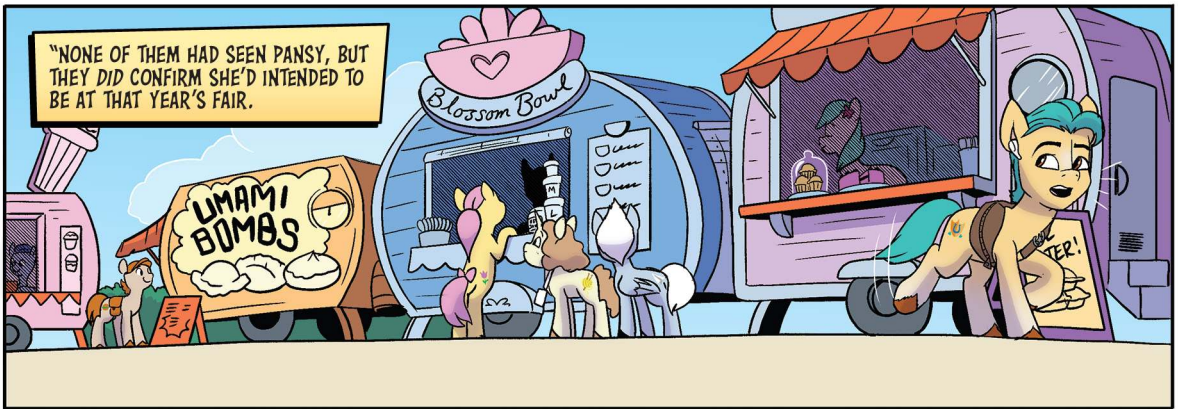


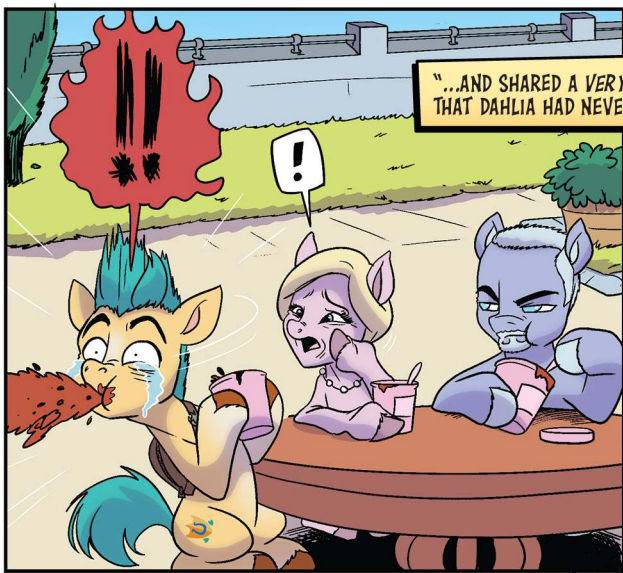
DON'T FORGET, SEND IN ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE, AND WE'LL CATCH YOU NEXT TIME!

END!
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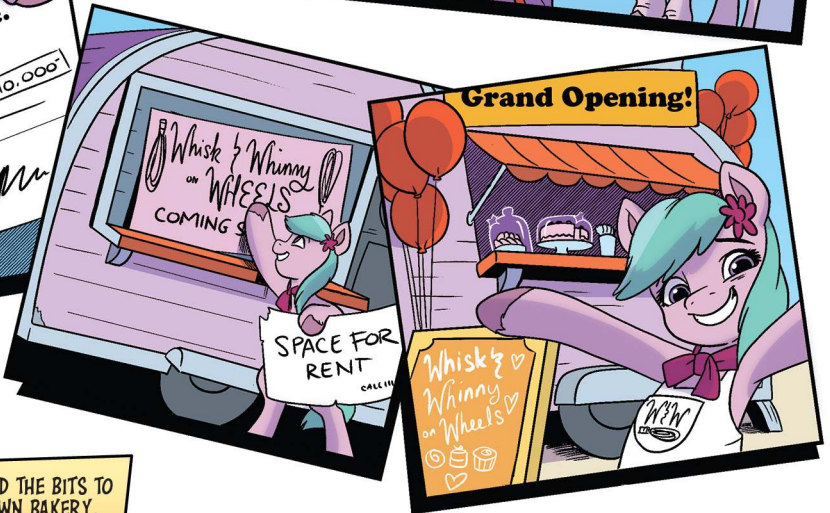
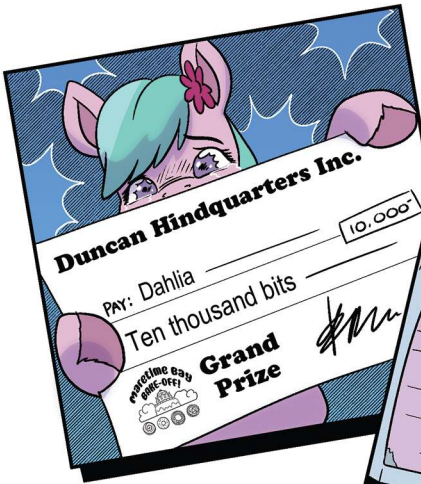




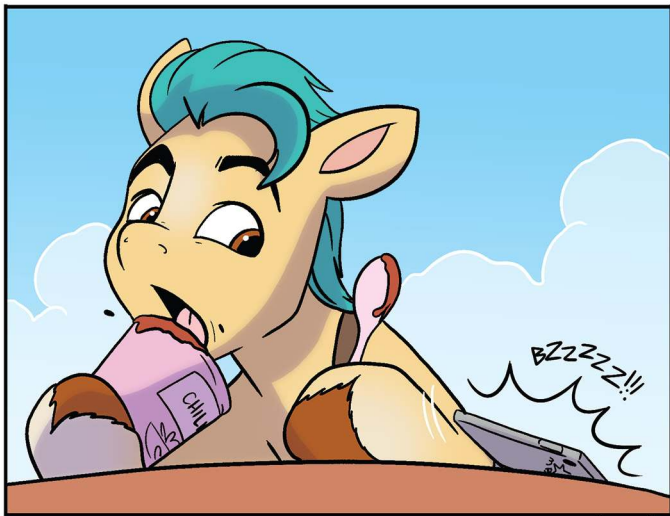
"...AND SHARED A VERY SPICY DETAIL THAT DAHLIA HAD NEVER MENTIONED."



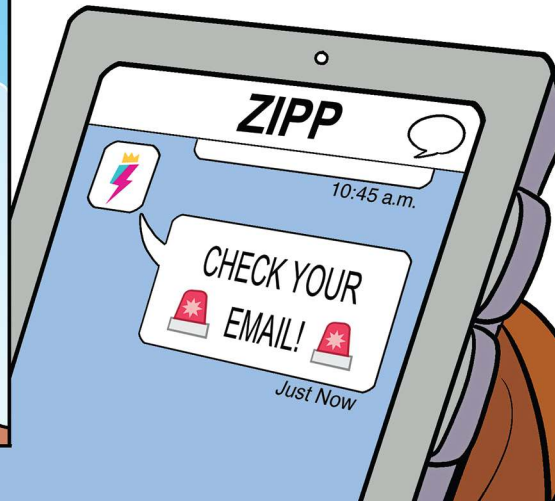
"SHE HAD WON THAT YEAR'S GRAND PRIZE..."



"...AND USED THE BITS TO OPEN HER OWN BAKERY."



"BUT BEFORE I COULD DIG INTO SECONDS, OR THIS NEW INFORMATION, ZIPP SHARED SOMETHING EXTREMELY INTERESTING."



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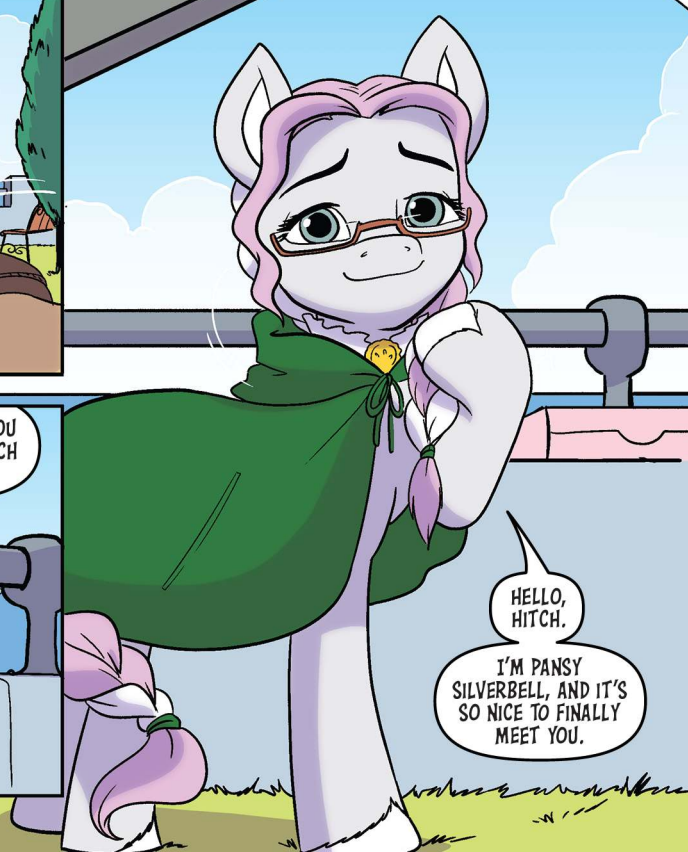
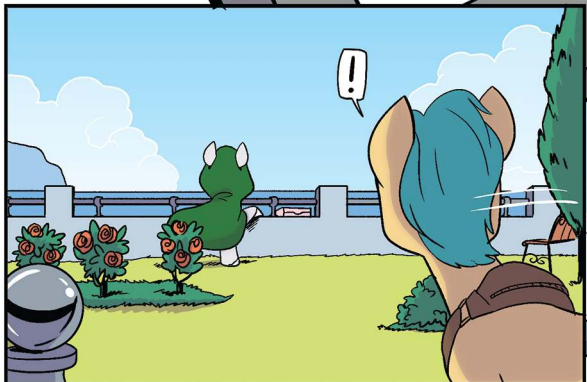
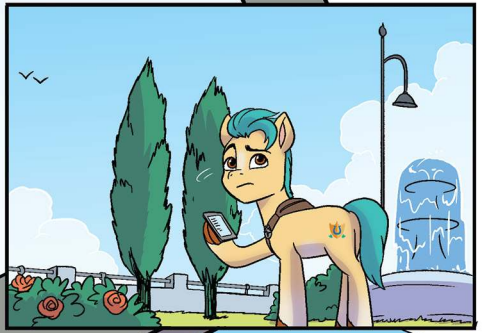
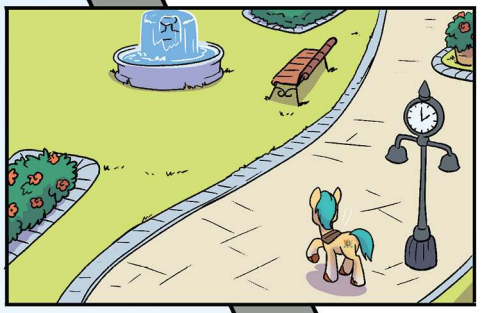
Dear Mr. Trailblazer,

I have been enjoying your podcast.
It's my first time ever listening to one!
I must say, I was a bit surprised to hear the
subject, since it's something quite close to my
heart.
I would like to tell you more, but I prefer to do
so face-to-face.

Could you meet me at the Maretime Bay
Docksides Park tomorrow around 2 p.m.?

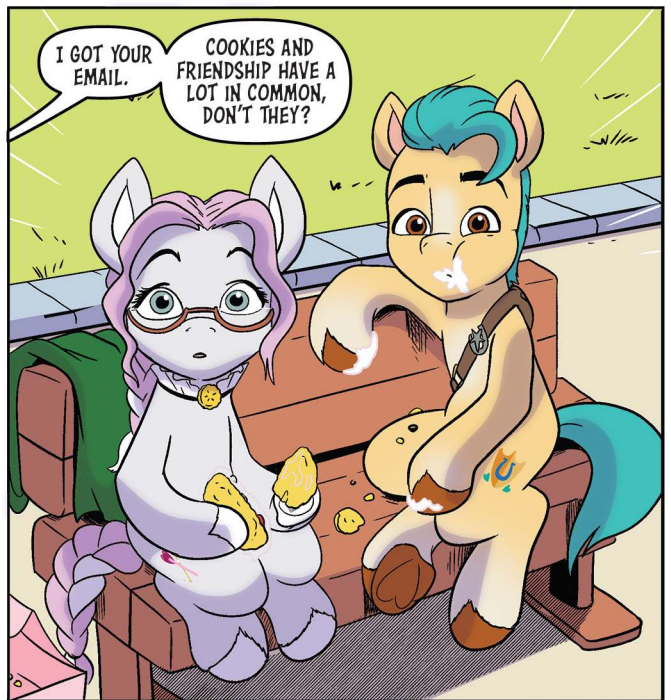
I'll be the pony in the green jacket.

-A Friend



HELLO, HITCH.

I'M PANSY SILVERBELL, AND IT'S SO NICE TO FINALLY MEET YOU.





I KNEW IT!



I NEVER MEANT TO RUN YOU OUT, PANSY.

OH, NEVER MIND ALL THAT! BESIDES, I DIDN'T GO VERY FAR.



HOW DID I MISS THIS? EVERYPONY KNEW THE SOUP THING!

ALL THIS TIME WE'VE BEEN NEIGHBORS?



HITCH, ALL THE INVESTIGATING YOU DID WAS SPOT ON. I JUST WASN'T READY TO BE FOUND YET.

IT TOOK JAZZY REACHING OUT, TELLING ME ABOUT THE PODCAST, AND TWISTING MY WITHERS TO SEND THAT EMAIL. I RAN INTO HER THE DAY I LEFT. SHE'S THE ONLY ONE FROM OUR CLUB WHO KNEW THE TRUTH.



THIS IS ONE OF MY FAVORITES. CREAM OF CARROT.



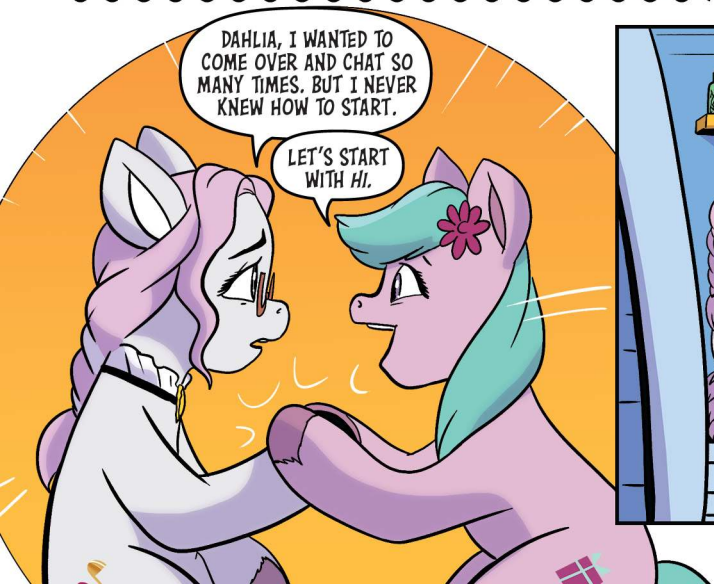
YOU TWO EAT, I'LL TALK.



"NOW LISTEN HERE...I KNOW I SHOULD'VE HANDLED THINGS BETTER, BUT I FELT TERRIBLY ABOUT HOW MY FRIENDS FELT."

"IT'S EVERYPONY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES THEY CAN BE, BUT IT SEEMED TO ME THAT SOME OF THEM DIDN'T THINK THEY COULD DO THAT WITH ME AROUND."

"SO I TOOK OFF FOR A BIT, THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME, AND CAME BACK QUIETLY, DOING THE THINGS I LOVED."



MARECRIME BAY

EPISODE 4

WELL, EVERYPONY, I MET WITH THE ANONYMOUS EMAILER AND I CAN CONFIRM THAT PANSY SILVERBELL IS JUST FINE.

SO THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE CAN CONSIDER THIS CASE CLOSED.

BUT OUT OF RESPECT TO THE PONIES INVOLVED, I AM GOING TO END OUR INVESTIGATION HERE.



"AS MUCH AS I WANTED TO UNCOVER ALL THE DETAILS, I FORGOT THE MOST BASIC RULE OF INVESTIGATIONS: THERE ARE MANY SIDES TO EVERY STORY."

"AND SOME SIDES PREFER TO REMAIN QUIET."

"WHAT I'D LIKE TO LEAVE Y'ALL WITH IS THIS: PANSY SILVERBELL WANTED TO PUT GOOD INTO THE WORLD, AND IF YOU LOOK AROUND, THERE'S PLENTY OF GOOD TO FIND."

"AND ON THAT, WE HERE AT MARECRIME BAY INTEND TO REMAIN JUST AS CURIOUS ABOUT OUR WORLD. WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE ANOTHER CASE WE'LL BE DIVING INTO VERY SOON! AND, LISTENERS? IT'S JUICY."

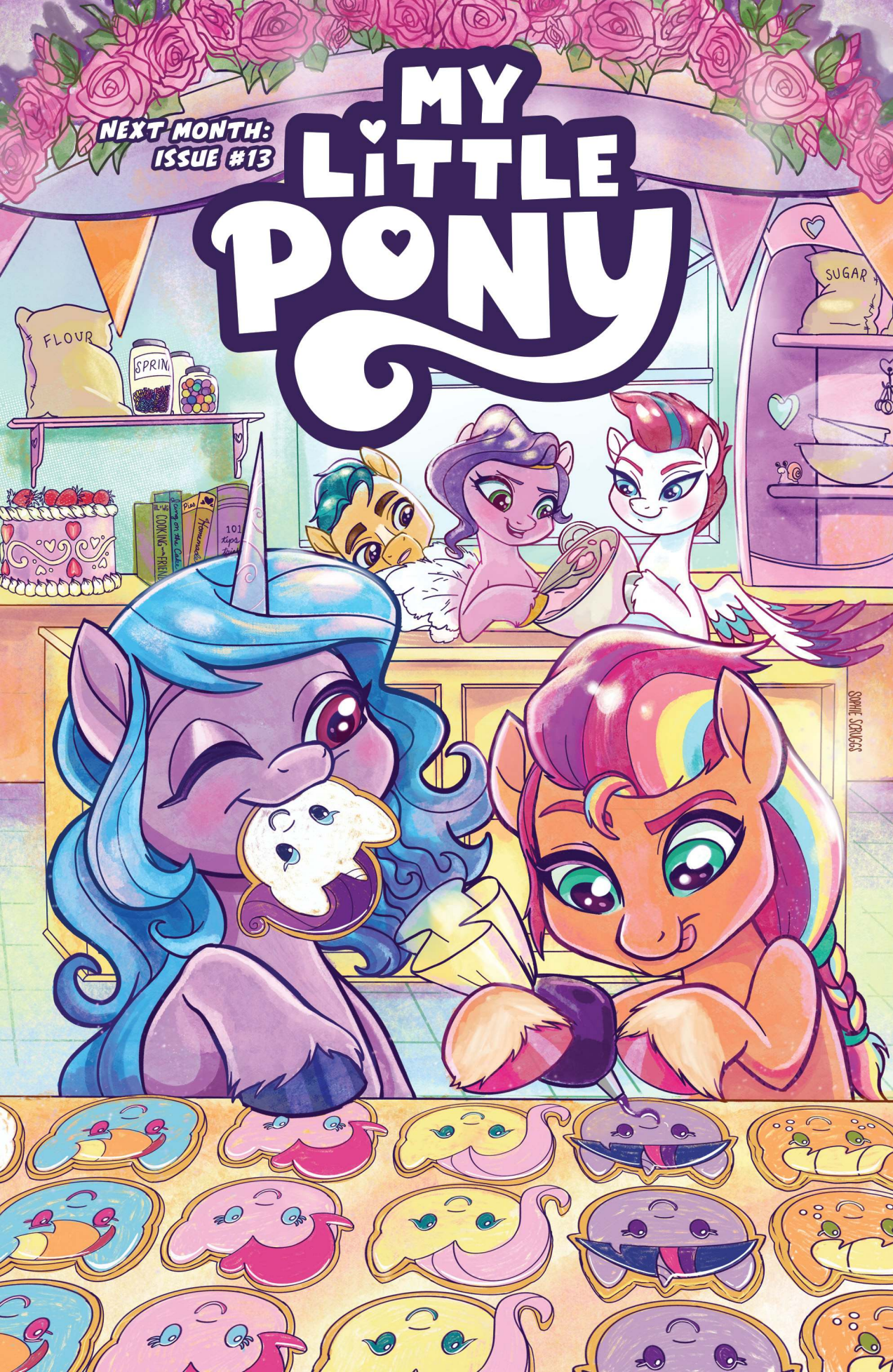
"SO, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING, AND BEFORE WE GO, WE'D LIKE TO THANK OUR FIRST AND NEWEST SPONSOR! BLOSSOM BOWL, LOCATED AT DOCKSIDE PARK, OPEN FOR BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER!"

UNTIL NEXT TIME!

The end!

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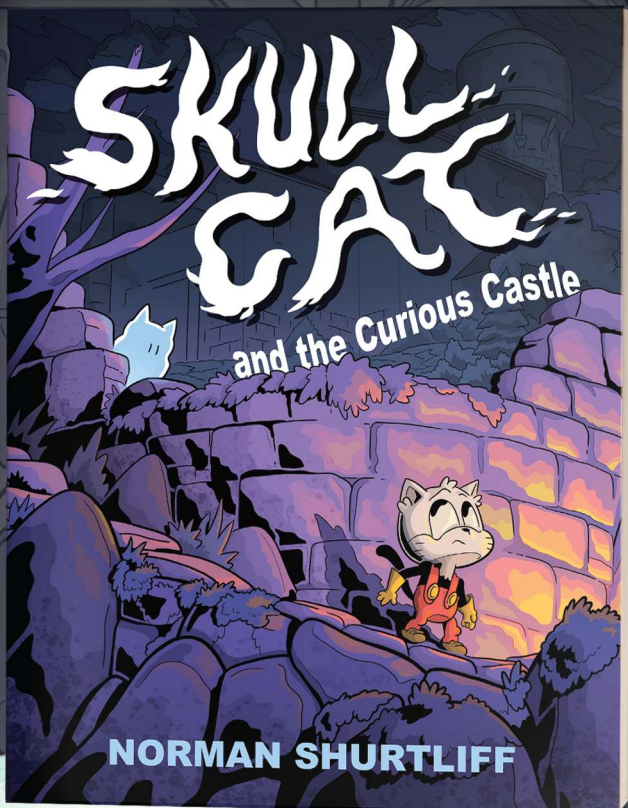
and the Curious Castle

"FINALLY, THE BIG EPIC ADVENTURE THAT EVERY LITTLE CAT DESERVES! NORMAN SHURTLIFF HAS A KNACK FOR WORLD-BUILDING THAT IS ENVIABLE."

—Jens K Styve
Creator of the comic strip *Dunce*

"A DELIGHTFUL BLEND OF CUTE, CREEPY, AND ABSURD. I'VE GOT A LOT OF TIME FOR SKULL CAT!"

—Cam Kendell
Illustrator of *Fart Quest*



IT'S *SCULLY CATTERSON'S* FIRST DAY AS THE NEW GARDEN-KEEPER AT A SPOOKY CASTLE...

BUT WHEN EVERYONE GOES MISSING, IS HE BRAVE ENOUGH TO BECOME A HERO?



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