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GOOD MORNING, EVERYCREATURE! TODAY'S LESSON NEEDS QUIET VOICES AND KIND HEARTS.

I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO TWO OF MY FRIENDS. THESE LITTLE UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE CUTIES ARE CALLED SHRIEK-YOWLS.

SHRIEK-YOWLS COME FROM WHITE TAIL WOODS. THEY ARE KNOWN FOR THREE VERY INTERESTING TRAITS.



ONE, THEIR PRIMARY DIET CONSISTS OF NIMBUS CLOUDS.

TWO, THEY ARE **EXTREMELY** SENSITIVE TO SOUND, PREFERRING CALM, SOOTHING TONES--

SHE LOOKS LIKE A SOGGY MARSHMALLOW.



SILVERSTREAM, OCELLUS, CARE TO SHARE WHAT'S MAKING YOU GIGGLE?

SHARING IS BORING.

YOUR OUTFIT IS THE JOKE. PROFESSOR BELLE WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DEAD WEARING THAT.



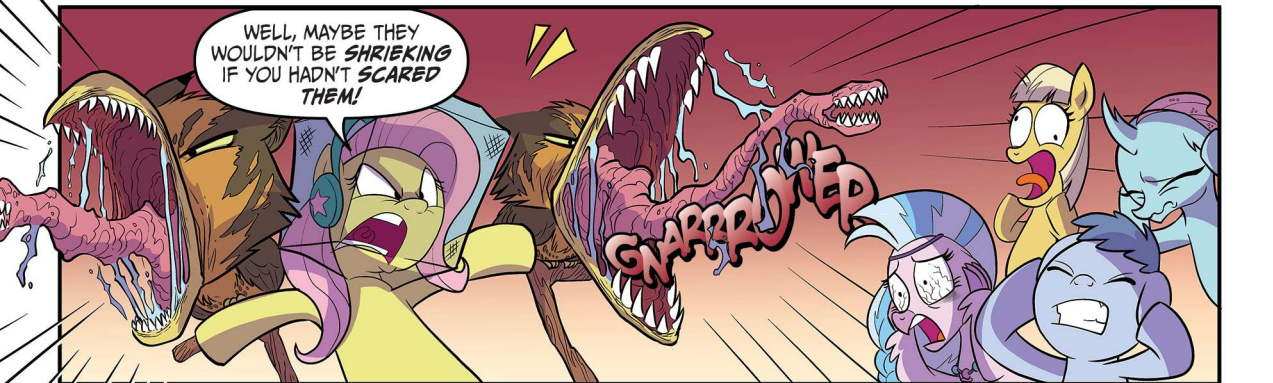
SHH, PLEASE!

WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?



I DON'T KNOW, BUT WE'D BETTER--

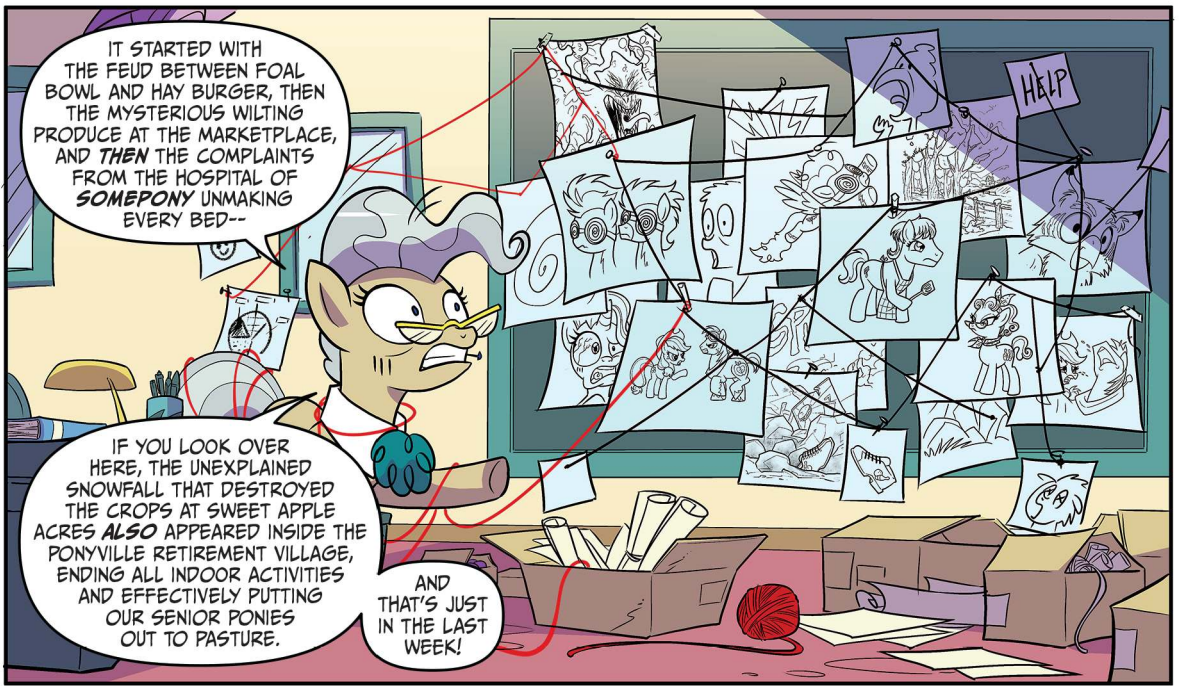
OH, THIS IS BAD.



WELL, MAYBE THEY WOULDN'T BE SHRIEKING IF YOU HADN'T SCARED THEM!

GNARRRRRR

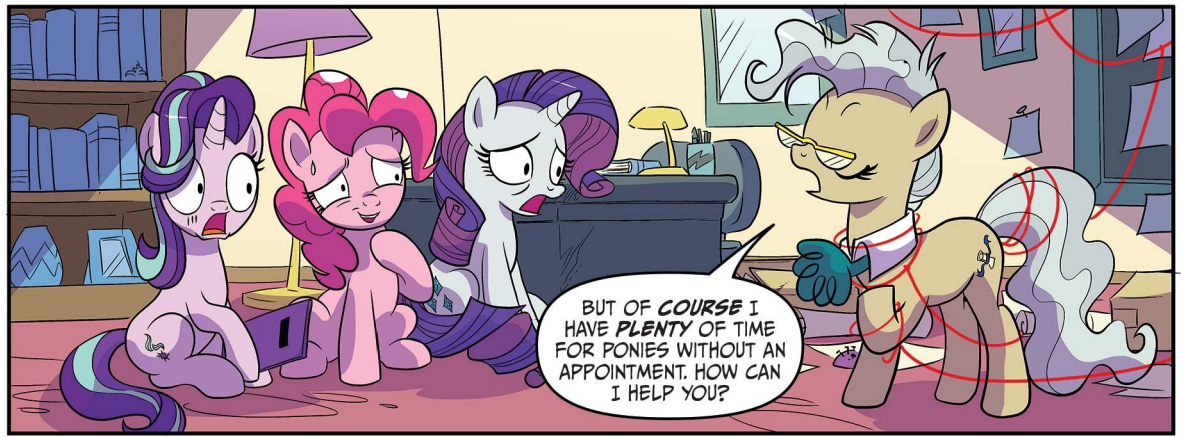




IT STARTED WITH THE FEUD BETWEEN FOAL BOWL AND HAY BURGER, THEN THE MYSTERIOUS WILTING PRODUCE AT THE MARKETPLACE, AND THEN THE COMPLAINTS FROM THE HOSPITAL OF **SOME**PONY UNMAKING EVERY BED--

IF YOU LOOK OVER HERE, THE UNEXPLAINED SNOWFALL THAT DESTROYED THE CROPS AT SWEET APPLE ACRES **ALSO** APPEARED INSIDE THE PONYVILLE RETIREMENT VILLAGE, ENDING ALL INDOOR ACTIVITIES AND EFFECTIVELY PUTTING OUR SENIOR PONIES OUT TO PASTURE.

AND THAT'S JUST IN THE LAST WEEK!



BUT OF **COURSE** I HAVE **PLEN**TY OF TIME FOR PONIES WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT. HOW CAN I HELP YOU?



AFTER HEARING WHAT'S BEEN HEAPED INTO YOUR FEEDBAG, MAYBE WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER? THERE'S SOMETHING **WRONG** IN PONYVILLE.

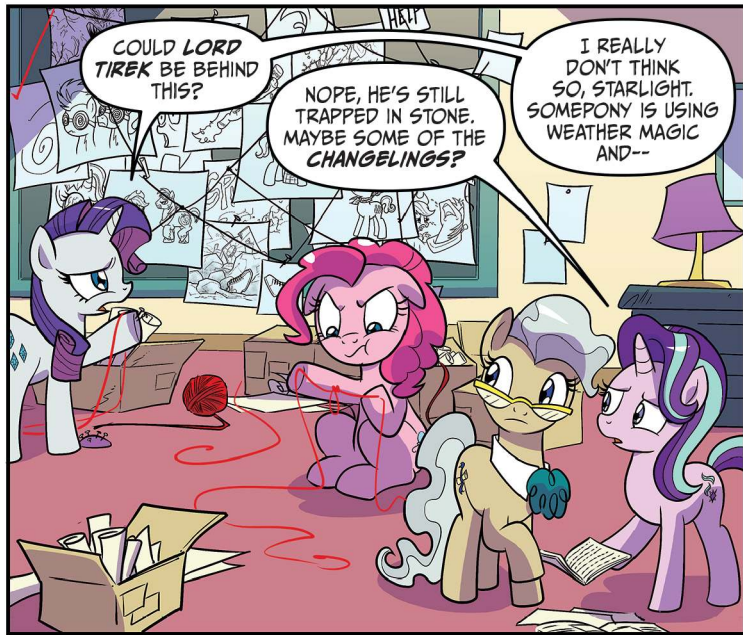
OH? I'M INTRIGUED.



AS YOU CAN SEE, THINGS AT THE SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP **HAVEN'T** BEEN ALL DONUTS AND SPRINKLES.



Get comfortable, it's gonna take the mayor a while to get caught up!





MAH NAME'S APPLEJACK, AND I SURE WOULD LIKE A ROTTEN APPLE TO THE FACE!

COMING RIGHT UP, HAYSEED. THIS ONE'S FOR MOM!

ANOTHER DIRECT HIT. YOU'RE UP, SLUGGER.

LOOKS LIKE RARITY'S ABOUT TO HAVE A REAL BAD MANE DAY.

KICK

SLUGGER



HALFTIME!

THAT'S IN FOOTBALL, NERD.



WE NEEDED THIS. A NICE LITTLE CELEBRATION TO REWARD OURSELVES FOR THE EPIC HAVOC OUR S'MONIES ARE CAUSING.

TRENCH'S LAST REPORT SAID PONY-TO-PONY INTERACTION IS DOWN BY 45%. THAT'S APPROACHING MAJOR BUMMER TERRITORY.



A TOAST!

TO MY WICKED, WITTY COUSIN FOR MOLDING THREE OF THE BADDEST--

UGH! WHAT NOW, TRENCH?



THEY'RE PLANNING WHAT?!



LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT.

BLACK BELLE, SHADOW STORM, AND VIOLET SHIVER HAVE GOTTEN PONYVILLE'S WITHERS IN *SUCH* A TWIST THAT THEIR SOLUTION IS TO...

...THROW A PARTY?



THAT'S EITHER THE *SMARTEST* OR THE *DUMBEST* THING I'VE EVER HEARD.

I VOTE FOR DUMBEST.

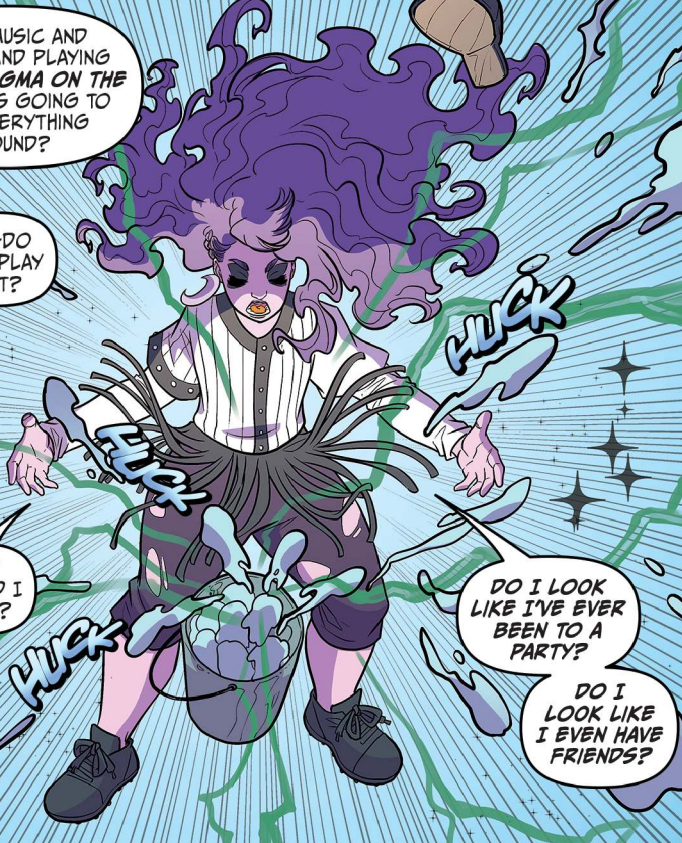


I MEAN, WHAT DO THEY THINK? THAT YOU CAN FIX PROBLEMS JUST LIKE THAT?

SOME MUSIC AND DANCING AND PLAYING *PIN THE MAGMA ON THE VILLAGE* IS GOING TO TURN EVERYTHING AROUND?

DO--DO THEY PLAY THAT?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW?



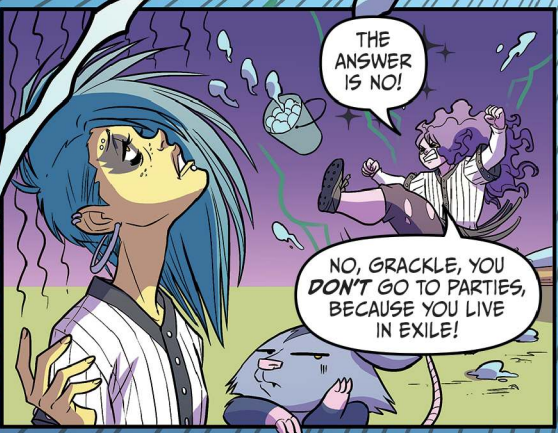
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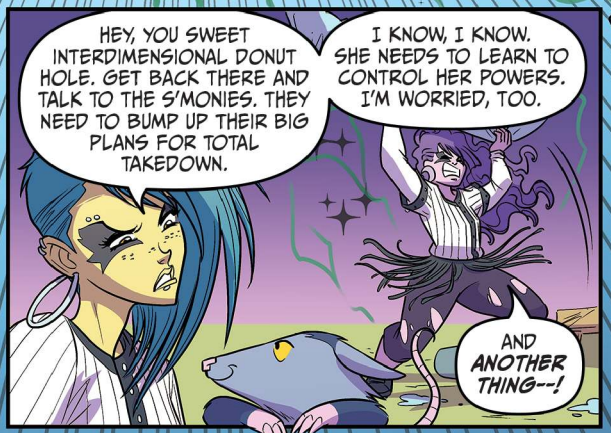
DO I LOOK LIKE I'VE EVER BEEN TO A PARTY?

DO I LOOK LIKE I EVEN HAVE FRIENDS?



THE ANSWER IS NO!

NO, GRACKLE, YOU *DON'T* GO TO PARTIES, BECAUSE YOU LIVE IN EXILE!



HEY, YOU SWEET INTERDIMENSIONAL DONUT HOLE. GET BACK THERE AND TALK TO THE S'MONIES. THEY NEED TO BUMP UP THEIR BIG PLANS FOR TOTAL TAKEDOWN.

I KNOW, I KNOW. SHE NEEDS TO LEARN TO CONTROL HER POWERS. I'M WORRIED, TOO.

AND ANOTHER THING--!



≡SQUEAL≡

THEY'RE SO TEENY, TINY, AND TASTY-LOOKING! THANK YOU, MRS. CAKE. I'M SO GLAD YOU VOLUNTEERED FOR SNACK DUTY.



EVERYTHING IS READY EXCEPT FOR THE DECORATIONS. THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, DASH.

LOCATION OF CASTLE

THEME BESTIE FESTE

GIFT BAGS CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE

INVITATIONS SPIKE

REFRESHMENTS SUGAR CUBE CORNER

DECORATIONS ???



ME? I COULDN'T DECORATE MY WAY OUT OF A NOSEDIVE.

BUT YOU DID SUCH A GOOD JOB HELPING TWILIGHT REDO THE CASTLE!

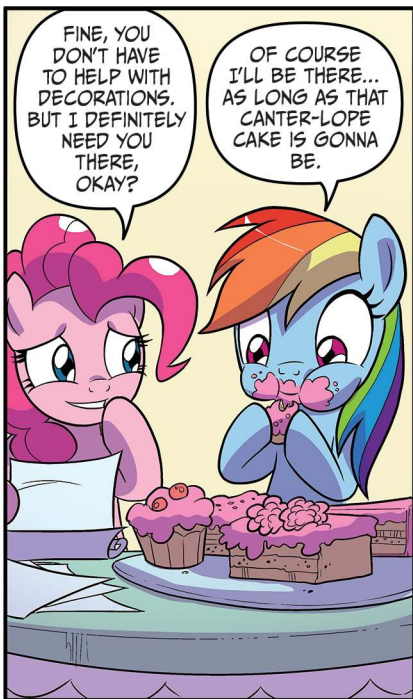
I HUNG UP A FEW POSTERS IN THE LIBRARY! THAT'S HARDLY DECORATING.



THEY'RE DISCUSSING THEIR COUNTERSTRIKE, THE PARTY OUR MASTERS SPOKE OF.

THAT'S A LOT OF CHECKLISTS. I THOUGHT PARTIES WERE FUN...?

ONE OF US NEEDS TO INFILTRATE.



FINE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO HELP WITH DECORATIONS. BUT I DEFINITELY NEED YOU THERE, OKAY?

OF COURSE I'LL BE THERE... AS LONG AS THAT CANTER-LOPE CAKE IS GONNA BE.

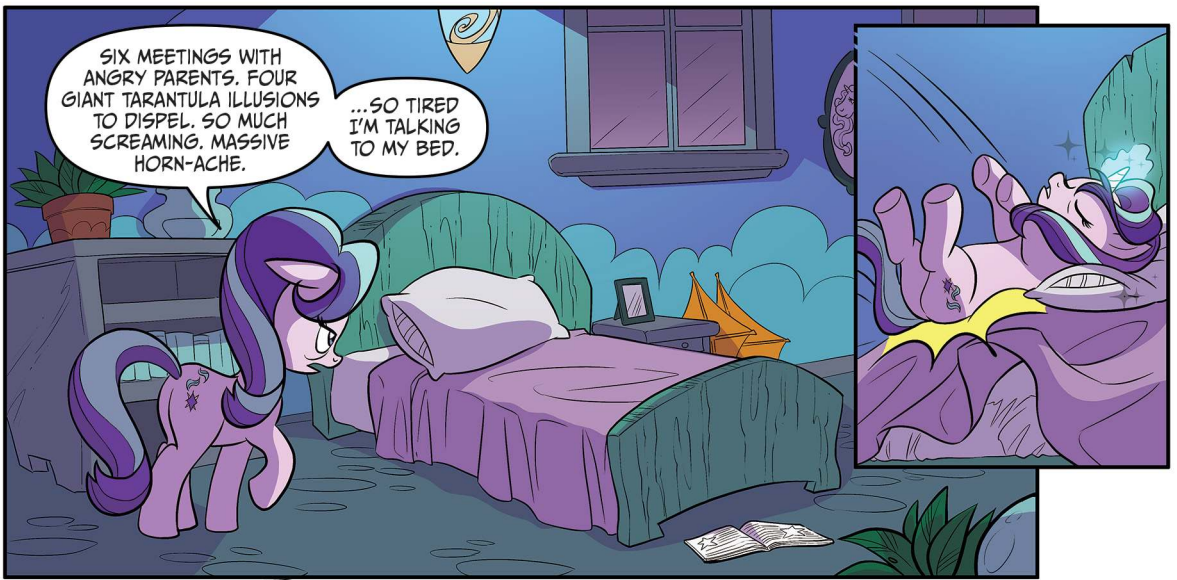


THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOBLE SACRIFICE!

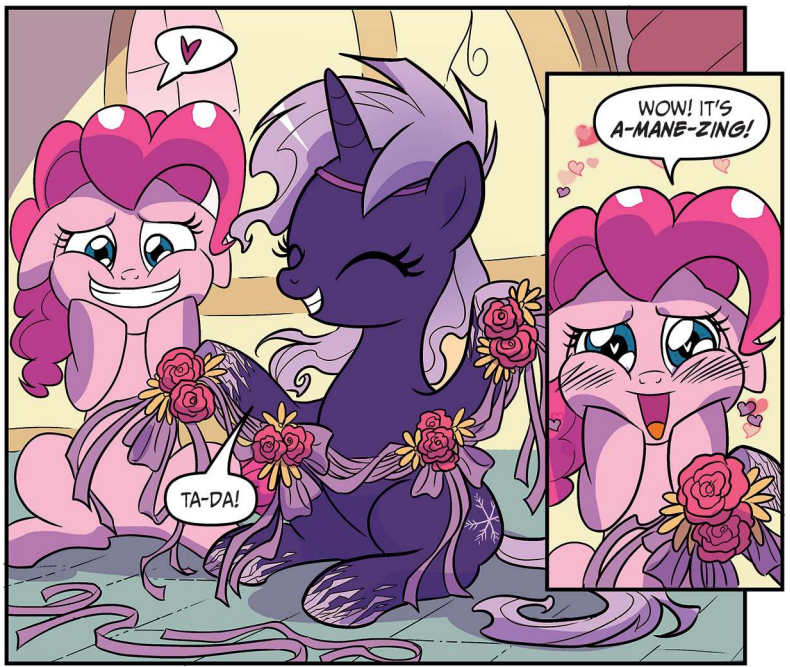


VIOLET SHIVER! IT'S SO NICE TO SEE YOU! ARE YOU SIGNING UP FOR THE DECORATIONS COMMITTEE?

THERE'S NOTHING I'D RATHER DO.









PINKIE, DOES ANYTHING SEEM WEIRD ABOUT THOSE STREAMERS?

IF BY WEIRD YOU MEAN BEAUTIFUL AND INSPIRED! SHE'S A DIY-WONDER.

I DUNNO, SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT. ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING?



ACTUALLY, TWI, I DID NOTICE SOMETHING.

I NOTICED A SHY PONY FINDING JOY IN LEARNING SOMETHING NEW.

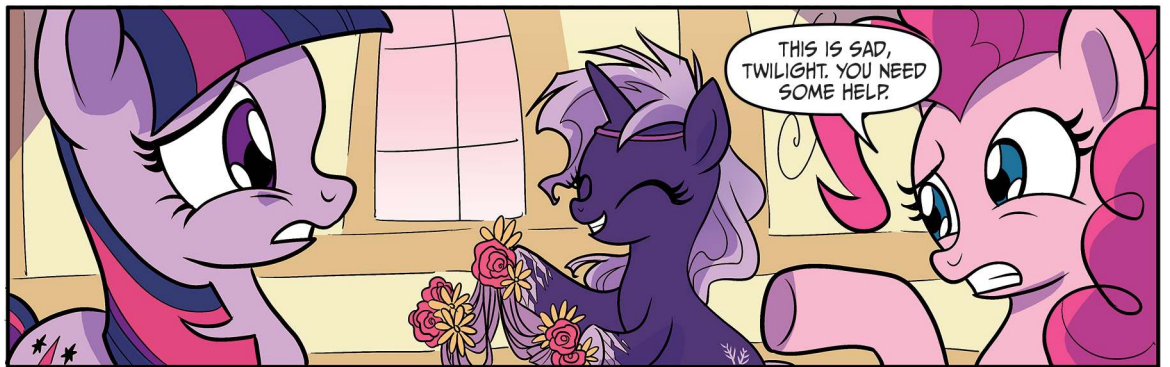


JUST BECAUSE SOME PONY ENJOYS GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THEIR CREATIVE SIDE DOESN'T MAKE THEM WEIRD.



YOU WEREN'T ALWAYS PERFECT, Y'KNOW, AND I GAVE YOU A CHANCE, JUST LIKE I'M DOING WITH VIOLET.

PINKIE, JUST TURN AROUND AND LOOK!



THIS IS SAD, TWILIGHT. YOU NEED SOME HELP.



YOU'RE RIGHT. I DO NEED SOME HELP. CAN YOU MEET ME IN THE WOODS TONIGHT?

AND BRING SOME OF THOSE STREAMERS.

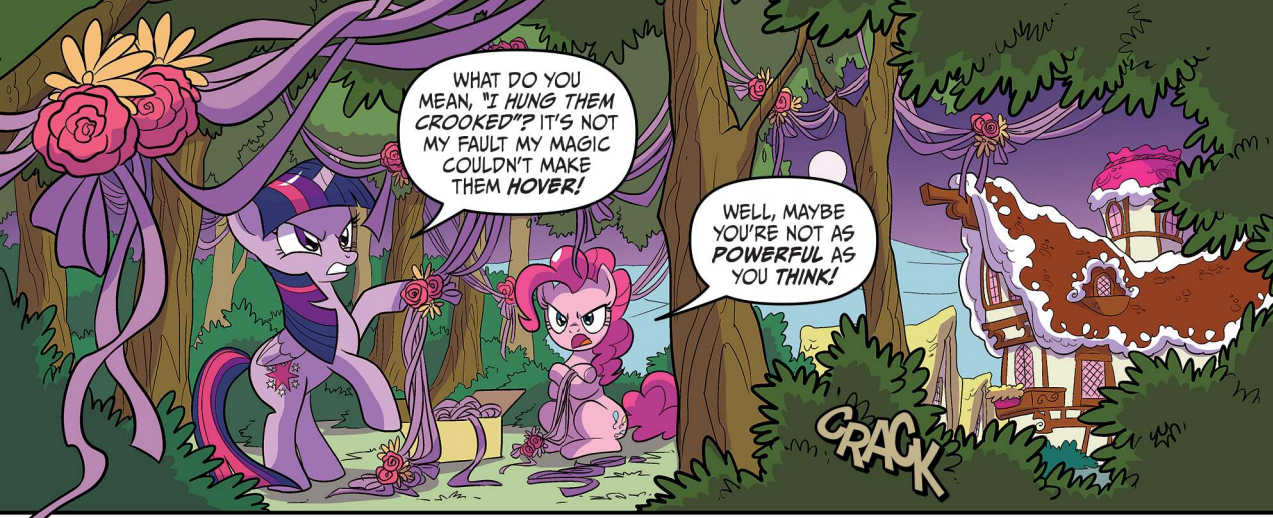
THIS IS GETTING SILLY--



PLEASE, PINKIE? I'M GOING TO INVITE AN OBJECTIVE FRIEND TO CHECK THEM OUT, AND IF I'M WRONG...

YOU'LL SAY SORRY AND TRY TO GET TO KNOW VIOLET?

I PROMISE! AND TRUST ME, I HOPE I'M WRONG.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "I HUNG THEM CROOKED"? IT'S NOT MY FAULT MY MAGIC COULDN'T MAKE THEM HOVER!

WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE NOT AS POWERFUL AS YOU THINK!

CRACK



WHA--WHO'S THERE?

I BET IT'S ALIENS.

LOOK AT HOW FANCY, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR DECOR-A--



--IT'S ONLY ME, YOUR GOOD FRIEND ZECORA.

PHEW!



I CAME WHEN YOU CALLED, I RUSHED ON THE DOUBLE. NOW TELL ME PONIES, ARE **THESE** THE SOURCE OF YOUR TROUBLE?

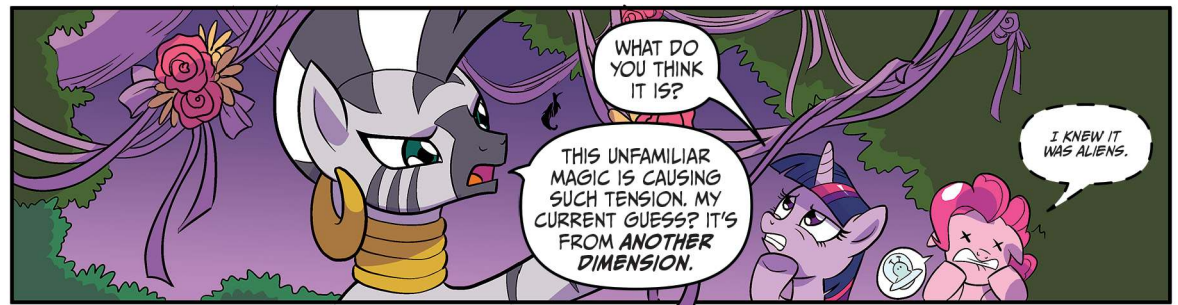
I THINK SO. THEY WERE MADE WITH SOME TYPE OF MAGIC I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE. IT GAVE ME A TERRIBLE FEELING, AND I DON'T THINK MY OWN MAGIC CAN AFFECT IT.



TRY AS YOU MIGHT, YOUR POWERS WON'T BITE ME. PLEASED TO MEET YOU, I'M ZECORA THE MIGHTY.

I SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING, SUCH A CLEVER-MEAN TRICK. I'LL DISCOVER YOUR SECRETS--

PINKIE PIE, PLEASE PASS ME A STICK.



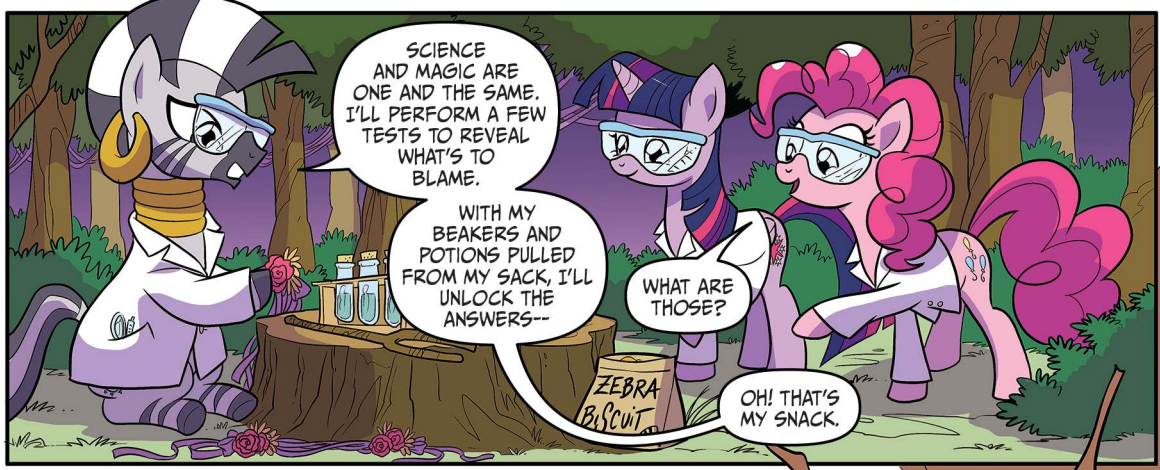
WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS?

THIS UNFAMILIAR MAGIC IS CAUSING SUCH TENSION. MY CURRENT GUESS? IT'S FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION.

I KNEW IT WAS ALIENS.



LET'S RUN SOME TESTS TO SEE HOW THIS IS CURSED--BUT BEFORE WE DO, SAFETY COMES FIRST.

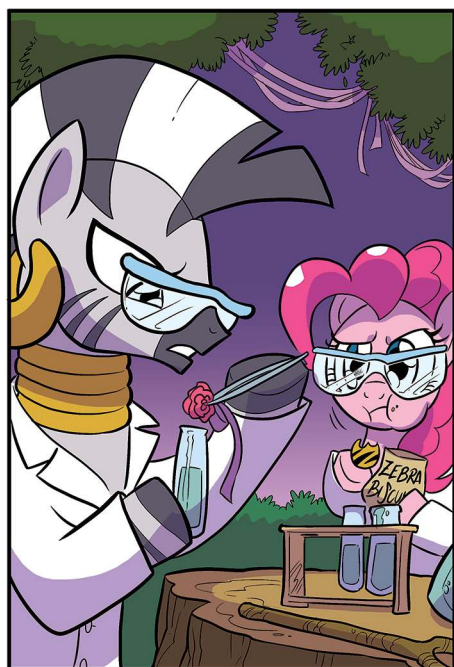


SCIENCE AND MAGIC ARE ONE AND THE SAME. I'LL PERFORM A FEW TESTS TO REVEAL WHAT'S TO BLAME.

WITH MY BEAKERS AND POTIONS PULLED FROM MY SACK, I'LL UNLOCK THE ANSWERS--

WHAT ARE THOSE?

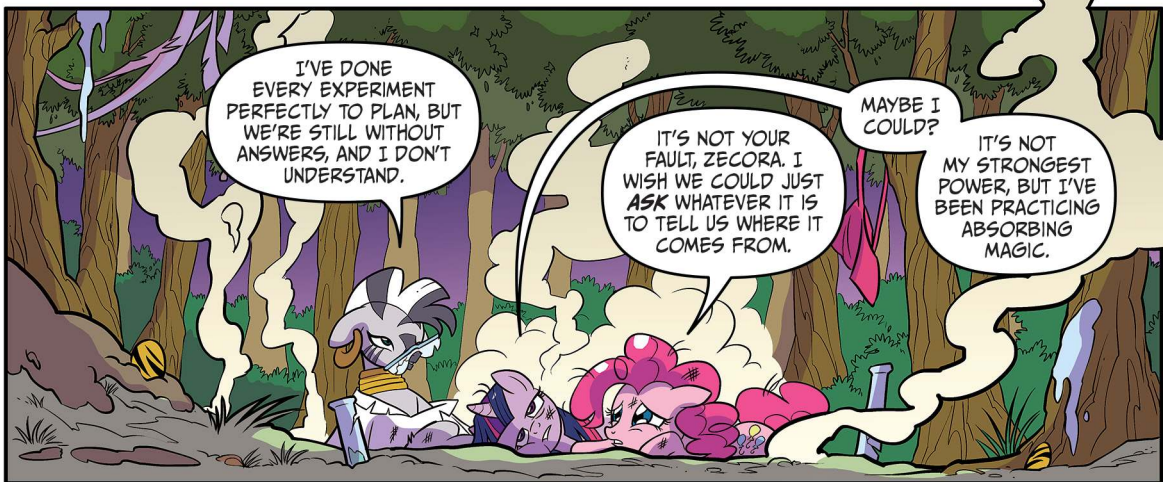
OH! THAT'S MY SNACK.



HMM. THAT'S TWO DOWN WITH ONE LEFT TO GO. HOOVES CROSSED THAT IT DOESN'T--

--BLOW.

COUGH
COUGH



I'VE DONE EVERY EXPERIMENT PERFECTLY TO PLAN, BUT WE'RE STILL WITHOUT ANSWERS, AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, ZECORA. I WISH WE COULD JUST ASK WHATEVER IT IS TO TELL US WHERE IT COMES FROM.

MAYBE I COULD?

IT'S NOT MY STRONGEST POWER, BUT I'VE BEEN PRACTICING ABSORBING MAGIC.



I'M LEARNING TO TELL WHERE DIFFERENT MAGIC COMES FROM, HOW IT WORKS.

BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY YOUR POWERS DIDN'T WORK BEFORE? I DON'T REMEMBER YOU EVEN TRYING!

JUST BEFORE ZECORA CAME. I... NOW I'M CONFUSED.



PINKIE, DO YOU REMEMBER WHY WE WERE ARGUING EARLIER?

BECAUSE... UH... HMM. HUH, I GUESS I DON'T!

NEITHER DO I.



YEAH, IT'S LIKE A FOG...

AN ANGRY FOG WHERE I WAS SO MAD I WANTED TO HOOF YOU UPSIDE THE MANE FOR HANGING THE STREAMERS CROOKED-- SAHEM!



I'M FINE NOW.



THAT'S IT! WE WEREN'T ARGUING UNTIL WE TOUCHED THE STREAMERS!

WHAT IF THIS IS WHAT'S AFFECTING PONYVILLE?

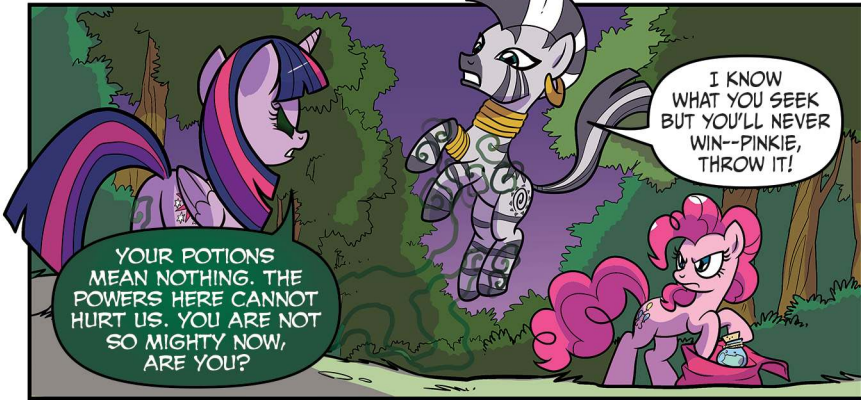
I DON'T MEAN TO CAUSE ANY ALARM, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE ARE DEALING WITH--IT COULD CAUSE YOU HARM.

I HAVE TO TRY. WHAT IF VIOLET SHIVER HAS GOTTEN INTO SOMETHING DANGEROUS? I NEED TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO HELP.




GRAB THOSE STREAMERS. IT'S TIME TO PARTY.









BUT IF OUR MAGIC CAN'T STOP IT, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? THE WATER DIDN'T ACTUALLY HURT IT, IT JUST WASHED IT OFF TWILIGHT SO IT COULDN'T MAKE HER BONKERS ANYMORE.

I THINK I HAVE FOUND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR. FINISH YOUR COOKIES AND I'LL TELL YOU MORE.

HERE, LOOK-- THERE IS A POTION RECIPE MEANT TO UNCOVER THE WEAKNESS OF ONE'S ENEMY.

WITH THE SAMPLES I TOOK AND AN OLD BRASS LOCK, WE WILL OPEN A DOORWAY THROUGH WHICH YOU CAN WALK.

IT WILL LEAD YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO THE PLACE OF THE POWER NEEDED TO MAKE THAT NASTY SMOOZE COWER.

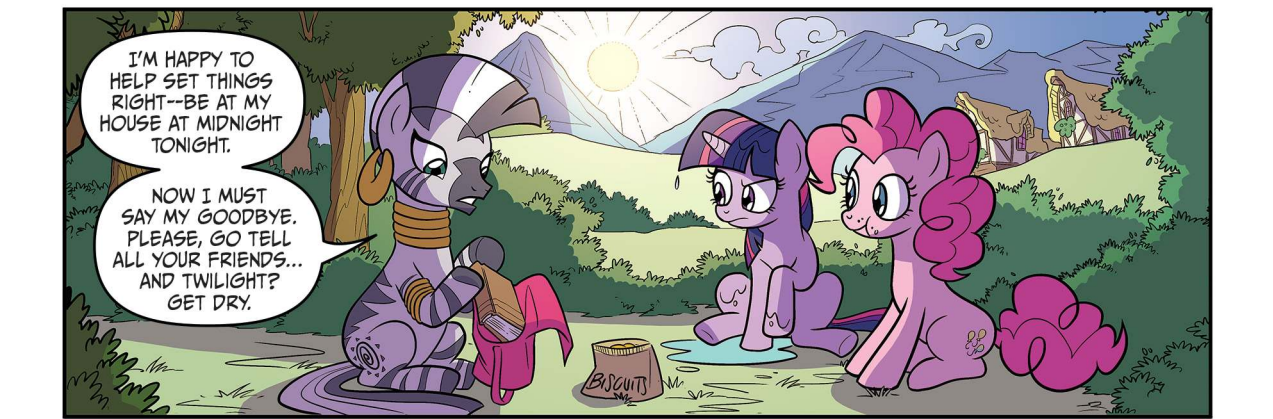


THIS WORLD WILL BE LIKE OURS BUT DIFFERENT. *THEIR* MAGIC CAN FIGHT IT, *THEIR* MAGIC CAN FIX IT.

IN ORDER TO TRAVEL TO THIS OTHER DIMENSION, BRING SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS AND COURAGEOUS INTENTIONS.



I JUST HAPPEN TO KNOW THE BRAVEST PONIES IN THIS DIMENSION OR ANY OTHER. THANK YOU, ZECORA.



I'M HAPPY TO HELP SET THINGS RIGHT--BE AT MY HOUSE AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT.

NOW I MUST SAY MY GOODBYE. PLEASE, GO TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS... AND TWILIGHT? GET DRY.

ZECORA'S HOUSE.
MIDNIGHT.

I'LL JUST SAY
WHAT WE'RE ALL
THINKING.

THIS IS
CREEPY.

ZECORA IS HELPING
US, AND FROM WHAT I'VE
HEARD, IF YOU THINK *THIS*
IS CREEPY, MAYBE YOU AREN'T
UP FOR WHAT COMES
NEXT.

I'M UP FOR
ANYTHING.

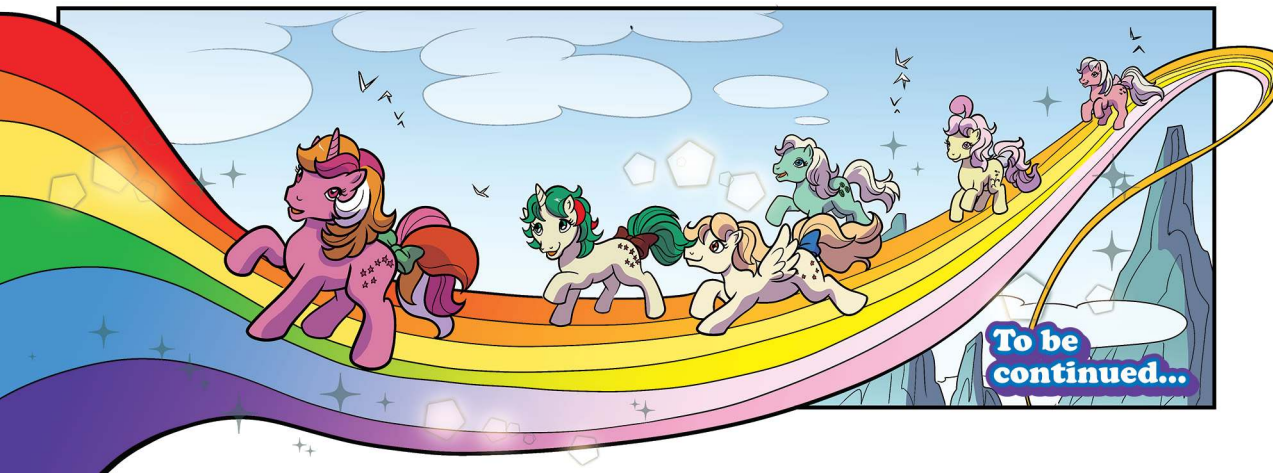
RAINBOW DASH, I HOPE
THAT IS TRUE, FOR NOW
WE HAVE A POTION
TO BREW.

GATHER ROUND, THE
POTION IS JUST ABOUT
READY. DASH, HANG THIS
LOCK ON THE TREE AND
BE STEADY.

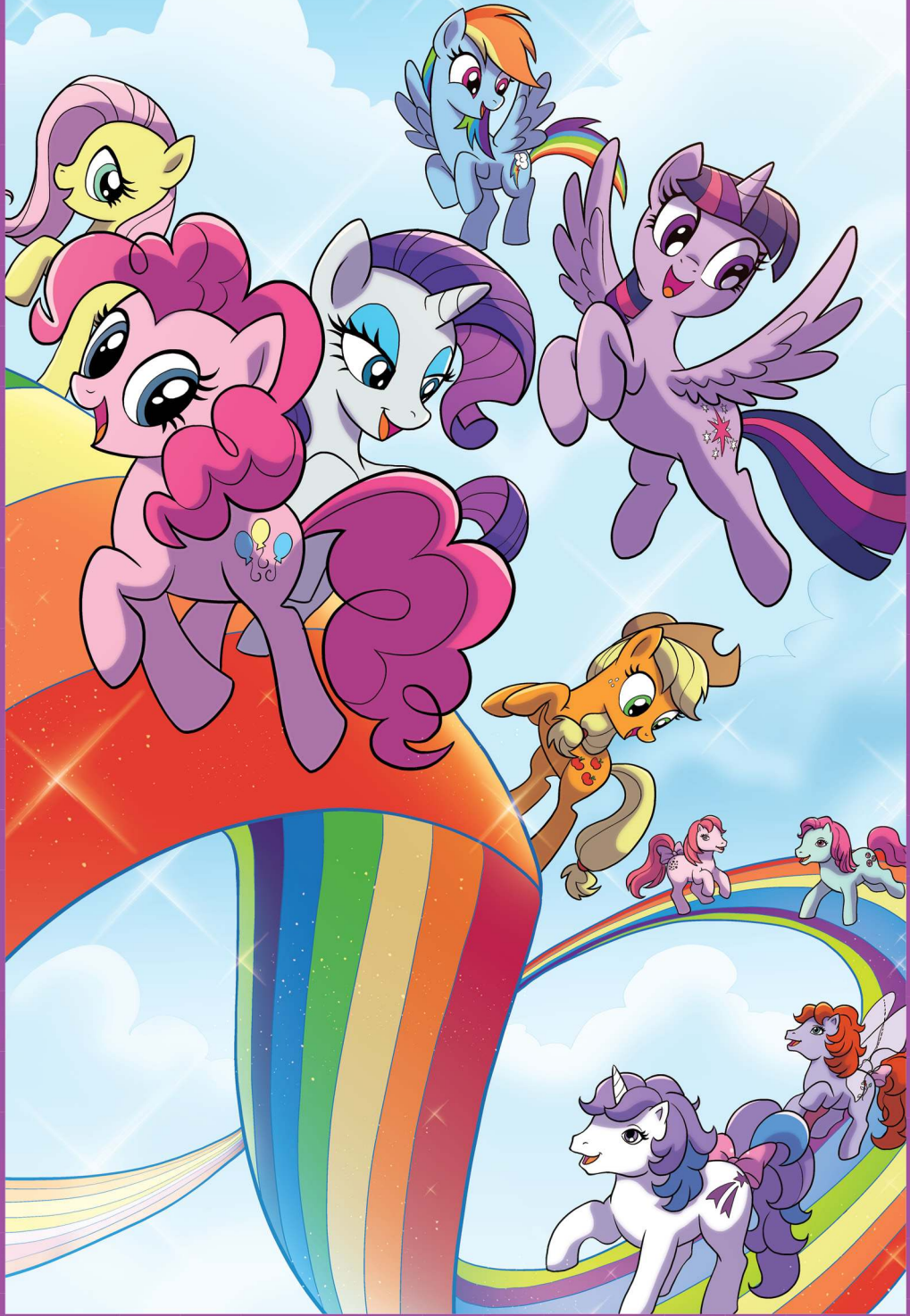
NOW RARITY, CAST
THIS VIAL AROUND ALL OF
THE ROOTS TOUCHING
THE GROUND.

I'M ADDING
SOME SMOOZE,
JUST A DROP OR
THREE, AND WITH A
BIT OF LUCK...

HEY, LOOK!
THERE'S A
KEY!



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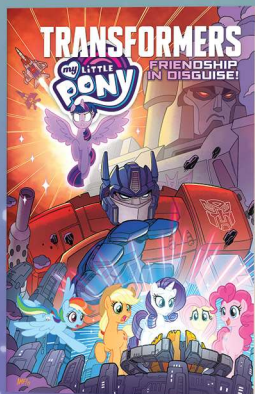
THE AUTOBOTS AND THE MANE SIX... TOGETHER AGAIN!



CAN THEIR FRIENDSHIP
SURVIVE AN EVIL
FROM EQUESTRIA
UNLEASHED BY
THE DECEPTICONS?

**"PURE NOSTALGIC,
CAMPY GOODNESS!"**
-CBR

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