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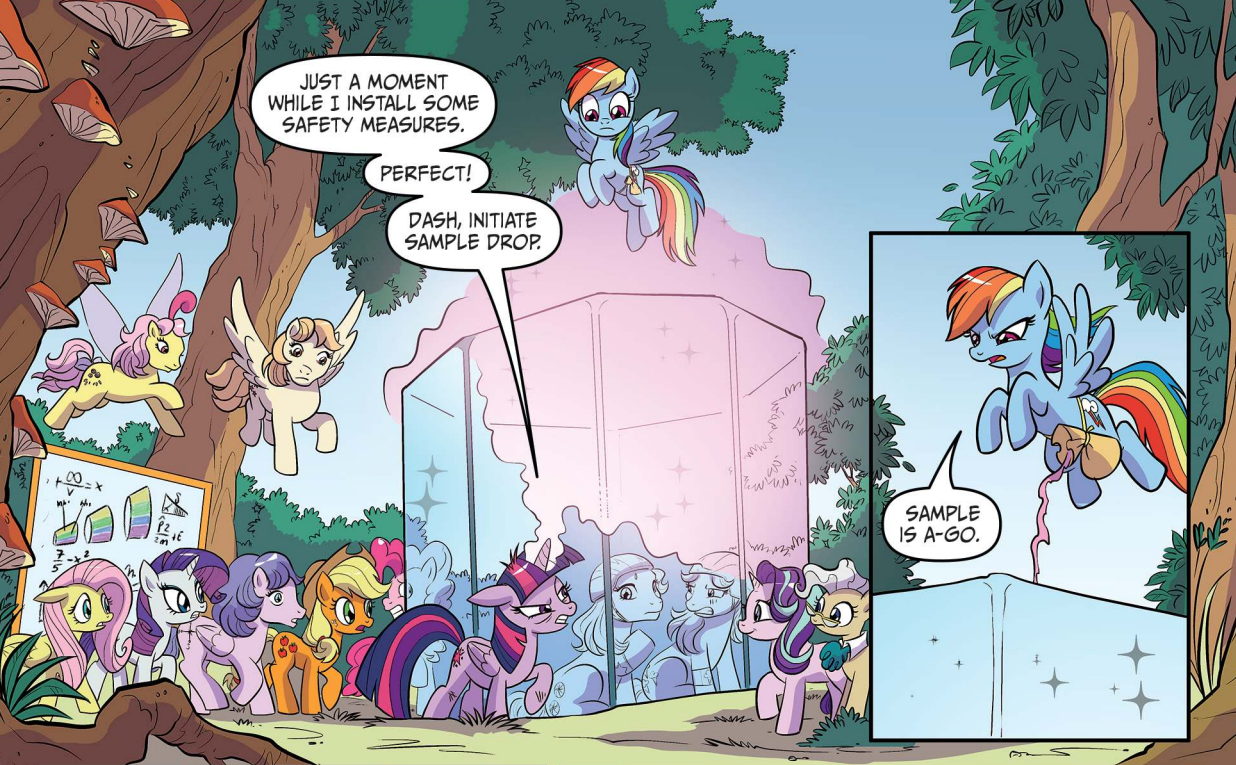


--SO AS YOU CAN SEE, MY HYPOTHESIS WAS PROVEN CORRECT IN OVER 300 SIMULATIONS, WHICH BRINGS ME TO...



...THE LIVE TEST!

WITH A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS, MINTY AND LICKETY-SPLIT.



JUST A MOMENT WHILE I INSTALL SOME SAFETY MEASURES.

PERFECT!

DASH, INITIATE SAMPLE DROP.



SAMPLE IS A-GO.



COME TO AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE, THEY SAID.

IT'LL BE FUN, THEY SAID.

≡WHIMPER≡



I WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN SOME OF THE REMAINING SAMPLE SMOOZE FROM ZECORA. WE HAVE FOUND THAT WHEN APPLIED TO PONIES, IT TAKES APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN SECONDS BEFORE--



--BEFORE I TWIST YOUR WITHERS INTO OBLIVION!

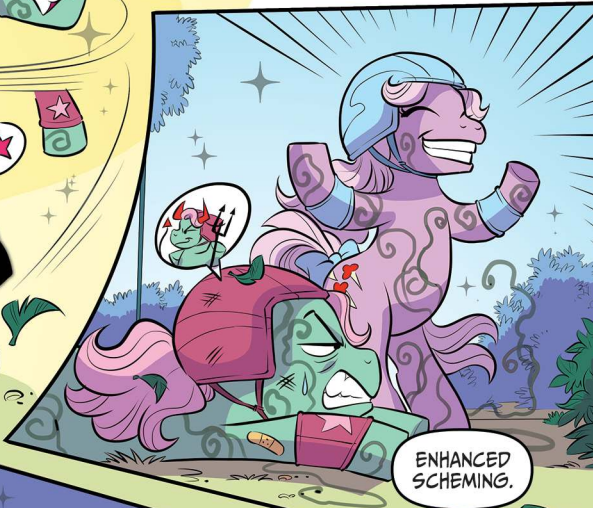


THESE TWO BRAVE PONIES ARE NOW FULLY IN THE GRIPS OF WHAT I CALL "SMOOZESSION."

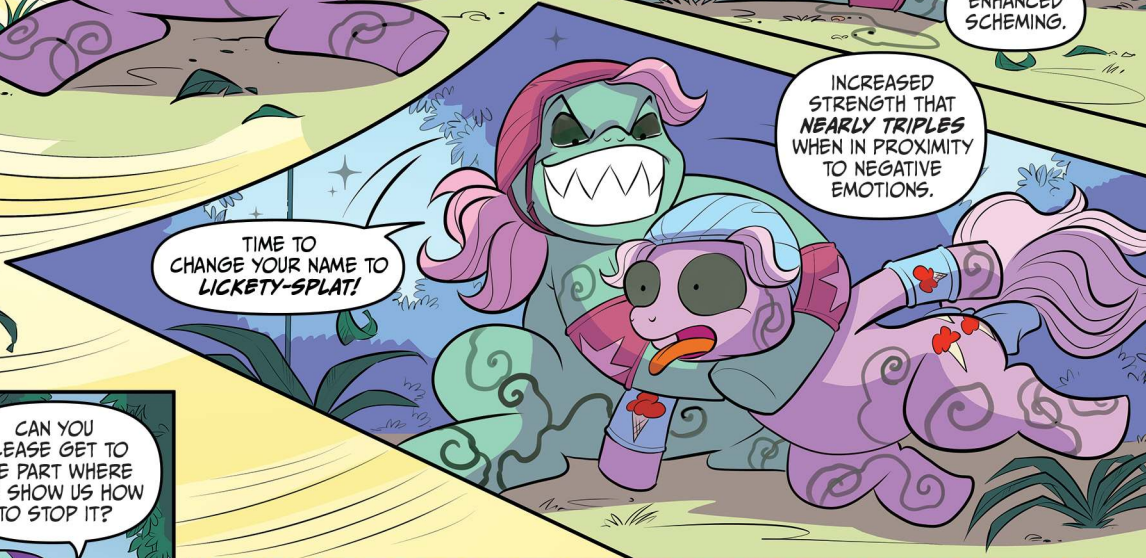
PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS--



OVERACTIVE RAGE.



ENHANCED SCHEMING.



INCREASED STRENGTH THAT NEARLY TRIPLES WHEN IN PROXIMITY TO NEGATIVE EMOTIONS.

TIME TO CHANGE YOUR NAME TO LICKETY-SPLAT!



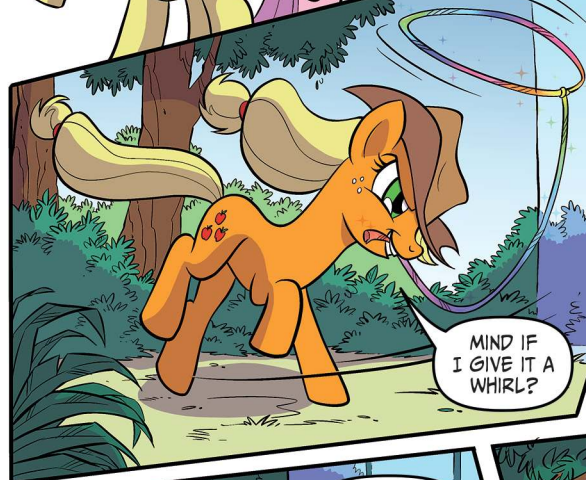
CAN YOU PLEASE GET TO THE PART WHERE YOU SHOW US HOW TO STOP IT?



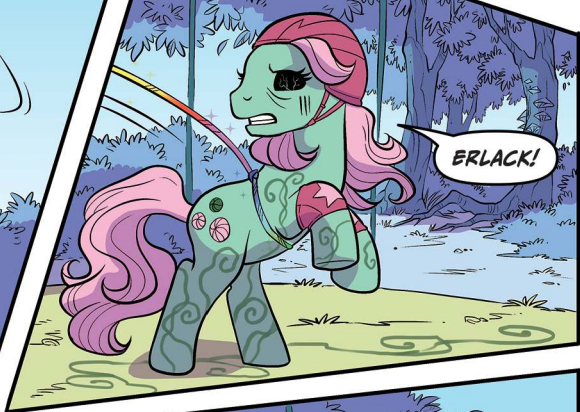
WITH PLEASURE.



I FIGURED OUT HOW TO FRACTURE THE LOCKET'S RAINBOW BLAST INTO SIX PIECES. FROM THERE, WE WERE ABLE TO HARNESS IT INTO FORMS THAT ARE A BIT EASIER TO CONTROL.



MIND IF I GIVE IT A WHIRL?



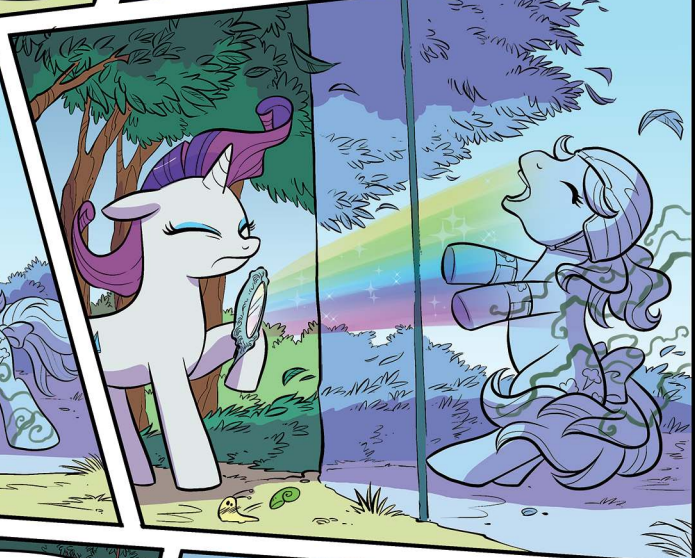
ERLACK!



MY TURN!



WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO, GIVE ME A MAKEOVER?



WHILE THE RAINBOW BLAST WAS EFFECTIVE AT DESTROYING THE SMOOZE, WE NEEDED SOMETHING MORE PRECISE.

THE MAGIC REMAINS POTENT ENOUGH TO HALT THE SMOOZESSION AND LEAVES THE FORMERLY INHABITED CREATURE UNHARMED.

WITH THIS SUCCESSFUL DEMONSTRATION, I FEEL CONFIDENT WE WILL BE ABLE TO HEAL ALL OF PONYVILLE AT OUR BESTIE FESTIE.

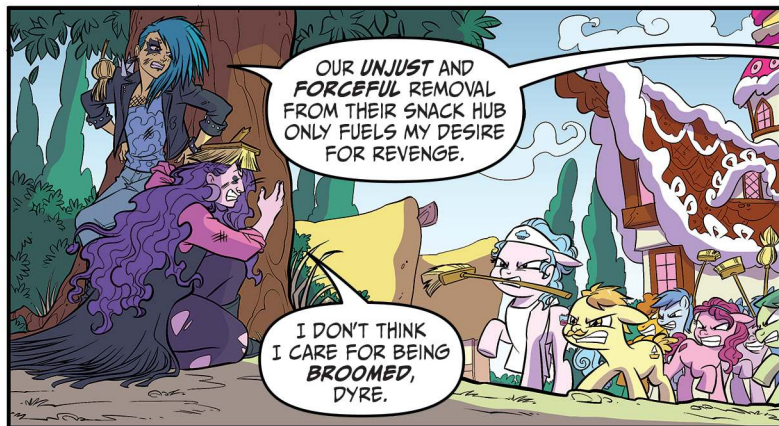
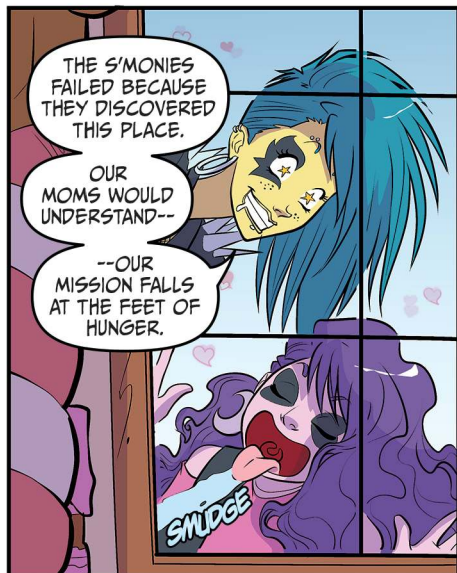


MARVELOUS! I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE TO HELP SAVE US.

I KNEW YOU COULD FIGURE THIS OUT, TWILIGHT.

I'M SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU.

LET'S JUST HOPE THERE AREN'T ANY MORE SURPRISES.





VIOOOOLET SHIIIIIVER!



DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'VE DONE?

...IS THIS ABOUT APPLEJACK'S FARM? BECAUSE IT WASN'T--

I COULDN'T HELP IT! I PEEKED!



I CAN'T GET INTO IT RIGHT NOW, BUT I'VE HAD THE WILDEST WEEK, AND I WAS SO NERVOUS ABOUT GETTING EVERYTHING JUST RIGHT FOR THE BESTIE FESTIE.

AND THEN YOU! DID! IT!

THERE ISN'T A SINGLE DETAIL I COULD'VE DONE BETTER MYSELF. SOMEDAY YOU'LL HAVE TO TELL ME YOUR SECRETS.

MY WHAT?



YOUR **DECORATING SECRETS**. Y'KNOW, HOW YOU GET THE FLOWERS SO FLOWERY. THE STREAMERS SO STREAMERY.

PLEASE DON'T TELL THE OTHERS, BECAUSE I WOULDN'T WANT THEM TO FEEL LEFT OUT, BUT I GOT YOU A LITTLE THANK YOU PRESENT. IT'S INSIDE.

IT'S FOR THE FESTIE, SO GO OPEN IT! EVERYTHING NEEDS TO BE PERFECT TONIGHT, INCLUDING YOUR WARDROBE.

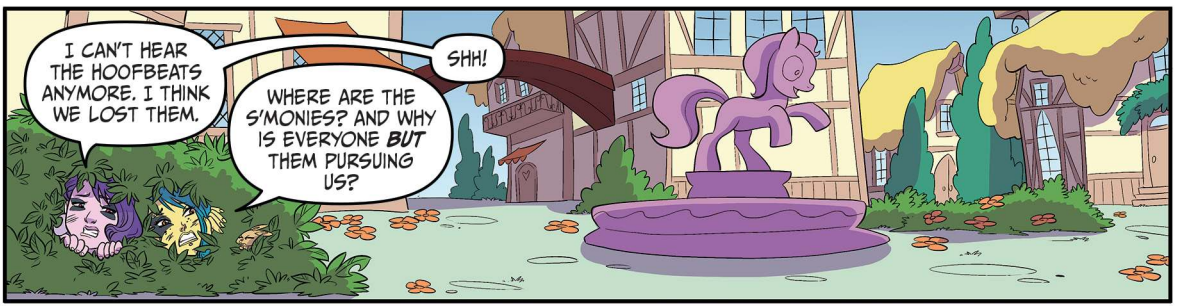
I... WOW, PINKIE. THANK YOU.



"DEAR VI, NOT SURE IF THESE ARE ON THE DRESSCODE 'DON'TS' AT HAYWARD, BUT IT'S A BEST FRIENDS SHIRT. I HAVE THE OTHER HALF. LET'S BE TWINS TONIGHT! XOXO, PINKIE PIE."

I DON'T DESERVE THIS.

HUNNNNGRY...



I CAN'T HEAR THE HOOFBEATS ANYMORE. I THINK WE LOST THEM.

SHH!

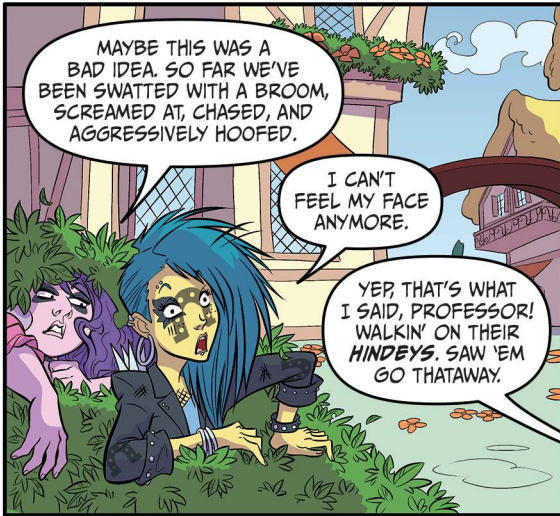
WHERE ARE THE S'MONIES? AND WHY IS EVERYONE BUT THEM PURSUING US?



I CAN'T FIND TWILIGHT SPARKLE, STARLIGHT GLIMMER, OR THE MAYOR!

SOMEPONY NEEDS TO DEAL WITH THOSE TWO-LEGGED, TAILLESS MONSTERS.

I ONLY GOT ONE GOOD KICK IN BEFORE YOU KLUTZES GOT IN THE WAY!



MAYBE THIS WAS A BAD IDEA. SO FAR WE'VE BEEN SWATTED WITH A BROOM, SCREAMED AT, CHASED, AND AGGRESSIVELY HOOFED.

I CAN'T FEEL MY FACE ANYMORE.

YEP, THAT'S WHAT I SAID, PROFESSOR! WALKIN' ON THEIR HINDEYS. SAW 'EM GO THATAWAY.



WE'LL FIND THEM! THOSE MEATY, UPRIGHT IMPOST-HORSES WON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST US!

MASTERS! COME OUT! IT'S SAFE!



WELL. IT TOOK LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO FIND US.

WE HAD TO TRICK THOSE **SIMPLE** CITIZENS INTO SENDING YOU OUR WAY.

I LET ONE KICK ME AS A DIVERSION.

OUR DEEPEST APOLOGIES, YOU COVERT QUEENS. WE FAILED TO SENSE YOUR PRESENCE.



OH, YOU FAILED ALL RIGHT. YOU FAILED TO DO **THE ONE** THING I CREATED YOU TO DO.

WHERE'S VIOLET SHIVER? WE'RE TAKING YOU BACK TO THE VOLCANO AFTER WE SHOW YOU WHAT **REAL** DESTRUCTION LOOKS LIKE!

SHE IS PREPARING FOR THE PONY CELEBRATION. SHALL WE TAKE YOU TO HER?



I THINK I'M JUST ABOUT DONE HERE. THE DOORS OPEN SOON, SO I GUESS I JUST HAVE TO GET READY.



IF I WEAR IT, I'LL LOOK COMPLETELY RIDICULOUS. IF I DON'T, I'LL HURT PINKIE PIE'S FEELINGS.

UGH, TOO HARD! THIS IS WHY I DON'T WANT FRIENDS!

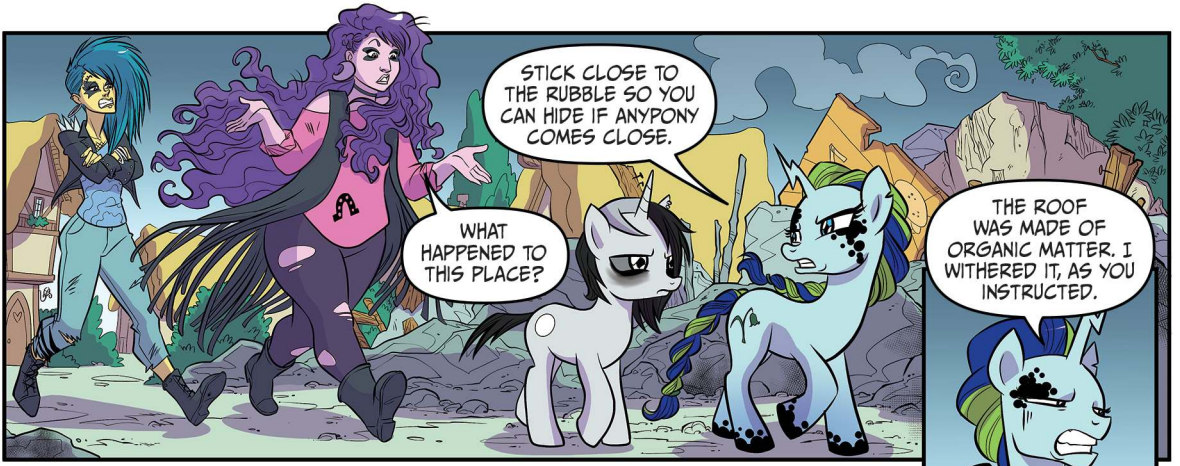


ACK!

YOU HAVE GIVEN ME PPPPOWER...
AND I WILL NNNNOT BE SSSSTOPPED...



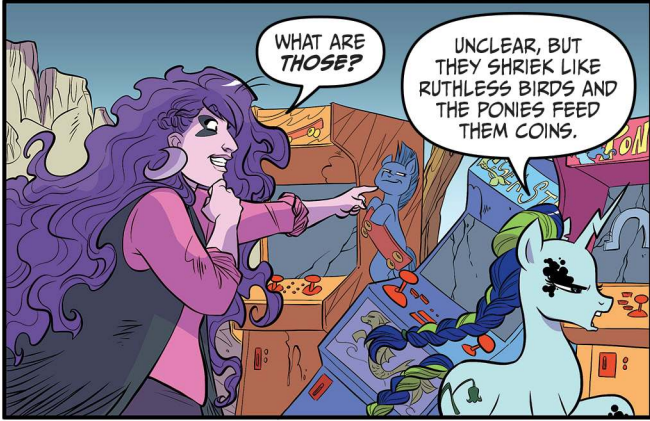
HOPE NO ONE MINDS THAT I HAVE A PLUS ONE.



STICK CLOSE TO THE RUBBLE SO YOU CAN HIDE IF ANYPONY COMES CLOSE.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS PLACE?

THE ROOF WAS MADE OF ORGANIC MATTER. I WITHERED IT, AS YOU INSTRUCTED.



WHAT ARE THOSE?

UNCLEAR, BUT THEY SHRIEK LIKE RUTHLESS BIRDS AND THE PONIES FEED THEM COINS.

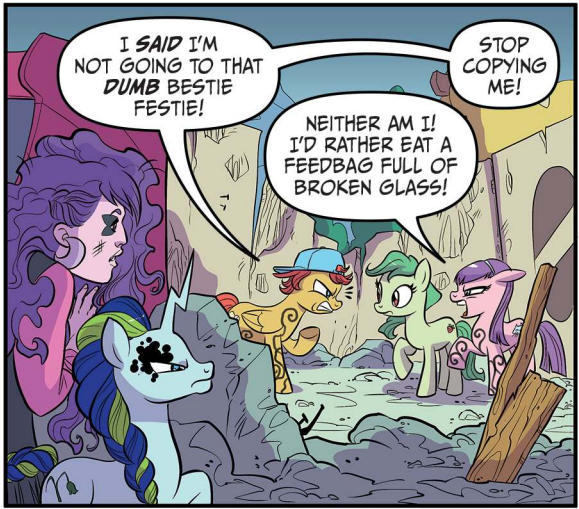


THIS ONE HAS BEEN HOOFED INTO SILENCE. THERE WAS AN ALTERCATION OVER WHOSE TURN IT WAS--

--LIKELY ENHANCED BY S'MOOZE, AS YOU DIRECTED.

I, TOO, KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HOOFED.

SOMEONY IS COMING! HIDE!



I SAID I'M NOT GOING TO THAT DUMB BESTIE FESTIE!

STOP COPYING ME!

NEITHER AM I! I'D RATHER EAT A FEEDBAG FULL OF BROKEN GLASS!



PLEASE, YOU TWO! WE'RE FRIENDS, AND I DON'T WANT US TO KEEP FIGHTING--

THIS GUY COULDN'T FIGHT IF YOU GLUED BOXING GLOVES TO HIS HOOVES!



I SAID PLEASE!

CRASH!



SHE TOSSED HIS FRIEND LIKE A BUCKET OF MOP WATER.

YES, WELL, THE S'MOOZE DOES GIVE THEM SOME EXTRA OOMPH.

THEY'RE UNCONSCIOUS. LET'S MAKE A RUN FOR IT.



IS--IS THIS A PLACE WHERE ONE COULD PLAN A GROUP HALLOWEEN COSTUME YEAR IN ADVANCE?

IT WAS. NOW THERE ARE JUST SNAKES. THEY TOOK OVER A FEW BUILDINGS AFTER PONIES LEFT WHO WERE TOO AFRAID TO STICK AROUND.



THEY HAVE ROLLER DERBY? WHERE PARENTS CAN PLAY WITH THEIR KIDS?

MOTHER DAUGHTER Derby try-outs

HAD.

WE FILLED THEIR SKATES WITH S'MOOZE AND...

... WELL, LET'S JUST SAY THERE'S NO LONGER A SKATING RINK.



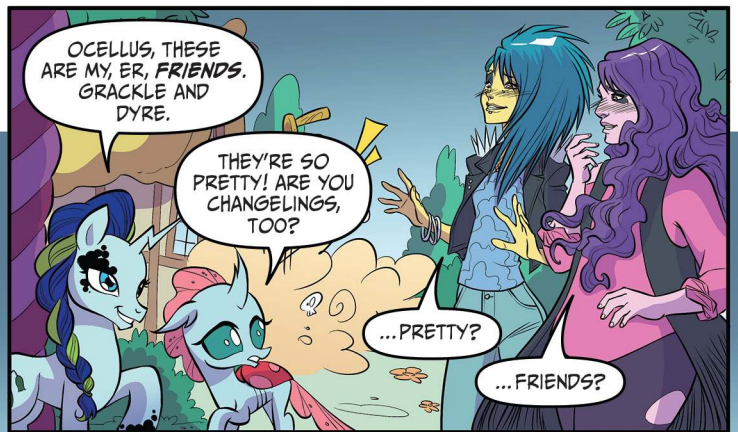
MASTERS, THAT IS ONE OF MY STUDENTS! SHE'S A SWEET, BARELY DOMESTICATED ANIMAL, BUT I CANNOT LET HER GET HURT.



PROFESSOR BELLE! I WAS GETTING A SNACK AND--AND--

YOU KNOW WHERE THERE ARE PLENTY OF SNACKS?

THE BESTIE FESTIE. I'LL SEE YOU THERE MYSELF.



OCELLUS, THESE ARE MY, ER, FRIENDS. GRACKLE AND DYRE.

THEY'RE SO PRETTY! ARE YOU CHANGELINGS, TOO?

...PRETTY?

...FRIENDS?



SHADOW, CAN YOU ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THOSE DESSERT-STREAKED BEASTS TO THE THEATER? I'LL MEET YOU THERE.

CONSIDER IT DONE.



AFTER EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE THE LAST FEW DAYS, YOU *STILL* MANAGED TO PUT TOGETHER AN INCREDIBLE PARTY.

GOSH, THANKS, TWI. BUT I HAD A LOT OF HELP.

SPEAKING OF HELP, HERE COMES NORTH STAR AND THE OTHERS.

I SEE THAT RARITY WAS LEFT ALONE WITH THEM.



NOT FOR MORE THAN HALF AN HOUR, I SWEAR.



RARITY, YOU'VE OUTDONE YOURSELF.

WELL, OUR SPECIAL FRIENDS DESERVE A BIT OF PAMPERING, DON'T YOU THINK?

WE TRIED TO TELL HER IT WASN'T NECESSARY, BUT... I GUESS YOU KNOW HOW SHE IS.



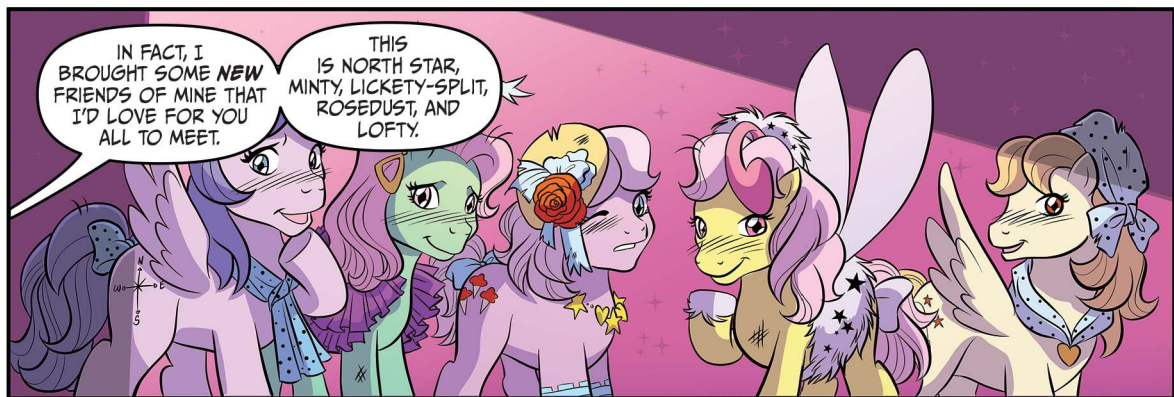
WATCH IT, WE'RE HAVING A MOMENT HERE!

YOWCH!



I THINK IT'S TIME TO KICK YOUR PLAN INTO ACTION, TWILIGHT, BEFORE THINGS GET EVEN WORSE IN HERE.





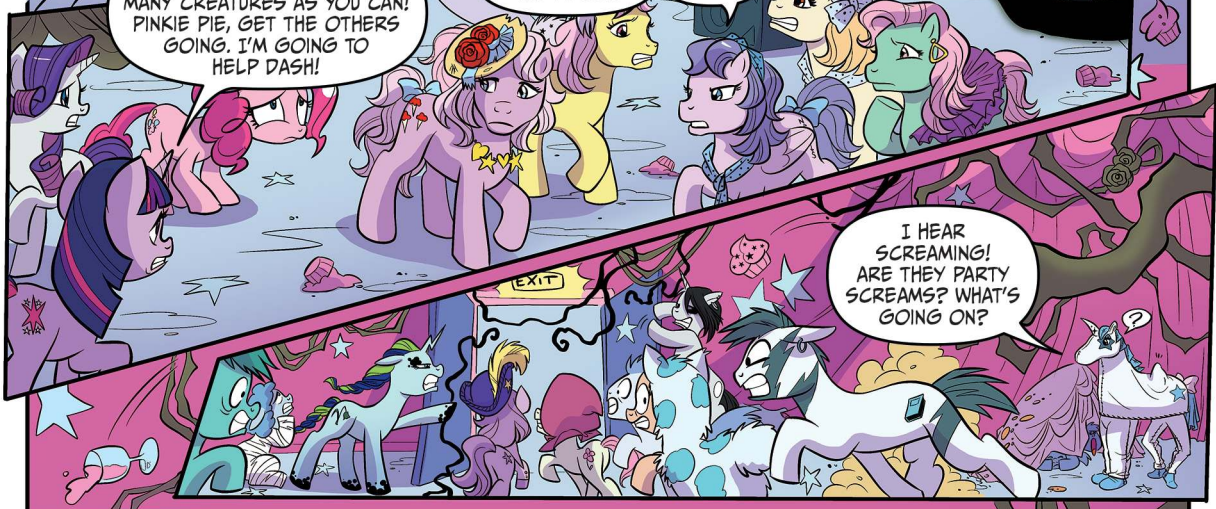


RARITY, GET YOUR MIRROR AND HELP AS MANY CREATURES AS YOU CAN! PINKIE PIE, GET THE OTHERS GOING. I'M GOING TO HELP DASH!

LOFTY, MINTY--YOU TAKE THE FRONT.

WE'LL TAKE THE BACK.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING BUT BE CAREFUL! WE HAVE TO STOP IT!

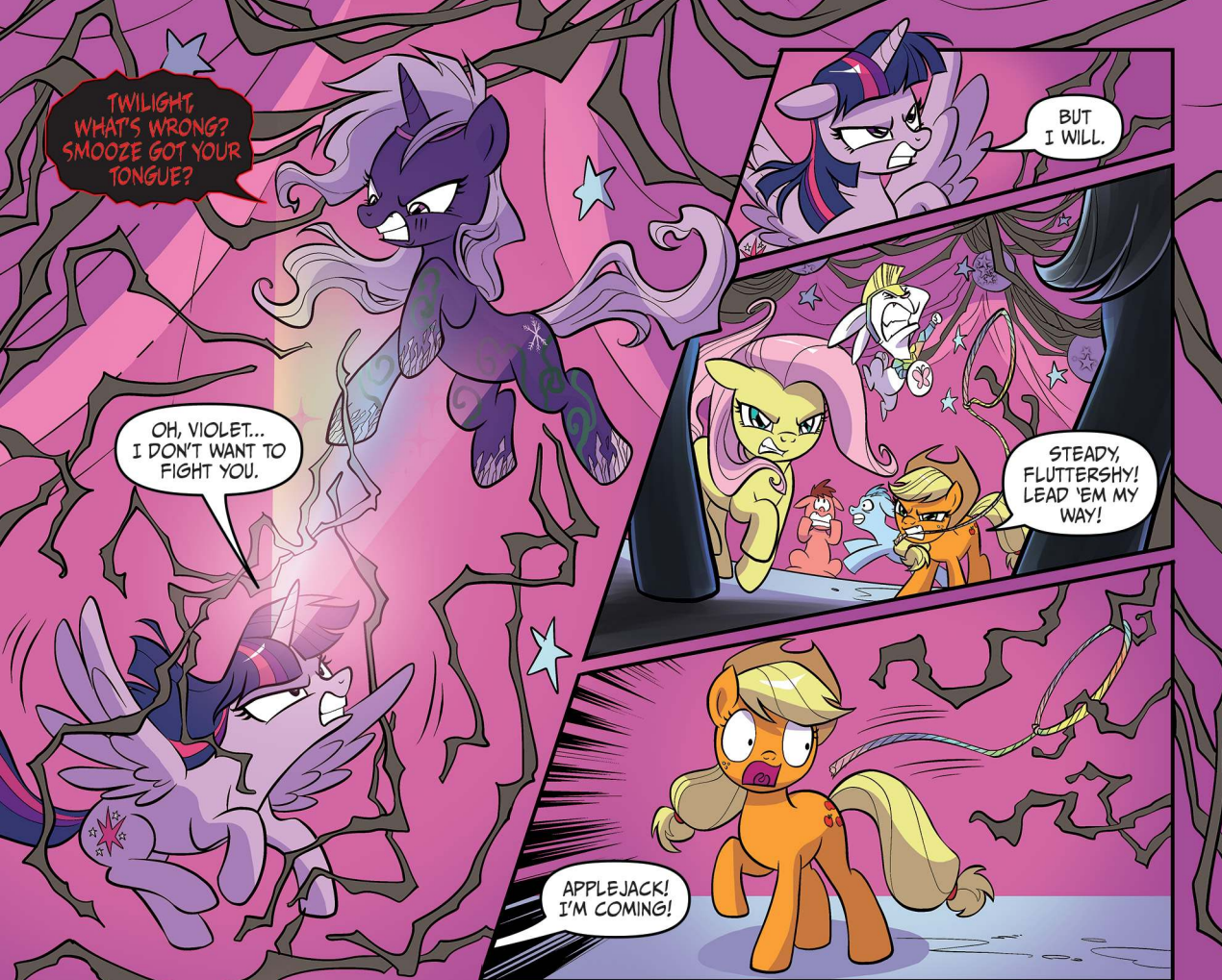


I HEAR SCREAMING! ARE THEY PARTY SCREAMS? WHAT'S GOING ON?



I DON'T BELIEVE YOU WERE INVITED.

=YAWN=
YOU CALL THIS A PARTY?



TWILIGHT,
WHAT'S WRONG?
SMOOSIE GOT YOUR
TONGUE?

OH, VIOLET...
I DON'T WANT TO
FIGHT YOU.



BUT
I WILL.



STEADY,
FLUTTERSHY!
LEAD 'EM MY
WAY!

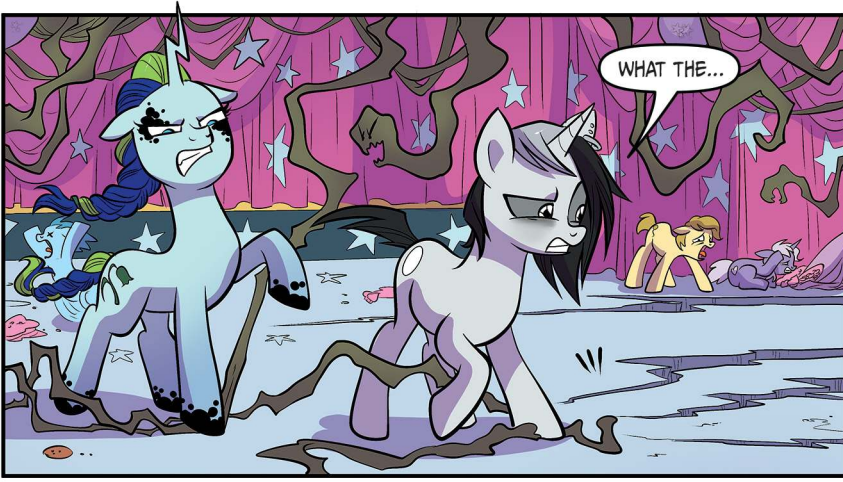


APPLEJACK!
I'M COMING!



YOU PATHETIC PONIES,
I'M FAR TOO POWERFUL
FOR YOU.
AND THE HARDER YOU
FIGHT,
THE STRONGER
I GET!







PROFESSOR SHIVER! PLEASE, STOP--THIS ISN'T YOU!

YOU'RE RIGHT.

IT'S SOMEPONY BETTER.

LEAVE MY BARELY ADEQUATE, PAINFULLY ORDINARY, PRECIOUS STUDENTS ALONE!

HOW SWEET, BELLE. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU CARED.

CONSIDER THE MATTER DROPPED.

IS THIS THE SORT OF REVENGE YOU HAD IN MIND?

DON'T GIVE THEM TOO MUCH CREDIT, BELLE. YOU KNOW HOW UNIQUELY UNIGIFTED THEY ARE.



LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE! THIS ISN'T REVENGE, THIS IS DECIMATION! IS THIS WHAT YOU WANTED?

YOU REALLY WANNA KNOW WHAT I WANTED?



I WANTED SOME FREEDOM!

SO I TOOK IT AWAY FROM OTHERS.

I WANTED TO MAKE OUR MOMS PROUD!

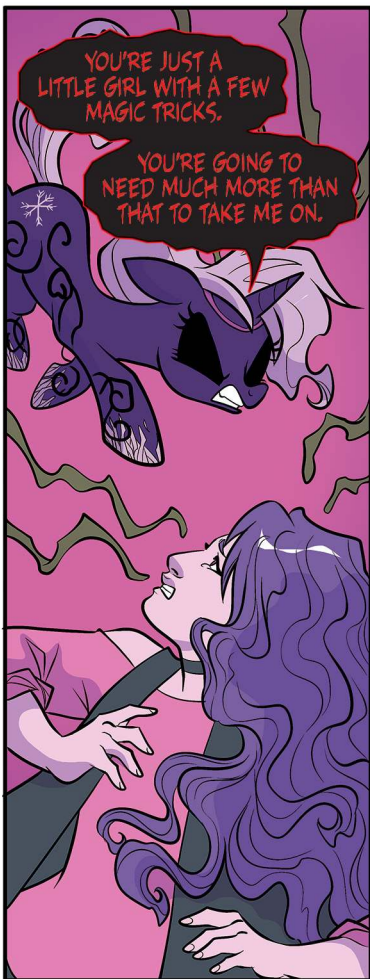
AND FOR WHAT? WHAT WAS SO BAD?

THEIR EXILE GAVE THEM A HOME, GAVE THEM US. THEY WANTED REVENGE FOR THAT?



I CREATED YOU TO HURT OTHERS. I MADE YOU OUT OF MY OWN ANGER, AND IT WAS WRONG.

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WE WERE DESTROYING. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS AT RISK.



YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE GIRL WITH A FEW MAGIC TRICKS.

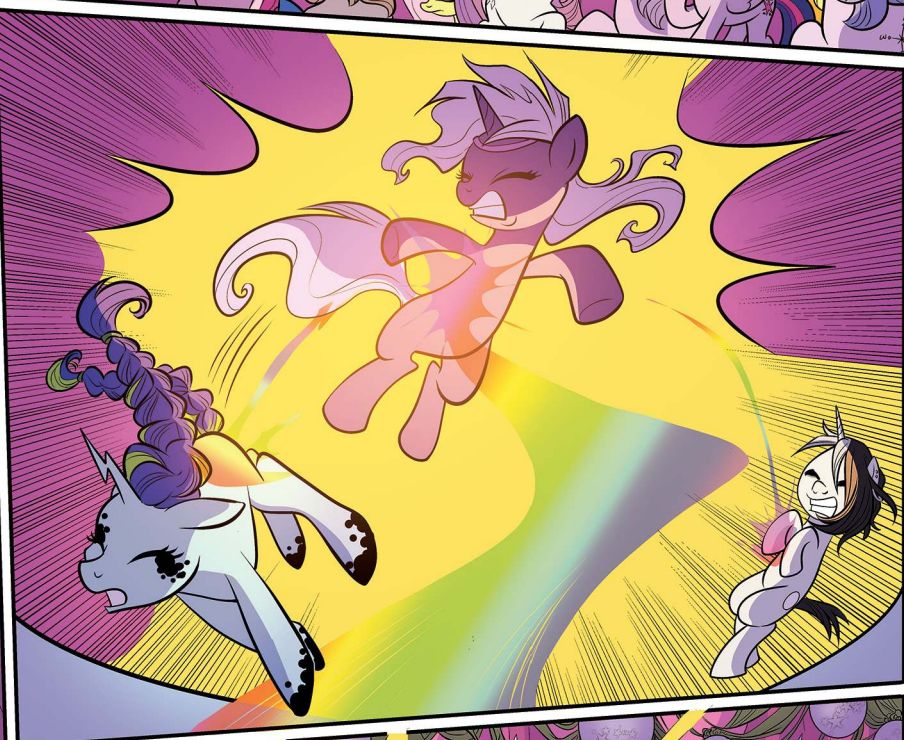
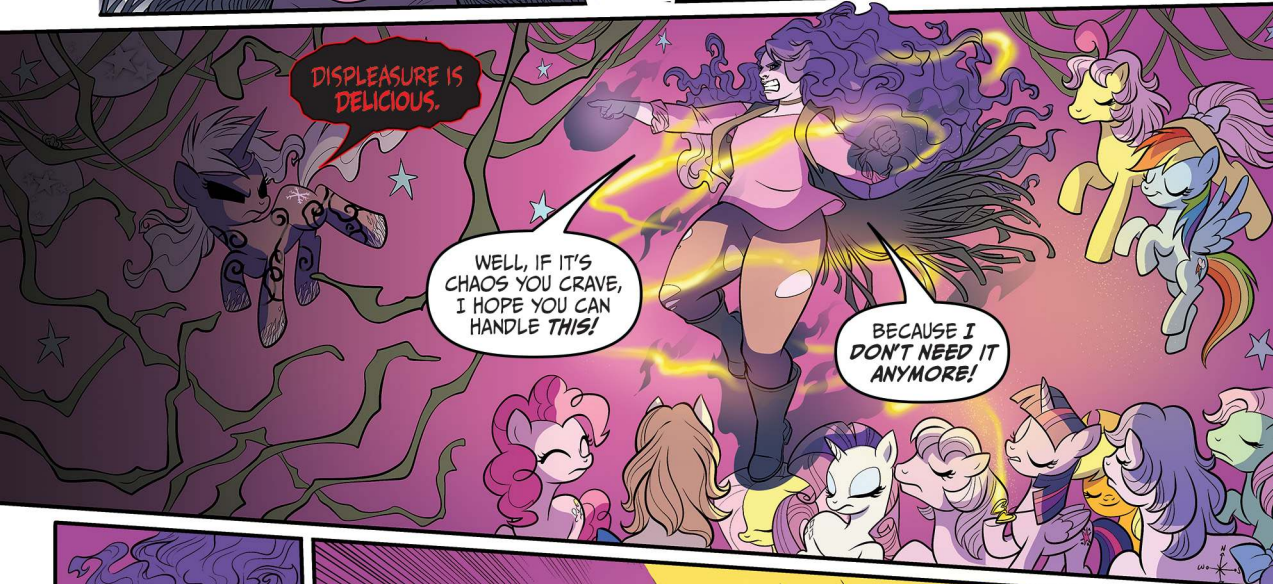
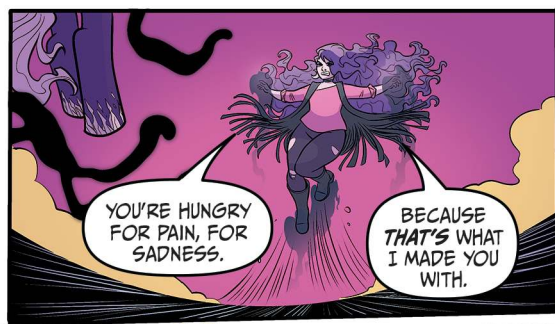
YOU'RE GOING TO NEED MUCH MORE THAN THAT TO TAKE ME ON.



SHE'S GOT US.



ALL OF US.





I'M SO SORRY. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO KEEP YOU HERE WITHOUT THE S'MOOZE.

I WILL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF FOR THIS. I'M JUST LIKE OUR MOMS--ROTTEN AND SELFISH.

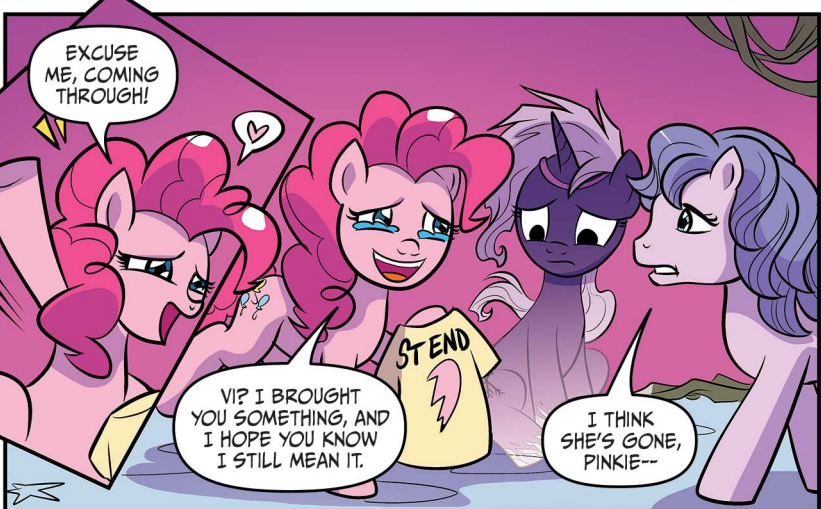


I KNEW YOUR MOMS. I WAS ONE OF THE PONIES THEY WANTED REVENGE AGAINST, GRACKLE.

YOU'RE NOTHING LIKE THEM. YOU ARE STRONG AND CURIOUS--

--YOU SAW WHAT WAS HAPPENING AND STOPPED IT BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE.

YOUR MOMS WERE SO AFRAID OF US, THEY NEVER GAVE US THE CHANCE TO BECOME FRIENDS.



EXCUSE ME, COMING THROUGH!

VI? I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING, AND I HOPE YOU KNOW I STILL MEAN IT.

I THINK SHE'S GONE, PINKIE--



MY BODY HAS BETRAYED ME.

I FEEL LIKE I SWALLOWED A HAY BALE MADE OF BRICKS.

PROFESSOR BELLE!



YOU SAVED US! YOU'RE THE BEST TEACHER EVER!

≡WHEEZE≡

A SIMPLE REFLEX. PLEASE REMOVE YOUR GIRTH.



A REFLEX, HUH? I GUESS THAT MEANS THERE'S SOME GOOD IN YOU AFTER ALL.

AND WE CAN STILL USE SOME GOOD TEACHERS.



I--I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY. WE DON'T DESERVE TO STAY.

OF COURSE YOU DO. GRACKLE DESTROYED THE SMOOZE, BUT YOU'RE STILL HERE.

WHICH MEANS YOU'RE NOT ALL BAD.



I THINK WE'D LIKE THAT, VERY MUCH.

BUT IT'S NOT JUST OUR DECISION.



UHH...



IT COULD BE REALLY INTERESTING TO HAVE SOME WITCHES AROUND...

ESPECIALLY TWO COURAGEOUS ONES LIKE YOU, WHO CAME THROUGH FOR THEIR FRIENDS EVEN WHEN IT WAS HARD.



YOUR OFFER IS MEGA-KIND, AND THE S'MON--I MEAN, THE PONIES SHOULD STAY...

BUT I THINK WE NEED TO EXPLORE A BIT BEFORE WE DECIDE WHERE TO MAKE OUR NEW HOME, SINCE WE HAVE NO PLANS ON GOING BACK TO THAT VOLCANO ANYTIME SOON.



EXPLORING SOUNDS GRAND TO US. WE HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH OF YOUR WORLD, AND I THINK WE'D LIKE TO STAY FOR A BIT, TOO.



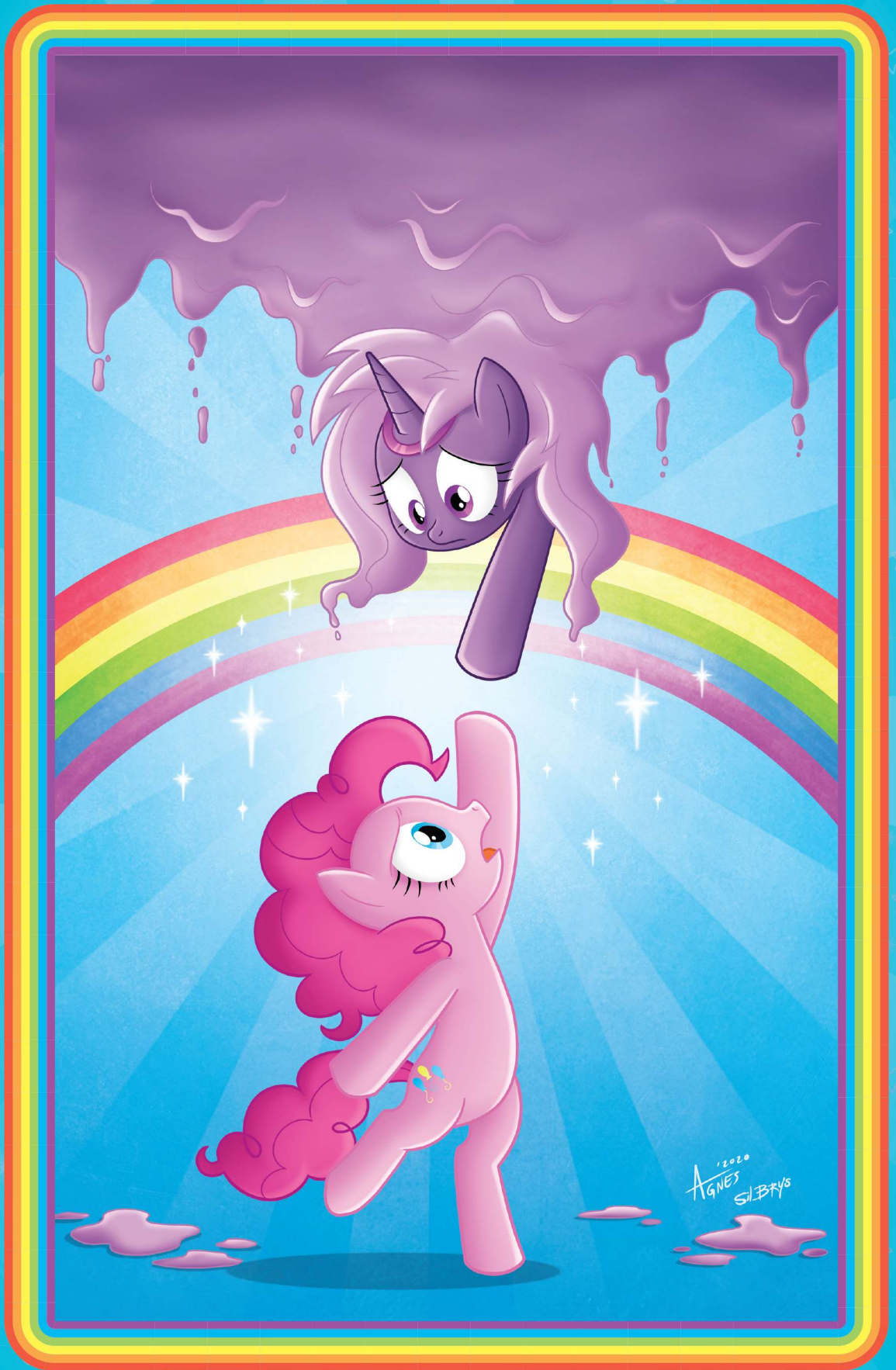
ANYPONY WOULD BE LUCKY TO HAVE ALL OF YOU ON THEIR NEXT ADVENTURE.

NEXT ADVENTURE? DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD FINISH THE PARTY FIRST?

The end.



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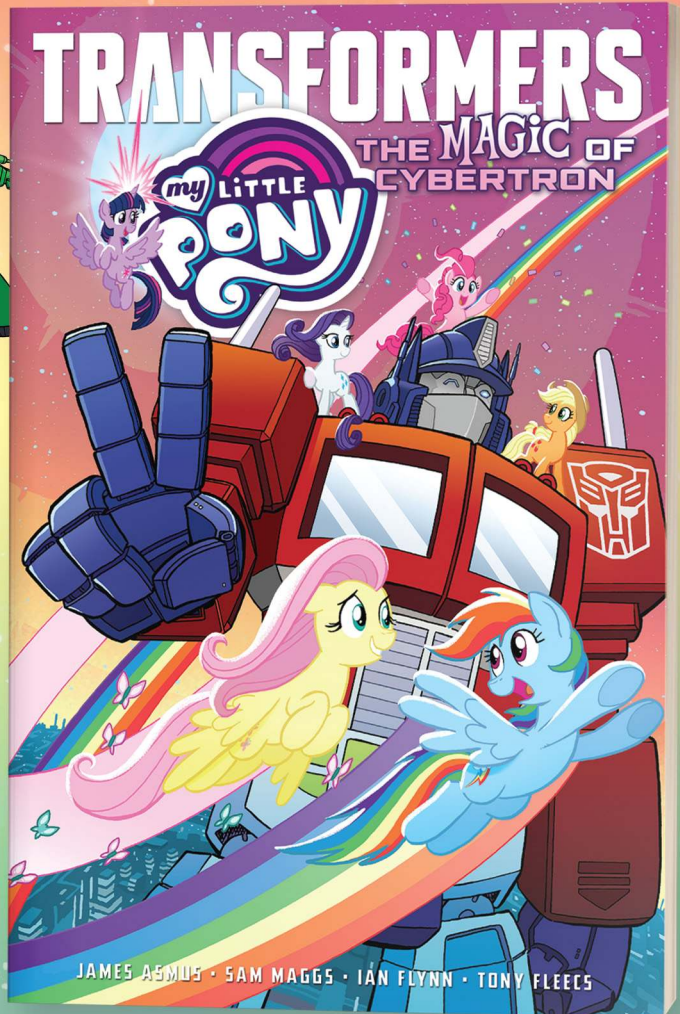
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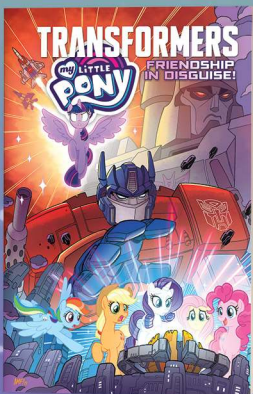
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