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ANTERLOT...

ARE YOU NERVOUS ABOUT YOUR TEST, TWILIGHT SPARKLE?

MY INTERMEDIATE LEVEL TWO MAGIC TEST? WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT, SPIKE?

WELL, THE MANE CHEWING IS ONE SIGN.





AND WE'VE BEEN STANDING AT THE TOP OF THESE STAIRS FOR ALMOST HALF AN HOUR.

I HAPPEN TO LIKE THE VIEW OF CANTERLOT FROM HERE. AND I--



--OH, WHO AM I KIDDING? IT'S ONLY THE **HUGEST TEST EVER!**



YEAH, IT'S **PRETTY BAD**. IN FACT, THERE'S ONLY **ONE** THING I CAN THINK OF WORSE THAN THAT.

BEING LATE.

WHAT?



POOF!



GREETINGS, TWILIGHT SPARKLE. YOU CERTAINLY SEEM EXCITED TO TAKE YOUR TEST.

YES, PRINCESS CELESTIA. THAT'S DEFINITELY **ONE** WAY OF LOOKING AT IT.



UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S BEEN A **CHANGE OF PLANS**.

SUMMER MANE, THE ROYAL ARCHIVIST HAS HAD A FALL AND SHE CAN'T GET AROUND.

I NEED TO SEND **SOMEONY** TO HELP HER UNTIL SHE CAN GET BACK ON HER HOOVES.



I WAS THINKING YOU MIGHT NOT MIND **POSTPONING** YOUR TEST--

TO GO TO THE ROYAL ARCHIVES? THE PLACE WE KEEP COPIES OF ALL OUR BOOKS? **ALL OF THEM?**

I'D SKIP THE TEST FOREVER TO SEE THAT!

I THINK A **FEW DAYS** WILL BE ENOUGH.







THOSE ARE BOOKS.

DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE SEEN THEM BEFORE, TWYLEK. YOUNG PONIES THESE DAYS DON'T READ.

I KNOW VERY WELL WHAT BOOKS ARE. I LOVE TO READ!

PROBABLY JUST COMIC BOOKS. OR MAYBE THAT SILLY SERIES WITH THE VAMPIRE PONY--

FINE, YOU'VE READ THE TITLES OF BOOKS. WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR?

I READ EVERYTHING. I'VE READ DARING DO AND THE QUEST FOR THE SAPPHIRE STATUE, OF PONIES AND PREJUDICE, THE HORSEBACK OF NOTRE DAME--

THAT'S EASY! JADE SINGER! SHE WROTE CANTER IN THE SKY!

SHE'S A MYSTERY, TOO. SHE ONLY WROTE THAT ONE BOOK AND THEN DISAPPEARED.

BUT WHAT A BOOK! IT'S THE MOST AWESOME--

--BOOK--

--EVER?

FINE. YOU CAN READ. CONGRATULATIONS.

IT'S LATE. WE START TOMORROW AT SIX.



TIME TO GET UP, SPOTLIGHT. LET'S GET TO WORK.

KNOCK!
KNOCK!



MA'AM?
I'M IN THE LIBRARY.

?



TWILIGHT SPARKLE
REPORTING FOR
DUTY, MA'AM!



YOU'VE GOT SPUNK,
KID.

I HATE SPUNK.



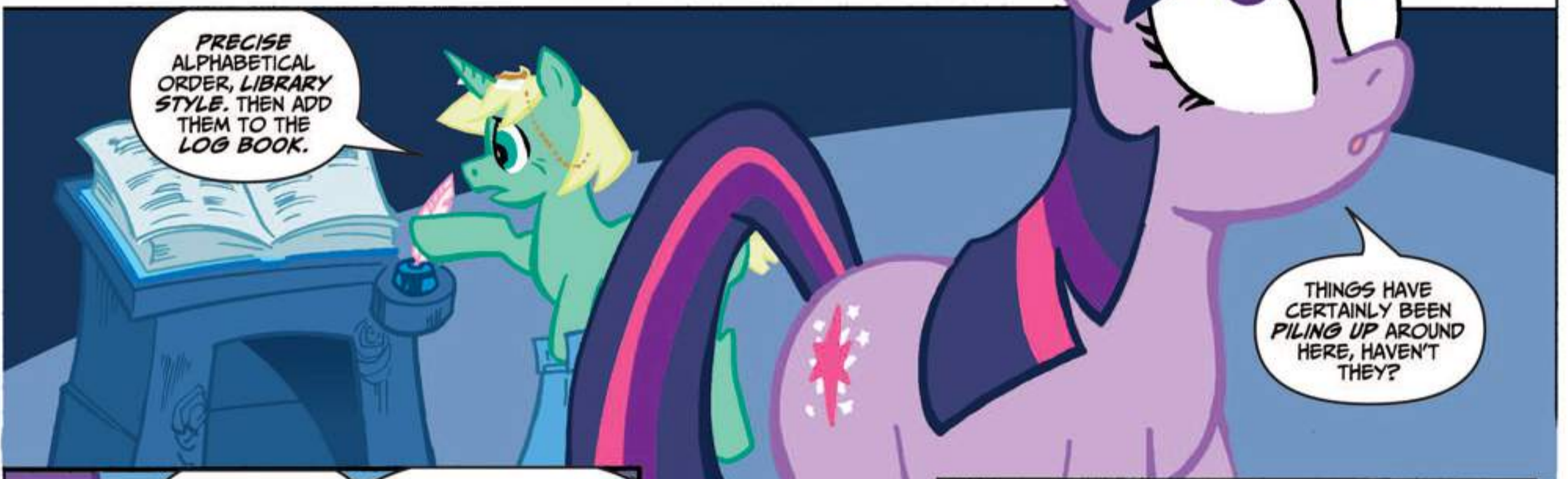
THESE BOOKS
NEED TO BE
SHELVED.

YES, MA'AM.
THESE DON'T
LOOK TOO
BAD.



OH, THOSE ARE JUST THE ONES THAT FELL OFF THE MAIN STACK.

NICE CEILINGS.



PRECISE ALPHABETICAL ORDER, LIBRARY STYLE. THEN ADD THEM TO THE LOG BOOK.

THINGS HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN PILING UP AROUND HERE, HAVEN'T THEY?



I'LL BE IN MY OFFICE. ARE YOU CLEAR ON THIS PROJECT?

YES, MA'AM! LIBRARY STYLE! FIRST WORD, EXCLUDING "THE," "A," OR "AN," GOT IT!

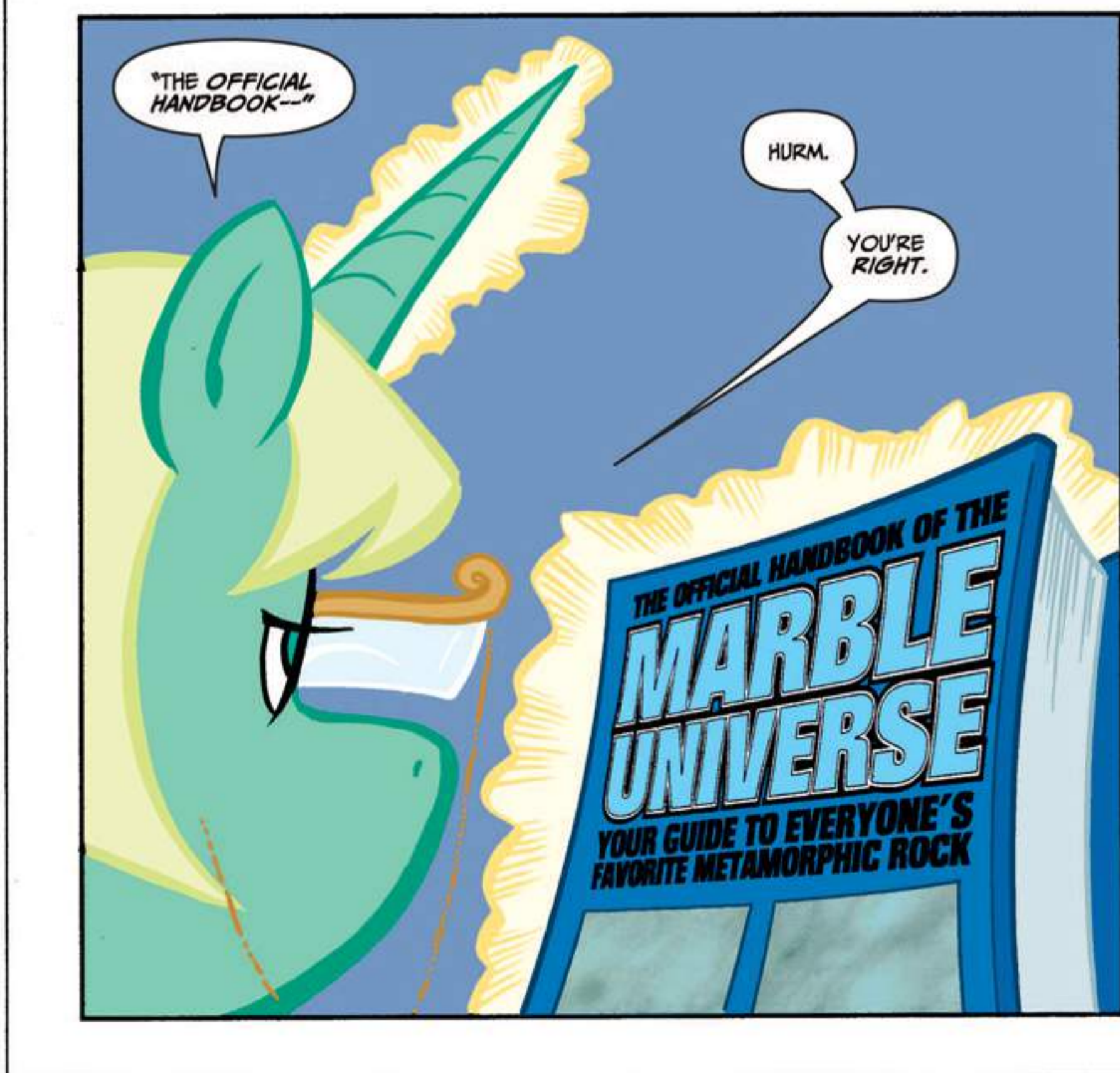
GRUMBLE! PROBABLY DOTS HER I'S WITH HEARTS, TOO.



HOW TO TRAIN YOUR BABY DRAGON. HUH. MAYBE--



YIPES!







WATER...

HELLO? WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TODAY?

AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THERE?

**KNOCK!
KNOCK!**

THESE BOOKS NEED TO HAVE DUST COVERS PUT ON THEM.

REALLY? BECAUSE THEY'RE ALREADY COVERED IN DUST.

WHAT I'M DOING IS MY BUSINESS.

EYES MAY BE SHOT, HONEY, BUT THE EARS ARE SHARP AS EVER.



SORRY, MA'AM. JUST A LITTLE JOKE.

VERY LITTLE.



♪ HMMM. ♪
HMMM.



... I KNOW IT'S CRAZY, BUT ...
CALL ME MANE... ♪



ARE YOU HURT? I HEARD THIS TERRIBLE SOUND--

NO, MA'AM, I WAS JUST SINGING TO--

SINGING? IS THAT WHAT YOU KIDS CALL MUSIC?

YOU WANT MUSIC? LET'S GET SOME REAL MUSIC.



HERE'S ONE. THE BOOGIE WOOGIE PONY BOY OF STABLE C.



OH BLAH DEE DOOBIE WOOBIE OOGIE BOOGIE HEY HEY BOY OF STABLE C OOH YEAH OOH YEAH

THIS IS GOOD STUFF. ONCE YOU HEAR IT, YOU CAN'T GET IT OUT OF YOUR HEAD.



THAT'S WHAT I'M AFRAID OF.





⌚ BIT LATER...

--NO, SHE WROTE THAT ONE OUT LONGHAND.

NO WAY! I THOUGHT EVERYONE USED A TYPEWRITER.



A LOT DO. IN FACT, SOME AUTHORS ARE VERY PICKY ABOUT THEIRS.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT JADE SINGER USED?

HMM. I THINK SHE USED AN OLD LIPPONZONER MODEL. I DON'T KNOW.



YOU'RE A LITTLE TOO HOOKED ON HER, YOU KNOW. HAVE YOU EVER READ ANYTHING BY CESIUM GRANDE?

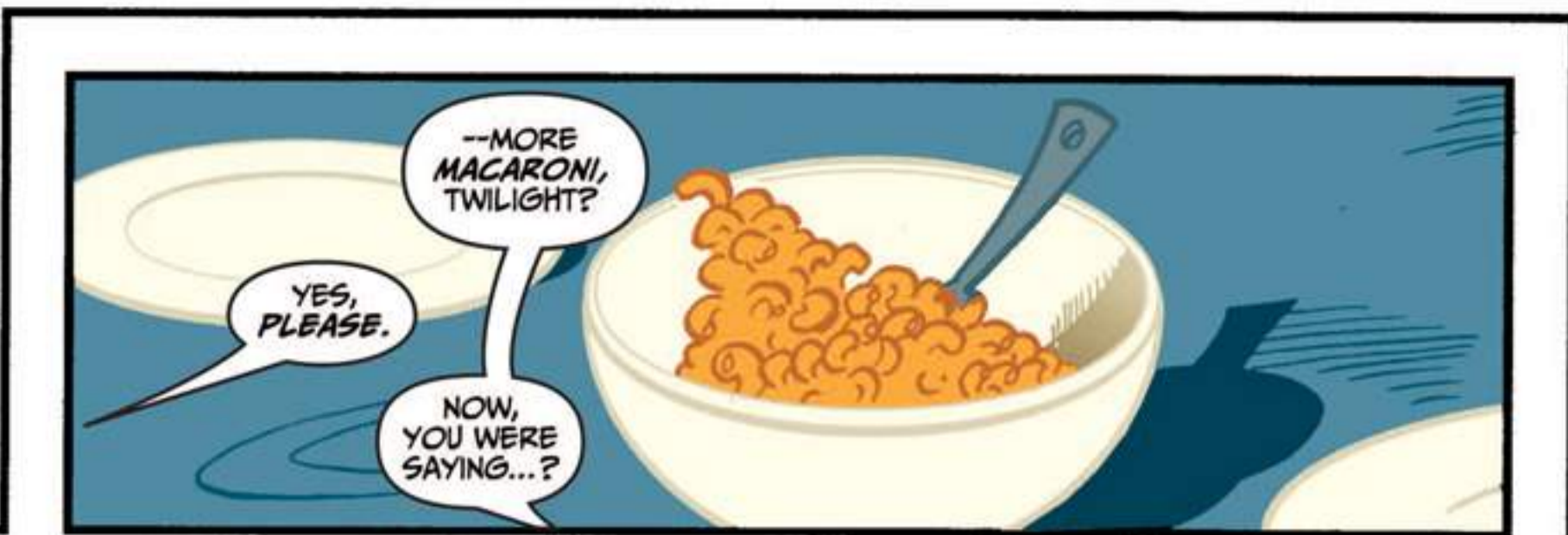
NO, MA'AM.



IF YOU LIKE SINGER, YOU'LL LOVE GRANDE, AND SHE WROTE MORE THAN JUST ONE OVERRATED BOOK.

I'LL GET IT FOR YOU--







HMMMM...

SHE SAID NOT TO GO INTO THE OFFICE. NEVER GO IN THE OFFICE.



BUT SHE DIDN'T SAY I COULDN'T LOOK THROUGH THE DOOR IF SHE LEFT IT OPEN, RIGHT?



WOW.



I CAN'T BELIEVE I FORGOT MY CHECKBOOK. I--

I--



I TOLD YOU TO STAY OUT OF THE OFFICE! THE MOST IMPORTANT RULE WAS STAY OUT OF THE OFFICE!

I DIDN'T GO IN. THE DOOR WAS OPEN AND--

I'M SORRY. I JUST--

GET OUT OF MY SIGHT AND DO YOUR WORK!

I'LL DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH YOU LATER.











HOW-- HOW DID YOU--?

I TOLD YOU, JADE SINGER IS MY FAVORITE AUTHOR. I KNOW ALL ABOUT HER.



AUTHOR JADE SINGER

"I RECOGNIZE THE READING GLASSES THAT YOU WERE WEARING IN THE AUTHOR PHOTO ON THE BACK OF THE BOOK."

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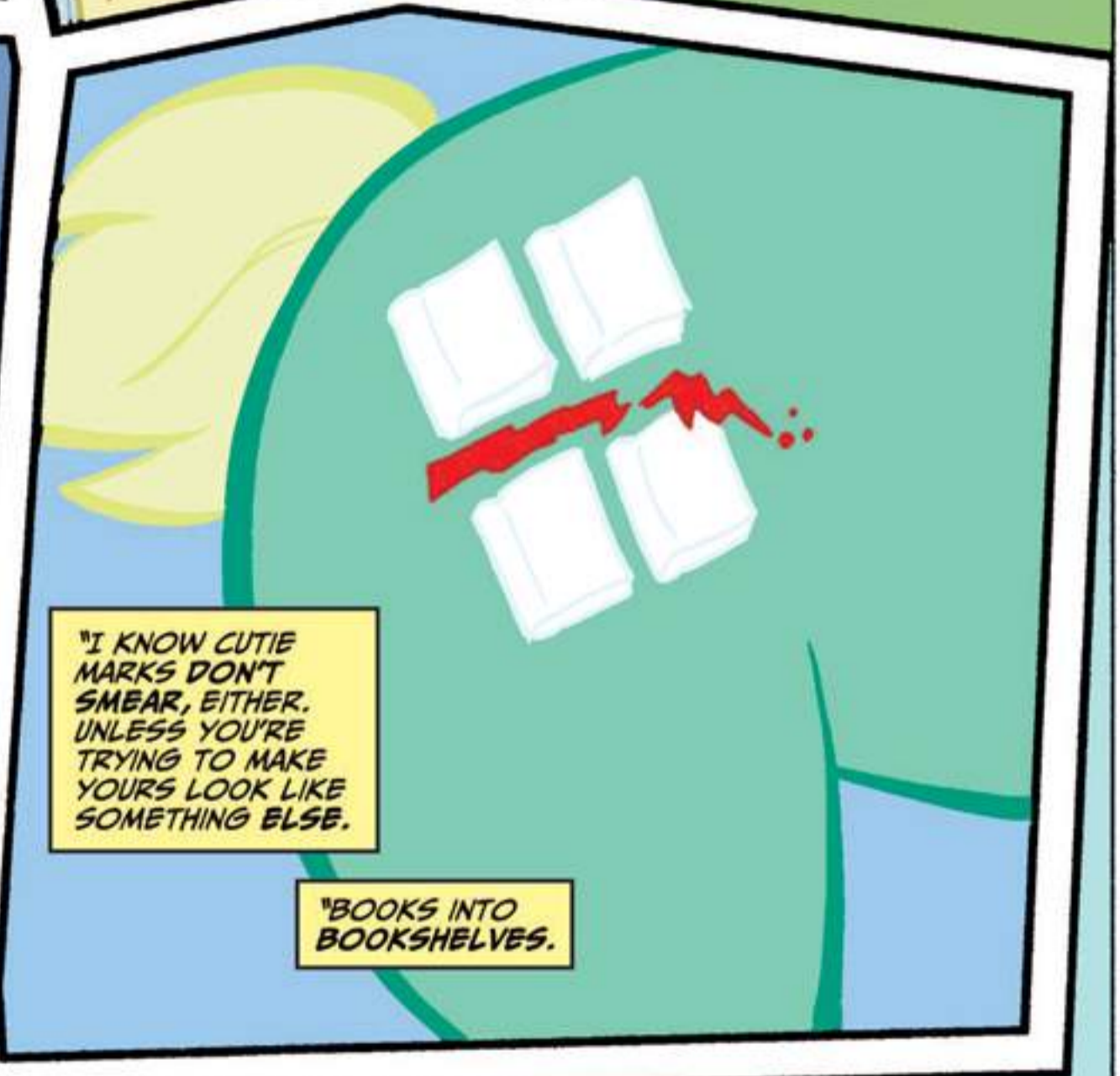
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"I KNOW CUTIE MARKS DON'T SMEAR, EITHER, UNLESS YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE YOURS LOOK LIKE SOMETHING ELSE."

"BOOKS INTO BOOKSHELVES."



"AND IF THAT DIDN'T DO IT, I CERTAINLY RECOGNIZED THE TYPEWRITER. YOU EVEN TOLD ME ABOUT IT."

"AND YOU STILL WRITE EVERY DAY, DON'T YOU? THAT'S WHAT YOU DIDN'T WANT ME TO SEE."

"ALSO, YOU MIGHT NEED TO GET THAT SERVICED. IT SOUNDS PRETTY LOUD."



SO WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?

WELL, I FIGURED IF YOU WANTED TO BE HIDDEN, THERE HAD TO BE A REASON. I WAS JUST RESPECTING THAT.



BARNES AND NO BELT

LITTLE WHILE LATER...

THE NEW BOOK FROM
JADE SINGER

TWILIGHT!
YOU GOT A LETTER!
I THINK IT'S YOUR
TEST RESULTS!

I HEAR IT'S
BETTER THAN
HER FIRST
ONE--

NOW ON
SALE
RE-CANT
BY
JADE SINGER



IT IS! I PASSED!

AND THERE'S A
NOTE FROM THE
PRINCESS, TOO.



*Twilight Sparkle,
I ask you to write me
letters about your lessons
in friendship. Today I have
to write YOU one.*

*You see, I was
friends with Jade
Singer years ago,
but her fame and her
fear turned her cold
and distant. One of
the last times I
spoke with her was
when I allowed her
to "hide" as the
archivist.*



*Thank you for taking care of her, for
reaching her, for bringing her talent back
into the world. But most of all--*



--thank you for
bringing back
my friend.



End

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