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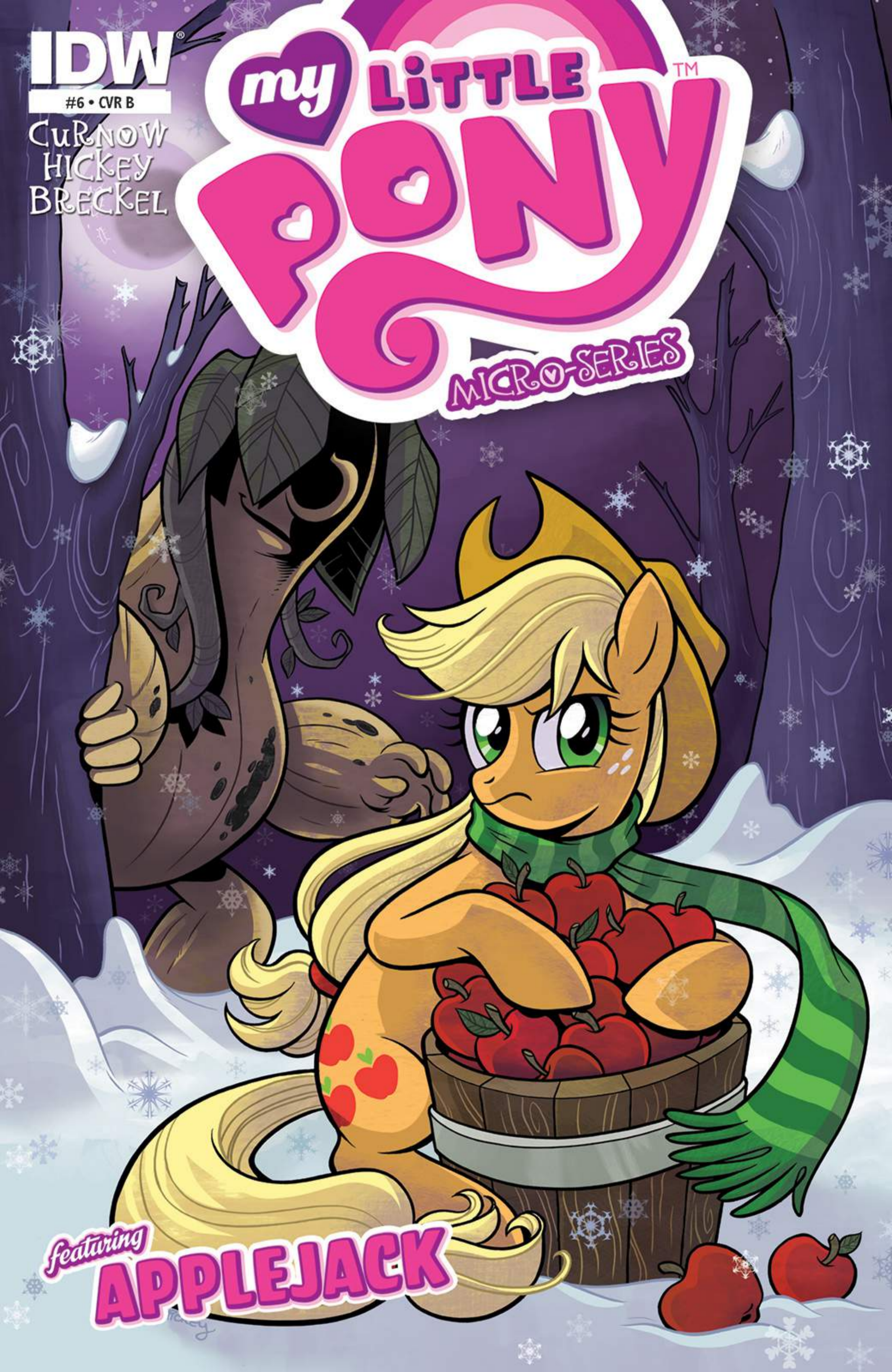
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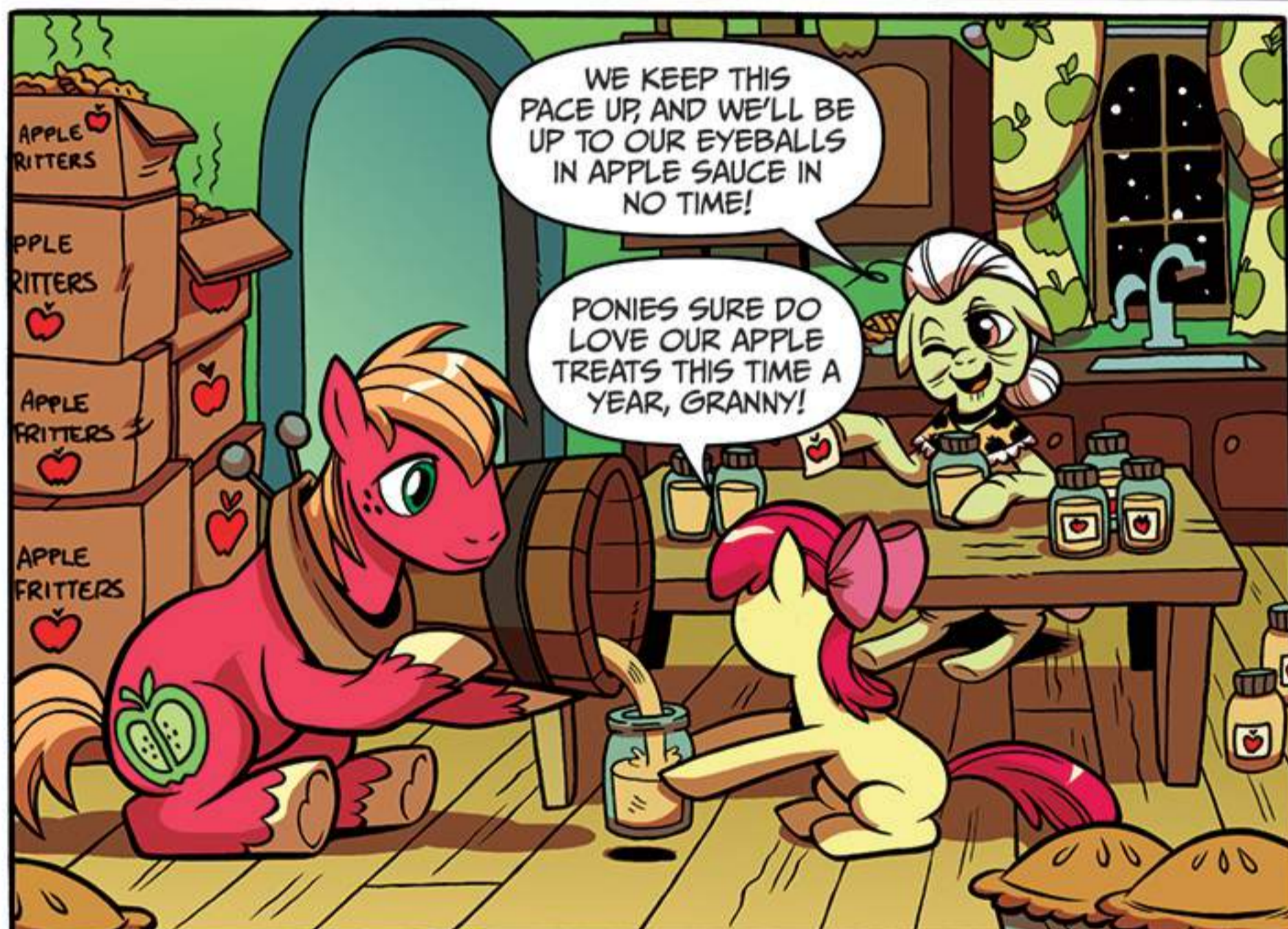
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THAAAT'S THE TICKET, APPLE BLOOM! HOLD 'ER STEADY!



WE KEEP THIS PACE UP, AND WE'LL BE UP TO OUR EYEBALLS IN APPLE SAUCE IN NO TIME!

PONIES SURE DO LOVE OUR APPLE TREATS THIS TIME A YEAR, GRANNY!



WELL, I CAN'T BLAME 'EM! HEARTH'S WARMING EVE IS ALL 'BOUT FOLKS COMIN' TOGETHER!

AND WHEN FOLKS COME TOGETHER, YOU CAN BET YOUR BIPPER THEY'LL WANT SOME TASTY TREATS TO ENJOY.



BUT AS BUSY AS WE MAY GET, WE MUST NEEVEVER FORGET THAT IT'S ALSO A TIME TO SPEND WITH THOSE YOU LOVE THE MOST!

YOU BETCHA, GRANNY!

EYUP.



WHAT ARE Y'ALL DOIN' STANDING THERE? WE'VE GOT TONS TO DO!

SORTIN' APPLES, PEELING APPLES, CORIN' APPLES, SMUDGING APPLES, MASHING APPLES, CRATING APPLES, DELIVERIN' APPLES—





YOU SIMMER DOWN NOW, APPLEJACK!  
HAVING EVERYTHING JUST SO AIN'T  
WHAT THIS HOLIDAY  
IS ABOUT!

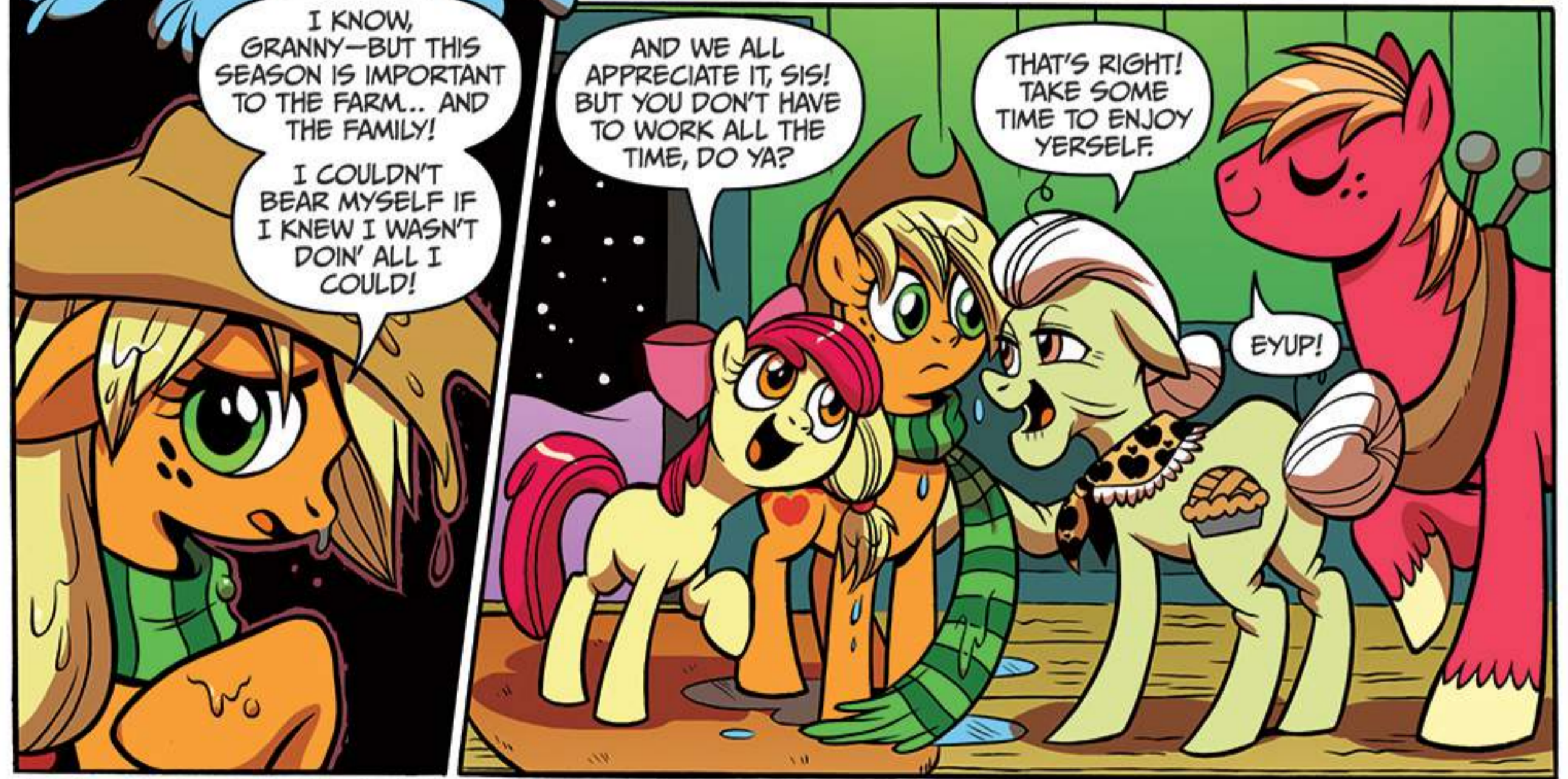
**SPLASH!**

I KNOW,  
GRANNY—BUT THIS  
SEASON IS IMPORTANT  
TO THE FARM... AND  
THE FAMILY!  
  
I COULDN'T  
BEAR MYSELF IF  
I KNEW I WASN'T  
DOIN' ALL I  
COULD!

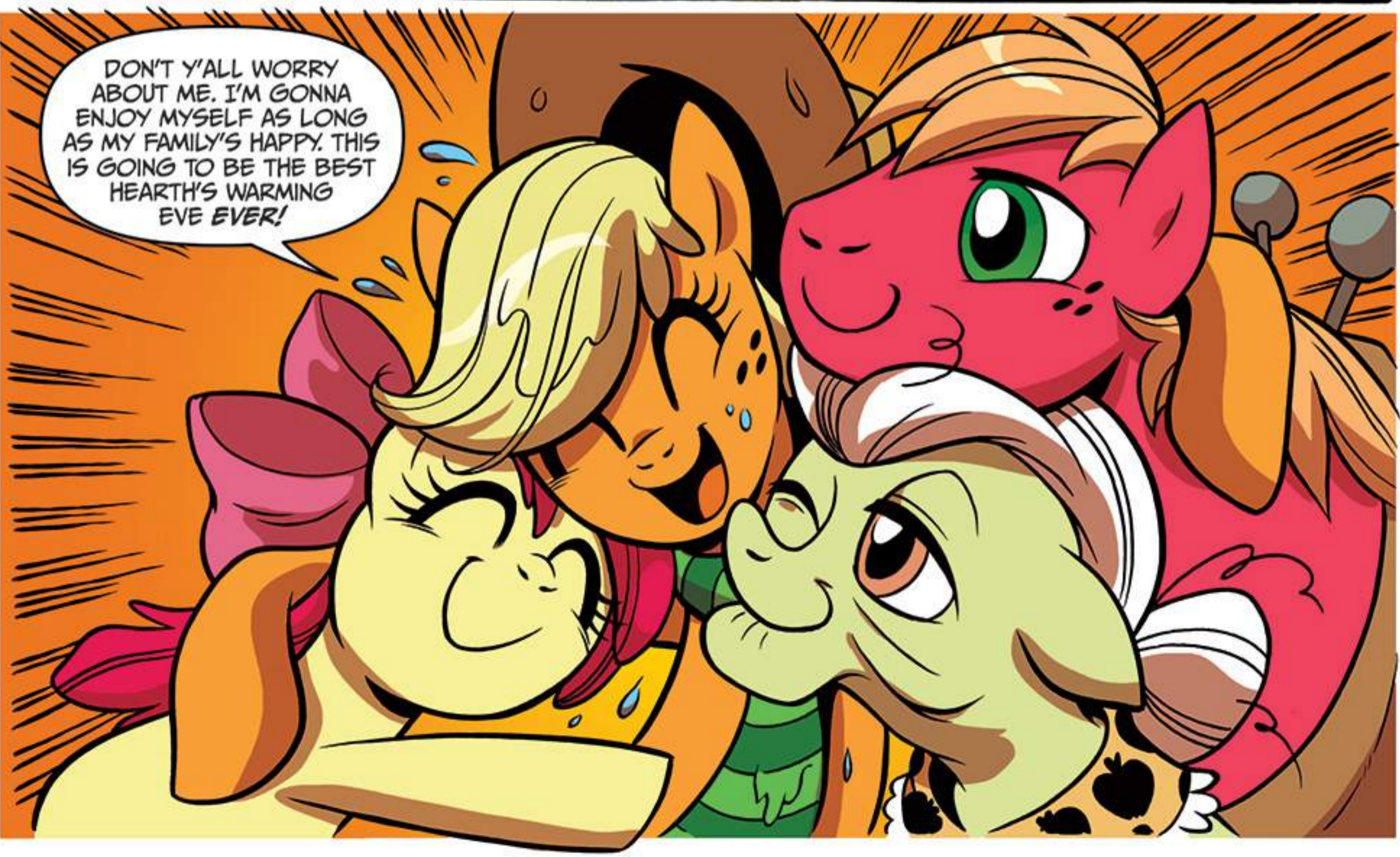
AND WE ALL  
APPRECIATE IT, SIS!  
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE  
TO WORK ALL THE  
TIME, DO YA?

THAT'S RIGHT!  
TAKE SOME  
TIME TO ENJOY  
YERSELF.

EYUP!



DON'T Y'ALL WORRY  
ABOUT ME. I'M GONNA  
ENJOY MYSELF AS LONG  
AS MY FAMILY'S HAPPY. THIS  
IS GOING TO BE THE BEST  
HEARTH'S WARMING  
EVE EVER!









THE NEXT MORNING.

WHY, I COULD HAVE SLEPT TILL NEXT HEARTH'S WARMING EVE. BUT A FARMER'S WORK WAITS FOR NO PONY!

AIN'T THAT RIGHT, Y'ALL?

Y'ALL?

LOOK LOOK



APPLEJACK! LOOK! IT'S TERRIBLE!



LOTS OF THE APPLES HAVE BEEN STOLEN...

...AND REPLACED WITH SQUASHES!



WHAT IN TARNATION?! HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN? WHO COULDA DONE SUCH A THING?

AIN'T IT OBVIOUS?



IT'S THE SASS SQUASH!





WAAAY BACK WHEN WE WERE FIRST GETTING THIS FARM OFF THE GROUND, IT SEEMED LIKE THE WORK WOULD NEVER END! WE HAD TO RAISE THE BARN, PLANT THE ORCHARD, DIG THE WELL...

ALL SO WE COULD HAVE THE FINEST APPLE ORCHARD IN EQUESTRIA!



"YOU COULD IMAGINE OUR SURPRISE WHEN WE AWOKE ONE DAY TO FIND DOZENS OF TREES! APPLES WERE REPLACED WITH SQUASHES!"

"WHO, OR WHAT, WAS BEHIND THIS MYSTERIOUS HAPPENING?"

"WELL, HONK MY NOSE AND SHINE MY HOOF, I WAS GOING TO FIND OUT!"

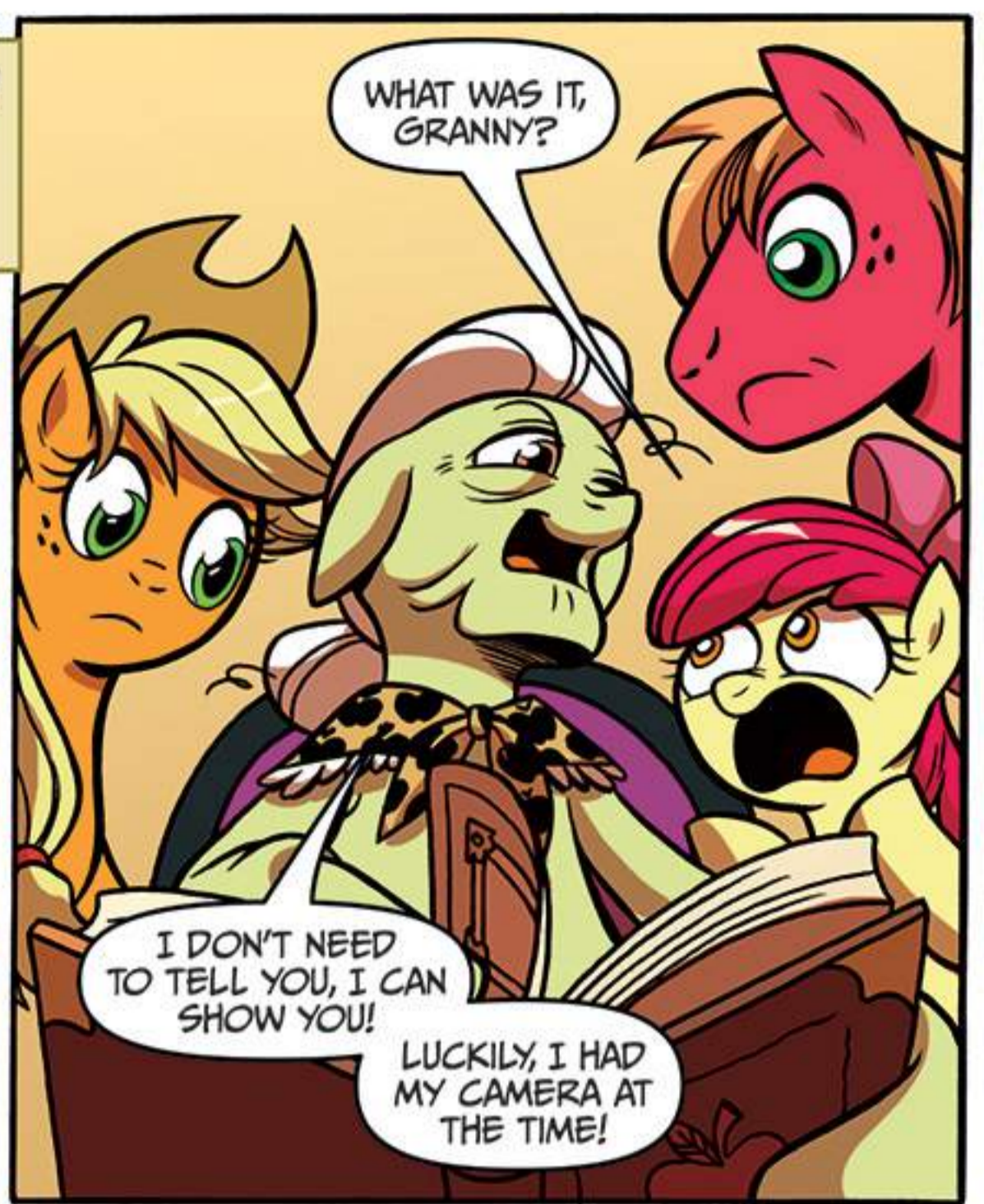




"I STAKED OUT THE AREA FOR WEEKS! I HAD DONE NEAR GIVEN UP HOPE, TILL ONE DAY..."



"THAT'S WHEN I SAW IT! NEVER IN ALL MY YEARS THEN OR SINCE HAD I SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!"



WHAT WAS IT, GRANNY?

I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU, I CAN SHOW YOU!

LUCKILY, I HAD MY CAMERA AT THE TIME!



YOU CAN'T TELL FROM THE PHOTO, BUT IT WAS DANCING, RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF ME!

AND NOT JUST A NORMAL DANCE, HEAVENS NO!

IT WAS A SASSY DANCE!



I MUSTA SPOOKED IT, 'CUZ WE NEVER DID SEE IT, NOR ITS SQUASHES, EVER AGAIN.

TILL NOW, THAT IS!



WELL, IT'S NOT GONNA CAUSE ANY MORE MISCHIEF THIS HOLIDAY!

I'M GONNA CATCH IT!









Y'ALL DON'T FRET. I'LL CATCH IT. I WANT Y'ALL TO ENJOY THE HOLIDAY.

I'M NOT GONNA LET EVERYTHING BE RUINED BY A NO GOOD VARMINT!

SPLASH!

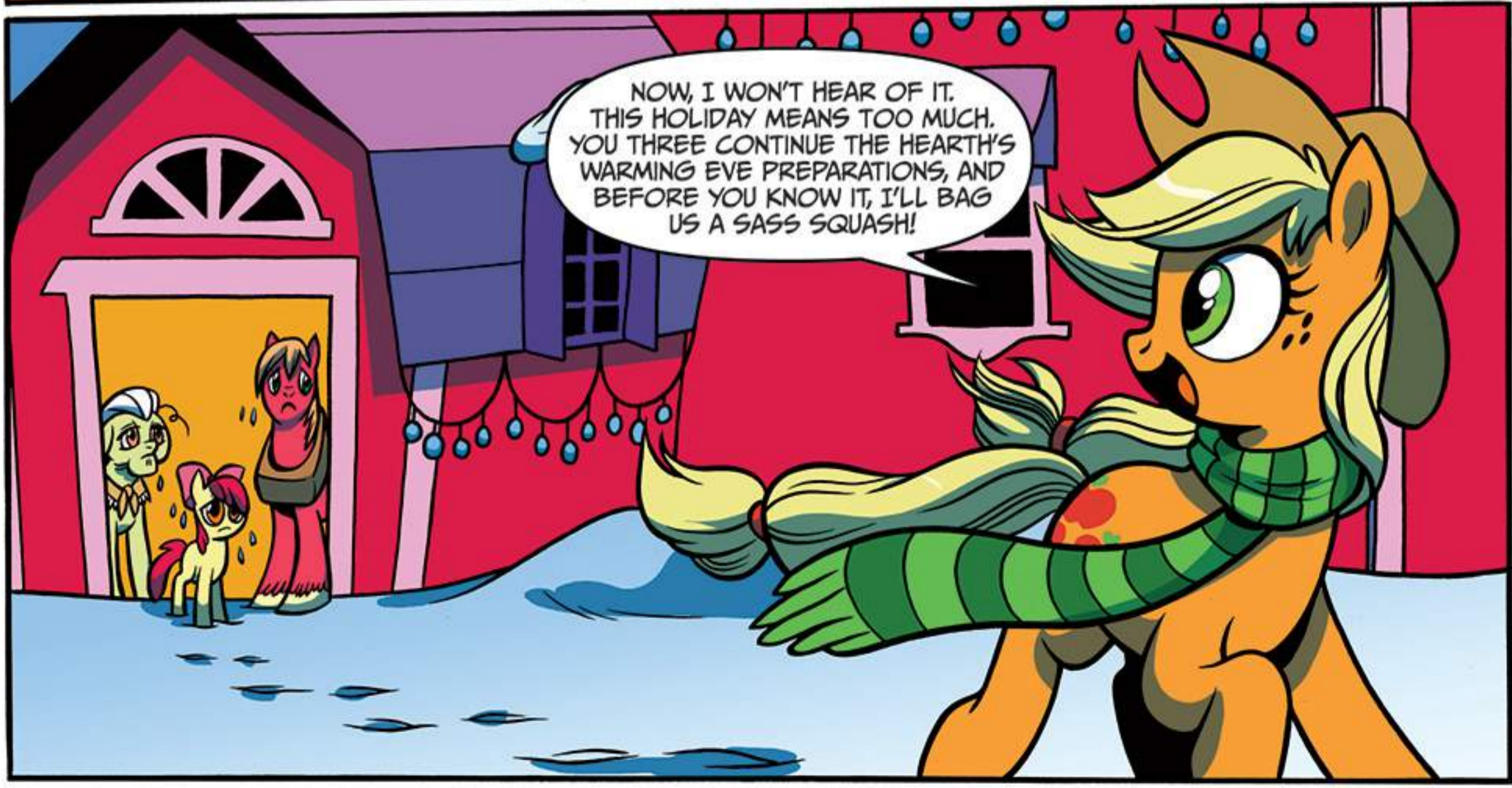


BUT APPLEJACK! YOU CAN'T DO IT ALL BY YOURSELF! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, BIG MAC?

EYUP.

THEY'RE RIGHT! WE HAVE TO DO THIS TOGETHER!

Flap



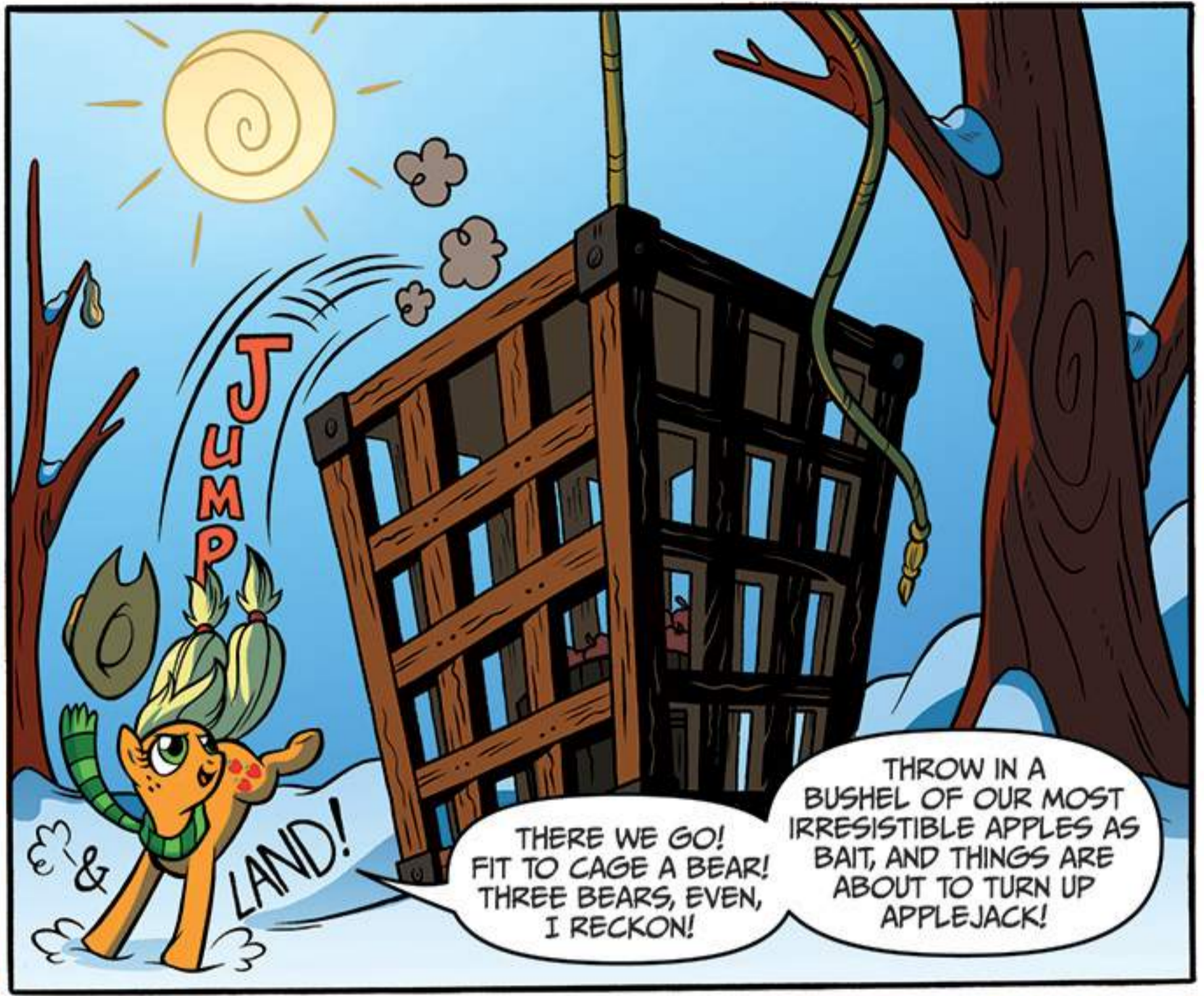
NOW, I WON'T HEAR OF IT. THIS HOLIDAY MEANS TOO MUCH. YOU THREE CONTINUE THE HEARTH'S WARMING EVE PREPARATIONS, AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, I'LL BAG US A SASS SQUASH!





THIS WILL BE A SNAP!  
THERE AIN'T A PROBLEM IN  
EQUESTRIA THAT CAN'T BE  
SOLVED WITH A LITTLE  
DETERMINATION AND  
ELBOW GREASE.

POW!  
BAM!  
SMAK!



PUMPUJ  
&  
LAND!

THERE WE GO!  
FIT TO CAGE A BEAR!  
THREE BEARS, EVEN,  
I RECKON!

THROW IN A  
BUSHEL OF OUR MOST  
IRRRESISTIBLE APPLES AS  
BAIT, AND THINGS ARE  
ABOUT TO TURN UP  
APPLEJACK!



ONCE I CAGE 'EM, I'LL  
GIVE THE GALOOT A STERN  
TALKING TO, MAYBE EVEN A WAG  
OF MY HOOF IF I'M FEELIN'  
STERN, AND WE'LL TOW 'EM DEEP  
INTO EVERFREE FOREST  
WHERE HE BELONGS!

AND  
THAT'LL BE  
THAT!



AND NOW  
TO LET SWEET  
PATIENCE PLAY  
IT'S PRECIOUS  
MELODY.

POP!



IT'S LIKE  
THE PONY SAYS,  
"WAITIN' IS THE  
HARDEST  
PART"!



APPLE  
COBBLER. APPLE  
BURRITO. APPLE...  
APPLE.







APPLEJACK!  
WAKE UP!

\*SNORT\* CAT  
BAGELS!  
WHA-HUH?



APPLEJACK,  
YOU FELL  
ASLEEP!

WELL, MAYBE  
I JUST RESTED  
MY EYES FOR  
A MOMENT,  
BUT I—

WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
INSIDE THAT  
CAGE?

WHAT IN THE  
WORLD ARE YOU  
TALKING ABOUT  
APPLE BLOOM?  
I'M ON THE—



...OUTSIDE.



DAG NAB  
IT! I'VE BEEN  
BAMBOOZLED!

ARE YOU SURE  
YOU COULDN'T USE  
SOME HELP?



NO WAY, NUH-UH,  
NEGATORY, LITTLE  
MISSY! I PROMISED  
Y'ALL THAT I WOULD  
CAPTURE THIS SASS  
SQUASH, AND THAT'S  
EXACTLY WHAT I'M  
GONNA DO!

AND I DON'T  
NEED A LICK  
OF HELP!

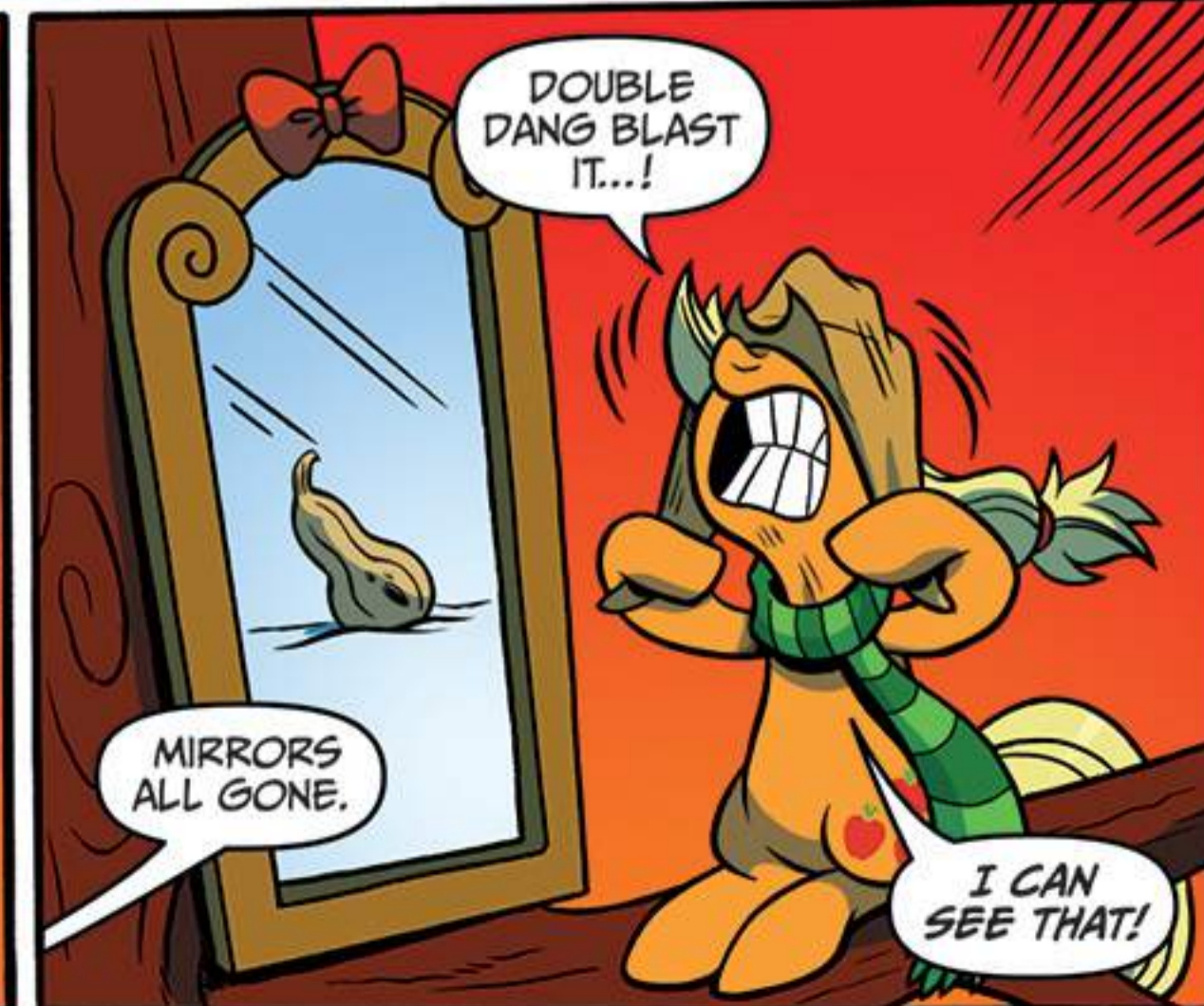
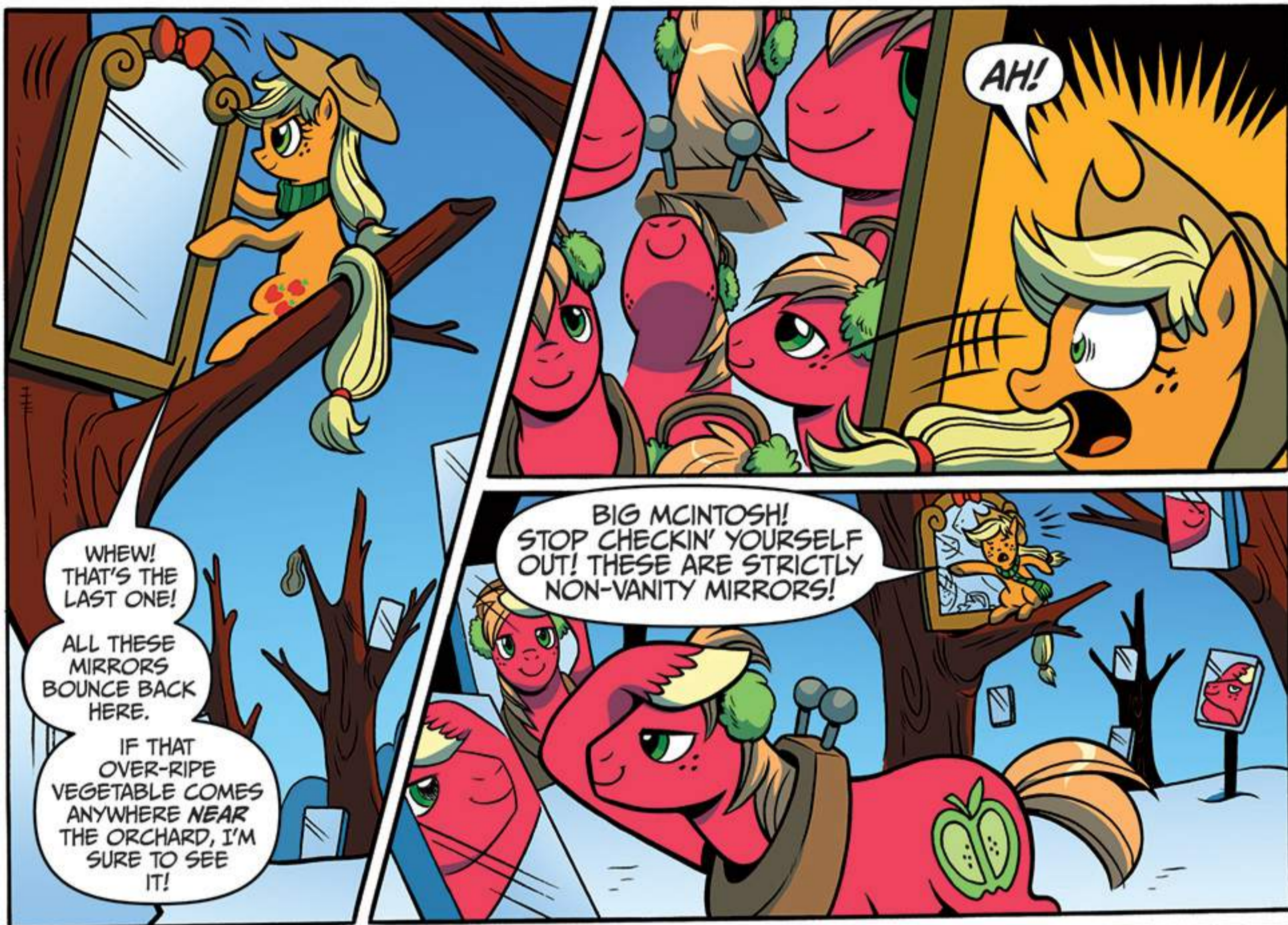


... THAT IS, RIGHT  
AFTER YOU HELP ME  
OUTTA THIS CAGE.







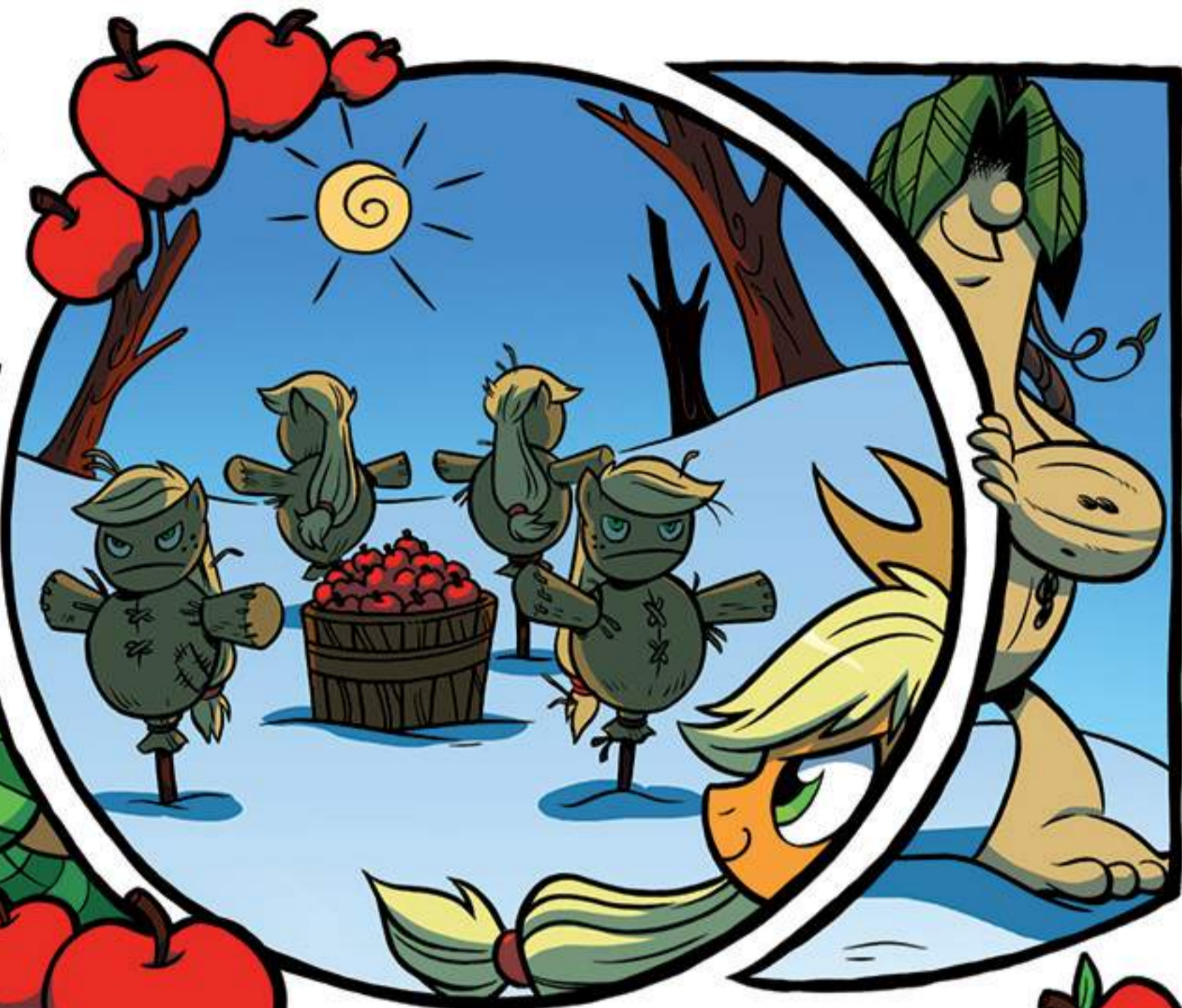








YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE!  
THIS HEARTH'S WARMING EVE  
AN UNWANTED GUEST  
BECAME SUCH A PEST



BUT ALL ON MY OWN  
I'LL DO IT ALONE  
THE TRAPS ARE ALL SET  
I WON'T GIVE UP YET!



THE PLANS ARE IN PLACE  
LET'S END THIS RAT RACE!  
BUT SOMETHING FEELS WRONG  
IT'S TAKING TOO LONG!



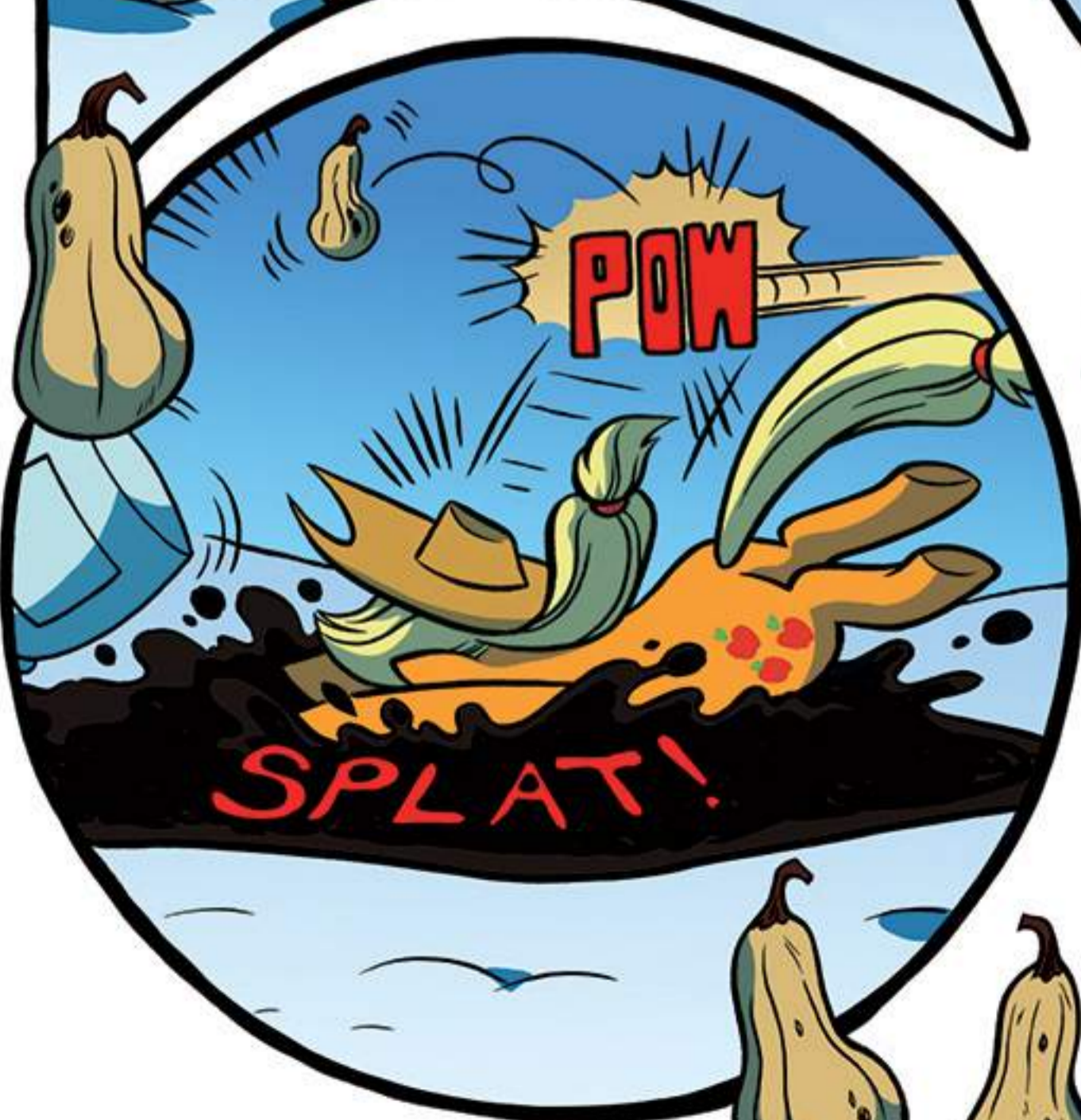




BUT HOW COULD THIS BE?!  
HE'S OUTSMARTED ME!  
THE SCARECROWS HAVE FAILED  
AND THE SQUASH HAS BAILED!



I FEEL LIKE A FOOL  
IT'S GETTING TOO CRUEL!  
THAT PAINT SHOULD HAVE WORKED  
I'M GETTING QUITE IRKED!



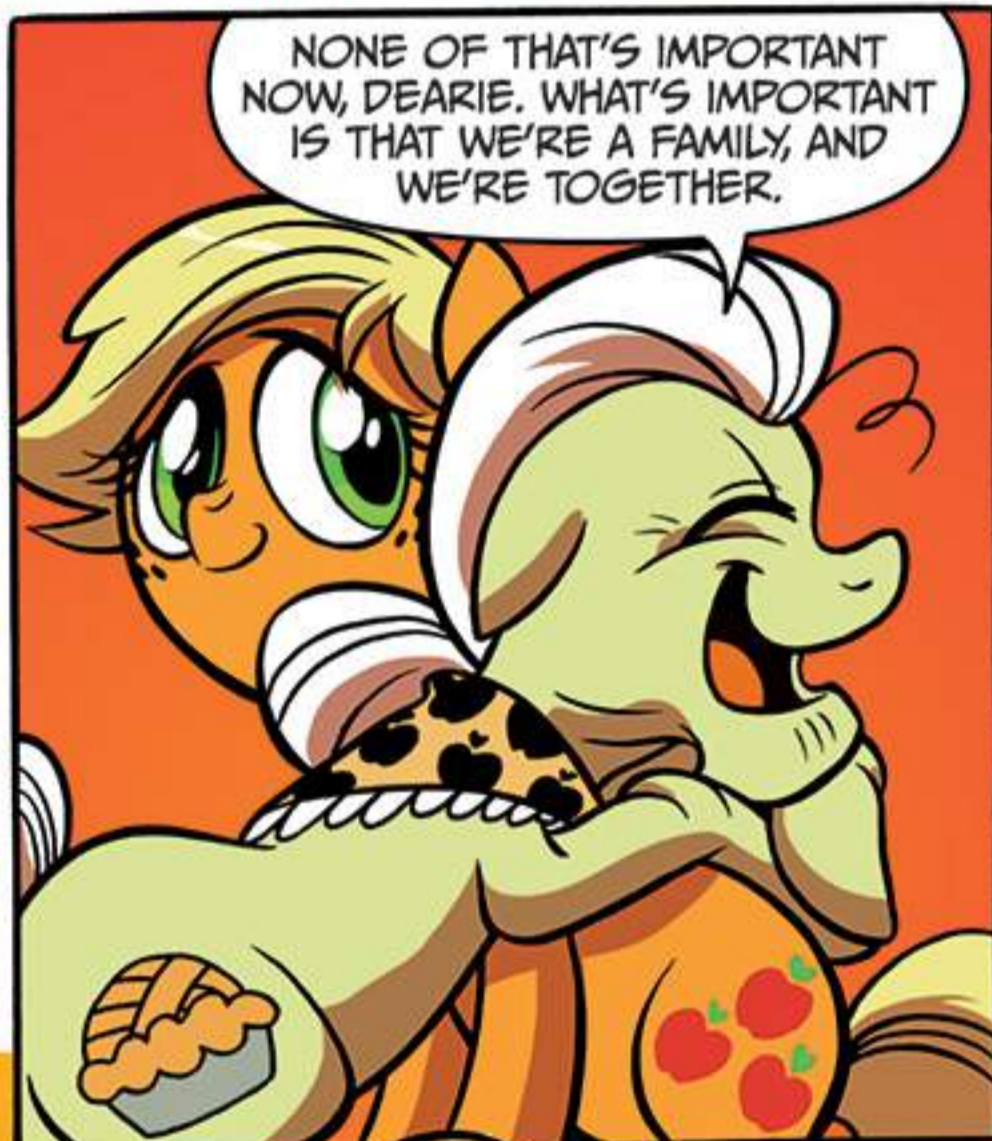
OH IT'S SUCH A PAIN!  
IS IT ALL IN VAIN?  
THAT SQUASH HAS ME BEAT  
I CAN'T TAKE DEFEAT!















OKAY, THAT'S A WRAP! LET'S HUDDLE UP!



EVERYONE KNOW WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO?

YEAH!

EYUP.

YOU GOT IT, MISSY!

THEN LET'S SHOW THIS VARMINT IT'S MESSIN' WITH THE WRONG FAMILY!

APPLE FAMILY...



GO!



YOU'RE UP, GRANNY!

BANG! BANG!

HOOT HOOT! I'M COMIN' TO GETCHA, YOU GREAT GREEN GOOFUS!

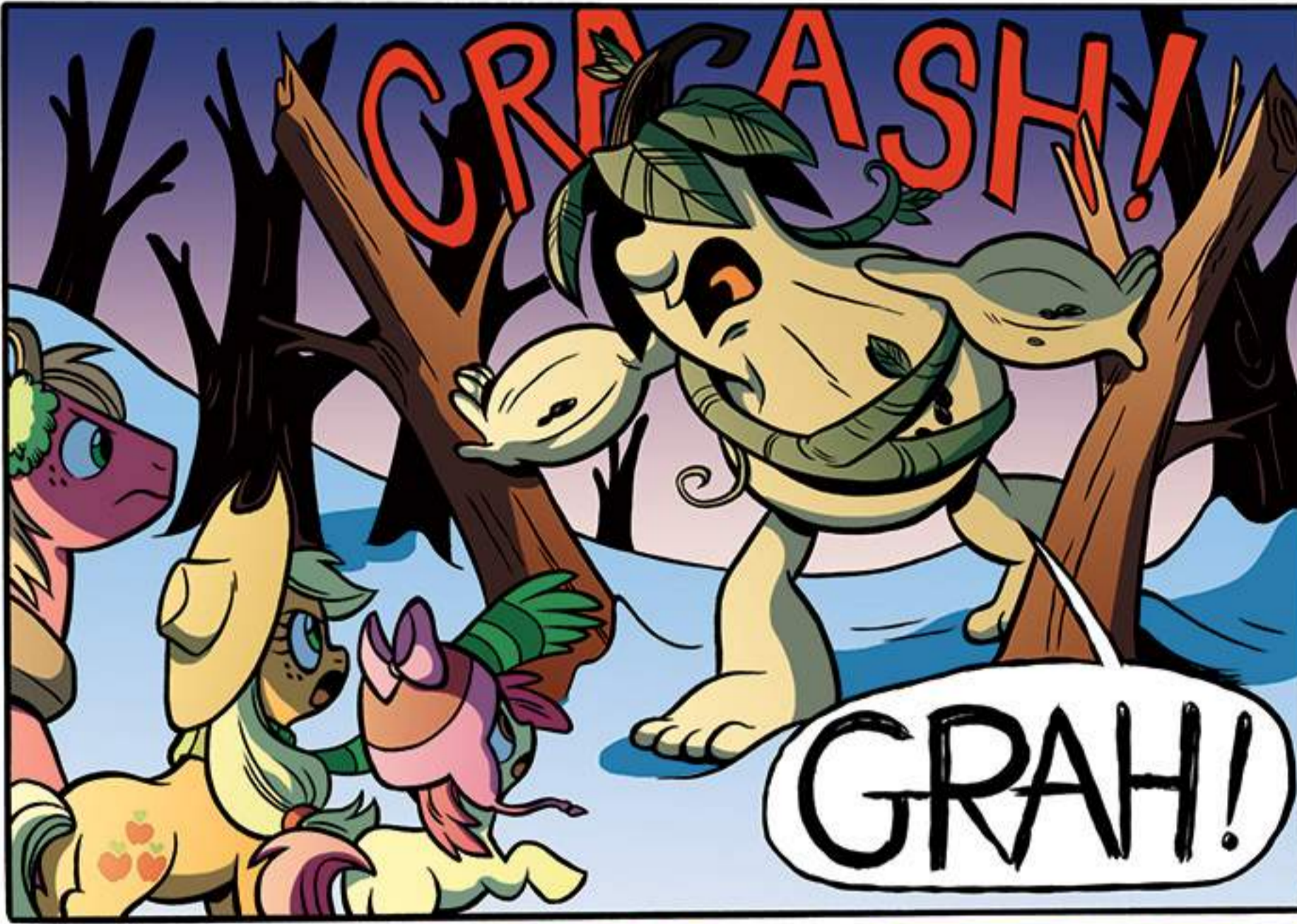


BANG BANG BANG

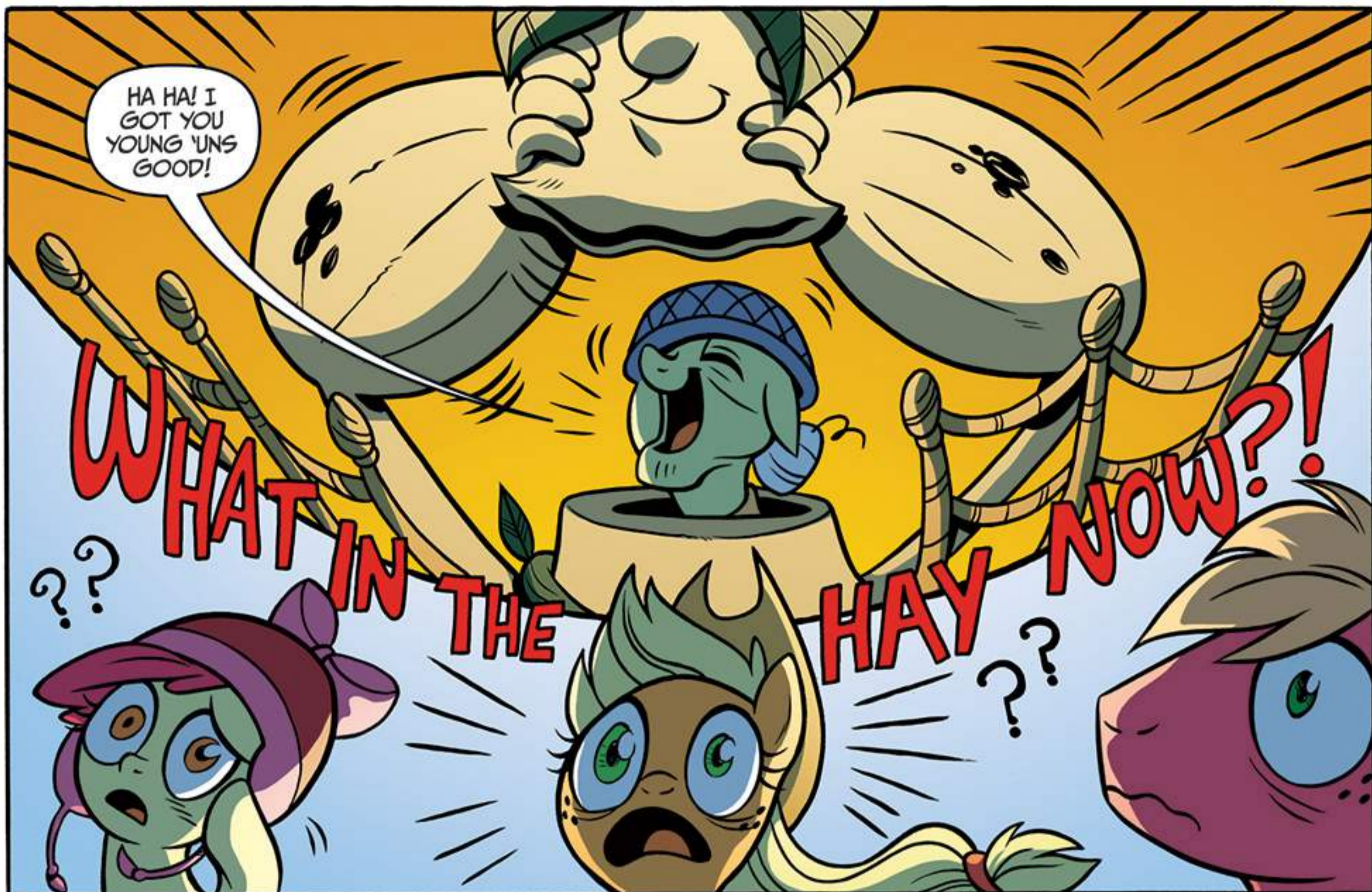


BE READY, APPLE BLOOM. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN—









HA HA! I GOT YOU YOUNG 'UNS GOOD!

WHAT IN THE HAY NOW?!



Y'SEE, AFTER I RAN INTO THE FOREST I SUITED UP INTO THIS OLD COSTUME I MADE YEARS AGO.

Y'SEE?

BUT... WHY WOULD YOU DO ALL OF THIS, GRANNY?



TO BRING US ALL TOGETHER, OF COURSE! WE WERE SO BUSY PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAY THAT WE FORGOT TO SPEND TIME WITH EACH OTHER.

SAME THING HAPPENED BACK WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL, AND THE FARM WAS JUST GETTIN' STARTED. THE IDEA OF HUNTIN' A SASS SQUASH GOT OUR MIND OFF OUR WORK, AND LET US SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME TOGETHER!

I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE TIME FER A REPEAT PERFORMANCE!



UNTIL APPLEJACK TOOK ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HERSELF, LIKE SHE ALWAYS DOES!

EVEN THOUGH A FAMILY SHOULD SHARE WORK AND PLAY TOGETHER!

LUCKILY, YOU EVENTUALLY REALIZED THAT ALL BY YERSELF, APPLEJACK. JUST LIKE I KNEW YE WOULD!

Rbke!





SHUCKS, YOU'RE RIGHT, GRANNY. I DID GET A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY.

LUCKILY, I'VE GOT Y'ALL TO KEEP ME ON TRACK.



THAT'S RIGHT! 'CUZ WE'RE A FAMILY!

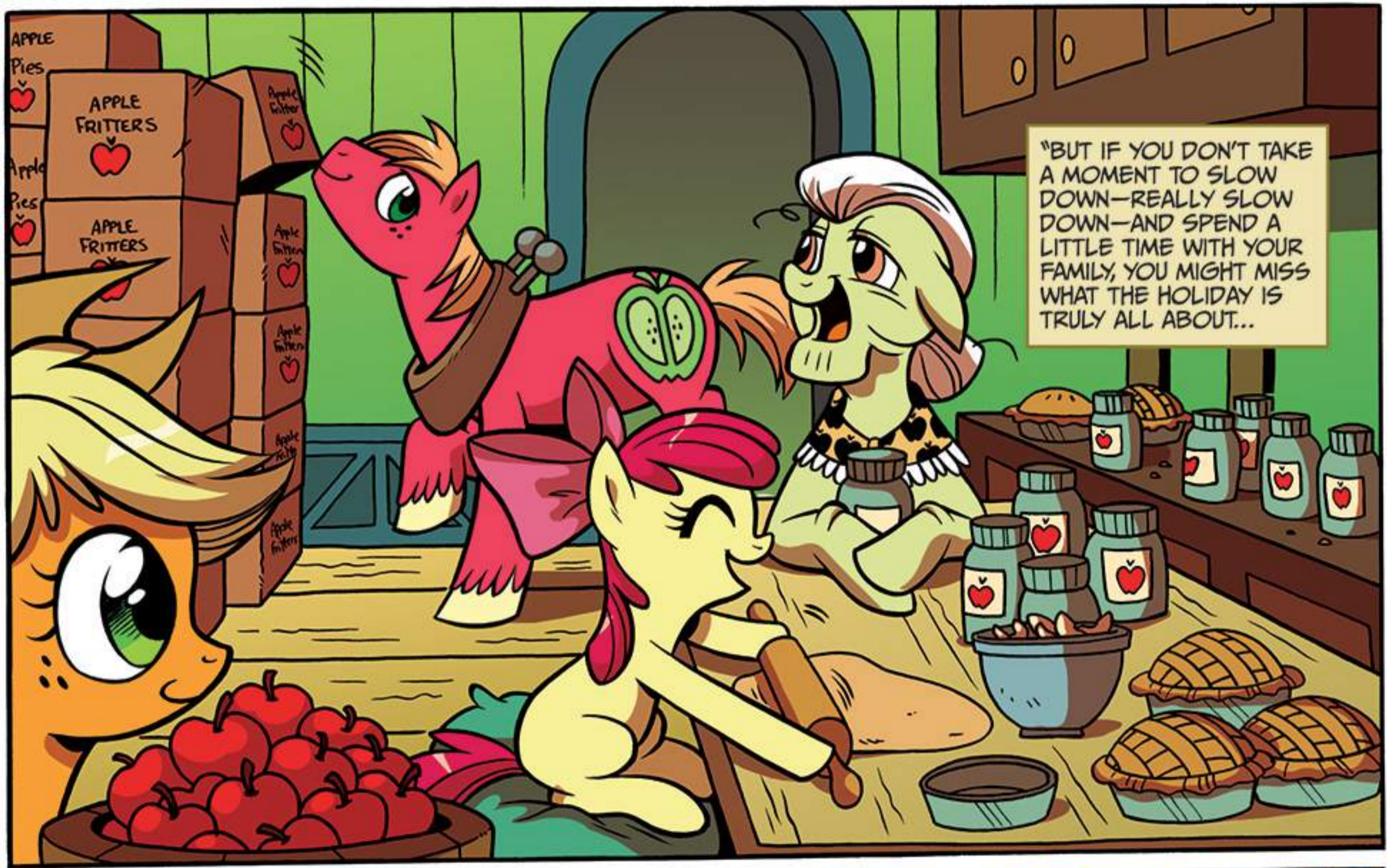
EEEEYUP!

DARN TOOTIN'!

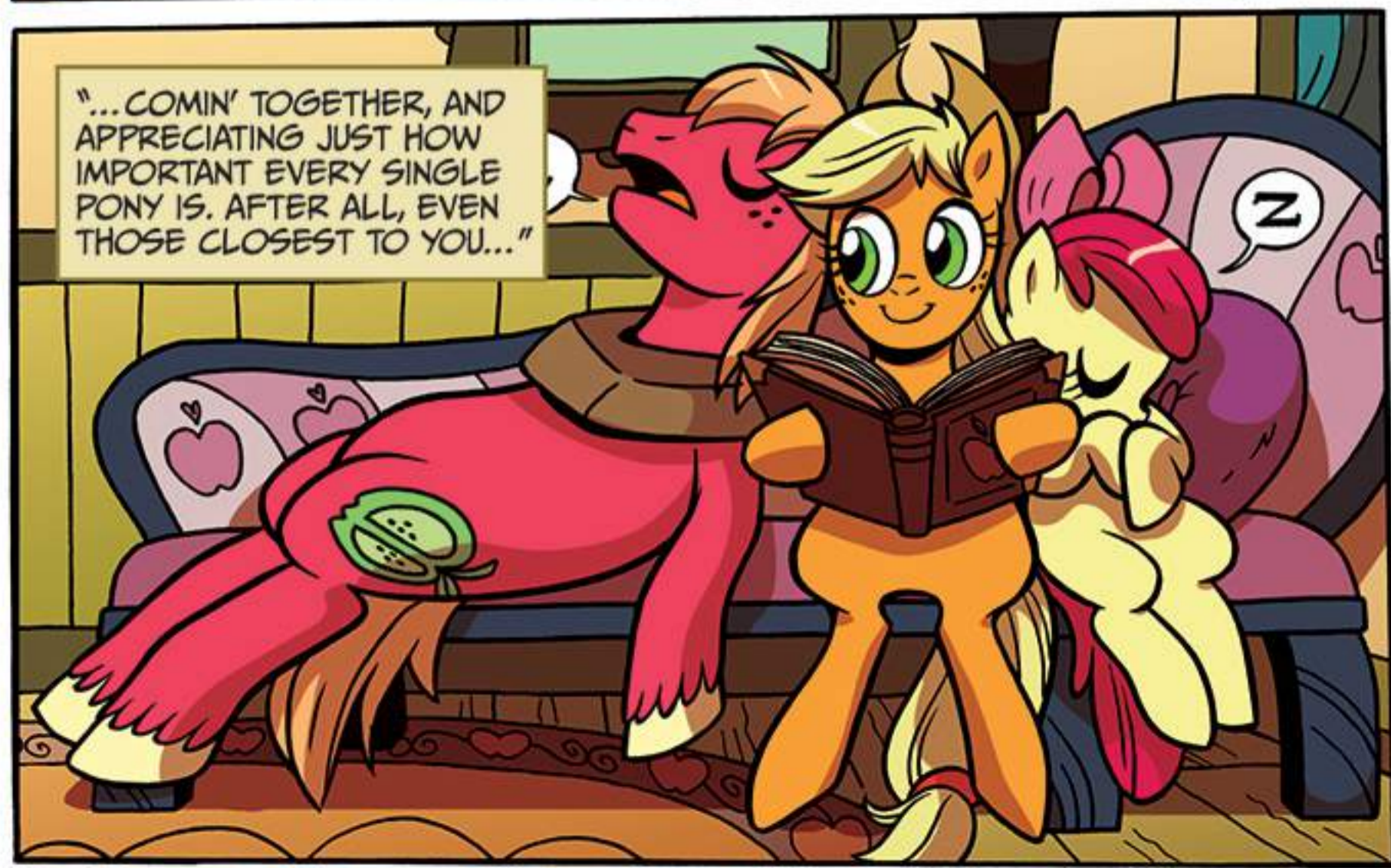


"DEAR PRINCESS CELESTIA,

"IF THERE'S ONE THING I'VE LEARNED THIS HEARTH'S WARMING EVE, IT'S THAT HOLIDAYS CAN GET A MIGHT CRAZY. SEEMS LIKE THERE'S ALWAYS A MILLION THINGS TO DO, AND SO LITTLE TIME TO DO IT!



"BUT IF YOU DON'T TAKE A MOMENT TO SLOW DOWN—REALLY SLOW DOWN—AND SPEND A LITTLE TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY, YOU MIGHT MISS WHAT THE HOLIDAY IS TRULY ALL ABOUT...

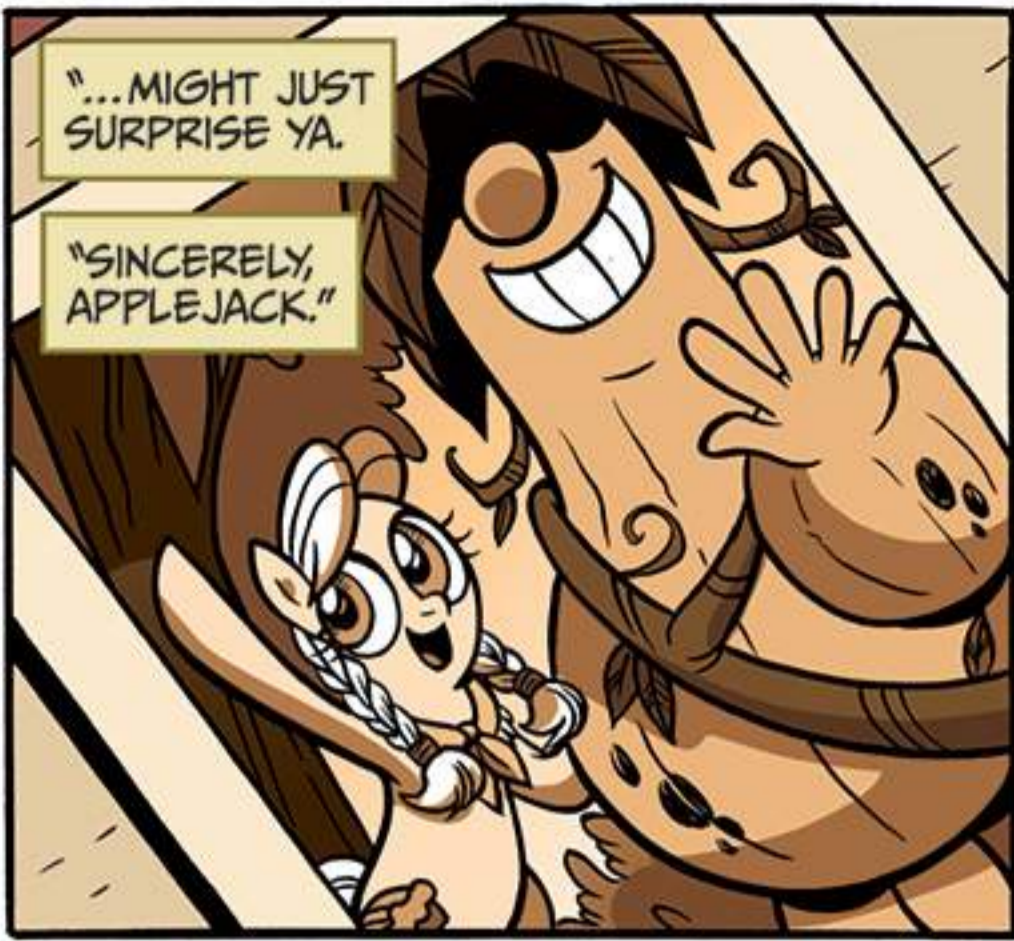


"...COMIN' TOGETHER, AND APPRECIATING JUST HOW IMPORTANT EVERY SINGLE PONY IS. AFTER ALL, EVEN THOSE CLOSEST TO YOU..."



IT COULDN'T BE...







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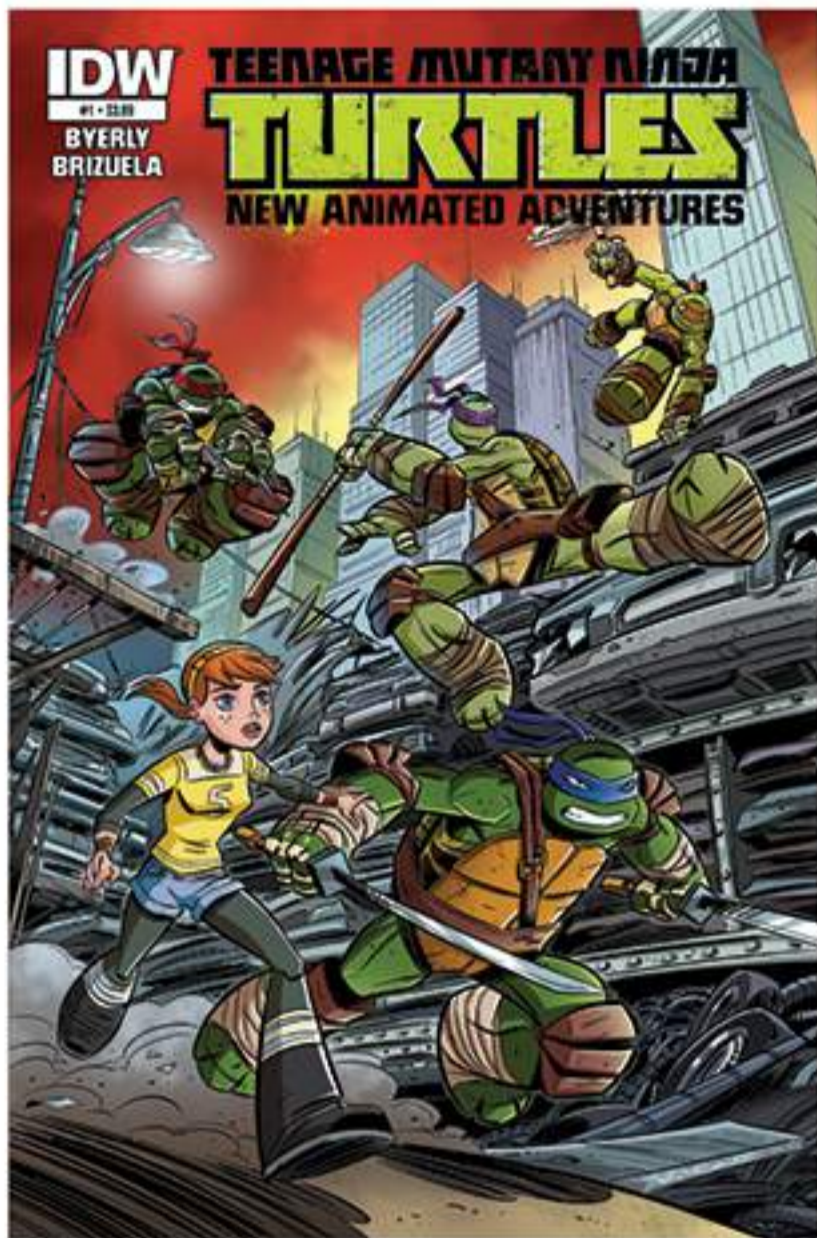
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## THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT!

Deep and groovy ruminations from IDW's Man of Marketing, Dirk Wood

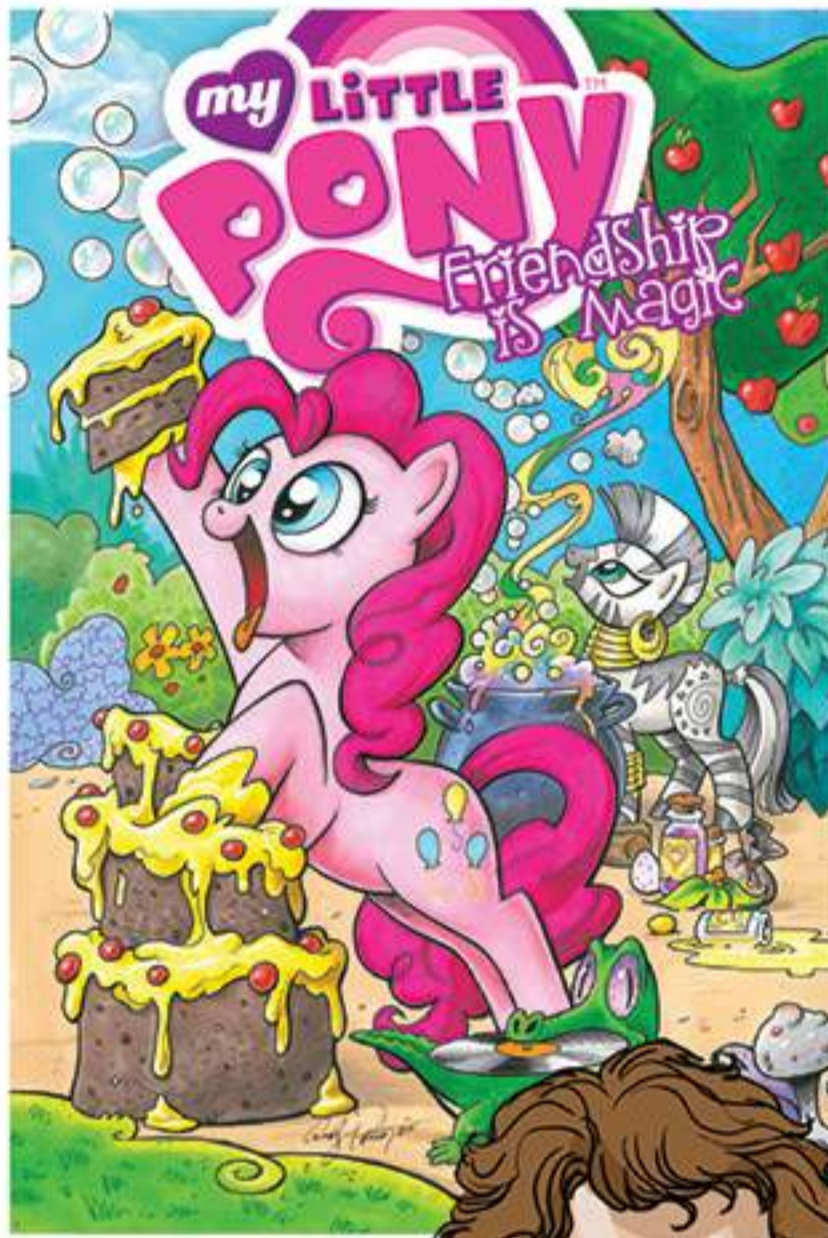
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When I was a kid, I learned to read the best way you can, with comic books! And look at me now! I make a living... selling comic books. Okay, maybe not the best example.

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And not only that, but July sees the launch of a new digest-sized *My Little Pony*! All the ponies you can fit in your pocket! But don't think we're done. Just wait until this fall, the



kids' comics revolution will be upon us! *Powerpuff Girls*, *Samurai Jack*, *Ben 10*, *Mr. Peabody & Sherman*, *Rocky & Bullwinkle*... There's an IDW-sized avalanche of kids' comics headed your way!

Teach your children well! With comics!

-Dirk



EMPLOYEE PICK OF THE MONTH!

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### THE ROCKETEER/THE SPIRIT #1

"When I was kid, summer reading meant big event comic books like annuals and crossovers (*Earth 2*, anyone?). So, my big wish for this summer, I wanted to see a mash-up between two of my all-time favorite characters and thanks to the stellar IDW editorial team and our good friends at DC, wish granted! *Will Eisner's The Spirit* and *Dave Stevens' The Rocketeer* are joining forces in *The Rocketeer/The Spirit: Pulp Friction!* Wait until you see what Mark Waid and Paul Smith have in store for this one, it's going to be the sneak hit of the year."



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