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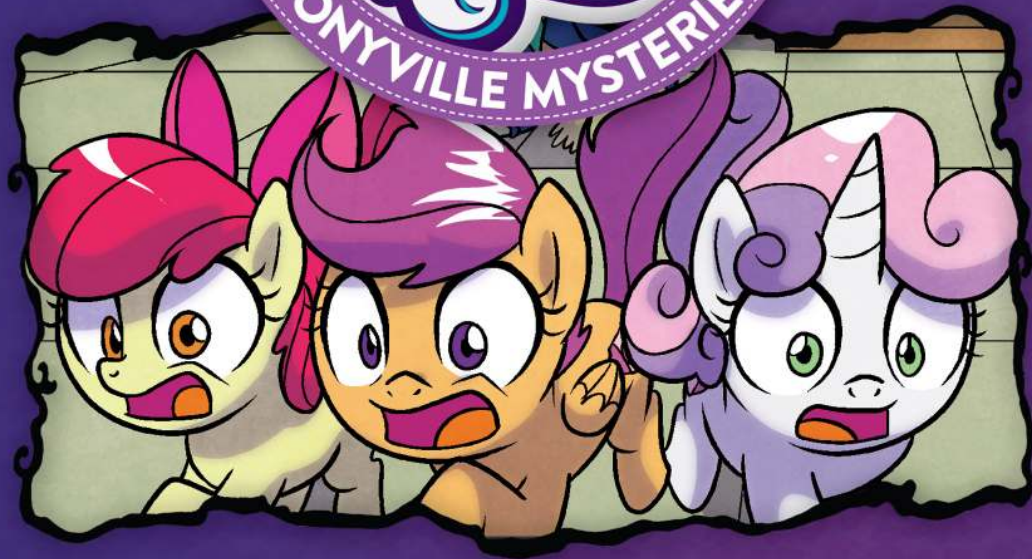
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NOW THIS HERE IS MORE LIKE IT!



NO BOGLES OR TIMBERWOLVES.

NO WEIRD THINGS IN THE EVERFREE FOREST.

JUST UNEVENTFUL TRIPS TO THE HOSPITAL.

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF!



PLUS, BY VOLUNTEERING HERE, WE'RE STILL HELPING PONIES.

AND EARNING A FILLY SCOUT COMMUNITY SERVICE BADGE.

STILL, YOU HAVE TO ADMIT THAT SOLVING MYSTERIES WAS KIND OF FUN.

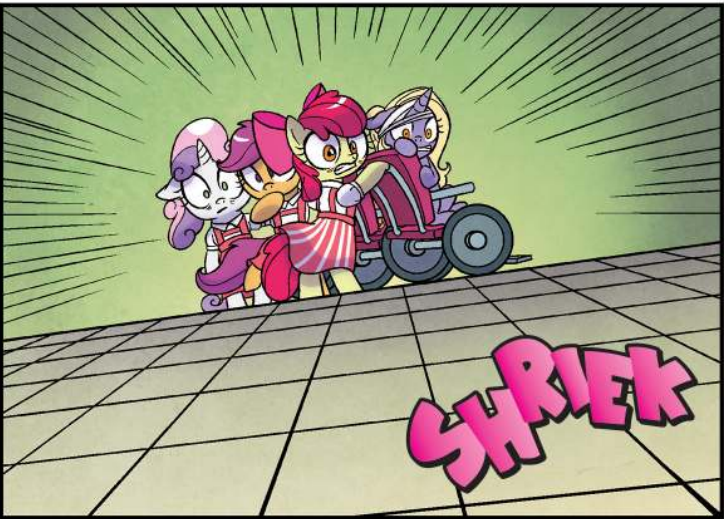
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF!

WHAT SHE SAID!



I MEAN, I'M GLAD WE'VE BECOME FRIENDS WITH LILYMOON SINCE HER FAMILY MOVED IN.

BUT WITH ALL THE WEIRD THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH, A BREAK FROM MYSTERIES WILL BE NICE.

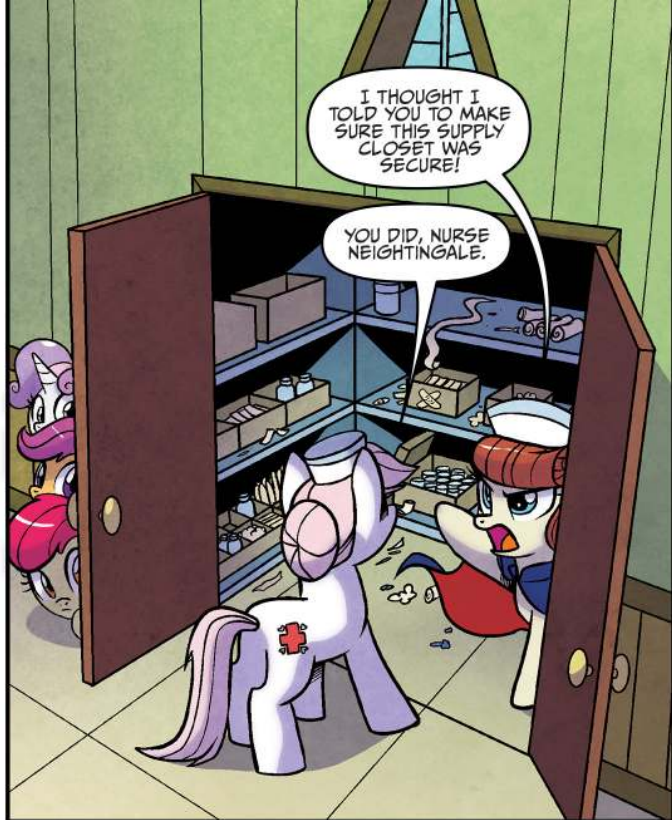


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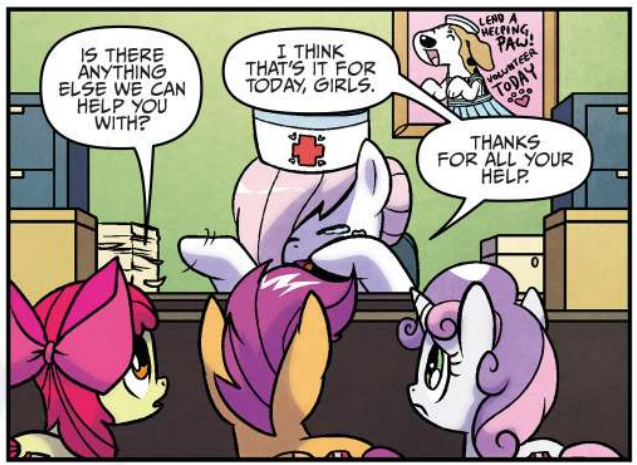
















WHEN DID THE THEFTS START HAPPENING?

THE FIRST ONE WAS AROUND TWO WEEKS AGO.

THE SECOND A FEW DAYS LATER.



YOU SAID THAT NONE OF THE ACTUAL MEDICINE IS GONE?

NO. JUST BANDAGES, TOWELS, AND COTTON.

SO, SOFT THINGS?

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YES.

THE HOSPITAL USES DOWN PILLOWS?

NO. TOO MANY PONIES ARE ALLERGIC.



I RETRIEVE THE SUPPLIES AND DISTEMPER STOCKS THE CLOSET.

WHO USUALLY GOES IN HERE?

WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WITH KEYS, BESIDES HEAD NURSE NEIGHTINGALE.

DISTEMPER? WHO'S THAT?



HE'S THE HOSPITAL CUSTODIAN.

HE KEEPS EVERYTHING CLEAN AND STOCKED.

I GUESS HE COULD LOOK A BIT SCARY IF YOU DON'T KNOW HIM.

YOU MEAN THAT SCARY-LOOKING PONY?

IF HE'S THE ONLY OTHER ONE WITH KEYS, THAN MAYBE HE'S THE THIEF?



DISTEMPER? NOT POSSIBLE!

HE'S BEEN WITH THE HOSPITAL FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

HE WOULD NEVER RISK HIS JOB BY STEALING.



**NURSE REDHEART PACING NURSE REDHEART.**

OH DEAR, I'D BETTER SEE WHO NEEDS ME.

WELL, I REALLY SHOULDN'T KEEP IT UNSUPERVISED.

CAN WE HAVE A COUPLE MORE MINUTES TO LOOK AROUND THE CLOSET?

DON'T WORRY, YOU CAN TRUST US.

I GUESS IF I CAN'T TRUST PONYVILLE'S MOST HELPFUL PONIES, THAN WHO CAN I TRUST?

THANKS, GIRLS. I'LL CHECK BACK IN A FEW MINUTES.



DID YOU HEAR THAT?

PONYVILLE'S MOST HELPFUL PONIES!

THAT'S NICE AND ALL, BUT LET'S GET BACK TO WORK!

I'M HAVING A HARD TIME BELIEVING THAT THE ONLY OTHER PONY WITH A KEY IS NOT A SUSPECT!



OTHER THAN THE MISSING SUPPLIES, I DON'T SEE ANY CLUES!

WHAT ABOUT THAT WINDOW?

IT'S SO SMALL, A FILLY COULDN'T EVEN FIT THROUGH THERE.

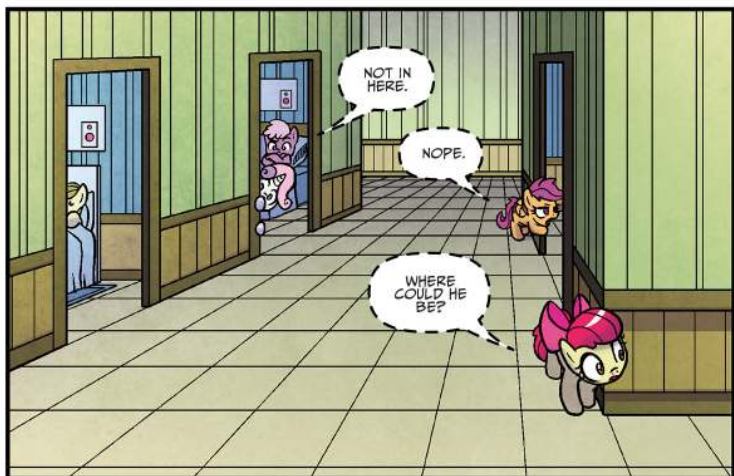


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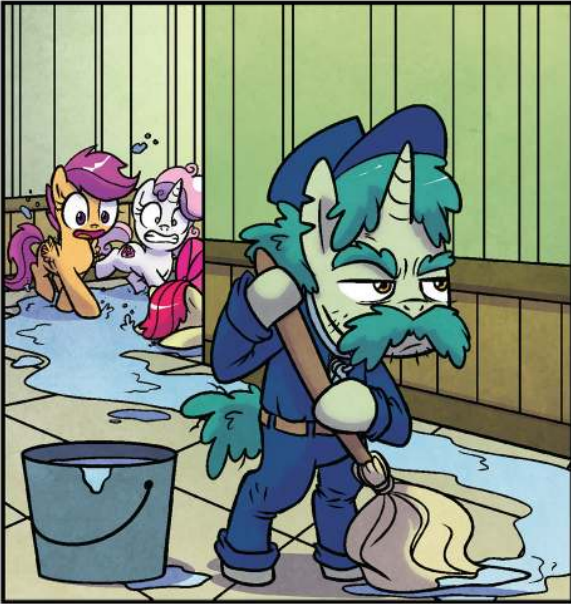
C'MON, CRUSADERS, LET'S GO HAVE A WORD WITH OUR PRIME SUSPECT!























DISTEMPER? ARE YOU CERTAIN?

PRETTY SURE!



I HATE TO THINK THAT SOMEONY WHO HAS BEEN SO LOYAL FOR SO LONG COULD BE STEALING.

I AM ESPECIALLY CONCERNED TO HEAR THAT HE'S GIVING PATIENTS MEDICAL TREATMENT WHEN HE DOES NOT HAVE THE PROPER TRAINING!

HE COULD CAUSE FURTHER INJURY!



WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO DISTEMPER?

I GUESS I'LL NEED TO SUSPEND HIM, PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

OH.



GEE, DISTEMPER REALLY MIGHT LOSE HIS JOB?

WELL... HE WAS STEALING AND ALL.



NURSE REDHEART, WE'RE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY MORE THEFTS OF THE SUPPLY CLOSET.





THE NEXT DAY.

THERE WAS ANOTHER THEFT OF THE SUPPLY CLOSET!



WHAT? HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?

I THOUGHT WE CAUGHT THE THIEF!



I GUESS IT WASN'T DISTEMPER AFTER ALL.

BUT NEIGHTINGALE NOW THINKS WE BOTH HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.



OH, NO!

AND I'VE ALSO BEEN SUSPENDED!



GOSH, NURSE REDHEART, WE'RE REALLY SORRY THAT HAPPENED.

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

WE PROMISED RARITY WE WOULD DELIVER THIS SCRAP MATERIAL TO FLUTTERSHY'S ANIMAL SANCTUARY.

BUT AS SOON AS WE'RE DONE, WE'LL GET BACK ON THE CASE!





HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU FOR BRINGING ALL THESE SCRAPS OF MATERIAL?

CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP



CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP

IT'S OUR PLEASURE!

BUT I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU NEED ALL OF THIS.



IT'S NESTING SEASON FOR THE EQUESTRIAN SOCIAL WEAVERS.

AND THIS YEAR, THE FLOCK HAS CHOSEN THE TALLEST TREE IN THE SANCTUARY TO BUILD THEIR NEST!



CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP

THE WEAVERS ONLY USE SOFT MATERIALS FOR THEIR NESTS.

AND MAKE A BIG RACKET WHILE THEY'RE BUILDING THEM!

CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP



WHEN RARITY MENTIONED THAT SHE HAD SCRAPS OF MATERIAL PILING UP I THOUGHT THE WEAVERS MIGHT WANT TO USE THEM FOR THEIR NEST.

LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE RIGHT!

THAT'S IT!

CHIRP CHIRP

CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP

CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP





C'MON, CRUSADERS! I THINK I'VE SOLVED OUR MYSTERY.



SWEETIE BELLE, WAIT UP!



WHICH ONE IS IT?

WOULD YA PLEASE TELL US WHAT'S GOING ON?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT FLUTTERSHY SAID?

THAT A BUNCH OF NOISY BIRDS ARE BUILDING A GIANT NEST IN HER SANCTUARY?



WELL, YES, BUT WHAT ELSE DID SHE SAY?

THAT THEY LIKE OLD SCRAPS OF FABRIC?

AND?

AND OTHER SOFT THINGS. SO WHAT?



THERE'S THE WINDOW, AND—

—BINGO!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

















SO YOU SEE? IT WASN'T A PONY WHO TOOK THE SUPPLIES.

THE SUPPLIES FROM THE HOSPITAL MAKE PERFECT NEST MATERIALS!

BUT THESE BIRDS!



YOU ARE MY TWO MOST LOYAL EMPLOYEES.

AND YET I WAS SO QUICK TO BELIEVE THE WORST ABOUT BOTH OF YOU.

CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?

OF COURSE!

ABSOLUTELY!



BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THAT FACT THAT YOU SHOULD NOT BE GIVING PATIENTS MEDICAL CARE.

I UNDERSTAND.

THOUGH MAYBE IT'S TIME WE LOOKED INTO ENROLLING YOU IN A NURSING SCHOOL.

I'D LIKE THAT.



MR. DISTEMPER, SIR? LOOKS LIKE WE OWE YOU AS BIG AN APOLOGY AS THERE IS!

WE REALLY SHOULD HAVE INVESTIGATED ALL OF OUR OPTIONS, RATHER THAN PINNING IT ON THE FIRST PONY WE SUSPECTED.

HMPH! I GUESS I SEEM SCARY TO NEWCOMERS AT THE HOSPITAL.

JUST DON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN!



SWEETIE BELLE, WE'RE REALLY SORRY FOR NOT LISTENING TO YOU SOONER.

WE JUST WANTED TO IMPRESS EVERYPONY BY SOLVING THE MYSTERY QUICKLY—

—WHEN WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKING OUR TIME LIKE YOU WANTED.

NOW WE ALL KNOW BETTER!



NOW WHICH ONE OF YOU KNOWS HOW TO STEER THIS THING?

WE'VE GOT A HOSPITAL TO RUN!







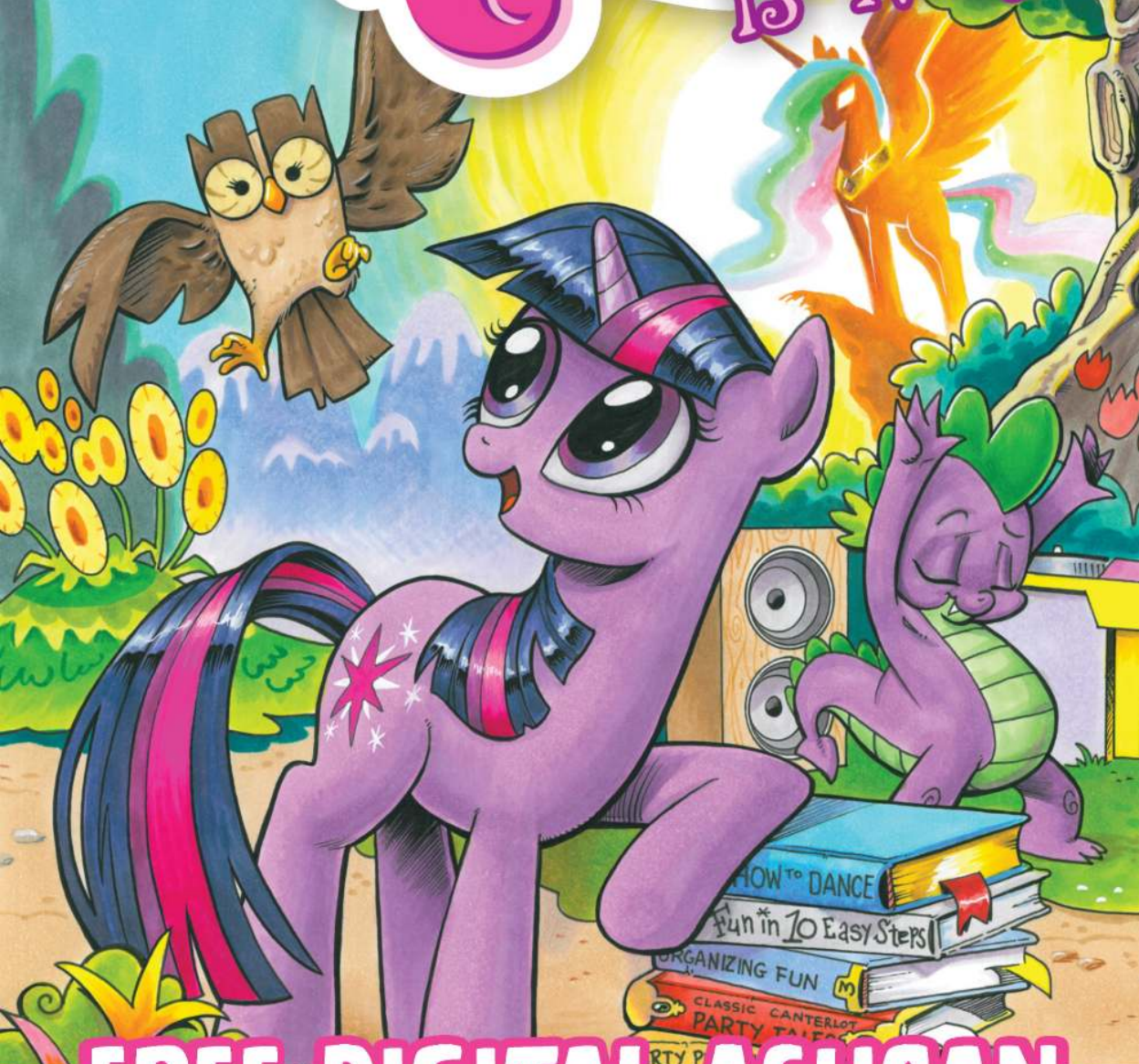
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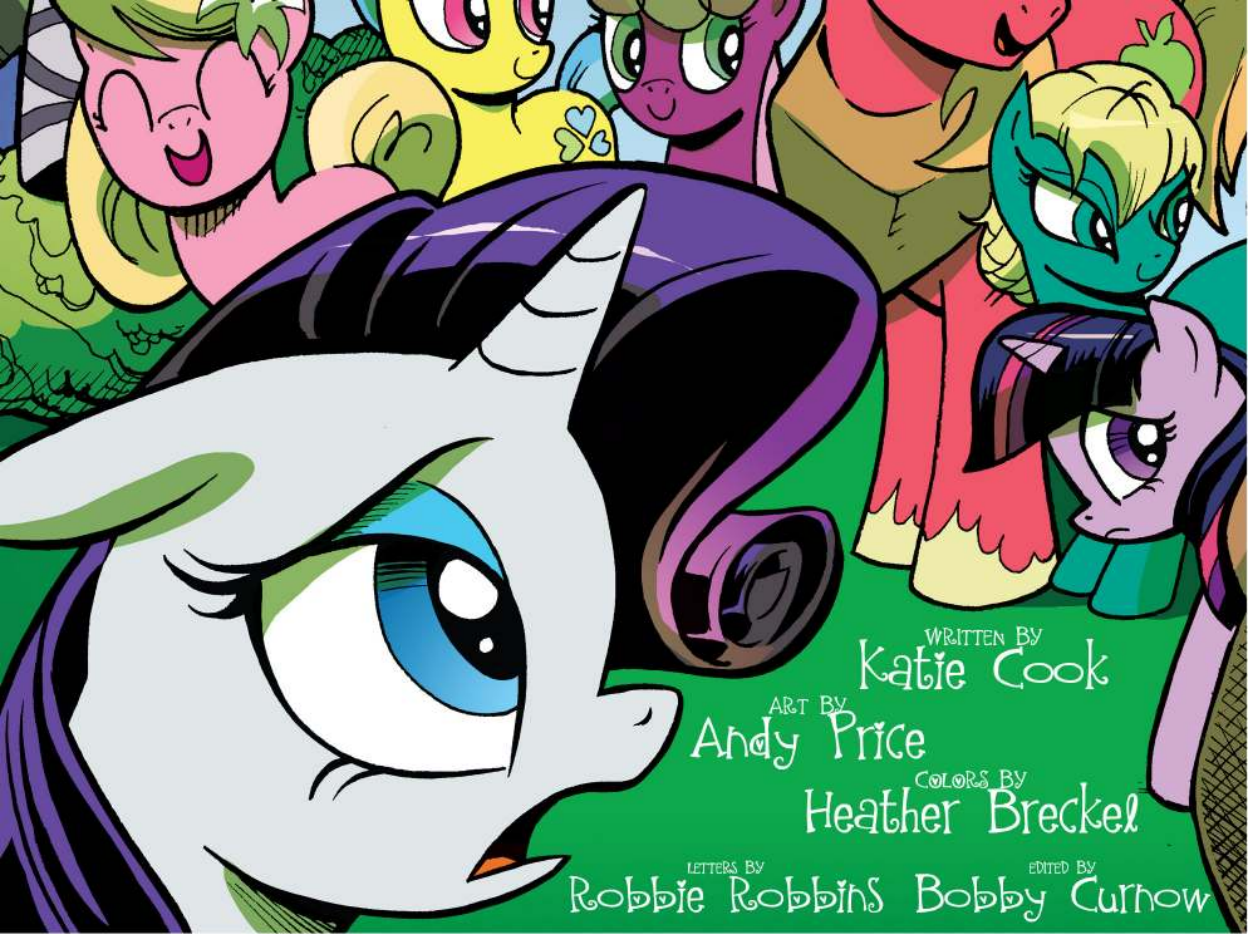


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THIS WAS A GREAT IDEA, WE CAN GET OUR CUTIE MARKS AS ZOOLOGISTS!

ZOO-WHAT? NO, WE'RE GETTING THEM IN BEING JUNGLE ADVENTURERS!

I DON'T THINK FLUTTERSHY'S BACKYARD CAN BE CONSIDERED "THE JUNGLE."



HMM... DID YOU KNOW THAT THE STUDY OF PONIES IS CALLED "HIPPOLOGY"?

HA HA

HA HA  
BRUNELLA



I DON'T THINK WE LOOK MUCH LIKE HIPPOS...



HEY!

# THE RETURN OF QUEEN CHRYSALIS









THE NEXT DAY...



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OUCH!

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APPLE BLOOM! IT'S TIME TO GET UP!

Apple Blossom  
Club





HEY BUCKAROO!  
HOW WAS THE  
CRITTER WRANGLING?  
GOT YOUR CUTIE  
MARK YET?

NO.



ERR... WELL,  
MAYBE YOU CAN  
TRY SOMETHING  
ELSE? TWILIGHT SAYS  
THERE'S A FANCY COMET  
FLYING OVERHEAD IN A  
FEW DAYS, WE COULD  
SET UP A TENT IN THE  
ORCHARD. YOU CAN  
TRY YOUR HOOVES  
AT ASTRONOMY!

...NOT  
INTERESTED.



WELL...  
WHAT'S GOT  
HER SO  
ADDLED?



OH! SWEETIE  
BELLE! YOU'RE  
LOOKING... UM,  
STOIC THIS  
MORNING?

FINE.  
BYE.



WAS I THAT  
ODD WHEN I  
WAS HER AGE?  
I DON'T THINK  
I WAS...



...OH! THAT  
HAT OVER THERE  
NEEDS MORE  
FEATHERS!





HRM... THOSE THREE FILLIES ARE SURE ACTIN' FUNNY. THERE'S TWILIGHT... SHE'LL HAVE SOME IDEA WHAT'S GOIN' ON.



EVERYPONY IS ACTING SO STRANGE TODAY! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO PLAN A VIEWING CELEBRATION FOR THE SECRETARIAT COMET THIS WEEK AND I CAN'T GET ANYONE TO LISTEN TO ME AT ALL...

WHAT WAS THAT? I WASN'T LISTENING.



**RAINBOW!** TWILIGHT, MY SISTER AND HER CREW ARE BEING AS PECULIAR AS EVERYPONY ELSE... SOMETHING AIN'T RIGHT...



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