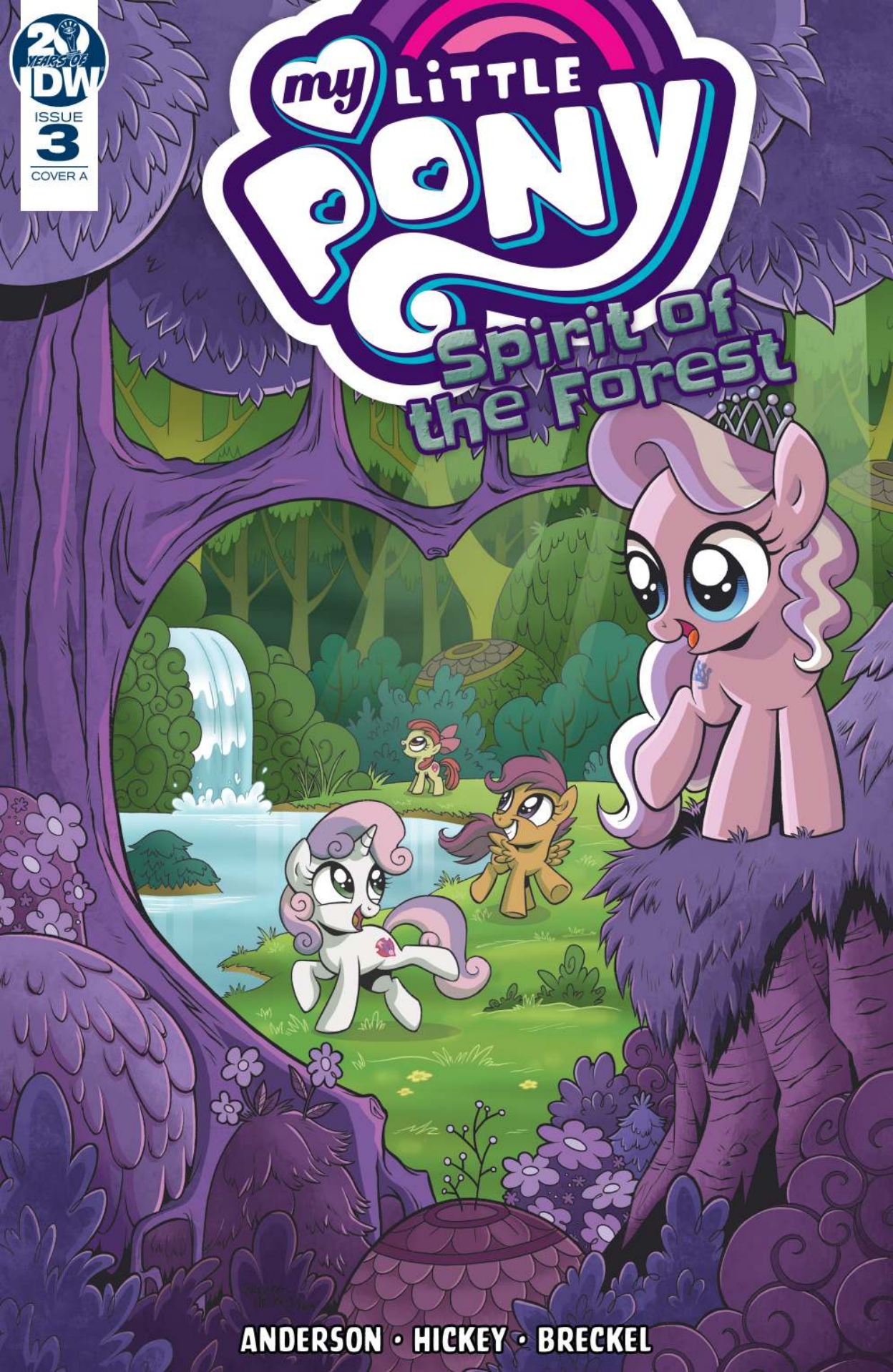


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UUHGHGHGHAAAA

GUUUHHHHH

THIS STINKS,
Y'ALL.

FILTY RICH'S
NEW LUMBER MILL
IS RUINING WHITE
TAIL WOODS.
WE TRIED TO
CONVINCE HIM,
WE TRIED TO
SCARE HIM...
... BUT
NOTHIN'
WORKED.



WHITE TAIL WOODS
IS GONNA BE GONE
SOON, AND WE
COULDN'T SAVE IT!

WELL, IT'S
NOT GONE
YET...

MAYBE
THERE'S STILL
SOMETHING
WE CAN DO!



LIKE
WHAT?

MAYBE... MAYBE
WE COULD BUY THE
WOODS! LIKE, WITH
A FUNDRAISER!

THEN FILTY
RICH COULDN'T
CUT DOWN THE
TREES!



YEAH, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF WE COULD RAISE ENOUGH.

REMEMBER WHEN WE SOLD THOSE CANDY BARS TO BUY A WATERSLIDE FOR THE SCHOOL? WE HARDLY GOT ANYTHING!

WHAT IF WE, LIKE, CAMPED OUT IN ONE OF THE TREES?

THEY COULDN'T CUT DOWN THE WOODS IF WE'RE LIVING IN THEM!

OH YEAH.



MAYBE, BUT... HOW LONG WOULD WE HAVE TO LIVE THERE?

DANG, YOU'RE RIGHT.

WE COULDN'T LIVE IN A TREE FOREVER!



WELL... WE ALREADY CLEANED UP THE WOODS ONCE, RIGHT?

WHAT IF WE KEPT CLEANING IT?



YOU KNOW—PICKING UP THE LITTER, PLANTING NEW TREES...

MAYBE IT'LL MAKE ENOUGH OF A DIFFERENCE TO SAVE THE WOODS?



I DON'T THINK THAT'LL WORK, SWEETIE BELLE.

YOU SAW HOW BIG THAT LUMBER MILL IS—THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN CLEAN UP EVERYTHING IT'S RUININ'!



IF IT WAS JUST THE LITTERING IN THE WOODS, THEN **MAYBE** WE COULD CLEAN IT ALL UP...

BUT THAT MILL'S PRODUCING TOO MUCH WASTE FOR **THREE LITTLE PONIES** TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



IT AIN'T ENOUGH TO JUST **CLEAN UP** THE MESSES THAT HAPPEN!

WE GOTTA STOP THE MESS AT ITS **SOURCE!**

OR ELSE IT'S JUST GONNA KEEP GETTIN' **WORSE!**



MAYOR MARE SAID THAT THE MILL IS TOTALLY **LEGAL**, SO WE CAN'T ASK **HER** FOR HELP...

AND THERE'S LOTS OF PONIES IN PONYVILLE WHO **USE** THE LUMBER FROM HIS MILL!

SO THEY WON'T HELP US, EITHER!



AND OUR **SISTERS** ARE TELLIN' US THERE'S **NO WAY** TO CHANGE FILTHY RICH'S MIND—

—SO WE OUGHTA JUST **GIVE UP!**

DOESN'T ANYPONY **ELSE** IN THIS TOWN CARE ABOUT THY **ENVIRONMENT?!**



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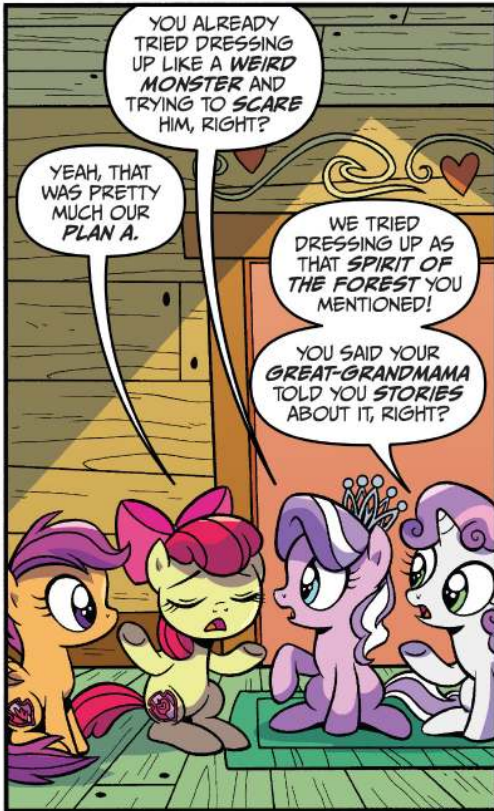


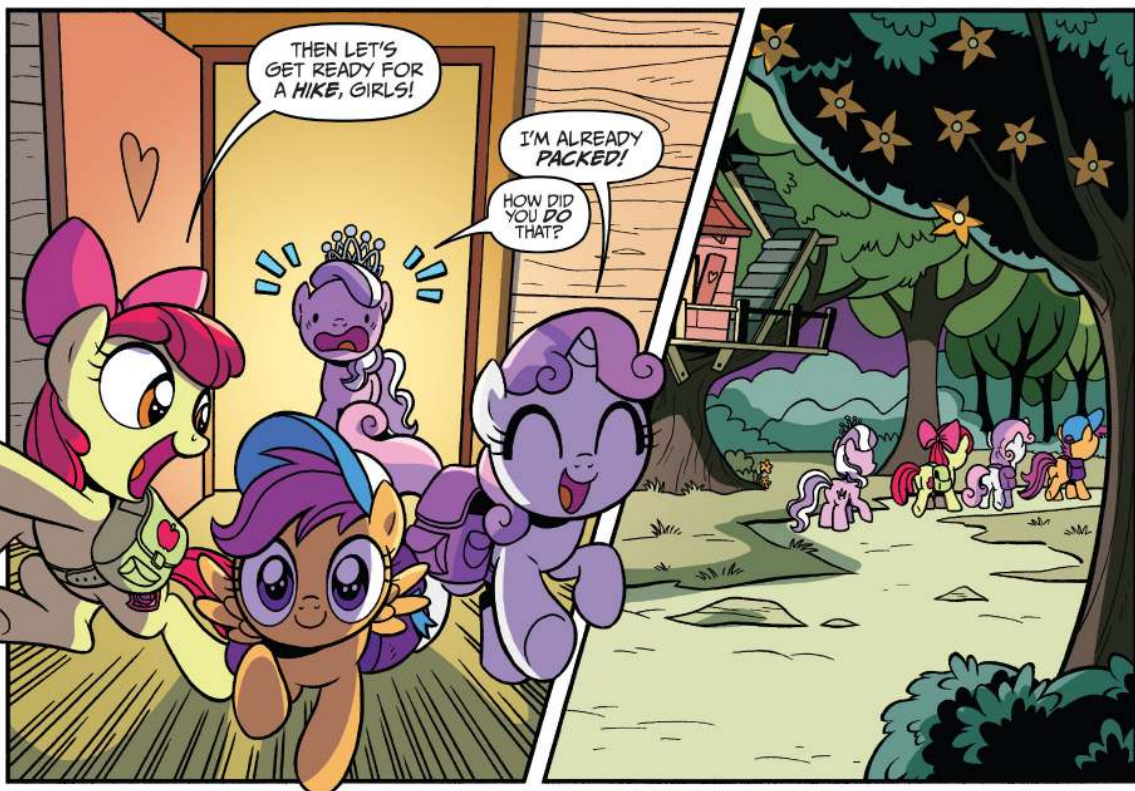
UM...

MAY I COME IN?













WE'RE MAKIN' GOOD TIME!

WE'LL COVER ALL OF WHITE TAIL WOODS WITHIN, UM...

...SIX MOONS!

BUT NO SIGN OF THE SPIRIT.



I FORGOT HOW BEAUTIFUL THE WOODS ARE...

EVEN IF WE HAVEN'T FOUND THE SPIRIT, AT LEAST WE GOT TO SEE SOME AMAZING SCENERY!

YEAH...



I'VE BEEN SO WORRIED ABOUT EVERYTHING...

...I FORGOT WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO PROTECT.



THIS PLACE IS BEAUTIFUL.

I THINK THERE'S SOMEONY ELSE WHO SHOULD SEE IT.

HUH?



DO YOU WANT US TO COME WITH YOU, DIAMOND?

THANKS, GIRLS... BUT THIS IS SOMEONY I SHOULD SEE ALONE.



... AND TELL THE BOYS TO BRING THE NEW LOGS IN THE EAST DOOR.

GOTCHA, BOSS.

DADDY?



WELL, IF IT ISN'T MY PRECIOUS LI'L DIAMOND!

YOU CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO VISIT YOUR DADDY AT WORK?

THAT'S AWFUL SWEET OF YOU!



DADDY... CAN WE GO FOR A WALK?

Y'OURSE, DARLIN! WE'LL GO AS SOON AS I'M DONE FOR THE DAY!



NO, I MEAN... CAN WE GO NOW?

THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED YOU TO SEE.

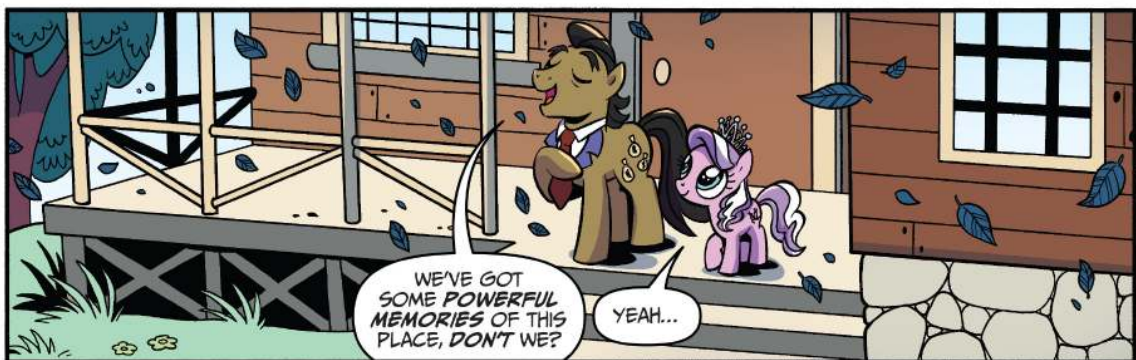


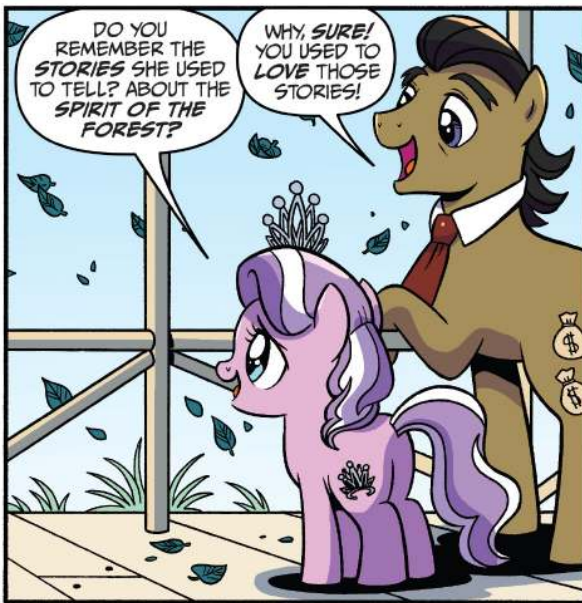
OH, I'VE GOT A LOT TO DO RIGHT NOW, PUMPKIN!

WHY DON'T YOU GIVE ME A COUPLE HOURS AND...



... WELL, I SUPPOSE I CAN ADJUST MY SCHEDULE JUST A BIT.







WHICH IS WHY WE'VE GOT TO DO IT INSTEAD.



IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF THE SPIRIT WAS REALLY OUT HERE, PROTECTING OUR FORESTS...

...BUT IT ISN'T.

SO IT'S UP TO US.



WE NEED TO BE THE PROTECTORS.

WE NEED TO KEEP THESE PLACES SAFE AND HEALTHY.



IF WE WANT TO KEEP THIS LAND AS ALIVE AS IT IS IN OUR MEMORIES...

...THEN WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!



OTHERWISE THE FOREST THAT GREAT-GRANDMAMA LOVED—THE PLACE THAT YOU AND I LOVE...

...WILL BE GONE.



...WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING?





THE WHOLE WOODS?!

BUT—BUT PONIES NEED MY LUMBER! THEY NEED TO BUILD THINGS!

YES, BUT YOU CAN DO BETTER!

YOU CAN PLANT NEW TREES FOR EVERY ONE YOU CUT DOWN!

YOU CAN STOP POLLUTION FROM GOING DOWN THE RIVER!

KEEP YOUR WORKERS FROM LITTERING AND JUNKING UP THE WOODS!



I KNOW PONYVILLE NEEDS LUMBER, BUT YOU CAN GET IT WITHOUT DESTROYING THE WOODS!

MAYBE YOU WON'T MAKE AS MUCH MONEY—BUT THESE WOODS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN MONEY!



"MORE IMPORTANT THAN MONEY"...

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR THOSE WORDS.

AND I CERTAINLY NEVER THOUGHT I'D AGREE WITH THEM.



... YOU'RE RIGHT, MY LITTLE DUMPLIN'.

THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME CHANGES IN THE WAY I DO BUSINESS!



SO LET'S GET STARTED!



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR INVITING US, MR. RICH!

AND THANK YOU FOR COMIN', PRINCESS!



THE THREE OF US HAVE PUT TOGETHER A SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN!

IT'LL TELL HOW MUCH YOU CAN SAFELY CUT DOWN, AND WHERE—

—AND HOW MUCH YOU NEED TO REPLANT!



IF YOU FOLLOW THIS PLAN, YOU'LL STILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE PLENTY OF LUMBER...

...WHILE ENSURING THAT WHITE TAIL WOODS STAYS HEALTHY AND VIBRANT!



AN' BIG MCINTOSH HAS BEEN TAKIN' A LOOK AT YOUR EQUIPMENT!

HE'S GOT SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN MIND TO KEEP MOST OF YOUR POLLUTION OUT OF TH' RIVER!

EE-YUP!

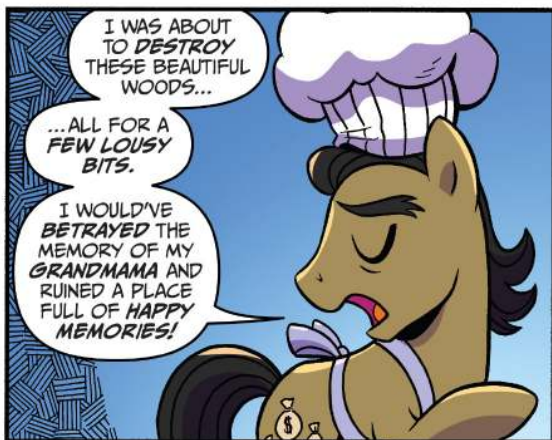


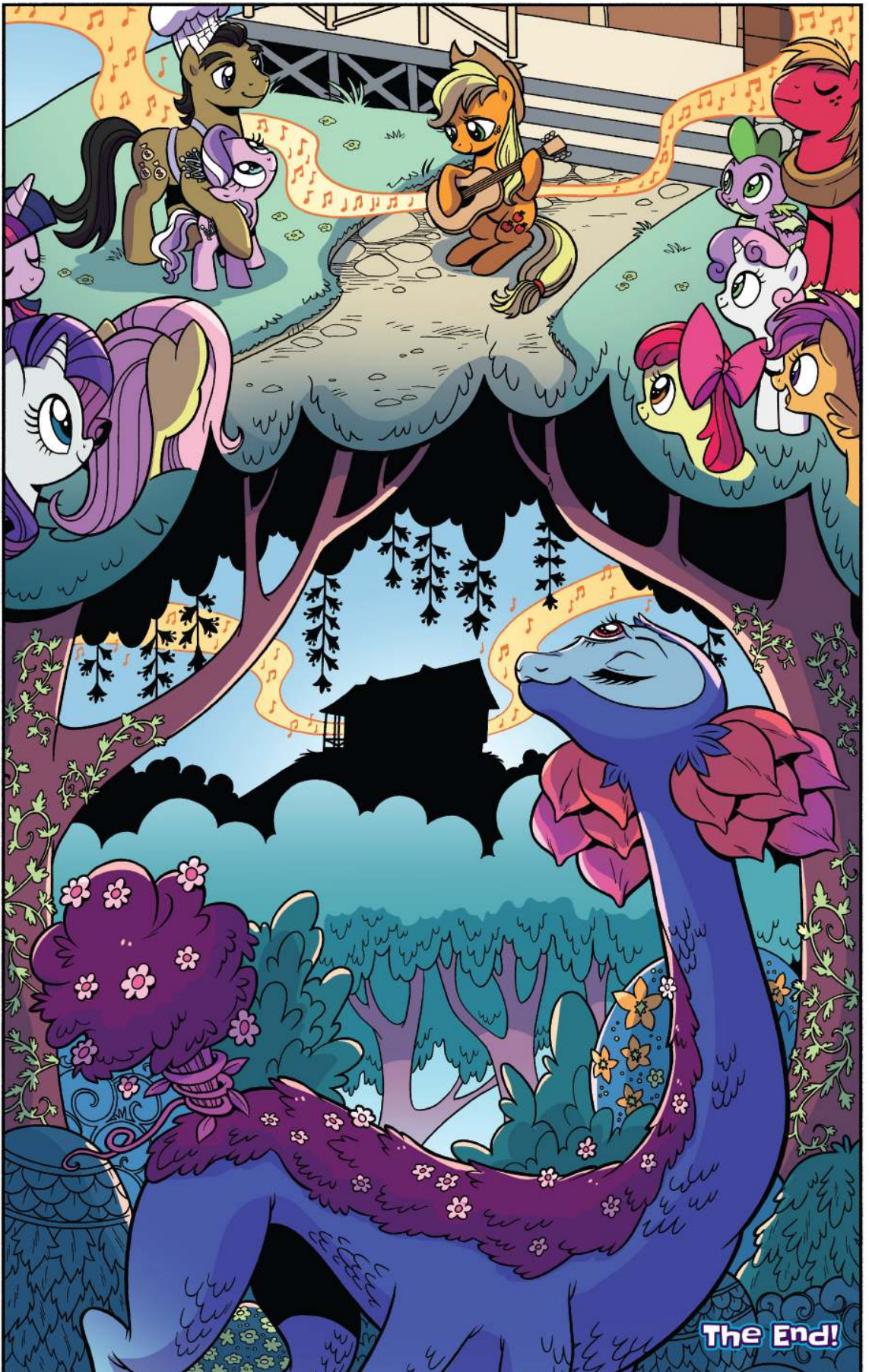
ALL RIGHT, EVERYPONY...

LET'S GET STARTED!









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TANGLE!

HEY-HEY, JEWEL! ABOUT TIME YOU GOT OUT OF THAT STUFFY OL' MUSEUM!



BECAUSE YOU NEARLY KNOCKED THE SIGN OFF FROM OVER MY DOOR, AND YOU'RE GOING TO RUN INTO SOMEBODY.

PSSHT! I'VE BEEN FLINGING MYSELF AROUND THESE STREETS SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.

I KNOW EVERY ROOFTOP, ALLEY, AND STREET CORNER LIKE THE BACK OF MY—

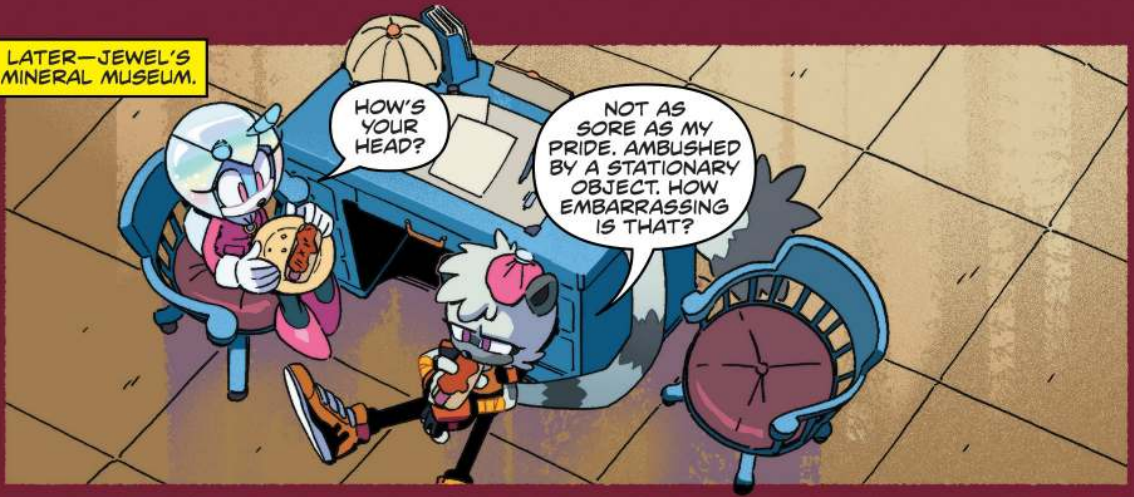


TANGLE.

HEYA, RON. A COUPLE OF CHILIDOGS TO GO...?



LATER—JEWEL'S MINERAL MUSEUM.



HOW'S YOUR HEAD?

NOT AS SORE AS MY PRIDE, AMBUSHED BY A STATIONARY OBJECT. HOW EMBARRASSING IS THAT?



TO BE FAIR, IT WAS HIDING IN FRONT OF A STREET LAMP. CLEARLY IT WAS OUT TO GET YOU.

HA HA
OW HA
HA



SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN... PRECOCIOUS... BUT YOU'VE BEEN BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS LATELY.

LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.

I'M SORRY FOR BEING A PEST. IT'S JUST...



...AFTER EVERYTHING I'VE DONE WITH SONIC, THINGS ARE SO BORING HERE!

I FOUGHT ROBOT INVASIONS! FLYING BATTLE SHIPS!

I MET A FIERY PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!

I PULLED THE WINGS OFF A GIANT ROBO-DRAGON!



AND I COME HOME TO PEACE AND QUIET. I CAN'T STAND IT.



YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT. SO WHAT'S STOPPING YOU FROM BEING LIKE SONIC? GOING OUT THERE AND FINDING YOUR OWN ADVENTURES?



I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT. SURE, IT'S TEMPTING, BUT WHAT IF SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN HERE?

EGGMAN'S ROBOTS ATTACKED ONCE.*

IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN.

*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #4.



AND IT'D BE THE FIRST TIME YOU'D BE FLYING SOLO. LONELY BEFORE YOU EVEN LEAVE?

THAT, AND NERVOUS. I WOULDN'T HAVE YOU TO WATCH MY BACK.



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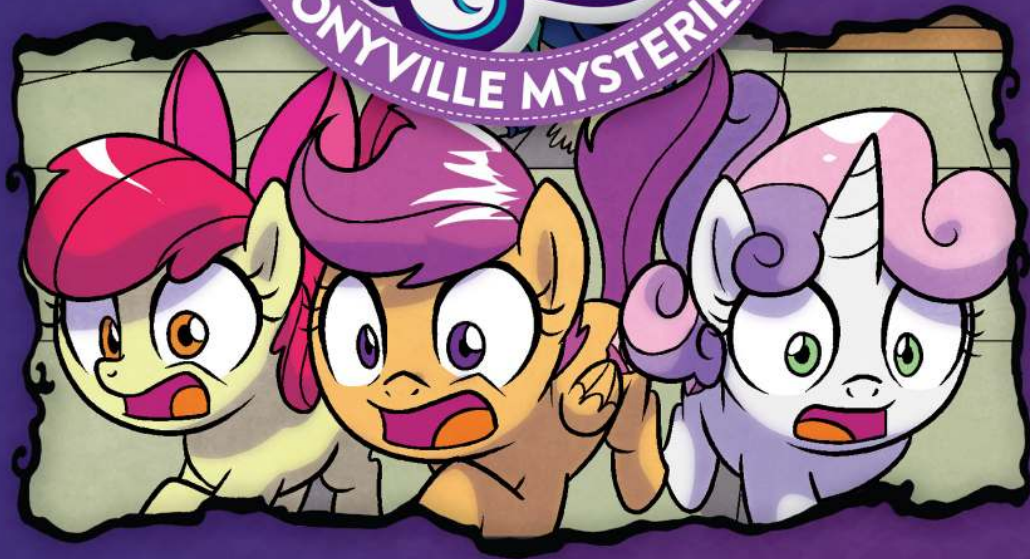
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NO BOGLES OR TIMBERWOLVES.

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.

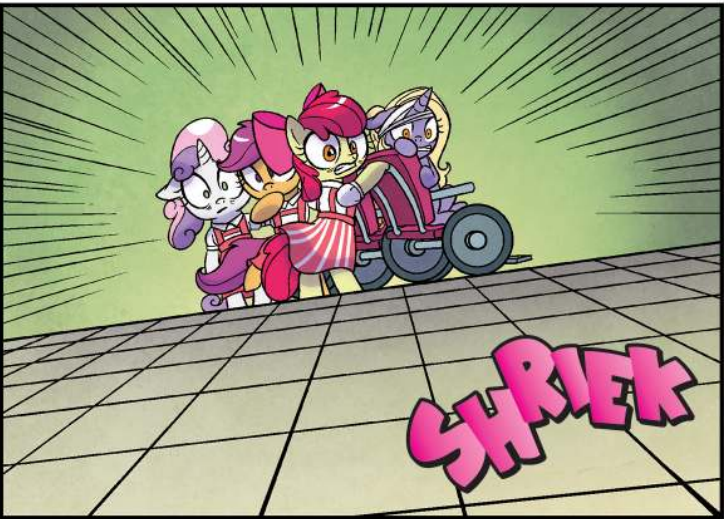
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WHAT SHE SAID!



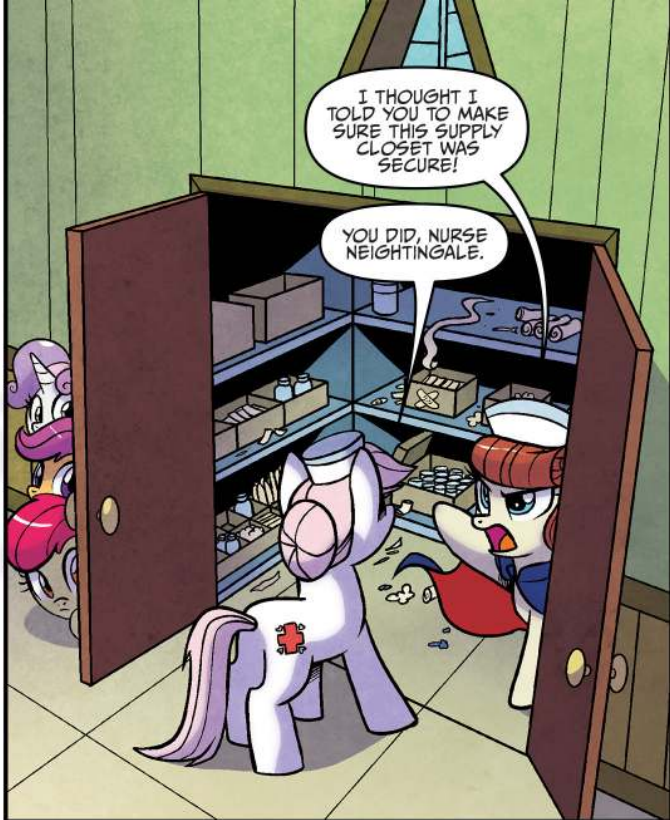
I MEAN, I'M GLAD WE'VE BECOME FRIENDS WITH LILYMOON SINCE HER FAMILY MOVED IN.

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



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