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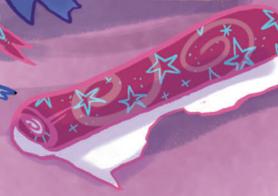
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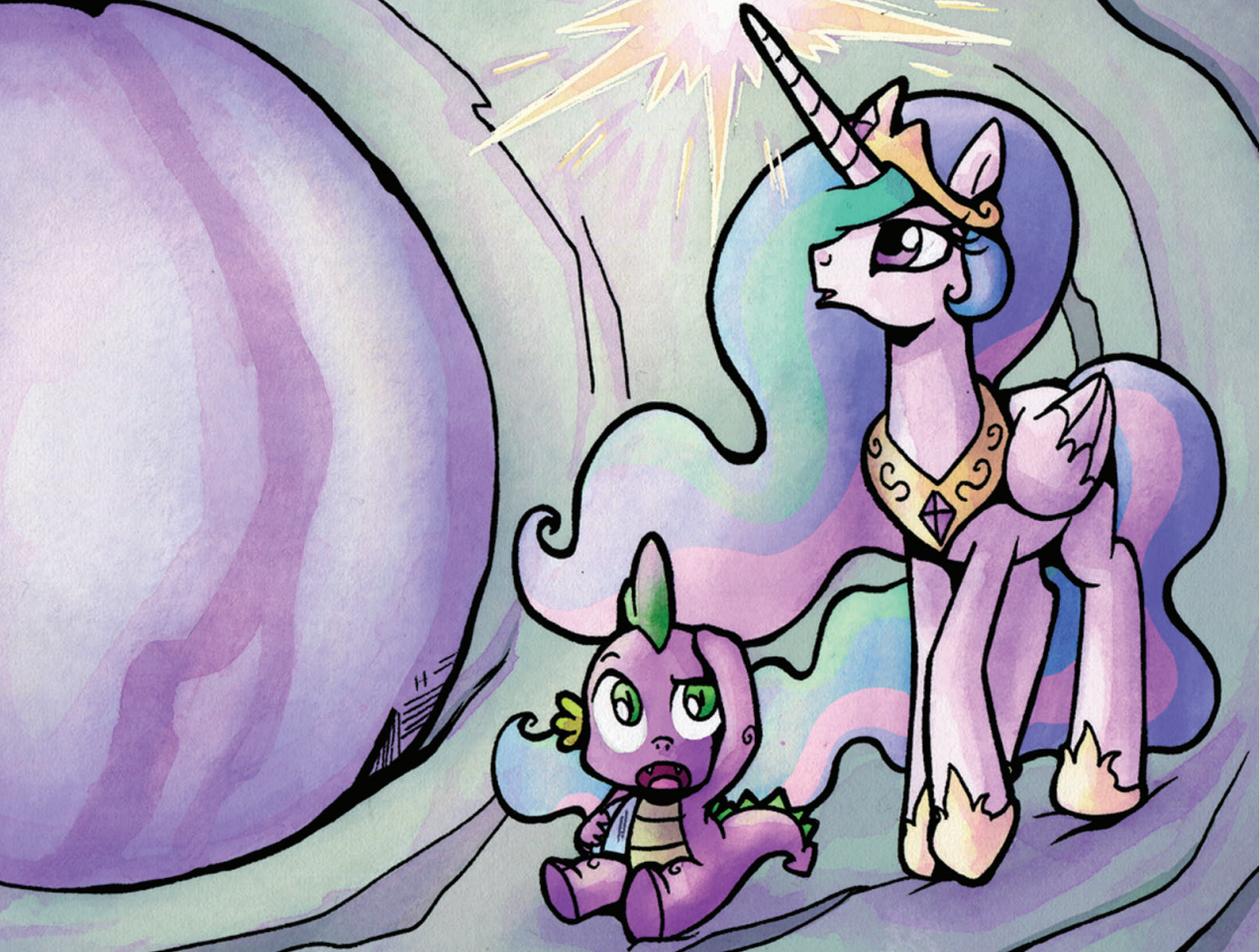
my LITTLE PONY

FRIENDS FOR



Gift List for Twilight Sparkle
* Sunnyside
* Applejack
* Rarity
* Fluttershy
* Pinkie Pie
* Rainbow Dash
* Apple Bloom
* Spike
* Fluttershy
* Apple Bloom
* Sweetie Belle
* Scootaloo





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ANNOUNCING SILVERSADDLE, DUKE OF APPLELOOSA!



HOWDY, YER MAJESTY. AH'M JUST HERE T'DROP OFF THIS YEAR'S CENSUS REPORTS.

GOOD TO SEE YOU, DUKE.

SILVERSADDLE



ARE THERE ANY OTHER VISITORS TODAY, RAVEN?

THAT'S THE END OF THE LIST, YOUR MAJESTY.



ALL RIGHT, THEN LET'S GO OVER THE NOTES ON THE SEAPONY DELEGATION'S VISIT NEXT—

ANNOUNCING...



...SPIKE! THE DRAGON.

UH... HI.







WELL, THEN, IT'S DECIDED!

RAVEN, PLEASE CANCEL ALL MY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.

YOUR MAJESTY?

PRINCESS?



IF YOU'RE GOING TO CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN, YOU'LL NEED HELP.

AND IT LOOKS LIKE MY SCHEDULE JUST CLEARED UP!



I'LL PACK SOME SNACKS!

YOUR MAJESTY, ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

I CAN HANDLE AFFAIRS UNTIL PRINCESS LUNA TAKES OVER AT SUNSET, BUT...

DON'T WORRY, RAVEN.

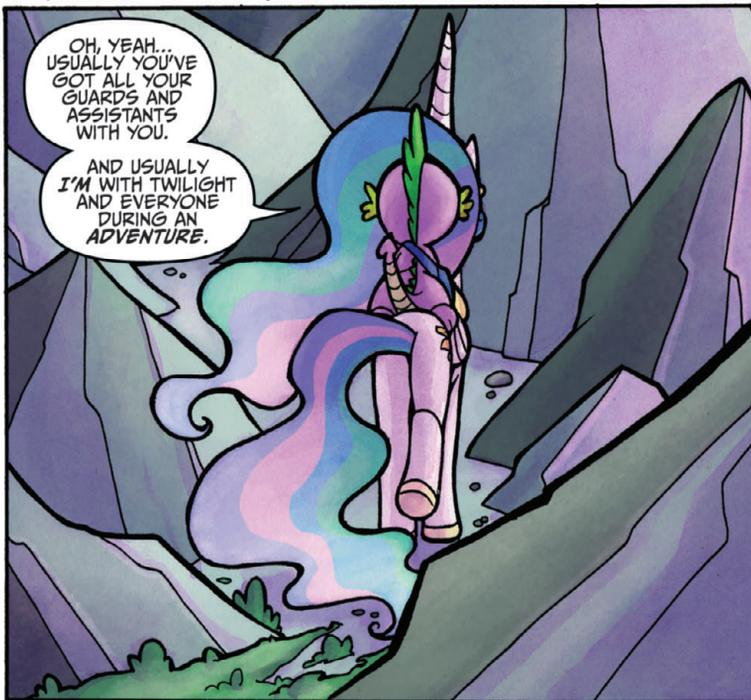
SPIKE JUST NEEDS A LITTLE HELP RIGHT NOW.

I'LL BE BACK BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!



THUS!







I, I MEAN, NOT THAT BEING WITH YOU IS *BAD* OR ANYTHING! BUT TWILIGHT —

I UNDERSTAND, SPIKE.

AFTER ALL, YOU'VE HARDLY LEFT TWILIGHT'S SIDE SINCE THE DAY YOU HATCHED!

IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT SHE'S SO IMPORTANT TO YOU.



I'M GLAD THAT YOU HAVE A CLOSE FRIEND LIKE TWILIGHT...

...AND I'M GLAD *SHE* HAS A FRIEND LIKE YOU.



...DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE TIME TWILIGHT TURNED ALL OF PONYVILLE UPSIDE-DOWN?



MY GOODNESS, NO!

I CAN IMAGINE!

IT'S TRUE! IT WAS ONLY FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS, BUT YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN THE MESS!



YOU KNOW, WHILE AT SCHOOL, SHE ONCE TURNED HALF THE CLASS INTO PALM TREES?

HA!

INCLUDING *HERSELF*! SHE HAD LEAVES INSTEAD OF HAIR FOR A MONTH!



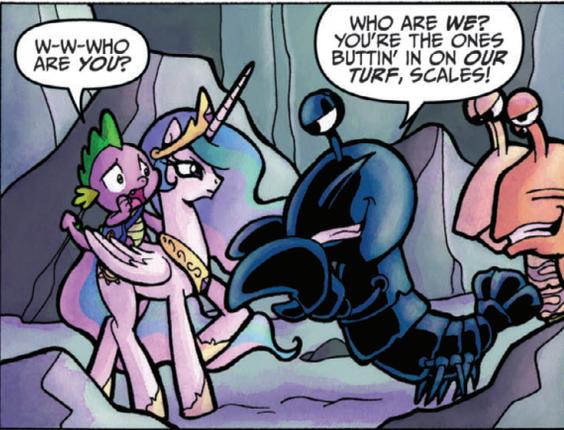
STOP
RIGHT THERE,
YA MOOKS!



HEH HEH
HEH...
WHADDA WE
GOT HERE,
IGGY?

LOOKS LIKE A
COUPL'A DOPES
WHERE THEY
SHOULDN'T BE.

YEAH.



W-W-WHO
ARE YOU?

WHO ARE WE?
YOU'RE THE ONES
BUTTIN' IN ON OUR
TURF, SCALES!



I AM PRINCESS
CELESTIA, RIGHTFUL
RULER OF ALL
EQUESTRIA.
YOU WILL—

OOH, A
PRINCESS?
WELL, THEN,
WE SHOULD
PUT YOU UP IN
OUR ROYAL
SUITE!



AND SO!

DOESN'T
SEEM VERY
"ROYAL" TO
ME.



WHO THE HECK ARE THESE CREEPS, ANYWAY?

ROCK LOBSTERS. THEY'VE BEEN IN THESE MOUNTAINS FOR SOME TIME.

BUT THEY'VE NEVER HURT ANYONE, SO I'VE LET THEM STAY.



STARRY EYED WARNED US, BUT I NEVER EXPECTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

I'M NO ADVENTURER! I'M A BABY DRAGON!



YOU'VE BEEN ON ADVENTURES WITH TWILIGHT AND HER FRIENDS, THOUGH.

YEAH! WITH THEM!



THEY'VE DEFEATED MANTICORES, CHANGELINGS, ADULT DRAGONS, TEEN DRAGONS, HYDRAS, NIGHTMARES, BAD MANNERS...

I'M JUST A SIDEKICK.



I KNOW.

I FEEL THE SAME WAY.



YOU—YOU DO? BUT YOU'RE A PRINCESS!

YES, I AM.

BUT PRINCESSES ARE USUALLY NOT ADVENTURERS.



SOMETIMES I WISH I COULD JOIN THEM, BUT...

WELL, A PRINCESS HAS DUTIES OF HER OWN.

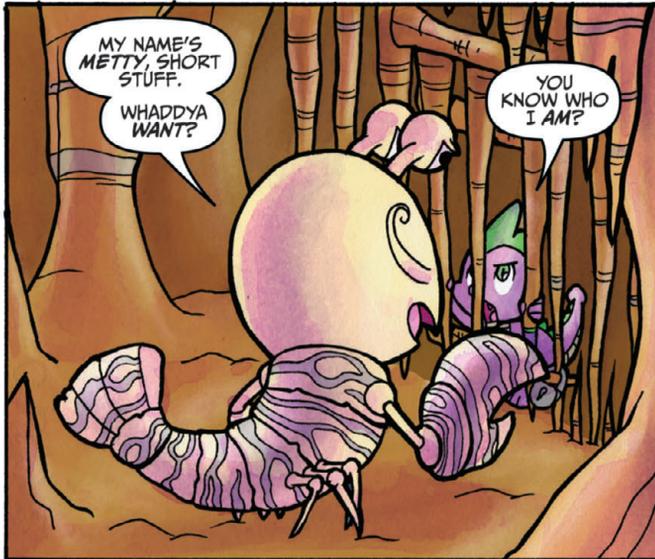
BESIDES, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN MORE OF A TEACHER THAN AN ADVENTURER.



AND THERE'S NOTHING A TEACHER WANTS MORE THAN A STUDENT WHO SURPASSES HER.



HEY, LOBSTERS! C'MERE A SEC!



MY NAME'S METTY, SHORT STUFF.

WHADDYA WANT?

YOU KNOW WHO I AM?



NOPE. ALL YOU SQUISHIES LOOK ALIKE TO ME.

WELL, METTY, I'M A DRAGON.

AND YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT DRAGONS?



KRAK!



DRAGONS
EAT ROCKS.



IGGY!
SEDDY!

C'MERE,
QUICK! WE
GOTTA LET
'EM GO!



THAT
WAS QUITE
WELL PLAYED,
SPIKE!

PTOO!



BLEH!

THANKS, BUT I
WISH I COULD'VE
DONE IT WITHOUT
EATING THIS
STUFF.

GIVE ME A
NICE, JUICY
SAPPHIRE
ANY DAY!





WHAT?

WELL, YOU'RE A PRINCESS AND AN ALICORN...

YOU COULD'VE GOTTEN US OUT OF THERE EASILY, RIGHT?



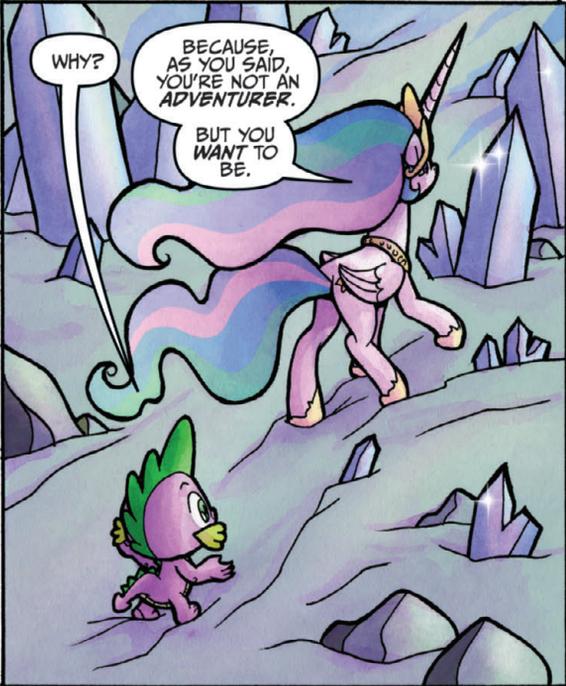
YOU COULD'VE TURNED THE CAGE BARS INTO STEAM OR THE WALLS INTO SNOWFLAKES OR TELEPORTED BOTH OF US BACK TO CANTERLOT...

BUT YOU LET ME DO IT INSTEAD.



YES, I DID.

I COULD HAVE SAVED US AT ANY TIME, BUT I WANTED YOU TO BE THE ONE TO DO IT.



WHY?

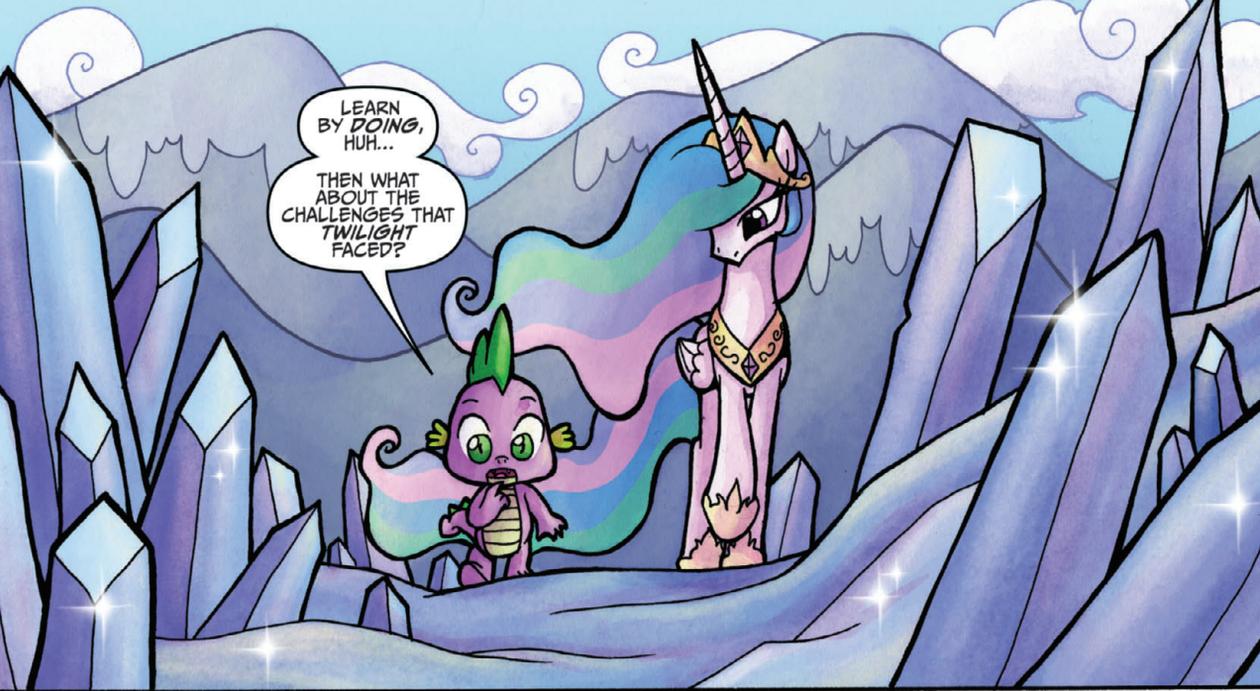
BECAUSE, AS YOU SAID, YOU'RE NOT AN ADVENTURER.

BUT YOU WANT TO BE.



AND AS I SAID, I'M A TEACHER.

AND SOMETIMES THE BEST WAY TO MAKE A STUDENT LEARN IS BY MAKING THEM DO.



LEARN BY *DOING*, HUH...
THEN WHAT ABOUT THE CHALLENGES THAT *TWILIGHT* FACED?



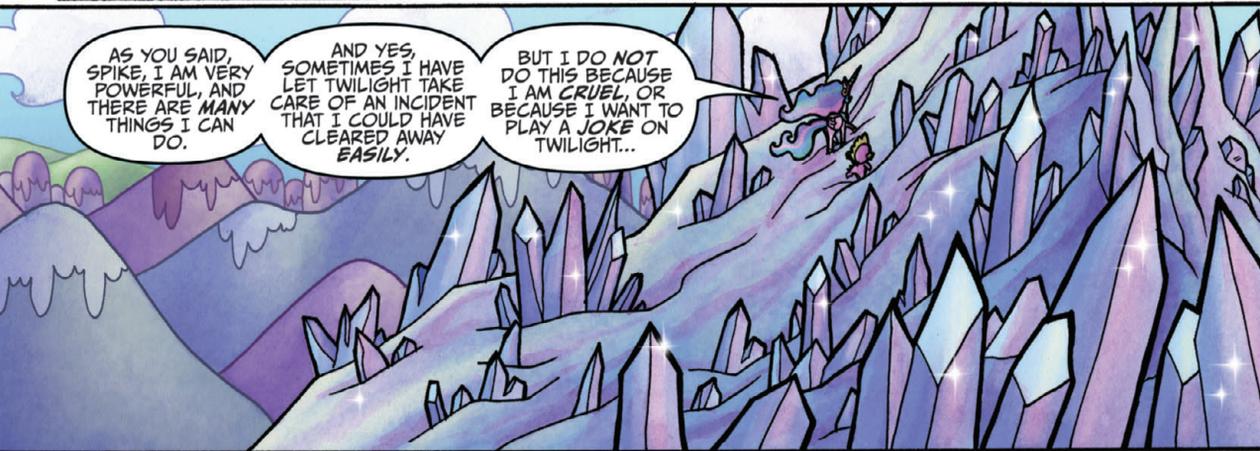
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WELL, ALL THOSE MONSTERS AND VILLAINS THAT *TWILIGHT* HAD TO OVERCOME...

COULD YOU HAVE STOPPED THEM *INSTEAD*?



...YES.
MANY OF THEM.



AS YOU SAID, SPIKE, I AM VERY POWERFUL, AND THERE ARE MANY THINGS I CAN DO.

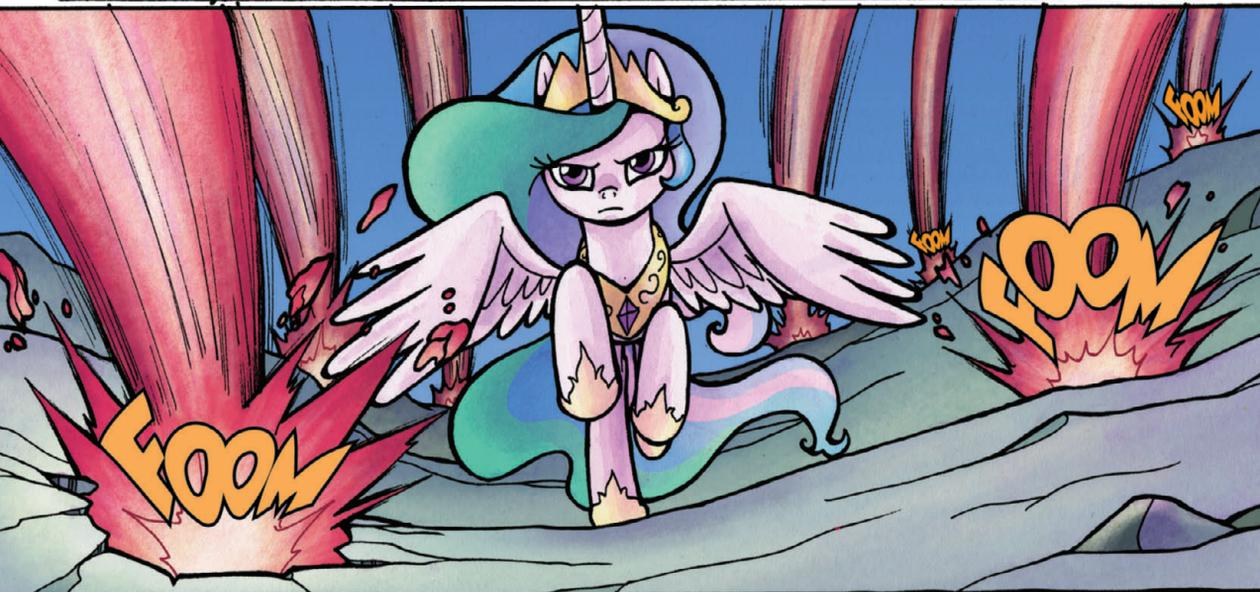
AND YES, SOMETIMES I HAVE LET *TWILIGHT* TAKE CARE OF AN INCIDENT THAT I COULD HAVE CLEARED AWAY *EASILY*.

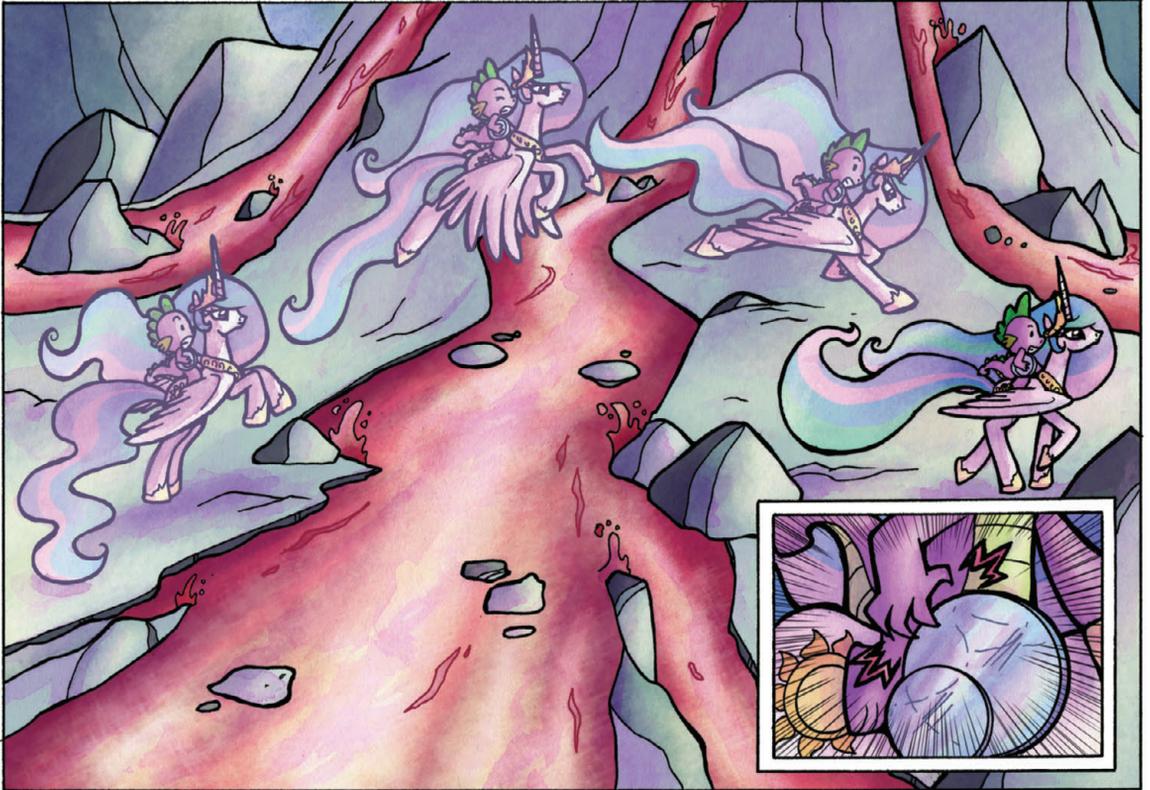
BUT I DO NOT DO THIS BECAUSE I AM *CRUEL*, OR BECAUSE I WANT TO PLAY A JOKE ON *TWILIGHT*...

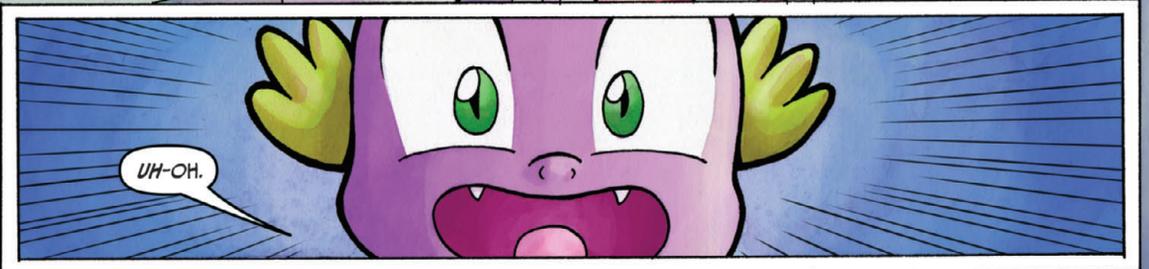
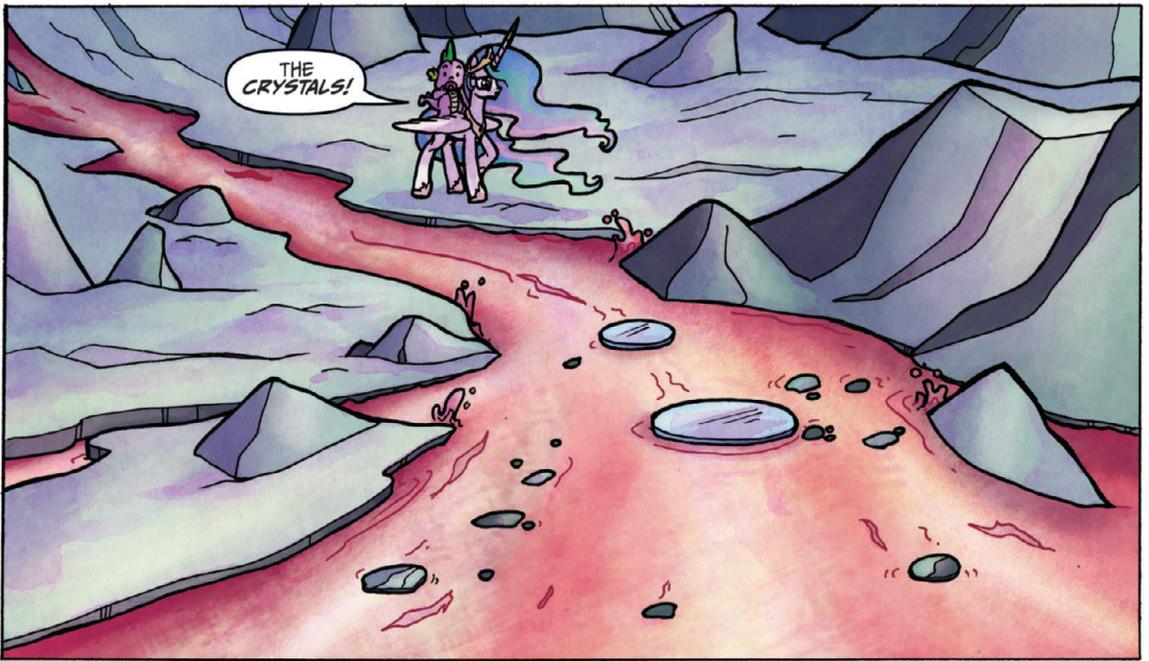


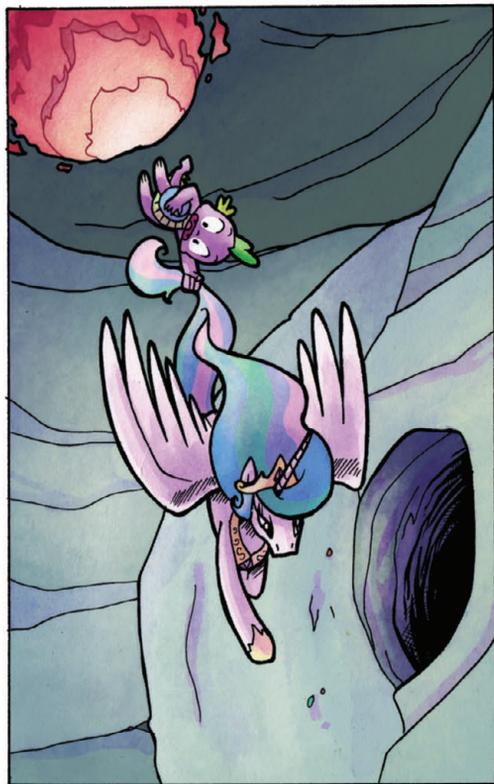
I DO THIS BECAUSE I AM HER *TEACHER*, AND SOMETIMES, THIS IS HOW *SHE* MUST LEARN.











SPIKE!
SPIKE, ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

UJHHH...

I THINK
SO...

WHAT
HAPPENED?



OH, NO!

THAT BOULDER
BLOCKED OFF THE
ENTRANCE! WE'RE
TRAPPED!



I CAN
TAKE CARE
OF—

STAND BACK,
CELESTIA! I'LL
HANDLE THIS!



HRRNNG!

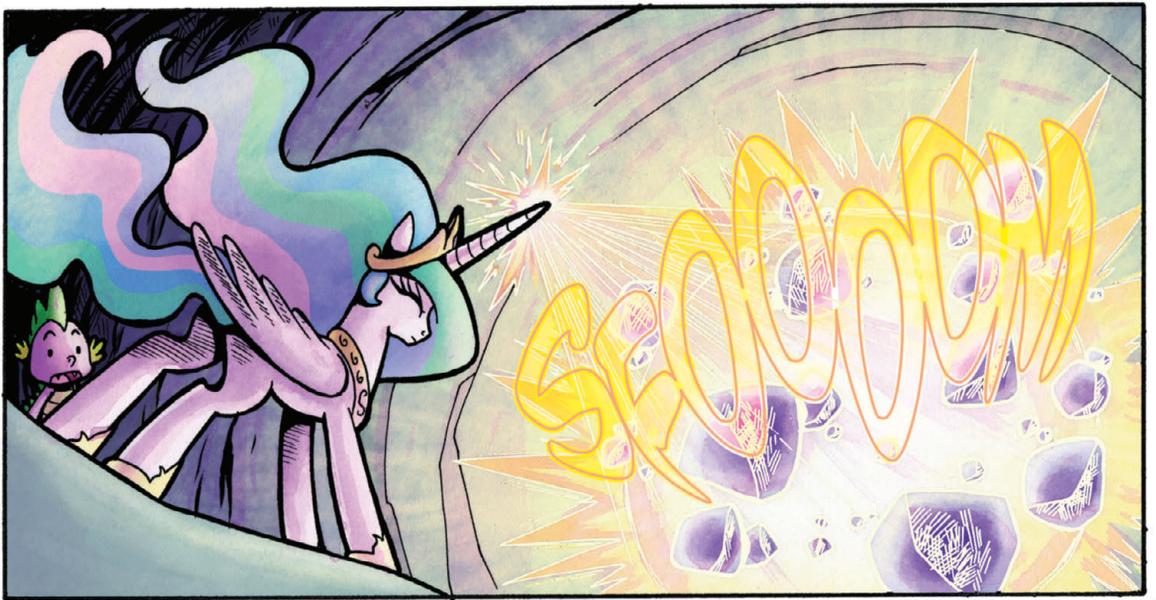


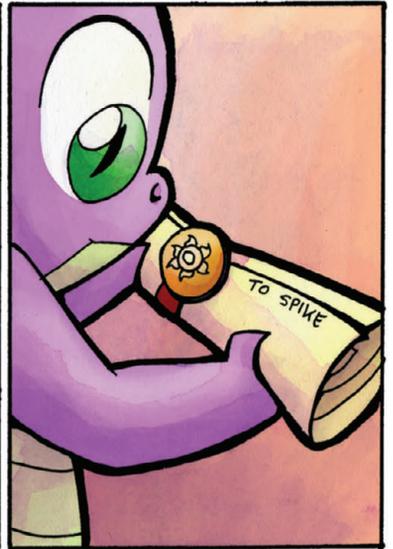
UGH.



SPIKE...
LET ME.









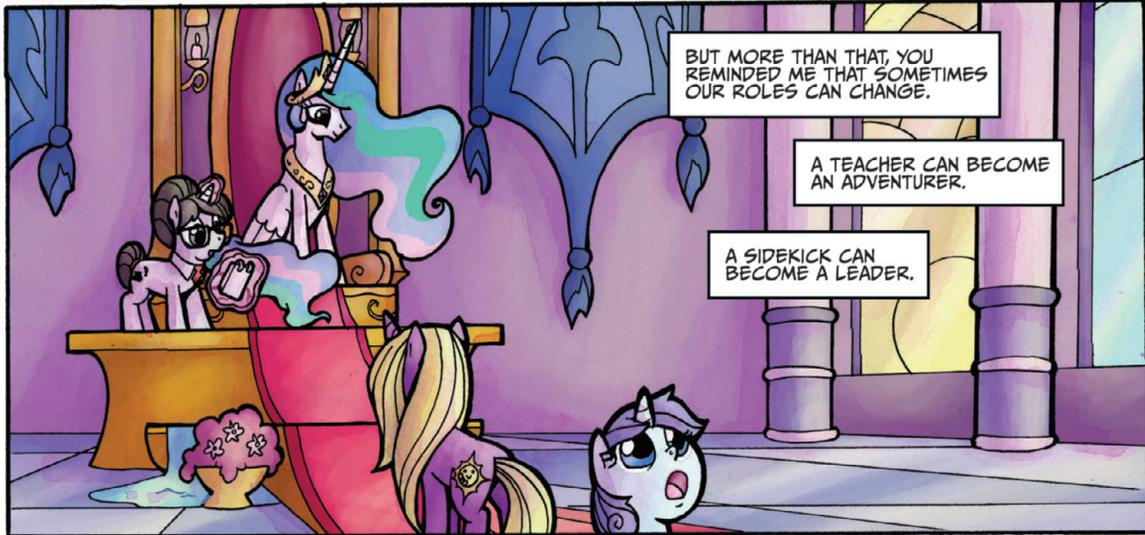
DEAR SPIKE,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND THE DAY ON AN ADVENTURE.



AS A PRINCESS AND A TEACHER, I DON'T OFTEN HAVE THE CHANCE TO HAVE FUN.

IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO JOURNEY WITH YOU.



BUT MORE THAN THAT, YOU REMINDED ME THAT SOMETIMES OUR ROLES CAN CHANGE.

A TEACHER CAN BECOME AN ADVENTURER.

A SIDEKICK CAN BECOME A LEADER.



A STUDENT CAN BECOME A PRINCESS.

AND SOMETIMES, SOMEONE WE HARDLY KNOW...

... CAN BECOME A FRIEND.



YOUR FRIEND FOREVER,

Celestia