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# my LITTLE PONY

## FRIENDS FOREVER



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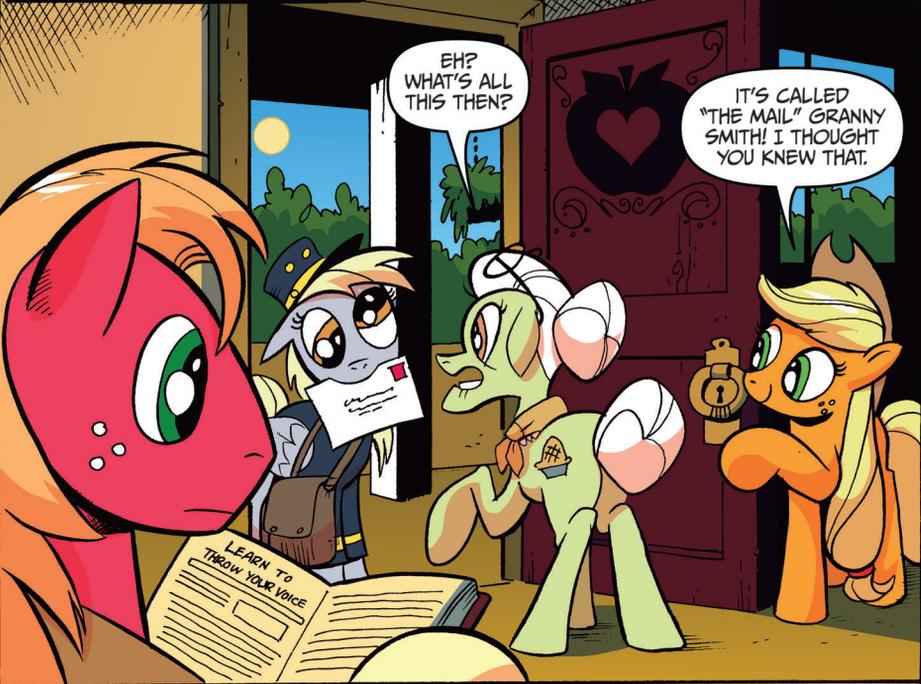
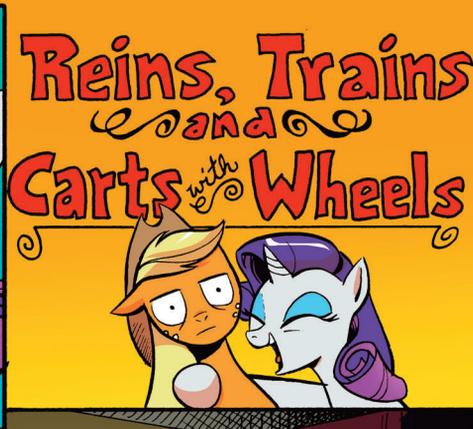
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# Reins, Trains and Carts with Wheels



EH? WHAT'S ALL THIS THEN?

IT'S CALLED "THE MAIL" GRANNY SMITH! I THOUGHT YOU KNEW THAT.

LEARN TO THROW YOUR VOICE



WHIPPERSNAPPERS...



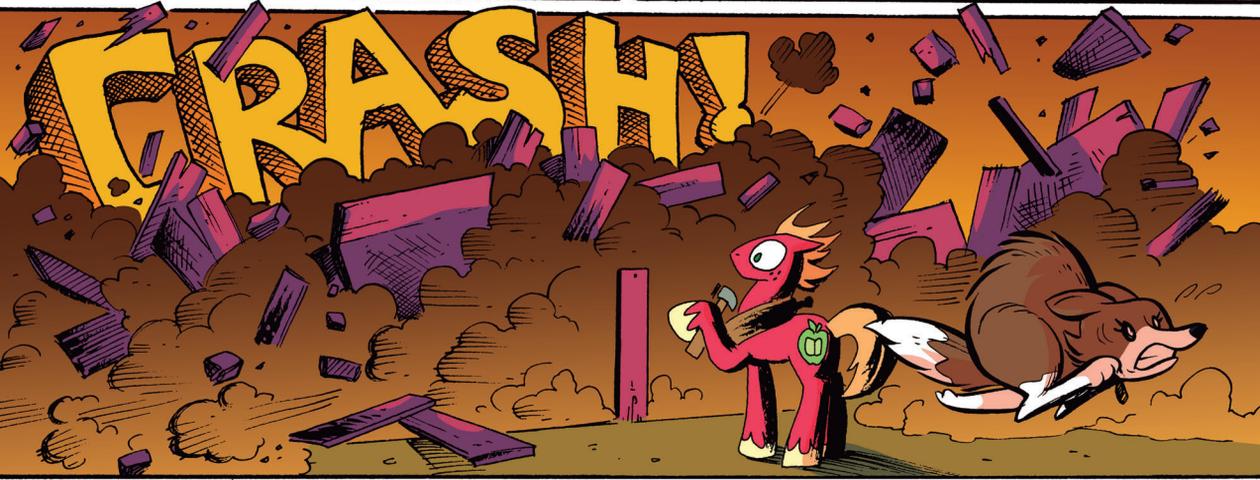
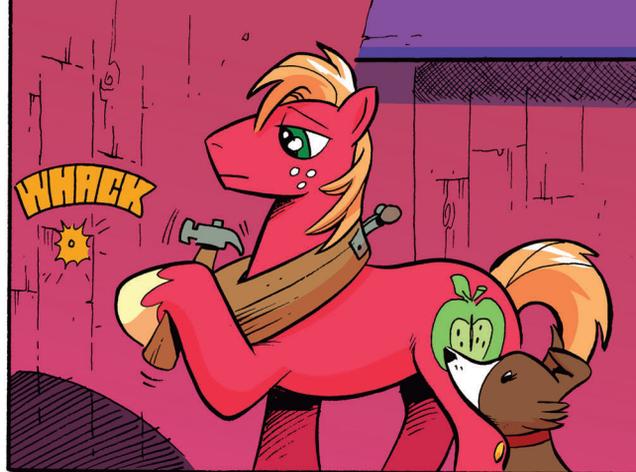
"DEAR PONYVILLE APPLES, WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT YOUR DELICIOUS APPLES AND WE HAD AN IDEA. WE'D LIKE TO INCORPORATE SOME OF YOUR PRODUCE INTO OUR NEW LINE OF DESSERTS IN OUR SHOP... DO YOU HAVE TIME TO COME OUT FOR A VISIT AND A BUSINESS CHAT? WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!"

"SIGNED, THE WEST COAST ORANGES."



BUSINESS EXPANSION, HOW EXCITIN'! SELLING OUR APPLES OUT WEST... THIS COULD EARN US ENOUGH BITS TO REBUILD THE BARN... AGAIN...





I CAN HOP ON A TRAIN TODAY AND BE IN APPLEWOOD LATE TOMORROW... I CAN HAVE A CHAT WITH THE ORANGES AND BE BACK QUICK AS A WHIP! GRANNY! SEND A MESSAGE BACK THAT I'M ON MY WAY!



A MONTH IS NOTHING WHEN IT COMES TO PLANNING A HARVEST! I NEED TO COUNT HOW MANY BASKETS WE HAVE! I NEED TO CHECK THE SILO TO SEE IF THOSE RACCOONS ARE STILL NESTING THERE... I NEED TO...

TAKE YER' TIME! THE ZAP APPLES AREN'T DUE FER' HARVESTIN' FER' ANOTHER MONTH!



...BUILD A BARN.

...ER ...YUP?



I'LL GRAB SOME SAMPLES OF OUR LATEST APPLE CROP TO TAKE WITH ME. I JUST NEED MY SADDLEBAGS AND THEN I'M OFF TO APPLEWOOD!



THIS'LL GET US OUR CUTIE MARKS IN BASE-JUMPING FOR SURE!



OR I'LL GO BORROW A DUFFLE BAG OR SOMETHIN' FROM RARITY. SHE'S GOT A MILLION OF 'EM.

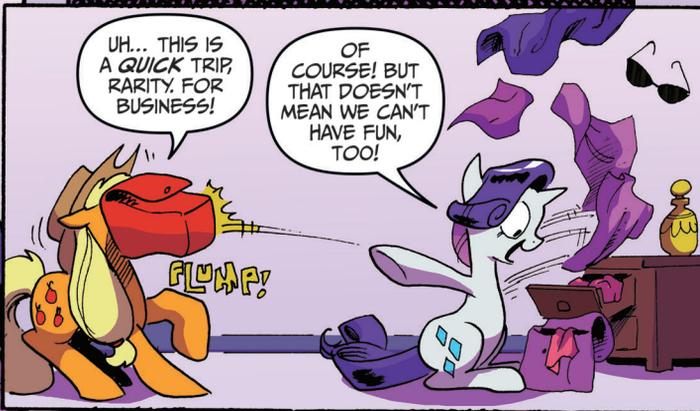
MY TURN!



HEY RARITY, YOU GOT A SMALL, NON-FRILLY SUITCASE I CAN BORROW? I NEED TO GO TO APPLEWOOD AND...



APPLEWOOD?! WHY... THAT'S THE HOME OF SOME OF THE BIGGEST STARS IN EQUESTRIA! YOU **MUST** TAKE ME WITH YOU! WE CAN SEE THE APPLEWOOD SIGN! COMPARE OUR HOOF PRINTS WITH CELEBRITY HOOF PRINTS ON THE WALK OF FAME! GO SHOPPING ON RODEO DRIVE! GO TO WHINNY WORLD!



UH... THIS IS A QUICK TRIP, RARITY. FOR BUSINESS!

OF COURSE! BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T HAVE FUN, TOO!

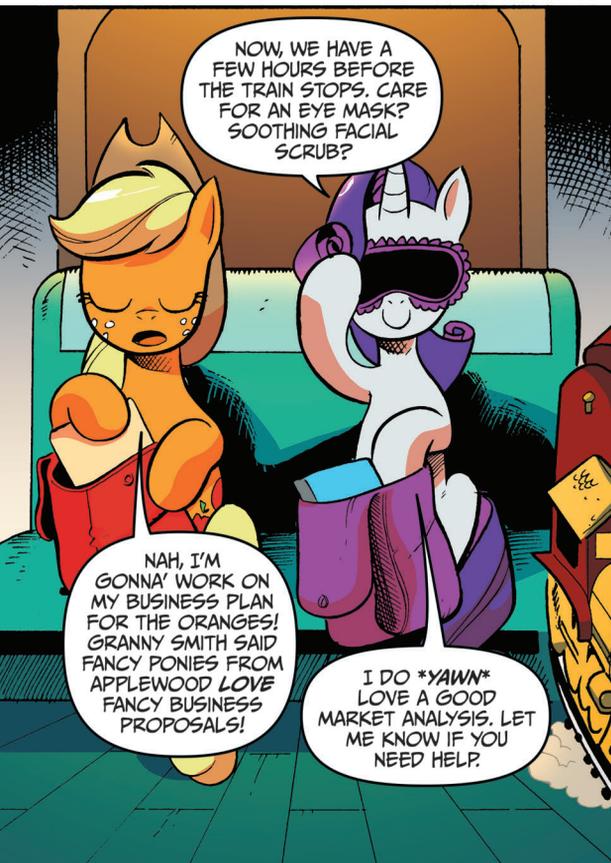
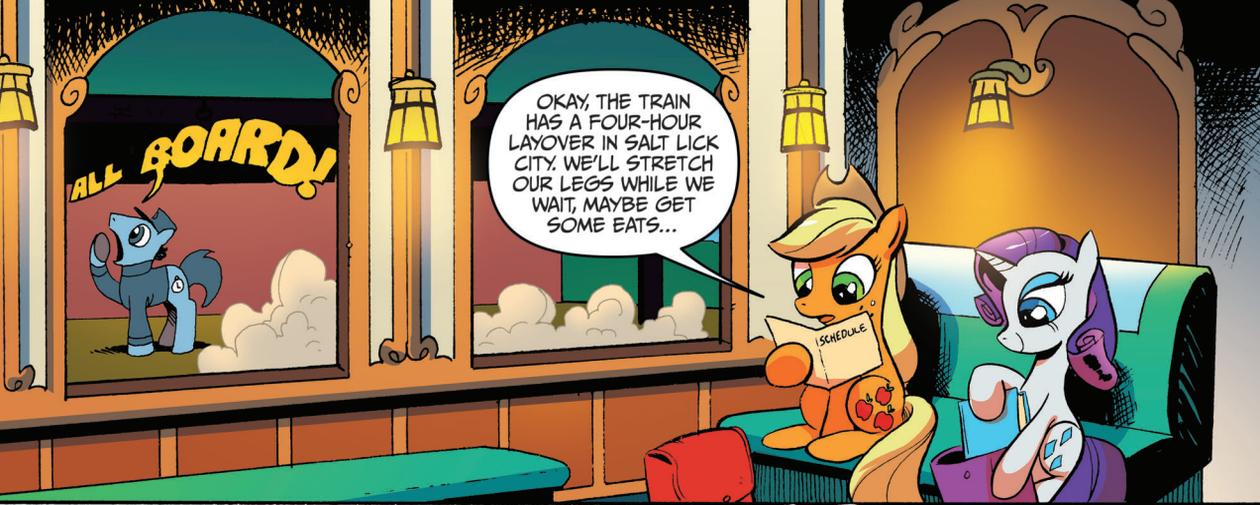
FLUMP!

WELL, ALRIGHT... BUT PACK LIGHT.

LOOK! I FOUND MY BOOK OF 'ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS OF EQUESTRIA'!

YEAH. LEAVE THAT BOOK HERE.







A FEW HOURS LATER...

WELCOME TO SALT LICK CITY, PONIES! YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS BEFORE WE HEAD OFF AGAIN, WHY NOT GO FOR A WALK?

OKAY. WE HAVE TO BE BACK BEFORE THE TRAIN LEAVES. THE NEXT TRAIN DOESN'T LEAVE UNTIL TOMORROW, SO WE HAVE TO BE BACK HERE. GOT IT?

THIS'LL BE QUICK. WE CAN SEE THE BALL OF YARN FROM HERE, IT'S NOT FAR!

I GUESS IF YOU CAN SEE THE BALL OF YARN FROM HERE IT'S NOT BAD. HOW BIG CAN... IT... BE...?



JUST LOOK AT IT! THINK OF ALL THE SWEATERS YOU COULD KNIT OUT OF IT!

THAT YOU COULD KNIT. I CAN'T EVEN HOLD KNITTING NEEDLES. TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DON'T KNOW HOW GRANNY SMITH DOES IT.



FASCINATING... APPLEJACK, YOU SIMPLY MUST READ THIS BIT ABOUT CASHMERE/SILK BLENDS!

FASCINATIN' YER.

SILK HELPS STRENGTHEN THE FIBERS!



AND OH! IT SAYS HERE THAT THEY COULD KNIT OVER 3,000 SWEATERS FROM THE BALL. I WONDER IF THEY MEAN LIKE A PLAIN CARDIGAN OR A CABLE-KNIT...

JUST A PLAIN SWEATER, I'D SUPPOSE. I'D LOVE TO SEE THE NUMBERS FOR MORE ELABORATE SWEATERS...

I'LL JUST WAIT HERE. I'LL LET YOU ->YAWN-> KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME... TO GO...



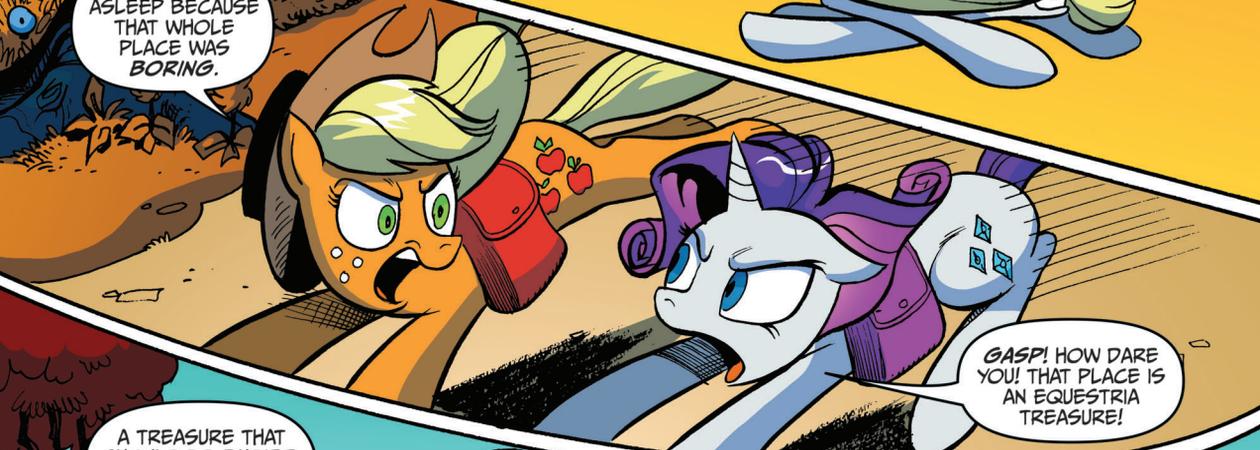
APPLEJACK!  
WAKE UP!

WE NEED TO GO! I GOT CAUGHT UP IN TALKING ABOUT KNITTING VERSUS CROCHETING AND LOST TRACK OF TIME! OUR TRAIN IS LEAVING SOON! LET'S GO!



WHAT?! HOW COULD YOU LET THAT HAPPEN?!

ME?! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FELL ASLEEP!



I FELL ASLEEP BECAUSE THAT WHOLE PLACE WAS BORING.

GASP! HOW DARE YOU! THAT PLACE IS AN EQUESTRIA TREASURE!



A TREASURE THAT SHOULD BE BURIED. COME ON, THERE IT IS! WE CAN STILL MAKE IT!



ARE YOU SURE THIS IS...

OF COURSE I'M SURE! IT'S THE ONE LEAVIN', ISN'T IT?!

GRISWOLD'S  
WORLD  
OF  
MATCHING  
SHOES AND BELTS



WHEW!  
WE MADE  
IT!



HEH! LOOKS LIKE  
YOU PONIES MADE IT  
JUST IN TIME! GOT YOUR  
TICKETS TO SEADDLE  
READY?

SEADDLE?  
WHAT?! NO!  
WE'RE GOING TO  
APPLEWOOD!



THAT TRAIN WAS  
DELAYED 15 MINUTES! LOOKS  
LIKE YOU BOARDED THE WRONG  
ONE. NO WORRIES, WE'LL GET  
YOU TO SEADDLE TONIGHT AND  
GET YOU TURNED AROUND IN  
THE MORNING ON THE  
NEXT TRAIN OUT.



**MORNING?!**



SEADDLE! WELL, IF  
WE'RE GOING THERE, WE  
SIMPLY CAN'T MISS OUT ON  
SEEING PONY BARTLETT'S  
WATER SKI & JUMPING BOAT  
THRILL SHOW!



IN THE MEANTIME,  
I COULD HELP YOU  
WITH YOUR BUSINESS  
PROPOSAL! CAN I TAKE  
A LOOK AT WHAT YOU  
HAVE SO FAR?

I DON'T NEED  
HELP. I HAVE APPLE  
SAMPLES AND A PLAN. I  
PLAN TO TAKE A NAP AND  
WAIT UNTIL THIS WHOLE  
DAY ENDS.



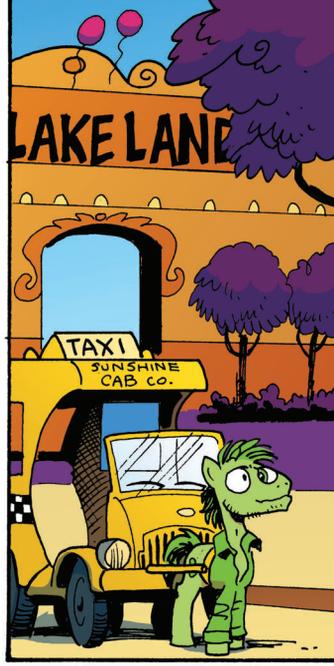
**SLAM**

SHE REALLY IS A  
LOVELY PONY MOST  
OF THE TIME. SHE'S  
JUST UNDER A LOT  
OF STRESS.

THE NEXT MORNING.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TALKED ME INTO THIS. IF WE MISS OUR TRAIN AGAIN, I WILL PERSONALLY BALL UP EVERY STITCH OF CLOTHING YOU OWN AND ROLL THE WHOLE MESS INTO A GORGE.

PISH POSH. WE HAVE HOURS YET. ENJOY YOURSELF! BESIDES, I HAVE THE TAXI WAITING OUTSIDE FOR US. WE'LL BE FINE!



NOW I BOUGHT YOU ONE OF THOSE "HAYDOG" THINGS YOU LIKE, PUT ON THIS HAT AND ENJOY THE BIG FINALE!



THERE. IT'S OVER. LET'S LEAVE.



I DON'T SEE WHY YOU'RE IN SUCH A RUSH. THE FIREWORKS AREN'T EVEN OVER. LOOK!

NO PONY GETS BUSINESS MORE THAN ME! THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T ENJOY THE SIGHTS IN OUR SPARE TIME. WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO GET BACK TO THE...

THIS IS A BUSINESS TRIP, RARITY! YOU OWN A BUSINESS, I'D THINK YOU'D UNDERSTAND!

EXIT



...TRAIN.

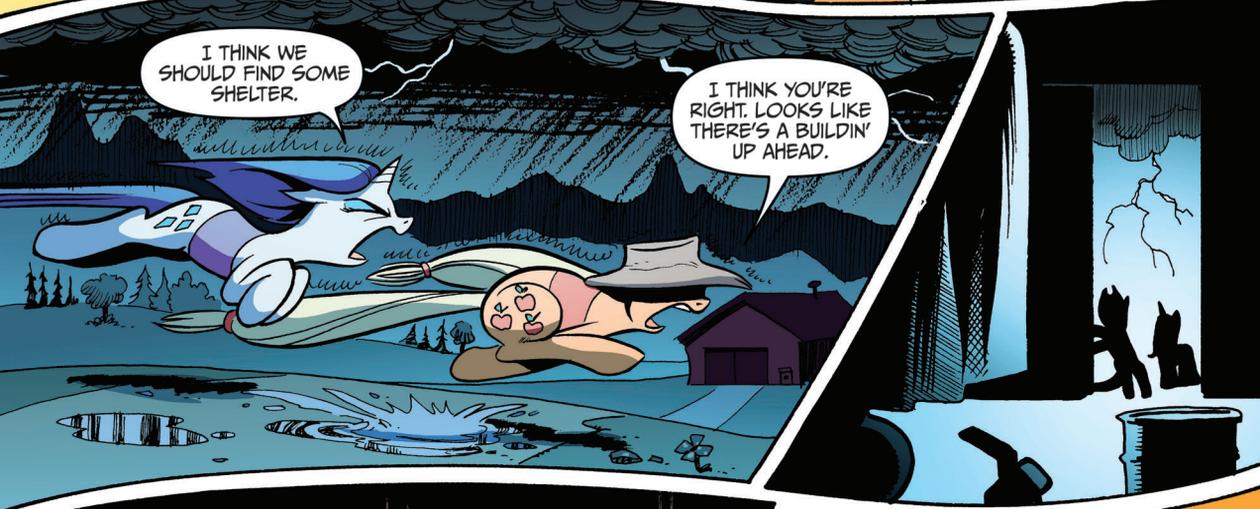
THIS HAPPENS EVERY SHOW.



I GUESS WE'RE WALKING.

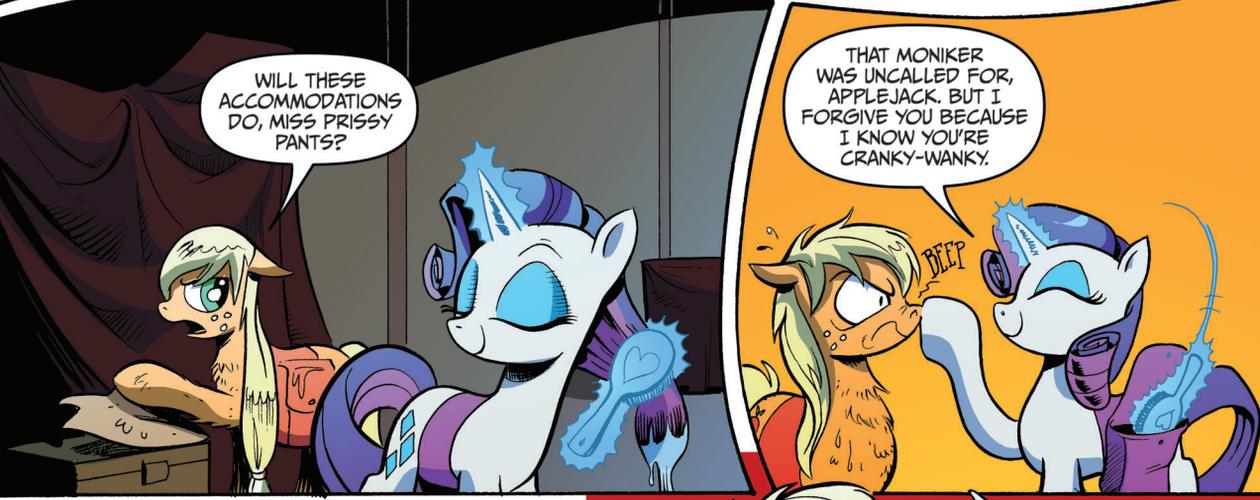
LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE! AT LEAST IT'S A FINE DAY FOR IT!

WE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE BOAT.



I THINK WE SHOULD FIND SOME SHELTER.

I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT. LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A BUILDIN' UP AHEAD.



WILL THESE ACCOMMODATIONS DO, MISS PRISSEY PANTS?

THAT MONIKER WAS UNCALLED FOR, APPLEJACK. BUT I FORGIVE YOU BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE CRANKY-WANKY.



VERY CRANKY-WANKY.

SIGH. WE'LL STOP FOR A BIT AND WAIT FOR THE RAIN TO STOP.

YOU CAN WORK ON YOUR BUSINESS PLAN! DO YOU HAVE SOME PROJECTION CHARTS? I HAVE SOME MARKERS PACKED IF YOU WANT TO MAKE AN EYE-CATCHING PIE-CHART!

WHAT? I DIDN'T BRING ANY PIE... JUST APPLES.

SOME TIME LATER.

HEY RARITY, WAKE UP. THE RAIN IS SLOWIN' UP.

NO, MOMMY... NOT THE ONE WITH THE SHOULDER PADS...

BUSINESS PLAN  
① SELL APPLES  
2



IT'S A MUDDY MESS OUT THERE. WE BETTER GET WALKING.... WE'VE MISSED THE FIRST TRAIN BUT WE WON'T MISS THE SECOND ONE.

OOOOORRR...



IT LOOKS LIKE THIS COULD HELP US.

COUGH! COUGH! WHAT IS THAT?!

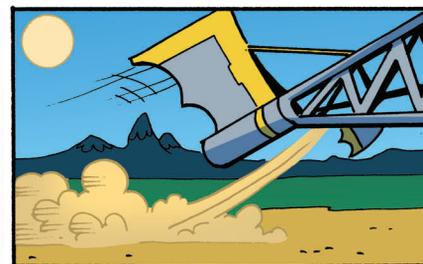
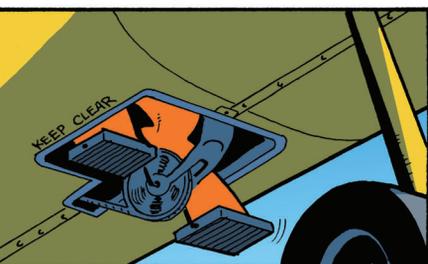


YOU SURE THIS THING WILL GET US TO APPLEWOOD?

OF COURSE! DIDN'T YOU SEE ALL THE PRETTY DRAWINGS OF HOW IT WORKED? WE'LL BE OFF LIKE A PEGASUS IN NO TIME!



WELL, ALRIGHT THEN! LET'S GET FLYIN' AND GET TO MY MEETIN'!



WHEN IS THE MEETING? YOU NEVER TOLD ME!

HUH? WELL, I HAD GRANNY SMITH TELL THEM I'D BE ALONG BY N' BY. I GUESS IT'S WHEN I SHOW UP!

I TOLD MY MOTHER, "THERE'S GOTTA BE AN EASIER WAY, MA", BUT NOOOO...



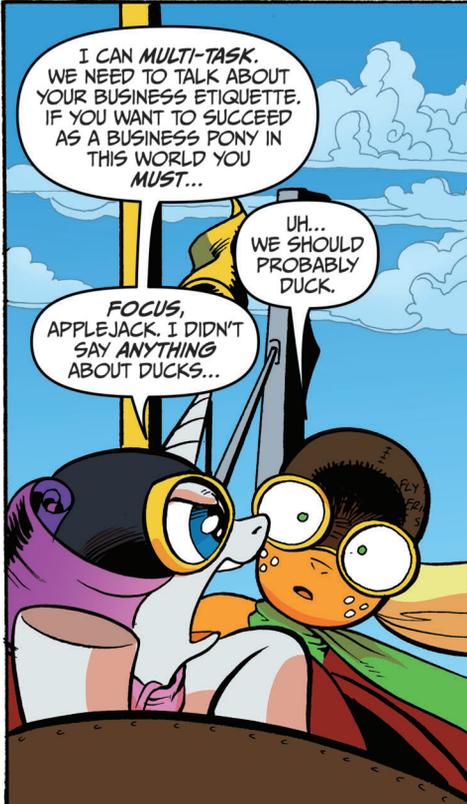
YOU DIDN'T CONFIRM A MEETING?!

IT'S FAMILY! WE WORK DIFFERENT THAN YOUR FANCY DRESS MAKIN' STUFF...



THAT'S JUST LUDICROUS. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT BUSINESS. IT'S ABOUT COMMON COURTESY! AND WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A HURRY IF YOU DON'T HAVE A TIMETABLE?! YOU DON'T JUST DROP IN ON PONIES HALF A COUNTRY AWAY!

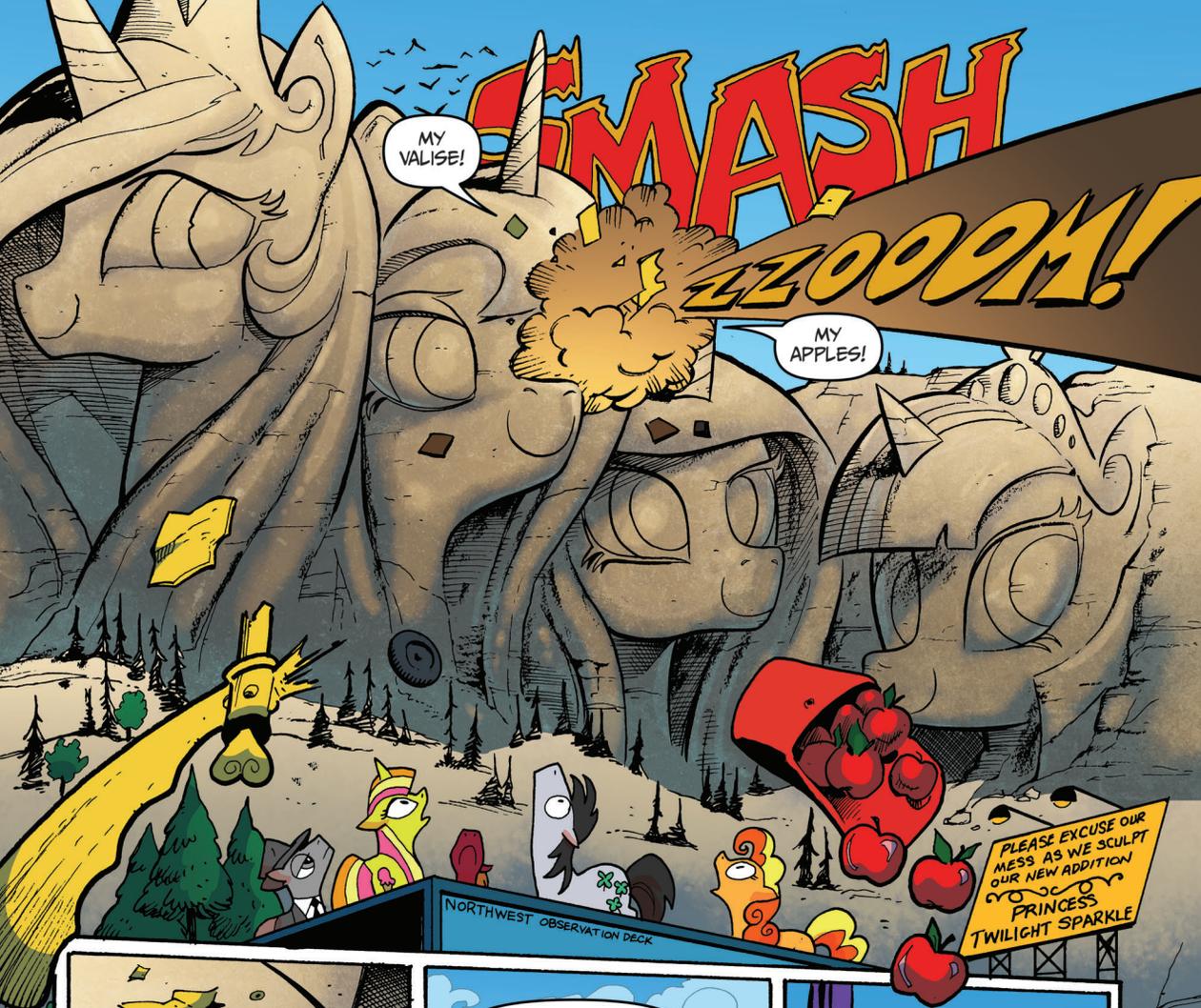
UH... MAYBE YOU SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON STEERIN' AND NOT YELLIN'?



I CAN MULTI-TASK. WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS ETIQUETTE. IF YOU WANT TO SUCCEED AS A BUSINESS PONY IN THIS WORLD YOU MUST...

UH... WE SHOULD PROBABLY DUCK.

FOCUS, APPLEJACK. I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT DUCKS...

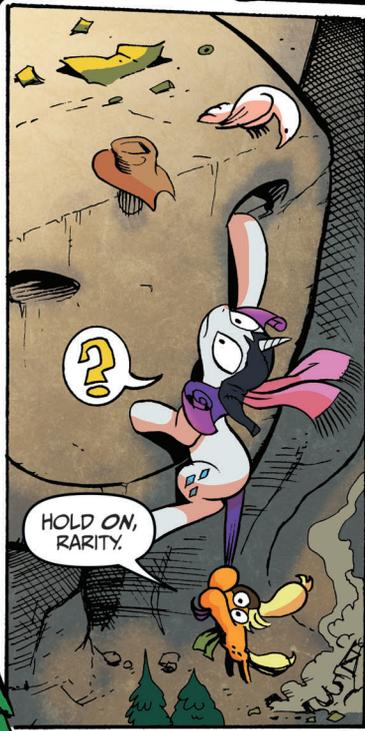


MY VALISE!

MY APPLES!

NORTHWEST OBSERVATION DECK

PLEASE EXCUSE OUR MESS AS WE SCULPT OUR NEW ADDITION PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE



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HOLD ON, RARITY.



GOOD NEWS! MY BOOK IS OKAY! AND LOOK! MOUNT MONUMENT! I HAVE THIS PLACE HIGHLIGHTED ON PAGE 43!



MOUNT MONUMENT? THAT MEANS WE WERE FLYIN' THE WRONG WAY! GAAAAAAAHH!

SIGN THE PETITION TO ADD QUEEN CHRYSALIS TO THE MONUMENT  
Queen Chrysalis: \_\_\_\_\_  
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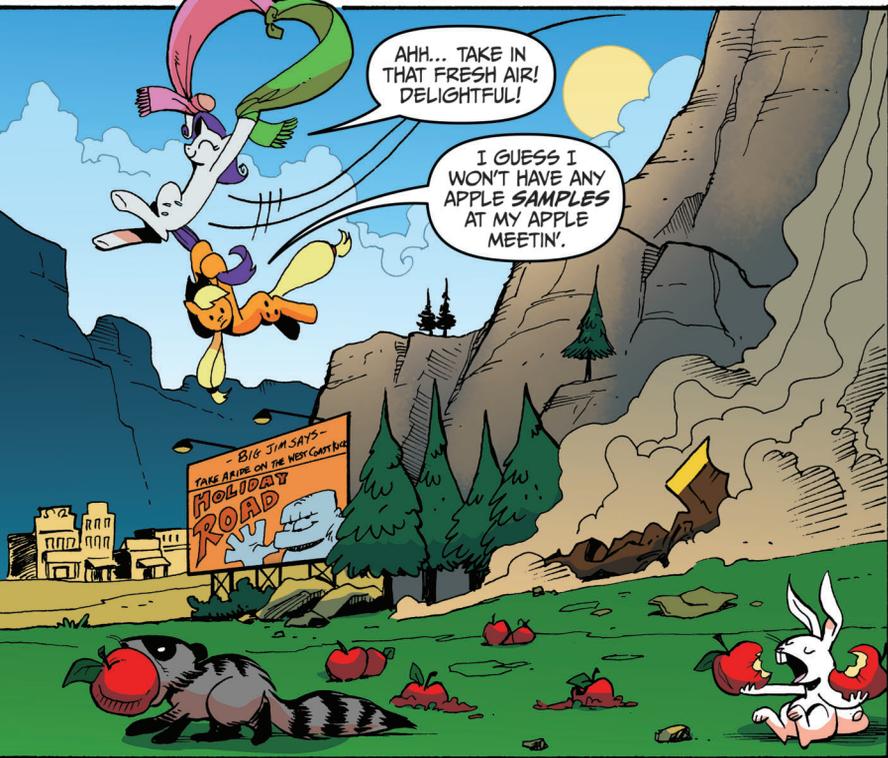


THERE'S A TOWN DOWN THERE. WE'LL GET DOWN AND ASK FOR DIRECTIONS!

HAND ME YOUR SCARF, PLEASE.

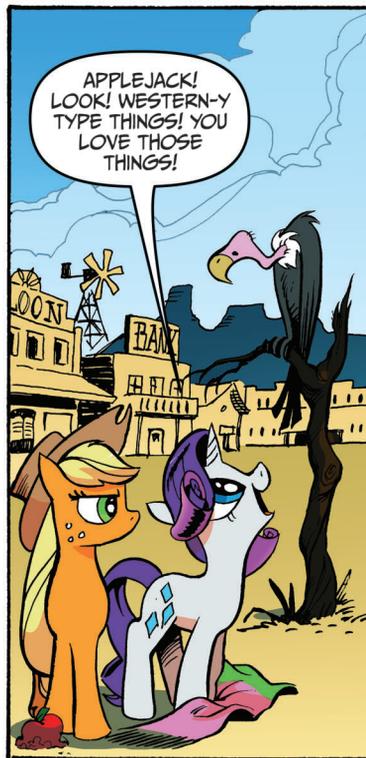
AND HOW, MISS SMARTY PANTS, ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET DOWN?

?



AHH... TAKE IN THAT FRESH AIR! DELIGHTFUL!

I GUESS I WON'T HAVE ANY APPLE SAMPLES AT MY APPLE MEETIN'.



APPLEJACK! LOOK! WESTERN-Y TYPE THINGS! YOU LOVE THOSE THINGS!



NOW, WE'LL HIRE A PONY TO TAKE US TO THE NEXT TOWN WITH A TRAIN. WE CAN ZIP OFF TO APPLEWOOD.

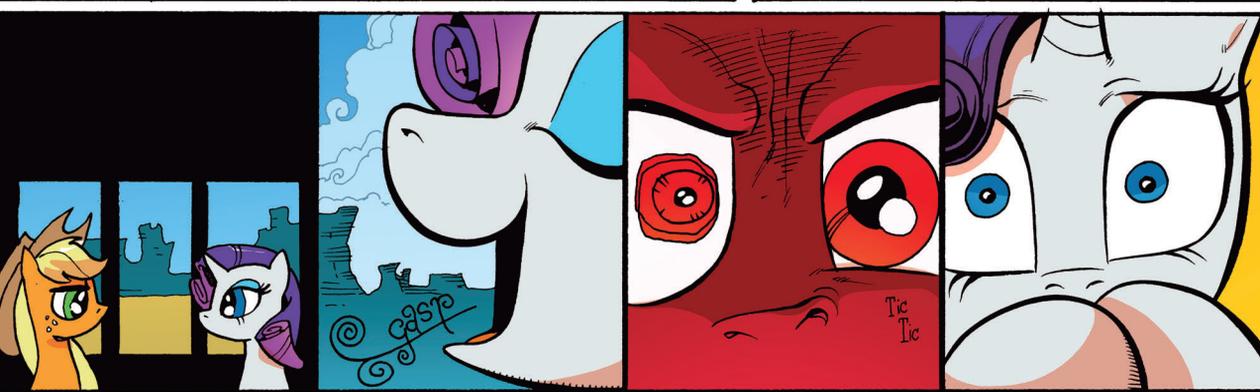
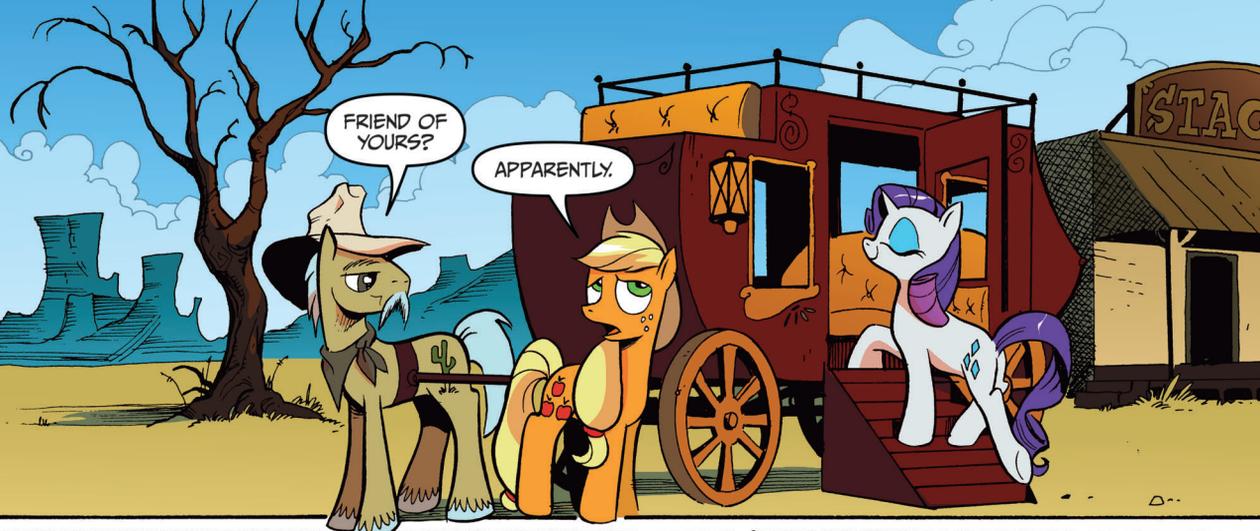
FINE.



WE NEED A RIDE TO THE CLOSEST TOWN WITH A TRAIN STATION.

YOU'LL WANT SAN FRANCISCOLT! APPLEWOOD IS A QUICK JUMP FROM THERE. IF YOU CAN HELP ME HITCH UP, I'D BE GLAD TO TAKE YOU!

APPLEJACK HERE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU! SHE KNOWS ALL ABOUT HITCHES AND CARTS AND MENIAL LABOR!





JERSEY SHORE

DOC HOLSTEIN

BUFFALO BULL

KING LONGHORN

ANGUS MCSTEER

THANK YOU



PONIES! STAY IN THE COACH! IT'S THE CATTLE RUSTLER GANG! THEY'RE GOING TO TRY AND ROB US!

OH COME ON.

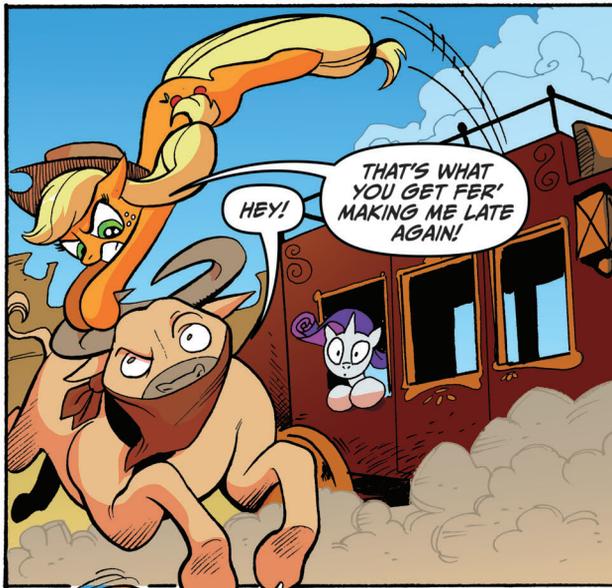
OOOH! INTRIGUE! I LOVE IT!

HAND OVER YOUR LOOT!



WE DON'T HAVE ANY BITS, SINCE ALL OUR MONEY WAS IN OUR LUGGAGE. WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN? THEY WON'T WANT MY HAIR, WILL THEY?! I BET THEY COULD SELL IT FOR A FORTUNE?! OH NO, APPLEJACK! DON'T LET THEM TAKE MY HAIR!

GAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!



HEY!

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FER MAKING ME LATE AGAIN!



YAY! GO APPLEJACK! KICK FLANK!

ZONK!

AND YOU! STOP BEING SO MEADOW MUFFIN' CHIPPER. HOW IN EQUESTRIA DO YOU OWN A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS?! IN THE PAST DAY I'VE SEEN YOU BE THE MOST UNPROFESSIONAL FLUFFHEAD I'VE EVER KNOWN! YOU MUST BE GOOD AT MAKIN' YOUR PERSNICKETY DRESSES BECAUSE I DON'T SEE A LICK OF BUSINESS SAVVY IN YA!



YOU TAKE THAT BACK!

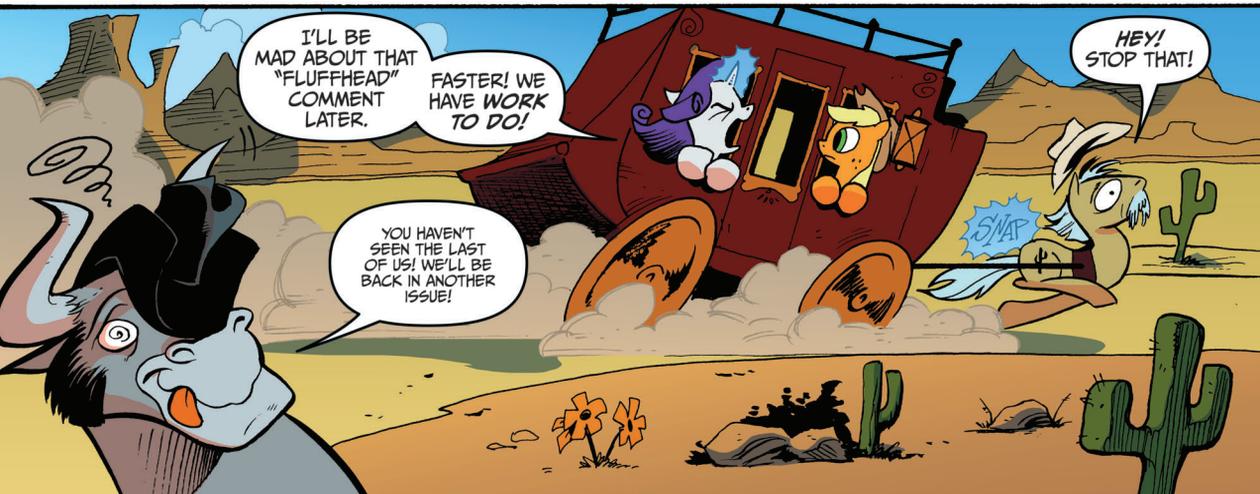
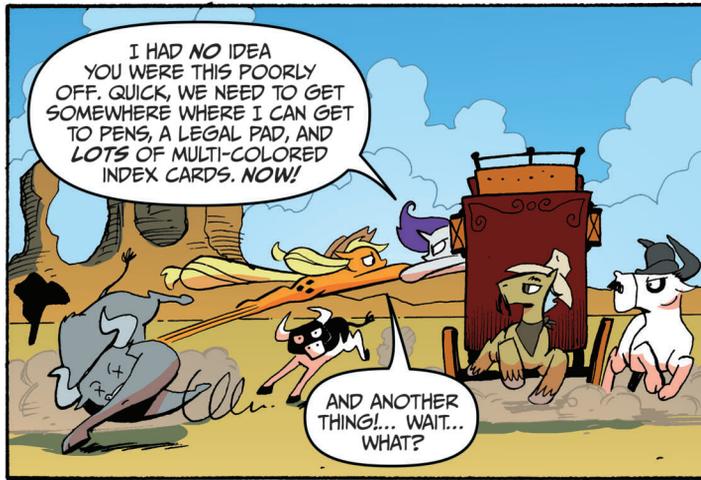
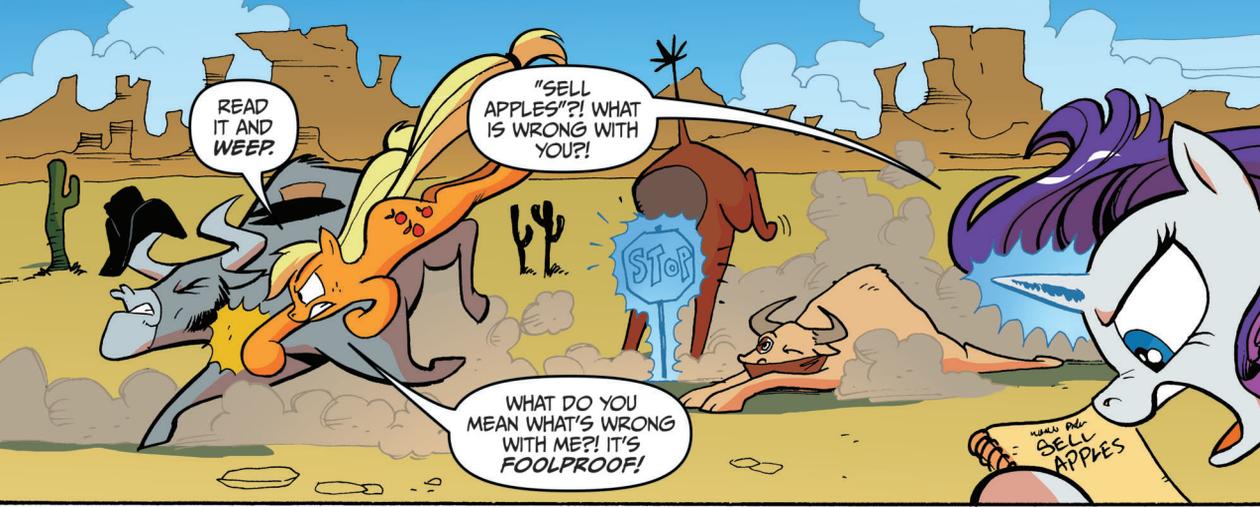
NEVER!



AND WHAT'S YOUR "SAVVY" PROPOSITION TO EXPAND APPLE FARMS TO APPLEWOOD? I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU DO ANY WORK ON THIS "FANCY" BUSINESS PLAN YOU KEEP TALKING ABOUT!

I GOT YER! FANCY BUSINESS PLAN RIGHT HERE!

!?!?







# WHINNYLAND

WILHELM WOMBAT

ELMER EAGLE





The Haunted Stable



City Bear DISCO



Rainforest YACHT CLUB



Pirates of the CARRIAGEBEAN





WE'RE  
HERE!

WHAT A  
LOVELY SETTING!  
IT'S SO... SO...  
CITRUSY!



THANKS  
AGAIN, RARITY.  
YOU REALLY  
ARE A GOOD  
FRIEND.

BEST  
FRIENDS!



APPLEJACK?!  
IT'S BEEN YEARS!  
WHAT IN EQUESTRIA  
ARE YOU DOING  
HERE?!



I... ER... WE...  
YOU WROTE ME TO  
COME? GRANNY SMITH  
SENT WORD TO  
EXPECT ME?

WHY, I HAVE  
NO IDEA WHAT  
YOU'RE TALKING  
ABOUT.



BUT... BUT...  
PIE CHARTS...

COME IN! THE  
KALE FAMILY IS HERE  
AND THEY BROUGHT  
DINNER! I'M SO HAPPY  
TO SEE YOU! WHO'S  
YOUR FRIEND?

BUSINESS...  
ASSOCIATE...  
FRIEND?

OH!  
I LOVE  
KALE!

BACK IN PONYVILLE...

YOU KNOW, I THINK THIS SAYS "EAST COAST" AND NOT "WEST COAST."

# We... Went... **Dancin'** Across EQUESTRIA!



APPLEJACK: LEARNED A LESSON ABOUT... SOMETHING.



RARITY: HAD A MINOR BREAKDOWN OVER OWN PROJECT SOMETIME LATER.



APPLE BLOOM: DID NOT GET HER CUTIE MARK IN BASE JUMPING.

**GRICOLTED**  
THAT TROTTING TOWN



BIG MAC: BUILT A BARN.

SOUVENIR MENU  
**PLANET APPLEWOOD**  
RESTAURANT  
DINE WITH THE ST...



BIG MAC: ...DIDN'T DO A VERY GOOD JOB ON THE FIRST BARN AND HAD TO DO IT AGAIN.



HANYPONY SEEN MY GLASSES?

GRANNY SMITH: HAS AN OPTOMETRIST APPOINTMENT NEXT TUESDAY.

**SUNSHINE CAB CO.**  
TAXI SERVICE  
\$5 BIT'S



CURATOR OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST BALL OF YARN: CURRENTLY WORKING OUT HOW MANY SOCKS COULD BE KNIT WITH THE BALL OF YARN.



THE OWNERS OF THE GYRO-FLYER: WERE INCREDIBLY CONFUSED UPON RETURNING TO THE BARN SOME WEEKS LATER.



THE STRANGER: SO DID THE STRANGER DELIVER APPLEJACK AND SO DID APPLEWOOD. AND HAVING NO FURTHER CONCERN, HE SOUGHT ADVENTURE IN THE WEST. MANY WRONGS DID HE RIGHT. HONOR AND FEAR WERE HEAPED UPON HIS NAME AND IN TIME, HE BECAME A KING BY HIS OWN HAND...  
...BUT THAT IS ANOTHER STORY.

GREETINGS FROM CINCINNATI

MAP  
**WHINNYLAND**

Hay Dog **MOSTAR**



THE MANHATTAN ORANGES: ARE STILL WAITING FOR APPLEJACK.

**BUS**  
\$17 BIT COAC

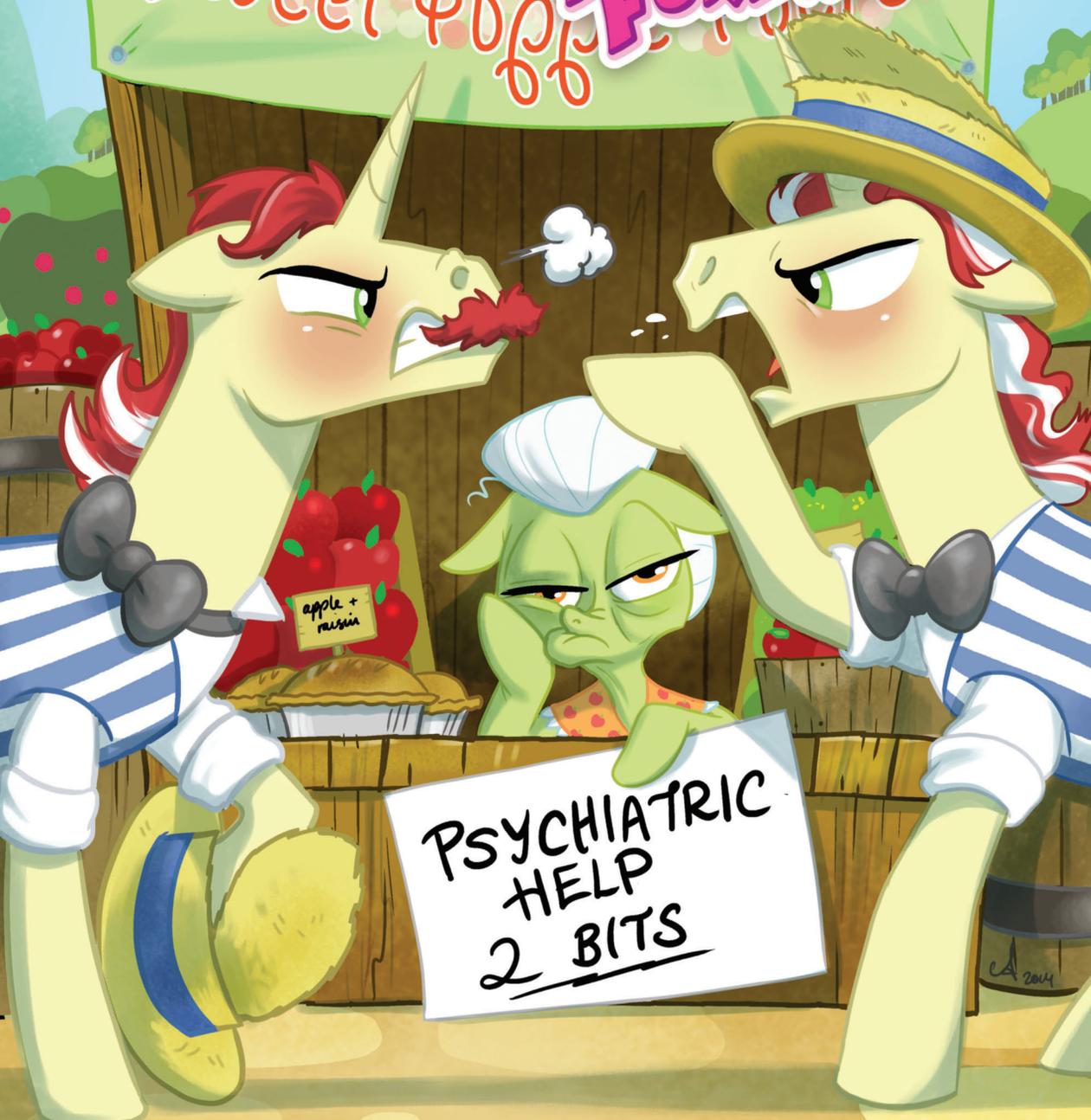
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**CHAPIN**  
TAXI SERVICE  
APPLEWOOD A AND ALL ABUNDING AREAS

NEXT MONTH:  
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# my LITTLE PONY

Sweet & Soft  
FRIENDS FOREVER'S



PSYCHIATRIC  
HELP  
2 BITS

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# A MORNING IN THE LIFE OF WINONA

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