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Rarity has been kidnapped by the dark denizens of the moon! The ponies, Princess Luna, and Spike travel to the lunar landscape and face their nightmares in order to save their friend. Unfortunately, it may be too late for Rarity, who is revealed to be the new Nightmare Moon!

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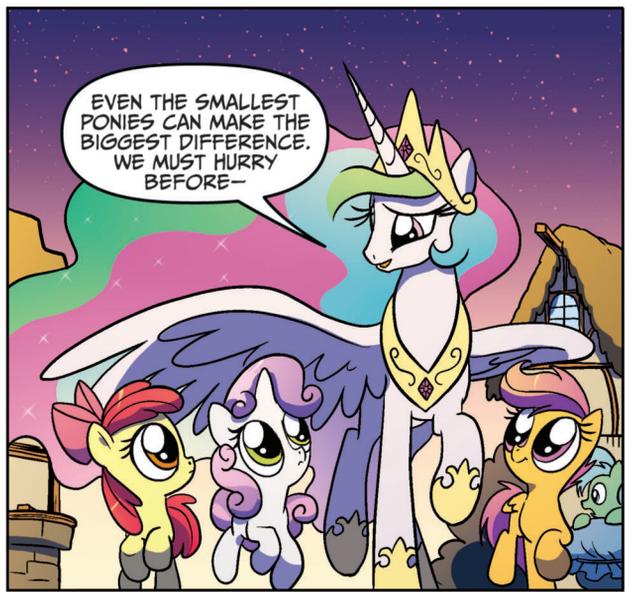
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IT'S TRUE, YOUR POWERS DEFEATED ME BEFORE, LITTLE PONIES, BUT WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW THAT I'VE TAKEN ONE OF YOU? WITHOUT **ALL** OF YOU, YOUR ELEMENTS OF HARMONY ARE POWERLESS.

BIT OF A PICKLE, ISN'T IT?



YOU THINK YOU'RE SO COOL AND SPOOKY? WELL, A STORM IS COMIN' FOR YOU! A RAINBOW STORM!

"A STORM'S COMING"? HA! WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS? A SIGH STALLION FILM?

RARITY? CAN YOU HEAR US? YOU HAVE TO FIGHT IT!



YOU PONIES ARE *DENSE*, AREN'T YOU? REMEMBER THOSE NIGHTMARE FORCES YOU ALL "DESTROYED" WITH YOUR LITTLE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY WHEN LUNA WAS AROUND?

WELL, GUESS WHAT? YOU DIDN'T DO SUCH A SUPER JOB AFTER ALL—THEY NOW CONTROL YOUR FRIEND... ME, I SUPPOSE.

RARITY IS GONE! DO I NEED TO MAKE A DIAGRAM OR SOMETHING WITH PICTURES SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND?

GOOD ONE, BOSS.



I DON'T BELIEVE YOU! RARITY IS STILL IN THERE, I'M SURE OF IT!

YEAH, SHE JUST NEEDS A LITTLE JOGGIN' TO HER NOGGIN! LIKE, SOMETHING ONLY SHE WOULD REMEMBER!



LIIIIKE, RARITY, REMEMBER THAT TIME WE WERE AT THE SPA AND THE HOT TUB'S BUBBLES STOPPED WORKING? AND I TOLD YOU THAT JOKE ABOUT THE AARDVARK MARRYING A PIPE CLEANER THEN *POOF!* SUDDENLY THERE WERE BUBBLES?! YOU WERE SO EMBARRASSED YOU MADE ME HOOFIE SWEAR TO NEVER EVER TELL?!



-GASP!- I'M SORRY! I TOTALLY JUST TOLD!





ALRIGHT, FAKE RARITY— I TAKE BACK MY APOLOGY! I'M NOT SORRY! AND THERE ARE MANY MORE STORIES WHERE THAT ONE CAME FROM!

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU SAY; I'M TAKING PONYVILLE, AND YOU WILL BE POWERLESS AGAINST IT.

TAKE 'EM DOWN!



COME GET ME, FLY BOY!

WOOSH



SWOOSH



AND THAT, MY FRIEND, IS WHAT WE CALL "SKILLZ."



BRING IT!

GASP!

ZAP ZAP





THAT'S IT!



TAKE THAT, YOU MEAN BEAN!

OUCH!



LUNA, YOU MUST GO BACK TO PONYVILLE AND HELP THEM! GO!

I CAN'T LEAVE YOU!



RUN, NOW! OR PONYVILLE WON'T STAND A CHANCE!

YER THEIR ONLY HOPE!



BESIDES, WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THESE VARMINTS!

I'LL SAVE YOUR FRIENDS! I SWEAR TO YOU!





TAKE THEM TO THE DUNGEON—THEY'RE BORING ME.

BUT, AH-HA! I SHALL ELUDE YOU WITH MY MASTERFUL ESCAPE SKILLS!

WIGGLE-WIGGLE

UH, PINKIE, I DON'T THINK IT WORKS IF YOU TELL THEM YOU'RE GOING TO ESCAPE.

BUT SOME PONIES DON'T LIKE SURPRISES.



AND THESE LOOK LIKE PONIES THAT DON'T LIKE SURPRISES, IF YA KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

BUT THEY AREN'T PONIES.

EXACTLY. *WINK-WINK*



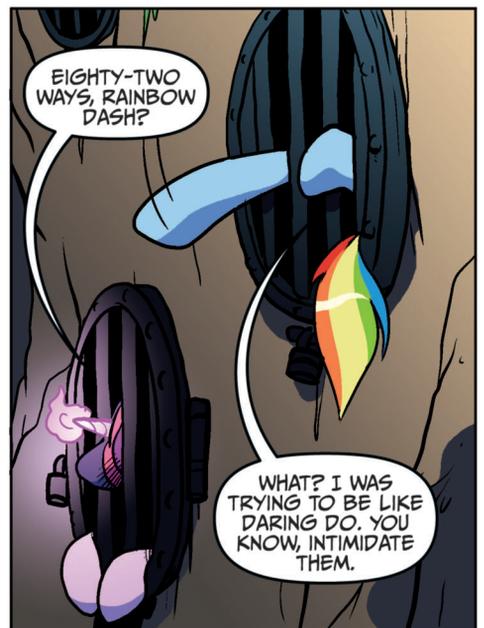
TRY IT—IT'S FUN! MAYBE THEN YOU WOULDN'T BE SUCH A GRUMPY GROUSE!

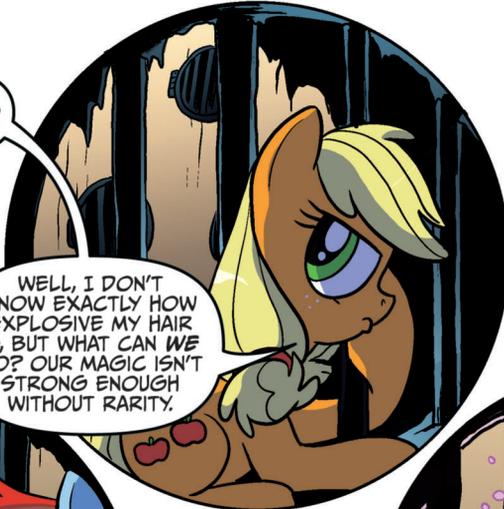
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STOP THAT INCESSANT WIGGLING!

I CAN'T! IT'S TOO MUCH FUN!





I WISH DARING DO WAS HERE TO HELP US NOW.



AW, MAN! DARING DO WOULD, LIKE, MAKE A CRAZY EXPLOSION OUT OF, LIKE, DUCTTAPE AND APPLEJACK'S HAIR AND BOOM! WE'D BE FREE!

WELL, I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW EXPLOSIVE MY HAIR IS, BUT WHAT CAN WE DO? OUR MAGIC ISN'T STRONG ENOUGH WITHOUT RARITY.



APPLEJACK'S RIGHT—WITHOUT RARITY, WE CAN'T USE THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY TO SAVE PONYVILLE. AND THERE MUST BE A SPELL ON THIS CASTLE—MY MAGIC WON'T WORK.



I HOPE LUNA DOES CHECK IN ON ANGEL, AND ALL OF MY OTHER LITTLE FRIENDS... I WISH I COULD CUDDLE A SWEET, FUZZY, BABY ANIMAL RIGHT NOW.



OH MY GOODNESS! LITTLE FRIEND, COME INTO THE LIGHT SO I CAN LOVE YOU UP!



IT'S OKAY, YOUR NEW FRIENDS ARE EXCITED TO MEET YOUR BEAUTIFUL, WIDDLE FACE!

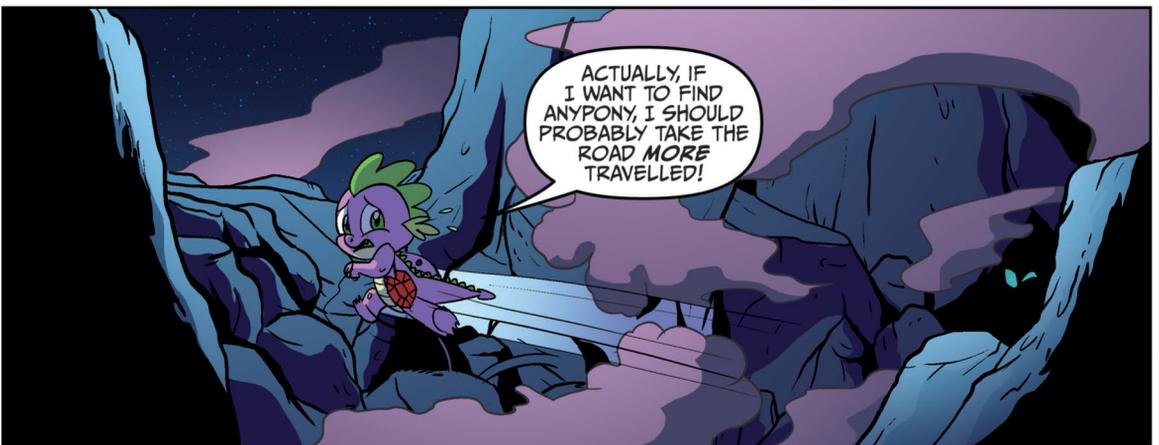
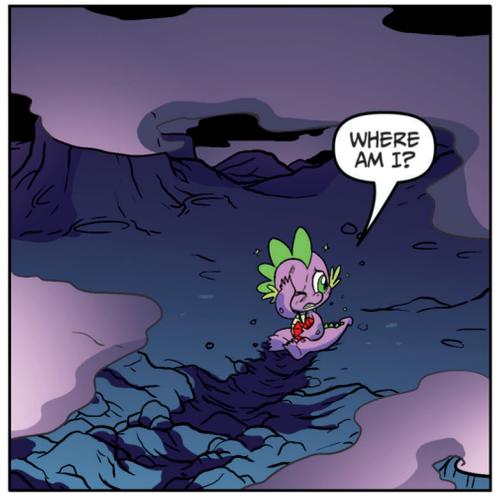
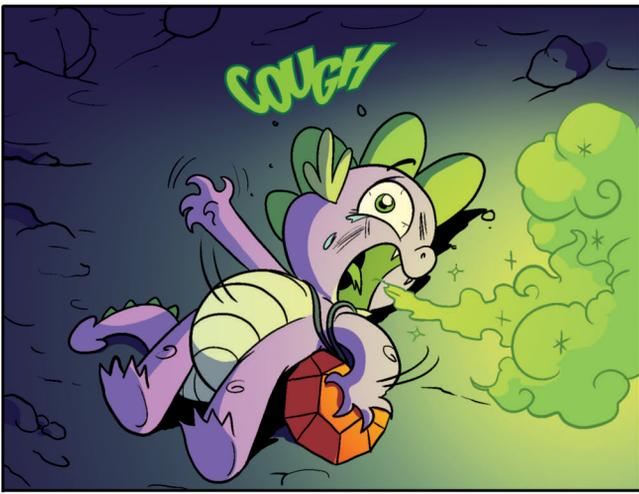


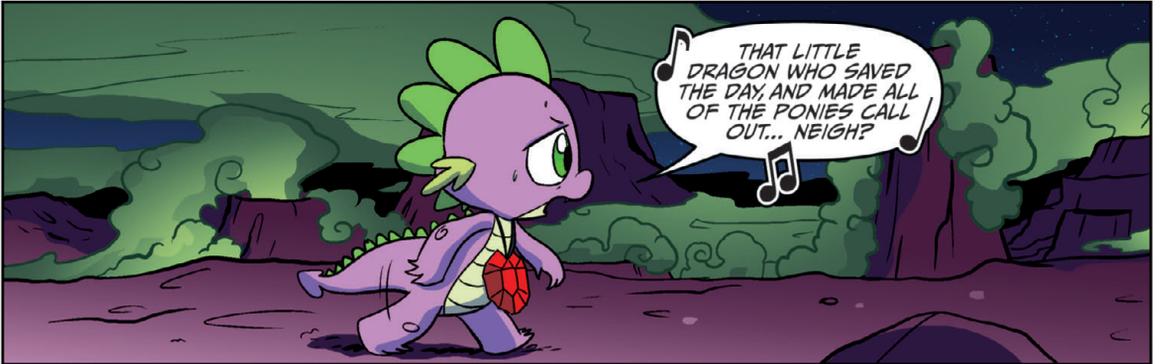
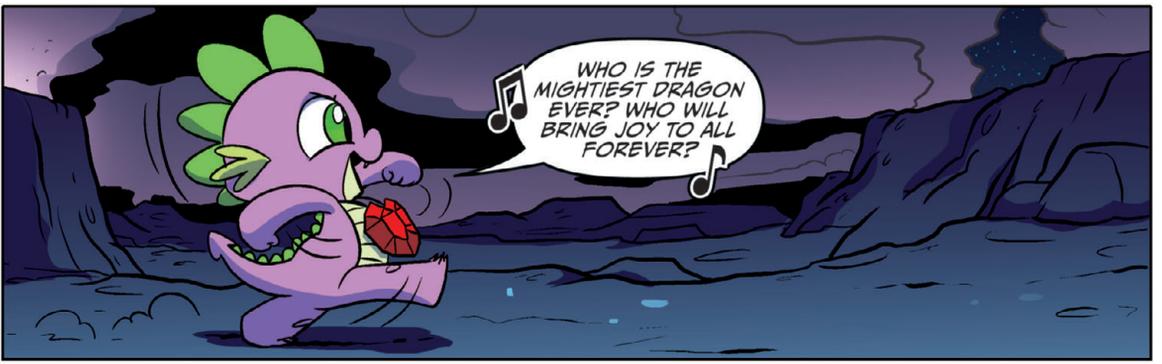
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HELLO, YOU CUTIE!











OH, MY DEAR LARRY. MY DEAR, SIMPLE, UNAMUSING LARRY. I PICKED THIS PONY VESSEL FOR A REASON—TO RENDER THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY POWERLESS!

SUPREME ONE, MAY I ASK WHY YOU CHOSE THIS PONY IN PARTICULAR? THAT YELLOW ONE SEEMED LIKE AN, UM, EASIER OPTION.



IT WAS HER MANE, RIGHT? THAT PONY RARITY HAD GREAT HAIR.



I CHOSE RARITY SPECIFICALLY. SHE HAD, SHALL WE SAY, SELF-ESTEEM ISSUES?

DON'T WE ALL?



I NEEDED A BEING THAT WAS... PLIABLE. RARITY WAS SO EAGER TO HELP. SO GENEROUS WITH HER GIFTS, BUT SHE HAD A DEEP, DARK SECRET. I WAS SURE SHE WOULD CAVE.

SHE WAS A BIT STRONGER THAN WE HAD HOPED.

WELL, SOMETIMES A LITTLE FORCE IS NECESSARY.





AND WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THE PRISONERS ONCE WE'RE VICTORIOUS?

FOR NOW, LEAVE THEM IN THE DUNGEON...



THE DUNGEON?! AT LEAST THEY'RE HERE.



OR WE COULD ALWAYS LOCK THEM UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY! HAHHAHA!

HA! GOOD ONE, MY QUEEN!

ERR... KEY?! I KNOW I HAD IT HERE A MINUTE AGO...



I'LL SAVE THEM FIRST, THEN WE CAN RESCUE RARITY FROM THAT NASTY NO-GOODIE TOGETHER.



DUNGEON HAS TO BE DOWNWARDS, RIGHT?



HOW COULD YOU HAVE LOST THE KEY?!

I "MISPLACED" IT. I DIDN'T LOSE IT. I'LL FIND IT! I SWEAR!



FIND IT NOW, OR YOU'LL BE JOINING THOSE PONIES.



♪ SPIKE! SPIKE! SPIKE! ♪

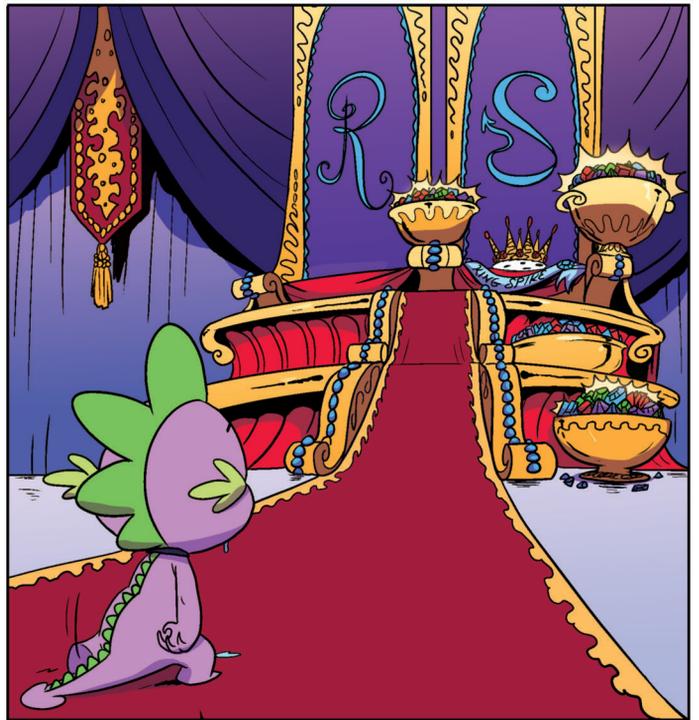


SO, THAT PERKY LITTLE DRAGON IS IN OUR CASTLE? "LARRY'S SIDEKICK"? NOT FOR LONG...

!



I GOTTA HURRY!











NO!



SEEMS YOU'VE DISCOVERED MY LITTLE SECRET—NOT ONLY CAN I CREATE YOUR NIGHTMARES, BUT YOUR DREAMS, TOO.



BUT— BUT RARITY— I LO-LOV—



OH, P-P-POOR SPIKE. CAN'T GET THE WORDS OUT? DON'T WORRY. IT'S TOO LATE FOR RARITY ANYWAY, LET ALONE YOUR FRIENDS.

I WILL NEVER HELP YOU! EVER! THROW ME IN A DUNGEON FOR A BAJILLION YEARS—I DON'T CARE!



HELP?! WHAT COULD A SILLY, DELUDED LITTLE DRAGON POSSIBLY HELP ME WITH? BESIDES...

THIS NIGHTMARE HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN!

TO BE CONTINUED...