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# my LITTLE PONY™

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CADANCE IS SO POPULAR... SHE'LL NEVER NOTICE SOME PONY LIKE ME!

CADANCE  
♥ for ♥  
Queen of the GALA  
VOTE TODAY!

CHEER LEADER  
VARSITY TRY OUT

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READ "The WILD STALLION WITHIN!"

Andy Price 13th

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# neigh anything Part 2

*presentable in periwinkle*



I REALLY DON'T THINK SHINING ARMOR HAS THE FULL STORY. I THINK YOU ALL NEED SOMETHING OTHER THAN A STALLION'S PERSPECTIVE.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? MY VERSION SO FAR HAS INTRIGUE! DRAMA! UNREQUITTED LOVE! MY EMOTIONAL SUFFERING.

...AN EXPLODING POLO Mallet.

...GEEKS.

... WHEN ARE WE GOING TO GET TO THE PART ABOUT THE PARTY?



LET'S SEE... YOUR PLAN TO "WIN ME OVER" WAS TO TALK TO ME, GET THE ATTENTION OF THE SCHOOL TO BECOME FALL FORMAL KING, AND PROFESS YOUR LOVE AS WE DANCED THE NIGHT AWAY?

YES. IT WAS A GOOD PLAN.



AND IS THAT WHAT HAPPENED?

...WELL, NO.

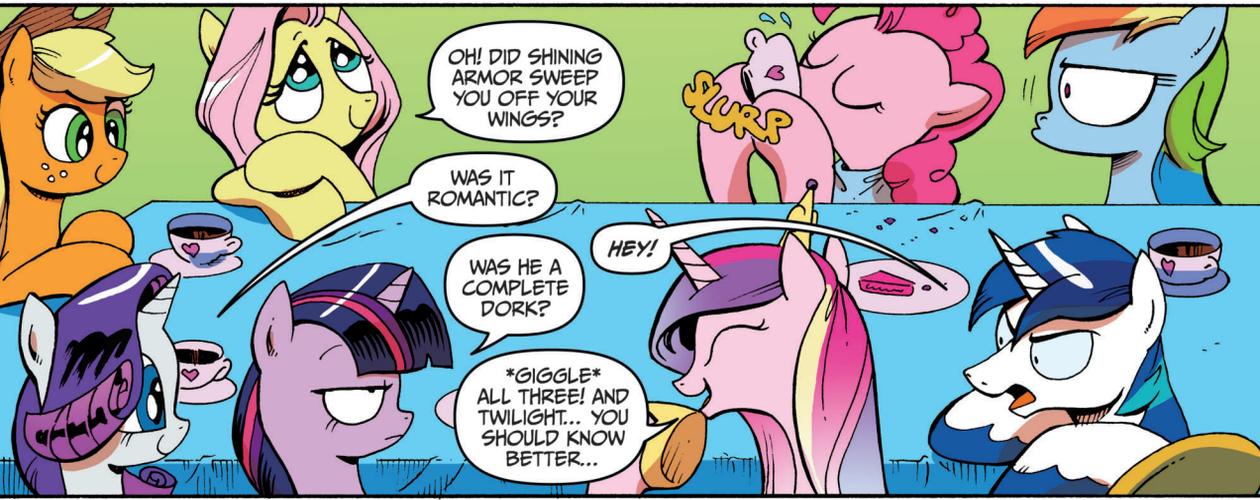
THEN LET ME FINISH THE STORY.



SOOOO... YOU STILL WENT TO THE DANCE WITH THAT BUCK WITHERS?

I DID... BUT I DIDN'T LEAVE WITH HIM.

WELL, WHAT HAPPENED?! DETAILS!



OH! DID SHINING ARMOR SWEEP YOU OFF YOUR WINGS?

WAS IT ROMANTIC?

WAS HE A COMPLETE DORK?

\*GIGGLE\* ALL THREE! AND TWILIGHT... YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER...

HEY!



THANK YOU FOR COMING TO MY DEFENSE, MY SWEET...

HE'S ALWAYS A BIT OF A DORK.



I THINK I'LL START AT THAT NIGHT I FOAL SAT TWILIGHT SPARKLE...

Giggle!



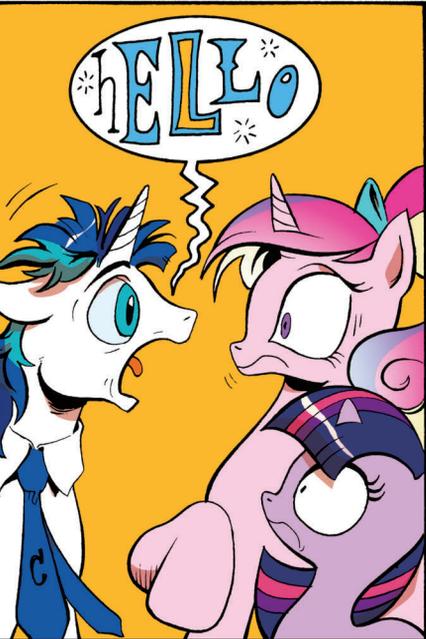
YOU MEAN THE NIGHT OF MY EXCEPTIONAL FLUGELHORN RECITAL.

LET HER TELL HER STORY, "SHINY!"

YOU KEEP THAT UP AND I'LL LET EVERYONE KNOW MOM'S NICKNAME FOR YOU.

YOU WOULDN'T DARE...

\*AHEM\* AS I SAID, I'LL START WITH THAT NIGHT...



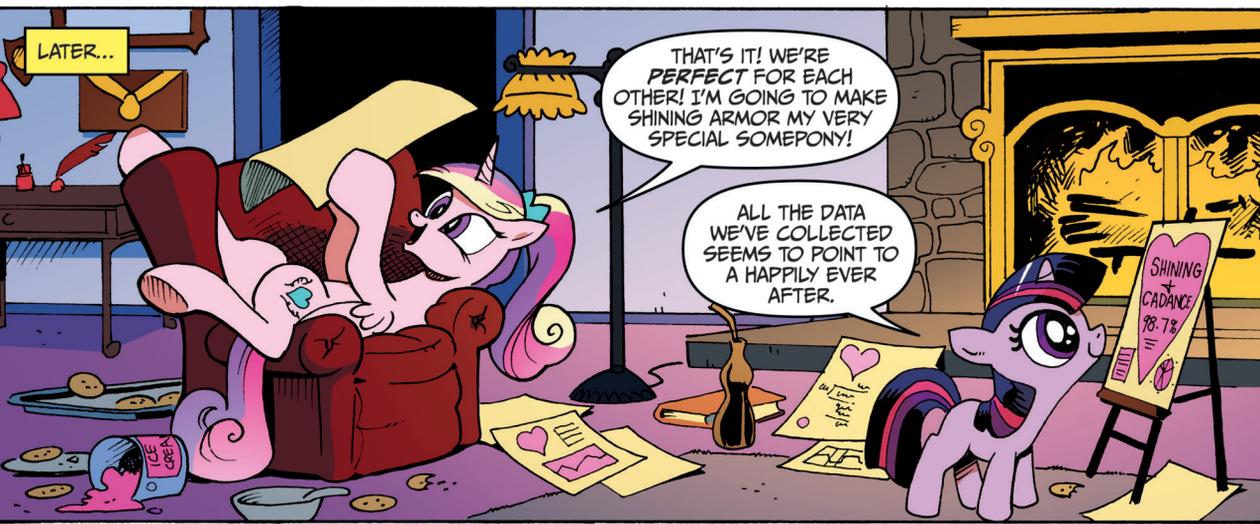


THAT DEPENDS... ARE YOU READY TO TAKE EXTENSIVE NOTES ON HIS LIKES AND DISLIKES, TO CREATE SEVERAL COMPARATIVE CHARTS ABOUT YOUR POPULARITY VS. HIS? DID YOU BRING A LABEL MAKER? IS YOUR PAPER WIDE RULED OR ACADEMY RULED?



I HAVE 37 DIFFERENT COLORS OF PAPER FOR MY LABEL MAKER. I ALWAYS HAVE AN ABACUS WITH ME JUST IN CASE I NEED TO CALCULATE PERCENTAGES FOR A PIE CHART. WIDE-RULED PAPER IS FOR FOALS. LET'S DO THIS.

CADANCE... I THINK YOU AND I ARE GOING TO GET ALONG VERY WELL.



LATER...

THAT'S IT! WE'RE PERFECT FOR EACH OTHER! I'M GOING TO MAKE SHINING ARMOR MY VERY SPECIAL SOMEONY!

ALL THE DATA WE'VE COLLECTED SEEMS TO POINT TO A HAPPILY EVER AFTER.



TWILIGHT, I NEED YOU TO SWEAR ON A STACK OF COLOR-COORDINATED INDEX CARDS THAT YOU WILL NEVER TELL SHINING ARMOR ABOUT TONIGHT.

I SWEAR!

WOULD YOU TAKE THE FOAL SCHOOL PLAYGROUND OATH NOT TO TELL?



SUNSHINE, SUNSHINE. LADYBUG'S AWAKE. CLAP YOUR HOOVES AND BAKE A CAKE. IF I DO LIE AND SPILL THE BEANS, YOU CAN MAKE ME EAT SARDINES.





WHAT? TWILIGHT! DO YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH EASIER MY LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN IF YOU HAD TOLD ME ALL OF THAT?!

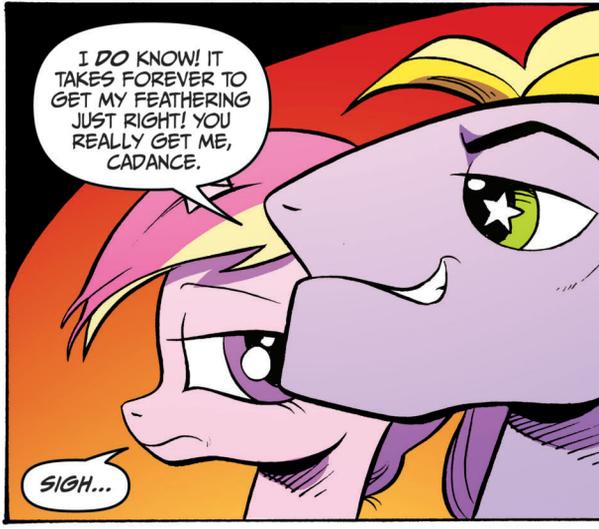
EXCUSE ME, THE PLAYGROUND OATH IS AN UNBREAKABLE VOW. EVEN YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THAT.

YEAH.

...AND THEN AT THE PARADE...



OH NO, BUCK. PLEASE DON'T. I HAVE... UM... JUST DID MY HAIR. DON'T WANT TO MUSS IT, YOU KNOW.



I DO KNOW! IT TAKES FOREVER TO GET MY FEATHERING JUST RIGHT! YOU REALLY GET ME, CADANCE.

SIGH...



YOU KNOW, CADANCE, I'M PLANNING ON MAKING EVERY GOAL AT THE POLO MATCH JUST FOR YOU...

WHO THE HAY IS THAT?



WHAT THE...

ISN'T THIS FUN?

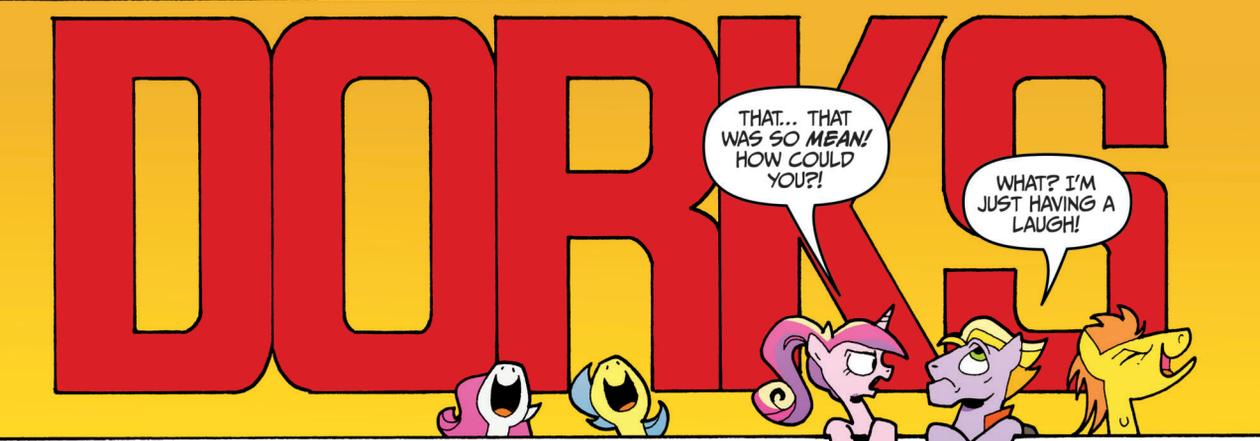
FOR KING



HEH. NO WAY THAT STUNT WORKED. I'M THE ONLY ONE GOING TO BE FALL FORMAL KING. GEEK!



GEEKS! WHAT A BUNCH OF GEEKS! HA HA!



THAT... THAT WAS SO MEAN! HOW COULD YOU?!

WHAT? I'M JUST HAVING A LAUGH!



HMPF!

YOU'RE STILL COMING TO THE POLO MATCH, RIGHT?!



HOW AWFUL! HOW COULD YOU STILL GO TO THE DANCE WITH HIM AFTER THAT?

YEAH... HOW COULD YOU?



WELL, RIGHT BEFORE HE ASKED ME AFTER THE POLO GAME I WAS GOING TO TRY AND FIND YOU...



I'M JUST GOING TO FIND SHINING ARMOR AND ASK HIM TO THE DANCE MYSELF. I THINK I SAW HIM ON THE SIDELINES EARLIER. I WONDER WHY HE WAS WEARING A BLACK TURTLENECK...

TEEHEE! WHAT DID YOU THINK OF SHINING ARMOR ON THE FLOAT EARLIER?

I NEVER NOTICED HOW CUTE HE IS! I WONDER IF HE HAS A DATE FOR THE DANCE?



MY BROTHER IS A FRIEND OF HIS. I THINK I OVERHEARD THEM TALKING ABOUT SOMEONY HE ALREADY LIKES. HE'S ASKING HER.

TOO BAD... I'D HAVE GONE WITH HIM.

...ALREADY LIKES... SOMEONY? NO! IT CAN'T BE...



CADANCE, HOW'D YOU LIKE TO GO TO THE FALL FORMAL WITH ME?

OF COURSE SHE'LL GO WITH YOU!

NO ONE ELSE HAS ASKED HER!

WELL, I GUESS IT'S TRUE NO PONY HAS ASKED ME YET... I WAS KIND OF HOPING ONE PONY WOULD...



RIGHT! YOU WERE WAITING FOR ME!

WELL, I...



I'LL PICK YOU UP AT EIGHT!

YOU'RE SO LUCKY! HE'S SO CUTE!

AND POPULAR! DO YOU THINK HE HAS A BROTHER?

OH DEAR...

BUT... THE LISTS, THE CHARTS. WE'RE PERFECT FOR EACH OTHER... SHINING ARMOR CAN'T LIKE SOMEONY ELSE...



YOU'RE SO LUCKY, CADANCE! BUCK IS THE MOST POPULAR STALLION AT THE ACADEMY!

LEMONY GEMS... DON'T YOU THINK HE'S KIND OF MEAN?

MY MOM ALWAYS TELLS ME PERSONALITY TRAITS YOU DON'T LIKE IN A STALLION CAN BE FIXED WITH CONSTANT NAGGING. RIGHT, DIAMOND ROSE?



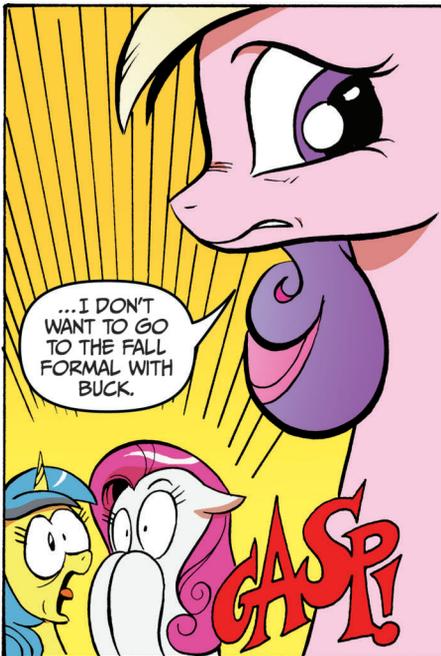
OF COURSE! HOW ELSE DO YOU DEAL WITH BOYS? THEY'RE IMPOSSIBLE.

HOW ABOUT THIS DRESS? IT MATCHES BUCK'S CUTIE MARK!



DO YOU THINK, LIKE, ON STALLIONS, THEY SHOULD CALL THEM "CUTIE MARKS"? HOW ABOUT "MANLY MARKS"? OR "MACHO MARKS"? OR...

GIRLS... I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE.



...I DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE FALL FORMAL WITH BUCK.

**GASP!**



BUT... BUT... HE'S SO CUTE!

AND THE CAPTAIN OF THE POLO TEAM!

I KNOW... BUT... HE'S NOT FOR ME.

I LIKE SHINING ARMOR. HE'S MY PICK FOR MY VERY SPECIAL SOMEONY!

*Magenta Rain*  
PRANCE and the REVOLUTION



Cadance

DAN STABLEBERG



CHIRP CHIRP

CHIRP CHIRP

WELL, WHAT?

CADANCE, YOU'RE A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS. YOU CAN HAVE ANYPONY... ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO WASTE THAT FORTUITY ON... **SHINING ARMOR**. OF ALL PONIES?! WHO'S NEXT? HIS FRIEND WITH THE BOW TIE?

I CAN KIND OF SEE IT. HE'S CUTE, BUT... NOT BUCK CUTE. SHOULDN'T YOU THINK ON THIS? MAYBE SLEEP ON IT?

NO. IT'S HIM OR NOPONY. WE ARE GOING TO LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER IN A CRYSTAL PALACE... I CAN FEEL IT.

LOOK AT IT THIS WAY... WITH BUCK BACK ON THE MARKET, ONE OF YOU CAN HAVE HIM.

...SHINING ARMOR IT IS!

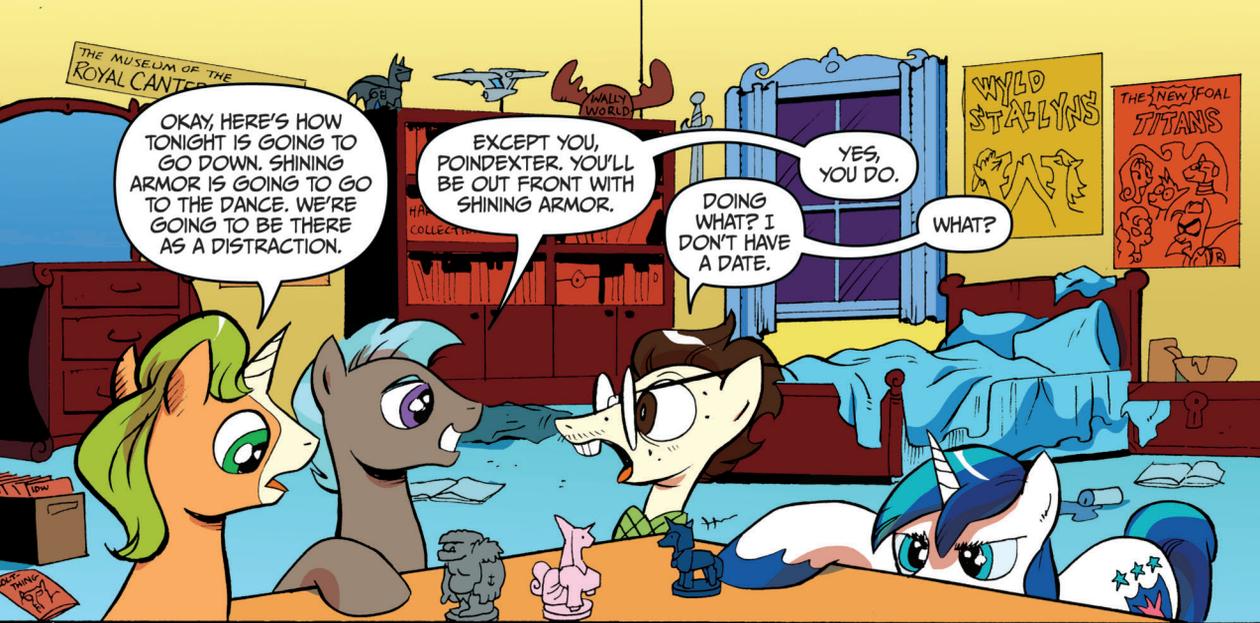
WE'LL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO GET YOU TWO TOGETHER!

Handwritten notes on a blue sheet of paper:  
V =  $\sqrt{3/2} \times \dots$   
W =  $\sqrt{2} \times \dots$   
SA =  $\sqrt{2} \times \dots$   
= CADANCE + SHINING ARMOR

BRUCE SPRINGSTEED

I KNEW YOU'D COME AROUND.

STAYS AT WORK



OKAY, HERE'S HOW TONIGHT IS GOING TO GO DOWN. SHINING ARMOR IS GOING TO GO TO THE DANCE. WE'RE GOING TO BE THERE AS A DISTRACTION.

EXCEPT YOU, POINDEXTER. YOU'LL BE OUT FRONT WITH SHINING ARMOR.

YES, YOU DO.

DOING WHAT? I DON'T HAVE A DATE.

WHAT?



WE FAILED MISERABLY AT TRYING TO GET SHINING ARMOR ON THE BALLOT FOR FALL FORMAL KING. THAT'S OUT. WE ARE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO GET BUCK TO REVEAL HIS TRUE COLORS TO CADANCE. HE'S A JERK, IT WON'T BE TOO HARD.



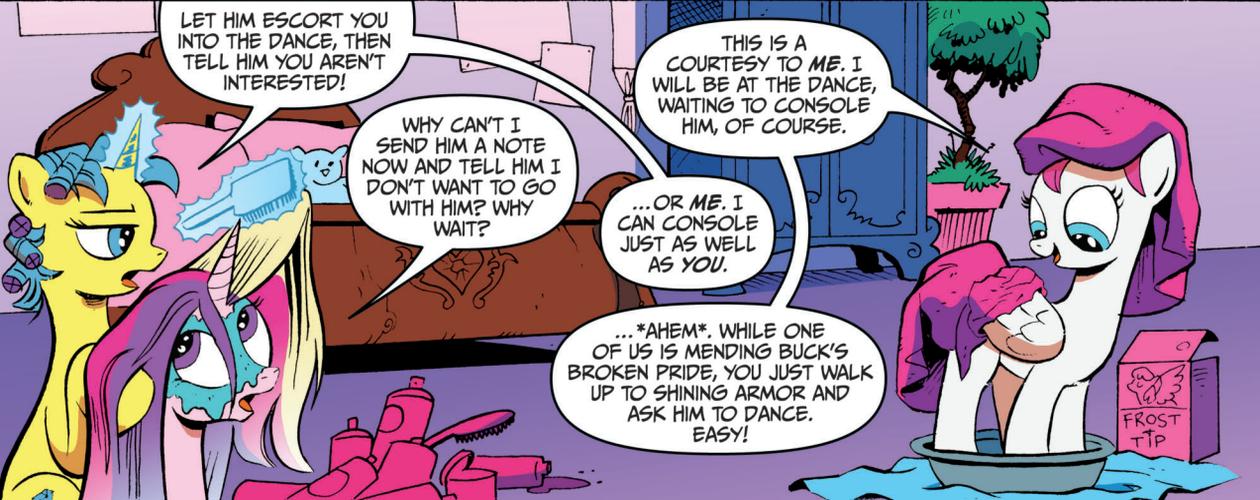
IT'S THE SIMPLEST THING IN THE WORLD. YOU DUMP BUCK.

OPERATION BUCK-B-GONE

MANE-DO'S



...AND THEN 8-BIT WILL SWOOP DOWN FROM A ROPE ON THE RAFTERS AND POKE BUCK WHEN HE ISN'T LOOKING, FURTHER IRRITATING HIM...



LET HIM ESCORT YOU INTO THE DANCE, THEN TELL HIM YOU AREN'T INTERESTED!

WHY CAN'T I SEND HIM A NOTE NOW AND TELL HIM I DON'T WANT TO GO WITH HIM? WHY WAIT?

THIS IS A COURTESY TO ME. I WILL BE AT THE DANCE, WAITING TO CONSOLE HIM, OF COURSE.

...OR ME. I CAN CONSOLE JUST AS WELL AS YOU.

...\*AHEM\*. WHILE ONE OF US IS MENDING BUCK'S BROKEN PRIDE, YOU JUST WALK UP TO SHINING ARMOR AND ASK HIM TO DANCE. EASY!

FROST TIP



WHAT IF HE'S AT THE DANCE WITH ANOTHER PONY? I OVERHEARD HE MIGHT ASK SOMEPONY.

PLEASE. LIKE ANYPONY CAN HOLD A CANDLE TO YOU. YOU'RE AMAZING!

AND YOUR PAPERWORK SAYS YOU'RE A PERFECT MATCH! WHATEVER PONY HE BRINGS WILL JUST NEED TO STEP ASIDE! ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR.



AND THEN, AFTER BUCK DISCOVERS THAT 8-BIT IS IN CHARGE OF THE ITCHING POWDER AND THE WHOOPEE CUSHION, HE'LL RUN OFF AFTER THEM! THIS LEAVES ME TO DANCE WITH CADANCE AND ASK HER TO BE MY VERY SPECIAL SOMEPONY.

WHAT AM I DOING AGAIN? WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THAT...

YOU'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH.



AND WE'RE READY.

HEY, WE STILL HAVE LIKE... THREE HOURS BEFORE WE HAVE TO BE AT THE DANCE. WANT TO PLAY A QUICK ROUND OF "HOCUSPOCUS: THE GET-TOGETHER"?

SURE! DEAL THE CARDS!

THANKS FOR THE SOUR PERSIMMONS, BUSTER.



...AND WE'RE READY TO GET YOU YOUR DREAM STALLION! I THINK THAT'S A WRAP... SHALL WE GET DRESSED?

...READY IN ONLY 3 HOURS?! OH GOSH! WE NEED TO HURRY!



HAND ME A BOBBY PIN! I NEED A BOBBY PIN!

I CHIPPED MY HOOFIGURE! MY LIFE IS OVER!

3 PANIC-FILLED HOURS LATER:

CADANCE! YOU LOOK LOVELY. ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO TONIGHT?

WELL... NOT REALLY, BUT I'M HOPING TO CHANGE THAT. IN ALL HONESTY, THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE I'D RATHER BE GOING WITH. HE'LL BE THERE TONIGHT...

PROGRESS ON SUNSET SWIMMER

NOW CADANCE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO FULFILL OUR OBLIGATIONS. IF YOU AGREED TO GO WITH THE YOUNG STALLION, IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO TO GO AND BE GRACIOUS! GO, HAVE FUN. LEAVE THE DANCE AS FRIENDS...

PRINCESS CELESTIA. BUCK WITHERS IS HERE TO ESCORT PRINCESS CADANCE TO THE DANCE.

WONDERFUL! SHOW HIM IN, I'D LIKE TO MEET...

HELLOOOO! PRINCESS CELESTIA! CAN I CALL YOU CELESTIA? WE'RE PRACTICALLY FAMILY NOW THAT I'M DATING THE FAIR CADANCE!

WOW! CANTERLOT CASTLE! I COULD GET USED TO LIVING HERE! MAYBE AFTER GRADUATION THERE'LL BE WEDDING BELLS! LUCKY YOU!

LET'S GO, CADANCE! MUSTN'T BE LATE FOR OUR FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE AS CANTERLOT'S NEWEST CELEBRITY COUPLE.

DITCH HIM THE FIRST CHANCE YOU GET.



OOOOHHHH!  
MY SHINY WINEY IS  
SO HANDSOME-  
WANDSOME!

IT'S TOO  
BAD YOUR DATE  
COULDN'T COME  
HERE FOR  
PHOTOS!

YEP. TOO  
BAD.



SHINING ARMOR... I  
OVERHEARD SOME OF  
WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING  
AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY  
"GOOD LUCK." CADANCE IS  
REALLY GREAT. I'M SURE  
SHE LIKES YOU TOO.



THANKS, TWILY.  
HEH, I'M SO NERVOUS. I  
COULD REALLY USE SOME  
INSIDER INFORMATION  
ABOUT NOW!

YEAAAAH.  
I'M SURE YOU  
COULD.



...AND THEN THIS  
SUMMER MY MUMMY  
DEAREST WOULD JUST LOVE  
TO HAVE YOU OUT ON OUR AIR  
BALLOON! SHE WAS SIMPLY  
THRILLED WHEN I TOLD HER WE  
WERE GOING TO THE DANCE  
TOGETHER... SHE AND  
FATHER WERE JUST...

CAN YOU BELIEVE  
MY APPETITE TEST  
SAID I SHOULD  
BE A TEACHER?!!  
GRODY!

MINE SAID  
POLITICIAN!  
AS IF!

MUSIC  
BY  
STALLIONS  
WITHOUT HATS  
QUARTERHORSE  
KNIGHT SHADE  
THE SHADWETTES  
With  
our own  
DISC JOCKEY  
33 1/3 LP!  
Music

I Can  
Dream About You



DON'T WORRY, YOU LOOK LIKE A PRETTY PRINCESS.

WELL, I DO FELL PRETTY.

HOME CA

Row-Row!





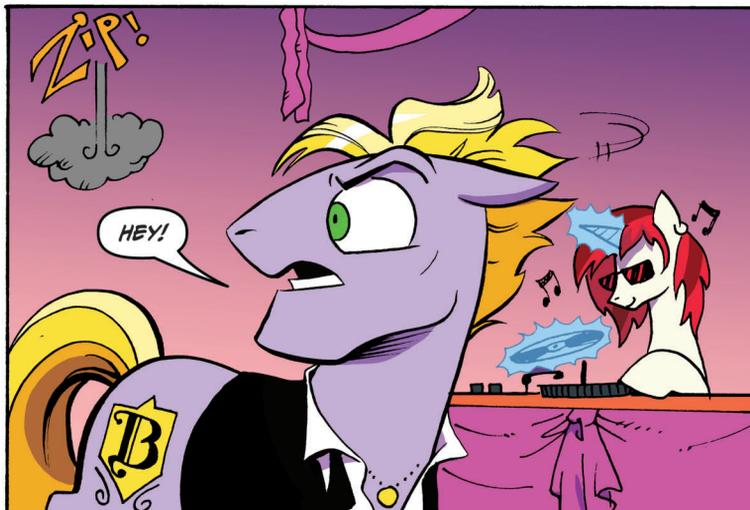
...WAIT A MINUTE.

OH, I DON'T THINK SO. THAT NERD IS GETTING A PIECE OF MY MIND... AND HOOF... THROUGH HIS FACE.

WELL HE'S NOT TAKING THIS WELL.

WANT TO GO SEE IF ANY OF THE STEEPLCHASE TEAM WANTS TO DANCE?

SURE!





HELLO, SHINING ARMOR.

HUR DERP WERP?



I THINK, BY THE END OF THE NIGHT, WE'LL BE ABLE TO WORK YOU ALL THE WAY UP TO COHERENT SENTENCES.

UH-HUH...



SHOOKA SHOOKA-SHOOKA!

CADANCE! I NEED TO TALK TO YOU! RIGHT NOW!



WHO! WHAT! GAH!

ITCH ITCH ITCH!



OH COME ON!

Poke!

CHITCHIT! CHITCHITCHIT!



YOU LOOK VERY NICE, POINDEXTER.

NOPONY HAS TOLD ME WHY I'M IN A DRESS YET.



BECAUSE YOU NEVER GAVE GAFFER BACK HIS REPLICA BAT'LETH SWORD AFTER NIGHTMARE NIGHT LAST YEAR AND THAT STALLION HOLDS A GRUDGE. CONSIDER YOURSELF PUNISHED.

...I STILL FEEL PRETTY. HE CAN'T TAKE THAT FROM ME.



CADANCE! I WANT TO HAVE A FEW WORDS WITH YOU.

BUCK! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?! THAT DWEEB'S FRIENDS HAPPENED TO ME!

WHAT? NEVER!

EVERYPONY! IT'S TIME TO ANNOUNCE THE KING AND QUEEN OF THE FALL FORMAL!



SKIP IT. TOO MESSY

I THINK IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT OUR QUEEN THIS YEAR IS PRINCESS CADANCE!

KING AND QUEEN



GO ON AND GET YOUR CROWN, PRINCESS. I BET IT'LL LOOK BEAUTIFUL ON YOU.



DO YOU THINK FOR ONE *SECOND* THAT SHE WOULD PICK YOU OVER ME? YOU'RE A... A... *DWEEB!* I'M BUCK WITHERS! I'M A STAR AT THIS ACADEMY. I...



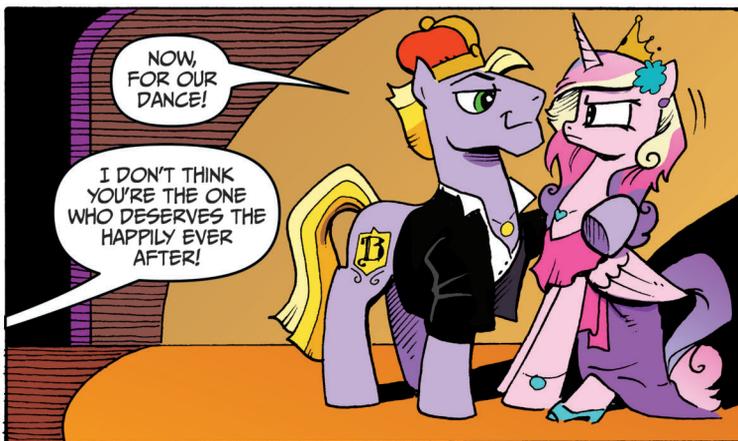
AND, FOR OUR KING! AGAIN, NO SURPRISES HERE! YOUR FALL FORMAL KING IS BUCK WITHERS!



YOU'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER, SHINING ARMOR. YOU NEVER WILL BE. I'M THE ONE WHO DESERVES A HAPPILY EVER AFTER. NOT YOU... AND EVERYPONY IN THIS BALLROOM THINKS SO! HA!



CONGRATULATIONS... YOU ARROGANT LITTLE...



NOW, FOR OUR DANCE!  
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DESERVES THE HAPPILY EVER AFTER!



WHO SAID THAT?!



I DID!

SHINING ARMOR IS ONE OF THE GOOD PONIES... YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A JERK!

AND HE'S THE BEST PALADIN ANY OUBLIETTES AND OGRES GUILD COULD WANT!

MAYBE NOT RIGHT NOW WITH THAT...

YEAH? WELL, YOU'RE JUST HIS WUSSY FRIENDS AND NOPONY ELSE HERE AGREES WITH YOU.



SHINING ARMOR VOLUNTEERED TO TUTOR ME IN MATH!

BUCK STOLE MY LUNCH MONEY ALL THROUGH FOAL SCHOOL!

SHINING ARMOR WALKS MY LITTLE BROTHER HOME FROM SCHOOL!

BUCK SHOVED ME IN A LOCKER... I WAS THERE FOR DAYS...



WHO CARES ABOUT BEING NICE WHEN YOU'RE GREAT LOOKING, RICH AND GOOD AT SPORTS?



I DO.



AND I WANT NOTHING MORE THAN FOR SHINING ARMOR TO BE MY VERY SPECIAL SOMEPOONY.



CADANCE! I'M BUCK WITHERS! I'M POLO CAPTAIN!

I... I HAVE AMAZING CHEEK BONES! THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!

IT'S OVER, BUCK... GO HOME.

NO, THIS IS NOT OVER! CADANCE, HOLD ON JUST ONE MINUTE... THINK ABOUT...



GOODBYE, BUCK.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

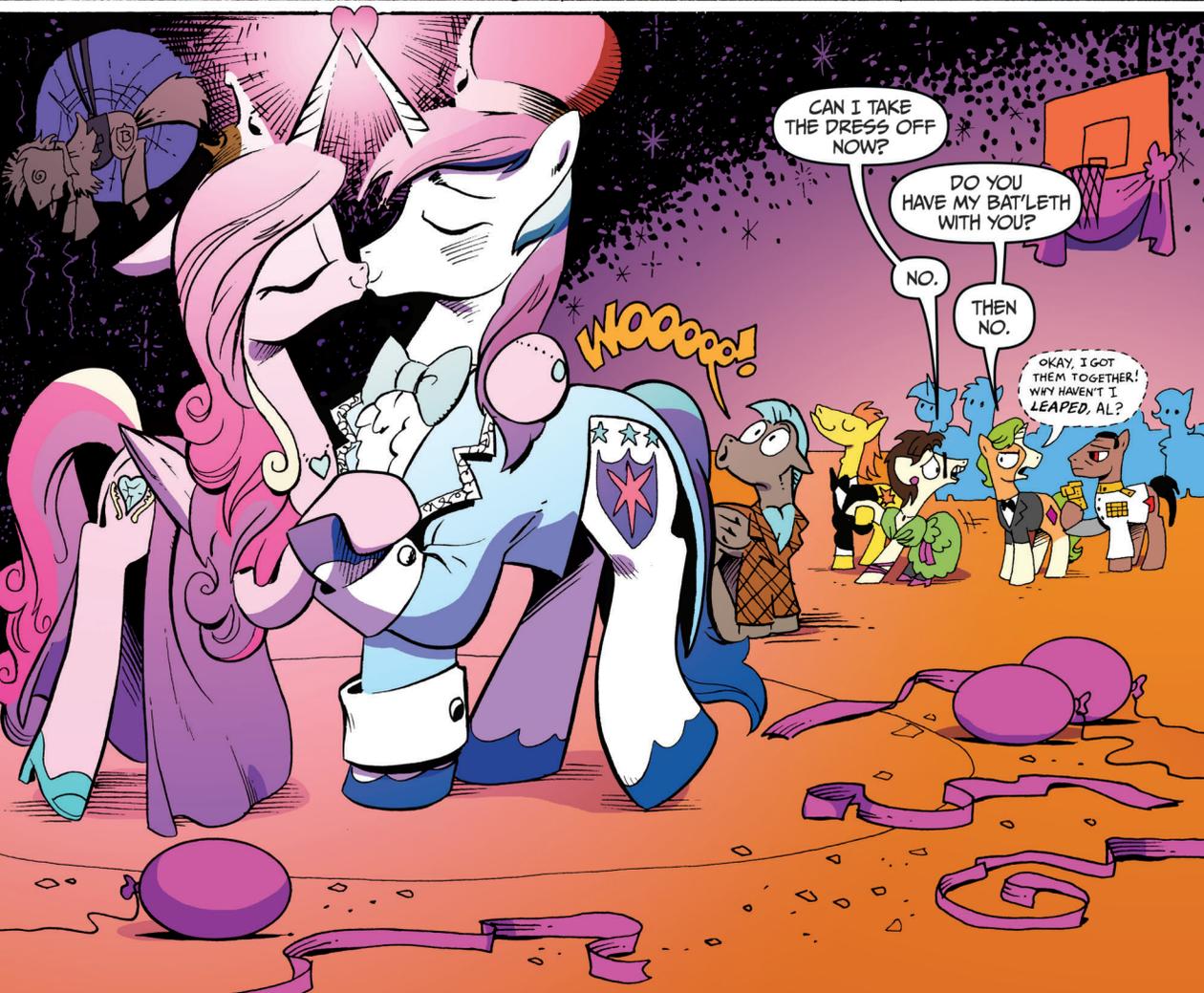
LET ME OUT OF THIS RIGHT NOW.

MY FATHER IS A CONGRESSPONY!



HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT CRYSTAL PALACES?

HOW ABOUT WE GET THROUGH OUR FIRST DANCE FIRST? THEN WE'LL TALK PALACES.



CAN I TAKE THE DRESS OFF NOW?

DO YOU HAVE MY BAT'LETH WITH YOU?

NO.

THEN NO.

OKAY, I GOT THEM TOGETHER! WHY HAVEN'T I LEAPED, AL?

Woop!



AND WE LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

LET'S NOT USE THE PAST TENSE WHEN SAYING THAT... IT SOUNDS OMINOUS.

HOW ABOUT "WE ARE LIVING HAPPILY FOREVER MORE"?

OR "LIVING BLISSFULLY IN THE MOMENT"?



"EXISTING IN A STATE OF PERPETUAL HAPPINESS"?

BUNK BUNK



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BUCK? SURELY HE WASN'T AS BAD AS YOU MADE HIM SOUND.

HE GOT BETTER WHEN WE GOT OLDER. HE'S A NICER GUY NOWADAYS.

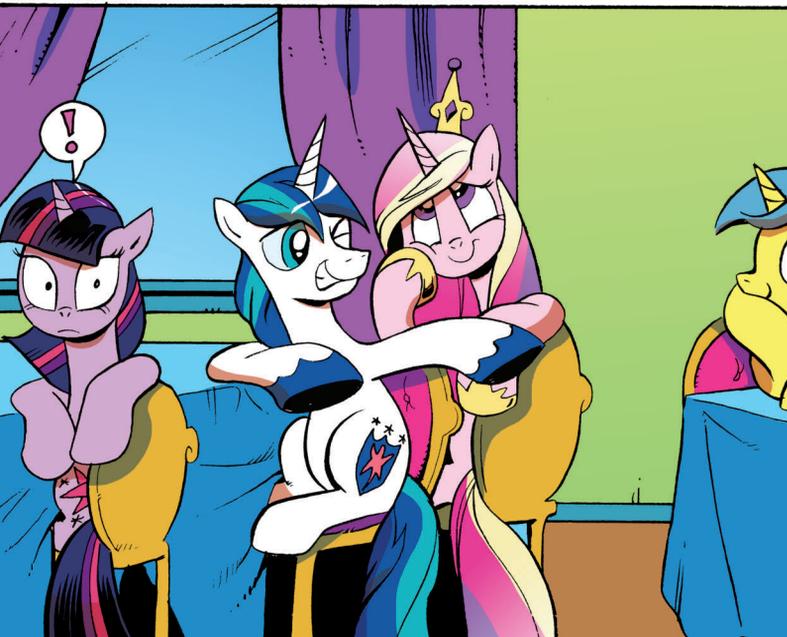


\*Jingle \*!



THIS WAY MY LIL' HONEY BUNCHES! LET ME PULL OUT A CHAIR FOR YOU!

OH MY...



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THE END!

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NEXT MONTH:  
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BRENDA  
HONEY

# P TV

BY KATIE COOK

NEIGH-NA BEE HERE WITH THIS WEEK'S TOP 10 SONG COUNTDOWN! SO FAR, WE'VE HEARD:

AT NUMBER 10, "BITS FOR NOTHING"

...COMING IN AT 9, "EVERYPONY WANTS TO RULE THE WORLD"

...AND SITTING AT 8, "PONY IN THE MIRROR"

...ROLLING IN AT 7, "HOOFLOOSE"

AND IN THE MIDDLE AT 6, "SAFETY PRANCE"!

AND NOW...  
OUR TOP 5!



5 "LET'S GET TANGIBLE" BY OLIVIA NEWTON JUMP



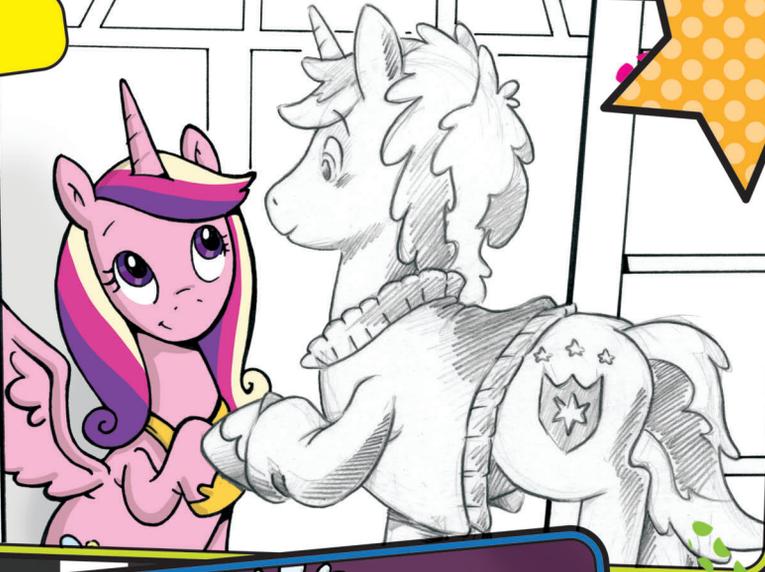
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4 "CROP IT" BY DERBY

4

3  
"TACK ON ME" BY  
A-HALTER



2

"WHEN BIRDS CRY" BY  
PRANCE



1  
"NEVER GONNA" GIVE UP YOU"  
BY REIN ASTLEY



STAY TUNED FOR OUR SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION OF "PONIES AT WORK"  
UNPLUGGED!