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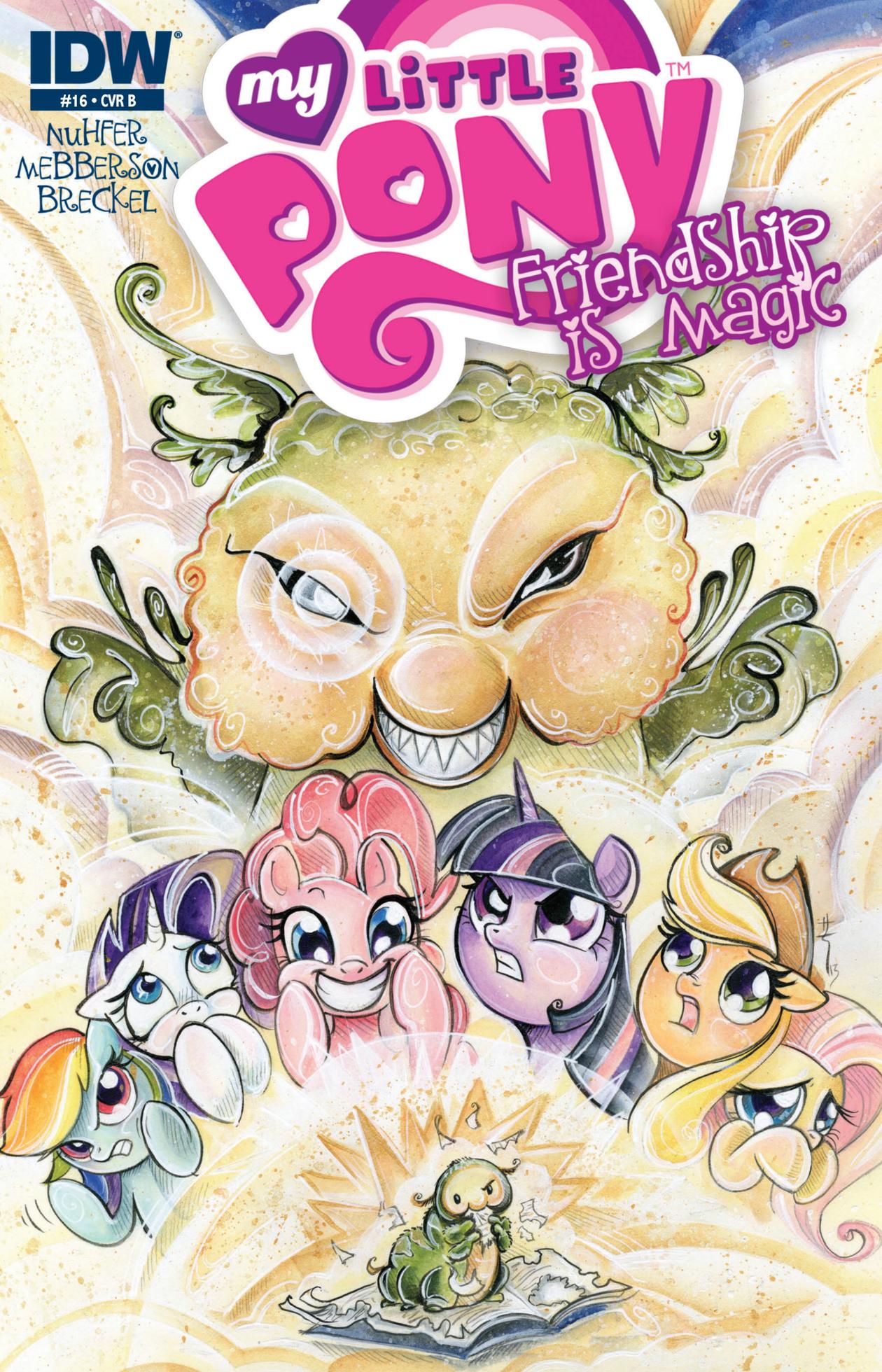
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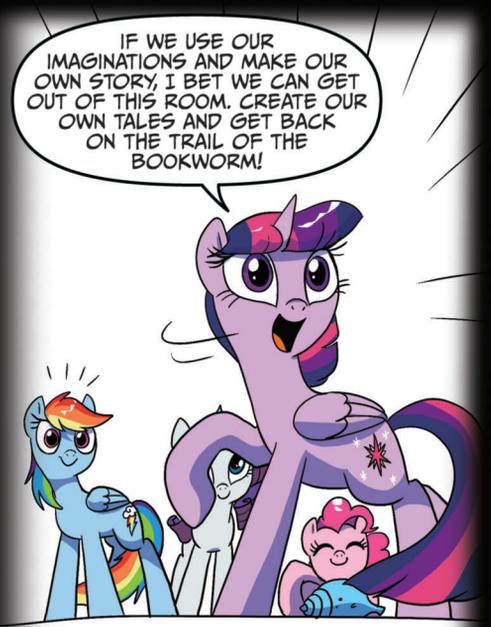
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OUR HEROES BEGIN THEIR JOURNEY TO FIND THE BOOKWORM OF LEGENDS PAST!

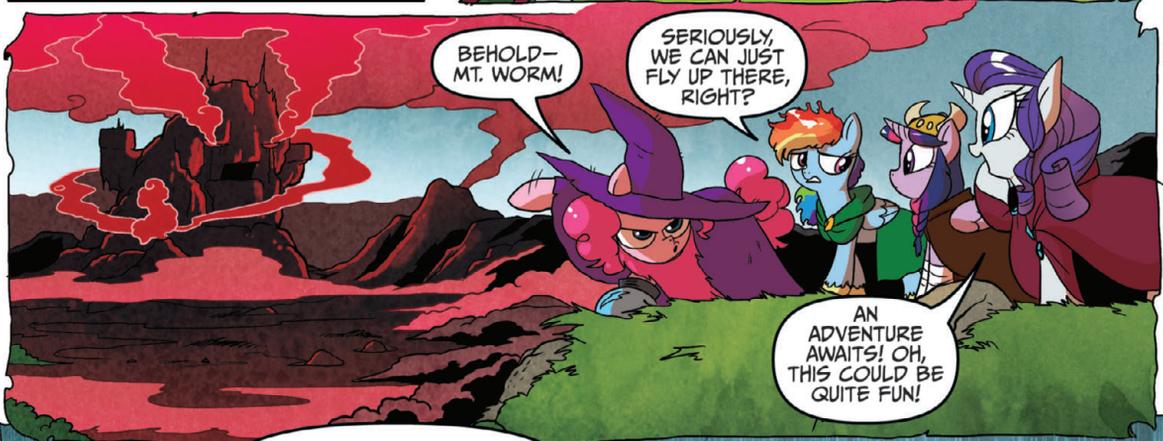
PINKIE! IT'S WORKING!

HEY! WHO NOMINATED HER AS STORY QUEEN?!



WE'VE ALL BEEN BROUGHT HERE TO FIND A GREAT AND EVIL POWER! A POWER THAT HAS TURNED OUR WORLD TOPSY-TURVY!

SHEESH. I DON'T EVEN GET TO BE A WIZARD?



BEHOLD—MT. WORM!

SERIOUSLY, WE CAN JUST FLY UP THERE, RIGHT?

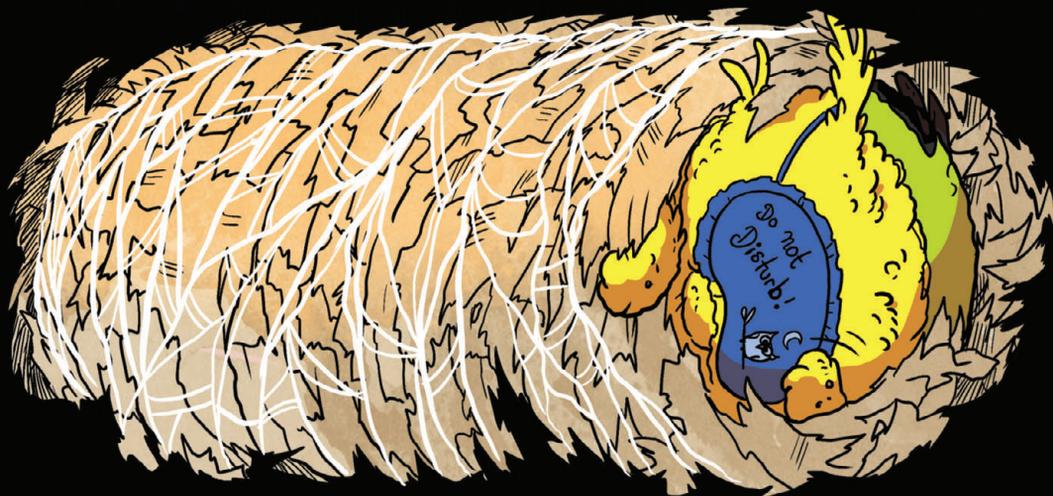
AN ADVENTURE AWAITS! OH, THIS COULD BE QUITE FUN!



NOT FUN. DEFINITELY NOT FUN.

WELL, AT LEAST THIS STORY SEEMS LIKE IT WILL BE A LONG ONE... I THINK IF WE MAKE A LONG STORY, THE PAGES WILL LURE THE BOOKWORM TO COME BACK AND EAT! THEN WE CAN SET THINGS RIGHT.

I WONDER WHY IT HASN'T SHOWN UP YET? BOREDOM, PERHAPS?



TWENTY-FIVE PAGES OF NOTHING BUT WALKING LATER...

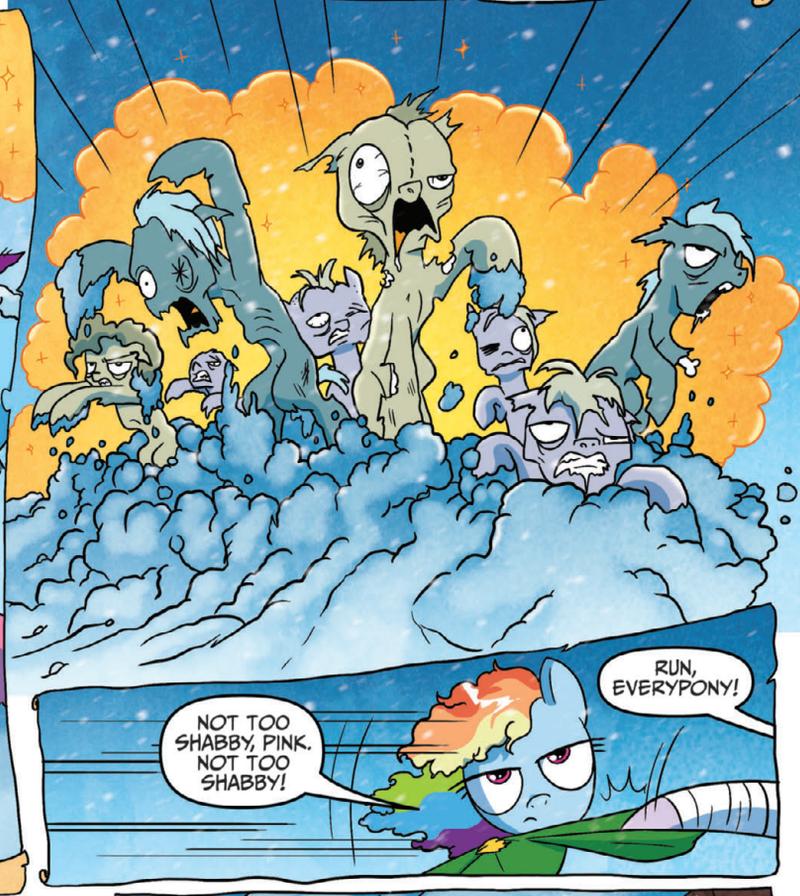
NO OFFENSE, PINKIE, BUT IF YOU'RE MAKING ALL THIS UP, COULDN'T WE HAVE IT A BIT... EASIER?

ARE YOU KIDDING ME? THIS BUILDS UP THE SUSPENSE AND MAKES THE STORY BETTER! BESIDES, I SEE OUR FIRST CHALLENGE!

LEMME GUESS—IT'S GOING TO BE A SUPER SCARY ARMY OF TREES OR SOMETHING LAME LIKE THAT?



PUH-LEASE! THIS IS PINKIE PIE YOU'RE TALKIN' TO.



NOT TOO SHABBY, PINK. NOT TOO SHABBY!

RUN, EVERYPONY!



SO, PINKIE, HOW DO WE GET OUT OF YOUR EPIC FANTASY ZOMBIE QUEST?

WE'RE NOT USING THE ZED WORD!

WHY DON'T YOU TRY, TWILIGHT? USE YOUR IMAGINATION!



BUT... BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET RID OF Z-Z-Z-

THE THINGS THAT ARE CHASING US!

I DON'T HAVE A BOOK ON THAT!

TRY, TWILIGHT, TRY!



WELL, PINKIE, YOU CERTAINLY UPGRADED THIS STORY, BUT IT'S TIME...

!!?



...THE PROS TOOK OVER.



MEET MY RAINBOW VISION!

PINKIE?



GROOVY!





BE FREE,
MY ZED HEAD
FRIENDS!



THANK YOU,
MYSTERIOUS
HERO!

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK,
MISS. MY RAINBOWETTES
AND I WILL ALWAYS BE
HERE TO SAVE YOU.

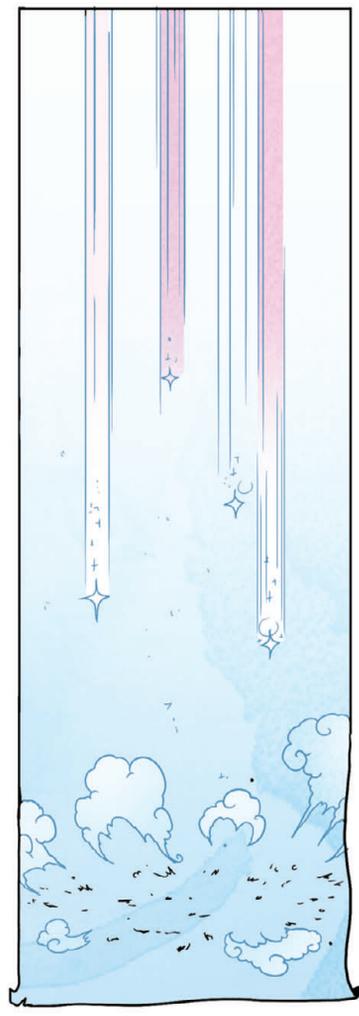


OUR RIDE
IS HERE!



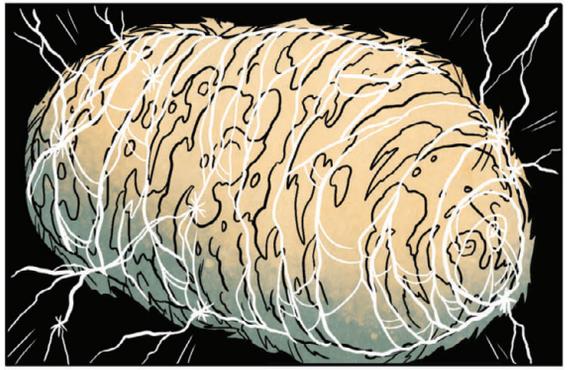
HAVE A
DASHING
DAY.

"RAINBOWETTES?"



UNIVERSAL RAINBOOM.

SEE, A LITTLE ACTION REALLY MADE THIS STORY SHIFT INTO HIGH GEAR! THAT WORM WILL BE HERE IN NO TIME!



NOW, LET'S ALL TAKE A BREATH, CAPTAIN DASH HAS IT ALL UNDER CONTROL.

BOOOOOM

CAPTAIN DASH, I'VE DETECTED A LARGE MASS OUTSIDE THE HULL. SCANS SAY IT'S... ORGANIC MATTER?

I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU HAD IT UNDER CONTROL?

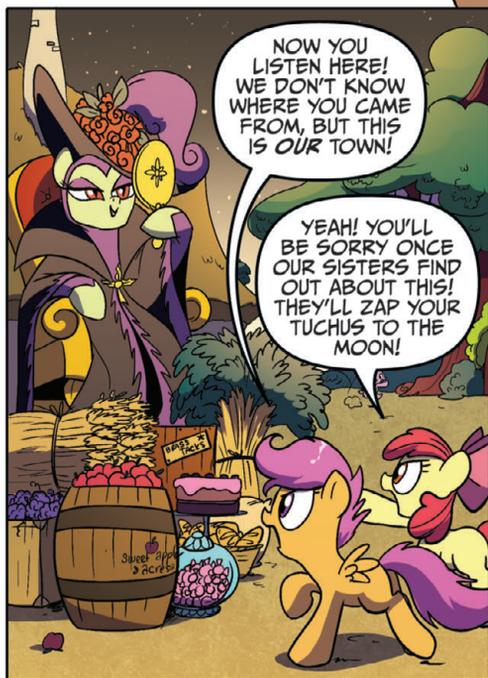
SUIT UP, TWI! IT'S TIME TO GO MOONWALKING.

WELL, MY READINGS SHOW THIS CAME FROM EITHER A GIANT SPACE SLUG, OR...

THE BOOKWORM?!

YEP! THOUGH I'D KEEP MY HOOVES CROSSED FOR AN ALIEN.





NOW YOU LISTEN HERE! WE DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU CAME FROM, BUT THIS IS OUR TOWN!

YEAH! YOU'LL BE SORRY ONCE OUR SISTERS FIND OUT ABOUT THIS! THEY'LL ZAP YOUR TUCHUS TO THE MOON!



OOH, SCARY! SISTERS! HA! HOW WILL THEY "ZAP" MY POSTERIOR?



THEIR FRIENDSHIP GIVES POWER TO THE JEWELS FROM THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY!



JEWELS? I'D VERY MUCH LIKE MORE JEWELS...



GUYS! I THINK—I THINK THEY'RE GONNA COME LOOKING FOR US! THE QUEEN WANTS THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY!

WE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!



AGREED! TIME TO FACE OUR FOES AND BE VICTORIOUS!

WE NEED TO FIND A WAY TO GET OUR FRIENDS HOME FIRST! THE ONLY SHOT WE HAVE IS IF WE'RE TOGETHER!



"Dial S For Sassy"



I should have known the second I laid my eyes on that group of fillies that they were no good.

"THERE WAS PIPS, THE INFORMANT. SHE KNEW EVERY HORSE IN TOWN AND WHAT KIND OF PARTIES THEY LIKED. SWEET KID, BUT AS LOOPY AS A FOUR-WINGED PEGASUS.

"BOLTS, THE LEGS. SHE COULD TURN YA AROUND TWICE BEFORE YOU EVEN NOTICED. NOTHING WAS EVER FAST OR DANGEROUS ENOUGH FOR BOLTS."

"AND THEN THERE WAS TWEEZERS, WHO HAD HER STICKY LITTLE HOOVES KEEPING TRACK OF EVERY CHERRY IN EVERY PIE FROM HERE TO HORSESHOE BAY. TWEEZERS LIKES DETAILS AND NOTHING ELSE."



"AND ME? WELL, I'M DETECTIVE HELGA BUGART AND I'VE BROUGHT THIS RAG-TAG TEAM OF SHIFTY CONVICTS TOGETHER TO HELP ME FIND THE CRIMINAL WHO KEEPS SLIPPING THROUGH MY HOOVES—THE BOOKWORM."

GASP!



HOW'S THAT FOR A STORY?!





FOUR AND A HALF... FOUR AND THREE-QUARTERS...



I MAY HAVE SEEN HIM DOWN BY THE RIVER ONCE OR TWICE, BUT WHAT'S THE CRIME IN THAT? WORMS GOTTA TAKE A BATH!

OKAY! OKAY! I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE WORM IS, BUT I KNOW A GUY WHO ONCE DATED A BOOKWORM! IT SEEMED FINE ON PAPER!



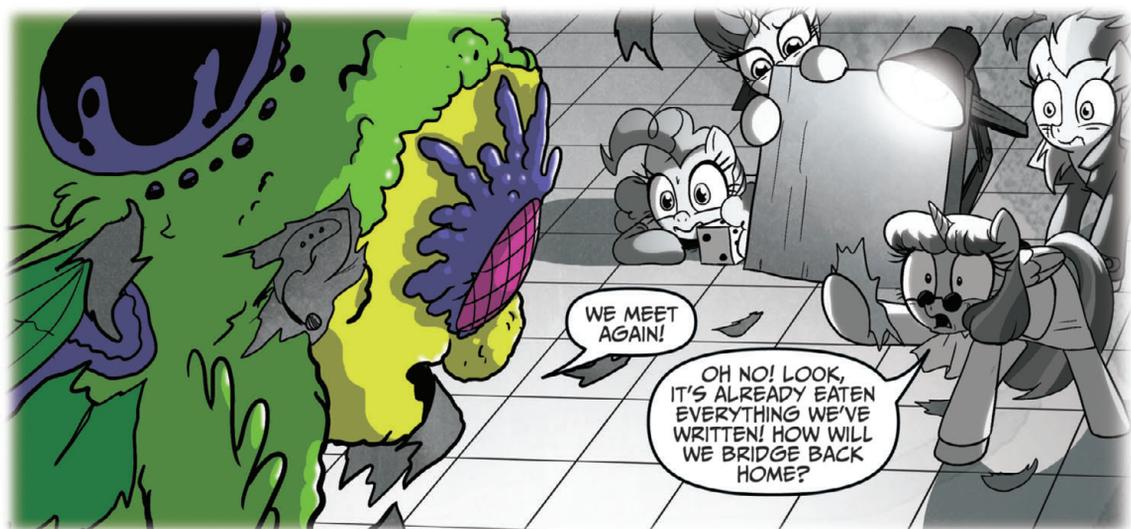
FIVE!

CRUMBLE

SERIOUSLY, DID NO ONE HEAR THAT?!



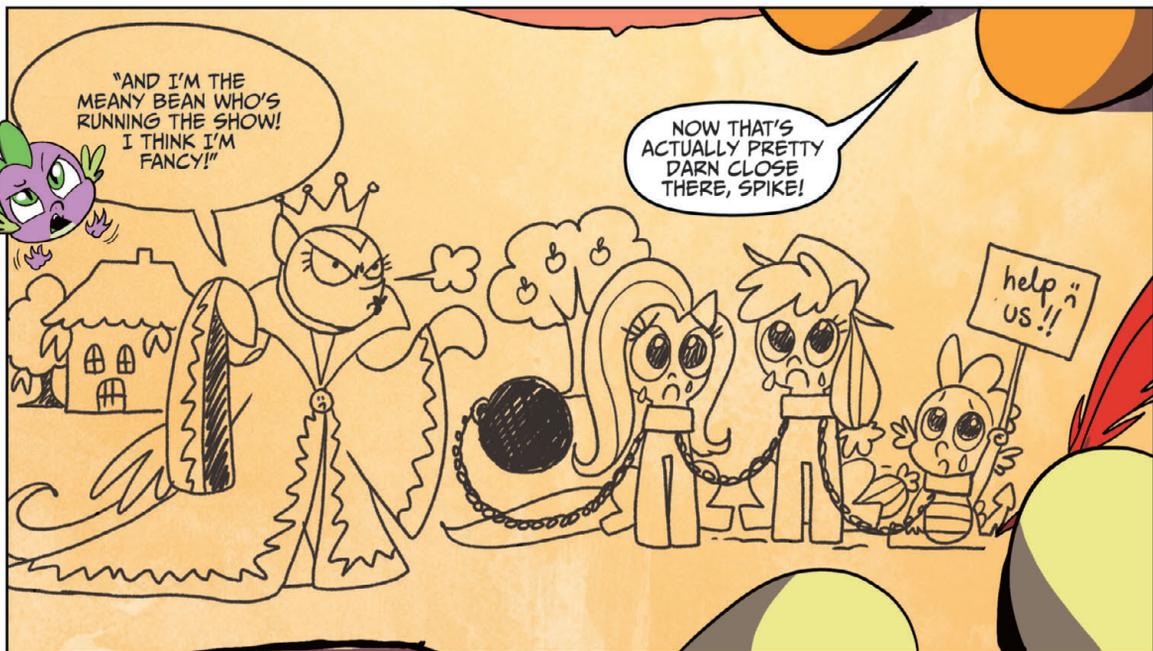
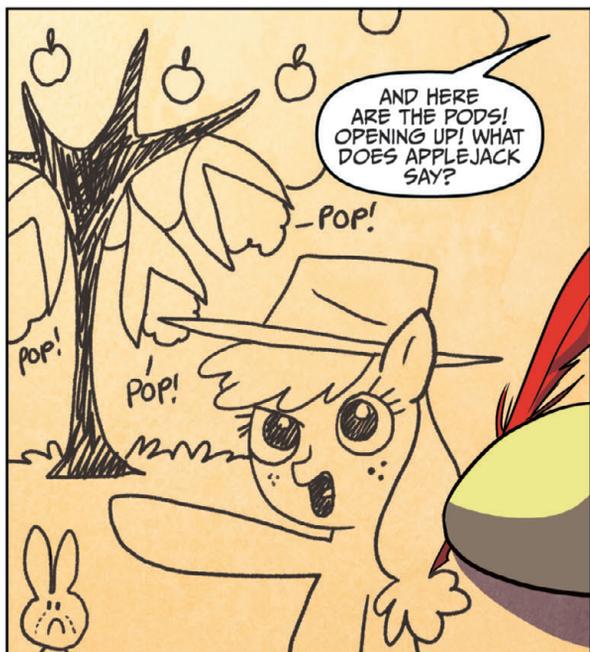
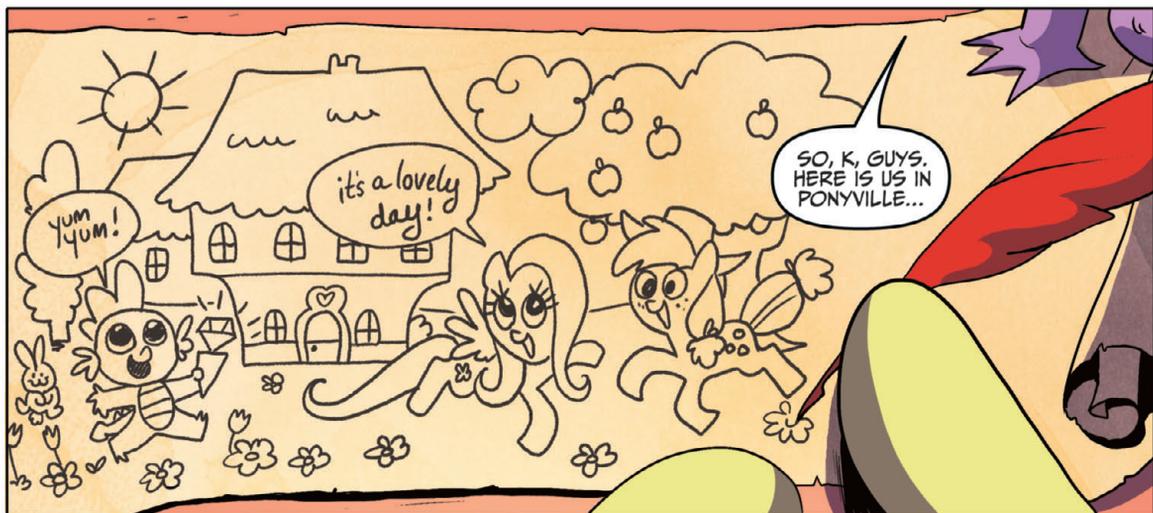
WHO KNEW, HE'S A FAN OF MYSTERY STORIES!



WE MEET AGAIN!

OH NO! LOOK, IT'S ALREADY EATEN EVERYTHING WE'VE WRITTEN! HOW WILL WE BRIDGE BACK HOME?







TOTALLY CUTE, RIGHT?

GREAT JOB, FLUTTERSHY! NOW WE JUST NEED TO GET OUR BOOK ON THE LIBRARY SHELF WITHOUT THE BADDIES SEEING US.



ALL THAT YOGA IS FINALLY PAYING OFF!

STRETCH AS FAR AS Y'ALL CAN.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?!



UH, UM... I WAS DRAWING YOU...

WHY?!

WELL... UM, BECAUSE I REALLY LIKE YOUR...

CAPEY-THING?



YOU SHOW PROMISE. CARRY ON.

JUST ONE THING!

KEEP MY ANKLES... TRIM, WOULD YOU?



LET'S KEEP OUR HOOVES AND HEARTS CROSSED, PARDNERS.



WELL, WE FOUND HIM, NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

I THOUGHT HE'D BE MORE REASONABLE! AND A MILLION TIMES SMALLER...



EXCUSE ME, BUT DO I SEE A BIT OF AN ART CHANGE?

LOOK, GUYS! IT'S APPLEJACK SAYING SOMETHING ALL TWANGY!

HA! THAT'S SO HER.



And in the meany beast who's running the show! I think I'm fancy!

OH NO... POOR PONYVILLE. THAT'S WHERE ALL THE EATEN CHARACTERS WENT.

OUR FRIENDS ARE IN DANGER.



AND SO ARE WE.



NO.



ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A BOOKWORM...

?

THIS BOOKWORM LOVED STORIES SO MUCH, MORE THAN ANYTHING, OR AT LEAST THE BOOKWORM THOUGHT SO...

UNTIL THE BOOKWORM LEARNED THAT THE STORIES IT WAS EATING CAUSED OTHERS TO GET HURT.

HURT? I NEVER MEANT TO HURT ANYONE. IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?

IT'S HAPPENING BACK IN OUR HOME. YOUR MAGIC SENT ALL OF THE STORYBOOK CHARACTERS THERE.

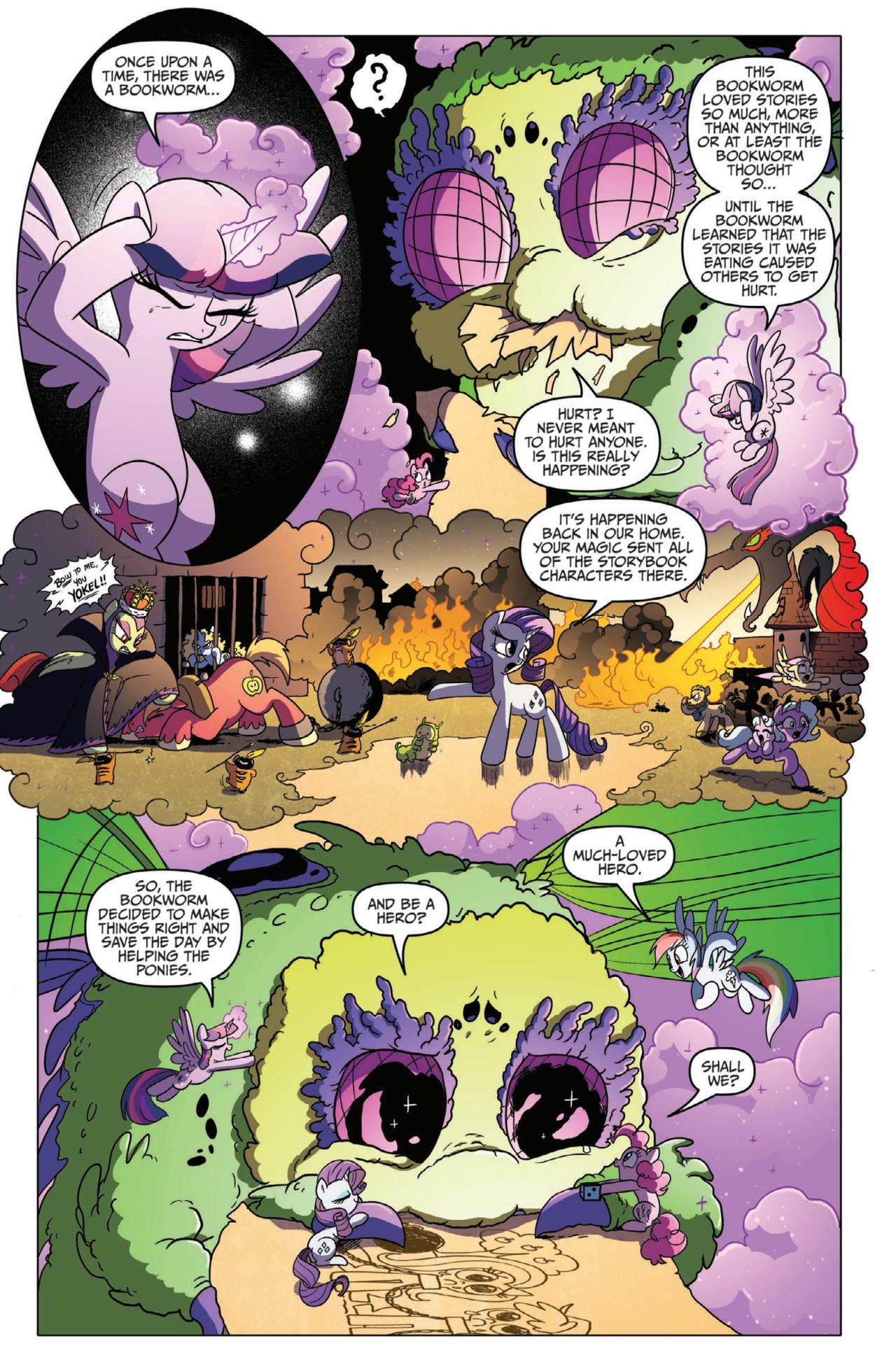
BEEN TO ME, YOU YOKEL!!

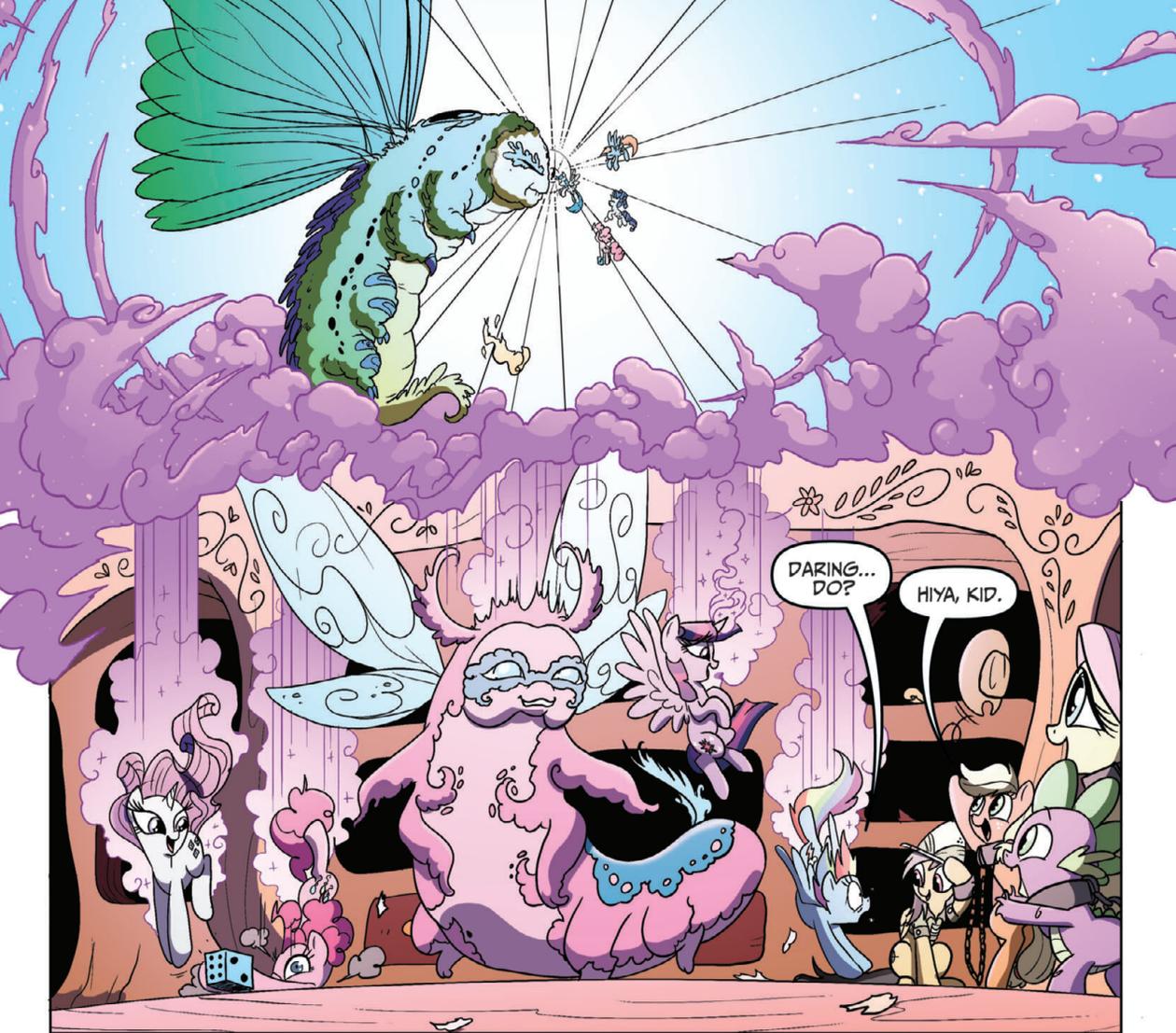
SO, THE BOOKWORM DECIDED TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT AND SAVE THE DAY BY HELPING THE PONIES.

AND BE A HERO?

A MUCH-LOVED HERO.

SHALL WE?





DARING... DO?

HIYA, KID.



OH, LOVELY!
MORE SERVANTS
HAVE ARRIVED!

OUR
BOOKWORM
HERO KNEW THAT
HE COULD SET THE
STORIES RIGHT AND
CREATE BALANCE
AGAIN, SAVING
BOTH WORLDS.

WAIT! I KNOW
YOU! NOW THAT'S A
GREAT DARING DO
STORY! THE ONE WITH
THE WATERFALL!



I JUST HAD
THE COOLEST
DREAM!



Bloop!





"THE BOOKWORM WASN'T THE ONLY ONE TO LEARN A LESSON THAT DAY."

"SOMETIMES WE ALL NEED TO REMEMBER THAT CREATIVITY AND FRIENDSHIP FIX JUST AS MANY THINGS AS KNOWLEDGE."



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