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MEET THE PONIES

Twilight Sparkle

TWILIGHT SPARKLE TRIES TO FIND THE ANSWER TO EVERY QUESTION! WHETHER STUDYING A BOOK OR SPENDING TIME WITH PONY FRIENDS, SHE ALWAYS LEARNS SOMETHING NEW!



Spike

SPIKE IS TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S BEST FRIEND AND NUMBER ONE ASSISTANT. HIS FIRE BREATH CAN DELIVER SCROLLS DIRECTLY TO PRINCESS CELESTIA!



Applejack

APPLEJACK IS HONEST, FRIENDLY, AND SWEET TO THE CORE! SHE LOVES TO BE OUTSIDE, AND HER PONY FRIENDS KNOW THEY CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON HER.



Fluttershy

FLUTTERSHY IS A KIND AND GENTLE PONY WITH A BIG HEART. SHE LIKES TO TAKE CARE OF OTHERS, ESPECIALLY HER LITTLE ANIMAL FRIENDS.



Rarity

RARITY KNOWS HOW TO ADD SPARKLE TO ANY OUTFIT! SHE LOVES TO GIVE HER PONY FRIENDS ADVICE ON THE LATEST PONY FASHIONS AND HAIRSTYLES.



Pinkie Pie

PINKIE PIE KEEPS HER PONY FRIENDS LAUGHING AND SMILING ALL DAY! CHEERFUL AND PLAYFUL, SHE ALWAYS LOOKS ON THE BRIGHT SIDE.



Rainbow Dash

RAINBOW DASH LOVES TO FLY AS FAST AS SHE CAN! SHE IS ALWAYS READY TO PLAY A GAME, GO ON AN ADVENTURE, OR HELP OUT ONE OF HER PONY FRIENDS.



Princess Celestia

PRINCESS CELESTIA IS A MAGICAL AND BEAUTIFUL PONY WHO RULES THE LAND OF EQUESTRIA. ALL OF THE PONIES IN PONYVILLE LOOK UP TO HER!



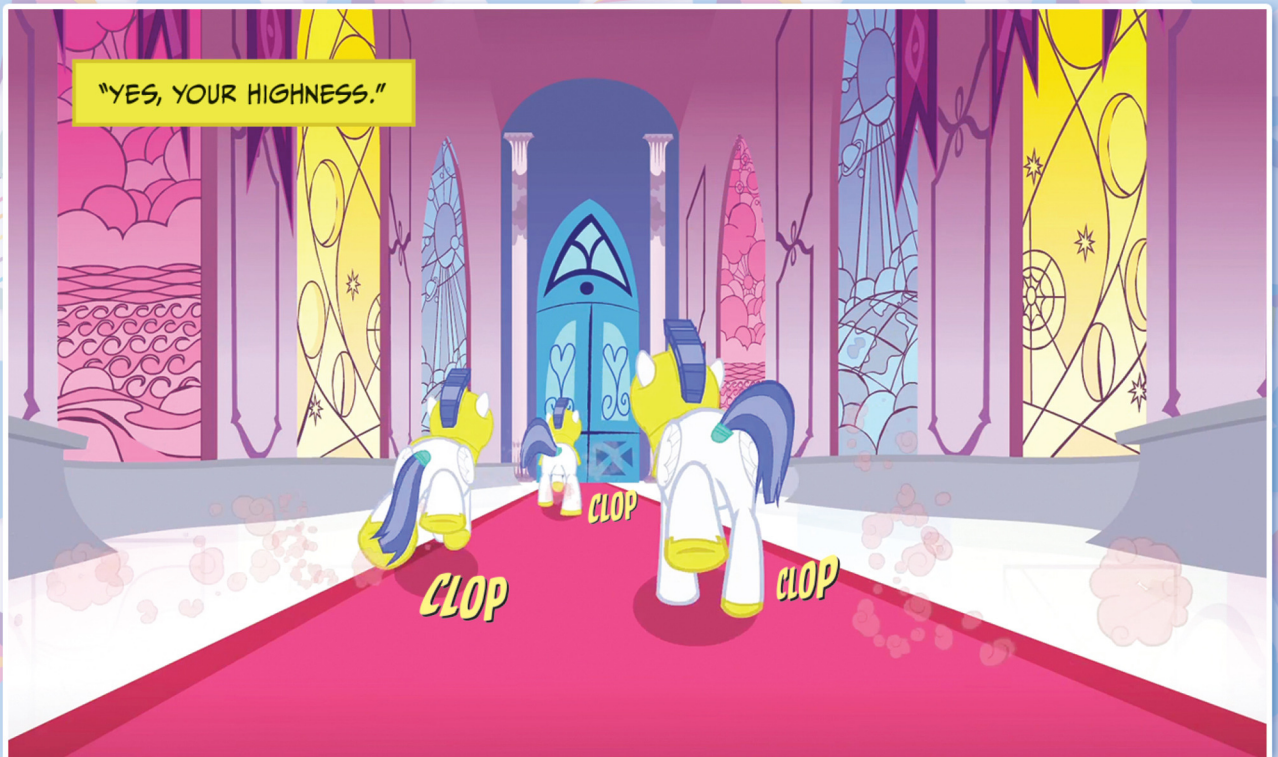


The Crystal Empire



TODAY, IN CANTERLOT...













BACK IN CANTERLOT...

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
DON'T WANT ME
TO GO AS
WELL?

YES.



THE EMPIRE'S
MAGIC IS
POWERFUL. IT
CANNOT FALL
AGAIN, MY
SISTER.



AHEM!





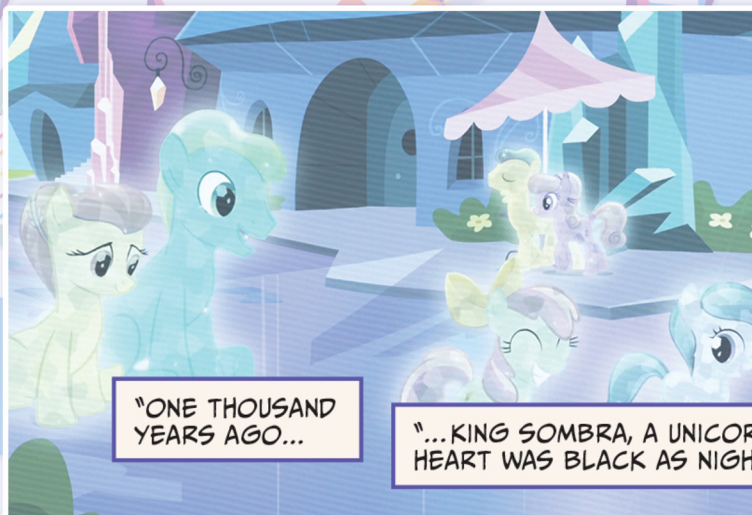




EVEN MY
KNOWLEDGE OF
THE EMPIRE IS
LIMITED.



BUT WHAT I
DO KNOW IS
THAT IT CONTAINS
A POWERFUL
MAGIC.



"ONE THOUSAND
YEARS AGO..."



"...KING SOMBRA, A UNICORN WHOSE
HEART WAS BLACK AS NIGHT..."



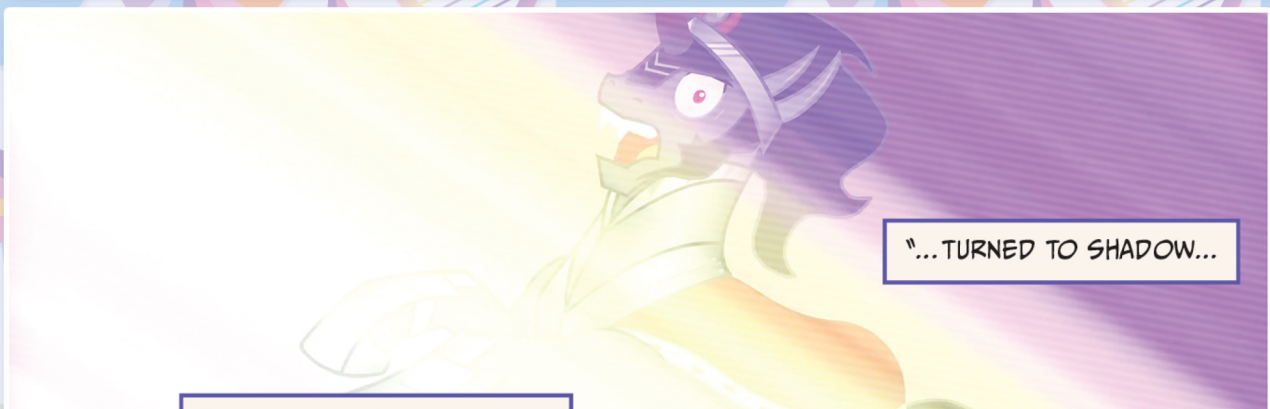
"...TOOK OVER THE
CRYSTAL EMPIRE.



"HE WAS A
MERCILESS RULER.



"BUT WAS ULTIMATELY OVERTHROWN...



"...TURNED TO SHADOW...

"...AND BANISHED TO THE
ICE OF THE ARCTIC NORTH."

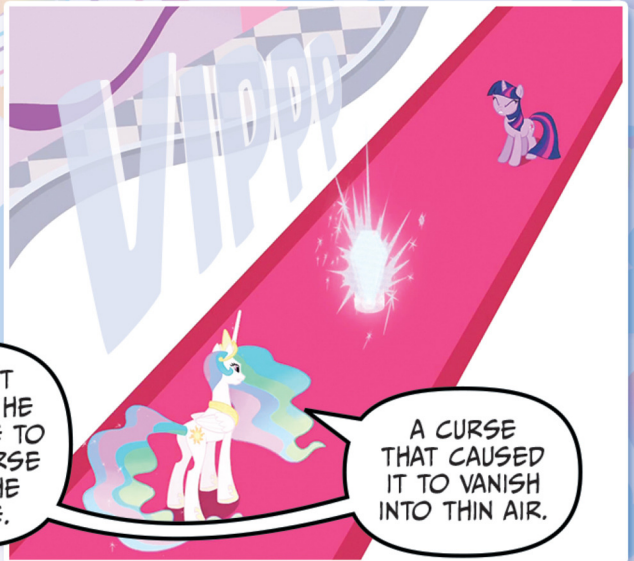


NOOOO!





BUT NOT BEFORE HE WAS ABLE TO PUT A CURSE UPON THE EMPIRE.



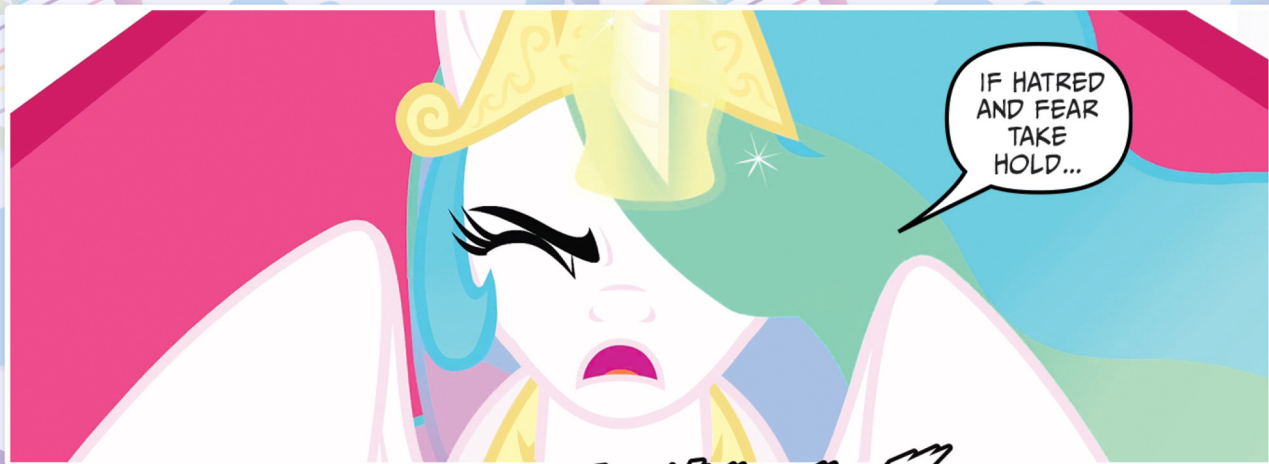
A CURSE THAT CAUSED IT TO VANISH INTO THIN AIR.




IF THE EMPIRE IS FILLED WITH HOPE AND LOVE...




...THOSE THINGS ARE REFLECTED ACROSS ALL OF EQUESTRIA.



Princess Celestia, a white unicorn with a flowing rainbow mane and a golden crown, stands in a room with pink pillars. A large, glowing purple crystal is mounted on the wall behind her.

IT IS, AS I SAID,
A DIFFERENT
KIND OF TEST.

WRRRRRRNNN

A close-up of Twilight Sparkle, a purple unicorn with a dark blue and pink mane, looking slightly worried. She is standing on a red carpet in a grand hall with pink pillars.

BUT ONE I'M
CERTAIN YOU
WILL PASS.

Twilight Sparkle is shown from the side, looking at Princess Celestia. She has a questioning expression on her face.

HOW DO I
BEGIN?

BY JOINING
PRINCESS
CADANCE AND
SHINING ARMOR IN
THE CRYSTAL
EMPIRE.

Twilight Sparkle is looking up at Princess Celestia, who is looking down at her. Twilight has a curious expression.

MY
BROTHER IS
THERE?

HE IS. AND
YOUR PONYVILLE
FRIENDS WILL
JOIN YOU THERE
AS WELL.



I HAVE EVERY
CONFIDENCE
YOU WILL
SUCCEED.

AND WHEN YOU
DO, I'LL KNOW
YOU ARE READY TO
MOVE ON...



...TO THE
NEXT LEVEL
OF YOUR
STUDIES.



BUT WHAT
IF I FAIL?

YOU
WON'T.

















WHAT KINDS OF THINGS?



LET'S JUST SAY THE EMPIRE ISN'T THE ONLY THING THAT'S RETURNED.



SOMETHING KEEPS TRYING TO GET IN.



WE THINK IT'S THE UNICORN KING WHO ORIGINALLY CURSED THE PLACE.

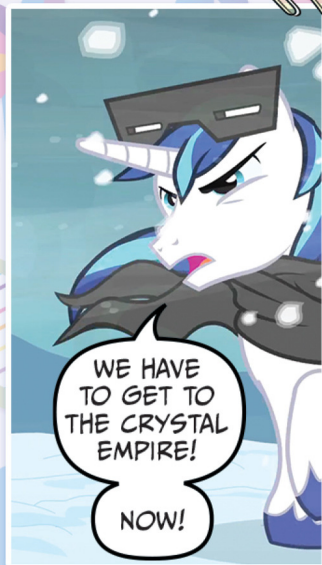


BUT PRINCESS CELESTIA SAID I WAS BEING SENT HERE TO FIND A WAY TO PROTECT THE EMPIRE.

IF KING SOMBRA CAN'T GET IN, THEN IT MUST ALREADY BE PROTECTED—



HOWLLLLL



BAWOOOSH!





SHINING ARMOR TURNS TO
FACE THEIR ATTACKER!

GRWWWWWW

CHING

VRRRRRRNNN

AHHHHH!

A FORCE-FIELD SURROUNDS
THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE...



...BUT THE PONIES
RUN RIGHT THROUGH.



WRRRRRTTT

->HUFF!
HUFF!<-



WRRRRRTTT

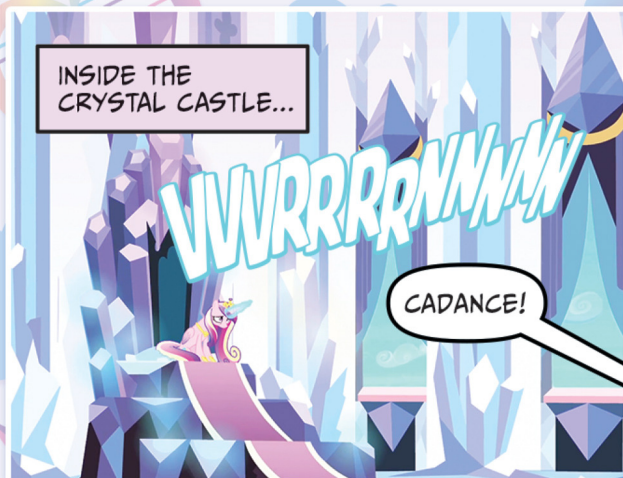
EVERYPONY,
OKAY?

I-I THINK
SO.













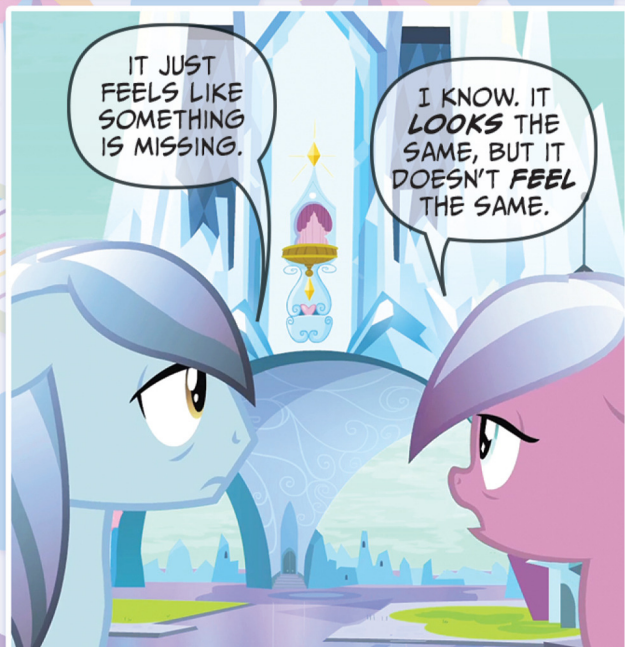
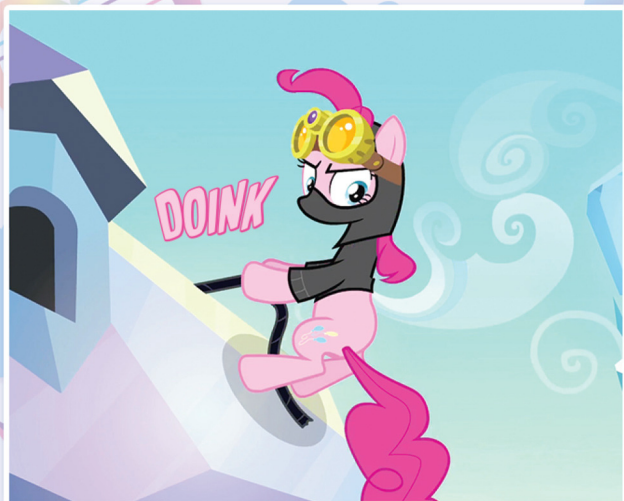












BACK AT THE
CRYSTAL CASTLE...

I GOT
NOTHIN'
SO FAR.

OH, ME
NEITHER...

CLOP-CLOP!

HOW ABOUT YOU
FLUTTERSHY, FIND
ANYTHING?

THWACK

FWHIPP

MY COVER
HAS BEEN
BLOWN.

I
REPEAT--









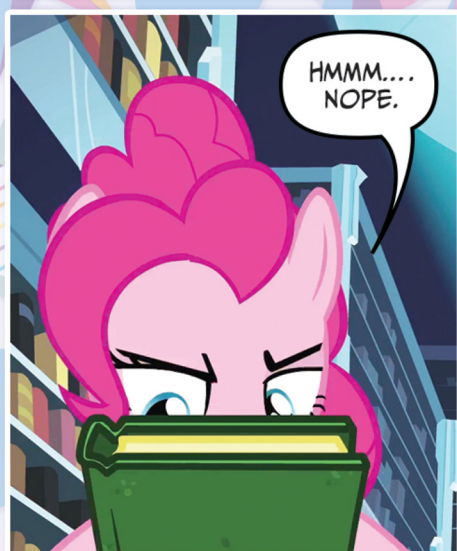




SOON EVERYPONY WAS LOOKING FOR A BOOK THAT COULD TELL THEM ABOUT THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE.



NOPE.
NOPE. NOPE.
NOPE...



HMMM....
NOPE.



AND MUCH LATER THEY WERE STILL LOOKING...

<SIGH>...
NO.



...AND STILL
LOOKING...



ANYPONY
ELSE STARTIN'
TO THINK THIS
IS A LOST
CAUSE?



BACK AT THE CASTLE...

A CRYSTAL FAIRE.
ACCORDING TO THIS
BOOK, IT WAS ESTABLISHED
BY THEIR FIRST QUEEN AND
BECAME THEIR MOST
IMPORTANT TRADITION.

THE FAIRE WAS
HELD EVERY YEAR
TO RENEW THE
SPIRIT OF LOVE
AND UNITY IN THE
EMPIRE SO THEY
COULD PROTECT
IT FROM HARM.

MY FRIENDS
AND I CAN PUT
IT TOGETHER.

EVERYTHING
WE NEED TO
KNOW IS IN
THE BOOK.

THAT SOUNDS
PRETTY
PROMISING.

BUT
PRINCESS
CADANCE IS
SO TIRED...

WE'LL GET
STARTED
RIGHT
AWAY!





IT SAYS
THEY LIKED
JOUSTING.



THEY FLEW A
FLAG OF MANY
HUES.

WRRRRRRNNNN



MADE SWEETS
OF CRYSTAL
BERRIES.

WHIP

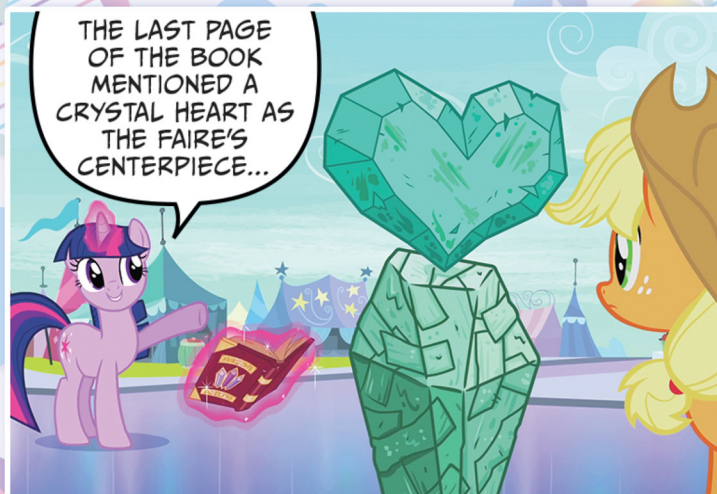


THEY HAD A
PETTING ZOO
WITH TINY
EWES.



THERE WAS
A CRYSTAL
FLUGELHORN, THAT
EVERYPONY LIKED
TO PLAY.











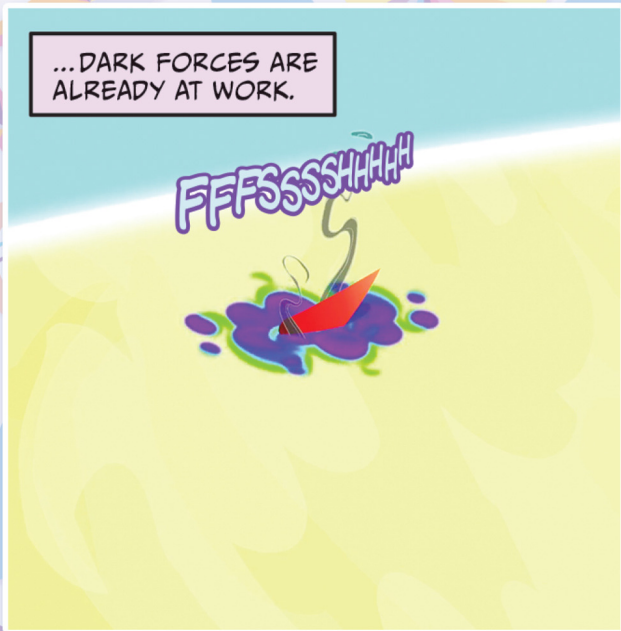
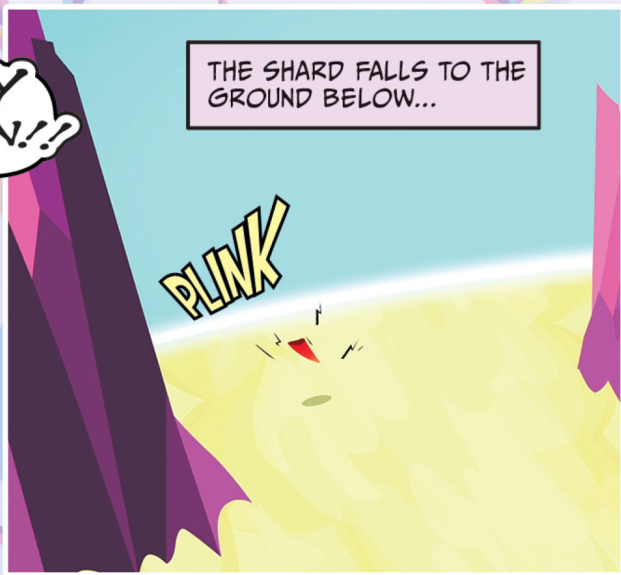


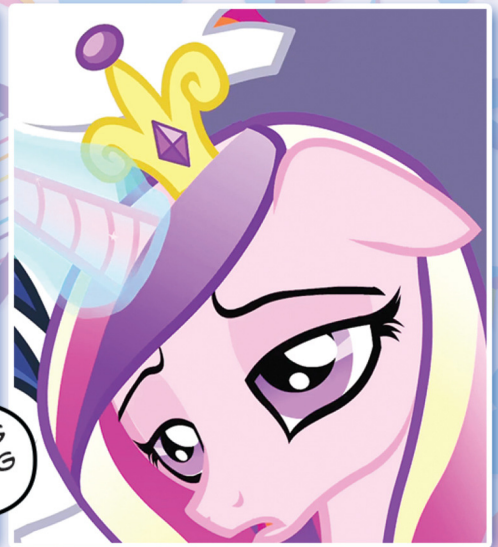


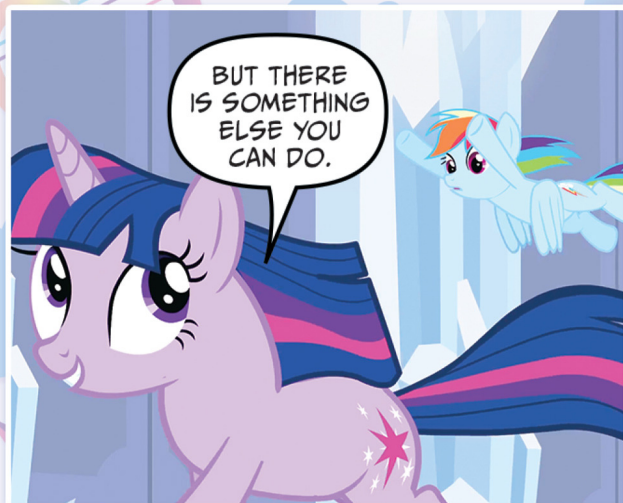


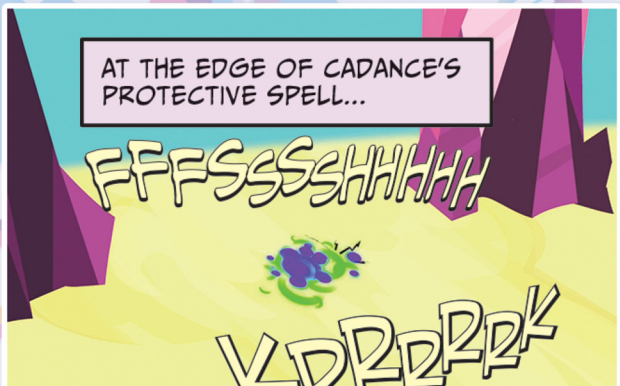




















JUST OUTSIDE THE CASTLE...



ALL RIGHT,
LET'S GET SOME
OPERATIONAL
SECURITY
AROUND HERE.

FWOOOSH!



WHAT'RE
YOU LOOKING
AT?

GO ON,
GET!



UH, RAINBOW
DASH? WE'RE
SUPPOSED TO
BE ACTIN' LIKE
NOTHIN' IS
WRONG.

EXACTLY!

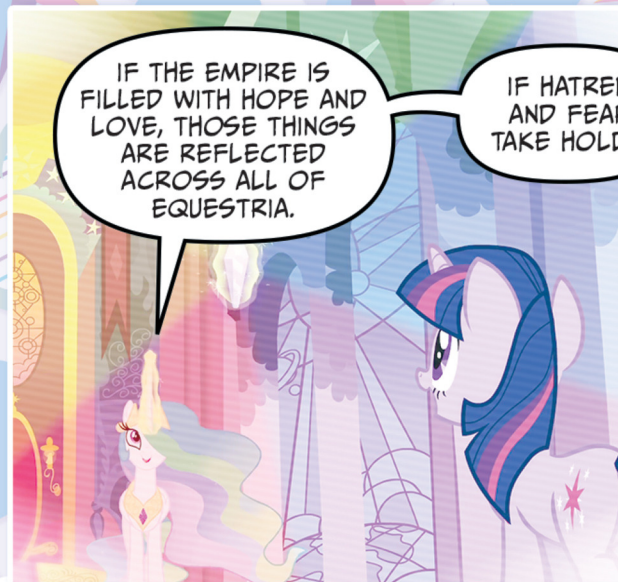


WHAT I MEAN IS, MAYBE YOU
SHOULD LET ME KEEP THE CRYSTAL
PONIES AWAY FROM THE FAKE HEART
WHILE YOU SHOW OFF YOUR
JOUSTIN' SKILLS.



SEEING MY
AWESOMENESS
DOES HAVE A WAY
OF PUTTING PONIES
INTO A PRETTY
GOOD MOOD.



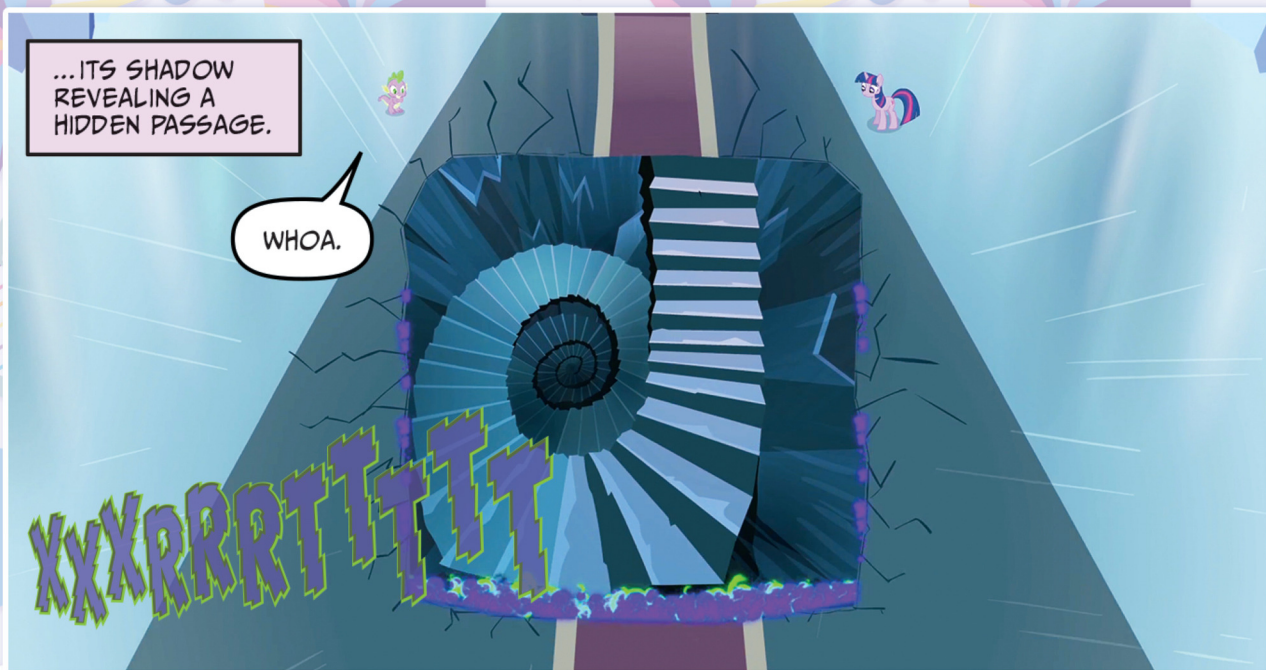




WHAT? DID YOU FIND IT?

NO.

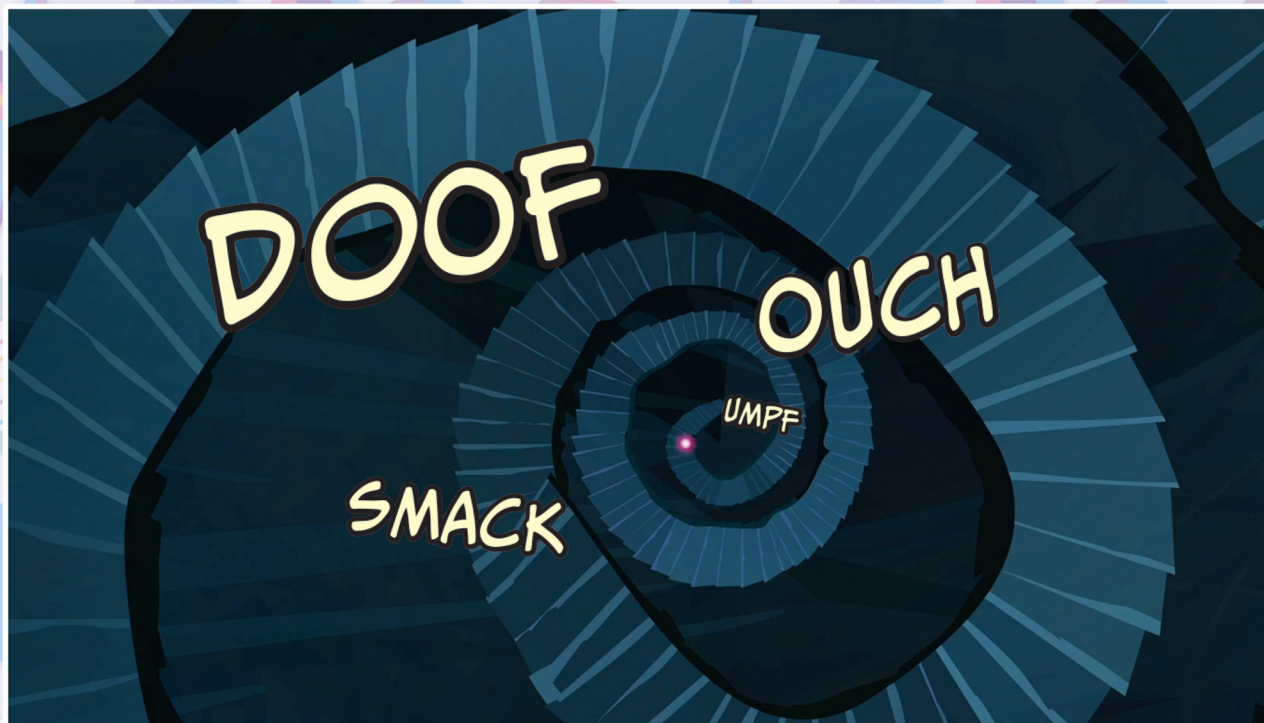


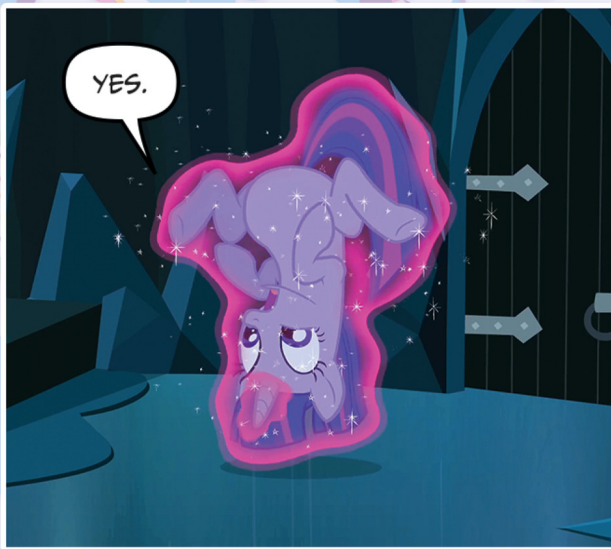




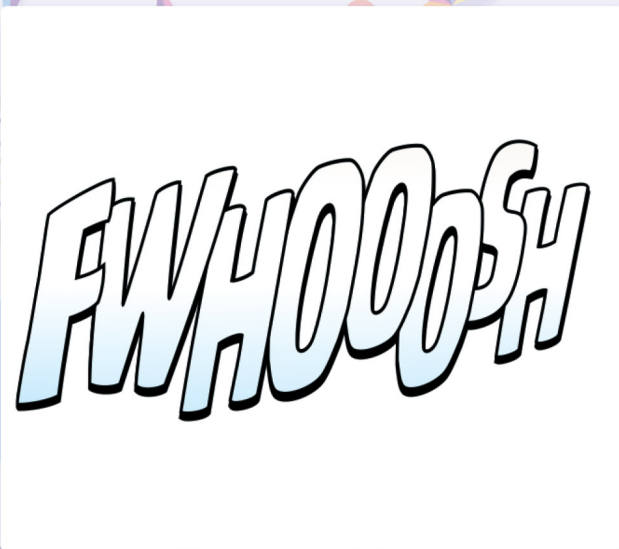










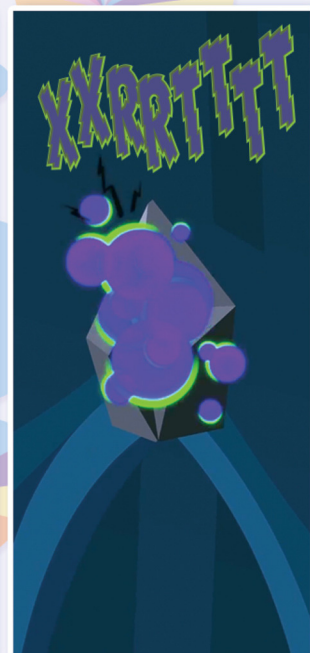


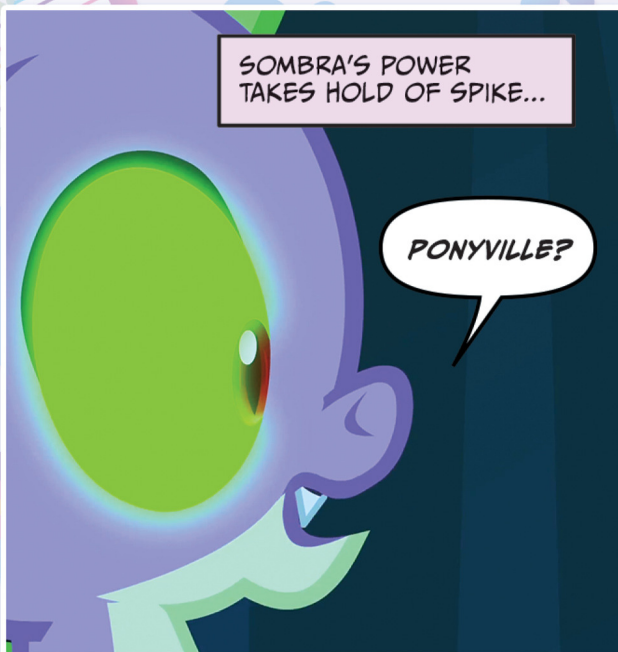












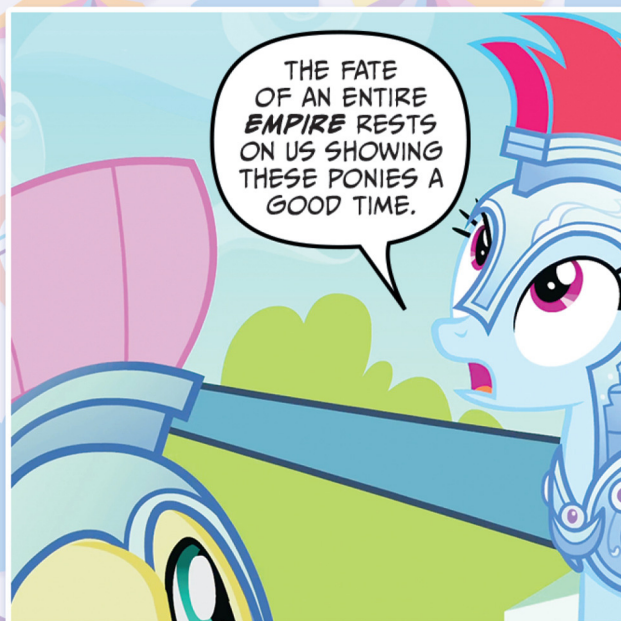














BUT, YOU KNOW,
IF THAT ISN'T
IMPORTANT TO
YOU—

BUT IT IS!
->WHIMPER->



OKAY, OKAY.
I'LL TAKE IT
EASY ON YOU
NEXT TIME.



BUT NOT
TOO EASY.

I GOTTA
REPUTATION
TO MAINTAIN.

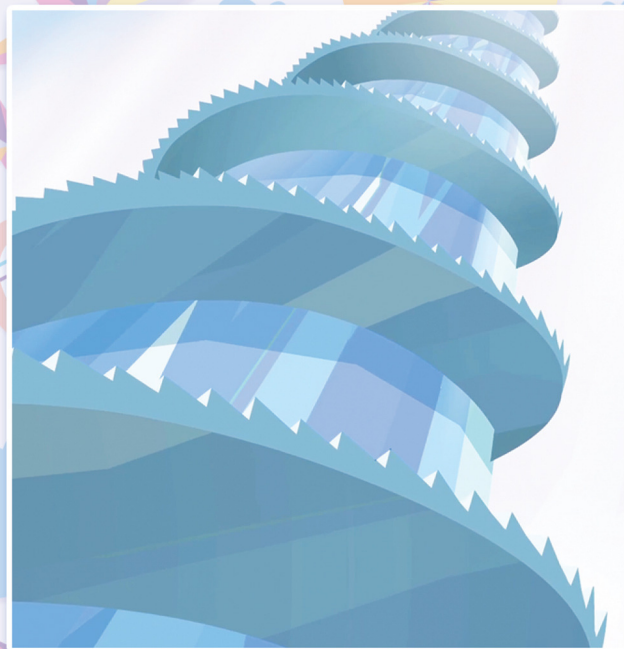


OH-KAY...



XXXRRRTTTT

KING SOMBRA'S POWERS
ARE GETTING CLOSE!



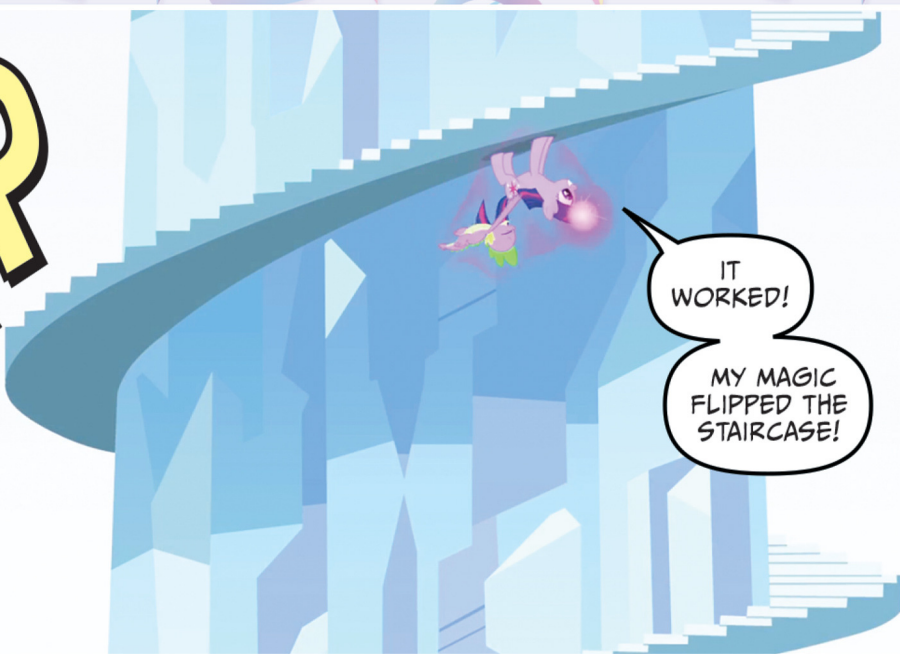


THIS
SHOULD
DO IT!



WVRRRRRRNNNNN

FLIP



IT
WORKED!

MY MAGIC
FLIPPED THE
STAIRCASE!

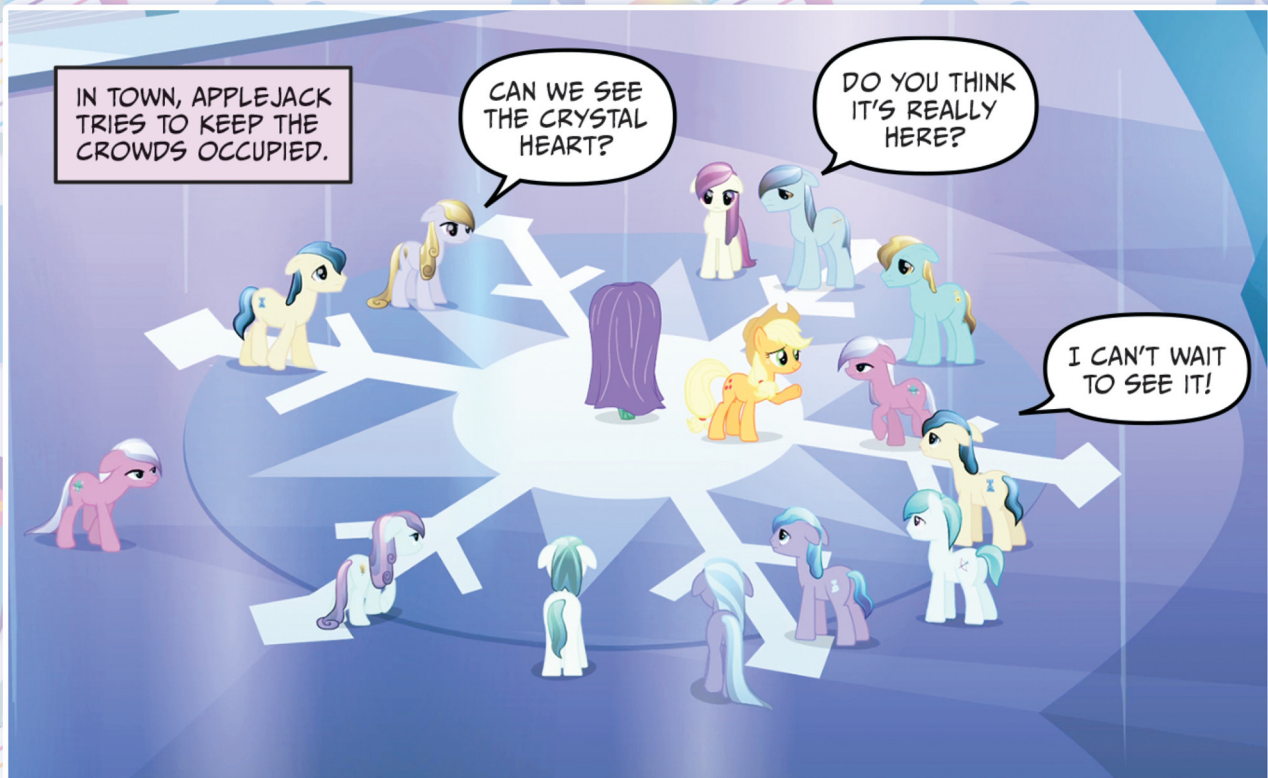
FWINK



HOLD ON,
SPIKE!

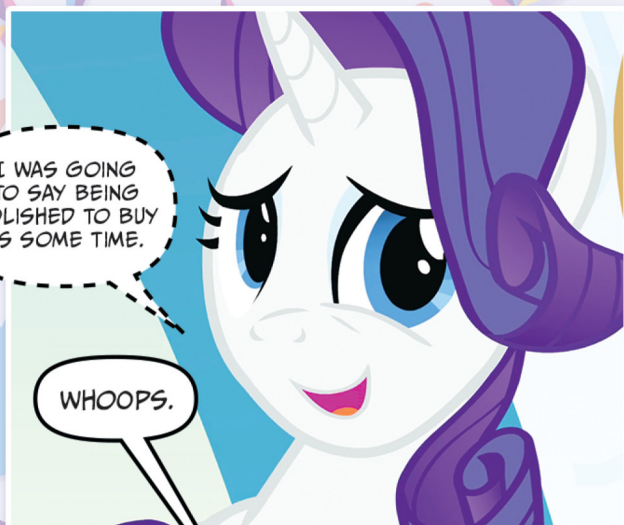
WE'RE TAKING
THE EXPRESS
LANE DOWN...
TO THE TOP!

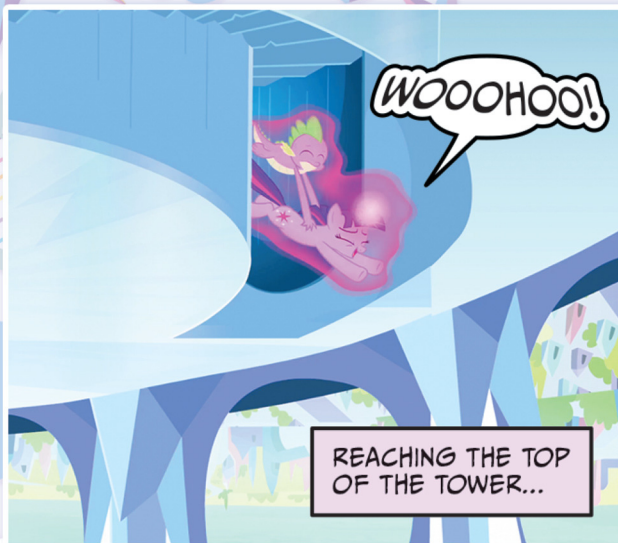
ZIMIP









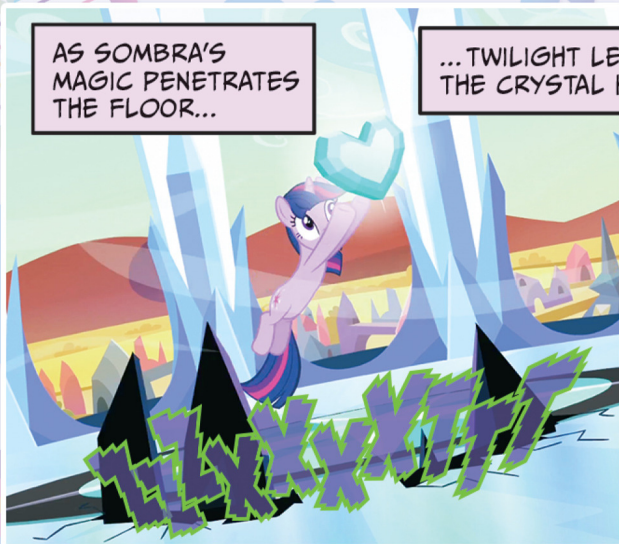






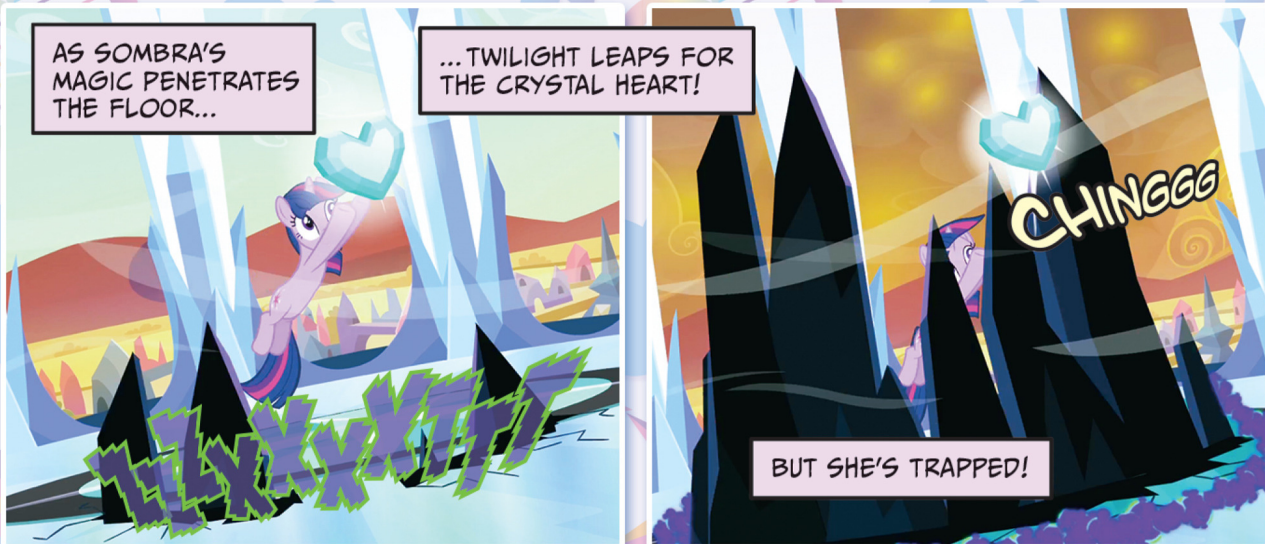
AS SOMBRA'S
MAGIC PENETRATES
THE FLOOR...

...TWILIGHT LEAPS FOR
THE CRYSTAL HEART!

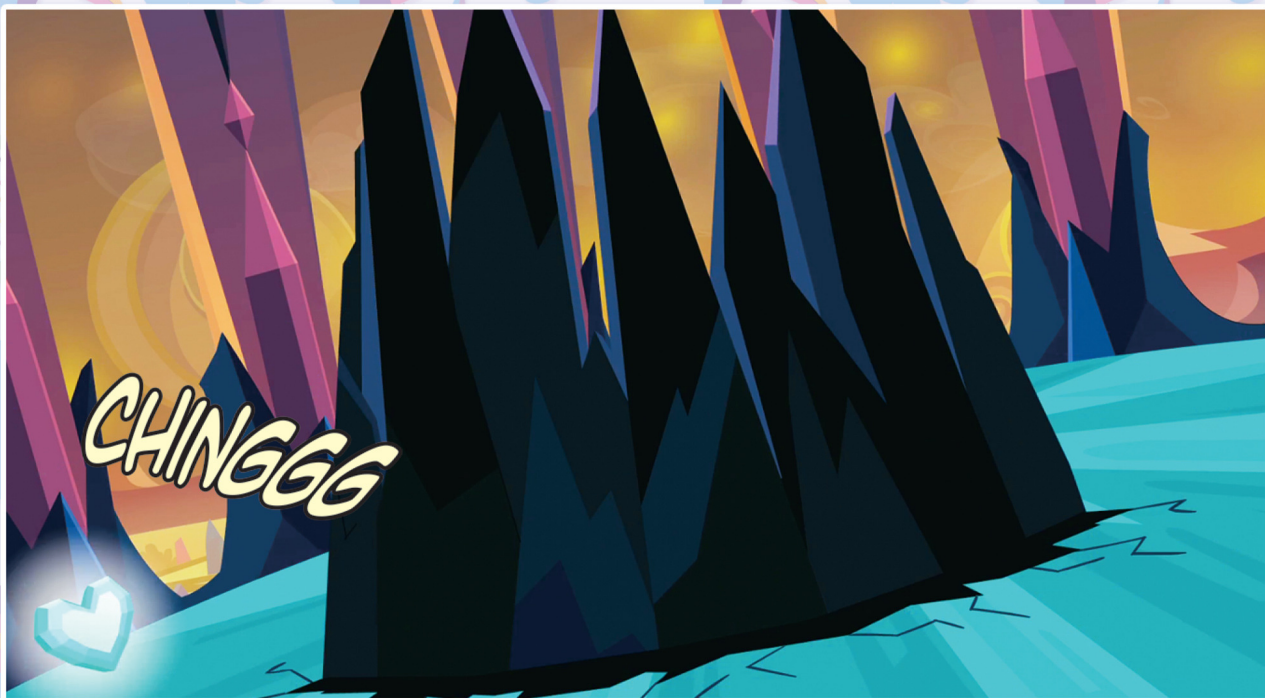


CHINGGG

BUT SHE'S TRAPPED!



CHINGGG

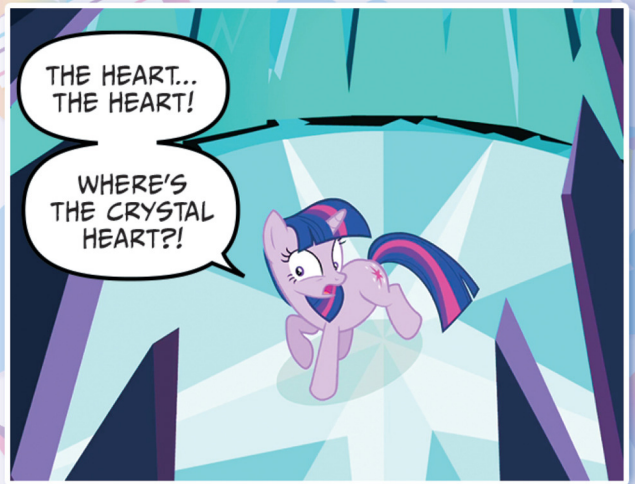
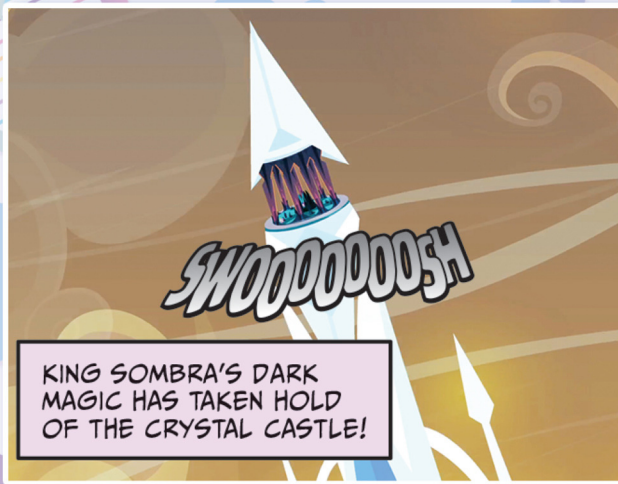


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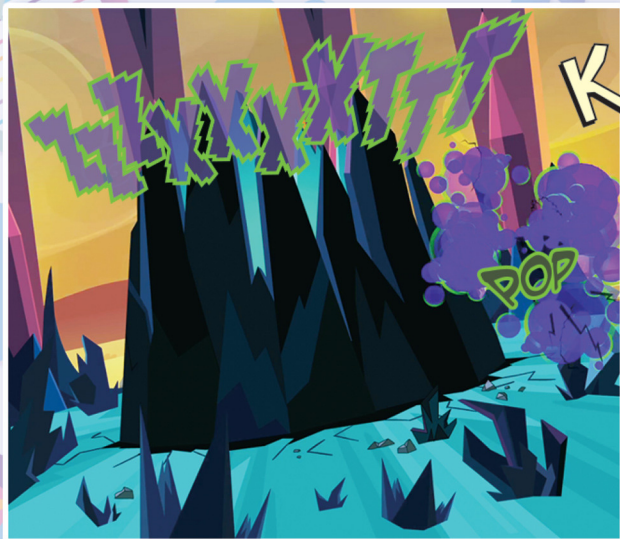
BWWAHAAAAHA







...TO ESCAPE SOMBRA'S TRAP...



KA'RASH



WHAM



THE SPELL
IS TOO
STRONG!



HOW COULD
I HAVE BEEN
SO FOOLISH?

I WAS JUST
SO EAGER
TO GET IT.



YOU HAVE
TO GET OUT
OF THERE!





YOU HAVE
TO BE THE ONE
TO TAKE THE
CRYSTAL HEART
TO THE FAIRE.



ME? BUT,
TWILIGHT—

GO!



BUT—

GO!



SPIKE IS TERRIFIED!



WHAT DO
I DO?



WITH NOWHERE TO GO...



...SPIKE JUMPS OUT
ONTO A HIGH LEDGE!



FAR BELOW, TENSIONS ARE RISING!

NOW DON'T
Y'ALL WORRY
YOUR PRETTY
LITTLE CRYSTAL
HEADS.



THE REAL
CRYSTAL HEART
WILL BE HERE
ANY SECOND.

I DON'T
KNOW IF THEY
BELIEVE YOU!

I DON'T
KNOW IF I
BELIEVE
ME.











...AS SOMBRA'S FORM RETURNS!



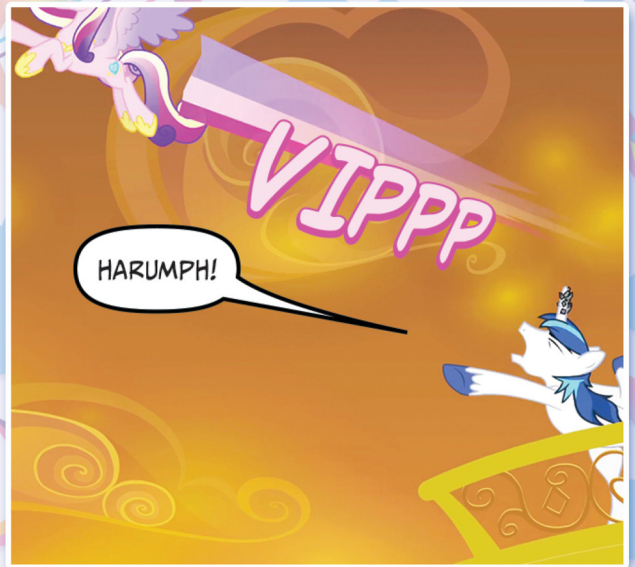
WAAAAHHHH—



I CAN FEEL ITS POWER!



I CAN... ALMOST... GET IT...





FWWWOOOOSH

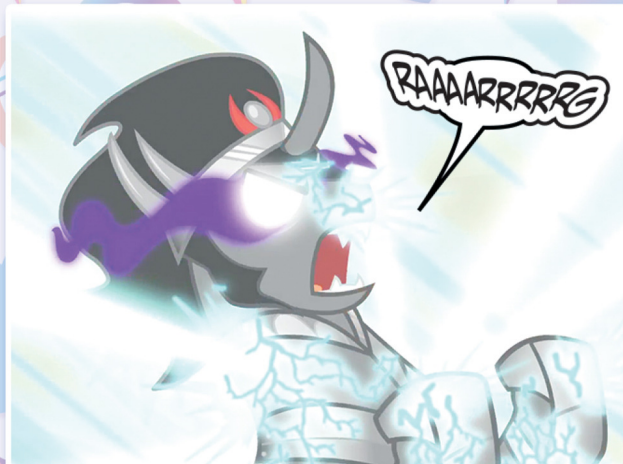


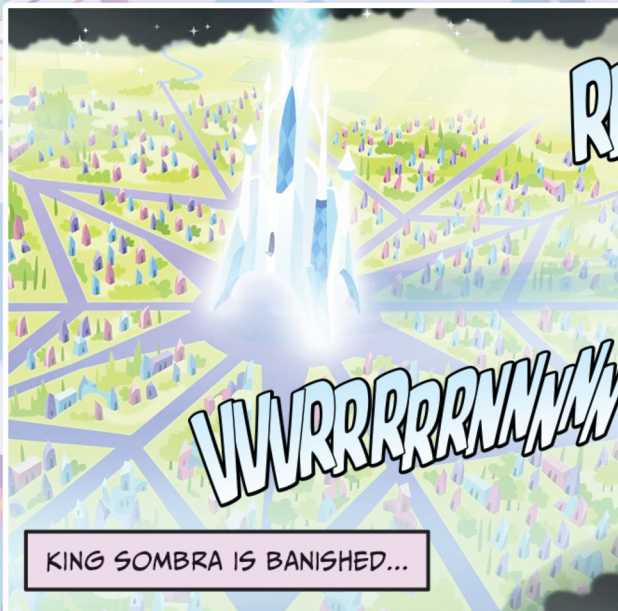




...RESTORING ALL THE PONIES' LUSTER!







KING SOMBRA IS BANISHED...



...AND THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE...



...IS **FREE!**



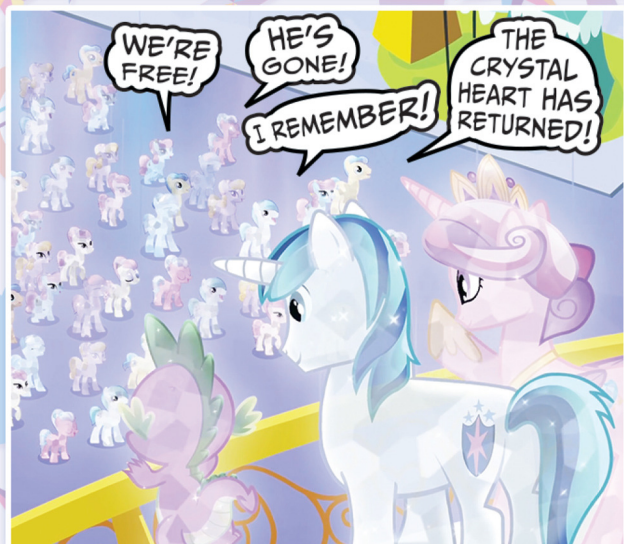
THE LIGHT OF ITS
MAGIC SHINING FAR...



...FOR ALL TO SEE.



I KNEW
SHE COULD
DO IT.



A SHORT WHILE LATER...

I DO *SO* WISH IT WAS PERMANENT.



DID YOU SEE HOW MY MANE JUST ABSOLUTELY SPARKLED?

BUT GOOD THINGS ARE BETTER WHEN THEY'RE A *RARITY*.

OOOOHHHH!



EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE OKAY.

YOU'VE GOT TO STOP SAVING MY RUMP LIKE THIS.

IT'S STARTING TO GET EMBARRASSING.



BUT... IT WASN'T ME WHO SAVED YOU IN THE END, IT WAS SPIKE.



IT'S JUST A TEST. MAYBE SHE'LL LET YOU RETAKE IT.

I DON'T THINK SHE'S GOING TO GIVE ME A NEW TEST.





YOU WEREN'T
WILLING TO RISK THE
FUTURE OF THE CITIZENS
OF THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE...



...IN AN
EFFORT TO
GUARANTEE
YOUR OWN.

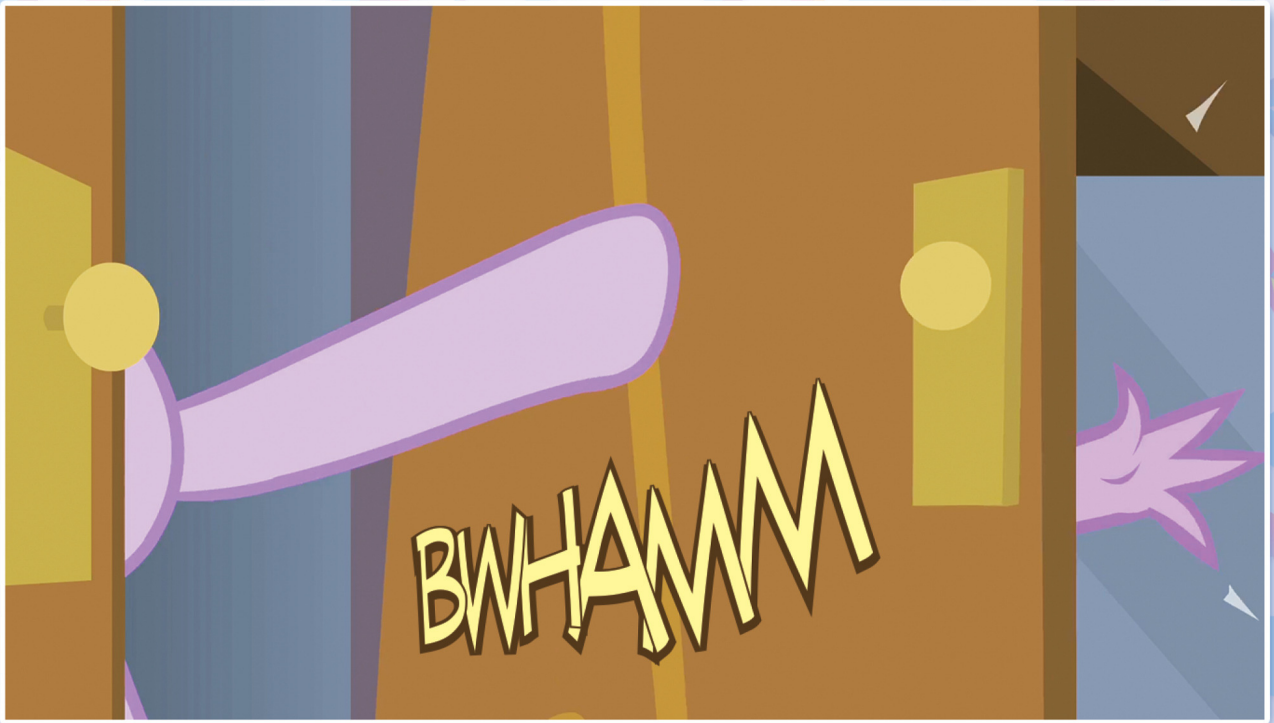
FAR BETTER
THAT I HAVE A
STUDENT WHO
UNDERSTANDS THE
MEANING OF
SELF-SACRIFICE...



... THAN ONE
WHO ONLY
LOOKS OUT FOR
HER OWN BEST
INTERESTS.



DOES...
THIS MEAN...?







ALL THOSE DOUBTS YOU CAN DISMISS.



TURNS OUT YOU WERE PREPARED FOR THIS.



YOU CLEARLY HAVE JUST WHAT IT TAKES.



TO PASS A TEST WITH SUCH HIGH STAKES.



WE KNEW FOR SURE YOU WOULD PREVAIL.

SINCE WHEN DOES TWILIGHT SPARKLE EVER FAIL?









my LITTLE PONY

The Crystal Empire

When the Crystal Empire returns after a thousand years of darkness Princess Celestia knows there's only one pony who can help—Twilight Sparkle! But it'll take a little magic and a lot of help to ensure that Twilight saves the empire... and passes her test!

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