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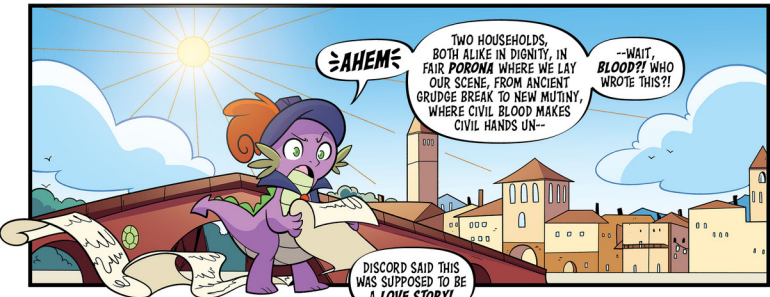
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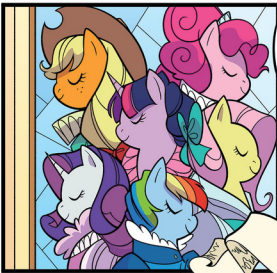


AHEM

TWO HOUSEHOLDS, BOTH ALIKE IN DIGNITY, IN FAIR PORONA WHERE WE LAY OUR SCENE, FROM ANCIENT GRUDGE BREAK TO NEW MUTINY, WHERE CIVIL BLOOD MAKES CIVIL HANDS UN--

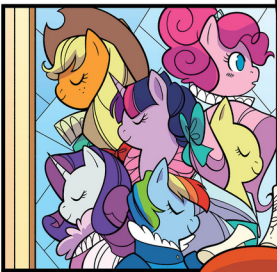
--WAIT, BLOOD?! WHO WROTE THIS?!

DISCORD SAID THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A LOVE STORY!



BUT HE DID SOUND WAY TOO EXCITED WHEN HE SUGGESTED IT...

...JUST 'CAUSE CAPULET'S CATAPULTS, CUPCAKES, AND CELEBRATIONS AND MONTAGUE MERRIMENT MAKERS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING ABOUT WHO THE BETTER PARTY-PLANNING COMPANY IS FOR AGES--



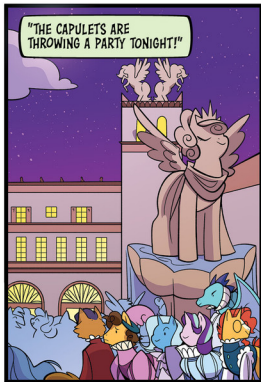
--DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE ONLY WAY FOR PINKIE PIE AND CHEESE SANDWICH TO BE TOGETHER IS TO-- IS TO--

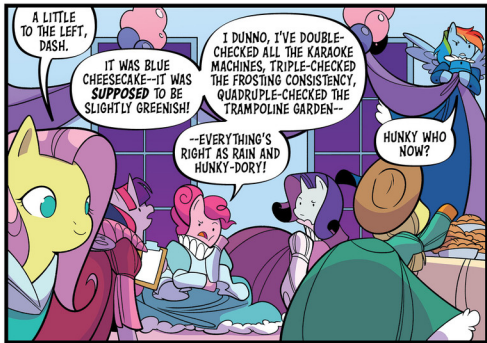


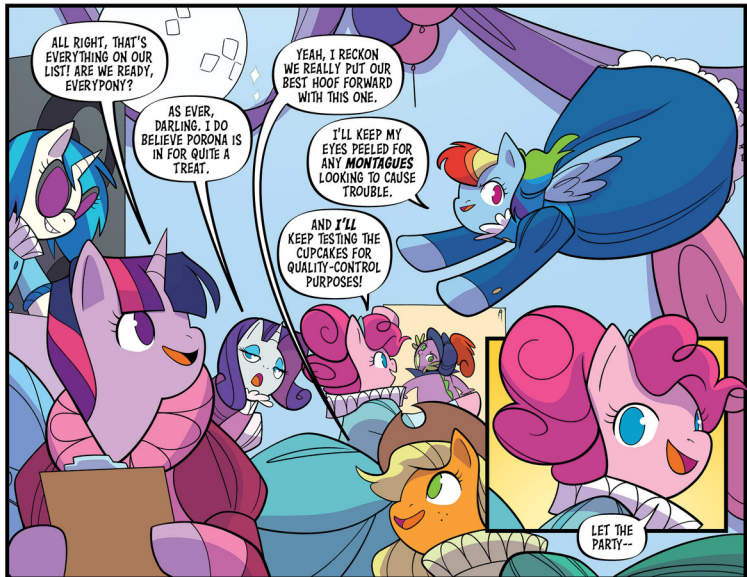
--NO WAY!!!

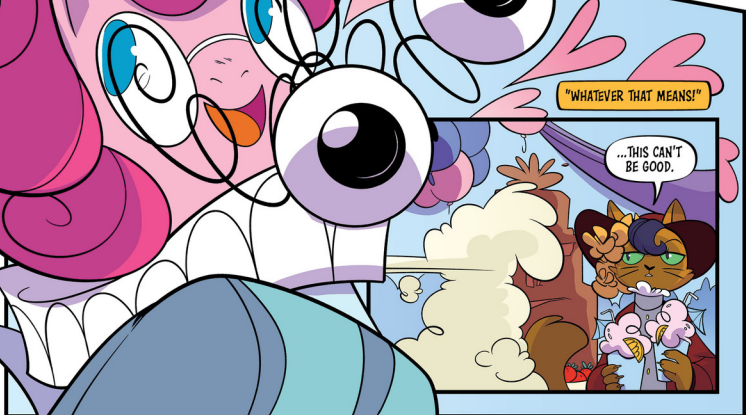
WE'VE GOT 22 PAGES TO FIX THIS. NO TIME TO WASTE! WHERE IS EVERYPONY...

...OH, RIGHT!





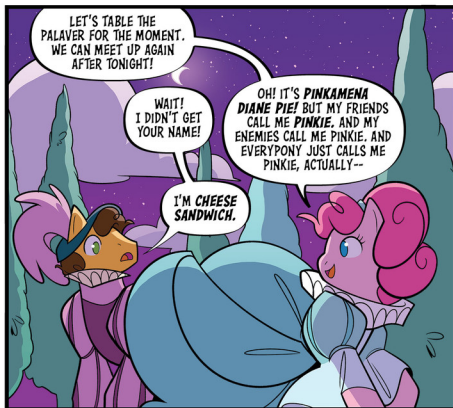












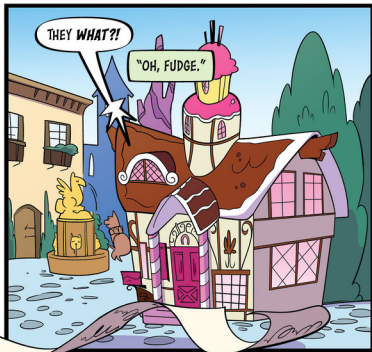


NOW CHEESE IS BELOVED AND LOVES AGAIN, ALIKE BEWITCHED BY THE CHARM OF LOOKS, BUT TO HIS FOE SUPPOSED HE MUST COMPLAIN, AND SHE STEAL LOVE'S SWEET BAIT FROM FEARFUL HOOKS--

--"FOE"?
"FEARFUL"? C'MON, I THOUGHT LAST NIGHT WOULD FIX THE STORY!

WHERE'S DISCORD WHEN YOU NEED HIM?

MAYBE I CAN CONVINCE PINKIE TO--



THEY WHAT?!

"OH, FUDGE."



I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! NU-UH! NO WAY!

YOU'RE TELLING ME THOSE **NO GOOD, SOMETHING ROTTEN** MONTAGUES SHOWED UP TO OUR PARTY LAST NIGHT?!

IF YOU DON'T COME DOWN FROM THERE, SUGAR CUBE, I RECKON YER GONNA BREAK SOMETHIN'.

I AM PERFECTLY CALM!



WELL, DARLING, I'D HATE TO SEE YOU PERFECTLY INCENSED.

I JUST THINK IT'S UNFAIR.

I MEAN, ALL THE WORK WE PUT IN TO IMPRESS CADANCE, AND THEY'RE JUST GONNA TRY TO ONE-UP US--

WELL, I MEAN, WE DON'T KNOW THAT FOR SURE--

OF COURSE WE DO! IT'S THE MONTAGUE M.O.! WE CAN'T EVER TRUST 'EM OR WORK WITH 'EM!



I'M GONNA TEACH 'EM A LESSON.

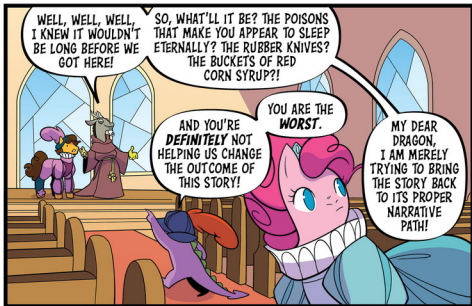
OH, I DON'T THINK THAT'S SUCH A GOOD IDEA.

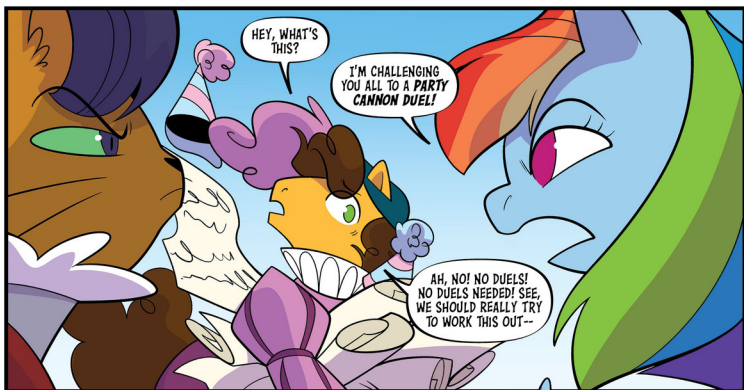
THAT HASN'T STOPPED HER IN THE PAST.

I'M GONNA CHALLENGE THEM TO A DUEL!











A PLAGUE ON BOTH YOUR
HOUSEEEEESSSSSSS...

WHAT IS
THE MEANING
OF THIS?!



CAN SOMEONY PLEASE TELL ME WHY PORONA LOOKS LIKE IT HOSTED A CLOWN CONVENTION? IT'S GOING TO TAKE US WEEKS TO CLEAN THIS MESS!

CHEESE SANDWICH?



YOUR HIGHNESS! IT'S, UM, IT'S JUST--



IT'S JUST THAT THE MONTAGUES TRIED TO RUIN--

THAT THE CAPULETS WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE COULDN'T--



ENOUGH!

THIS PETTY RIVALRY OF YOURS HAS GOT TO STOP! LOOK AROUND--THERE'S NOTHING FUN ABOUT THIS!

UNTIL YOU CAN LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER, THERE WILL BE NO MORE PARTIES IN PORONA. EVERPONY IS ON PARTY PROBATION!



WHAT ABOUT FLURRY HEART'S BIRTHDAY?!

WE'LL HAVE A QUIET CELEBRATION AT HOME--

BUT IT SHOULD BE A HUGE BASH!

"AND I DESIGNED THIS!"



IT'S A VERSION OF MUSICAL CHAIRS THAT INVOLVES SEVENTEEN DIFFERENT TYPES OF **PIE**--

PINKIE, PRINCESS CADANCE PUT EVERYPONY ON **PARTY PROBATION**. CAPPER AND RAINBOW DASH ARE PROBABLY HALFWAY TO YAKYAKISTAN AND FARASI BY NOW!

THEY GOT INTO A **PARTY CANNON DUEL** WHILE I WAS PICKING UP SUPPLIES--IT WAS THE **WORST I'VE EVER SEEN...** CONFETTI EVERYWHERE... **PIE CRUSTS CRUSHED UNDERHOOF...**



WE'RE NEVER GOING TO CONVINCE THE OTHERS TO **WORK TOGETHER** AT THIS RATE.



THERE'S GOTTA BE A WAY!

OH!!! WHAT IF WE MADE THE **SAFEST, MOST UNASSUMING, MOST NON-PARTY CANNON-ADJACENT** CELEBRATION AROUND?

THEN WE COULD SHOW EVERPONY THAT WE'RE CAPABLE OF WORKING TOGETHER WITHOUT CAUSING A **MESS!**

I LOVE IT! BUT **HOW?**



YOU RANG, DEAR?



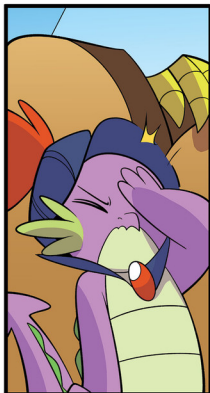
LUCKILY I HAVE JUST THE THING. IT'S A TINCTURE THAT CAUSES **SLEEPING DEATH**, AND--

NO. POISON!

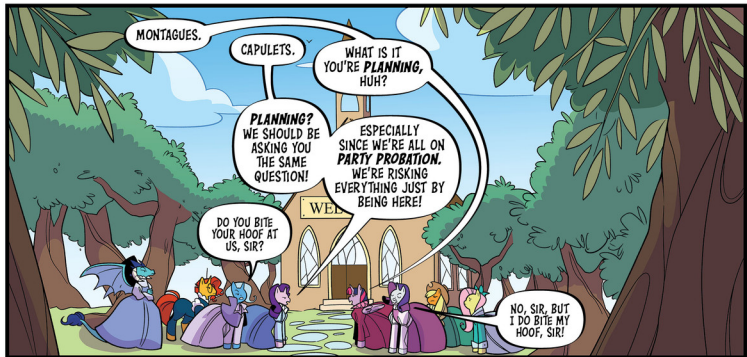


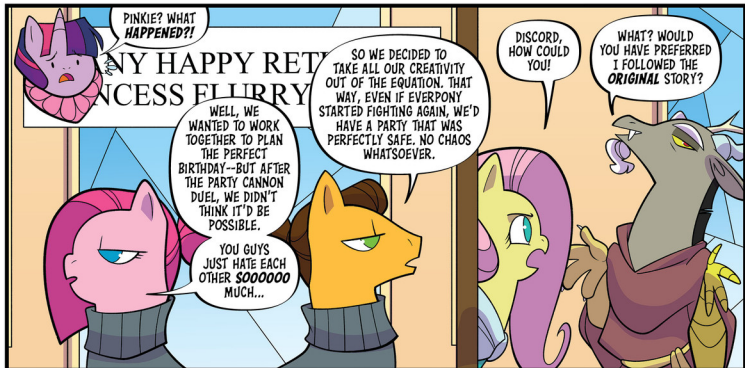
UGH, **FINE**. I MIGHT HAVE A SOLUTION TO YOUR PARTY CONUNDRUM, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE PRETTY.

'T WAS CHAOS THAT CAUSED THE PORONA MESS. PERHAPS THE ONLY WAY THE MONTAGUES AND CAPULETS CAN WORK TOGETHER IS BY REMOVING SUCH A THING FROM THE EQUATION?









PINKIE? WHAT HAPPENED?!

MY HAPPY RETURN TO SUCCESS FLURRY

WELL, WE WANTED TO WORK TOGETHER TO PLAN THE PERFECT BIRTHDAY--BUT AFTER THE PARTY CANNON DUEL, WE DIDN'T THINK IT'D BE POSSIBLE.

YOU GUYS JUST HATE EACH OTHER SOOOOOO MUCH...

SO WE DECIDED TO TAKE ALL OUR CREATIVITY OUT OF THE EQUATION. THAT WAY, EVEN IF EVERPONY STARTED FIGHTING AGAIN, WE'D HAVE A PARTY THAT WAS PERFECTLY SAFE. NO CHAOS WHATSOEVER.

DISCORD, HOW COULD YOU!

WHAT? WOULD YOU HAVE PREFERRED I FOLLOWED THE ORIGINAL STORY?



ALL OUR PARTY IDEAS SHOULD PASS INSPECTION BY PRINCESS CADANCE.

TAKE, FOR INSTANCE, THE SITTING CORNER, WHERE PARTY GUESTS CAN GO TO SIT.



OR THE GIFT BAGS, WHICH INCLUDE SUGAR-FREE GUM AND GIFT CARDS FOR QUILLS AND SOFAS.



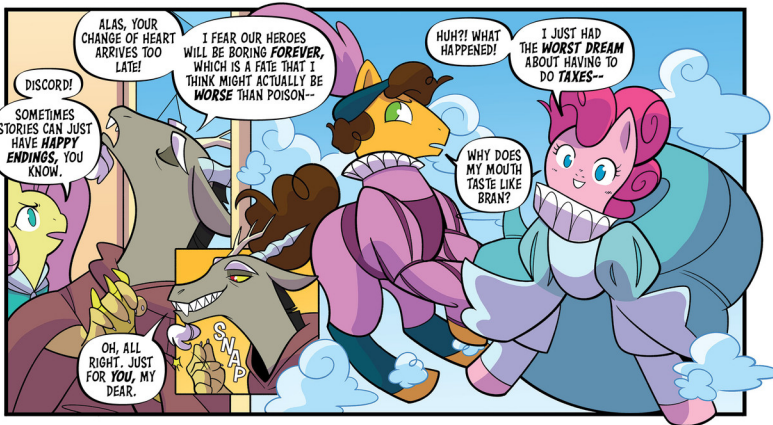
THIS IS MAYBE THE WORST THING I HAVE EVER SEEN.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS, BUT...YOU'RE RIGHT.



PINKIE WAS OUR BEST PARTY PLANNER! SHE WAS ALWAYS SO EXCITED TO MAKE PONIES HAPPY, AND NOW...

...NOW SHE AND CHEESE WANTED TO PLAN A PARTY TOGETHER SO BADLY THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING FOR IT.





MANY HAPPY RETURNS,
PRINCESS FLURRY HEART

WELL, CHEESE,
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE
GONNA BE ABLE TO WORK
TOGETHER AFTER ALL.

WELL, PINKIE,
I WOULDN'T HAVE IT
ANY OTHER WAY.



HEY, PINKIE
PIE! CHEESE
SANDWICH!



SOME PONIES
WANTED TO MEET
YOU.

HELLO! I HOPE
YOU DON'T MIND OUR
INTERRUPTING. WE HEARD
THE NOISE FROM OUTSIDE
AND CAME TO
INVESTIGATE.

I NEVER THOUGHT
I'D SEE THE DAY WHEN THE
MONTAGUES AND THE CAPULETS
WORKED *TOGETHER* TO PLAN
SOMETHING.



THAT'S WHY
WE LEFT, YOU
KNOW. BECAUSE WE
WANTED TO WORK
TOGETHER--BUT NO
PONY WOULD
LET US.

AW, IT DIDN'T
TAKE ALL THAT MUCH!
JUST SOME GOOD OL'
**EXISTENTIAL DREAD
AND VEGETABLE
PLATTERS--**

WORK
TOGETHER?



DOES THAT
MEAN--

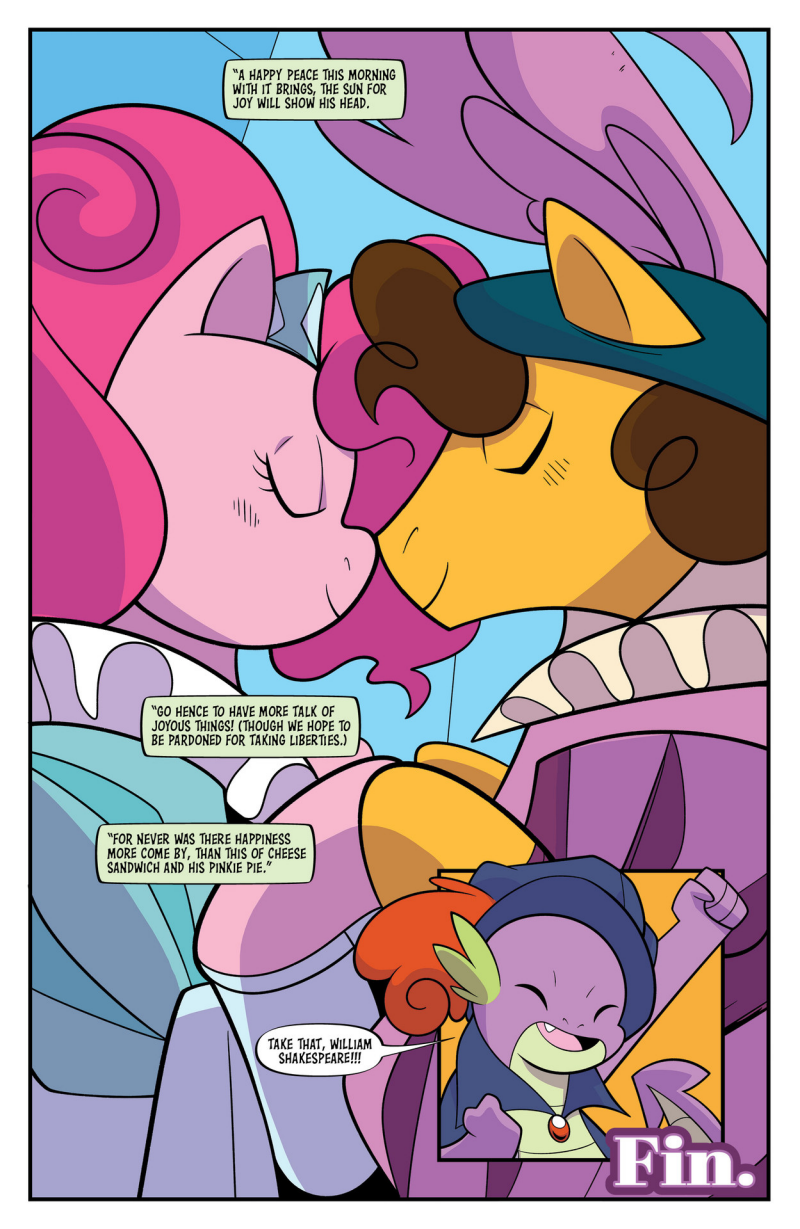
OH,
NOW WE'RE
CHANGING THIS,
TOO, HUH?!

YOU SHOULD
BOTH BE PROUD.



YEAH--

--WE ARE.



"A HAPPY PEACE THIS MORNING
WITH IT BRINGS, THE SUN FOR
JOY WILL SHOW HIS HEAD."

"GO HENCE TO HAVE MORE TALK OF
JOYOUS THINGS! (THOUGH WE HOPE TO
BE PARDONED FOR TAKING LIBERTIES.)"

"FOR NEVER WAS THERE HAPPINESS
MORE COME BY, THAN THIS OF CHEESE
SANDWICH AND HIS PINKIE PIE."

TAKE THAT, WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE!!!

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*Lace Up Your Skates and
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Twenty-five years. It's a mighty long time.

Some of you reading this might not have even been alive 25 years ago. For me, it's literally half a lifetime.

Comic books are a relatively young art form. The industry itself had barely passed the first-century mark when IDW was founded, so for the company to carve out such a significant chunk of comics' second century is fairly impressive. It all started with a love for comics, and quickly paid off with the success of *30 Days of Night*, the now iconic horror series from Steve Niles and Ben Templesmith. From there, many projects flowed. There were more creator-driven miniseries, like *Locke & Key* by Joe Hill and Gabriel Rodriguez, as well as licensed comics, stuff we still publish to this day—*Star Trek*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, *Godzilla*.

The letters in the company name stand for **Idea Design Works**, and those words are as much of a mission as a description of our products. For what are comics but ideas designed into works of art? As an employee here, I can have an idea, I can design its intent, and I can work to make it happen. **IDW**.

For IDW as a publisher, it's been a little bit of "anything goes" for the past two and a half decades. The company has a history of adventure and experimentation. We also have a history of engaging with great talent to achieve those things—talent in all aspects of the business, at the drawing board and in the office. Look at the credits pages in each comic, and you'll see a lot of talented people banding together to bring you the best comics. Writers, artists, editors, production people, marketers, salespeople, accountants, shipping and receiving—it takes a lot of people to bring you the comic you hold in your hands.

We do it because we love it. It's not always easy, and it's not guaranteed to be fun, but at the end of the day, we have something we are proud of, which we hope will entertain you. So, really, we aren't celebrating the time it took us to get here, but rather how all of that time has given us a foundation to keep doing this for the next 25 years and beyond.

Thanks for being a part of it with us.

Jamie S. Rich
editor-in-chief

