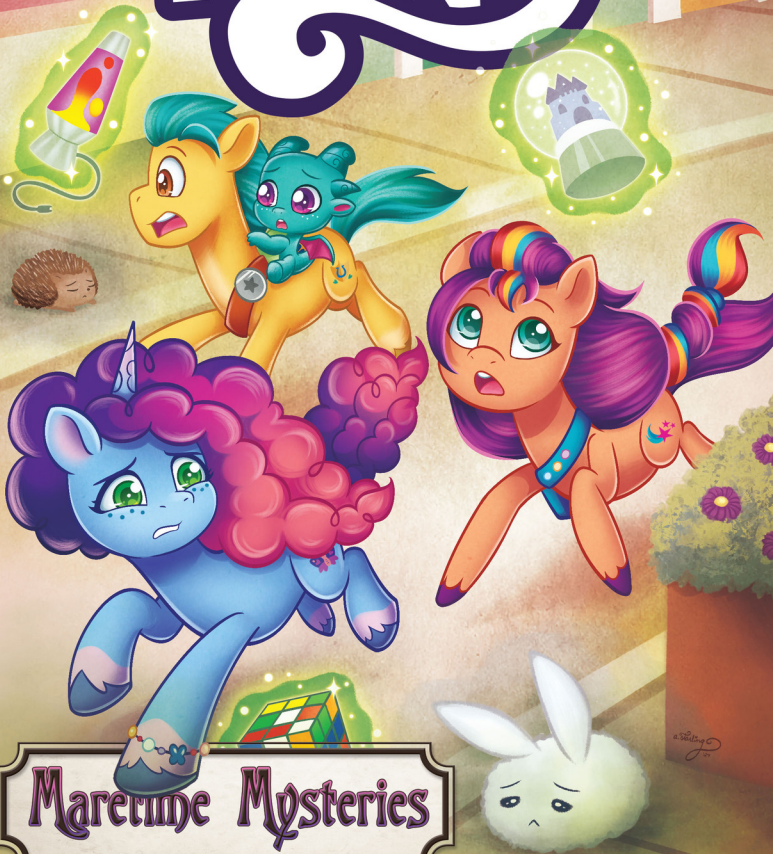


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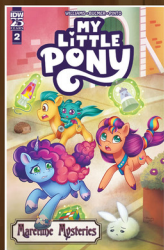
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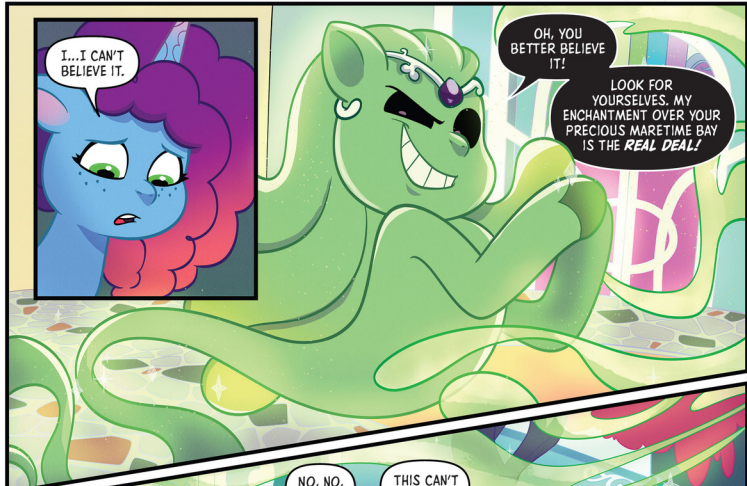


HOLD ON, YOU MEAN THIS ENCHANTMENT IS FOR REAL?!

WHAT?! I THOUGHT THIS WAS JUST SOME OLD BOARD GAME!

ENCHANTMENT?! AS IN A CURSE?!

WOW, IT FEELS GOOD TO BE FREED FROM THAT GAME!



I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

OH, YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT!

LOOK FOR YOURSELVES. MY ENCHANTMENT OVER YOUR PRECIOUS MARETIME BAY IS THE REAL DEAL!



NO, NO, NO, NO.

THIS CAN'T BE GOOD.

WAIT, LOOK--

*IT'S LIKE WE'RE UNDER
A CRYSTAL DOME!*







CONFIDENT.
I LIKE THAT. I'VE
WAITED AGES FOR
A PONY JUST
LIKE YOU.



NOW, LISTEN UP,
BECAUSE I WON'T GO
OVER THE RULES
TWICE.

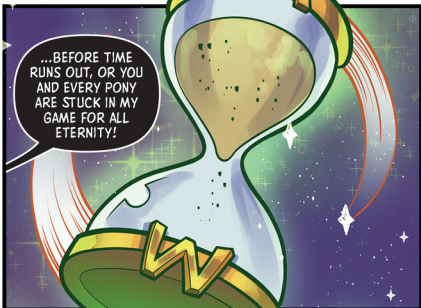
RULE ONE, YOU
CANNOT LEAVE THIS
AREA. EVEN IF YOU TRY,
THE SPELL WON'T
ALLOW IT.



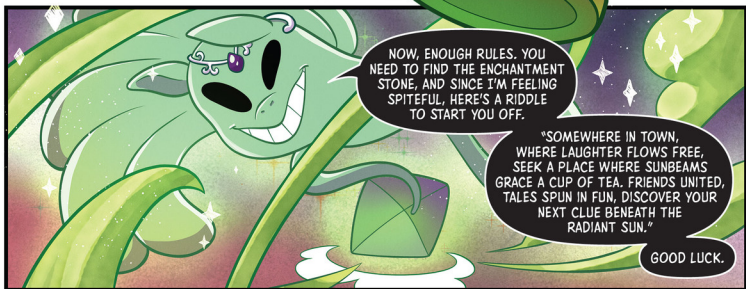
RULE TWO, THERE
WILL BE NO OUTSIDE
HELP. YOU MUST RELY ON
ONE ANOTHER AND **ONLY**
ONE ANOTHER.



RULE THREE,
YOU MUST BREAK
THE SPELL...



...BEFORE TIME
RUNS OUT, OR YOU
AND EVERY PONY
ARE STUCK IN MY
GAME FOR ALL
ETERNITY!



NOW, ENOUGH RULES. YOU
NEED TO FIND THE ENCHANTMENT
STONE, AND SINCE I'M FEELING
SPITEFUL, HERE'S A RIDDLE
TO START YOU OFF.

"SOMEWHERE IN TOWN,
WHERE LAUGHTER FLOWS FREE,
SEEK A PLACE WHERE SUNBEAMS
GRACE A CUP OF TEA. FRIENDS UNITED,
TALES SPUN IN FUN, DISCOVER YOUR
NEXT CLUE BENEATH THE
RADIANT SUN."

GOOD LUCK.



SO, WE CAN'T LEAVE MARETIME BAY AND NO OUTSIDE HELP. GREAT.


AND WE MUST RELY ON ONE ANOTHER TO FIND THIS STONE.

KINDA WISH ZIPP WERE HERE.




ME TOO, HITCH.


ALL RIGHT, LET'S THINK. SOMEWHERE IN TOWN *WHERE LAUGHTER FLOWS FREE...



I MEAN, THAT COULD BE ANYWHERE IN MARETIME BAY, DEPENDING ON WHO YOU'RE HANGING OUT WITH.

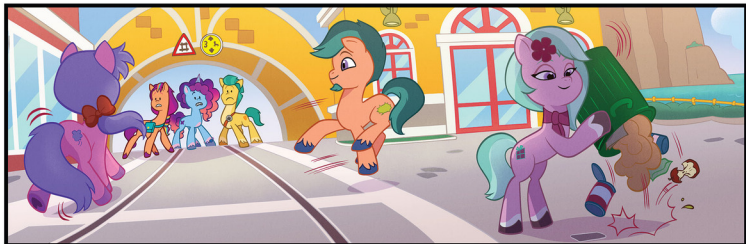


TRUE, THOUGH WE CAN DEFINITELY RULE OUT THE DENTIST.



UNLESS YOU'RE TALKING LAUGHING GAS.







NOW COME ON. THE CAFE IS UP AHEAD.



DING

CLOSED!



HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIND A CLUE IN HERE?

MAYBE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO LOOK FOR SOMETHING WITH A SUN ON IT?

OR LOOK WHERE THE SUN IS SHINING?



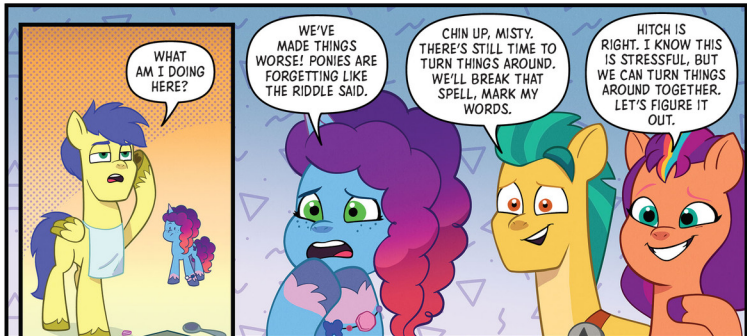
LOOK! "DISCOVER YOUR NEXT CLUE BENEATH THE RADIANT SUN."

THAT TABLE OVER THERE!

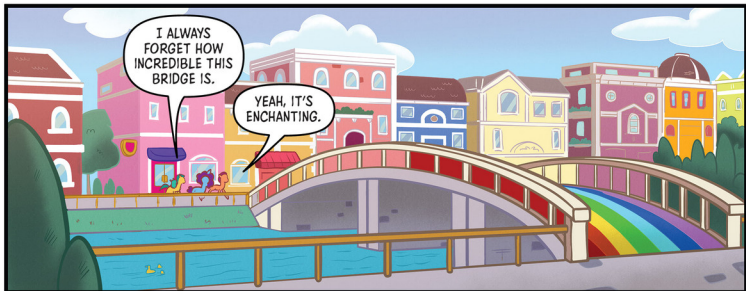


GO ON, SPARKY, SEE IF YOU CAN FIND ANYTHING DOWN THERE.









I ALWAYS FORGET HOW INCREDIBLE THIS BRIDGE IS.

YEAH, IT'S ENCHANTING.



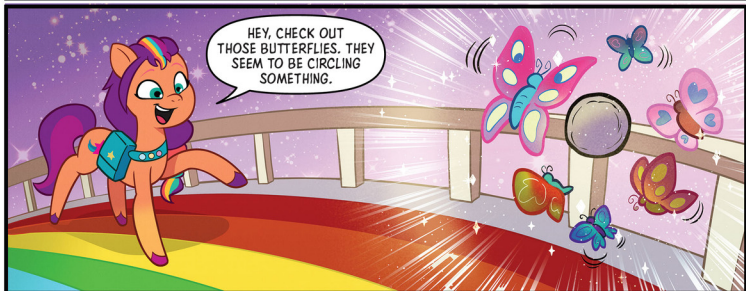
SORRY, WRONG CHOICE OF WORDS.



I'M SURPRISED I DIDN'T STUMBLE ACROSS THIS BRIDGE BEFORE. LIKE, HOW CAN YOU MISS IT?



OKAY, GANG, WE'VE GOT ANOTHER CLUE TO FIND. EVERYBODY SPREAD OUT.



HEY, CHECK OUT THOSE BUTTERFLIES. THEY SEEM TO BE CIRCLING SOMETHING.



LOOK, ANOTHER CARD!

LET'S SEE WHAT IT SAYS.



"IT'S TIME TO INCREASE YOUR WORRY, AS THINGS GO TOSPY-TURVY. GO DOWN BY THE SHORE, WHERE THERE'S TREASURE FROM THE OCEAN DEEP AND WHERE WATER DANCES AND SEASHELLS SLEEP.

"LISTEN CLOSELY TO ITS SPOUT, FOR THERE YOUR NEXT CLUE SWIRLS ABOUT."

THAT FIRST PART DOESN'T SOUND GOOD AT ALL.



IT DOESN'T, BUT LET'S KEEP OUR FOCUS ON FIGURING OUT THE RIDDLE AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN.

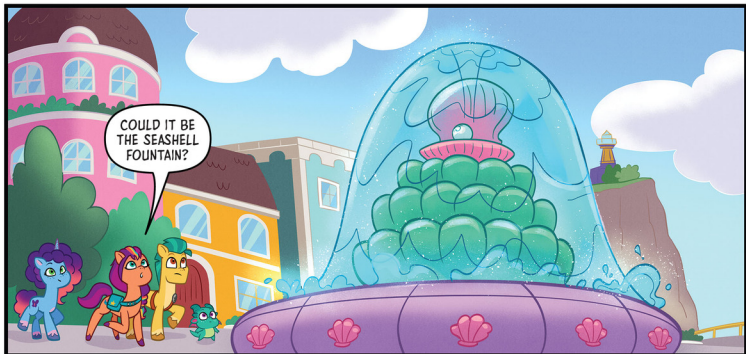
WELL, WE KNOW IT'S BY WATER.



THERE'S A STREAM DOWN BELOW. MAYBE WE CAN FIND IT DOWN THERE?







COULD IT BE THE SEASHELL FOUNTAIN?



IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL.



HOLD ON, THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE THE SEASHELL.



WHAT'S IT SAY?

"CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'VE COME THIS FAR, SO NOW I MUST RAISE THE BAR. ABOVE THE STREETS, WHERE TIME TICKS AND TOCKS, A GUARDIAN OF MOMENTS, PERCHED ON A BOX.

"LOOK HIGH WHERE IT CHIMES, YOUR JOURNEY'S END, WHERE HANDS MEET AND MESSAGES SEND."





"LOOK HIGH WHERE IT CHIMES, YOUR JOURNEY'S END, WHERE HANDS MEET AND MESSAGES SEND!"

THIS HAS TO BE IT!

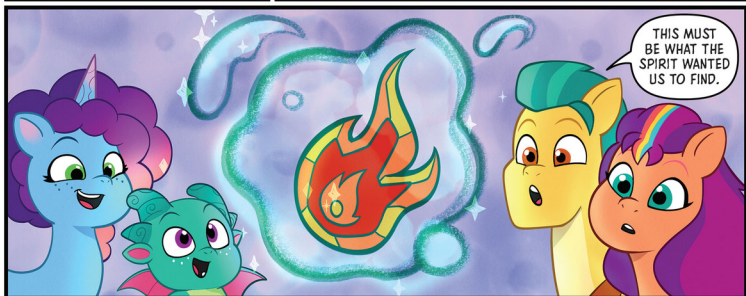
THE GOOD OL' POST OFFICE.



AND THERE'S SOMETHING STUCK TO THE CLOCK FACE!




I THINK I CAN GET IT DOWN.



THIS MUST BE WHAT THE SPIRIT WANTED US TO FIND.





OH, I MOST CERTAINLY WILL, AS YOUR TIME IS ALMOST DONE, SO LISTEN UP.

"WHERE HISTORY'S SECRETS HIDE AND TALES OF OLD RESIDE, IN THE HEART OF THE TOWN, WHERE STORIES ARE OUR GUIDE. LOOK FOR THE KEY THAT'S LOST IN TIME, WHERE LEGENDS INTERTWINE, TO UNVEIL THE GEM'S ORIGIN, A KEEPER YOU'LL NEED TO FIND."

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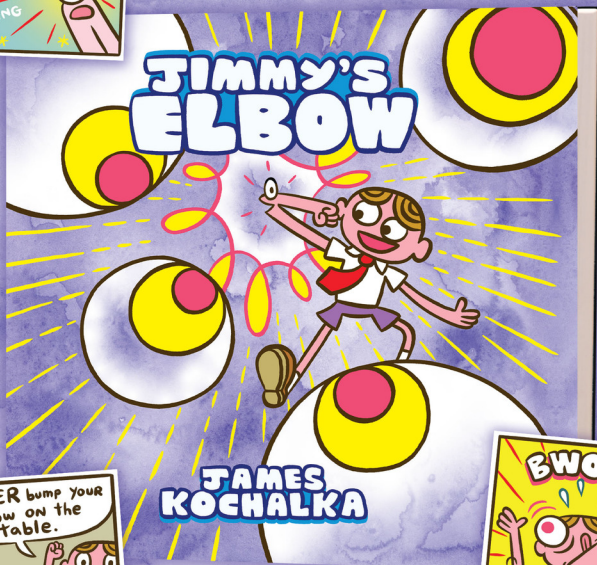


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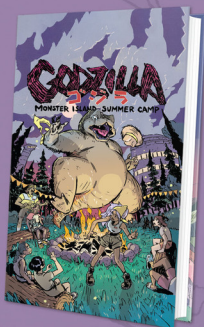
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Look, I know every day is someone's birthday, and the calendar could be packed full commemorating historical events and movie release dates and what have you.

But from IDW's perspective, we are turning 25 this year and Godzilla is turning 70 and, wow, I got my first job in comics in 1994, so for me, this is year 30!

You're reading this in July, though, and that means we are smack-dab in the middle of our big *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* celebration. It's been 40 years since Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird shared their unique creation with the world, publishing the very first issue of their black-and-white comic. It's a wonderful thing to see two friends cook up a crazy idea together, put everything they had into making it a reality, and then have the audience respond to their creation with never-ending enthusiasm.

We have a lot going on this year, but this month, in particular, we are staking a claim on the comics racks.

First up, the *TMNT 40th Anniversary Celebration*, an 80-page anthology of brand-new stories paying tribute to the grand history of the Turtles, from those early days in *Mirage*, into other media, and ending up at IDW, where the fellas have lived for over a decade. We have reached out to so many talented people and asked them to come back and visit again: Jim Lawson; Tristan Jones and Paul Harmon; Erik Burnham and Sarah Myer; Lloyd Goldfine, Khary Randolph, and Emilio Lopez; Tom Waltz and Michael Dyalynas; Ciro Nitti; Ronda Pattison and Pablo Tunica; Andy Suriano; and many more. Plus, they'll be covers by the likes of the Escorza Brothers, Ben Bishop, Michael Cho, Vincenzo Federici, Michael Dooney, and the almighty Simon Bisley!

And the cherry on top is a never-before-seen cover by **Eastman** and **Laird** themselves.

No celebration is just about the past, however; we have to think about the future. In this case especially, the best way to honor Eastman and Laird is to continue in their great tradition and keep telling exciting stories with the characters they brought to life.

We are starting a brand-new ongoing *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* series with writer Jason Aaron at the helm. You may know him from *Thor* or *Scalped* or *Action Comics* or so many others. He's kind of a big deal, and that means pairing him with other big deals. This new #1 will feature art by *Lady Killer* and *Wonder Girl* creator Joëlle Jones, as the two of them catch up with Raphael, who has somehow ended up in prison! When mysterious ninja attack, we'll quickly learn that all is not as it seems.

This will be followed by a trio of amazing artists paired with their favorite characters: Rafael Albuquerque (*American Vampire*) and Michaelangelo; Cliff Chiang (*Paper Girls*) and Leonardo; and Chris Burnham (*Doom Patrol*) returns to finish Donnie's story, which he and Jason started in *TMNT: Alpha*.

If you love *TMNT*, these two books will remind you of every reason why. If you've never read a *TMNT* comic before, then wow, are you about to discover your new favorite thing! Just the same way so many other folks did back in 1984.

James S. Rich
Editor-in-chief

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