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I CAN TELL THAT I BILGED YOUR ANCHORS. YOU ONLY JUST LEARNED WE EXISTED AND HERE WE ARE, PONYNAPPING YOU AND ASKING YOU TO ♪WORK TOGETHER, MAKE IT BETTER! ♪

YOU'RE A PIPSQUEAK! BUT...HOW DO YOU EVEN HEAR MY MUSIC DOWN HERE? OR HAVE A RADIO STATION?



THESE LITTLE GUYS ARE **ANTENTACLES**. THEY CARRY OUR RADIO SIGNALS ALL AROUND THE SEA **AND** PICK UP SOME FROM ABOVE. I RECRUITED SOME EXTRAS, JUST IN CASE YOU DECIDED TO BROADCAST WITH US, PIPP.

THEY'RE **SUCH BABIES!!!**

HI, BABIES!



WE'RE BIG FANS...YOU'RE AN INSPIRATION. BEEN LISTENING TO YOU SINCE I WAS FIN HIGH TO A SEAGRASSHOPPER. USED TO MAKE EVERYPONY WATCH ME PERFORM YOUR SONGS ON--



--MY STAGE! NOT THAT I WANTED TO BE A POP STAR. I WANTED TO BE A CAPTAIN WHEN I GREW UP, BUT STARBOARD BEAT ME TO IT.

WAIT, YOU TWO ARE THE SAME AGE?!



WE WEATHER THE SEA'S STORMS IN OUR OWN WAYS-- JUST LIKE THIS HULKIN' HEAP OF A SHIP.

IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT IT'S OURS.

NOT IF THE SHINING SEA HAS ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WELL, THEY THINK WE HAVE SOMETHIN' THEY WANT: THE SHADOW SEA'S ANCHOR, THE **SHADOW PEARL**.

AND WHY WOULD THEY THINK *THAT*? I MEAN, NO OFFENSE, BUT IT'S NOT AS IF YOU GUYS ARE, UM, LIVING THE FIVE-STAR LIFESTYLE.



SHINING SEA ALWAYS BLAMED US--SAID *WE* CAUSED THE DARKNESS SWALLOWIN' UP THE OCEANS AND TRIED TO TAKE OUR ANCHOR.

WE WEREN'T BUT LITTLE GILLIES AT THE TIME. MOST OF US COULD BARELY SWIM ON OUR OWN...



...OUR PARENTS GOT US OUT, TO THIS VERY SHIP. WE *THINK* THEY WENT BACK TO HELP, BUT WE NEVER SAW ANY OF THEM AGAIN.

I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT THEY LOOKED LIKE.



CALLA LILY THINKS WE MUST STILL HAVE THE SHADOW PEARL, BUT IF WE DID? THAT WOULD MEAN WE HAD *MAGIC*. THAT WE COULD **REBUILD OUR KINGDOM**.

OR, AT THE VERY LEAST, OUR GALLANT GALLOPING GHOST GALLEON.

THE TRUTH IS, WE DON'T HAVE ANSWERS, PRINCESS. WE BARELY KNOW WHO WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE. BUT WE DO KNOW ONE THING--



--WE ARE *NOT* VILLAINS.

AND THAT'S WHY YOU NEED ME--AS A SORT OF **UNDERWATER INFLUENCER**.

CREEPING JENNY'S BOOKS HELPED FOR A BIT, BUT NOW THEY SEEM CORRUPTED, TOO!



...WELL, PRINCESS, WE'RE GONNA NEED *YOUR* HELP AND NOT JUST UNDERWATER.

'CAUSE WHAT CALLA LILY PLANS TO DO WON'T JUST BE *OUR* PROBLEM.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



FOLLOW ME.



CALLA LILY HAS **SIX** OF THE SEVEN ANCHORS. SHE WANTS THEM ALL BECAUSE SHE THINKS IT'LL GIVE HER POWER OVER ALL THE SEAS, HELP RESTORE THINGS TO THE WAY THEY USED TO BE, BUT...

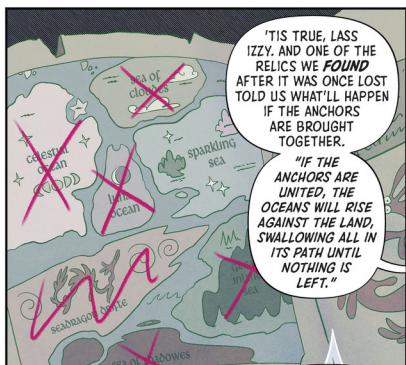
...WE'VE FOUND LOTS OF **WEIRD** STUFF OVER THE YEARS...STUFF PROBABLY LEFT BY OUR PARENTS OR MAYBE JUST LOST?



OOH! STUFF THAT WAS IN A TREASURE CHEST SOMEONY BURIED IN THE WOODS AND DREW A MAP TO FIND, BUT THE MAP WAS DESTROYED IN A FREAK ACCIDENT AND--

IZZY, PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE.

PIPP, EVERYPONY KNOWS **REAL** PIRATES ALL LOSE THEIR TREASURE AT LEAST ONCE.



'TIS TRUE, LASS IZZY, AND ONE OF THE RELICS WE **FOUND** AFTER IT WAS ONCE LOST TOLD US WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF THE ANCHORS ARE BROUGHT TOGETHER.

"IF THE ANCHORS ARE UNITED, THE OCEANS WILL RISE AGAINST THE LAND, SWALLOWING ALL IN ITS PATH UNTIL NOTHING IS LEFT."



"MOST OF THE OTHERS HAVE FALLEN, THEIR ANCHORS PILFERED AND KINGDOMS IN RUIN. AN ILL TIDE WHISPERED OUR FATE. WE GATHERED OUR MOST **PRECIOUS** TREASURE AND HID IT AWAY. MAY WE ONE DAY SET OUR SAILS AGAIN."



THAT IS **NOTHING** LIKE THE UNITY CRYSTALS.

YEAH, THAT'S THE **DISUNITY** CRYSTALS.

EXACTLY.



NAH. IT'S **OUR** TREASURE.

IS THAT THE TREASURE THE CAPTAIN'S LOG WAS TALKING ABOUT?

THE SPARKLING SEA HAS RAIDED OUR SHIP SO MANY TIMES THAT I STARTED KEEPING THE CREW'S **FAVORITE THINGS** IN HERE.

IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT IT MATTERS TO US, AND THEY **TRUST ME** TO HOLD IT.



I CAN'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU'VE ALL BEEN THROUGH. IT'S LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A STORY...

LIKE IN *GALLOPING GHOST MYSTERIES 4: TRENCHPONY PARLAY*, HOW YOU WERE A GAGGLE OF SCRAPPY OCEANIC ORPHANS WHO WOULD GROW UP TO BE THE HEROES OF THE HIGH SEAS?



IZZY!

NO, IT'S FINE-- GREAT, ACTUALLY. CREEPING JENNY *DID* WRITE THOSE TO KEEP OUR SPIRITS UP.



I STILL THINK IT'S *AWFULLY* SUSPICIOUS HOW THE TRENCHPONIES WENT FROM BEING THE GOOD GILLS TO THE BAD GILLS...

IZZY, NOT THIS AGAIN!



ON THE CONTRARY, DEAR HEART. I'D CERTAINLY *LOVE* FOR YOU TO *START*...



HMMM.

FLASH



!!INTERESTING.



DETECTIVE
ZIPP MODE, FULLY
ACTIVE--

OOF!



AH--!
I WAS BACKING
UP AND--

I THOUGHT--



I WAS JUST--

I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT LIKE
A CORAL BREW LATTE,
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE
YOU'RE BUSY.



SOMETHING'S
FISHY HERE, AND IT'S
NOT MY TAIL. WE
NEED TO TALK.



...FINE, BUT
I STILL WANT
COFFEE.

LEAD
THE WAY.



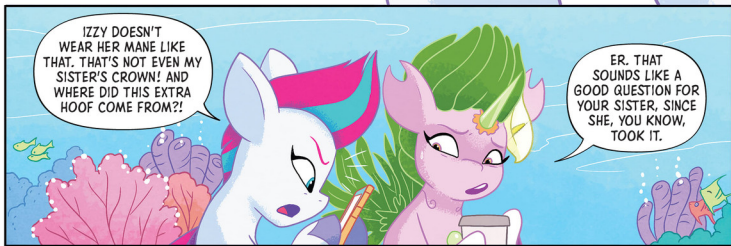
THIS CHANDELIER HAS MORE LIGHTS THAN IT SHOULD...SEE? THERE ARE **16** GLOWING LANTERNFISH BUT ONLY **FIVE** LANTERNS.

THAT PAINTING IS SO **SMOOTH** AND **SOMEHOW BLURRY**. THERE AREN'T ANY BRUSH MARKS!

AND THIS! OH--



SCROLLED TOO FAR, THAT'S THE PIC PIPP AND IZZY SENT WHEN THEY GOT HERE. **WAIT A SEC!**



IZZY DOESN'T WEAR HER MANE LIKE THAT. THAT'S NOT EVEN MY SISTER'S CROWN! AND WHERE DID THIS EXTRA HOOF COME FROM?!

ER. THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD QUESTION FOR YOUR SISTER, SINCE SHE, YOU KNOW, TOOK IT.



YEAH, I'D LOVE TO ASK HER. IT'S BEEN ALMOST A WHOLE DAY AT THIS POINT. I WOULD'VE THOUGHT SHE'D BE BACK FROM HER TOUR OF THE SPARKLING SEA ALREADY.

WHERE IS SHE? OR MAYBE THAT'S A BETTER QUESTION FOR **YOUR** SISTER.

CAN YOU HONESTLY TELL ME EVERYTHING'S FINE? BECAUSE FROM WHERE I'M SWIMMING...



...IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT WAY.

MY FLOWER... WAS FAKE?



LET'S GO TALK TO CALLA LILY.







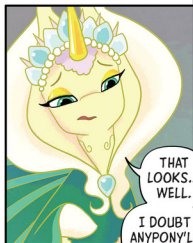
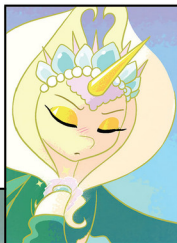
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ANOTHER ONE? THESE ENCHANTMENTS ARE WEARING OFF FASTER EACH TIME...



HA! MOM NEVER DID LIKE THAT WE MESSED UP HER MURAL WITH OUR FINPRINTS. SAID WE SHOULDN'T COVER UP OUR LEGACY, THE ONE MEANT TO **PROTECT THE SEAS.**

I'M DOING MY BEST, MOM.

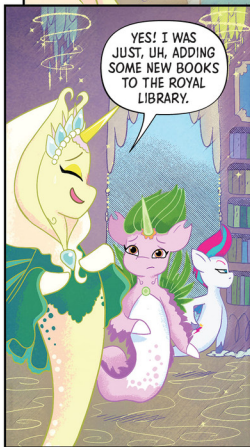


THAT LOOKS... WELL...

I DOUBT ANYONY'LL NOTICE.



SIS? YOU HERE?



YES! I WAS JUST, UH, ADDING SOME NEW BOOKS TO THE ROYAL LIBRARY.



ANYTHING GOOD?

NO!



I MEAN-- I'M STILL... UM, ALPHABETIZING THEM, AND I DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY PLACE.

WHAT, UH...WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, PRINCESS?

ER... ZIPP WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING. DO YOU HAVE TIME?





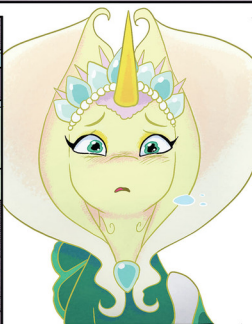


"LONG AGO
THE SEAS WERE FULL
OF WONDER AND HOPE,
HOPE AND..."

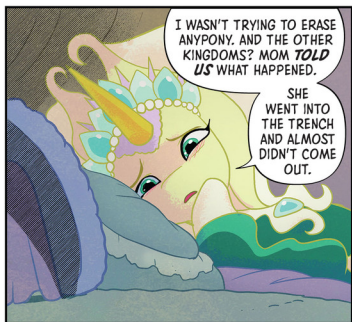
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AND HOPE, HOPE
AND..."

"HOPE AND..."

CRISK!!!



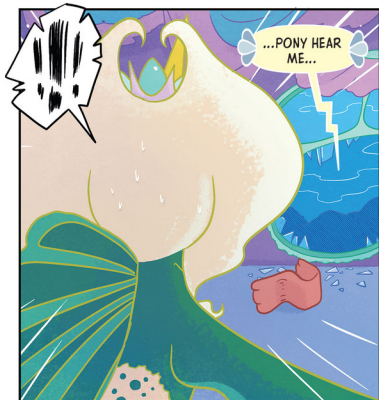
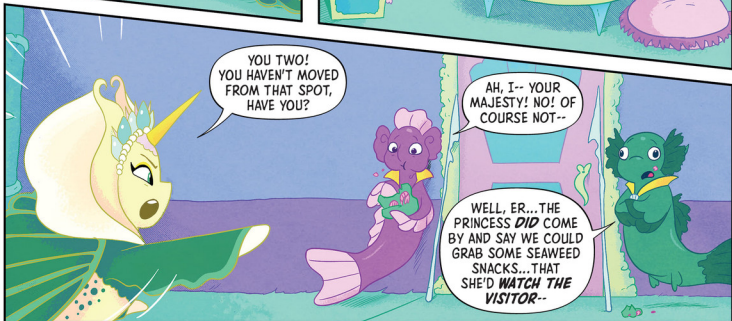
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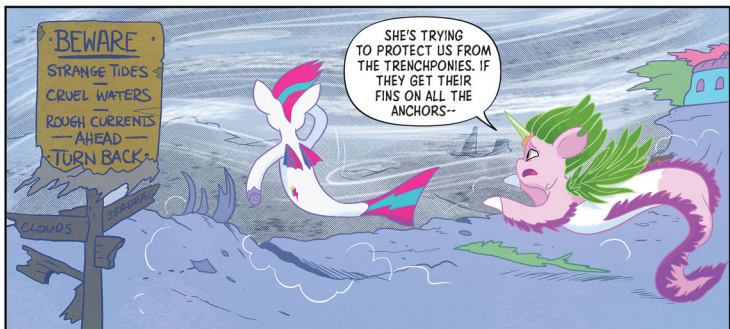


I WASN'T TRYING TO ERASE
ANYPONY. AND THE OTHER
KINGDOMS? MOM **TOLD**
US WHAT HAPPENED.

SHE
WENT INTO THE TRENCH
AND ALMOST
DIDN'T COME
OUT.









BUT HOW DO YOU **KNOW** THE TRENCHPONIES REALLY TRIED TO STEAL THOSE ANCHORS IN THE FIRST PLACE?

BECAUSE OUR MOM ALWAYS TOLD US! AND HER MOM TOLD HER, AND HER MOM TOLD HER--

--PLUS, CREEPING JENNY'S LATEST BOOK IS PRETTY **ADAMANT** ON THE SUBJECT.



MY FRIEND WAS PRETTY **ADAMANT** THAT BOOK HAD TO BE WRITTEN BY A FRAUD. AND YOUR SISTER JUST **HAPPENS** TO HAVE A SPELL THAT CAN MAKE THINGS OUT OF NOTHING.



BUT WHY WOULD SHE WORK SO HARD TO KEEP UP THE LIE? WHY WOULD YOUR MOM?



...BECAUSE OTHERWISE **WE'RE** THE REASON THE SEVEN SEAS IS LIKE THIS. DARK AND COLD AND--AND **UNCONNECTED**.

WE'RE THE REASON MAGIC'S ALL **MESSED UP**.

AND IF **WE'RE** THE ONES WHO'VE BEEN HOLDING ON TO THE ANCHORS, THEN MAYBE...MAYBE **WE'RE** THE ONES WHO **STOLE THEM** IN THE FIRST PLACE.

ANEMONE...



IS THIS THING EVEN ON?

G00000DDDD MORNINGGGGGGG, SPARKLING SEA!!!!!!!!!!

IZZY, NOT SO LOUD!



THAT'S MY SISTER! AND IZZY! WHAT-- WHERE'S THIS SIGNAL COMING FROM?

THEY DON'T TRAVEL TOO FAR FROM THE SOURCE. C'MON!



ANYWAY, THIS IS **PRINCESS PIPP PETALS**, BROADCASTING FROM PIRATE RADIO.

YOU MIGHT KNOW ME FROM HITS LIKE "GLOWIN' UP" OR MY NEWEST SINGLE "SET YOUR SAIL--"

PSST!
PIPP!!!

ER, SORRY.
HABIT!

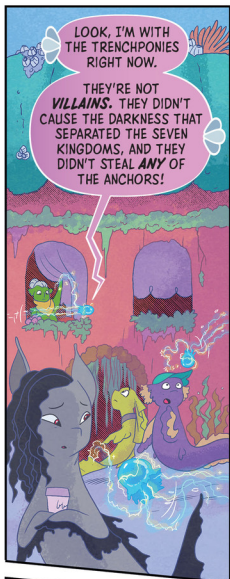


I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THE **TRUTH** ABOUT THE QUEEN OF THE SPARKLING SEA.

SHE HASN'T BEEN PROTECTING YOU FROM DARKNESS. SHE'S BEEN TRYING TO COLLECT THE ANCHORS OF THE SEVEN SEAS FOR HERSELF!

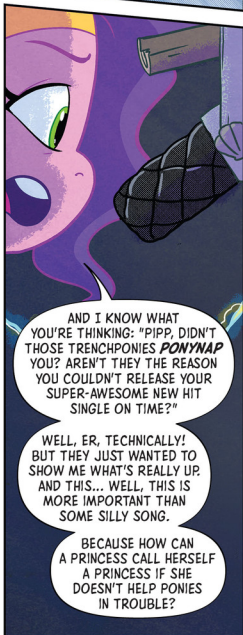
AND EVERYPONY WHO'S **ANYPONY** KNOWS THAT FORCING THE POWER OF THE SEVEN SEAS TOGETHER IS GONNA BE **WORLD-SHATTERINGLY, ABSO-POSITIVELY CATASTROPHIC--**

THANK YOU, IZZY, FOR THAT TOTALLY LEVEL-HEADED AND NOT AT ALL OMINOUS WARNING!



LOOK, I'M WITH THE TRENCHPONIES RIGHT NOW.

THEY'RE NOT **VILLAINS**. THEY DIDN'T CAUSE THE DARKNESS THAT SEPARATED THE SEVEN KINGDOMS, AND THEY DIDN'T STEAL **ANY** OF THE ANCHORS!



AND I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING: "PIPP, DIDN'T THOSE TRENCHPONIES **PONYNAP** YOU? AREN'T THEY THE REASON YOU COULDN'T RELEASE YOUR SUPER-AWESOME NEW HIT SINGLE ON TIME?"

WELL, ER, TECHNICALLY! BUT THEY JUST WANTED TO SHOW ME WHAT'S REALLY UP. AND THIS... WELL, THIS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SOME SILLY SONG.

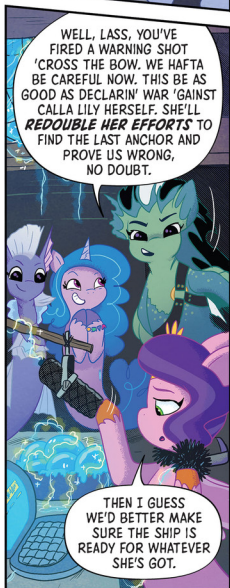
BECAUSE HOW CAN A PRINCESS CALL HERSELF A PRINCESS IF SHE DOESN'T HELP PONIES IN TROUBLE?



A REAL PRINCESS DOES WHAT'S RIGHT, EVEN IF IT'S HARD. **ESPECIALLY** WHEN IT'S HARD.

I'M ASKING EVERYPONY LISTENING...DO YOU THINK QUEEN CALLA LILY IS DOING WHAT'S RIGHT? OR DO YOU THINK SHE'S DOING WHAT'S **EASY**?

THIS IS PIPP PETALS, SIGNING OFF...BUT **NOT** SHIPPING OUT. I'LL BE HERE TO LEND A FIN TO MY NEW FRIENDS. I HOPE YOU'LL JOIN ME.



WELL, LASS, YOU'VE FIRED A WARNING SHOT 'CROSS THE BOW. WE HAFTA BE CAREFUL NOW. THIS BE AS GOOD AS DECLARIN' WAR 'GAINST CALLA LILY HERSELF. SHE'LL **REDOUBLE HER EFFORTS** TO FIND THE LAST ANCHOR AND PROVE US WRONG, NO DOUBT.

THEN I GUESS WE'D BETTER MAKE SURE THE SHIP IS READY FOR WHATEVER SHE'S GOT.



HOW COULD ANEMONE JUST LEAVE?!

IT'S FINE. IT'S...

I COULD TRY TO SCOUR THE GALLOPING GHOST GALLEON AGAIN... BUT WHAT'S THE USE! THOSE WATERLOGGED TRENCHPONIES DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE THEIR ANCHOR IS.

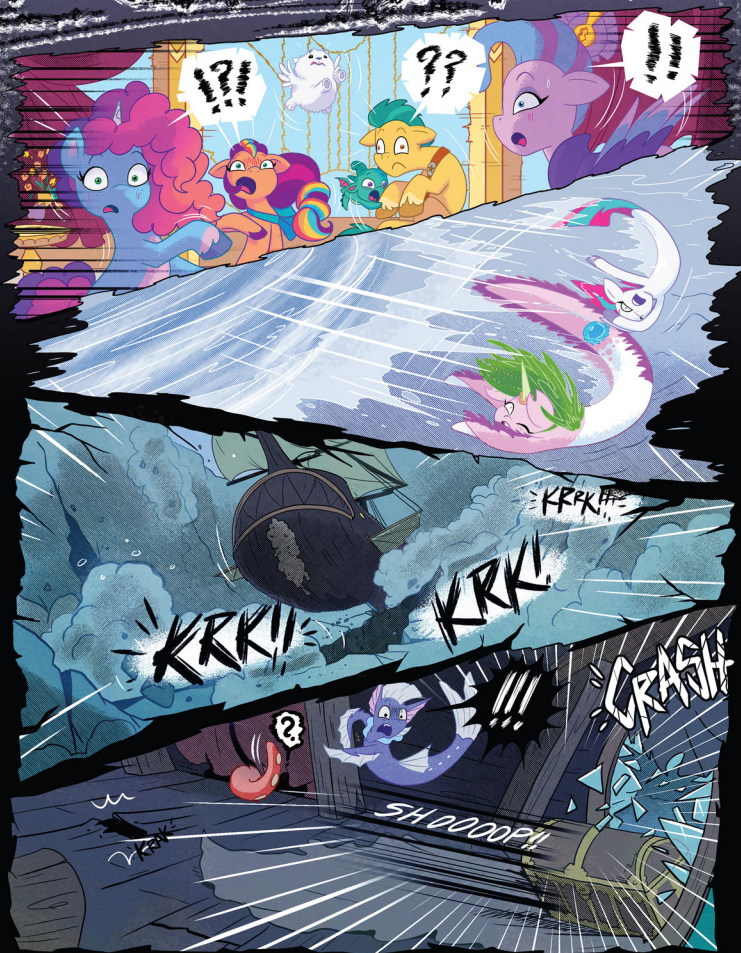
...I REALLY DID THINK WE COULD LEARN FROM THE LAND PONIES. ALL THOSE RUMORS ABOUT THE *UNITY CRYSTAL* CHANGING EQUESTRIA...

...WELL. MAYBE IT'S TIME I STOP PLAYING AROUND AND TAKE MATTERS INTO MY OWN FINS.

I'VE MADE PLANTS AND ANIMALS. I'VE FIXED BUILDINGS. I'VE KEPT THE SPARKLING SEA FROM FALLING APART, LIKE MY MOTHER AND HER MOTHER BEFORE.

...HOW HARD COULD ONE MEASLY LITTLE *SHADOW PEARL* BE?







"...AND THAT'S TO GO DOWN
THERE YOURSELVES."



TO BE CONTINUED...

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Tell YOUR Tale!

A MY LITTLE PONY LETTERS COLUMN

Are you *SQUID-ing me*? Izzy and Pipp are getting the word out as Zipp and Anemone cross the storms to find them... and all of this comm-OCEAN because of Calla Lily. What do you think is going to happen when she tries to recreate the Shadow Pearl? Let us know by sending an email to MyLittlePony@idwpublishing.com and be sure to mark it "OKAY TO PRINT"!

Also, please join us in sending a huge round of applause to the *Set Your Sail* crew—Casey Gilly, Megan Brown, Amy Mebberson, and Reggie Graham—for another kill-er issue!

Now, it's o-FISH-aly time to open our mail!

Hi, IDW!

My name is Callie. I am 10 years old and I love My Little Pony!

I watch all the shows, movies, and have been reading and collecting every MLP comic for almost 2 years now! Sunny and Twilight Sparkle are my two favorites! I roller skate and wear lots of hair ties just like Sunny. I like to learn new things and read just like Twilight Sparkle. I like that they are both adventurous and always helping their friends.

I can't wait to see what new MLP comics and shows come out next!

Hope you like my drawing!

Love,
Callie



Hi Callie,

We are honored to have such an amazing fan as yourself! We're also huge fans of Sunny and Twilight Sparkle—I wish they could meet, since I think they would get along!

Your love of roller skating is inspiring, we might need to organize our very own Kenbucky Derby—with helmets of course! Thank you so much for writing us and we hope you enjoy the upcoming comics!



As a transgender man, I'm able to see a lot of myself in Hitch. It brings me so much joy to be able to connect with a pony in the main cast like that, something I was never able to do in past generations. I love how his character has developed and matured through the comics so far, as well as his friendships with the other ponies.

My partner and I take trips to our local comic shop each month, each getting our own copy of the comics so we can collect different cover variants and read them at the same time. When everything else

in the world is too hard, it's nice to know that I can step away from it all for fifteen minutes or so and spend it with my little pony friends.

Comic days are some of the best days.

Hi David,

We can't tell you how much it means to us to hear that you and your partner resonate so deeply with our comics! It's fans like you that make ponies like Hitch so important to us.

I'm glad that the magical stories we pour into the pages can provide such comfort! We'll be thinking of you!



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2024 IS A BIG YEAR FOR ANNIVERSARIES.

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 Dialynas; Ciro Nieli; 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 Joelle 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.

Jamie S. Rich
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