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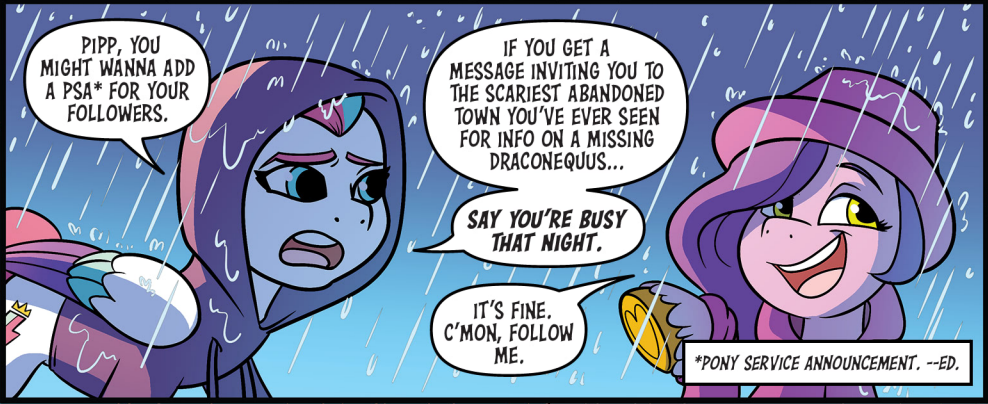


PIPPSQUEAKS, OUR SEARCH FOR DISCORD HAS BROUGHT US WAY OUT TO THE COAST. IF I DON'T CHECK IN SOON OR...

HEH.

...ANYTHING WEIRD HAPPENS, YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND ME.

I HOPE!



PIPP, YOU MIGHT WANNA ADD A PSA\* FOR YOUR FOLLOWERS.

IF YOU GET A MESSAGE INVITING YOU TO THE SCARIEST ABANDONED TOWN YOU'VE EVER SEEN FOR INFO ON A MISSING DRACONEQUUS...

SAY YOU'RE BUSY THAT NIGHT.

IT'S FINE. C'MON, FOLLOW ME.

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SOME PONY NEEDS TO KNOCK.

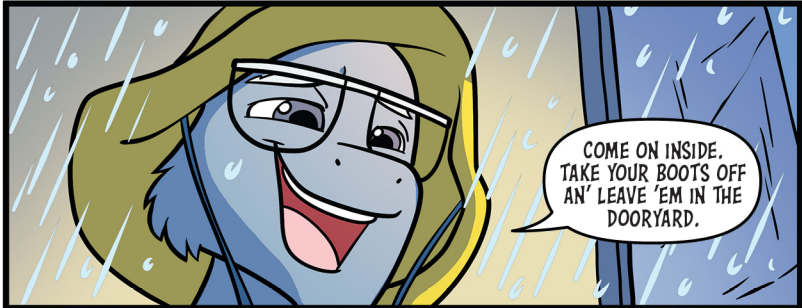
I'M FREEZING MY FLANKS OFF. DETECTIVE ZIPP?

I'M IN OBSERVATION MODE, PIPP? THIS WAS YOUR IDEA.

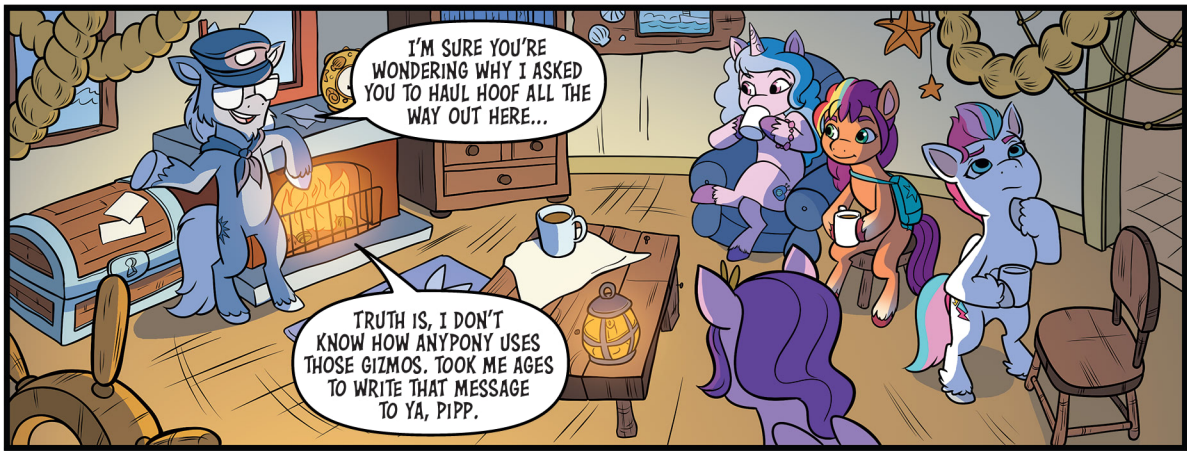
FOR HOOFNESS SAKE--



WELL NOW!



COME ON INSIDE. TAKE YOUR BOOTS OFF AN' LEAVE 'EM IN THE DOORYARD.



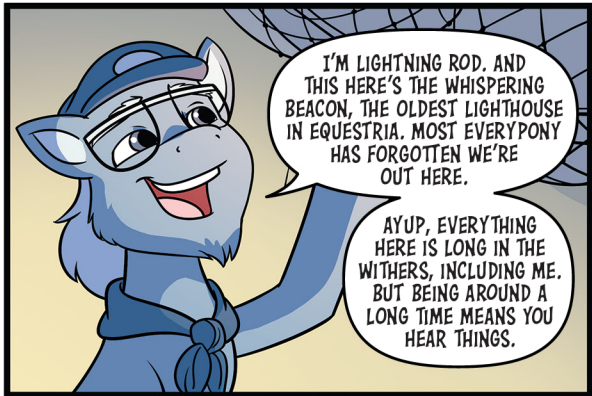
I'M SURE YOU'RE WONDERING WHY I ASKED YOU TO HAUL HOOF ALL THE WAY OUT HERE...

TRUTH IS, I DON'T KNOW HOW ANY PONY USES THOSE GIZMOS. TOOK ME AGES TO WRITE THAT MESSAGE TO YA, PIPP.



THANKS FOR SENDING IT--WAIT! YOU NEVER TOLD US YOUR NAME!

Have some information on the whereabouts of a certain lord of chaos. Meet me.  
Signed,  
A Friend



I'M LIGHTNING ROD. AND THIS HERE'S THE WHISPERING BEACON, THE OLDEST LIGHTHOUSE IN EQUESTRIA. MOST EVERY PONY HAS FORGOTTEN WE'RE OUT HERE.

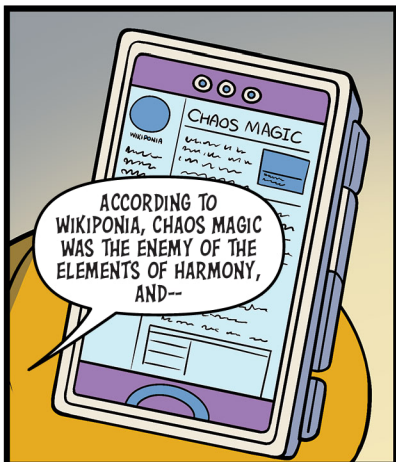
AY UP, EVERYTHING HERE IS LONG IN THE WITHERS, INCLUDING ME. BUT BEING AROUND A LONG TIME MEANS YOU HEAR THINGS.



THINGS ABOUT DISCORD?

HARD TELLIN' NOT KNOWIN', BUT MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, I KNOW A LEGEND THAT CAN GUIDE YOUR SHIP TO PORT, SO TO SPEAK.

TELL ME... WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CHAOS MAGIC?



ACCORDING TO WIKIPONIA, CHAOS MAGIC WAS THE ENEMY OF THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY, AND--



--WAIT, I COULD'VE READ THIS AT HOME AND SAVED MY MANE FROM SALT WATER DAMAGE. I WANNA KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT CHAOS MAGIC.



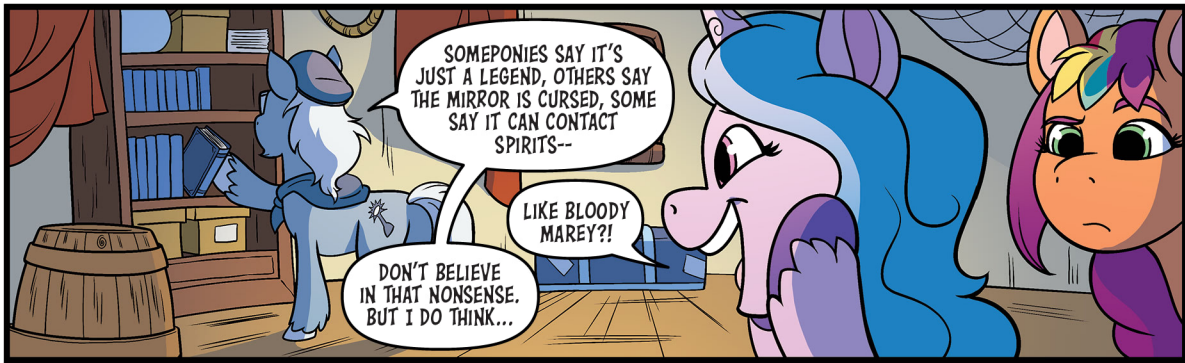
YOU EVER HEAR ABOUT THE MIRROR OF MAYHEM?

DON'T BOTHA LOOKIN' 'EM UP ON YOUR PHONES, WON'T BE NOTHIN' THERE.



I DON'T THINK SO...

YOU SURE YOU'VE NEVER HEARD ABOUT THE BAD LUCK IT BRINGS? ABOUT THE TOWN IT DESTROYED?



SOMEPONIES SAY IT'S JUST A LEGEND, OTHERS SAY THE MIRROR IS CURSED, SOME SAY IT CAN CONTACT SPIRITS--

LIKE BLOODY MAREY??

DON'T BELIEVE IN THAT NONSENSE. BUT I DO THINK...



SCARY STORY TIME!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, LIGHTNING ROD? WHAT'S BEHIND THE MIRROR OF MAYHEM?

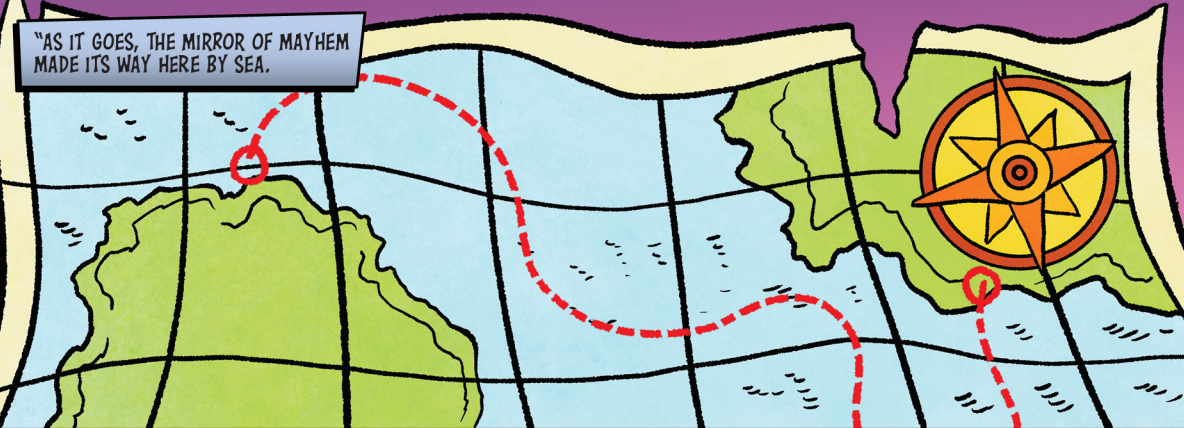
I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S A CERTAIN LORD OF CHAOS.

Lightning  
Rod  
*and the*  
Mirror  
*of* Mayhem

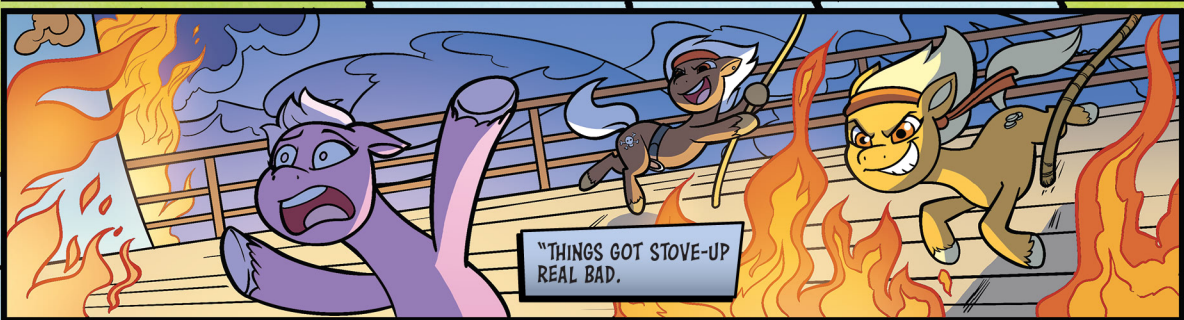


# YE OLDE CURSES

"AS IT GOES, THE MIRROR OF MAYHEM MADE ITS WAY HERE BY SEA.



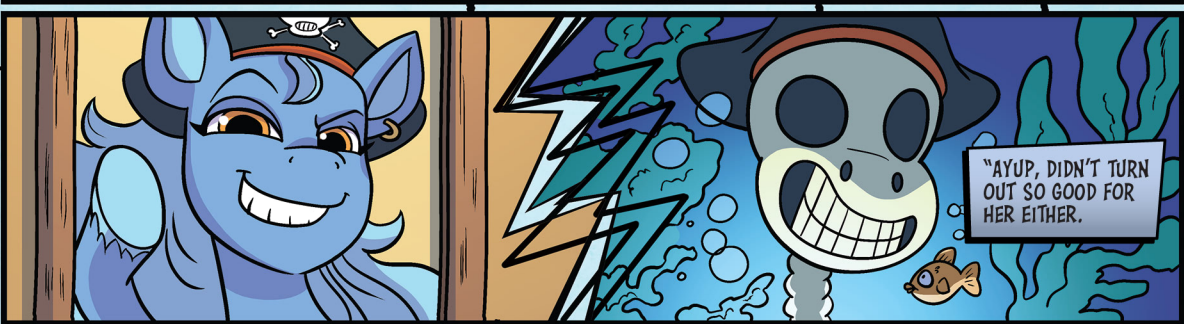
"NOPONY KNOWS WHERE IT CAME FROM, BUT WHEN THE SHIP PICKED UP THE CARGO HOLDIN' THE MIRROR...



"THINGS GOT STOVE-UP REAL BAD.



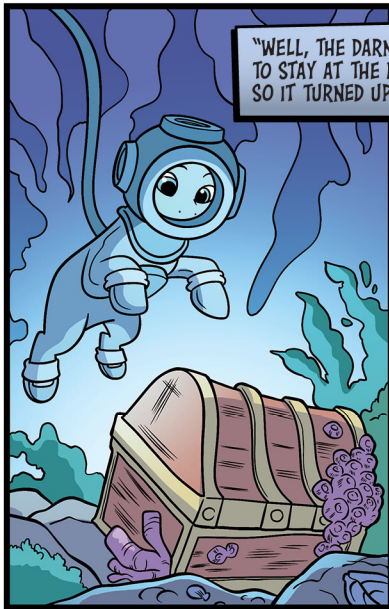
"THEY SAY A PIRATE BY THE NAME OF CAPTAIN CANNON BONE KEPT THE MIRROR FOR HERSELF.



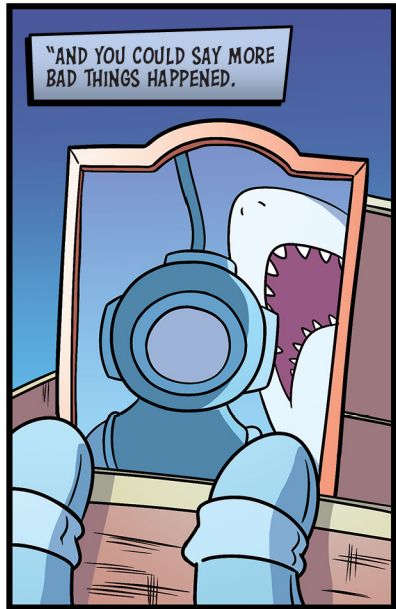
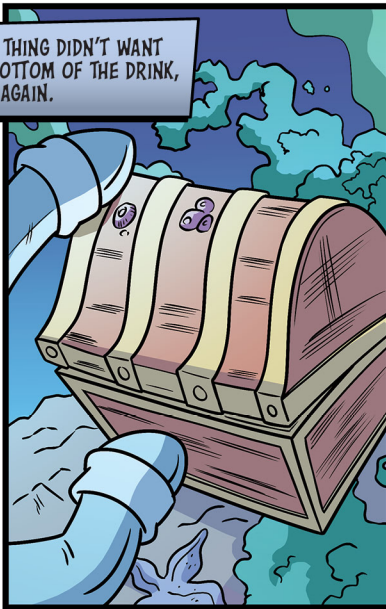
"AYUP, DIDN'T TURN OUT SO GOOD FOR HER EITHER.



# MORE CURSES



"WELL, THE DARN THING DIDN'T WANT TO STAY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DRINK, SO IT TURNED UP AGAIN."



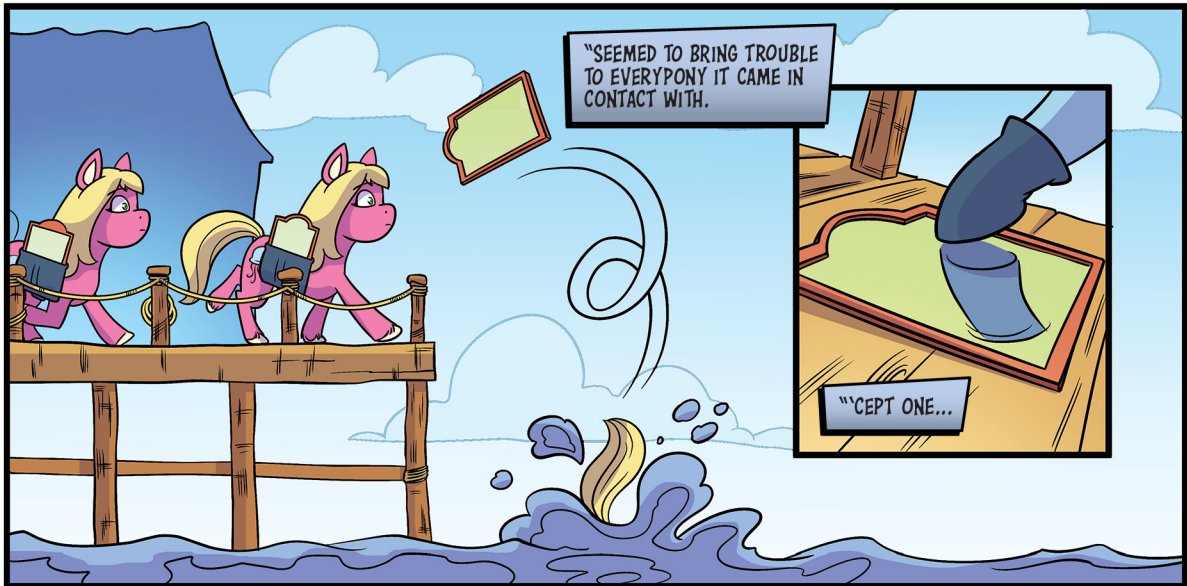
"AND YOU COULD SAY MORE BAD THINGS HAPPENED."



"THE MIRROR RESURFACED A BIT LATER, FINALLY HAVING MADE ITS WAY TO DRY LAND."



"YESSAH, THAT GHASTLY GLASS SURE HAD A WAY ABOUT IT."



"SEEMED TO BRING TROUBLE TO EVERYPONY IT CAME IN CONTACT WITH."



"'CEPT ONE..."



"...FET LOCKLAND. USED TO BE ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST PONIES IN THESE PARTS. OPENED HIS SHOP RIGHT OVER IN CANDLEBRIGHT COVE.



"LOTSA YARNS ABOUT LOCKLAND, YESSAH. THEY SAID ALL HIS BITS CAME FROM CHAOS MAGIC.



"BUT HE DID EARN QUITE A BIT SELLING THE MIRROR.



"IN FACT..."



"...HE SOLD IT A FEW TIMES.

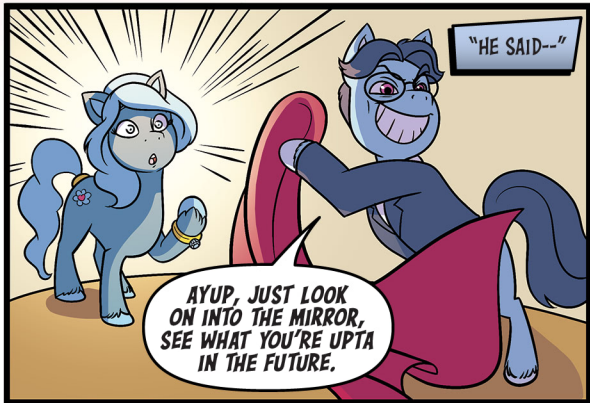


# YE OLDE LEGENDS

"WHERE EVERYPONY HAD NOTHING BUT ROTTEN LUCK, LOCKLAND DOWNRIGHT *FLOURISHED*."

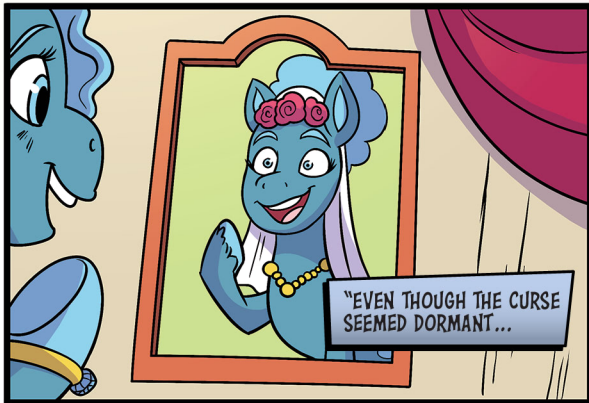


"STARTED CHARGIN' TO SEE THE *MIRROR OF MAYHEM*, AS HE CALLED IT."

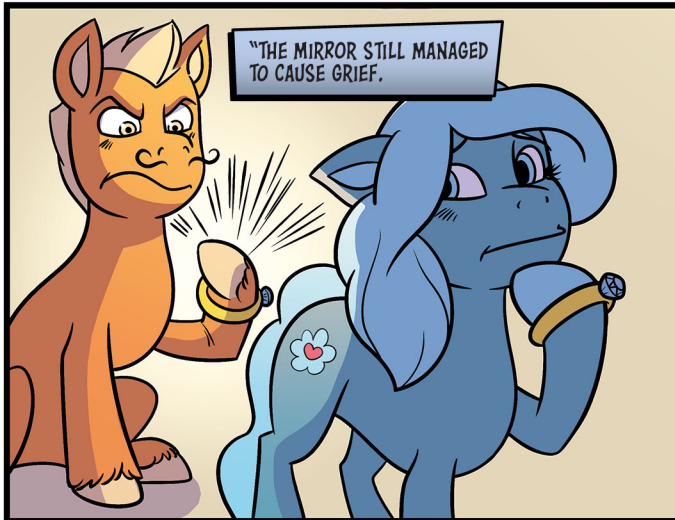


"HE SAID--"

AYUP, JUST LOOK ON INTO THE MIRROR, SEE WHAT YOU'RE UPTA IN THE FUTURE.



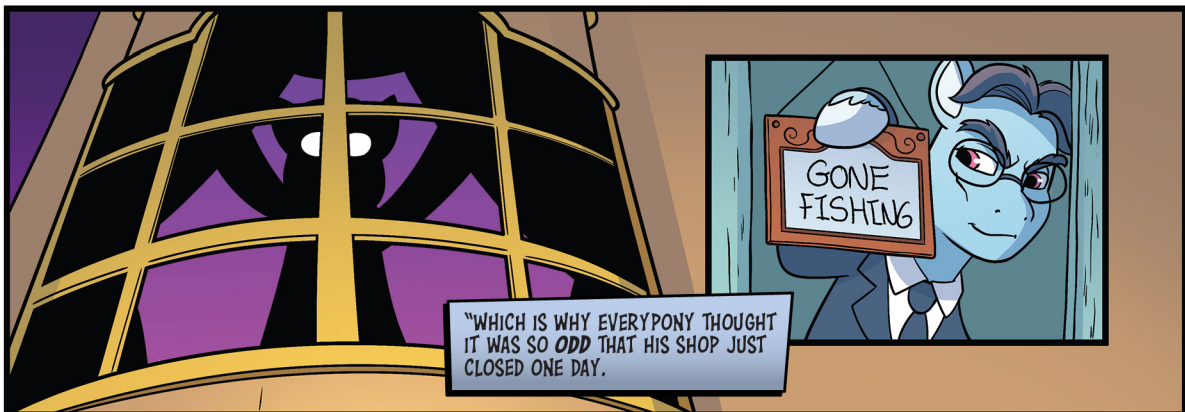
"EVEN THOUGH THE CURSE SEEMED DORMANT..."



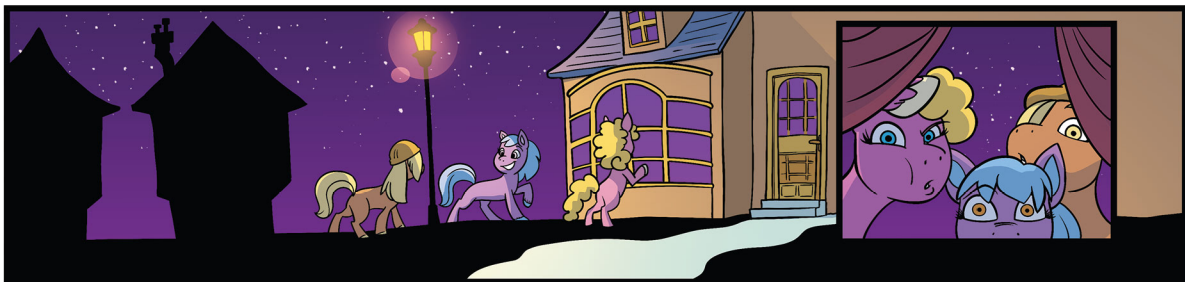
"THE MIRROR STILL MANAGED TO CAUSE GRIEF."



"AND MADE LOCKLAND *VERY RICH*."



"WHICH IS WHY EVERYPONY THOUGHT IT WAS SO ODD THAT HIS SHOP JUST CLOSED ONE DAY."



"BUT LOCKLAND HADN'T GONE ANYWHERE."

"AT LEAST, NOWHERE ANYPONY HAD GONE BEFORE."



"AND WHEREVER THAT WAS, IT SCARED FOLKS SOMETHIN' AWFUL."





FIGURED I'D ANSWER THE EASY QUESTION FIRST.

ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING YOU WERE BUZZIN' AROUND HERE LIKE A BEE IN A MITTEN.



HA. I'M SORT OF A DETECTIVE, AND WHEN I CAN'T CRACK A CASE, I JUST GET A LITTLE...



TELL ME WHO, TELL ME WHERE, TELL ME **NOOOW!**

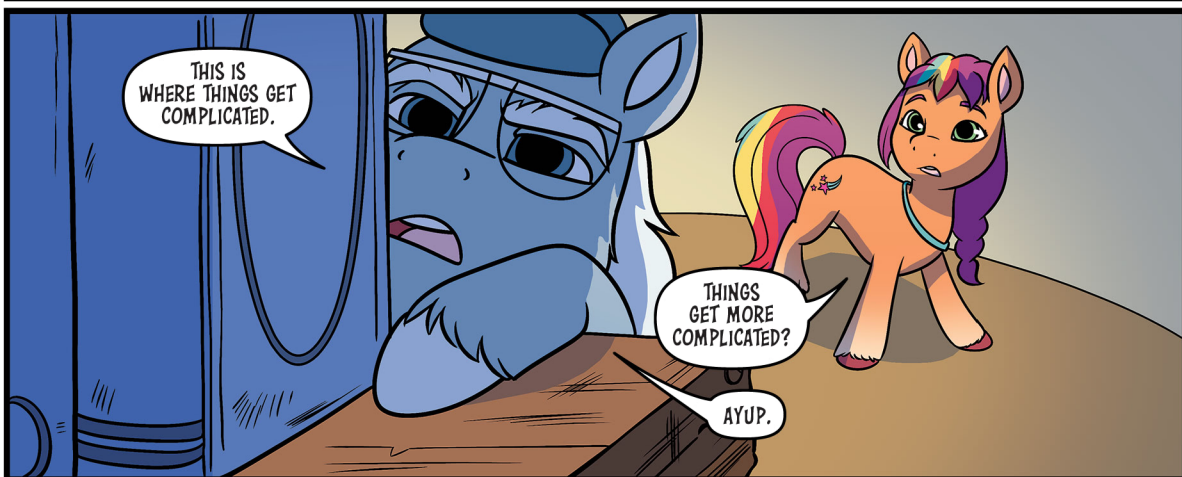


OH, FOR HOOFNESS SAKE! OKAY, OKAY, I'LL CHILL.



BUT WE STILL DO NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DISCORD!

AS I WAS SAYING...



THIS IS WHERE THINGS GET COMPLICATED.

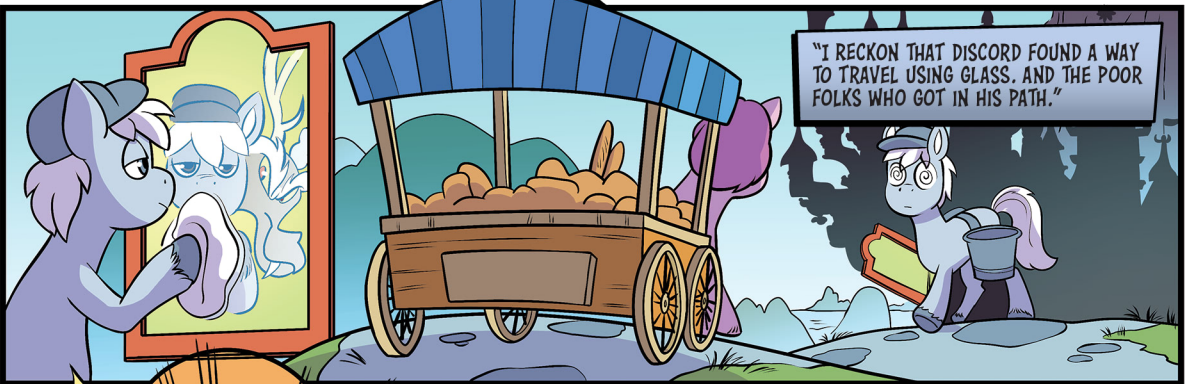
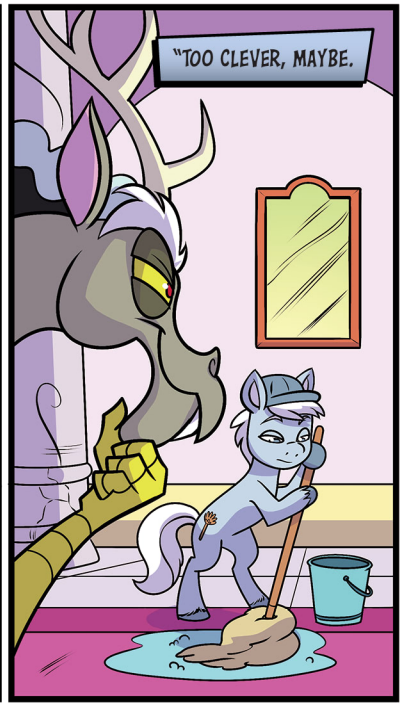
THINGS GET MORE COMPLICATED?

AYUP.

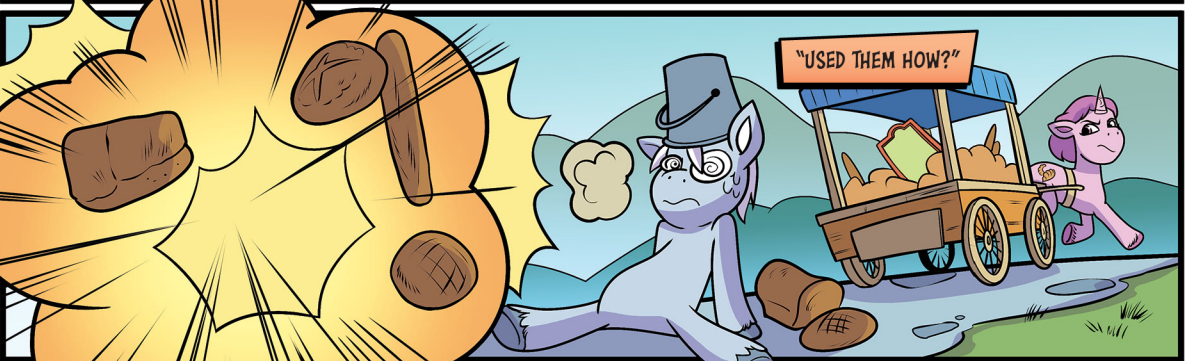
"EVEN THOUGH CELESTIA AND LUNA IMPRISONED HIM, DISCORD FOUND A WAY AROUND IT."

"HE'S ALWAYS BEEN A CLEVER ONE."

"TOO CLEVER, MAYBE."



"I RECKON THAT DISCORD FOUND A WAY TO TRAVEL USING GLASS. AND THE POOR FOLKS WHO GOT IN HIS PATH."



"USED THEM HOW?"

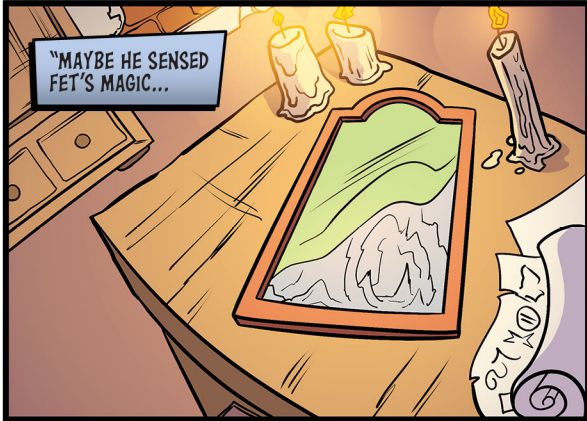


"THAT NASTY FELLOW DRAWS HIS ENERGY FROM THE HAVOC HE CREATES. WHILE HIS SPIRIT HIDES SOMEWHERE SAFE, HE SPREADS TROUBLE."

"AND WITH THAT ESCAPE, HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO BECOMING UNSTOPPABLE."



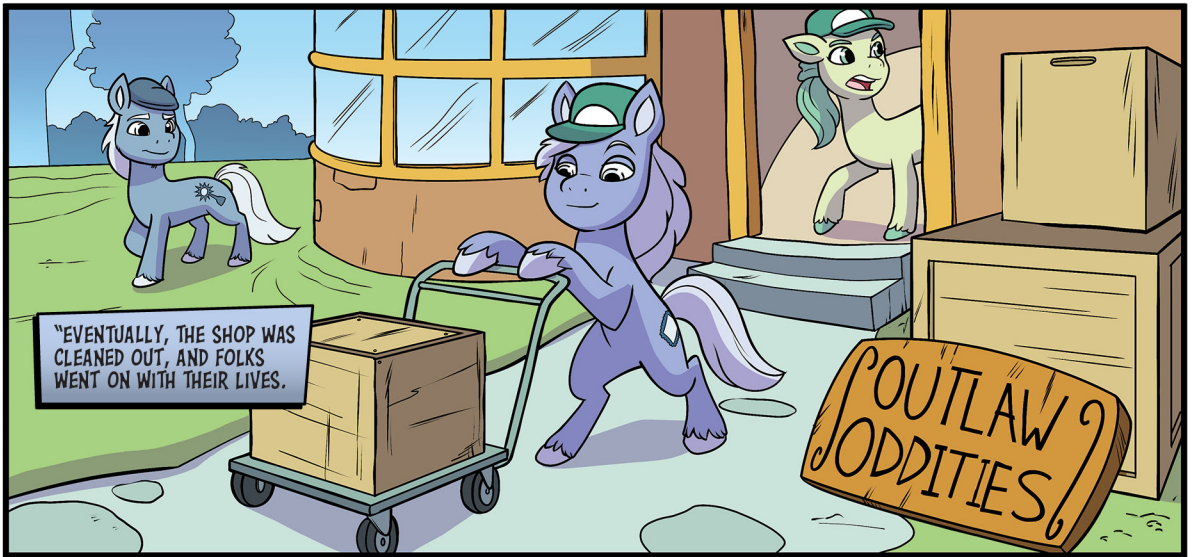
"HE MADE HIS WAY HERE."



"MAYBE HE SENSED FET'S MAGIC..."



"...AND TOOK THOSE POWERS FOR HIMSELF."



"EVENTUALLY, THE SHOP WAS CLEANED OUT, AND FOLKS WENT ON WITH THEIR LIVES."

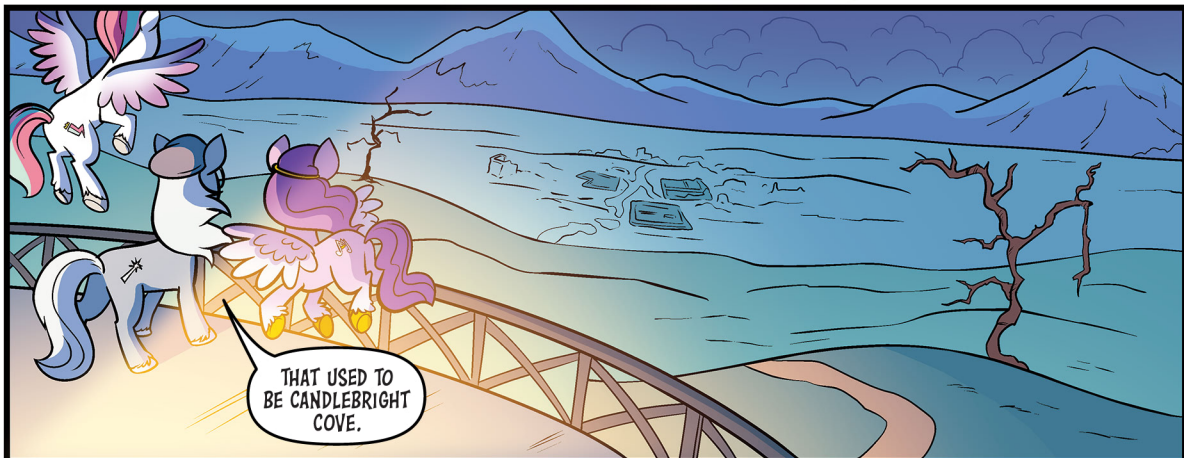
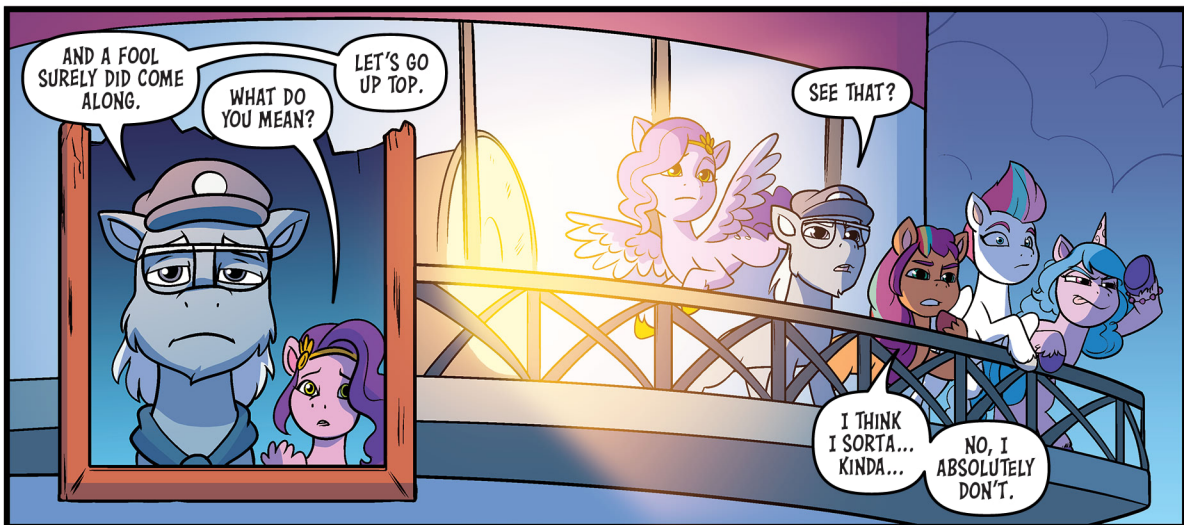


"BUT DISCORD WAS STILL WAITING..."



"...FOR SOME NAIVE FOOL TO COME ALONG."



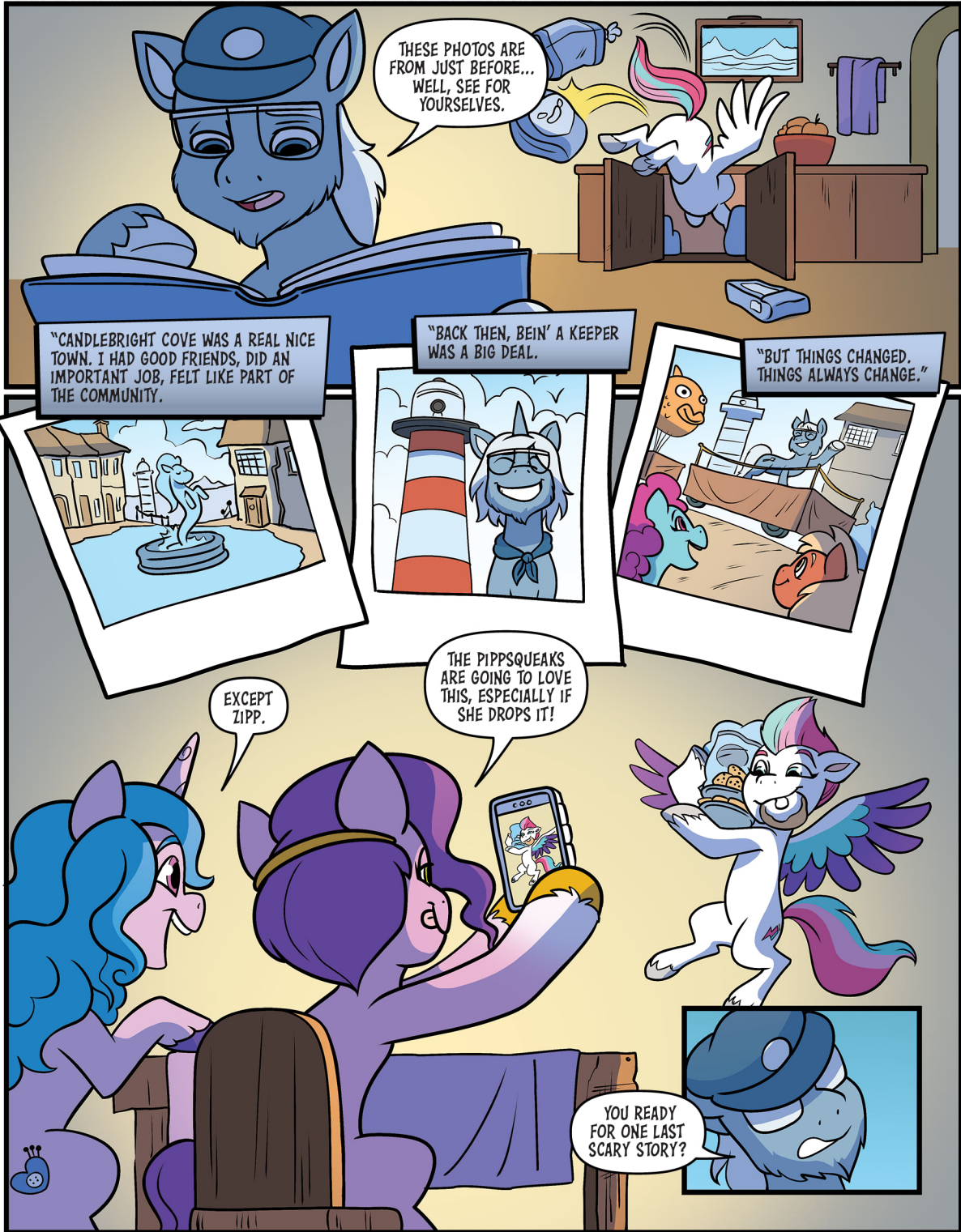




I KNEW WHEN I SENT THAT EMAIL THAT I WAS READY TO COME CLEAN, BUT--

DO YOU MIND IF I JUST... Y'KNOW...

I'M ALL MUGUP FROM THE HOT COCOA, BUT HELP YOURSELF.



THESE PHOTOS ARE FROM JUST BEFORE... WELL, SEE FOR YOURSELVES.

"CANDLEBRIGHT COVE WAS A REAL NICE TOWN. I HAD GOOD FRIENDS, DID AN IMPORTANT JOB, FELT LIKE PART OF THE COMMUNITY.

"BACK THEN, BEIN' A KEEPER WAS A BIG DEAL.

"BUT THINGS CHANGED. THINGS ALWAYS CHANGE."

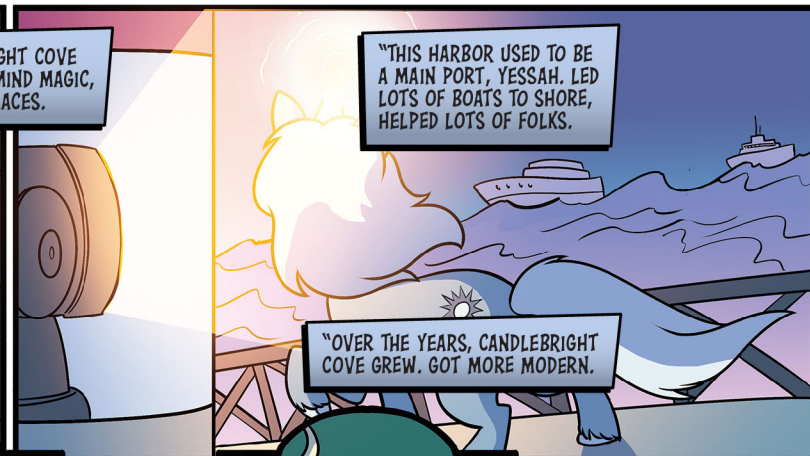
EXCEPT ZIPP.

THE PIPPSQUEAKS ARE GOING TO LOVE THIS, ESPECIALLY IF SHE DROPS IT!

YOU READY FOR ONE LAST SCARY STORY?



"I CAME TO CANDLEBRIGHT COVE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T MIND MAGIC, UNLIKE SOME OTHER PLACES."



"THIS HARBOR USED TO BE A MAIN PORT, YESSAH. LED LOTS OF BOATS TO SHORE, HELPED LOTS OF FOLKS."

"OVER THE YEARS, CANDLEBRIGHT COVE GREW. GOT MORE MODERN."



"TECHNOLOGY MEANT BOATS WERE GUIDED DIFFERENTLY, DIDN'T NEED AN OLD LIGHTHOUSE ANYMORE."



"OR THE KEEPER."

"I DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO MOVE DOWN THE ROAD A PIECE. DIDN'T WANT TO STICK AROUND TO WATCH MYSELF BECOME OBSOLETE."



"AND THEN..."



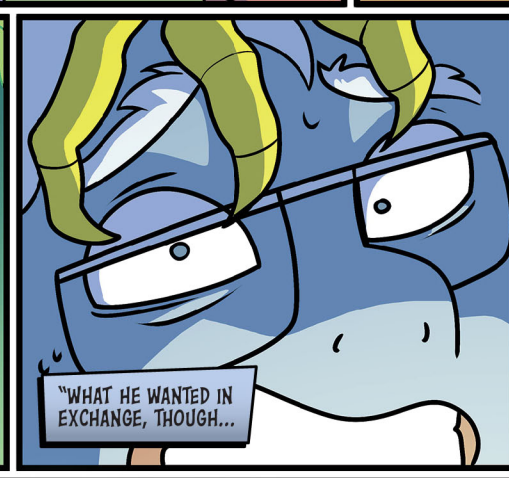
"...I'D HAD THE THING FOR YEARS, NOTHING BAD HAD EVER HAPPENED, UNTIL THAT DAY IN MY LIGHTHOUSE."



YESS, *YOUR* LIGHTHOUSE..."



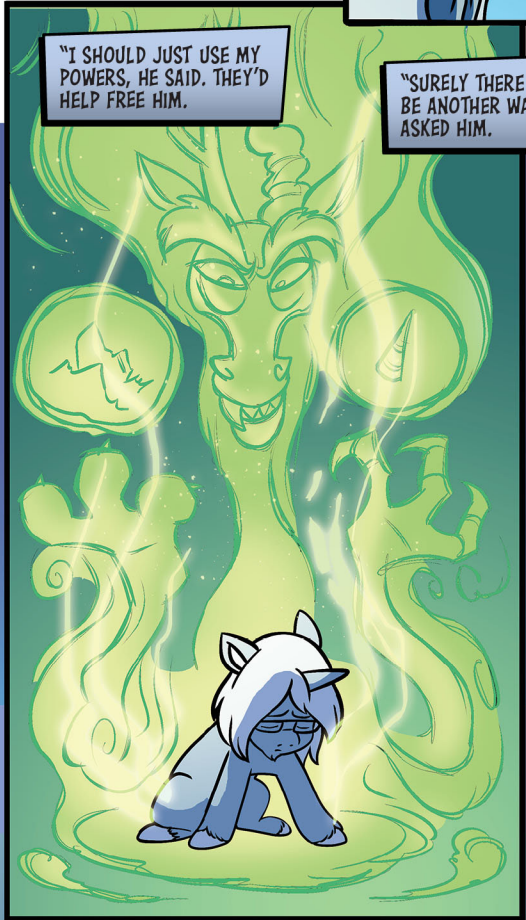
"HE SAID HE'D MAKE SURE THE TOWN ALWAYS NEEDED ME, THAT I'D ALWAYS HAVE A HOME."



"WHAT HE WANTED IN EXCHANGE, THOUGH..."

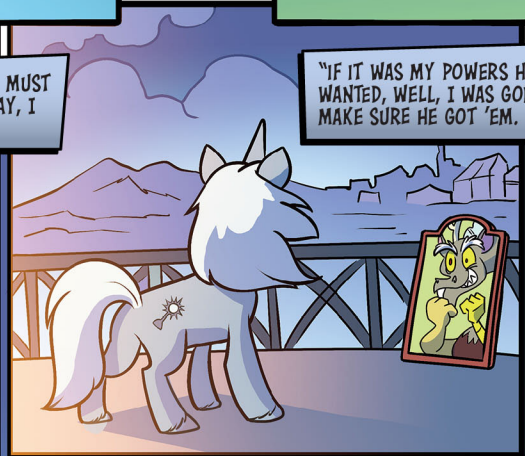


"IMAGINE THE CHAOS IF JUST A FEW BOATS RAN UP SHORE, HE SAID."



"I SHOULD JUST USE MY POWERS, HE SAID. THEY'D HELP FREE HIM."

"SURELY THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY, I ASKED HIM."



"IF IT WAS MY POWERS HE WANTED, WELL, I WAS GONNA MAKE SURE HE GOT 'EM."



"I SHOULD JUST USE MY POWERS, HE SAID. THEY'D HELP FREE HIM."

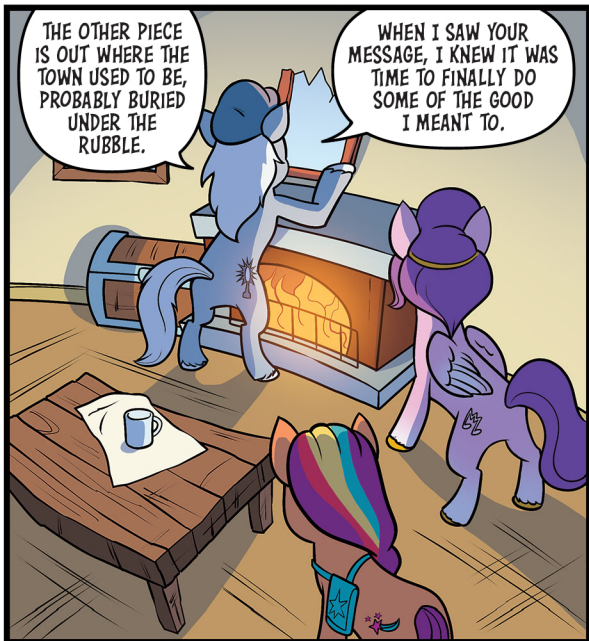
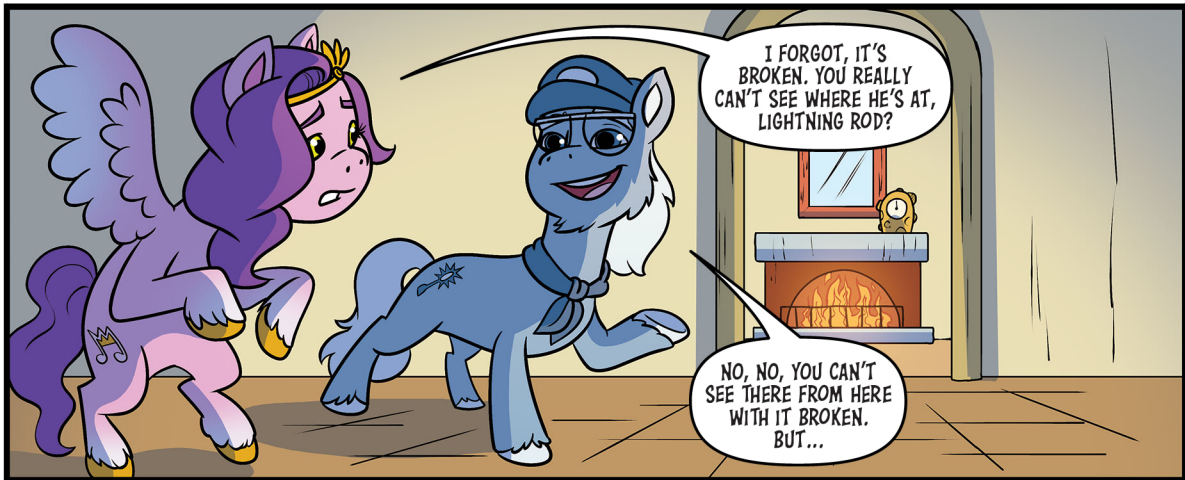
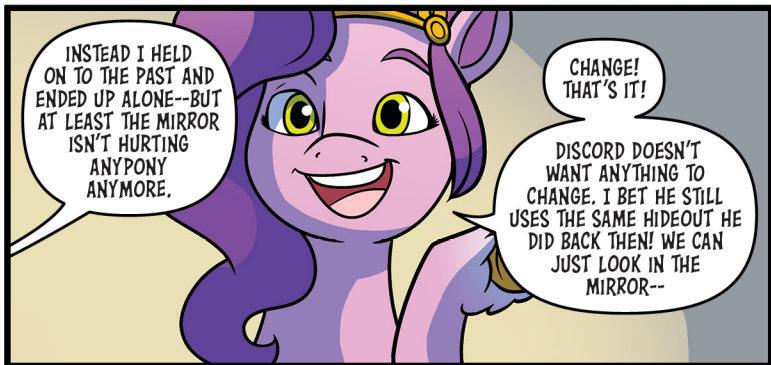


"IT WAS LIKE THE TOWN HAD NEVER EXISTED."

"I NEVER MEANT--I THOUGHT I'D JUST DESTROY THE MIRROR."



"WHAT WAS LEFT OF IT SHOWS SOME THINGS, BUT WITH THAT PIECE BROKEN... WELL, DISCORD WAS GONE."





YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING THIS SAFE FOR SO LONG. LIKE, AS I DO THE MATH, AN EXCEPTIONALLY LONG TIME.

ARE YOU GONNA BE OKAY WITHOUT IT?



OH, I THINK IT'S WELL PAST TIME FOR ME TO FIND A NEW HOBBY.

MAYBE I'LL TRY BLOGGING, LIKE YOU.



THANKS FOR REMINDING ME! CAN WE GET A SELFIE--Y'KNOW, FOR MY NEXT UPDATE.



WHEN EXACTLY DID ALL OF THIS START? IT DOES SEEM LIKE YOU'VE BEEN HERE A REALLY, REALLY, REEEEEALLY LONG TIME...

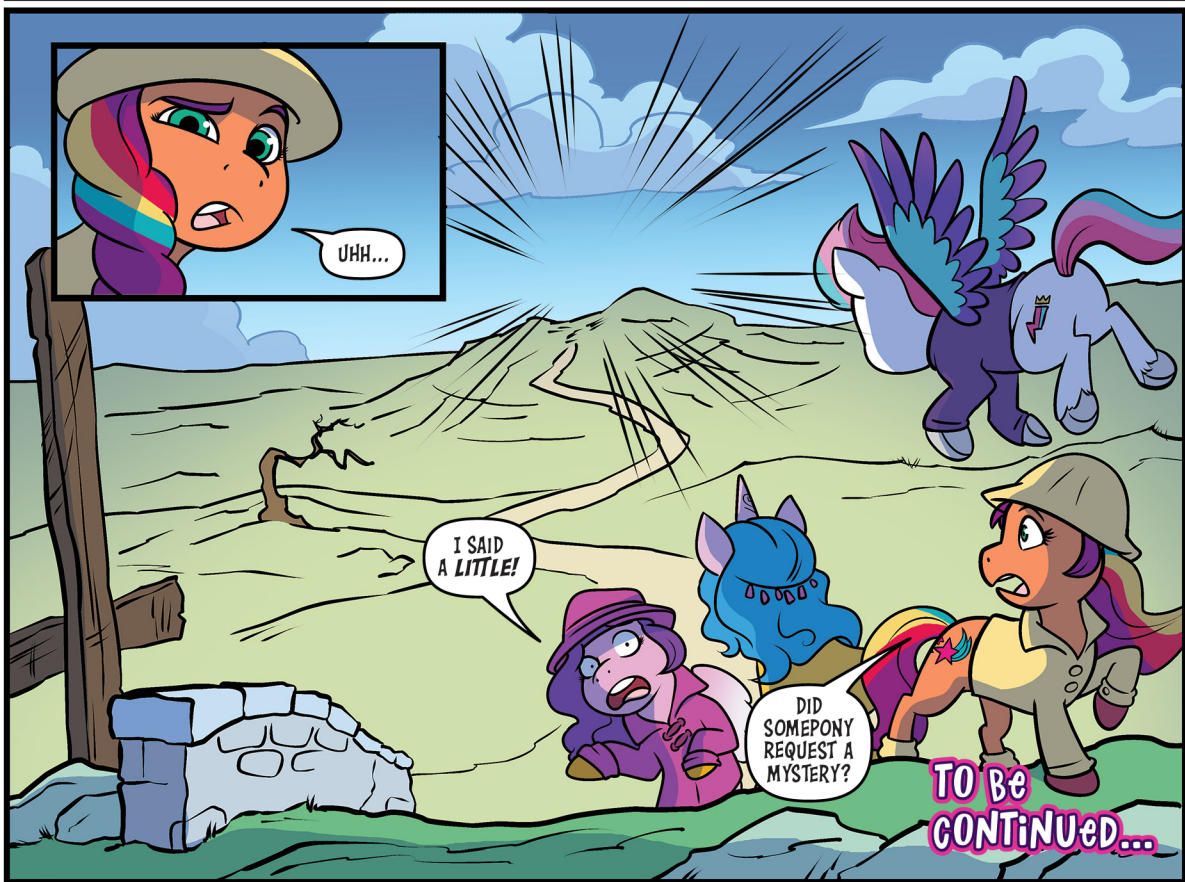
SOMETHING ISN'T ADDING UP.

ZIPP! YOU SAID YOU'D CHILL!



THANK YOU ALL, FOR LISTENING. FOR HELPING ME PUT THINGS RIGHT.

WE'LL LET YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES.



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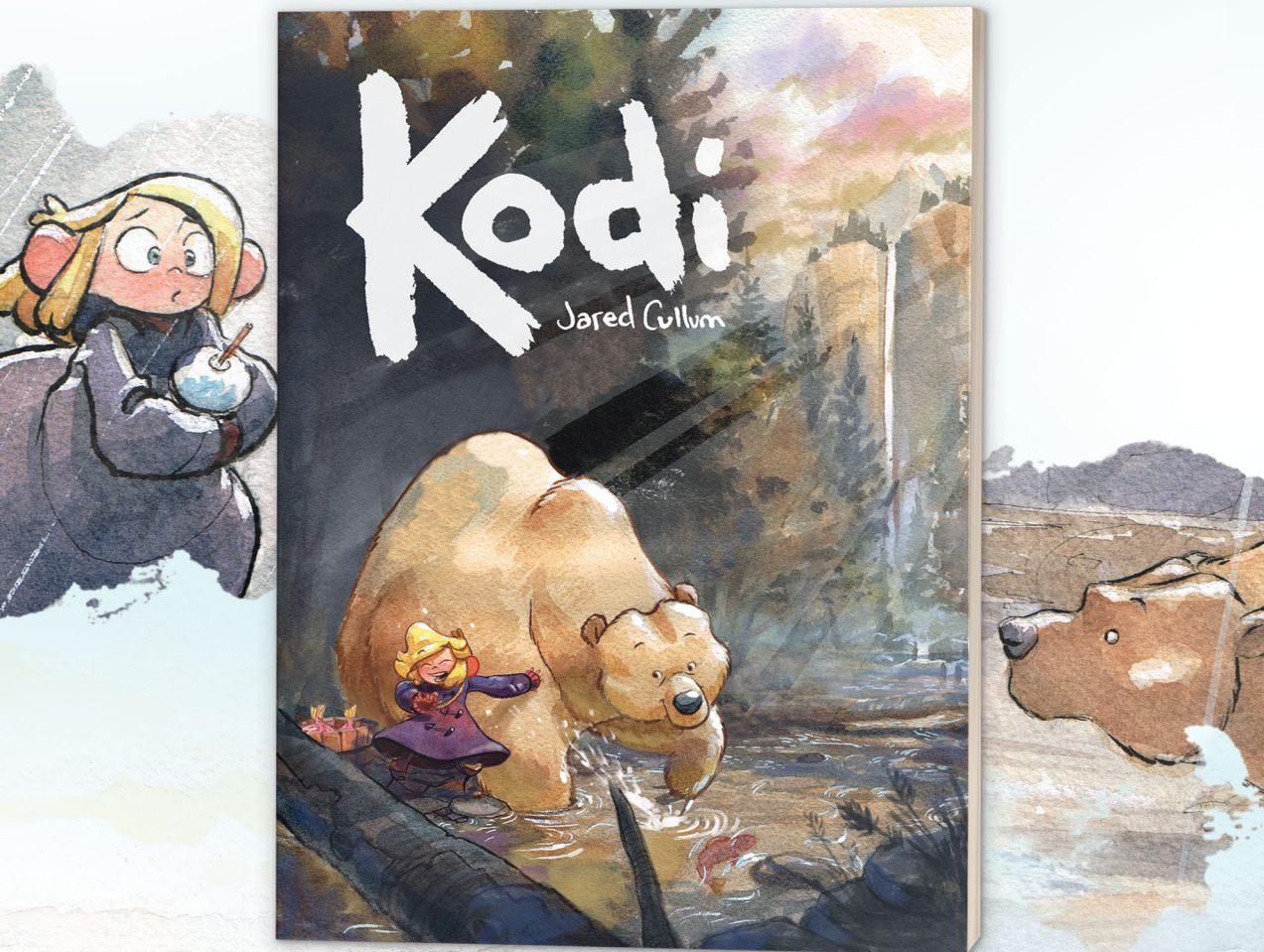


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ENCOUNTERS SOMETHING DARK  
AND SUPERNATURAL, EVERYTHING  
SHE THOUGHT SHE KNEW ABOUT  
FEAR, FRIENDSHIP, AND HERSELF  
IS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN!

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