

# my LITTLE PONY

Friendship is Magic



nce upon a time, in  
man's land of Equestria  
the way of the quest  
who ruled the land  
created her  
the  
Go to  
her

raise the sun

home



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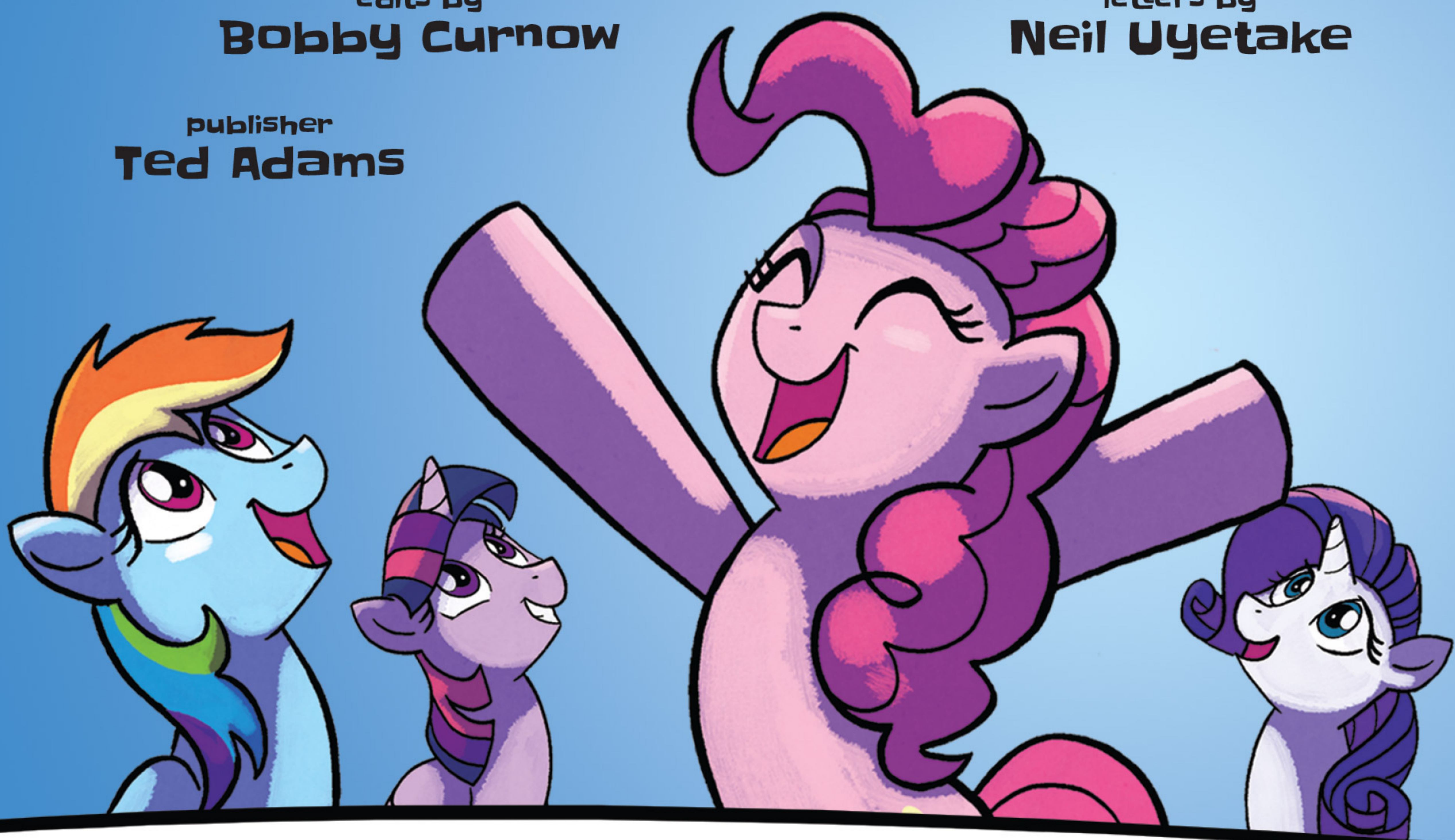
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WHEN YOU INVITED ME TO SEE A PLAY, I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A WARNING IT WOULD BE SO... FRIGHTFUL.

ESPECIALLY WITH "BRIDLE" IN THE NAME... I WAS EXPECTING A COSTUME DRAMA.

WELL, I ENJOYED THE FRANKENSTAG BOOK WHEN I READ IT, BUT THIS WAS... DEFINITELY A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE.

OOH! OR THE FLAMING TORCHES FIGHT?!

THAT GAVE ME AN IDEA FOR MY NEXT PARTY!

LIKE THAT PART WHERE THE MONSTER SMASHES THROUGH THAT WHOLE VILLAGE?!



GOSH... I HOPE I DON'T HAVE NIGHTMARES.

WELL, IT WAS ALL JUST MAKE-BELIEVE.

THE ONLY REAL HORROR WAS THE DREADFUL STYLE OF THAT PONY'S GHASTLY GIANT HAIR STYLE!



SPEAKING OF HAIR—

—YOU CAN COME OUT NOW, SPIKE.

IS IT OVER?!



EH... I MEAN...

AWW—IS IT OVER? I MUST HAVE... FALLEN ASLEEP, IT WAS SO NOT-SCARY!

RIIIIGHT.

WELL, IF YOU MISSED IT, THEY'RE ABOUT TO START ANOTHER PERFORMANCE—



WHOOOPS! LOOK AT THE TIME! GOTTA GO!

I... SHOULD PROBABLY GO, TOO.

GOOD NIGHT, EVERYPONY!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SPIKE? I HARDLY SEE YOU GET THIS NERVOUS AROUND ACTUAL MONSTERS!

EH... YEAH. I'M TOTALLY COOL. I GUESS SOMETIMES, WHEN MY IMAGINATION GETS GOING...

...I GET MORE SCARED OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN?

I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S PERFECTLY—

—NORMAL?

UM... SPIKE? DID YOU LEAVE THE CASTLE DOOR OPEN?

GULP!

NOPE.

NO, I DID NOT...

MAYBE STARLIGHT GLIMMER IS BACK?

SHE SAID SHE'D BE IN CANTERLOT FOR FOUR MORE DAYS...

THEN, EH... MAYBE IT WAS JUST THE WIND?

BAD HINGES?

FRANKENSTAG?!

SPIKE. HOW ABOUT WE JUST GO INSIDE AND SEE WHAT IT REALLY IS?

RIGHT. GOOD CALL.



OKAY, WHOEVER YOU ARE—  
—PRINCESS TWILIGHT  
HAS RETURNED WITH HER  
DRAGON! SO I HOPE  
YOU HAVE A GOOD  
REASON FOR—



THERE'S  
NOPONY HERE.

YEAH. I  
SEE THAT  
NOW.



HEY! BUT ON THE  
BRIGHT SIDE—THAT  
WAS A GREAT  
SHOW DOWN  
VOICE!

THANKS! I GUESS  
I'VE BEEN GETTING  
MORE CONFIDENT  
IN—

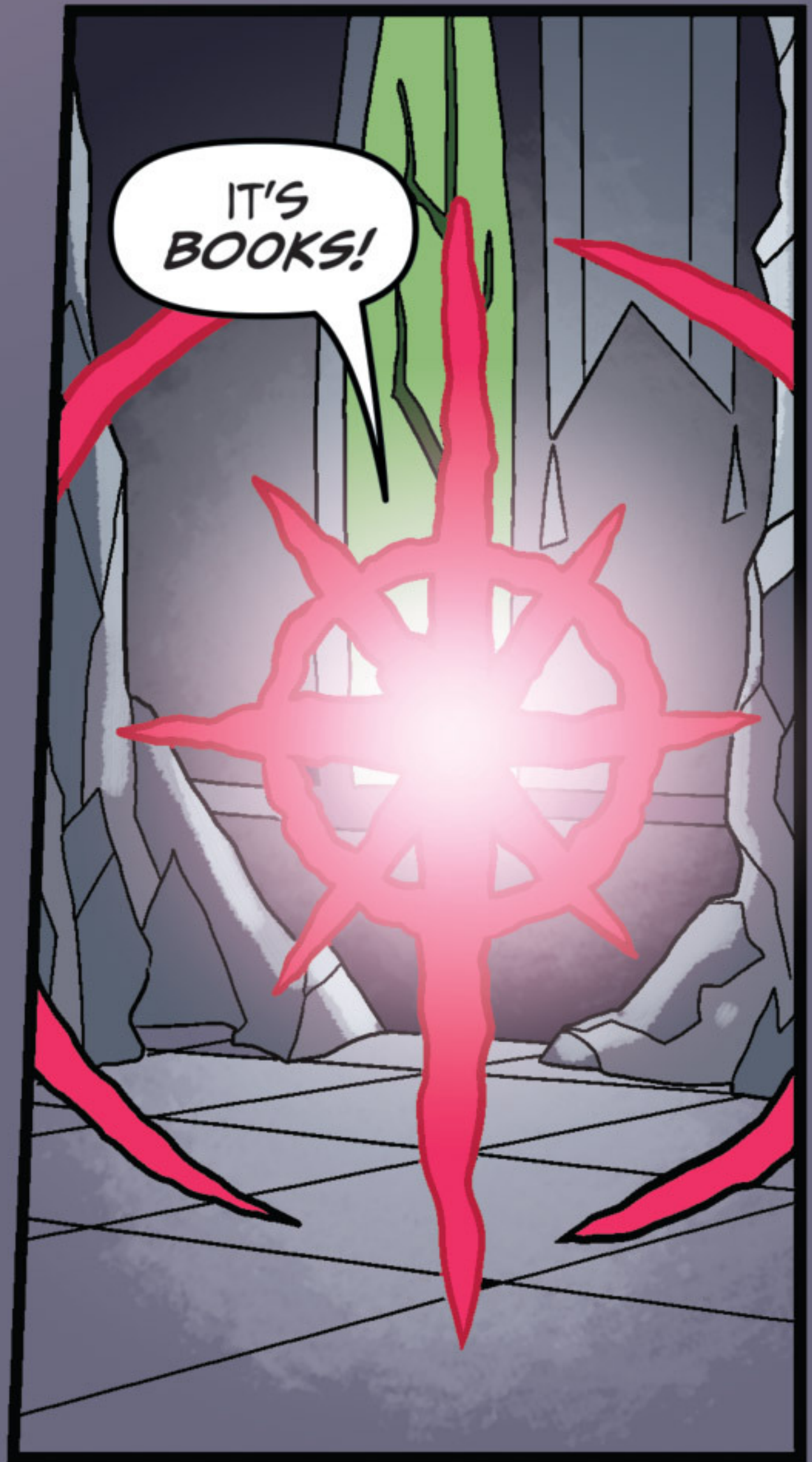
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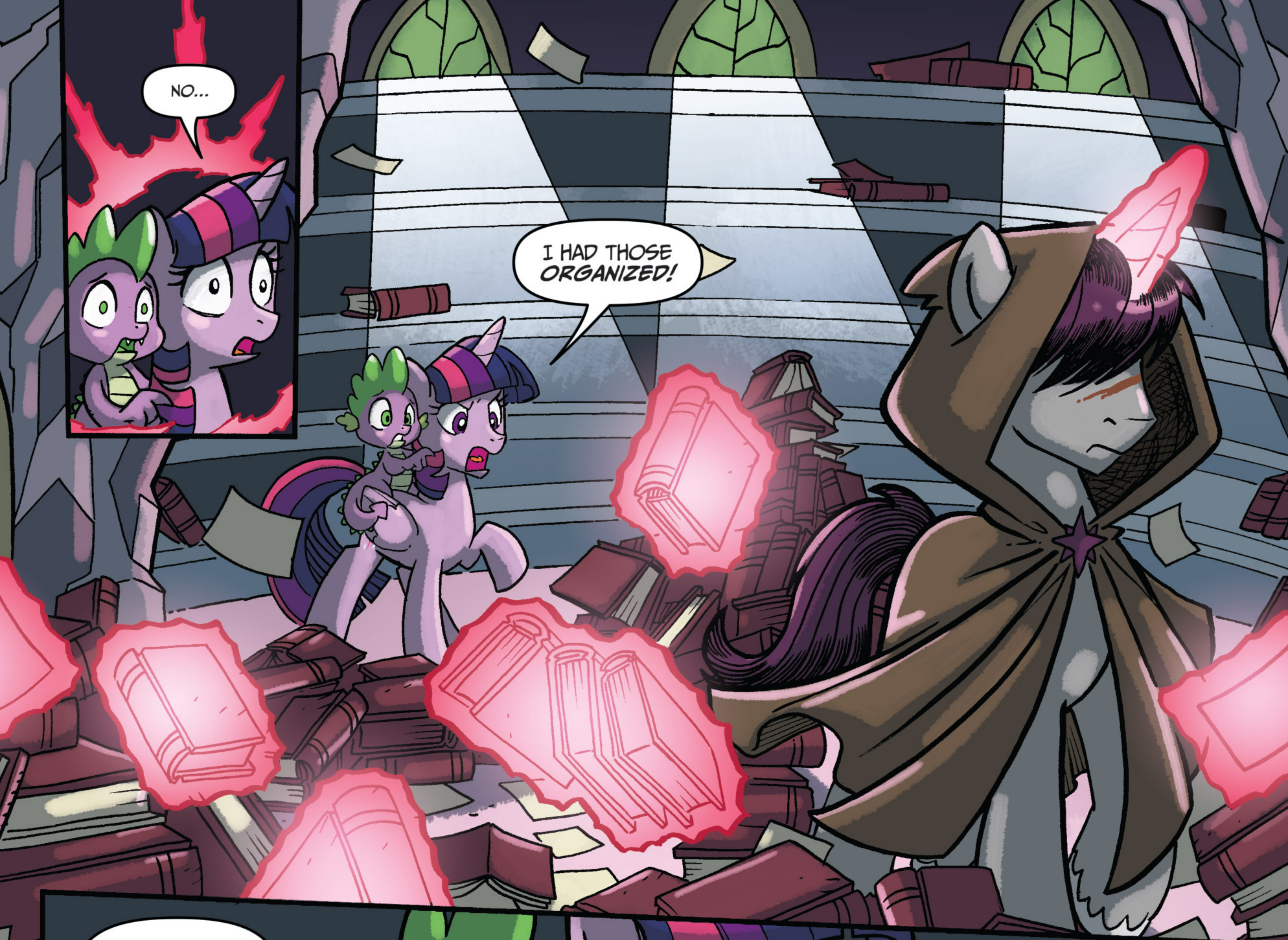
GAH!  
OKAY—THAT  
WAS DEFINITELY  
SOMETHING!

YOU'RE  
RIGHT.

AND I KNOW  
THAT SOUND  
ANYWHERE.



IT'S  
BOOKS!



NO...

I HAD THOSE ORGANIZED!



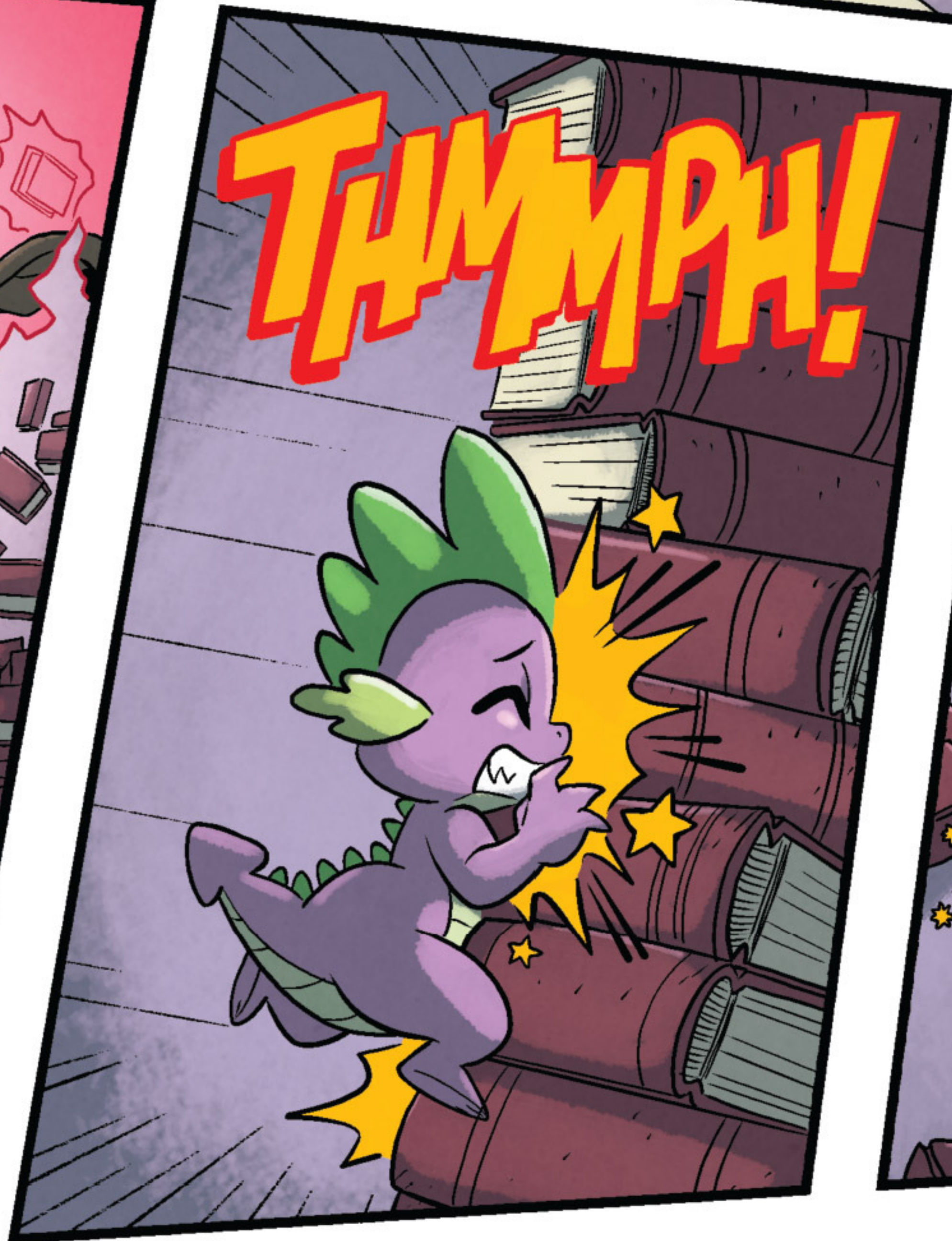
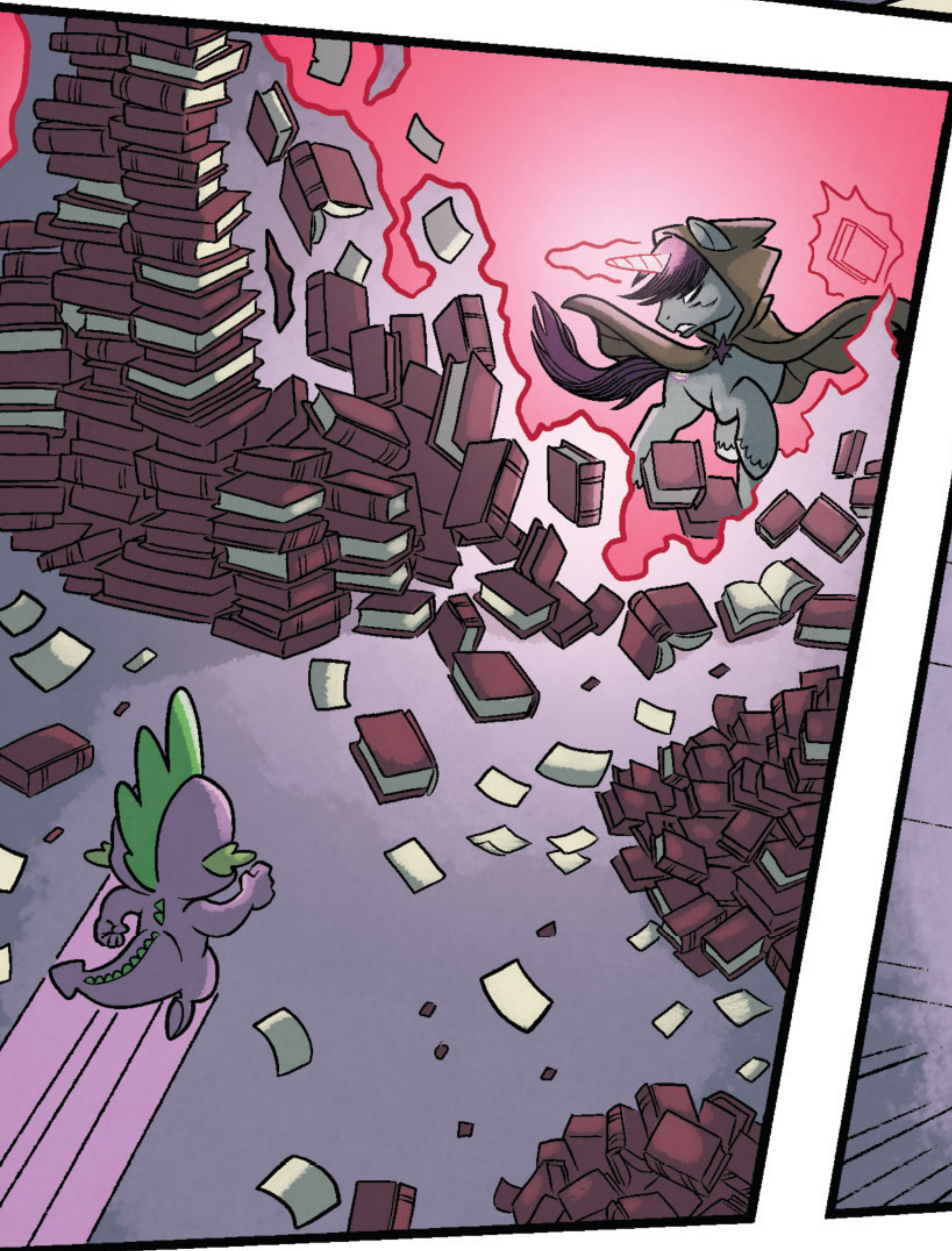
UM, YOU SEE THE STRANGER WHO BROKE INTO OUR HOME, TOO, RIGHT?



I HOPED TO BE GONE BEFORE YOU RETURNED...

SPIKE! LOOK OUT!

YEE-IKES!





SOON...

THAT WAS UPSETTING.

BUT THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING OVER.

TOTALLY! BUT WHAT COULD MAKE THIS PLACE FEEL LIKE HOME AGAIN FASTER THAN—

I KNOW WE'VE FACED A LOT WORSE THAN SOME CREEP STEALING BOOKS—

HECK, IT AIN'T ABOUT THAT, TWILIGHT. YOU GOT EVERY RIGHT TO FEEL UNEASY FINDIN' SOME PONY IN YOUR HOUSE, UNINVITED!

*♪♪♪*  
A SLEEP-O-VERR!



WELL, ONCE WE ACTUALLY DO SETTLE IN, I'LL SLEEP EASIER KNOWING YOU'RE ALL HERE.



BIG TIME!

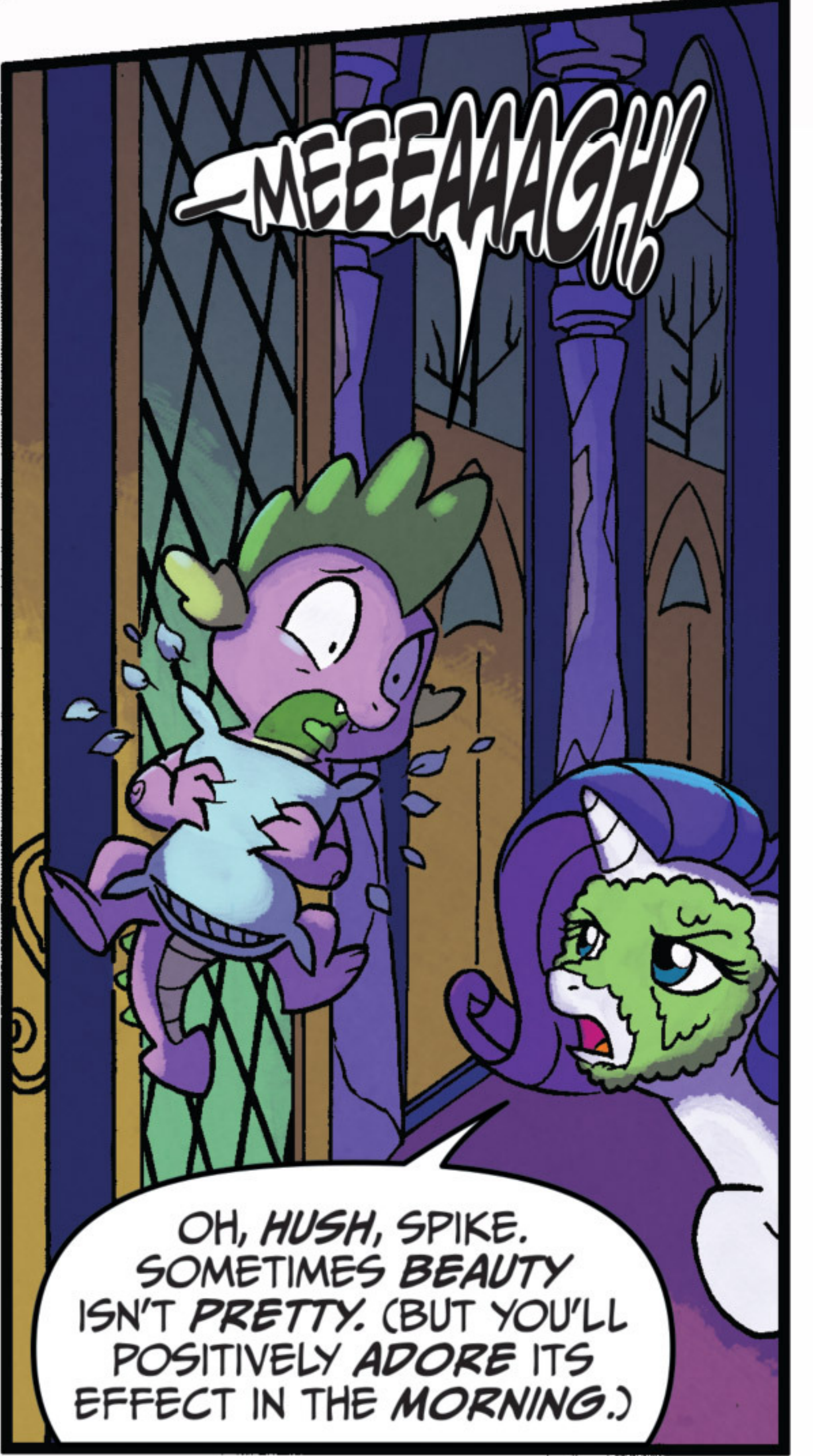
UH...

I MEAN, NOT THAT I WAS SCARED! IF ANYTHING—I BET THAT THAT THIEF BOLTED BECAUSE HE WAS SCARED OF—



*NEEEAAAGH!*

OH, HUSH, SPIKE. SOMETIMES BEAUTY ISN'T PRETTY. (BUT YOU'LL POSITIVELY ADORE ITS EFFECT IN THE MORNING.)





THAT'S THE LAST OF MINE.

GOT THESE SORTED, TOO.

THERE YOU GO, TWILIGHT! EVERY BOOK BACK IN ITS PRECISE—

—AND METICULOUSLY CATALOGUED—

—PLACE!

THANK YOU FOR THE HELP, EVERYPONY!



IS SOMETHING WRONG?

OH, NOT WITH THIS, FLUTTERSHY. IT'S THE BOOKS HE GOT AWAY WITH...



WHAT WERE THEY? DANGEROUS SPELL BOOKS?! SHOULD WE GO AFTER HIM?!

NO... THAT'S JUST IT. THEY WEREN'T SPELL BOOKS. THEY WERE JUST... HISTORIES.



SO THEY POSE NO THREAT?

THEN WE CAN GET BACK TO THE SLUMBER PARTY!

C'MON. YOU CAN TELL US MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY BOOKS WHEN IT'S TIME TO FALL ASLEEP.



WHOA!  
WHAT'S ALL  
THIS?

WHAT DO  
YOU THINK?! IT'S  
A PAAR-TAAY!



ONE OF PINKIE PIE'S  
FAMOUS FULL MOON  
FIESTAS?! AWESOME!  
TELL ME THAT MEANS  
PINATA?!

MM...  
HMM...



UH... PINKIE?  
ARE YOU OKAY?

MMM...  
HMM...!



'CUZ—  
**SURPRIIIISE!**

**KA-BLAM!**



IT'S ALSO A  
WONDERBOLTS  
TAILS-GATE  
PARTY!

WHOA! YOU'RE A  
GENIUS, P!

YEESS... I FINALLY  
CRACKED THE SECRET! NO  
ONE WOULD EVER SUSPECT A  
SURPRISE PARTY—IN THE  
MIDDLE OF ANOTHER  
PARTY!

WONDERBOLTS!



PINKIE. WAKE UP!

HRNWM?!



WAIT... THAT WAS A DREAM?!

MY DREAM-BRAIN IS A GENIUS!

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S A DREAM—THIS HATCHLING-SMOOTH SKIN!

OOF. DID ANYPONY ELSE HAVE BAD FRANKENSTAG DREAMS ALL NIGHT?

ONLY FOR A MOMENT. THEN I DREAMED I OFFERED HIM TEA, AND FROM THERE WE HAD A LOVELY TIME!



WHAT ABOUT YOU, TWILIGHT? YOU SLEEP OKAY?

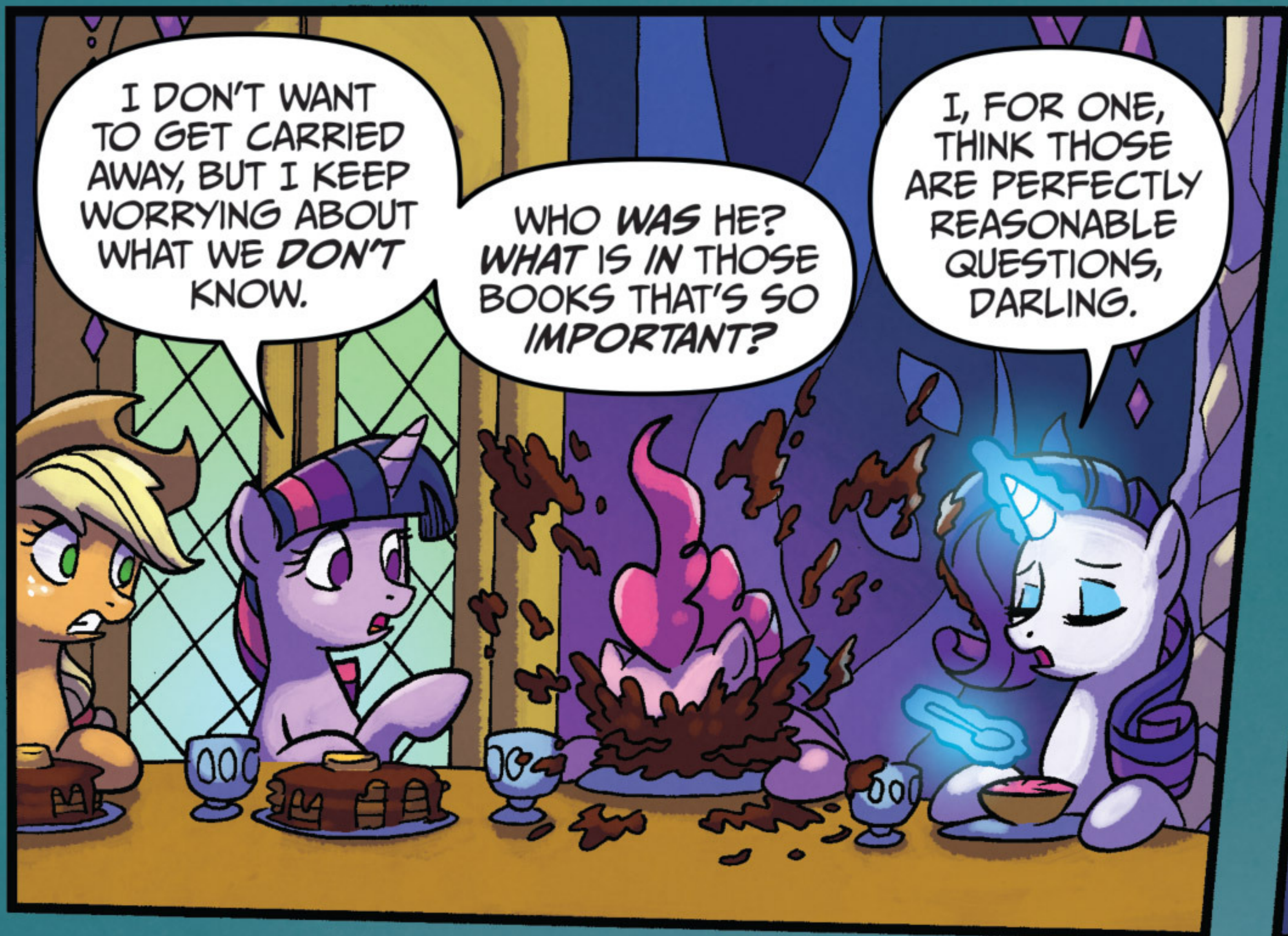
OFF AND ON. I JUST KEPT THINKING ABOUT THAT UNICORN— AND WHY HE WANTED THOSE BOOKS?

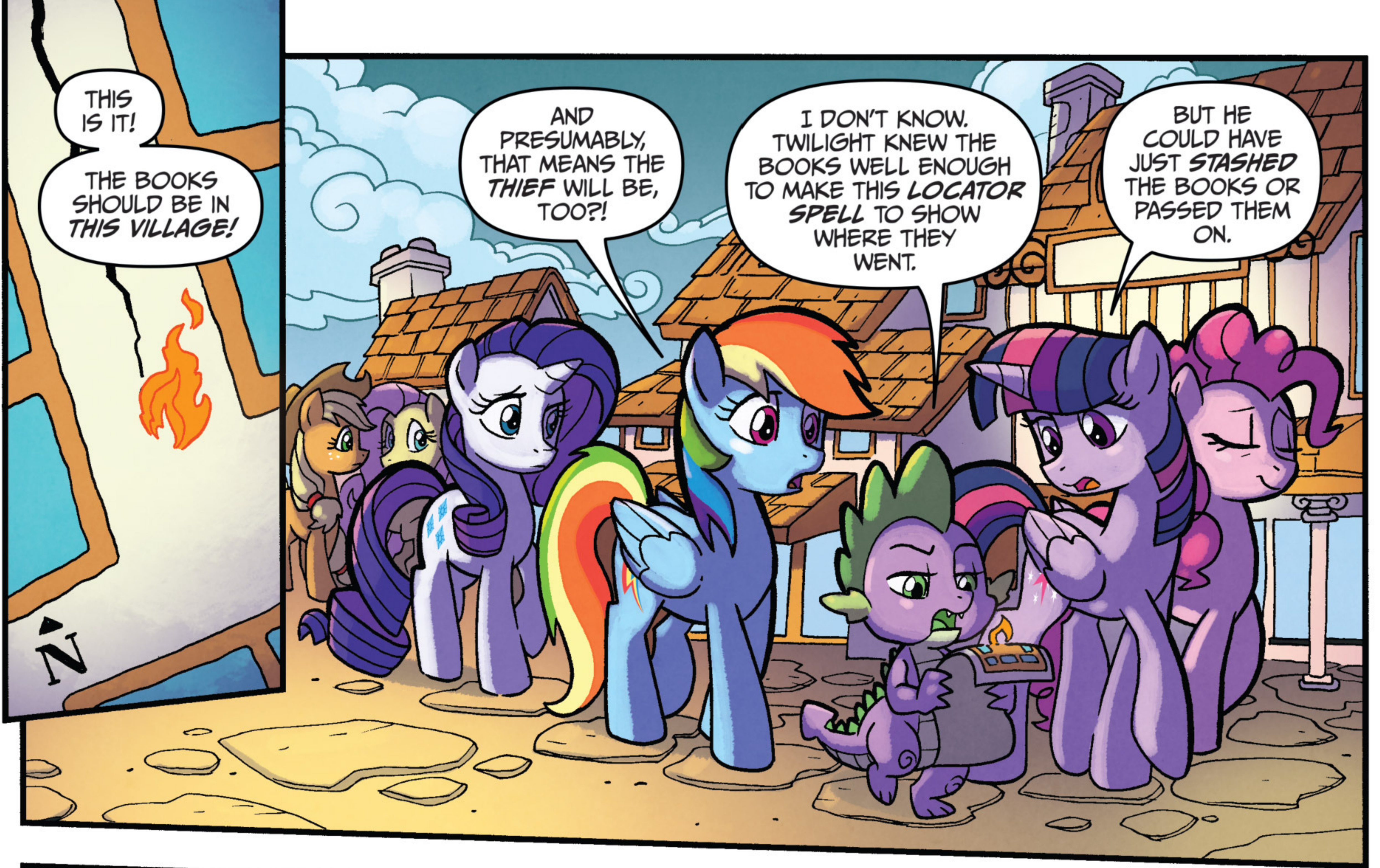


WELL, YOU SAID YOURSELF— IF THERE WAS NO MAGIC IN 'EM, WHAT'S TO WORRY ABOUT?

MAYBE THERE ARE NO SPELLS IN THOSE BOOKS—BUT THEY WERE STILL FULL OF STORIES ABOUT SOME NO-GOOD CREATURES.

WHAT IF LEARNING ABOUT THEM WAS JUST THE FIRST STEP?





THIS IS IT!  
THE BOOKS SHOULD BE IN THIS VILLAGE!

AND PRESUMABLY, THAT MEANS THE THIEF WILL BE, TOO?!

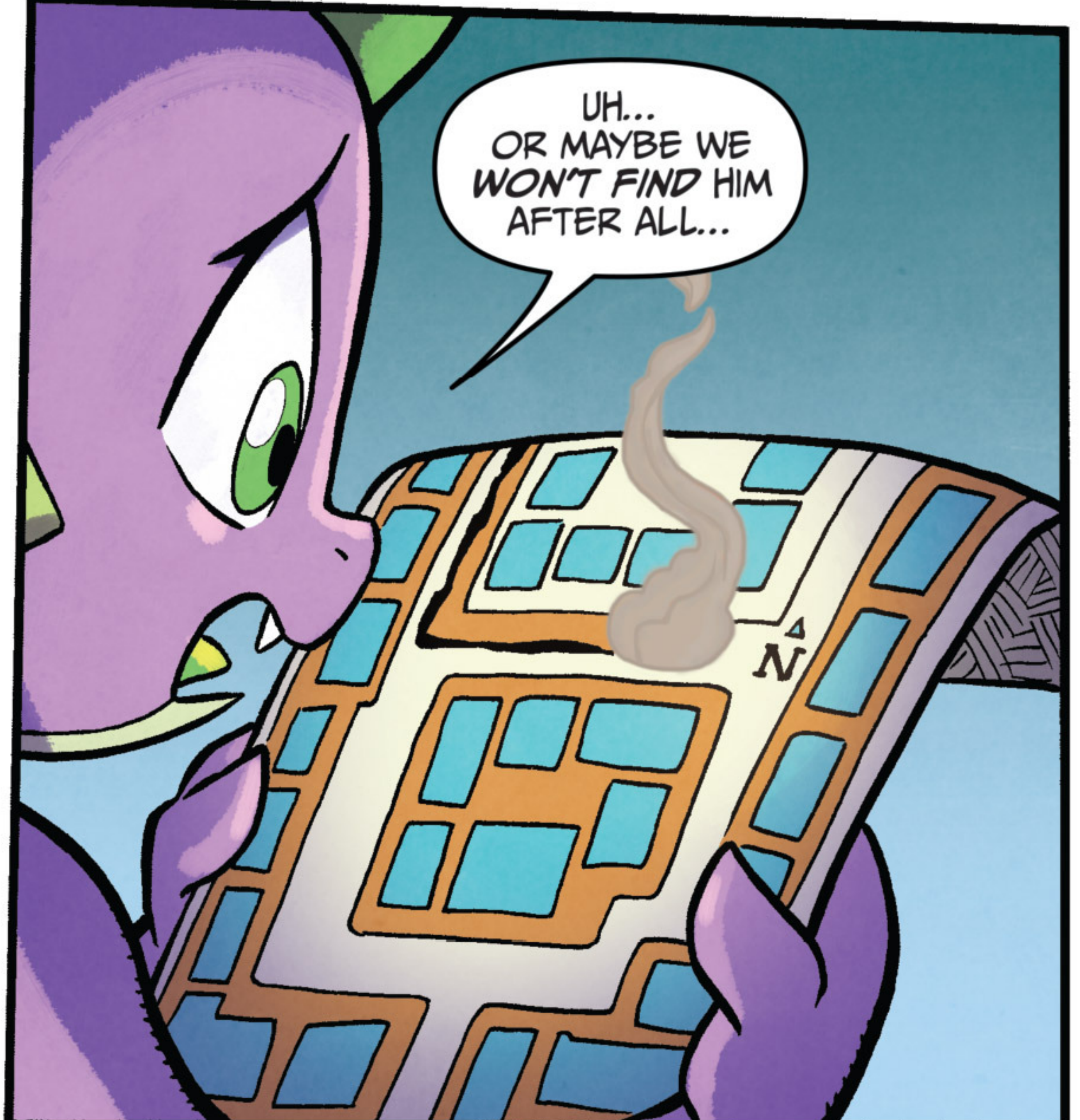
I DON'T KNOW. TWILIGHT KNEW THE BOOKS WELL ENOUGH TO MAKE THIS LOCATOR SPELL TO SHOW WHERE THEY WENT.

BUT HE COULD HAVE JUST STASHED THE BOOKS OR PASSED THEM ON.



IF HE SIMPLY INTENDS TO HIDE, I DO WISH HE WOULD HAVE CHOSEN MANHATTAN INSTEAD.

THEN, AT LEAST, WE COULD INDULGE IN SOME VICTORY SHOPPING AFTER WE FIND HIM.



UH... OR MAYBE WE WON'T FIND HIM AFTER ALL...

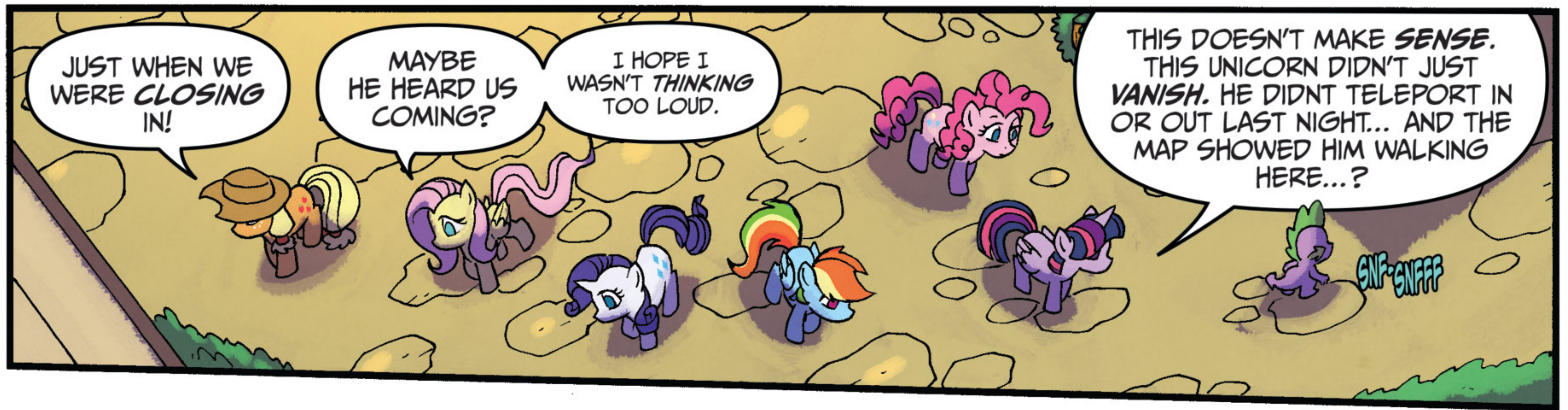


DID YOU JUST BLOW IT OUT?!

I'M A DRAGON, RAINBOW DASH. IF I BLEW ON IT, THE FIRE WOULD GET BIGGER.

OH NO!

DOES THAT MEAN HE DISAPPEARED?! OR BROKE THE SPELL?!



JUST WHEN WE WERE CLOSING IN!

MAYBE HE HEARD US COMING?

I HOPE I WASN'T THINKING TOO LOUD.

THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. THIS UNICORN DIDN'T JUST VANISH. HE DIDNT TELEPORT IN OR OUT LAST NIGHT... AND THE MAP SHOWED HIM WALKING HERE...?

SNF-ENFFF

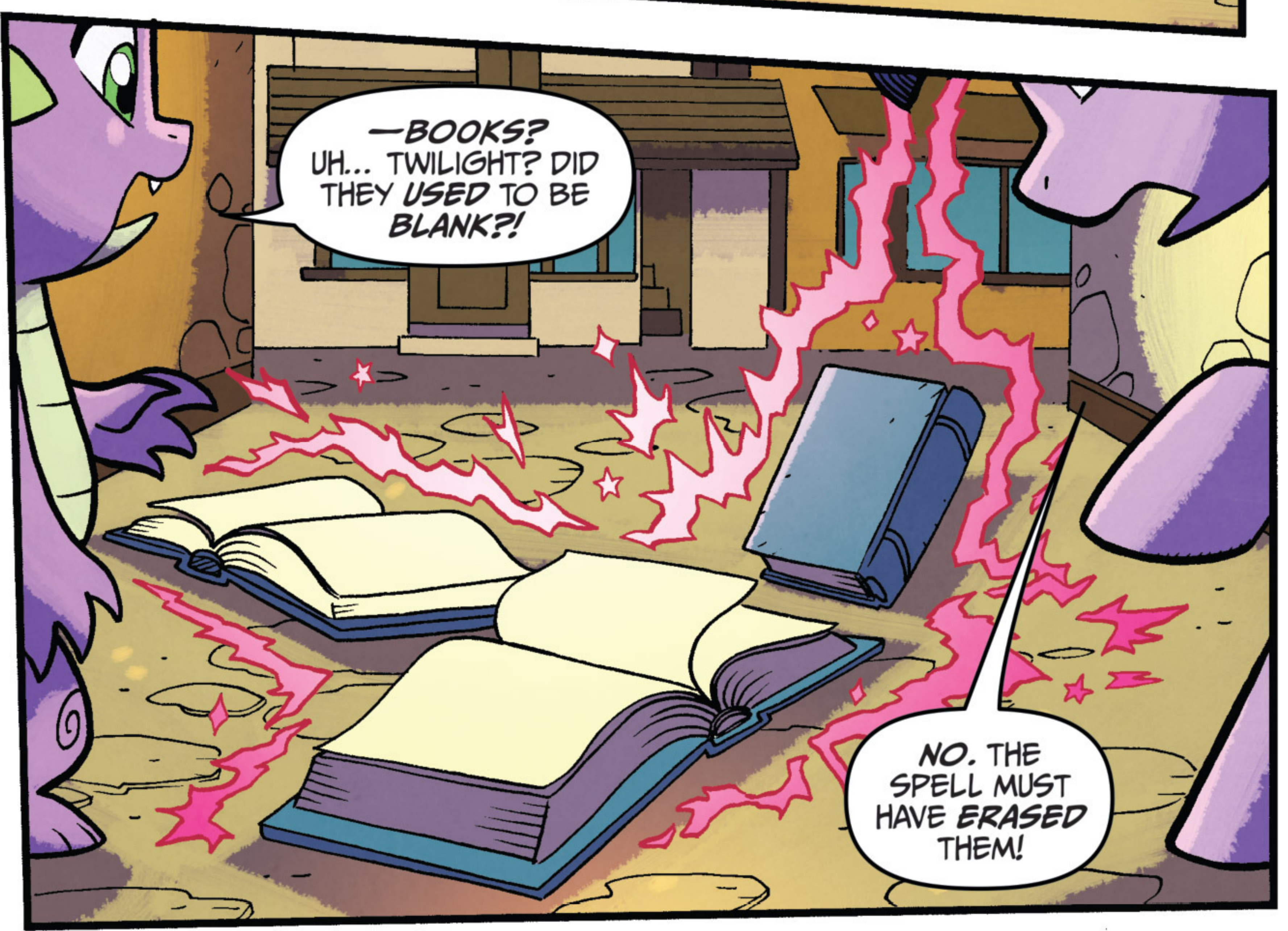


SPIKE? WHAT IS IT?!

BOOKS! AFTER ALL THIS TIME WITH YOU, I'D KNOW THAT SMELL ANYWHERE!

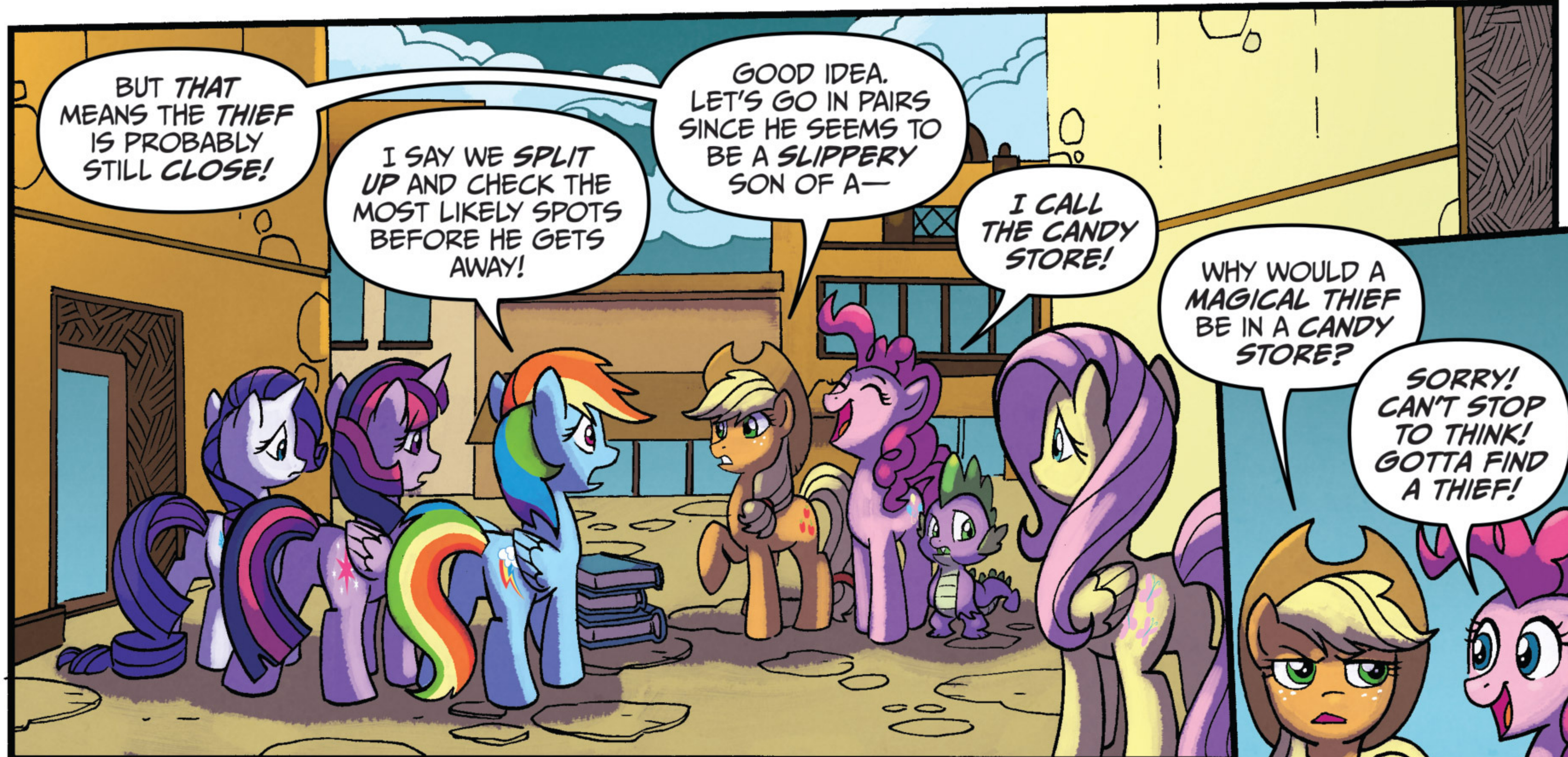


HA! WELL, WE DO HAVE A SPELL—BUT NO MYSTERY COLT! AT LEAST WE FOUND YOUR—



—BOOKS? UH... TWILIGHT? DID THEY USED TO BE BLANK?!

NO. THE SPELL MUST HAVE ERASED THEM!



BUT THAT MEANS THE THIEF IS PROBABLY STILL CLOSE!

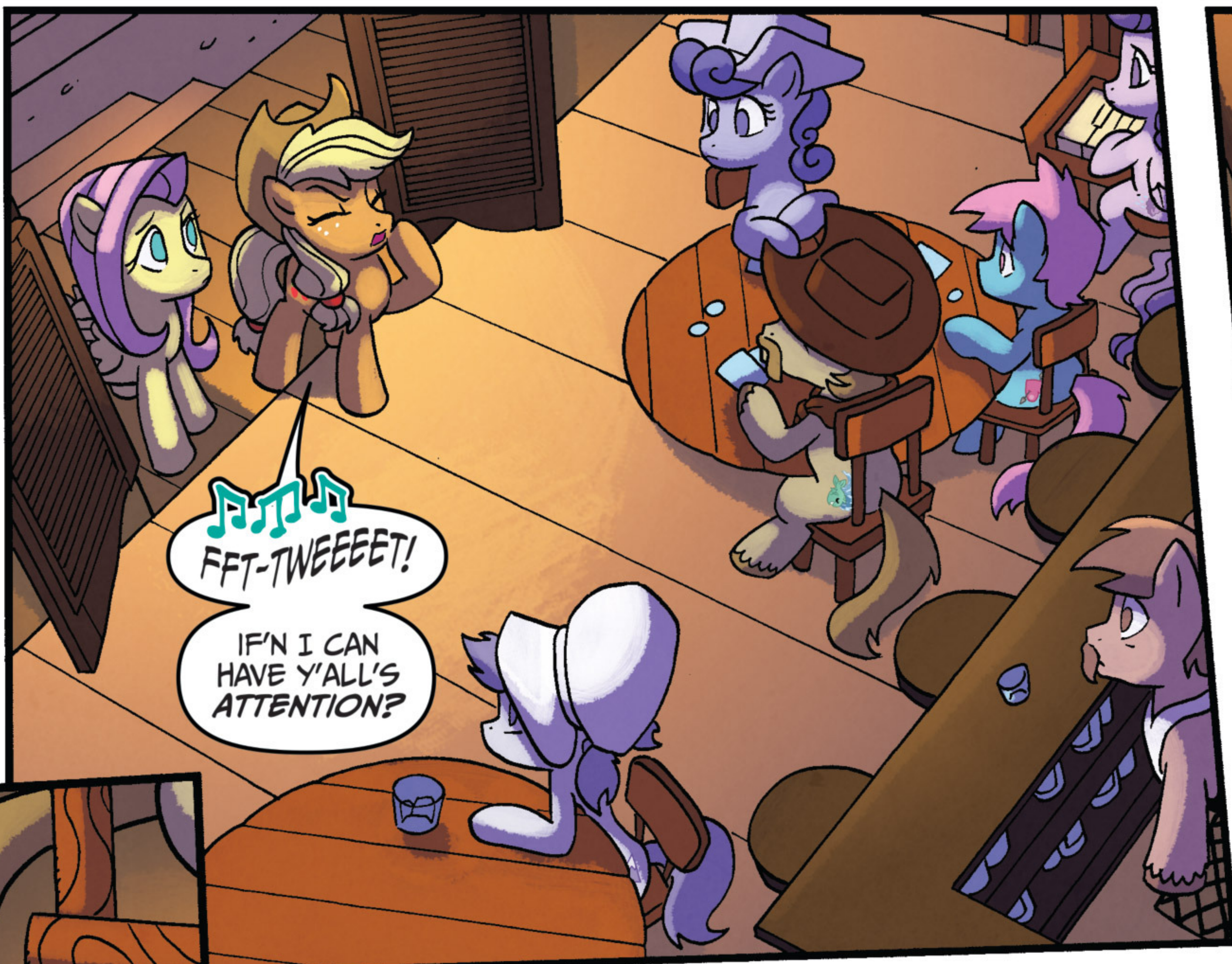
I SAY WE SPLIT UP AND CHECK THE MOST LIKELY SPOTS BEFORE HE GETS AWAY!

GOOD IDEA. LET'S GO IN PAIRS SINCE HE SEEMS TO BE A SLIPPERY SON OF A—

I CALL THE CANDY STORE!

WHY WOULD A MAGICAL THIEF BE IN A CANDY STORE?

SORRY! CAN'T STOP TO THINK! GOTTA FIND A THIEF!







HELLOO?

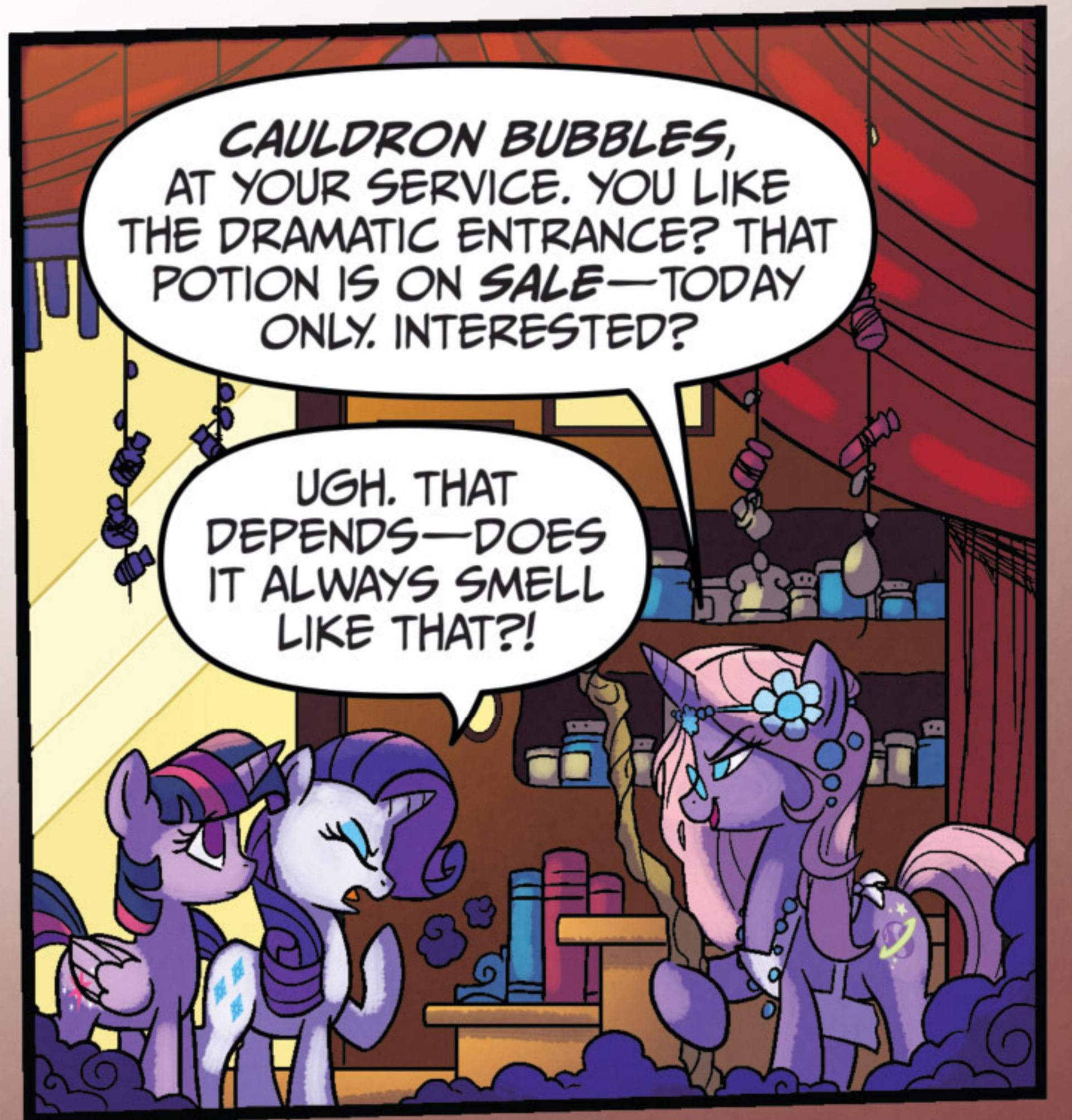
EXCUSE ME, BUT—ANYONE WORK HERE?

OH, GOODNESS... YOU DON'T SUPPOSE OUR MYSTERY PONY TURNED THE SHOPKEEPER INTO... ONE OF THESE, DO YOU?!



YOU SUMMONED MEEEEEE?

**POOF!**



CAULDRON BUBBLES, AT YOUR SERVICE. YOU LIKE THE DRAMATIC ENTRANCE? THAT POTION IS ON SALE—TODAY ONLY. INTERESTED?

UGH. THAT DEPENDS—DOES IT ALWAYS SMELL LIKE THAT?!



WELL... IT INVOLVES A LOT OF CABBAGE.

LISTEN, WE WERE REALLY JUST HOPING TO ASK YOU IF YOU'VE SEEN A PARTICULAR—



AH. DID YOU READ THE SIGN?

**Sorry.**  
QUESTIONS ANSWERED FOR PAYING CUSTOMERS ONLY.



THHITHH  
PFLTHH UTHH  
UMMUTHHUNG!

EW.

AND  
WHAT DID  
YOU SAY?

THIS!  
PLACE! IS!  
AMAAZIING!

STAWA



GLAD YOU LIKE  
IT. BUT THAT **CREEP**  
ISN'T HERE. SO  
LET'S GO—

WAAIT!

HOW DO  
WE KNOW HE'S  
NOT HERE?

HE COULD  
BE HIDING...  
INSIDE THESE  
DELICIOUS  
TREATS!

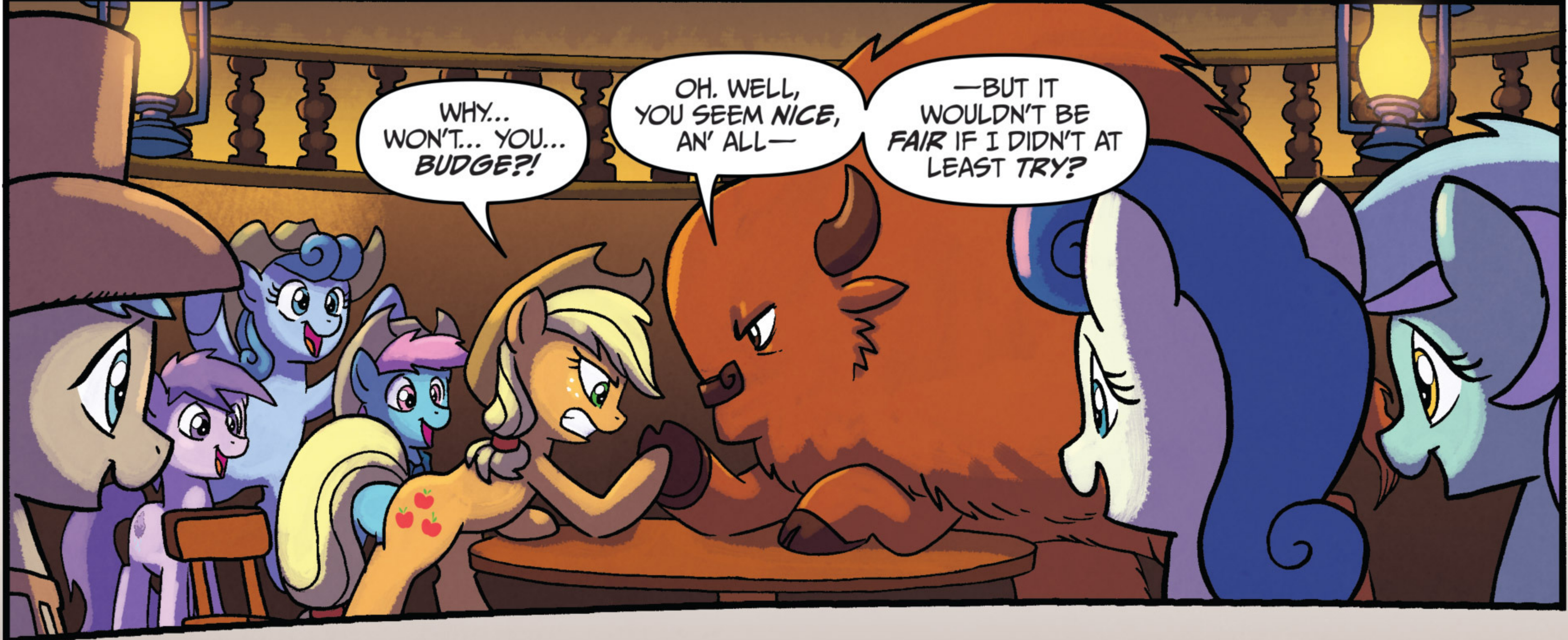


WE WON'T  
KNOW UNTIL WE  
EAT THEM ALL.

NOPE! BUT  
YOU HAVE  
FUN.

HI! I WAS JUST  
PREPPING SOME **FRESH**  
**CHOCOLATES** IN THE  
BACK. WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO TRY A **FREE**  
**SAMPLE?**

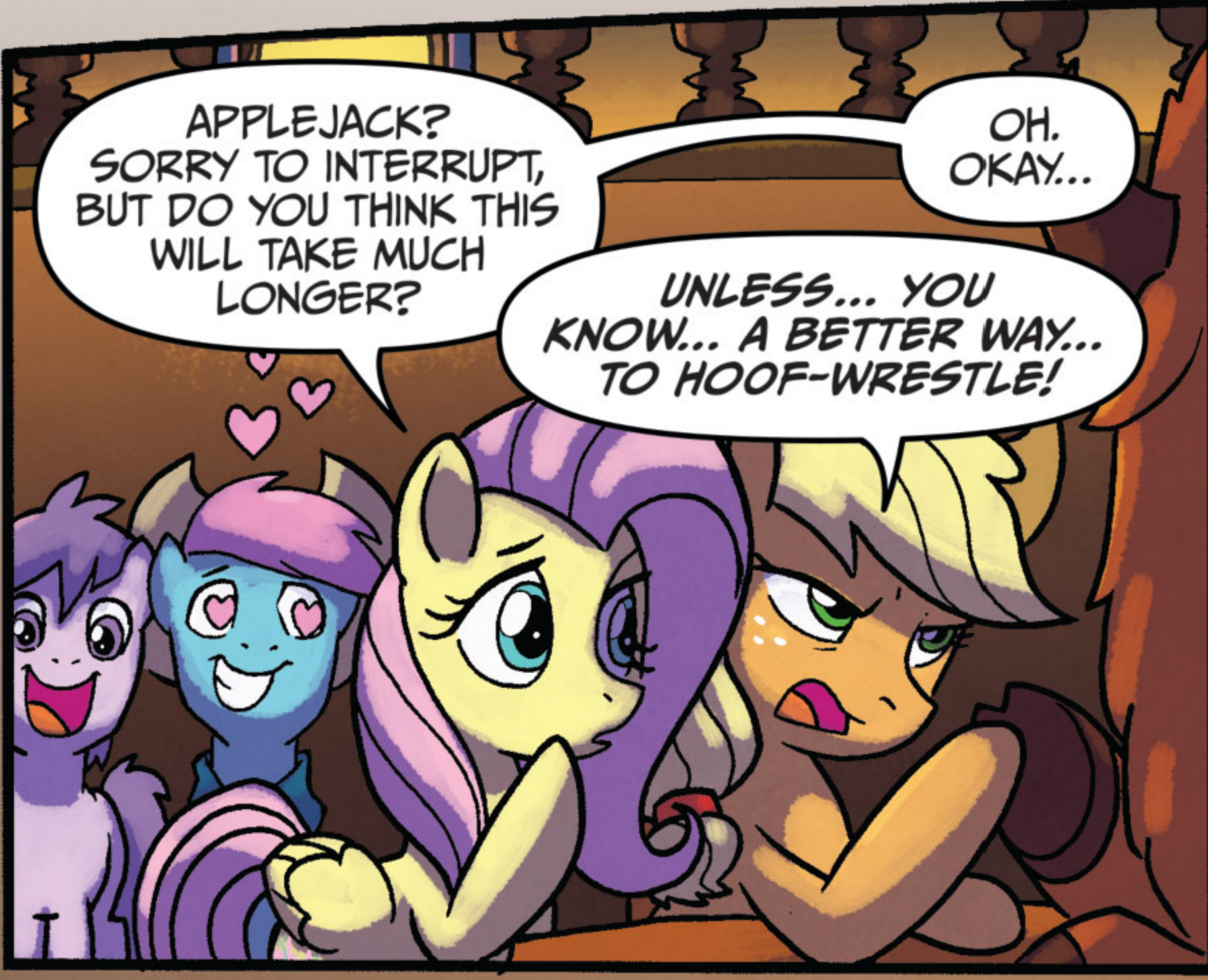




WHY... WON'T... YOU... BUDGE?!

OH. WELL, YOU SEEM NICE, AN' ALL—

—BUT IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR IF I DIDN'T AT LEAST TRY?



APPLEJACK? SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT DO YOU THINK THIS WILL TAKE MUCH LONGER?

OH. OKAY...

UNLESS... YOU KNOW... A BETTER WAY... TO HOOV-WRESTLE!



HNNN... GET READY... I'M 'BOUT... TO RALLY...!

OOH. WELL, I APPRECIATE THE WARNIN'. Y'KNOW, IT'S ACTUALLY REAL EASY TO SPRAIN SOMETHIN' DOIN' THIS.



UM... YOU OKAY? I DON'T THINK IT'S HEALTHY WHEN VEINS POP OUT LIKE THAT...



THERE WE GO!

I WON A WRESTLEY-DOO—

—SO CAN YOU HELP US NOW?

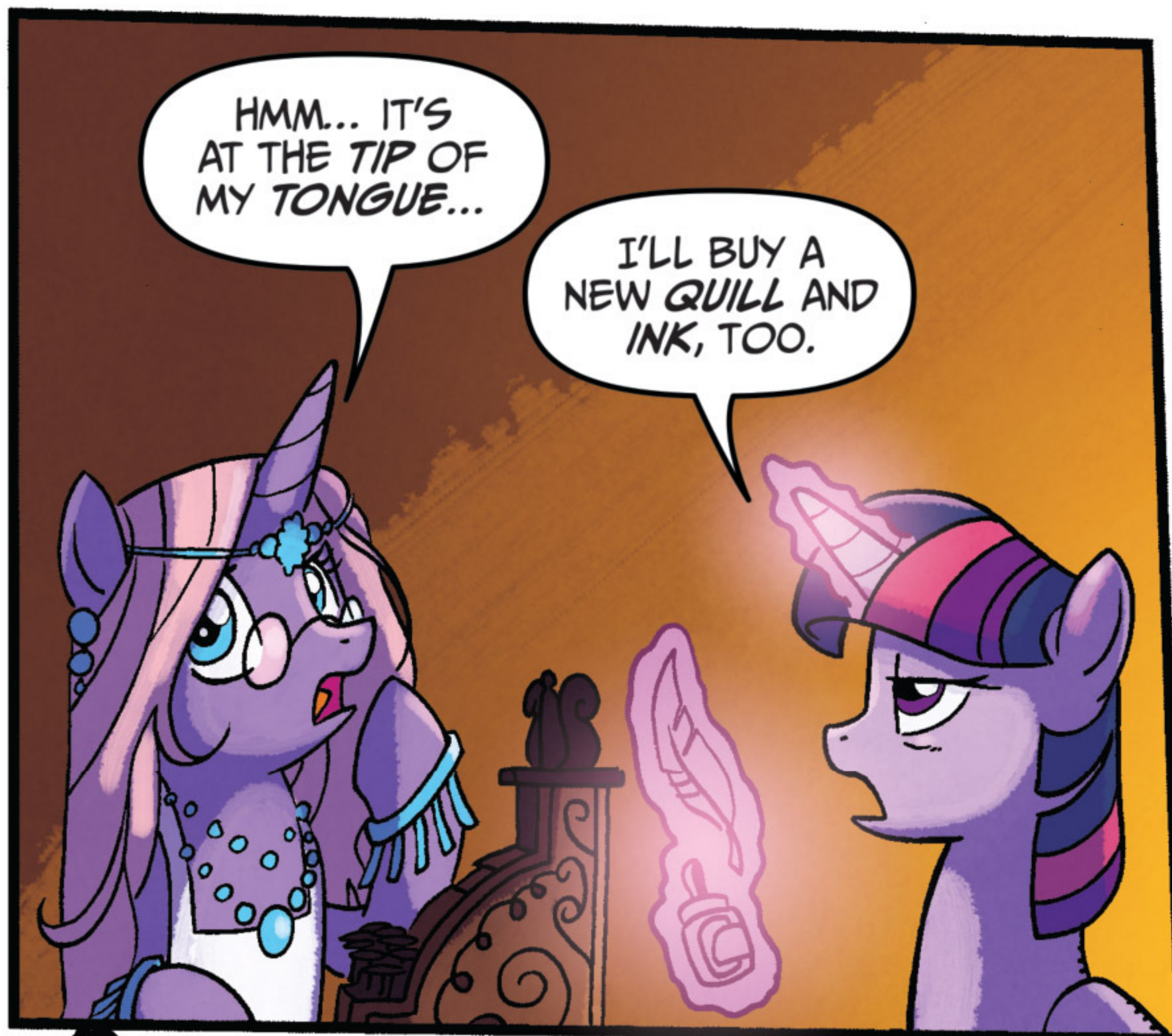


AH! THERE, NOW I DEFINITELY REMEMBER A UNICORN OF THAT DESCRIPTION COMING IN HERE JUST EARLIER!

HE WANTED TO USE MY BACK ROOM TO CAST A VERY STRANGE SPELL AWAY FROM PRYING EYES...

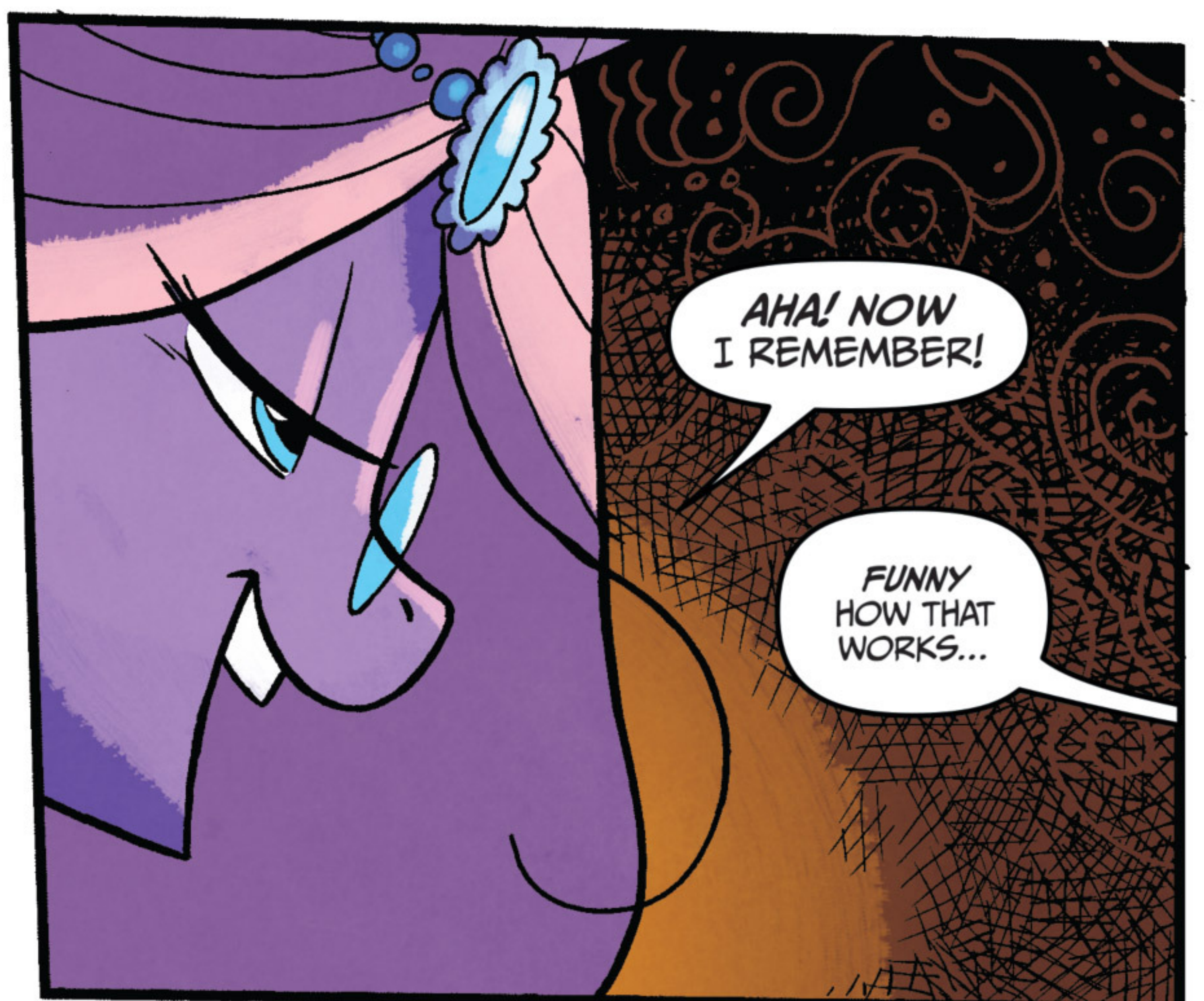
WHAT SPELL?!

KA-SHING



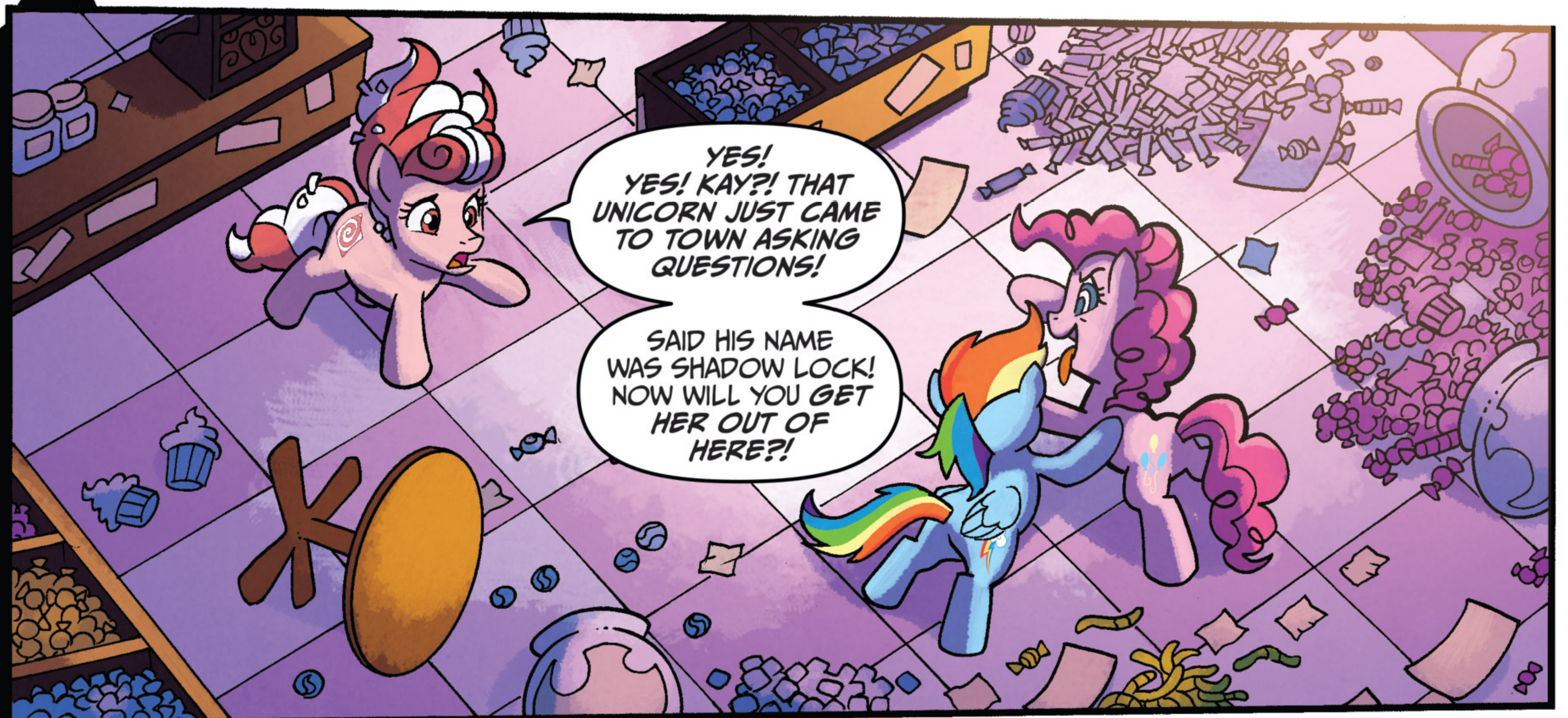
HMM... IT'S AT THE TIP OF MY TONGUE...

I'LL BUY A NEW QUILL AND INK, TOO.



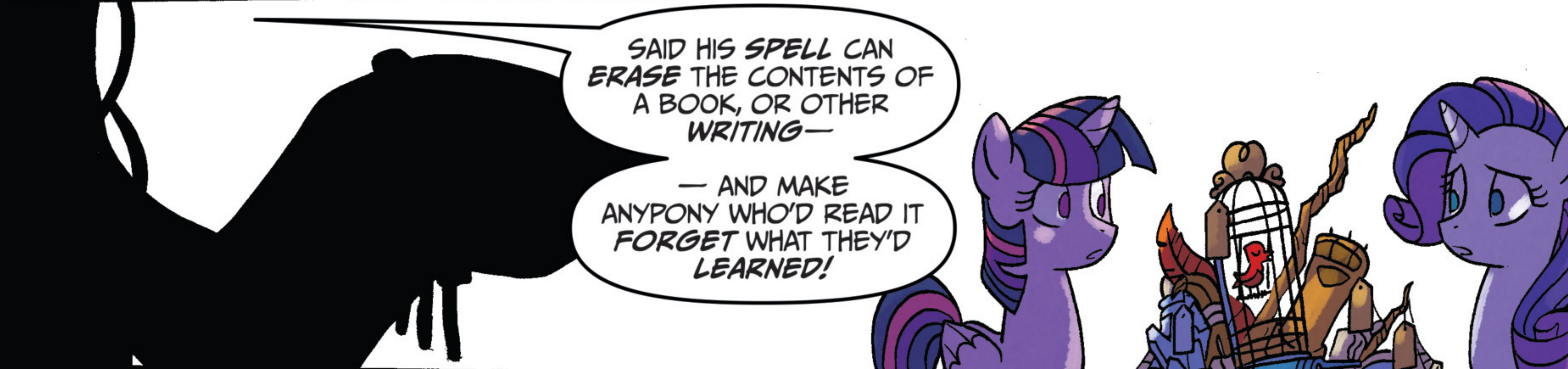
AHA! NOW I REMEMBER!

FUNNY HOW THAT WORKS...



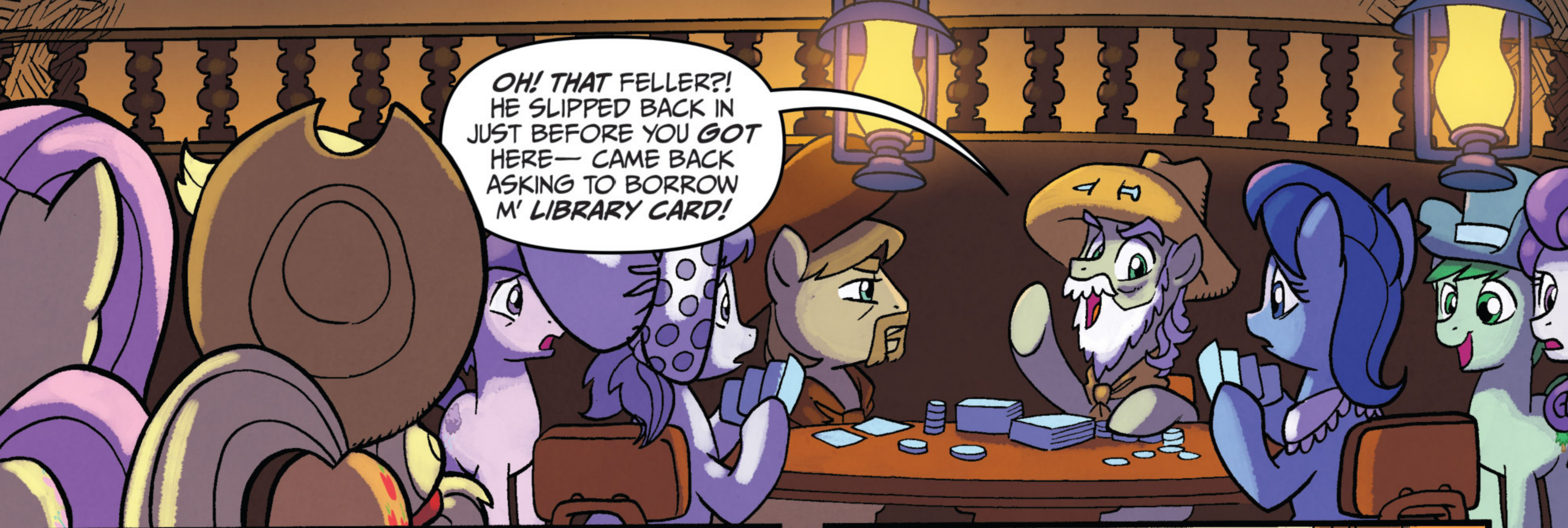
YES! YES! KAY?! THAT UNICORN JUST CAME TO TOWN ASKING QUESTIONS!

SAID HIS NAME WAS SHADOW LOCK! NOW WILL YOU GET HER OUT OF HERE?!



SAID HIS SPELL CAN ERASE THE CONTENTS OF A BOOK, OR OTHER WRITING—

— AND MAKE ANYPONY WHO'D READ IT FORGET WHAT THEY'D LEARNED!

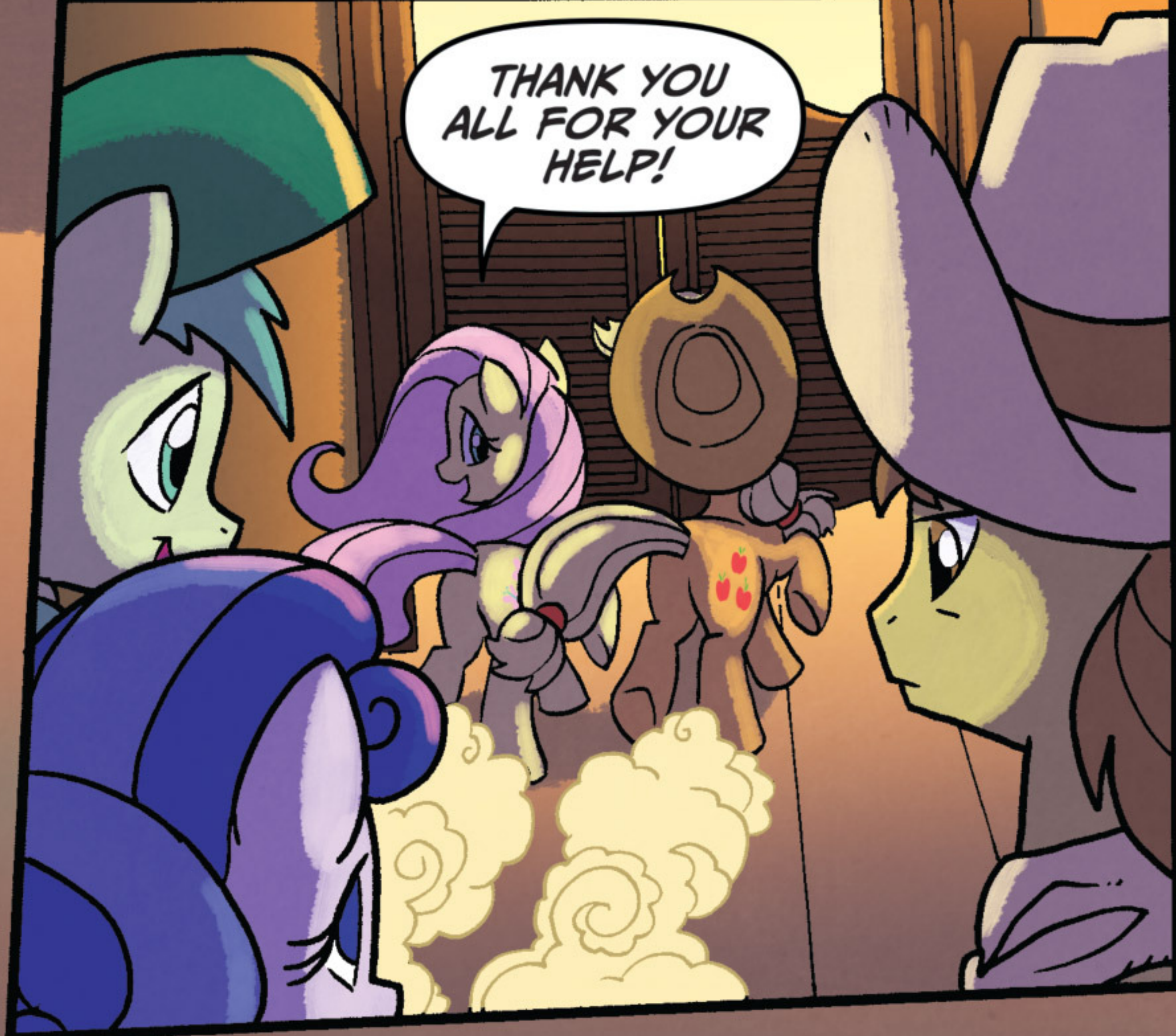


OH! THAT FELLER?! HE SLIPPED BACK IN JUST BEFORE YOU GOT HERE— CAME BACK ASKING TO BORROW M' LIBRARY CARD!



SO, Y'KNOW...  
...HE'S PROBABLY BEEN AT THE LIBRARY THIS WHOLE TIME.

WHY COULDN'T HE HAVE SAID THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE?!



THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP!



EVERYPONY!  
HURRY UP! OUR BOOK THIEF WAS HEADED FOR THE LIBRARY!



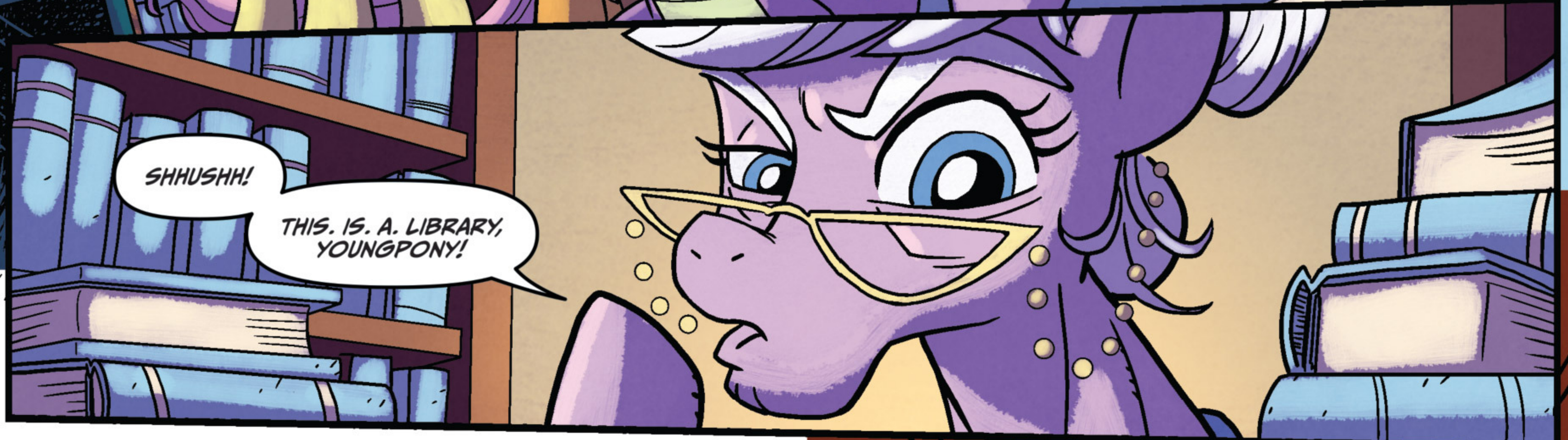
OH... I MAYBE SHOULD HAVE NOTICED THAT EARLIER, HUH?



ALL RIGHT, MISTER MYSTERIOUS—WE KNOW YOU'RE IN HERE!

SURRENDER AND EXPLAIN YOURSELF OR MY FRIENDS AND I WILL—

LIBRARY



SHHUSHH!

THIS IS A LIBRARY, YOUNGPONY!



OH, GOODNESS! I'M SO SORRY! THE THOUGHT OF ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL BOOKS IN DANGER—!

IT'S OKAY, TWILIGHT. ALLOW ME. "QUIET-BUT-SERIOUS" IS MY SPECIALTY.




ALL CHECKED OUT FOR YOU, MR. LOCK! AND DUE BACK ON—

PARDON ME, BUT I THINK WHAT'S REALLY DUE IS AN EXPLANATION AND AN APOLOGY.



YOU?! YOU BROUGHT FRIENDS?

WELL, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP ME—



—WHEN I CAN  
CALL ANY MONSTER  
FROM THESE PAGES  
TO FIGHT BACK!

OOO-KAY. NEXT  
TIME LET'S NOT  
CONFRONT A PONY  
WITH BOOK MAGIC  
INSIDE A LIBRARY?

TO BE CONTINUED...