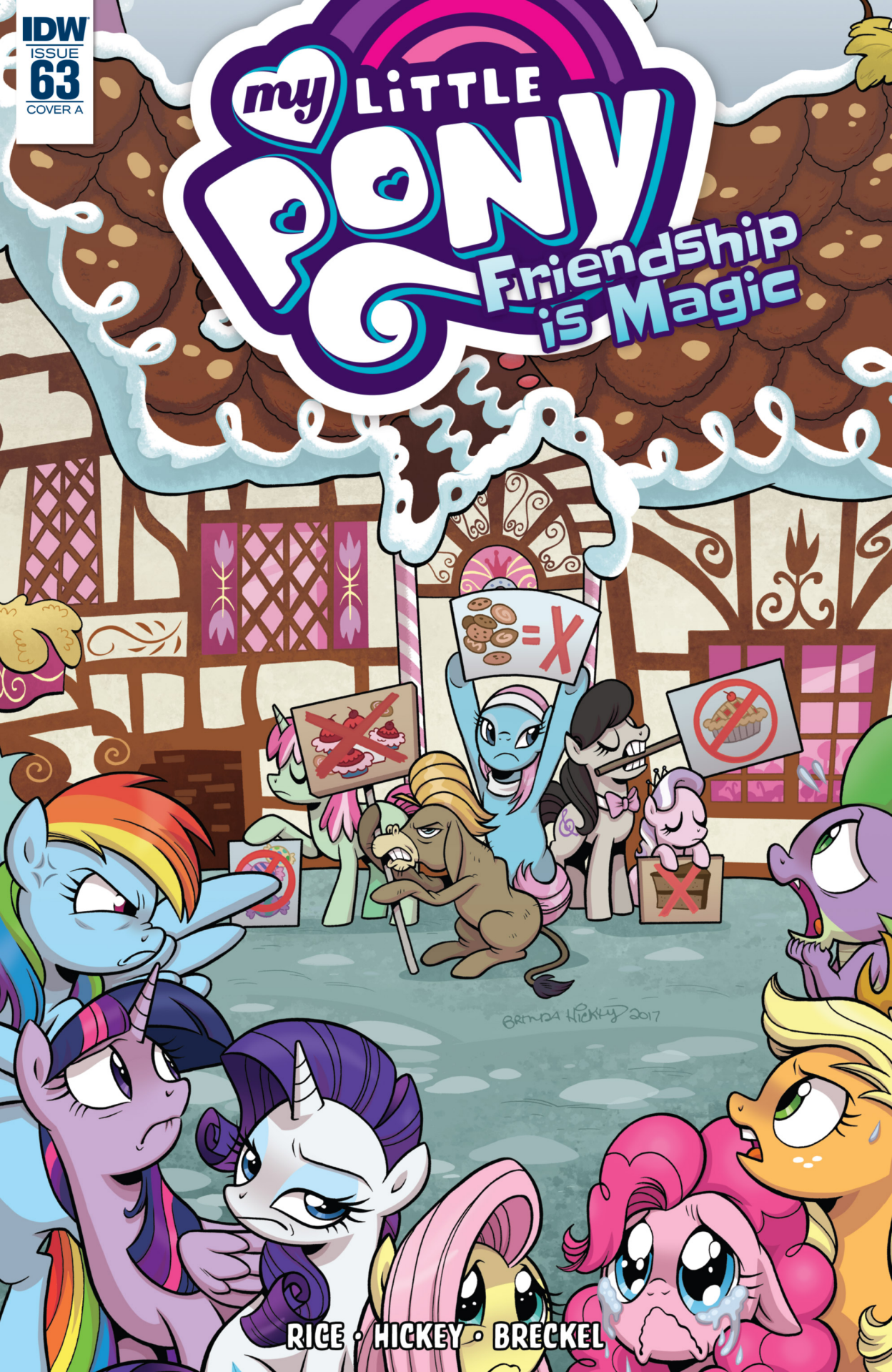


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CAN ANYPONY TELL WHERE THAT DEPRESSING DRUMMING IS COMING FROM?

RIGHT OVER THERE!



WHO IS IT, PINKIE?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE MUCH FUN!



I SHOULD PROBABLY GREET THEM.

ANYPONY WANT TO BE ON THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE?

ME! ME!

WE'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU, MAYOR MARE.



I DON'T KNOW. I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

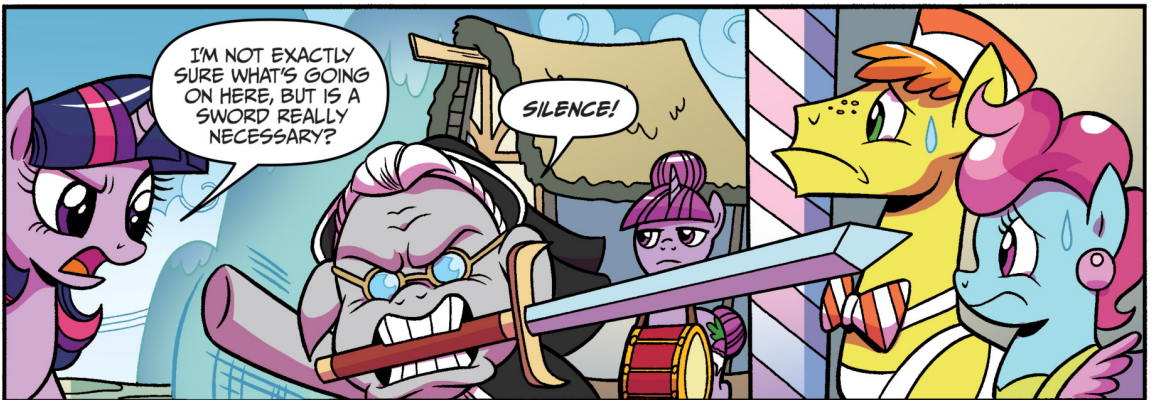
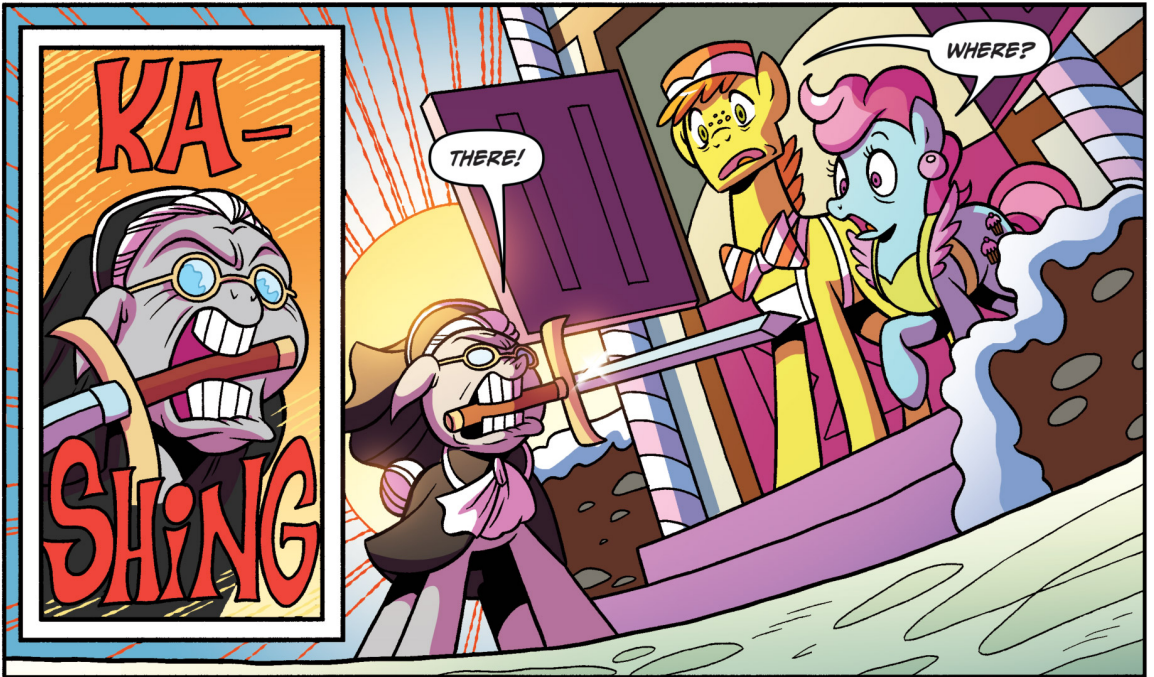


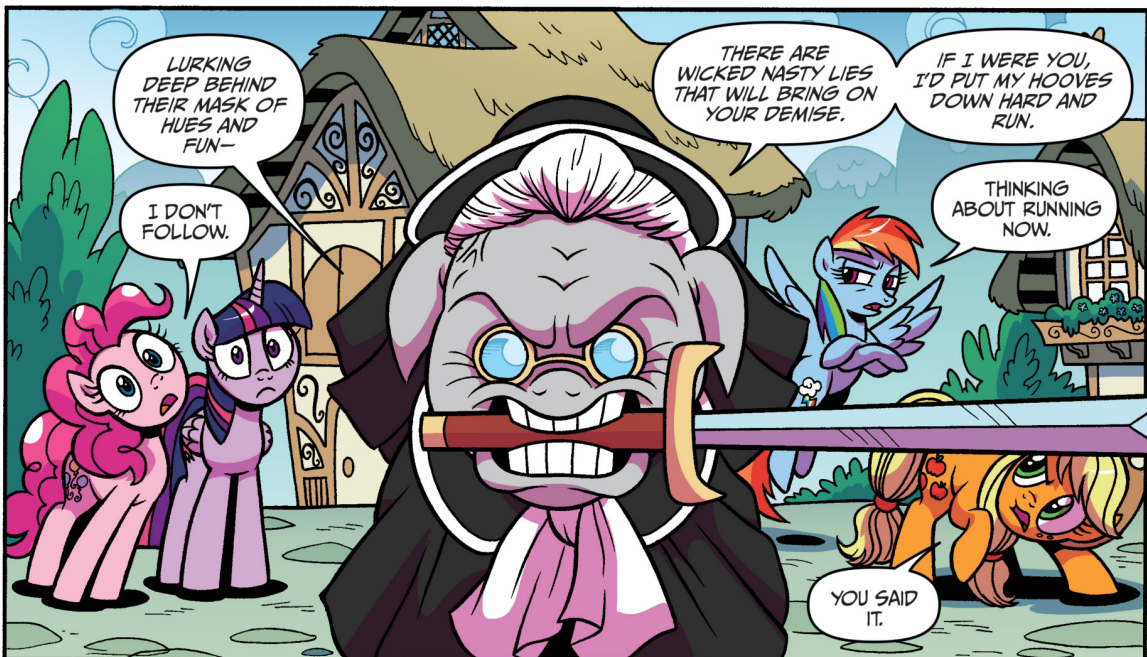
GREETINGS, I'M MAYOR MARE AND—

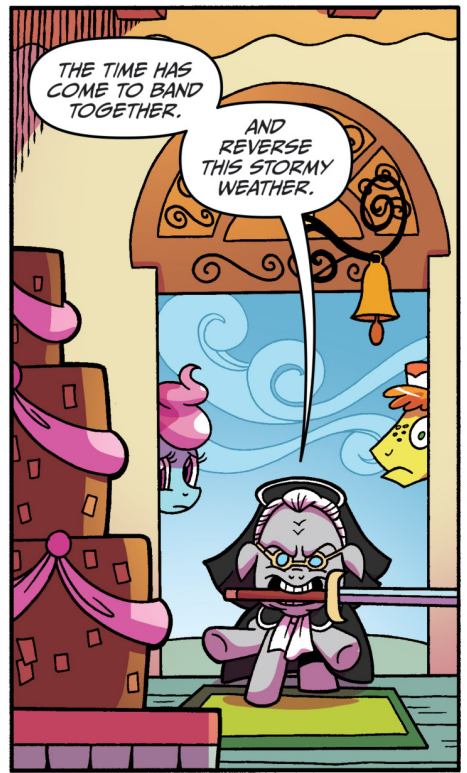
A GREAT EVIL PREVAILS IN THESE PARTS!

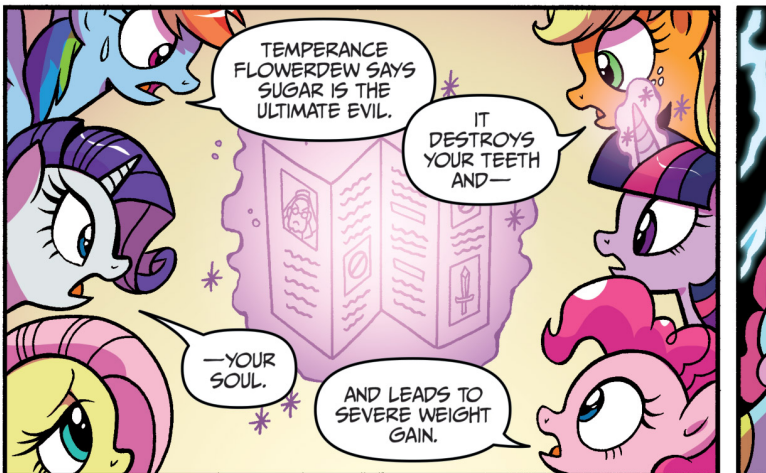


WHAT?











I REALLY DON'T SEE HOW TEMPERANCE FLOWERDEW CAN POSSIBLY OUTLAW SUGAR.

SURE, SHE HAS A FLARE, FOR THE DRAMATIC, BUT THE CITIZENS OF PONYVILLE WILL NOT BELIEVE A PAMPHLET FULL OF LIES.



WELL, TECHNICALLY DARLING, SUGAR CAN CAUSE ALL THOSE THINGS SHE PRINTED.

YES, THAT'S TRUE...

EXCEPT MAYBE THE PART ABOUT DESTROYING YOUR SOUL.

BUT ONLY IF YOU EAT NOTHING BUT SUGAR ALL THE TIME.



WHAT?



I SUGGEST THAT EVERYPONY JUST GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS.

LET TEMPERANCE AND HER CREW HAND OUT THEIR FLIERS AND MOVE ALONG TO THE NEXT TOWN.

EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.

I SURE HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, TWILIGHT.



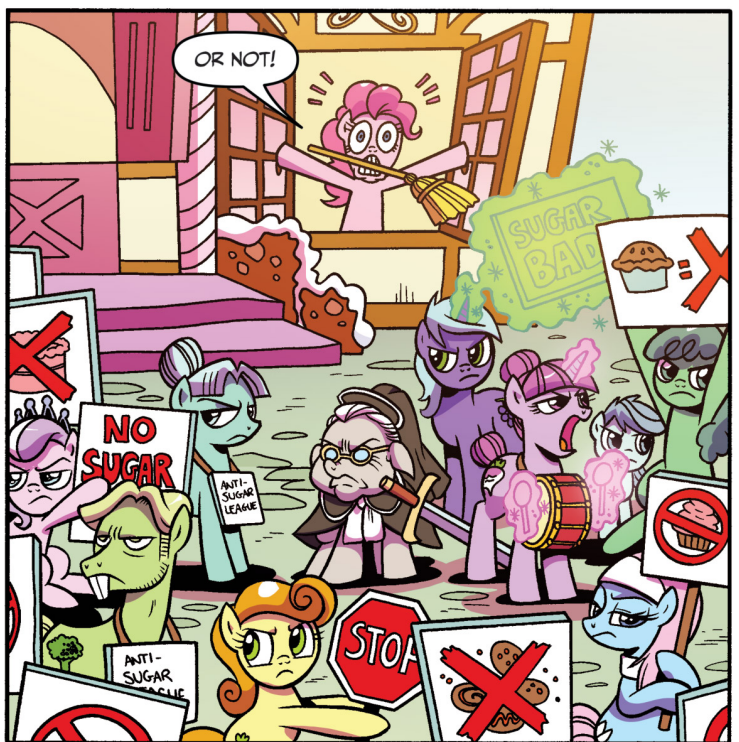
THE NEXT MORNING.

MAYBE TWILIGHT WAS RIGHT.

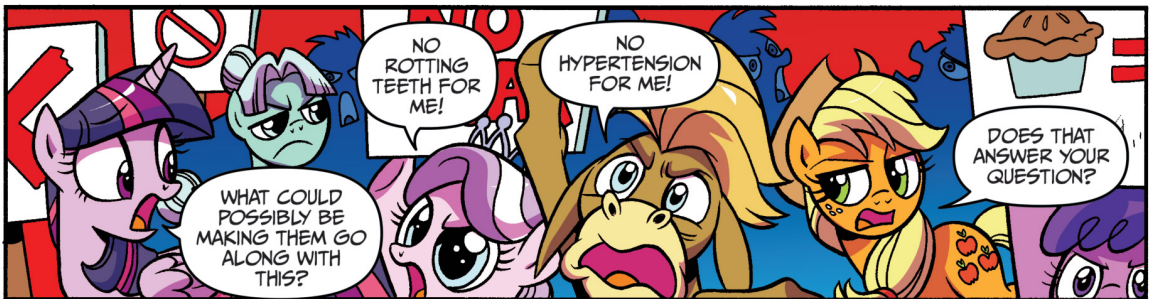
WE JUST NEEDED TO LET TEMPERANCE BLOW THROUGH TOWN AND NOW WE CAN GET BACK TO NORMAL.

INDEEDY.

READY TO OPEN FOR BUSINESS!



OR NOT!



NO ROTTING TEETH FOR ME!

NO HYPERTENSION FOR ME!

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE MAKING THEM GO ALONG WITH THIS?

DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?



TWILIGHT! WE'RE GLAD TO SEE YOU!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

IF THEY KEEP THIS UP, THEY'RE GOING TO PUT US OUT OF BUSINESS.

IMPOSSIBLE!



SUGARCUBE CORNER IS A FIXTURE IN PONYVILLE.

IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN ONE FANATIC WITH A FEW FOLLOWERS TO SHUT IT DOWN.



IT'S NOT TIME TO PANIC.

HOW LONG CAN THEY POSSIBLY KEEP THIS UP?



ONE WEEK LATER.

IS IT TIME TO PANIC YET?



HALF THE TOWN IS PROTESTING.

AND THE OTHER HALF IS TOO AFRAID TO COME IN.

BUSINESS HAS COMPLETELY DRIED UP.

THIS PLACE IS WHERE WE SELL GRANNY SMITH'S PIES!

WE'RE ALREADY FEELING THE HIT BACK AT SWEET APPLE ACRES.

PARTY PLANNING IS WAY DOWN. NO ONE WANTS TO BLOW OUT THE CANDLES ON A VEGGIE PLATTER.



I REALLY DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD GET THIS BAD.

IS THERE SOMETHING LESS SUGARY YOU CAN MAKE AND SELL?

AND OUR TREATS HAVE ALWAYS MADE EVERYPONY HAPPY... NOT SICK.

HOW CAN THIS BE SUGARCUBE CORNER WITHOUT—SUGAR?

BAKING SWEETS IS WHAT I'M GOOD AT.

IT'S MY SPECIAL TALENT.



I'M FED UP AND AM GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

CAKES? FOLLOW ME!

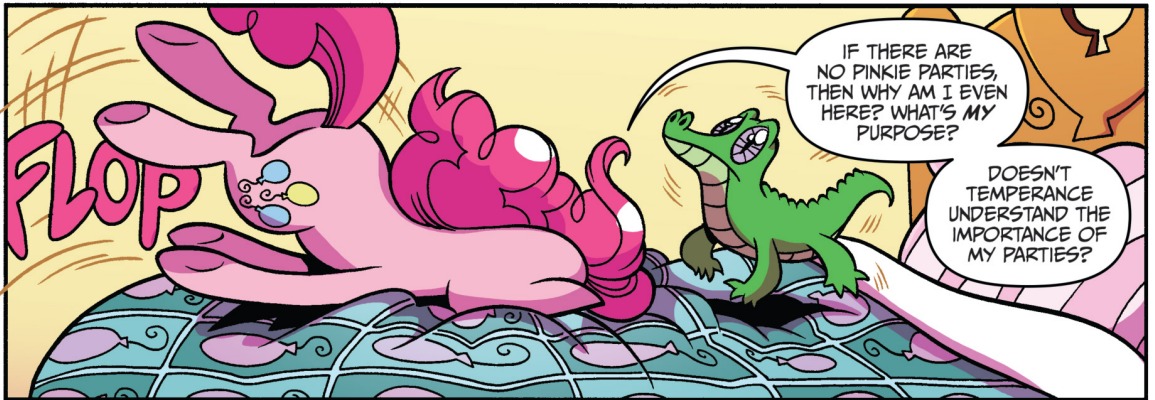


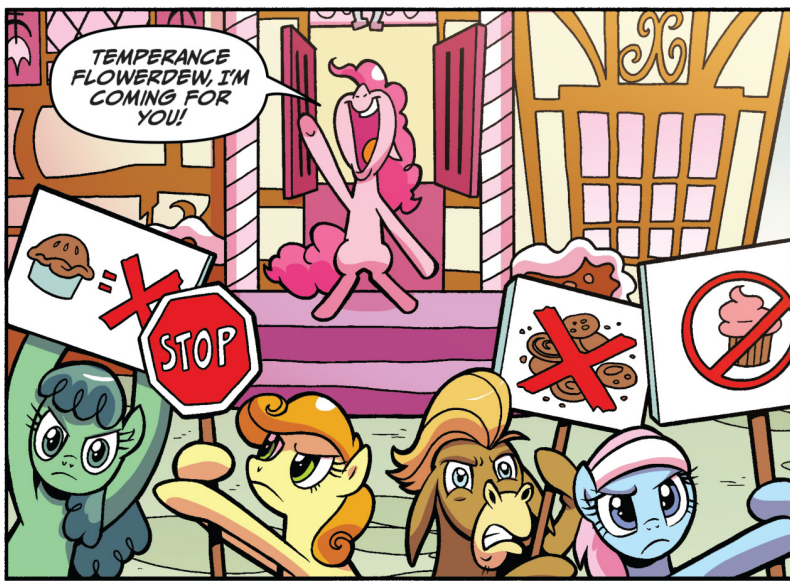
THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO REASON WITH TEMPERANCE.

SOME SOLUTION.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, PINKIE?

I THINK I NEED SOME ALONE TIME RIGHT NOW.

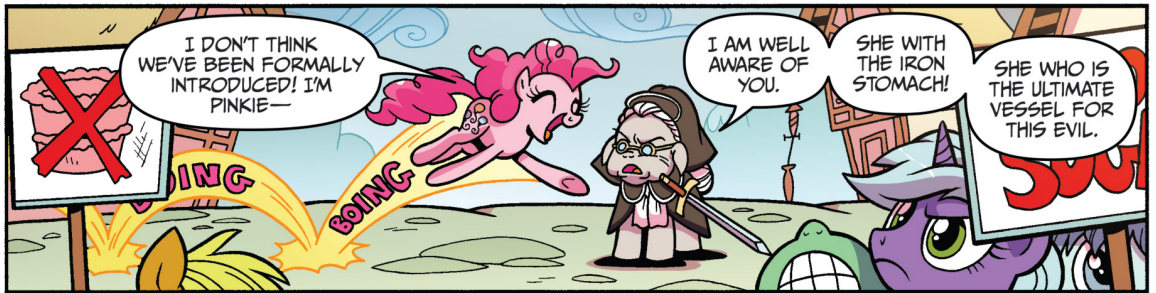




TEMPERANCE
FLOWERDEW, I'M
COMING FOR
YOU!



WITH
LOTS OF
FUN, THAT
IS!



I DON'T THINK
WE'VE BEEN FORMALLY
INTRODUCED! I'M
PINKIE—

I AM WELL
AWARE OF
YOU.

SHE WITH
THE IRON
STOMACH!

SHE WHO IS
THE ULTIMATE
VESSEL FOR
THIS EVIL.

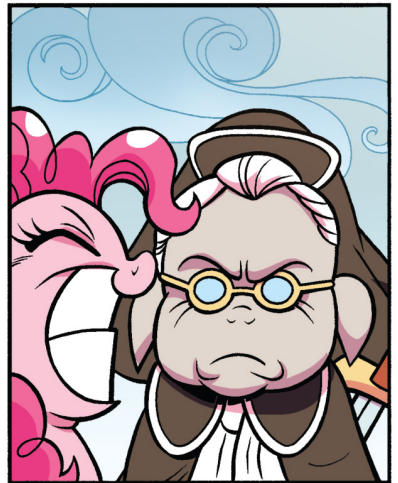


I DON'T THINK
I'M A VESSEL
FOR EVIL.

THOUGH
THE IRON
STOMACH MAY
NOT BE TOO
FAR OFF.



ANYWAYS—IT JUST
OCCURRED TO ME THAT
YOU'VE BEEN IN PONYVILLE
FOR OVER A WEEK AND
HAVEN'T RECEIVED A
PATENTED PINKIE
WELCOME PARTY!

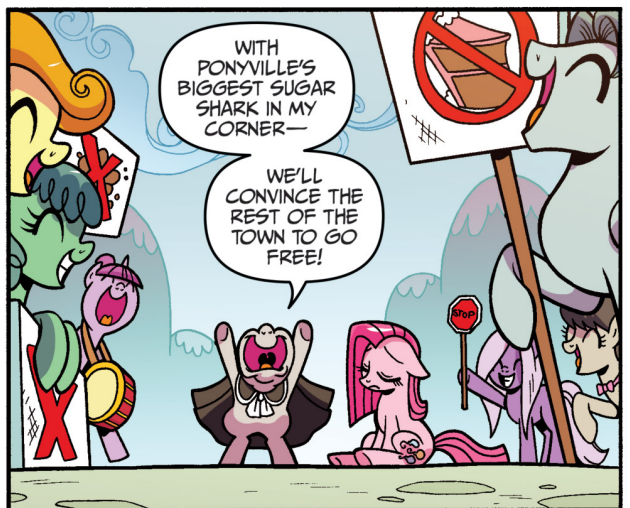
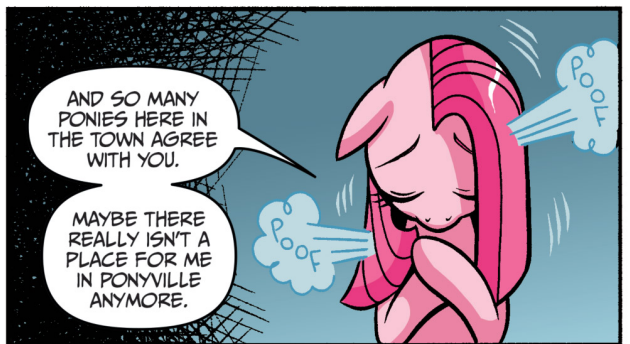
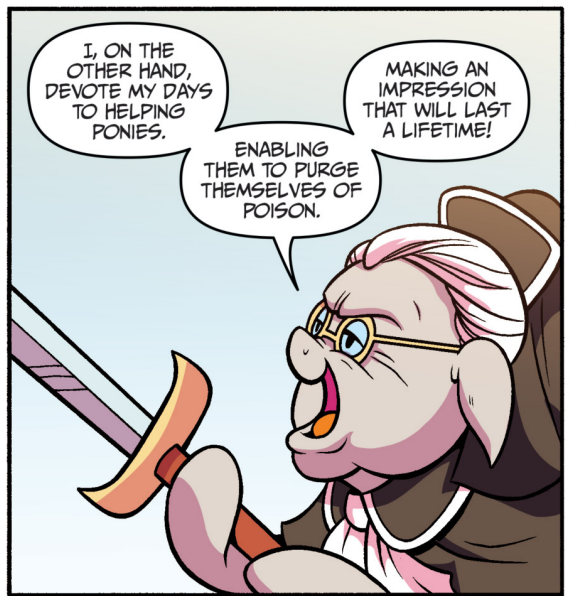
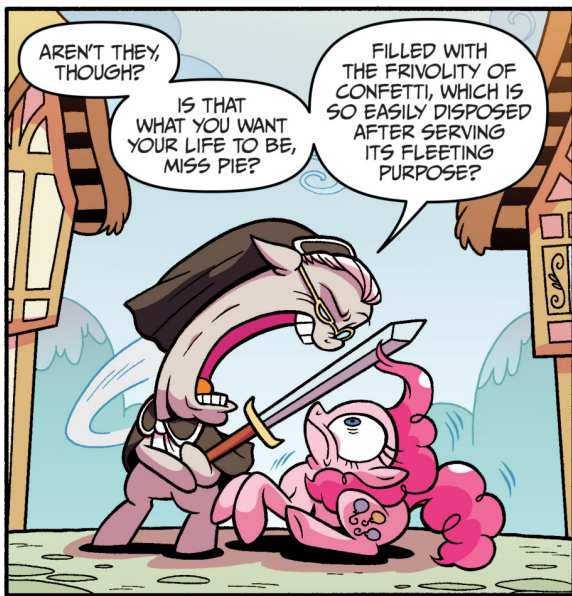


I DON'T HAVE
TIME FOR PARTIES
AND DON'T BELIEVE
IN THEM.

I HAVE A
MISSION TO SAVE
ALL PONIES.

I WILL NOT
BE DISTRACTED BY
NONSENSE SUCH AS
STREAMERS AND
CONFETTI!

THOSE
THINGS AREN'T
NONSENSE.







HAS ALL OF PONYVILLE GONE MAD?



I SEE YOU GOT MY NOTE.

RAINBOW DASH, WHAT IS ALL THIS?

LET ME TREAT YOU TO SOME SUGAR.



HOWDY! HOW ABOUT GETTING MY FRIEND HERE A SLICE OF THAT DOUBLE CHOCOLATE CARAMEL CRUNCH CAKE. A LA MODE!

YOU'VE GOT IT!

APPLEJACK, PLEASE TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON.

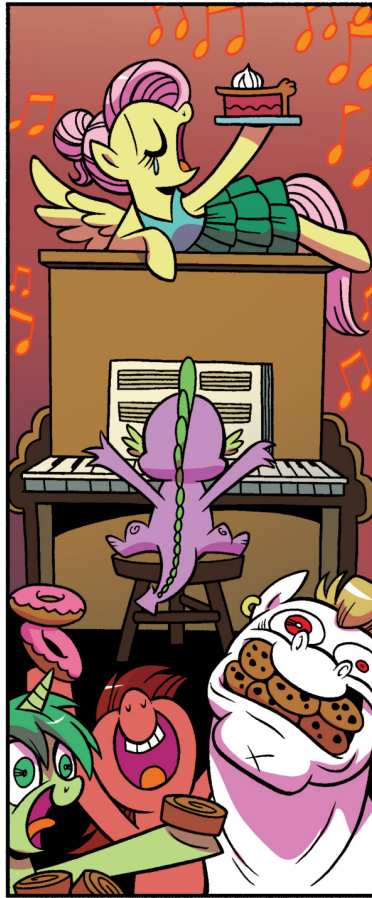


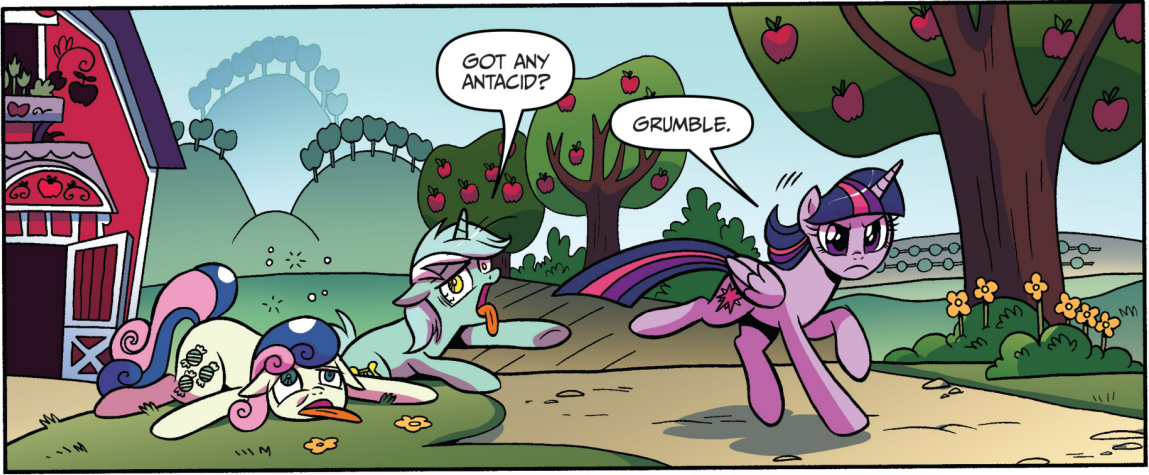
THAT TEMPERANCE DROVE ALL THE BUSINESS OUT OF SUGARCUBE CORNER.

SO ME AND THE CAKES DECIDED TO MOVE ANY REMAINING BUSINESS HERE.

BUT DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE EVERYPONY IS GOING OVERBOARD ON THE SUGAR?

GUESS THEY'RE AFRAID IT'LL GET COMPLETELY OUTLAWED SOON.





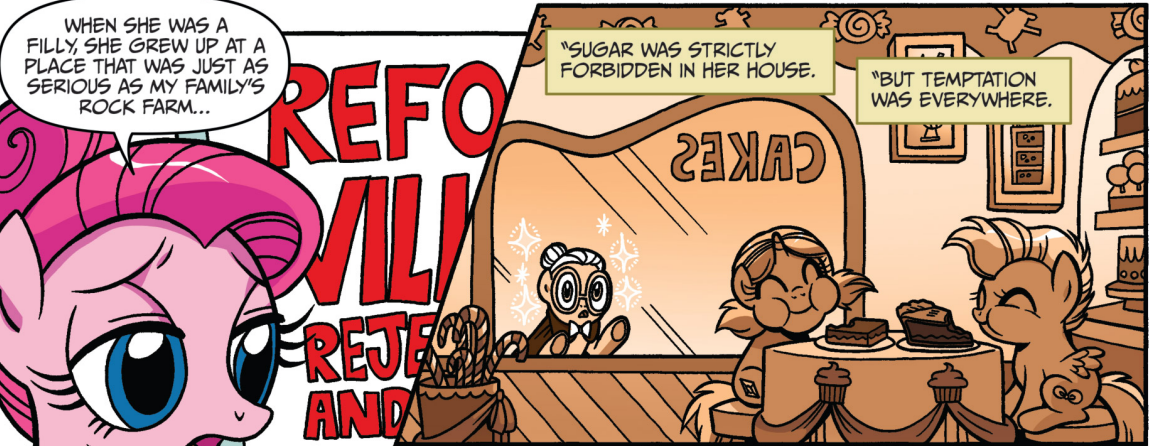


PINKIE, NOT YOU TOO?

HOW COULD SHE HAVE DONE THIS TO YOU OF ALL PONIES?

SHE'S NOT SO BAD, TWILIGHT.

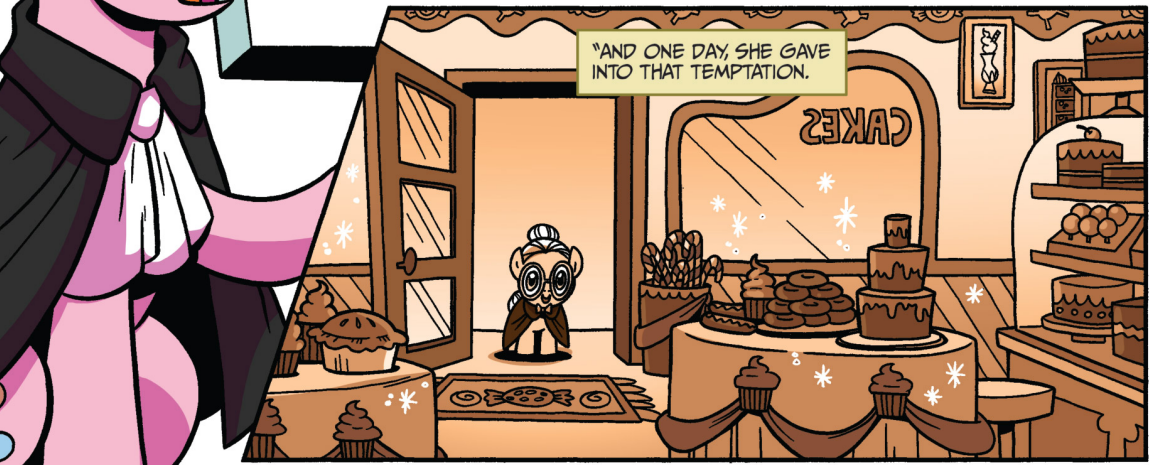
AS IT TURNS OUT, WE'RE NOT SO DIFFERENT.



WHEN SHE WAS A FILLY, SHE GREW UP AT A PLACE THAT WAS JUST AS SERIOUS AS MY FAMILY'S ROCK FARM...

"SUGAR WAS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN IN HER HOUSE.

"BUT TEMPTATION WAS EVERYWHERE.

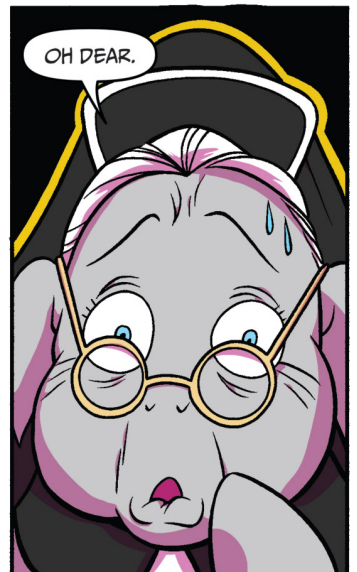


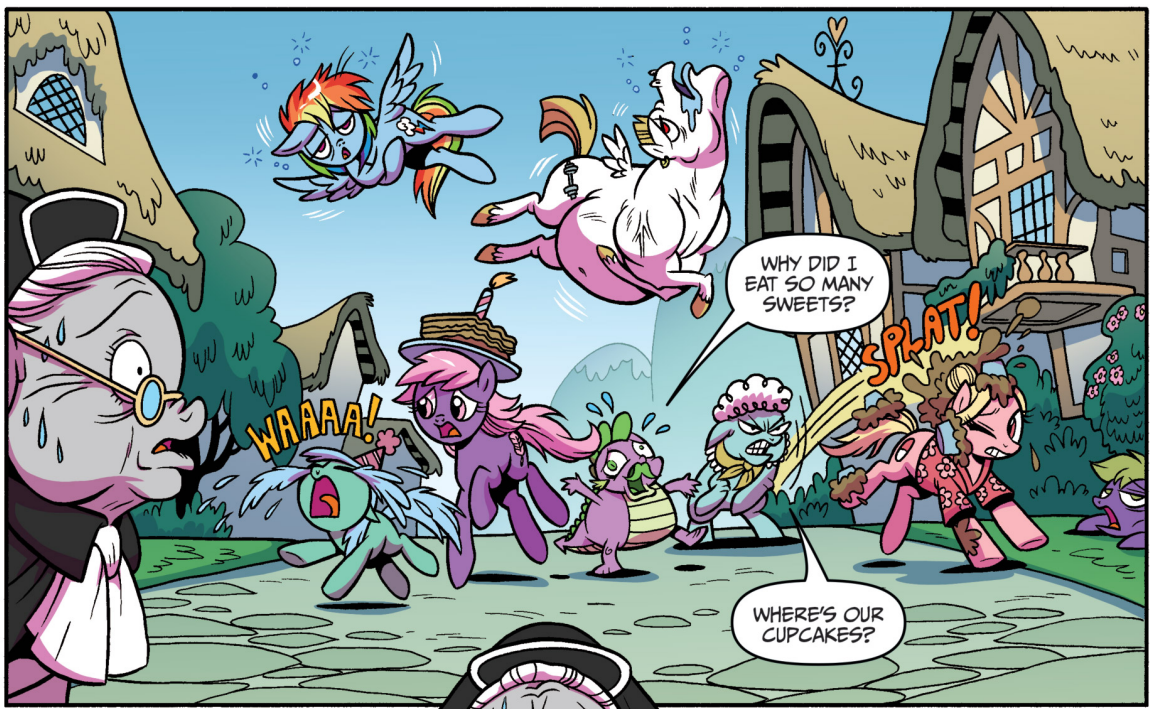
"AND ONE DAY, SHE GAVE INTO THAT TEMPTATION.

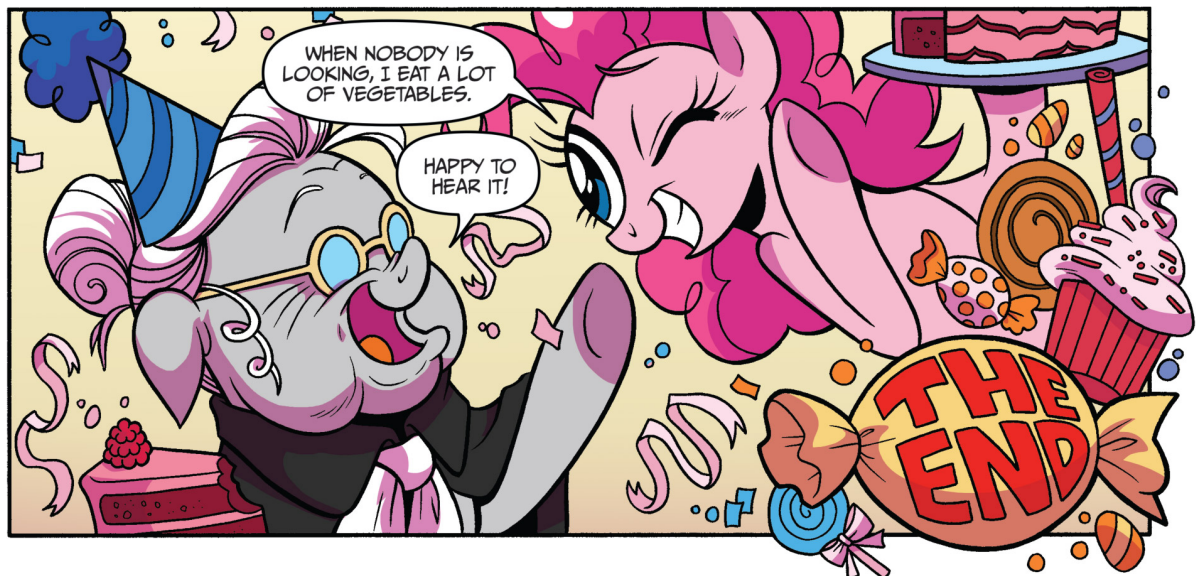
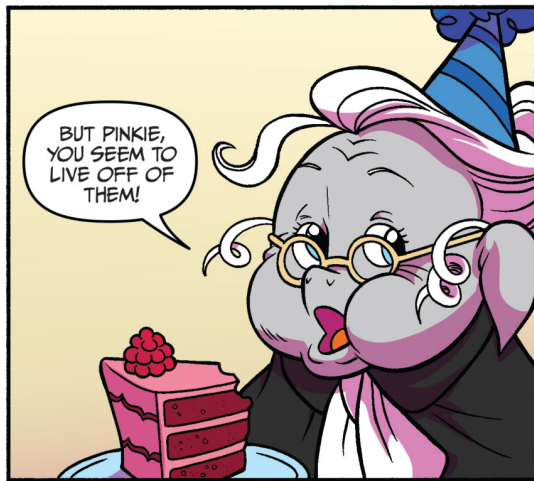


"AND PAID THE PRICE.

"SHE WAS SICK FOR DAYS."







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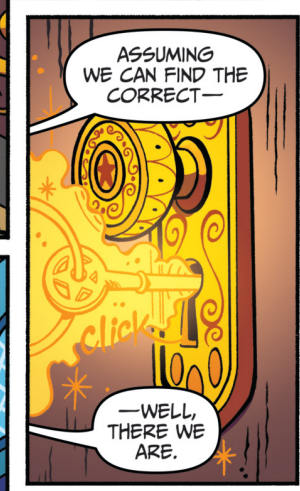
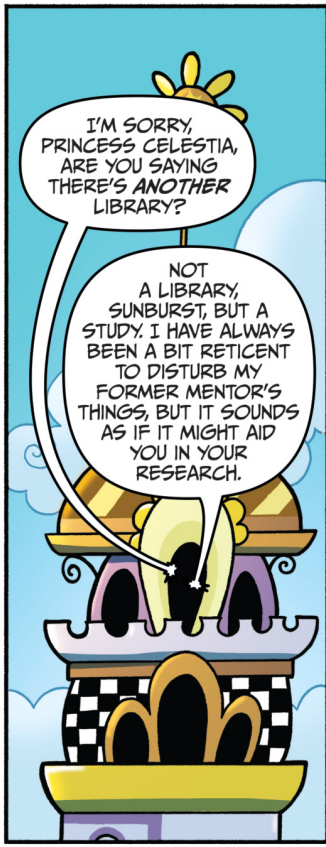


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THIS IS AMAZING! WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD BE IN HERE!

WELL, I AM CERTAIN THAT LUNA AND I READ SEVERAL OF THESE STORIES WHEN WE WERE UNDER STARSWIRL'S TUTELAGE.

WHY WOULD YOU KEEP ALL OF THIS LOCKED AWAY?



WHEN STARSWIRL DISAPPEARED, LUNA AND I WERE CONVINCED HE WOULD BE BACK ANY DAY. HE WAS OFTEN PULLED AWAY ON ADVENTURES, JUST TO TURN UP A FEW WEEKS LATER.

AND WHEN HE DIDN'T RETURN?

AT FIRST, WE WERE SURE HE WOULD. THEN, ONCE A FEW MONTHS HAD PASSED, WE STOPPED LOOKING. BUT WE WERE STILL YOUNG, AND DIDN'T DARE TO DISTURB OUR TUTOR'S THINGS.



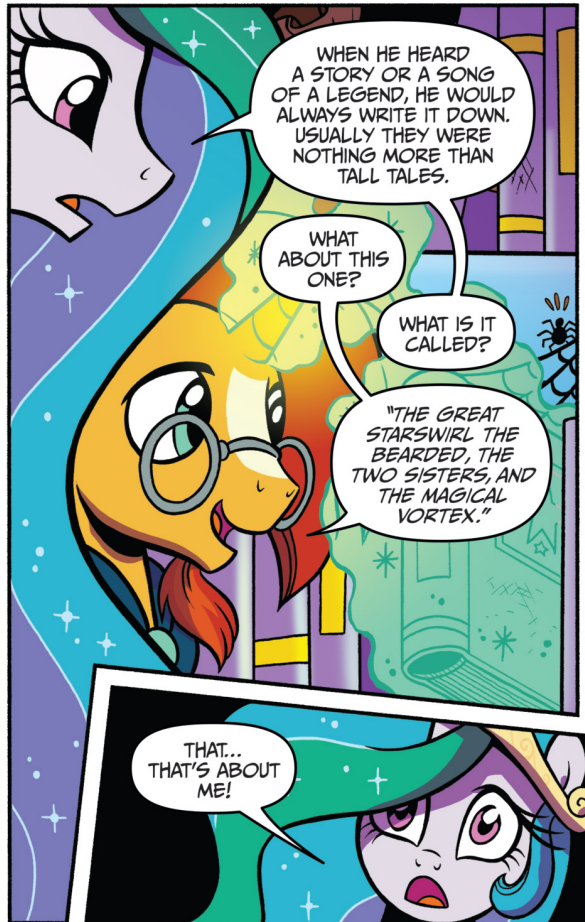
THEN THERE WAS THE FIGHT, AND I EXILED LUNA TO THE MOON. AFTER THAT I WAS TOO BUSY... OR PERHAPS IT HURT TOO MUCH TO THINK OF THOSE DAYS.

"LEGENDS OF MAGIC"?

STARSWIRL WAS FOND OF MYTHS AND LEGENDS. STORIES OF PONIES WITH EXCEPTIONAL POWER.

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IT LOOKS LIKE HE WROTE THESE HIMSELF.



WHEN HE HEARD A STORY OR A SONG OF A LEGEND, HE WOULD ALWAYS WRITE IT DOWN. USUALLY THEY WERE NOTHING MORE THAN TALL TALES.

WHAT ABOUT THIS ONE?

WHAT IS IT CALLED?

"THE GREAT STARSWIRL THE BEARDED, THE TWO SISTERS, AND THE MAGICAL VORTEX."



THAT... THAT'S ABOUT ME!

LATER THAT NIGHT.

FASCINATING!
THIS WAS WRITTEN
BY STARSWIRL, BUT
IT DOESN'T READ
LIKE A JOURNAL
HERE.

HE'S WRITTEN
AN ACCOUNT
OF HIS OWN
LEGEND.



"NOW, WITHOUT A
DOUBT, MANY AMONG YOU
WILL KNOW THE LEGENDS
OF STARSWIRL THE
BEARDED."

"ONE OF THE
GREAT HEROES OF
OUR TIME, STARSWIRL WAS
KNOWN FOR FACING DOWN
MAGICAL CREATURES AND
FORCES NO OTHER PONY
WOULD DARE."

~~SNORTE~~
HE CERTAINLY
WASN'T KNOWN
FOR HIS SMALL
EGO.



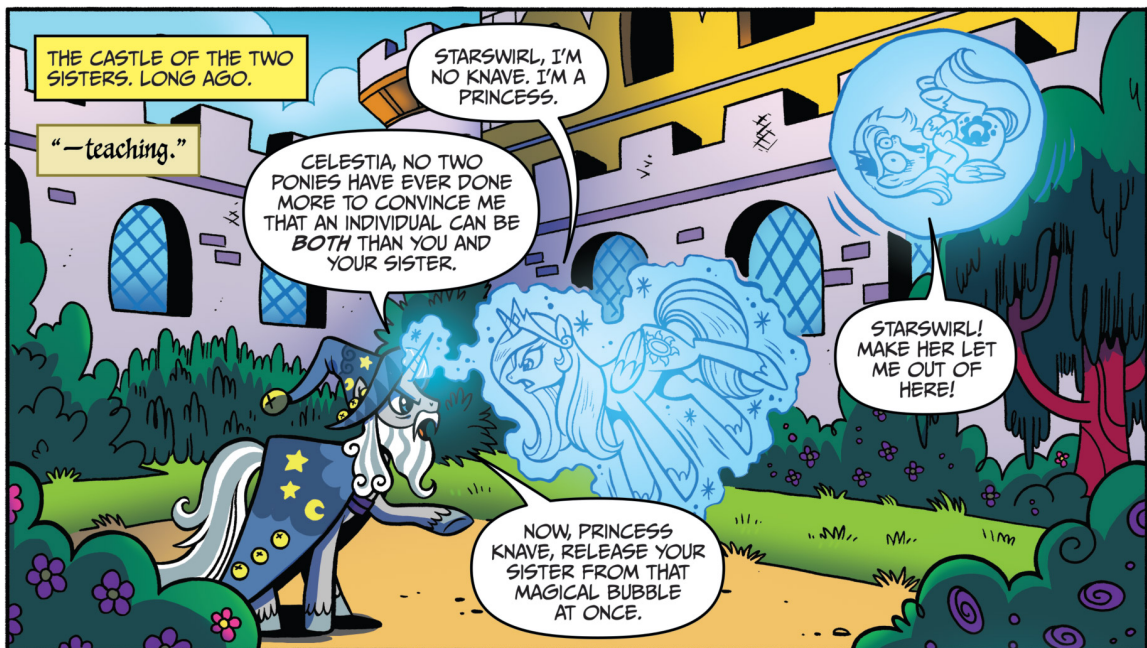
But perhaps the most challenging
role for Starswirl was not that of
mage, or wanderer, or hero. But the
most dangerous of all professions—

Indeed, Starswirl was one of the
great pony heroes. His feats will
be sung long after he has left us.



HALT, KNAVE!
GO NO FURTHER!





THE CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS. LONG AGO.

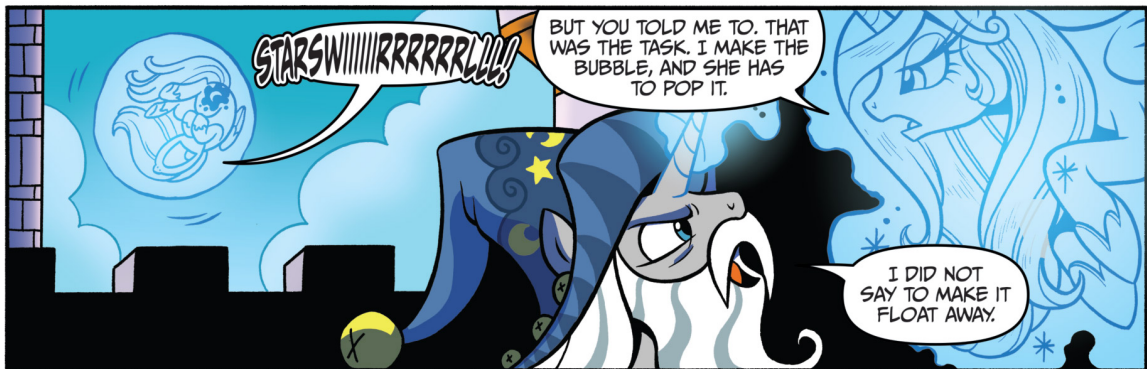
“—teaching.”

STARSWIRL, I'M NO KNAVE. I'M A PRINCESS.

CELESTIA, NO TWO PONIES HAVE EVER DONE MORE TO CONVINCE ME THAT AN INDIVIDUAL CAN BE BOTH THAN YOU AND YOUR SISTER.

STARSWIRL! MAKE HER LET ME OUT OF HERE!

NOW, PRINCESS KNAVE, RELEASE YOUR SISTER FROM THAT MAGICAL BUBBLE AT ONCE.



STARSWIRLIIIIIIRRRRRR!!!

BUT YOU TOLD ME TO. THAT WAS THE TASK. I MAKE THE BUBBLE, AND SHE HAS TO POP IT.

I DID NOT SAY TO MAKE IT FLOAT AWAY.



IT'S MEANT TO BE A SIMPLE TRAINING EXERCISE, NOT A CHANCE FOR YOU TO MAKE YOUR SISTER PANIC.

WELL, IT'S NOT MY FAULT SHE CAN'T KEEP UP.



POP!

GAAAH!!



IT IS NOT YOUR JOB TO MONITOR OR COMMENT ON YOUR SISTER'S PROGRESS. I AM THE INSTRUCTOR HERE.

WELL, THAT MUST BE FRUSTRATING FOR YOU.



ARE YOU OKAY, PRINCESS LUNA?

THANK YOU FOR GETTING ME DOWN. HOW CAN MY OWN SISTER BE SO MEAN? CAN YOU BELIEVE HER?

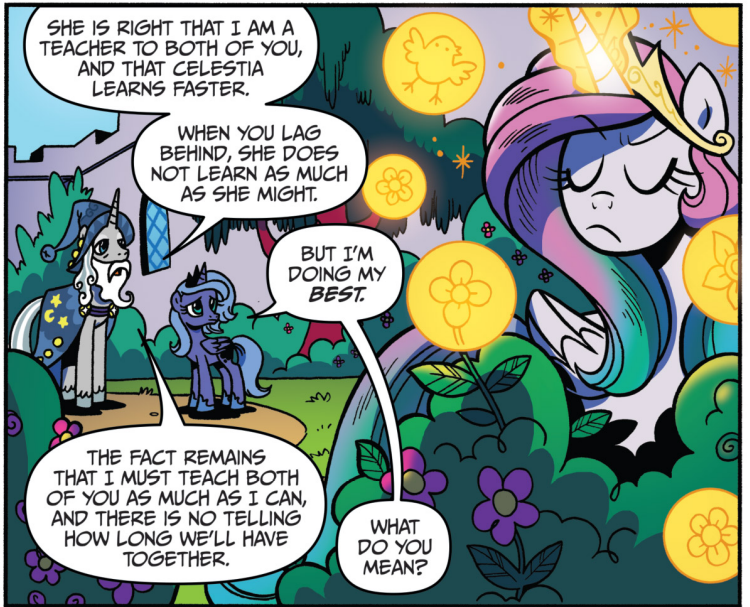
TO BE FRANK, HER COMPLAINT HAS MERIT.



I... I THOUGHT YOU WERE ON MY SIDE.



THERE ARE NO SIDES HERE, PRINCESS LUNA.



SHE IS RIGHT THAT I AM A TEACHER TO BOTH OF YOU, AND THAT CELESTIA LEARNS FASTER.

WHEN YOU LAG BEHIND, SHE DOES NOT LEARN AS MUCH AS SHE MIGHT.

BUT I'M DOING MY BEST.

THE FACT REMAINS THAT I MUST TEACH BOTH OF YOU AS MUCH AS I CAN, AND THERE IS NO TELLING HOW LONG WE'LL HAVE TOGETHER.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



WHEN A CRISIS ARISES, I MAY BE CALLED ON TO DEAL WITH IT, AND SOMEDAY I MIGHT NOT RETURN.

SOMETIMES OUR LIVES REQUIRE US TO DO THINGS THAT DO NOT SEEM IMMEDIATELY POSSIBLE TO US.



AS A PRINCESS, SOMEDAY THOSE THINGS MIGHT BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SURVIVAL OF YOUR KINGDOM OR THE FALL OF ALL OF EQUESTRIA.

IF YOUR BEST IS NOT UP TO THE TASK, EITHER YOU MUST FIND A NEW BEST, OR BE WILLING TO LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES.

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