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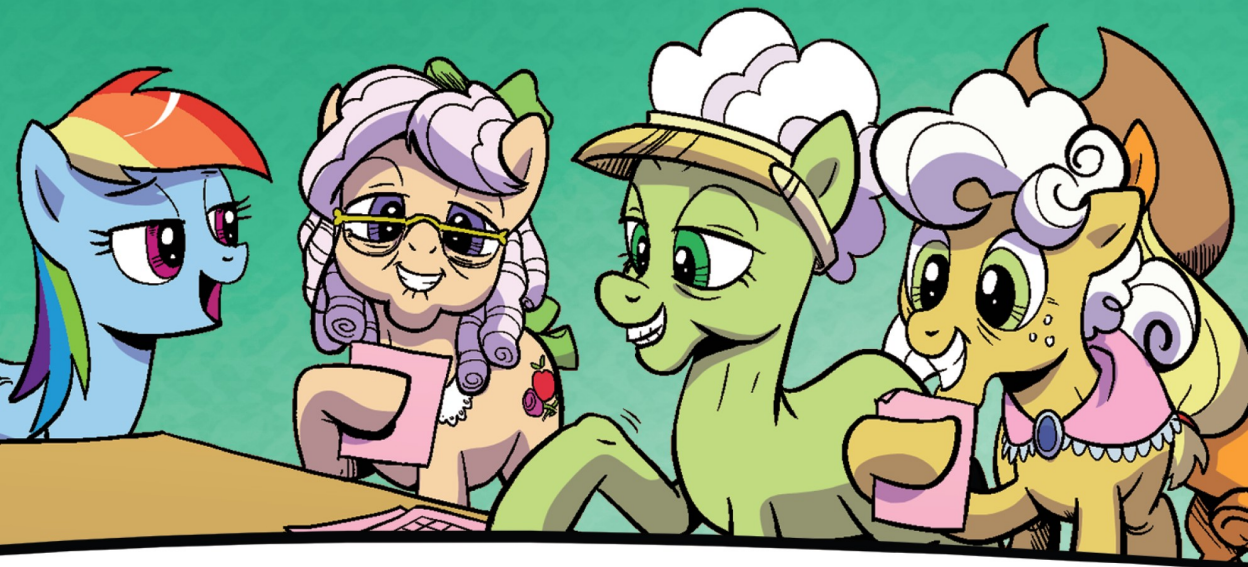
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AND THERE YOU HAVE IT, PONYVILLE—

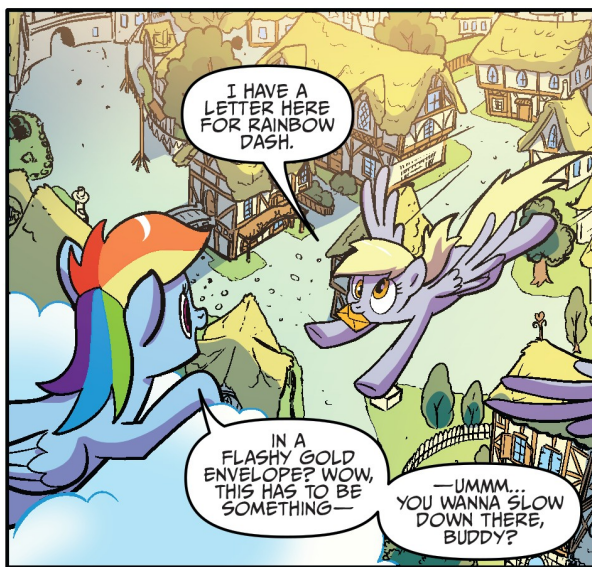


—ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL SUNNY DAY, COURTESY OF YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD RAINBOW DASH.



HELLO? RAINBOW DASH, ARE YOU UP THERE?

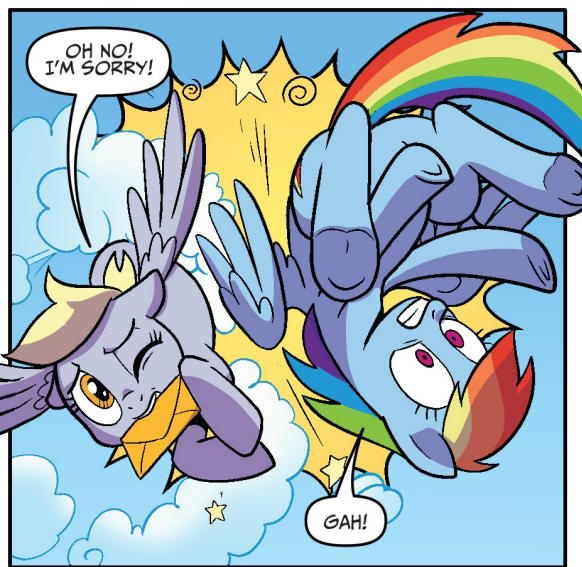
HUH?



I HAVE A LETTER HERE FOR RAINBOW DASH.

IN A FLASHY GOLD ENVELOPE? WOW, THIS HAS TO BE SOMETHING—

—UMMM... YOU WANNA SLOW DOWN THERE, BUDDY?



OH NO! I'M SORRY!

GAH!



OOF!



SORRY!  
HERE'S YOUR  
LETTER.

THANKS.



SWEET,  
IT'S FROM  
THE GOLDEN  
HORSESHOE  
GALS! IT'S AN  
INVITATION.



"GRANNY  
SMITH, GOLDIE  
DELICIOUS, APPLE  
SAUCE, AND APPLE  
ROSE OFFICIALLY  
INVITE YOU TO GOLDEN  
HORSESHOE CLUB'S  
GAME DAY.

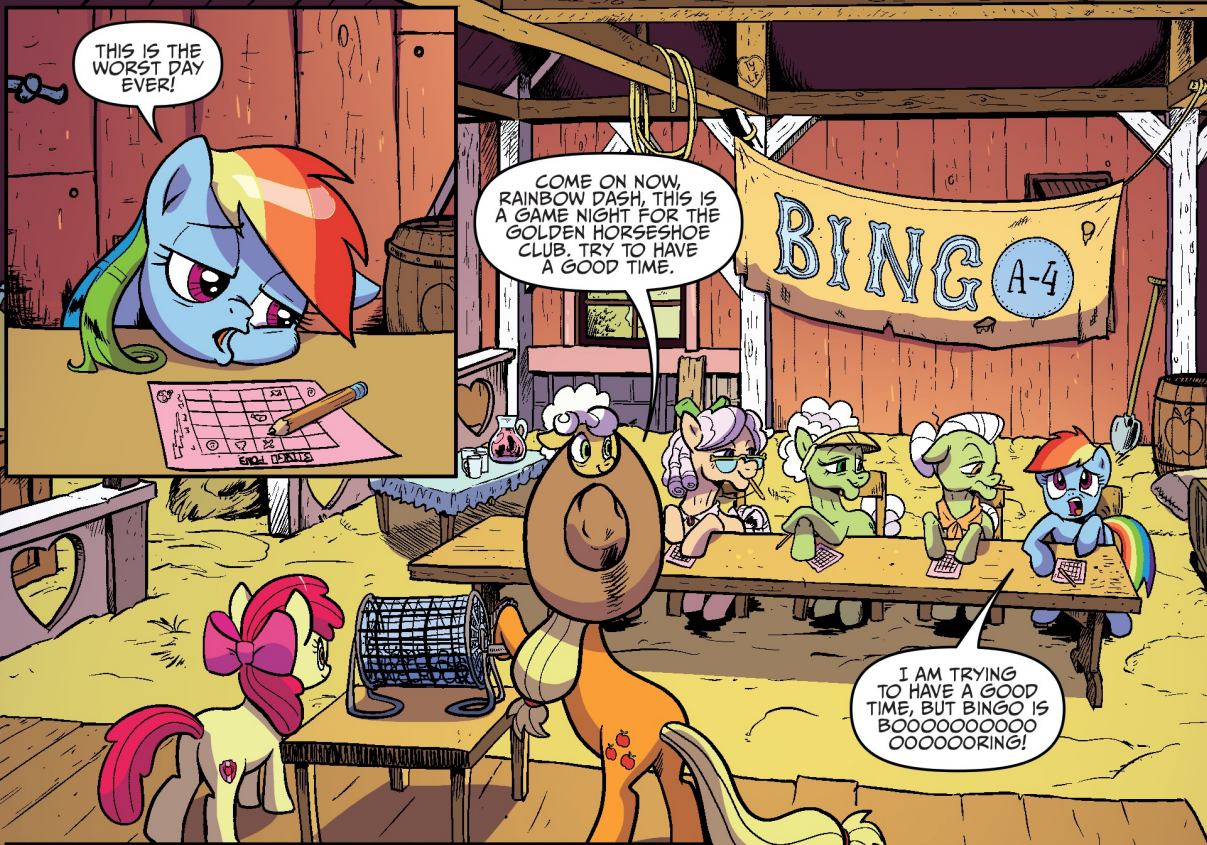
"PLEASE  
COME READY  
FOR A FULL  
DAY OF  
SIDE-SPLITTING  
FUN AND  
GAMES."



SWEET! I'VE  
BEEN PRACTICING  
MY HORSESHOE  
TOSS! I'M GONNA  
GIVE APPLE ROSE  
A RUN FOR HER  
MONEY.

THIS IS  
GONNA BE THE  
BEST DAY  
EVER!





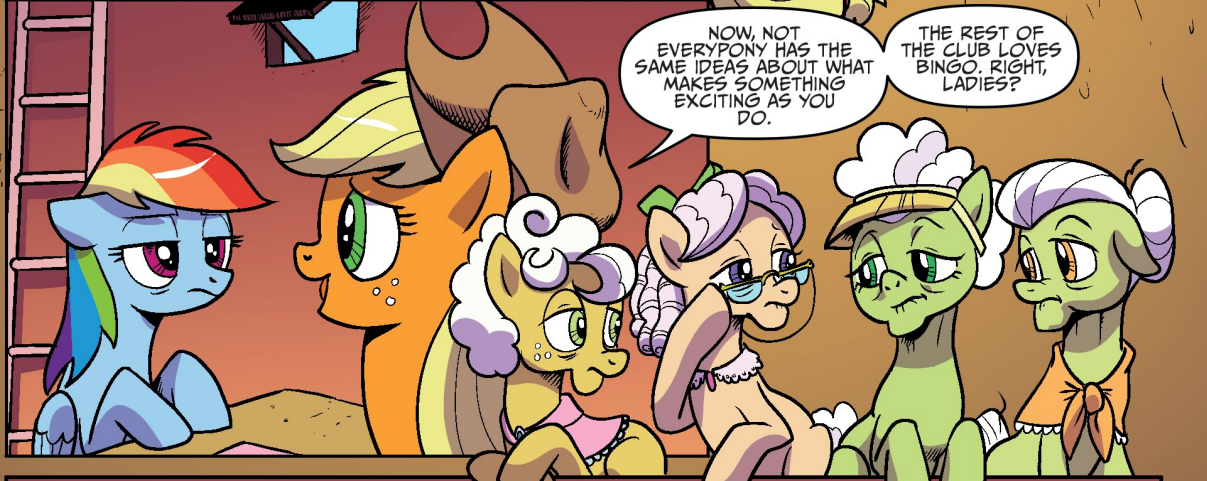
THIS IS THE WORST DAY EVER!

COME ON NOW, RAINBOW DASH, THIS IS A GAME NIGHT AT THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE CLUB. TRY TO HAVE A GOOD TIME.

BINGO A-4

END DEBITS

I AM TRYING TO HAVE A GOOD TIME, BUT BINGO IS BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOORING!



NOW, NOT EVERYPONY HAS THE SAME IDEAS ABOUT WHAT MAKES SOMETHING EXCITING AS YOU DO.

THE REST OF THE CLUB LOVES BINGO. RIGHT, LADIES?

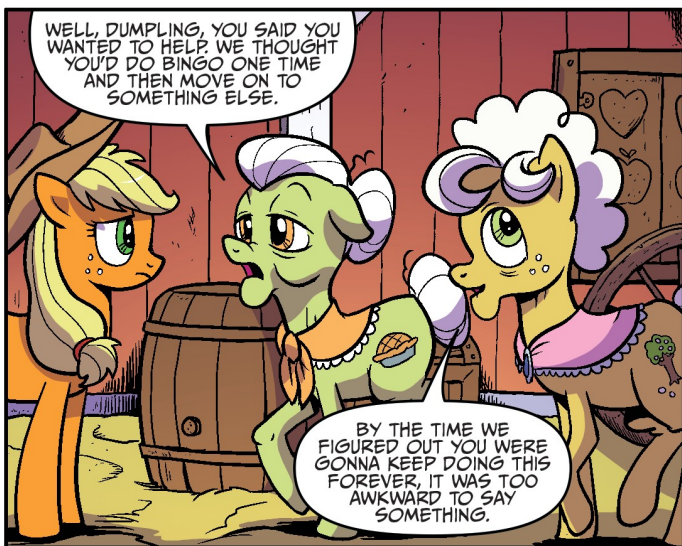


WELL, IT'S NOT HORSESHOES BUT...

WELL, IT WOULDN'T HURT TO ADD A STALLION OR TWO TO THE MIX.

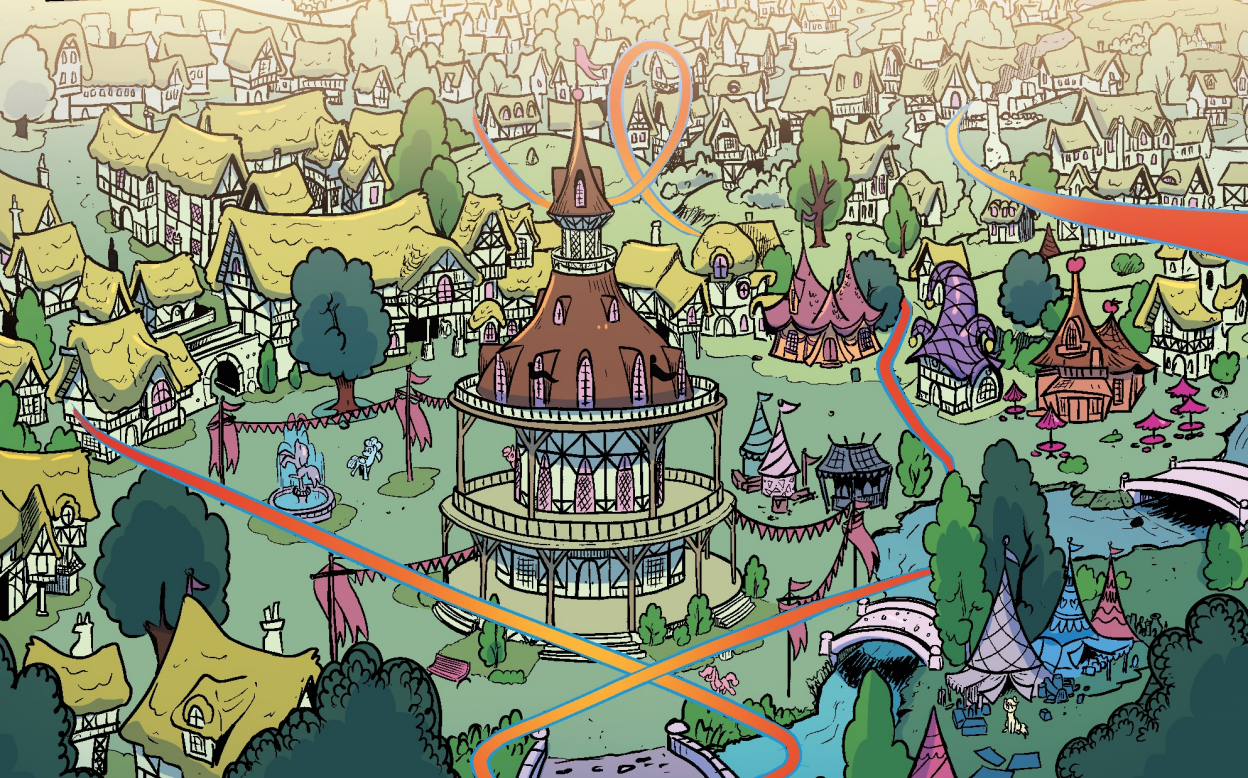
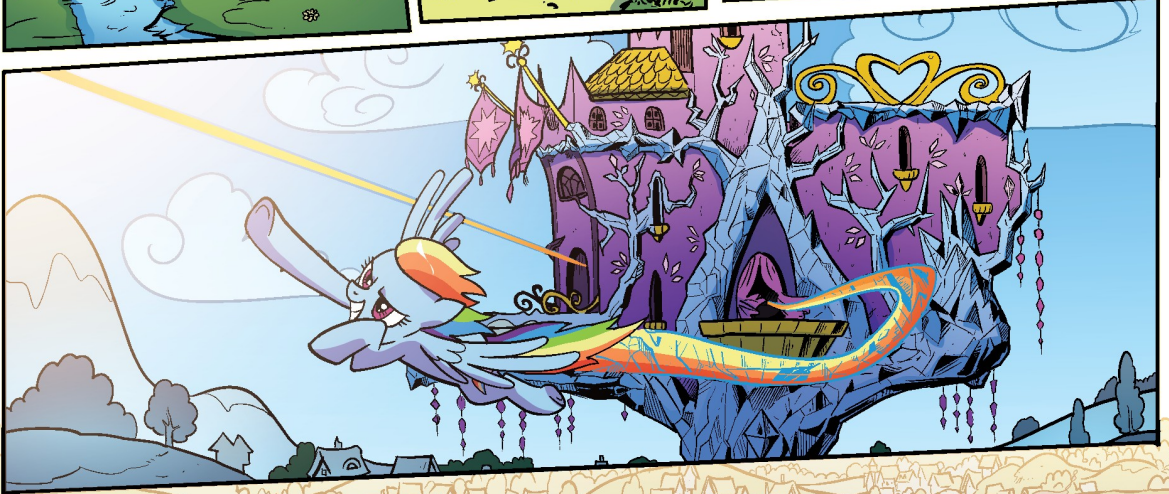
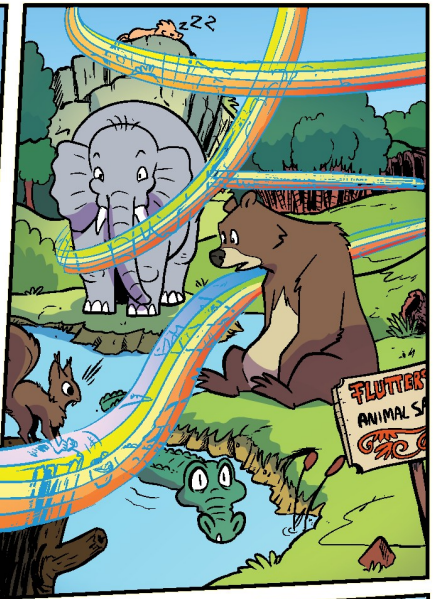
IT'S NOT THE MOST BORING THING APPLEJACK HAS MADE ME SIT THROUGH.

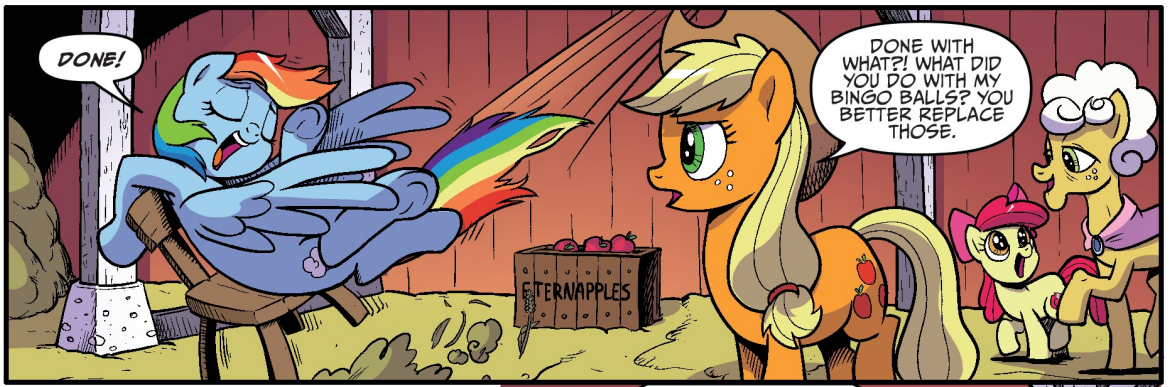
DID I EVER TELL YOU ALL THE STORY ABOUT THE TIME I THOUGHT I WAS AT A BINGO GAME, BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE A DANCE BATTLE?

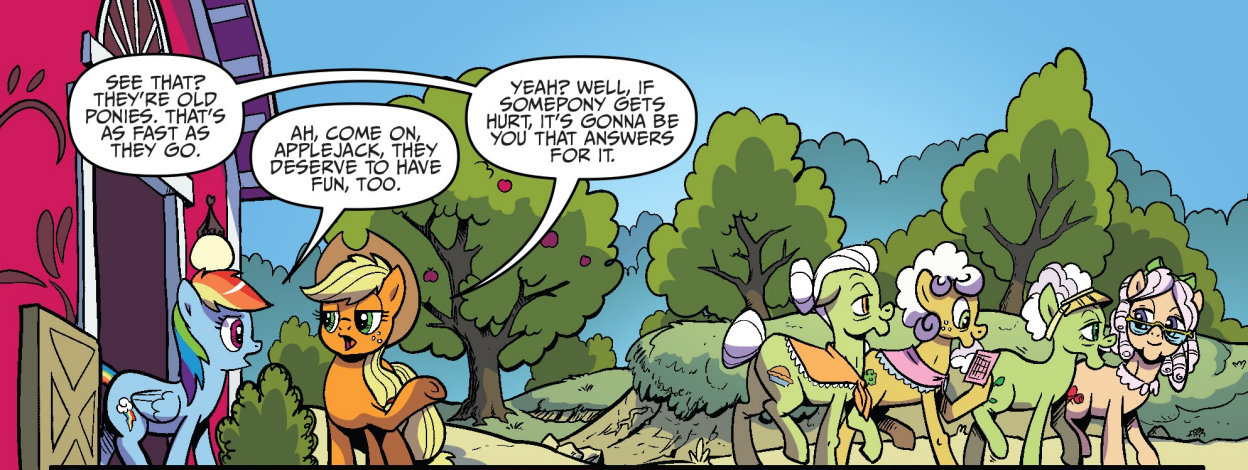








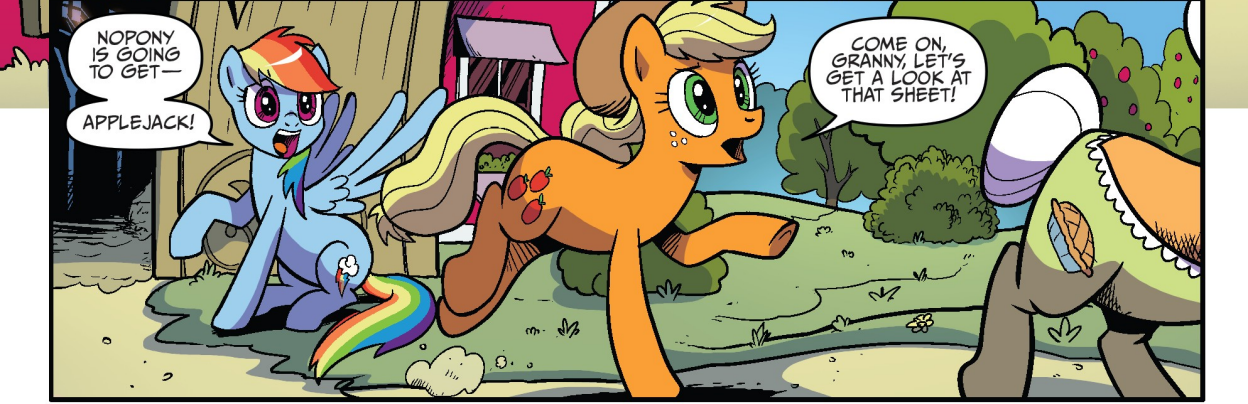




SEE THAT? THEY'RE OLD PONIES. THAT'S AS FAST AS THEY GO.

AH, COME ON, APPLEJACK, THEY DESERVE TO HAVE FUN, TOO.

YEAH? WELL, IF SOME PONY GETS HURT, IT'S GONNA BE YOU THAT ANSWERS FOR IT.



NOPONY IS GOING TO GET—  
APPLEJACK!

COME ON, GRANNY, LET'S GET A LOOK AT THAT SHEET!

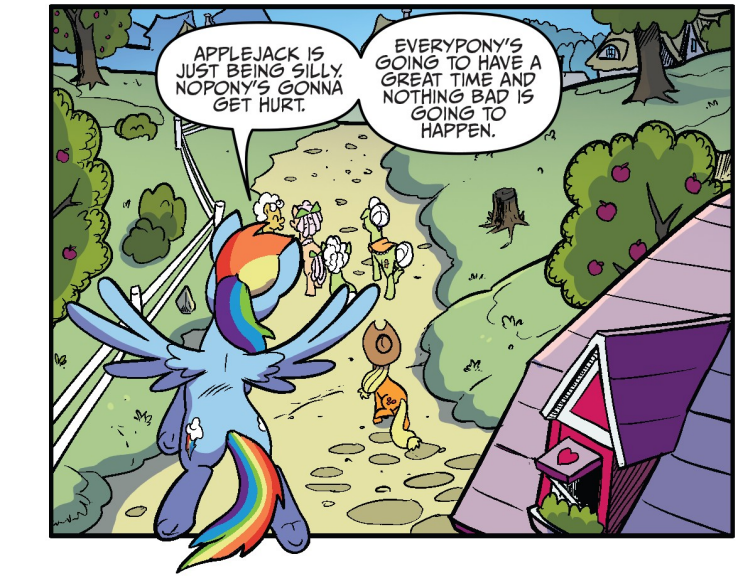


WELL, IT SAYS THIS ONE IS IN A GRIFFON'S NEST.

THAT'S NO FAIR! WHY DOES SHE GET A HELPER?

I THINK HAVING HELPERS IS A FINE IDEA. WHY, IF I USE ALL MY CHARM, I'LL HAVE BINGO IN FIVE MINUTES.

WORKS FOR ME. I HAVE SOME FAVORS TO CALL IN FROM SOME OLD FRIENDS.



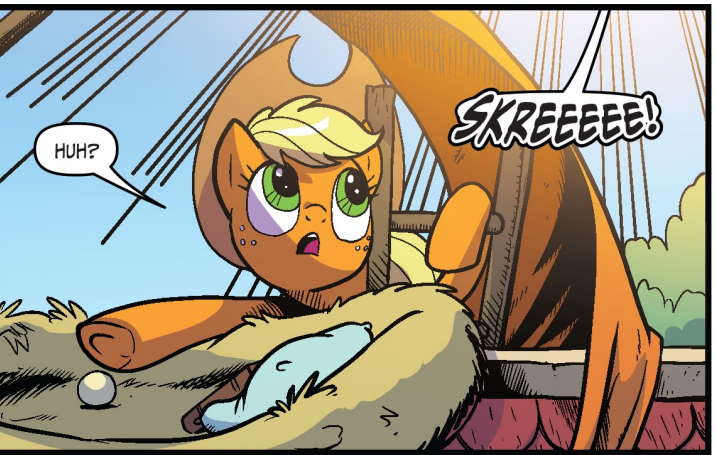
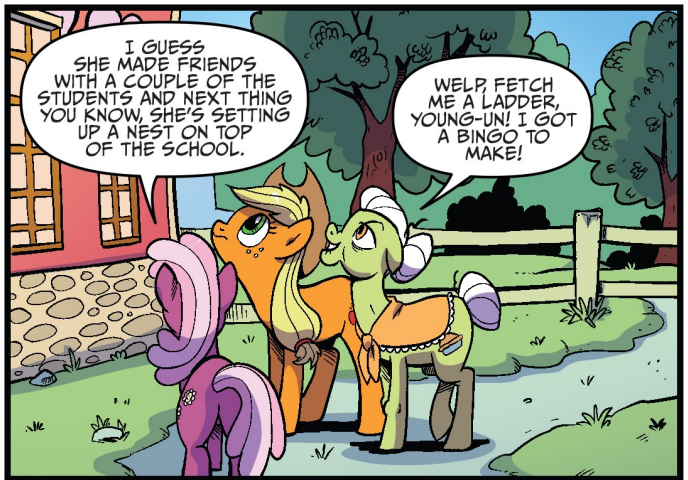
APPLEJACK IS JUST BEING SILLY. NOPONY'S GONNA GET HURT.

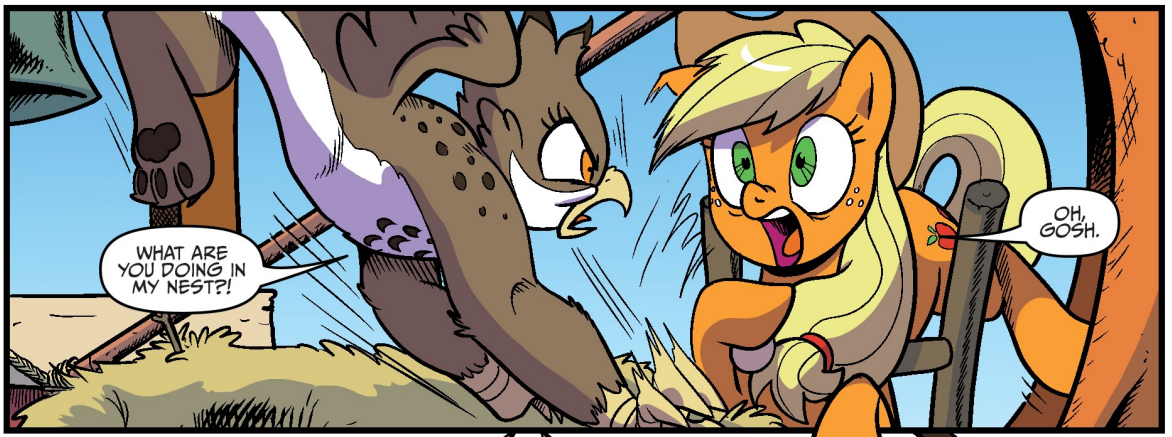
EVERY PONY'S GOING TO HAVE A GREAT TIME AND NOTHING BAD IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

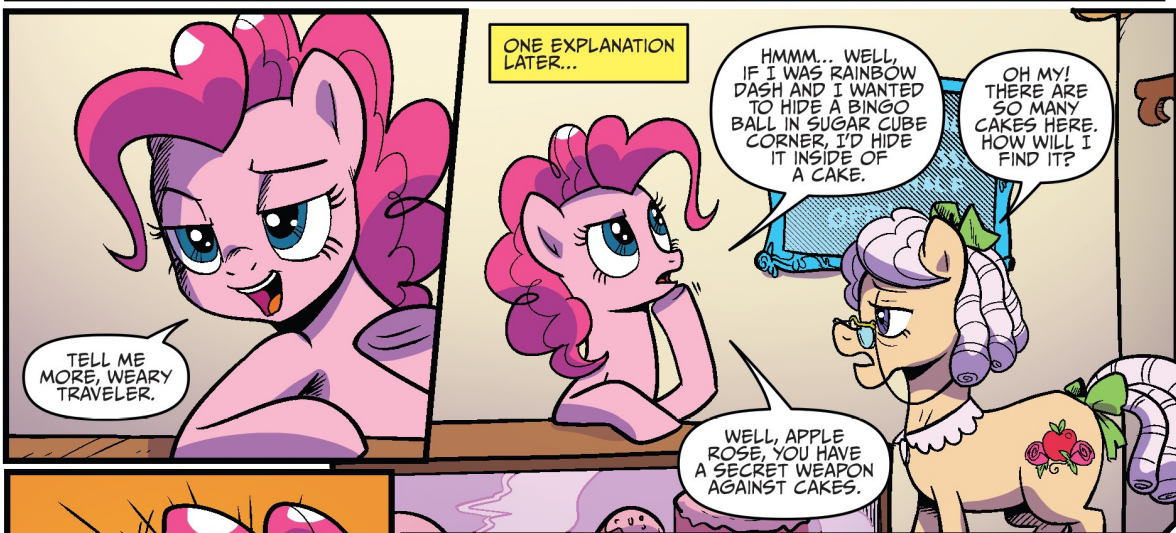


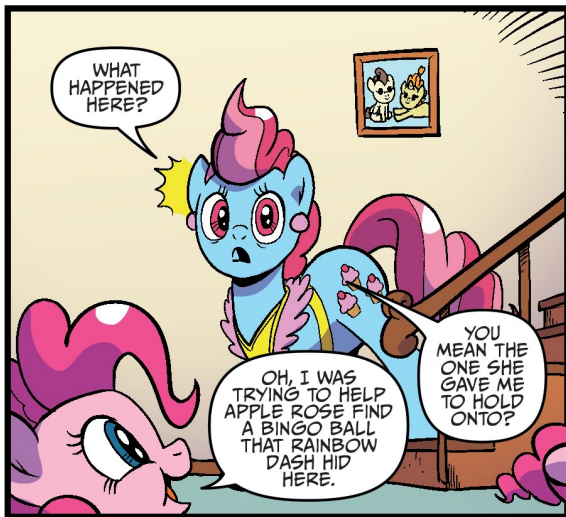
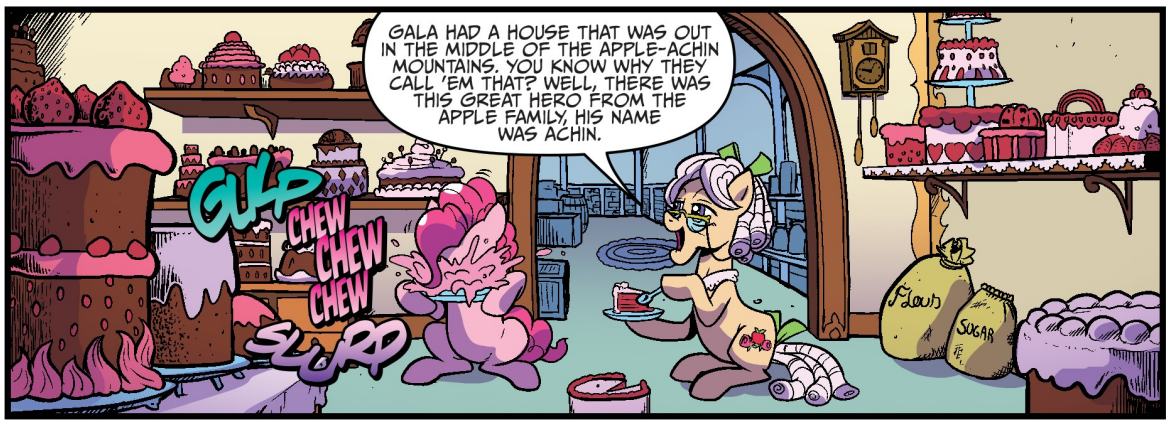
RIGHT?

SLAP







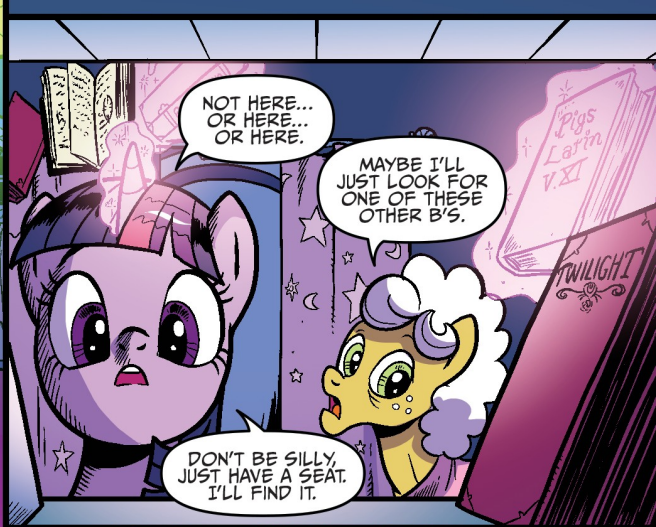




SHE SAID IT WAS HERE? I DIDN'T SEE HER COME BY.

THAT'S WHAT THE PAPER SAYS, "HIDDEN IN TWILIGHT'S CASTLE."

HUH, WELL, I'M SURE WE CAN FIND IT.



NOT HERE... OR HERE... OR HERE.

MAYBE I'LL JUST LOOK FOR ONE OF THESE OTHER B'S.

DON'T BE SILLY, JUST HAVE A SEAT. I'LL FIND IT.

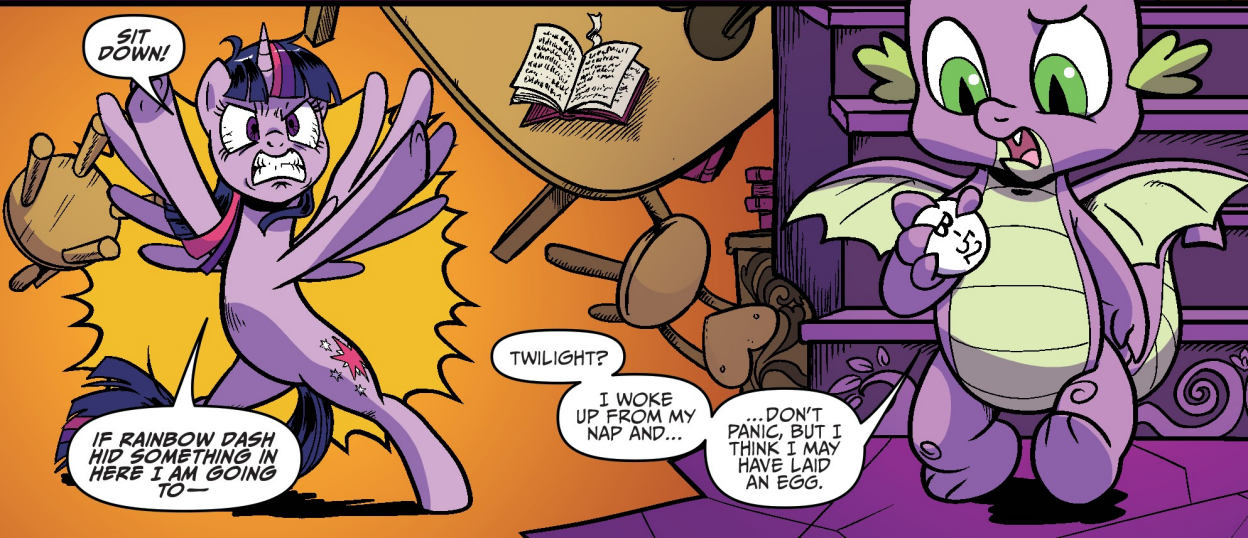


NOT HERE.

OR HERE.

OR HERE.

I KNOW, I'LL GO TO—



SIT DOWN!

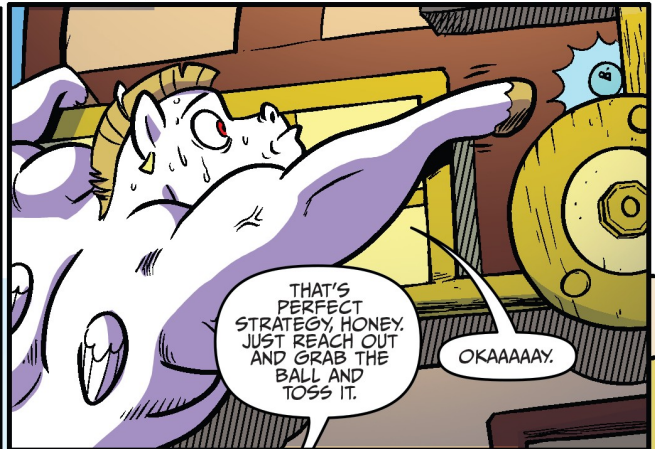
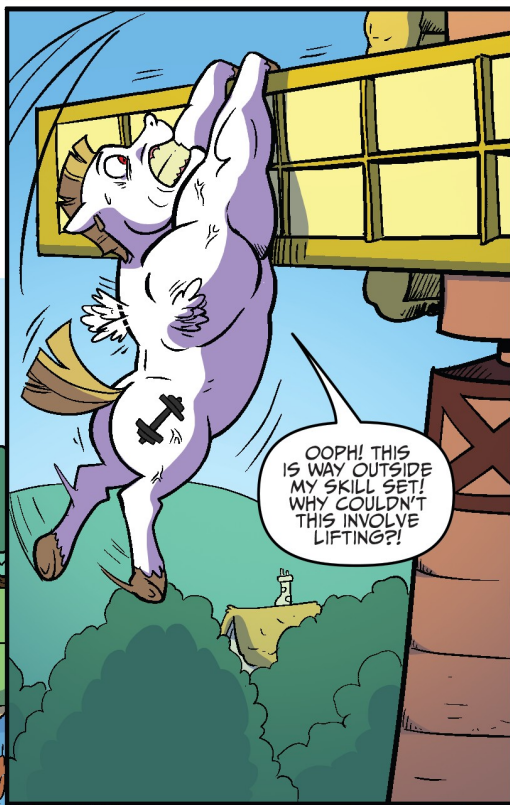
IF RAINBOW DASH HID SOMETHING IN HERE I AM GOING TO—

TWILIGHT?

I WOKE UP FROM MY NAP AND...

...DON'T PANIC, BUT I THINK I MAY HAVE LAID AN EGG.

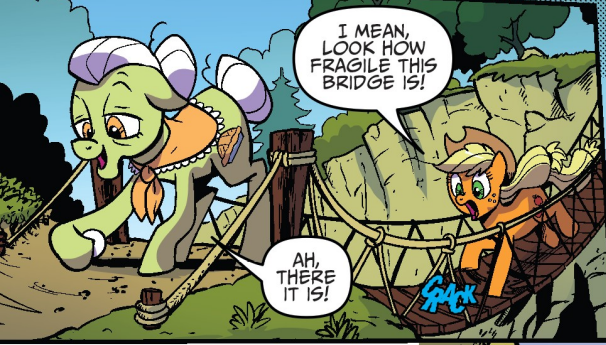






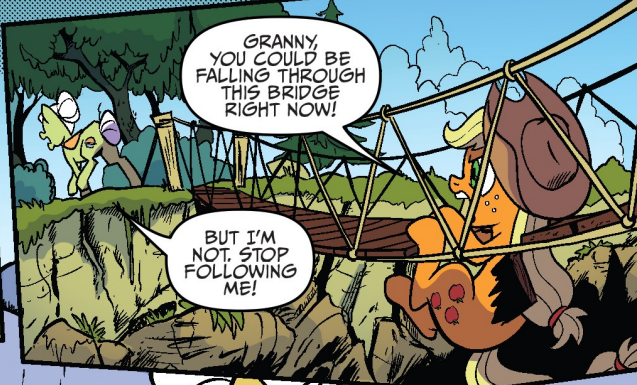
GRANNY, COME BACK HERE! THIS PLACE ISN'T SAFE!

MY "I" IS SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE!



I MEAN, LOOK HOW FRAGILE THIS BRIDGE IS!

AH, THERE IT IS!



GRANNY, YOU COULD BE FALLING THROUGH THIS BRIDGE RIGHT NOW!

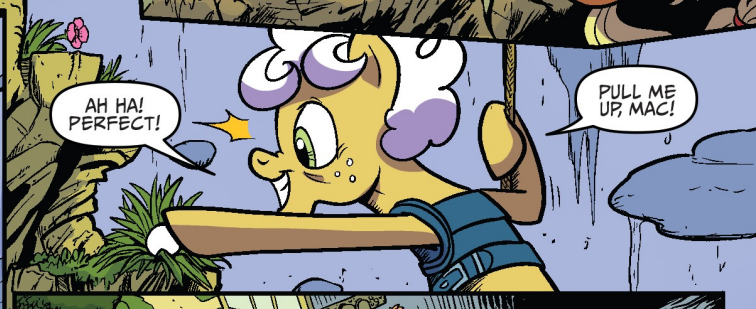
BUT I'M NOT STOP FOLLOWING ME!



I'M JUST ABOUT THERE. CAN YOU STILL HEAR ME, BIG MAC?

EEYUP.

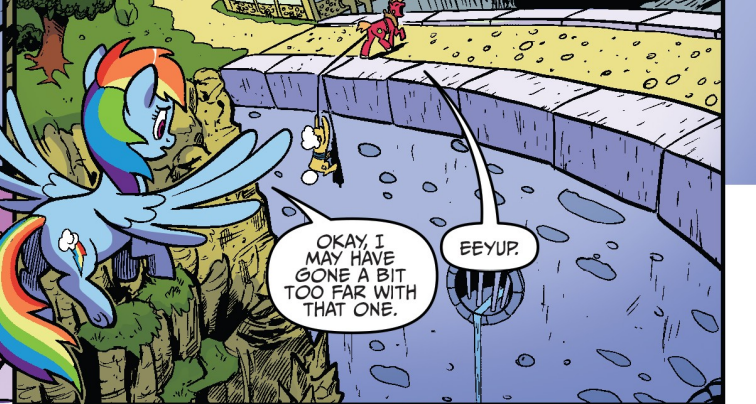
AH HA! PERFECT!



PULL ME UP, MAC!



WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANY BALL, BUT I'M CERTAIN WE CAN FIND SOMETHING IN HERE THAT WILL BE PERFECT FOR YOU.



OKAY, I MAY HAVE GONE A BIT TOO FAR WITH THAT ONE.

EEYUP.



SUGAR, ANYTHING LOOKS PERFECT ON ME. I AM ALWAYS IN STYLE.

OH, GOOD EYE, THAT'S A ONE OF A KIND—

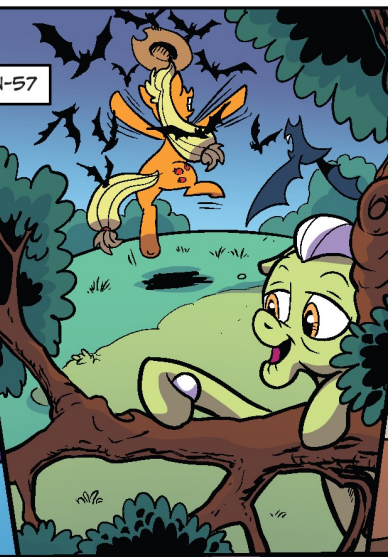
I DO HAVE A GOOD "I," 1-37 TO BE PRECISE.



WHO WAS THAT MARVELOUS PONY? I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH A KINSHIP.



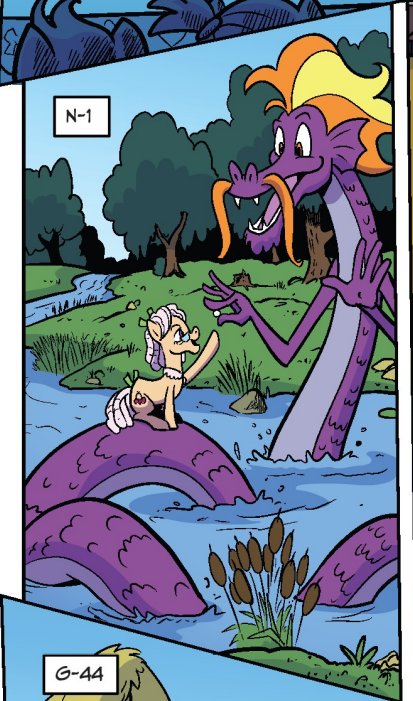
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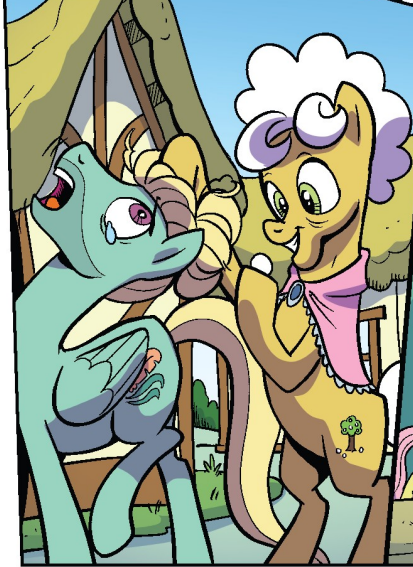
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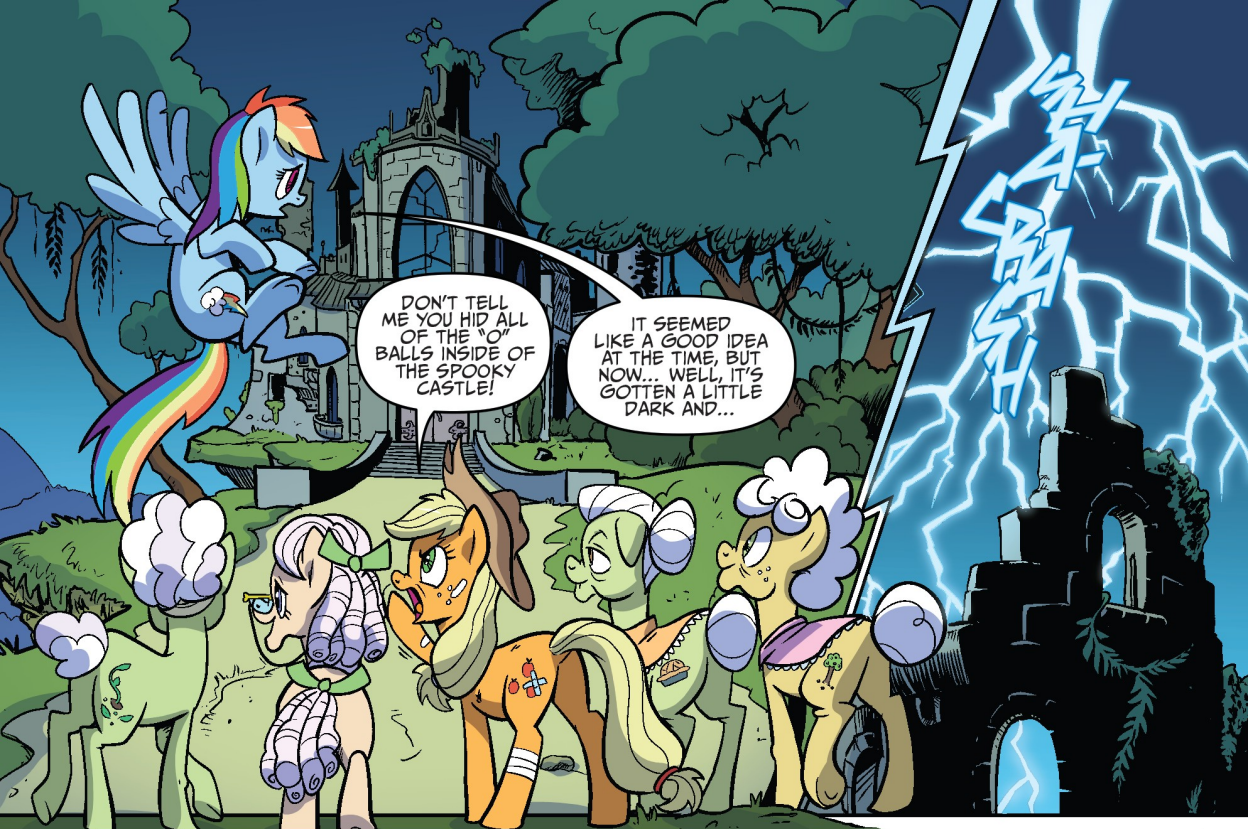
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DON'T TELL ME YOU HID ALL OF THE VO BALLS INSIDE OF THE SPOOKY CASTLE!

IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME, BUT NOW... WELL, IT'S GOTTEN A LITTLE DARK AND...



...STORMY!

THAT'S IT!



I'M PUTTING MY HOOF DOWN. Y'ALL HAVE HAD YOUR FUN, BUT THIS MALARKEY HAS GOTTA END NOW.

NONE OF Y'ALL ARE GOING IN THAT CASTLE. WE CALL IT A DRAW AND WE GO SOMEWHERE AND HAVE SOME NICE WARM CIDER.

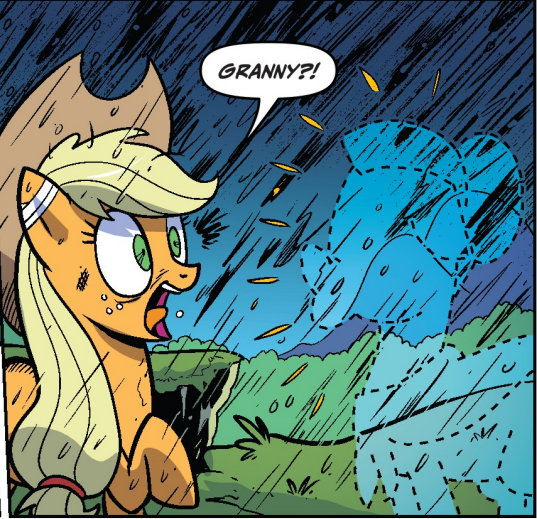


MAYBE WE CAN INVITE OVER SOME STALLIONS TO HELP US WARM THE PLACE UP.

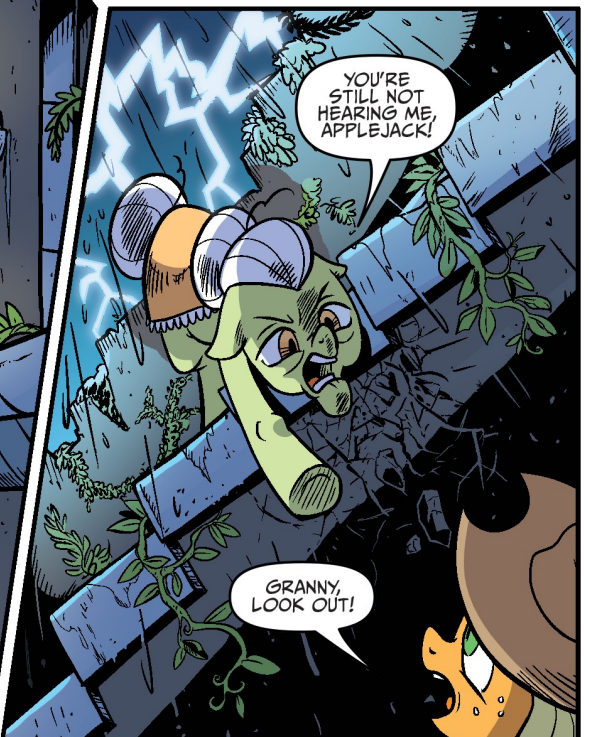
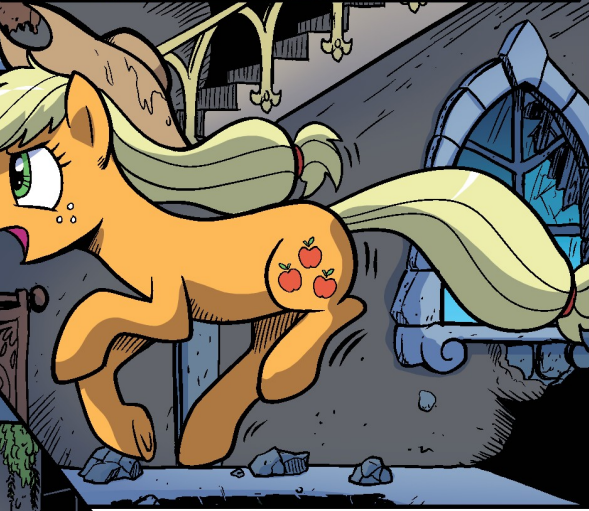
SOUNDS ALRIGHT WITH ME. I'M NOT LOOKING TO GET ANY PRUNIER THAN I ALREADY AM.

WELL, THIS WILL CERTAINLY MAKE A GOOD STORY.

WHAT DO YOU SAY, GRANNY?



GRANNY?!





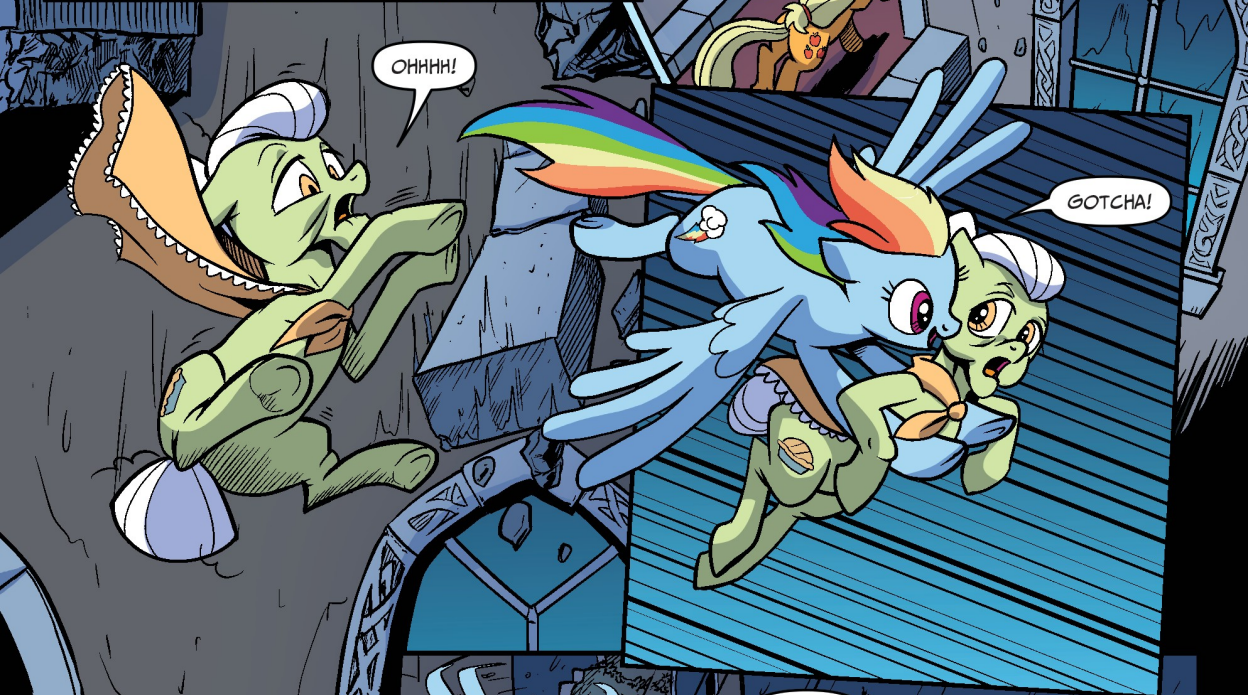
AWWWW!

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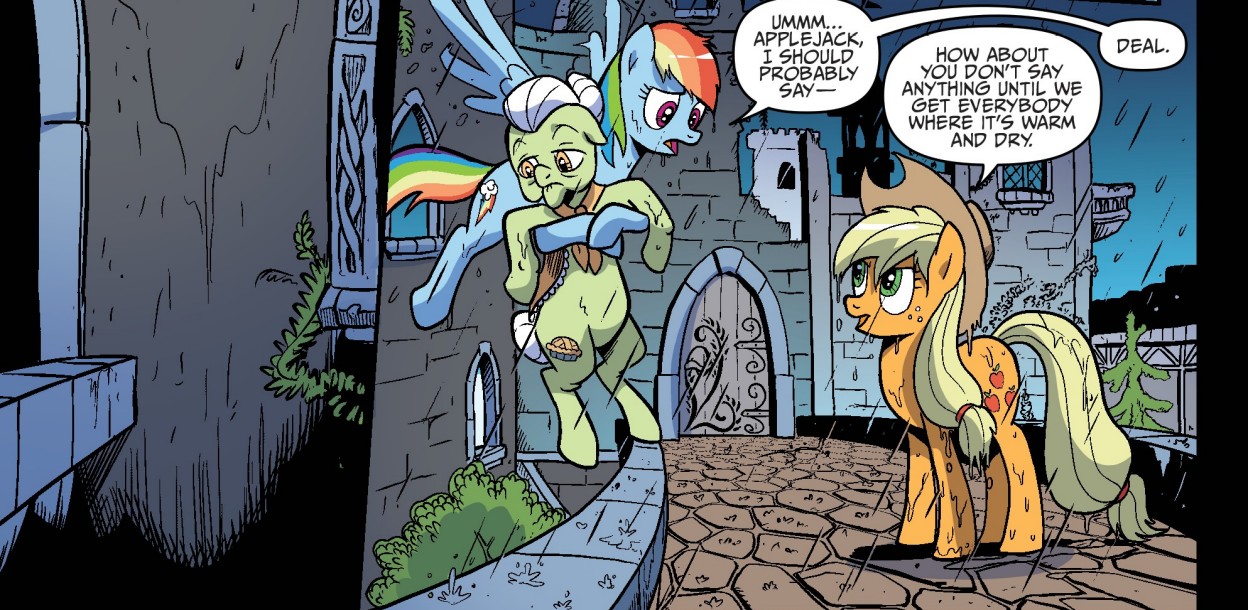
OH GOODNESS.

HANG IN THERE, GRANNY! I'M COMING!



OHHHH!

GOTCHA!



UMMM... APPLEJACK, I SHOULD PROBABLY SAY —

HOW ABOUT YOU DON'T SAY ANYTHING UNTIL WE GET EVERYBODY WHERE IT'S WARM AND DRY.

DEAL.



WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY BEFORE WAS... I MESS'D UP.

I WENT WAY TOO FAR WITH THIS AND I COULD HAVE GOTTEN SOME PONY HURT.

ARE YOU KIDDING?



DASH, DARLING, THAT WAS THE MOST FUN ANY OF US HAVE HAD IN A MULE'S AGE.

ABSOLUTELY. IN FACT, I CHOSE THE HARDER ONES JUST TO MAKE IT MORE FUN.

IT'S ME THAT SHOULD BE DOING THE APOLOGIZIN'.



I SPENT TOO MUCH TIME WORRYING ABOUT YOU AS PONIES I NEED TO LOOK OUT FOR.

I SHOULD TREAT YOU LIKE GROWN MARES AND LET YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.



WELL, APPARENTLY WHEN YOU DO THAT, WE JUST GO TRYING TO JUMP OFF OF CASTLE STAIRWELLS.

I DIDN'T ACT MUCH LIKE A GROWN MARE TONIGHT.



WELL, MAYBE WE CAN MEET SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE. WE CAN PLAN SMALLER ADVENTURES.

THAT WAY NOPONY BREAKS A HIP TRYING TO WIN AT BINGO. DEAL?

DEAL!

The End!

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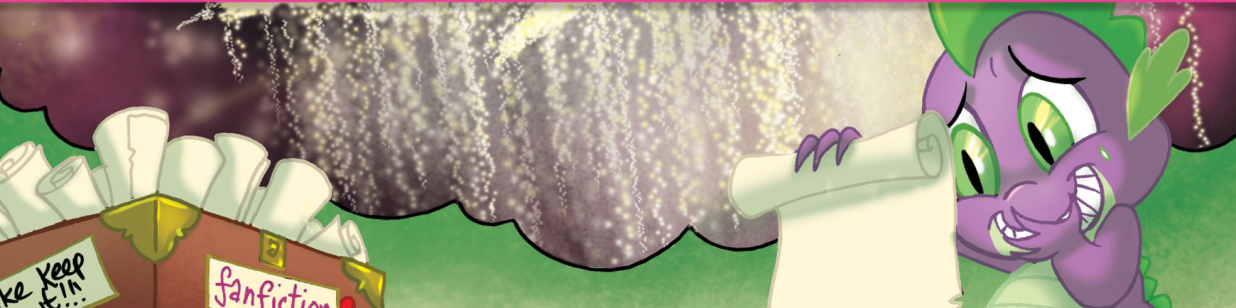
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ARE YOU NERVOUS ABOUT YOUR TEST, TWILIGHT SPARKLE?

MY INTERMEDIATE LEVEL TWO MAGIC TEST? WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT, SPIKE?

WELL, THE MANE CHEWING IS ONE SIGN.





AND WE'VE BEEN STANDING AT THE TOP OF THESE STAIRS FOR ALMOST HALF AN HOUR.

I HAPPEN TO LIKE THE VIEW OF CANTERLOT FROM HERE. AND I--



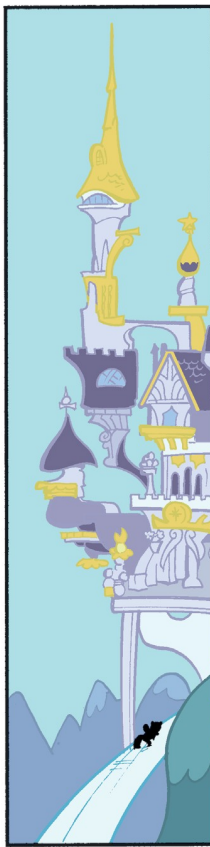
--OH, WHO AM I KIDDING? IT'S ONLY THE **HUGEST TEST EVER!**



YEAH, IT'S **PRETTY BAD**. IN FACT, THERE'S ONLY **ONE** THING I CAN THINK OF WORSE THAN THAT.

BEING LATE.

WHAT?



GREETINGS, TWILIGHT SPARKLE. YOU CERTAINLY SEEM **EXCITED** TO TAKE YOUR TEST.

YES, PRINCESS CELESTIA. THAT'S DEFINITELY **ONE** WAY OF LOOKING AT IT.



UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S BEEN A **CHANGE OF PLANS**.

SUMMER MANE, THE ROYAL ARCHIVIST HAS HAD A FALL AND SHE CAN'T GET AROUND.

I NEED TO SEND **SOMEONE** TO HELP HER UNTIL SHE CAN GET BACK ON HER HOOFES.



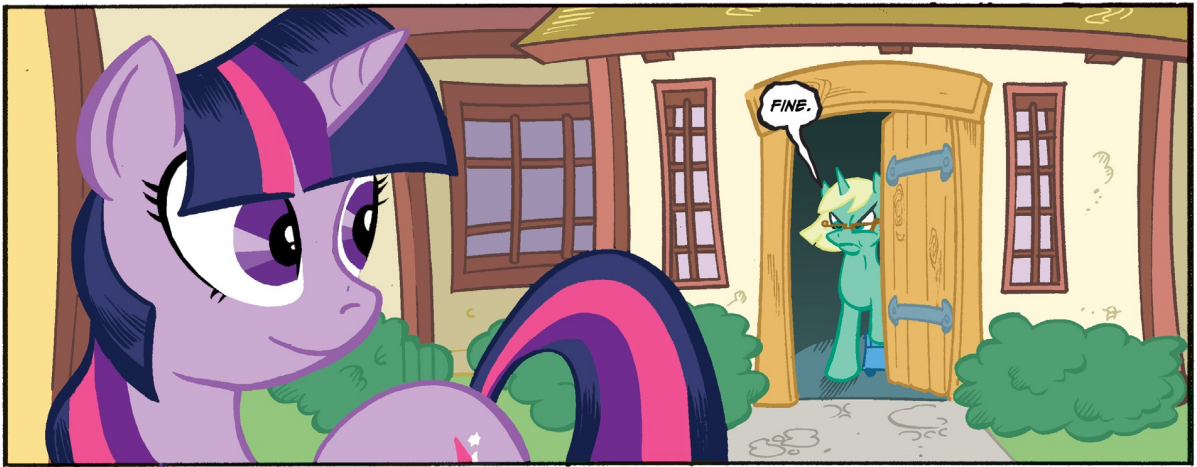
I WAS THINKING YOU MIGHT NOT MIND **POSTPONING** YOUR TEST--

TO GO TO THE ROYAL ARCHIVES? THE PLACE WE KEEP COPIES OF ALL OUR BOOKS? ALL OF THEM?

I'D SKIP THE TEST FOREVER TO SEE THAT!

I THINK A FEW DAYS WILL BE ENOUGH.







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