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I CAN'T BELIEVE I GET TO FLY WITH THE WONDERBOLTS TOMORROW!

YOU'RE GOING TO DO GREAT, RUMBLE!

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE IT! THIS WHOLE WEEKEND IS GOING TO BE SO MUCH FUN!





YEAH, THERE'S PLENTY TO DO HERE.

I WANT TO TRY ON A WONDERBOLTS UNIFORM!

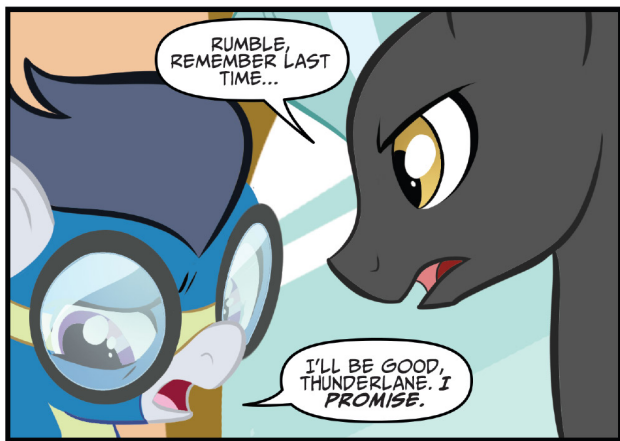
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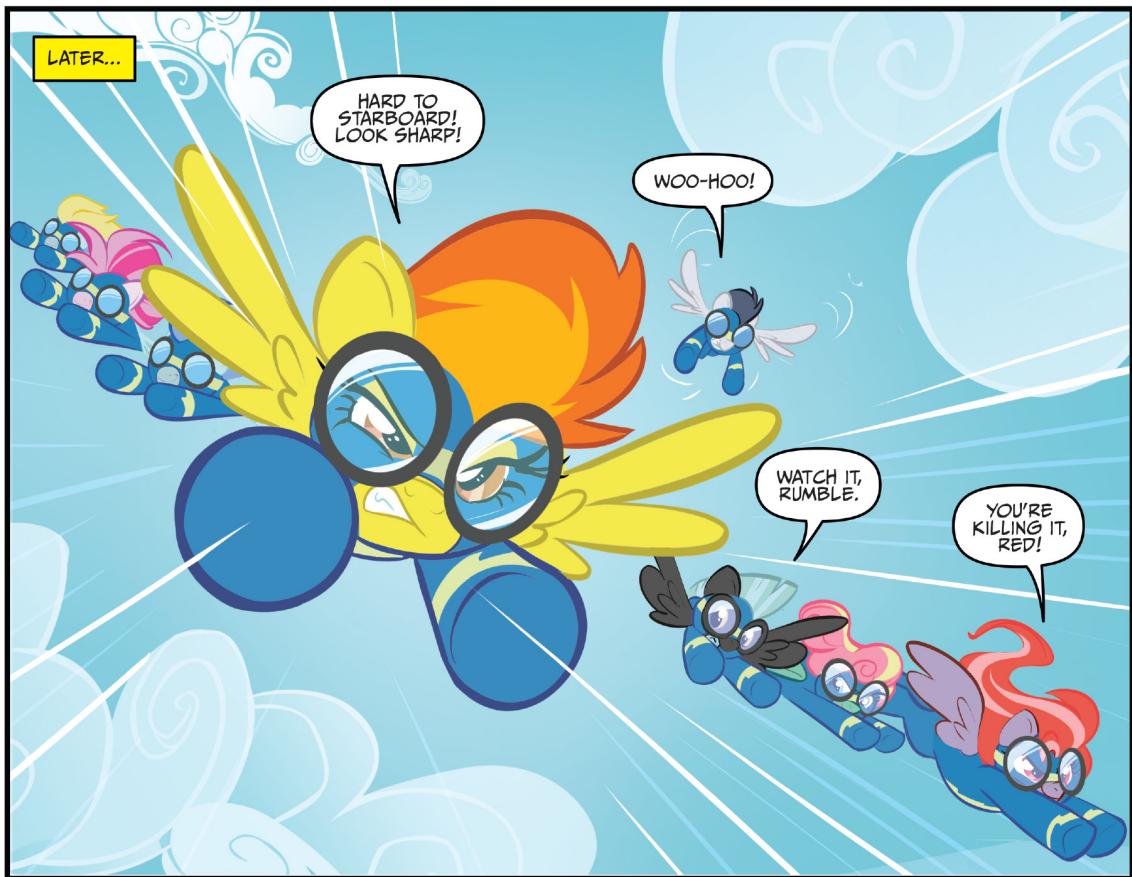


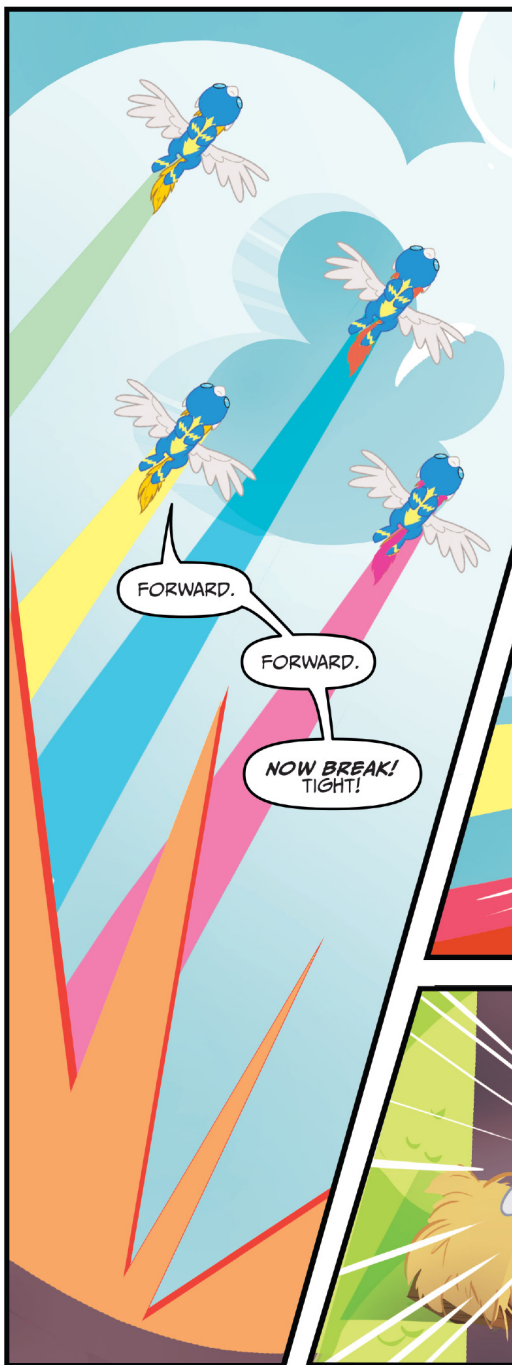
ONE QUICK OUTFIT CHANGE LATER...

ONCE THE ACADEMY COMMANDANTS SEE MY FLYING, I'M SURE THEY'LL OFFER ME A SPOT HERE—

—WELL, ON THE SPOT!







FORWARD.

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NOW BREAK!
TIGHT!

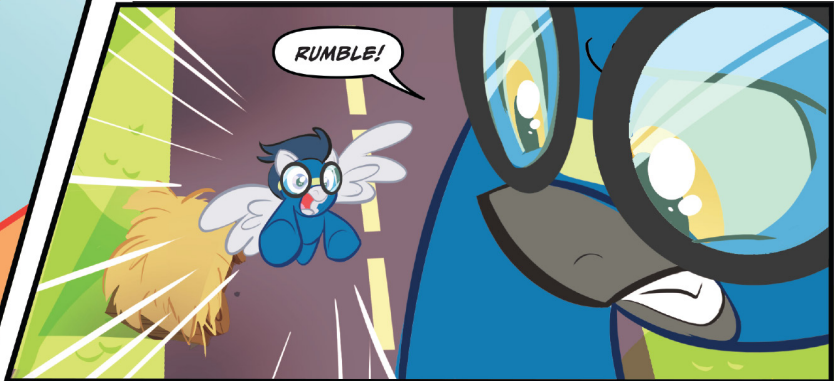


RED BANK!
YOU'RE GOING
TOO FAST!

FASTER IS
BETTER!



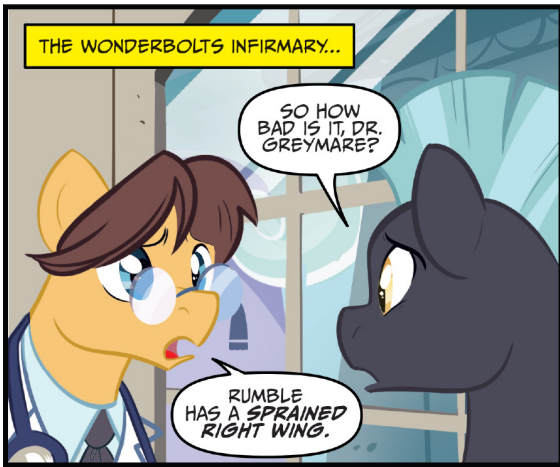
FASTER IS—
OOF!



RUMBLE!



KA-RASH!





NAH, IT'S OKAY. I KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT.

I'M SORRY YOU AREN'T GOING TO GET TO FLY, THOUGH. I WAS **REALLY** LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THAT.



HEY, YOU MAY BE GROUNDED, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO JUST SIT AROUND HERE, DO WE? WE'RE AT WONDERBOLTS ACADEMY. LET'S GO **EXPLORE!**



LATER...

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS? WHEN I SAID **EXPLORE**, I DIDN'T MEAN **BREAK** INTO THE MUSEUM.

WE DIDN'T BREAK IN. THE DOOR WAS UNLOCKED. NOW TURN ON THAT LIGHT.



OOOH!

AHH!



THIS IS SO COOL! IT'S WONDERBOLT HISTORY!



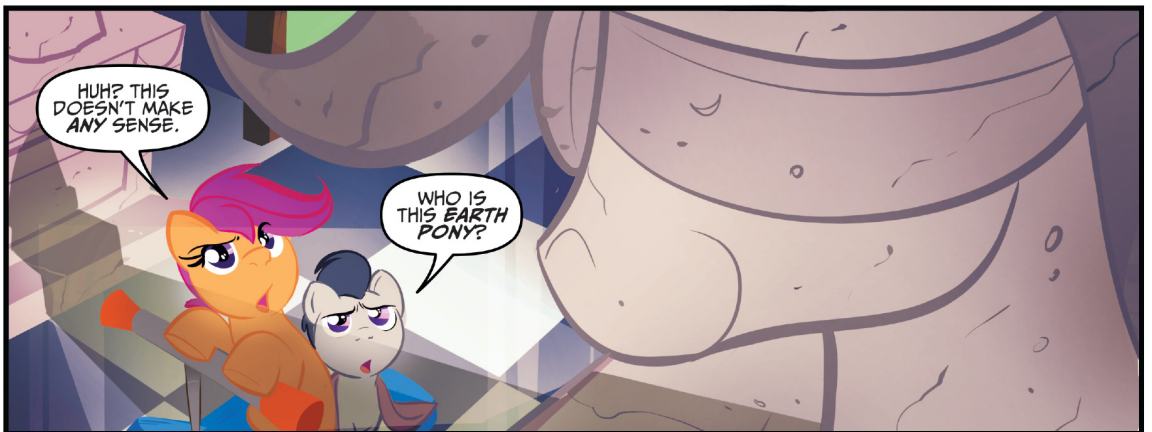
IT'S GENERAL FIREFLY!



AND ADMIRAL FAIRWEATHER!



COMMANDER EASY GLIDER!



HUH? THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

WHO IS THIS EARTH PONY?

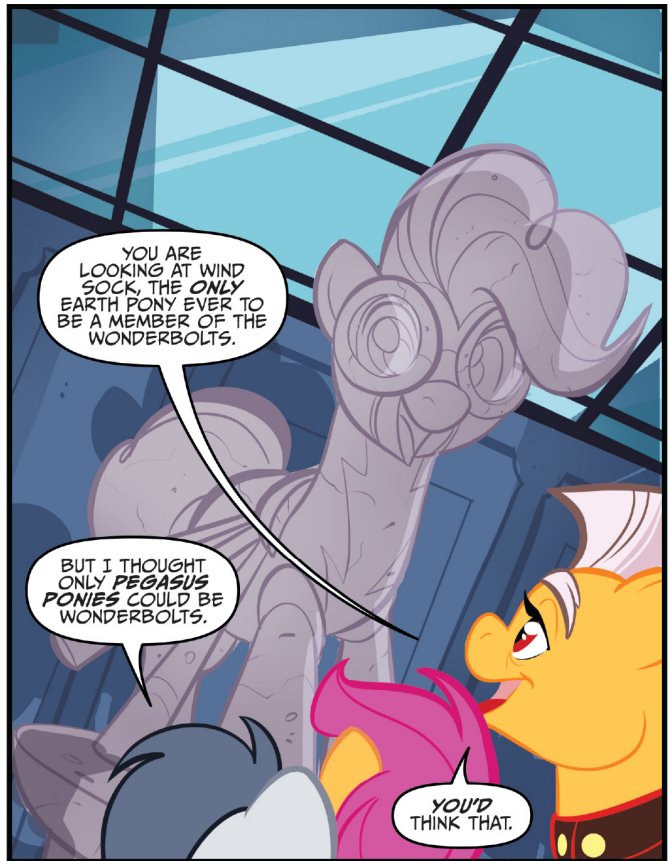


THAT'S WIND SOCK.



I'M SORRY. I KNOW WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE. WE DIDN'T MEAN—

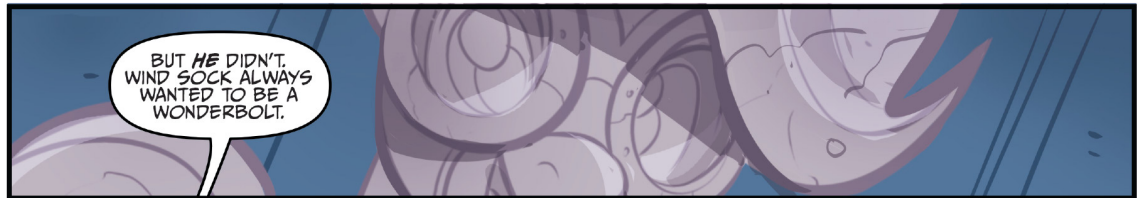
STAND DOWN, SON. YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THE WONDERBOLTS. I CAN'T FAULT THAT CURIOSITY. ESPECIALLY AFTER SEEING YOU FLY THIS AFTERNOON.



YOU ARE LOOKING AT WIND SOCK, THE **ONLY** EARTH PONY EVER TO BE A MEMBER OF THE WONDERBOLTS.

BUT I THOUGHT **ONLY PEGASUS PONIES** COULD BE WONDERBOLTS.

YOU'D THINK THAT.



BUT **HE** DIDN'T. WIND SOCK ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A WONDERBOLT.



"—EVEN IF NO PONY SAW A WAY FOR THAT TO HAPPEN... EXCEPT HIM."

A LONG TIME AGO...

"HE WANTED TO BE A WONDERBOLT SO BAD HE GOT THE ONLY JOB AN EARTH PONY COULD AT THE WONDERBOLT HEADQUARTERS—*JANITOR*."



"AND MANY OF THE WONDERBOLTS *NEVER* LET HIM FORGET IT."

WHY DID THE GENERAL LET THIS *WINGLESS WONDER* WORK HERE?

HEY, HIM SWEEPING UP IS ONE LESS THING *WE* NEED TO DO.



"BUT HE HAD A *SECRET*."



"IF NATURE DIDN'T GIVE HIM WINGS, HE WAS GOING TO GIVE THEM TO *HIMSELF*."



"HE TRIED AND TRIED AND *TRIED*."





"AND FAILED AND FAILED AND FAILED."



"UNTIL ONE DAY, HE DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE."

"ALL HOOVES ON DECK! WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM!"

"PEGASUS DOWN! PEGASUS DOWN!"



"ONE OF THE WONDERBOLTS WAS SHOWING OFF AND GOT TOO CLOSE TO BREEZEWOOD CANYON DURING A WINDSTORM."

"BREEZEWOOD? THAT'S WHERE THE WINDS WHIP AROUND SO MUCH NO PEGASUS CAN FLY THROUGH THEM."

"EXACTLY."

"AND NOW THIS WONDERBOLT WAS CAUGHT ON THE CANYON FLOOR WITH A BROKEN WING AND NO WAY OUT."

"AND NO WONDERBOLT COULD BEAT THE WINDS TO REACH HIM."



"BUT WIND SOCK HEARD THIS AND HAD AN IDEA."



DAUNTLESS CAN'T STAY DOWN THERE FOREVER!

MAYBE THE STORM WILL PASS.

I DON'T THINK SO. NO TIME SOON, AT LEAST.

"SO HE RAN TO BREEZEWOOD CANYON CARRYING THE LATEST VERSION OF HIS CREATION."



I'VE GOT AN IDEA. BUT I'M GOING TO NEED THAT **STRETCHER** AND **YOUR HELP** TO MAKE IT WORK.



WHAT'S THIS GROUND POUNDER GOING ON ABOUT?

WE'VE GOT A PONY DOWN AND NO WAY TO GET HIM. IF SOCK'S GOT AN IDEA, I WANT TO HEAR IT.





I'VE BEEN WORKING ON AN IDEA FOR HOW TO FLY. FOR HOW TO LET *ME* FLY. NOW TAKE APART THAT STRETCHER.



WHAT I THINK I'VE NEEDED IS A MORE FLEXIBLE MATERIAL LIKE THAT CANVAS.

LIKE THE STRETCHER?

EXACTLY.

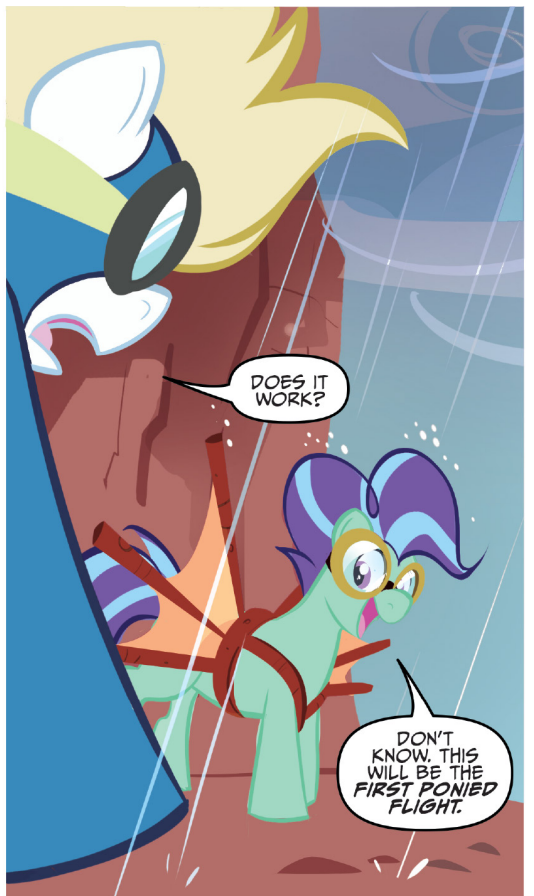
"WIND SOCK HAD BEEN WORKING ON AN INVENTION SO A FLIGHTLESS PONY LIKE HIM COULD ACTUALLY TAKE FLIGHT."



WHAT IS THAT?

IT'S *WINGS* FOR THE *WINGLESS*.

IT'S A GLIDER.



DOES IT WORK?

DON'T KNOW. THIS WILL BE THE *FIRST PONIED FLIGHT*.



BUT THERE'LL NEVER BE A BETTER REASON TO TEST IT.



"HIS GLIDER WORKED! AND FOR JUST A SECOND—JUST **ONE** SECOND—HE BASKED IN BEING ABLE TO FLY.

"BUT JUST THE **ONE**.

"LATER, HE'D REALIZE THAT HIS GLIDER WAS A **FIXED WING**, AND MORE STABLE THAN PEGASUS WINGS IN ALL THOSE WHIPPING WINDS.



"BUT FOR NOW, HE HAD A JOB TO DO.



"HE HAD TO **RESCUE** HIS FELLOW WONDERBOLT."



WHAT IS THAT **CRAZY** THING?

IT'S YOUR WAY OUT OF HERE! NOW **COME ON!**



"WHEN IT *REALLY* COUNTED—



"—WIND SOCK WAS A WONDERBOLT WHEN THE OTHER WONDERBOLTS *COULDN'T* BE."



THAT CRAZY FLYPONY DID IT!



THAT WAS SOME FLYING, CADET.

I'M *NOT* A CADET, SIR. I'M JUST THE GROUNDKEEPER.

NOT ANYMORE— CADET.



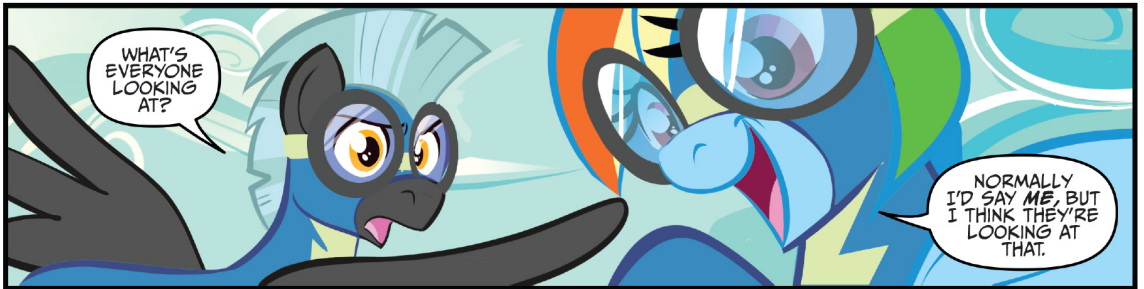
AFTER ALL THAT, YOU'RE GOING TO BE A WONDERBOLT.



THE NEXT DAY—

WELCOME, EVERYPONY! GET READY FOR THE FOALS AND FRIENDS AIR PARADE, FEATURING THE WONDERBOLTS AND SOME FUTURE WONDERBOLT CADETS!







WHAT ARE YOU IN?

IT'S A *GLIDER*. LIKE WIND SOCK'S.



SCOOTALOO HELPED ME BUILD IT.



WIND SOCK?

YOU MIGHT NEED A REFRESHER IN WONDERBOLTS HISTORY, BROTHER. MAYBE **EVERYPONY** DOES. BECAUSE WIND SOCK *SHOULDN'T* BE FORGOTTEN.



WE'VE GOT AN ADDITION TO THE WONDERBOLTS, APPARENTLY. I'M BEING TOLD IT'S A REPLICA OF WIND SOCK'S GLIDER!

THERE WAS AN EARTH PONY WONDERBOLT, SERIOUSLY?



DID YOU THINK RUMBLE WAS GOING TO LET SOMETHING LIKE A BAD WING SLOW HIM DOWN?



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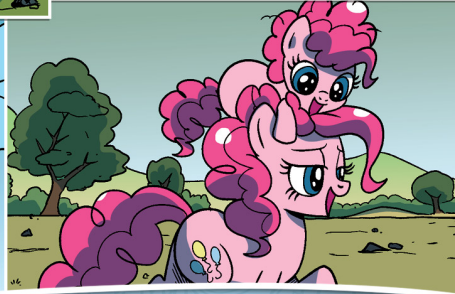
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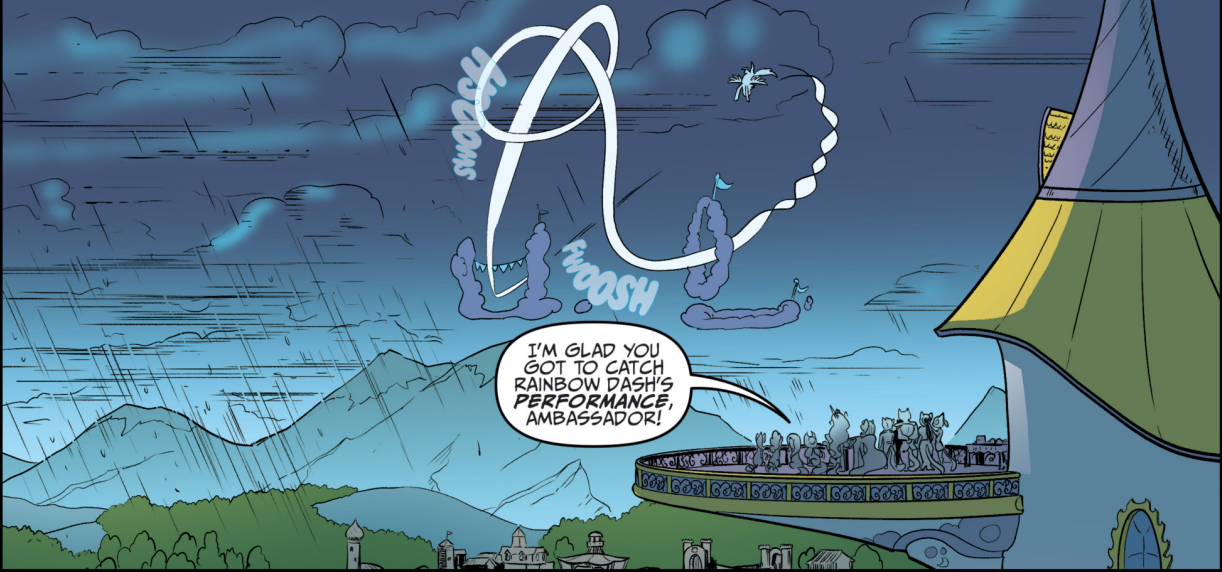


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I'M GLAD YOU GOT TO CATCH RAINBOW DASH'S PERFORMANCE, AMBASSADOR!

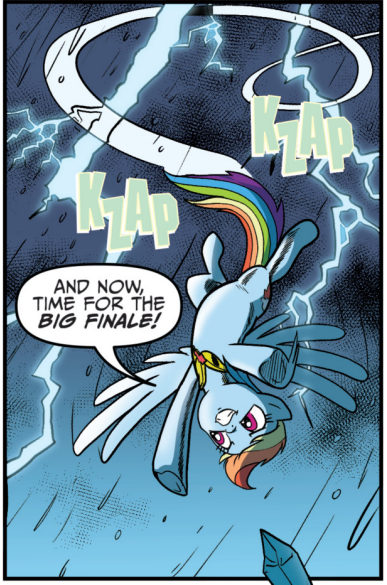


HER FLIGHTS ARE FAMOUS ALL ACROSS EQUESTRIA!

I CAN CERTAINLY SEE WHY!

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS O' THOSE STORM CLOUDS, THOUGH...

I-I THOUGHT THEY CLEARED ALL THE CLOUDS?



AND NOW, TIME FOR THE BIG FINALE!

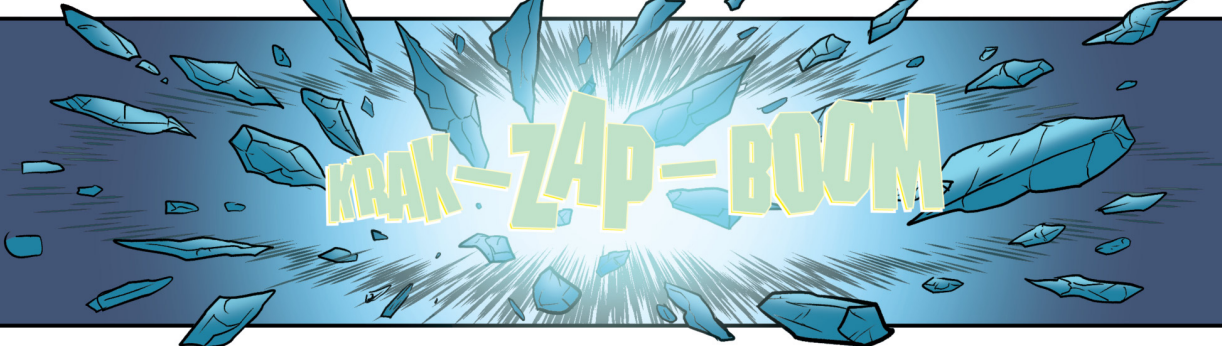


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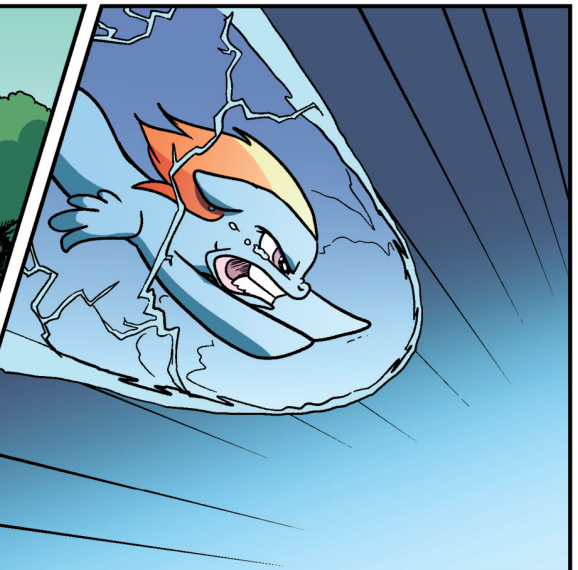
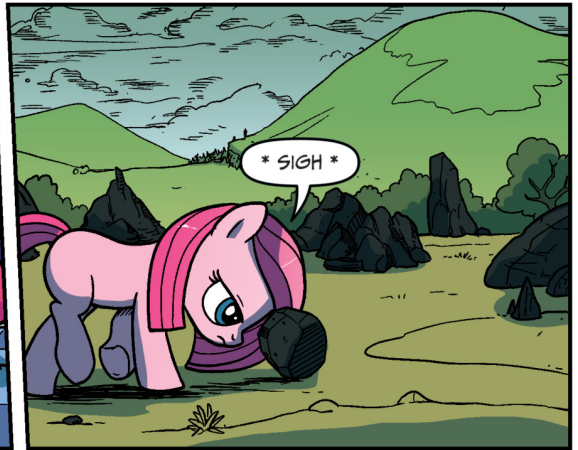
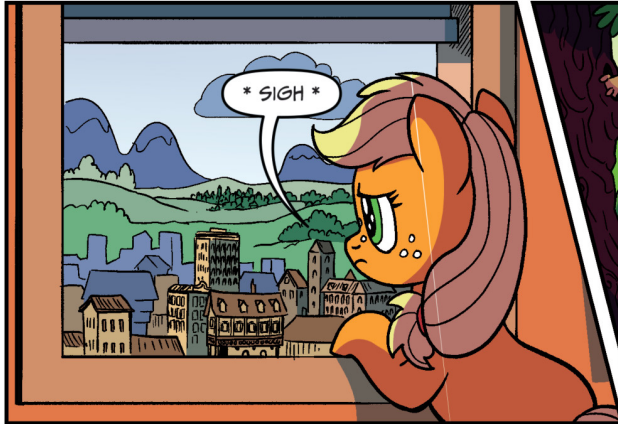
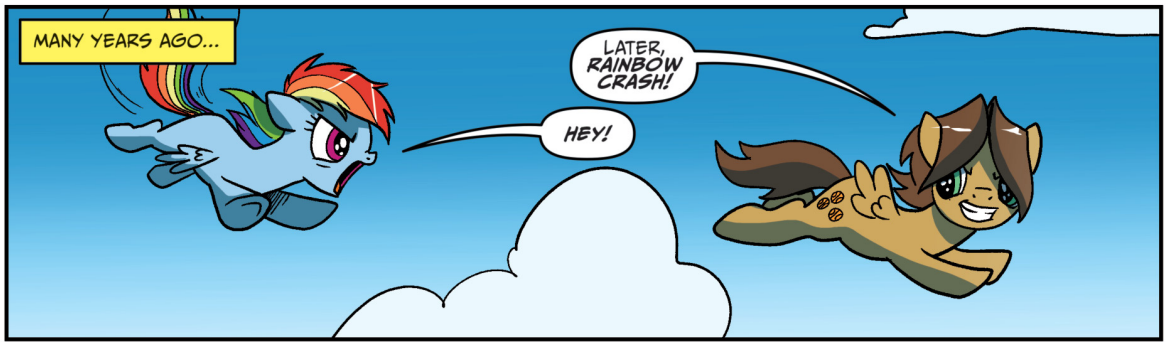


SHE'S BUILDING SPEED FOR THE SONIC RAINBOOM!

DASH! LOOK OUT FOR THAT LIGHTNING—



KRAK-ZAP-BOOM





HUH?

WHAT?

EEYAAHHH!

PZAP

PZAP

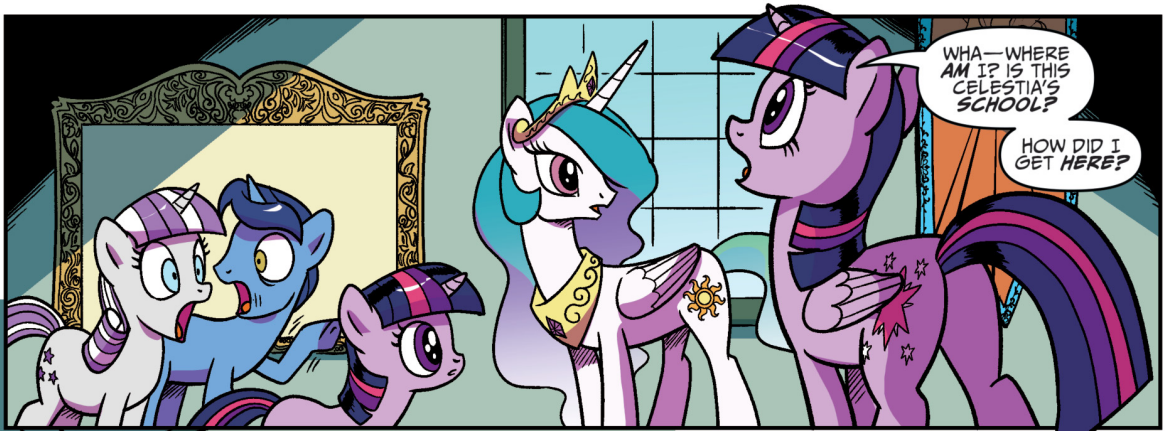
WHOA!

HIYA!

HIYA!

PZAP

PZAP



WHA—WHERE AM I? IS THIS CELESTIA'S SCHOOL?

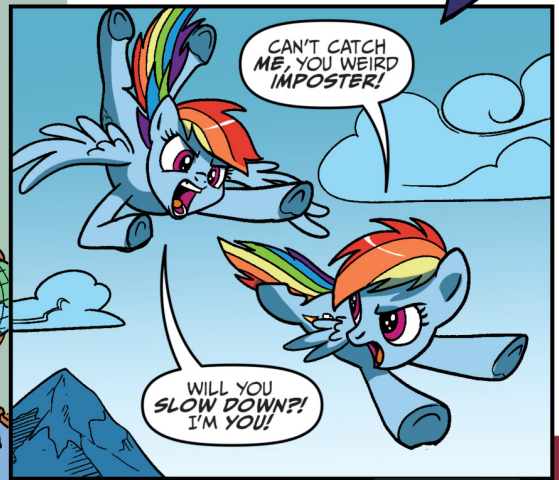
HOW DID I GET HERE?



OH, NO...

I'VE TRAVELED THROUGH TIME AGAIN, HAVEN'T I?

YOU'RE ME!



CAN'T CATCH ME, YOU WEIRD IMPOSTER!

WILL YOU SLOW DOWN?! I'M YOU!



EEEEEEK!

OH, NO...

PLEASE DON'T SCREAM! WE GET TUMMYACHES WHEN WE SCREAM!



WHAT'S TH' BIG IDEA, GOIN' AROUND LOOKIN' LIKE ME?!

AH AM YOU, YOU ORNERY VARMINT!

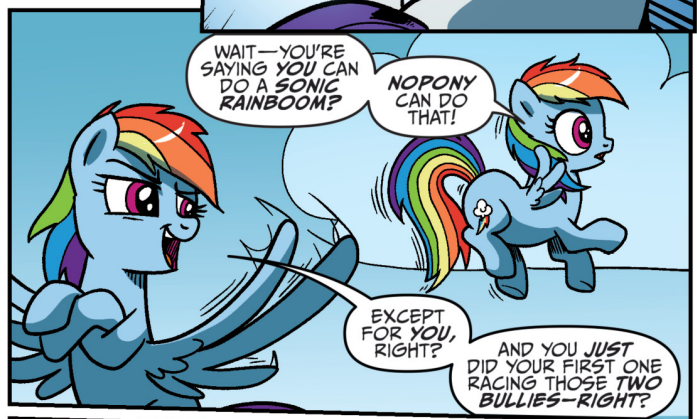
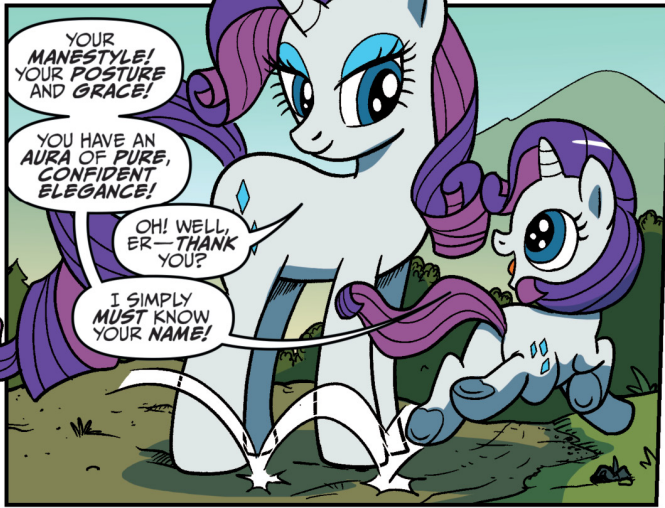
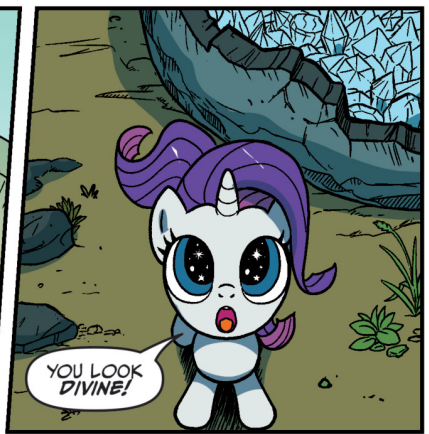
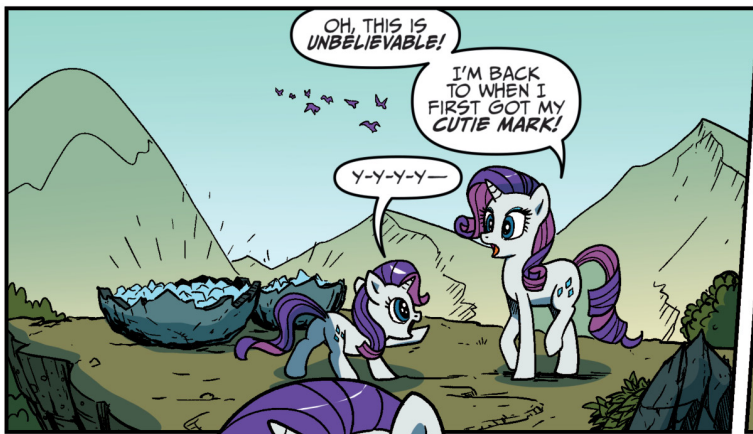


SO SOME KIND OF TEMPORAL DISTORTION SENT YOU TO THE PAST?

YEP!

AND YOU ARRIVED NEXT TO YOUR YOUNGER SELF BECAUSE OF QUANTUM KIRLIAN ATTRACTION, RIGHT?

RIGHT!



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