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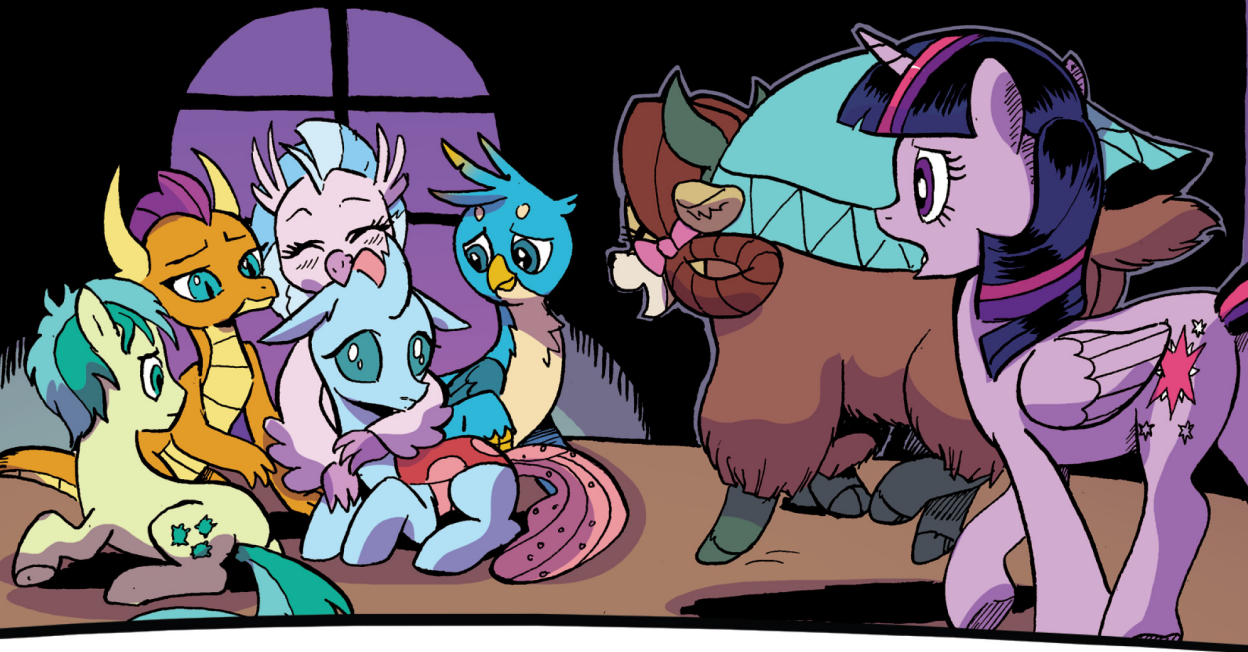
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NOW CLASS, I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE'RE ALMOST HALFWAY THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR.

WHICH MEANS IT'S TIME FOR—



MIDTERMS!

What's So Bad?

GROAN!



YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS?

WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO SPEND THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS MEMORIZING A TEXTBOOK FOR A TEST?

YONA NO LIKE TO REMEMBER SO MANY PONY THINGS!

TIME TO BUST OUT THE PILLARS OF EQUESTRIA: TIME, PLACE, AND MEMORY!

WHAT SHE SAID.



ACTUALLY, MEMORIZATION WILL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR THIS MIDTERM.

WHEW!



IN FACT, THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE A TEST AT ALL!

NO TEST?! YES!

THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!



INSTEAD, I WANT YOU TO TAKE WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED AND BE CREATIVE!

...CREATIVE?

THAT IS NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

YONA NO UNDERSTAND CREATIVITY!

...WHAT SHE SAID.



EACH OF YOU WILL CREATE A PROJECT THAT CONVEYS WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THE HISTORY OF FRIENDSHIP.

AND WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU.

IT CAN BE A POEM, PERFORMANCE, WORK OF ART.

ANYTHING YOU WANT, IN FACT.

AS LONG AS IT'S A REFLECTION OF YOU.

IN TWO WEEKS, YOU'LL PRESENT YOUR PROJECTS IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.

ANY QUESTIONS?

YES, SMOLDER AND GALLUS?

CAN WE MEMORIZE A TEXTBOOK AND TAKE A TEST?

I GUESS WE SHOULD GO TO THE LIBRARY AND LOOK UP BOOKS ON... BEING CREATIVE?

NO MEMORIZATION? NO TEST?

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU ARE ANYMORE.





AT PRESENTATION, YONA PERFORM OLD YAK CEREMONY BEFORE GIVING BRACELETS TO FRIENDS.



WOW, THIS IS AMAZING, YONA!

IT REALLY IS A REFLECTION OF YOU AND WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED ABOUT FRIENDSHIP.



THAT REALLY IS GREAT, YONA.

I GUESS YOU'RE MORE IN TUNE WITH YOUR CREATIVITY THAN THE REST OF US.

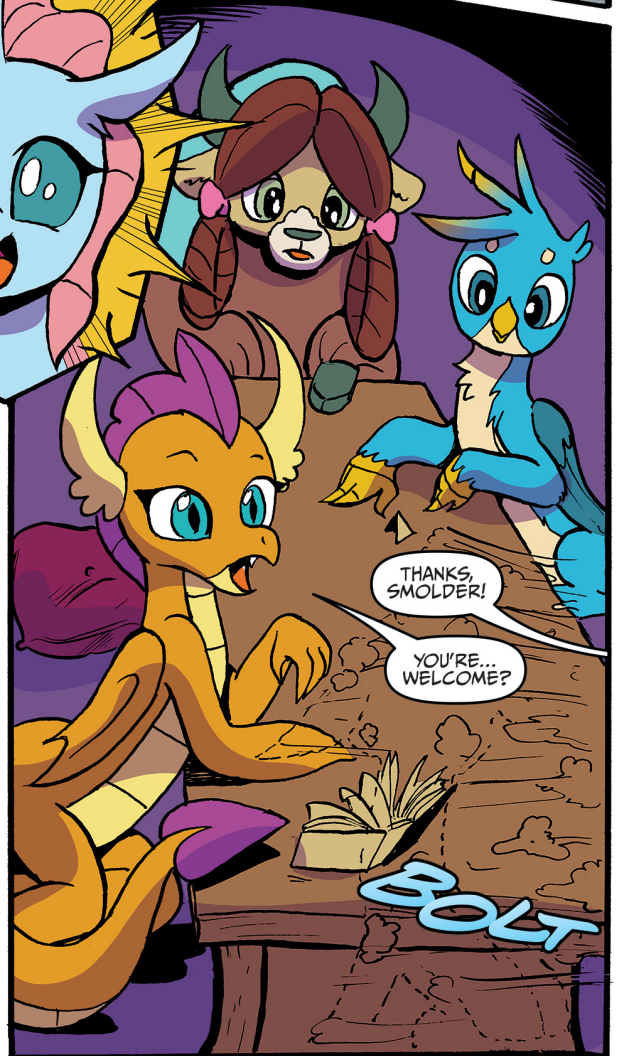


HAS IT OCCURRED TO YOU THAT YOU HAVE A BIGGER CREATIVE ADVANTAGE THAN THE REST OF US?

YOU'RE A CHANGELING.

YOU CAN JUST CHANGE INTO FRIENDSHIP... THINGS.

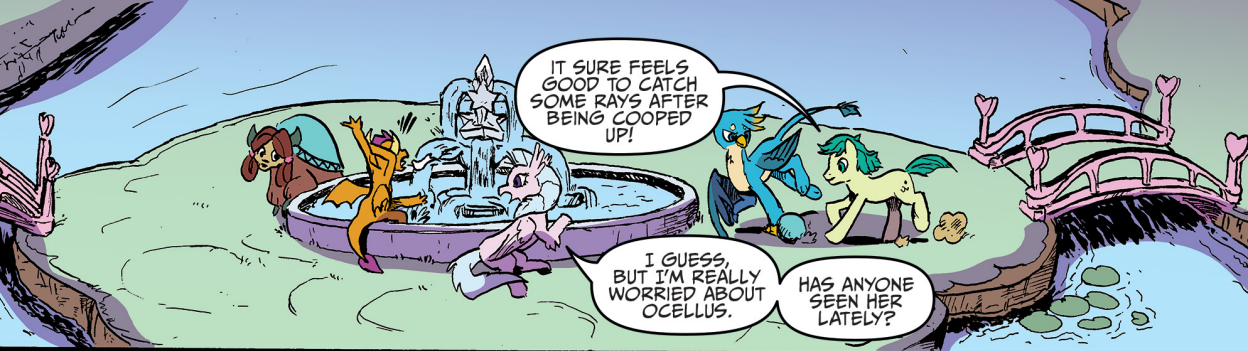
THAT'S IT!



THANKS, SMOLDER!

YOU'RE... WELCOME?

BOLT



IT SURE FEELS GOOD TO CATCH SOME RAYS AFTER BEING COOPED UP!

I GUESS, BUT I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT OCELLUS.

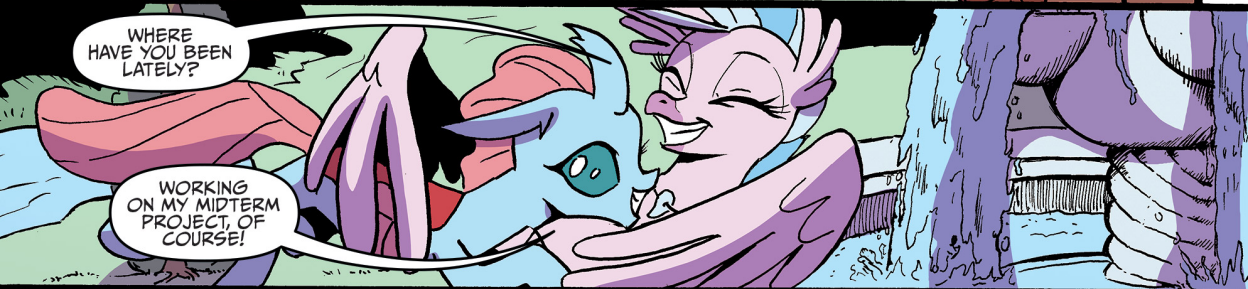
HAS ANYONE SEEN HER LATELY?



YONA SEE OCELLUS!

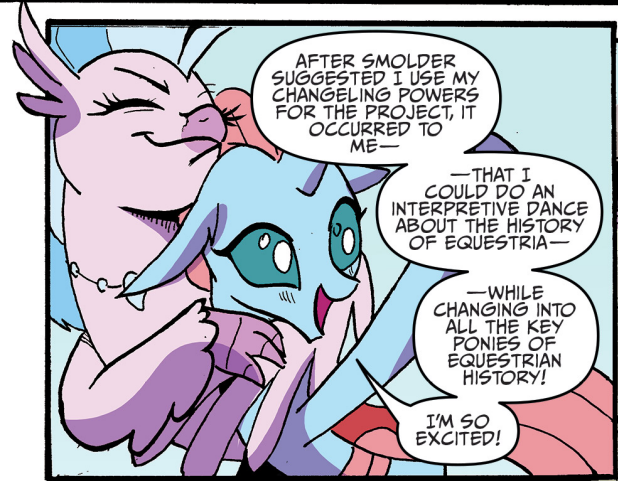
WHEN?

NOW!



WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN LATELY?

WORKING ON MY MIDTERM PROJECT, OF COURSE!

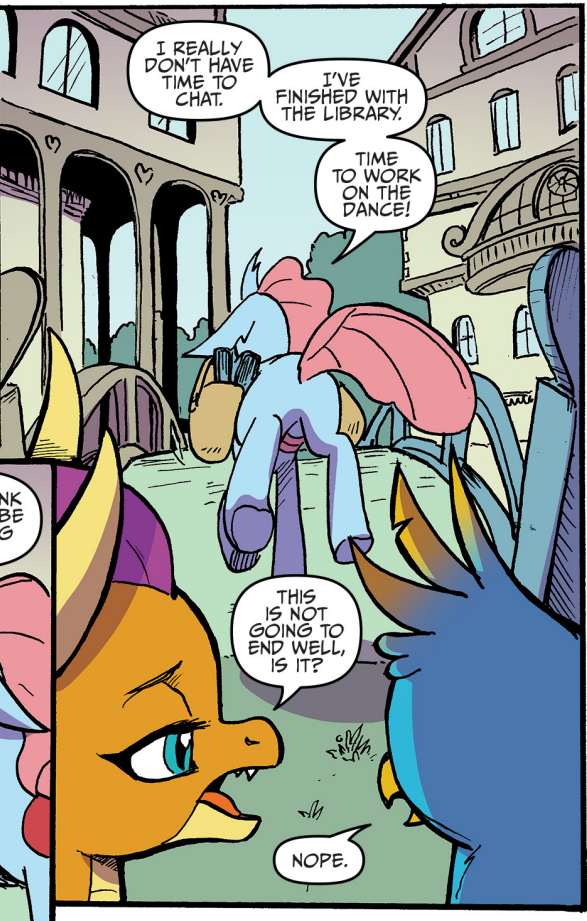


AFTER SMOLDER SUGGESTED I USE MY CHANGELING POWERS FOR THE PROJECT, IT OCCURRED TO ME—

—THAT I COULD DO AN INTERPRETIVE DANCE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF EQUESTRIA—

—WHILE CHANGING INTO ALL THE KEY PONIES OF EQUESTRIAN HISTORY!

I'M SO EXCITED!



I REALLY DON'T HAVE TIME TO CHAT.

I'VE FINISHED WITH THE LIBRARY.

TIME TO WORK ON THE DANCE!

THIS IS NOT GOING TO END WELL, IS IT?

NOPE.



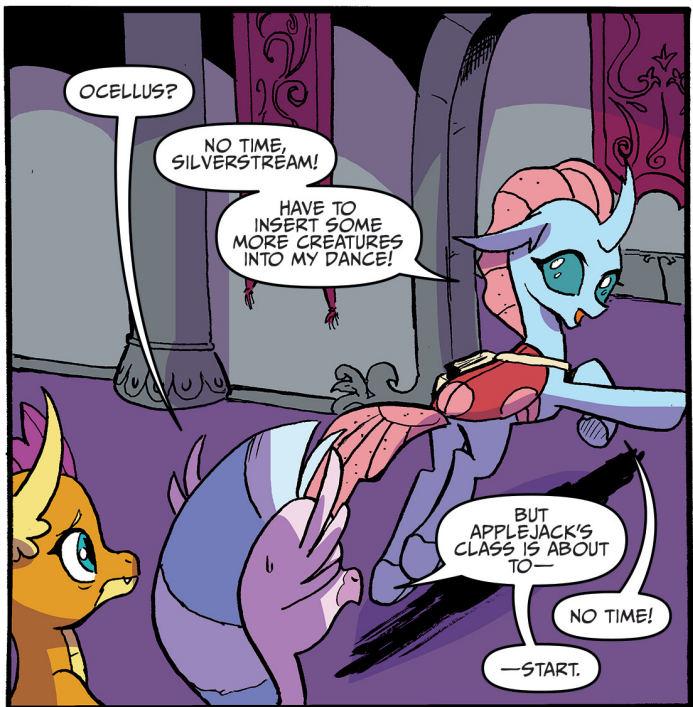
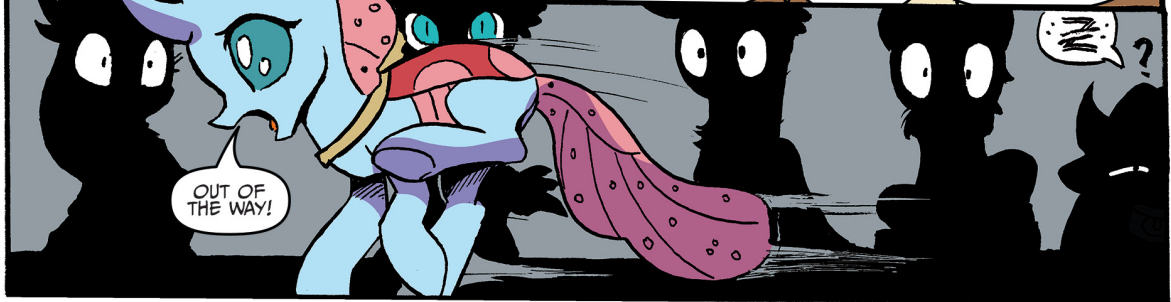
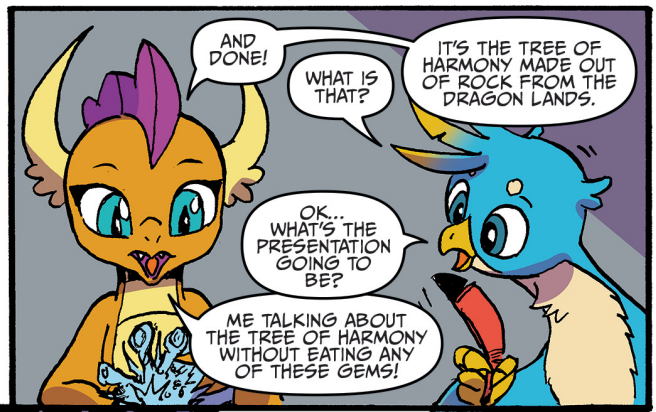
THAT'S... THAT ACTUALLY SOUNDS REALLY AMAZING.

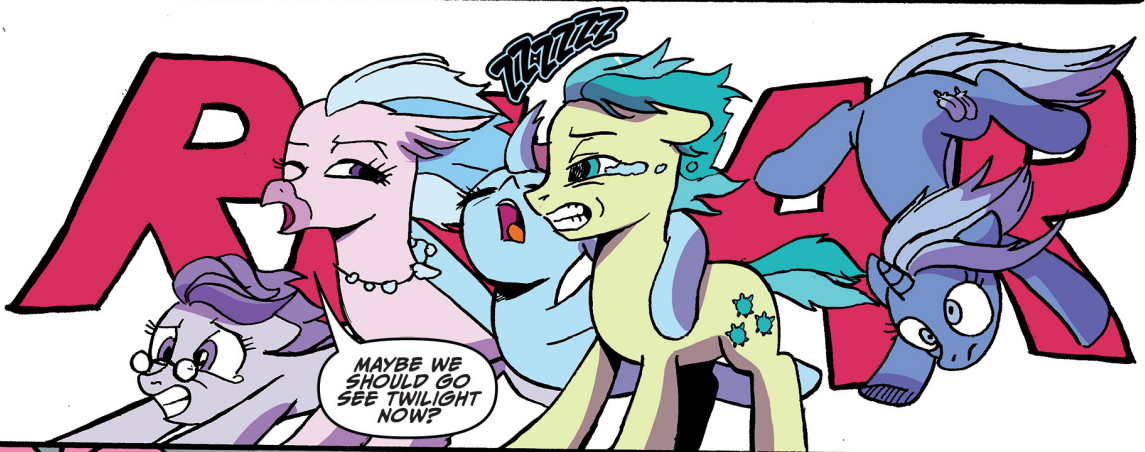
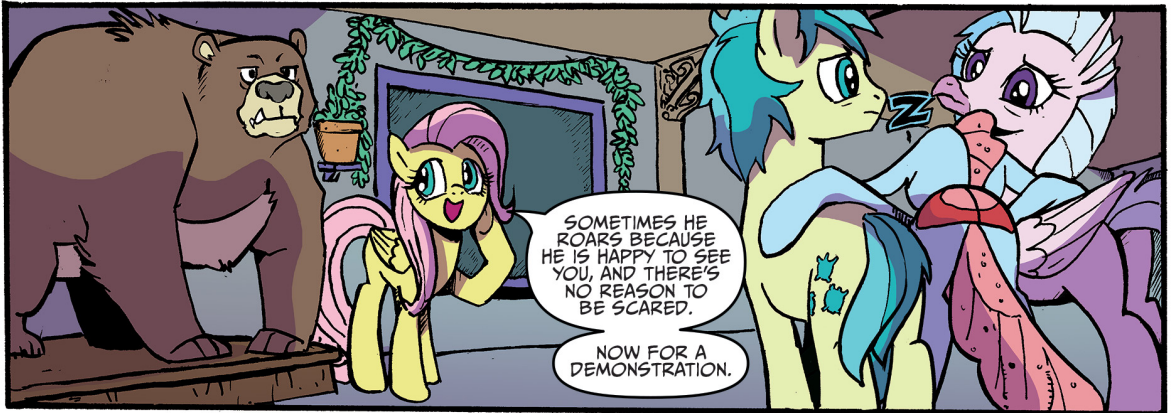
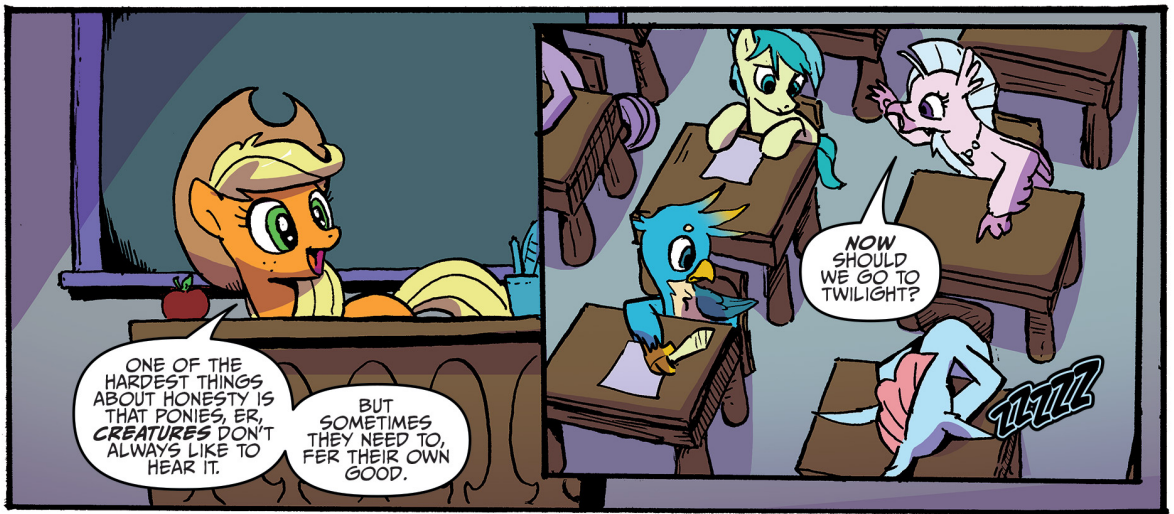
IT DOES, BUT—IT'S ONLY A TEN-MINUTE PRESENTATION.

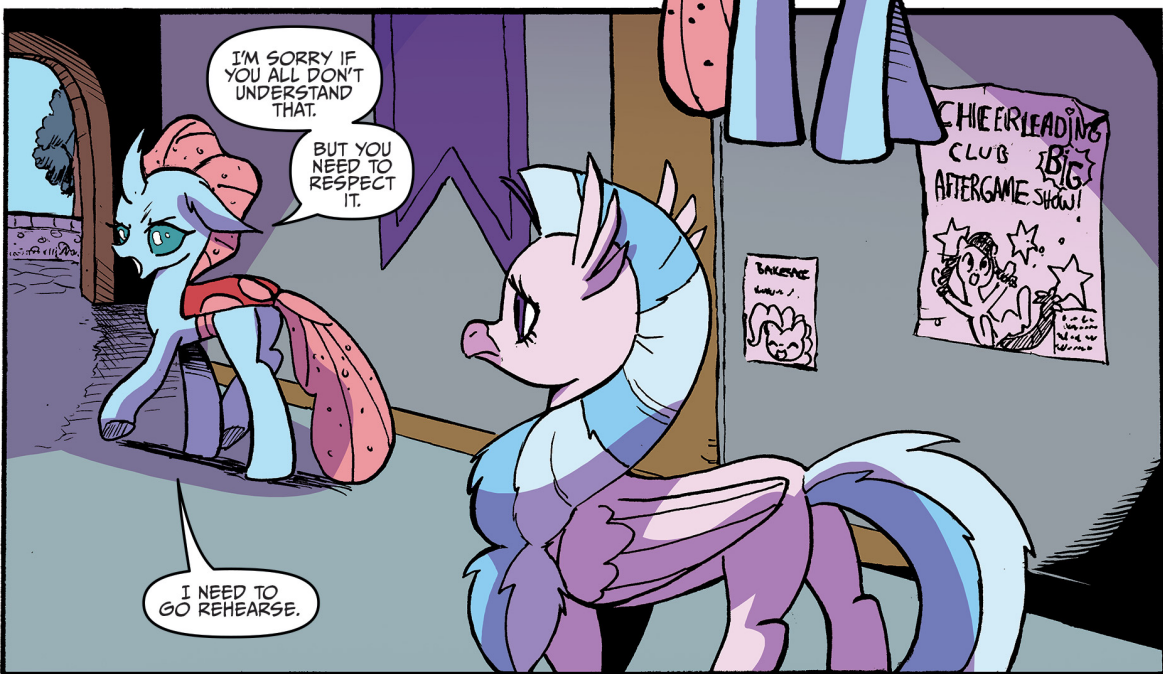
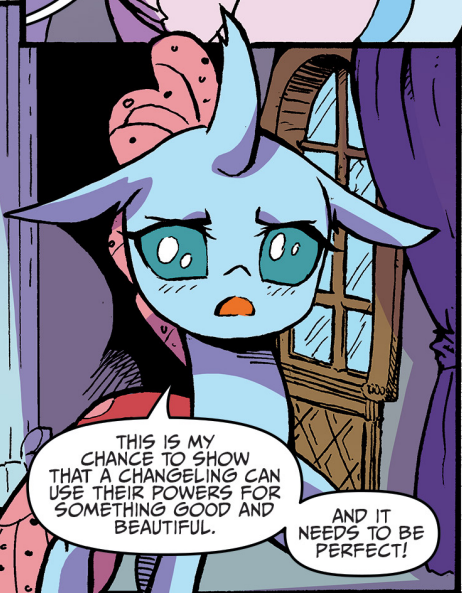
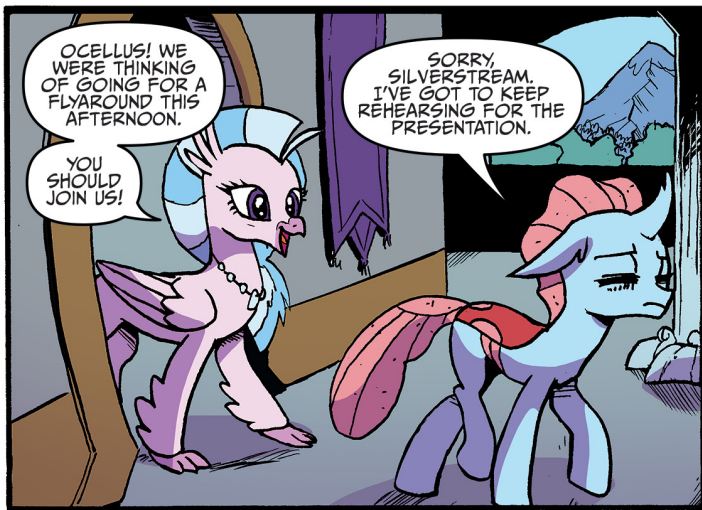
DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT BE OVERDOING IT?

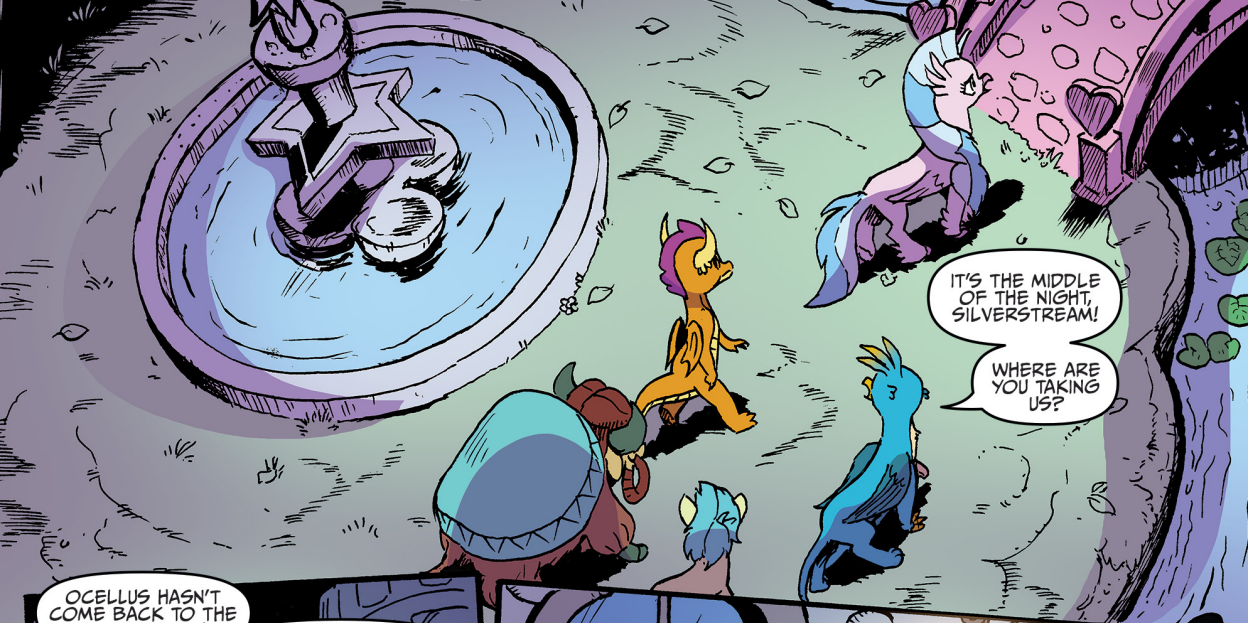
I DON'T THINK SO.

I JUST WANT TO DO MY BEST, AND THIS IS HOW I'M GOING TO DO THAT.









IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, SILVERSTREAM!

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US?



OCELLUS HASN'T COME BACK TO THE DORM AGAIN!

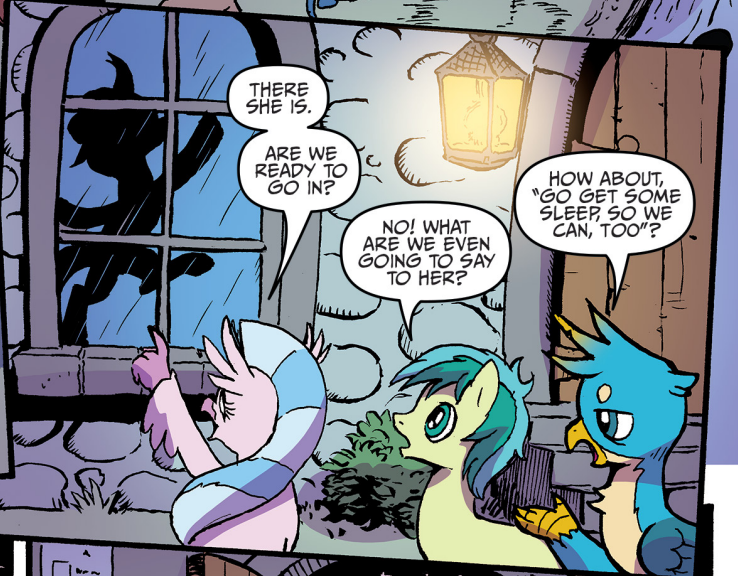
TWILIGHT GAVE HER PERMISSION TO REHEARSE IN ONE OF THE EMPTY CLASSROOMS.

IT'S TIME FOR AN INTERVENTION.

IT CAN'T WAIT UNTIL MORNING?

I WOULDN'T ARGUE. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SILVERSTREAM THIS SERIOUS?

YOU MAKE A GOOD POINT.



THERE SHE IS.

ARE WE READY TO GO IN?

NO! WHAT ARE WE EVEN GOING TO SAY TO HER?

HOW ABOUT, 'GO GET SOME SLEEP SO WE CAN, TOO'?



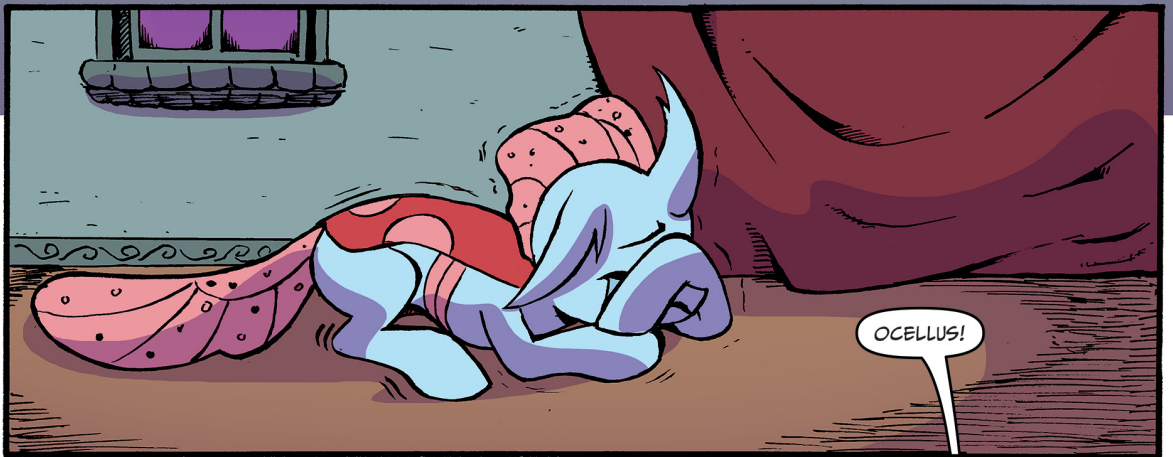
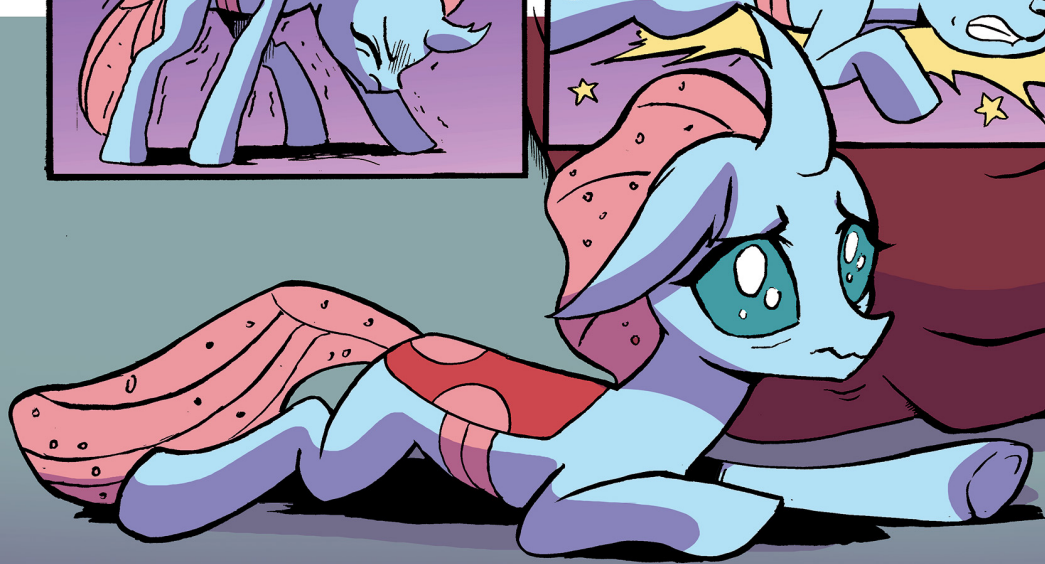
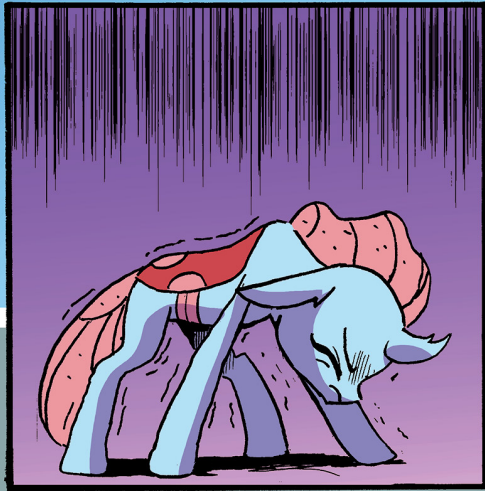
WE NEED TO LET HER KNOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND, BUT WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT AND HELP HER.



WELCOME TO THE CLASSROOM!









WHA—
WHAT ARE YOU
ALL DOING
HERE?

GO GET THE
HEADMARE.



WE'RE HERE
TO HELP YOU.

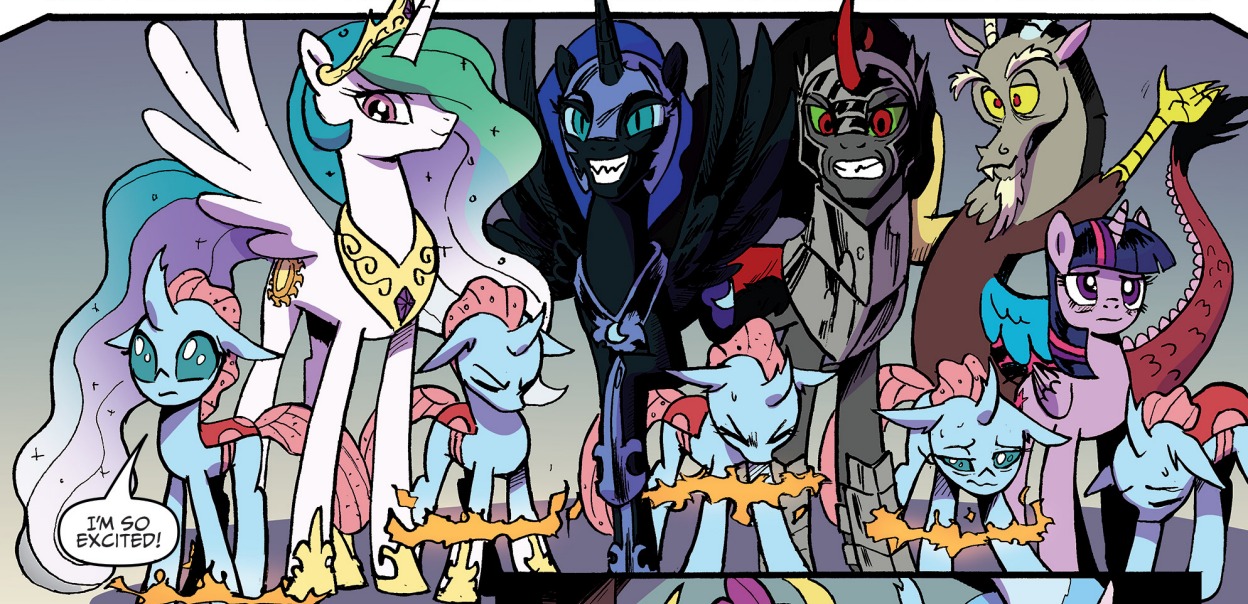


HELP? I DON'T
NEED HELP! I'VE
GOT THIS UNDER
CONTROL.

EVERY
CREATURE IS
GOING TO
LOVE IT!

THEY'RE ALL
GOING TO BE
SO EXCITED TO
SEE IT.

I'M SO
EXCITED!



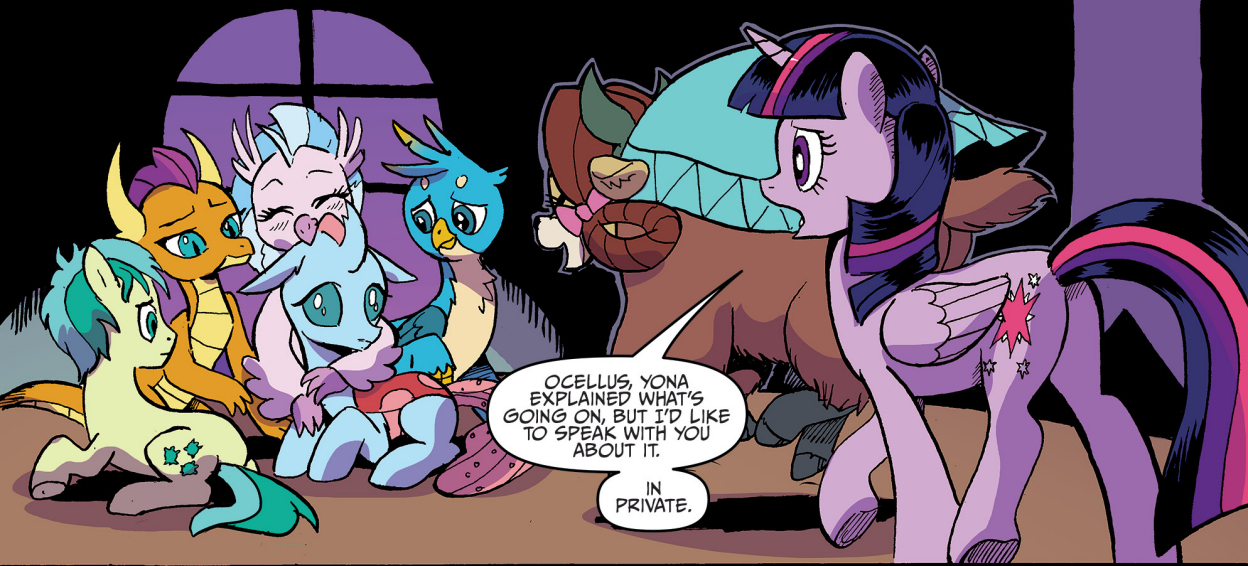
I'M SO
EXCITED!



I'M SO...
SCARED.



I'M SO...
SCARED.



OCELLUS, YONA EXPLAINED WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT I'D LIKE TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT IT.

IN PRIVATE.



WE'LL BE RIGHT OUTSIDE IF YOU NEED US!

THANKS.

WHEN YOU TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR PROJECT, I THOUGHT IT SOUNDED AMBITIOUS BUT STILL ACHIEVABLE.

I DIDN'T REALIZE IT HAD SPIRALED OUT OF CONTROL.

HOW MANY CREATURES WERE YOU PLANNING ON CHANGING INTO DURING THE TEN-MINUTE PRESENTATION?



THREE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX.



THERE IS SO MUCH FASCINATING HISTORY ABOUT EQUESTRIA AND HOW FRIENDSHIP TIES INTO IT.

I WANTED TO TRY AND PRESENT IT ALL AND NOT DISAPPOINT ANYPONY BY LEAVING ANYTHING OUT.

I WANTED TO SHOW HOW AMAZING THE CHANGELINGS CAN BE.

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I'M FAILING AT IT.

YOU'RE NOT FAILING.

YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO DO TOO MUCH. IN FACT, IT'S MORE THAN ANY CREATURE IS CAPABLE OF.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

ME? WELL, I WOULD...

I WOULD TRY TO DO WAY MORE THAN I COULD HANDLE.

COMPLETELY STRESS MYSELF OUT.

AND FEEL LIKE A TOTAL FAILURE WHEN IT WASN'T PERFECT.

I KNOW I'M NOT A GREAT EXAMPLE IN THIS CASE.

BUT SINCE WE LAUNCHED THE SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO PUT LESS PRESSURE ON EVERY CREATURE, INCLUDING MYSELF.

THAT'S WHY I ASSIGNED THIS PROJECT. I HOPED IT WOULD BE LESS STRESSFUL THAN A MASSIVE TEST.

I GUESS I MESS'D UP, HUH?

YOU DIDN'T MESS THIS UP!

I'M ACTUALLY IMPRESSED WITH YOUR VISION.

IT'S CERTAINLY CREATIVE!

BUT I CAN'T DO IT!

YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO CHANGE INTO THREE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX CREATURES.

BUT I BET YOU CAN PICK ONE SMALLER STORY TO TELL.

AND WE'LL ALL BE JUST AS IMPRESSED.

WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.

AND YOUR FRIENDS WILL BE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU.

I KNOW MINE ALWAYS ARE.

I KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT.

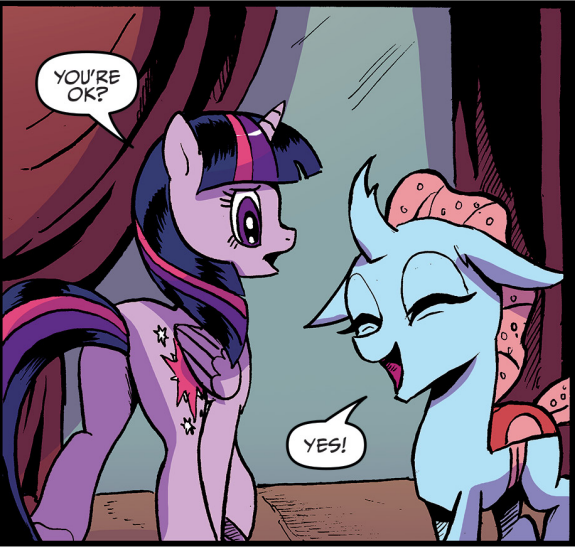
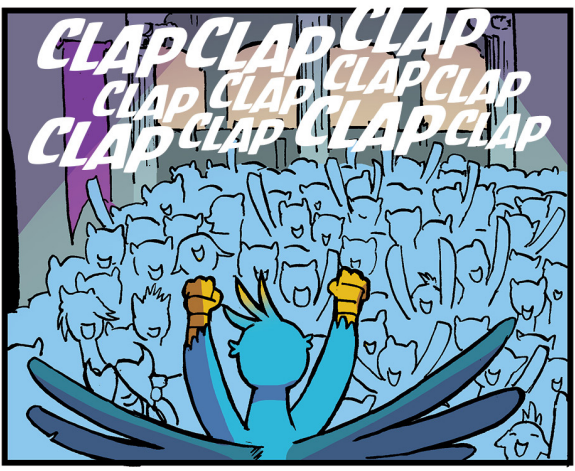
GOING FORWARD, WE BOTH NEED TO TRY AND GIVE OURSELVES A BREAK. OK?

DEAL!

SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP MID-TERM PRESENTATIONS

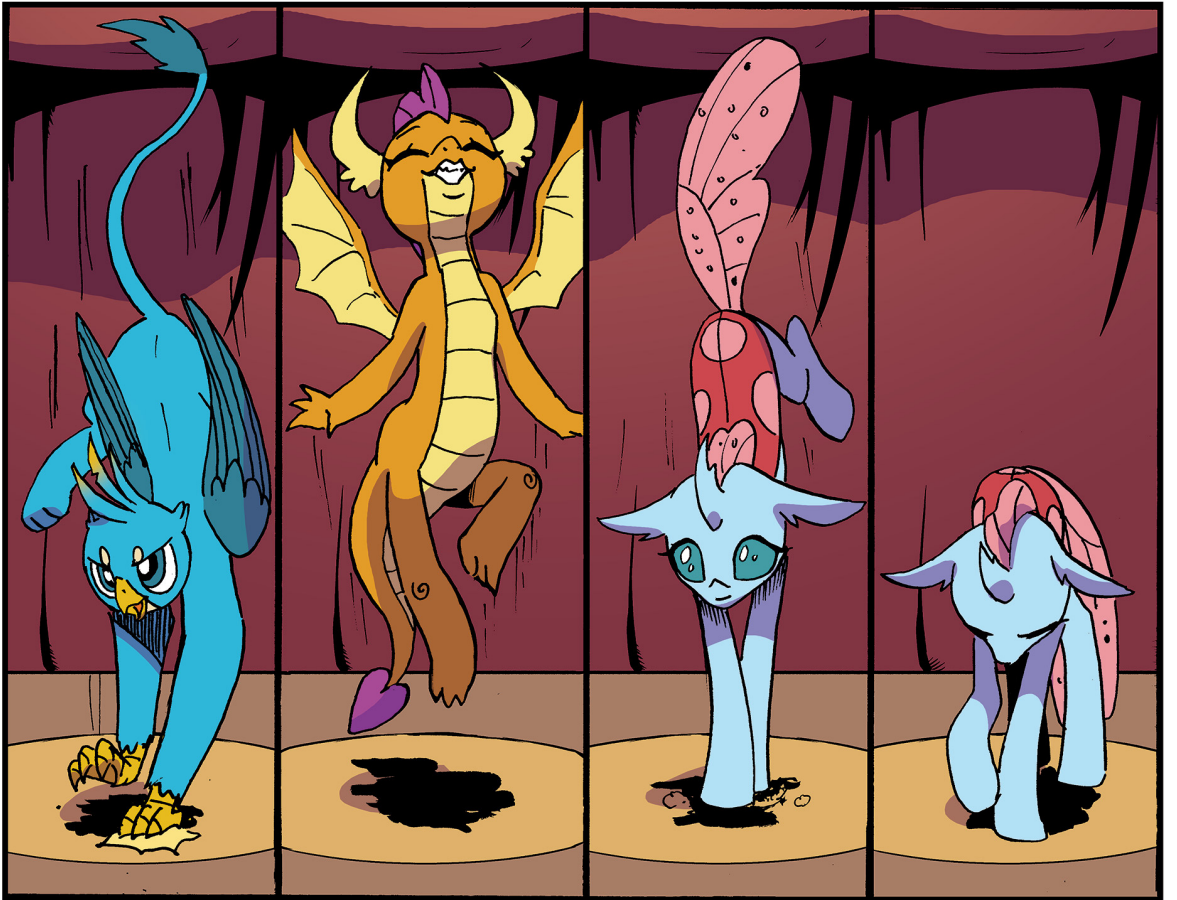
AND, UH, WHEN AT LAST THIS, UH, JOURNEY ENDS...

I'LL, UH, BE OK, IF I'M WITH MY, UH... FRIENDS.









HOORAY!

THAT WAS AMAZING!

YONA LOVE INTERPRETIVE DANCE!

INCREDIBLE!

I OWE IT TO YOU ALL.

INSTEAD OF TRYING TO TELL THE HISTORY OF EQUESTRIA, YOU MADE ME REALIZE THAT I SHOULD JUST TELL MY STORY.

THE STORY OF WHAT FRIENDSHIP MEANS TO ME.

THAT CONCLUDES OUR MIDTERM PRESENTATIONS.

NOW, I'D LIKE TO INVITE ALL OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO TAKE A MUCH-DESERVED BREAK WITH THEIR FRIENDS!

The End!

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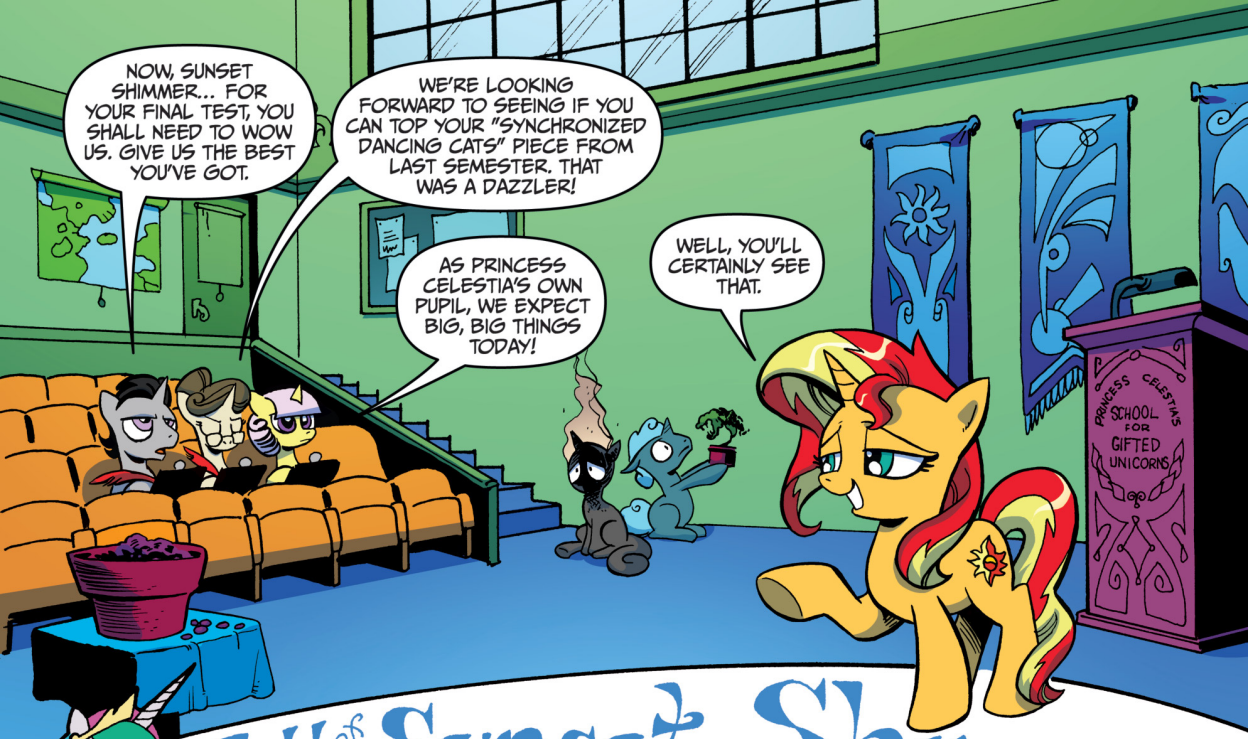


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NOW, SUNSET SHIMMER... FOR YOUR FINAL TEST, YOU SHALL NEED TO WOW US. GIVE US THE BEST YOU'VE GOT.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING IF YOU CAN TOP YOUR "SYNCHRONIZED DANCING CATS" PIECE FROM LAST SEMESTER. THAT WAS A DAZZLER!

AS PRINCESS CELESTIA'S OWN PUPIL, WE EXPECT BIG, BIG THINGS TODAY!

WELL, YOU'LL CERTAINLY SEE THAT.

THE Fall of Sunset Shimmer

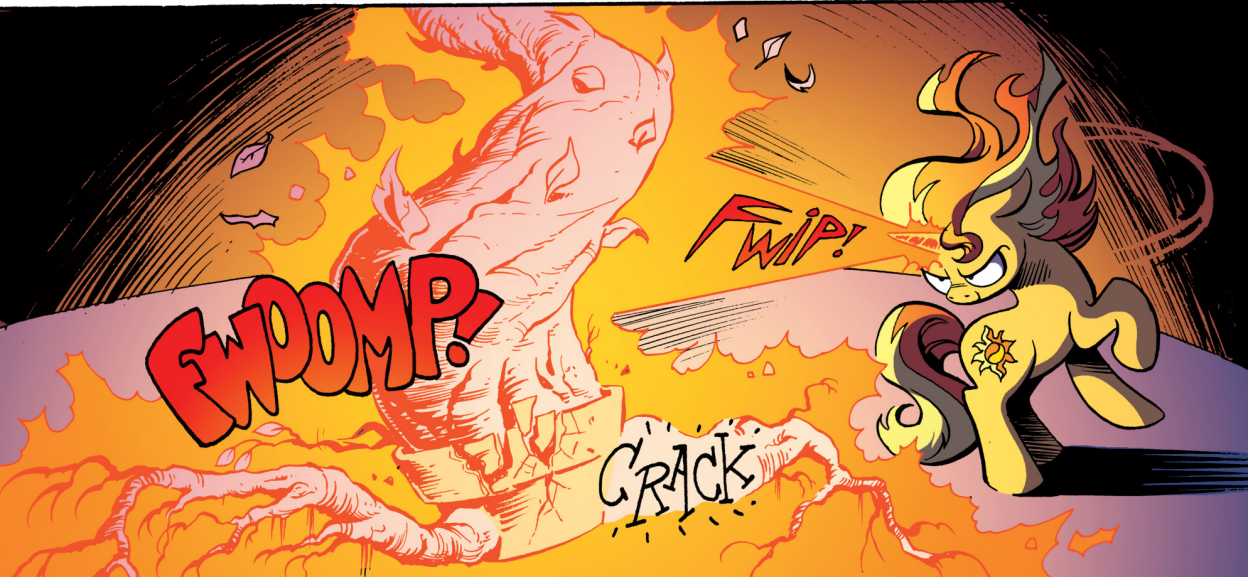


OH! LOOKS LIKE SHE'S GOING TO DO A GROWTH SPELL... CLASSIC! BUT IS IT ENOUGH?

LET'S HOPE IT TURNS OUT BETTER THAN JUNIPER BERRY'S ATTEMPT.



GAH! GET OFF ME!



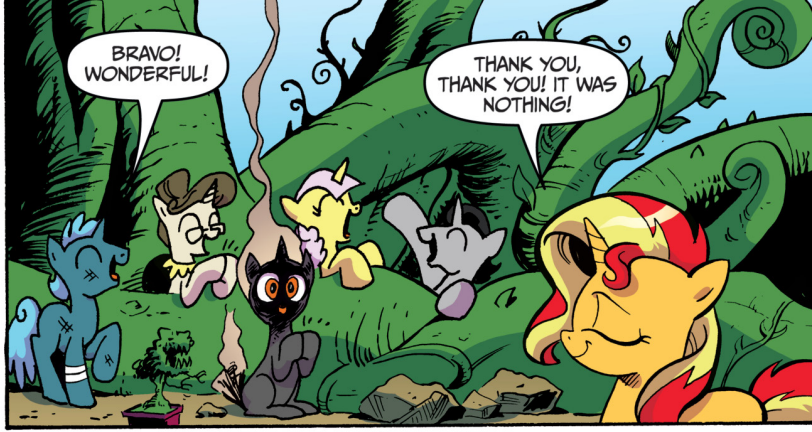
FWOOMP!

FWIP!

CRACK

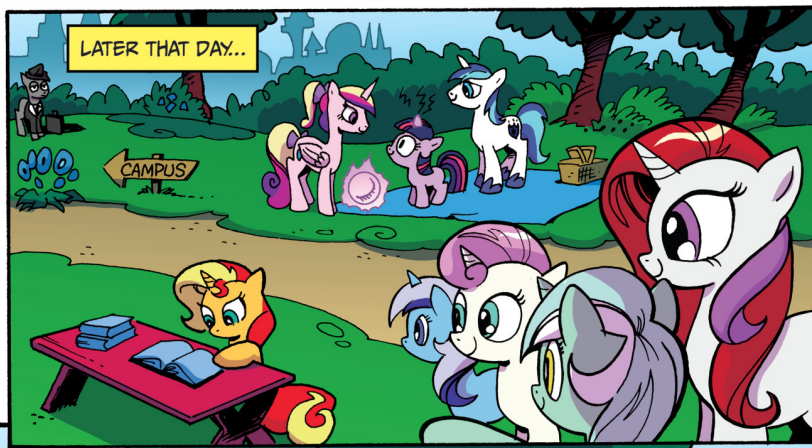


I SEE SOMEPOONY JUST PASSED THEIR MID-TERM!



BRAVO! WONDERFUL!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! IT WAS NOTHING!



LATER THAT DAY...

CAMPUS



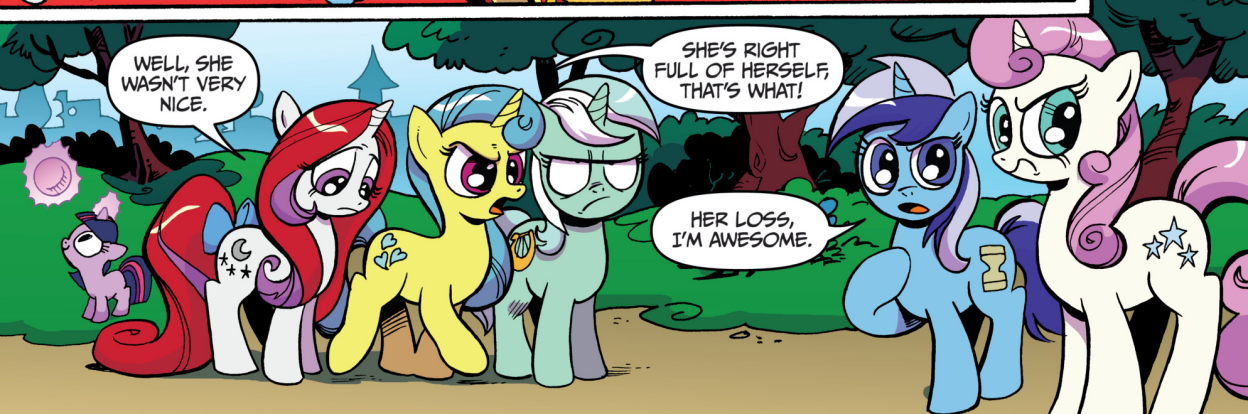
SUNSET SHIMMER! THAT VINE YOU MADE WAS AMAZING!

REALLY EXQUISITE!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME HAVE LUNCH WITH US?



HMPF. I HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN SOCIALIZE. I'M GOING TO RE-READ "ADVANCED ELEMENTAL MAGICAL PRACTICES" AND THEN PRACTICE FOR MY ADVANCED SUMMONING SPELLS EXAM. WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING FOR? NOTHING, THAT'S WHAT.



WELL, SHE WASN'T VERY NICE.

SHE'S RIGHT FULL OF HERSELF, THAT'S WHAT!

HER LOSS, I'M AWESOME.



SUNSET SHIMMER, I HAVE HEARD THAT YOU'RE NOT GETTING ALONG WELL WITH THE OTHER STUDENTS—WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS...

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS? WHO NEEDS ANYONY? THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE IS TO BE THE BEST.



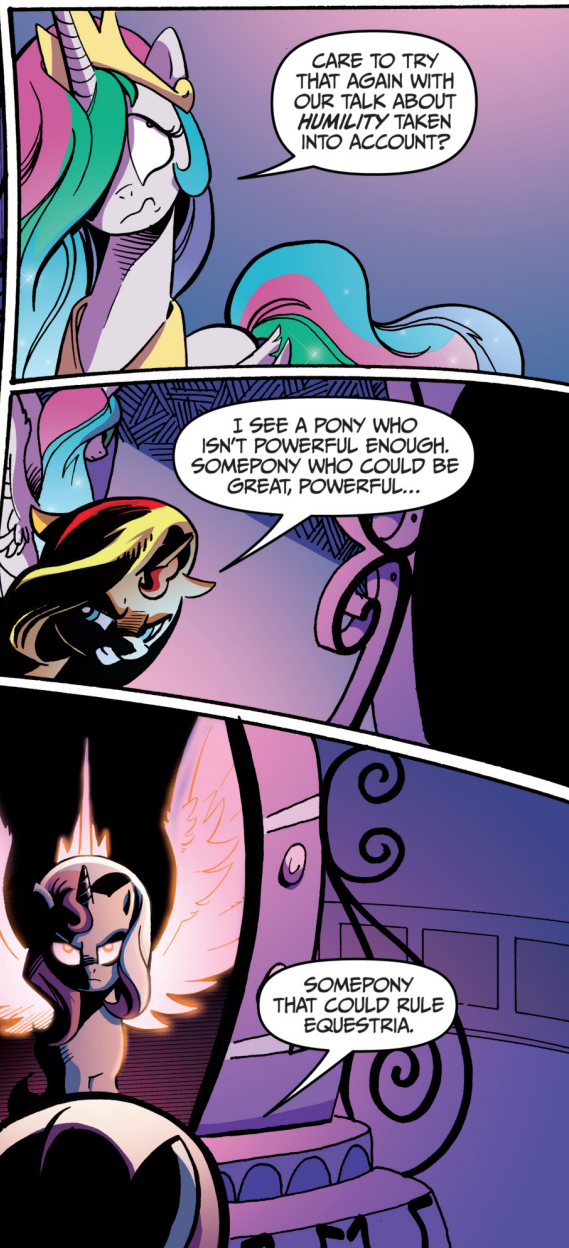
WE'VE TALKED ABOUT FRIENDSHIP AND ITS IMPORTANCE BEFORE, AND WE'VE DISCUSSED THAT YOU NEED TO START OPENING YOURSELF UP TO NEW FRIENDS. AND REMEMBER THAT TALK WE HAD ABOUT HUMILITY?

I REMEMBER HOW BORING IT WAS.



LOOK INTO THIS MIRROR AND TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE.

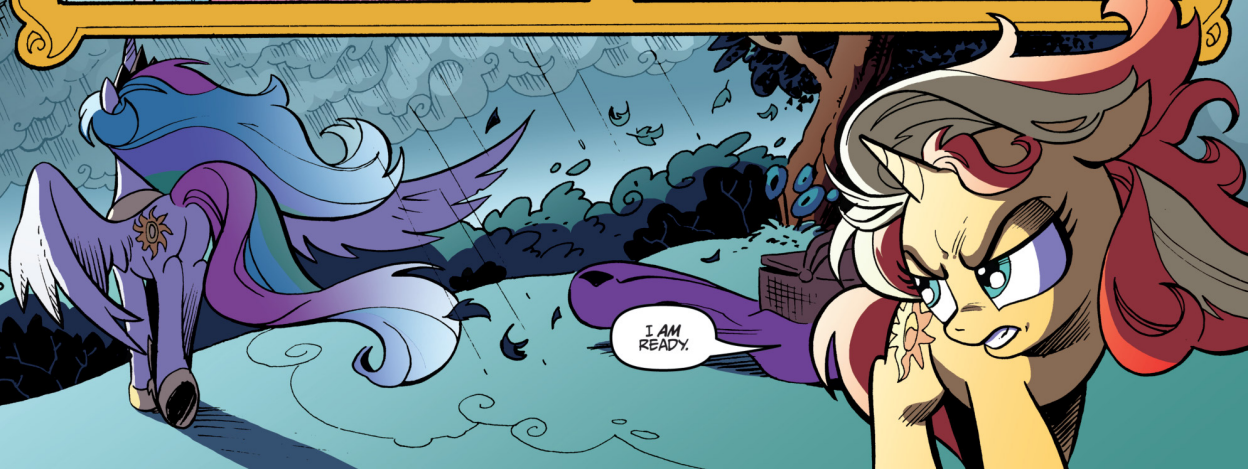
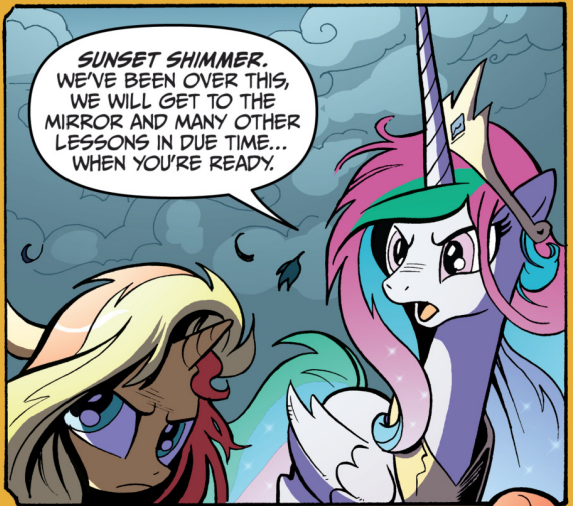
A BEAUTIFUL PONY THAT HAS NOTHING BUT POWER AND POTENTIAL.



CARE TO TRY THAT AGAIN WITH OUR TALK ABOUT HUMILITY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT?

I SEE A PONY WHO ISN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH. SOMEONY WHO COULD BE GREAT, POWERFUL...

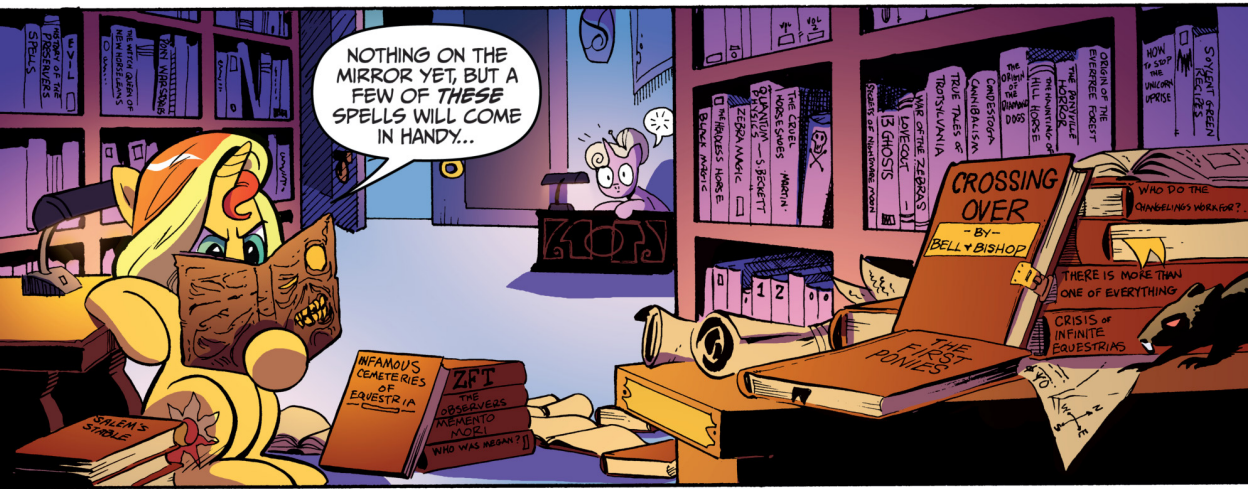
SOMEONY THAT COULD RULE EQUESTRIA.





NOT READY?
I'LL SHOW HER
NOT READY.

YOU'D THINK
THIS PLACE WOULD
BE BETTER
GUARDED.



NOTHING ON THE
MIRROR YET, BUT A
FEW OF THESE
SPELLS WILL COME
IN HANDY...



HERE WE
GO!

DARK
MAGIC
NO
ENTRY



THE CRYSTAL
MIRROR... EVERY 30
MOONS, A PORTAL WILL
OPEN TO... ANOTHER
WORLD?



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REALLY FOR YOU
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