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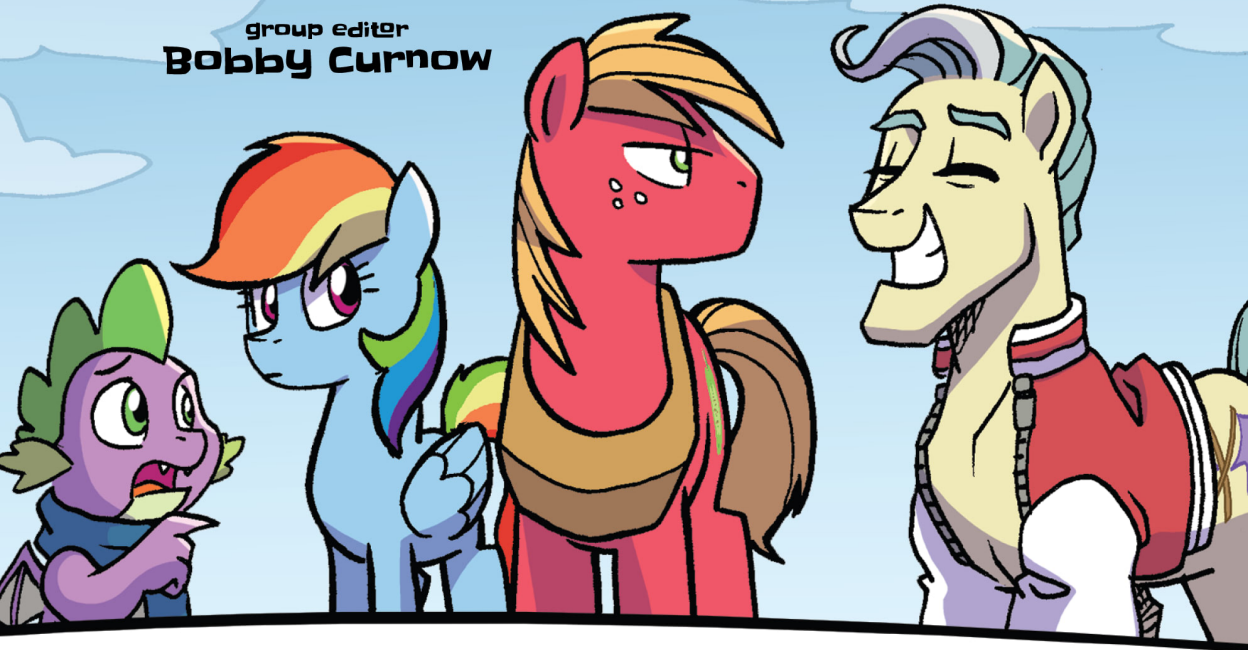
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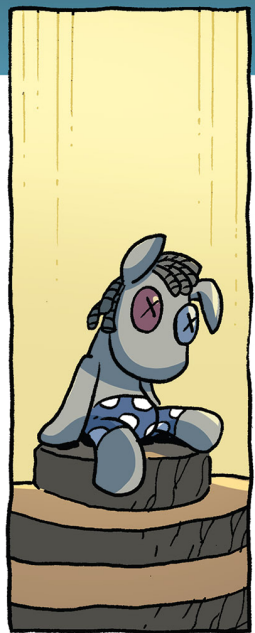
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SOMEWHERE DEEP IN THE DRAGON LANDS...







APPLE JACK!  
WAKE UP!

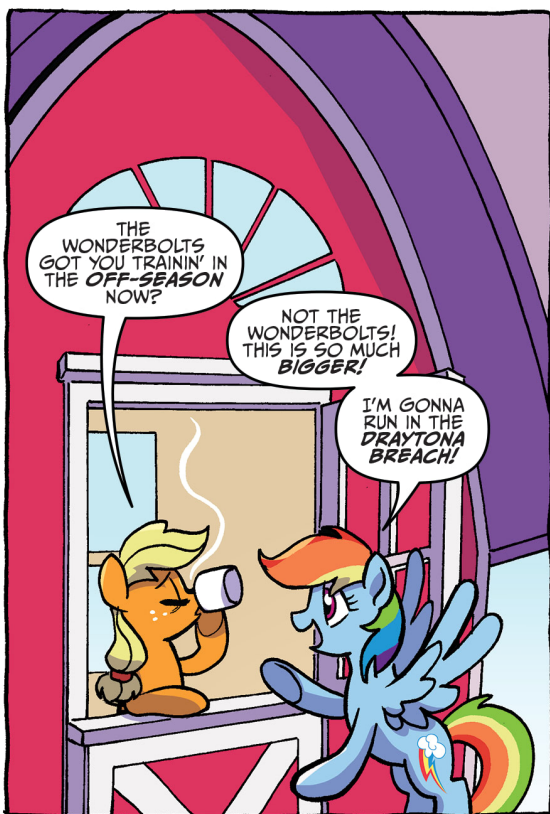
I NEED  
YOUR HELP!



MORNIN',  
RAINBOW  
DASH.

UP KINDA  
EARLY, AREN'T  
YOU?

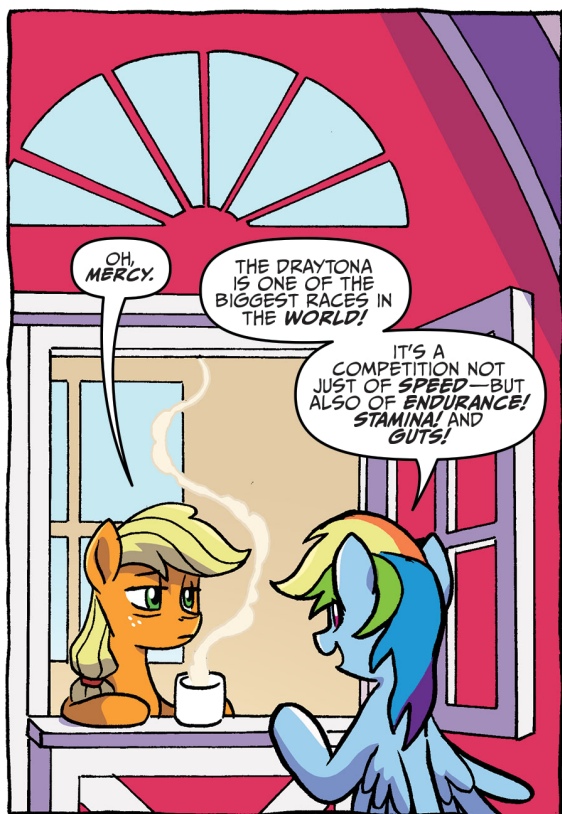
NO TIME  
FOR CHIT-CHAT, AJ!  
I GOTTA GET  
TRAINING!



THE  
WONDERBOLTS  
GOT YOU TRAININ'  
IN THE OFF-SEASON  
NOW?

NOT THE  
WONDERBOLTS!  
THIS IS SO MUCH  
BIGGER!

I'M GONNA  
RUN IN THE  
DRAYTONA  
BREACH!



OH,  
MERCY.

THE DRAYTONA  
IS ONE OF THE  
BIGGEST RACES IN  
THE WORLD!

IT'S A  
COMPETITION NOT  
JUST OF SPEED—BUT  
ALSO OF ENDURANCE!  
STAMINA! AND  
GUTS!



IT'S A GRUELING  
TRACK THAT RUNS  
BETWEEN THE BORDER  
OF EQUESTRIA AND  
YAKYAKISTAN!

PERILOUS,  
MOUNTAINOUS  
TERRAIN! STEEP  
CLIFFS AND ROCKY  
TRAILS!

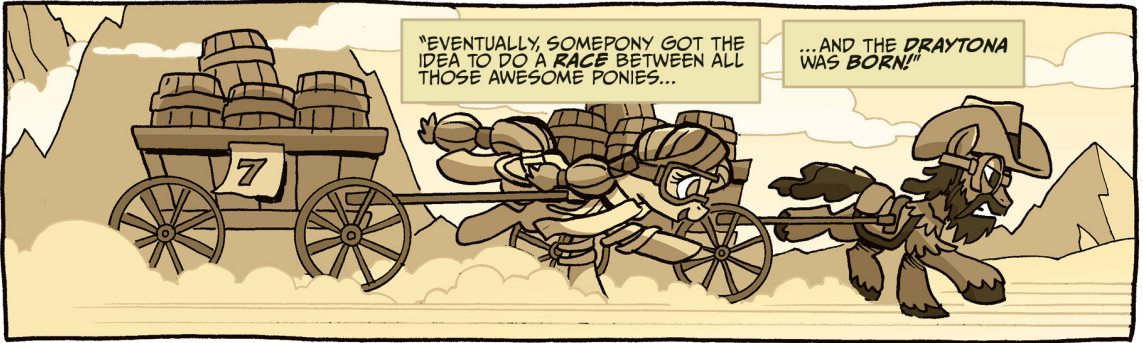
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RACE FOR THE REAL  
COMPETITORS!





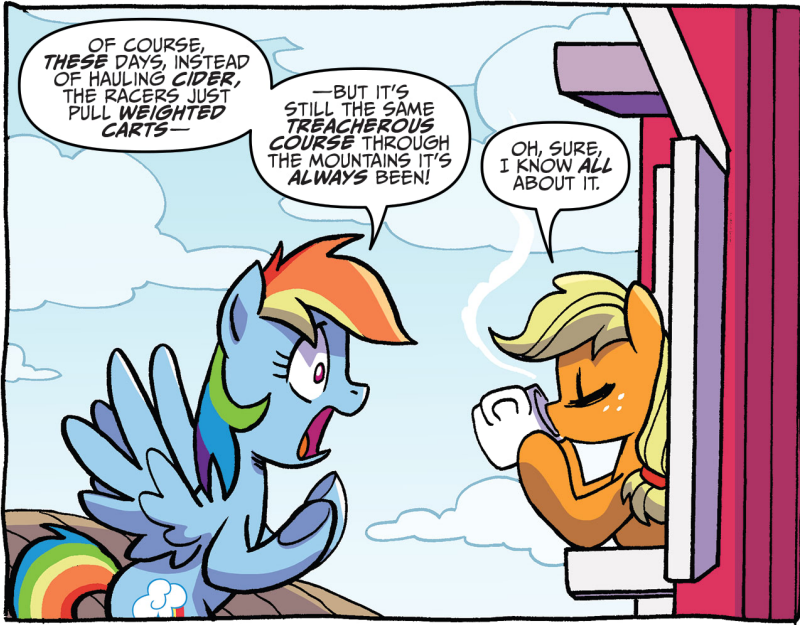
"IT ALL STARTED **YEARS** AGO, WHEN INTREPID PONIES WOULD CARRY CART-LOADS OF CIDER TO THE THIRSTY YAKS OF YAKYAKISTAN.

"THESE **DARING DRIVERS** WOULD HAUL THEIR PRECIOUS CARGO OVER THE **TWISTY MOUNTAIN ROADS!**"



"EVENTUALLY, SOME PONY GOT THE IDEA TO DO A **RACE** BETWEEN ALL THOSE AWESOME PONIES..."

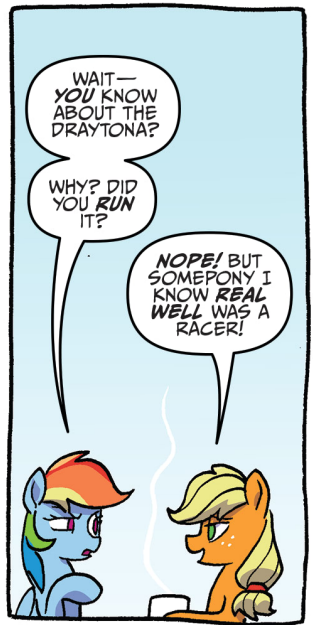
"...AND THE **DRAYTONA** WAS BORN!"



OF COURSE, **THESE DAYS**, INSTEAD OF HAULING CIDER, THE RACERS JUST PULL **WEIGHTED CARTS**—

—BUT IT'S STILL THE SAME **TREACHEROUS COURSE** THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS IT'S ALWAYS BEEN!

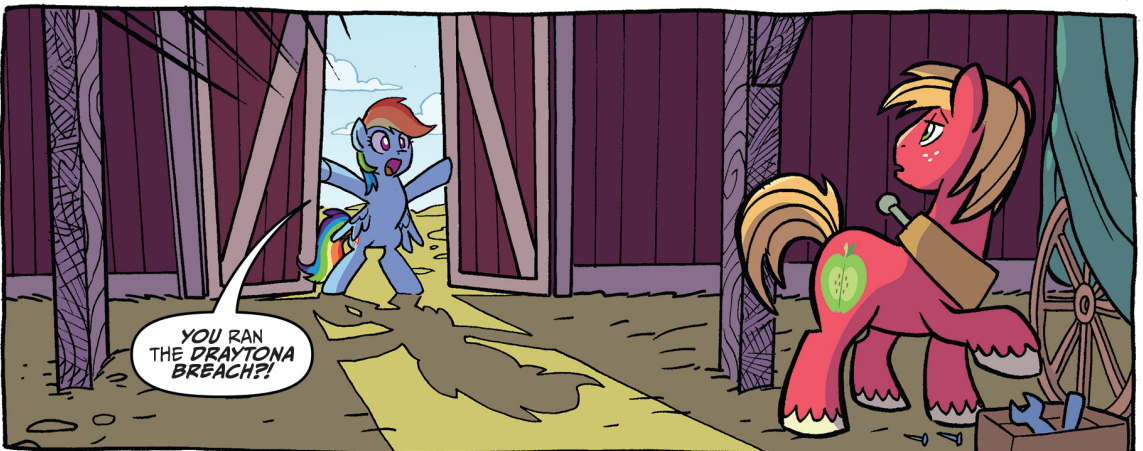
OH, SURE, I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.



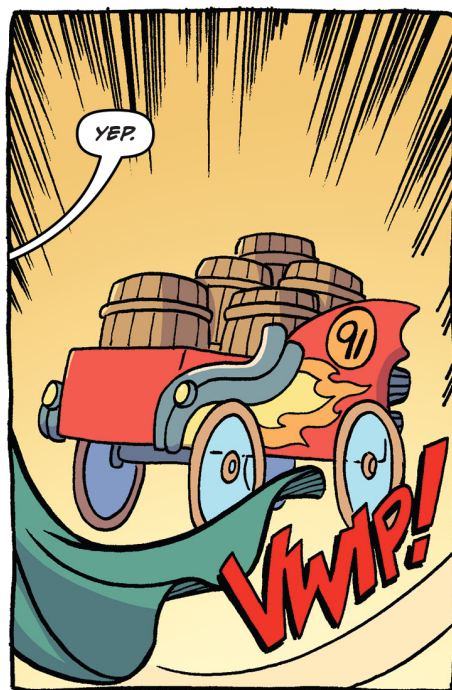
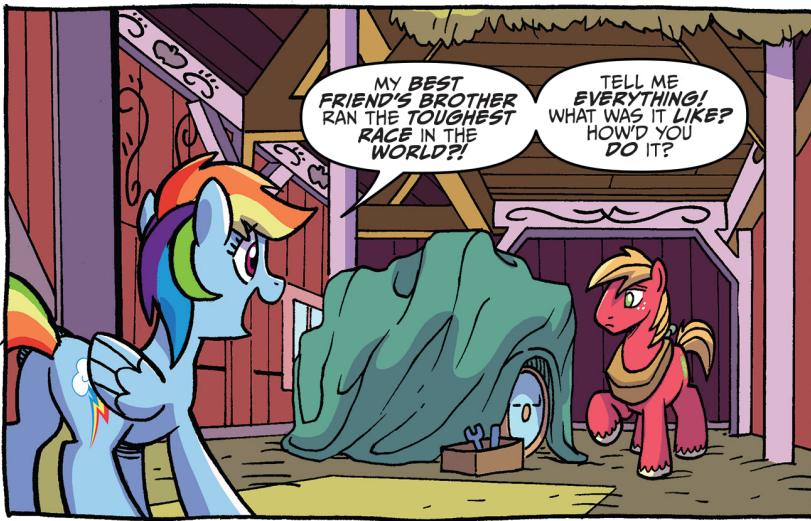
WAIT—YOU KNOW ABOUT THE DRAYTONA?

WHY? DID YOU RUN IT?

**NOPE!** BUT SOME PONY I KNOW **REAL WELL** WAS A RACER!



YOU RAN THE **DRAYTONA BREACH**?!











AW YEAH!

WOW, THAT'S A LOT OF CREATURES!

OH YES! RACE IS BIG EVENT ALL OVER!



YAKS LOVE RACE! PONIES LOVE RACE! EVEN GRIFFONS AND DONKEYS LOVE RACE!

ONLY DRAGONS NOT LIKE RACE, BECAUSE IT SO COLD UP IN MOUNTAINS.



YEAH, I KNOW THE FEELING!

THERE'S A FEW DRAGONS OVER THERE!



OH, YEAH... THEY'RE ALL BUNDLED UP.

I SHOULD ASK 'EM WHERE THEY GOT THEIR EAR MUFFS.

C'MON, LET'S FIND THE REGISTRATION DESK!



NOW THERE'S A FAMILIAR FACE!

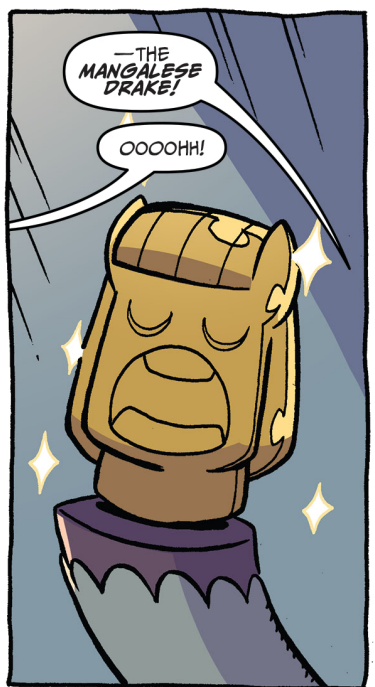
HUH?



MCINTOSH! IS THAT YOU?











FRESHLY ACQUIRED FROM THE DRAGON LANDS, THIS PRETTY BAUBLE WILL FETCH A HIGH PRICE...

...IF I CAN GET IT ACROSS THE BORDER!



THE DRAGONS WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW US INTO YAKYAKISTAN DUE TO THE COLD WEATHER!

I'LL MEET MY BUYER SAFELY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAINS!



AND THIS RACE WILL PROVIDE THE PERFECT SMUGGLING METHOD!

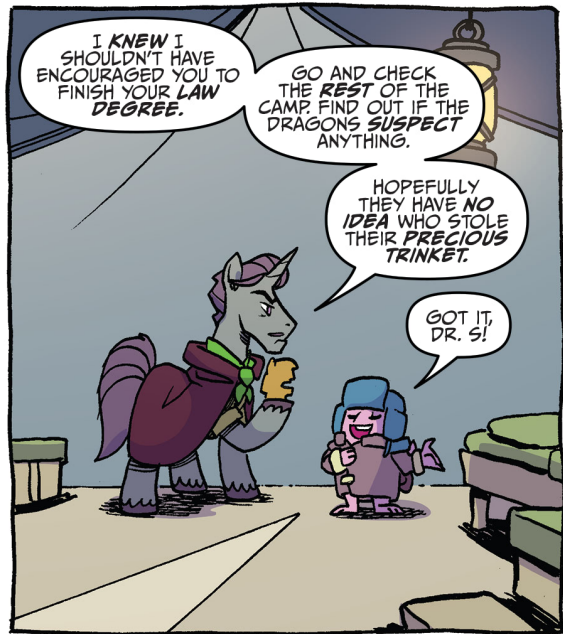
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS CONCEAL THE STATUE IN MY CART AND PULL IT TO YAKYAKISTAN!



I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO WIN THE RACE—JUST COMPLETE IT WITH THE STATUE IN MY CART!

IT'S A FOOLPROOF PLAN!

GEE, I DUNNO, DR. S—WHAT ABOUT EXTRADITION TREATIES?

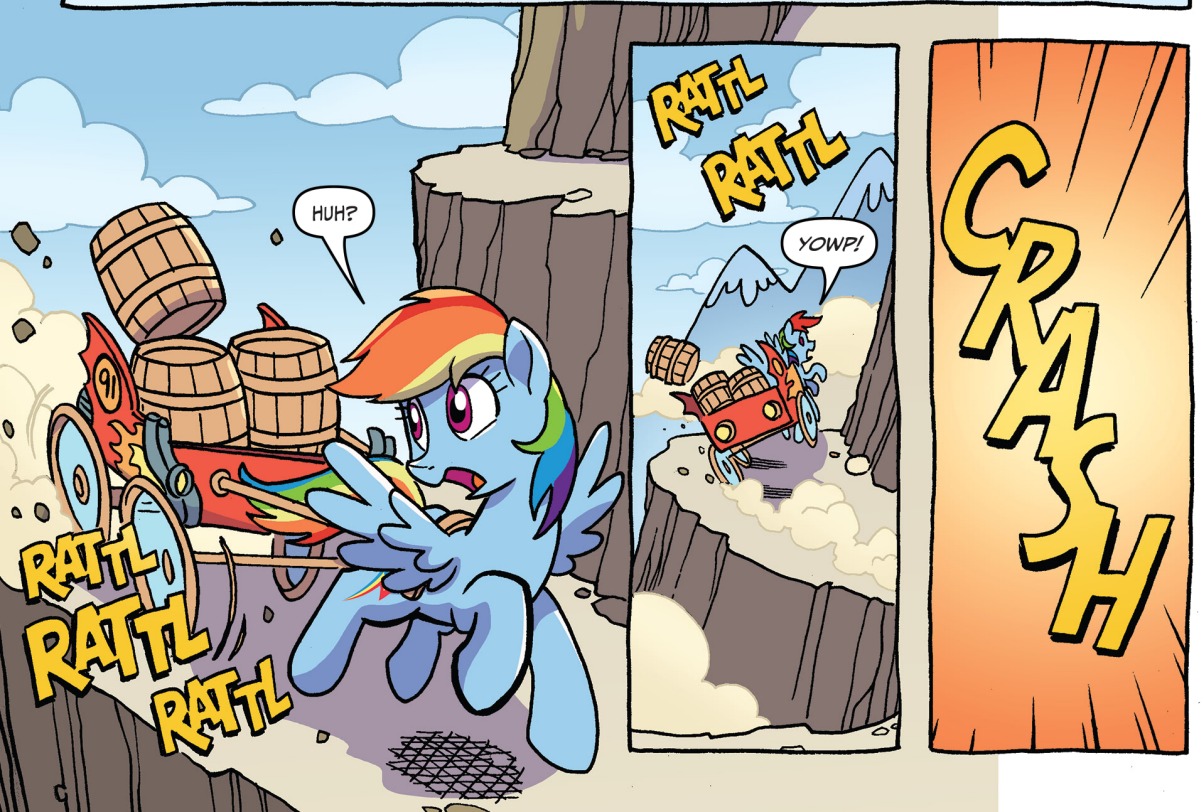
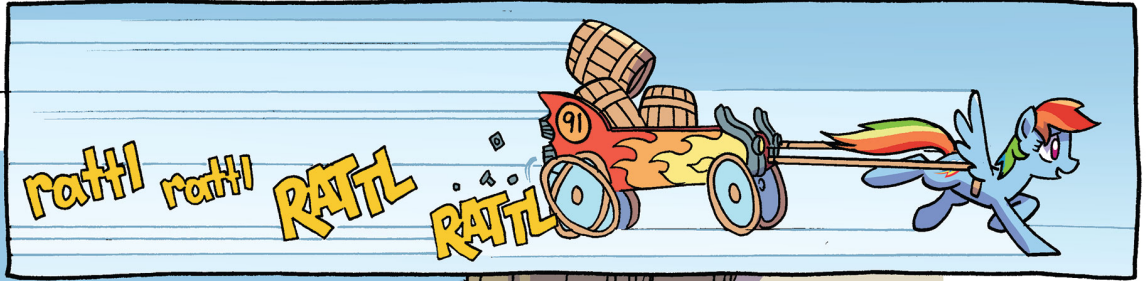
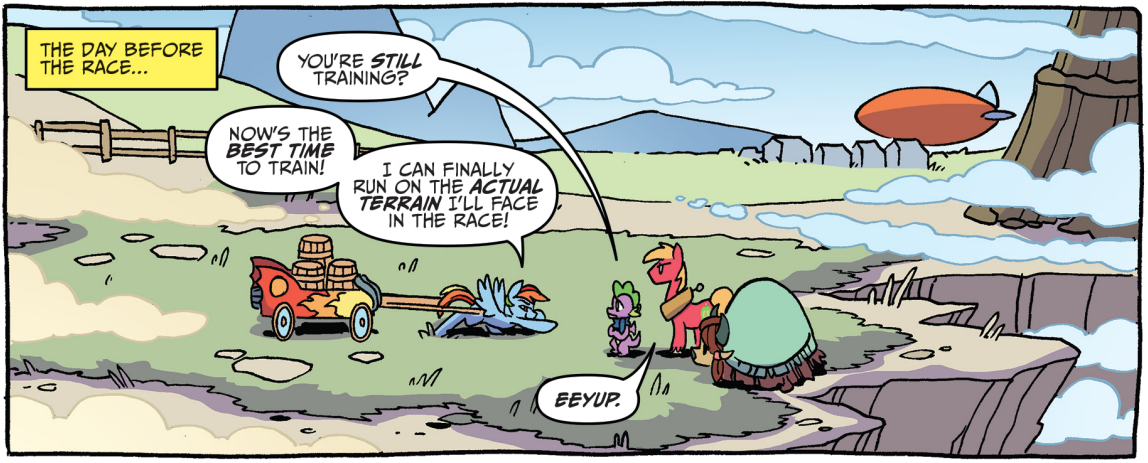


I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE ENCOURAGED YOU TO FINISH YOUR LAW DEGREE.

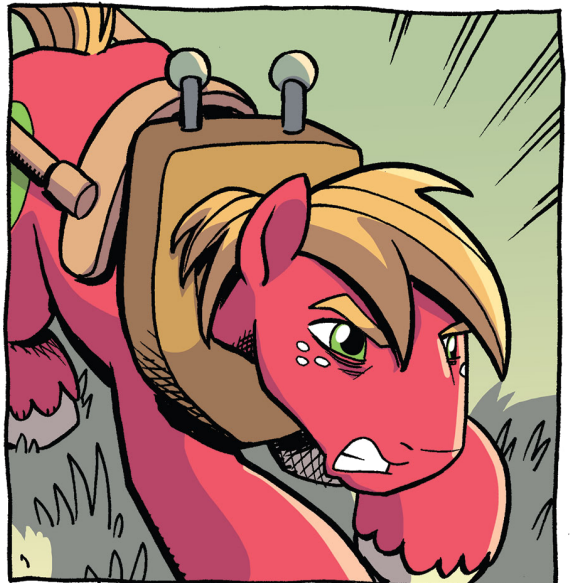
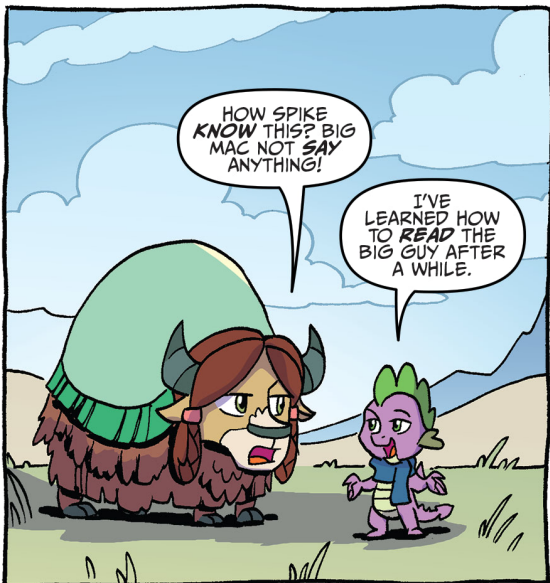
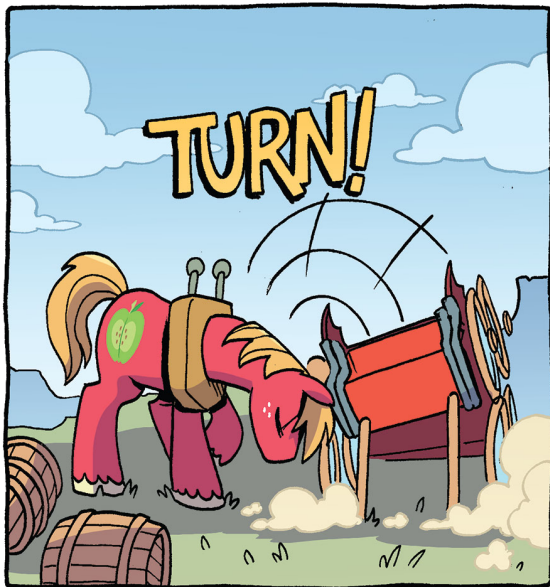
GO AND CHECK THE REST OF THE CAMP. FIND OUT IF THE DRAGONS SUSPECT ANYTHING.

HOPEFULLY THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHO STOLE THEIR PRECIOUS TRINKET.

GOT IT, DR. S!

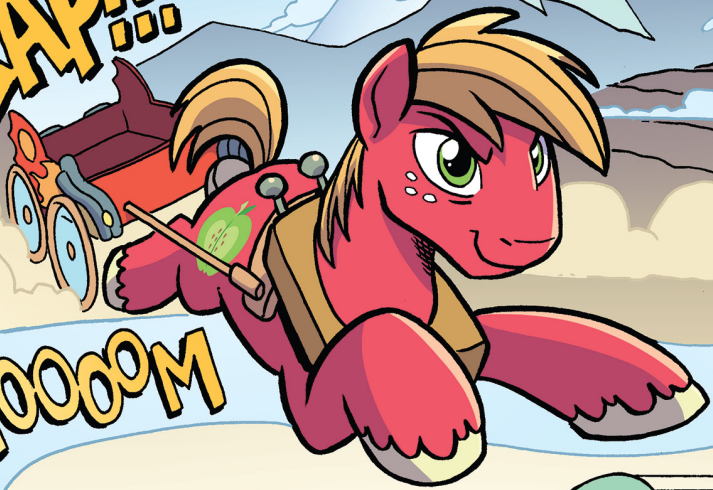








**LEAP!!!**

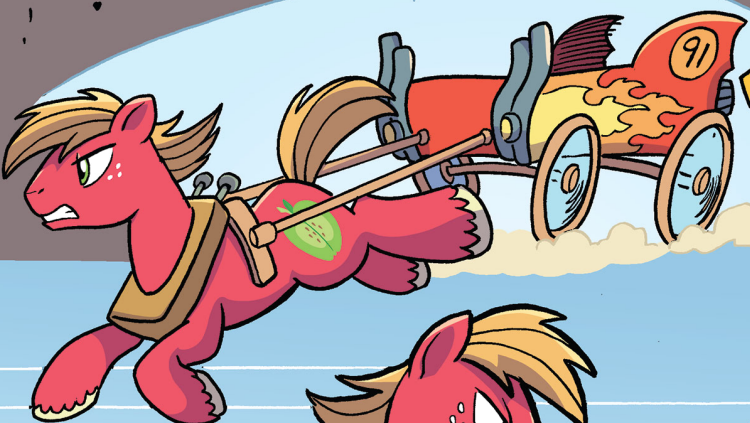


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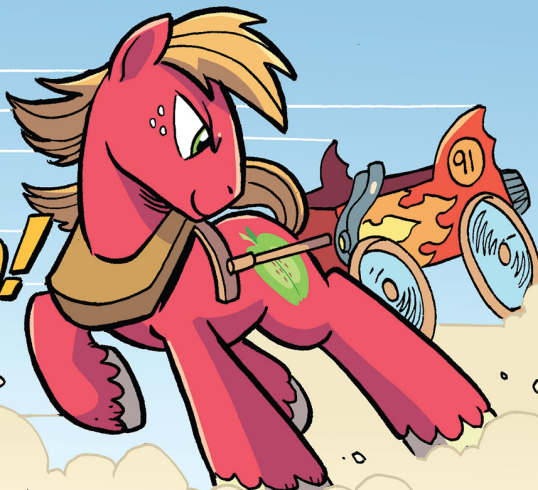


**HOP!**

**ZWIP!**



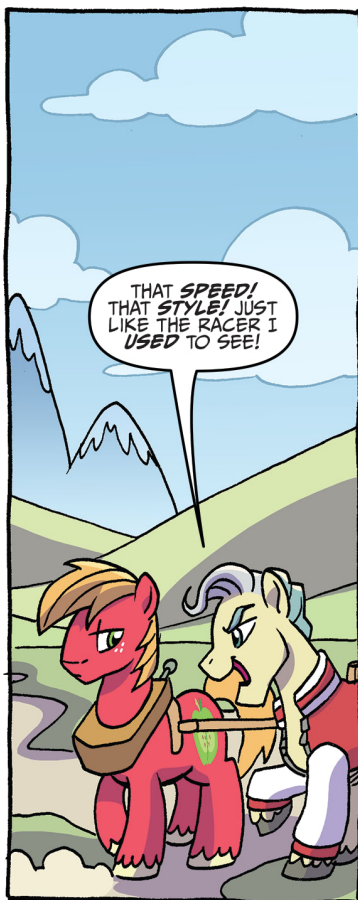
**SKIDDD!**





BRAVO!

NOW THAT'S THE BIG MAC I REMEMBER!



THAT *SPEED!* THAT *STYLE!* JUST LIKE THE RACER I *USED* TO SEE!



WHY, REMEMBER, BIG MAC—WE USED TO RACE ALL THE TIME!

IT'S WHAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER!



I'VE NEVER HEARD BIG MAC TALK ABOUT YOU BEFORE.

I MEAN, HE DOESN'T TALK ABOUT MUCH OF ANYTHING, BUT STILL.

OH, WELL, I SUPPOSE THAT'S NOT TOO SURPRISING.



Y'SEE, THIS RACE IS ALSO...

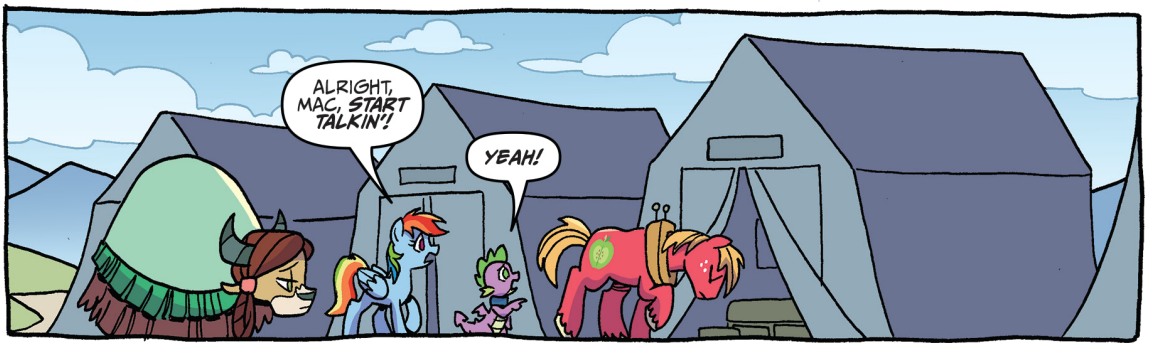
...THE REASON WE STOPPED BEING FRIENDS.



WHY DON'T YOU SEE IF YOU CAN GET HIM TO TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED?

THEN YOU'LL KNOW *JUST* WHAT KIND OF FELLER YOUR PAL BIG MAC *REALLY* IS.





ALRIGHT, MAC, START TALKIN'!

YEAH!



SOMEPONY WE'VE NEVER MET BEFORE JUST SHOWED UP AND TOLD US YOU'VE GOT SOME KIND OF PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN BACKSTORY WITH HIM!

SEEMS TO HAPPEN A LOT AROUND HERE.



WHATEVER HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND SILVER STREAK—THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO CONFRONT IT!

AND WE CAN HELP YOU!

FRIENDS HELP FRIENDS!



I KNOW YOU'RE NOT BIG ON TALKING, BUT...

...THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME WAY YOU CAN TELL US WHAT'S GOING ON!

MAYBE I CAN HELP!



HUH?

AFTER HANGING OUT WITH BIG MAC AND PLAYING OGRES & OUBLIETTES TOGETHER, I'VE LEARNED HOW TO UNDERSTAND HIS BODY LANGUAGE AND OTHER SUBTLE CLUES!

I CAN TELL YOU WHAT HE'S THINKING!



HOW ABOUT IT, BIG GUY?

LET ME HELP YOU TELL YOUR STORY!

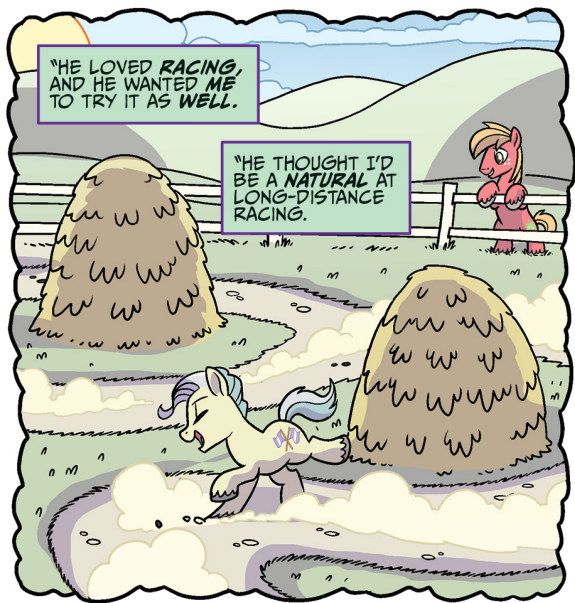
nod!





"IT ALL STARTED BACK IN FARM SCHOOL..."

"SILVER STREAK WAS ONE OF MY ONLY FRIENDS."



"HE LOVED RACING, AND HE WANTED ME TO TRY IT AS WELL."

"HE THOUGHT I'D BE A NATURAL AT LONG-DISTANCE RACING."



"AS IT TURNS OUT... I WAS."

"I WAS BETTER THAN HIM."

"MUCH BETTER."



"I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW MUCH I WAS HURTING HIM UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE."

"WHEN I BEAT HIM IN THE DRAYTONA... HE SAID THAT WAS THE END OF OUR FRIENDSHIP."



"I LOST A FRIEND BECAUSE OF RACING."

"I SWORE I'D NEVER RACE AGAIN!"

BIG MAC...



"I'M SORRY, PAL."

"I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU LOST A FRIEND OVER RACING!"

SPIKE DO EXCELLENT IMPRESSION OF BIG MAC!

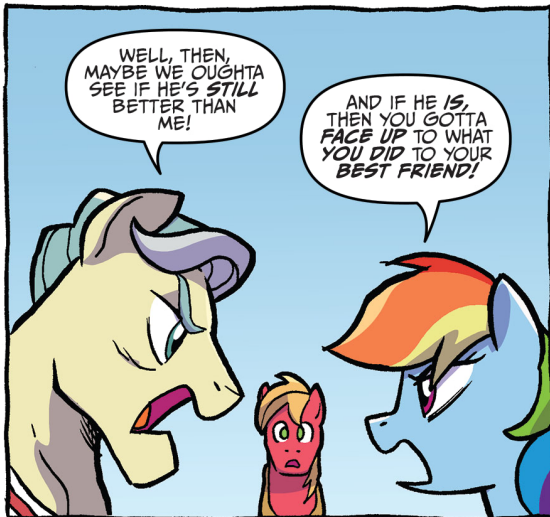
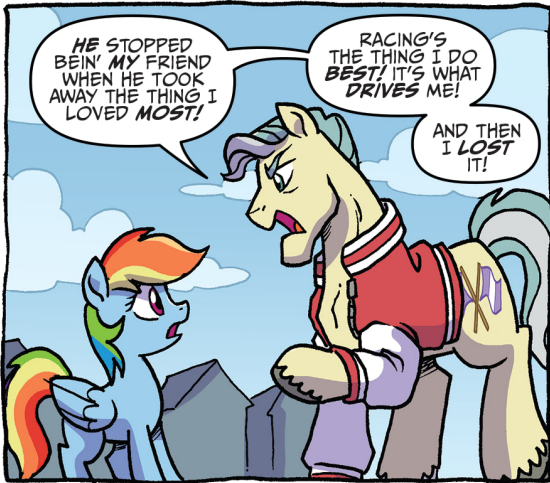
LOTS OF PRACTICE.



"I GOTTA TALK TO SILVER STREAK!"

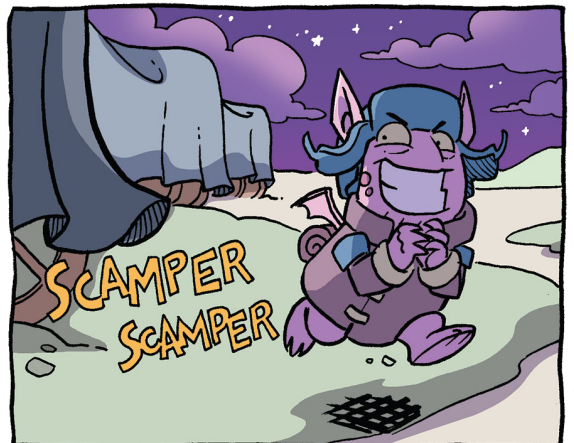
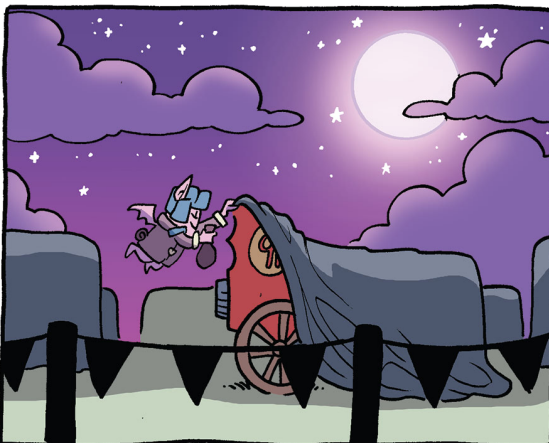
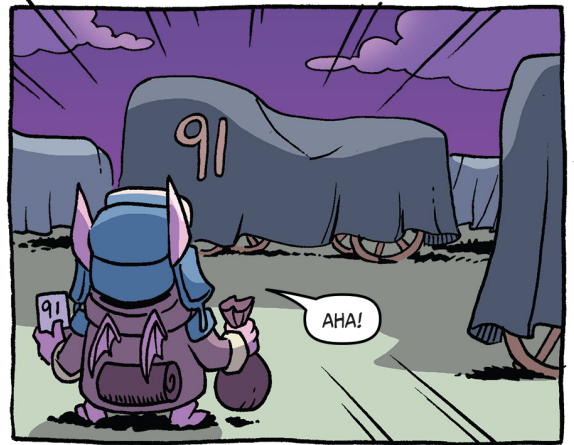
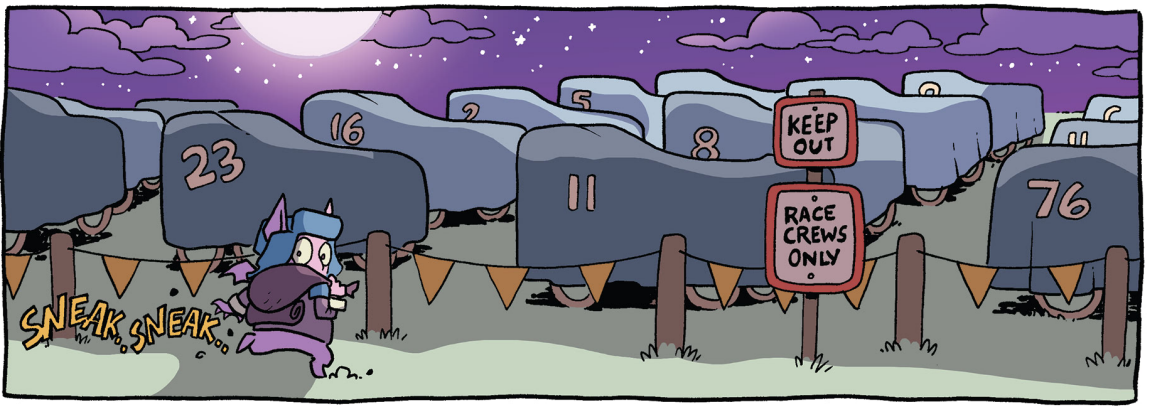
"NO, WAIT!"











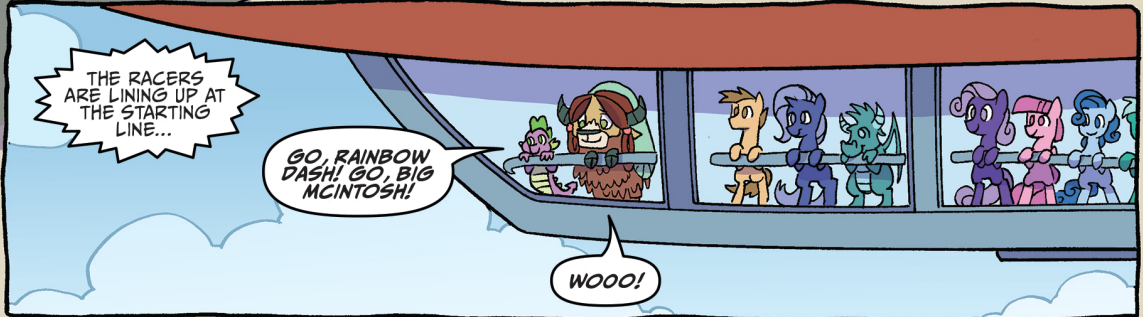


THE DAY OF THE RACE!

FILLIES AND GENTLECOLTS! CREATURES OF ALL SIZES!

WELCOME TO THE DRAYTONA BREACH!

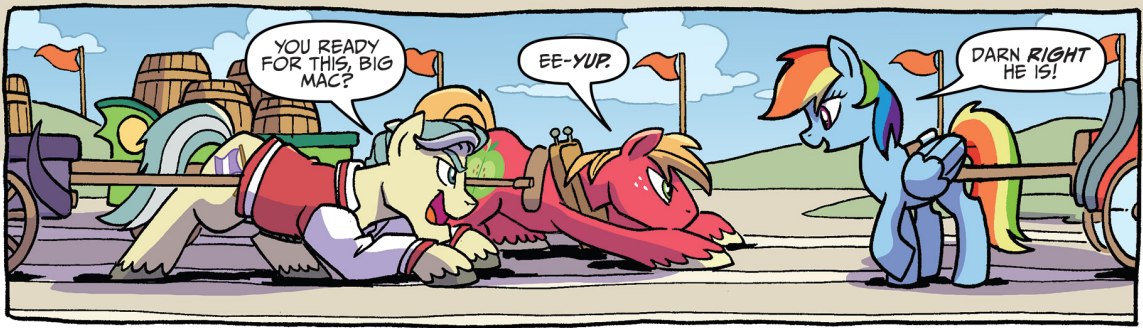
DRAYTONA



THE RACERS ARE LINING UP AT THE STARTING LINE...

GO, RAINBOW DASH! GO, BIG MCINTOSH!

WOOO!



YOU READY FOR THIS, BIG MAC?

EE-YUP.

DARN RIGHT HE IS!



LUMPY! THERE YOU ARE!

DID YOU MAKE THE SWITCH?

SURE DID! IT'S IN CART NINETY-ONE!



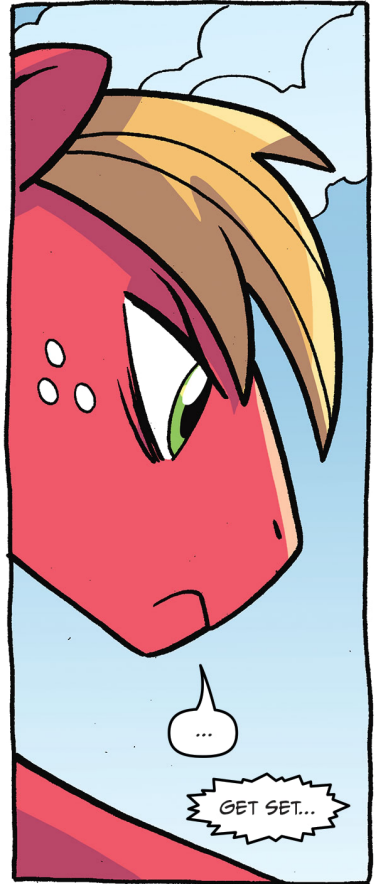
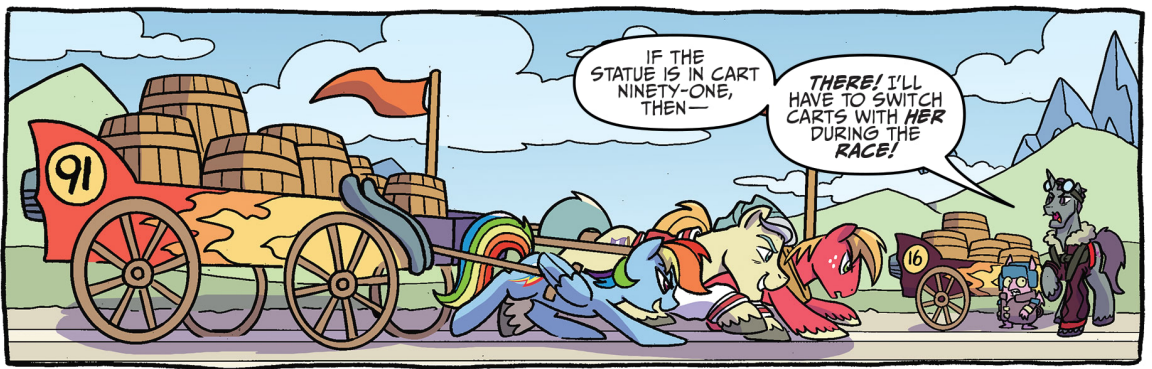
WHAT?!

LUMPY, YOU IMBECILE! MY CART IS NUMBER SIXTEEN!

YOU READ THE NOTE UPSIDE DOWN!

WUH-OH.







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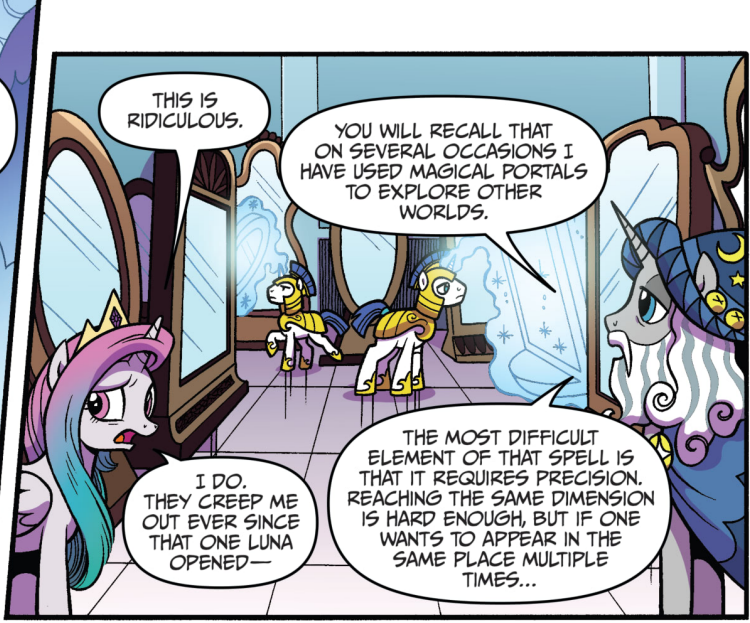




STARSWIRL, WHAT ARE THESE?

COME NOW, PRINCESS, I'M CERTAIN YOU'VE SEEN A MIRROR BEFORE.

BUT MOST PONIES ARE SATISFIED WITH ONE MIRROR, STARSWIRL.



THIS IS RIDICULOUS.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS I HAVE USED MAGICAL PORTALS TO EXPLORE OTHER WORLDS.

I DO. THEY CREEP ME OUT EVER SINCE THAT ONE LUNA OPENED—

THE MOST DIFFICULT ELEMENT OF THAT SPELL IS THAT IT REQUIRES PRECISION. REACHING THE SAME DIMENSION IS HARD ENOUGH, BUT IF ONE WANTS TO APPEAR IN THE SAME PLACE MULTIPLE TIMES...



...ONE MUST KNOW THE CARTOGRAPHY OF THE LAND AND WORK WITH LANDMARKS. ON TOP OF THAT, ONE MUST UNDERSTAND THE DIMENSIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO PLANES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE DIMENSIONAL ROTATION. EVEN THEN, THE POSITIONS OF OTHER RELATIVE DIMENSIONS CAN CAUSE SLIGHT ALTERATIONS, WHICH WHEN TRANSLATED ACROSS MULTIPLE DIMENSIONS...

WHAT WAS I TALKING ABOUT?

THE MIRRORS, STARSWIRL.

OH, THEY'RE PORTALS!



THE MIRRORS ARE PORTALS?

CORRECT. I NEED A RELIABLE WAY TO ACCESS THE SAME AREA MULTIPLE TIMES.

SO, I CAST AN ENCHANTMENT LINKING TWO MAGICAL OBJECTS ACROSS DIMENSIONS.

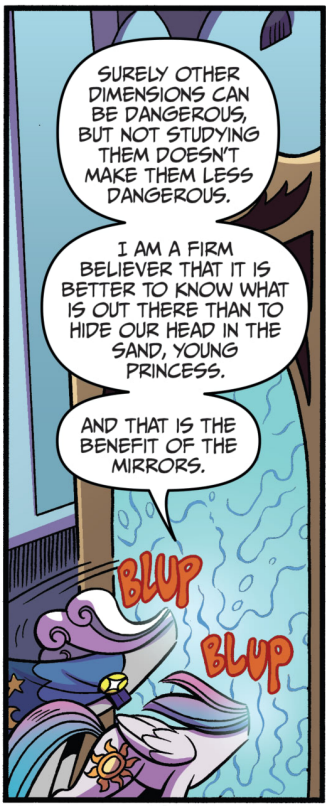


SO LONG AS BOTH ITEMS REMAIN INTACT, I CAN TRAVEL BETWEEN THEM FREELY.

BUT ISN'T IT DANGEROUS?

BLOOP!





SURELY OTHER DIMENSIONS CAN BE DANGEROUS, BUT NOT STUDYING THEM DOESN'T MAKE THEM LESS DANGEROUS.

I AM A FIRM BELIEVER THAT IT IS BETTER TO KNOW WHAT IS OUT THERE THAN TO HIDE OUR HEAD IN THE SAND, YOUNG PRINCESS.

AND THAT IS THE BENEFIT OF THE MIRRORS.

BLUP  
BLUP



RATHER THAN AN OPEN DOORWAY IN MIDAIR, IT APPEARS TO BE A SOLID OBJECT. ONE CANNOT FIND IT UNLESS ONE KNOWS WHERE TO LOOK.

AFTER ALL, WHO WOULD GO AROUND TRYING EVERY TREE IN THE FOREST?

BUT DON'T YOU WORRY THAT SOMETHING BAD WILL FIND US?

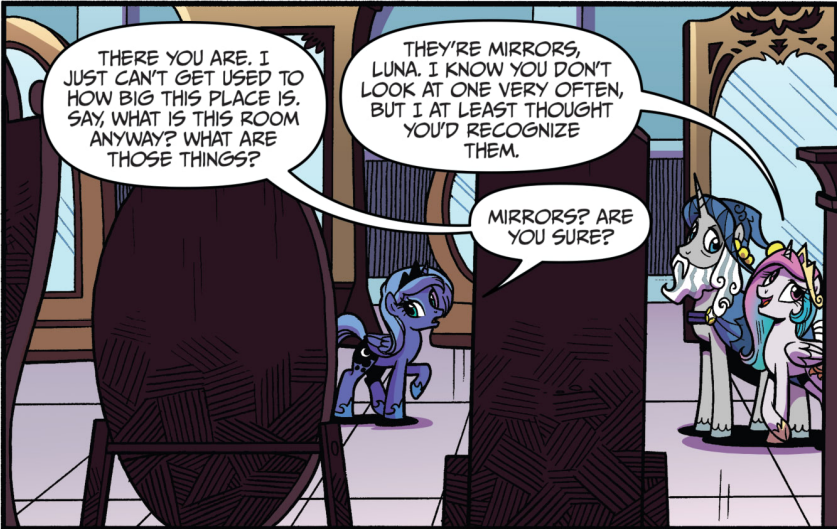
SQUAARK?!



WE CANNOT LIVE OUR LIVES IN FEAR OF WHAT MAY FIND US. WE HAVE TO STRIVE TO REACH OUT AND EXPAND OUR KNOWLEDGE.

THAT IS SOMETHING I WANT YOU AND YOUR SISTER TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU RULE. A PRINCESS SHOULD ALWAYS WANT TO UNDERSTAND OTHERS.

CELESTIA? STARSWIRL? ARE YOU UP HERE?



THERE YOU ARE. I JUST CAN'T GET USED TO HOW BIG THIS PLACE IS. SAY, WHAT IS THIS ROOM ANYWAY? WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?

THEY'RE MIRRORS, LUNA. I KNOW YOU DON'T LOOK AT ONE VERY OFTEN, BUT I AT LEAST THOUGHT YOU'D RECOGNIZE THEM.

MIRRORS? ARE YOU SURE?

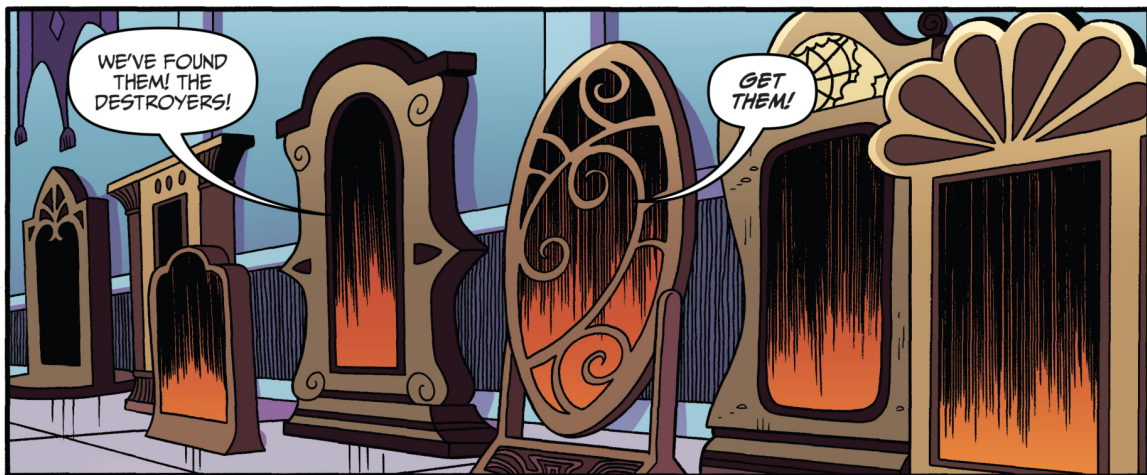


STRICTLY SPEAKING, YOUR SISTER IS CORRECT... BUT RUDE.

THEY ARE MIRRORS, BUT THEY—

IF THEY'RE MIRRORS, WHY AREN'T THEY REFLECTING ANYTHING?









I KNOW NOT WHEN YOU CAME, BUT TODAY I RETURN YOU THERE, CREATURE!



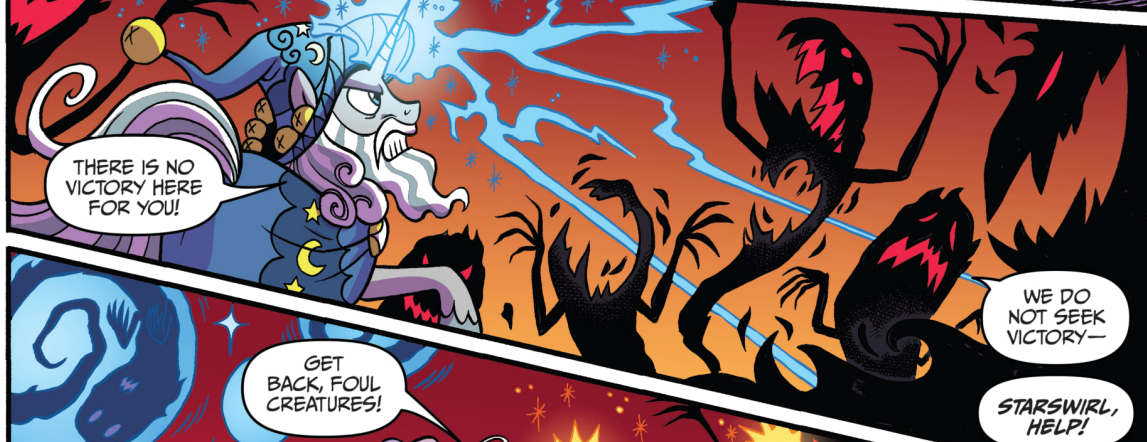
AND WHEN YOU ARRIVE THERE, LET THEM KNOW THAT THIS WORLD IS PROTECTED BY STARSWIRL THE BEARDED.

PSH HH!



AND THAT HE SHALL REPEL YOUR ATTACKS, THOUGH YOU MAY SEND YOUR MONSTERS BY THE THOUSANDS!

WHP ASSH



THERE IS NO VICTORY HERE FOR YOU!

WE DO NOT SEEK VICTORY—

GET BACK, FOUL CREATURES!

STARSWIRL, HELP!



PLEASE, I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.

WE SEEK ONLY DESTRUCTION!





THESE PRINCESSES ARE UNDER MY—





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