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WHO WANTS CHOCOLATE WAFFLES?!



AS THE CAPTAIN OF THIS SHIP, I DEMAND WAFFLES!

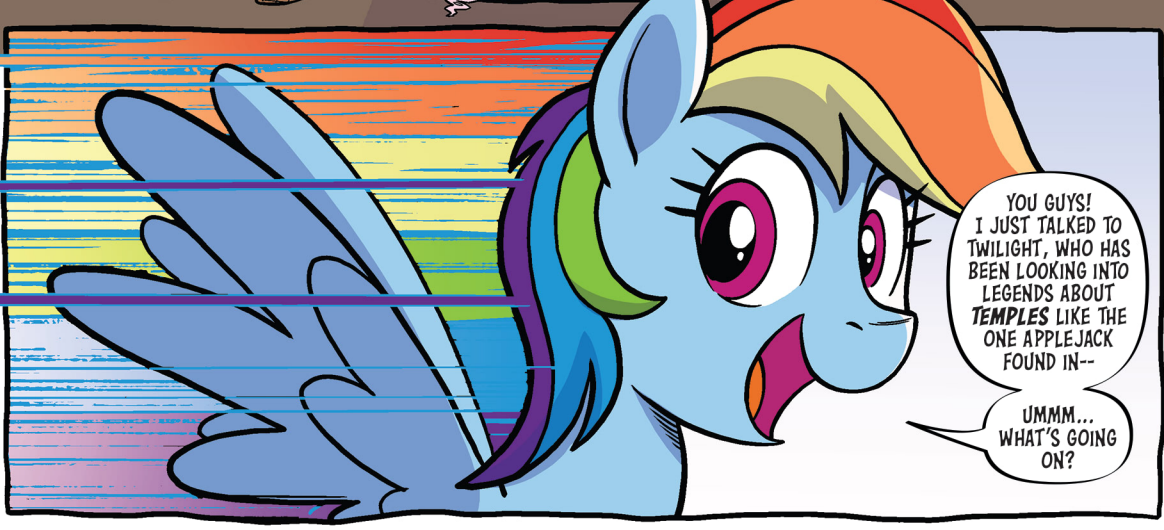
AYE-AYE, CAP'N!

DASH INBOUND!



OH MY GOSH  
OH MY GOSH  
OH MY GOSH!

WA WA WA WA  
WAAAAA--



YOU GUYS!  
I JUST TALKED TO  
TWILIGHT, WHO HAS  
BEEN LOOKING INTO  
LEGENDS ABOUT  
TEMPLES LIKE THE  
ONE APPLEJACK  
FOUND IN--

UMMM...  
WHAT'S GOING  
ON?









CAPPER, MY FRIEND, THE GREAT AND POWERFUL TRIXIE HAS USED HER ASTUTE POWERS OF OBSERVATION ON YOU!

AND SHE HAS DIVINED THAT YOU ARE NOT ENTIRELY HAPPY ABOUT GOING BACK HOME.



DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, TRIXIE. I'LL BE FINE.

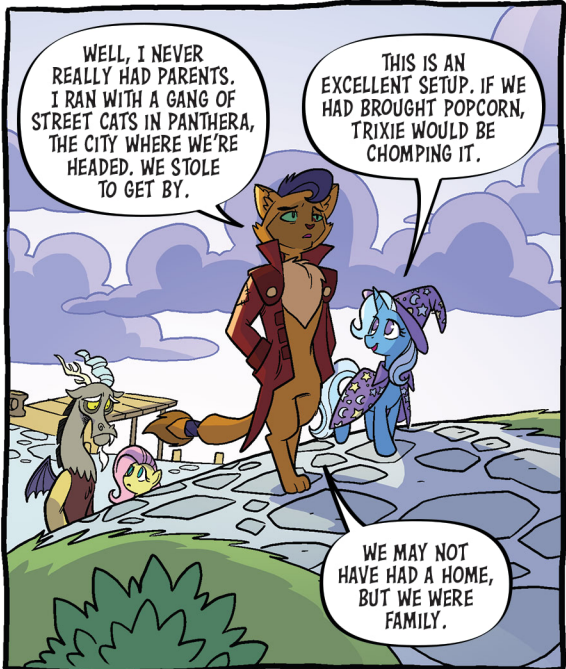
INDEED. BUT AS SOMEONY WITH A LONG LIST OF PLACES TO WHICH I AM NOT WELCOME TO RETURN, I KNOW THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE.

AND AS A FRIEND, I WISH TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.



IT'S A LONG STORY, OH GREAT AND POWERFUL ONE--ARE YOU SURE YOU WANNA HEAR IT?

WE HAVE A LONG WALK, AND TRIXIE LOVES DRAMA. SPILL IT.



WELL, I NEVER REALLY HAD PARENTS. I RAN WITH A GANG OF STREET CATS IN PANTHERA, THE CITY WHERE WE'RE HEADED. WE STOLE TO GET BY.

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT SETUP. IF WE HAD BROUGHT POPCORN, TRIXIE WOULD BE CHOMPING IT.

WE MAY NOT HAVE HAD A HOME, BUT WE WERE FAMILY.



"THERE WERE SIX OF US. THERE WAS ME AND MY BEST FRIEND **CHUMMER**. WE WERE AN UNSTOPPABLE, TWO-CAT GRIFTING TEAM.

"ADMIRAL FLUFFINGTON, THE DAPPEREST OF GETAWAY FELINES.

"MAX, THE MUSCLE.

"THERE WAS **SHADOW**. SHE COULD GET IN AND OUT OF ANYWHERE.

"AND **MOLLY**... WHO WAS KIND OF LIKE EVERYCAT'S LITTLE SISTER... AND LIKED TO BLOW THINGS UP.

"WE DISCOVERED THIS WHOLE SYSTEM OF TUNNELS UNDER THE CITY.

"WE COULD GET ANYWHERE QUICK, OR DISAPPEAR IF GUARDS CHASED US.

"WE WERE HAPPY THEN.

"UNTIL THE STORM KING ATTACKED.

"CHUMMER AND I LOST TRACK OF THE OTHERS, AND WE DID WHAT WE HAD TO TO GET OUT.

SMASH

YOWL!

"AND WE NEVER LOOKED BACK.

"WE ENDED UP IN KLUGETOWN, WHERE WE MADE A DEAL WITH A CRIME BOSS NAMED VERKO.

"WE HAD A JEWEL HE WANTED, AND WE MADE A DEAL TO GET OUR OWN AIRSHIP.

"BUT CHUMMER DECIDED TO BETRAY ME, SURE THAT I WOULD BETRAY HIM EVENTUALLY.

"THE AIRSHIP CAUGHT FIRE, AND THEY FOUND THE WRECK OUT IN THE DESERT."





I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REST OF MY FRIENDS. I ABANDONED THEM, JUST LIKE CHUMMER ABANDONED ME.

AND AFTER THAT... WELL... I DECIDED NOT TO HAVE FRIENDS. IT WAS EASIER THAT WAY.



AND SINCE THEN, IT WAS ONLY THE MAGNETIC MAJESTY OF TRIxie THAT ALLOWED YOU TO BEFRIEND AGAIN?!

WELL, THERE WAS TWILIGHT AND HER FRIENDS, AND--



ATTENTION, MY ENTOURAGE!

HER ENTOURAGE?

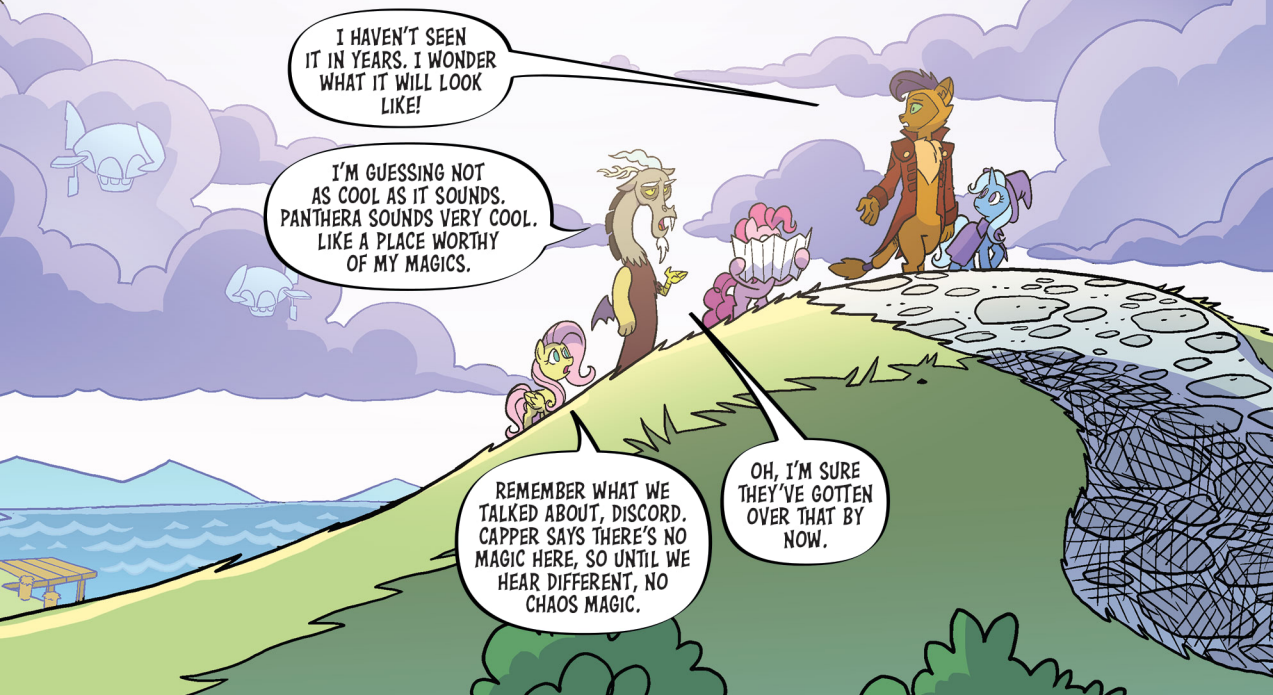
ONCE WE ENTER AND ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THIS CITY, WE MUST FIND CAPPER'S FRIENDS AND REUNITE HIM WITH THEM, NO MATTER THE COST!



CAN WE TALK ABOUT THIS SOME FIRST? I'M NOT SURE IF THAT'S THE BEST IDEA.

WELL, YOU'D BETTER TALK FAST BUDDY, BECAUSE THIS MAP SAYS PANTHERA IS JUST OVER THIS HILL.

WHAT, REALLY?



I HAVEN'T SEEN IT IN YEARS. I WONDER WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE!

I'M GUESSING NOT AS COOL AS IT SOUNDS. PANTHERA SOUNDS VERY COOL. LIKE A PLACE WORTHY OF MY MAGICS.

REMEMBER WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT, DISCORD. CAPPER SAYS THERE'S NO MAGIC HERE, SO UNTIL WE HEAR DIFFERENT, NO CHAOS MAGIC.

OH, I'M SURE THEY'VE GOTTEN OVER THAT BY NOW.



OF COURSE, I  
HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO  
BE WRONG ON RARE  
OCCASIONS.

OH, NO.

No Outsiders

or MAGIC ALLOWED

YAR  
CO

CAT  
and  
FIDDLE





THINGS WERE BAD BEFORE I LEFT BUT...

THIS IS A HUNDRED TIMES WORSE. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.



VIOLATORS WILL BE ARRESTED

OKAY, WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL AND QUIET. WE'RE ALL GOING TO STAY TOGETHER UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO.

AND MOST IMPORTANT, DON'T DO ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS. WE DON'T WANT TO ATTRACT ATTENTION TO--

HEY! YOU LOT!



IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE SOME KIND OF JOKE? ARE YOU JUST TRYING TO GET ARRESTED?!

OH, HELLO, OFFICERS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. I WAS JUST STOPPING TO TELL MY FRIENDS TO OBEY ALL OF THE RULES IN THE CITY.



I ALWAYS COMPLY WITH REGIONAL LAWS. SEE, WE'RE NEW IN TOWN, AND--

NEW IN TOWN? SO YOU LOT ARE OUTSIDERS! WE DON'T LIKE OUTSIDERS!

I UNDERSTAND. IF WE BROKE YOUR LAWS, I WOULD EXPECT YOU TO ARREST US!

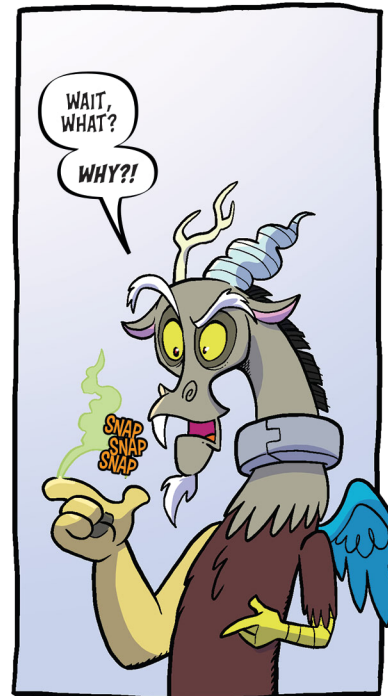


SO, YOU'RE SAYING IF WE CAUGHT YOU BREAKING EVEN ONE LAW, WE WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN ARRESTING YOU, AND YOU WOULDN'T RESIST ARREST.

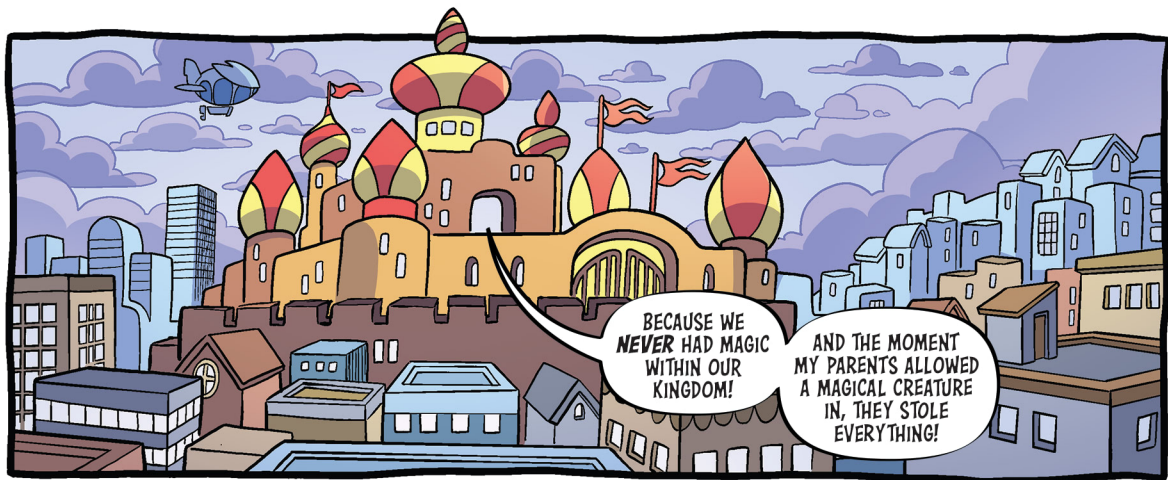
YES, SIR. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M SAYING.

OKAY, THEN!



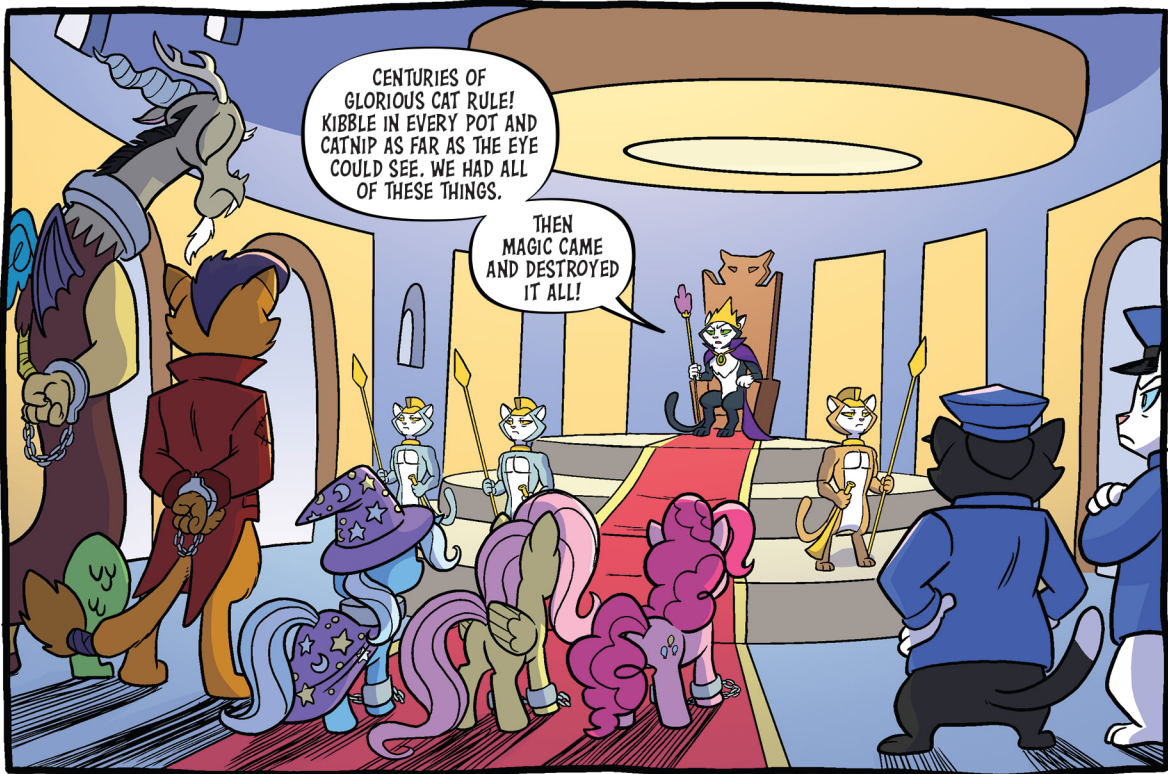






BECAUSE WE NEVER HAD MAGIC WITHIN OUR KINGDOM!

AND THE MOMENT MY PARENTS ALLOWED A MAGICAL CREATURE IN, THEY STOLE EVERYTHING!



CENTURIES OF GLORIOUS CAT RULE! KIBBLE IN EVERY POT AND CATNIP AS FAR AS THE EYE COULD SEE. WE HAD ALL OF THESE THINGS.

THEN MAGIC CAME AND DESTROYED IT ALL!



SO NOW, I HAVE **BANNED** MAGIC. MY GUARDS KEEP WATCH FROM THE GROUND AND THE SKY TO MAKE SURE THAT MAGIC DOES NOT RETURN.

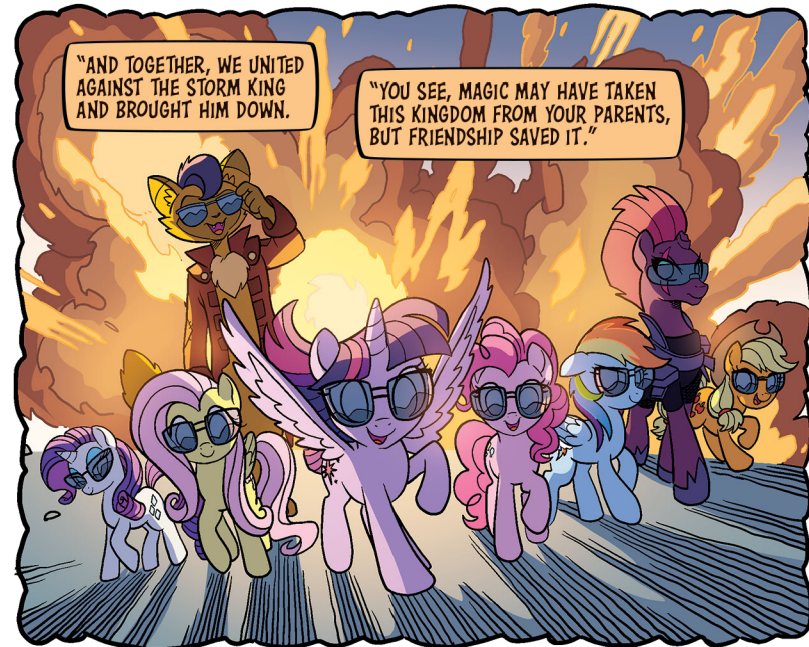
NOKITTY WANTS TO RETURN TO THE DAYS OF THE STORM KING'S RULE, AND AS LONG AS **KING MEOWMEOW** IS IN CHARGE, THEY WILL NOT! SO, WE MUST BE VIGILANT!



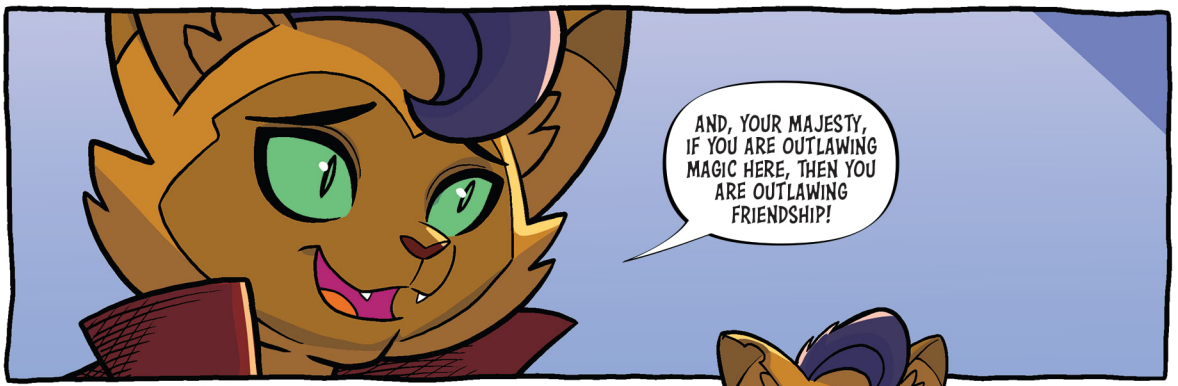
NOW, WHO ARE YOU, AND WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT THESE OUTSIDERS TO OUR HOME?

TELL ME, WHAT IS THEIR PLAN TO TAKE MY THRONE?

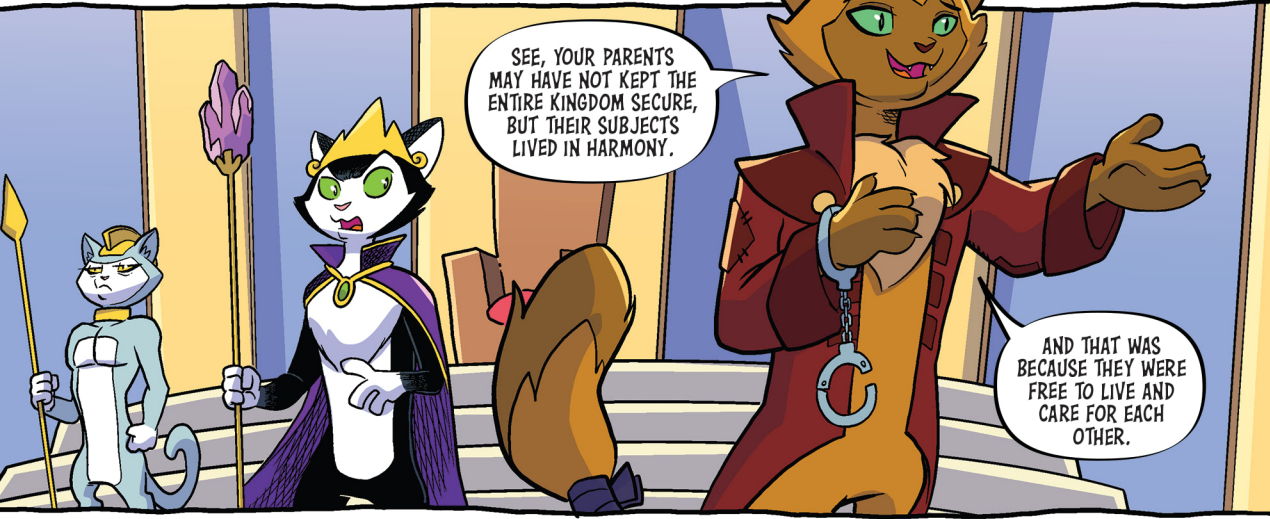








AND, YOUR MAJESTY, IF YOU ARE OUTLAWING MAGIC HERE, THEN YOU ARE OUTLAWING FRIENDSHIP!



SEE, YOUR PARENTS MAY HAVE NOT KEPT THE ENTIRE KINGDOM SECURE, BUT THEIR SUBJECTS LIVED IN HARMONY.

AND THAT WAS BECAUSE THEY WERE FREE TO LIVE AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER.



YOU SEE, I HAVEN'T BEEN BACK LONG, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS. THE STORM KING MAY BE GONE, BUT THESE CATS AREN'T FREE.

I'VE SEEN THE STREETS. I'VE SEEN THAT YOUR CATS LIVE IN FEAR UNDER THE CONSTANT, WATCHFUL EYE OF POLICE.



THESE PEOPLE MAY BE SAFE, BUT THEY'RE NOT HAPPY.

THE ONLY WAY FOR THIS COUNTRY TO BE AS GREAT AS IT ONCE WAS IS TO ALLOW THE RETURN OF MAGIC.



YOU MUST EMBRACE THE MAGIC OF FRIENDSHIP FOR THE GOOD OF ALL CATKIND.

WHAT DO YOU SAY, KINGY OL' PAL?



# SLAM!



HUH.

THOSE SPEECHES ALWAYS WORK WHEN TWILIGHT DOES THEM.



I'M SORRY, GUYS. I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS.

I THOUGHT THINGS WOULD BE BETTER NOW THAT THE STORM KING IS GONE.



IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. YOU NEVER KNOW HOW OTHERS WILL REACT TO HARDSHIP.

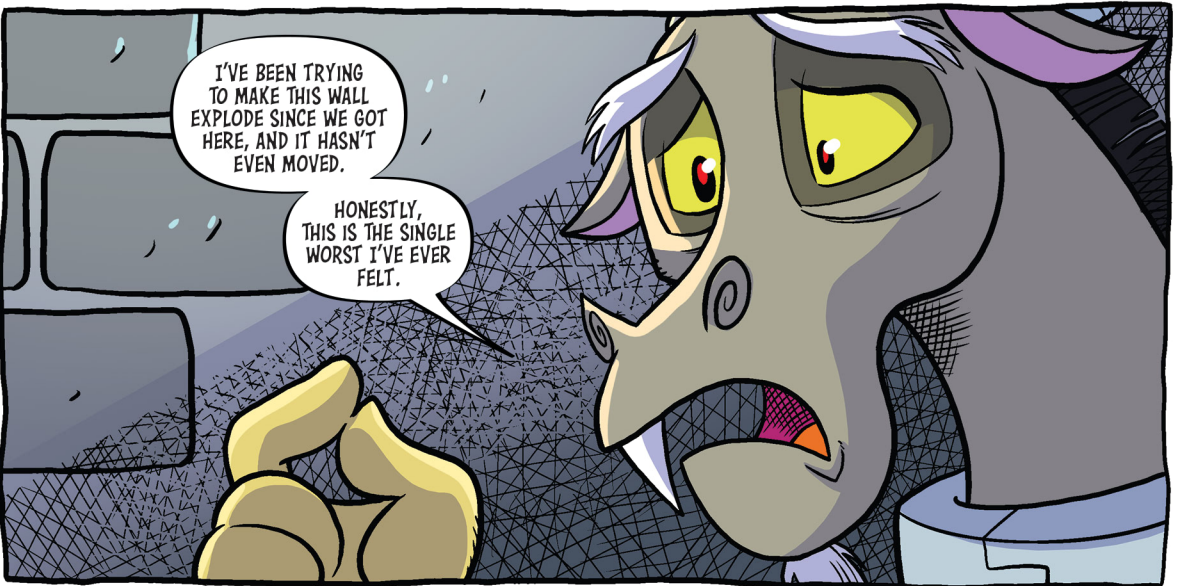
RIGHT! LIKE THAT TIME TRIxie TRAPPED US IN A DOME, AND SHE THOUGHT OUR SPIRITS WOULD BREAK, BUT INSTEAD WE WORKED TOGETHER TO...



DOES IT HURT?

IT'S JUST... STRANGE. IT'S LIKE I LOST MY ARM, EXCEPT...

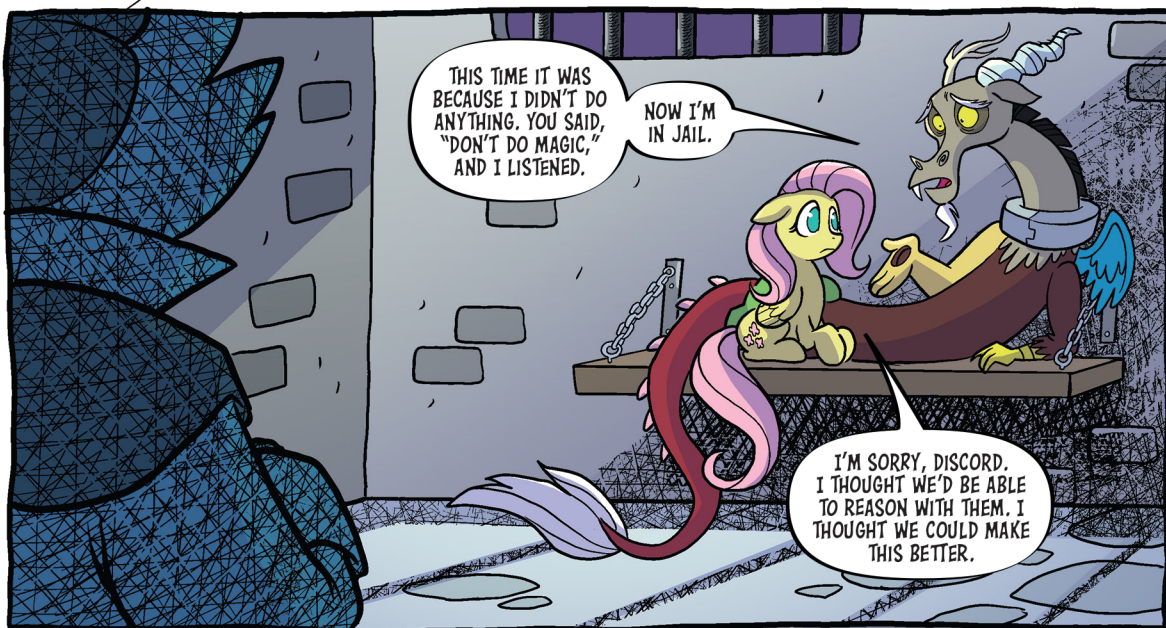
I LOSE MY ARM ALL THE TIME FOR GAGS, AND I'VE NEVER LOST MY MAGIC BEFORE.



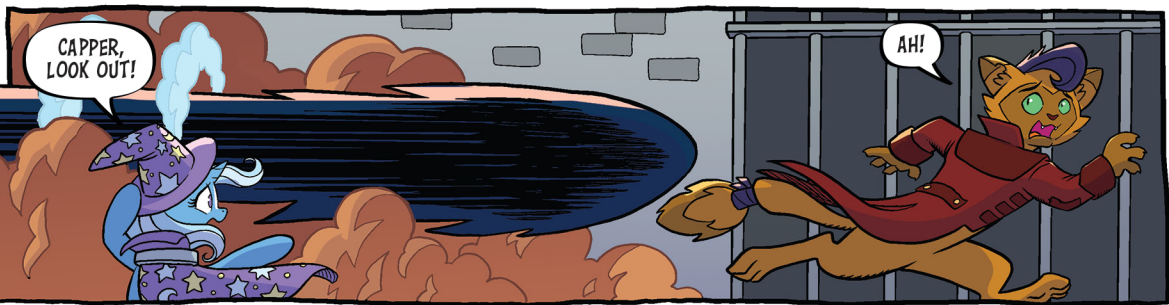
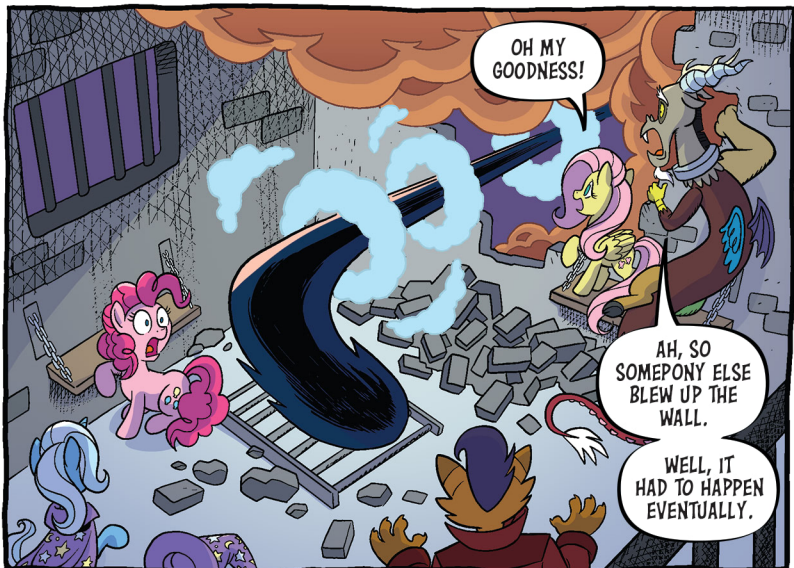
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO MAKE THIS WALL EXPLODE SINCE WE GOT HERE, AND IT HASN'T EVEN MOVED.

HONESTLY, THIS IS THE SINGLE WORST I'VE EVER FELT.

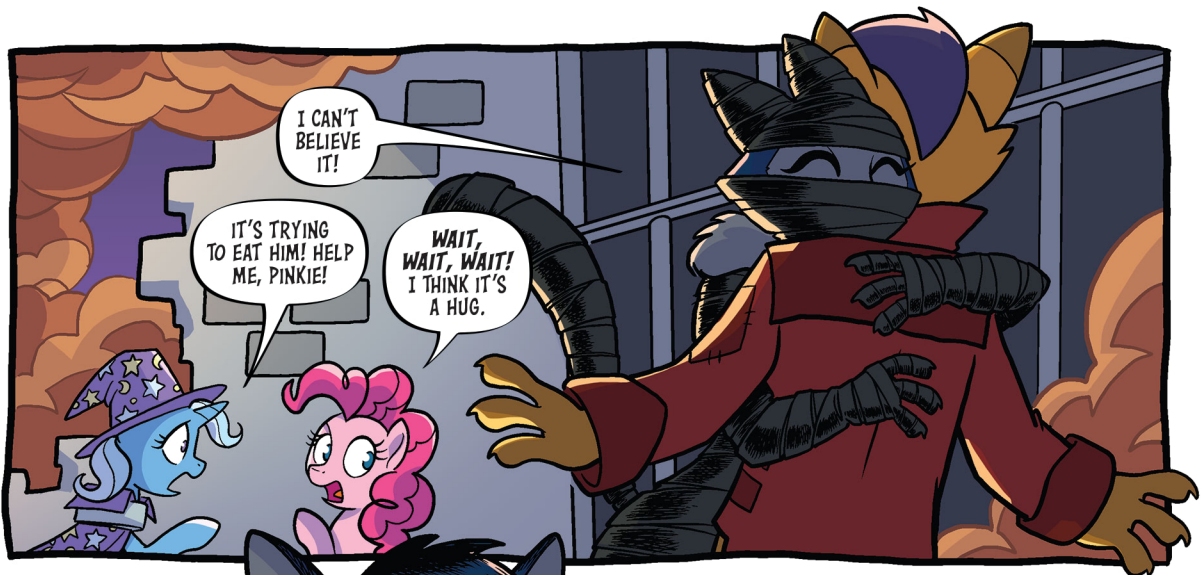












I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

IT'S TRYING TO EAT HIM! HELP ME, PINKIE!

WAIT, WAIT, WAIT! I THINK IT'S A HUG.



THEY SAID IT WAS YOU, BUT I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT.

OF COURSE IT IS, YOU OLD STRAY!

SHADOW? SHADOW, IS THAT YOU?



GUYS, THIS IS MY OLD FRIEND SHADOW. SHE USED TO BE THE SMOOTHEST PICKPOCKET IN ALL OF ABYSSINIA.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "USED TO BE"? I'M STEALING YOU ALL RIGHT NOW.

WHICH REMINDS ME!



WE GOTTA GET GOING BEFORE EVERY GUARD IN PANTHERA IS ON OUR BACK!

EVERYKITTY IS WAITING ON US!

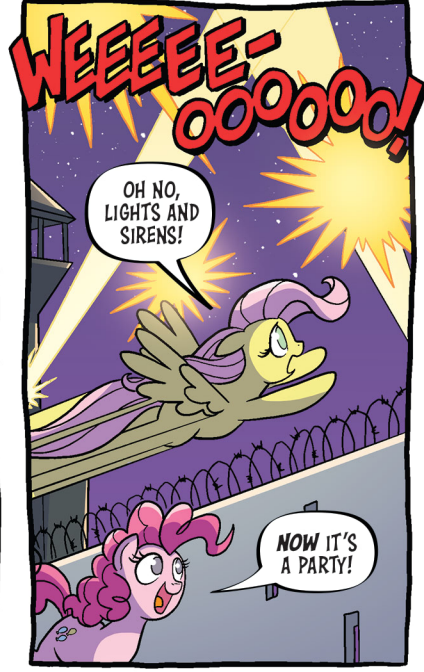
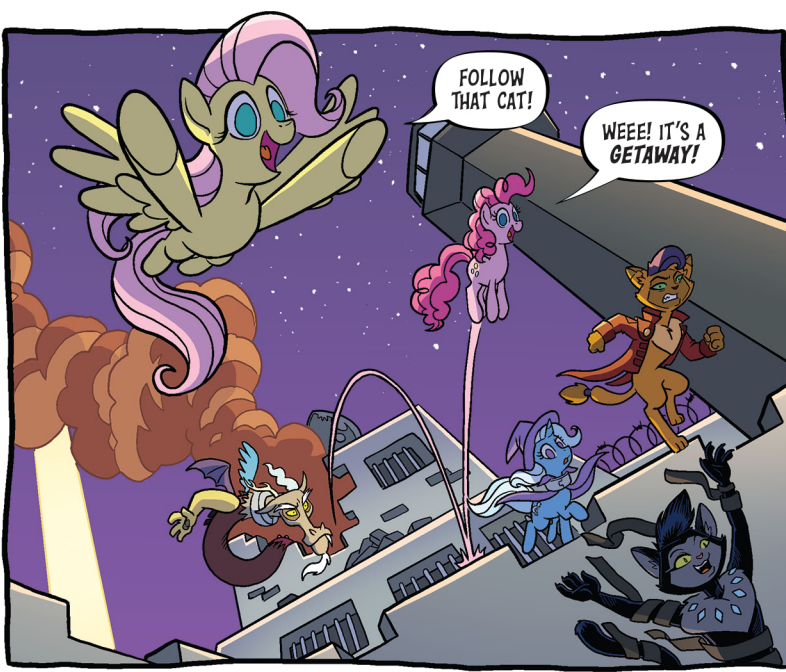


WELL, FEARLESS LEADER?

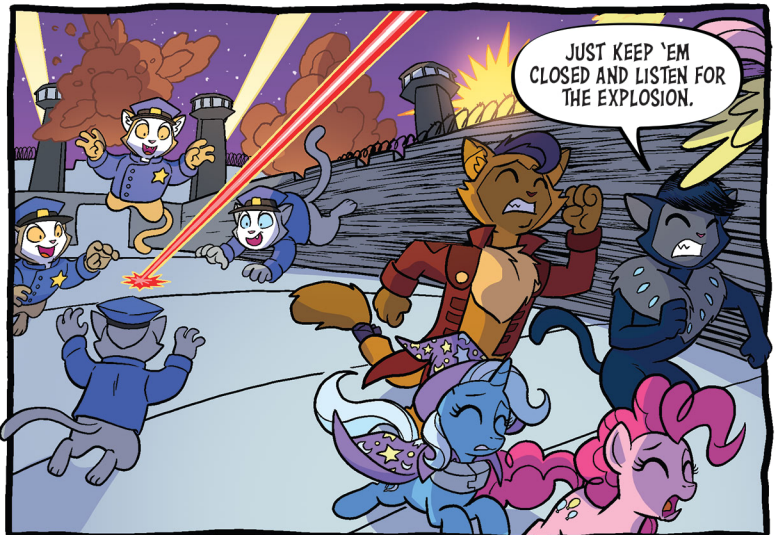
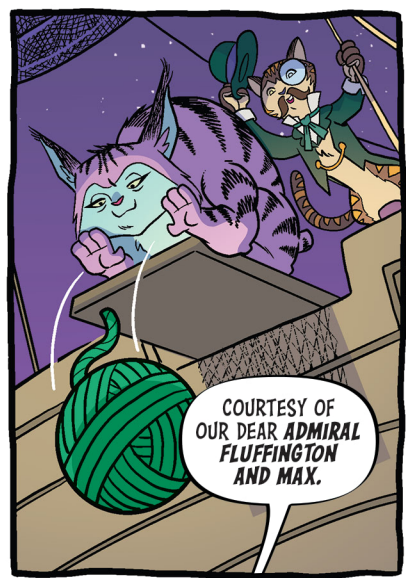
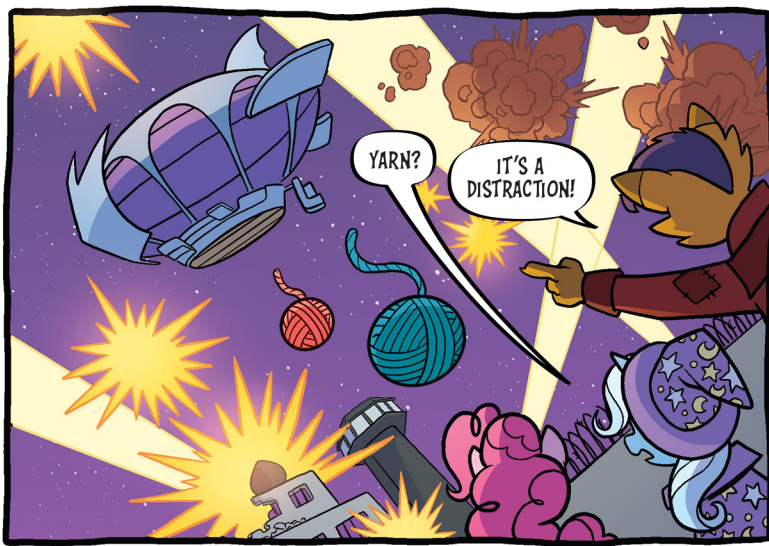
OH GOODNESS... ON ONE HOOF, IT'S A JAILBREAK AND WE'LL BE FUGITIVES.

BUT ON THE OTHER HOOF...

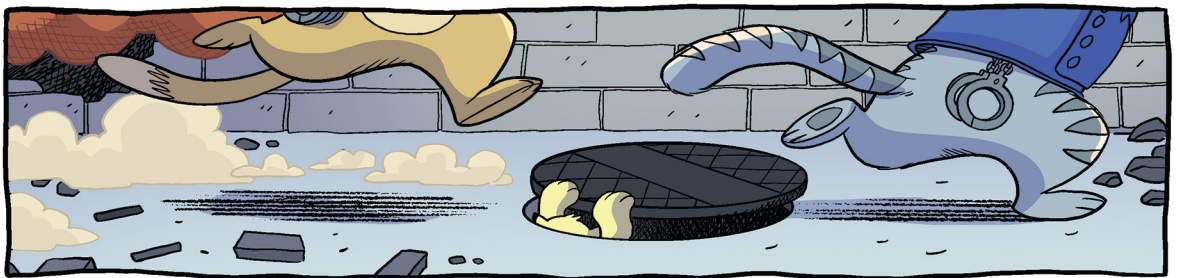
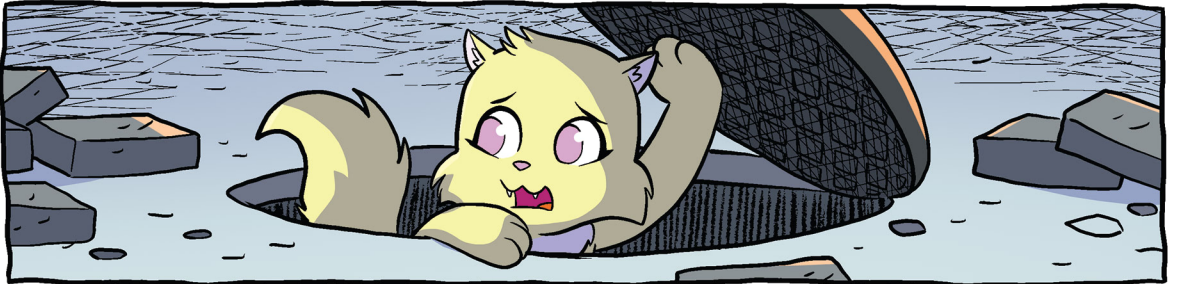
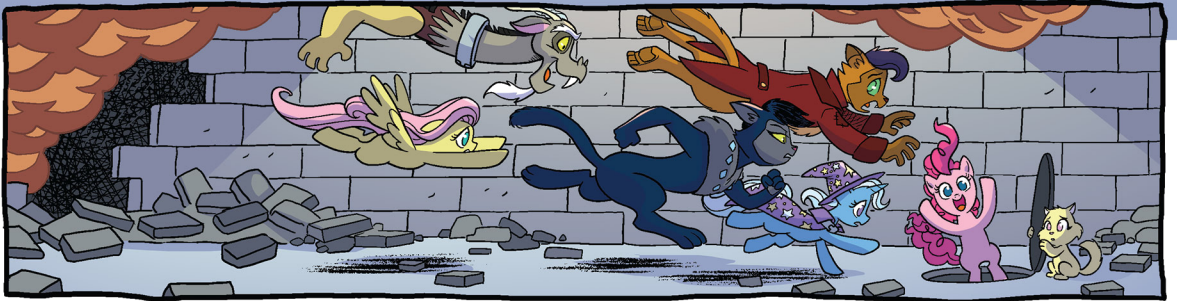
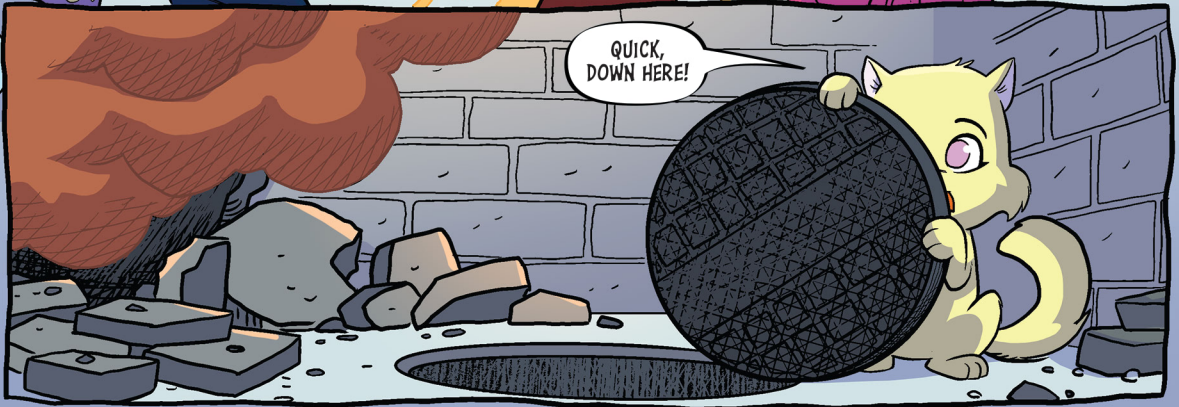
















MOLLY! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! LOOK HOW YOU'VE GROWN.

HEY, CAP! GOOD TO SEE YOU!



GUYS, THIS IS MOLLY, AND THE CATS IN THE AIRSHIP WERE ADMIRAL FLUFFINGTON AND MAX.

THIS IS MY OLD GANG!

OLD GANG, THESE ARE MY FRIENDS--TRIXIE, PINKIE, FLUTTERSHEY, AND DISCORD.



THOSE EXPLOSIONS WERE AMAZING! WAS THAT YOU?

YEP, ALL TRICKS OF MY DEVISIN'. JUST LIKE THE LASER POINTER.

WE'RE GONNA BE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS!



THE GREAT AND POWERFUL TRIXIE APPLAUDS YOUR EXCELLENT DISAPPEARING ACT.

THAT MUST HAVE TAKEN SOME TIME TO PLAN.

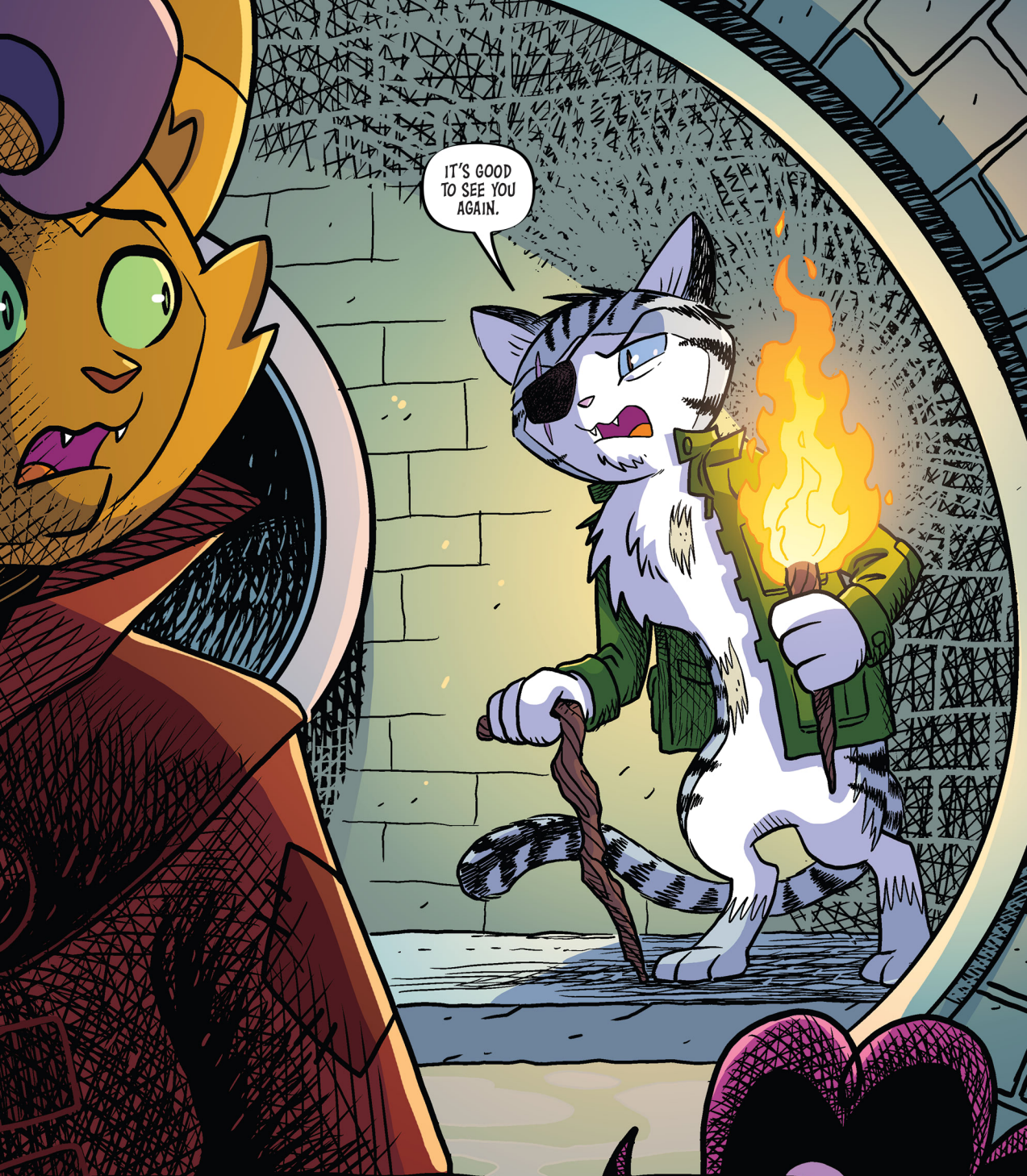
WELL, I CAN'T TAKE CREDIT FOR THE PLAN. I'M MORE OF A FLY BY THE SCRUFF OF MY NECK TYPE.



IF IT WASN'T YOU, THEN WHO PLANNED IT?

THAT WOULD BE ME, OLD FRIEND.





IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.



CHUMMER?

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