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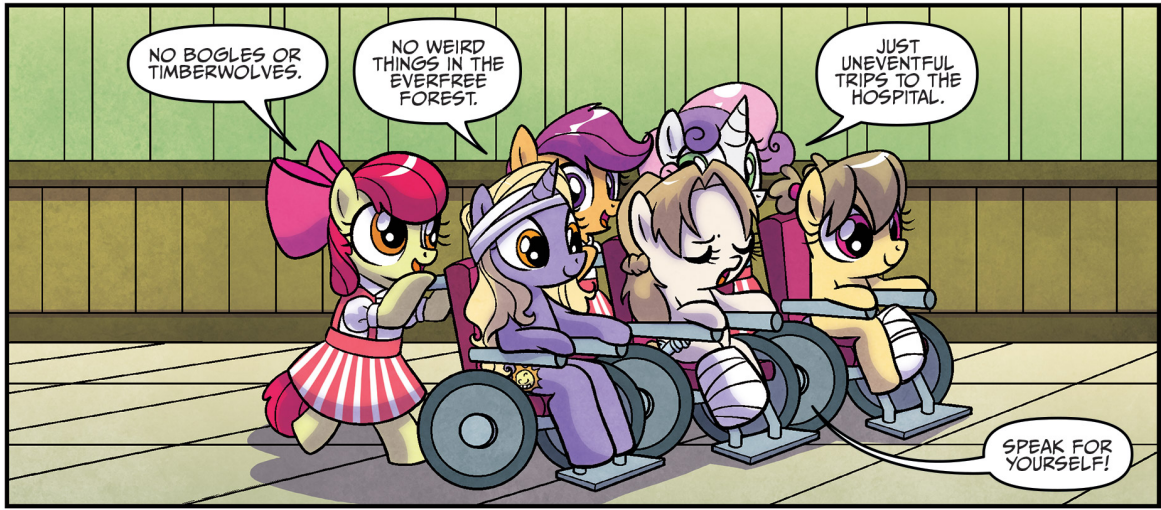
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NOW THIS HERE IS MORE LIKE IT!



NO BOGLES OR TIMBERWOLVES.

NO WEIRD THINGS IN THE EVERFREE FOREST.

JUST UNEVENTFUL TRIPS TO THE HOSPITAL.

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF!



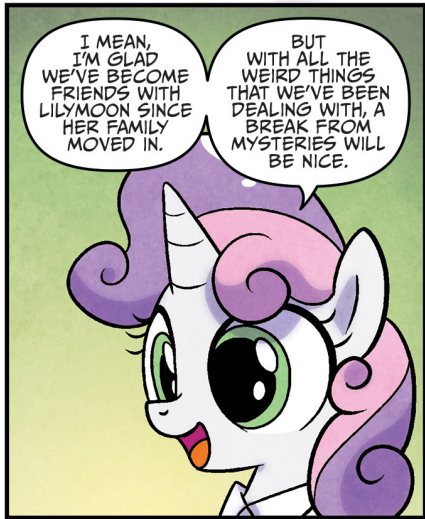
PLUS, BY VOLUNTEERING HERE, WE'RE STILL HELPING PONIES.

AND EARNING A FILLY SCOUT COMMUNITY SERVICE BADGE.

STILL, YOU HAVE TO ADMIT THAT SOLVING MYSTERIES WAS KIND OF FUN.

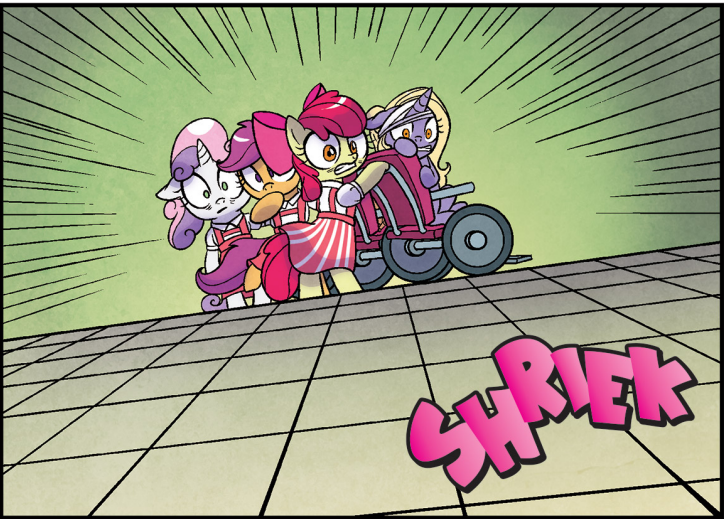
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF!

WHAT SHE SAID!

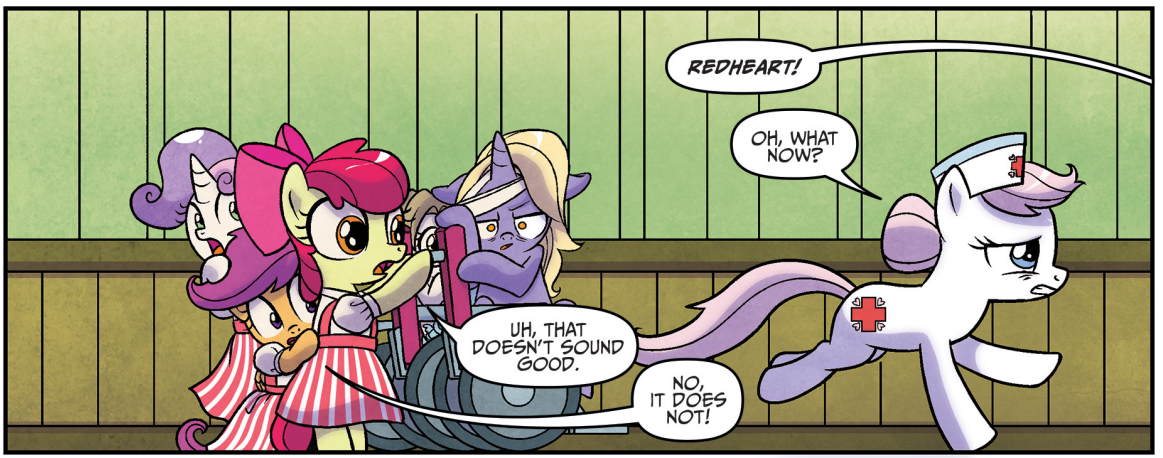


I MEAN, I'M GLAD WE'VE BECOME FRIENDS WITH LILYMOON SINCE HER FAMILY MOVED IN.

BUT WITH ALL THE WEIRD THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH, A BREAK FROM MYSTERIES WILL BE NICE.



SHRIEK





I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO MAKE SURE THIS SUPPLY CLOSET WAS SECURE!

YOU DID, NURSE NEIGHTINGALE.



THEN HOW COULD SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN STOLEN AGAIN?

I DON'T—

THIS IS THE THIRD TIME IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS!



WE DON'T HAVE THE BUDGET TO KEEP REPLACING THEM!

THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, NURSE REDHEART.



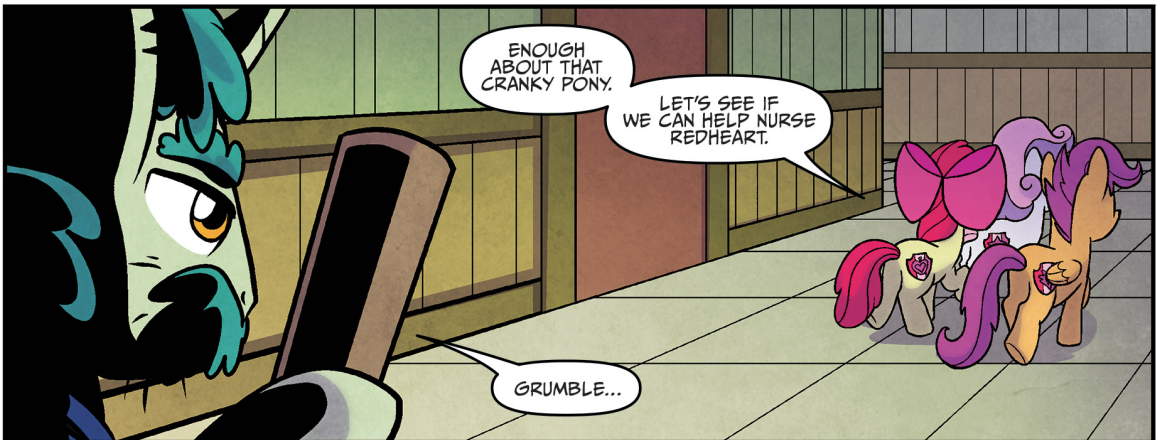
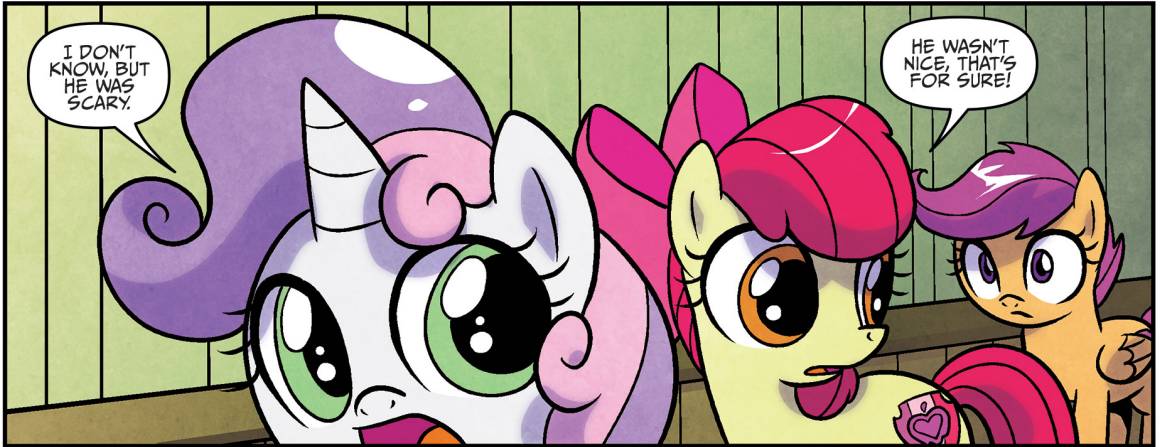
IF YOU CAN'T PREVENT THESE THEFTS, THEN MAYBE I NEED TO FIND SOMEONY WHO CAN!

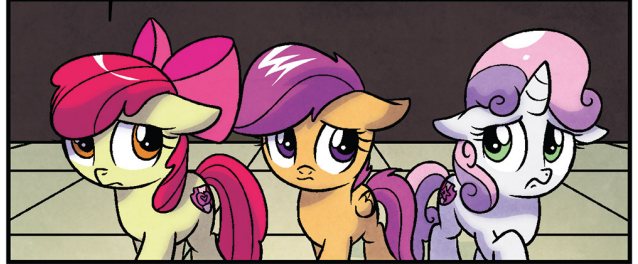
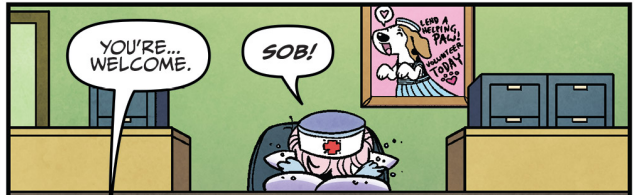
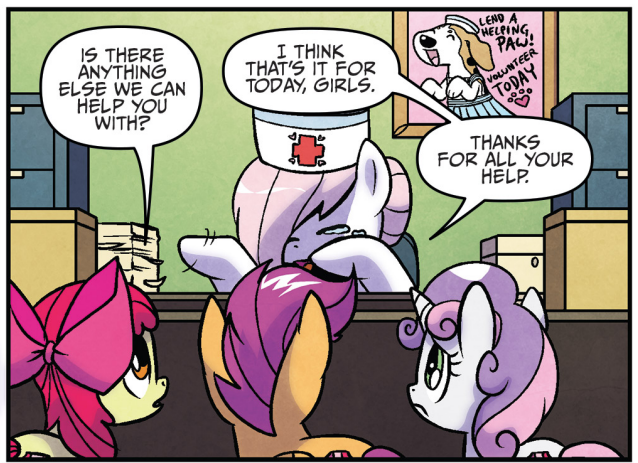
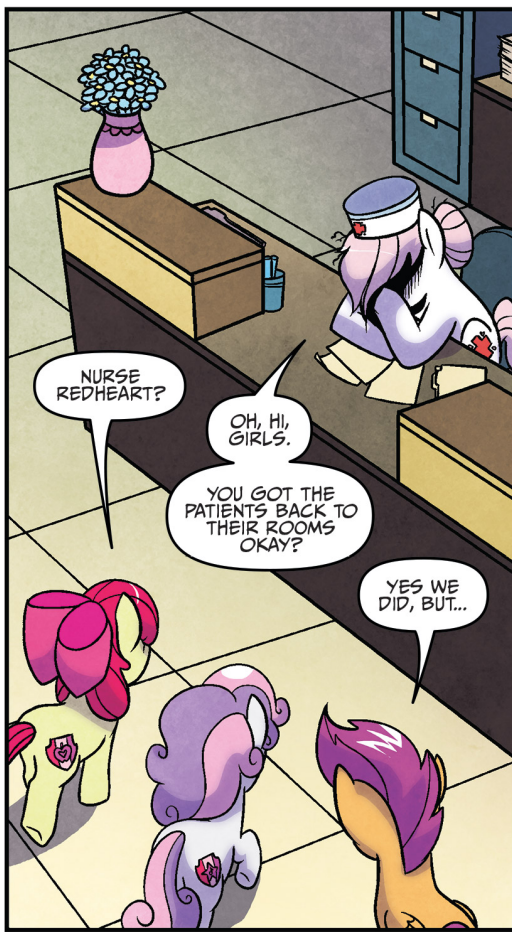
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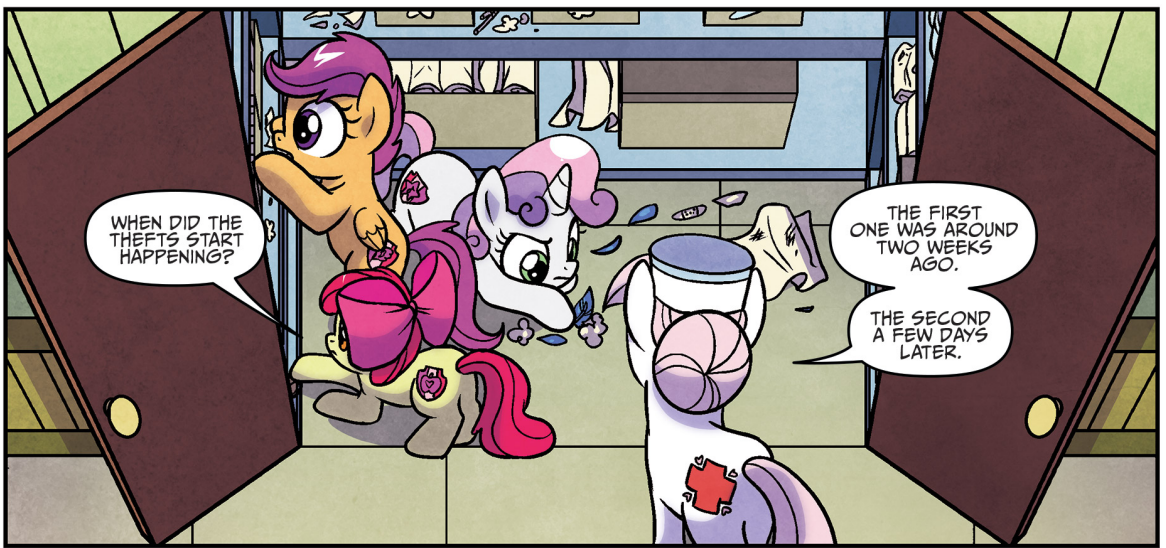


POOR NURSE REDHEART!

I KNOW!
I HATE TO SEE HER GETTING YELLED AT LIKE THAT.







WHEN DID THE THEFTS START HAPPENING?

THE FIRST ONE WAS AROUND TWO WEEKS AGO.

THE SECOND A FEW DAYS LATER.



YOU SAID THAT NONE OF THE ACTUAL MEDICINE IS GONE?

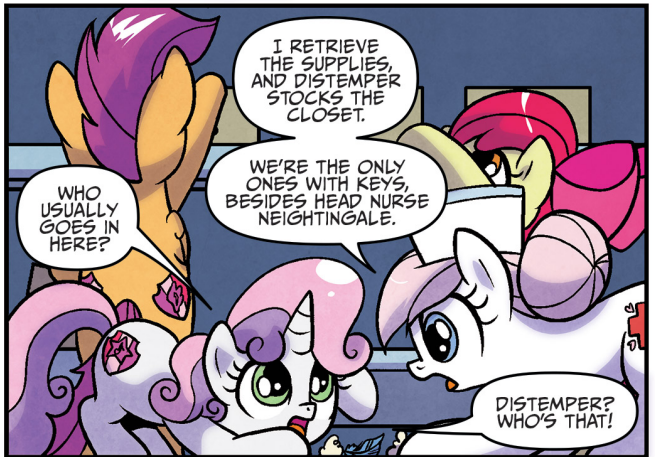
NO. JUST BANDAGES, TOWELS, AND COTTON.

SO, SOFT THINGS?

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YES.

THE HOSPITAL USES DOWN PILLOWS?

NO. TOO MANY PONIES ARE ALLERGIC.



I RETRIEVE THE SUPPLIES, AND DISTEMPER STOCKS THE CLOSET.

WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WITH KEYS, BESIDES HEAD NURSE NEIGHTINGALE.

WHO USUALLY GOES IN HERE?

DISTEMPER? WHO'S THAT?



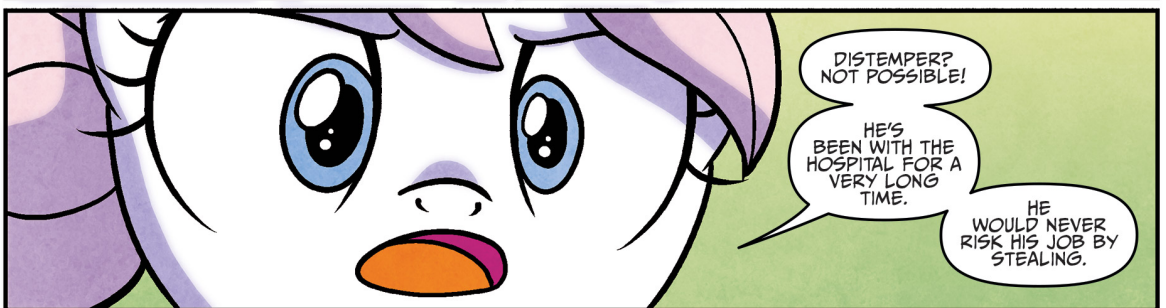
HE'S THE HOSPITAL CUSTODIAN.

HE KEEPS EVERYTHING CLEAN AND STOCKED.

I GUESS HE COULD LOOK A BIT SCARY IF YOU DON'T KNOW HIM.

YOU MEAN THAT SCARY-LOOKING PONY?

IF HE'S THE ONLY OTHER ONE WITH KEYS, THAN MAYBE HE'S THE THIEF?



DISTEMPER? NOT POSSIBLE!

HE'S BEEN WITH THE HOSPITAL FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

HE WOULD NEVER RISK HIS JOB BY STEALING.

NURSE REDHEART PACING NURSE REDHEART.



OH DEAR, I'D BETTER SEE WHO NEEDS ME.

WELL, I REALLY SHOULDN'T KEEP IT UNSUPERVISED.

CAN WE HAVE A COUPLE MORE MINUTES TO LOOK AROUND THE CLOSET?

DON'T WORRY, YOU CAN TRUST US.



I GUESS IF I CAN'T TRUST PONYVILLE'S MOST HELPFUL PONIES, THAN WHO CAN I TRUST?

THANKS, GIRLS. I'LL CHECK BACK IN A FEW MINUTES.



DID YOU HEAR THAT?

PONYVILLE'S MOST HELPFUL PONIES!

THAT'S NICE AND ALL, BUT LET'S GET BACK TO WORK!

I'M HAVING A HARD TIME BELIEVING THAT THE ONLY OTHER PONY WITH A KEY IS NOT A SUSPECT!



OTHER THAN THE MISSING SUPPLIES, I DON'T SEE ANY CLUES!

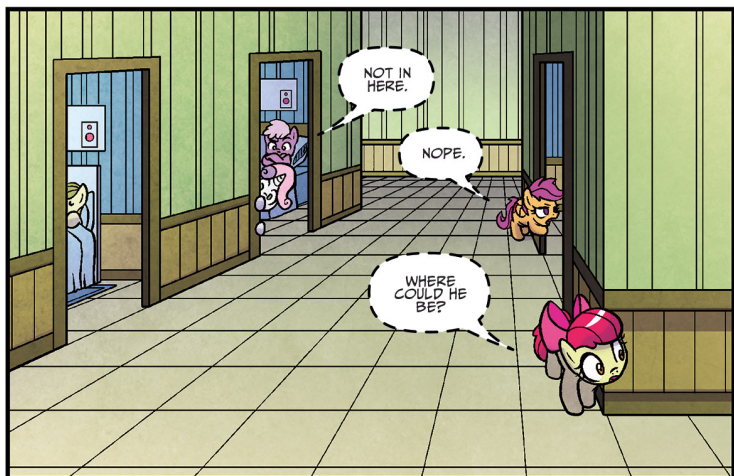
WHAT ABOUT THAT WINDOW?

IT'S SO SMALL, A FILLY COULDN'T EVEN FIT THROUGH THERE.



LOCK

C'MON, CRUSADERS, LET'S GO HAVE A WORD WITH OUR PRIME SUSPECT!



NOT IN HERE.

NOPE.

WHERE COULD HE BE?

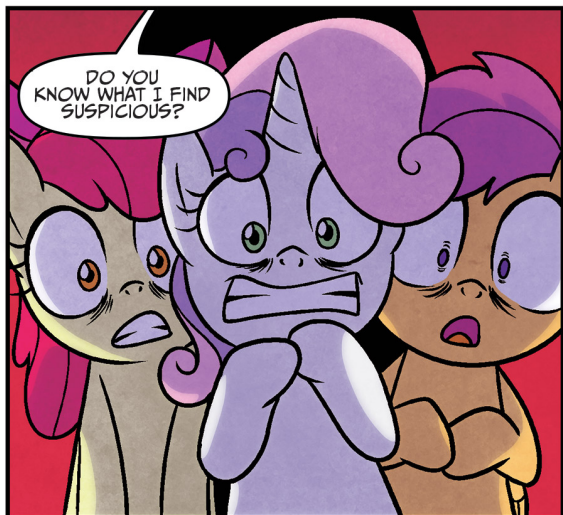


I FEEL LIKE WE'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE IN THIS HOSPITAL AND DISTEMPER ISN'T ANYWHERE.

YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS?

WHAT?

SUSPICIOUS!



DO YOU KNOW WHAT I FIND SUSPICIOUS?



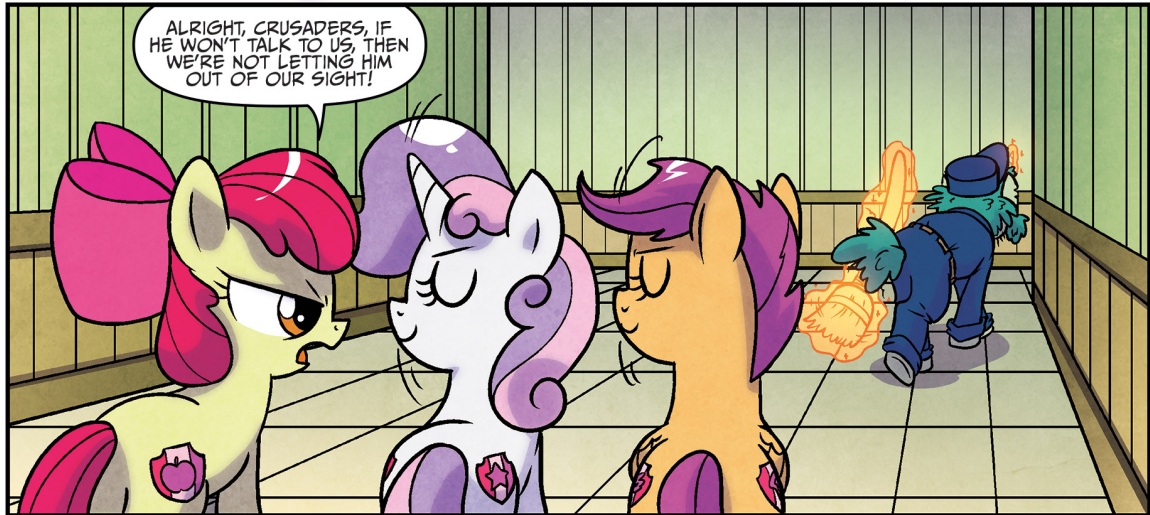
PONIES WHO SNOOP AROUND OTHER PONIES' HOSPITAL ROOMS!



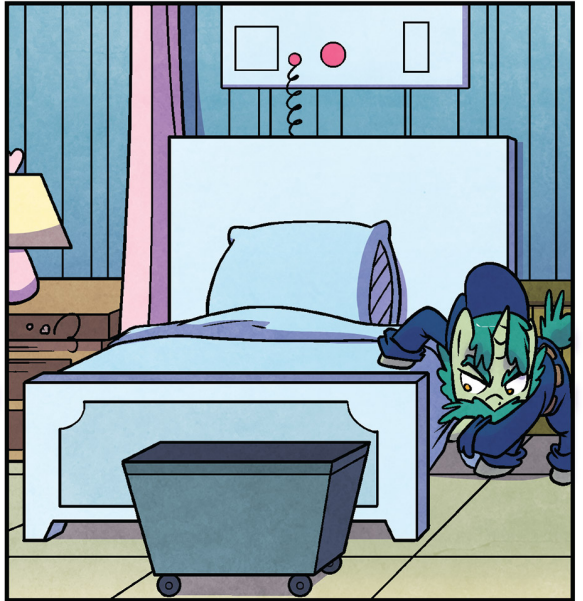
MR. DISTEMPER, SIR, WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS.



BAH! LEAVE ME ALONE.



ALRIGHT, CRUSADERS, IF HE WON'T TALK TO US, THEN WE'RE NOT LETTING HIM OUT OF OUR SIGHT!





THOSE NOSY
FILLIES HAVE ME
PARANOID!

CAN
BARELY GET
MY WORK
DONE!



REDHEART
SHOULDN'T
EVEN LET THEM
BE HERE.



LAUNDRY ROOM

TOO
DISTRACTING!

HELP!



THIS BANDAGE
CAME LOOSE ON
MY LEG, AND NOW
IT'S BLEEDING
AGAIN!



THAT'S NOT SO
BAD. I HAVE SOME
EXTRA BANDAGES
HERE AND CAN FIX
YOU RIGHT UP.

THANKS!



NOW
LET'S GET YOU
BACK TO YOUR
ROOM.

GASP!



DID YOU HEAR THAT?

DISTEMPER REALLY DOESN'T LIKE US.



THAT'S BECAUSE HE KNOWS WE'RE ONTO HIM!

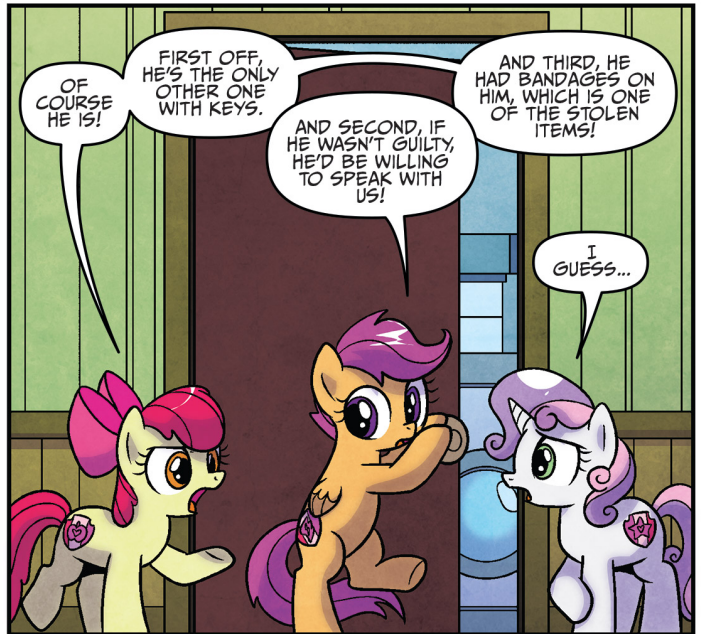
OR MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE WE ARE MAKING IT HARD FOR HIM TO DO HIS JOB.

WHAT?



WELL, WE'VE BEEN SHADOWING HIM FOR HOURS AND ALL HE'S DONE IS... HIS JOB.

I'M NOT SO SURE HE'S THE THIEF.



OF COURSE HE IS!

FIRST OFF, HE'S THE ONLY OTHER ONE WITH KEYS.

AND SECOND, IF HE WASN'T GUILTY, HE'D BE WILLING TO SPEAK WITH US!

AND THIRD, HE HAD BANDAGES ON HIM, WHICH IS ONE OF THE STOLEN ITEMS!

I GUESS...

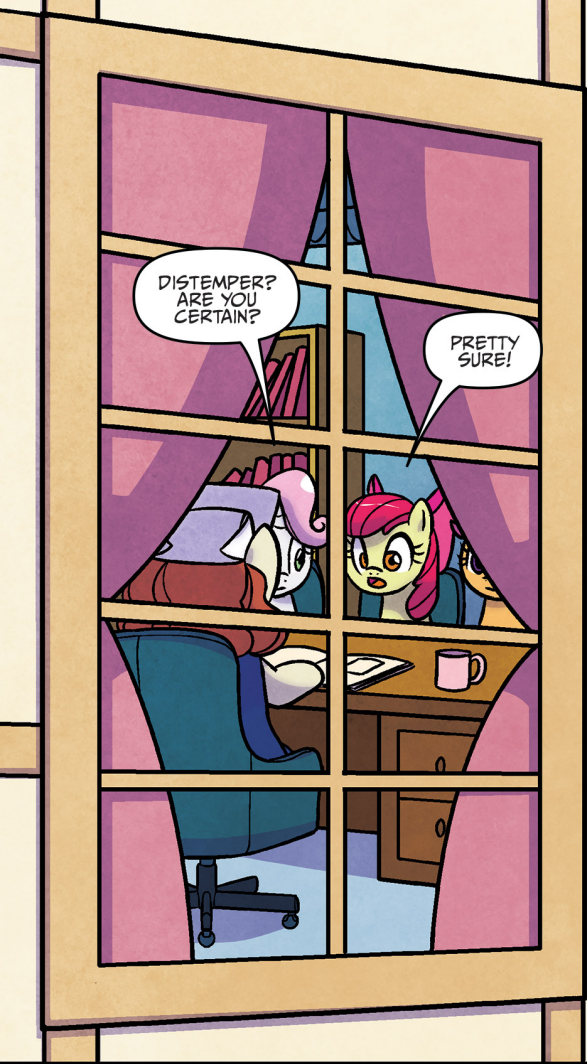


I THINK IT'S TIME TO ALERT HEAD NURSE NEIGHTINGALE OF OUR FINDINGS.

WHO'S WITH ME?

ME!

ME?



DISTEMPER?
ARE YOU CERTAIN?

PRETTY SURE!



I HATE TO THINK THAT SOMEONY WHO HAS BEEN SO LOYAL FOR SO LONG COULD BE STEALING.

I AM ESPECIALLY CONCERNED TO HEAR THAT HE'S GIVING PATIENTS MEDICAL TREATMENT WHEN HE DOES NOT HAVE THE PROPER TRAINING!

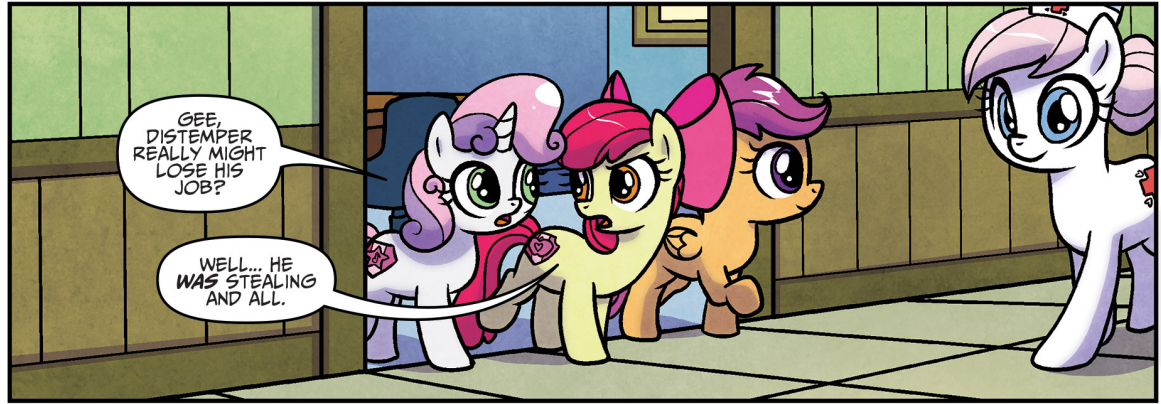
HE COULD CAUSE FURTHER INJURY!



WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO DISTEMPER?

I GUESS I'LL NEED TO SUSPEND HIM, PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

OH.

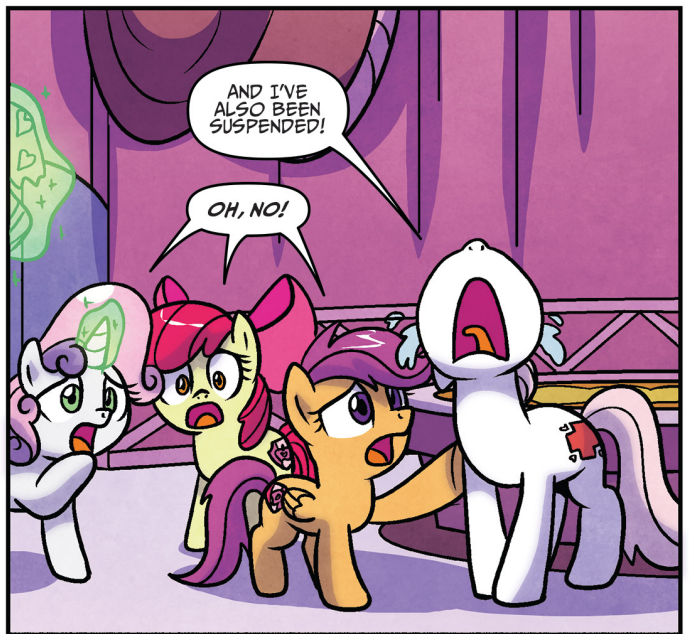
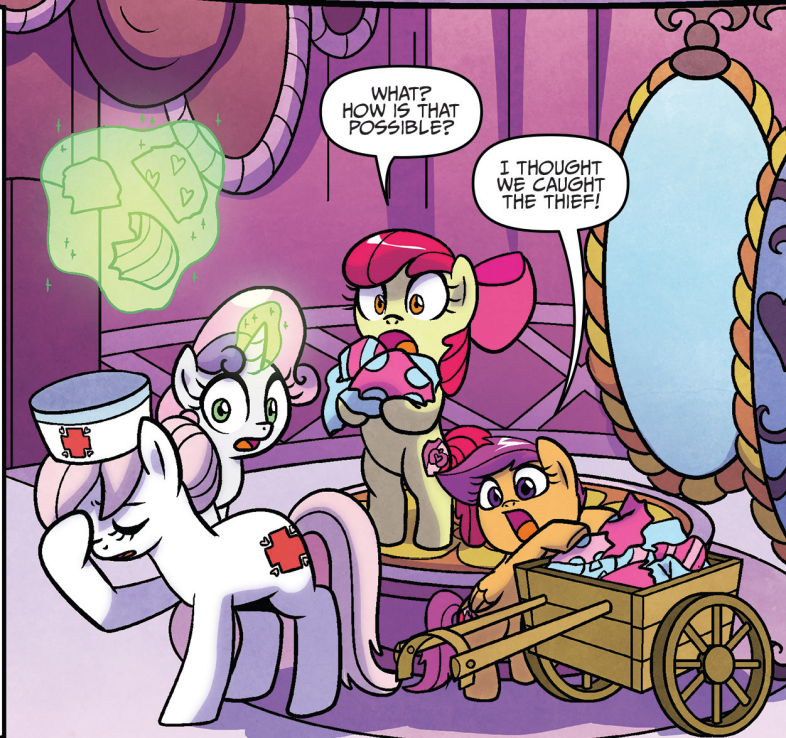
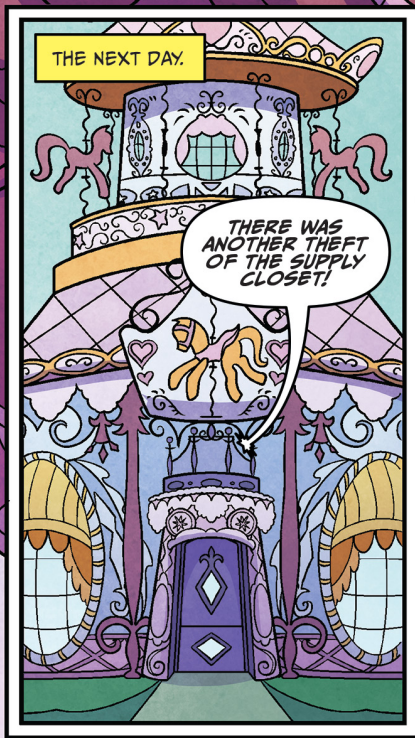


GEE, DISTEMPER REALLY MIGHT LOSE HIS JOB?

WELL... HE WAS STEALING AND ALL.



NURSE REDHEART, WE'RE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY MORE THEFTS OF THE SUPPLY CLOSET.





HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU FOR BRINGING ALL THESE SCRAPS OF MATERIAL?

CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP



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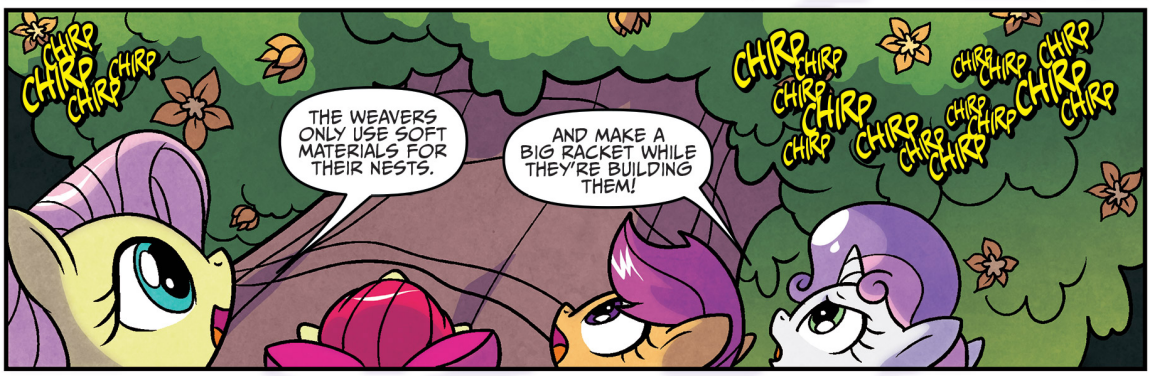
IT'S OUR PLEASURE!

BUT I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU NEED ALL OF THIS.



IT'S NESTING SEASON FOR THE EQUESTRIAN SOCIAL WEAVERS.

AND THIS YEAR, THE FLOCK HAS CHOSEN THE TALLEST TREE IN THE SANCTUARY TO BUILD THEIR NEST!

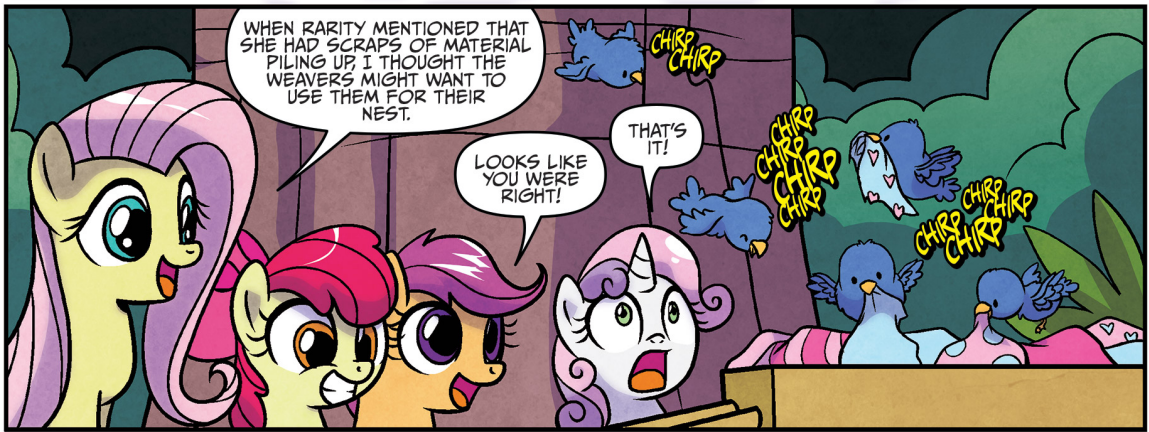


CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP

THE WEAVERS ONLY USE SOFT MATERIALS FOR THEIR NESTS.

AND MAKE A BIG RACKET WHILE THEY'RE BUILDING THEM!

CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP



WHEN RARITY MENTIONED THAT SHE HAD SCRAPS OF MATERIAL PILING UP I THOUGHT THE WEAVERS MIGHT WANT TO USE THEM FOR THEIR NEST.

LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE RIGHT!

THAT'S IT!

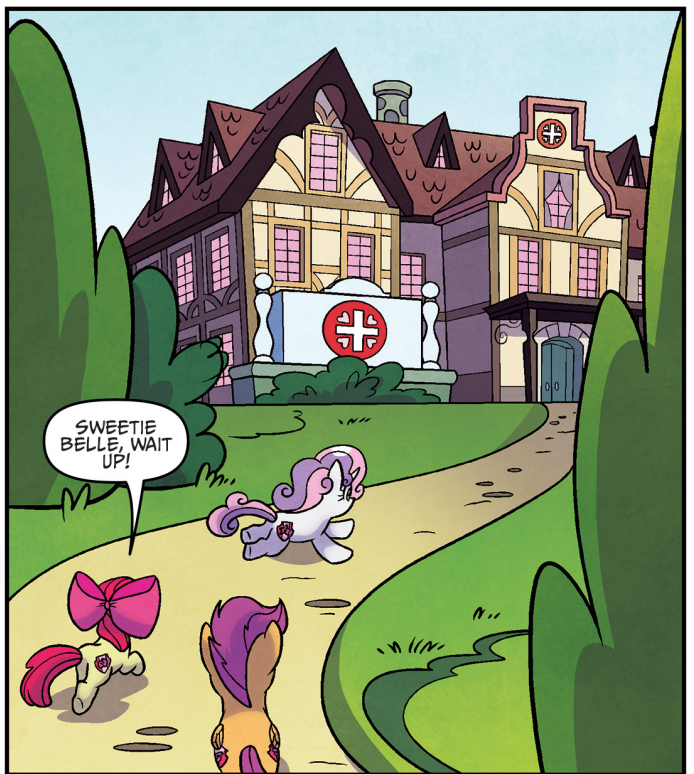
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C'MON, CRUSADERS! I THINK I'VE SOLVED OUR MYSTERY.



SWEETIE BELLE, WAIT UP!



WHICH ONE IS IT?

WOULD YA PLEASE TELL US WHAT'S GOING ON?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT FLUTTERSHY SAID?

THAT A BUNCH OF NOISY BIRDS ARE BUILDING A GIANT NEST IN HER SANCTUARY?

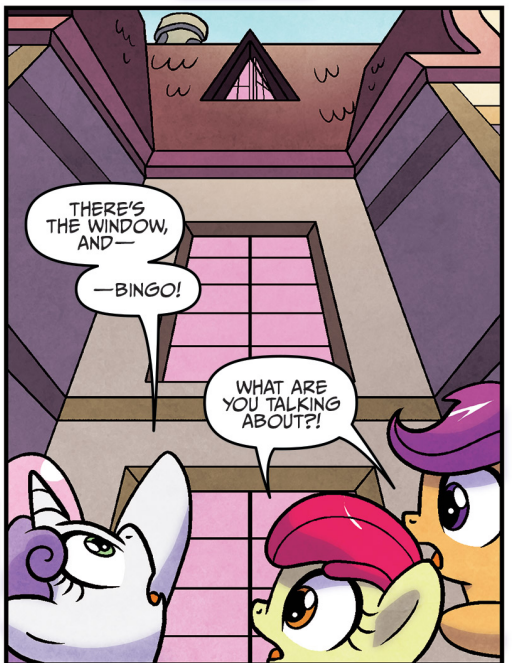


WELL, YES, BUT WHAT ELSE DID SHE SAY?

THAT THEY LIKE OLD SCRAPS OF FABRIC?

AND?

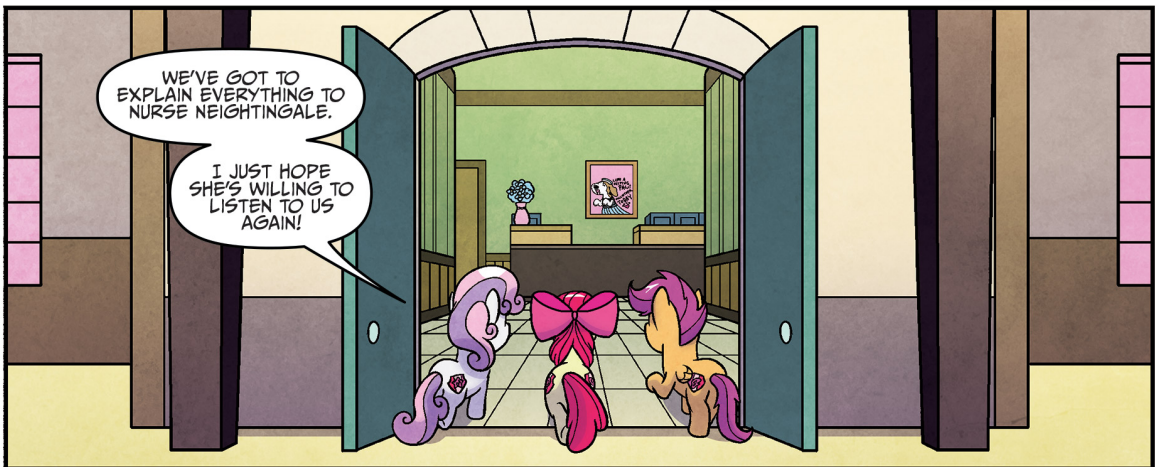
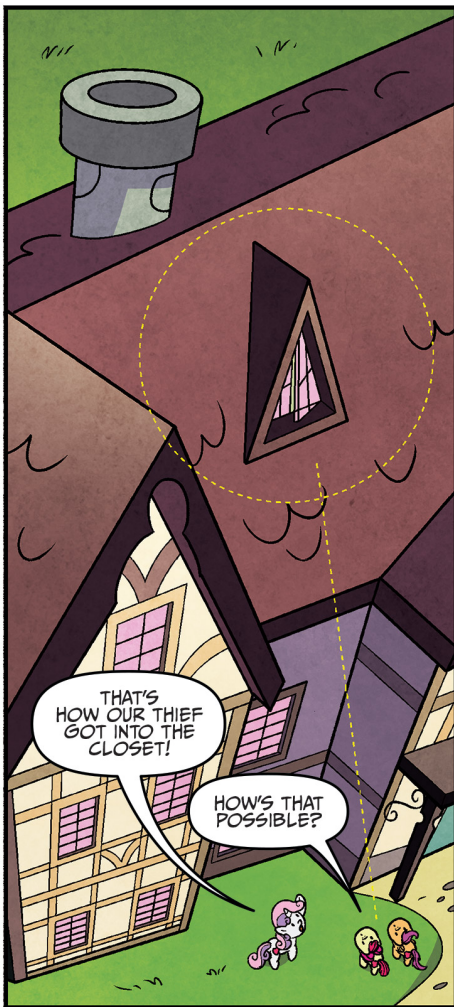
AND OTHER SOFT THINGS. SO WHAT?



THERE'S THE WINDOW, AND—

—BINGO!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!





LATER THAT DAY.

WILL SOMEPOONY PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON?!



WELL, YOU AND DISTEMPER DIDN'T SEEM TOO INTERESTED IN SPEAKING TO US.

WHICH IS FAIR, BECAUSE WE KIND OF JUMPED TO CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE THEFT.

I'LL SAY!

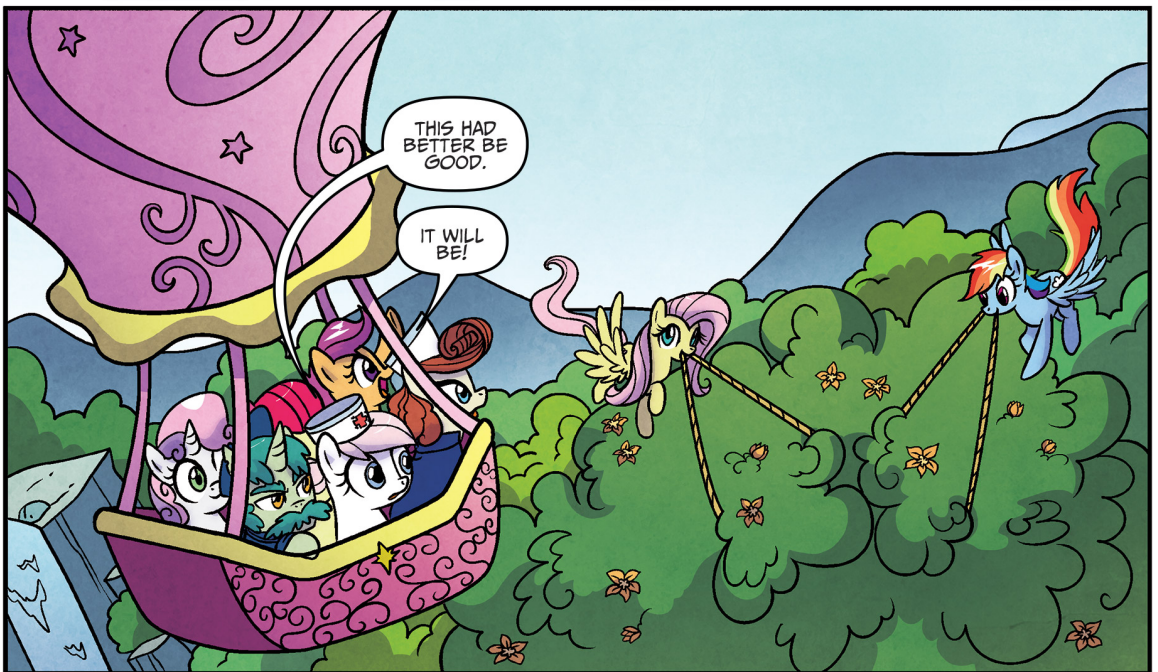


SO, SINCE YOU WEREN'T TOO KEEN ON HEARING OUR EXPLANATION, WE FIGURED WE'D SHOW YOU.

SO WHAT'S THE LIFE-AND-DEATH SITUATION WE NEED TO ATTEND TO?

OH, THAT WAS JUST AN EXCUSE TO GET YOU ALL IN THIS HERE BALLOON.

WE'RE HERE!



THIS HAD BETTER BE GOOD.

IT WILL BE!



GASP!



SO YOU SEE? IT WASN'T A PONY WHO TOOK THE SUPPLIES.

THE SUPPLIES FROM THE HOSPITAL MAKE PERFECT NEST MATERIALS!

BUT THESE BIRDS!



YOU ARE MY TWO MOST LOYAL EMPLOYEES.

AND YET I WAS SO QUICK TO BELIEVE THE WORST ABOUT BOTH OF YOU.

CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?

OF COURSE!

ABSOLUTELY!

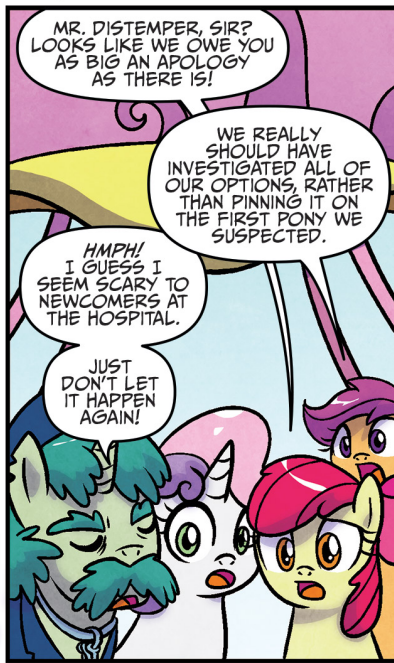


BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THAT FACT THAT YOU SHOULD NOT BE GIVING PATIENTS MEDICAL CARE.

I UNDERSTAND.

THOUGH MAYBE IT'S TIME WE LOOKED INTO ENROLLING YOU IN A NURSING SCHOOL.

I'D LIKE THAT.



MR. DISTEMPER, SIR? LOOKS LIKE WE OWE YOU AS BIG AN APOLOGY AS THERE IS!

WE REALLY SHOULD HAVE INVESTIGATED ALL OF OUR OPTIONS, RATHER THAN PINNING IT ON THE FIRST PONY WE SUSPECTED.

HMPH! I GUESS I SEEM SCARY TO NEWCOMERS AT THE HOSPITAL.

JUST DON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN!



SWEETIE BELLE, WE'RE REALLY SORRY FOR NOT LISTENING TO YOU SOONER.

WE JUST WANTED TO IMPRESS EVERYPONY BY SOLVING THE MYSTERY QUICKLY—

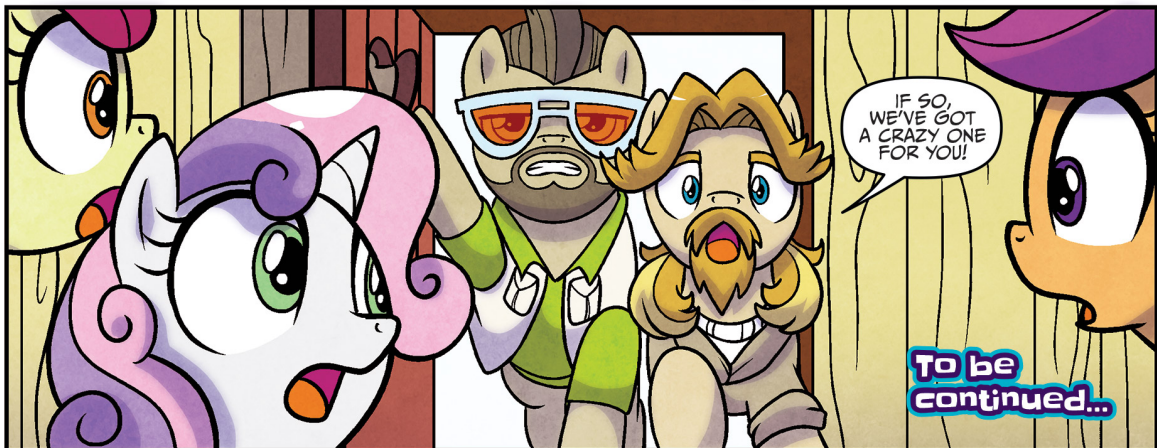
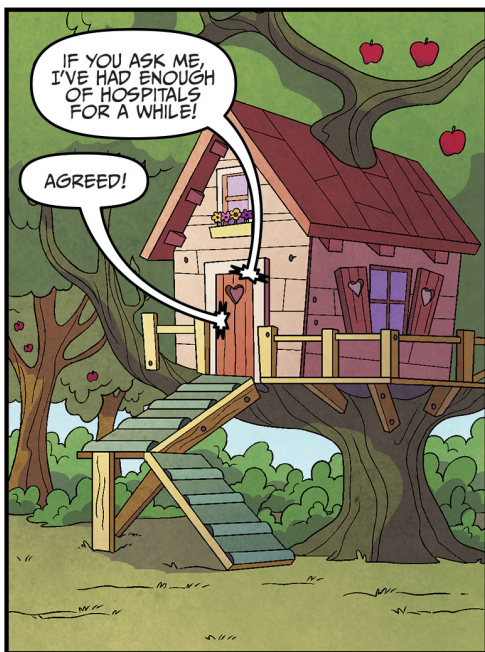
—WHEN WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKING OUR TIME LIKE YOU WANTED.

NOW WE ALL KNOW BETTER!



NOW WHICH ONE OF YOU KNOWS HOW TO STEER THIS THING?

WE'VE GOT A HOSPITAL TO RUN!



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Magic



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THIS WAS A GREAT IDEA, WE CAN GET OUR CUTIE MARKS AS ZOOLOGISTS!

ZOO-WHAT? NO, WE'RE GETTING THEM IN BEING JUNGLE ADVENTURERS!

I DON'T THINK FLUTTERSHY'S BACKYARD CAN BE CONSIDERED "THE JUNGLE."



THIS SIDE UP
Jungles
CROOZ

Bunnies
Piglet's
Bunnies

HMM... DID YOU KNOW THAT THE STUDY OF PONIES IS CALLED "HIPPOLOGY"?

HA HA

HA HA
BRUNELLA



I DON'T THINK WE LOOK MUCH LIKE HIPPOS...



HEY!

THE RETURN OF QUEEN CHRYSALIS



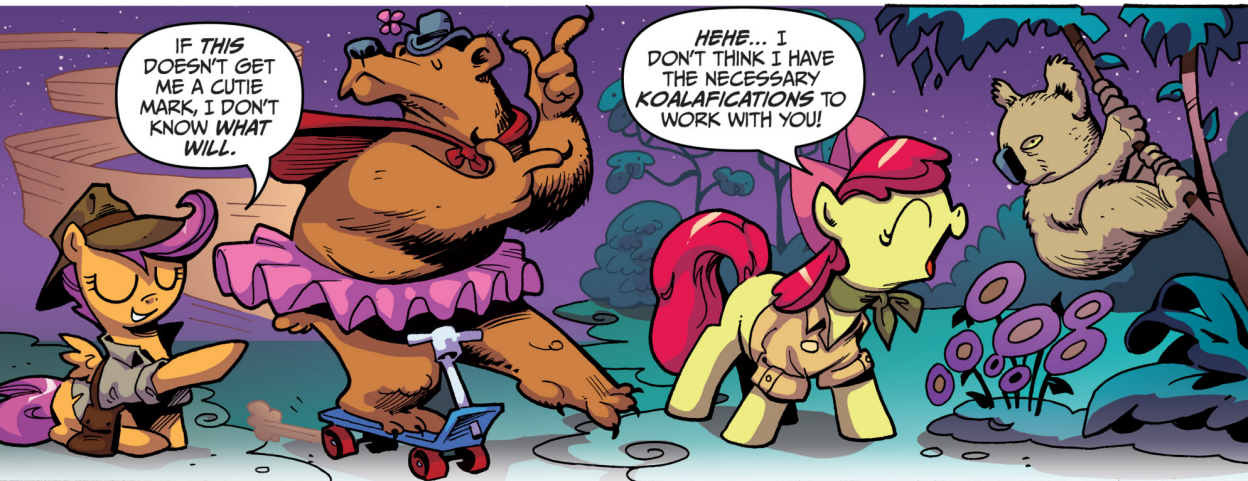


SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO OUT HERE TO TRY AND EARN OUR CUTIE MARKS? LION TAMING? OH! WE COULD TRY BEING PET PSYCHICS!

LET'S SPLIT UP! WE'LL TAKE TURNS WORKING WITH THE DIFFERENT ANIMALS! I'M SURE BY THE END OF THE NIGHT WE'LL HAVE OUR CUTIE MARKS!

ER... NO.

Mr. McBitey-Pants



IF THIS DOESN'T GET ME A CUTIE MARK, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL.

HEHE... I DON'T THINK I HAVE THE NECESSARY KOLAFICATIONS TO WORK WITH YOU!



HEY... WAIT, WHAT'S THAT GROUP OF ANIMALS WITH GLOWING EYES DOING STARING AT US?



NOOO!

THE NEXT DAY...



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RUN FOR THE ROSES

Reflect

OUCH!

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APPLE BLOOM! IT'S TIME TO GET UP!

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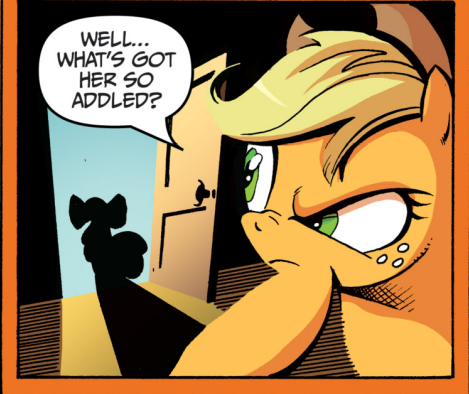
HEY BUCKAROO!
HOW WAS THE
CRITTER WRANGLING?
GOT YOUR CUTIE
MARK YET?

NO.



ERR... WELL,
MAYBE YOU CAN
TRY SOMETHING
ELSE? TWILIGHT SAYS
THERE'S A FANCY COMET
FLYING OVERHEAD IN A
FEW DAYS, WE COULD
SET UP A TENT IN THE
ORCHARD. YOU CAN
TRY YOUR HOOVES
AT ASTRONOMY!

...NOT
INTERESTED.



WELL...
WHAT'S GOT
HER SO
ADDLED?

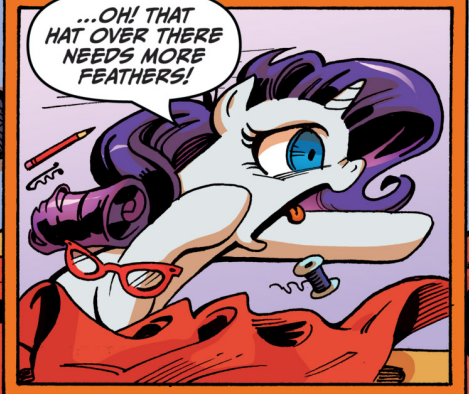


OH! SWEETIE
BELLE! YOU'RE
LOOKING... UM,
STOIC THIS
MORNING?

FINE.
BYE.



WAS I THAT
ODD WHEN I
WAS HER AGE?
I DON'T THINK
I WAS...



...OH! THAT
HAT OVER THERE
NEEDS MORE
FEATHERS!



HEY, SCOOTS! WANNA' HELP ME WORK ON THAT TRICK I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT? I NEED SOMEONE TO HOLD THE STOPWATCH!

NO.



WO'? WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO HANG OUT WITH ME? ME?! BUT... I'M AWESOME...



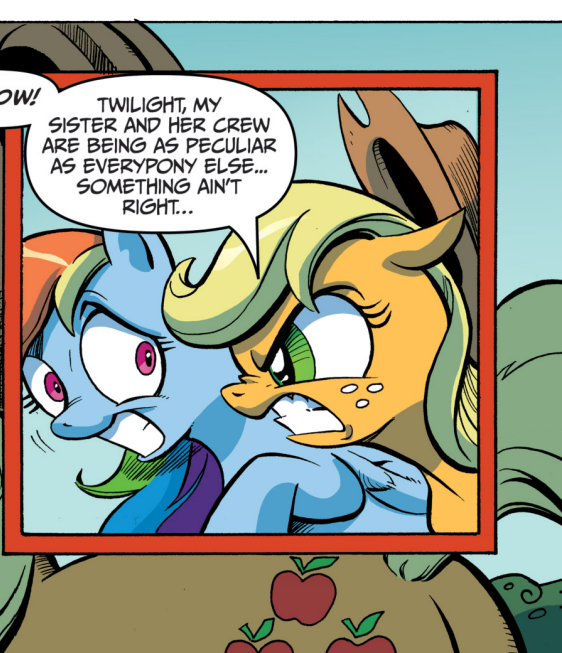
...AND THEN SHE JUST LEFT! LEFT ME!

HRM... THOSE THREE FILLIES ARE SURE ACTIN' FUNNY. THERE'S TWILIGHT... SHE'LL HAVE SOME IDEA WHAT'S GOIN' ON.



EVERYPONY IS ACTING SO STRANGE TODAY! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO PLAN A VIEWING CELEBRATION FOR THE SECRETARIAT COMET THIS WEEK AND I CAN'T GET ANYONE TO LISTEN TO ME AT ALL...

WHAT WAS THAT? I WASN'T LISTENING.



RAINBOW!

TWILIGHT, MY SISTER AND HER CREW ARE BEING AS PECULIAR AS EVERYPONY ELSE... SOMETHING AIN'T RIGHT...

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