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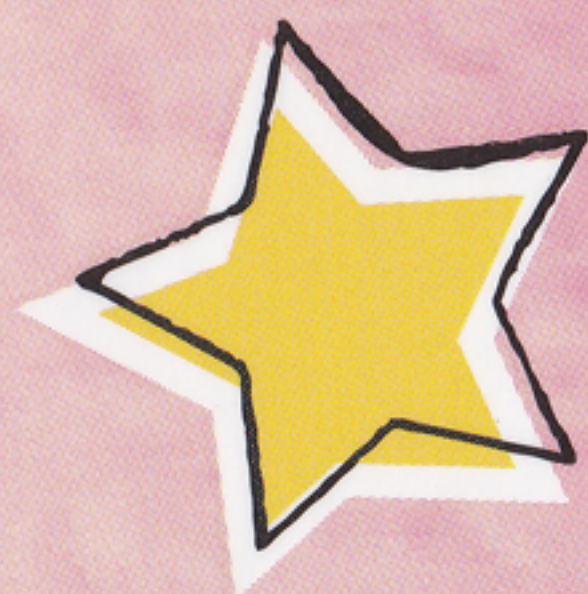




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Pinkie Pie: Hi, guys! And welcome to this super-awesome scrapbook about the Friendship Festival my friend Twilight Sparkle is throwing! I just know it's going to be **AMAZING**, and I can't wait to show her this when it's all finished! She's so busy right now I don't think she's had a chance to enjoy herself, so looking back at this will help her remember a lot of great stuff!

I know right now you're thinking, "But Pinkie Pie, how are you going to scrapbook AND help decorate AND plan a giant festival for everypony in Equestria? It's so much pressure! Maybe too much pressure!" To that I say, for my friends, I make the time!

But... could you maybe just wait like a sec to keep reading? I have to go help blow up about a thousand balloons right now, so—to be continued!



Sweet!

Tempest: Shouldn't you change this introduction, Pinkie Pie? I mean, this scrapbook isn't exactly about the Friendship Festival anymore. Things changed, and it's about a lot more than that now, isn't it?

Pinkie Pie: But I started it before the whole big life-changing adventure thingy and I already used all these stickers! Besides, you'll ruin the surprise!



Pinkie Pie: Princess **TWILIGHT SPARKLE** is the Princess of Friendship! She's really smart and also full of crazy-powerful magic.

Twilight: Well that's nice of you to say, Pinkie... wait, shouldn't you be helping with the balloons right now? Why am I writing in this book?

Pinkie Pie: This cute little guy is her assistant, **SPIKE**. (He's a baby dragon. Not a pony.)

Spike: I think everypony can tell that much.

Pinkie Pie: This is **RARITY**. She's super-stylish and generous to a fault!

Rarity: Oh, why that's very kind of you, darling!

Pinkie Pie: This is **RAINBOW DASH**. She's awesomely cool and no pony could ask for a more loyal friend!

Rainbow Dash: Yeah, cool is pretty much my middle name. Rainbow "Cool" Dash.



Pinkie Pie: This is **FLUTTERSHY**. She loves animals. I think she's probably the kindest pony in all of Equestria!

Fluttershy: Oh, um, am I? Oh dear... I don't want anypony thinking I'm conceited...

Pinkie Pie: Heere's **APPLEJACK**! She'll always give you a straight answer, because she's super-honest!

Applejack: Honestly, Pinkie, I think you should get back to helping us with the festival, not writing in this here book.

Pinkie Pie: Finally, this is **PINKIE PIE**, and she looooves to make other ponies laugh. (PSST, THAT'S ME! I'M PINKIE PIE!)



Let's go everywhere
TOGETHER





Pinkie Pie: Names You'll Want to Remember:

Princess Celestia:
Princess of
the Sun



Princess Luna:
Princess of
the Moon



Princess Cadance:
Princess of the
Crystal Empire



WANTED



TEMPEST

WANTED



THE STORM KING

WANTED



GRUBBER

Pinkie Pie: SOOOO I have a teensy confession to make. This was going to be a scrapbook about the Friendship Festival, but a lot of other crazy stuff happened, and now it's kind of . . . something else. But trust me, this will be just as **AMAZING!**

Twilight had been planning the Friendship Festival for a long, long time and we were all going to help her make sure it went off without a hitch!

Applejack: I was in charge of the banquet—apple pies, apple tarts, apple crumble, apple soufflé, and of course, my family's famous apple cider!

Rainbow Dash: I was working with the weatherponies to make sure the sky was all clear.

Rarity: I was in charge of beautifying the stage for our special guest singer, Songbird Serenade.

Fluttershy: I was making sure that my little bird friends were all warmed up for their performance.



Twilight: I was so worried about impressing the other princesses . . . I feel like I had a million things to do.

Spike: Nope, just two hundred and eighteen things!

**PONY
POWER!**

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Tempest: And while you ponies were doing all that ... I was preparing my attack on Canterlot.



- ☆ 179. Make sure every balloon station is fully stocked
- ☆ 180. Cider taste-test (check with Applejack!)
- ☆ 181. Make sure all the banners are the right colors
- ☆ 182. Check the festival sign for misspellings
- ☆ 183. Talk to Rainbow Dash about Wonderbolts performance
- ☆ 184. Double-check the time of Songbird Serenade's arrival
- ☆ 185. Ensure all games and booths are up and running properly
- ☆ 186. Meeting with the Princesses about special lighting for the festival at 8 a.m.!!!

Pinkie Pie: I was doing my favorite thing—**PARTY PLANNING!!** Or, I guess, Festival Planning, but a Festival is just a party with a few thousand extra friends!

Pinkie Pie's Recipe for Perfect Party Planning

Planning a party is kind of like baking a cake.
(Mmm. Cake.)

All you need is the right ingredients, mixed up juuuuust right, and you've got a recipe for fun!

Step one: Throw your party in a really neat place—for example, the Canterlot Royal Pavilion!

Step two: Make sure you have enough food and games to keep everypony happy and entertained!

Step three: Lots of music, for a special festive atmosphere.

Step four: Invite **EVERYPONY** you want to be there!



Step five: **PARTY CANNON!!!**



Pinkie Pie: Extra-special tip for beginners: Try **NOT** to have an army of evil Storm Creatures invade at the last minute. That is a total party foul and may make your festival seem just a teensy bit less "fun" and a lot more "totally scary chaos and destruction."
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Twilight: I was so nervous when Songbird Serenade arrived. Everything had to be perfect, and it just... wasn't. I mean, just look at me!



Rarity: Admittedly not your best look, dear.

Pinkie Pie: I'm sorry Twilight. My easy bake confetti cake cannon definitely needed some adjustments.

Twilight: It's okay, I was only meeting the greatest singer in all of Equestria while covered in cake batter... I mean, compared to what happened next, it was a piece of cake.

Pinkie Pie: (Ooh, good one.)

Rainbow Dash: Tell me about it, Twilight. One minute I've got clear, sunny skies, and then all of a sudden, **BOOM!** storm clouds everywhere!



Applejack: I was as nervous as a long-tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs.



Tempest: Well, I was nearly as surprised as all of you. I'd come to conquer Equestria and capture its princesses for the Storm King. I wasn't exactly expecting banners and balloons when I got there. I suppose it did make my job easier, with all four princesses in one place... in theory anyway.

Twilight: We were all pretty shocked when Tempest appeared and demanded that we surrender to her. I thought for sure we could talk it out—what kind of Princess of Friendship am I if I can't make peace between ponies? But before I could move or do anything at all, Tempest took some kind of magic orb and threw it at Princess Cadance. She started turning to stone right in front of my eyes! And then she did the same to Princess Celestia! Before she turned completely, I heard her shout to Princess Luna to find the Queen of the Hippos.

Applejack: Or at least, that's what you thought you heard. Hard to tell, y'know, what with all the panicking.

Fluttershy: (Not that there wasn't perfectly good reason to PANIC.)

Twilight: But then Princess Luna was turned to stone, as well, and I realized I was the last princess left.



Tempest: I certainly thought my victory had been ... unusually swift. But of course my minions wasted no time at all in bungling it.

It's hard to find good help these days.



Rainbow Dash: Luckily you had us to help you get away, Twilight!



Applejack: Darn tootin'! We weren't about to let you get stonified like the other princesses. We managed to hustle you out of there quick as can be.



Rarity: But then we ran into the teensy problem of not really having anywhere to run to.



Twilight: That was a slight miscalculation on our part—after all, Tempest had an army, and we just had us. We couldn't fight our way through the Storm Guards, and we couldn't run.



Fluttershy: : We were surrounded on all sides. It was so terrifying!



Pinkie Pie: What was **REALLY** terrifying was when the bridge we were on collapsed and we all fell into the **RAGING** rapids below and were swept down a **GIANT** waterfall to our **DOOM!!**

Spike: (But it wasn't to our doom, Pinkie. We're all still here, remember?)



ADVENTURES
Together

Pinkie Pie: (SHH! SPOILERS!)



Pinkie Pie: Okay, so actually we were fine.

Rarity: Speak for yourself! My coiffure was absolutely ruined by the water!



Applejack: But we had bigger things to worry about, right Rarity? Like what to do next now that we'd gotten away.



Rainbow Dash: Gotten away? More like ran away with our tails between our legs! I was raring to go back and show those Storm Guards a thing or two about messing with ponies. But Twilight wanted to find the Queen of the Hippos.



Twilight: Princess Luna couldn't do it, so it was up to me. If Princess Celestia thought the Hippos could help us, I knew it might be our only shot. To save Equestria... we had to leave it behind.



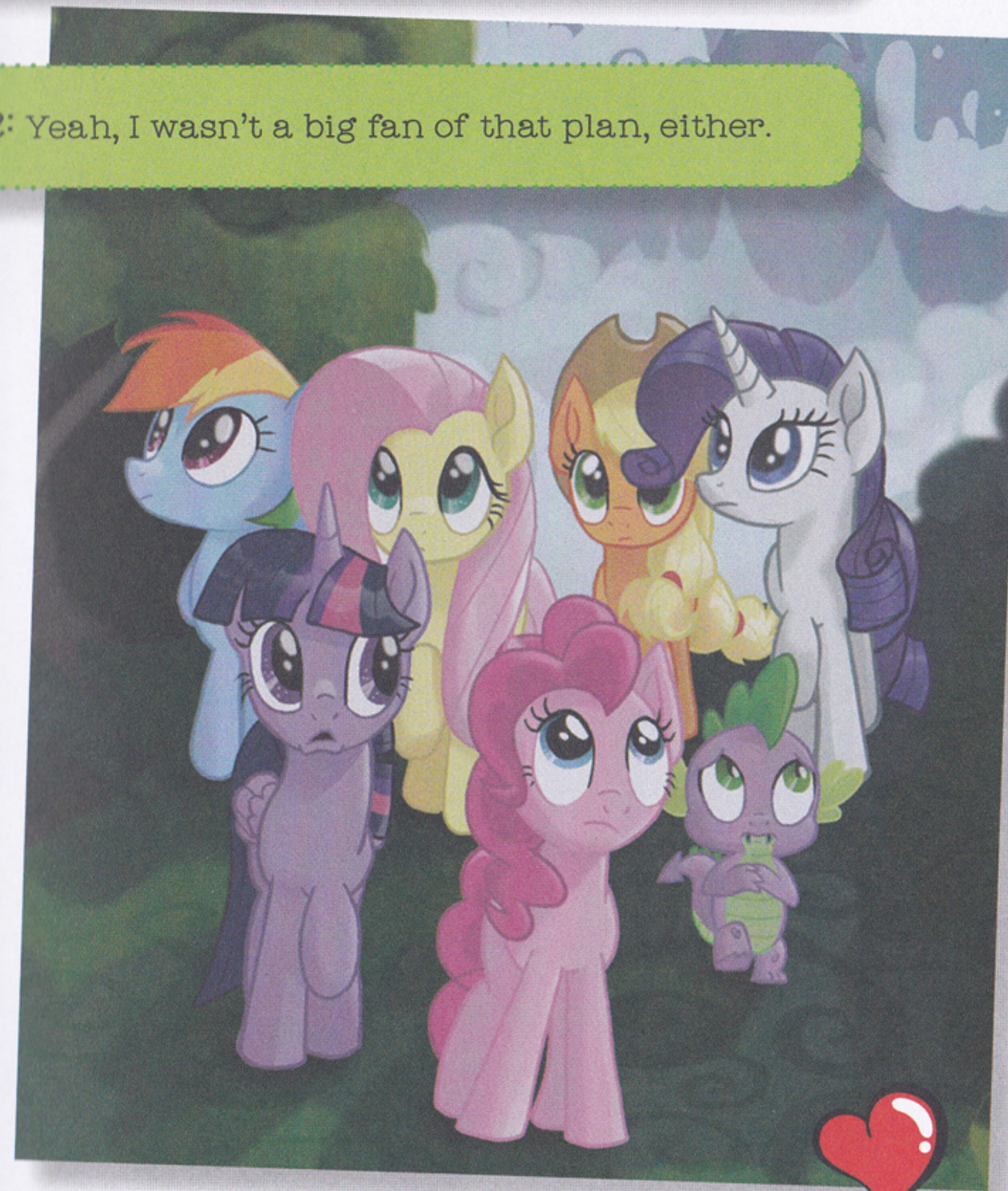
**Ponies
FOREVER**



Fluttershy: But none of us had ever been outside of Equestria before!



Spike: Yeah, I wasn't a big fan of that plan, either.



Rarity: Still, I admit, it was the best way to keep Twilight out of Commander Tempest's clutches. Even if we couldn't find this "Hippo Queen" or whoever, we could at least make sure our friend was safe.



Tempest: While you ponies were having your “bonding moment,” I was busy subjugating all of Canterlot. My Storm Guards seemed to have things well in hoof, so I was all too happy to swear to the Storm King that I would be ready for his arrival in three days’ time. I was under orders to steal the magic from the four Princesses of Equestria to power his magical staff—the staff of Sacanas. It would grant him almost unlimited power. Including the power to grant my heart’s desire ... or so I hoped.



Tempest: Unfortunately, you ponies had made your daring escape with Princess Twilight, leaving me one princess short. I knew I couldn’t trust my minions to track you down—if they failed again, I would lose my chance to regain what was rightfully mine. No, I had to track you down myself in order to keep my promise to the Storm King. If I could keep my promises to him, I trusted that he’d keep his promises to me.

I had no idea how wrong I was ...





Pinkie Pie: Okay, so as much as I love sand on beaches and in sandboxes, I have to say, deserts are **No** fun. Okay, maybe not no fun, but definitely less fun per square foot than you'd expect.

Applejack: I reckon that's why they call them "The Badlands." 'Cos only bad stuff happens there.



Karity: Oh my stars, don't even get me started on the heat.



Spike: And the hunger.

Fluttershy: : And the thirst.



Rainbow Dash: Did we mention the heat yet?

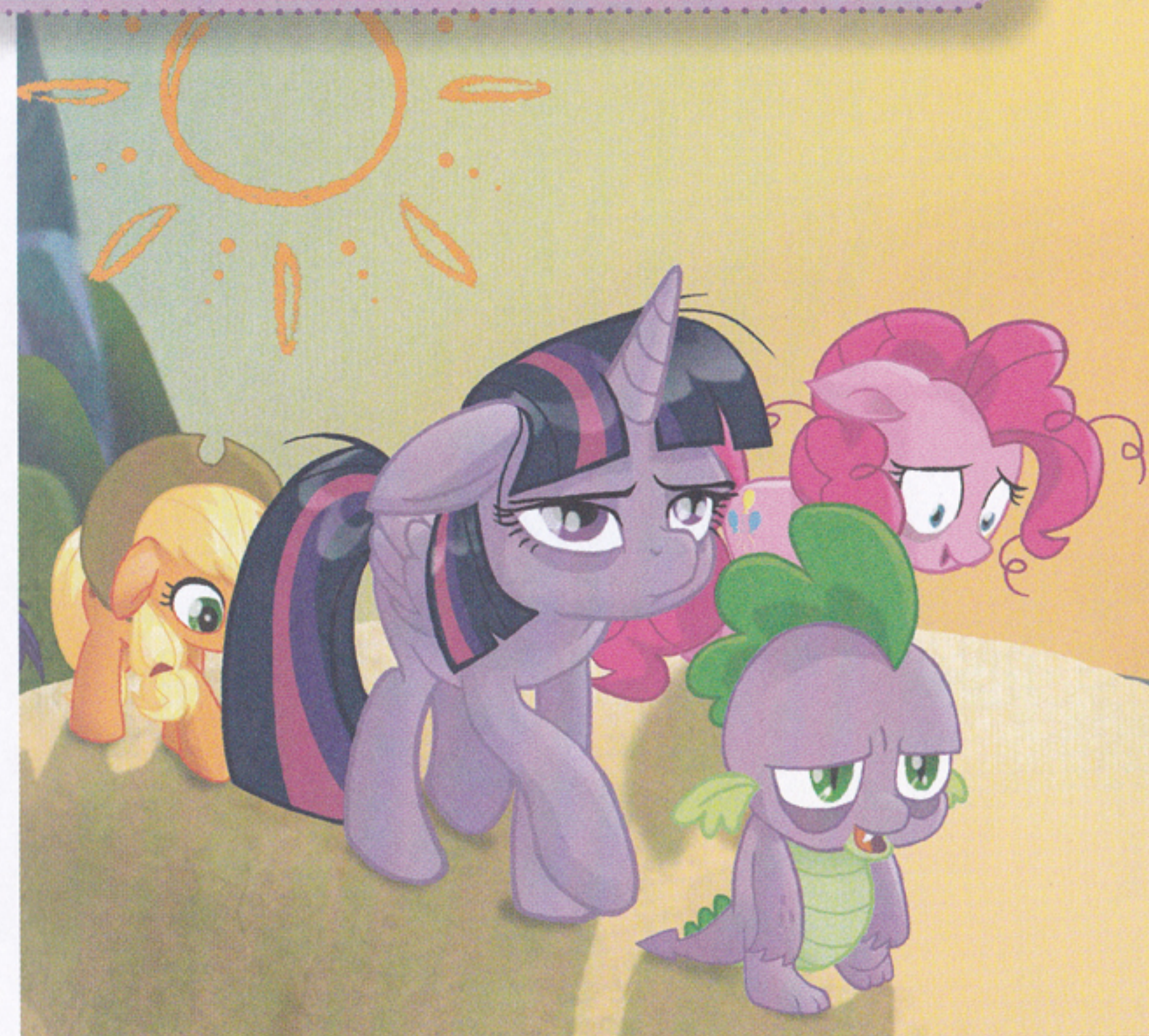


Twilight: Still, we persevered! We knew we couldn't let a little thing like a seemingly endless, empty, pony-forsaken wasteland stop us from saving Equestria! I definitely wasn't thinking about throwing my hooves up in despair and just giving up when Spike found the road.



Spike: Fell face first onto it is more like it, but hey, I'll take the credit.

Twilight: And that road led us to ...





Pinkie Pie: **KLUGETOWN!!** The nicest little town in the Badlands.

Rainbow Dash: More like the **ONLY** town in the Badlands.



Fluttershy: : And it wasn't nice. Not at ALL. Everypony there was very, very unhelpful.



Applejack: You say unhelpful, I say greedy. We tried to ask some folk about the Queen of the Hippos, but not a soul there would give us anything unless they got something in return.



KLUGETOWN



Pinkie Pie: So I tried to trade everything I had!



- ★ A comb
- ★ A breath mint
- ★ Even a picture of my sister Maud Pie

K Rarity: And then somehow the crowd got the idea that we were for sale. The nerve! The very idea!



Twilight: It did get pretty hairy there for a moment. We were surrounded again, but this time by townsfolk who were trying to get us to sell each other out—literally!



Fluttershy: : I thought we were done for.



Better TOGETHER



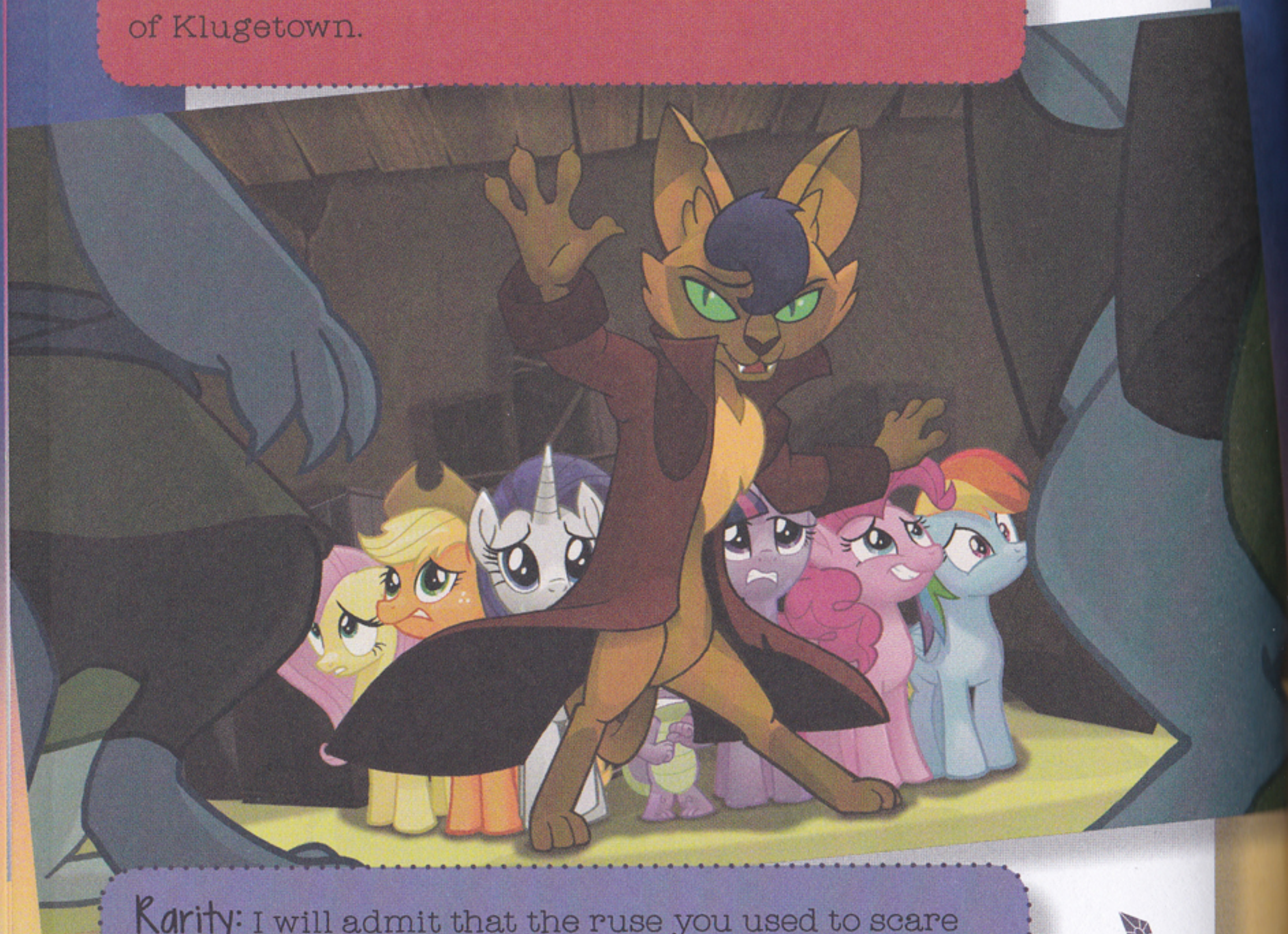
Pinkie Pie: Even a hug!

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Capper: Then you met me! The bravest, most handsome, charismatic, trustworthy alley cat in all of Klugetown.



Rarity: I will admit that the ruse you used to scare off those rioting townsfolk was rather clever, darling. Flicking that paint onto the crowd and telling them we were contagious.

Capper: "Pastelus Coloritus." Gets 'em every time.

Twilight: We'll put a pin in the "trustworthy" bit, though. After all, I didn't trust you ... not at first.

Capper: Hey, you little fillies needed a helping paw, and I just so happened to be there to lend mine.



Pinkie Pie: (But then later you tried to—oops, sorry, **SPOILERS!**)

Capper: As I was saying, brave, handsome, clever Capper helped you elude the madding crowds, and hurried you away to safety in his not-so-humble abode.



Rarity: Which was just lovely of you, darling.

Capper: Not as lovely as you fixing my coat for me, Rarity.



Applejack: I have to admit, it was nice to put our hooves up somewhere quiet after all that walking.



Rainbow Dash: Even I needed a rest. I'm with Pinkie. Deserts are bad news. Bad, hot, sandy news.



Fluttershy: : And Capper was kind enough to make us tea and let us rest in his lovely home.



Capper: Never turn down a dilly-dally tea, that's my motto.

Spike: It's a good motto.



Twilight: Well I didn't think we had time for dillying or dallying. All I could think of was completing Princess Celestia's quest! So while you all sipped tea, I did a little bit of snooping around the bookshelves.

Pinkie Pie: You'd have done that even if we weren't running for our lives from terrible Storm Creatures, and on a dangerous, crucial mission!

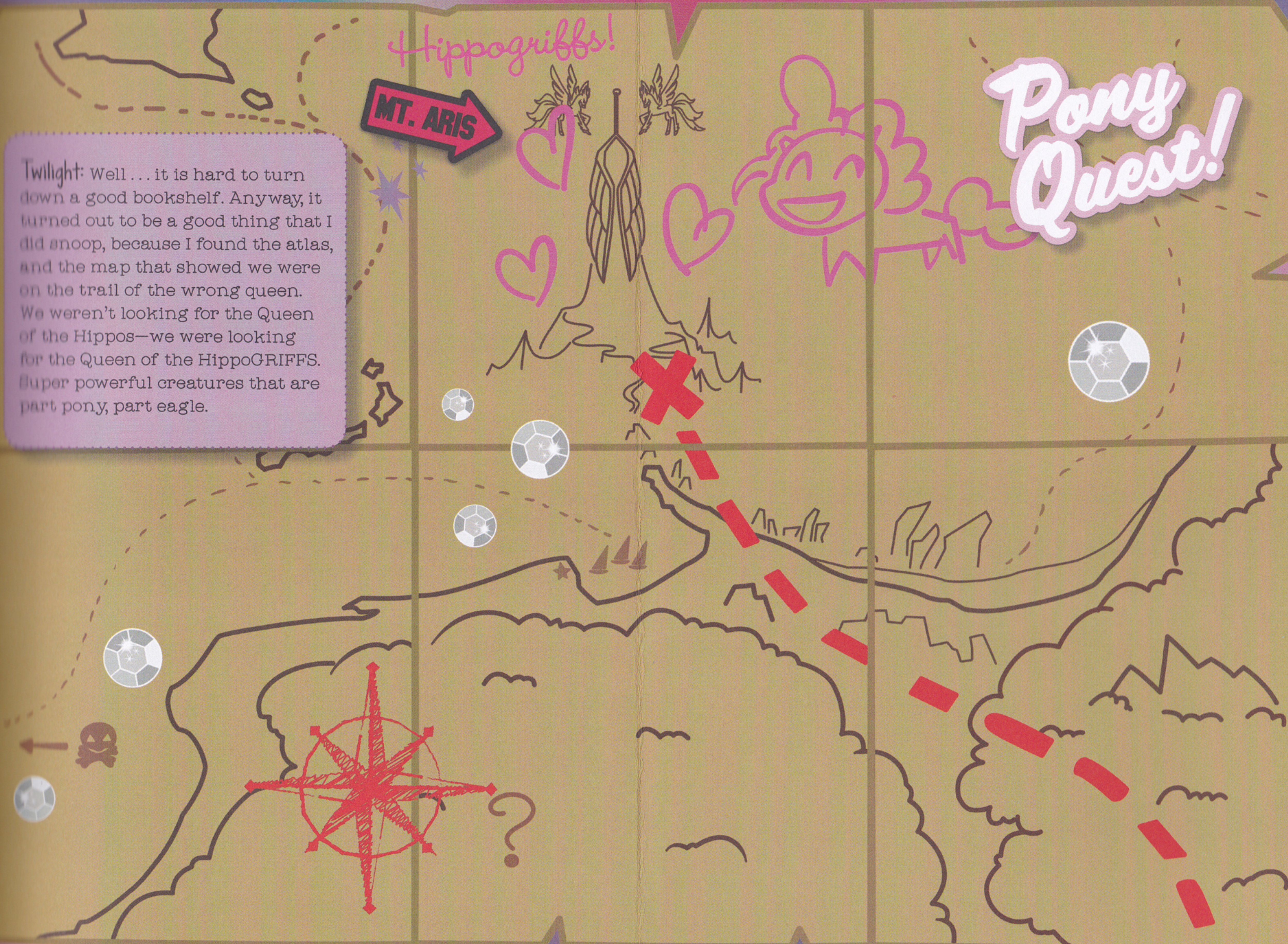


Twilight: Well... it is hard to turn down a good bookshelf. Anyway, it turned out to be a good thing that I did snoop, because I found the atlas, and the map that showed we were on the trail of the wrong queen. We weren't looking for the Queen of the Hippos—we were looking for the Queen of the HippoGRIFFS. Super powerful creatures that are part pony, part eagle.

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4 Hippogriffs!

Pony Quest!



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Tempest: I hadn't given up my pursuit of you, of course—in fact, I was only a step or two behind you the whole way, Twilight. It didn't take long to figure out that you had headed south, through the Badlands. I didn't know where you were going, of course, and I didn't realize that you weren't traveling alone. I certainly didn't think anyone would be foolhardy enough to join you in your flight. I hadn't counted on the strength of your friendship.

Tempest: Grubber, my Storm Creatures, and I tracked you through the desert to Klugetown. The residents were a little... hesitant to help at first, but I managed to convince them that it was in their best interest to offer the information they had. They told me about the fuss you kicked up when you arrived, and were kind enough to point me in your direction.

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Tempest: I thought it would be easy, and I'd never felt so triumphant. It felt like my entire future hinged on capturing you, Twilight. I know that's no excuse, but...

Twilight: It's okay, Tempest. You've left that part of your life behind you.

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Pinkie Pie: Will you guys stop trying to spoil the ending?

Tempest: Sorry!

Twilight: Sorry!



Capper: Nothing to see here, folks, just keep turning the page...

Rarity: Now now, Capper. This may not have been your finest moment, but it is a vital part of the journey, nonetheless. We have already forgiven you. Promise.

Pinkie Pie: **TOTALLY!**

I mean, you did try to sell us to your friend Verko, and then Tempest showed up, and then they started fighting over who got to capture us, and we had to climb out of a window, and onto a windmill, and then there was this whole heart-pounding chase-through-town-thing, but it's all water under the bridge, honest!

Capper: It wasn't my greatest achievement. I know...

Twilight: It was lucky that Tempest showed up, then, though, right? Capper and his friend distracted her long enough for us to get away. It worked out in the end.

Tempest: Lucky for you, certainly. Not so lucky for me. I was furious when I saw that I had nearly captured you, only for you to slip through my hooves once again.



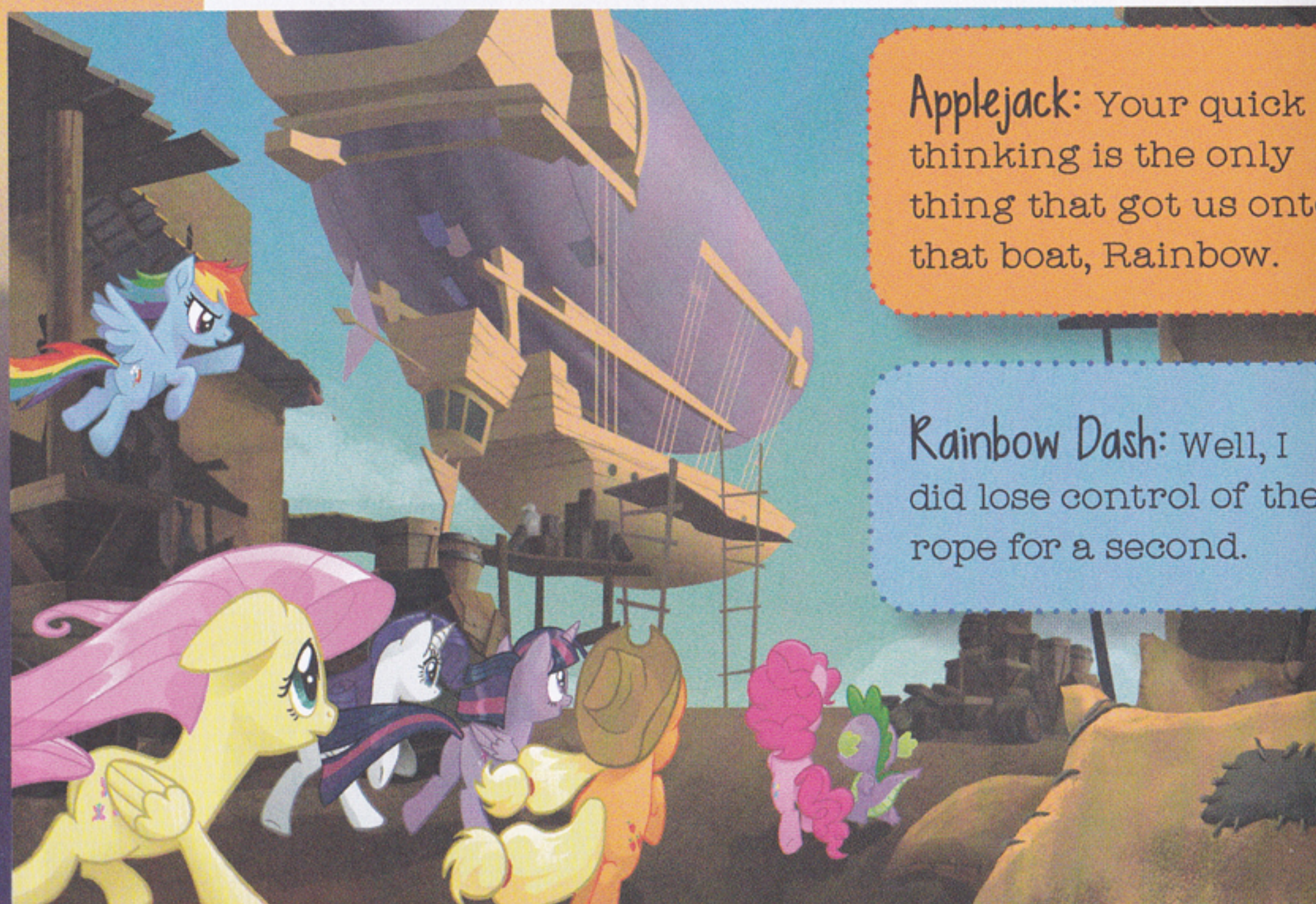
Twilight: Somehow we made it to the docks.

Pinkie Pie: I'm still thinking about that giant windmill wheel!

Twilight: It was horribly traumatizing so I try my best not to think about it.

Pinkie Pie: Ah, true. That's fair.

Rainbow Dash: We spotted a ship casting off. It looked like our best chance of getting away, so of course, I leapt into action!



Applejack: Your quick thinking is the only thing that got us onto that boat, Rainbow.

Rainbow Dash: Well, I did lose control of the rope for a second.

Pinkie Pie: **OH** that was when I fell and Twilight swooped down crazy-fast and scooped me out of the air at the very last second! That was **So** fun.



Twilight: Horribly traumatizing, Pinkie.

Pinkie Pie: Eh, potato potato.

Twilight: That saying doesn't really work when you write it down ... never mind.

Tempest: Your dramatic escape did not go unnoticed. I may have been livid that you'd gotten away ... again ... but at least now I had someone who could tell me where you were going.

Capper: That was the first time I felt really proud of myself in this whole mess. You ponies had been so nice to me when we met. When Verko showed up, I was already kicking myself for selling you out. So I fibbed and told ol' sparky that you were headed to Black Skull Island—opposite direction of Mount Aris.



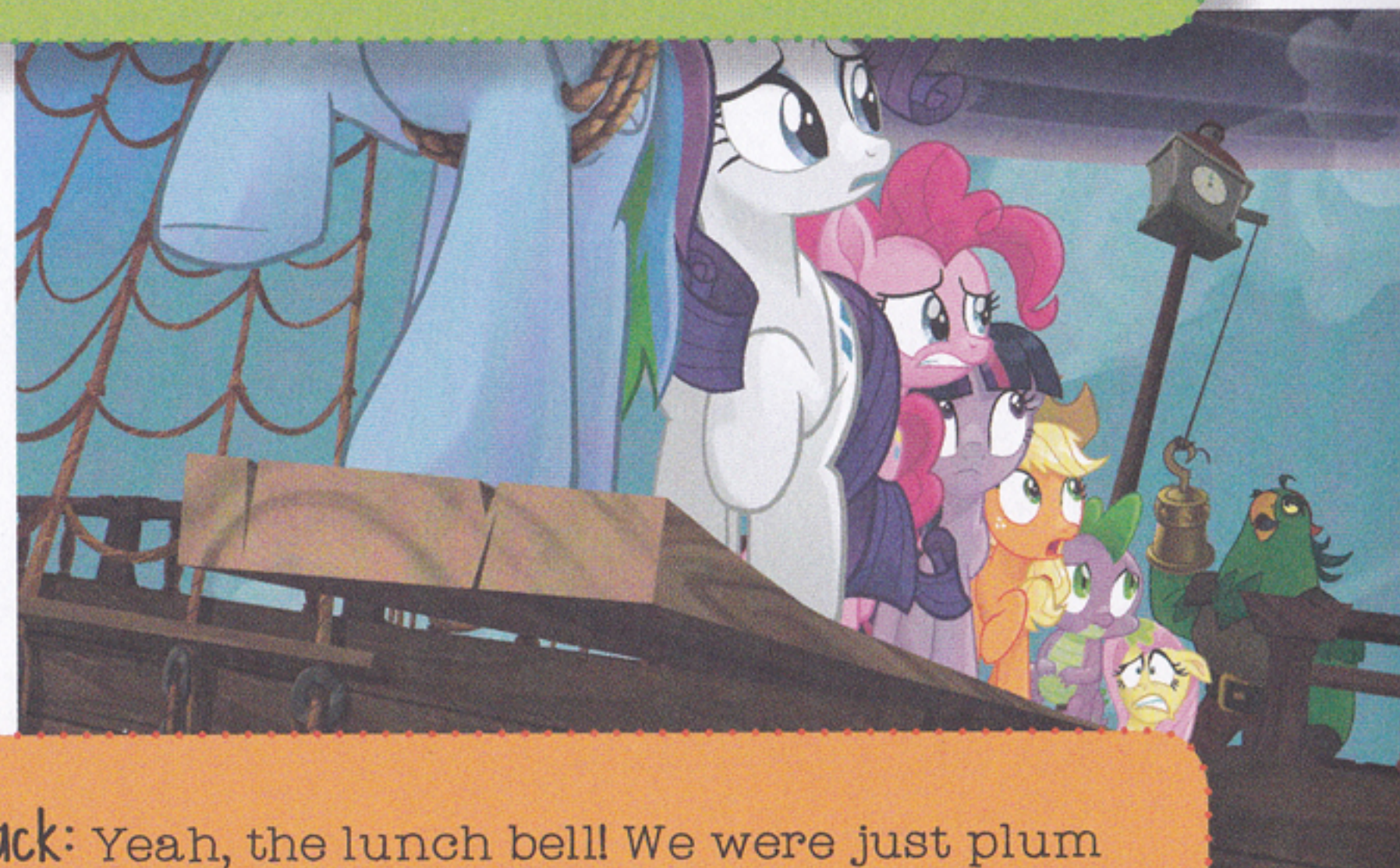
Tempest: I wasn't quite as trusting as you ponies. I knew there was a good chance that the cat was lying, so I **INSISTED** he accompany me until we caught up with you. I also made a call to my compatriots in Canterlot to make sure everything was on track for the Storm King's arrival. My time was running short—I couldn't afford any more failures.



Twilight: Of course we were discovered on the ship almost immediately. We didn't really have time to hide properly. It seemed like they were just about to toss us off the ship, but lucky for us, they were interrupted.



Spike: Talk about being saved by the bell.



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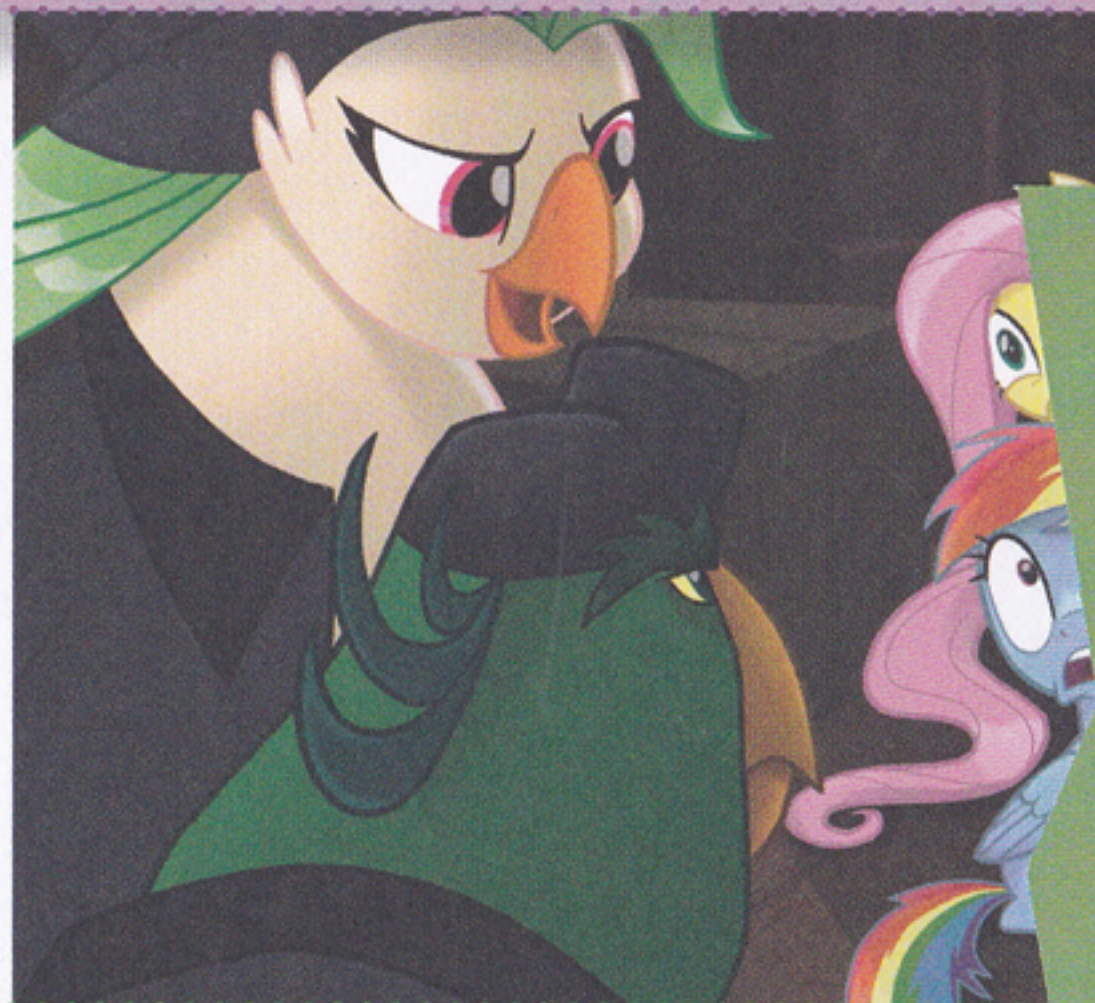
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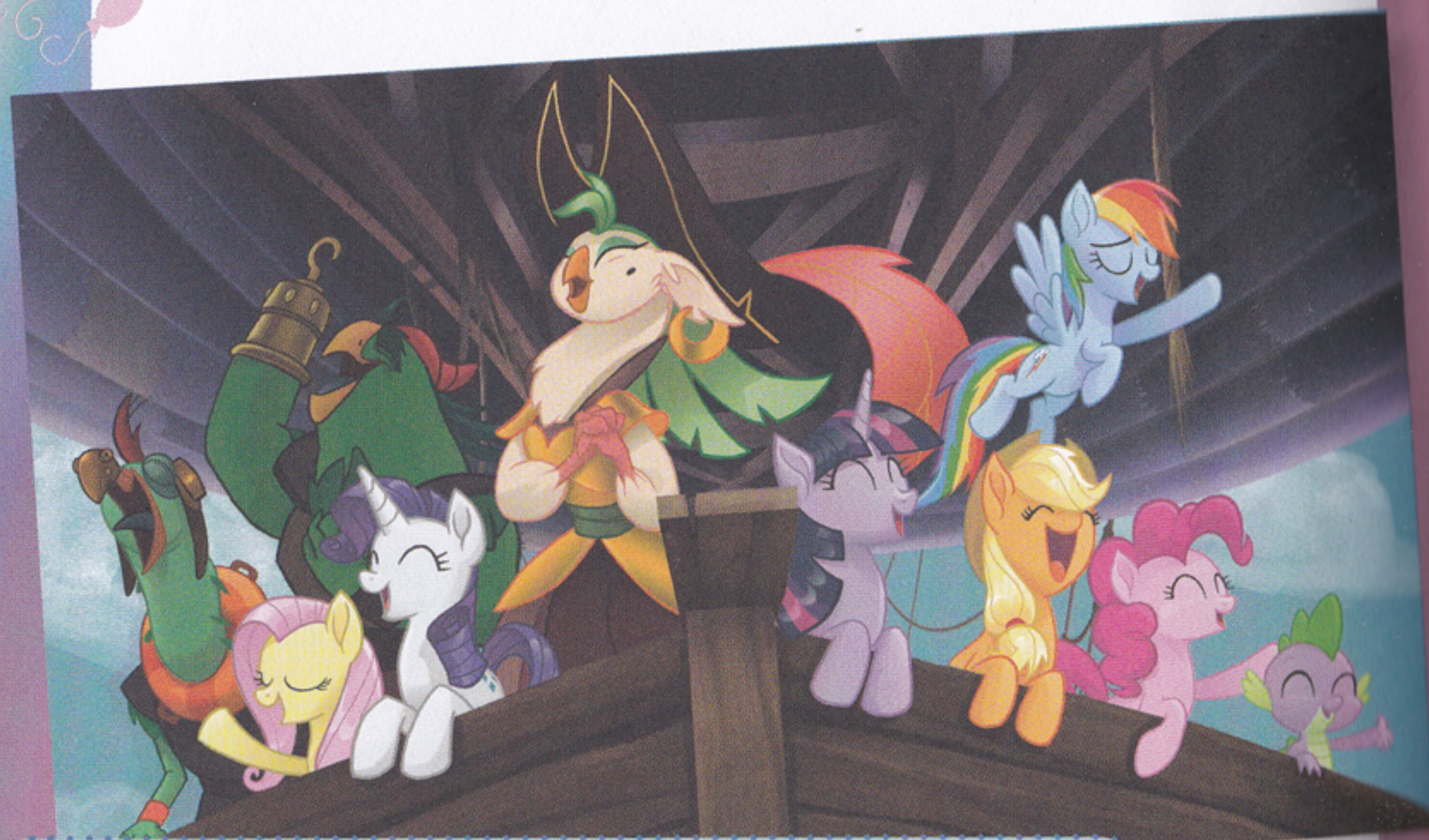
Rainbow Dash: They just needed to be reminded of how great being a pirate really is! The freedom of the skies, the wind in your feathers, the adventures on the high clouds! I knew just how to buck up those buccaneers.



Twilight: I'm still not sure the song was the greatest idea. Although it was catchy.



Pinkie Pie: A song is **ALWAYS** a good idea!



Rainbow Dash: Besides, it worked, didn't it? Once Captain Celaeno and the other pirates remembered their old piratical ways, they totally got their awesome back! They were ready to take on the world, let alone the Storm King!



Applejack: C'mon Rainbow. You did get carried away toward the end.



Rainbow Dash: Okay, I admit that the giant, attention-grabbing Sonic Rainboom was one of my less-awesome ideas.

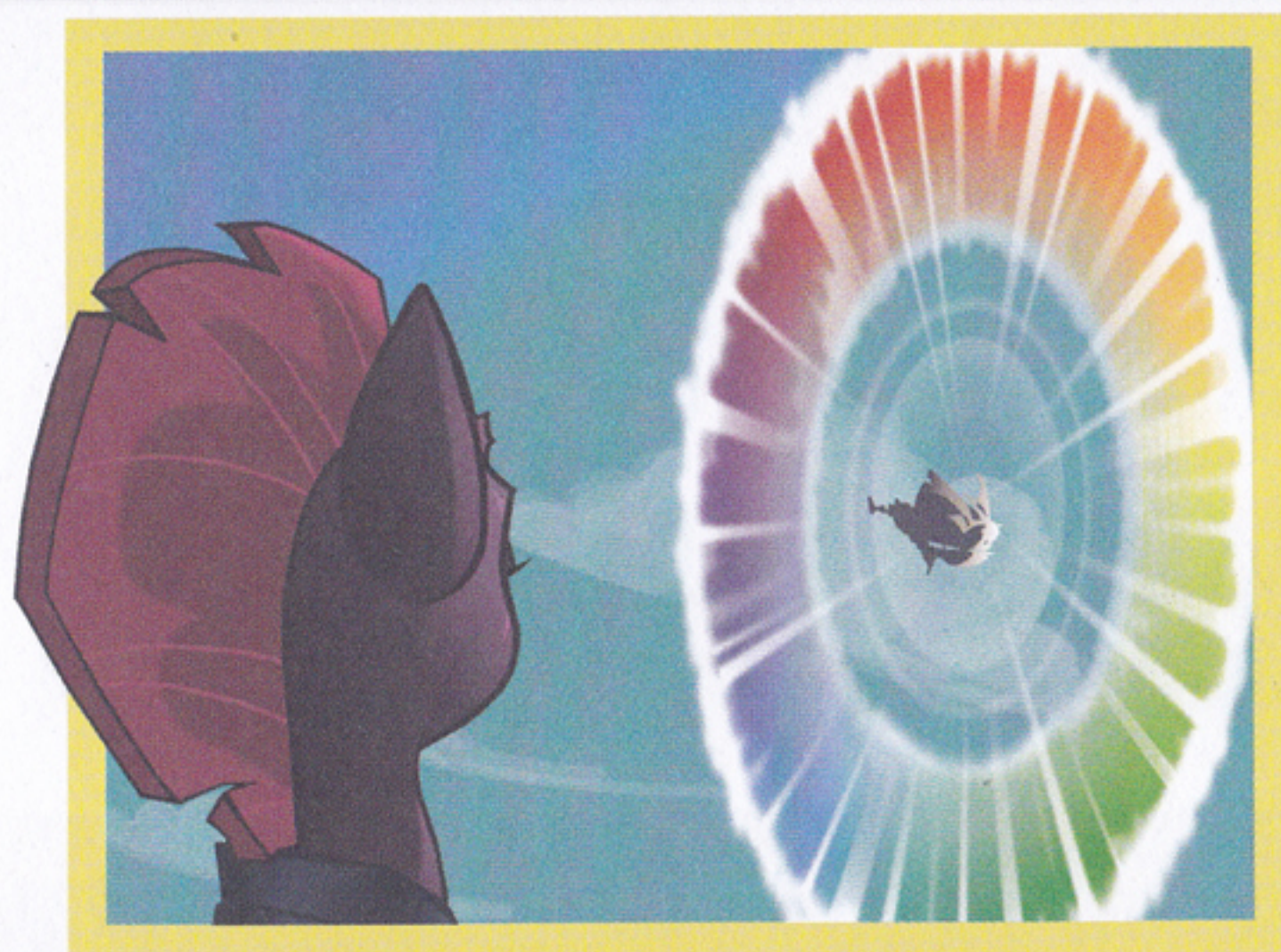


Tempest: It certainly was attention grabbing.



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Tempest: I spotted your Rainboom from miles away. Quite a relief, too. I hadn't seen any signs of you for hours, and I was starting to fear you'd gotten away for good.



Capper: Oh, and it did **NOT** escape her notice that you were headed in the opposite direction of what I'd told her. She wasn't thrilled with me.

Rainbow Dash: (Did I say that I was sorry about the Rainboom yet? I'm really, truly sorry about the Rainboom!)

Tempest: I steered straight toward the source of the disturbance. I thought that surely you would not escape me this time.



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Twilight: Luckily, I was on the lookout, and spotted Tempest's ship in the distance pretty quickly. I knew we didn't have long before it caught up to us, so I hustled us into the cargo hold to hide. I was panicking, though. We were stuck on the ship with no way off, and Tempest was headed straight to us! Then I spotted the lever to the open hold's lower doors and got kind of a crazy idea.



Tempest: I tried to question the crew, but it was **USELESS**. You ponies had won them over, too. I knew you were on the ship somewhere, but I didn't have the patience to search for you myself. I gave the pirates to the count of three to reveal your location.



Tempest: They were almost fish food when I heard sounds coming from below. Triumphantly, I opened the hatch to the hold, but I was too late. You ponies had already made your getaway. Yet again. I just had no idea how you'd done it.

Tempest: I had my Storm Guards search the ship from stem to stern. When they found a cupcake, I knew you'd definitely been there—and my suspicions were further confirmed when they found a map revealing your destination as Mount Aris. Not Black Skull Island.

Tempest: Of course, I couldn't let such betrayal stand. My pride wouldn't allow it. So I... **DESTROYED** the ship.





Pinkie Pie: Third time plummeting to almost-certain-doom in one adventure? How lucky are we, guys?

Rarity: I believe the rest of us were a little less excited, Pinkie. Thank goodness Twilight was so quick on her hooves, creating that hot air balloon out of the odds and ends that were falling with us.



Rainbow Dash: It was the best trick flying I've ever seen her do! **So cool!**

Twilight: The plan just popped into my head while we were hiding in the cargo hold. I knew I could do it, I just knew it. I just ... didn't have time to tell the rest of you before I did it.



Applejack: That's okay, Twilight. We trusted you. Although I was plenty relieved when we stopped plummeting to our doom.



Fluttershy: And saw that Mount Aris was so close! It was such a relief.



Twilight: I thought that the end of our quest was just moments away. We'd be able to find the Queen of the Hippogriffs, save Princess Celestia and the others, and stop whatever plans the Storm King had for Equestria.



Twilight: Except that when we reached the summit of the mountain, it was completely deserted.

MT. ARIS

Fluttershy: And in ruins.

Rainbow Dash: Yeah, total ghost town.

Spike: I don't think that even ghosts would have lived there. That place was **TRASHED!**

Twilight: It was clear no one had been there for some time. And whatever caused the Hippogriffs to leave had not been good. It was hard not to feel like we'd come all this way—fought through all this hardship—for nothing. I thought we'd **FAILED.**

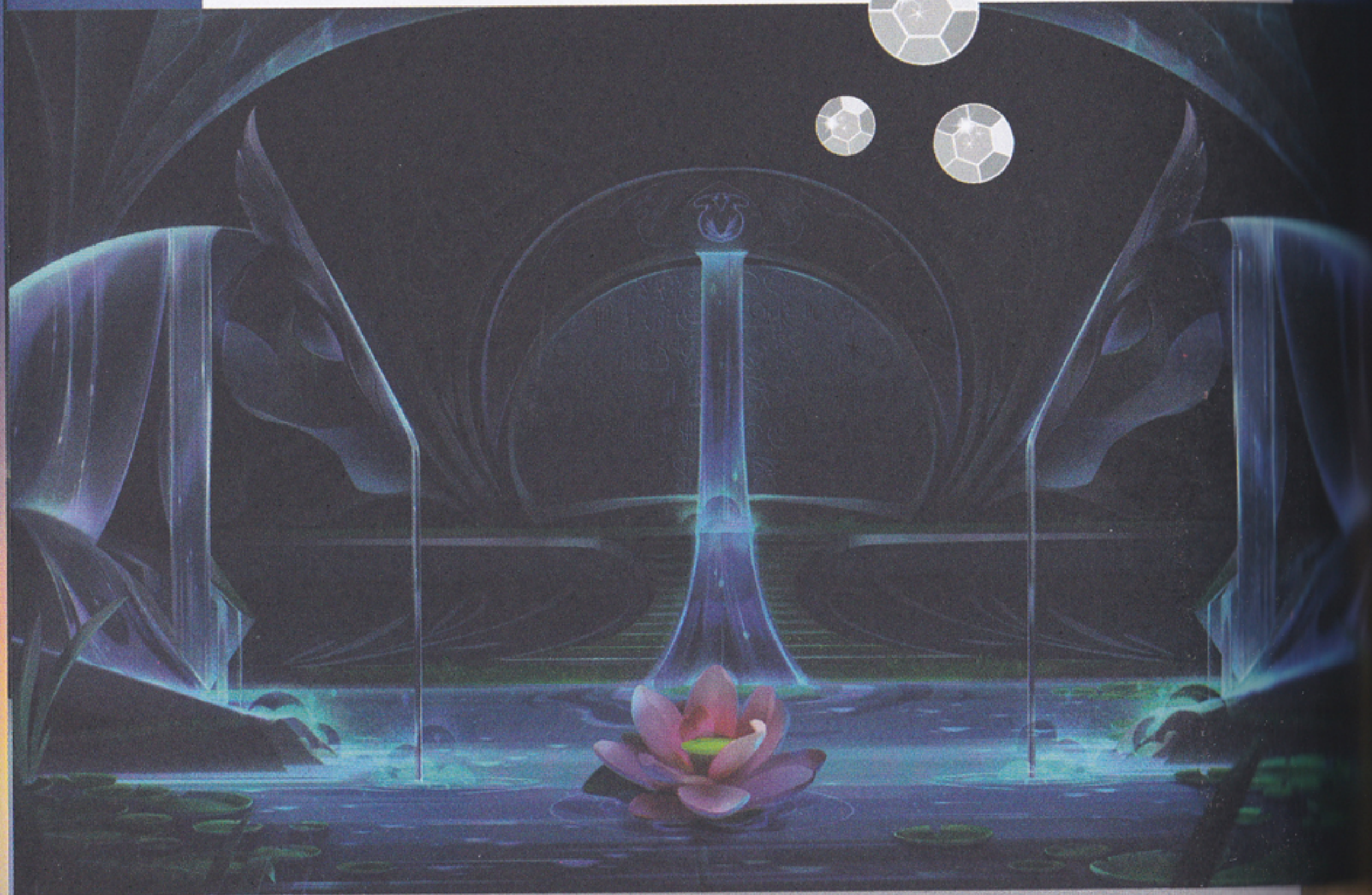
Pinkie Pie: **BUT THEN!** We heard someone singing!

Karity: It was a beautiful sound. If not a trifle... unnerving, given the circumstances.

Applejack: We all about jumped out of our skins when we heard it. But then we reckoned that if we could hear singing, there had to be a **SOMEpony** doing the singing who we could talk to and maybe get some help.

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Twilight: We followed the sound to an old building near the center of the city. It took some time to dig our way through the rubble, but the song led us on.



Rarity: The place we tunneled into was simply breathtaking. The sculptures, and the fountains, and the way the water reflected the light ...!

Spike: Casting giant, spooky shadows ...

Pinkie Pie: I guess we scared the singer when we came close, because she went splish-splash and dove under the water and out of sight. I couldn't just let her leave without talking to her, so I jumped in after her.

Twilight: And I was afraid you were going to get into trouble again, so I followed you.

Rainbow Dash: And the rest of us followed you, Twilight.

Pinkie Pie: Yep! And **THEN** the water turned into a massive, raging whirlpool and sucked us all down into the mysterious water below!



Twilight: You are having way too much fun with the perilous parts of our journey, Pinkie.



Pinkie Pie: Aw, c'mon! Then we woke up underwater in magical bubble helmets! That was cool, right?

Rainbow Dash: I'm with Pinkie... that part **WAS** cool.



Pinkie Pie: But not as cool as meeting Skystar, princess of the Seaponies! Or is it princess of the Hippogriffs? Either way, it was **AWESOME**. Oh no. I think I just did a spoiler, didn't I?

Fluttershy: This is a good spoiler, though! Skystar was the first-ever Seapony that we'd met! I never even knew there was such a thing!



Rainbow Dash: Me either.



Pinkie Pie: Me three-ther! But I'm really glad there is! Plus she turned out to be the daughter of the queen we had been searching for!

Skystar: Aww! It was super-great meeting you guys, too! You were the first surface-dwellers I'd seen in like, ages.



Skystar: I was a little scared of you guys at first. I'd always been told not to trust outsiders. But as soon as you told me that you had come to find the Hippogriffs, and needed our help defeating the Storm King, I knew I had to bring you to meet my mom.



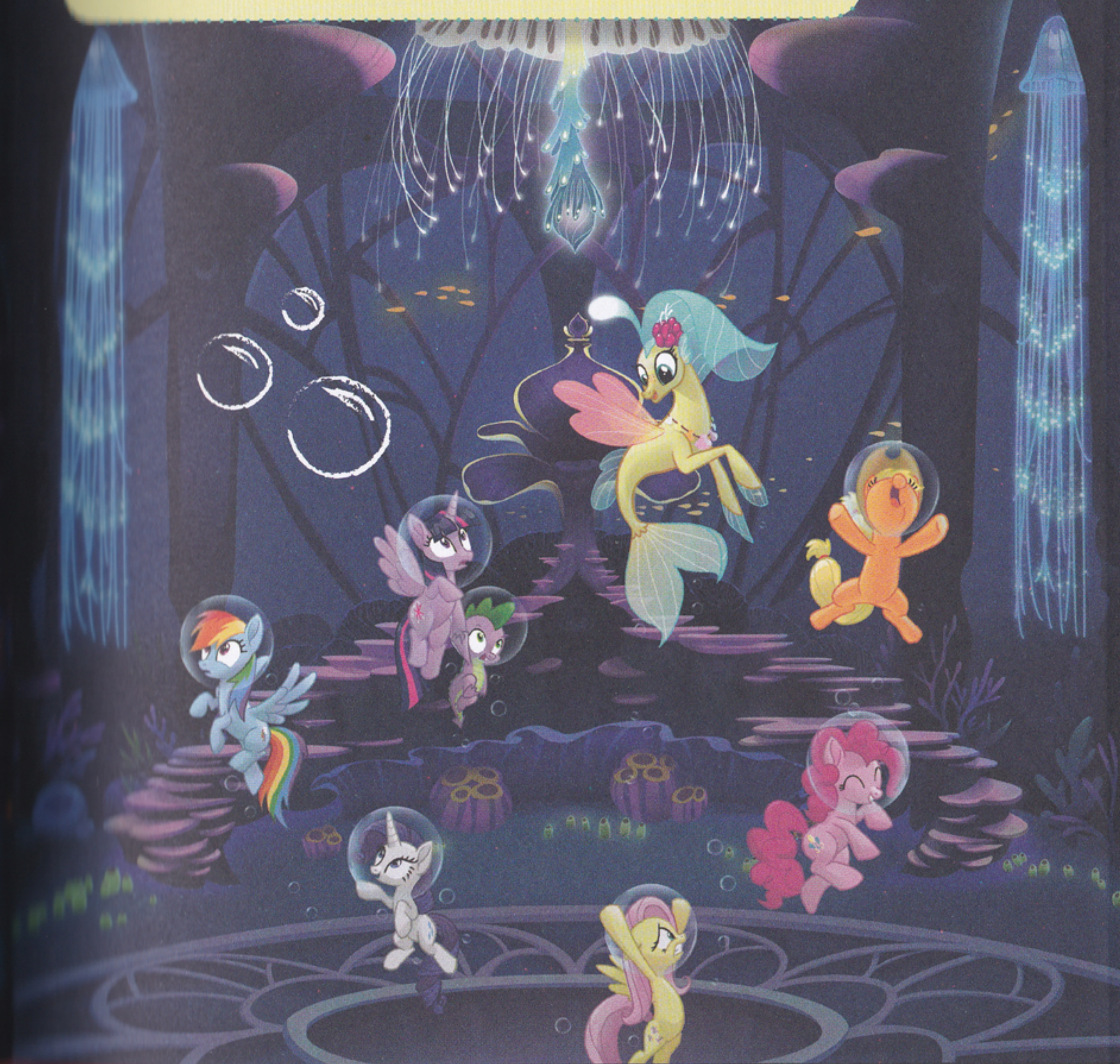


Twilight: Skystar escorted us to the underwater home of the Seaponies. To think something like this existed under Mount Aris—it was incredible! I couldn't believe I'd never heard of it before.

Skystar: Well, duh. What's the point of living in hiding if everyone knows where to find you? But you guys had obviously been through a lot, and I knew that the Storm King was really bad news. I also knew that my mom, Queen Novo, was just the person you needed to see!

Twilight: She wasn't exactly thrilled to see us, though. And I was confused—we'd come looking for Hippogriffs, but found what seemed to be the total opposite.

Skystar: Psshht, that's just because she hadn't seen surface-dwellers in forever, either! Plus she'd worked really hard to protect us. Oh, but I'm getting ahead of myself. I should probably explain what was really going on.



Skystar: You see, once upon a time, long ago ... like ... really long ago, like a long while ago, the Hippogriffs lived peacefully in their kingdom on top of Mount Aris.

One day, a monstrous horned creature appeared in their home, and tried to steal their magical pearl, the source of all their power!

Skystar: The majestic and beautiful leader of the Hippogriffs, Queen Novo (that's my mom!) knew that the creature would use its power to cause all sorts of destruction and havoc. To keep it out of his terrible clutches, she used the pearl to hide all the inhabitants of her kingdom deep under the ocean, where she knew he could never go.



Skystar: And that's us! Or that was us. So you'd found the Hippogriffs after all! Sort of.



Twilight: At first I didn't really understand—but then Queen Novo gave us a little demonstration.



Rarity: Oh my, I did look ravishing.



Applejack: No complaints here.



Spike: I had some complaints.

Fluttershy: Now, Spike, you were simply adorable.

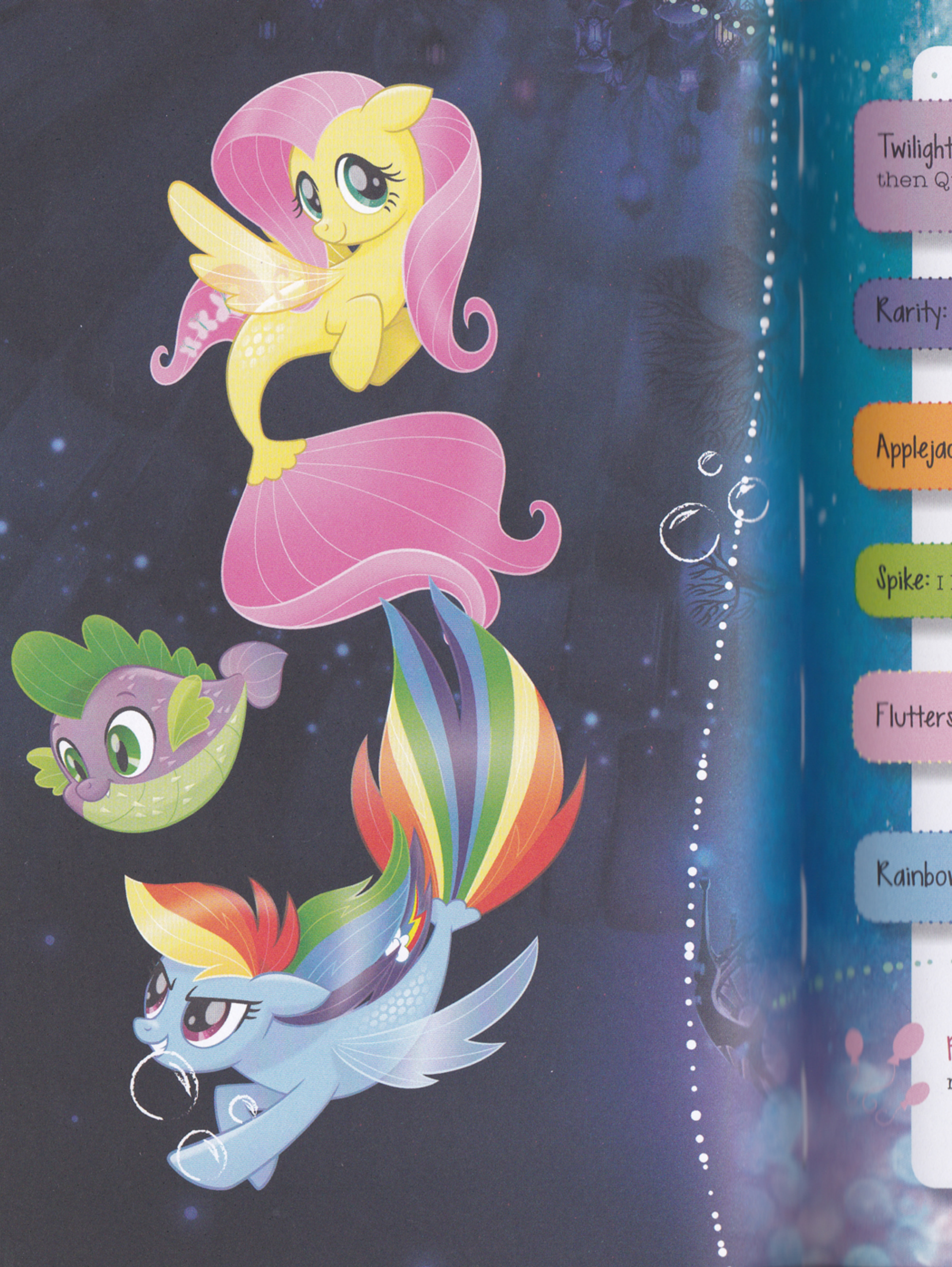


Rainbow Dash: I. Looked. AWESOME.



Pinkie Pie: We all did! That pearl was just the most magical, most incredible thing ever!





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Twilight: It was. And I was sure that the pearl was what Princess Celestia had sent long ago... like... really halfway across the world to get. With its magic, we'd be able to transform everypony at home into something strong enough to fight the Storm King. We could save Equestria! Except...

Skystar: Except Mom wouldn't let you have it. I tried to help talk her around, but she was convinced that it was too dangerous to expose ourselves again. She'd never let any of her subjects be hurt—not after what we'd given up to be safe.

Applejack: And since we couldn't convince the Queen, it looked like we were going home empty-hoofed.

Fluttershy: Back to face Tempest and the Storm King all by ourselves.

Skystar: You could have stayed safe underwater with us...

Twilight: No. We couldn't. Whatever happened, we had to go back and try to save our home.





Pinkie Pie: But Princess Skystar was so lonely. I thought about all the neat stuff she was missing out on up on the surface, and I just felt so sad. I didn't think we could leave her like that. No pony should only have seashells for friends!

Skystar: Well, Shelly and Sheldon are pretty good friends... kind of quiet, though.

Pinkie Pie: Even Twilight thought it was a good idea to show you a good time. I mean, that's what she said. So I put a little something together for you!

Skystar: A little something? I mean, you threw a huge party for basically the whole village in like, a few minutes! It was the most amazing fun I've ever had, ever ever! Look at all this stuff we made!

Pinkie Pie: Aw, it was nothing! Seeing anypony down in the dumps just makes me want to try really hard to cheer them up. Helping your friends smile when they're sad is part of what friendship is all about!

Skystar: I was so, so, SO happy. Even my mom was impressed. I think she was even about to change her mind about helping you guys.

Twilight: Yeah, but I messed it up. I let my friends distract you, and while you were all off playing, I... I tried to steal the magic pearl. I didn't feel like I had a choice. Princess Celestia... no, all of Equestria was counting on us!



Twilight: I was desperate. I'm the Princess of Friendship! I still feel so ashamed of myself for thinking it was okay, even for a moment!

Pinkie Pie: Twilight...

Skystar: My mom was pretty mad. Well, more like furious, actually. That's why she took the pearl and used it to banish you all from our village, like, instantly.





Twilight: I'm so, so sorry.

Applejack: I can't lie; we were all pretty disappointed in you, Twilight.

Fluttershy: We just didn't know what to think.

Pinkie Pie: It's not what friendship is at all.

Twilight: I know. I was just so afraid of letting everypony down, and I ended up letting you all down instead. And then we had that terrible fight, and I said those awful things...

Pinkie Pie: It's okay, Twilight. I said some mean things, too.

Twilight: I was sorry the second I said that I'd be better off without you. I knew it wasn't true.

Pinkie Pie: It hurt a lot... but you know that I never stopped being your friend, right? Not for a second.



Rainbow Dash: Whatever you said, we should never have all walked away from you. We knew you were in danger.



Pinkie Pie: Friends don't leave friends behind, even when they make a mistake.

Twilight: It's okay, none of us were thinking straight.



Tempest: It was a stroke of luck for me. The last princess I needed, all alone on a beach. Easy prey, to my way of thinking.

It was the work of a moment to drop a cage onto her from above and hoist her into my airship. You have no idea how relieved I was. It had taken so long to track you all down, and I had expected another daring escape attempt. Getting her on the ship so easily was unexpected.

And it meant that I had just enough time to return to Canterlot and prepare for the Storm King's imminent arrival. I wasn't thinking about if what I was doing was right or wrong. All I could think of was finally claiming my reward. My horn.

Spike: Yeah, well, you made the mistake of leaving me behind.



Spike: I ran back to the beach as fast as I could to tell the others that Twilight had been taken!

Fluttershy: But we had no way of catching up, or saving her...

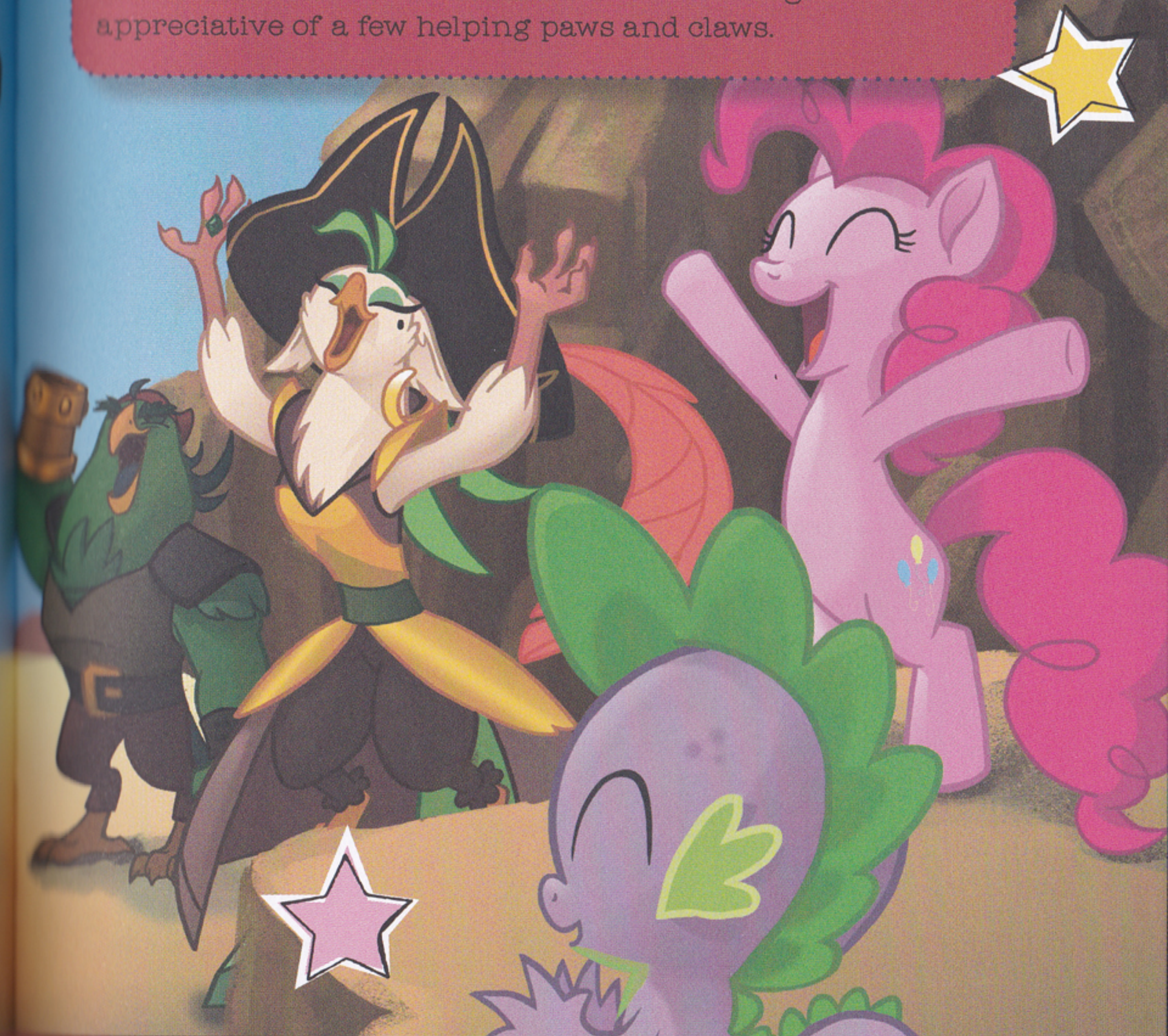
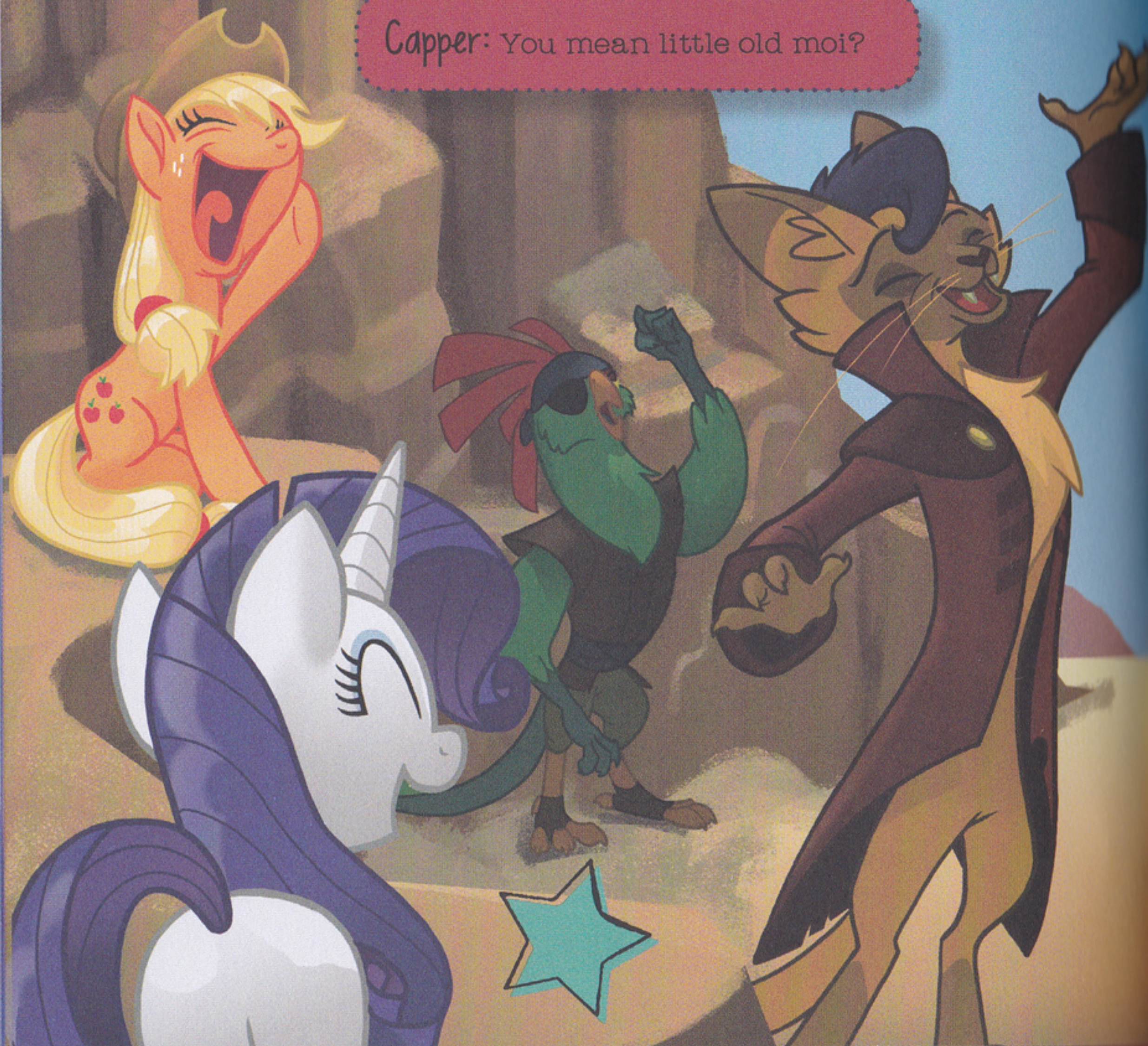
Applejack: Until we got help from some... unexpected corners.

Capper: You mean little old moi?

Karity: We weren't exactly thrilled to see you after how you'd betrayed us in Klugetown.

Capper: And I apologize, again. But hey, I was back and ready to help, for real this time! All you little ponies needed was a pep talk, and some friendly pirate assistance, both of which the lovely Captain Celaeno and I were happy to provide.

After Tempest trashed their ship and marooned us, floating in the ocean gave us some time to see that we had some friends in common. Friends who might be appreciative of a few helping paws and claws.



Skystar: And maybe a little help from a Hippogriff? Busting out to help you was toootally worth my mom grounding me.

Pinkie Pie: I was so excited to see you again, Skystar! I'm so glad you were willing to give us another chance after what happened with the pearl.

Skystar: Well, duh, of course! Like you told me, one small thing can make a **BIG** difference.

Applejack: All the friends we'd made along our journey appeared right when we needed them. Just in time to help us rescue Twilight!

Spike: Yeah, it was a little cheesy.

Rarity: It was a miracle!

Pinkie Pie: Nah, just the magic of friendship. Thanks, the magic of friendship!

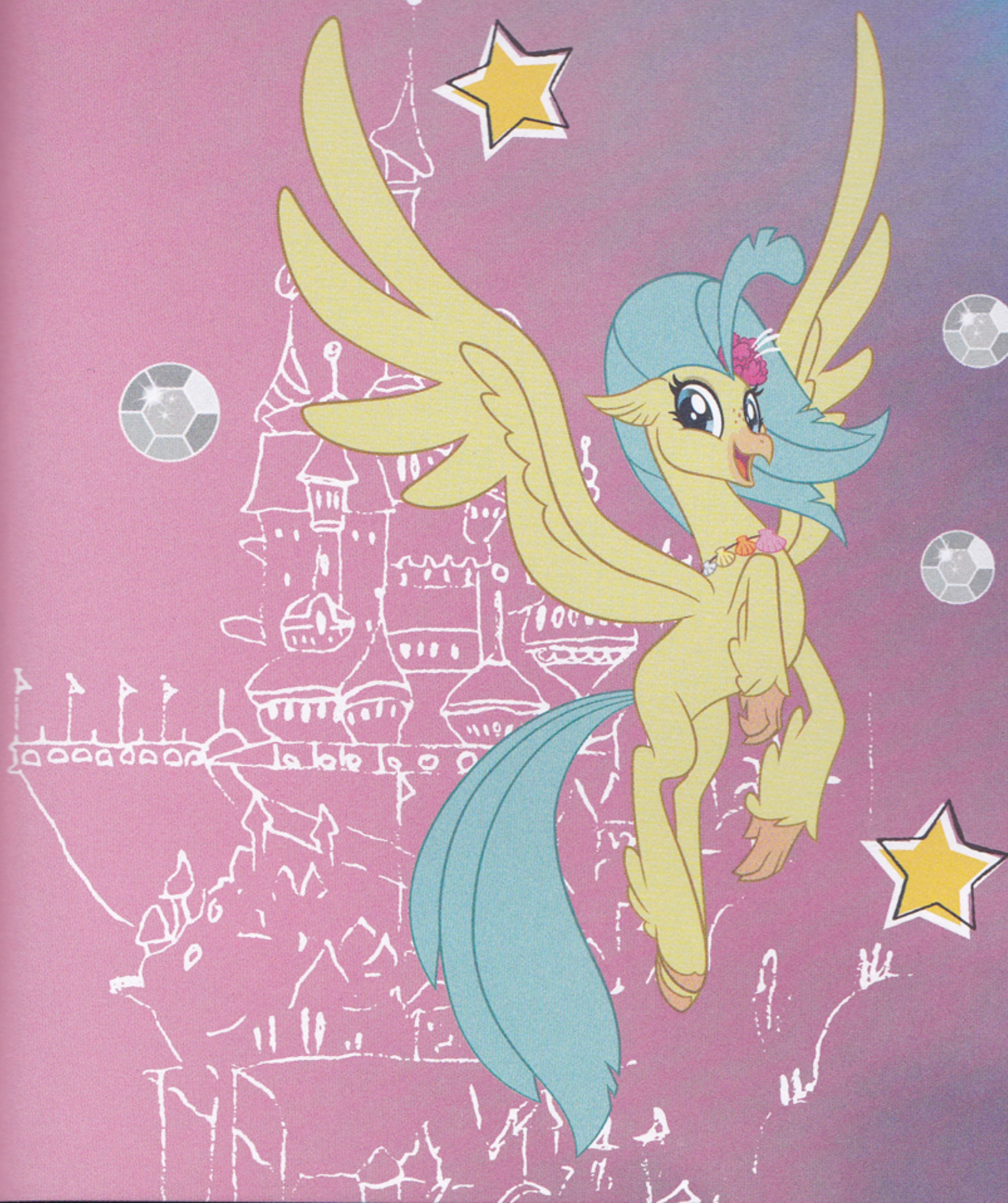
Fluttershy: Yay!

Rainbow Dash: Look, whatever it was, we had the help we needed to get our friend back. We just needed a plan...



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Tempest: I didn't think you had a chance. As far as I was concerned, my victory was assured. All I had to do was get the princess back to Canterlot before the Storm King arrived.

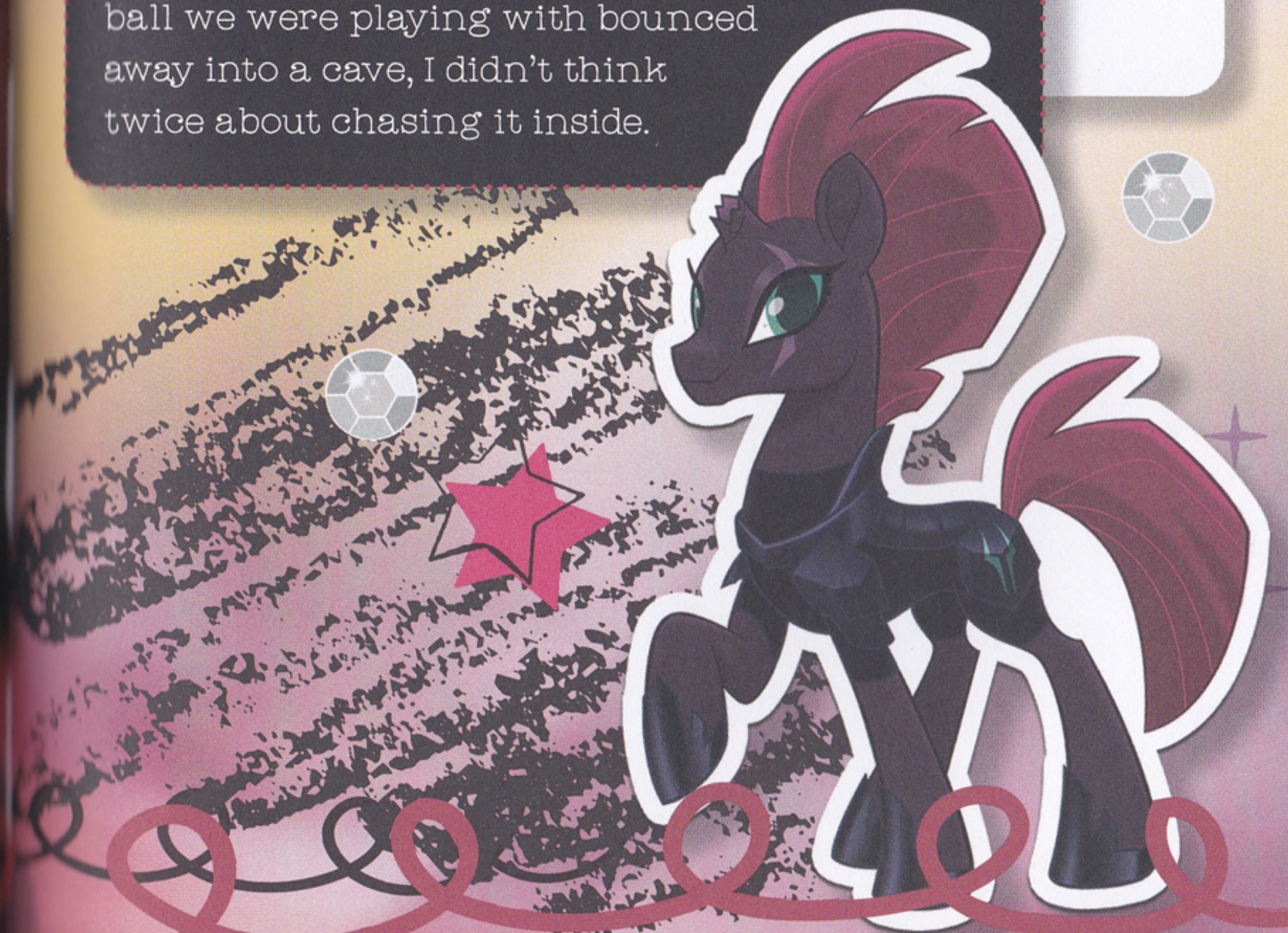
Twilight: I tried to get you to change your mind. I didn't understand why you were doing what you were doing. If you were a pony like me, why would you help the Storm King hurt us?




Tempest: Except I didn't see myself as a pony like you. Not anymore. Not since I'd lost my horn.

Tempest: You see, when I was just a filly, my Unicorn friends and I were playing in the woods near our home. As we galloped around, laughing, none of us noticed we were slowly going deeper and deeper into the woods.

Tempest: I was always the bravest and most foolhardy of my friends. So when the ball we were playing with bounced away into a cave, I didn't think twice about chasing it inside.




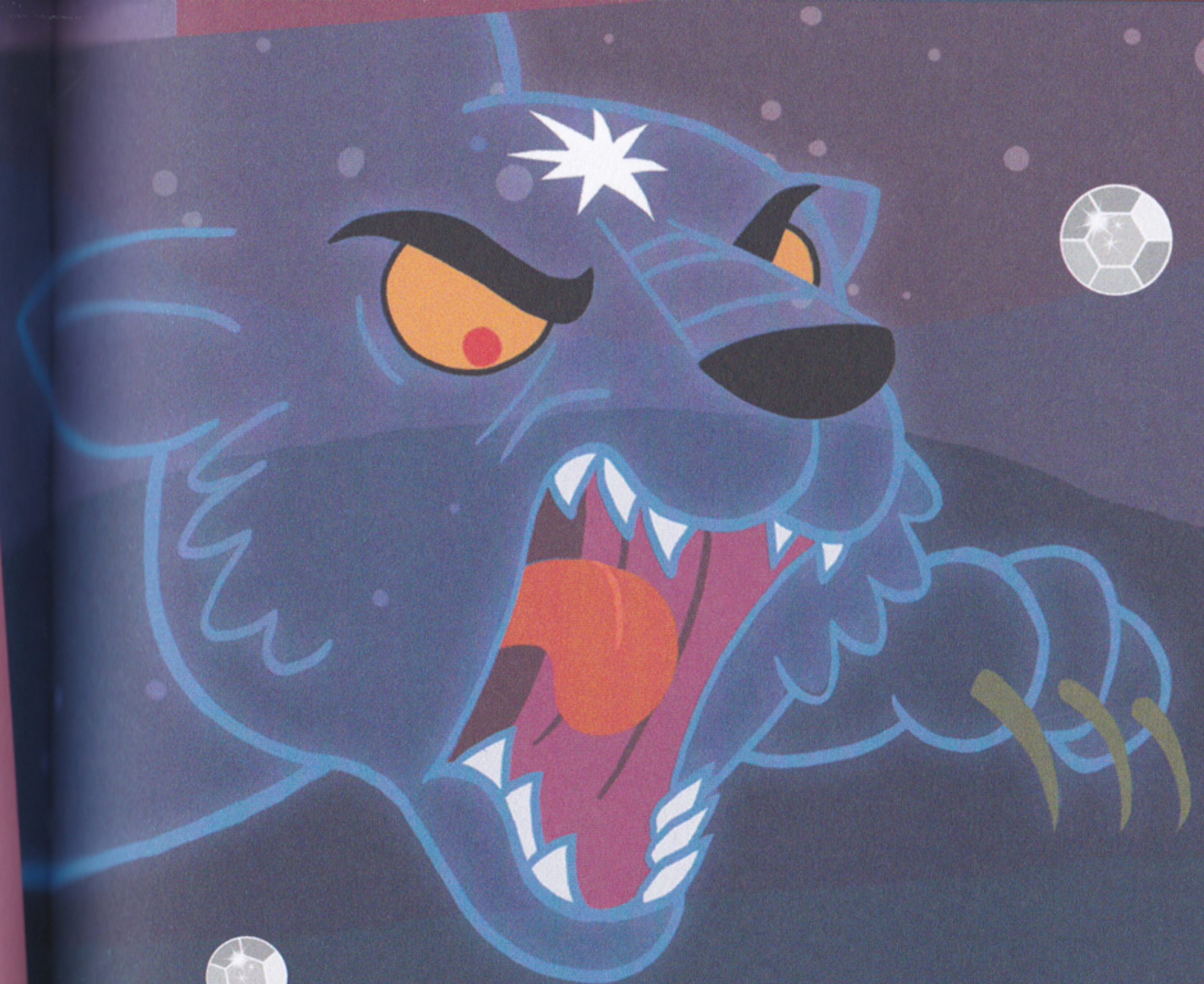




Tempest: What I didn't know was that the cave was the lair of a dangerous magical creature, an Ursa Minor. It awoke to see me in its home, and struck me with terrible force, breaking my horn, and changing my life forever.




Tempest: Even when I had recovered physically, my shattered horn no longer worked as the other Unicorns' did. My magic was no longer entirely under my control. The friends I'd thought would always be there for me were frightened of me. They abandoned me.

Tempest: I couldn't take it any longer. I left Equestria behind. I left everything behind. I vowed to never rely on anypony ever again. Friends would leave you. Allies would betray you. The world was harsh and cruel, and I became harsh and cruel to match it.

Twilight: I'm so sorry all that happened to you ...



Tempest: As am I. It made me blind to the real dangers of the world. When the Storm King offered to restore my horn and grant me even more power, I foolishly leapt at the chance. I should have known better.



Twilight: When we got to Canterlot, I couldn't believe how much it had changed in just three days. It was like all the joy and magic had been sucked out of everything. All of the ponies who had come to celebrate my festival were in cages, or forced to serve the Storm Guards. As I was pulled into the throne room and saw the three princesses still encased in stone, I'd never felt like more of a failure. I'd let everypony down.



Tempest: My mood was the opposite—I felt jubilant. The Storm King would arrive soon, and I was going to get everything I wanted. Everything I deserved. I would have my horn restored, and be granted even greater power than I had before. I thought my dreams were about to come true.



Twilight: Then the Storm King arrived. I have to say, I was a little ... unimpressed, Tempest. I thought a pony as proud as you would have served somepony who treated you with more respect.

Tempest: I know. He had always treated me terribly. It just took me a long time to see it. I thought that if I served him loyally and gave him what he wanted, he would eventually see how valuable I was. It was foolish of me.

Twilight: With what you've been through ... we never could blame you.

Twilight: And then he used the Staff of Sacanas to take my magic, and the magic of the other three princesses. I tried to fight back, but I was no match for the staff. Without my powers, I could only watch as the Storm King absorbed all of the magic in Equestria. And immediately started using it to do whatever he pleased.

Tempest: I tried to ask about my reward, but I couldn't get a word in without him interrupting me. He ignored me in favor of making the sun and moon chase each other across the sky. I couldn't believe how flippant he was being, after all I'd done. All I'd sacrificed ...



Rainbow Dash: So that's what was going on! We were just outside the castle gates, sneaking in.



Applejack: Capper and Pinkie Pie had come up with a plan to disguise us as a cake delivery. I didn't think it had even a chance of working, but hoo, was I happy to be proven wrong!



Capper: Never underestimate the power of baked-good-based espionage.



Pinkie Pie:
Yeah,
everyone
loves cake!

Rarity: It worked as a treat for getting us past the first few doors, but that awful little Grubber creature discovered our ruse before we could reach the throne room.

Grubber: Hey, I'm not all that bad!

Spike: SO... we busted out to kick some Storm Guard tail!

Skystar: Sneaking into a castle disguised as cake, partnering up with pirates, fighting monsters... the surface world was even better than I imagined! I couldn't believe how much I'd been missing out on!

Rainbow Dash: Jeez, that's like, a Tuesday for us.

Capper: Have I mentioned that you ponies are crazy?



Tempest: We could hear the commotion happening outside. The Storm King heard it, too—and I could tell that he wasn't about to let his plans be interrupted. He used the staff to create a giant tornado, spiraling up to the clouds and turning the sky black as night. I was fed up with his delay, and demanded that he honor our agreement. But he laughed at me!



Tempest: He'd never had any intention of restoring my horn. He was only using me. Then he tried to use his magic—the magic I'd helped to give him—to destroy me! I struck back with my own magic, but the blast sent me flying, nearly knocking me into the storm myself. I only saved myself by grasping the railing of a balcony and holding on for dear life.



Tempest: I was humiliated. Once again I'd naively trusted someone, only to be betrayed. I was ready to give up—especially when I felt my hooves slipping from the railing.


Tempest: But you, Twilight, you saved my life. You pulled me back from the storm.

Twilight: Because that's what friends do. Even though you'd made bad choices, I knew there was still good in you . . . I could feel it when you spoke about your past. I knew you weren't evil. You'd been hurt, badly, and you needed someone to trust in. So I decided to trust you first.

Tempest: I couldn't believe that you would trust me after all I'd done to hurt you. . . . I also couldn't believe that your friends shot themselves into the castle with a cannon.

Twilight: Well, friendship will make you do some crazy things.

Tempest: You aren't kidding.

 **Pinkie Pie:** It's a good thing we cannonballed in when we did. The Storm King was just about to blast you two with that weird magic staff!



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Applejack: We knocked the
wind clean outta him.

Rarity: And that awful staff
out of his claws.

Fluttershy: Serves him right
for being such a mean,
awful, terrible, mean ...

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Twilight: I was so, so grateful and happy to see you guys. I didn't think you'd ever forgive me after what I'd said and did.



Pinkie Pie: Never doubt the magic of friendship, Twilight!

Tempest: But once the Storm King lost his grip on the staff, he lost control of the storm as well. The winds started to rip the castle apart, and threatened to take us with it!



Applejack: **PLUS** the Storm King was coming to—and trying to get the staff back.



Twilight: I saw it lodged in a window above us, and immediately knew how we could reach it by working together. We formed a living pony chain, hanging onto each other through the terrible winds, until I could stretch out and reach the staff. I just grabbed it before the Storm King could get his claws on it again.

Pinkie Pie: And then my grip slipped, and you fell into the storm, and I... I was so scared, Twilight. I thought I'd lost you for real this time.

Twilight: Oh, Pinkie...

Pinkie Pie: I didn't even notice the storm had stopped until I saw you come flying down, safe and sound! I'm still so glad you're safe!

Tempest: If I hadn't seen it with my own eyes, I never would have believed it. Friendship really did defeat the Storm King.

Twilight: I was so relieved that I almost fainted.

Pinkie Pie: Uh, yeah, why do you think I pulled everyone in for a group hug?

Tempest: Your group hug was a little premature, though. The Storm King was down, but not out. I saw him pull himself back into the castle throne room, and throw an obsidian orb—the same type I'd used to turn the princesses to stone—straight toward you.



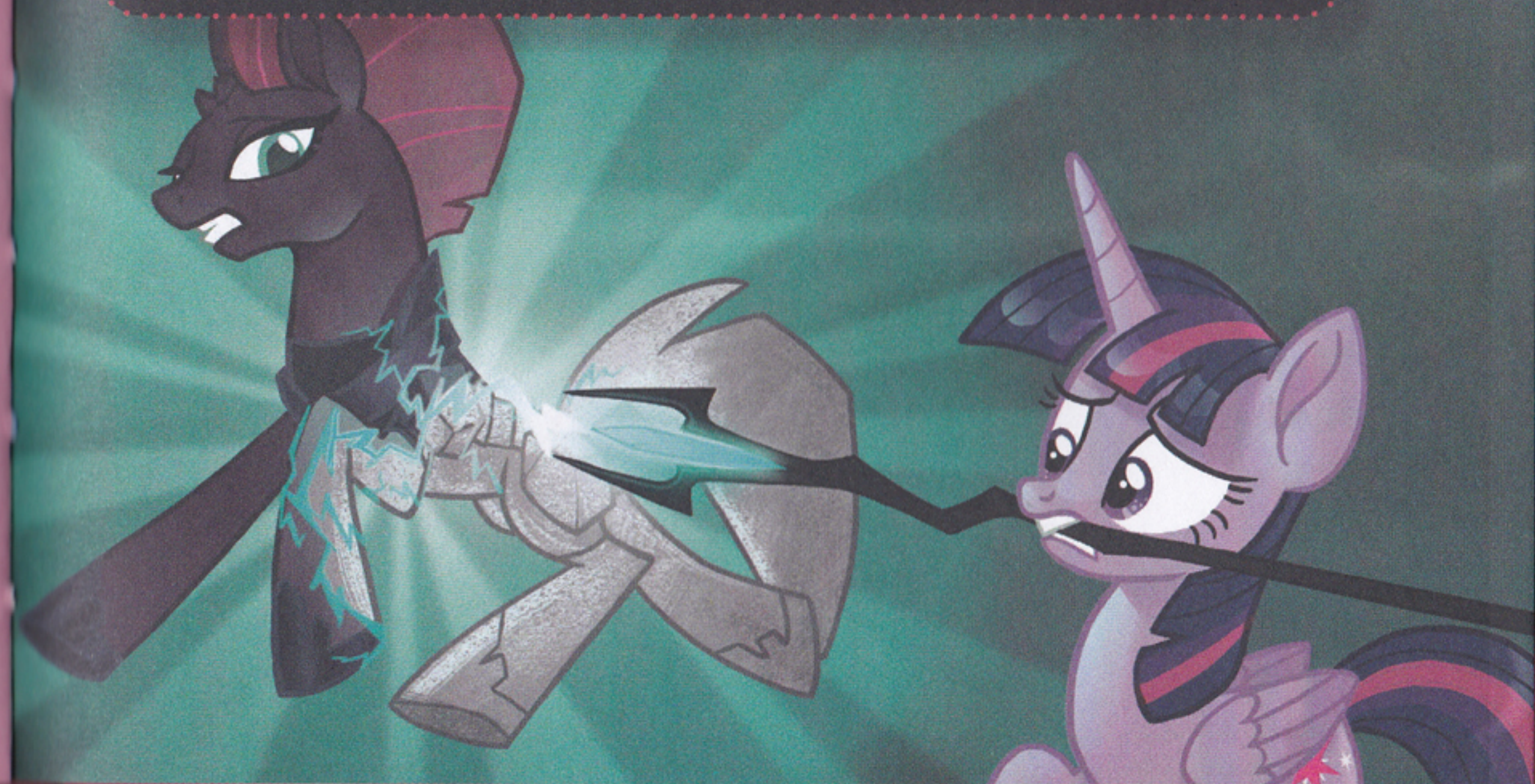
Twilight: But you saved us. You blocked it by jumping in its path.

Tempest: I can't explain it. It was like my body moved on its own. I suppose it's like you said... friendship makes you do crazy things.

Twilight: I knew you had it in you, Tempest.

Pinkie Pie: It's almost too bad the Storm King turned to stone and shattered. He would have made a really scary garden statue.

Tempest: I'm just grateful that you saw fit to change me back. I would rather not live the rest of my days as castle decoration.



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Twilight: Neither would the princesses! Lucky for us, the spell that sucked all the magic into the staff was easy to reverse. All we had to do was place the staff in the center of the throne room, and the magic flowed back into Equestria, restoring it to its former glory.

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Tempest: It was gratifying to be able to help undo some of the terrible things I'd done.

Twilight: I felt my own magic return, and as we all watched, the other princesses were changed back to their former selves! I was so happy. Equestria was safe, and it never would have been saved without you guys. ALL of you guys.

Applejack: Shucks, Twilight, like we ever would have done any different!

Rarity: You know you can count on us, darling.

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Fluttershy: We're always behind you, Twilight.

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Rainbow Dash: No matter what, we've got your back.

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Pinkie Pie: And you know, there's only one thing to do after you've successfully saved the world...





Pinkie Pie: PARTY!!

Tempest: Okay. I had my doubts before, but pony parties are ... pretty great.

Skystar: They super, **SUPER ARE THE BEST.** Oh. My gosh. **SO MANY CUPCAKES.**



Pinkie Pie: You're a Hippogriff after my own heart, Skystar!

Fluttershy: I was just happy to be home again. Adventures can be fun, but not when your friends' lives are in danger.

Applejack: You said it, Fluttershy. Although I can't say I'm not grateful for all the new friends we made along the way.

Rainbow Dash: Aw, c'mon. Sailing with pirates, finding an ancient lost city of Hippogriffs, saving all of Equestria from evil magic ... admit it, it was a little bit fun. And Captain Celaeno and her crew are awesome.

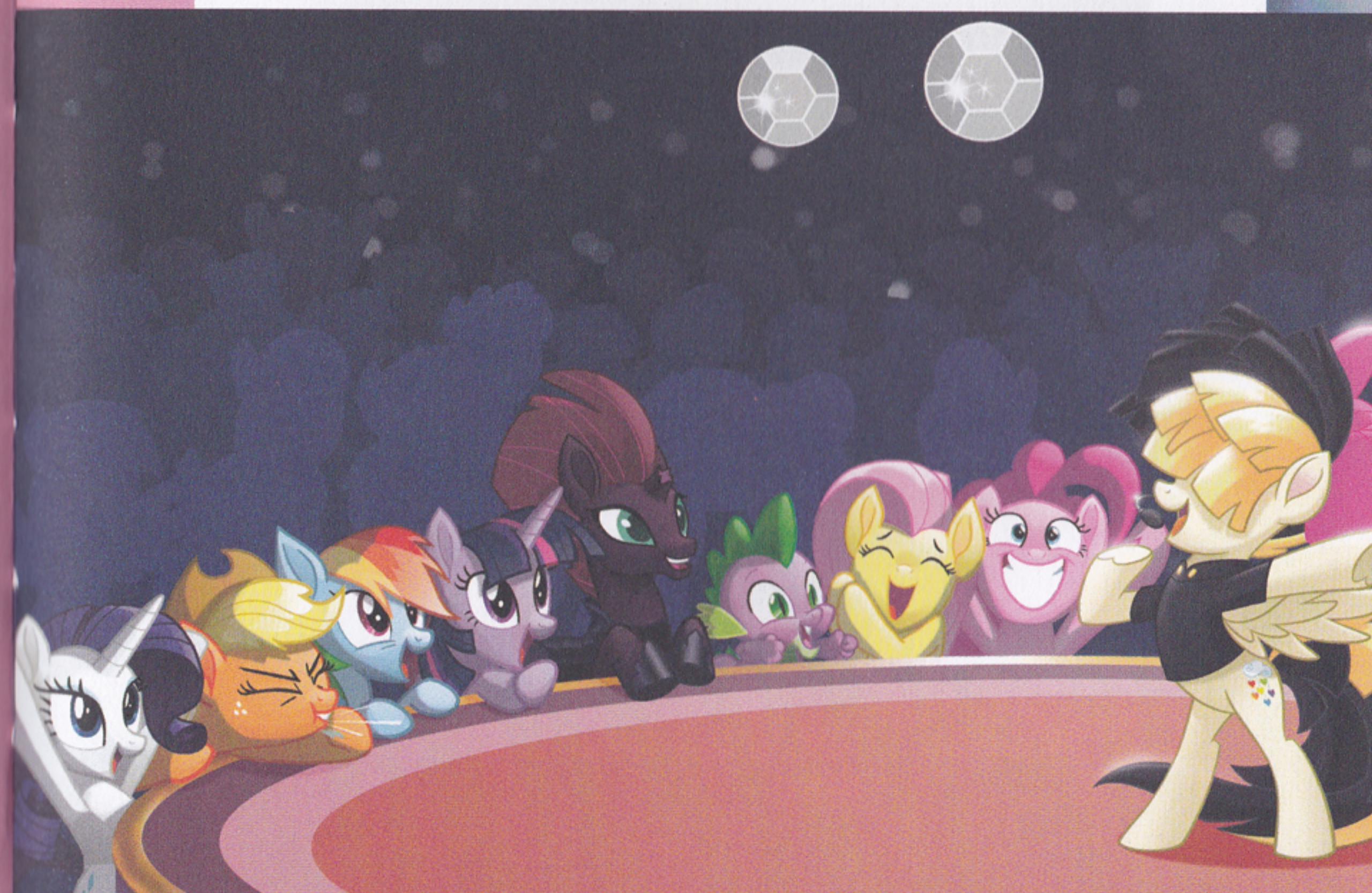


Karity: Speak for yourself, dear. My cuticles may never recover. Although I am glad to have met the pirate crew, and I'm very happy you're our friend, too, Capper.

Capper: Happy to be included in the friendship count!

Pinkie Pie: And Princess Skystar, of course.

Skystar: I don't care if Mom grounds me for a million years. **BEST. DAY. EVER!!!**



Twilight: I'm including you as a new friend, too, Tempest.

Tempest: And I'm eternally grateful to you for seeing fit to forgive me.

Twilight: I'm only sorry we couldn't grant your heart's desire. But you know, just because something is different doesn't mean it's wrong. Your horn really is wonderful just the way it is.

Tempest: Thanks, Twilight. I never thought I would say this, but... I trust you on that. Besides, I have a new heart's desire now. To settle down somewhere peaceful and learn how to be a good friend again.

Twilight: You'll always have a home here in Equestria, Tempest.



Pinkie Pie: Ooh, and when we start planning the next Friendship Festival, you are TOTALLY in charge of fireworks.

Tempest: Thanks, guys. (And you know, my friends call me Fizzlepop Berrytwist.)

Pinkie Pie: STILL the best name ever!!



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