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CADANCE
IS SO POPULAR...
SHE'LL NEVER NOTICE
SOME PONY LIKE
ME!

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for
Queen
of the
GALA
VOTE TODAY!

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LEADER
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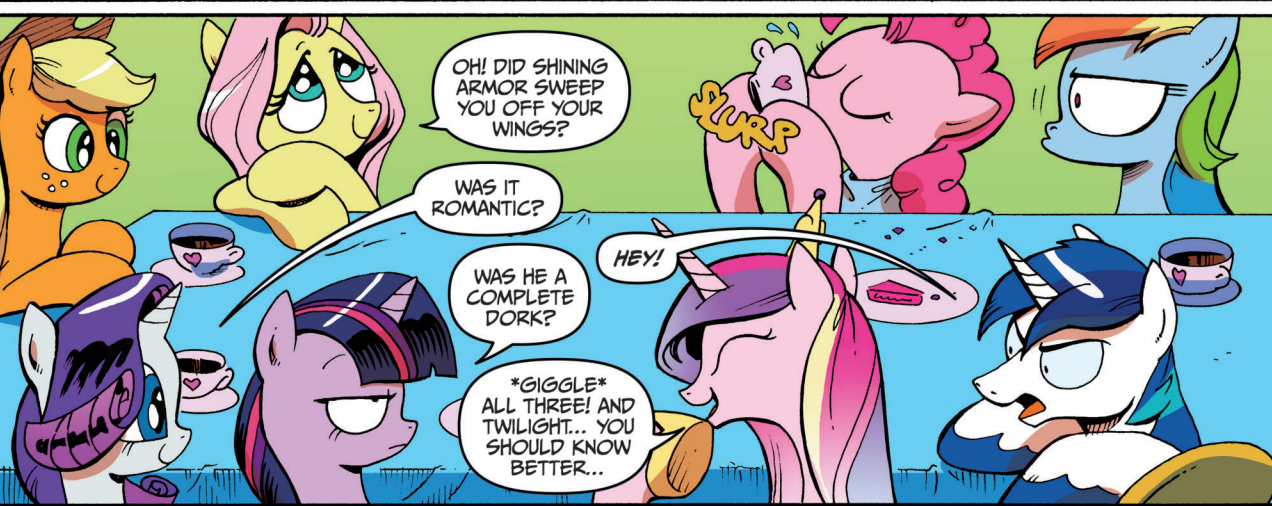
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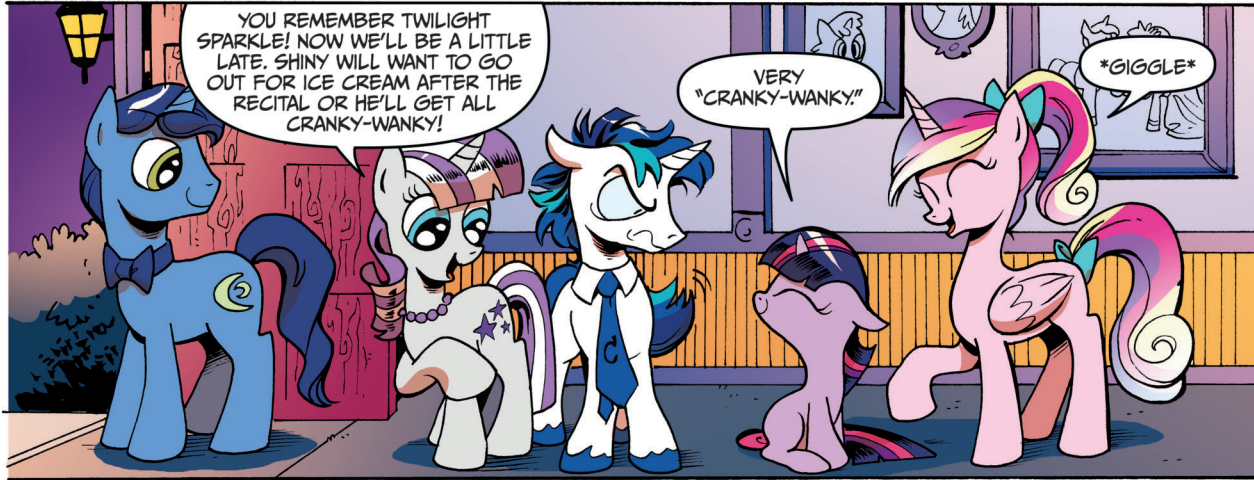
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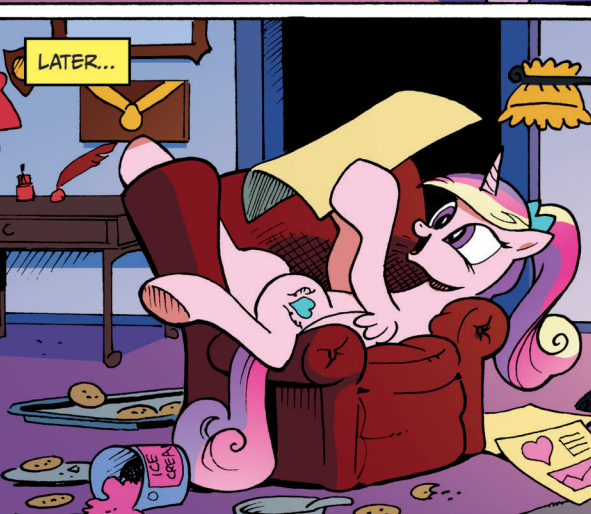


THAT DEPENDS...
ARE YOU READY TO TAKE
EXTENSIVE NOTES ON HIS LIKES
AND DISLIKES, TO CREATE SEVERAL
COMPARATIVE CHARTS ABOUT YOUR
POPULARITY VS. HIS? DID YOU
BRING A LABEL MAKER? IS YOUR
PAPER WIDE RULED OR
ACADEMY RULED?



I HAVE 37 DIFFERENT
COLORS OF PAPER FOR
MY LABEL MAKER. I ALWAYS
HAVE AN ABACUS WITH ME JUST
IN CASE I NEED TO CALCULATE
PERCENTAGES FOR A PIE
CHART. WIDE-RULED PAPER
IS FOR FOALS. LET'S
DO THIS.

CADANCE... I
THINK YOU AND I
ARE GOING TO GET
ALONG VERY
WELL.



LATER...

THAT'S IT! WE'RE
PERFECT FOR EACH
OTHER! I'M GOING TO MAKE
SHINING ARMOR MY VERY
SPECIAL SOMEONY!

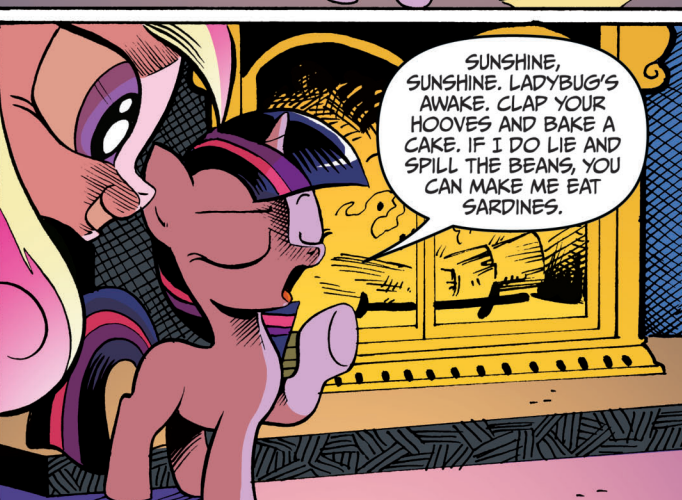
ALL THE DATA
WE'VE COLLECTED
SEEMS TO POINT TO
A HAPPILY EVER
AFTER.



TWILIGHT, I NEED YOU
TO SWEAR ON A STACK OF
COLOR-COORDINATED INDEX
CARDS THAT YOU WILL NEVER
TELL SHINING ARMOR
ABOUT TONIGHT.

I SWEAR!

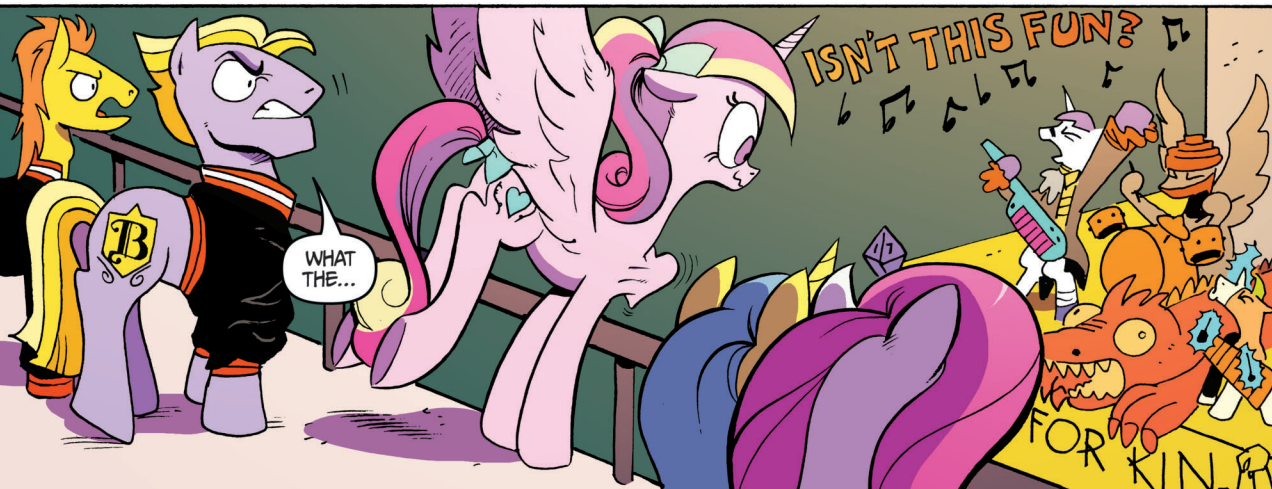
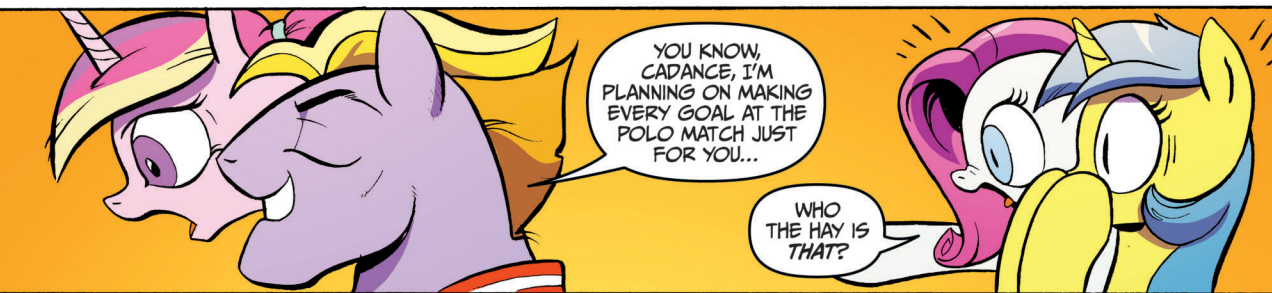
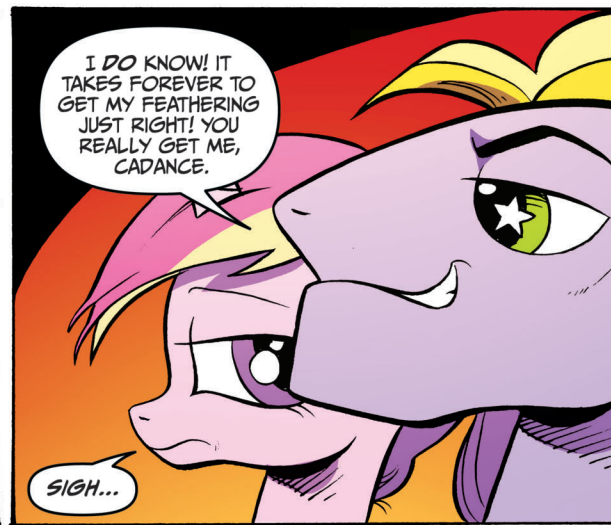
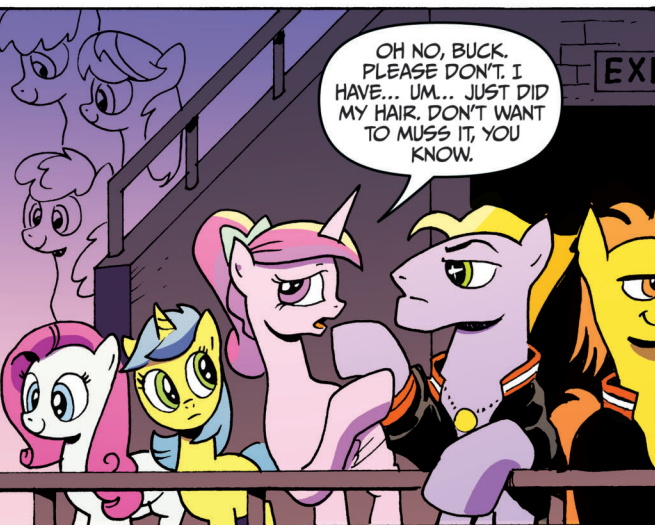
WOULD YOU TAKE
THE FOAL SCHOOL
PLAYGROUND OATH
NOT TO TELL?



SUNSHINE,
SUNSHINE. LADYBUG'S
AWAKE. CLAP YOUR
HOOVES AND BAKE A
CAKE. IF I DO LIE AND
SPILL THE BEANS, YOU
CAN MAKE ME EAT
SARDINES.



Bonding!







I'M JUST GOING TO FIND SHINING ARMOR AND ASK HIM TO THE DANCE MYSELF. I THINK I SAW HIM ON THE SIDELINES EARLIER. I WONDER WHY HE WAS WEARING A BLACK TURTLENECK...

TEEHEE! WHAT DID YOU THINK OF SHINING ARMOR ON THE FLOAT EARLIER?

I NEVER NOTICED HOW CUTE HE IS! I WONDER IF HE HAS A DATE FOR THE DANCE?



MY BROTHER IS A FRIEND OF HIS. I THINK I OVERHEARD THEM TALKING ABOUT SOMEONY HE ALREADY LIKES. HE'S ASKING HER.

TOO BAD... I'D HAVE GONE WITH HIM.

...ALREADY LIKES SOMEONY? NO! IT CAN'T BE...



CADANCE, HOW'D YOU LIKE TO GO TO THE FALL FORMAL WITH ME?

OF COURSE SHE'LL GO WITH YOU!

NO ONE ELSE HAS ASKED HER!

WELL, I GUESS IT'S TRUE NO PONY HAS ASKED ME YET... I WAS KIND OF HOPING ONE PONY WOULD...



RIGHT! YOU WERE WAITING FOR ME!

WELL, I...



I'LL PICK YOU UP AT EIGHT!

YOU'RE SO LUCKY! HE'S SO CUTE!

AND POPULAR! DO YOU THINK HE HAS A BROTHER?

OH DEAR...

BUT... THE LISTS, THE CHARTS. WE'RE PERFECT FOR EACH OTHER... SHINING ARMOR CAN'T LIKE SOMEONY ELSE...



YOU'RE SO LUCKY, CADANCE! BUCK IS THE MOST POPULAR STALLION AT THE ACADEMY!

LEMONY GEMS... DON'T YOU THINK HE'S KIND OF MEAN?

MY MOM ALWAYS TELLS ME PERSONALITY TRAITS YOU DON'T LIKE IN A STALLION CAN BE FIXED WITH CONSTANT NAGGING. RIGHT, DIAMOND ROSE?



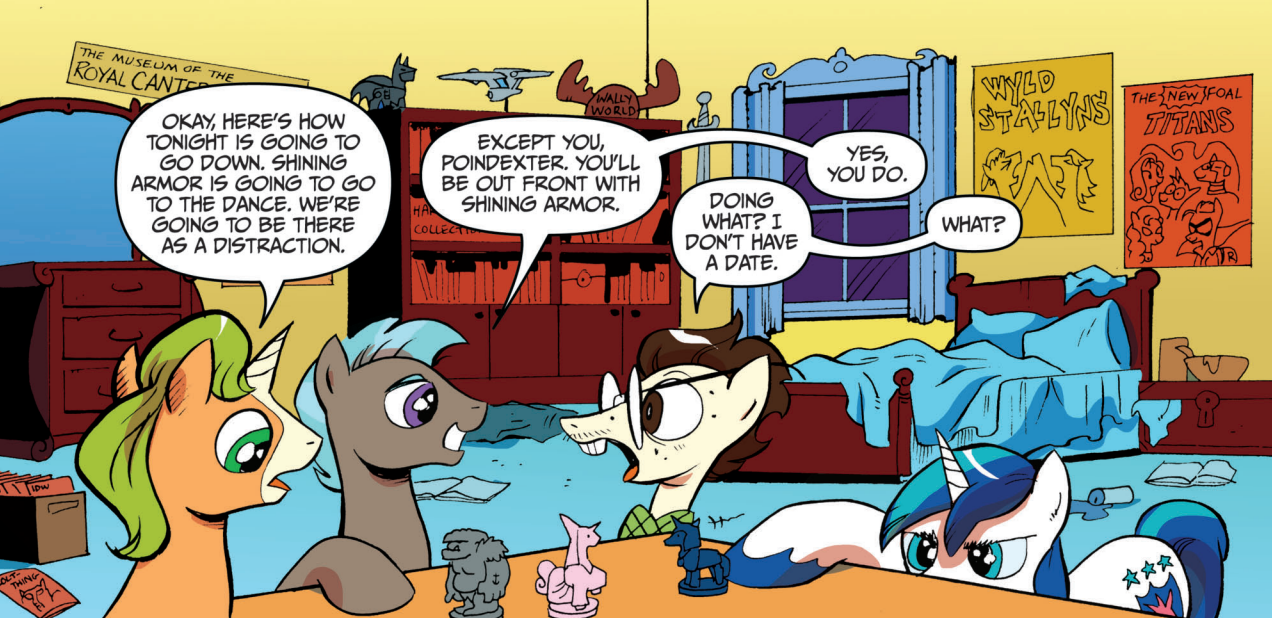
BUT... BUT... HE'S SO CUTE!

AND THE CAPTAIN OF THE POLO TEAM!

I KNOW... BUT... HE'S NOT FOR ME.

I LIKE SHINING ARMOR. HE'S MY PICK FOR MY VERY SPECIAL SOMEONY!

Magenta Rain
PRANCE and the Revolver



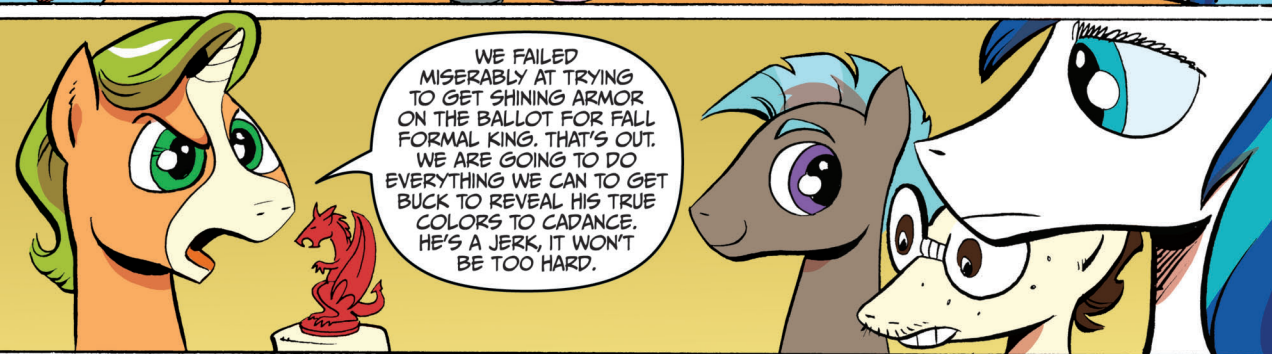
OKAY, HERE'S HOW TONIGHT IS GOING TO GO DOWN. SHINING ARMOR IS GOING TO GO TO THE DANCE. WE'RE GOING TO BE THERE AS A DISTRACTION.

EXCEPT YOU, POINDEXTER. YOU'LL BE OUT FRONT WITH SHINING ARMOR.

YES, YOU DO.

DOING WHAT? I DON'T HAVE A DATE.

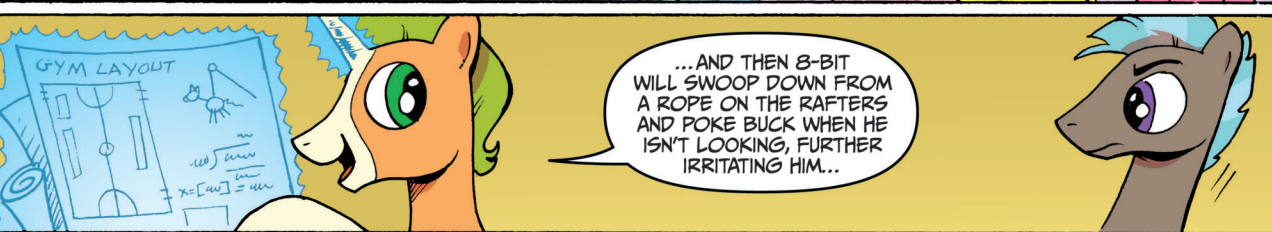
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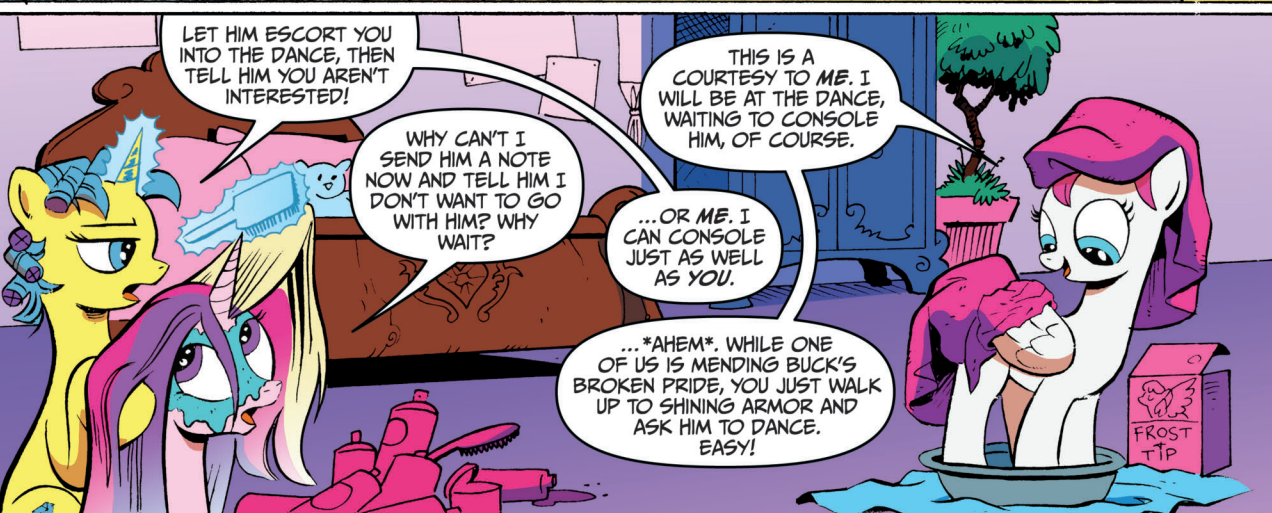
WE FAILED MISERABLY AT TRYING TO GET SHINING ARMOR ON THE BALLOT FOR FALL FORMAL KING. THAT'S OUT. WE ARE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO GET BUCK TO REVEAL HIS TRUE COLORS TO CADANCE. HE'S A JERK, IT WON'T BE TOO HARD.



IT'S THE SIMPLEST THING IN THE WORLD. YOU DUMP BUCK.



...AND THEN 8-BIT WILL SWOOP DOWN FROM A ROPE ON THE RAFTERS AND POKE BUCK WHEN HE ISN'T LOOKING, FURTHER IRRITATING HIM...



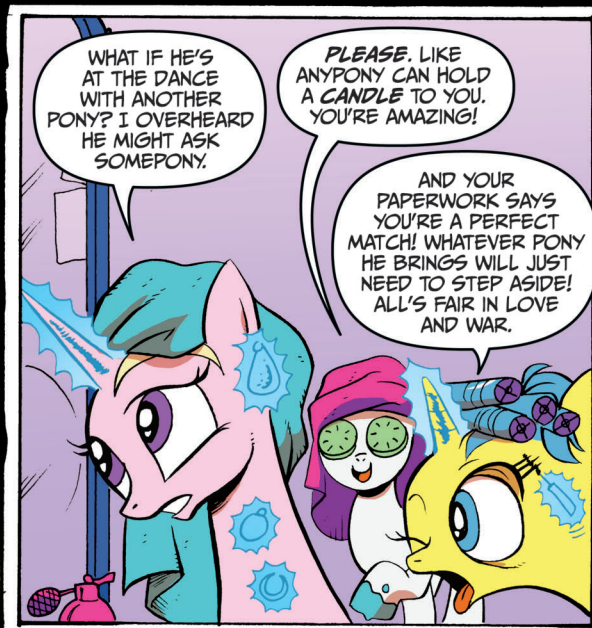
LET HIM ESCORT YOU INTO THE DANCE, THEN TELL HIM YOU AREN'T INTERESTED!

WHY CAN'T I SEND HIM A NOTE NOW AND TELL HIM I DON'T WANT TO GO WITH HIM? WHY WAIT?

THIS IS A COURTESY TO ME. I WILL BE AT THE DANCE, WAITING TO CONSOLE HIM, OF COURSE.

...OR ME. I CAN CONSOLE JUST AS WELL AS YOU.

...*AHEM*. WHILE ONE OF US IS MENDING BUCK'S BROKEN PRIDE, YOU JUST WALK UP TO SHINING ARMOR AND ASK HIM TO DANCE. EASY!



WHAT IF HE'S AT THE DANCE WITH ANOTHER PONY? I OVERHEARD HE MIGHT ASK SOMEONY.

PLEASE. LIKE ANYONY CAN HOLD A CANDLE TO YOU. YOU'RE AMAZING!

AND YOUR PAPERWORK SAYS YOU'RE A PERFECT MATCH! WHATEVER PONY HE BRINGS WILL JUST NEED TO STEP ASIDE! ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR.



AND THEN, AFTER BUCK DISCOVERS THAT 8-BIT IS IN CHARGE OF THE STICK AND GAFFER IS BEHIND THE ITCHING POWDER AND THE WHOOPEE CUSHION, HE'LL RUN OFF AFTER THEM! THIS LEAVES ME TO DANCE WITH CADANCE AND ASK HER TO BE MY VERY SPECIAL SOMEONY.

WHAT AM I DOING AGAIN? WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THAT...

YOU'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH.



AND WE'RE READY.

HEY, WE STILL HAVE LIKE... THREE HOURS BEFORE WE HAVE TO BE AT THE DANCE. WANT TO PLAY A QUICK ROUND OF "HOCUSPOCUS: THE GET-TOGETHER"?

SURE! DEAL THE CARDS!

THANKS FOR THE SOUR PERSIMMONS, BUSTER.



...AND WE'RE READY TO GET YOU YOUR DREAM STALLION! I THINK THAT'S A WRAP... SHALL WE GET DRESSED?

...READY IN ONLY 3 HOURS?! OH GOSH! WE NEED TO HURRY!



HAND ME A BOBBY PIN! I NEED A BOBBY PIN!

I CHIPPED MY HOOFIGURE! MY LIFE IS OVER!

3 PANIC-FILLED
HOURS LATER:

CADANCE! YOU
LOOK LOVELY. ARE YOU
LOOKING FORWARD
TO TONIGHT?

WELL... NOT REALLY,
BUT I'M HOPING TO CHANGE
THAT. IN ALL HONESTY, THERE'S
SOMEONE ELSE I'D RATHER
BE GOING WITH. HE'LL BE
THERE TONIGHT...

PROGRESS ON SUNSET SWIMMER

NOW CADANCE,
IT'S IMPORTANT TO FULFILL OUR
OBLIGATIONS. IF YOU AGREE TO
GO WITH THE YOUNG STALLION, IT'S
THE RIGHT THING TO DO TO GO
AND BE GRACIOUS! GO, HAVE
FUN. LEAVE THE DANCE
AS FRIENDS...

PRINCESS
CELESTIA. BUCK
WITHERS IS HERE TO
ESCORT PRINCESS
CADANCE TO THE
DANCE.

WONDERFUL!
SHOW HIM IN, I'D
LIKE TO MEET...

HELLOOOO!
PRINCESS CELESTIA!
CAN I CALL YOU CELESTIA?
WE'RE PRACTICALLY FAMILY
NOW THAT I'M DATING
THE FAIR CADANCE!

WOW! CANTERLOT
CASTLE! I COULD GET
USED TO LIVING HERE!
MAYBE AFTER GRADUATION
THERE'LL BE WEDDING
BELLS! LUCKY YOU!

LET'S GO, CADANCE!
MUSTN'T BE LATE FOR OUR
FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE
AS CANTERLOT'S NEWEST
CELEBRITY COUPLE.

DITCH
HIM THE FIRST
CHANCE YOU
GET.



OOOOHHHH!
MY SHINY WINEY IS
SO HANDSOME-
WANDSOME!

IT'S TOO
BAD YOUR DATE
COULDN'T COME
HERE FOR PHOTOS!

YEP. TOO
BAD.



SHINING ARMOR... I
OVERHEARD SOME OF
WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING
AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY
"GOOD LUCK." CADANCE IS
REALLY GREAT. I'M SURE
SHE LIKES YOU TOO.



THANKS, TWILY.
HEH, I'M SO NERVOUS. I
COULD REALLY USE SOME
INSIDER INFORMATION
ABOUT NOW!

YEAAAAH.
I'M SURE YOU
COULD.



...AND THEN THIS
SUMMER MY MUMMY
DEAREST WOULD JUST LOVE
TO HAVE YOU OUT ON OUR AIR
BALLOON! SHE WAS SIMPLY
THRILLED WHEN I TOLD HER WE
WERE GOING TO THE DANCE
TOGETHER... SHE AND
FATHER WERE JUST...

*I Can
Dream About You*

CAN YOU BELIEVE
MY APPETITE TEST
SAID I SHOULD
BE A TEACHER?!
GRODY!

MINE SAID
POLITICIAN!
AS IF!

MUSIC
BY
STALLIONS
WITHOUT HATS
QUARTERHORSE
KNIGHT SHADE
THE SHADOWETTES
With
OUR OWN
DISC JOCKEY
33 1/3 LP!
MUSIC



DON'T WORRY, YOU
LOOK LIKE A PRETTY
PRINCESS.

WELL, I
DO FELT
PRETTY.

HOME CA

Row-
Row!



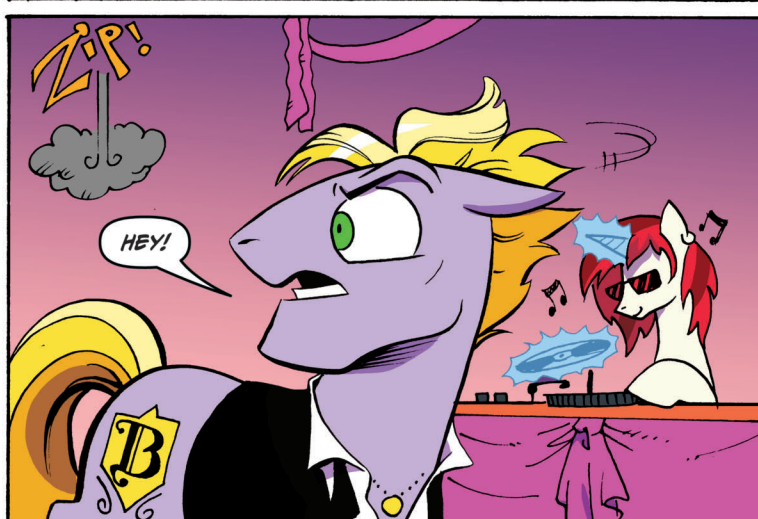


OH, I DON'T THINK SO. THAT NERD IS GETTING A PIECE OF MY MIND... AND HOOF... THROUGH HIS FACE.

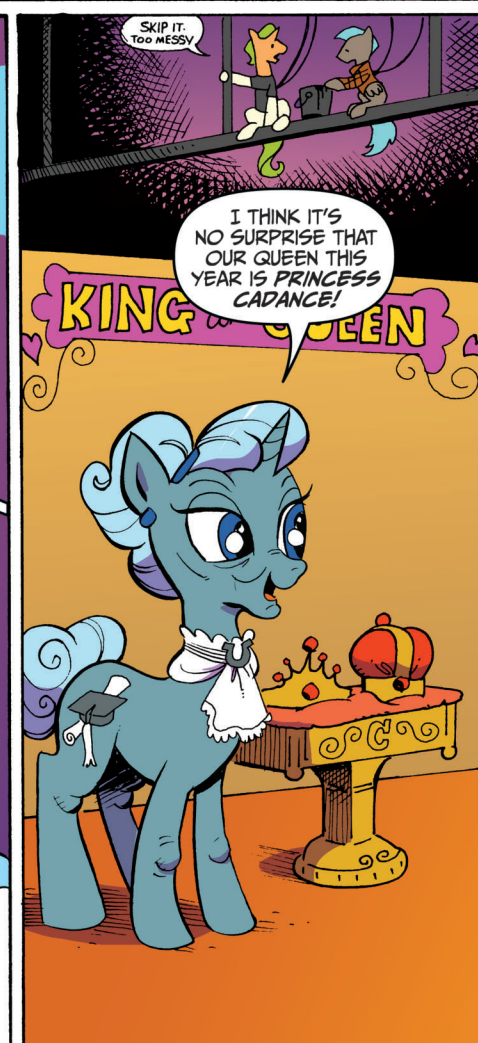
WELL HE'S NOT TAKING THIS WELL.

WANT TO GO SEE IF ANY OF THE STEEPLCHASE TEAM WANTS TO DANCE?

SURE!









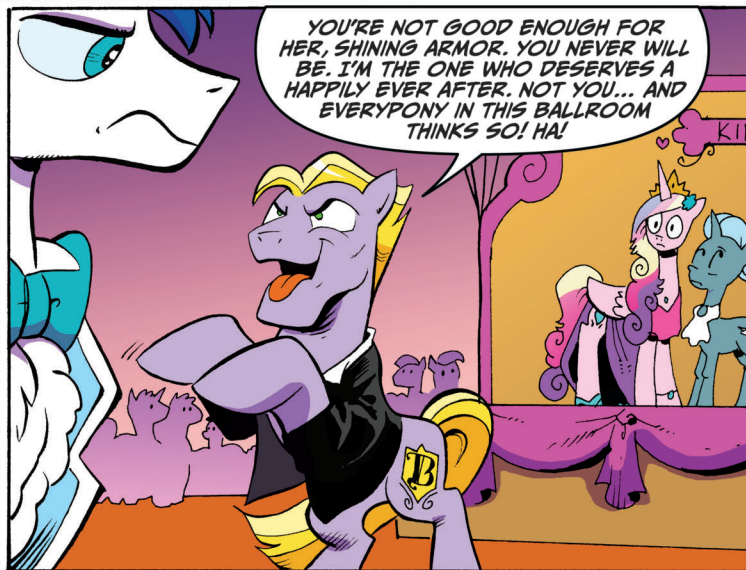
GO ON AND GET YOUR CROWN, PRINCESS. I BET IT'LL LOOK BEAUTIFUL ON YOU.



DO YOU THINK FOR ONE *SECOND* THAT SHE WOULD PICK YOU OVER ME? YOU'RE A... A... *DWEEB!* I'M *BUCK WITHERS!* I'M A STAR AT THIS ACADEMY. I...



AND, FOR OUR KING! AGAIN, NO SURPRISES HERE! YOUR FALL FORMAL KING IS *BUCK WITHERS!*

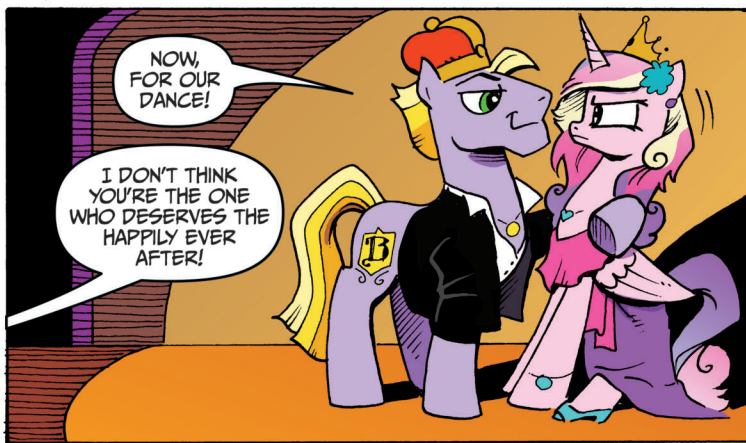


YOU'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER, SHINING ARMOR. YOU NEVER WILL BE. I'M THE ONE WHO DESERVES A HAPPILY EVER AFTER. NOT YOU... AND EVERYPONY IN THIS BALLROOM THINKS SO! HA!



CONGRATULATIONS...

YOU ARROGANT LITTLE...



NOW, FOR OUR DANCE!

I DON'T THINK YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DESERVES THE HAPPILY EVER AFTER!



WHO SAID THAT?!



I DID!

SHINING ARMOR IS ONE OF THE GOOD PONIES... YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A JERK!

AND HE'S THE BEST PALADIN ANY OUBLIETTES AND OGRES GUILD COULD WANT!

MAYBE NOT RIGHT NOW WITH THAT...

YEAH? WELL, YOU'RE JUST HIS WUSSY FRIENDS AND NOPONY ELSE HERE AGREES WITH YOU.



SHINING ARMOR VOLUNTEERED TO TUTOR ME IN MATH!

BUCK STOLE MY LUNCH MONEY ALL THROUGH FOAL SCHOOL!

SHINING ARMOR WALKS MY LITTLE BROTHER HOME FROM SCHOOL!

BUCK SHOVED ME IN A LOCKER... I WAS THERE FOR DAYS...



WHO CARES ABOUT BEING NICE WHEN YOU'RE GREAT LOOKING, RICH AND GOOD AT SPORTS?



I DO.

SNATCH!



AND I WANT NOTHING MORE THAN FOR SHINING ARMOR TO BE MY VERY SPECIAL SOMEPOONY.

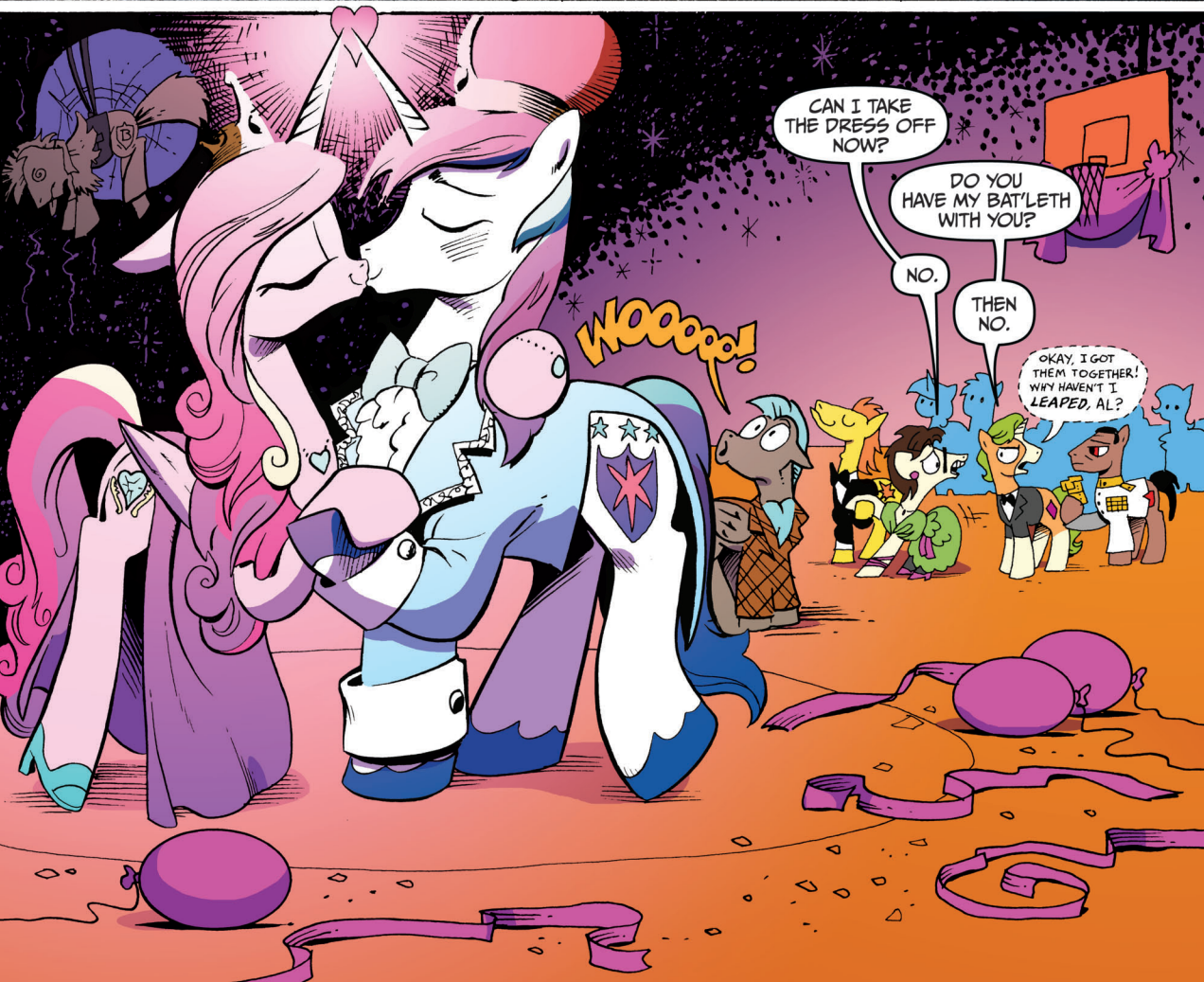
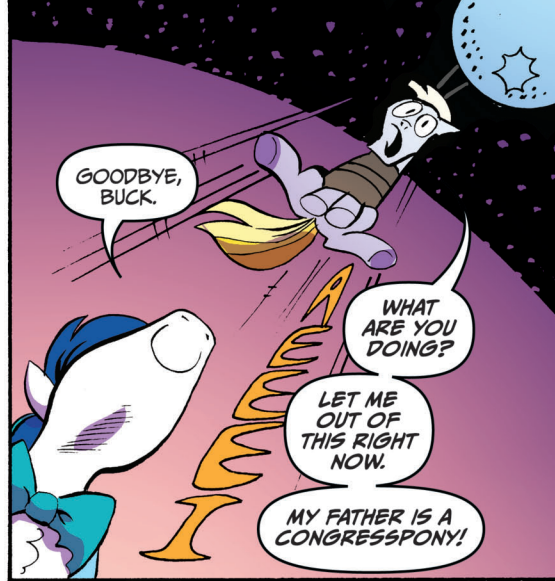


CADANCE! I'M BUCK WITHERS! I'M POLO CAPTAIN!

I... I HAVE AMAZING CHEEK BONES! THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!

IT'S OVER, BUCK... GO HOME.

NO, THIS IS NOT OVER! CADANCE, HOLD ON JUST ONE MINUTE... THINK ABOUT...





AND WE LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

LET'S NOT USE THE PAST TENSE WHEN SAYING THAT... IT SOUNDS OMINOUS.

HOW ABOUT "WE ARE LIVING HAPPILY FOREVER MORE"?

OR "LIVING BLISSFULLY IN THE MOMENT"?



"EXISTING IN A STATE OF PERPETUAL HAPPINESS"?

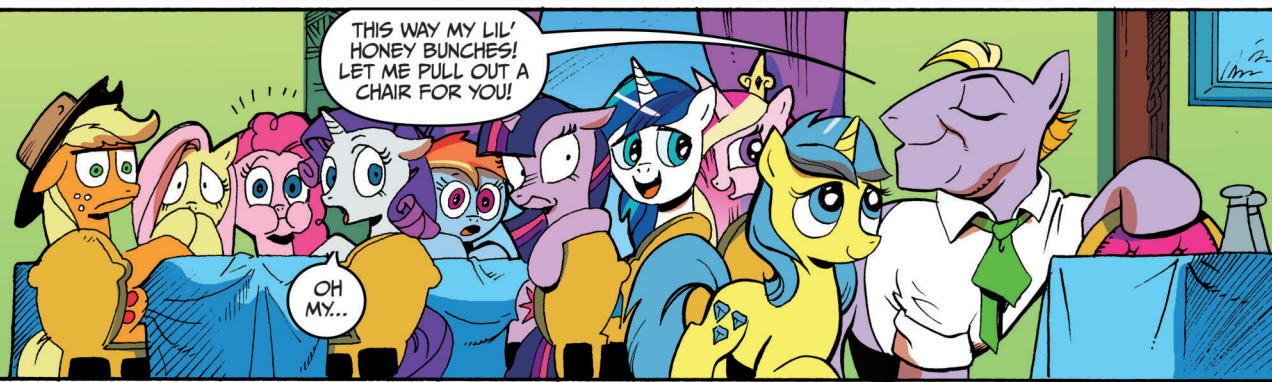
BLINK BLINK



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BUCK? SURELY HE WASN'T AS BAD AS YOU MADE HIM SOUND.

HE GOT BETTER WHEN WE GOT OLDER. HE'S A NICER GUY NOWADAYS.

Jingle!



THIS WAY MY LIL' HONEY BUNCHES! LET ME PULL OUT A CHAIR FOR YOU!

OH MY...



THE END!

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NEXT MONTH:
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Brenda Hickey

P TV

BY KATIE COOK

NEIGH-NA BEE HERE WITH
THIS WEEK'S TOP 10 SONG
COUNTDOWN! SO FAR,
WE'VE HEARD:

AT NUMBER 10,
"BITS FOR NOTHING"

...COMING IN AT 9,
"EVERYPONY WANTS TO RULE
THE WORLD"

...AND SITTING AT 8,
"PONY IN THE MIRROR"

...ROLLING IN AT 7,
"HOOFLOOSE"

AND IN THE MIDDLE AT 6,
"SAFETY PRANCE"!

AND NOW...
OUR TOP 5!

5
"LET'S GET TANGIBLE" BY
OLIVIA NEWTON JUMP

4

"CROP IT" BY
DERBY

"TACK ON ME" BY
A-HALTER

3



"WHEN BIRDS CRY" BY
PRANCE

2



"NEVER GONNA" GIVE UP YOU"
BY REIN ASTLEY

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STAY TUNED FOR OUR SPECIAL
PRESENTATION OF "PONIES AT WORK"
UNPLUGGED!