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Friendship
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Magic





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Princess Celestia has tasked Twilight and her friends to restore balance to another world... A world where King Sombra is good, and Princesses Celestia and Luna are bad! Our Celestia also reveals to her sister that the two worlds are too intertwined because she and the good King Sombra are in love!

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PRESENT DAY.
SOMBRA'S EQUESTRIA.

PONTYVILLE

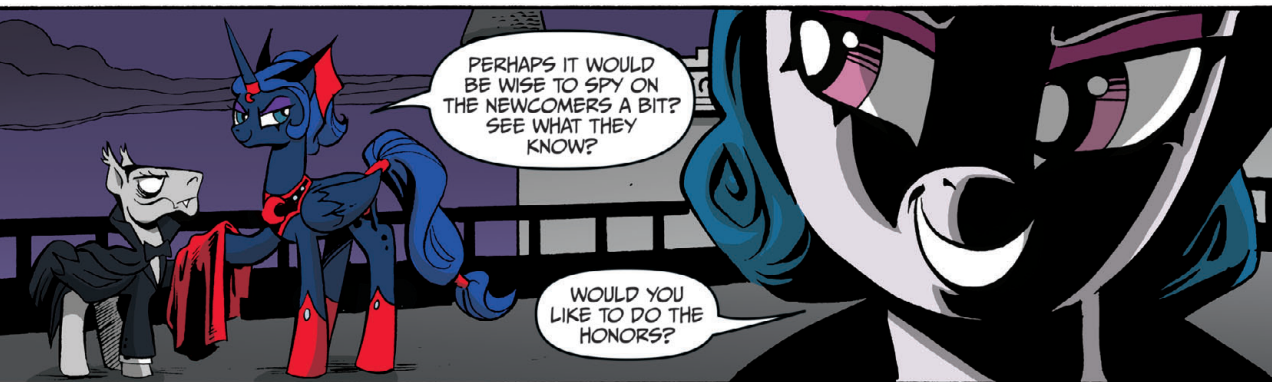
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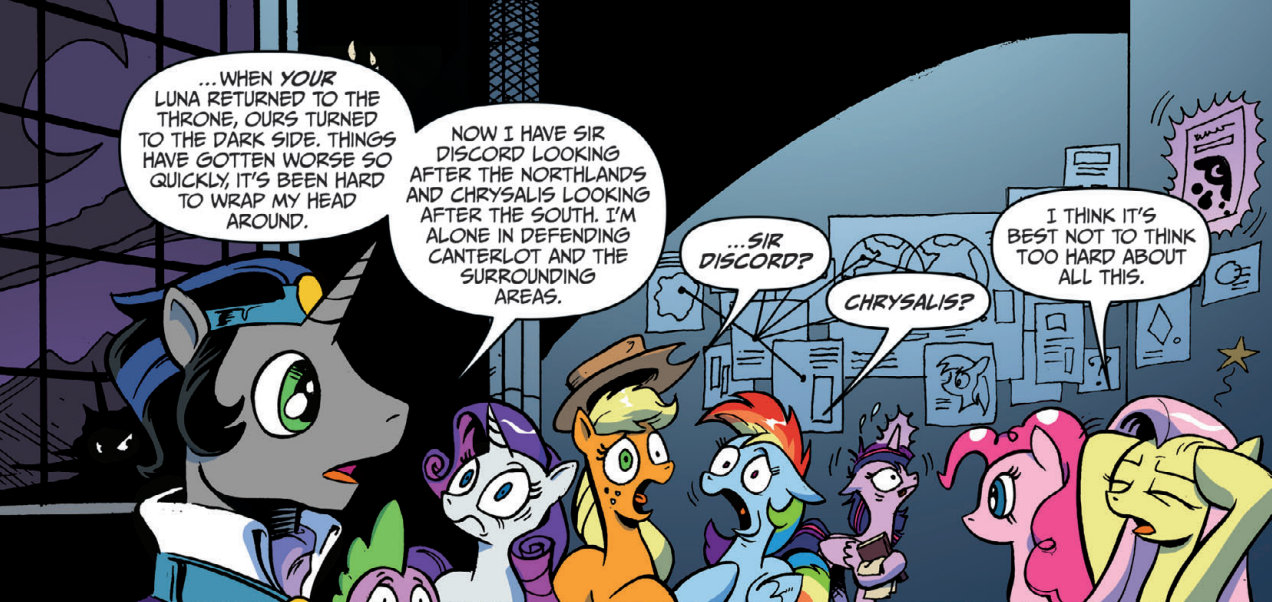
REFLECTIONS PART 3 I'll Be Your Mirror

I'M CURIOUS TO
KNOW WHO *SOMBRA'S*
NEW LITTLE FRIENDS
ARE, AREN'T YOU?

OH YES. I THINK
THEY MIGHT BE THE
LITTLE HELPERS THAT
OTHER CELESTIA WAS
TALKING ABOUT
SENDING OVER.







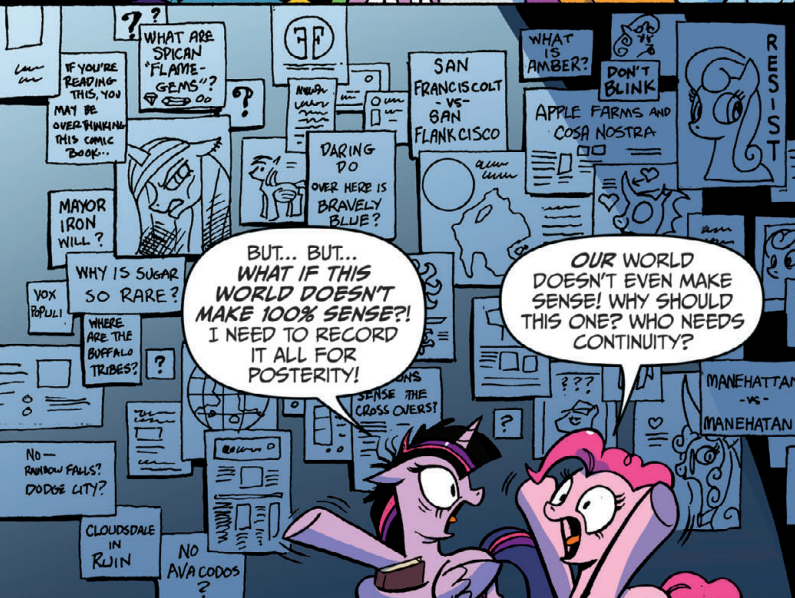
...WHEN YOUR LUNA RETURNED TO THE THRONE, OURS TURNED TO THE DARK SIDE. THINGS HAVE GOTTEN WORSE SO QUICKLY, IT'S BEEN HARD TO WRAP MY HEAD AROUND.

NOW I HAVE SIR DISCORD LOOKING AFTER THE NORTHLANDS AND CHRYSALIS LOOKING AFTER THE SOUTH. I'M ALONE IN DEFENDING CANTERLOT AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

...SIR DISCORD?

CHRYSALIS?

I THINK IT'S BEST NOT TO THINK TOO HARD ABOUT ALL THIS.



IF YOU'RE READING THIS, YOU MAY BE OVERTHINKING THIS COMIC BOOK...

MAYOR IRON WILL?

WHY IS SUGAR SO RARE?

WHERE ARE THE BUFFALO TRIBES?

NO - RAINBOW FALLS? DODGE CITY?

CLOUDSDALE IN RUIN

BUT... BUT... WHAT IF THIS WORLD DOESN'T MAKE 100% SENSE?! I NEED TO RECORD IT ALL FOR POSTERITY!

SAN FRANCISCO - VS - SAN FLANK CISCO

WHAT IS AMBER?

APPLE FARMS AND COSA NOSTRA

OUR WORLD DOESN'T EVEN MAKE SENSE! WHY SHOULD THIS ONE? WHO NEEDS CONTINUITY?

RESIST!

MANHATTAN -VS- MANEHATAN



SO, KING SOMBRA, TELL US ABOUT THE FIRST TIME YOU MET OUR DEAR PRINCESS.

OH! I... UM... YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THAT.



OH BUT I DO!

OH YES, PLEASE! TELL US!



WELL, IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO. LONG BEFORE ANY OF YOU WERE ALIVE...

EVEN FLUTTERSHY? WOW, THAT IS A LONG TIME AGO!

MORE MUSHY STUFF. BLEH.



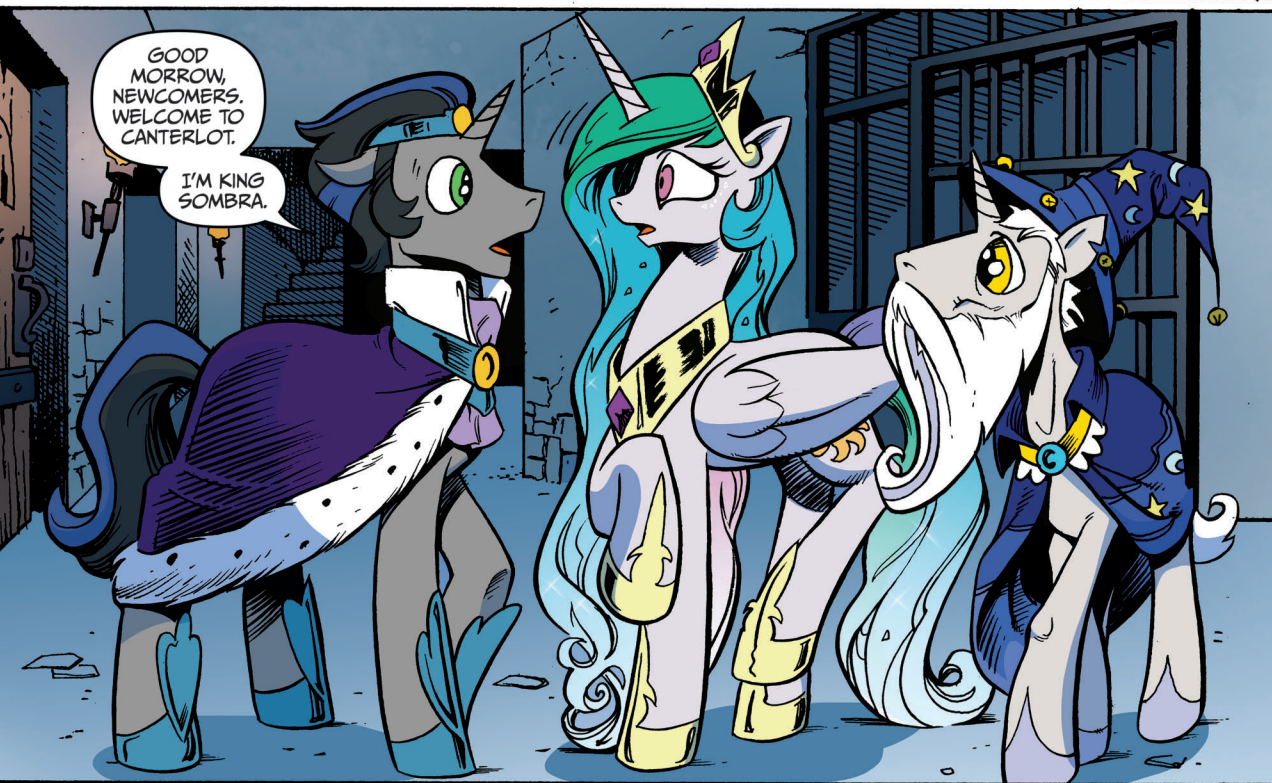
IN THE PAST...
SOMBRA'S CASTLE.

WE'LL WAIT FOR
OUR AUDIENCE WITH
THE KING. WE'LL MEET
HIM AND STRAIGHTEN
THIS OUT.

HMPH.

AH! AND
THERE HE
IS.

CLINK



GOOD
MORROW,
NEWCOMERS.
WELCOME TO
CANTERLOT.

I'M KING
SOMBRA.



IT WOULD SEEM WE
HAVE MUCH TO DISCUSS...
AS YOU CARRY A STRIKING
RESEMBLANCE TO SOME PONY
I ALREADY KNOW... ONE I'M
SORRY TO SAY, I DON'T
CARE FOR MUCH.

HUH? I...
I'M PRINCESS
CELESTIA.

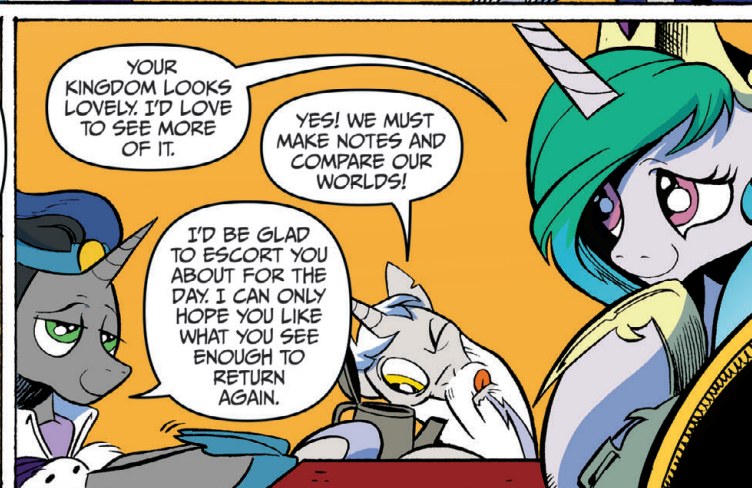
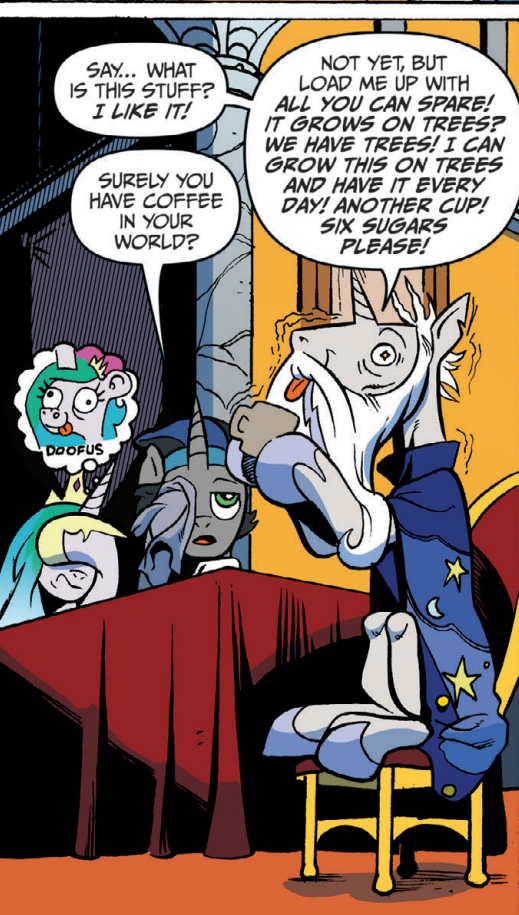
AND I'M
HUNGRY! FEEL
LIKE FEEDING AN
OLD STALLION?



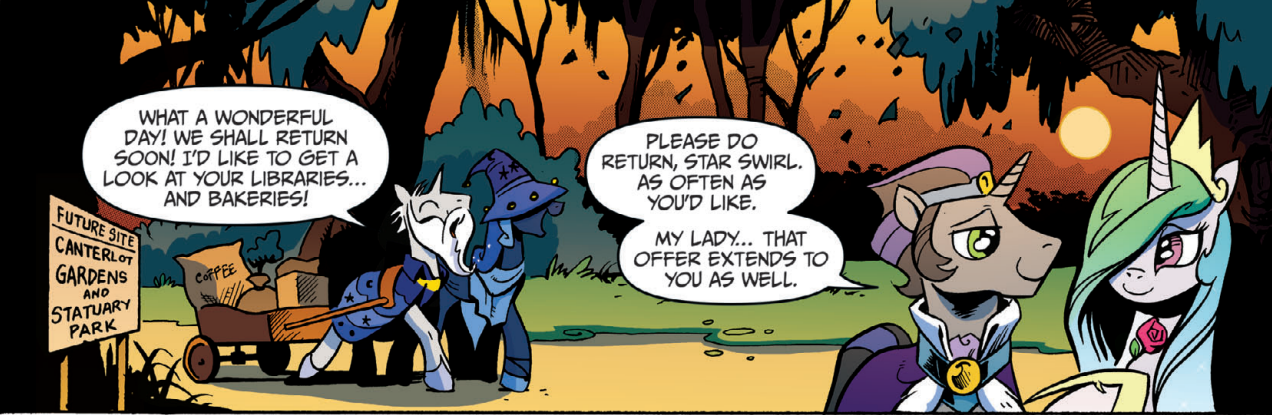
HEH... OF
COURSE. COME
WITH ME, WE SHALL
TAKE DRINKS IN
THE PARLOR.

OH! DO
YOU HAVE TINY
TEA CAKES IN THIS
WORLD? I DO ENJOY
TINY TEA CAKES.

THIS
WORLD? WE
DO HAVE MUCH
TO DISCUSS.



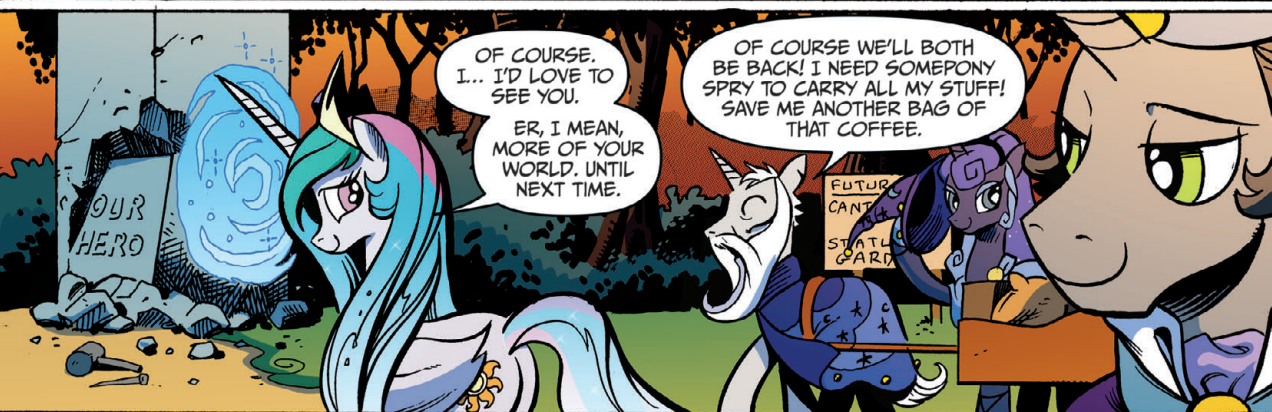




WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY! WE SHALL RETURN SOON! I'D LIKE TO GET A LOOK AT YOUR LIBRARIES... AND BAKERIES!

PLEASE DO RETURN, STAR SWIRL. AS OFTEN AS YOU'D LIKE.

MY LADY... THAT OFFER EXTENDS TO YOU AS WELL.



OF COURSE. I... I'D LOVE TO SEE YOU.

ER, I MEAN, MORE OF YOUR WORLD. UNTIL NEXT TIME.

OF COURSE WE'LL BOTH BE BACK! I NEED SOMEONEY SPRY TO CARRY ALL MY STUFF! SAVE ME ANOTHER BAG OF THAT COFFEE.



UNTIL NEXT TIME.



HOW EXCITING! ANOTHER EQUESTRIAN! FABULOUS TEACAKES... AND COFFEE! WHAT A DELIGHT!

YES! EXCITING...



I'D LOVE TO GO BACK SOON AND HEAR MORE ABOUT THIS EVIL CELESTIA LUDICROUSNESS. IT'S JUST SO HARD TO IMAGINE! BESIDES, THAT MEANS THERE COULD BE A SOMBRA HERE... THAT'S EVIL! GIVES YA' CHILLS.

YES... WE SHOULD GO BACK. VERY SOON.

BACK TO THE PRESENT...
THE EQUESTRIA WE
KNOW AND LOVE.

AFTER THAT, ANY TIME
STAR SWIRL TALKED OF
GOING BACK I INSISTED ON
ACCOMPANYING HIM.

AND THEN...
AFTER YOU WERE
GONE, I STARTED TO
GO THROUGH THE
MIRROR WITHOUT
HIM.

HE DIDN'T
FIND OUT FOR
THE LONGEST
TIME. I FELT
SO GUILTY.

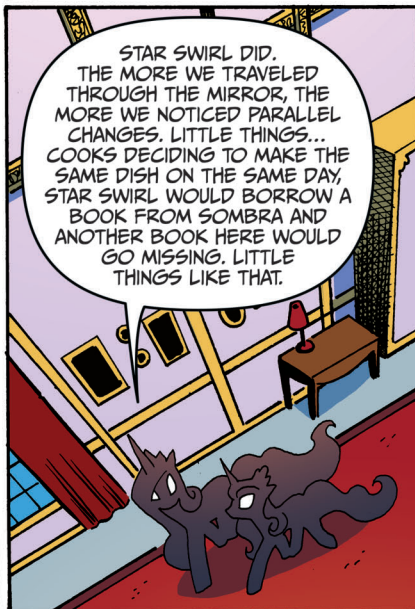
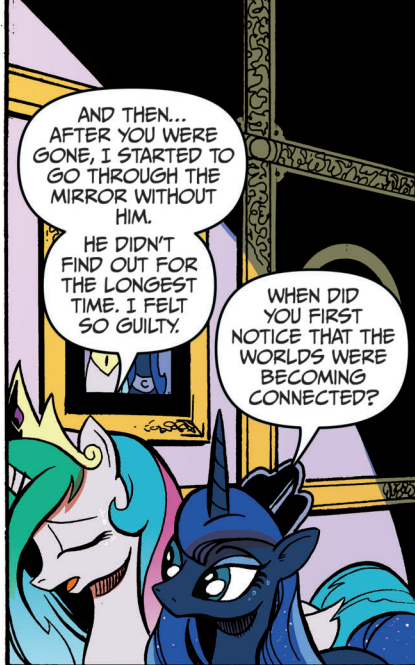
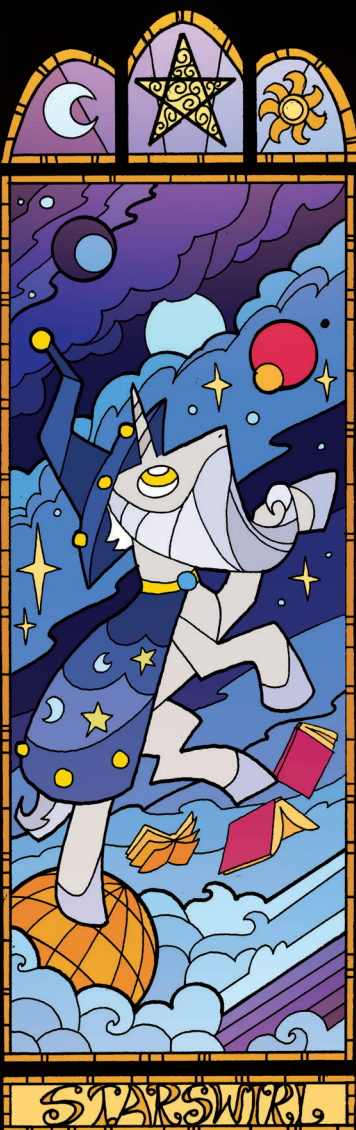
WHEN DID
YOU FIRST
NOTICE THAT THE
WORLDS WERE
BECOMING
CONNECTED?

STAR SWIRL DID.
THE MORE WE TRAVELED
THROUGH THE MIRROR,
THE MORE WE NOTICED
PARALLEL
CHANGES. LITTLE THINGS...
COOKS DECIDING TO MAKE THE
SAME DISH ON THE SAME DAY,
STAR SWIRL WOULD BORROW A
BOOK FROM SOMBRA AND
ANOTHER BOOK HERE WOULD
GO MISSING. LITTLE
THINGS LIKE THAT.

WE *PROMISED* TO BE
MORE CAREFUL. WE WOULD
ONLY TRAVEL THROUGH THE
MIRROR A FEW TIMES A YEAR.
WE STOPPED BRINGING
ANYTHING BACK.

I STARTED GOING
THROUGH THE MIRROR
BEHIND HIS BACK. I WAS YOUNG.
I DIDN'T THINK "JUST ONE MORE
VISIT HERE AND THERE" WOULD
DO ANY MORE HARM.

HE NEVER
FORGAVE ME AFTER
HE FOUND OUT. OUR
FRIENDSHIP WAS NEVER
THE SAME. I SHOULD
HAVE LISTENED TO HIM
AND STOPPED SEEING
SOMBRA, BUT I
COULDN'T.



BACK TO THE PAST.

CELESTIA!

DID HE
SEE YOU?

NO... NO, HE
DIDN'T. BUT I THINK
HE'S STARTING TO
SUSPECT...

SHHH...
DON'T DWELL
ON IT.

HE WAS TALKING
ABOUT THE PARADOXES
WE ARE CREATING AGAIN. HE
MADE ME PROMISE... I'M
BREAKING A **PROMISE**,
SOMBRA.

WE HAVEN'T SEEN
EACH OTHER IN MONTHS.
WE'RE SPACING OUT OUR
VISITS SO CAREFULLY, AND
YOU'RE HERE FOR SUCH A
SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME.
IT'S FINE. I'M SURE
WE'LL BE FINE.

AFTER ALL,
HOW COULD
WHAT'S BETWEEN
US EVER CAUSE
ANY HARM?

NOW COME,
WE'VE ONLY GOT
THIS BRIEF MOMENT
TOGETHER. I HAVE
SOMETHING I WANT
TO SHOW YOU.



*When You Think the Night
Has Seen Your Mind...
That Inside You're Twisted
And Unkind...*

THIS... THIS IS
AMAZING! WHAT IS
THIS PLACE?

IT'S A WISHING
GARDEN. IT'S A CUSTOM
OF MY PONIES. YOU WRITE
SOMETHING ON A CARD...
SOMETHING YOU WISH FOR
OR SOMETHING YOU'RE
THANKFUL FOR.

THEN YOU TIE
IT TO THE TREE IN
HOPES THAT IT WILL
COME TRUE... OR IN
HOPES THAT YOU CAN
HOLD ONTO IT.



Let Me Stand to Show
that you are
Blind...

Andy Prescott

I'VE NEVER HAD MUCH USE FOR THIS PLACE... I'VE NEVER WANTED ANYTHING... UNTIL YOU. I WANTED TO BRING YOU HERE TO HELP ME WRITE MY WISH.

SURELY YOU KNOW HOW TO WRITE? I'M SURE I CAN TEACH YOU IF YOU DON'T.

NOW, PLEASE WRITE "I WISH FOR YOU TO FOREVER BE MY ALWAYS".

SOMBRA, I...

I CAN WRITE!

WELL, YOU DIDN'T HAVE COFFEE. HOW CAN I TRUST YOU HAVE QUILLS?

... Please Put
Down Your Hooves
'Cause I See You...

Always

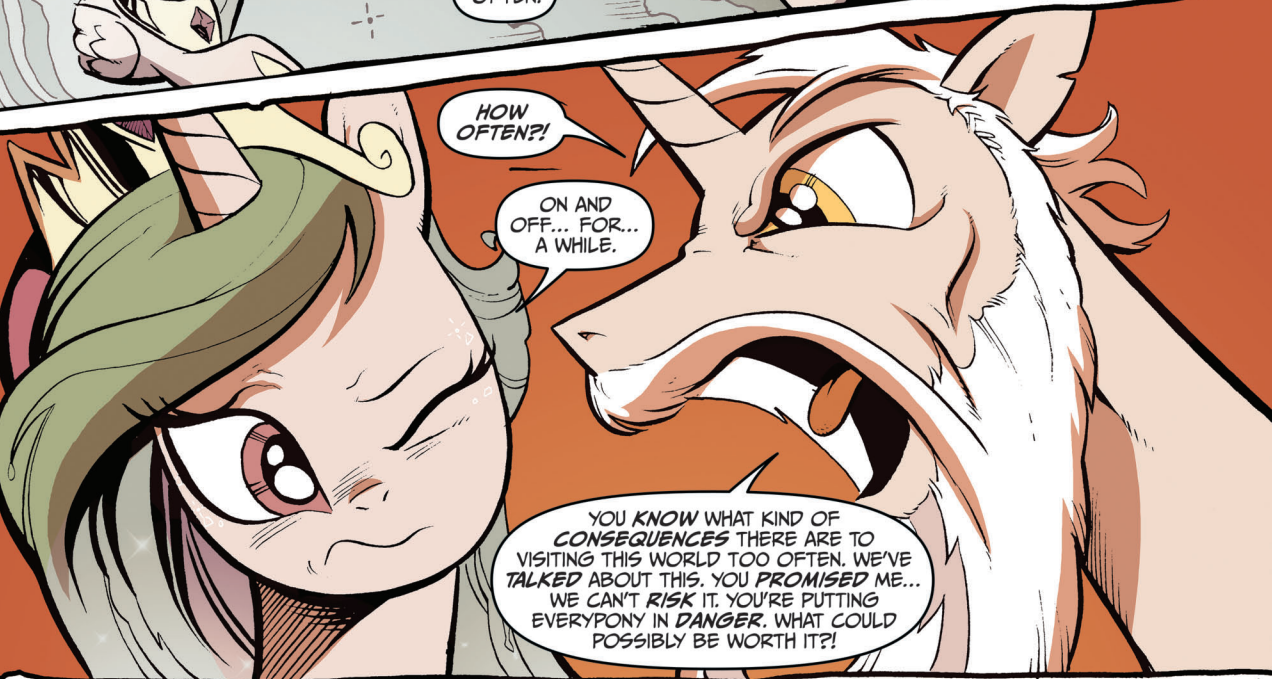
I HAVE TO GO.

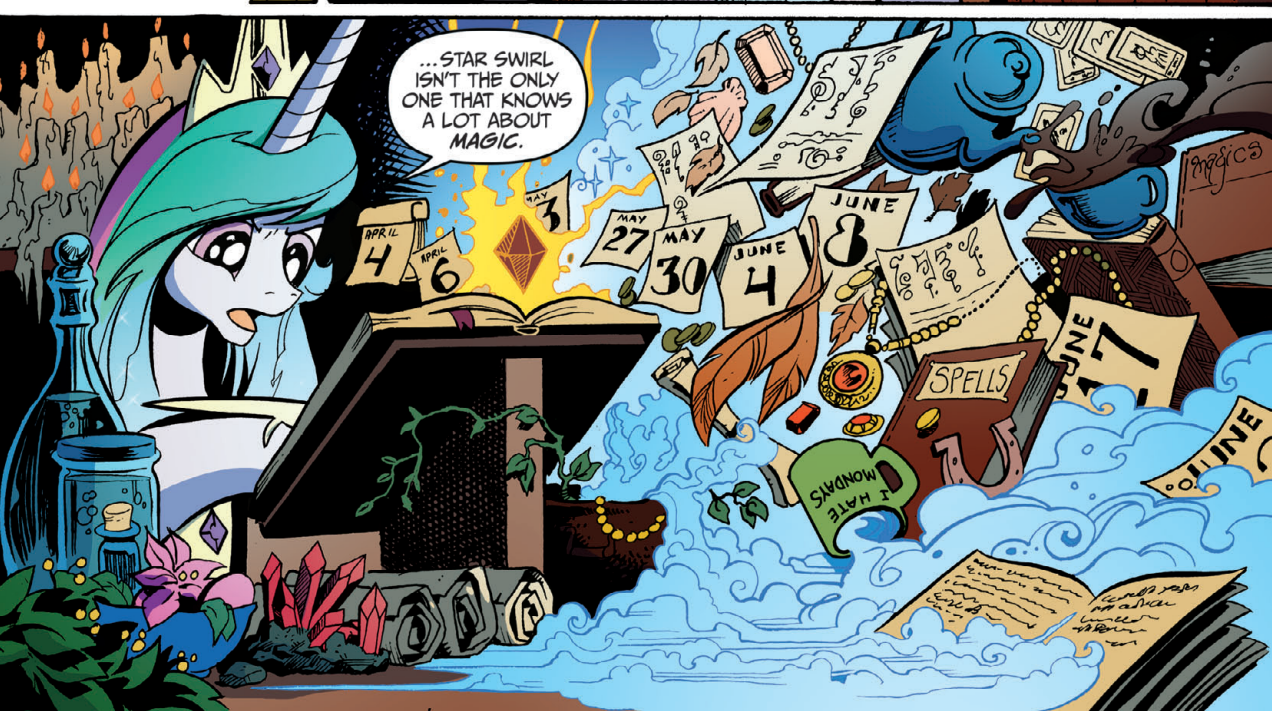
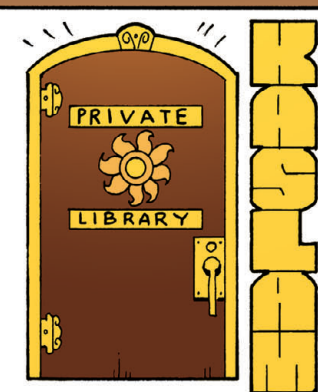
I KNOW.

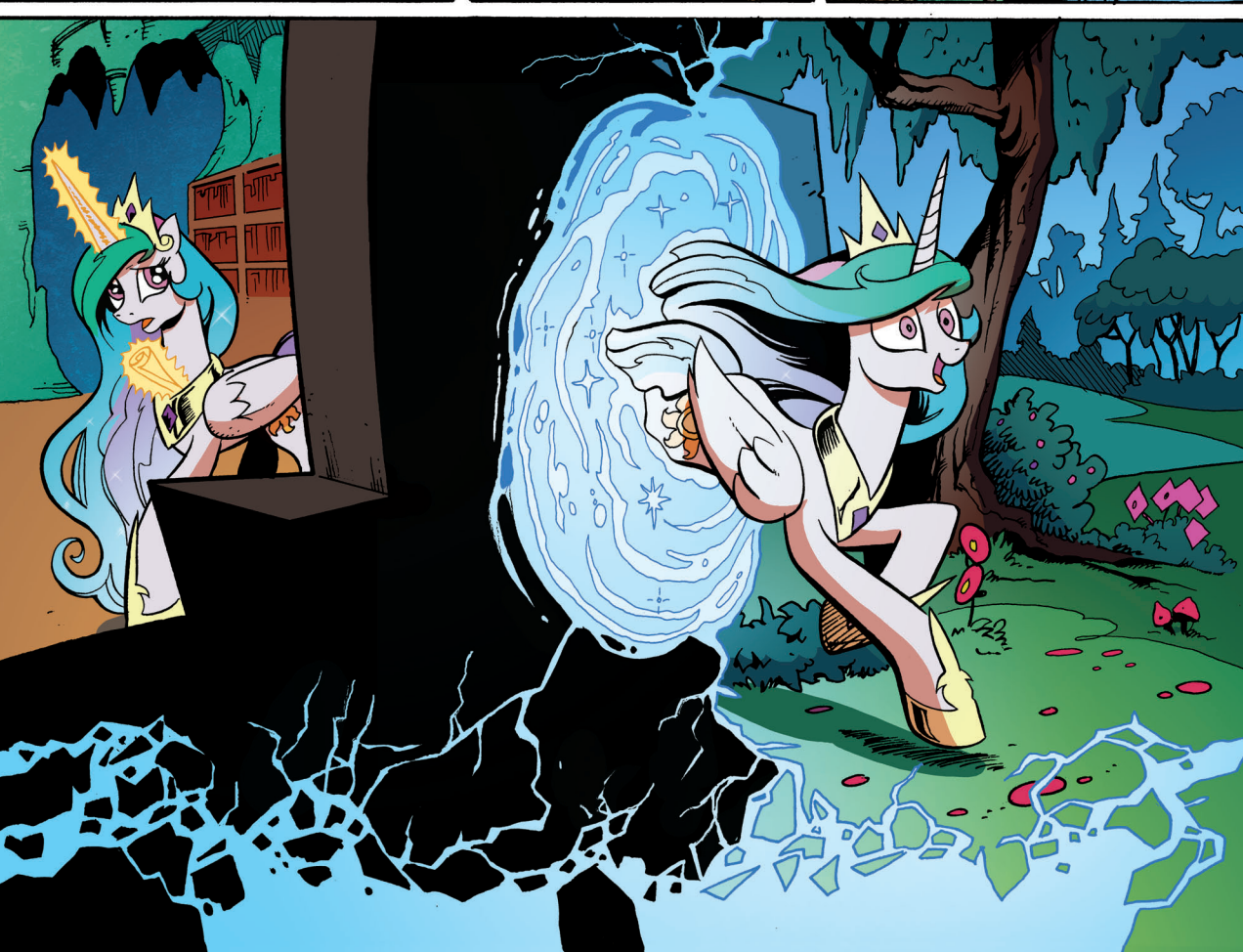
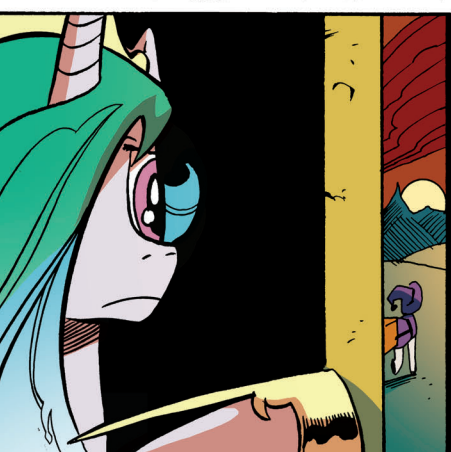
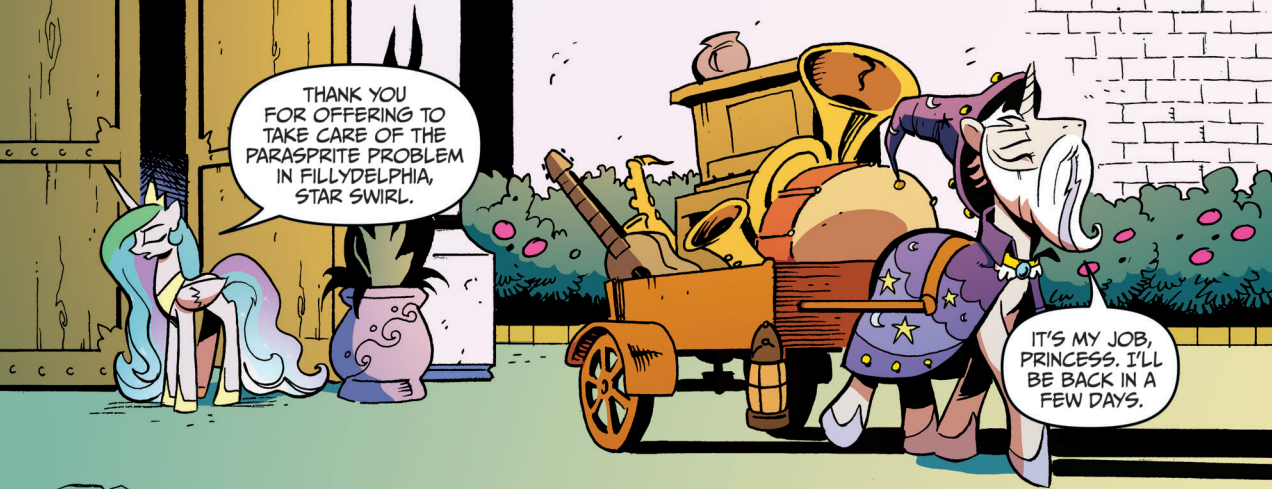
I WISH YOU DIDN'T.

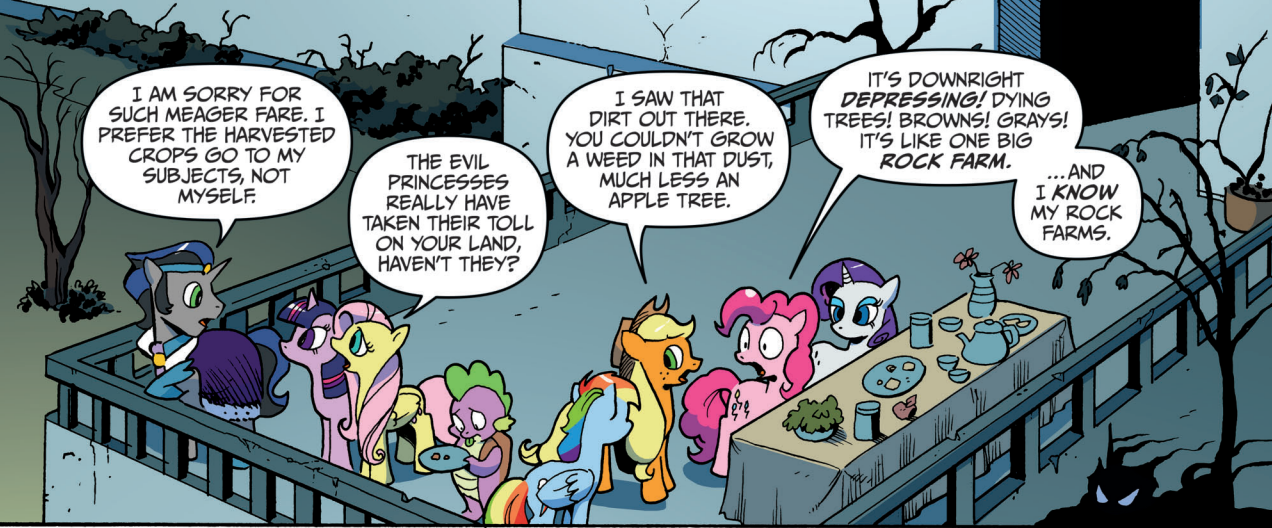
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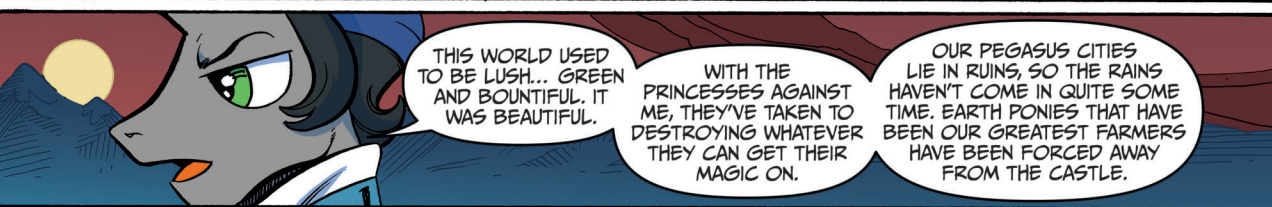
I AM SORRY FOR SUCH MEAGER FARE. I PREFER THE HARVESTED CROPS GO TO MY SUBJECTS, NOT MYSELF.

THE EVIL PRINCESSES REALLY HAVE TAKEN THEIR TOLL ON YOUR LAND, HAVEN'T THEY?

I SAW THAT DIRT OUT THERE. YOU COULDN'T GROW A WEED IN THAT DUST, MUCH LESS AN APPLE TREE.

IT'S DOWNRIGHT **DEPRESSING!** DYING TREES! BROWNS! GRAYS! IT'S LIKE ONE BIG **ROCK FARM.**

...AND I KNOW MY ROCK FARMS.



THIS WORLD USED TO BE LUSH... GREEN AND BOUNTIFUL. IT WAS BEAUTIFUL.

WITH THE PRINCESSES AGAINST ME, THEY'VE TAKEN TO DESTROYING WHATEVER THEY CAN GET THEIR MAGIC ON.

OUR PEGASUS CITIES LIE IN RUINS, SO THE RAINS HAVEN'T COME IN QUITE SOME TIME. EARTH PONIES THAT HAVE BEEN OUR GREATEST FARMERS HAVE BEEN FORCED AWAY FROM THE CASTLE.

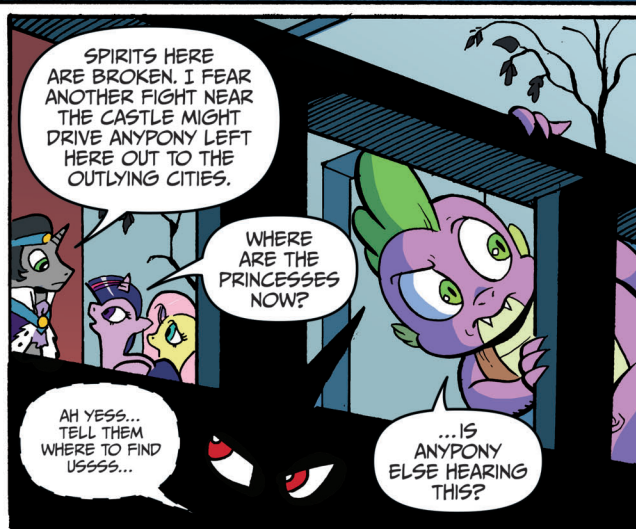


THAT'S **AWFUL!**

YOU MEAN THERE **USED** TO BE CAKE HERE AND NOW THERE ISN'T? **UNACCEPTABLE!** IT'S... IT'S **INCONCEIVABLE.**

AH, I REMEMBER CAKE.

WHAT WAS THAT?



SPIRITS HERE ARE BROKEN. I FEAR ANOTHER FIGHT NEAR THE CASTLE MIGHT DRIVE ANYPONY LEFT HERE OUT TO THE OUTLYING CITIES.

WHERE ARE THE PRINCESSES NOW?

AH YESS... TELL THEM WHERE TO FIND **USSSS...**

...IS ANYPONY ELSE HEARING THIS?



I BELIEVE YOU'RE AWARE OF THE CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS? YOURS IS A RELIC IN SHAMBLES... OURS STANDS TALL AT THE EDGE OF THE EVERFREE FOREST. IT'S NEAR A TOWN CALLED PONYVILLE. THEY RESIDE THERE.

PONYVILLE! I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT WHAT IT MUST BE LIKE IN THIS **GHASTLY** PLACE.

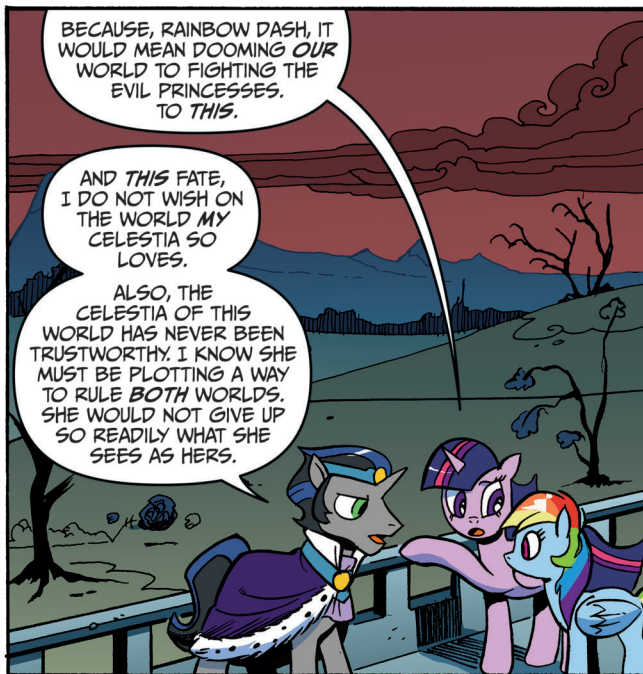
A-HEM.



WHY HAVEN'T YOU JUST LOCKED THEM UP IN YOUR SCARY DUNGEON?

YEAH! YOU'RE A UNICORN... A **KING UNICORN!** YOU MUST KNOW SOME KICK FLANK MAGIC!

MY MAGICAL ABILITY IS MOSTLY DEFENSIVE... PROTECTIVE SHIELDS AND THE LIKE. MY GUARD AND I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CAPTURE THEM.





WELL, THAT'S EASY. LOGIC DICTATES THAT THE THINGS THAT LED TO THE DEFEAT OF THE SOMBRA OF OUR WORLD WILL HELP DEFEAT THE PRINCESSES HERE.

NEITHER OF THOSE THINGS SOUND USEFUL.

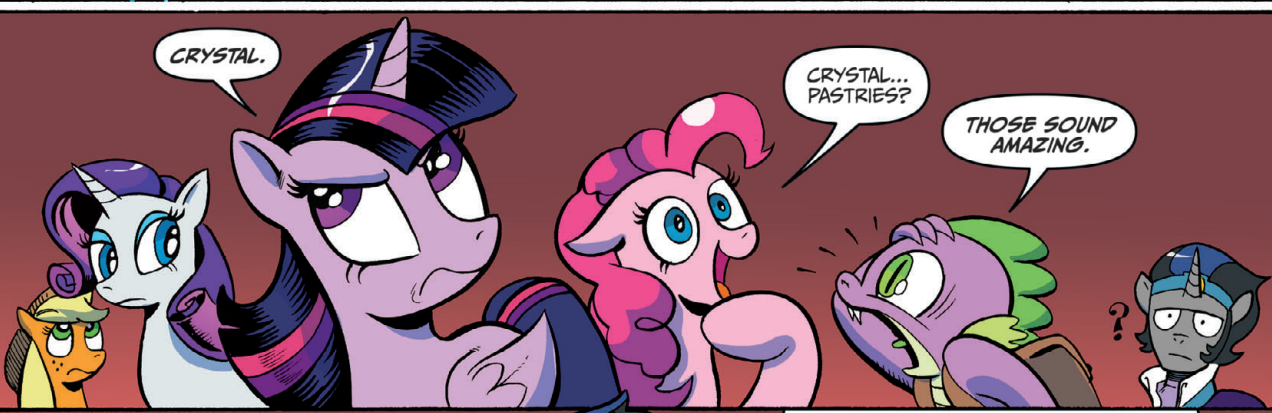
ASSORTED PASTRIES?

STAIRS?

CRYSTAL.

CRYSTAL... PASTRIES?

THOSE SOUND AMAZING.



A-HEM. AS I WAS SAYING... WE CAN USE THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY TO IMPRISON THE EVIL CELESTIA AND LUNA IN CRYSTAL. IT WILL...

...IT WILL KEEP THEM ALIVE, UNHARMED... AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, CONTAINED! TWILIGHT SPARKLE! YOU'RE A GENIUS! TRULY YOU ARE AS WONDERFUL AS CELESTIA HAS TOUTED YOU TO BE! AS CLEVER AS STAR SWIRL HIMSELF!

CRYSTAL?



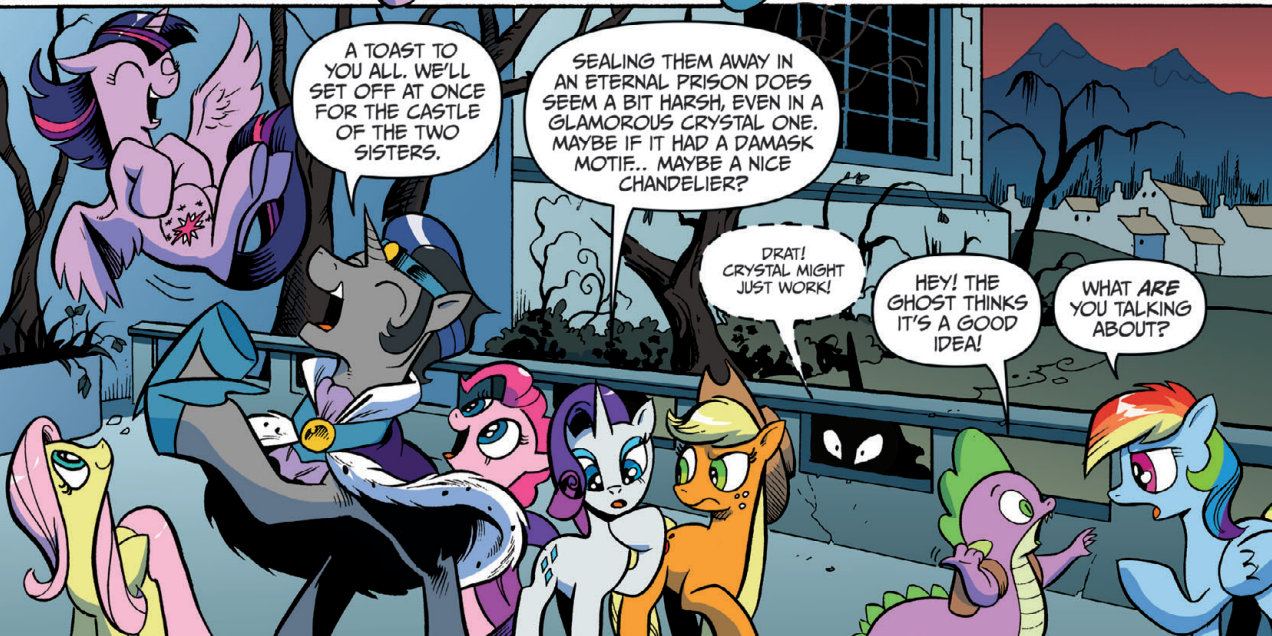
A TOAST TO YOU ALL. WE'LL SET OFF AT ONCE FOR THE CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS.

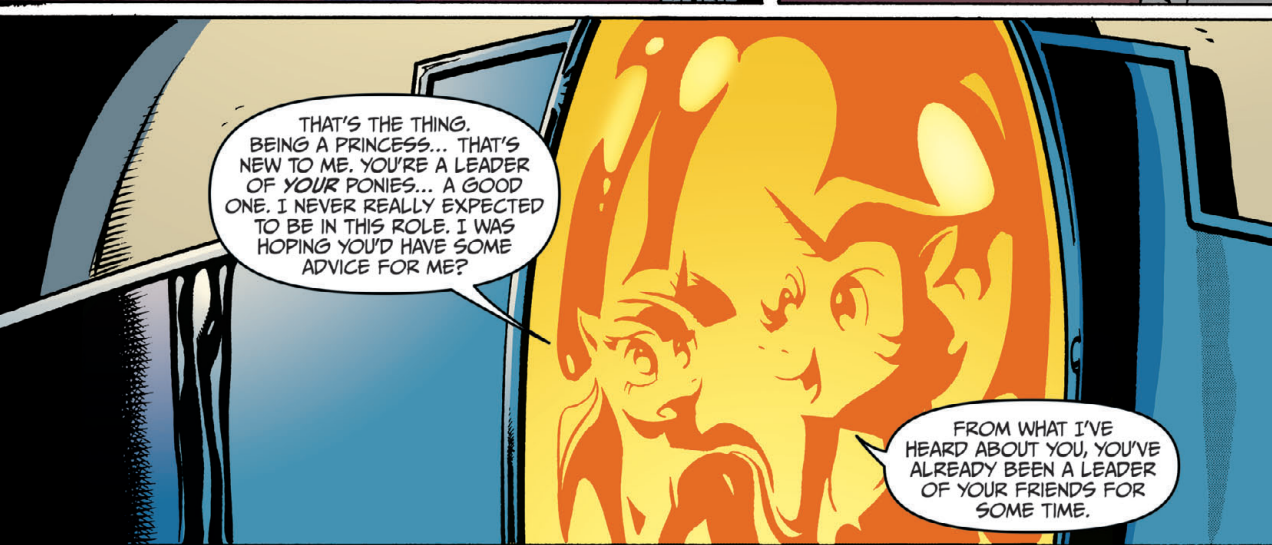
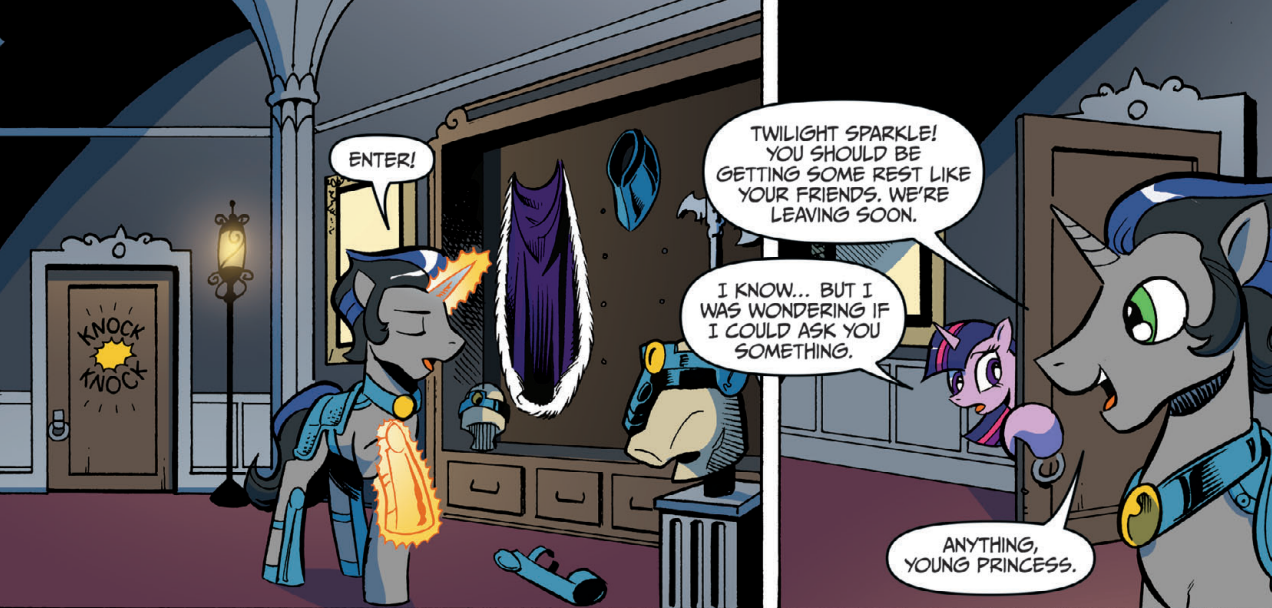
SEALING THEM AWAY IN AN ETERNAL PRISON DOES SEEM A BIT HARSH, EVEN IN A GLAMOROUS CRYSTAL ONE. MAYBE IF IT HAD A DAMASK MOTIF... MAYBE A NICE CHANDELIER?

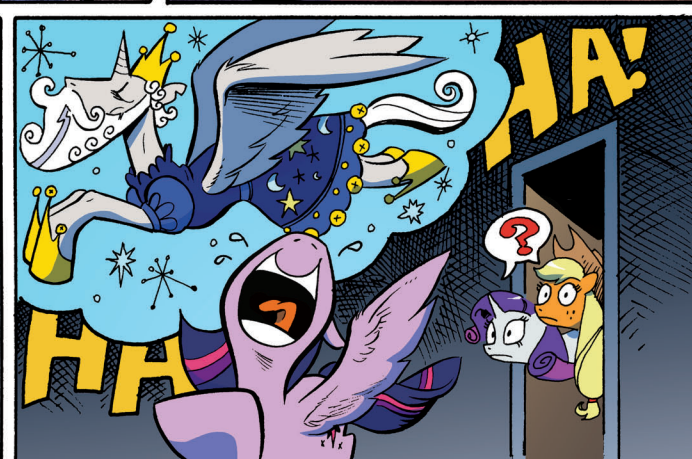
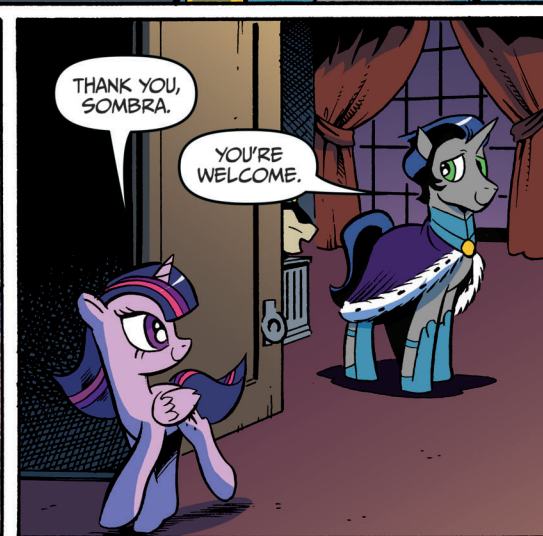
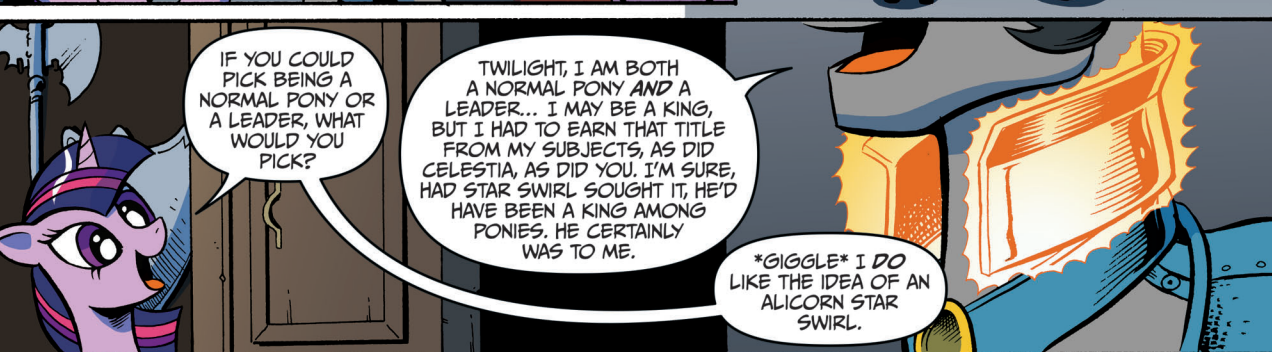
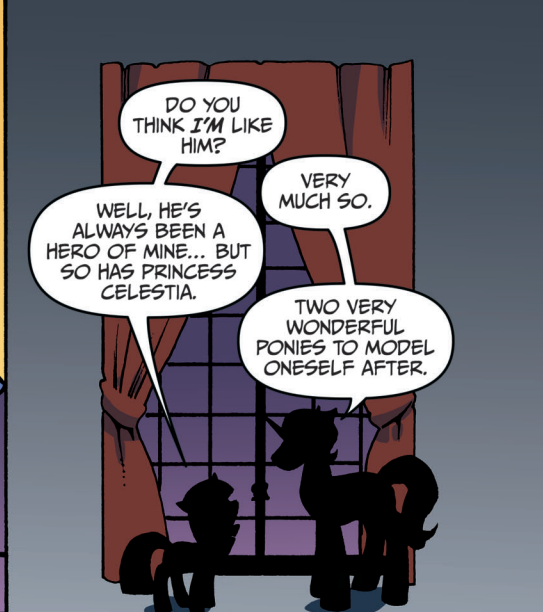
DRA! CRYSTAL MIGHT JUST WORK!

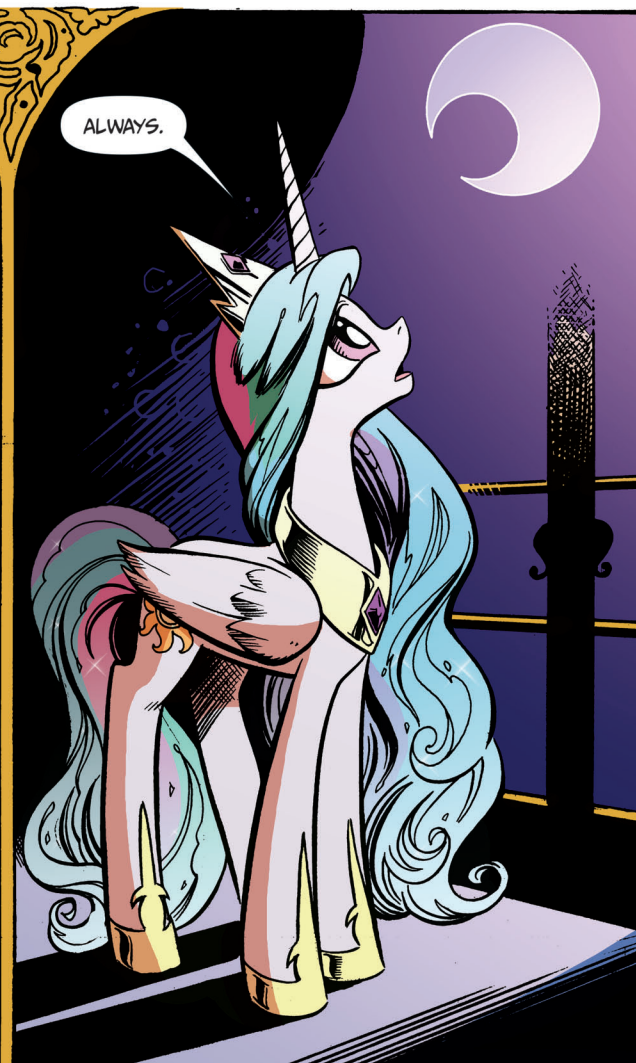
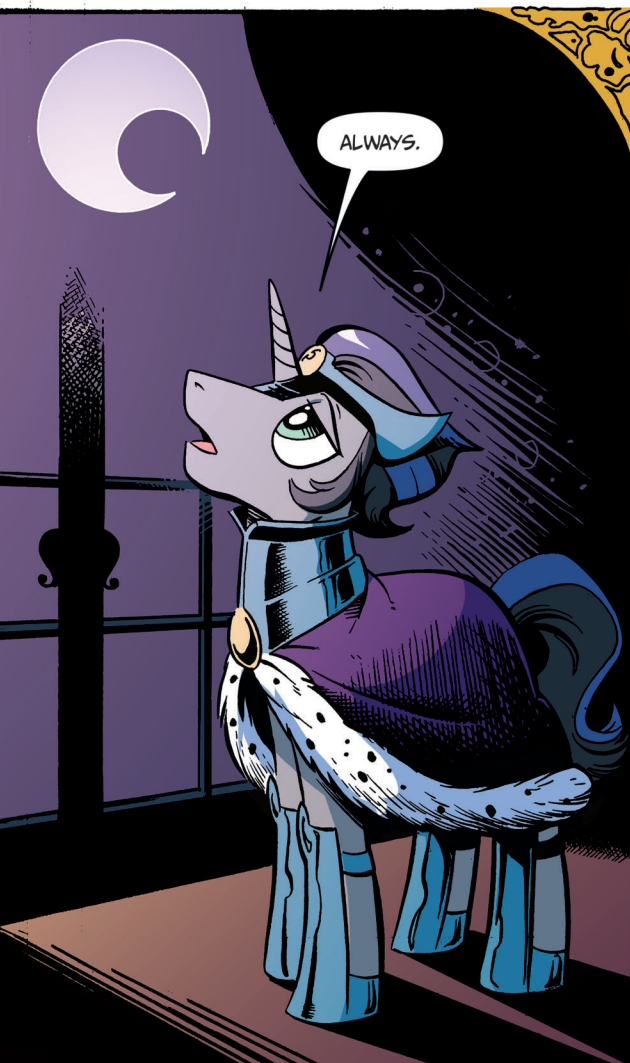
HEY! THE GHOST THINKS IT'S A GOOD IDEA!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?









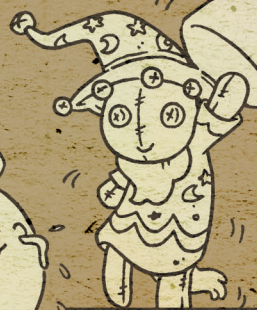


TO BE CONCLUDED

ONCE, A
YOUNG UNICORN
LOVED HIS
"WILHELM THE
WACKY WIZARD"
STUFFED
TOY.

How Star Swirl Got His Hat

Yet another version of the same story by katie cook



BUT HIS OLDER BROTHER
TOOK IT, BECAUSE
THAT'S WHAT OLDER
BROTHERS DO.

THE YOUNG UNICORN OPENED A ROADSIDE
MAGIC STAND TO EARN MONEY TO BUY A NEW TOY.



I'LL PULL A BIT FROM
BEHIND YOUR EAR
FOR ONE BIT!!!

BUT BY THE TIME
HE HAD EARNED
ENOUGH GOLDEN
BITS TO BUY A
NEW "WILHELM THE
WACKY WIZARD" DOLL,
IT HAD BEEN DISCONTINUED.
EVERY TOY STORE IN THE
LAND WAS OUT OF STOCK.
POOR YOUNG UNICORN.



WILHELM the WACKY
WIZARD

OUT OF
STOCK

DISCONTINUED!!!!
NO MORE EVER.

FLEA MARKET

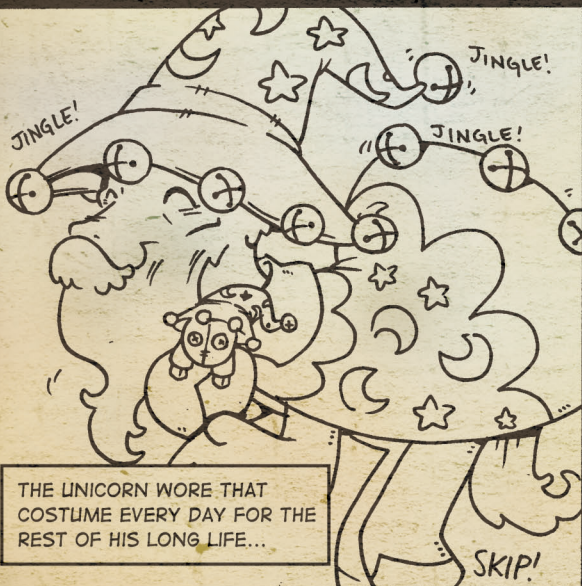
WHEN THE UNICORN WAS
MUCH OLDER, HE FOUND A
"WILHELM THE WACKY WIZARD"
DOLL AT A FLEA MARKET.
AND THE UNICORN WAS HAPPY.



AND HE WAS EVEN HAPPIER WHEN HE SAW THE MATCHING "WILHELM THE WACKY WIZARD" NIGHTMARE NIGHTS COSTUME NEXT TO THE DOLL.

IT WAS MINT IN THE PACKAGING AND DIDN'T SMELL BAD AT ALL*!

*MAYBE A LITTLE



THE UNICORN WORE THAT COSTUME EVERY DAY FOR THE REST OF HIS LONG LIFE...



MEANWHILE, IN THE ALTERNATE UNIVERSE...

