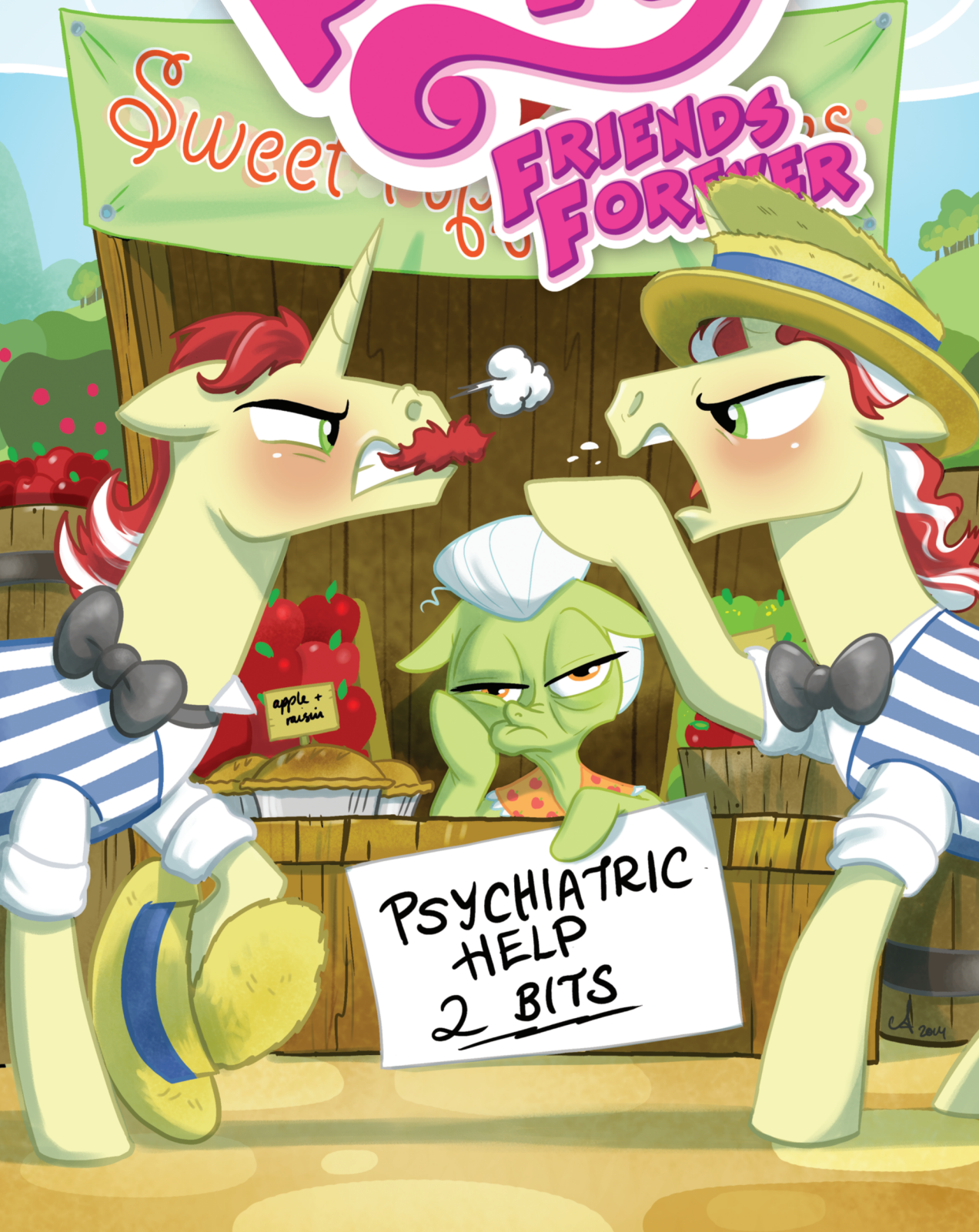


my LITTLE PONY

Sweetie Belle's
FRIENDS
FOREVER



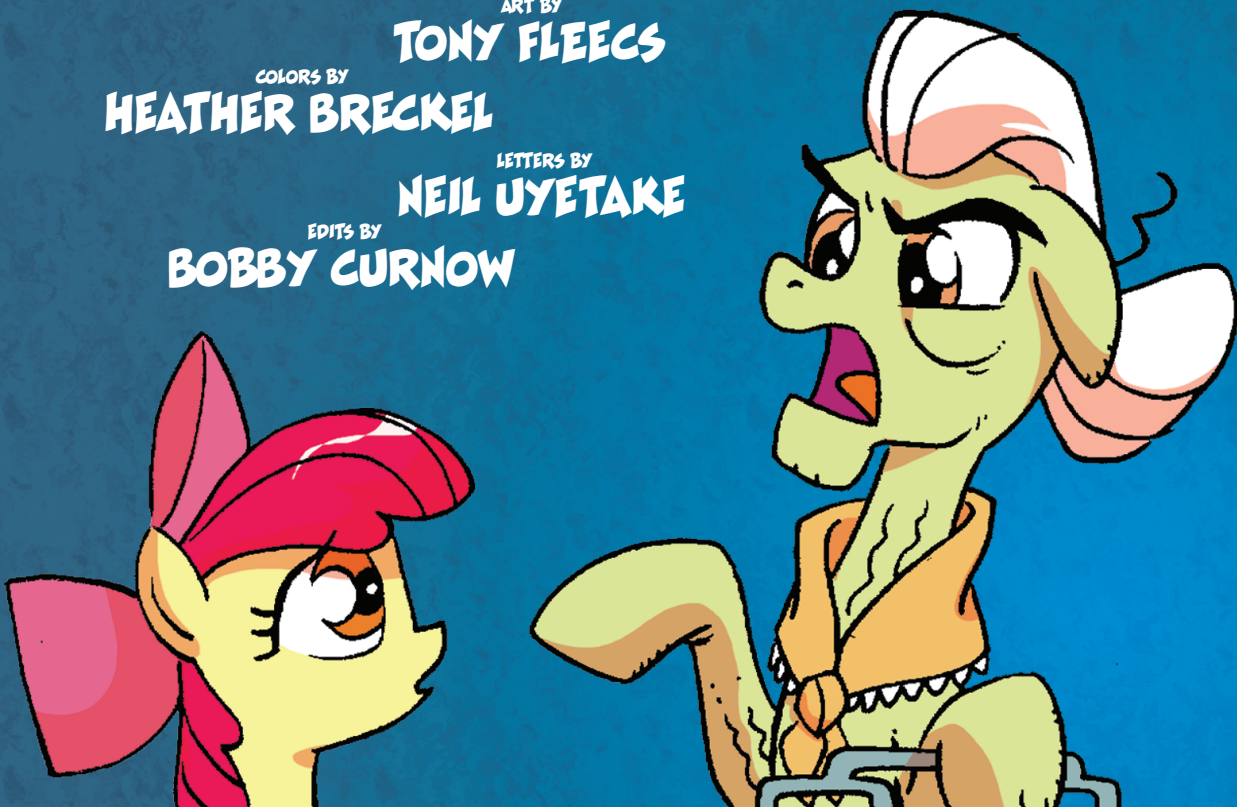
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ARE WE ALMOST THERE, SIS? MY HOOVES ARE KILLING ME.

JUST A FEW MORE PACES, LITTLE FILLY, AND WE'LL BE MAKIN' THAT FINAL TURN TOWARDS APPLE CON!

EYUP!

I DON'T KNOW WHY YER IN SUCH A HURRY!



BACK IN MY DAY, APPLE CON WAS A GREAT WAY TO GET TOGETHER AN' GOSSIP WITH THE OTHER APPLE GROWERS.

FIND OUT ABOUT NEW APPLE TRENDS AND PAD THE RAINY DAY FUND.

BUT EVER SINCE THEM FANCY, SNOOTY ORANGE AND BERRY GROWERS JOINED IN...



IT'S GOTTEN CROWDED, AND MISERABLE, AND RIDICULOUS!

NOW GRANNY, YOU KNOW THE MONEY WE MAKE HERE IS ALMOST AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT WE PULL IN THE OPENING DAY OF CIDER SEASON.

EYUP!

I SEE IT!



HERE WE ARE, LITTLE SIS!

IT'S AMAZING!

BAH! SMELLS LIKE TROUBLE (AND ORANGES) TO ME!

APPLE CON 45

MAYBE OUR MOST CROWDED YEAR YET!

ORANGE PAN

BERRY BERRY MUNCH!

DR. JELLY & MR. JAM

JUST APPLES!

JUST CRABS!

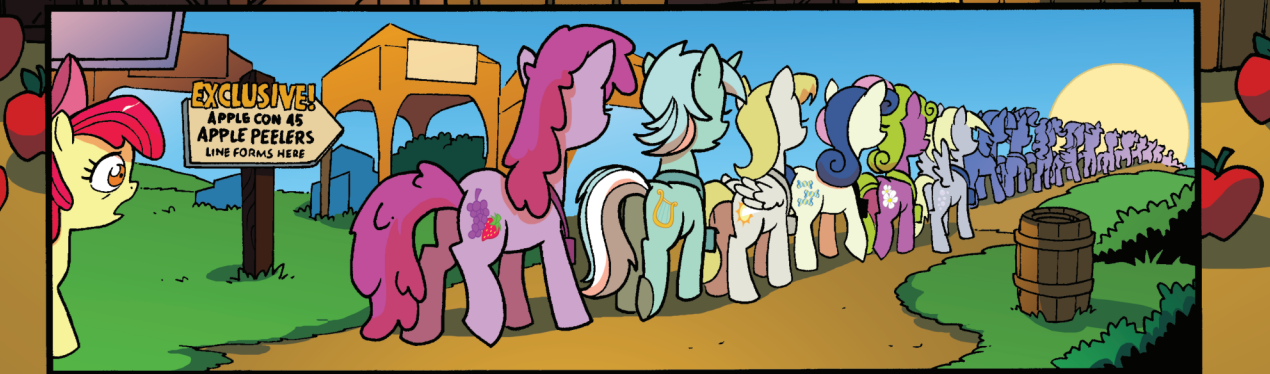
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APPLE PIE!

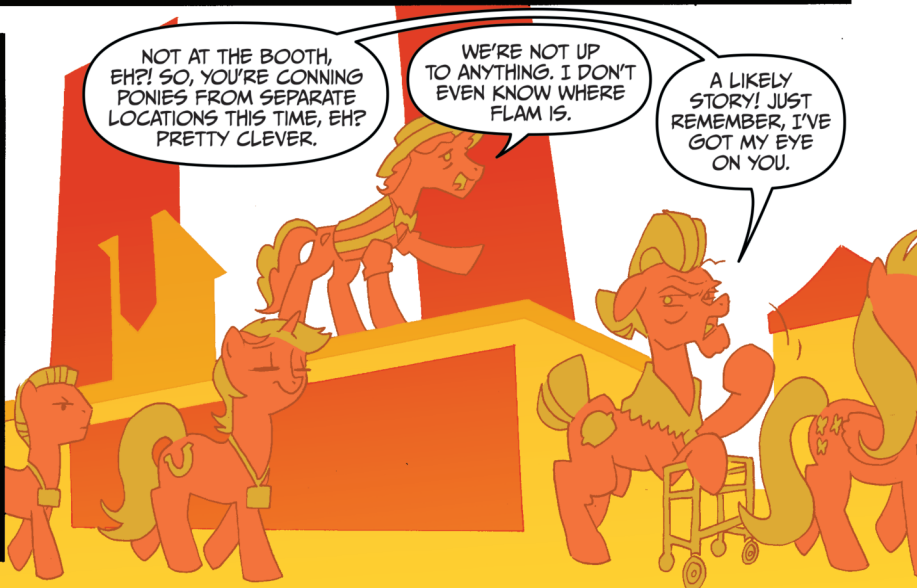
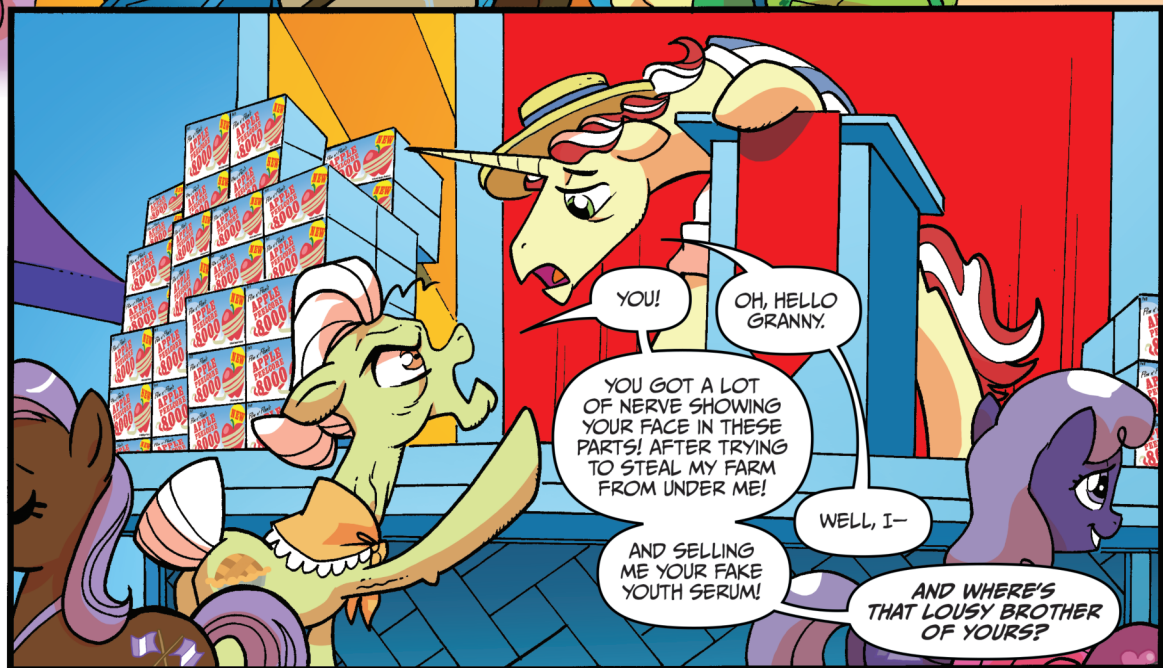
ORANGE JUGLAD

I DIDN'T SAY BANANA

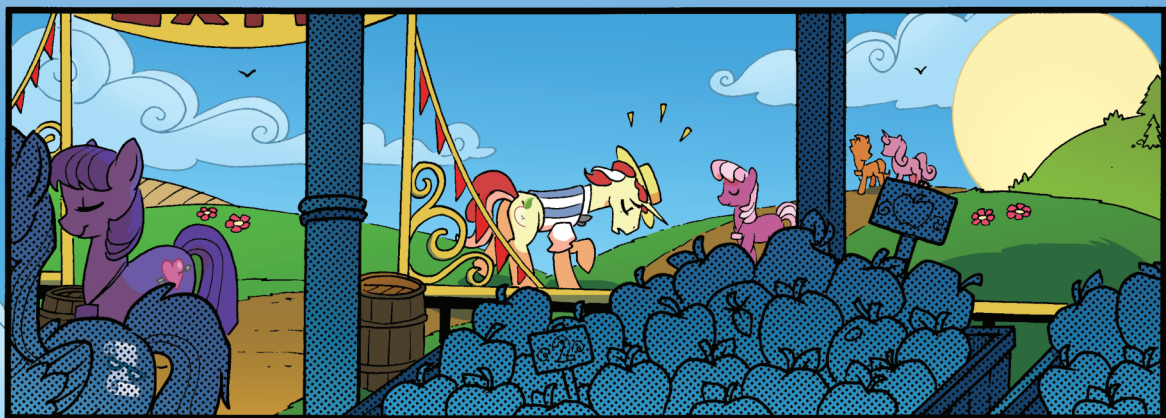
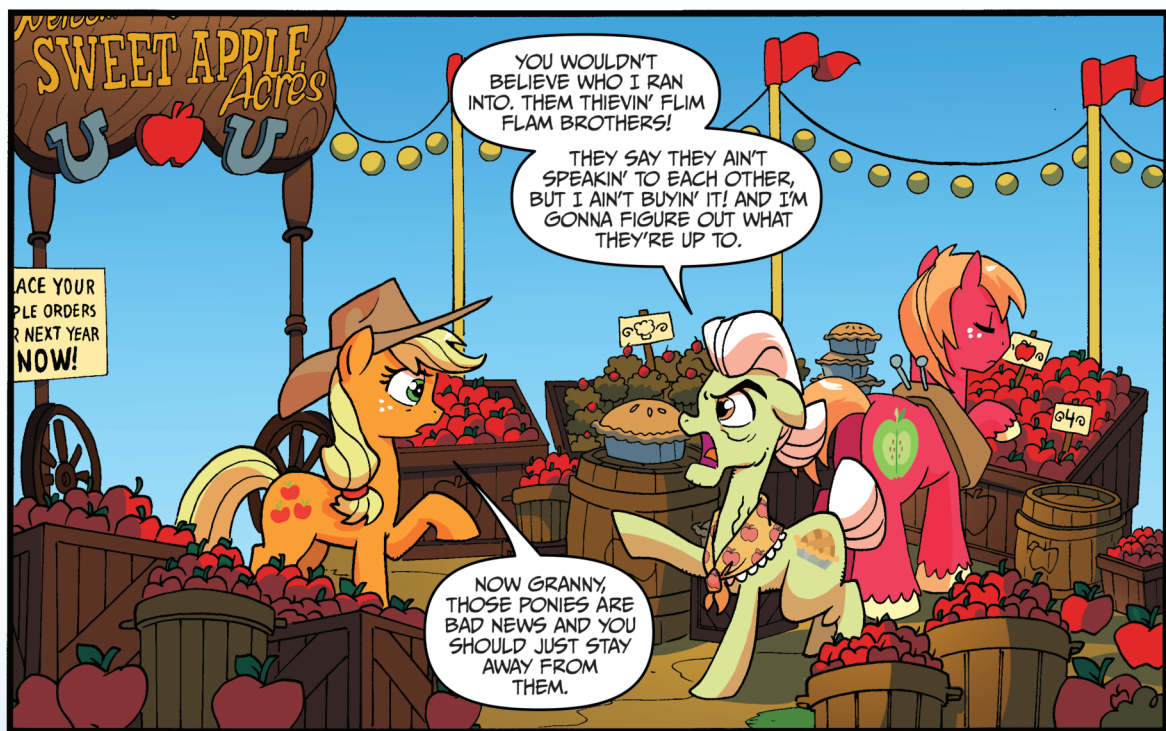




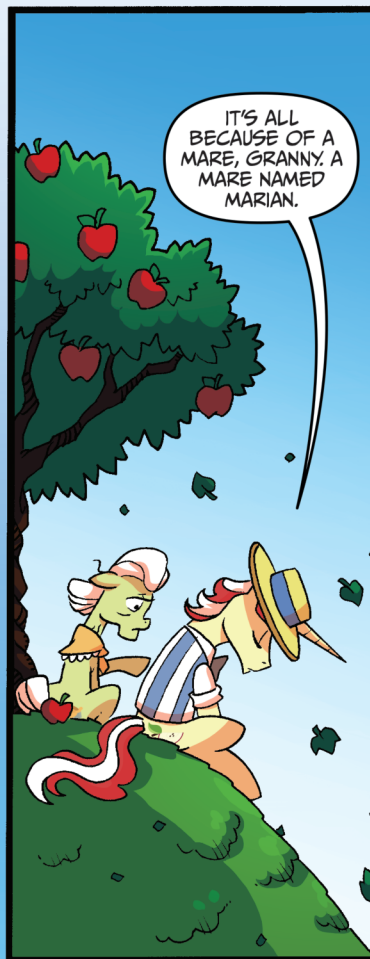
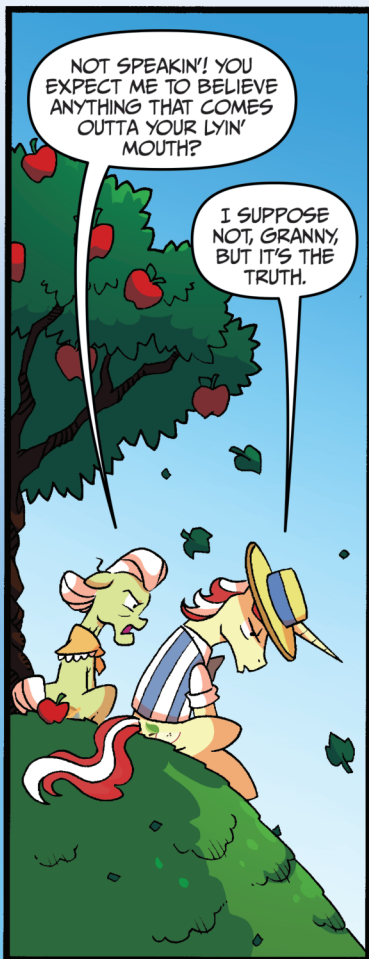
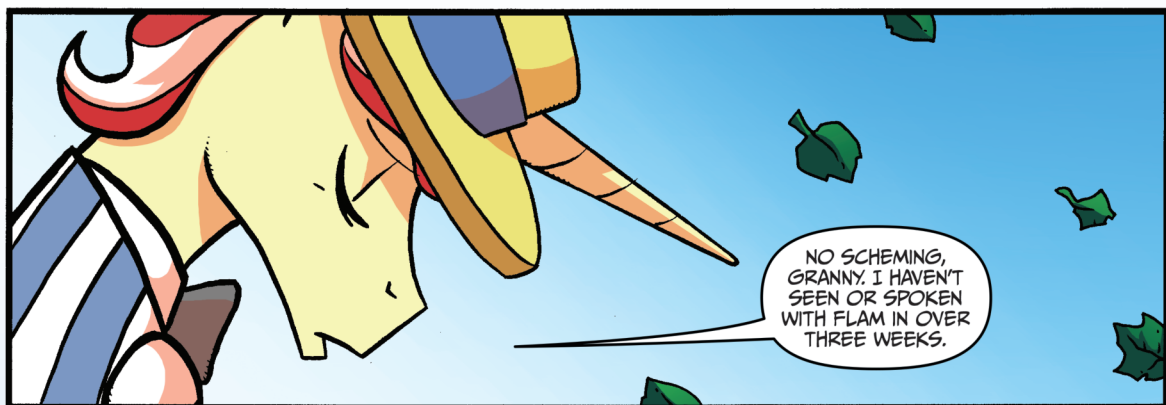












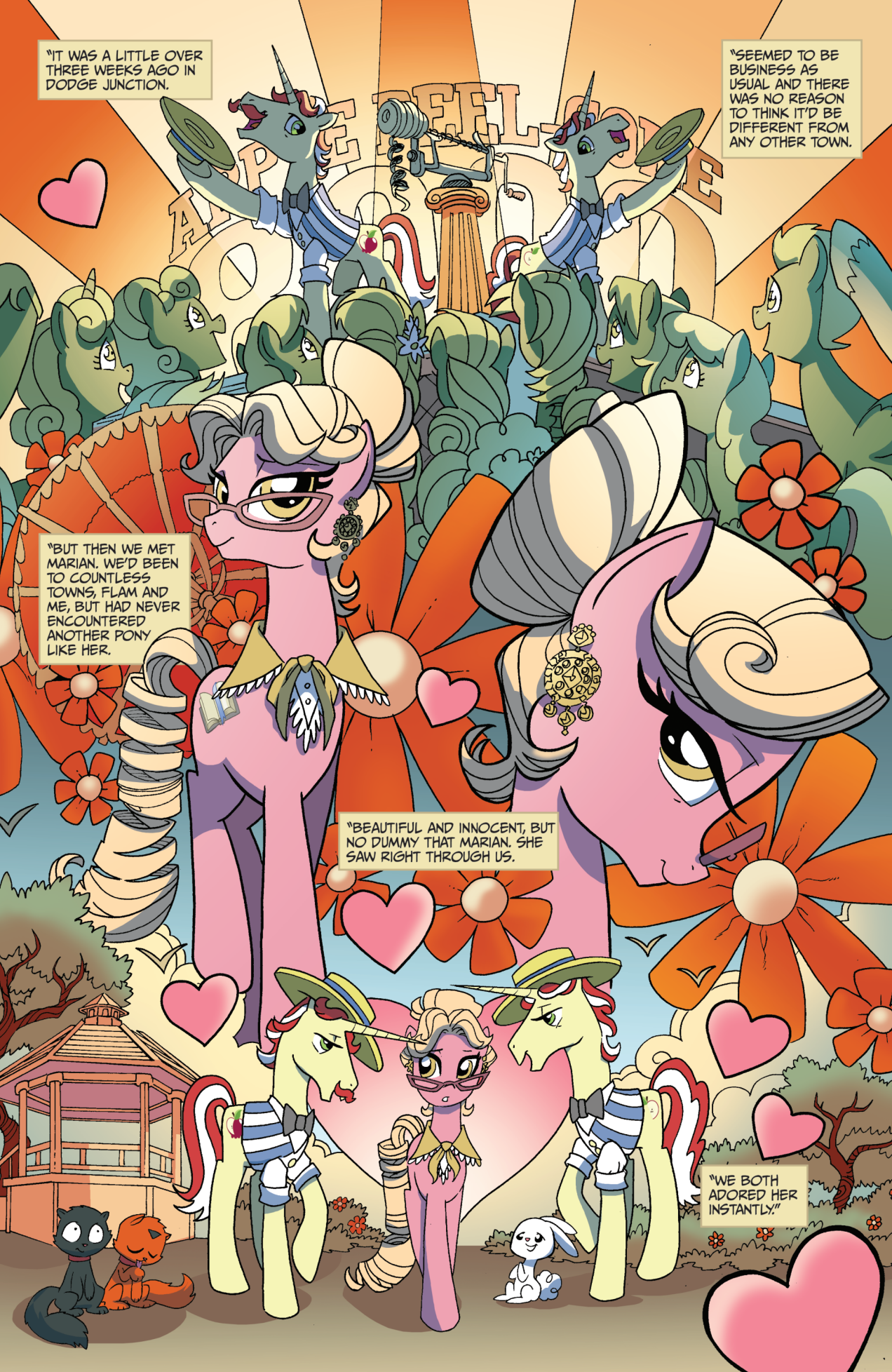
"IT WAS A LITTLE OVER
THREE WEEKS AGO IN
DODGE JUNCTION.

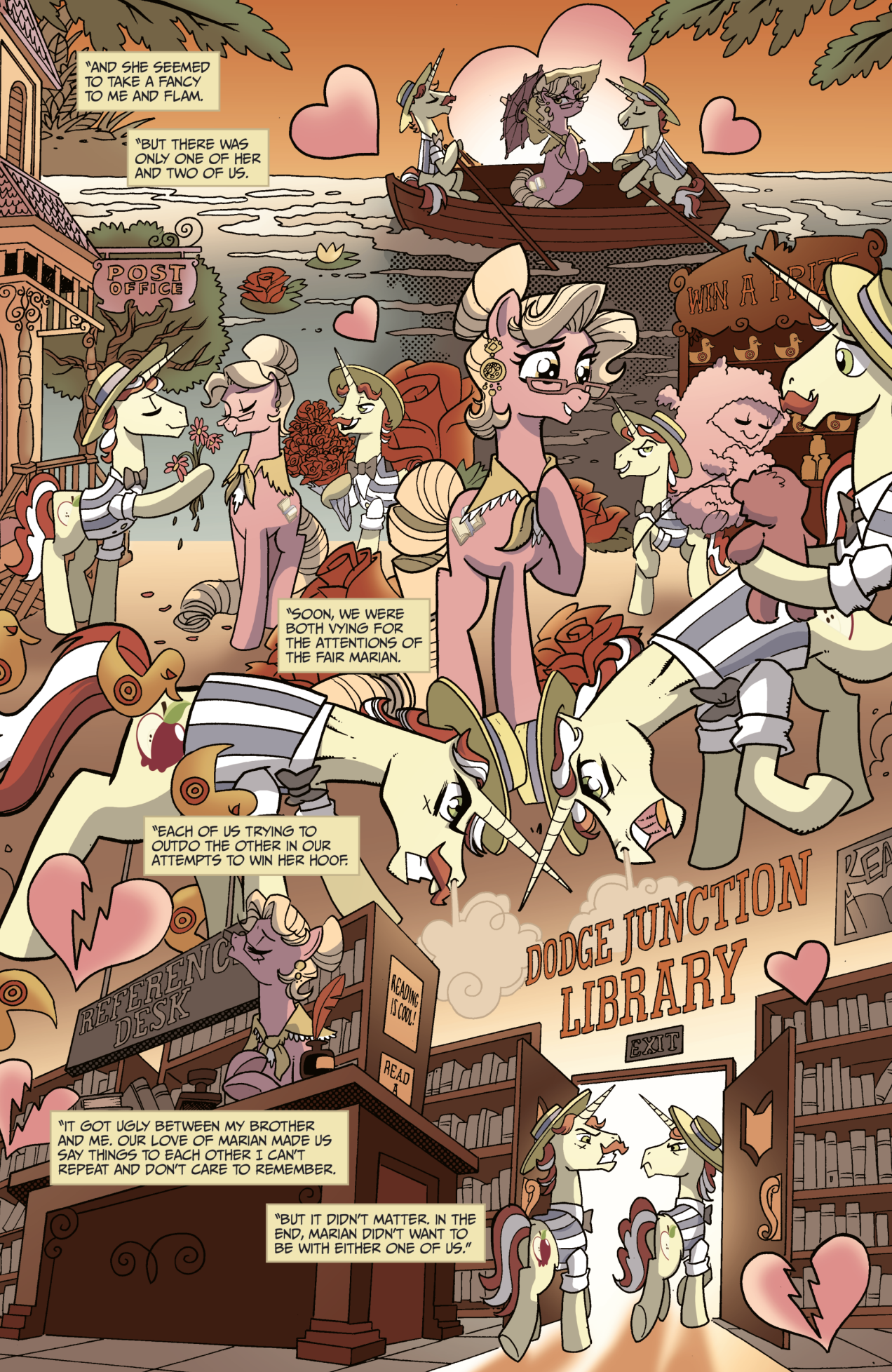
"SEEMED TO BE
BUSINESS AS
USUAL AND THERE
WAS NO REASON
TO THINK IT'D BE
DIFFERENT FROM
ANY OTHER TOWN.

"BUT THEN WE MET
MARIAN. WE'D BEEN
TO COUNTLESS
TOWNS, FLAM AND
ME, BUT HAD NEVER
ENCOUNTERED
ANOTHER PONY
LIKE HER.

"BEAUTIFUL AND INNOCENT, BUT
NO DUMMY THAT MARIAN. SHE
SAW RIGHT THROUGH US.

"WE BOTH
ADORED HER
INSTANTLY!"





"AND SHE SEEMED
TO TAKE A FANCY
TO ME AND FLAM.

"BUT THERE WAS
ONLY ONE OF HER
AND TWO OF US.

"SOON, WE WERE
BOTH VYING FOR
THE ATTENTIONS OF
THE FAIR MARIAN.

"EACH OF US TRYING TO
OUTDO THE OTHER IN OUR
ATTEMPTS TO WIN HER HOOF.

"IT GOT UGLY BETWEEN MY BROTHER
AND ME. OUR LOVE OF MARIAN MADE US
SAY THINGS TO EACH OTHER I CAN'T
REPEAT AND DON'T CARE TO REMEMBER.

"BUT IT DIDN'T MATTER. IN THE
END, MARIAN DIDN'T WANT TO
BE WITH EITHER ONE OF US."

DODGE JUNCTION
LIBRARY

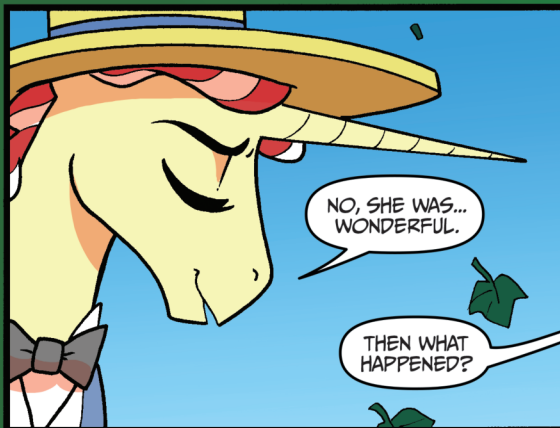


I DON'T KNOW
IF SHE ACTUALLY
EVER CARED ABOUT
EITHER ONE
OF US.

WE WERE SO BUSY
FIGHTING OVER MARIAN
THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME
TO CON—I MEAN SELL—OUR
LIFE-ALTERING PRODUCTS
TO THE TOWN.

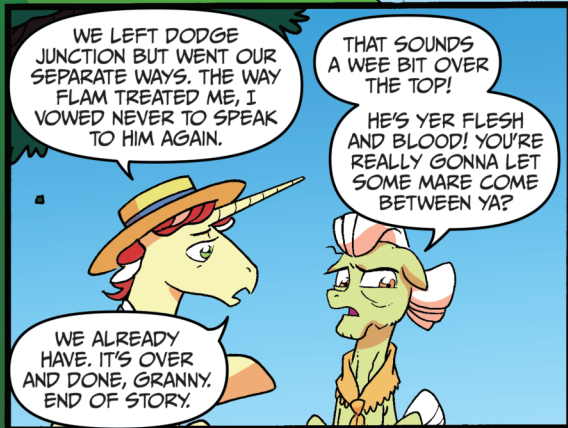
MAYBE THAT
WAS HER PLAN
ALL ALONG.

SHE
SOUNDS
SHIFTY!



NO, SHE WAS...
WONDERFUL.

THEN WHAT
HAPPENED?



WE LEFT DODGE
JUNCTION BUT WENT OUR
SEPARATE WAYS. THE WAY
FLAM TREATED ME, I
VOWED NEVER TO SPEAK
TO HIM AGAIN.

THAT SOUNDS
A WEE BIT OVER
THE TOP!

HE'S YER FLESH
AND BLOOD! YOU'RE
REALLY GONNA LET
SOME MARE COME
BETWEEN YA?

WE ALREADY
HAVE. IT'S OVER
AND DONE, GRANNY.
END OF STORY.

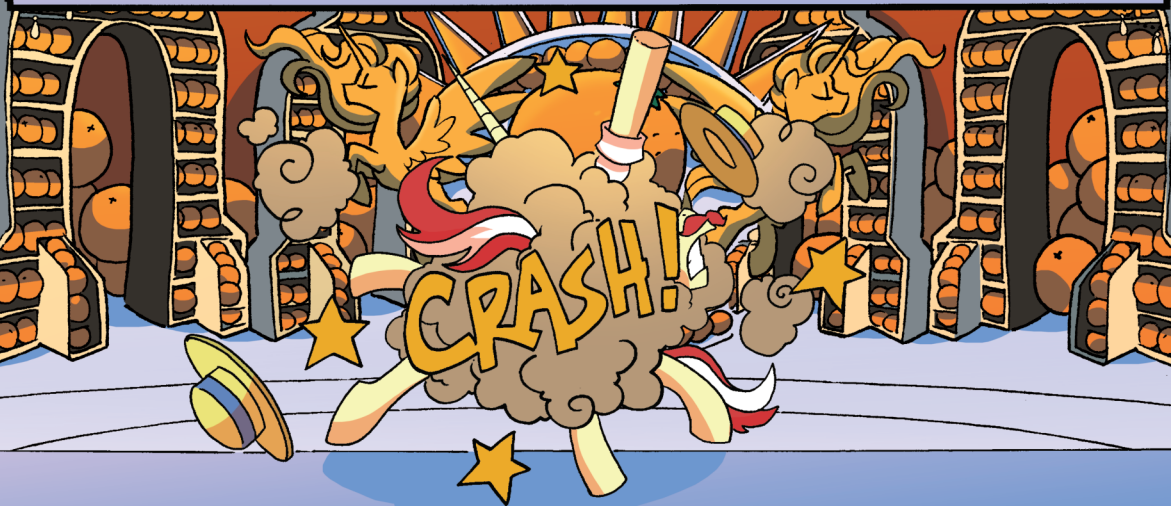


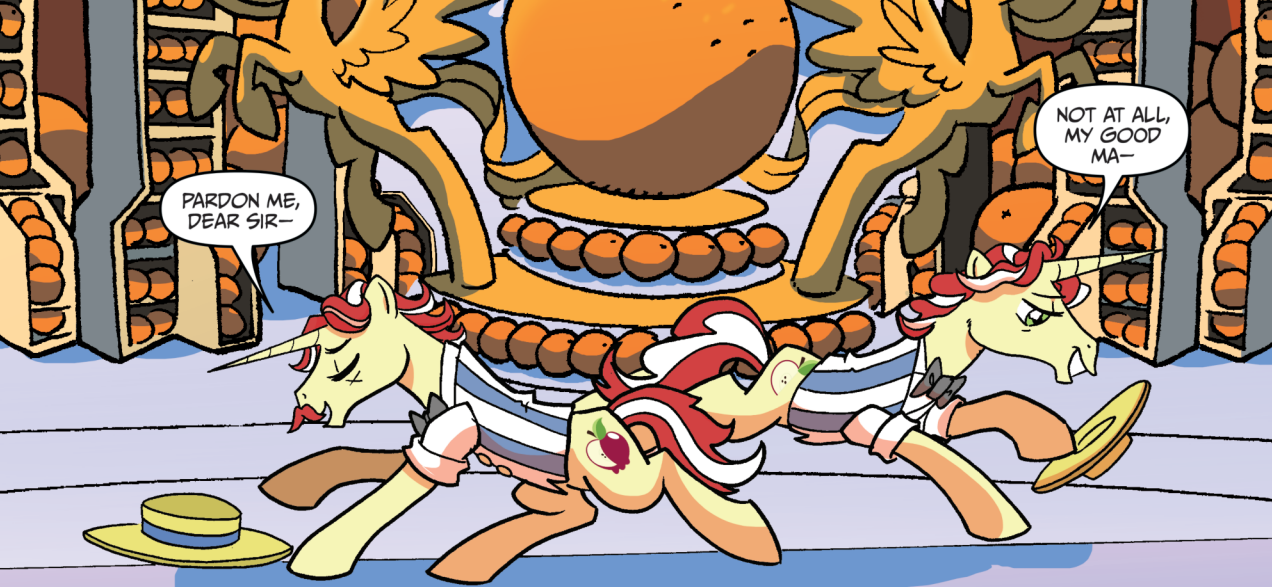
SOON...

SORRY,
GRANNY, BUT THE
THINGS HE SAID
TO ME...

THE
FABULOUS FLIM
FLAM BROTHERS
ARE NO MORE.

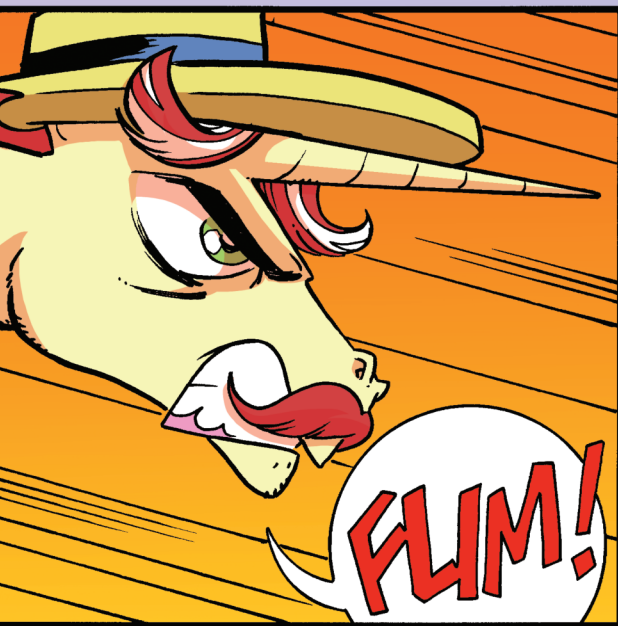
THERE MUST
BE SOME WAY
TO FIX THIS!



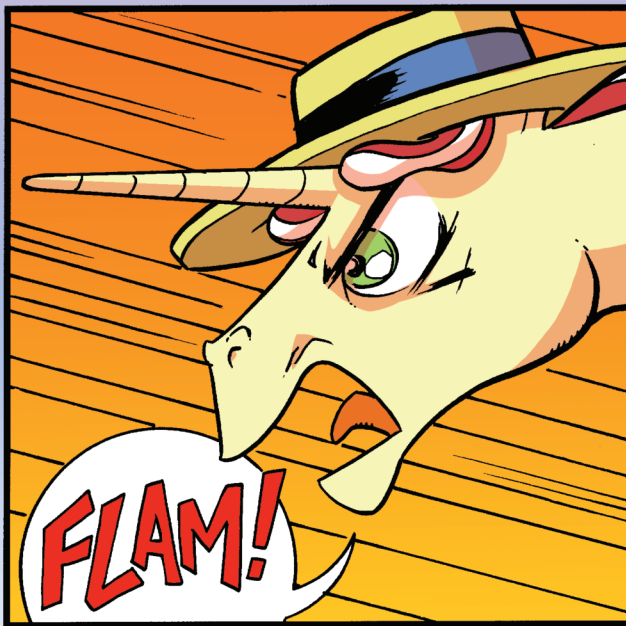


PARDON ME,
DEAR SIR—

NOT AT ALL,
MY GOOD
MA—



FLIM!

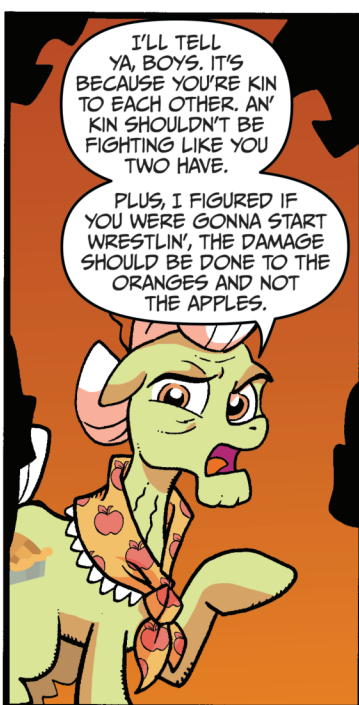
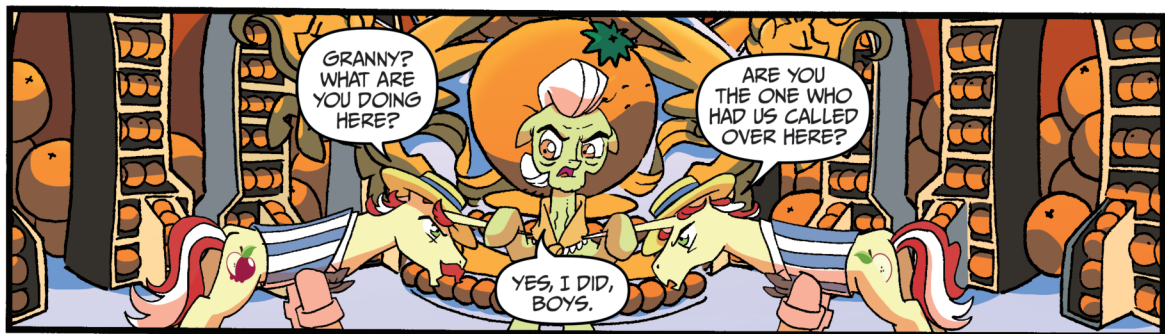


FLAM!



YOU'VE
GOTTA LOT OF
NERVE SHOWING
YOUR FACE
HERE—

YOU'RE
TELLING ME?



"IT WAS BACK, OH,
MORE YEARS THAN I
CARE TO REMEMBER.



"YOU MIGHT FIND
THIS HARD TO
BELIEVE, BUT I
WAS QUITE A
LOOKER BACK
IN THE DAY. HAD
MORE BEAUS
THAN I COULD
COUNT ON BOTH
HOOVES.



"BUT THERE WERE TWO IN PARTICULAR
THAT I TOOK A SPECIAL FANCY TO. THEM
JONAGOLD BROTHERS WERE SWEET AS
APPLE PIE AND THEY BOTH FAWNED
OVER ME LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE.



"TROUBLE WAS, I LIKED THEM BOTH SO MUCH
THAT I JUST COULDN'T CHOOSE BETWEEN 'EM.
THEY STARTED TO FIGHT SO FIERCE TO WIN
MY AFFECTION THAT IT TURNED MY BLOOD
COLD SEEING TWO BROTHERS TREAT EACH
OTHER LIKE THAT.



"THE WAY THEY ACTED MADE ME
SO SAD THAT I DECIDED TO
LEAVE THEM BOTH RATHER THAN
LET THEM FIGHT LIKE THAT.



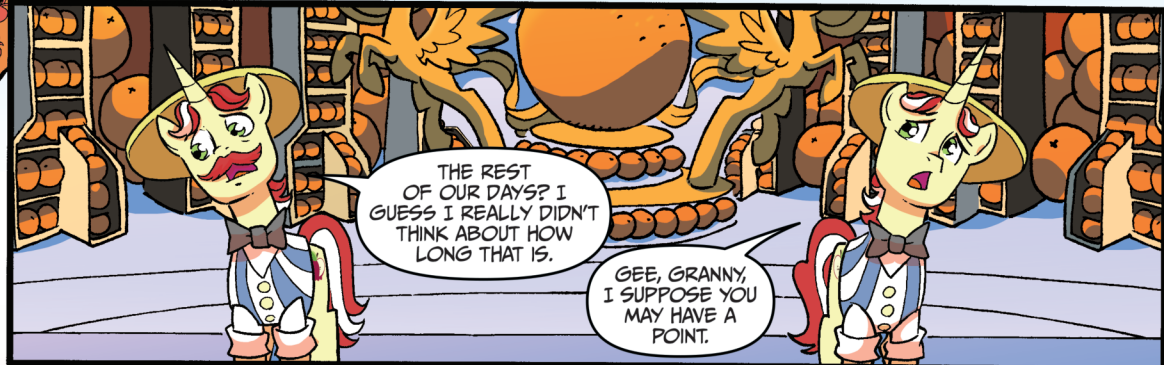
"BUT I'M SORRY TO SAY
THAT TO THIS DAY THEM
BROTHERS STILL AIN'T
ON SPEAKIN' TERMS."





I ALWAYS FELT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM JONAGOLD BROTHERS NEVER TALKING AGAIN.

YOU TWO REALLY WANT TO SPEND THE REST OF YOUR DAYS APART FROM EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF SOME MARE?



THE REST OF OUR DAYS? I GUESS I REALLY DIDN'T THINK ABOUT HOW LONG THAT IS.

GEE, GRANNY, I SUPPOSE YOU MAY HAVE A POINT.

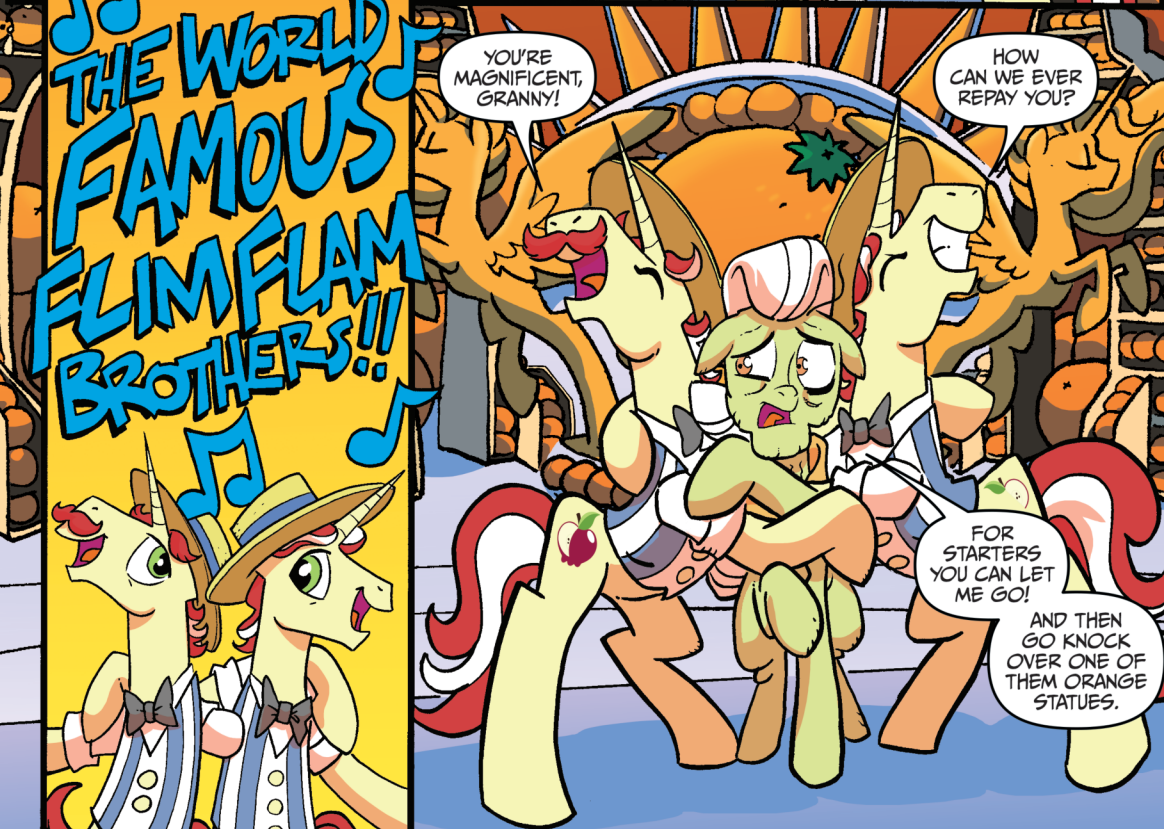


BROTHER OF MINE, I THINK IT MAY BE TIME TO BURY THAT HATCHET. I EXTEND MY SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR MY BEHAVIOR AS OF LATE.

I AGREE, OH BROTHER OF MINE! LET'S PUT DODGE JUNCTION BEHIND US AND MOVE ON TO THE NEXT TOWN.

BESIDES, HOW COULD WE EXPECT MARIAN TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE—

THE WORLD FAMOUS FLIMFLAM BROTHERS!!

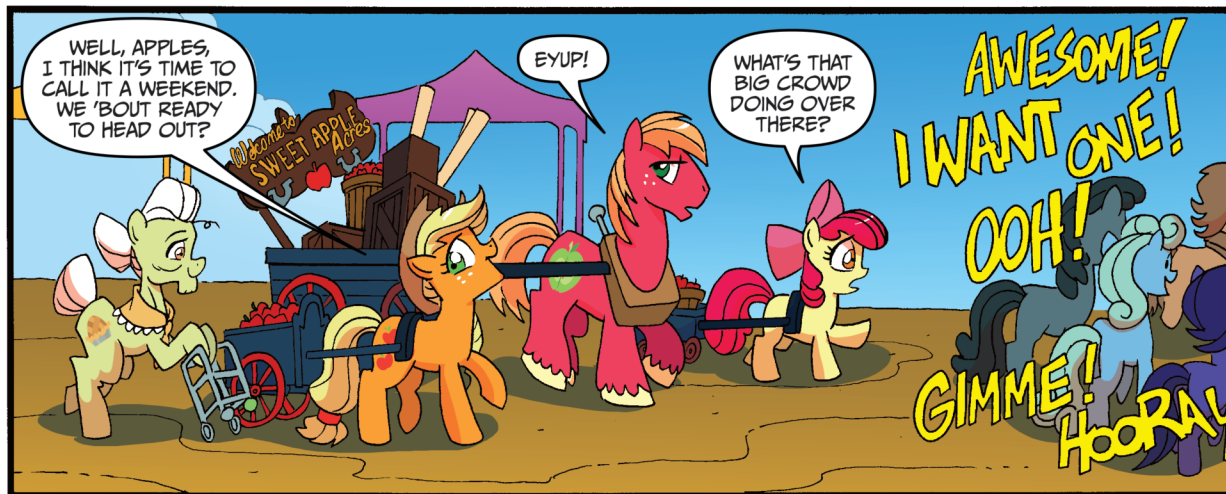


YOU'RE MAGNIFICENT, GRANNY!

HOW CAN WE EVER REPAY YOU?

FOR STARTERS YOU CAN LET ME GO!

AND THEN GO KNOCK OVER ONE OF THEM ORANGE STATUES.



OH YES, YOUR APPLES MUST
BE PEELED. BY GEORGE, AND
WE HAVE GOT A DEAL. YOU KNOW
IT'S REALLY QUITE A STEAL.
THE PEELCORE BOOO!

The 2nd
FLIM FLAM
APPLE PEEL



alicious
BROTHERS!
ELCOA

YOU MUST REMOVE THAT
NASTY CORE. BUT THE TIME IT
TAKES IS SUCH A CHORE. NOW
YOUR TEARS AND TOIL THEY
ARE NO MORE. THE
PEELCORE BOOO!

JUST STEP RIGHT UP AND
TEST IT OUT. YOU'LL BE SATISFIED
WE HAVE NO DOUBT. CAN WE HEAR
EVERYONE NOW SHOUT IT OUT?
THE PEELCORE BOOO!

APPLE PEELCORE
PEELCORE BOOO!



