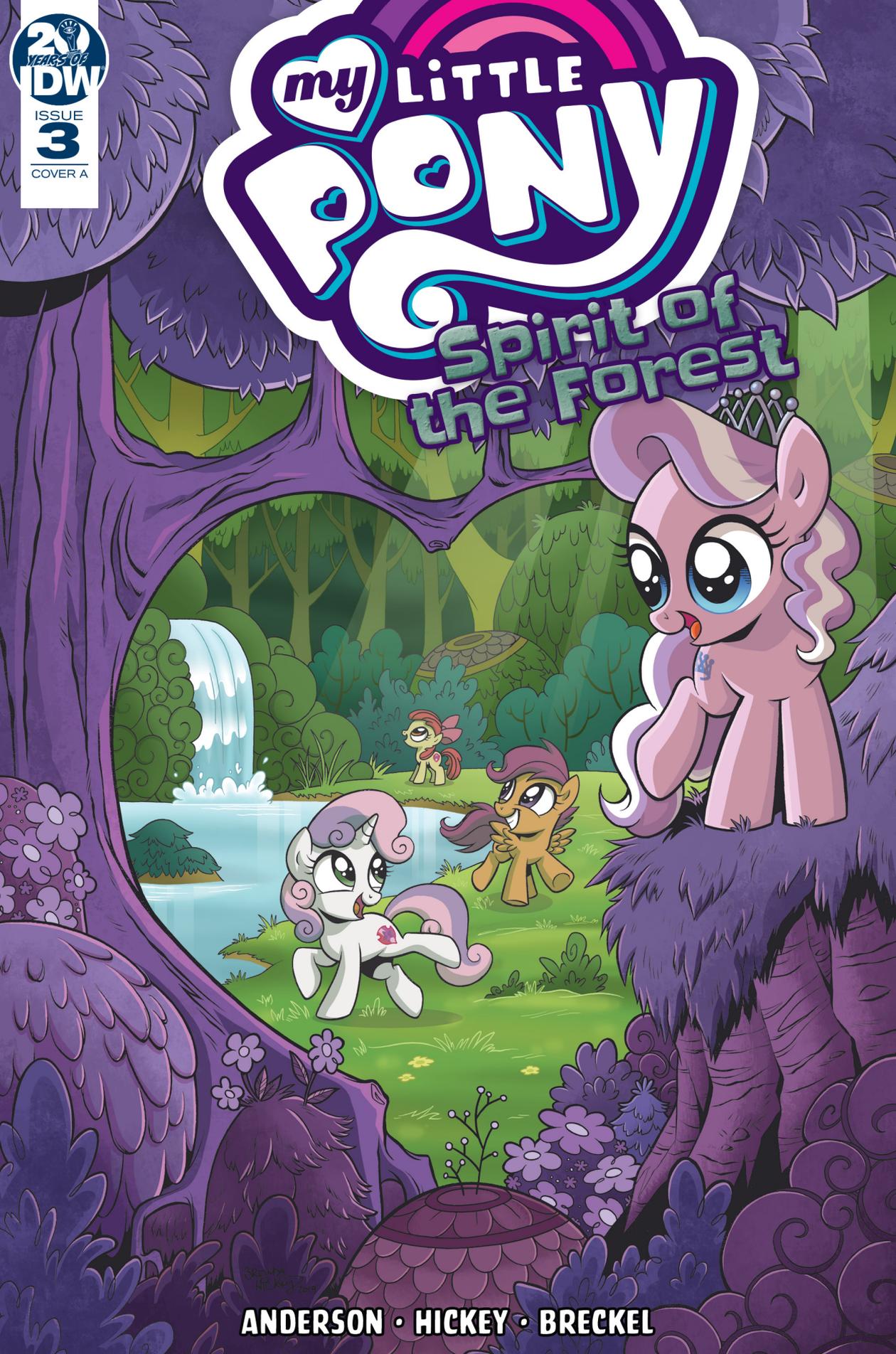


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BLUUUGGGHHHGH



UUHGHGHGHHHHH

GUUUHHHHH

THIS STINKS,
Y'ALL.

FILTY RICH'S
NEW LUMBER MILL
IS RUINING WHITE
TAIL WOODS.

WE TRIED TO
CONVINCE HIM,
WE TRIED TO
SCARE HIM...

... BUT
NOTHIN'
WORKED.



WHITE TAIL WOODS
IS GONNA BE GONE
SOON, AND WE
COULDN'T SAVE IT!

WELL, IT'S
NOT GONE
YET...

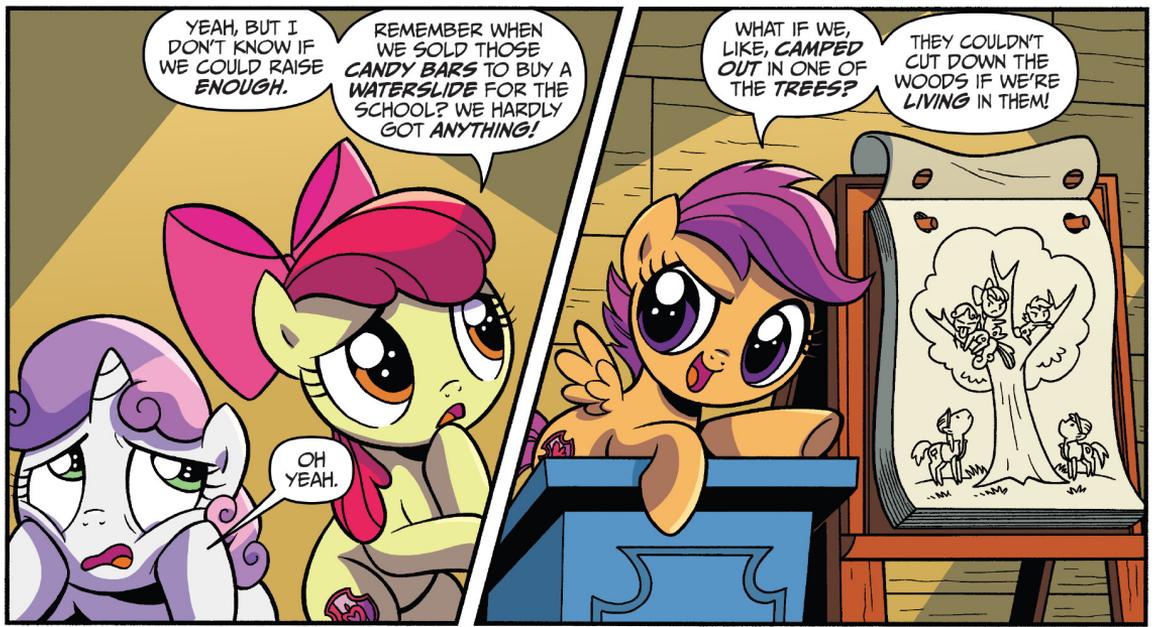
MAYBE
THERE'S STILL
SOMETHING
WE CAN DO!



LIKE
WHAT?

MAYBE... MAYBE
WE COULD BUY THE
WOODS! LIKE, WITH
A FUNDRAISER!

THEN FILTY
RICH COULDN'T
CUT DOWN THE
TREES!





IF IT WAS JUST THE LITTERING IN THE WOODS, THEN **MAYBE** WE COULD CLEAN IT ALL UP...

BUT THAT MILL'S PRODUCING TOO MUCH WASTE FOR **THREE LITTLE PONIES** TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



IT AIN'T ENOUGH TO JUST **CLEAN UP** THE MESSSES THAT HAPPEN!

WE GOTTA STOP THE MESS AT ITS **SOURCE!**

OR ELSE IT'S JUST GONNA KEEP GETTIN' **WORSE!**



MAYOR MARE SAID THAT THE MILL IS TOTALLY **LEGAL**, SO WE CAN'T ASK **HER** FOR HELP...

AND THERE'S LOTS OF PONIES IN PONYVILLE WHO **USE** THE LUMBER FROM HIS MILL!

SO THEY WON'T HELP US, **EITHER!**



AND OUR **SISTERS** ARE TELLIN' US THERE'S **NO WAY** TO CHANGE FILTHY RICH'S MIND—

—SO WE OUGHTA JUST **GIVE UP!**

DOESN'T ANYPONY **ELSE** IN THIS TOWN CARE ABOUT THY **ENVIRONMENT?!**

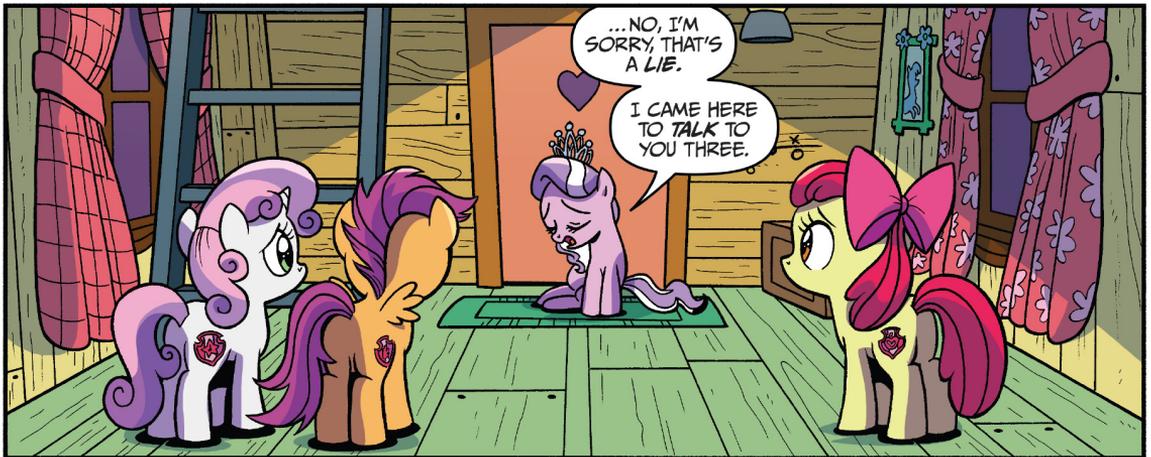


KNOCK KNOCK



UM...

MAY I COME **IN?**





AND I DON'T JUST WANNA CLEAN UP HIS MESS—

—I WANT TO STOP IT AT THE SOURCE!

OTHERWISE, WHITE TAIL WOODS WILL NEVER GET BETTER!



I KNOW... WE HAVEN'T ALWAYS GOTTEN ALONG.

I'VE DONE SOME PRETTY MEAN THINGS IN THE PAST.



BUT WHAT MY DADDY'S DOING IS WRONG.

AND I FEEL LIKE WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE TRYIN' TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!



IF WE WANT TO SAVE THE WOODS...

... THEN I THINK WE NEED TO DO IT TOGETHER.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?



OF COURSE WE'LL HELP, DIAMOND TIARA.

HOW COULD WE SAY NO?

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



...OF COURSE, WE STILL DON'T HAVE A WAY TO STOP YOUR DAD'S LUMBER MILL.

MAYBE NOT YET—



—BUT WITH **FOUR** OF US, WE'RE **BOUND** TO COME UP WITH **SOMETHING!**

ANY IDEAS, DIAMOND TIARA?

HMM...



YOU ALREADY TRIED DRESSING UP LIKE A **WEIRD MONSTER** AND TRYING TO **SCARE** HIM, RIGHT?

YEAH, THAT WAS PRETTY MUCH OUR **PLAN A.**

WE TRIED DRESSING UP AS THAT **SPIRIT OF THE FOREST** YOU MENTIONED!

YOU SAID YOUR **GREAT-GRANDMAMA** TOLD YOU **STORIES** ABOUT IT, RIGHT?



YEAH... SHE SAID IT WAS THE **DEFENDER OF THE FOREST.**

IT KEPT **WHITE TAIL WOODS**—MAYBE **ALL WOODS**—**HEALTHY AND SAFE.**

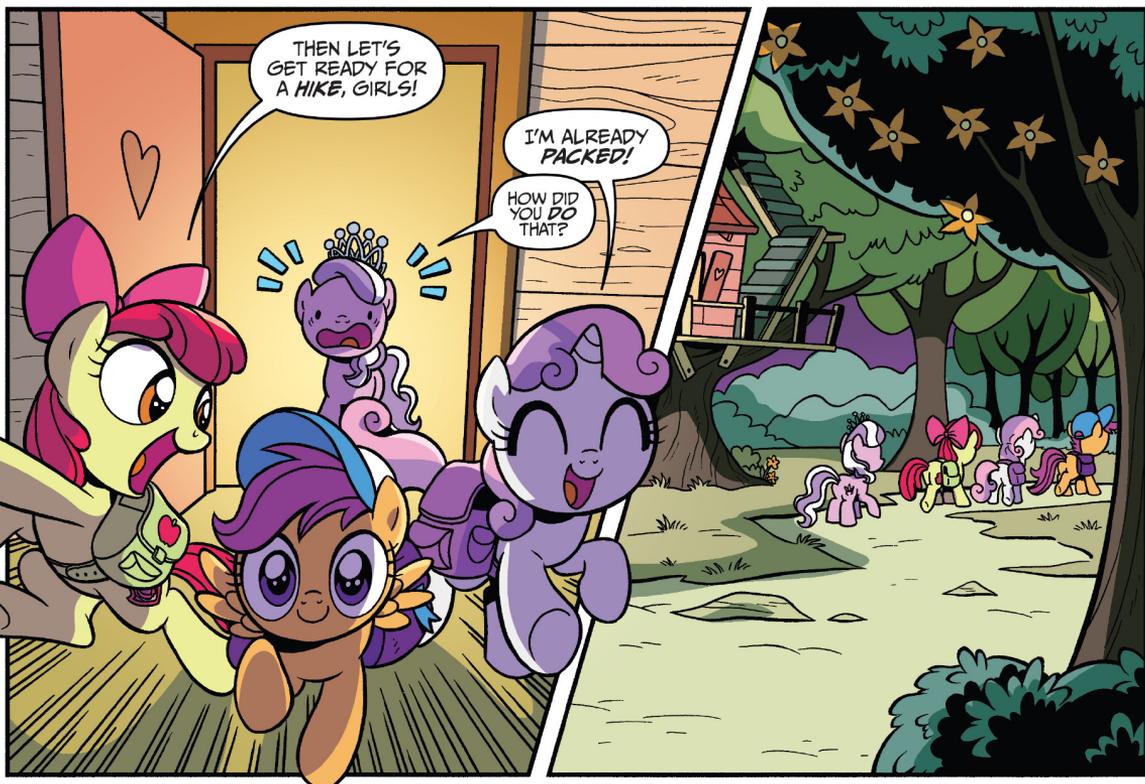


IF ONLY THE **SPIRIT WAS REAL...**

...THEN **WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO DEFEND THE WOODS!**



... WHAT IF IT **IS** REAL?







WE'RE MAKIN' GOOD TIME!

WE'LL COVER ALL OF WHITE TAIL WOODS WITHIN, UM...

...SIX MOONS!

BUT NO SIGN OF THE SPIRIT.



I FORGOT HOW BEAUTIFUL THE WOODS ARE...

EVEN IF WE HAVEN'T FOUND THE SPIRIT, AT LEAST WE GOT TO SEE SOME AMAZING SCENERY!

YEAH...



I'VE BEEN SO WORRIED ABOUT EVERYTHING...

...I FORGOT WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO PROTECT.



THIS PLACE IS BEAUTIFUL.

I THINK THERE'S SOMEONY ELSE WHO SHOULD SEE IT.

HUH?



DO YOU WANT US TO COME WITH YOU, DIAMOND?

THANKS, GIRLS... BUT THIS IS SOMEONY I SHOULD SEE ALONE.



...AND TELL THE BOYS TO BRING THE NEW LOGS IN THE EAST DOOR.

GOTCHA, BOSS.

DADDY?



WELL, IF IT ISN'T MY PRECIOUS LI'L DIAMOND!

YOU CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO VISIT YOUR DADDY AT WORK?

THAT'S AWFUL SWEET OF YOU!



DADDY... CAN WE GO FOR A WALK?

Y'OURSE, DARLIN! WE'LL GO AS SOON AS I'M DONE FOR THE DAY!



NO, I MEAN... CAN WE GO NOW?

THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED YOU TO SEE.

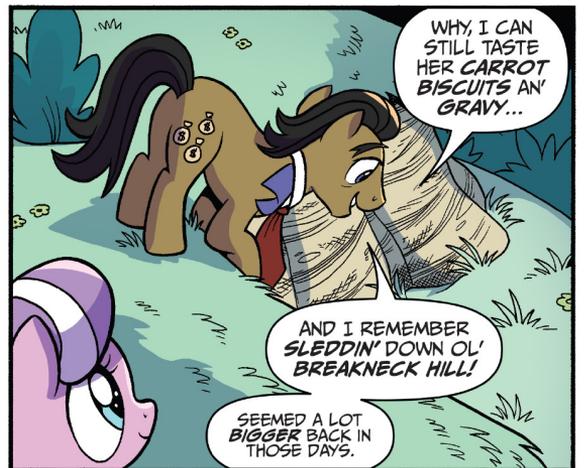
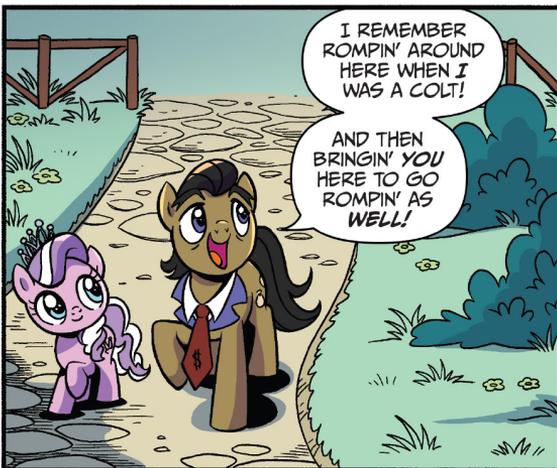


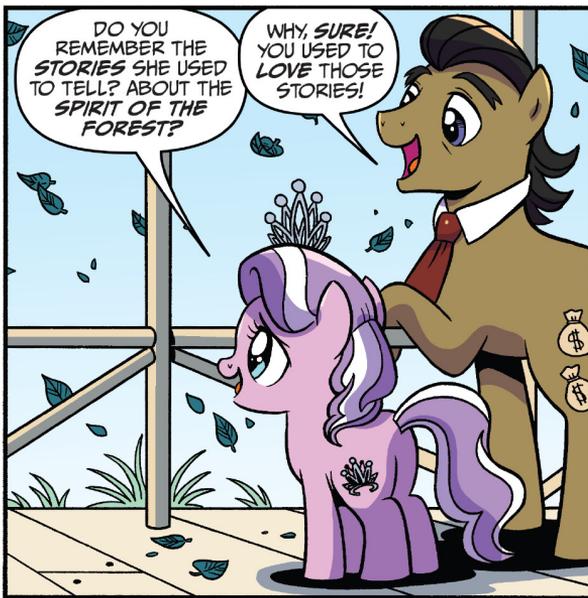
OH, I'VE GOT A LOT TO DO RIGHT NOW, PUMPKIN!

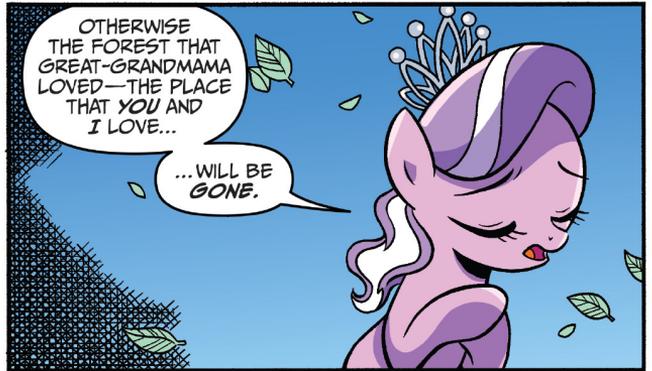
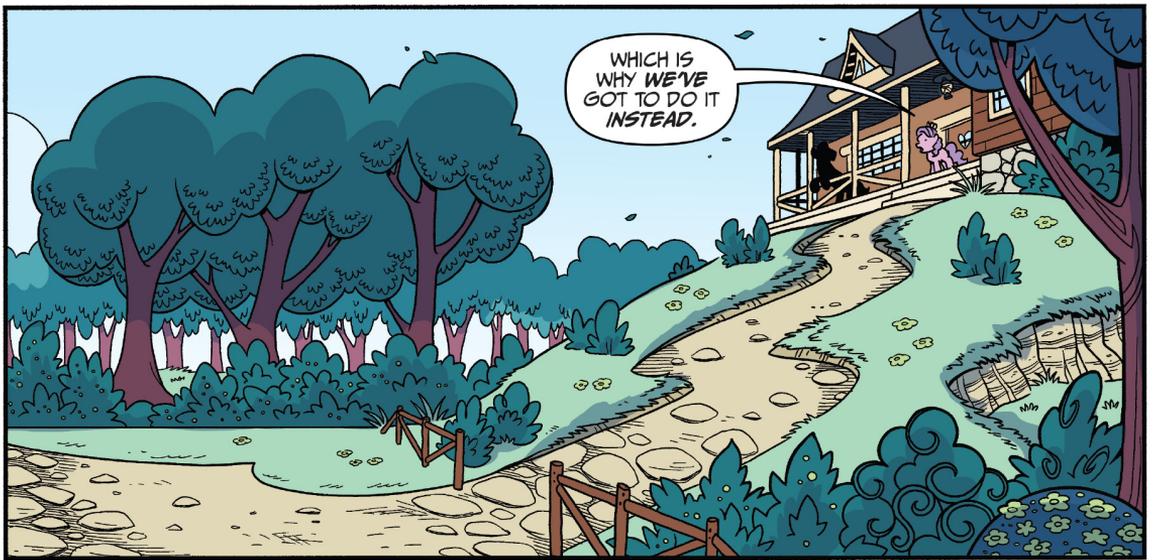
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE ME A COUPLE HOURS AND...



...WELL, I SUPPOSE I CAN ADJUST MY SCHEDULE JUST A BIT.









YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT!

THESE WOODS ARE SPECIAL TO THIS FAMILY!

AN' I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE THEY STAY SPECIAL!



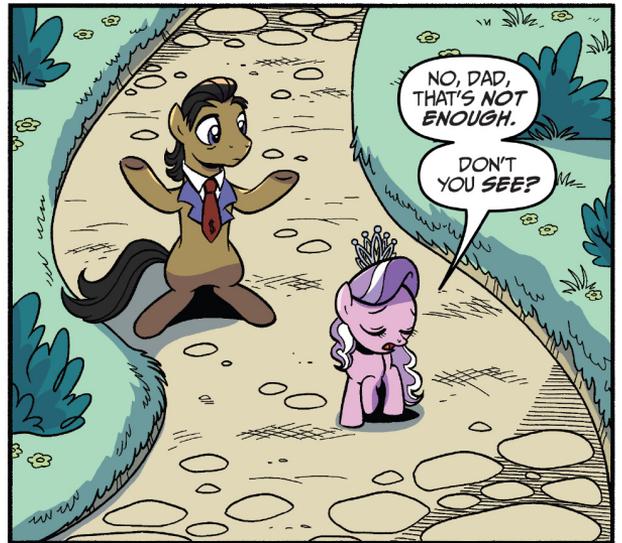
TOMORROW, I'M GOING TO PUT IN AN ORDER:

NO LOGGING WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF GREAT-GRANDMAMA'S CABIN!



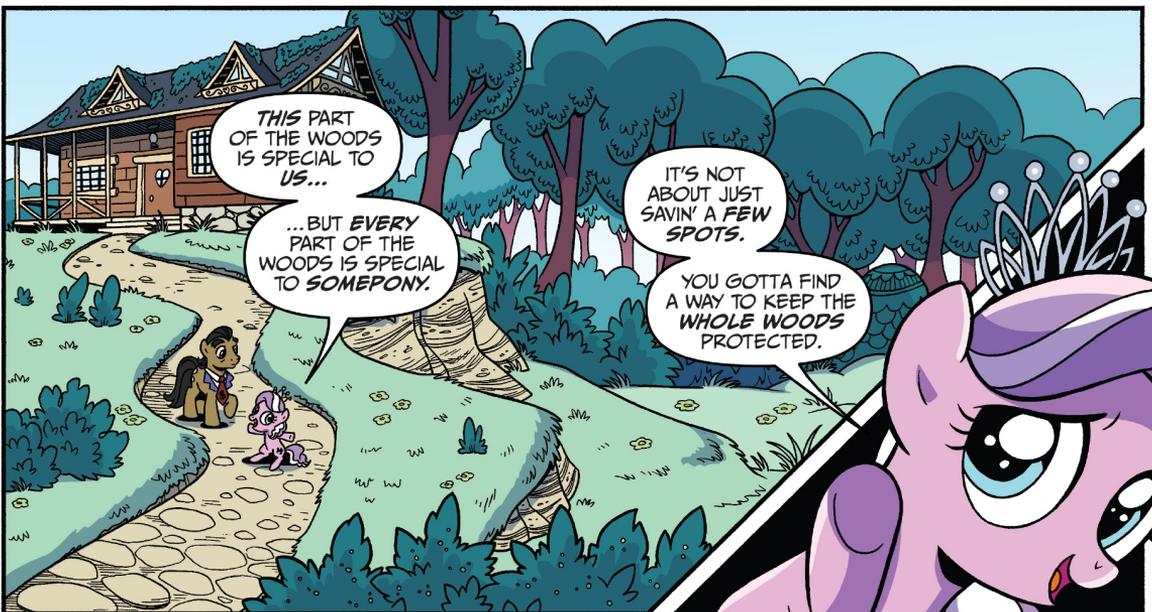
DAD...

YOU'RE RIGHT! A HUNDRED FEET!



NO, DAD, THAT'S NOT ENOUGH.

DON'T YOU SEE?

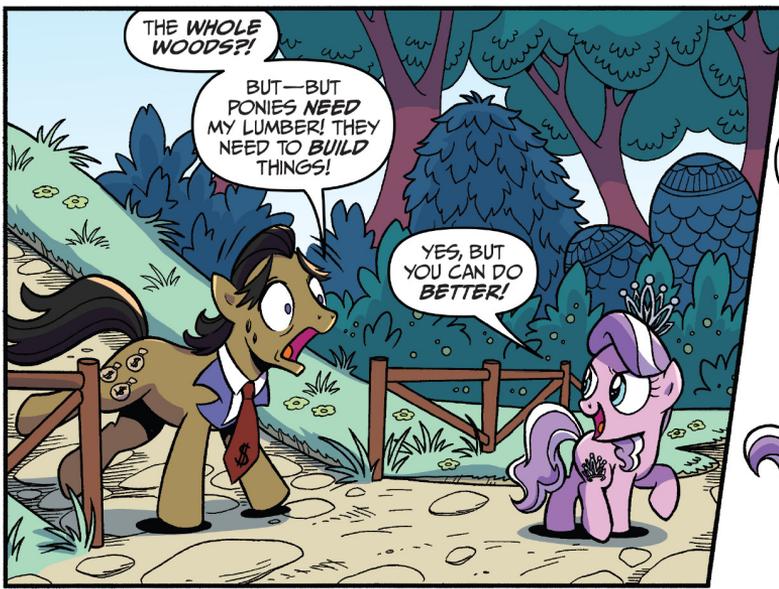


THIS PART OF THE WOODS IS SPECIAL TO US...

... BUT EVERY PART OF THE WOODS IS SPECIAL TO SOMEONY.

IT'S NOT ABOUT JUST SAVIN' A FEW SPOTS.

YOU GOTTA FIND A WAY TO KEEP THE WHOLE WOODS PROTECTED.





THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR INVITING US, MR. RICH!

AND THANK YOU FOR COMIN', PRINCESS!

FILTHY RICH LUMBS CO.



THE THREE OF US HAVE PUT TOGETHER A SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN!

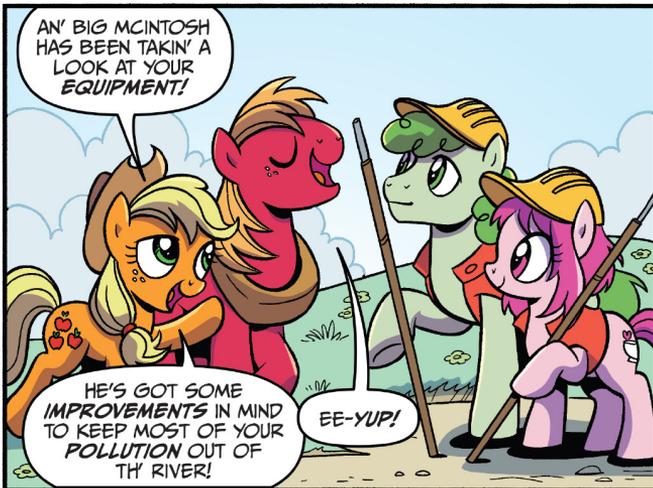
IT'LL TELL HOW MUCH YOU CAN SAFELY CUT DOWN, AND WHERE—

—AND HOW MUCH YOU NEED TO REPLANT!



IF YOU FOLLOW THIS PLAN, YOU'LL STILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE PLENTY OF LUMBER...

...WHILE ENSURING THAT WHITE TAIL WOODS STAYS HEALTHY AND VIBRANT!



AN' BIG MCINTOSH HAS BEEN TAKIN' A LOOK AT YOUR EQUIPMENT!

HE'S GOT SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN MIND TO KEEP MOST OF YOUR POLLUTION OUT OF TH' RIVER!

EE-YUP!



ALL RIGHT, EVERYPONY...

LET'S GET STARTED!



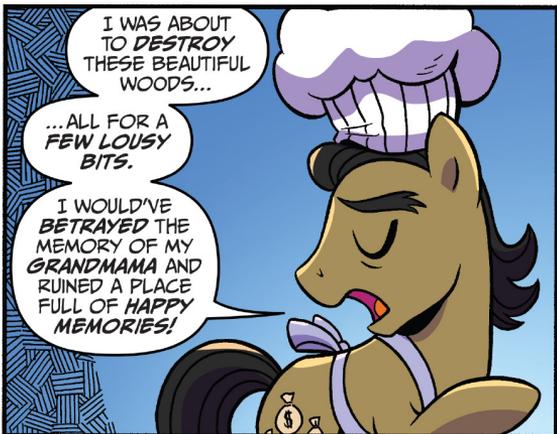




FRIENDS,
THANK YOU FOR
GATHERING HERE
TONIGHT.

EVERY ONE OF
YOU HAS HELPED
ME BECOME A
BETTER PONY...

...AND FIND A
BETTER WAY
OF DOIN' **BUSINESS.**



I WAS ABOUT
TO **DESTROY**
THESE BEAUTIFUL
WOODS...

...ALL FOR A
FEW **LOUSY**
BITS.

I WOULD'VE
BETRAYED THE
MEMORY OF MY
GRANDMAMA AND
RUINED A PLACE
FULL OF **HAPPY**
MEMORIES!



IT TOOK
THESE **BRAVE**
FILLIES—

—AND
ESPECIALLY MY
DAUGHTER—

—TO SHOW
ME TH' **ERROR**
OF MY WAYS.



AND IF
THERE **IS** A
SPIRIT OF THE
FOREST OUT
THERE...

...I HOPE
IT'S **PROUD** OF
HOW WE'RE
DOING.



TO THE
FOREST!

CLANK

TO THE
FOREST!



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HEY-HEY, JEWEL! ABOUT TIME YOU GOT OUT OF THAT STUFFY OL' MUSEUM!



BECAUSE YOU NEARLY KNOCKED THE SIGN OFF FROM OVER MY DOOR, AND YOU'RE GOING TO RUN INTO SOMEBODY.

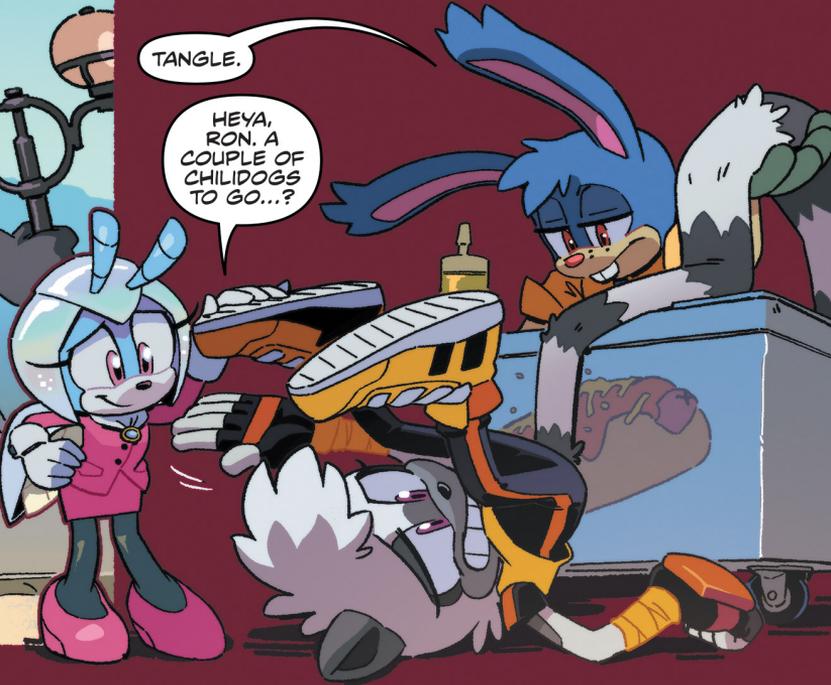
PSSHT! I'VE BEEN FLINGING MYSELF AROUND THESE STREETS SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.

I KNOW EVERY ROOFTOP, ALLEY, AND STREET CORNER LIKE THE BACK OF MY—

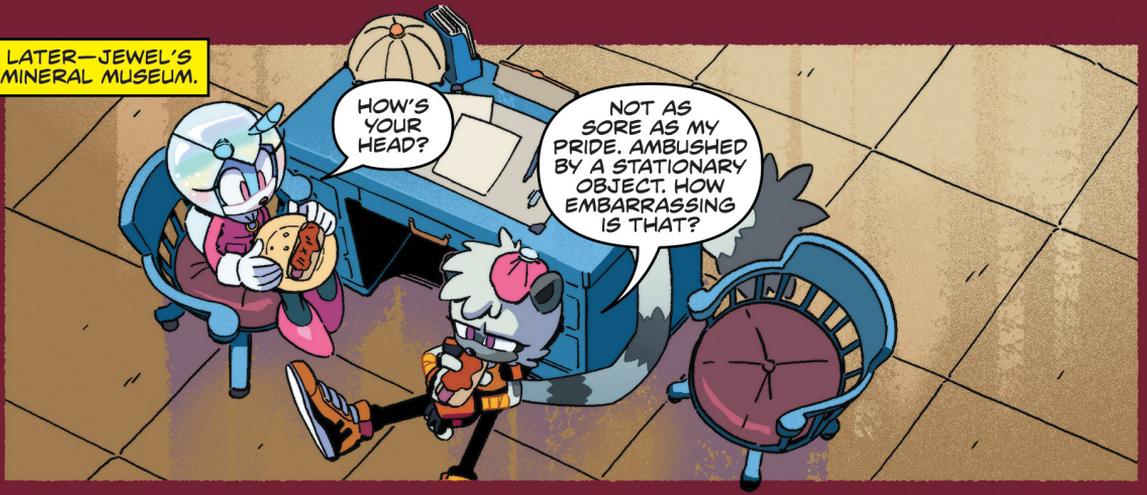


TANGLE.

HEYA, RON. A COUPLE OF CHILIDOGS TO GO...?



LATER—JEWEL'S MINERAL MUSEUM.



HOW'S YOUR HEAD?

NOT AS SORE AS MY PRIDE, AMBUSHED BY A STATIONARY OBJECT. HOW EMBARRASSING IS THAT?



TO BE FAIR, IT WAS HIDING IN FRONT OF A STREET LAMP. CLEARLY IT WAS OUT TO GET YOU.

HA HA
OW HA
HA



SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN... PRECOCIOUS... BUT YOU'VE BEEN BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS LATELY.

LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.

I'M SORRY FOR BEING A PEST. IT'S JUST...



...AFTER EVERYTHING I'VE DONE WITH SONIC, THINGS ARE SO BORING HERE!

I FOUGHT ROBOT INVASIONS! FLYING BATTLE SHIPS!

I MET A FIERY PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!

I PULLED THE WINGS OFF A GIANT ROBO-DRAGON!



AND I COME HOME TO PEACE AND QUIET. I CAN'T STAND IT.



YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT. SO WHAT'S STOPPING YOU FROM BEING LIKE SONIC? GOING OUT THERE AND FINDING YOUR OWN ADVENTURES?

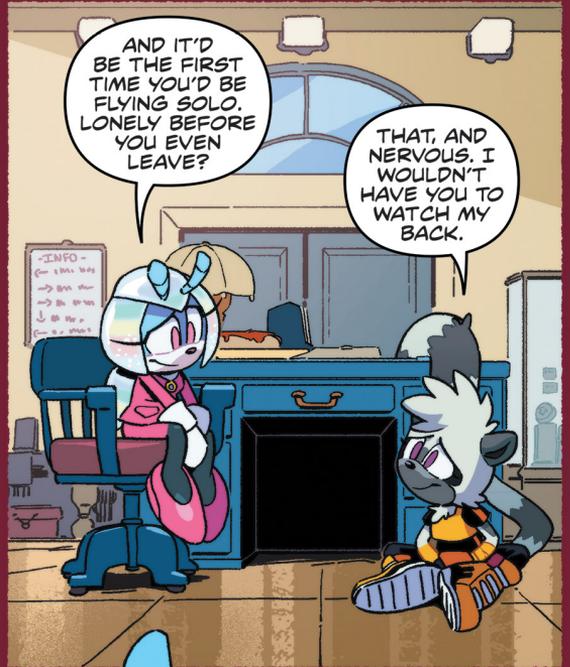


I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT. SURE, IT'S TEMPTING, BUT WHAT IF SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN HERE?

EGGMAN'S ROBOTS ATTACKED ONCE.*

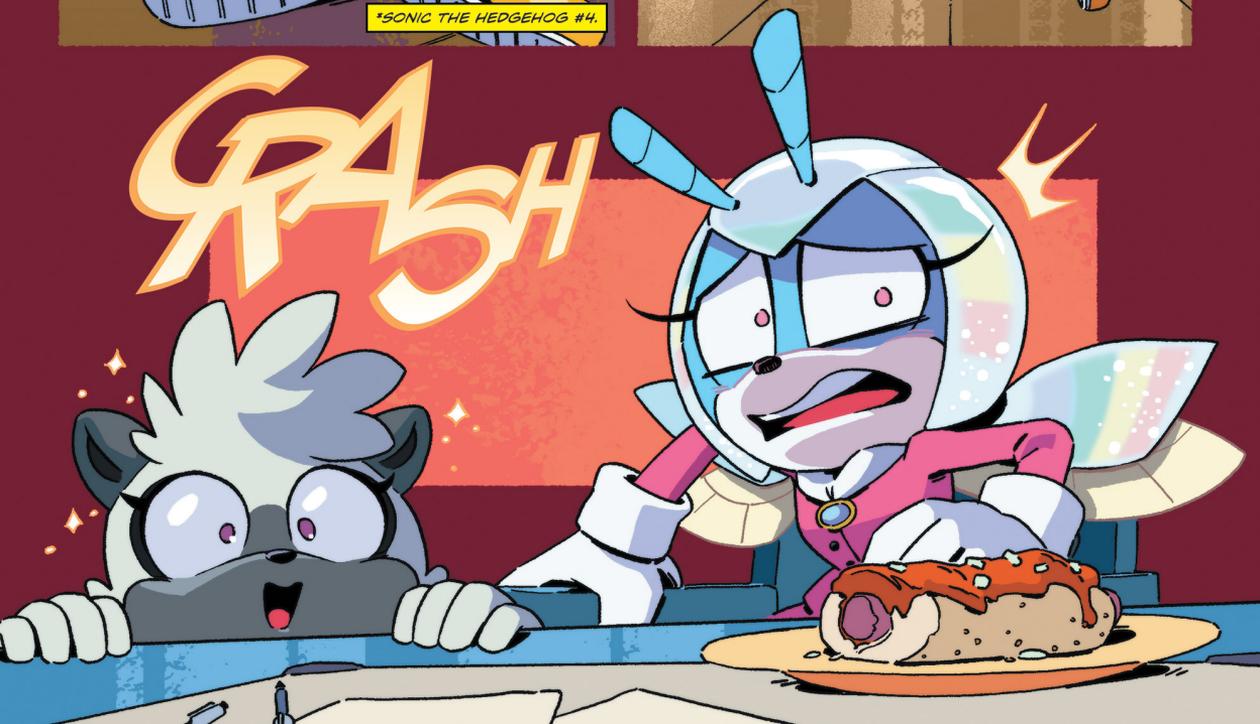
IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN.

*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #4.

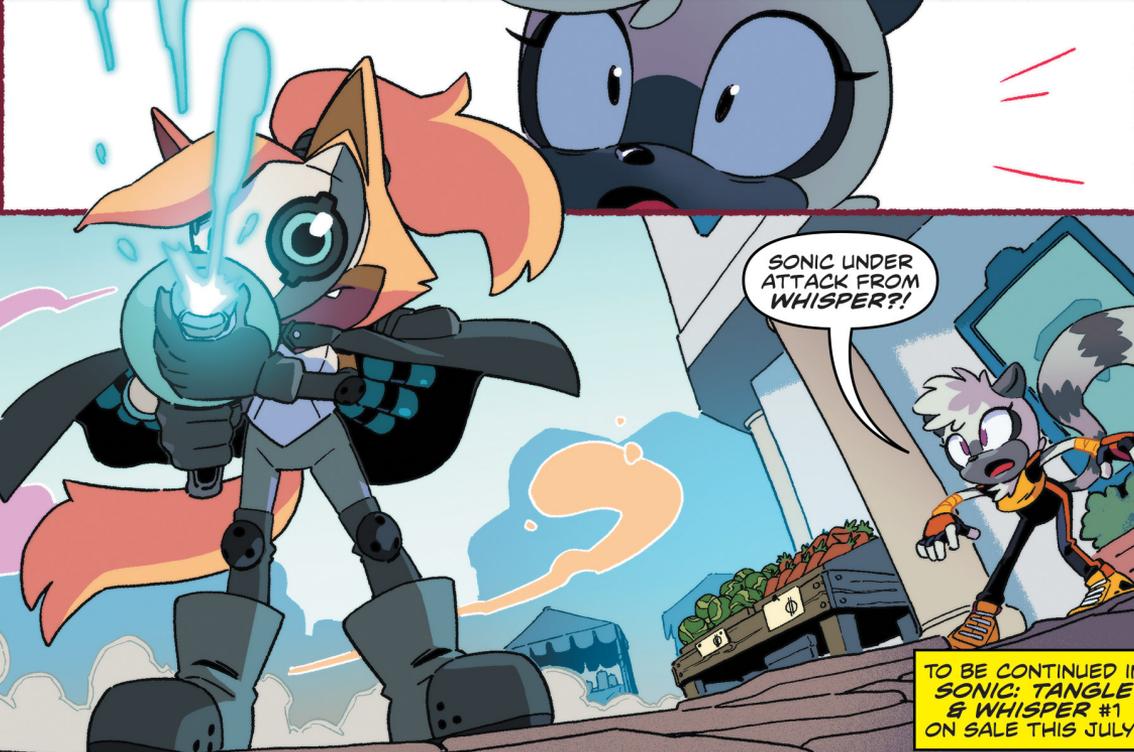


AND IT'D BE THE FIRST TIME YOU'D BE FLYING SOLO. LONELY BEFORE YOU EVEN LEAVE?

THAT, AND NERVOUS. I WOULDN'T HAVE YOU TO WATCH MY BACK.



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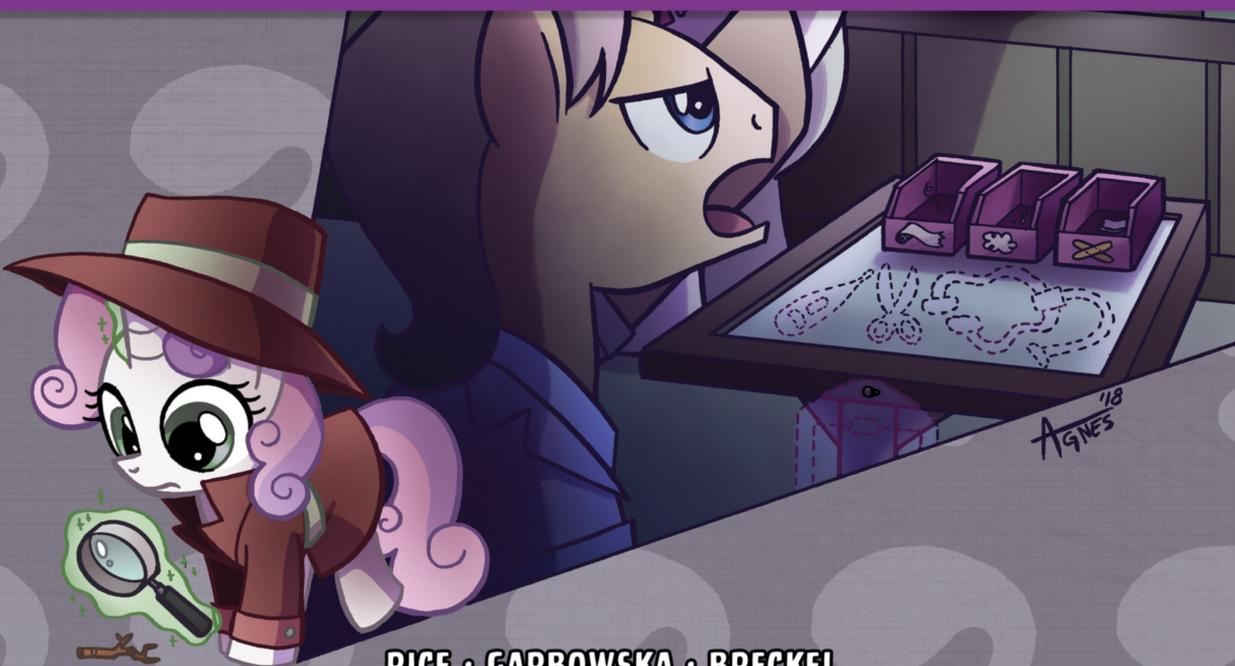
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NO BOGLES OR TIMBERWOLVES.

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.

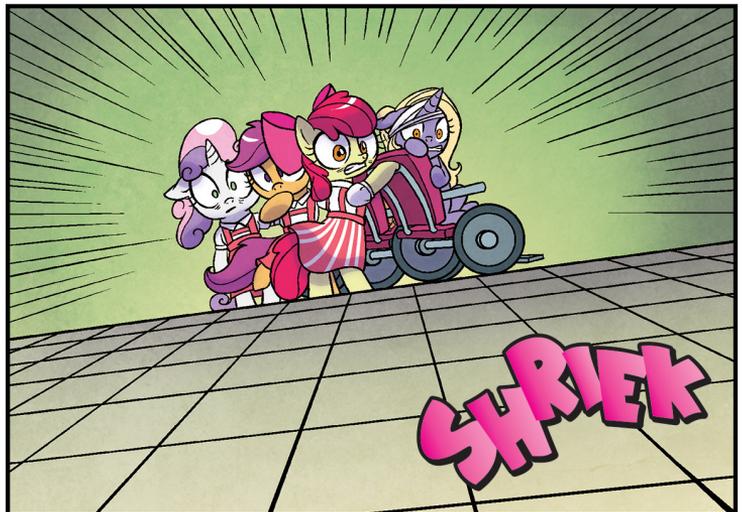
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF!

WHAT SHE SAID!

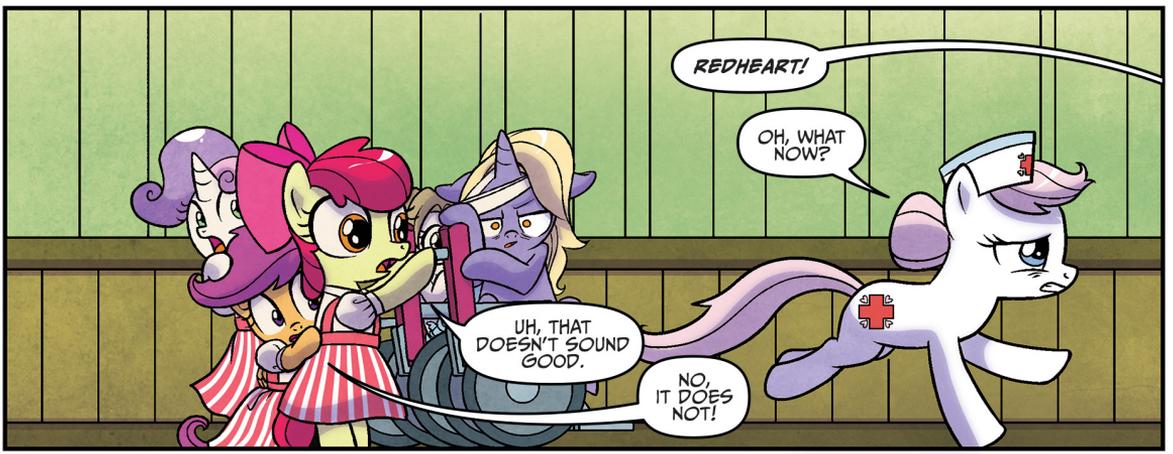


I MEAN, I'M GLAD WE'VE BECOME FRIENDS WITH LILYMOON SINCE HER FAMILY MOVED IN.

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



SHRIEK



REDHEART!

OH, WHAT NOW?

UH, THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD.

NO, IT DOES NOT!



MAYBE WE SHOULD GO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON?

MAYBE—NURSE REDHEART LOOKED REALLY UPSET.

OR MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST DO OUR JOBS.

WHAT THE UNICORN SAID!



NOT AGAIN!

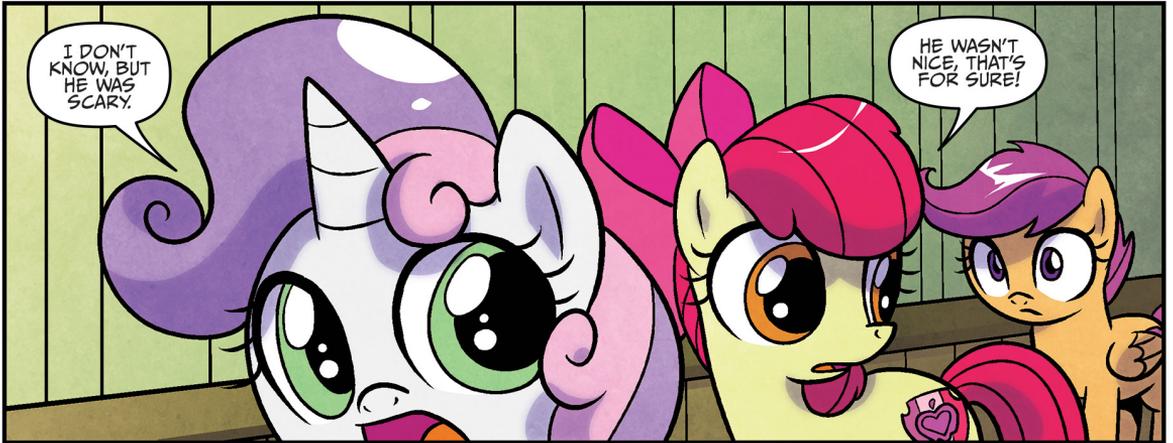


LET'S GET THESE PATIENTS BACK TO THEIR ROOMS AND MEET BACK UP.

GOT IT!

WHOA, NELLY!





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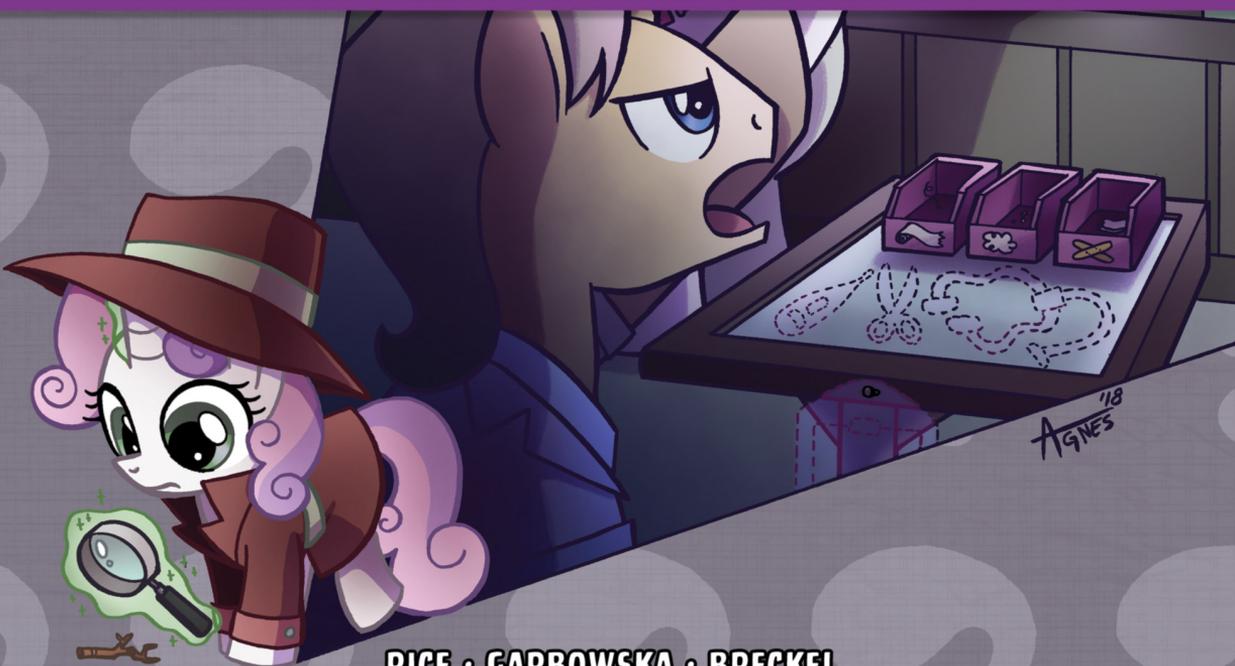
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