

Dear Diary,

What a tremendously exciting week it has been!

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WELCOME E.G.G.S!

It all started at the annual Equestrian Geological and Gemological Society convention.

IT'S A ROCK FACT!

DON'T TAKE IT FOR GRANITE

Sedimentary, MY DEAR WATSON

I like to attend and see what new gemstones have been discovered, so I can use them in my designs!

LOVELY LIMESTONE

Little did I know I would soon be pulled into a thrilling adventure ...

And I certainly didn't expect that my partner in adventure would be...

MAUD PIE!

HELLO.

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TAP



Pinkie Pie's sister Maud is quite an interesting character.

ARE YOU STILL STUDYING FOR YOUR ROCKTORATE IN ROCK SCIENCE?

YES.

ELEMENT



Even if she is a bit...

IT'S ABSOLUTELY THRILLING.

...reserved.



We decided to wander about the convention together for a bit.

Maud wanted to see a lecture by the noted professor Deep Strata...

Ballroom C

STAFF

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SPELUNKERY.



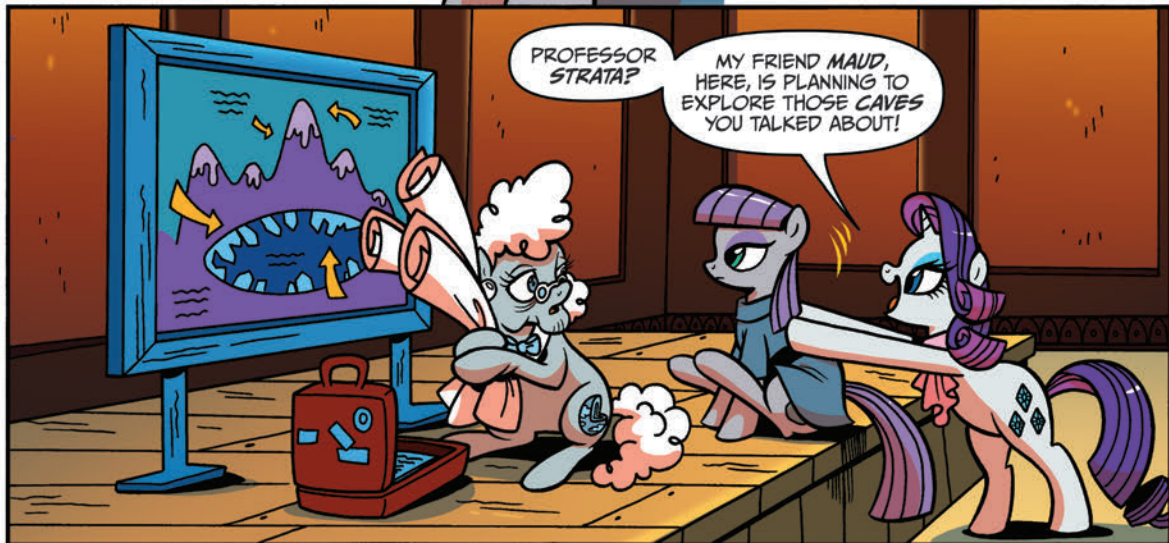
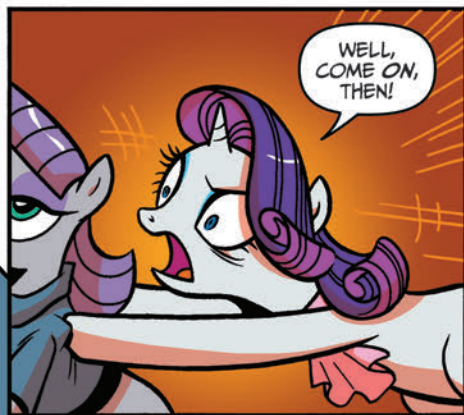
...and it turned out to be most interesting indeed!

...AS MY THEORIES PREDICTED, A LARGE CAVE SYSTEM BENEATH THE CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN RANGE HAS RECENTLY BEEN UNCOVERED!



I'M TOO BUSY WITH OTHER EXPEDITIONS TO EXPLORE THE CAVES MYSELF—

—SO THE PONY THAT DOES EXPLORE THEM WILL RECEIVE FULL CREDIT FOR THE DISCOVERY!





I'LL BE THE FIRST TO EXPLORE THOSE CAVES, THANK YOU!

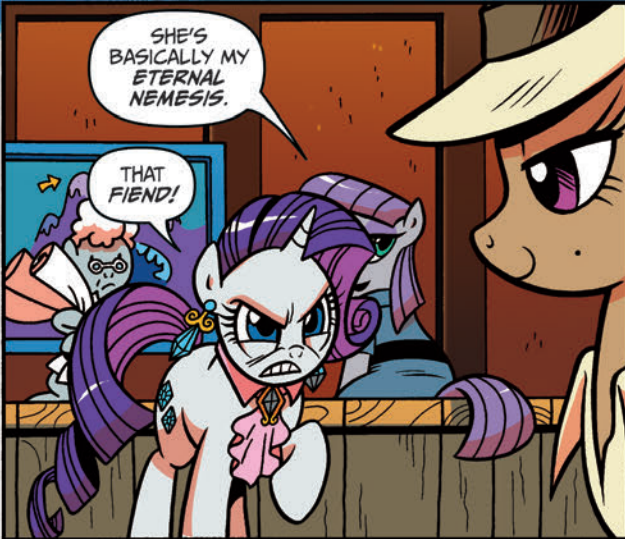
WHO'S THAT?

BURIED TREASURE.

SHE'S ANOTHER ROCK SCIENCE STUDENT.

SHE'S TRIED TO TAKE CREDIT FOR EVERY SINGLE ONE OF MY DISCOVERIES.

AND I THINK HER PET ROCK IS BIGGER.



SHE'S BASICALLY MY ETERNAL NEMESIS.

THAT FIEND!

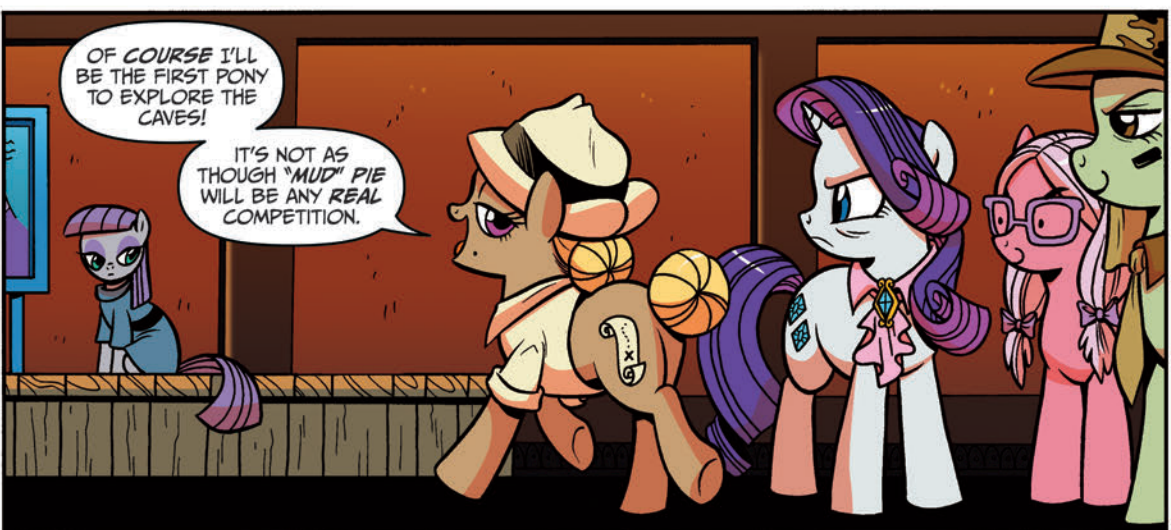


HERE, NOW!

YOU ARROGANT ARCHAEOLOGIST!

HA! IS THAT ALL?

IF YOU PLAN TO CLAIM THE CREDIT FOR THOSE CAVES, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET THERE FIRST!



OF COURSE I'LL BE THE FIRST PONY TO EXPLORE THE CAVES!

IT'S NOT AS THOUGH "MUD" PIE WILL BE ANY REAL COMPETITION.



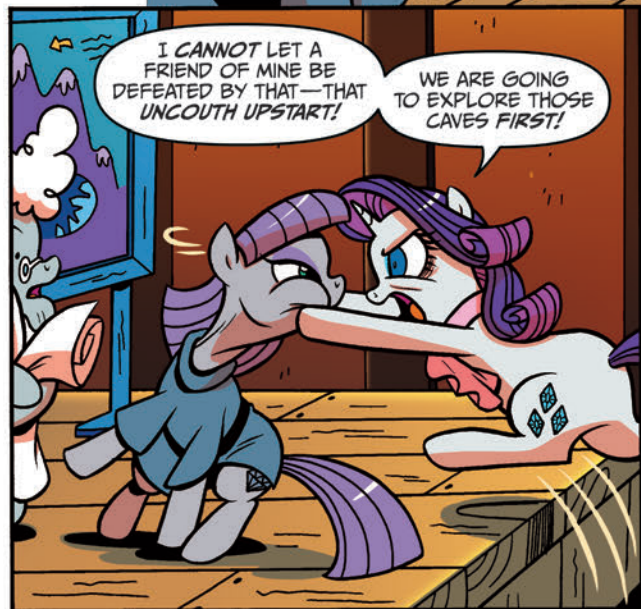
YOU SEE, I HAVE SOMETHING THAT SHE DOESN'T:

PASSION.

TA TA, ALL!

I'LL INVITE YOU TO THE MUSEUM THEY OPEN IN MY HONOR!

MAUD!



I CANNOT LET A FRIEND OF MINE BE DEFEATED BY THAT—THAT UNCOUTH UPSTART!

WE ARE GOING TO EXPLORE THOSE CAVES FIRST!



YOU ARE GOING TO WRITE AN AMAZING PAPER ON THEM!



AND YOU ARE GOING TO CRUSH YOUR RIVAL BENEATH YOUR ELEGANT HOOF!

ARE YOU WITH ME?!



'KAY.



Sigh!