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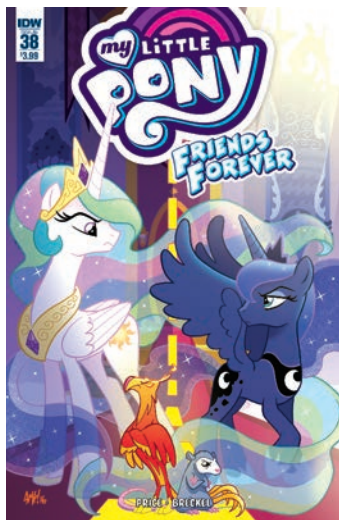
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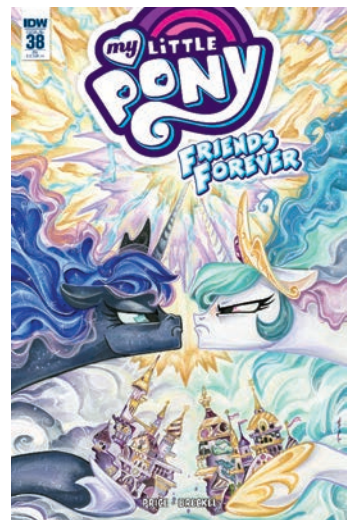
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FOR GENERATIONS, MY FAMILY HAS BEEN THE UNSEEN SUPPORT OF PARADISE. I HAVE HAD THAT ILLUSTRIOUS DUTY FOR MANY YEARS NOW.

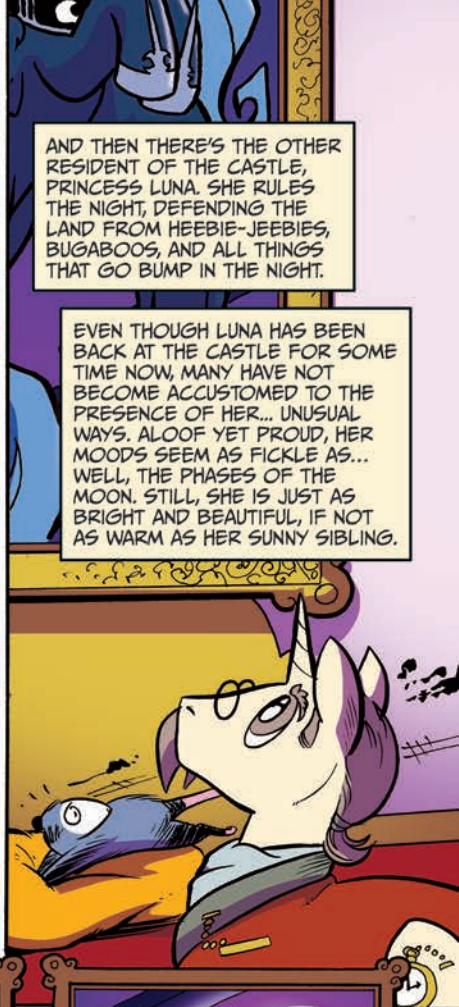
SALUTATIONS! MY NAME IS KIBITZ. I AM THE ROYAL SCHEDULE KEEPER AND MAJORDOMO OF CANTERLOT CASTLE. I ASSIST THE PRINCESSES THAT RULE OVER EQUESTRIA IN KEEPING THEIR ROYAL DUTIES ON SCHEDULE.

IN ALL THE YEARS I'VE BEEN IN THE SERVICE OF THE CASTLE, I HAVE BECOME FINELY ATTUNED TO THE HABITS AND RHYTHMS OF HER HIGHNESS, PRINCESS CELESTIA.

AH, CELESTIA... BRINGER OF LIGHT AND WARMTH! A LEADER AND TEACHER TO ALL, TEMPERED WITH GRACE, BEAUTY, AND KINDNESS.

AND THEN THERE'S THE OTHER RESIDENT OF THE CASTLE, PRINCESS LUNA. SHE RULES THE NIGHT, DEFENDING THE LAND FROM HEEBIE-JEEBIES, BUGABOOS, AND ALL THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT.

EVEN THOUGH LUNA HAS BEEN BACK AT THE CASTLE FOR SOME TIME NOW, MANY HAVE NOT BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO THE PRESENCE OF HER... UNUSUAL WAYS. ALOOF YET PROUD, HER MOODS SEEM AS FICKLE AS... WELL, THE PHASES OF THE MOON. STILL, SHE IS JUST AS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL, IF NOT AS WARM AS HER SUNNY SIBLING.



STILL, TO MY CONSTANT SURPRISE, IT SEEMS THESE TWO ARE OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE SAME COIN.

SO MANY DIFFERENCES, YET TOGETHER THEY ARE THE EMBODIMENT OF BEAUTY, COOPERATION, AND A SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP GOVERNED BY LOVE AND MUTUAL RESPECT. YES, PARADISE INDEED!



...UNTIL TODAY.





YOU RUINED EVERYTHING!

ME? YOU ARE THE RUINER!

PERHAPS, DEAR READER, YOU MIGHT BE MORE ENLIGHTENED IF I START THIS TALE A FEW DAYS AGO.

BATTLE ROYAL!



EVEN I, KEEPER OF THE SCHEDULE AND DIRECTOR OF EVENTS, MUST SAY THE SISTERS HAVE HAD A VERY BUSY WEEK.

...AND THAT WRAPS UP THE LEGAL DOCUMENTS FOR THE EXPANSION OF DODGE CITY.

WE CAN JUST FINISH UP THE SCHEDULE FOR TOMORROW BEFORE LUNA COMES ON SHIFT. THIS IS GOING TO BE A BUSY WEEK—

SKREEE
THEY RESCHEDULED THE BIG EVENT!



I THOUGHT WE MISSED IT AGAIN! IT'S SO HARD TO MAKE OUR SCHEDULES WORK TOGETHER!

NOW THAT WE FINALLY FIGURED OUT THE NECESSARY MAGIC POTIONS, I SAY...

ARE WE FINALLY GOING TO COMPETE?

YES!



MADAMS...

AHEM, PRINCESSES...

SO EXCITED! FINALLY! IT'S WHAT WE'VE ALWAYS WANTED!

IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT! WE GET TO DO SO FEW THINGS TOGETHER, BUT THIS IS GOIN—

YOUR MAJESTIES



I MUST ADVISE AGAINST THIS NON-ESSENTIAL ACTIVITY, ASIDE FROM THE NATURAL COMPETITIVE STREAK YOU HAVE WITH EACH OTHER THAT SUCH EVENTS TEND TO SPARK...

...I MUST REMIND THAT DUE TO RECENT ADVENTURES ACROSS EQUESTRIA, YOU HAVE BOTH GIVEN YOUR WORD TO CATCH UP ON NEGLECTED DUTIES. THIS WEEK YOU HAVE SEPARATELY OR TOGETHER PROMISED TO DO THE FOLLOWING: OVERSEE THE EXPANSION OF DODGE CITY, APPROVE THE NEXT SEASON'S WEATHER SCHEDULE FROM CLOUDSDALE. ALSO, YOU HAVE YOUR ANNUAL MEETING FOR RELATIONS WITH THE HIDDEN RESIDENTS OF EVERFREE FOREST WITH KING ASPEN, AND YOU BOTH RESCHEDULED YOUR DENTAL CHECK-UPS FOR THIS WEEK. ALL OF THIS IS ON TOP OF YOUR DAILY DUTIES OF DAY AND NIGHT COURTS, ADDRESSING CITIZEN REQUESTS, STAYING IN CONTACT WITH FOREIGN DIGNITARIES, AND OF COURSE, RAISING, SETTING, AND MAINTAINING THE SUN AND MOON, AS WELL AS STANDING READY FOR ANY VILLAINOUS AND/OR MONSTER ACTIVITY.

YOU ALSO PROMISED TO CLEAN OUT THE ROYAL ATTIC.



OH, WELL, CAN'T TWILIGHT AND HER GANG HANDLE SOME OF THAT?

NO, WE MADE THOSE PROMISES, SISTER. IT'S OUR DUTY TO FOLLOW THROUGH.

BESIDES, MS SPARKLE AND MOST OF HER... "GANG" ARE ATTENDING THE LIBRARIAN'S BAKE-OFF AND ROPE-TRICK CONFERENCE AT THE BIRD SANCTUARY IN SAN PALOMINO.

LUNA, WE'VE WANTED THIS TOO LONG! IF WE BUCKLE DOWN...

EXPAND OUR SCHEDULES, CUT DOWN ON SLEEP...

...AND WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN COMPLETE THESE TASKS AND ATTEND THE BIG EVENT!



I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE PIES! I'LL BET I CAN EAT MORE PIE THAN YOU! THEY EVEN BOOKED A HYPNOTIST!

YES, CRYSTAL BALL! OF COURSE, I'LL BET YOU COULD BE HYPNOTIZED BEFORE I COULD!



THE PRINCESSES WERE IN AN UPROAR OF ACTIVITY AS THEY SPED THROUGH TASKS...



AND AS I FEARED, THE STRESS WAS BRINGING OUT THEIR COMPETITIVE STREAK WITH ONE ANOTHER.



LUNA ATTENDED GRAND DIPLOMATIC COTILLIONS DURING THE NOON HOUR, WHEN SHE WAS NORMALLY ASLEEP

AND THIS IS MY LITTLE SISTER—UH, SHOWING HOW TO PROPERLY TIE A FORMAL RIBBON! YES!

HMM? OH, SORRY!



PLEASE, LUNA, DIPLOMACY IS A TIME FOR FORMALITY, SHOW SOME DECORUM.

PFFT... YOU CALL THIS DIPLOMACY? I COULD'VE HAD THIS WRAPPED UP AN HOUR AGO... WITHOUT THE TAFFETA!



CELESTIA STAYED UP LONG PAST EQUESTRIA'S BEDTIME TO ASSIST LUNA IN BATTLING THE THREATS OF BAD DREAMS, A JOB SHE HAD DONE HERSELF WHILE LUNA WAS GONE.

CELESTIA! YOU MUST BE SLEEK AND SILENT LIKE A SHADOW WHEN STALKING THE COWARDLY LOT THAT ARE NIGHTMARES!

I CAN'T STAND ALL THIS SKULKING AROUND! JUST ZAP HIM!



YOU'RE TAKING ALL THE FUN OUT OF THIS.

MY WAY WORKED FINE FOR 1000 YEARS! SLINKING AROUND IN THE SHADOWS IS CREEPY AND SILLY.

I THINK YOU MEAN DRAMATIC AND COOL.

THEIR SCHEDULES WERE SO STRETCHED, MOMENTS OF LEISURE AND SNIPPETS OF SLEEP WERE BRIEF AND RARE! EVERY LITTLE THING WAS BECOMING A CONTEST AGAINST THE OTHER.

AH, A MOMENT ALONE! SOME LIVELY JAZZ SHOULD HELP ME GET THROUGH THIS PILE OF DOCUMENTS!

NOW WHERE DID LUNA LEAVE THE QUILLS? I CAN'T EVER FIND ANYTHING—

CELESTIAL! CEASE THAT CURSED VICTROLA! I'VE GOT EXACTLY 37.9 MINUTES TO NAP TODAY! WHEN I AWAKE I SHALL PLAY MY GALLOPING STONES ALBUMS, EVERYPONY LIKES THEM BETTER THAN LIVELY JAZZ!

...AROUND HERE.

SLAM!

THESE SPICAN FLAME GEMS FROM THE MARE TRANQUILLITATIS WILL BE LOVELY FOR THE "TREASURES OF THE PRINCESSES" EXHIBIT!

THOSE DUSTY MOON ROCKS ARE KIND OF DEPRESSING, DON'T YOU THINK?

WHY NOT SOMETHING BRIGHT AND SUNNY LIKE MY EXHIBITS? EVERYPONY LOVES THEM!

BUT... OF COURSE.

FINALLY! EVERYTHING IS DONE AND—

TIME FOR COOKIES!

PATIENCE, LUNA! WE'LL START BAKING FOR THE EVENT MOMENTARILY, BUT FIRST—

GASP! THE MAGIC SPELLS?

TIME TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD!