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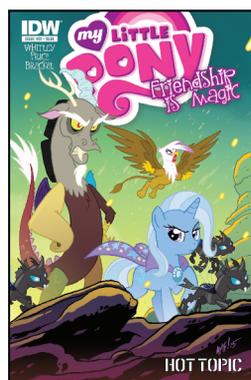
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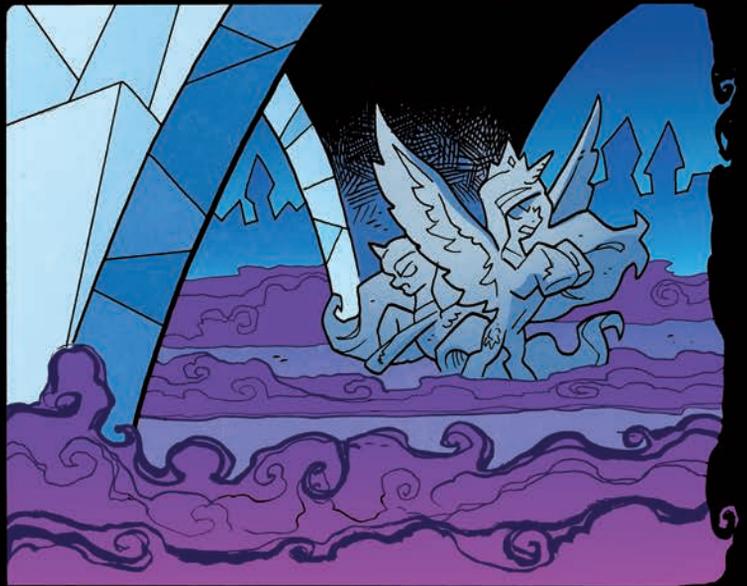
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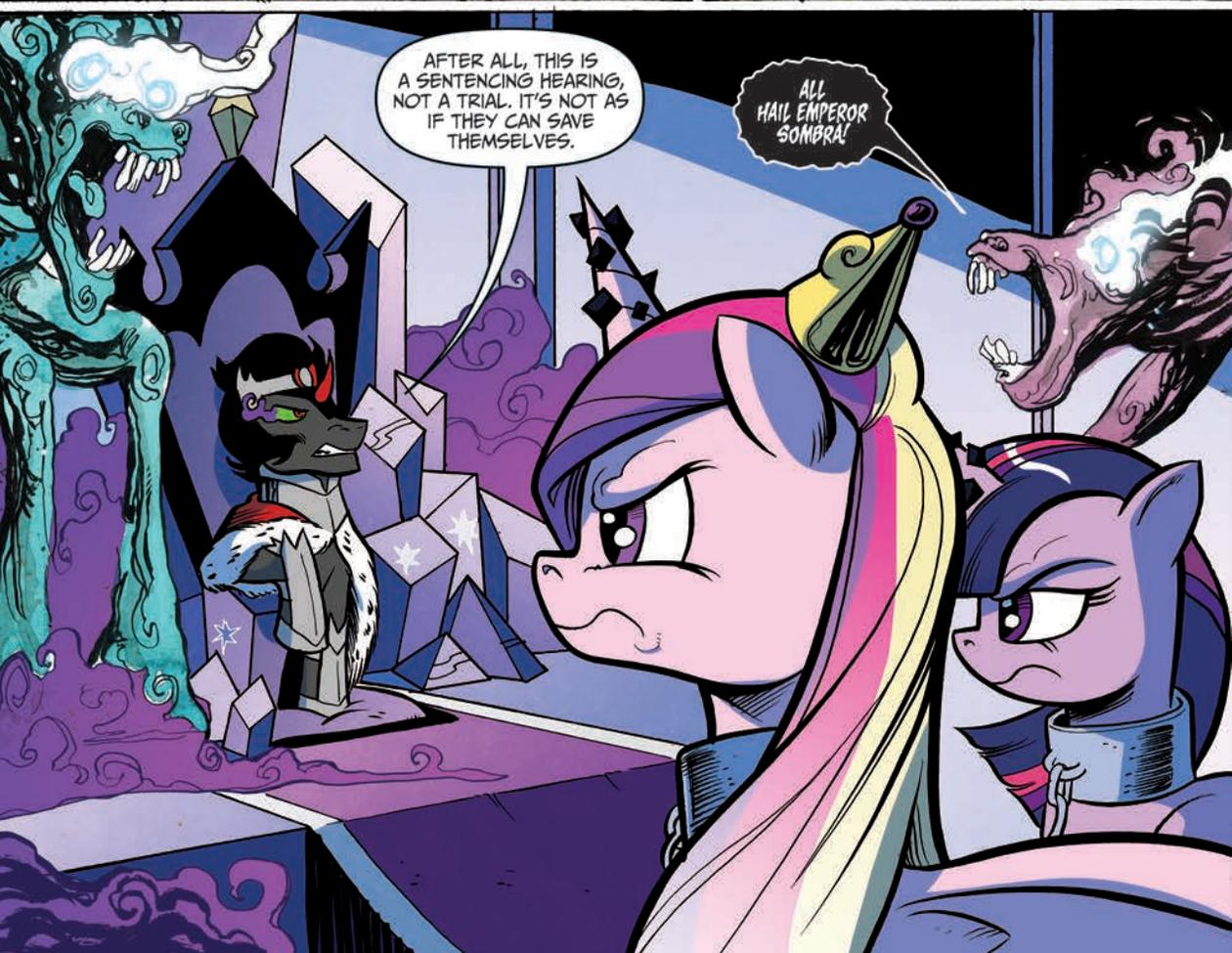
NO.

I WILL NEVER BOW TO HIM.



FOOLS! YOU WILL LEARN—

SAVE YOUR MAGIC!



AFTER ALL, THIS IS A SENTENCING HEARING, NOT A TRIAL. IT'S NOT AS IF THEY CAN SAVE THEMSELVES.

ALL HAIL EMPEROR SONBRA!



TWILIGHT SPARKLE AND MI AMORE CADENZA, SO CALLED PRINCESSES OF EQUESTRIA. YOU ARE CHARGED WITH TREASON.

YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS!



TWILIGHT SPARKLE, YOU ARE CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED ATTACK ON THE EMPEROR AND INJURY TO EMPRESS HOPE. ALSO, THE DESTRUCTION OF THE RAILWAYS TO COVER THE ESCAPE OF ENEMIES OF THE EMPIRE.

EMPRESS HOPE? SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE PART OF THIS ANY MORE THAN WE DO.

THEN IT IS A SHAME SHE HAS NOT SPOKEN SINCE YOU USED YOUR MAGIC ON HER.



MI AMORE CADENZA, YOU ARE ACCUSED OF ASSAULT ON THE EMPEROR AND ATTEMPT TO BRAINWASH THE EMPRESS INTO ATTACKING HER SUBJECTS.

HOPE THOUGHT SHE WAS HELPING THE GOOD HONEST CREATURES YOU TRICKED HER INTO BELIEVING YOU WERE. NOT THE MONSTERS YOU ARE!

AS I SAID, BRAINWASHING.



THE WISE EMPEROR HAS AGREED TO MAKE YOUR SENTENCING EASIER IF YOU GIVE US THE LOCATIONS OF THE FIVE REBELS YOU AIDED IN ESCAPING.

I'M NOT TELLING YOU WHERE MY FRIENDS ARE! I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO TO ME.

NEITHER AM I. TURN ME TO STONE IF YOU LIKE.



VERY WELL, WE THOUGHT THAT MAY BE YOUR DECISION.

BRING OUT THE PRISONER!



CADANCE! TWILY! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

QUIET YOU!



HE'S A CUTE ONE, ISN'T HE? HE'LL MAKE A WONDERFUL STATUE.

NOOOOO!



WELL THEN, WHICH ONE OF YOU IS GOING TO SAVE HIM? WHO'S GOING TO TELL ME WHERE YOUR FRIENDS WENT?

CANTERINE. THE REBELS ARE IN CANTERINE.

YOU SEE, EMPEROR SOMBRA, SHE CAN BE REASONABLE. YOU MAY FIRE WHEN READY.



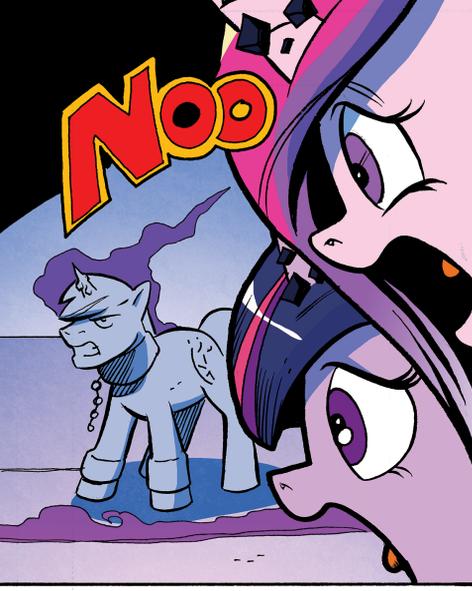
WHAT?

YOU'RE FAR TOO TRUSTING. CANTERINE IS FAR TOO REMOTE TO MAKE AN EFFECTIVE DEMONSTRATION— BUT DON'T WORRY, WE'LL DEAL WITH YOUR REBEL FRIENDS SOON ENOUGH.

STAY STRONG, GIRLS! WHATEVER THEY DO TO—



ZAP!



AND NOW, PRINCESSES, IT'S YOUR TURN. EMPEROR, WHEN YOU'RE READY.

SAY GOOD—

WAIT!



YES?

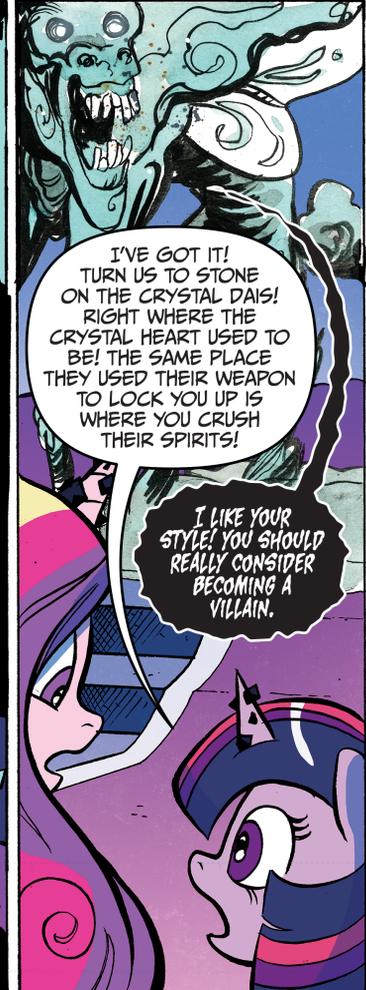
WE'RE THE LAST PRINCESSES OF EQUESTRIA! IF YOU DO THIS HERE, NO ONE WILL BELIEVE THE STATUES ARE REALLY US. YOU'LL NEVER STOP THE REBELLION.



HMMM...

TRUST ME! I'VE READ ABOUT DOZENS OF REVOLUTIONS. THE ONLY WAY TO END ALL OF THIS IS TO DO IT IN PUBLIC, SOMEWHERE WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE.

SHE HAS A POINT.



I'VE GOT IT! TURN US TO STONE ON THE CRYSTAL DAIS! RIGHT WHERE THE CRYSTAL HEART USED TO BE! THE SAME PLACE THEY USED THEIR WEAPON TO LOCK YOU UP IS WHERE YOU CRUSH THEIR SPIRITS!

I LIKE YOUR STYLE! YOU SHOULD REALLY CONSIDER BECOMING A VILLAIN.



VERY WELL. ROUST EVERY PONY FROM THEIR HOUSE! WE WILL ELIMINATE THE PRINCESSES OF THIS WORLD ONCE AND FOR ALL. AND WE'LL DO IT WHERE EVERY PONY CAN SEE!

BUT—

AND EMPEROR, YOU'LL HAVE TO BRING EMPRESS HOPE.