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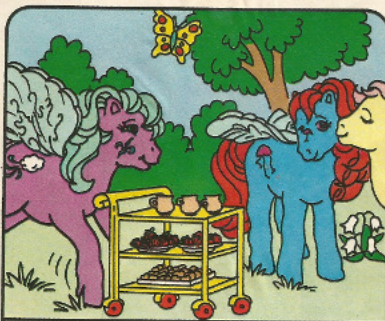


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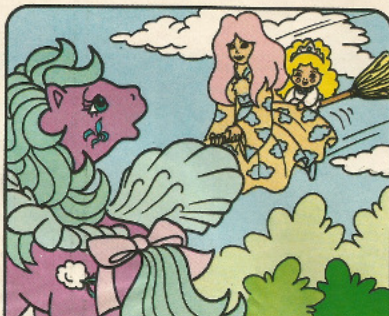
ROSEDUST AND THE SNOWFLAKE PRINCESS



Although the days were growing colder,
in Flower Bower the Flutter Ponies still
basked in the sun...



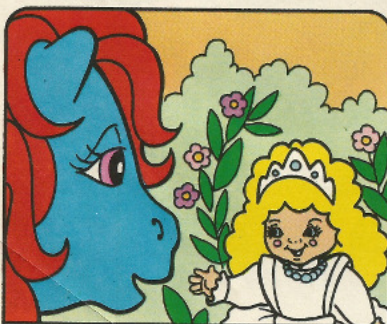
"Come along, time for tea," called Cloud Puff. "Strawberries and cream and cloud marshmallow cakes!"



"Have you some to spare for a very special guest?" asked the Weather Witch. "I've brought someone to see you!"



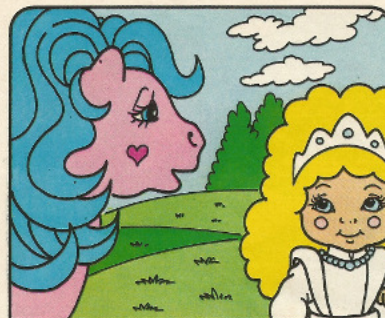
"It's the Snowflake Princess!" called the Flutter Ponies in delight. "Blanchette, you are very welcome! We know that it is not often you are allowed to leave the Snow Palace!" "The Snowmen Guards are afraid that I will melt in the sun," explained the princess.



"Blossoms and seeds, would you melt?" asked Tropical Breeze. "Of course not," said the princess. "But the guards would."



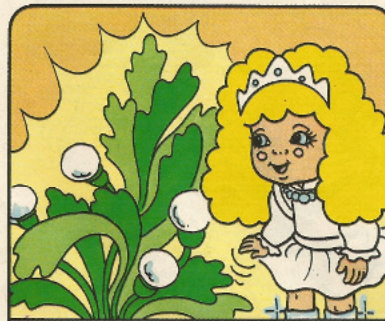
"My Snow Godmother sprinkled me with magic ice water at my christening so that I could go wherever I wished!"



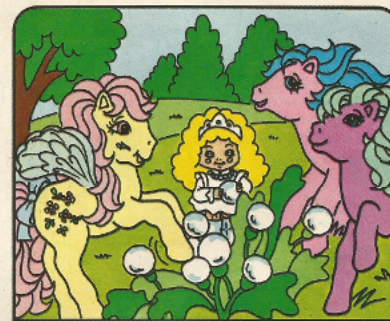
"Then why don't you come and see us?" asked Wing Song. "Because of the wicked Snow Sorcerer," cried the princess.



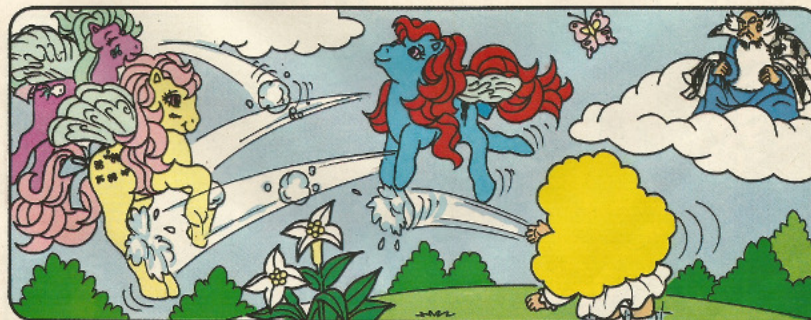
"Majesty told me about him," said Rosedust. "He too can travel around because of his strong ice magic and he wants to be king!"



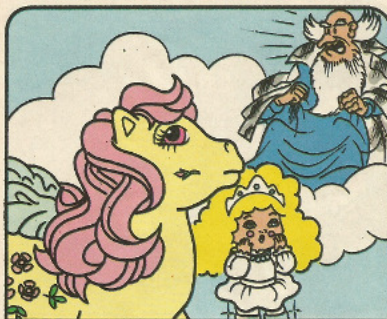
"Let us not talk about him," begged the princess. "How I envy your pretty flowers! None grow in the palace gardens!"



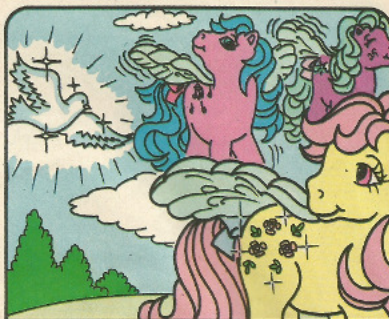
"Our snowball bush blooms on the hottest day," laughed Rosedust. "Shall we have a snowball fight? Others grow quickly!"



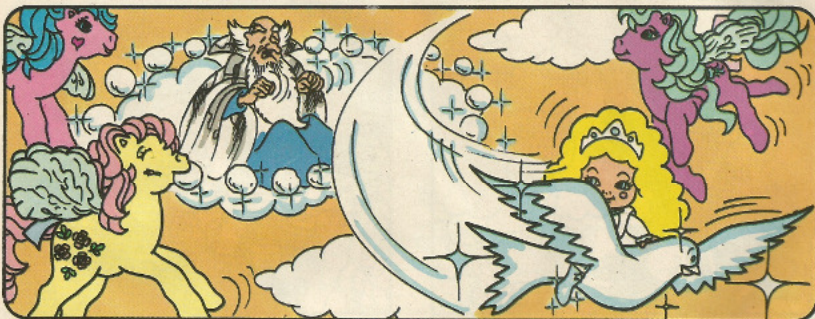
"What fun," laughed Blanchette. "When the snowballs hit you they're warm, then they dissolve into cool water. How refreshing! I wish I had some in my palace gardens." "We'll send you some," promised Rosedust. Suddenly the sorcerer arrived.



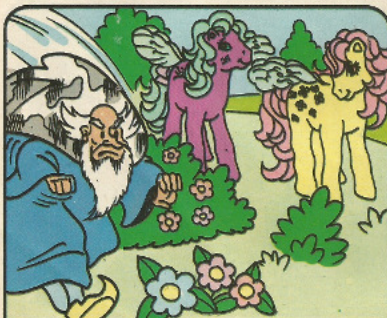
"Since you like it here, you can stay," he cried. "I shall be king of all the land. You won't return before snow-night!"



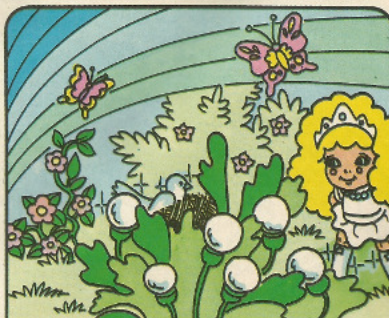
"Princess Blanchette, have no fear, Crystal Dove, now appear," called Rosedust. "Utter flutter, ponies!"



"Crystal Dove, take Blanchette home," ordered Rosedust. "Snowball blossoms turn cold and hard. Grow in size and fill the sky. Block the path of the Snow Sorcerer so he can't follow. Flutter ponies, guard him well! The sun his magic will wear away! Until then, he must stay!"



"Well done, ponies," said Rosedust as at last the Snow Sorcerer slid down and slunk away looking very ashamed.



Rosedust kept her promise. A lovely snowball bush grew in the royal gardens. In the middle sat the Crystal Dove!

Have you got a snowball bush in your garden? Did you know it only blooms in SUMMER?



STORYTIME AT DREAM CASTLE



The Story So Far

The baby ponies had heard some exciting stories from Majesty's visitors. Jack Frost and Jimmy Ice had told a picture story, the Storyteller had told a story about an invisible dragon but the best story of all had been a true one. Drusilla, wife of the Christmas Giant, had told the ponies they would see the wedding of her daughter inside the magic mountain that was part of the Land of Christmas.

Baby Half Note had been invited to dance at the wedding. Drusilla wanted to learn how to dance and Majesty had agreed to let Baby Half Note go to the Land of Christmas to teach Drusilla. They were to leave first thing in the morning. But in the morning the little ponies were going to get a terrible shock!

The Story Continues:

After tea, Megan helped Nurse Gusty get the newborn twins ready for bed. All the baby ponies were staying at Dream Castle for the night. "I wish I could stay, too," laughed Megan, "but Wind Whistler had better take me home now."

"You'll come and visit the Land of Christmas, won't you?" asked Sundance anxiously.

"Of course I will," promised Megan. "I wouldn't miss Baby Half Note's wedding dance for Drusilla's daughter!"

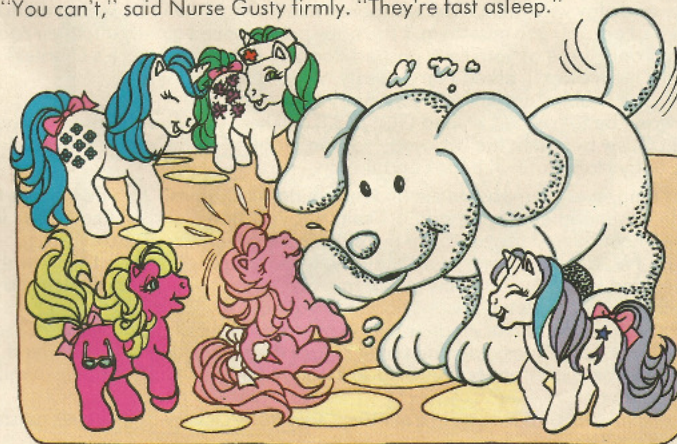
"We'll go now, too," said Jack and Jimmy. "We've got lots of frost and ice to make. We'll take the snow dog with us."

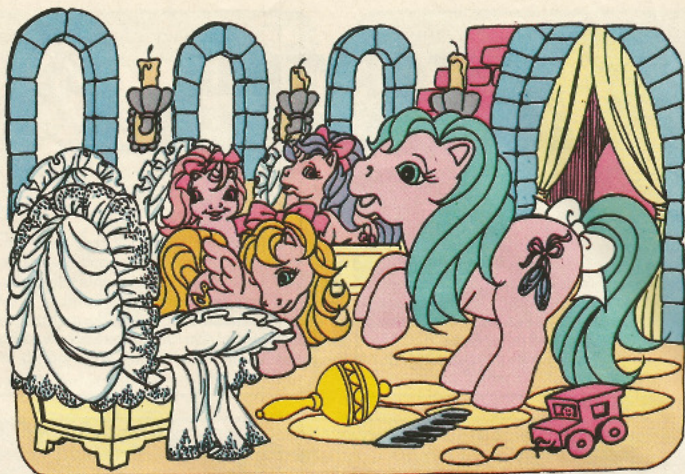
"WOOF!" barked the snow dog, "I must lick Baby Lickety goodbye. She's my favourite baby pony, you know."

All the ponies laughed as the snow dog put out his enormous tongue. "Don't knock me over!" said Baby Lickety-Split in alarm.

"I won't," promised the snow dog. "I'd like to say goodbye to the newborn twins as well."

"You can't," said Nurse Gusty firmly. "They're fast asleep."





"And that's where you should be, baby ponies," said Majesty. "Go on, off to bed." So the baby ponies called goodnight to everyone and hurried away to the special bedroom Majesty had prepared for them.

"We mustn't wake the newborn twins," whispered Baby Half Note. "All four of them are fast asleep," she added, after peeping into the room they were sharing with Gusty.

It had been a busy day and it wasn't long before everyone in Dream Castle was fast asleep. Even the Storyteller fell asleep while he was telling himself a story, he was sleeping in the throne room and his snores filled the air!

Baby Half Note woke very early in the morning. She was excited about her visit to the Land of Christmas. As she lay thinking of the dance she'd perform at the wedding, she heard the newborn twins playing in the next room.

"I'll go and play with them," she whispered to herself. "I won't be seeing them for a long time, I am going to miss them." The baby pony danced quietly into their room.

"There's only three of you," she gasped, looking around. "Where's Dibbles?"

"What's the matter?" asked Nurse Gusty, waking up quickly.

"I can't see Dibbles anywhere," said Baby Half Note.

"She won't be far away," smiled Gusty. "I'll call her." But Dibbles didn't appear and even Gusty began to feel worried. "Go and look in all the rooms downstairs," she told Baby Half Note. "I'll look up here."

Before long, everyone was awake and searching for Dibbles. "Maybe Muddle the Magician has muddled a spell again," said Baby Cotton Candy. "Remember last time when he made all the newborn twins go to his cavern by mistake?"

"It wasn't Muddle this time," said Majesty, feeling puzzled. "I can't think what's happened and I can't look into my magic mirror, I sent it to be cleaned yesterday."

"Maybe the mirror cleaner took Dibbles," wailed Baby Cuddles.

"Don't be silly, the mirror cleaner wasn't here last night and Dibbles was," said Baby Half Note. "Besides, Tam the tinker cleans the mirror and he's our friend."

"Well, maybe the enormous snow dog swallowed her," Baby Cuddles wailed louder and louder.

"I'll call him in to swallow you in a minute," said Baby Lickety-Split. "He's outside, I can hear him barking."

"I don't suppose she could have crept into the pages of my book, could she?" wondered the Storyteller. "I got trapped in my book once until Baby Glory and her friends rescued me." He turned all the pages over and the babies held their breath. But Dibbles wasn't there.

"She's nowhere outside," reported Spike. "I've searched everywhere."

Baby Shady passed her sunglasses to Majesty. "I can't see her through them," she said, "but you might be able to, Majesty."

"I can't understand it," sighed Majesty, "I've always known before if any of my ponies are in danger. This time, I don't know anything. Are you sure she was in her bassinet when you went to bed, Gusty?"

"I tucked her in, I know she was there, I saw her," said Gusty.

Suddenly, Dream Castle shook and trembled. Baby Cuddles wasn't the only one to cry then! But it was only Drusilla walking downstairs. In the worry and excitement everyone forgot about the giantess, who'd been sleeping in the turret room right at the very top of the Castle.

"Look what I found inside my slipper," she boomed. "One newborn twin. I've forgotten which one she is, but she's been having a lovely time tickling my toes. They're bigger than her, you know."

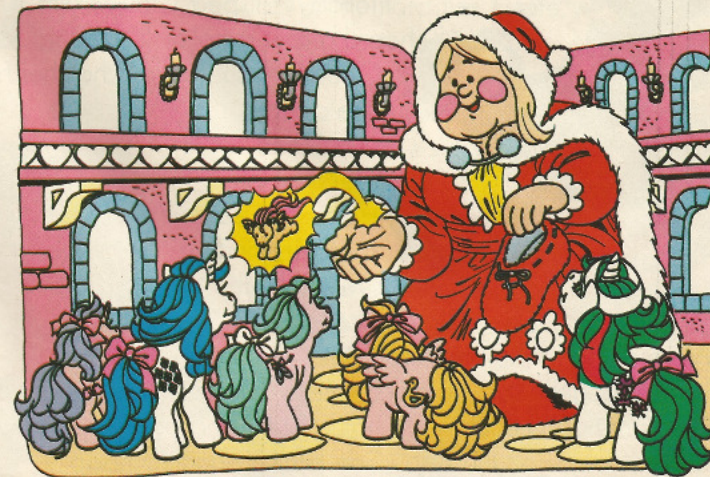
Dibbles chuckled loudly and flapped her tiny wings. "Wings tickle big toes," she gurgled. Drusilla wriggled her toes and Dibbles fluttered to the ground. "Dibbles can fly," she said proudly.

All the ponies laughed, even Nurse Gusty who should have been cross with Dibbles for going up to the turret room all on her own. Spike couldn't think how she'd managed to get up there. "She must have turned invisible like the dragon in the story," he said, "and just floated up there."

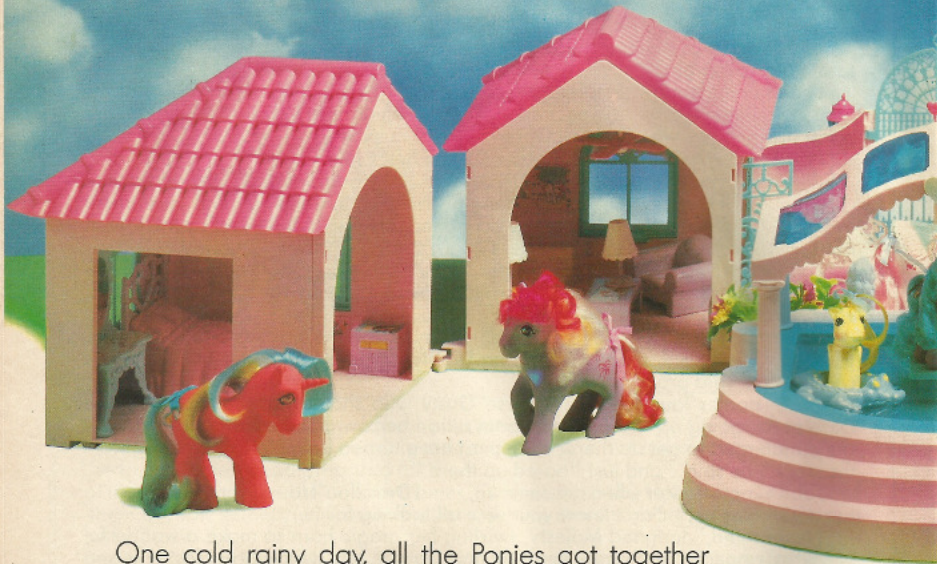
"I don't know how or when she came up," said Drusilla. "I found her when I went to put my slipper on, I didn't know you were all looking for her."

"Never mind," laughed Majesty, twirling her magic horn to make a wonderful breakfast appear. "She's safe, that's all that matters. We'll have breakfast now and then it will be time for you to take Baby Half Note to the Land of Christmas."

You'll be able to read all about the Land of Christmas in your next issue of MY LITTLE PONY COMIC.



Every pony dreams



One cold rainy day, all the Ponies got together and started to daydream about their holiday. "Isn't it wonderful" they said, "to have a lovely day out to look forward to."

"Holiday?" lisped Cloud Puff, "I haven't heard about a holiday." (The trouble with Cloud Puff, she always has her head in the clouds.)

"Then we'll tell you all about it," said Majesty kindly.

"It will make the Big Day seem closer."

"We're going to the Paradise Estate," laughed North Star. "A perfect sort of place where we can swim and sunbathe and frolic to our heart's content." "It has a swimming pool" cried Water Lily. "And a diving board" all the Baby Sea ponies shouted happily. "There's a beautiful patio too. For Megan to sunbathe on."



of living in paradise.

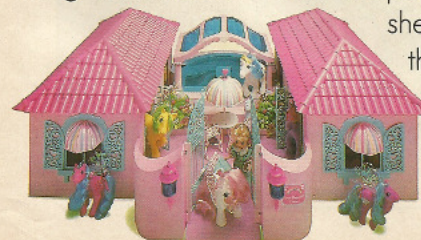
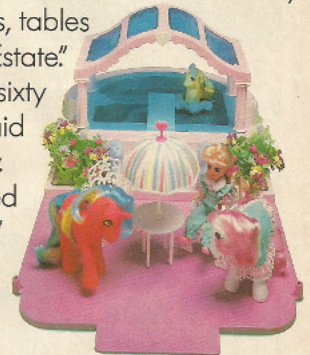


"Oh yes," put in Skyrocket. "It has a kitchen, two beautiful bedrooms and even a nursery for Wing Song. Each one is furnished very prettily. You'll love the chairs, tables and cots at the Paradise Estate."

"In fact, there's sixty different pieces" said Sundance proudly. "That's why it's called the Paradise Estate."

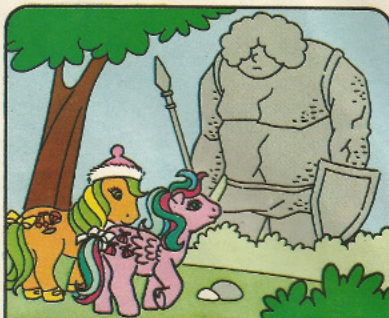
"And we all know every pony dreams of living in Paradise" said Majesty quietly as she switched out

the light. "Goodnight Ponies, goodnight."



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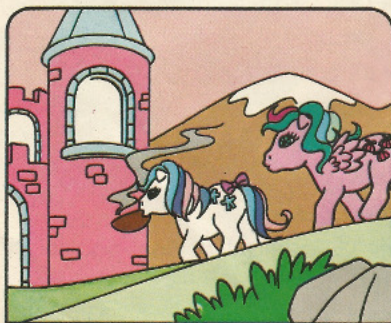
THE STONE GIANT SPEAKS AGAIN!



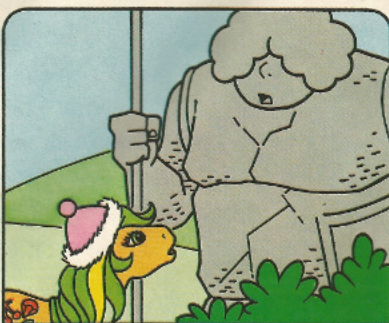
"Heavy hooves, I'm glad that I don't have to stand out here in the cold! Poor old stone giant!" said Tutti Frutti.



"Whizzer, is it really true ...that the giant speaks when a friend is in trouble?" asked Tutti Frutti. "Yes, and only the pony who hears him may go on the quest to help," said Whizzer. "But the giant hasn't spoken for a long time!"



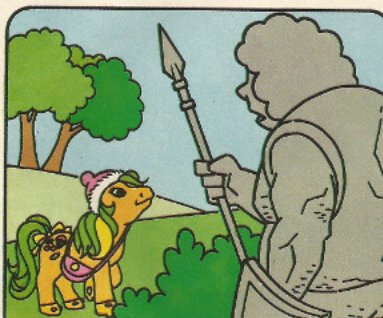
"Come along, Majesty's got hot oat cakes waiting at Dream Castle," called Gingerbread. Only Tutti Frutti lingered.



Suddenly the giant spoke. Tutti Frutti jumped! "Little pony, don't be afraid, A friend will come soon to seek your aid!"



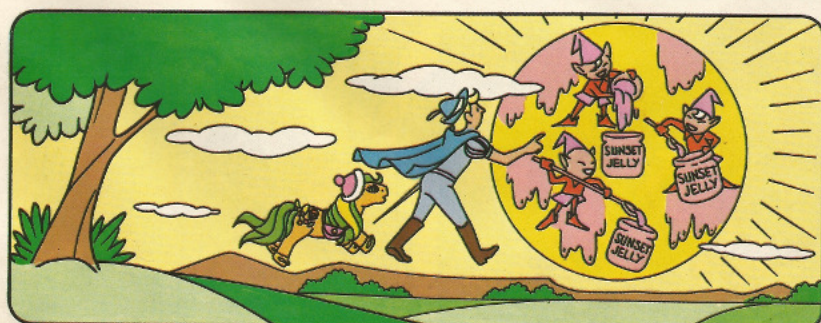
Just then Prince Drogo ran up. "Please help me," he called. "The wicked Snow Witch put an icedrop necklace around the neck of Princess Flavia, and now she won't wake up! When I try to take the necklace away, it burns my fingers! Look there in the Magic Pool."



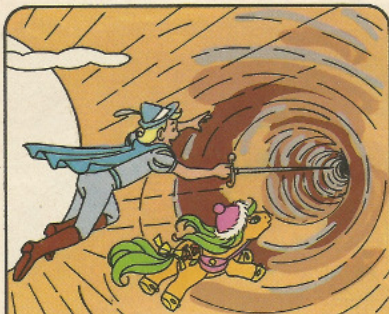
Suddenly the giant spoke again. "You both must seek what it will melt. A ray of dawn before the shortest day."



"Rest awhile in Dream Castle and then we will climb through the sunset to reach the dawn cave," said Tutti Frutti.



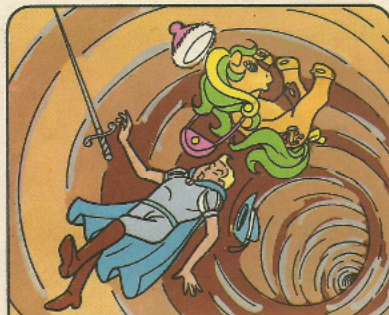
But, later, the sunset looked red and fierce. "I hope we can get through safely," said Drogo. "Amazing Oranges, so do I," replied Tutti Frutti. "If only the sunset was as soft as ... oh, what a lucky day... the sunset's made of jelly. We can walk through easily!"



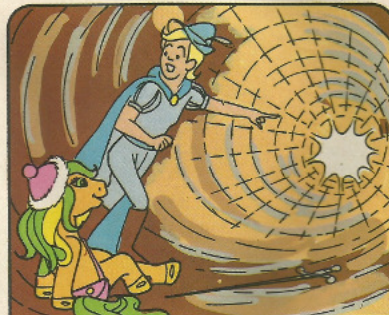
But, at the end of sunset was ... the dark cavern of night! "How will we ever get through?" asked Drogo.



"I can see a tiny hole. If only we were lucky enough to squeeze through," said Tutti Frutti. Suddenly the hole grew.



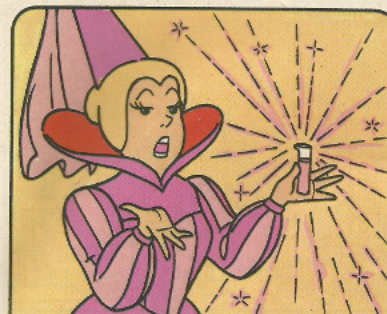
Tutti Frutti and the Prince climbed in and found themselves falling down and down a deep dark tunnel...until...



...they landed at the bottom...only to find another tunnel leading out of the blackness. There was a light at the end.



At the end of the tunnel sat the Dawn Fairy. She was busy filling her dawn spray with pink morning dawn rays. "I'm rather busy," she said. "It is almost time to light the dawn! What do you want?" Tutti Frutti quickly told her why they had come.



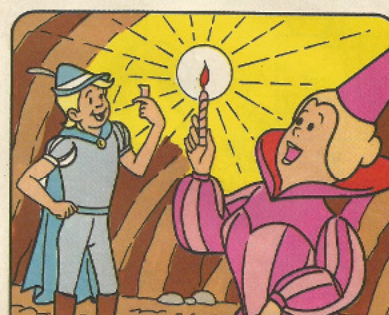
"My rays are precious," said the Dawn Fairy. "What will you give me in exchange for this small bottle?"



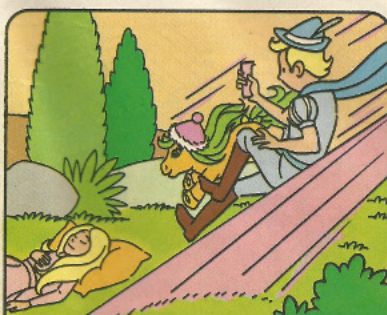
"I have only my sword," said Drogo. "But it is yours!" But the fairy just laughed. "I want something better!"



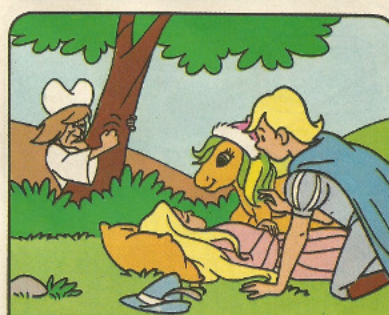
"How about a birthday candle?" asked Tutti Frutti. "It will light up the dark cavern so that you won't be afraid!"



"Majesty told me it will never burn out or harm anyone... it's an enchanted candle." "I'll take it," said the fairy.



"Slide down a dawn ray into the palace garden," said the fairy. "Hurry, you will just be in time!"

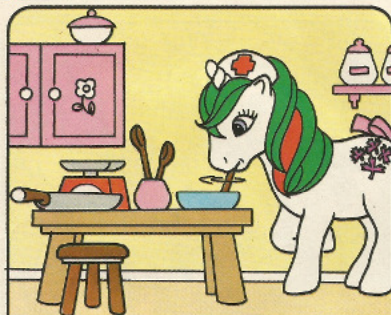


As the prince poured the rays into the necklace, it melted...and Tutti Frutti returned to tell her friends of her quest.

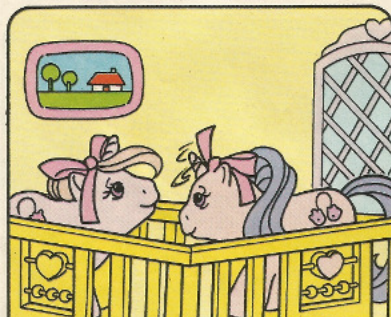
Which little pony will hear the Stone Giant speak next? Be sure not to miss any issues of MY LITTLE PONY to make sure that you find out!

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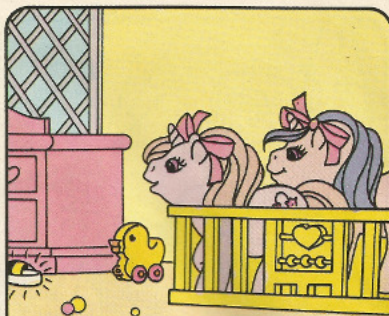
SNIFFLES AND SNOOKUMS IN MISCHIEF



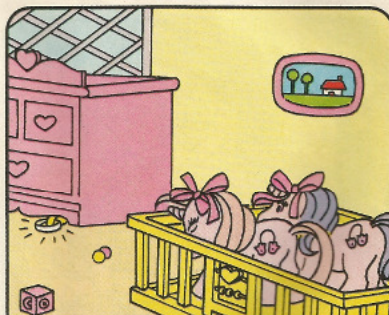
Nurse Gusty was in the kitchen, making currant bread. Dibbles and Nibbles were sleeping, they had just been fed.



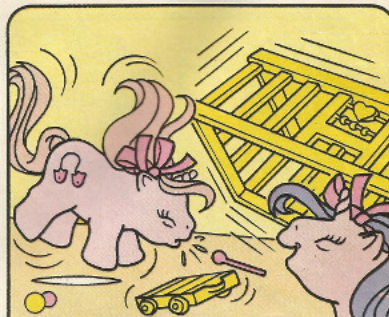
"It's hard work!" sighed Sniffles. "Twirl your unicorn horn about. We'll blow the playpen over, then we can get out."



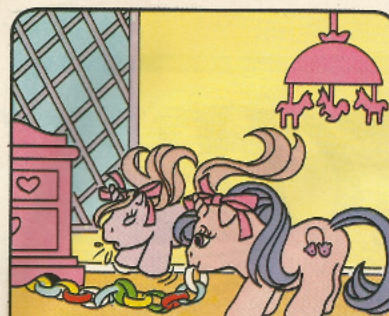
"Look at that!" said Sniffles. "Whatever can it be?" "I don't know," replied Snookums. "Shall we go and see?"



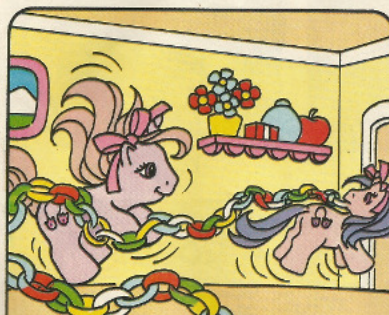
"Hurry up, Sniffles!" Snookums giggled with delight. "Push the playpen harder, we're moving it all right."



Snookums' baby unicorn horn made a gentle breeze. The playpen blew right over, as Sniffles started to sneeze!



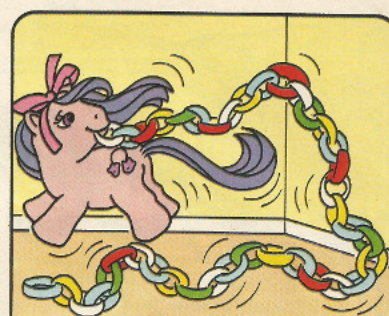
"We've done it," whispered Snookums. "I can't wait to see, what's underneath the games chest and sparkling prettily."



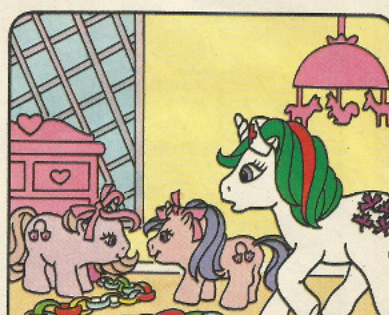
"I'll try and jump on it," said Sniffles. "What a lovely game to play." "Yes it is," said Snookums, "we'll play it every day."



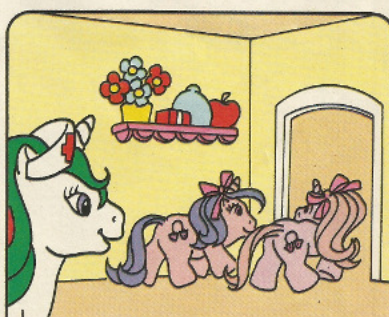
Gusty hung up the paper chain. "We're sorry," Snookums said. "I think we have been naughty, we'll put ourselves to bed."



"It is pretty," said Sniffles. "I don't know what it's for." "I do," laughed his twin. "We pull it around the floor."



"Don't jump on it, Sniffles!" Nurse Gusty came through the door. "It's a special paper chain, I'll show you what it's for."



Gusty smiled happily as the newborn twins hurried away. She could hardly wait for them to have their first Christmas Day!

The WEETABIX

ONE NIGHT IN
SHERWOOD FOREST...



ANOTHER NIGHT IN
SHERWOOD FOREST...



AND A STRANGER IS
SNEAKING UP ON CRUNCH
WHEN SUDDENLY...



HE WAKES UP WITH A START!!
(A PROPER START, OF COURSE)

ARE YOU
ROBIN HOOD?

NO, I'M ROBBIN'
YOUR BREAKFAST!

