



HAHA!

HEY!



I WIN!

YOU ALWAYS WIN!

FLOP



AHP?



CHARLIE...



GET UP, OR YOU'LL BE LATE FOR CHURCH.

BLINK!



NO! MY DREAM!

I WANT IT BACK!

GET UP,  
SLEEPY  
HEAD!

YOUR  
BROTHER'S  
DONE WITH THE  
SHOWER, SO GO  
TAKE YOURS,  
QUICKLY.

IF YOU DON'T  
MOVE IT, YOU'LL  
END UP JUST  
WEARING YOUR  
**SLEEP  
CLOTHES** TO  
CHURCH!

REALLY?

NO.

YOU'LL  
WEAR THE  
DRESS  
GRANDMA  
GAVE YOU.

AW, I  
HATE  
THAT  
DRESS.

IT'S  
SO  
GIRLY.

NEWS  
FLASH,  
CHARLENE:  
YOU ARE A  
GIRL.

PUH.



I CAN'T PLAY.  
I HAVE TO  
GO TO  
CHURCH.

IS THAT  
WHY YOU'RE  
WEARING A  
DRESS?



YEAH. I  
HATE IT.

IT'S ALL  
LOOSE  
BELOW THE  
WAIST.

I FEEL  
LIKE I'M NOT  
WEARING  
PANTS.



WOW.

I WISH I  
DIDN'T HAVE  
TO WEAR  
PANTS.





A NEW FOOTBALL?



YEAH. I NEED TO GO GIRLS' TOYS FOR A SECOND.

GIRLS' TOYS?

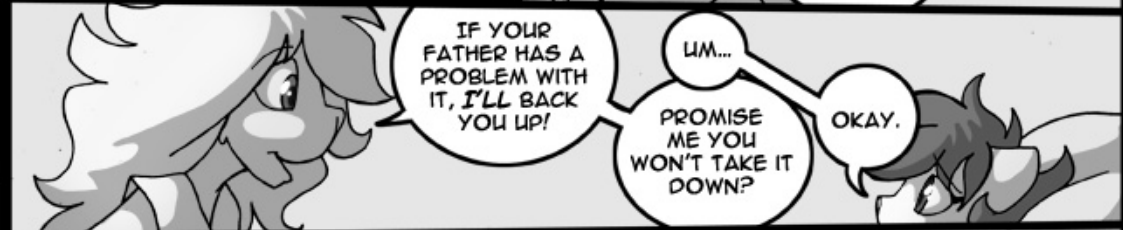


I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE INTO MY LITTLE PONIES.



WELL, I LIKE RAINBOW DASH.







DO YOU EVER WORRY ABOUT YOUR DAUGHTER BECOMING A LESBIAN?

UH... NOT REALLY.



REALLY?

HAS JANIE STARTED SHOWING AN INTEREST IN BOYS?

LMMM

I HEARD RANDY HARRINGTON HAS A CRUSH ON YOU!



OF COURSE HE DOES. I'M AWESOME.

I THINK SO.

IN HER OWN STRANGE WAY.



THIS ISN'T FUNNY! WE HAVE TO FIND WAYS TO RELATE TO OUR DAUGHTERS!

I'M NOT LAUGHING ABOUT THAT.



I WAS JUST IMAGINING CHARLIE TALKING TO HER FRIENDS:

"DO YOU EVER WORRY THAT YOUR MOTHER IS AN UNFAITHFUL SEX ADDICT?"

HEY! THAT'S A REAL CONDITION! I'M IN THERAPY!



YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES LIFE DEALS US A BAD HAND AND WE HAVE TO WORK THROUGH IT.

THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO WITH MY ISSUES.

I'M JUST SAYING, I'D RATHER MY DAUGHTER BE A HAPPY, WELL-ADJUSTED LESBIAN, THAN... YOU KNOW.



YOU DON'T  
EVEN KNOW IF  
SHE WILL BE A  
LESBIAN.

SHE MAY  
JUST BE A  
TOMBOY.

DO YOU  
THINK IT'S A  
BORN THING,  
OR LIKE... JUST  
A FAVORITE  
FOOD?

ALICE!

YES,  
ABIGAIL.

WHAT'S A  
"LESBIAN"?

IN COMMON USE: A FEMALE  
HOMOSEXUAL. HOMOSEXUAL - A  
PERSON SEXUALLY ATTRACTED  
TO THE SAME SEX IN CONTRAST  
TO THOSE ATTRACTED TO THE  
OPPOSITE SEX.

WHY THE  
SPECULATIVE  
NATURE IN ADULTS  
TOWARD A CHILD  
BECOMING  
ONE?

THEORY: HETEROSEXUALITY IS THE  
COMMON STATE IN SEXUALLY  
MATURING AND MATURED PEOPLE.  
PARENTS WANT THEIR CHILDREN TO  
BE COMMON FOR MAXIMUM SOCIAL  
ADVANTAGE.

SPECULATION  
IS WASTEFUL.

IF WE WANT TO  
KNOW SOMETHING,  
WE SHOULD JUST  
FIND A WAY TO  
DISCOVER IT.

SHALL I  
POWER UP THE  
RESEARCH  
LAB?

YES.

BEEP

OPEN THE  
MEDIA  
ARCHIVE.

CATALOG TRAITS  
OF KNOWN  
HETERO  
AND  
HOMOSEXUAL  
PEOPLE.

PROCESSING...

TAP  
TAP

CORRELATE  
MANNERISM,  
ATTITUDE, VOICE  
PITCH, AND ANY  
OTHER NOTICEABLE  
ATTRIBUTES OF ALL  
OF THEM.

A SLIDING SCALE OF  
DEGREE EXISTS,  
AND THESE TRAITS  
DON'T ALWAYS  
ACCOUNT FOR  
BEHAVIOR.

HMM.

MAKE A SEPARATE  
RANGE OF DEGREES  
FOR TYPES OF HOMO  
AND HETEROSEXUAL,  
AS WELL AS THOSE  
WHO ARE BOTH.

WE'LL DO  
A *GRAPH*  
INSTEAD OF  
A SCALE.

I'LL  
CALL IT THE  
*ANDY DICK*  
VARIABLE.

WHO?

DID YOU GET THE LIST OF THE AVAILABLE HARDWARE?

YES.

PROTOTYPE DESIGN COMPLETE.

LET'S SEE IT.

A SIMPLE TABLET DESIGN WITH A WIRELESS CAMERA WILL SUFFICE FOR THIS TASK.

VERY WELL.

IT IS BOTH DISCREET AND EFFECTIVE.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO BUILD?

IF YOUR DAD LETS US USE HIS POWER TOOLS, LESS THAN A DAY.

WHAT'S THAT?

A SCREW-DRIVER.

NOT THAT.

THAT.

THE RECEIVER TO A HOMOSEXUAL PROBABILITY DETECTION SYSTEM.

UH. A *SAYDAR*?

THAT'S A *GOOD* NAME FOR IT.

ISN'T THAT KIND OF LIKE....

... AN *INVASION OF PRIVACY*?

HMMM. NOT *REALLY*.

IT'S JUST *PASSIVELY* SCANNING.

YOU COULD DO THE *SAME* THING WITH YOUR EYES AND MIND.

IF YOUR MIND WAS AS FAST AS A MODERN QUAD CORE PROCESSOR.



HEY, ABIGAIL.

DOES THAT **GAYDAR** THING REALLY WORK?

BECAUSE IT'D BE REAL NICE TO KNOW WHO WAS A LITTLE SCREWY IN OUR CLASSES.

THERE'S THIS **GUY** I WANT TO ASK OUT, BUT THERE ARE RUMORS HE MIGHT BE...  
... YOU KNOW.



CAN I USE YOUR **GAYDAR**?



ARE YOU THE GIRL BUILDING THE **GAYDAR**?



WE HAVE A, AH... **"VESTED INTEREST"** IN USING IT.



PSST. ABIGAIL.

EEK!



I'M  
**CHARLIE'S**  
MOTHER!

YOUR MOM  
AND I ARE  
GOOD  
FRIENDS.

YES, I  
KNOW.

YOU HAVE A  
LITTLE THING  
THAT CAN TELL  
IF PEOPLE ARE  
A LITTLE  
DIFFERENT?

MAY I  
USE IT  
PLEASE?

I'M NOT  
SURE IF I'LL  
CONTINUE  
THE  
PROJECT.

WHY  
NOT?

I'M NOT  
SURE ABOUT  
THE KINDS OF  
PEOPLE WHO  
SEEM *SO*  
INTERESTED  
IN THE DATA.



AND THEN  
SISSY SAID  
ABIGAIL WAS  
RUDE TO  
HER!




BECAUSE SHE  
WOULDN'T  
HELP HER FIND  
OUT WHETHER  
CHARLIE MIGHT  
BE...

... YOU  
KNOW.



SHE ALREADY  
BLEW UP AT ME  
ONCE FOR  
SUGGESTING  
CHARLIE'S  
BETTER OFF  
THAT WAY, THAN  
LIKE HER  
MOTHER.



BUT I GUESS  
IT'S NOT ABOUT  
TRUTH. IT'S  
ABOUT IMAGE.

CHARLIE  
WEARS IT ON  
HER SLEEVE.



WHAT DO  
YOU THINK,  
HONEY?



I THINK  
I REALLY  
LIKE THIS  
CIGAR.

I HEARD YOU GOT INTO A LITTLE HOT WATER WITH YOUR LATEST SCIENCE PROJECT.

IT'S OKAY. I **DESTROYED** IT.

WHY'S THAT?

ONE MEASURE OF PROGRESS FOR A SOCIETY IS AN INDIVIDUAL'S LEVEL OF PRIVACY.


**SAVAGES** WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE, TO FORM GANGS AND EXPRESS THEIR PRIMAL URGE TO EXERT **POWER**.

I DON'T WANT TO HELP SAVAGES.

I HAVE TO GO WATCH CARTOONS, NOW.

WHAT KIND OF **BEDTIME STORIES** ARE YOU READING TO ABIGAIL AT NIGHT?





ABBY! CAN YOU  
USE YOUR CUTEY  
SCIENCE TO FIND  
OUT WHO'S BEEN  
WRITING ME THESE  
LETTERS?

I REALLY  
SHOULDN'T.




WHY  
NOT?

IT'S  
AGAINST  
MY ETHICS.

ETHICS?

WHAT'S  
ETHICS GOT  
TO DO WITH  
IT?



THE PERSON WHO  
WROTE THAT  
OBVIOUSLY  
WANTS TO  
EXPRESS  
FEELINGS, BUT  
REMAIN  
HIDDEN.

IF THE AUTHOR  
DIDN'T WANT TO  
BE ANONYMOUS,  
SHE WOULD HAVE  
SIGNED IT.

OKAY  
OKAY...



"SHE"!?



CATCHING MUCH?

NOT REALLY.



MMMM.



JANIE.

HAS YOUR MOTHER EVER TRIED REALLY HARD TO **CHANGE** ANYTHING ABOUT YOU?

UHM...

NOT REALLY.



I GUESS THAT'S TRUE.

WHY WOULD SHE WANT TO CHANGE **PERFECTION**?

DID YOU EVER GET ABIGAIL TO FIND OUT ABOUT THOSE LETTERS?

SHE WON'T DO IT. BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT.

I THINK I KNOW WHO AUTHORED THEM.

REALLY?

YEAH, BUT I SHOULDN'T SAY.

I'M GOING TO RESPECT THEIR DESIRE TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

OH.

THAT'S COOL.