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The ponies have joined Hoofbeard the Pirate on a sea adventure! But can Hoofbeard be trusted? He's sent Twilight, Rarity, Pinkie and Rainbow Dash on a quest to find his missing treasure map... a quest that brought them face to face with a giant, glowing, angry crab!

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AM I RIGHT, OR AM I RIGHT, OR AM I RIGHT?

GUYS, WE NEED TO DISTRACT IT WHILE ONE OF US GOES INTO THE CAVE AND SWIPES THE MAP. ONCE WE GET IT BACK TO CAPTAIN HOOFBEARD, WE CAN GO HOME!

COME ON, FELLA! WE JUST NEED THAT MAP FROM YOUR HOUSE, NO BIGGIE!

WHY, LOOKIE! SOME SUPER FAST PONY COULD ZIP RIGHT IN THERE WHILST OUR CRAB FRIEND HOLDS HIS ARM ALOFT!

WHAA AM

RU MB LE!!

YEAH, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE GOING ANYWHERE ANYTIME SOON!

ADVENTURE#2

X MARKS THE SPOTS

DID SOMEPONY SAY, "SUPER FAST PONY"?

GOOD JOB, EVERYPONY! KEEP IT UP!

SN

IP!

SN

AP!

WHOOSH!!!

SCORE!

ENERGY

YUCK!

IF I WAS A DERANGED GHOST CRAB, WHERE WOULD I PUT A MAP?

PIZZA

WELL, AT LEAST NOW WE KNOW WHY IT'S GLOWING—THESE DRINKS AREN'T GOOD FOR ANYPONY... OR CRAB!

ENERGY

DUDETTES? DID YOU SHOW THAT CRAB SOME PONY—

PIZZAZZ?

ZAP IT, TWILIGHT!

I TRIED! THE SHELL JUST DEFLECTS MY MAGIC!

AS MY POOR CHAPEAU LEARNED...

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?!

SWING

GUYS! LET OL' PINKIE PIE WORK HER MAGIC! GIANT PINCHY CRABBY, I KNOW HOW TO SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE.

TWEEE!!

SO, MR. CRABBY, WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO YA? ONE WIDDLE-BITTY MAP OR ALL OF YOUR SHINY TRINKETS?

GIVE HIM BACK HIS BAUBLES, BOYS!

SEE, AND NOW YOU'VE EVEN MADE SOME FRIENDS!

YAY GHOST CRAB!

HEY, LITTLE GUY, CAN I SEE THAT BOTTLE, PLEASE?

GRR

THAT'S THE THING ABOUT CRABS, YA KNOW? THEY CAN BE AWFUL *CRABBY!*

GET IT? "*CRABBY*"?

WORST. JOKE. EVER.

IS THAT ONE OF THE BOTTLES OUR SMOLDERING CAPTAIN WAS HAVING LITTLE SPIKEY HEAVE INTO THE ABYSS?

THAT'S WHY WE SHOULDN'T READ IT! HE'S OUR *CAPTAIN*, TWILIGHT! WE FOLLOW HIS ORDERS, LIKE REAL PIRATES! NO QUESTIONS ASKED!

WELL, I'M NOT A REAL PIRATE AND I'LL ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS. ESPECIALLY IF IT WILL KEEP US FROM GETTING LOST AT SEA. YOU HEARD WHAT THE OTHER PIRATES SAID, RAINBOW DASH—HE'S CRAZY.

THEN I'M NOT LETTING YOU HAVE THE MAP! I'M A REAL PIRATE AND THIS REAL PIRATE MAP GOES STRAIGHT TO HOOFBEARD.

UGH. FINE.

AND I'M *NOT* LISTENING.

LA-LALA-LA-LA! I CAN'T HEAR YOU! GOOD PIRATE OVER HERE, *NOT* LISTENING!

"SHOW YE FACE OR I SHALL FIND YE! ME JEWEL BE MINE, OR ALL YER KIN SHALL FACE MY POISONOUS TRUTH."

SIGNED WITH HIS CUTIE MARK.

WOULDN'T WANT TO FIND THAT ONE IN MY MAILBOX!

SO, BEST CASE SCENARIO IS THAT HE'S JUST A WEIRD, WASHED UP PIRATE, DROPPING BOTTLES IN THE OCEAN TO THREATEN IMAGINARY ENEMIES.

HE'S STARTING A WAR FOR GOLD, AND WE'RE HIS TRUSTY CREW.

WORST CASE?

HEY, LADIES! SHOULDN'T WE GET BACK TO THE SHIP? APPLEJACK AND FLUTTERSHY ARE HAVING ALL THE FUN!

JUST AS YE REQUESTED, CAPN'! FROM PIRATE DASH, TO YOU!

GOOD WORK, BLUE PONY! AND OTHER... PONIES.

NO PROBLEM, CAPTAIN HOOFBEARD.

AYE, I BE HOOFBEARD—DREAD PIRATE OF THE SEA. THOSE LANDLUBBERS TELL YOU A TALL TALE ABOUT ME, EH?

NOT AS TALL AS YOU, CAPTAIN. YOU AREN'T WEARING HEELS, ARE YOU?

YES, THEY DID.

IS THAT GOING TO BE A PROBLEM WITH ME CREW?

NOT IF YOU KEEP YOUR PROMISE AND WE GET HOME SAFELY.

BE IT GOOD OR EVIL, I ALWAYS KEEP ME WORD, MS. SPARKLE. *ALWAYS.*

THAT'S WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT.

COME! IT'S TIME TO CHART OUR COURSE.

...AND THEN WE WERE LIKE "SMELL YA LATER, CRABBY!" AND HE WAS LIKE "TOTES, CHICA!" WHAT DID YOU GUYS DO WHILE WE WERE GONE?

I TRIED TO GET SOME INFORMATION OUT OF THE CAPTAIN, BUT ALL I FOUND OUT IS THAT HE'S AS SECRETIVE AS THEY COME.

I PUT MY FRIEND IN A COCONUT! HE LIVES IN MY HAT!

NO WAY! THAT'S AWESOME!

AND WE HAD SOME PINEAPPLE JUICE, WHICH FLUTTERSHY SEEMED TO ENJOY.

LOOK SHARP! I'VE SET A COURSE.

TO WHERE, EXACTLY?

TO ME JEWEL, OF COURSE.

IS THAT "X" *REALLY* WANDERING?

X

WOO-HOO! NON-STOP ACTION, HERE WE COME!

LATER...

THAT STARFISH LOOKS AWFULLY FAMILIAR, DOESN'T IT?

DRAT. SEAWEED AGAIN?

'FRAID SO. THE CUPBOARDS ARE BARE.

URK

BE A TOUGH PIRATE, RAINBOW DASH. THIS HEATS GOT NOTHIN' ON YOU.

THIS HORRIBLE, STIFLING, STICKY, STINKING HEAT!

I CHALLENGE YOU, HEAT! WINNER TAKE WEATHER!

POOR RAINBOW DASH. SOUNDS LIKE THESE DAYS WITHOUT WIND ARE REALLY GETTING TO HER.

YEAH, GETTING NOWHERE DOESN'T HELP EITHER. ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, WE'VE PURPOSEFULLY DRIFTED IN THE SAME CIRCLE OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

SORRY THIS PIRATE EXPERIENCE IS A DUD, FLUTTERSHY. I KNOW YOU WERE REALLY EXCITED TO HAVE AN ADVENTURE.

OH, I'M DONE PIRATING. I FOUND—I MEAN, IT'S TIME TO GO HOME.

IT *IS* TIME TO GO HOME. ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

I JUST HAVE TO GET EVERY PONY ON BOARD...

NO WAY! I'M NOT GOING TO GO AGAINST THE CAPTAIN! I'VE TOLD YOU A BILLION ZILLION TIMES!

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, RAINBOW DASH. YOU KNOW WE'RE GOING IN CIRCLES!

I HATE TO TELL YA, BUT THAT PIRATE AIN'T THE HOOFBEARD HE USED TO BE, I'D RECKON.

SO WHAT? WE CAN'T *MUTINY!*

GIRLS! GET THEM TOGETHER, RIGHT? GIGGLE CITY!

?

SHHHH!

PLOP!

AND WHO CARES IF HE ISN'T LIKE HE WAS? WHO'S GONNA REPLACE HIM?

OH, WE HAVE AN IDEA!

ME?! I COULD BE THE NEXT HOOFBEARD!

BOYS! SHOES! UMM.. CANDY APPLES? IT NEVER ENDS! HA-HA. WHO KNOWS WHAT GIRLS REALLY TALK ABOUT!

SHHH!

GASP!

DROP

LET'S TAKE THE SHIP.

MUTINY AHOY.

WE HAVE TO GET THIS SHIP MOVING OR WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT HOME.
COOL! I MAKE THE WIND!
HE-HE! SOMETIMES SHE BREAKS IT, TOO!
HOOFBEARD'S QUARTERS
ONE, TWO...
THREE!
WE CAUGHT THE WIND!
TIME FOR A PARTY ON THE LIDO DECK! I'M YOUR ACTIVITIES LIAISON, OFFICER PINKIE PIE!
SMOOTH SAILING FROM HERE ON OUT.
PONYVILLE, HERE WE COME!
WHOOOOOSH
PINKIE, WHO'S STEERING THE SHIP?!
OOPS! I FORGOT WE WERE MUTINYING!
WUCKY QWACKERS! I HWATE BWEING A PAWWOT!
MUTINY, EH? THANKS FOR GETTING US BACK ON COURSE. NOW TO THE BRIG WITH YE!
SALTINE CRACKERS

DON'T MAKE ME TELL YE TWICE.

I'M IN CONTROL OF ME SHIP NOW, HOOFBEARD! YE WERE A FAIR CAPTAIN, IN THE DAY, BUT YOU'VE GONE A LITTLE NUTTY. TIME TO RETIRE.

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT—YOU ARE TAKING ME SHIP?

AYE!

YOU, LITTLE BLUE PONY FROM NOWHERESVILLE, ARE GOING TO STOP ME ALL BY YER LONESOME? HA!

I DON'T THINK SO!

SEE, THE THING IS, THIS LITTLE BLUE PONY AND HER "ASSORTED COLORS" FRIENDS HAVE SPENT SOME TIME PRACTICING THEIR SWASHBUCKLE!

I'D PROBABLY JUST SURRENDER IF I WERE YOU!

SORRY!

NEVER! A DUEL IT BE!

BWAH MIIIYH WEAWFY WOOOSE, WOOO WAAWTY BOFG!

WHOOSH!

YIPE!

UH, PINKIE, WE CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOU WITH YOUR SWORD IN YOUR MOUTH.

OH! I SAID, "BEWARE MY STEALTHY MOVES, YOU SALTY DOG!" COOL, RIGHT?

TOTALLY COOL!

POO!

HANG ON! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

RAINBOW DASH! THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO SHOW OFF!

DON'T YOU WORRY NOW, TWILIGHT. I GOT THIS PHONEY-BALONEY COVERED. YOU GO GET THE MAP!

WHOA!

HA-HA!

UH, SORRY, APPLEJACK!

IT REALLY IS A WANDERING X!

REALLY, HOOFIE, MUST IT END THIS WAY? THIS ISN'T HOW I ENVISIONED MY LAST SASHAY DOWN A RUNWAY.

RUNWAY?

WORK IT, GIRL!

ARGH! FOILED BY FASHIONISTAS!

RIIP

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THIS!

WATCH OUT BELOW!

UH-OH! HOLD ON! I GOT IT ALL UNDER CONTROL!

FLUTTERSHY, GIVE ME THAT COCONUT! I HAVE AN IDEA!

DROP!

KLU NK!

YEOW! THAT SMARTS!

SEE, I TOTALLY MEANT TO DO THAT.

OH, FIDDLESTICKS!

LET US KNOW IF YE CHANGE YER MIND!

SLAM!

WE WERE SO CLOSE TO ME JEWEL. I COULD FEEL HER.

ARGH! HOW DOES IT LOOK, FIRST MATE SPARKLE?

SHOULD BE SETTING HOOF ON HORSESHOE BAY IN NO TIME, CAPTAIN DASH.

EXCELLENT!

SAME OLD SEAWEED, BUT AT LEAST THEY LOOK FESTIVE!

OH, THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL!

ACTUALLY, CAN I HAVE TWO?

UMM, SURE!

SORRY WE WERE SO ROUGH ON YOU.

APPLEJACK WHIPPED UP SOME TREATS TO CELEBRATE!

...NOT THAT YOU'RE CELEBRATING, I GUESS.

Poke...

MAYBE IT WILL CHEER YOU UP IF I TELL YOU A SECRET NO ONE ELSE KNOWS— I'M CELEBRATING SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

I'VE BEEN REUNITED WITH MY FRIEND, *GIL!* I ACCIDENTALLY SET HIM FREE WHEN WE WERE VISITING THE BEACH. HE'S THE WHOLE REASON I CAME ALONG AND NOW WE'RE ***BOTH*** SO HAPPY—

OH.

CRASH!!

AHHH!

X MARKS THE SPOT!

PINKIE, WHAT DO YE SEE?

LOTSA BLUE!

THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE THERE WASN'T ANYTHING THERE...

WE'RE RIGHT ABOVE THE X NOW!

THE TREASURE!

ASH

WHAT KIND OF TREASURE ATTACKS YOU?

THE KIND OF TREASURE THAT CAN'T BE CONTAINED IN A CHEST.

AW, MAN! FLUTTERSHY! YOU LET HIM OUT?!

HE ASKED REALLY REALLY NICELY.

GASP!

MERMARES! MERMARES! GUYS! IT'S THE MERMARES!

WE CAN SEE THAT, HONEYSUCKLE.

WE WARNED YOU HOOFBEARD, DO NOT FOLLOW US.

SOOO, THE MERMARES HAVE THE TREASURE?

THE MERMARE *IS* THE TREASURE!

HE'S BEEN LOOKING FOR HER ALL ALONG! THE X FOLLOWED THEIR MIGRATION!

ME FIRST MATE BE RIGHT. I'VE BEEN SEARCHIN' FOR YE, JEWEL.

HOOFBEARD! THEY MADE ME GO!

QUIET, JEWEL!

HER NAME is "JEWEL"?!

HE MEANT A BORING GIRL AND NOT THE GLORIOUS PLUNDER FROM DARING ADVENTURES?!

HE CAN CONTINUE THOSE ADVENTURES ON HIS OWN. IT IS AGAINST MERMARE BELIEF THAT LAND AND SEA CAN BE ONE. YOU CAN'T LIVE IN EACH OTHER'S WORLDS. YOU CANNOT BE IN LOVE.

LEAVE!

LOVE? OH, PHOOEY.

HA! NO! JEWEL AND I CAN BE TOGETHER!

IT IS FOR HER OWN GOOD. LEAVE NOW!

DON'T YE KNOW? TRUE LOVE ALWAYS FINDS A WAY! EVEN WHEN YE SET IT FREE, IT WILL ALWAYS COME BACK TO YE!

I LOVE YOU, GIL! I-I UNDERSTAND NOW. I CAN HELP SAVE MY FRIENDS!

EVERYPONY, PLEASE LISTEN!

PLEASE?!

Hmm...

BOOM!

Um, Excuse me...

I'VE REALIZED SOMETHING. SOMETHING IMPORTANT THAT I THINK ALL OF YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT. THERE ARE... A *LOT* OF YOU... LISTENING TO ME... OH, BOY.

IS THAT A COCONUT ON HER HEAD?

A DARING FASHION CHOICE FOR THE HIGH SEAS! BRAVA!

YOU CAN'T FORCE ANYPONY-OR ANY FISHY-TO STAY WITH YOU. YOU NEED TO TRUST THAT LOVE WILL BRING YOU BACK TOGETHER. IT'S NOT FOR YOU TO DECIDE.

GOODBYE, GIL!

SPLASH

SORRY I DIDN'T TELL YOU.

HA! SO MUCH FOR PIRATE FLUTTERSHY!

THAT'S OKAY, WE LIKE YOU JUST THE WAY YOU ARE! ALWAYS!

NOW WHAT ABOUT ALL OF YE? CAN YE FIND IT IN YER HEARTS TO MAKE UP?

I GOT YOUR LETTERS.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

I LOVE YE, JEWEL. I'M NEVER LEAVING AGAIN.

NOR DO YOU HAVE TO.

I HAVE BEEN SHOWN THE ERROR OF MY WAYS. THE MERMARES BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF LOVE DESPITE ALL ODDS.

YOU ARE BOTH FREE TO TRAVEL AS YOU WISH.

I NEED TO WORK ON HOLDING MY BREATH!

POW!

I THINK WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT!

THESE FINS AND GILLS MAY TAKE SOME GETTIN' USED TO! BUT WELL WORTH IT. THANKS!

WHAT'S A FIRST MATE FOR? NOW YOU CAN GO UNDER THE SEA ANY TIME YOU WANT!

IT IS TIME FOR OUR POD TO MOVE ON. GOODBYE, PONIES. THANK YOU FOR REMINDING US THAT LOVE MEANS LETTING GO.

GOODBYE, JEWEL. HOOFBEARD, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF OUR GIRL.

WELL, THERE'S NO REASON WE CAN'T TRAVEL WITH YE FOR A BIT.

WHAT A GREAT IDEA!

JUST ONE PROBLEM, CAPTAIN-PONYVILLE IS IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

THEN THERE'S ONLY ONE MORE GOODBYE...

YE SCALLYWAGS HAVE BEEN AN EFFICIENT CREW.

WELL, WE ARE PRETTY GREAT AREN'T—

ME AIN'T FINISHED!

YE HAVE ALSO BEEN THE MOST REBELLIOUS, INSUBORDINATE, FLUFFY, NOT TO MENTION *MUTINOUS*, CREW I'VE EVER SET EYE ON!

FLUFFY!

YER THE BEST CREW A PIRATE COULD ASK FOR.

THANK YOU, HOOFBEARD. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY DREAM TO BE A REAL PIRATE JUST LIKE YOU.

AND TODAY, BLUE PONY, ERRR, I MEAN...

RAINBOW DASH!

TODAY, RAINBOW DASH, YOU WERE THE WORLD'S GREATEST PIRATE. BESIDES ME, OF COURSE.

Hey!

SHOOSH

SO, HOW, EXACTLY ARE WE GOING TO GET HOME?

YOU AREN'T THE ONLY ONE WITH A LITTLE BIT OF MAGIC, SAVVY?

THE MANTAHAWK, OF COURSE! I DIDN'T KNOW THEY WOULD COME OUT THIS FAR!

WELL, WE PULLED A FEW STRINGS!

NOW THIS IS TRAVELING IN STYLE!

PONYVILLE, AHOY! I CAN'T WAIT TO GET OUT ON THE SEA AGAIN!

ARE YOU KIDDING? I CAN'T WAIT TO GET MY HOOVES IN SOME NICE, STURDY GRASS!

YES, I COULD CERTAINLY USE A VACATION FROM MY VACATION!

GIL! YOU FOUND YOUR FAMILY! I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU!

GOODBYE, GIL! GOODBYE!

LOVE ALWAYS FINDS A WAY HOME...

the end

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