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IS THAT A *SWAGGER* OR A *SAUNTER*?

LOOK WHO THINKS *SHE'S ALL THAT.*

I *AM.* I HAVE *PROOF.*

SOMEPONY SEEMS *VERY* PLEASED WITH HERSELF.

INDEED. I DON'T THINK SHE NEEDS THOSE *WINGS* TO FLY. SHE'S VIRTUALLY *FLOATING* NOW.

WHAT'S GOT *YOU* SO FULL OF *YOU*?

I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED—*COMMANDED*, IN FACT—TO PROVIDE A PERFORMANCE OF MY *AEROBATICS* FOR THE *QUEEN OF THE KINGDOM OF DIMONDIA*.

I DON'T THINK EVEN THE *WONDERBOLTS* HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PERFORM THERE.

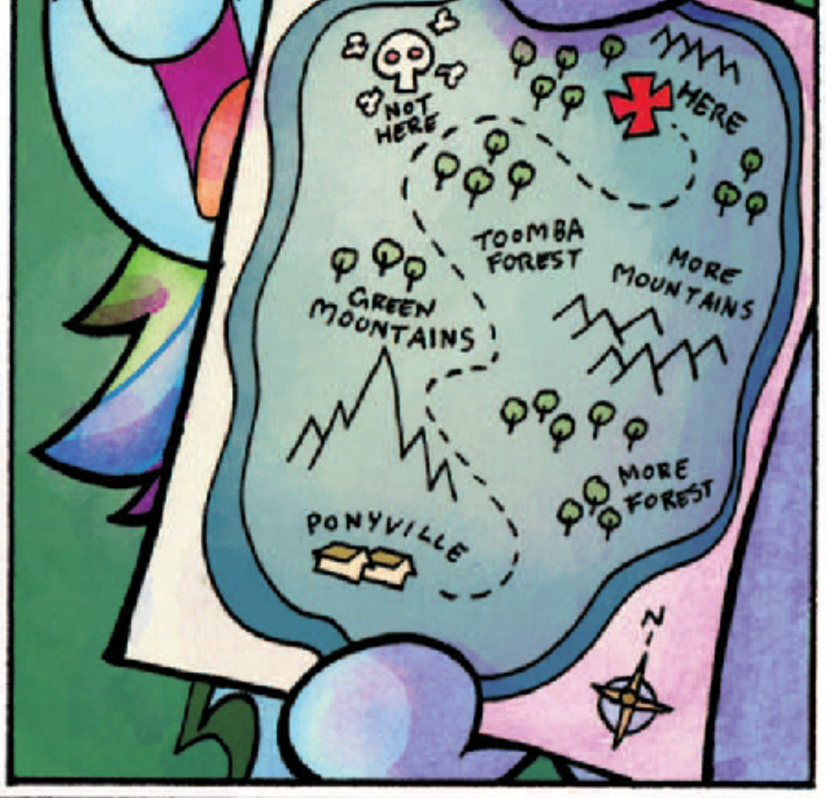
To Rainbow Dash, of Ponyville. the Queen of the most sovereign kingdom of Dimondia requests your presence for a command performance of your legendary aerobatic skills. (map enclosed)

DIMONDIA? I CAN'T SAY I'VE EVER HEARD OF IT.

OOOH! IT MUST BE *VERY* EXCLUSIVE! *WHERE* IS IT?

IT'S PRETTY FAR AWAY, BUT THAT JUST MAKES IT *BETTER*. IT'S AWESOME THAT THE LEGEND OF MY *AWESOMENESS* HAS TRAVELED *SO FAR!*

IT'LL TAKE A *DAY* TO FLY THERE, BUT WHO AM I TO DENY THE QUEEN THE CHANCE TO *WITNESS MY SKILLS?*



YES, YOU *WOULDN'T* WANT TO DENY THEM THAT.

HOW COULD THEY GO ON WITH THEIR LIVES *NEVER* HAVING SEEN SUCH *BEAUTY?*

HAVE A *GOOD TIME!* SEND US A *POSTCARD!*

HMMM. LEFT AT THE *GREEN MOUNTAIN*... RIGHT AT THE *TOOMBA FOREST*...

LOOKS LIKE THE KINGDOM IS KIND OF A *FIXER-UPPER.*

THAT'S OKAY. ONCE THEY CAN BRAG THAT I WAS HERE, THEY'LL GET *FLOCKS OF TOURISTS.*

ATTENTION, EVERYONE! RAINBOW DASH IS HERE. YOUR KINGDOM IS NOW *20% COOLER!*

TREATS

GREETINGS, RAINBOW DASH! I'M *JIM*, THE QUEEN'S CHANCELLOR. WE'RE PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOU!

D-D-DIAMOND DOGS!

I AM *OUTTA* HERE!

TODAY'S MENU

YOU'VE MET SOME OF MY *BROTHER DOGS*, HAVEN'T YOU?

A FRIEND OF MINE HAS. SHE *WARNED* ME ALL ABOUT YOU.

PLEASE WAIT—!

WE'RE NOT *ALL* LIKE THE *CURS* THAT YOU'VE MET BEFORE. THOSE DOGS ARE MORE ROUGH THAN WE ARE. WE *KICKED THEM OUT* OF OUR PACK A LONG TIME AGO.

BESIDES, OUR NEW QUEEN WOULDN'T *HEAR* OF SUCH BEHAVIOR.

PLEASE, STAY FOR A BIT. COME MEET OUR QUEEN, AND SEE IF *SHE* CAN CHANGE YOUR MIND. IF NOT, THEN LEAVE *FREELY*.

I DON'T KNOW. RARITY DIDN'T SPEAK *TOO HIGHLY* OF YOU.

IT WOULD BE A *CRIME* TO DENY OUR KINGDOM AND OUR *QUEEN* A CHANCE TO SEE THE BEAUTY OF YOUR AEROBATICS.

THAT *WOULD* BE PRETTY HEARTLESS OF ME, WOULDN'T IT?

OKAY, JIM, TAKE ME TO YOUR *QUEEN*.

BONES 4 SALE

THIS— *THIS* IS THE CASTLE?

THE *FINEST BUILDING* IN ALL OF DIMONDIA!

THAT'S SAYING *SOMETHING.*

BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT.

TRIXIE?

THAT'S "HER HIGHNESS, LADY OF THE ROYAL ORDER, *QUEEN TRIXIANNA THE FIRST.*"

BUT *YOU*—?

COME, LET'S HAVE A *SPOT OF TEA* ON THE *BALCONY.*

JIM, YOU ARE *DISMISSED.*

THANK YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS.

MMMPH! MMMPH!

PLEASE. THE QUEEN HAS NOT GIVEN YOU LEAVE TO SPEAK. WAIT UNTIL—

CLUNK

YOU'VE GOT TO GET ME OUT OF HERE! NOW!

WHAT? WHAT HAPPENED?

LET ME TELL YOU—THE SAD STORY OF QUEEN TRIXIE!

"I WAS ON MY WAY TO A PERFORMANCE IN SEADDLE WHEN I SPILLED MY MAGIC TRUNK. ALONG WITH EVERYTHING ELSE, ALL THE COSTUME JEWELRY AND GEMS I HAD FOR MY COAL-INTO-DIAMONDS TRICK FELL INTO THE MUD!"

OH NO!

"I WAS BEARING THE SITUATION WITH MY USUAL GRACE AND POISE, OF COURSE."

WHY? WHY DO THESE THINGS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME?!

"THAT'S WHEN I FOUND MYSELF SURROUNDED BY *DIAMOND DOGS!*"

YIPES!

LOOK! SHE'S A *DIVINER!* SHE CAN LOCATE *DIAMONDS!*

"FOR *SOME REASON*, THEY SEEMED TAKEN WITH ME. I *CAN'T* EXPLAIN WHY."

YES, YOU *RUBES*—ER, *FAIR CITIZENS*. I AM THE *GREAT AND POWERFUL TRIXIE*, AND MY POWERS ARE *INFINITE*.

I AM A *GREAT FINDER* OF GEMS.

"THEN THEY DID WHAT *REALLY* WAS THE ONLY LOGICAL THING THEY COULD."

SHE'S GOT *GREAT POWER!*

WE SHOULD MAKE HER OUR *QUEEN.*

QUEEN! *QUEEN!* QUEEN! *QUEEN!*

I THINK MY FELLOW DIAMOND DOGS HAVE SPOKEN. WILL YOU *CONSENT* TO BECOMING OUR QUEEN?

"SO THEY MADE ME THEIR QUEEN."

IT'S *GOOD* TO BE THE QUEEN!

"NOW THEY *WON'T* LET ME *LEAVE.*"

IT'S *NO GOOD* TO BE THE *QUEEN.*

SO THEY MADE YOU THEIR QUEEN SO YOU CAN *FIND THEM DIAMONDS?* BUT YOU *CAN'T*, CAN YOU?

NO. SO, I'VE BEEN *STALLING* A LOT. "MY AURA IS OFF." "THE STARS ARE OUT OF ALIGNMENT." "I DON'T WORK ON SUNDAYS." THINGS LIKE THAT.

AND THAT'S *WORKED?*

THESE GUYS ARE DUMB. I MEAN *DUUUUMB*. BUT I *CAN'T* KEEP PUTTING THEM OFF.

I *DID* MANAGE TO CONVINCE THEM TO ARRANGE A PARTY FOR ME, IN HOPES MY IMPROVED MOOD WOULD LEAD TO MY "DIAMOND POWERS" BECOMING STRONGER.

SO YOU SENT ME A *FAKE* INVITATION?

NO. IT WAS *REAL*. I REALLY WANTED YOU HERE. I WASN'T SURE YOU'D COME IF I CONTACTED YOU *DIRECTLY*. BUT I *KNEW* YOU'D COME IF I APPEALED TO YOUR *EGO*.

IT'S *NOT* EGO IF YOU CAN *DO IT*.

SO COME ON, BEFORE THEY COME BACK. *GET ME OUT OF HERE!*

WELLLL—I SUPPOSE I *CAN'T* JUST LEAVE YOU HERE, CAN I? MUCH AS I'D *LIKE TO*.

HOLD ON TO YOUR CROWN, QUEENIE! WE'RE *GRABBING SOME SKY!*

WHAT THE–?
OUCH!
?
I THINK YOU DID. LET'S TEST THIS OUT.
IT FELT LIKE I HIT A WALL.
MMMPH! I DON'T THINK THIS IS WORKING.
NO, IT'S NOT. BUT NOW I THINK I KNOW WHY.
IT'S YOUR CROWN. IT'S KEEPING YOU FROM LEAVING THE KINGDOM.
THAT'S A PROBLEM. THIS THING IS ON SO TIGHT THAT I CAN'T TAKE GET IT OFF.
THEN I'M TRAPPED?
IT LOOKS LIKE.

WELL, I'VE DONE WHAT I CAN. SORRY YOU'RE STUCK, BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL THINK OF *SOMETHING*. YOU'RE PROBABLY *ALMOST* AS SMART AS YOU SAY, RIGHT?

WAIT! YOU *CAN'T* LEAVE ME HERE!

SURE I CAN. YOU GOT *YOURSELF* INTO THIS. I BET YOU CAN FIGURE A WAY OUT.

BUT—

—I *PROBABLY* SHOULDN'T.

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. THAT'S *ENOUGH*. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO COME UP WITH A *PLAN*. AND *THAT* MEANS GETTING *MORE INFORMATION*.

OH, THANK YOU! *THANK YOU!* THANK YOU SO MUCH!

IT NEEDS TO BE A *LITTLE* HIGHER. YOU WANT THIS REVIEW STAND TO BE *PERFECT* FOR YOUR QUEEN, RIGHT?

UM, RIGHT?

FOR THE *QUEEN!*

RIGHT!

YOU GUYS SURE ARE *LUCKY* TO HAVE SUCH A GREAT QUEEN. BUT—

—WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF SHE *RAN AWAY?*

OH, THAT *WON'T* HAPPEN!

USED TO HAPPEN. *ALL THE TIME*, IN FACT.

WE USED TO LOSE A *LOT* OF QUEENS. AND KINGS. AND OCCASIONALLY A JACK, WHATEVER *THAT* WAS. BUT WE *FIXED* IT!

REALLY? HOW DID YOU DO THAT?

WE GAVE HER A *CROWN.*

HEH HEH. IT'S ALSO A *LEASH!*

THE CROWN IS *MAGIC.* IT WON'T LET HER LEAVE THE CITY WHILE SHE WEARS IT. AND SHE *CAN'T* TAKE IT OFF.

EVER?

NOPE. *NEVER.*

WELL—

—UNLESS WE DIAMOND DOGS START TO *LOSE FAITH* IN HER AS OUR QUEEN. *TRUE* EXECUTIVE POWER IS, OF COURSE, DERIVED FROM THE PEOPLE. A CHIEF EXECUTIVE SERVES AT THE *PLEASURE* OF THE *ELECTORATE.*

THAT'S *VERY* INTERESTING.

WHAT? I READ IT SOMEWHERE!

DID YOU FIND ANYTHING OUT?

LOTS OF THINGS. LIKE THAT YOUR *CROWN* IS ALSO A *COLLAR*.

THE *ONLY* WAY TO GET THE CROWN OFF OF YOU IS TO GET THE DIAMOND DOGS TO *NOT WANT YOU AS THEIR QUEEN* ANYMORE...

THAT'S GOING TO BE *HARD*. WHO *WOULDN'T* WANT ME AS THEIR QUEEN?

I COULD GIVE YOU A *LIST*.

NOW, WHAT COULD WE DO TO GET THEM TO *STOP BELIEVING* IN YOU?

I *DON'T KNOW*. THE ONLY THING THEY SEEM TO LIKE MORE THAN *ME* IS THEIR *DIAMONDS*.

THAT'S IT! WE'LL NEED TO USE SOME OF YOUR *SLEIGHT-OF-HOOF* AND A LOT OF *MY SPEED*, BUT I THINK WE CAN MAKE THIS WORK.

CAN YOU GET TO THEIR *VAULT* AND THEIR *DIAMONDS?*

OF COURSE. I'M THE *QUEEN*.

OKAY. YOU'LL HAVE TO HELP ME *CHANGE* THE PLANS FOR YOUR *REVIEW STAND—*

ARE YOU *SURE* YOU'RE READY FOR THIS? WE EXPECT A *GOOD PERFORMANCE* FOR OUR QUEEN.

OH, IT'LL BE *BETTER* THAN GOOD. IF I DO THIS RIGHT—

—IT'LL BE A PERFORMANCE YOU'LL *NEVER FORGET!*

IMPRESSIVE!

OH, *WOW!*

THAT'S *AMAZING!*

IS THIS WHAT WE SHOULD BE SPENDING OUR *ROYAL BUDGET* ON?

SHE IS *FANTASTIC*, MY QUEEN!

YES, *INDEED*. I'VE NEVER SEEN *ANYTHING* LIKE THIS.

OH MY! THAT LOOKS *HARD*.

YOU HAVE *NO IDEA*.

HUH, I THOUGHT *QUEEN* STARTED WITH A "K."

QUEEN TRIXIE...

I DON'T KNOW. I *CAN'T READ.*

WHATEVER *ELSE* HAPPENS, THESE GUYS ARE GETTING *QUITE A SHOW.*

BUT I'M STARTING TO GET *TIRED*. I HOPE TRIXIE IS READY *SOON.*

EXCELLENT WORK, RAINBOW DASH. THE QUEEN IS *WELL PLEASED.*

NOW *COME CLOSER* SO WE CAN REVIEW YOU.

THERE'S THE SIGN!

OF COURSE, YOUR HIGHNESS!

YOUR PERFORMANCE WAS *MOST EXCELLENT*. THE QUEEN HAS DECIDED TO GRANT YOU A *REWARD.*

YOUR PERFORMANCE IS THE *MOST BEAUTIFUL THING* I HAVE *EVER* SEEN.

MY KINGDOM SHOULD GIVE *YOU* SOMETHING IN RETURN.

YOU ARE *MOST GENEROUS*, YOUR HIGHNESS.

SO I HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU *OUR ENTIRE ROYAL TREASURY!*

W-W-WHAT?!

SHE *CAN'T* BE SERIOUS!

ALL OF OUR DIAMONDS?

SHE'S GONE *CRAZY!*

OH, MY HEART.

MY QUEEN, ARE YOU *CERTAIN* ABOUT THIS?

I AM.

PLEASE, I ENTREAT YOU TO GIVE THIS A *SECOND THOUGHT*. MAYBE EVEN A THIRD OR A FOURTH.

WE ARE A *GENEROUS* PEOPLE.

WHERE DID SHE GET THAT IDEA?

I KNOW IT SEEMS *EXTREME—*

KEEP GOING, TRIXIE. WE *REALLY* NEED TO SELL THIS.

*—*BUT NOT EXTREME ENOUGH!

NO LONGER WILL WE HUNT *DIAMONDS!* FROM NOW ON, WE WILL HUNT—

—*MUSHROOMS!*

YEAH, THAT'S IT. *MUSHROOMS.*

FROM NOW ON WE WILL BE THE *MUSH DOGS!*

WHAT? THAT'S *HORRIBLE!*

I DON'T WANT TO BE *REBRANDED.*

UH-OH. DON'T DO *TOO GOOD* A JOB, TRIX.

THIS IS A *DUMB* IDEA!

AND *WE KNOW DUMB!*

AND THAT'S *NOT ALL!* EVERY DOG WILL BE REQUIRED TO ADOPT A *CAT!* BETTER YET, A *CUTE LITTLE KITTEN!*

THAT'S IT! I CAN'T STAND ANY MORE! NOW I'M *MAD!*

SO YOU'RE A *MAD DOG?*

YEAH, BUT NOT *THAT* KIND.

I THINK IT'S TIME FOR SOME *REGIME CHANGE.*

WHAT'S A *REGIME?*

AND THEN WE WILL DONATE THE MUSHROOMS TO *RETIRED TRUFFLE PIGS!*

BUT WAIT! *WAIT!*

I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING—

THE *GREATEST* TRICK OF ALL TIME!

I DON'T KNOW. I *HAVEN'T* BEEN A FAN OF ANY OF HER *OTHER* TRICKS.

ALA *KAZAMM!* ALA *KAZOOM!* ALA KA—

BOOM

THEY'RE *GONE!*

AND SO ARE OUR *DIAMONDS!*

WHERE ARE THE *GEMS?! WHERE* DID THEY GO?!

GOTTA ADMIT—THAT WAS A *PRETTY GOOD* TRICK.

MILES AWAY...

WOWZERS! YOU REALLY *ARE* FAST!

FASTEST GAME IN TOWN.

SO—

—YOU THINK THEY'LL *EVER* FIND THEIR DIAMONDS?

PROBABLY. THEY'RE NOT *THAT* DUMB.

I *DON'T CARE* EITHER WAY, AS LONG AS IT KEEPS THEM BUSY LOOKING AND LETS US GET FARTHER AWAY.

I HAVE TO SAY, YOUR PLAN WAS A *PRETTY GOOD ONE.*

I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT *WITHOUT* YOU.

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO DESIGNED THE *TRAP DOOR* FOR THE DIAMONDS TO *FALL INTO.*

REVIEW STAND

RUG PATTE

SECOND STAGE

HIDDEN TRAP DOOR GEARS

YES, BUT *YOU* HAD THE *IDEA.* AND THE *SPEED* TO EXECUTE IT.

IT WAS THE *PERFECT DISTRACTION.* WE'LL MAKE A MAGICIAN OF YOU YET.

AND *THANK YOU* FOR RESCUING ME, DASH. I COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF THERE WITHOUT YOU.

YEAH, WELL—JUST *DON'T* LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN, OKAY?

DEAL.

TRY TO KEEP YOURSELF *OUT* OF *TROUBLE* NOW, WILLYA?

YOU *DON'T* HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME.

A MAGICIAN *NEVER* PERFORMS THE SAME TRICK TWICE.

BOY, AM I GOING TO HAVE A *STORY* FOR THE PONIES BACK HOME!

NOW TO FIND A *NEW TRICK* TO PLAY!

THE END.