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"THE THING IS, NOT **EVERYTHING** IS WHAT IT SEEMS, RIGHT?"

"OH, OH, OH--LIKE, YOU KNOW, **LAST WEEK**, WHEN I MADE THOSE FAKE CARAMEL APPLES AS TABLETOP DECORATIONS OUT OF THE ONIONS WE HAD LYING AROUND AND YOU TRIED TO EAT ONE?"

"**URK**. IZZY, PLEASE DON'T REMIND ME."

¡yaaaawm!

CRACK!

"BUT IT'S IMPORTANT! I MEAN, YOU WERE SUPER-DUPER SHOCKED AND KINDA REALLY SURPRISED, WEREN'T YOU?"

"THAT'S **EXACTLY** LIKE THIS!"

"THE SHIP IS LIKE AN **ONION?**"

"NO, SILLY! THE SHIP'S A SHIP. IN FACT, IT'S THE **BEST** SHIP IN THE **WHOLE DANG SEVEN SEAS!**"



"THE GALLOPING GHOST!"



QUICK! ALL OF YOU TO YOUR STATIONS!

BILGE, RAISE THE JIB, MARIS, THE NETS!

WE HAVE TO SLOW THE DESCENT BEFORE IT CRUSHES EVERYBODY--

"OOOOOHH, I JUST CAN'T TAKE IT!"



CAN YOU IMAGINE MEETING THE **REAL** CREW OF THE DOUBLE G? **WAIT!**

DON'T IMAGINE IT OR IT MIGHT NOT HAPPEN! KNOCK ON SOME WOOD!

IZZY, WE DON'T HAVE ANY WOOD.

BESIDES, YOU KNOW THOSE **GALLOPING GHOST MYSTERIES** ARE JUST **STORIES**, RIGHT?



SUNNY, THEY'RE **RESEARCH!**

WELL, I MEAN-- I **THINK** THEY'RE RESEARCH! EVEN IF YOUR DAD TOTALLY KEPT THEM SEPARATE FROM THE "SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE" BOOKS..."

*SEE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL--ED.



*AND I MEAN, IT'S ALWAYS NICE WHEN YOU'RE MAKING NEW FRIENDS TO LEARN A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THEM, RIGHT?



"IF THERE **ARE** SEAPONIES OUT THERE, I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE SUPER PREPARED TO MEET THEM!"



HMM, IS **THAT** WHY YOU'VE BEEN NOT SO SNEAKILY ASKING ME AND MISTY TO THINK **REALLY** HARD ABOUT SPELLS THAT'LL HELP YOU **BREATHE UNDERWATER?**

MAYYYYBE...

...BUT SUNNY, IMAGINE IT! HOW MANY MORE **FRIENDS** WE STILL HAVE TO MAKE OUT THERE!



SO MANY! BUT, IZZY, I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT THIS HAS TO DO WITH THE **ONION.**

OH, RIGHT! SEE...





ONLY, MAYBE IT'S *STILL* CATASTROPHE.

BUT, IZZY, THIS IS AMAZING!

IF THIS BOOK WASHED UP ON SHORE, THAT MUST'VE BEEN WHERE MY DAD GOT THE FIRST THREE VOLUMES, WHICH MEANS SOMEWHERE OUT THERE IS A--



--FAKE AUTHOR!

--SEAPONY WRITING THESE!



WAIT, WHAT?



CREEPING JENNY WROTE THE FIRST THREE *DOUBLE G* MYSTERIES, BUT SHE *COULDN'T* HAVE WRITTEN THIS. SHE JUST *COULDN'T* YE!

WHY NOT?



WELL, TO START, THE WRITING STYLE'S TOTALLY *DIFFERENT*. LIKE, SUPER FORMAL? I MEAN, THE WRITER USES THE WORD *CERULEAN* 57 TIMES IN THE FIRST TEN PAGES!

AND TO FINISH, SUDDENLY THE GALLOPING GHOST HAS BECOME THE *SCOURGE OF THE OCEAN!*



IT'S POPULATED BY A CREW OF **BLOODTHIRSTY SEAPONIES** BENT ON DESTROYING EVERYTHING!

AND IT'S SUDDENLY A GHOST STORY! LIKE, A **REAL ONE!**

YOU KNOW, EAT YOUR CARAMEL-COATED VEGETABLES OR THE **GALLOPING GHOST** WILL GET YOU! OOOOOOOH!

OH, THE **BOOK** IS LIKE A **CARAMEL-COATED ONION!**

WAIT, WHY IS ANYPONY EATING CARAMEL-COATED VEGETABLES?

HEY, IZZY, YOU MIND IF I TAKE A LOOK AT THAT?

KNOCK YOURSELF OUT!

BUT NOT LITERALLY OR ANYTHING.

CAN WE PLEASE TAKE A **MINOR BEACH BREAK?**

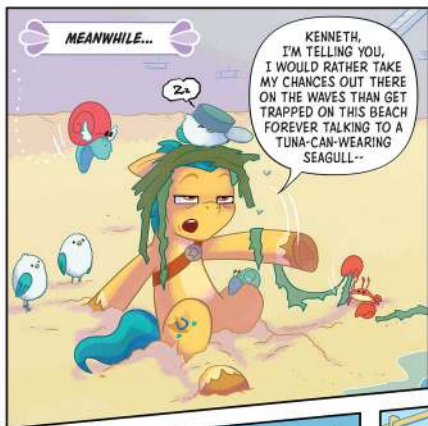
I'VE GOT SAND ALL IN MY MANE AND THE SEAGULLS ARE **EVERYWHERE** AND I'M SUPPOSED TO GO LIVE IN **TEN MINUTES!**



HEY, WHERE'D EVERYPONY GO?







DEAR ROYAL FAMILY OF ZEPHYR HEIGHTS
HELLO FROM THE ROYAL FAMILY OF THE SPARKLING SEA

WE NOTICED YOUR NEW BOARDTRIP AND WANTED TO EXTEND OUR
CONGRATULATIONS ITS MAGIC HAS HELPED CONDUCT YOUR SIGNALS
ALL THE WAY TO OUR CASTLE IN THE SPARKLING SEA, WHICH IS THE
PLACE WHERE WE LIVE, AS WE MENTIONED
WOULD YOU PLEASE MEET US AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE
(TOMORROW) SO THAT WE MAY BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN LAND
AND SEA

WE HAVE BOOKED YOU A ROOM ABOARD THE FAMOUS SEAPONY EXPRESS,
WHICH IS A TRAIN WE TAKE TO GET TO THE SPARKLING SEA,
WHICH IS THE PLACE WHERE WE LIVE.

WE ARE SURE CONDUCTOR ABALONE CAN TELL YOU MORE IF YOU ~~WANT~~ WISH.
~~WE HOPE WE STRONGLY HOPE~~ WE REQUEST PRINCESS PIPP PETALS
BE IN THE DIPLOMATIC PARTY. WE ARE BIG FANS OF HER MUSIC.

~ QUEEN CALLA LILY OF THE SPARKLING SEA ~

DARLING, CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
ACTUAL SEAPONIES! THIS IS SIMPLY
WONDERFUL NEWS! YOU MUST GO
MEET THEM AT ONCE.

SHOULDN'T
ZIPP GO? I MEAN,
SHE'S THE ONE
WHO'S GONNA
BE QUEEN
SOMEDAY!

YOU CAN
TAKE IZZY!

SHE'S BEEN
TALKING NONSTOP
ABOUT SEAPONIES
SINCE YOU DISCOVERED
THOSE DUSTY OLD
BOOKS--

BUT MOM,
I CAN'T GO!
I'M SUPPOSED TO
DROP MY NEW SONG
TOMORROW. I'VE
GOT THE SOCIAL
CALENDARS ALL
PLANNED--

**PIPP
PETALS!**

THIS IS
THE OPPORTUNITY
OF A LIFETIME...AND
GOOD DIPLOMATIC
PRACTICE.

AND AS DIFFICULT AS IT MAY
SEEM, SOMETIMES BEING
ROYALTY MEANS PUTTING
OTHERS' NEEDS BEFORE
YOUR OWN.

BESIDES,
DARLING! HOW
HARD WOULD
IT BE TO SIMPLY
RESCHEDULE?



SOOOOOO...



CAN I COME?

CAN I COME?

CAN I COME?



IZZY!

YES, OF COURSE YOU CAN COME.

IF I'M GONNA BE STUCK DOING SOME **STUPID ROYALTY THING**, AT LEAST HAVING ONE OF MY ABSOLUTE BESTIES NEARBY'LL MAKE IT MORE BEARABLE.

Squeak



UNLESS YOU WANT TO COME, SIS?

SORRY, PIPP. I THINK MY TALENTS ARE BETTER SUITED TO THE MYSTERY UNFOLDING UP HERE.

WITH ANY LUCK, IZZY, I'LL HAVE THE **GREeping JENNY CONUNDRUM** ALL FIGURED OUT BY THE TIME YOU'RE BACK.



IS THAT THE OFFICIAL CASE NAME?! I LOVE IT.

UGH. WELL, WE'LL NEED A SPELL TO GET US UNDERWATER. OTHERWISE WE'LL HAVE TO WEAR MOM'S **UGLY OLD DIVING GEAR--**

UM!



IZZY, YOU ASKED ME TO THINK ABOUT SPELLS TO HELP YOU BREATHE UNDERWATER...

...SO I'VE BEEN, YOU KNOW, MAYBE **TINKERING WITH A TRANSFORMATION SPELL**, BUT, UM...







Glub?

KOOOSSH!

POOF

POOF

MOM

First leg-er, fin? of Operation Princess Plunge is underway! Look at how great Misty's spell worked!

click



THIS IS JUST LIKE IN *GALLOPING GHOST 2: THE GO POOF DECK* WHEN FINNEAS FINROD DISCOVERED THE DISAPPEARING DECK ON THE *GALLOPING GHOST* WHERE NOPONY HAD SWAM FOR **FIFTY YEARS...**

I KNOW THAT MAKES PERFECT SENSE TO YOU, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT MEANS, IZ.



ONE OF THE CLUES FINNEAS FOUND WERE THESE FLOATING ORBS THAT LED HIM TO THE *SHIVER ME TIMBERS* TUNNEL...

WAS THE TUNNEL HAUNTED, BY CHANCE?

CHURGLE



CHURGLE
CHURGLE



REALLY *SUPER* HAUNTED.



CHURGLE
CHURGLE



ROOOAR

SWIM FOR YOUR LIFE, IZZY!!!



YOU MUST BE PRINCESS PIPP PETALS AND IZZY MOONBOW! WE'RE THE SEAPONY EXPRESS PORTERS, HERE TO HELP WITH THAT LUGGAGE.

HOW DID YOU KNOW WE WOULD BE HERE?

WE SAW SCREAMIN' BUBBLES.



WHAT MY PAL MEANS IS *QUEEN CALLA LILY* TOLD US YOU'D BE ARRIVING ON THE AFTERNOON TRAIN. LET'S GET YOU TO YOUR SEATS.

WE HAVE ASSIGNED SEATS ON AN EMPTY TRAIN?



THAT PORTER SEEMS SO FAMILIAR...

WHY DON'T YOU FOCUS ON ONE MYSTERY AT A TIME?



I TRIED TO UPDATE THE PIPSQUEAKS BUT THE SIGNAL DOWN HERE IS *HOPELESS*. WANNA PLAY A GAME OR SOMETHING?

I'D LOVE TO, PIPP, BUT FIRST...

...I JUST FINISHED MY REREAD OF *DOUBLE G 4* AND I NEED TO PROCESS A NORMAL AMOUNT OF FEELINGS OUT LOUD!



FOR THE LAST THREE BOOKS, *MARIS THE CROW* WAS SET UP TO BE THE HERO OF THE STORY! A SCRAPPY YOUNG SEAPONY LIVING IN THE SHADOW OF HER PIRATE PARENTS, WHO CHOOSES GOOD OVER EVIL AND SNACK TIME OVER ATTACK TIME!

NOW SHE'S THE VILLAIN?!

IT DOESN'T GET ANY CLEARER ON A SECOND READ-THROUGH. IN FACT, IT MIGHT JUST GET *FOGGIER!* CALL ME CRAZY, PIPP, BUT VOLUME FOUR CAN'T POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY CREEPING JENNY!



CALL ME CRAZY, BUT SOMETIMES I HEAR THE SHIFTING OF TECTONIC PLATES, GRINDING IN AN APOCALYPTIC SYMPHONY THAT HAILS THE END OF DAYS...

...OR MAYBE THAT'S JUST THE SNACK CART COMIN'.





PLEASE ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU WHAT OTHER MARVELOUS INVENTIONS COME FROM THE SHINING SEA!

I'LL TAKE YOU ON A TOUR.

FOAMY JOE, YOU CAN ENTERTAIN IZZY!



YOU REALLY DO REMIND ME OF SOMEONY... I JUST CAN'T PUT MY HOOF ON IT.



THIS IS A MAP OF THE SEVEN SEAS. ISN'T IT *VERY* INTERESTING?

YEAH, IT'S REALLY COOL...



I BET YOUR FOLLOWERS WOULD LOVE TO STUDY IT SINCE THE UNDERSEA WORLD IS NEW TO THEM.

WE HAVEN'T REALLY FIGURED OUT HOW TO TELL EVERYONY ELSE, BUT I'M SURE WE WILL SOON.



THEN LET US MAKE CERTAIN YOU HAVE *PLENTY* TO SHOW THEM.







NEXT



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JUSTASUTA



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BRIANNA GARCIA

Tell YOUR Tale!

A MY LITTLE PONY LETTERS COLUMN

Ahoy, sailorsnails and trenchponies! What did you think of the first chapter of our new swashbuckling adventure under the Sparkling Sea? What #SnacksOfTheSea would you be most interested in getting your fins on: flaming hot hermit crabs, seaweed snacks, or krill krips? Send your thoughts to MyLittlePony@idwpublishing.com and be sure to mark your email "OKAY TO PRINT!"

We'd like to kick off our new letters column by giving a shout-out to the Set Your Sail crew—Casey Gilly, Megan Brown, Amy Mebberson, and Reggie Graham—who poured their hearts into this tale of Galloping Ghost ships and brave little seaponies. Please join us in thanking them for keeping the magic in Equestria alive!

Now, let's get the party started with your letters and art!



Sunny & Izzy by HarshLink/Francoise



Sunny by Malarya

Hello! I just wanted to express my love for MLP: Friendship Is Magic and my gratitude for the comics! The first issue of them was what got me into the franchise! I remember being in fourth grade at the school bookfair and the Pinkie Pie cover caught my eye. Next thing I knew, I was hooked on the series and have been a fan ever since! And I'd never be a fan without the comics! The art and writing are just phenomenal! It was also a huge inspiration for me pursuing art as a career!

You guys did a bang-up job!

Nolan

Hi, Nolan,

Hurray for school bookfairs—we're big fans of those! We're honored that you've been with us since the very beginning and are hooked on our comics (pun possibly intended). We're rooting for you and your art career. You've got great style! Thank you for writing us and sharing your MLP story!



GS by Erica Lindsey



Hi, Maria,

Thank you for writing us and sharing your adorable Izzy and Violette illustration! It made our day to hear issue 14 brought you so much joy because it was special to us, too. We have another thing in common in that the ponies keep us company on our sunny and gloomy days. That's one thing we love about My Little Pony. From the bold, outgoing ponies like Izzy to the thoughtful, soft-spoken ponies like Misty, all the different kinds of ponies remind us that we all help make the world a more beautiful (and fun!) place. We're wishing you the best with your animation studies and can't wait until you're animating your very own ponies!

Hi, IDW! I'm Maria, and I love MLP so much. It's my favorite cartoon ever!

I'm 21 years old and have autism. MLP is an important therapy that helps make me happier every day, especially when I am alone. (I have difficulty making friends around my age.)

Now I study animation at college and use a lot of pony references to help me with my studies. (I love animations in general. Please wish me success!) I always stay tuned on MLP shows, toys, and comics. I love how the ponies have great and cute plots in every issue, and I confess I loved the issue 14 when Izzy sees her little friend Violette Rainbow. The main message from this issue is so beautiful and that's why I drew both girls together.

It's so cute. Hope you like it and keep rocking on your wonderful work.

XXXX

Maria E. Hoffman



Pipp by Glens Launcher



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It's the fundamental comic book question.

"WHO WOULD WIN IN A FIGHT?"

Fans have been posing it forever, mentally pitting their favorite characters against one another. "What if the rock guy meets the radiation guy. Who would beat whom?" In shared comic book universes, characters jump from one series to another and there are fistcuffs. Usually, it ends in the sparring partners teaming up against a common foe, shaking hands, and being friends in the end. But it all starts with that question.

Same thing with crossovers between non-shared universes, whether it be a crossover within IDW or one where we work with our distinguished competition to pose the question across the fictional multiverse.

This month we debut our latest intercompany smackdown, a rematch with our pals over at BOOM! Studios. *Godzilla Vs. The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers II* pits the King of the Monsters against the high-kicking heroes, brought together by, you guessed it, a common foe. In her search for Power Rangers throughout the multiverse, Rita Repulsa gets more than she bargained for when she discovers Godzilla. And it's not just heroes that team up, as the enemy of Rita's new enemy can also be her friend. The Psycho Rangers are more than eager to help if it means they can get Godzilla out of the way and take over Earth at last!

Writer Cullen Bunn was the mastermind behind the first *Godzilla Vs. The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers* series, and he's back for the sequel. He's dreamed up some wild scenarios, taking the crossover name quite literally as he mashes up kaiju with Rangers. Joining him on art this time is rising star Baldemar Rivas (DC Mech, *Lazarus Plant: Dark Fate*), whose cool style is perfect for giant reptiles and superheroes alike. Plus, Freddie E. Williams II is back on covers!

Godzilla Vs. The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers II is only our first crossover of 2024. Expect more announcements soon, including at least one more rematch between popular characters alongside some all-new pairings that will blow your minds.

And speaking of new pairings, while you're in the comic book shop picking up *Godzilla Vs. The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers II* #1, keep an eye out for *My Little Pony: Set Your Sail* #1, also released this month. For the first time ever, the comics will take us to the mythical Seapony kingdoms to meet the underwater friends of the ponies of Maretime Bay!

Jamie S. Rich
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