

MY LITTLE PONY 6

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SC. 2 - INT. RAINBOW DASH'S HOUSE - CLOUDSDALE - DAY

RAINBOW DASH
Well, don't stop there! You read, I
pack, that's the deal!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm sorry, Rainbow Dash. I just keep
thinking about how much fun you're
going to have at the Daring Do
Convention. I wish Princess Celestia
didn't need my help with the
friendship summit in Griffonstone.

RAINBOW DASH
Don't worry. I'll make sure AK
Yearling signs your book. I can't
believe she's going to be there. She
never goes to conventions.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
<SIGH>.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Which, I guess will be cool for all
those other fan-ponies, but since you
and I know AK Yearling personally...

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
...and we know that she's secretly
Daring Do, herself, it's no big deal.

RAINBOW DASH
This convention'll be fun, but it's
nothing to get too excited about.

SC. 3 - INT. MANEHATTAN CONVENTION CENTER - DAY

RAINBOW DASH
So! Excited!

SC. 4 - INT. MANEHATTAN CONVENTION CENTER - RESUME

SALESPONY
You look like a pony who'd be up for
an all inclusive, one of a kind,
adventu-cation where you get to live
"The Daring Do Experience."

RAINBOW DASH
No thanks. Did that already.

SC. 5 - INT. CONVENTION - SAPPHIRE STONE BOOTH - CONTINUOUS

RAINBOW DASH

This is the awe--

RAINBOW DASH/QUIBBLE PANTS
--someest thing ever!

QUIBBLE PANTS
Now this is something that only a true fan can appreciate.

RAINBOW DASH
They even put the tiles in the right order!

QUIBBLE PANTS
Good catch. I'm QUIBBLE PANTS. Nice to meet you.

RAINBOW DASH
Rainbow Dash. Nice costume.

QUIBBLE PANTS
You too.

RAINBOW DASH
Thanks. The hard part was figuring out the right--

RAINBOW DASH/QUIBBLE PANTS
--number of arrow holes.

QUIBBLE PANTS
B-because on page eighty-four of *Sapphire Stone* it describes her dodging a quote -score of arrows shooting forth from holes in the very walls - un quote, but then on page one hundred and seven, Daring Do says she quote - barely made it past the trap's barrage of arrows.- un quote. But, clearly, Daring Do is embellishing and the correct number of arrows is--

RAINBOW DASH/QUIBBLE PANTS
Twenty.

SC. 6 - INT. CONVENTION CENTER - SNACK BAR - DAY

RAINBOW DASH
I am so glad I ran into you. Even though I knew the convention would be totally awesome, it's more fun when you're with someone who really knows Daring Do.

QUIBBLE PANTS

I know what you mean. It's so hard to find a pony who really gets it.

RAINBOW DASH

That's weird. We've only done stuff from the first trilogy. After lunch we should probably start working our way back through the other books.

QUIBBLE PANTS

Whoa, whoa, whoa. There are no "other books."

RAINBOW DASH

Uh, of course there are. Daring Do and the Trek to the Terrifying Tower, Daring Do and the Many Faces of--

QUIBBLE PANTS

Please, please don't. Just don't even mention the titles. I'm not saying those books don't exist. I'm saying that I refuse to acknowledge them.

RAINBOW DASH

Why?

QUIBBLE PANTS

Because they're horrible! I mean, there isn't a single thing after Ring of Destiny that is even remotely in the realm of the possible.

RAINBOW DASH

WHAT! I know for a fact that everything in every one of those books is one hundred percent possible.

QUIBBLE PANTS

And how could you possibly know that?

RAINBOW DASH

I just do.

QUIBBLE PANTS

Well, that's a compelling argument!

RAINBOW DASH

Why would you even come to this convention if you hate Daring Do so much?!

QUIBBLE PANTS

I don't hate Daring Do. The first series was smart and cool and an amazing nod to old-time serialized adventure books that somehow manages to be self-reflexive and ironic while

at the same time celebrating the art form without a hint of cynicism.

QUIBBLE PANTS

Which is why I came here to ask AK Yearling, muzzle to muzzle, why she sold out and dumbbed down the rest of her books into just a series of impossible action sequences.

RAINBOW DASH

Okay, now I know you're crazy. AK Yearling is awesome and every Daring Do book that comes out is better than the last.

QUIBBLE PANTS

Wow. Okay. Yeah. I'm-I'm sorry but I could never be friends with somepony who's willing to believe impossible stuff is possible as long as Daring Do does it.

RAINBOW DASH

That's okay, because I could never be friends with somepony who's so focused on things being possible that he's willing to turn his back on the coolest hero of all time!

QUIBBLE PANTS

Fine.

RAINBOW DASH

Fine.

SC. 7 - INT. MANEHATTAN HOTEL - LOBBY - DAY

RAINBOW DASH

Look, just tell AK Yearling that Rainbow Dash is here and I need her help to convince a know-it-all pony that everything Daring Do's ever done actually happened.

AK YEARLING (O.S.)

Rainbow Dash?

RAINBOW DASH

AK! I've got to talk to you! It's an emergency!

AK YEARLING

Not here.

SC. 8 - INT. AK YEARLING'S HOTEL ROOM - LATER

AK YEARLING

Now, tell me what's going on. Is it Caballeron? Did you see him?

RAINBOW DASH

What? No.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

But there is a pony downstairs who thinks everything you've written after the first trilogy is totally unrealistic and terrible and I need you to help me prove to him that it's all totally possible.

AK YEARLING

I've got bigger problems on my hoofs than dissatisfied fan-ponies.

RAINBOW DASH

Whoa...

AK YEARLING

The Amulet of Culhuacan. And Caballeron wants it.

AK YEARLING

But the amulet's only a key. The real treasure is hidden in a lost temple, The Seven Sided Chest of Chicomoztoc. Caballeron wants to sell it to the highest bidder, of course, which is why I need to find it first.

RAINBOW DASH

YES! Sounds like another awesome Daring Do Adventure! But what are you doing here?

AK YEARLING

Since I haven't found the temple yet it's the safest place for me and the Amulet. It's crawling with security and if I get into trouble, I can just blend in with all the Daring Do cos-players.

RAINBOW DASH

How can I help?

AK YEARLING

Just keep your eyes out for anything suspicious.

RAINBOW DASH

Got it.

Does a pony who only likes your first trilogy qualify as suspicious?

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Just checking.

SC. 9 - INT. CONVENTION CENTER - EVENING

DR. CABALLERON
<SIGH> I find all this fanfare around
my archenemy disturbing.

DR. CABALLERON (CONT'D)
I mean, where is the booth for
Caballeron?

DR. CABALLERON (CONT'D)
I do not see the likeness.

DR. CABALLERON
Come. Let us find Daring Do and the
Amulet of Culhuacan. I don't want to
spend any more time in this place than
I have to.

SC. 10 - INT. CONVENTION CENTER - ELSEWHERE - LATER

QUIBBLE PANTS (O.S.)
Well, if it isn't the pony who knows
impossible things can happen because
she just does.

RAINBOW DASH
Ugh. Sorry, Quibble, I've got more
important things to do than argue with
a pony who thinks awesome means
unrealistic.

QUIBBLE PANTS
No, wait. I wanna hear more about how
you're one hundred percent sure that
in Curse of the Jungle Queen, Daring
Do could survive a sixty story drop
from the top of a waterfall after
sustaining a broken wing in a category
six rapid.

RAINBOW DASH
Ugh.
Obviously her wing wasn't broke--

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Caballeron!

QUIBBLE PANTS
See, now THAT'S a great character!
Solid backstory. Good motivations--

RAINBOW DASH

No-no-no! Caballeron is right there!

QUIBBLE PANTS

Of course he is.
He's also over there, over there,
oh-oh over there, and over there.

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)

Where are you going!?

SC. 11 - INT. CONVENTION CENTER - LOADING DOCK - CONTINUOUS

QUIBBLE PANTS

Aaand we're out her because...

RAINBOW DASH

Daring Do told me that Caballeron came
to this convention to steal the Amulet
of Culhuacan and I just saw him and his
henchponies come this way.

QUIBBLE PANTS

Oookaaaay. I'm gonna head back
inside. There's just a little too much
crazy out here for the both of us.

RAINBOW DASH

<GASP>.

SC. 12 - INT. CABALLERON'S CAMP - DAY

DR. CABALLERON

I do not know what Daring Do is playing
at, but if she told you two fanponies
of my plan to steal the Amulet, you
must work for her.

RAINBOW DASH

Caballeron! HA! What do you have to
say NOW Quibble?

QUIBBLE PANTS

This was your plan to prove the Daring
Do books are realistic? You bought a
"Daring Do Experience,
Adventu-cation"? Really?

RAINBOW DASH

What?! NO! Look around us!
Henchponies. Caballeron! The jungle
it took forever to get to! This is the
real deal!

QUIBBLE PANTS

Riiiiiiight. We're ACTUALLY being
held captive by Caballeron. Please.

This guy's accent is all over the place.

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
No offense.

DR. CABALLERON
I....

QUIBBLE PANTS
So, what's the setup, here? You've kidnapped us and taken us to the middle of nowhere because....?

DR. CABALLERON
The Temple of Chicomoztoc is somewhere in this jungle! When I find it the Seven Sided Chest is as good as mine! I just need the Amulet of Culhuacan to unlock it!

QUIBBLE PANTS
Uh-huh. And Daring Do has the Amulet so you came up with this overcomplicated plot to lure her into the jungle and exchange it for us?

DR. CABALLERON
I wouldn't call it overcomplicated, but yes.

QUIBBLE PANTS
Okay we're done here. Great work. Seriously. VERRRRY believable.

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
Listen pal, you can keep her money, but I'm not --

DR. CABALLERON
Going ANYwhere. You may not approve of my plan, but I'm the mastermind here.

QUIBBLE PANTS
Debatable.

DR. CABALLERON
AND I SAY you will remain here until Daring Do comes to rescue you. And if she wants you back in one piece she will give me the Amulet! Tie them up.

RAINBOW DASH
The Griffon's Lock!

DR. CABALLERON
Ah, you know of it. Further proof that you are an agent of Daring Do.

QUIBBLE PANTS
Or an avid reader.

DR. CABALLERON
And now I will continue my search for
the Temple. Don't go anywhere. <EVIL
LAUGH>

QUIBBLE PANTS
Listen, if I pretend to believe this
nonsense is real will you call off the
henchpony repertory theater over
there?

RAINBOW DASH
They're not going to listen to me.
They abducted us BOTH!

QUIBBLE PANTS
Oh, wow. So you're going to STICK with
that script? Oh, okay fine. We're in
a Daring Do adventure.

HENCHPONY
What was that?

QUIBBLE PANTS
DARING DO! THANK GOODNESS! WE'RE OVER
HERE!

HENCHPONY
Fan out, we can't let Daring Do rescue
these two.

QUIBBLE PANTS
All FOUR?! I mean, shouldn't at least
ONE of them stay behind to guard us?
Oh-oh wait, no because then it
wouldn't be a terrible Daring Do
adventure!

RAINBOW DASH
It doesn't matter. We'll never solve
the Griffon's Lock before they get
back.

RAINBOW DASH
Okay, that was pretty good.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Quick we've got to get out of here and
warn Daring Do!

QUIBBLE PANTS
No way. Just point me to the hotel and
you can play fanpony and hunt treasure
out here all day long.

RAINBOW DASH
Fine. Let's say this IS a Daring Do Adventu-cation. The only way to get back to the convention is to go through it. So just follow me and I'll lead you out. Deal?

QUIBBLE PANTS
Ugh. Fine.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Maybe if I just leave you in the jungle it'll convince you.

SC. 13 - EXT. JUNGLE CLEARING/ROPE BRIDGE - LATER

QUIBBLE PANTS
-- which would make Daring Do left hoofed, which we KNOW is false! And THAT is everything that's wrong with Daring Do and the Trek to the Terrifying Tower, now the problems with the next book are even --

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
Oh, right. What Daring Do adventure would be complete without the precarious rope bridge?

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
Look, I'm all for making things feel as real as possible but are these adventu-cation ponies sure this thing is safe?

RAINBOW DASH
Is it too "realistic" for you? Wouldn't want THAT on a Daring Do adventure would we?

QUIBBLE PANTS
If this were really a Daring Do adventure I'm sure I'd step on the wrong plank at exactly the wrong mOHHH--

QUIBBLE PANTS
Heh. Good thing this is all just a pretend adventure. At least we know all of this struggling won't make the bridge fall apart.

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
You need to get your money back.

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
[screaming antics]

RAINBOW DASH
Ha! How's THAT for not possible!

QUIBBLE PANTS
THAT. WAS. AWESOME! I-I-I thought
we... And then you... and the
flying...wow... and I was like WHERE ARE
YOU GOING?! And then you swerved!? And
I was-was-was on the water! And
the-the rocks?! WOW.

RAINBOW DASH
Yea... if you read that in a book you
might even think it was unrealistic.

QUIBBLE PANTS
Okay. I'll give you that one. I mean
we could have been done for.
We could have been done for! What kind
of Adventu-cation IS this? I mean
that's just bad business! What are
these ponies thinking?

DR. CABALLERON (O.S.)
Right now? We are thinking that we
should thank you for escaping...

DR. CABALLERON (CONT'D)
For you have led us directly to the
Lost Temple of Chicomoztoc!

SC. 14 - INT. TEMPLE OF CHICOMOSTOC ANTECHAMBER - LATER

DR. CABALLERON
Make sure they are secure this time!
We can't have them escaping again.

RAINBOW DASH
You'll never get away with this.

DR. CABALLERON
Won't I? You've led me to the temple.
And Daring Do is too noble to let harm
befall her companions so the amulet is
as good as mine.

DR. CABALLERON (CONT'D)
What? No witty remarks this time about
how silly my plan is?

QUIBBLE PANTS
This isn't the official Daring Do
Experience Adventu-cation is it?

RAINBOW DASH
FINALLY!

QUIBBLE PANTS

It's some cheap knock off run by a bunch of incompetent ponies that have no idea how to execute this adventure with any level of safety!!!!

RAINBOW DASH

Ugh.

QUIBBLE PANTS

What was that with the bridge! We were in serious danger! I'm reporting you all to... well... I don't know who I'm reporting you to, but it's gonna be somepony important!

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)

Oh, and this cut-rate excuse for an "experience" hasn't proved anything except that I'm right. It has all the hallmarks of a lame Daring Do adventure.

RAINBOW DASH

Uh... Quibble?

QUIBBLE PANTS

No. I'M talking! Generic jungle locations? Check. Overly complicated villain plot? Check.

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)

Random coincidences that conveniently get us to the next big set piece? CHECK!

DR. CABALLERON

Watch where you are stepping you fool!

QUIBBLE PANTS

Listen, buddy, I don't take orders from some second rate performer who learned acting from the supervillain school of bad accents.

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)

The only thing this mess is missing is some giant Ahuizotl wanna be monster and I have a feeling that would be a bit too much for you bargain basement adventurers to pull off.

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)

Um... You're real.
This is real.

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)

THIS IS REAL!!!

DARING DO
I told you to warn me of anything
suspicious, not run off on an
adventure without me.

QUIBBLE PANTS
Whoa whoa whoa. You're real.
You're-you're... Friends with her?

DARING DO
Uh, we'll have to do introductions
later. Right now we have to--

QUIBBLE PANTS
Get out of here. Yes! Thank you!

DARING DO
Actually, no.

QUIBBLE PANTS
WHAT!?

DARING DO
We can't leave without the treasure.
And we should probably get to it
before our friend gets any higher.

SC. 15 - INT. TEMPLE - TREASURE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

RAINBOW DASH
Whoa...

DARING DO
Seven doors, Seven locks. One of them
leads to the treasure. I'd rather not
think about what the others lead to.

QUIBBLE PANTS
Yeah, yeah. The classic pony and the
tiger bit. All you have to do is--

RAINBOW DASH
Um... Maybe you should let Daring Do
figure it out?

QUIBBLE PANTS
Oh, excuse me.

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
<Fake cough> Notthatone.

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
Eeeeeeeeeeeeeehhhhhh....

DARING DO
Is he always like this?

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. Buuuuuuuuu.... He's usually
right.

DARING DO
Which lock do YOU think it is?

QUIBBLE PANTS
FINALLY! Look. Each door has another
door that matches. THESE two both have
earth ponies fighting serpents, THESE
two have Pegasi fighting Griffons.
THESE two have unicorns fighting
bears. But THIS one...

DARING DO
Has an alicorn on it. It's the only one
without a match. How did I miss that?

QUIBBLE PANTS
I've been asking myself that ever
since book four.

DARING DO, QUIBBLE AND RAINBOW DASH
The Seven Sided Chest of Chicomoztoc.

QUIBBLE PANTS
Uh, guys?

SC. 16 - INT. TEMPLE OF CHICOMOZTOC ANTECHAMBER - CONTINUOUS

RAINBOW DASH
The way out is totally covered! How
are we gonna get out of here?

DARING DO
There!

QUIBBLE PANTS
Seriously, do you ever NOT escape out
of the top of a temple?

DARING DO
We'll have to carry mister adventure
critic out with us.

RAINBOW DASH
We won't be fast enough! We'll never
make it!

QUIBBLE PANTS (O.S.)
Guys!

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
I think Rainbow Dash and I have this
covered.

SC. 17 - INT. FLOODED TEMPLE ANTECHAMBER - MOMENTS LATER

QUIBBLE PANTS
Go around! You can't go over him!

DARING DO
Go over him are you crazy?

RAINBOW DASH
If Quibble says go over him, we go over him!

QUIBBLE PANTS
<SCREAMS>!

SC. 18 - EXT. EXOTIC JUNGLE - CONTINUOUS

QUIBBLE PANTS
You two are insane!

RAINBOW DASH
You SAID go over him!

QUIBBLE PANTS
I SAID go around him!

DARING DO
And I said be quiet!

DR. CABALLERON (O.S.)
This way! I heard them!

QUIBBLE PANTS
Ok, I've got it. Let's create a fake treasure out of mud and rocks, give THAT to Caballeron and then when--

DARING DO
Not EVERY Daring Do plan has to be super complicated.

DR. CABALLERON
I swear I heard them!

DR. CABALLERON (CONT'D)
<Scream!>I'll get you Daring
Dooooooooo!!!!

QUIBBLE PANTS
Uh. Not particularly original or inspired, but it worked.

DARING DO
Who are you again?

RAINBOW DASH
He's a fan.

DARING DO
Uh-huh. There's some stairs on the other side of the temple that lead out of the ravine. I suggest you two take them and head west.

RAINBOW DASH
What about you?

DARING DO
I've got to get this to a museum. Thanks for your help. I couldn't have done it without you. Both of you.

SC. 19 - EXT. JUNGLE - LATER

RAINBOW DASH
So???

QUIBBLE PANTS
Sooooo. Maybe the later books ARE slightly more realistic than I gave them credit for. I still don't like them.

RAINBOW DASH
What?? How can you--

QUIBBLE PANTS
Wait! Hold on! Before we get in another fight, I think I finally figured it out!

QUIBBLE PANTS (CONT'D)
I love the Daring Do that solves puzzles and uses her brain to get out of tough situations. And she did WAY more of that in the original trilogy. YOU love the Daring Do that is brave and awesome and comes out on top no matter what the odds.

RAINBOW DASH
Okay...

QUIBBLE PANTS
And that's okay! We might never agree on what makes Daring Do cool. But YOU are definitely cool. I mean the way you saved me on the bridge? Wow. And escaping from the temple! You, Rainbow Dash, are AWE-SOME.

RAINBOW DASH
Well.... I'm not the one who can locate a treasure in half the time Daring Do can. You may have terrible

taste in books, but you're pretty awesome yourself. In a brainy egghead puzzle solving kind of way.

QUIBBLE PANTS

I guess we don't have to agree on everything to get along. Friends?

RAINBOW DASH

DEFINITELY friends.

QUIBBLE PANTS

Do you think AK Yearling would consider letting ME write the next book? I mean think I could make things way clearer.

UNSCRIPTED DIALOGUE VOICE-OVER

QUIBBLE PANTS

I mean for instance, in the second adventure there's a side character...I don't want to kind of name it right now, because it's sort of this thing that I've already written a lot of fan fiction on. I don't want you to...not that I'm saying that you would steal it, but I am saying that this would totally go along my whole thing of puzzle solving. Except what if each puzzle that was solved unlocked the new karate move. Think of it that way, right? And I'm kind of a Yearlite myself, so I'm sure she'd be open to --

RAINBOW DASH

Uh, Quibble?

QUIBBLE PANTS

Sorry!