

PPL Season 8 Ep 07

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EXT. OPEN SEA - DAY

The Sea Phoenix is cruising along the surface of the ocean.

LEENA (V.O.)
Hey, Paddlepop, can you take a look
at this?

INT. SEA PHOENIX MAIN DECK

LEENA shows PPL the map, holding it up against the
coordinates on the console of the Sea Phoenix.

LEENA
According to the aquascope we're
right on track with the map.

PPL
Now all we need is a nice,
quiet voyage without any more...

PPL pauses, noticing something O/S outside the Phoenix.

PPL (CONT'D)
Distractions.

It's an improvised sailboat made of planks, a broken mast
and patched up sail, piloted by a shadowy figure. He's
waving.

LEENA
Looks like he could use a hand.

PPL
Bring us up alongside.

EXT. OPEN SEA - DAY

The Sea Phoenix cruises up near the boat as the pilot, an
old leopard seal with a captain's hat, big belly and stubbly
beard waves enthusiastically. The creaking and seemingly
home-made boat looks extremely rickety and on its last legs.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Ahoy there! Ahoy! Oh, happy day!

PPL opens the Phoenix's side door as the boat bumps up
alongside. PPL gives the old seal a hand up and inside.
BELLA, TWITCH, SPIKE and LEENA are behind him, looking on.

PPL
Good morning, welcome to the Sea
Phoenix.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
It's a good morning indeed, young
lad.

INT. SEA PHOENIX MAIN DECK

Just as HEMLOCK steps onto the Phoenix his boat breaks apart and sinks. HEMLOCK turns and gasps with surprise.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK

[gasps]

As the boat sinks into the bubbling water HEMLOCK takes off his hat and holds it to his chest, hanging his head in reverence. BELLA looks up at him in disbelief.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)

Goodbye, Old Nellie. You may have been three sheets to the wind, but you still sailed me home.

She tugs on LEENA's shirt. LEENA looks down.

BELLA

[whispers] LEENA...LEENA.

LEENA

What's up, Bella?

BELLA

Is that...Captain Hemlock?

HEMLOCK turns around as he hears his name.

LEENA

Captain Hemlock? I've never heard of--

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK

You better believe it!

Holding his hat to his chest he bows in gentlemanly fashion.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)

Captain Hemlock at your service!

HEMLOCK laughs heartily and slaps PPL on the back, almost knocking him over.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)

[hearty laugh] Smart kid!

PPL

Unh!

INT. SEA PHOENIX REAR CABIN

SPIKE and TWITCH are playing with the communicator.

SPIKE is demonstrating to TWITCH all of the foreign phrases he knows.

SPIKE
PHOOooo...weesa...WooOOoo!

He presses the button and a SPIKE recorded message says:

TRANSLATOR SPIKE
I am hungry!

SPIKE
EEeekkk...kkk...KKREEEeee...and
that's traditional dolphin for...

He presses the button and a SPIKE recorded message says:

TRANSLATOR SPIKE
I am hungry.

TWITCH
That is so cool!

BELLA comes in with her "Adventures of Captain Hemlock" book.

BELLA
Hey, guys! You know that old seal
we rescued this morning?

She shows them the cover featuring a young, heroic HEMLOCK.

SPIKE
Hemlock?

TWITCH
Uh, yeah.

BELLA
It's CAPTAIN Hemlock!

SPIKE and TWITCH look at each other, a bit confused.

BELLA (CONT'D)
He's a living legend!

BELLA shows TWITCH and SPIKE the colorful picture book chronicling CAPTAIN HEMLOCK'S adventures.

BELLA (CONT'D)
Look, I'll show you.

The pictures show a young and heroic HEMLOCK fighting a giant squid from the deck of a sinking ship; underwater in

old-fashioned scuba gear swimming with mermaids and mermen; exploring an ancient city that's covered in jungle vines.

BELLA (CONT'D)
He's one of the greatest mariners
ever to sail the eleven oceans!

SPIKE and TWITCH like the book but TWITCH is skeptical.

SPIKE
Hey, this is really cool.

TWITCH
He doesn't look much like the seal
who just came on board though.

On BELLA, dejected. She closes the book.

BELLA
Oh...yeah. I--I guess he doesn't.

HEMLOCK bursts into the room, a rolled up old map in his hand. LEENA and PPL follow him in. HEMLOCK flattens the map out on the table.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
You found me just in time!

PPL
For what?

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
To join in the battle against,
"The Demon of the Dark Deep!"

SPIKE and TWITCH gasp in fear, listening to every word HEMLOCK says. PPL and LEENA look at each other, concerned.

SPIKE AND TWITCH
[gasp]

As he explains, HEMLOCK uses a compass to chart a path across the oceanic map. Everyone watches over his shoulder.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
40 years before the mast and I've
never faced an enemy like this.

Full shot of the oceanic map which includes old style drawings of a clipper ship, single-horned sea monster and classical illustration of all four points of the compass.

X-DISSOLVE

INT. IMAGINARY MAP SEQUENCE

The ship and sea monster illustrations begin moving across the map as the ship pursues the monster.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
He's big, strong and has a single
razor sharp horn! But worst of all-

The sea monster fades and disappears.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
He can turn invisible in the
darkness of the deep sea.

The sea monster reappears in front of ship and breaks it in
two. It sinks. A tiny ship escapes from the wreckage.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
He sank my ship and almost sent me
down along with her. I was adrift
until you rescued me.

INT. SEA PHOENIX REAR CABIN

HEMLOCK puts his hands on PPL'S shoulders, pleading with
him.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
No one is safe as long as this
monster roams free.

He turns to LEENA.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
But I can't do it alone!

PPL replies and HEMLOCK turns back to him enthusiastically.

PPL
This creature sounds like one of
Kain's evil mutant creations.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Yes! Whatever you say!

LEENA
It's possible.

HEMLOCK turns enthusiastically back to LEENA.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Very possible!

PPL gestures to the team and heads out to the main deck.

PPL
We have to be sure.
Let's go meet this demon.

HEMLOCK celebrates but then has a coughing fit that sends
him slumping to the table.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Let the hunt begin! We'll show that
blasted swab of a sea monster--
[coughing]

SPIKE and TWITCH help him into a chair.

SPIKE
Are you okay, Captain?

BELLA gives him a glass of water.

BELLA
Here you are, Sir.

HEMLOCK takes a gulp, grabs his map and heads to the main deck.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Thanks, kid! Gulp! Let's go!

EXT. OPEN SEA - DAY

The Sea Phoenix dives underwater.

PPL (V.O.)
Do you think your calculations can
lead us to the demon, Captain?

INT. SEA PHOENIX MAIN DECK

HEMLOCK, BELLA, PPL and LEENA on the main deck.
PPL studies HEMLOCK'S map while LEENA drives.

LEENA
I've got a feeling they already
have. It's like we're being-

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK leans down looking out the windshield
accidentally shoving LEENA aside and blocking her view.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Watched? Indeed we are.
Steady as she goes...

Suddenly there is a loud crash and the Phoenix is knocked
over to one side, forcing everyone to hold on for dear life.

SFX
[crash]

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
It's the demon! Battle-stations,
everyone!

LEENA
Everybody hold on to something!

Another crash. PPL stumbles over to the sonar and aquascope. He looks into the scope, trying to stay focused.

PPL
There's something coming right at
us, and fast!

He looks gravely at LEENA.

PPL (CONT'D)
Something big.

HEMLOCK barks at LEENA. She gives him a sharp look.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Lights! Lights! That's an order!

LEENA flips a switch and the Phoenix's headlamps glow brighter. HEMLOCK yells at BELLA.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
Don't just stand there, kid!
Hit the emergency alarm!

BELLA flips on the alarm. The blaring alarm and bright headlamps show a giant horned creature, clearly distracted and annoyed by the noise and light.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
Now ram the ship right into him!

On LEENA, she's defiant.

LEENA
I don't think so!

She hits the accelerator and takes the Phoenix directly upward toward the surface. The creature gives chase.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Hey, where are you going?

LEENA
Enough already!

EXT. OPEN SEA - DAY

The Sea Phoenix blasts out of the water and bounces along the surface like a speed boat. But the furious horned creature does the same, in hot pursuit.

INT. SEA PHOENIX MAIN DECK

LEENA and PPL now see the creature more clearly. It's trying to stab its horn into the Phoenix's hull.

PPL

That horn could rip the Phoenix in half!

LEENA
Evasive maneuvers!

PPL looks around the main deck. BELLA'S holding on and doing okay but CAPTAIN HEMLOCK is nowhere to be seen.

PPL
Captain Hemlock's gone!

EXT. SEA PHOENIX OUTER DECK - DAY

On deck, CAPTAIN HEMLOCK is face to face with the monster. HEMLOCK is getting splashed by waves as he reaches into his bag and pulls out a hand-full of depth charge explosives.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
You won't get away this time,
demon!

He throws the explosives at the monster. An explosion of water envelops them both and almost capsizes the Phoenix.

SFX
[explosion]

INT. SEA PHOENIX MAIN DECK

LEENA and PPL are turning their steering wheels desperately as the Phoenix rocks violently side to side.

SFX
[emergency alarm]

Suddenly the Phoenix settles and the noise dies down. LEENA checks one of the sonar screens.

LEENA
The creature is gone.

PPL
Then let's get out of here, quick.

BELLA
But where's Captain Hemlock?

The door opens and HEMLOCK stumbles in. Ocean spray and wind swirl in. He slams the door shut and spins the hand wheel.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
We've got him on the run!

BELLA cheers the return of HEMLOCK.

BELLA

Captain Hemlock! You're all right!

HEMLOCK gives her a salute, then turns to LEENA.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Full steam ahead! He can't have
gotten far!

LEENA
Are you kidding? We'll be lucky if
we make it to the nearest seaport!

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK starts getting angry.

LEENA (CONT'D)
Your crazy fireworks show almost
turned us into barbecued fish food!

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Retreat? Now? That's mutiny!

BELLA looks back and forth at the both of them as they argue.

LEENA
You don't give orders around here!
And who said you could bring
explosives onto this ship?

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
I'll do whatever it takes to stop
that demon. Those are the words of
a true mariner.

LEENA
And what is that supposed to mean?

PPL
That's enough!

On LEENA and CAPTAIN HEMLOCK glaring at each other with BELLA in the middle. She looks at them and then sadly at the floor.

EXT. SEAL HARBOR WATERFRONT - DAY

The Sea Phoenix is cruising slowly into Seal Harbor.

PPL (V.O.)
We'll stop here for repairs and a
little rest.

LEENA (V.O.)
And to drop off Captain Hemlock!

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (V.O.)

[grumbling indistinctly]

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK is the first to step off the Sea Phoenix and onto the harbor, but he slips and falls into the water.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
I'm gonna find myself a real crew
and--whooooaaaooah!

Panicked, he splashes around helplessly.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
Help! I can't swim! Heeeelp!

SPIKE throws him a life preserver, it hits him on the head.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
Ow!

SPIKE
Sorry!

LEENA uses the harbor winch to pull the humiliated HEMLOCK (with life-preserver on) out of the water. BELLA is sad.

BELLA
Captain Hemlock can't even swim,
but he's still a hero to me.

TWITCH
I'm sorry, Bella. I know how much
his books mean to you.

LEENA
[sighs]

BELLA goes back inside the Phoenix as PPL unhooks the winch from HEMLOCK. TWITCH is still trying to be nice.

TWITCH
Is there anything we can do for
you, Captain?

HEMLOCK gets right up close to PPL. PPL has had enough.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
You could follow orders; that would
be a good start!

PPL
You're not in command here,
Hemlock, and you put us all in
danger today.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
You don't have what it takes to
sail with me.

HEMLOCK mocks LEENA with disrespectful sarcasm.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
Goodbye...Captain!

PPL speaks to the crew but LEENA is focused on HEMLOCK.

PPL
Take some shore leave, guys.
You've earned it.

SPIKE and TWITCH celebrate. LEENA is still distracted.

TWITCH
All right! Shore leave!

SPIKE
Come on, Leena, let's find
something to eat!

LEENA
Gimme a minute.

TWITCH notices a food vendor with a food cart on the harbor.
SPIKE and TWITCH run off toward him.

TWITCH
Hey, look! Food!

SPIKE
Let's go!

On LEENA watching HEMLOCK as he strides down the harbor and
onto the street, knocking a dockworker out of his way.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Out of my way, you freshwater swab!

A villager then crosses his path, but stumbles back the
other way when HEMLOCK puffs out his chest and threatens
him.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
Think I can't catch the demon? Huh?

LEENA helps the dockworker up. Her suspicion grows.

DOCKWORKER
Same old Hemlock. Still chasing
that imaginary demon of his.

LEENA
Imaginary, huh? Hmmm.

LEENA follows HEMLOCK into town.

EXT. DERELICT WAREHOUSE - DAY

She watches as HEMLOCK enters a derelict warehouse on the outskirts of town. She creeps silently inside after him.

INT. DERELICT WAREHOUSE

Hiding behind some crates, LEENA notices some strange construction machinery.

She hears a voice and peeks over the crates to watch.

SMYTHLEY (O.S.)
You're late.

LEENA sees HEMLOCK meet a shadowy cloaked figure. He's standing by a table with miniature models of a ship, cannons and a horned creature. A large, covered object is nearby.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Then I'll get right to the point.
Those explosives you gave me were
useless.

SMYTHLEY
They're designed for professionals.
Perhaps that was the problem.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Ahem! What else do you have?

SMYTHLEY
My most advanced innovation yet--

Smythley rips off the tarp revealing large cannons.

SMYTHLEY (CONT'D)
The Firebolts!

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Great. But how do I know they'll
work?

Smythley points the tiny model cannons at the creature.

SMYTHLEY
Observe.

He flips and switch and a flaming mini-cannonball blasts out, destroying it in a little flash of flame.

SFX
[blast]

HEMLOCK is delighted.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK

[laughs] Now that's more like it!
Those Firebolts will blast that
demon into shark bait!

The figure steps out of the shadows; it's Smythley.
LEENA gasps with shock and surprise.

LEENA
[gasps] Smythley...

SMYTHLEY
And the wealth of resources in his
underwater cave will be mine!

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Just remember our deal, Smythley.

SMYTHLEY
Yes, yes. You'll have a new ship of
your own and a loyal crew.

SMYTHLEY turns away and clenches his fists, grinning.

SMYTHLEY (CONT'D)
[to himself] And then I will
rebuild and my company will be
greater than the greatest kingdoms.

On LEENA, briefly contemplating the situation.

LEENA
[whispers] I've got to tell
Paddlepop.

She turns to leave but steps on an inflatable duck. It makes
a strange quacking sound. She grimaces, afraid of detection.

SFX
[duck quacking]

On SMYTHLEY and HEMLOCK; they both look over.

HEMLOCK
We've got company.

SMYTHLEY
Find that pesky intruder!

HEMLOCK looks around where LEENA was hiding, but she's gone.

SMYTHLEY (CONT'D)
Never mind. No one can stop us now.

EXT. SEA PHOENIX DOCKED AT HARBOR - DAY

LEENA is discussing the situation with the team.

LEENA (V.O.)
Captain Hemlock has teamed up with
Smythley to destroy the demon!

INT. REAR CABIN

The team are gathered around the table. TWITCH, SPIKE and BELLA are shocked. PPL is very concerned.

LEENA
He gave Hemlock something called a
Firebolt. I saw some really weird
machinery too.

PPL squints his eyes; extremely serious.

PPL
Smythley. Now why am I not
surprised a crook like him would be
involved?

LEENA
He wants to steal some kind of
treasure from the demon's home.

TWITCH is shocked. BELLA is angry.

TWITCH
Wow, really?

BELLA
No way! Captain Hemlock would never
join with a crook like Smythley!

LEENA
I can prove it. Come on.

INT. DERELICT WAREHOUSE

The team looks around in the empty warehouse.

LEENA
The Firebolts were right there.
The machine is gone too.

PPL
They may already be out at sea.

HEMLOCK'S voice startles the team.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (O.S.)
Who goes there?

HEMLOCK appears from behind a crate. LEENA confronts him.

LEENA
Where are the Firebolt cannons,
Hemlock?

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Firebolts? Never heard of them.

He puts his arm around TWITCH.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
An old seal like me could never
move heavy cannons so fast. Right,
matey?

TWITCH
Right!

BELLA is angry at LEENA.

BELLA
Why are you being so mean to
Captain Hemlock? He just wanted to
be our friend!

LEENA
But Bella, I--

BELLA runs away, crying.

BELLA
[crying]

PPL gestures to TWITCH and SPIKE.

PPL
You guys keep an eye on her.

SPIKE and TWITCH stand at attention, salute and leave.

SPIKE AND TWITCH
Yes, sir!

LEENA is upset. PPL tries to comfort her.

PPL
She just needs a little time.

LEENA
Fine. Let's get out of here.

EXT. DERELICT WAREHOUSE

LEENA and PPL are walking away from the warehouse.

PPL
Hemlock's in over his head. He has
no idea what Smythley's capable of.

LEENA
He's just using Hemlock to fight
that demon for him.

PPL
I'm not so sure the demon is a
demon at all. Let's investigate.

EXT. SEAL HARBOR WATERFRONT - DAY

BELLA is standing over the water at the edge of the harbor.
TWITCH and SPIKE are consoling her.

BELLA
[crying]

TWITCH
It's okay, Bella. We're sad too.

SPIKE
[sniffling] Yeah.

HEMLOCK greets them. They're all surprised.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Ahoy there!

BELLA, SPIKE AND TWITCH
[unison] Captain Hemlock!

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
I just wanted to thank you for
standing by old Hemlock when we
went toe-to-toe with that demon.

TWITCH
You're our hero, Captain!

BELLA
I've read all your books.
My favorite's the one where you got
trapped on the frozen sea!

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Brrrr! To this day I still order
drinks with no ice.

SPIKE
I wanna have adventures like that.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Why not join my crew? We'll write
the greatest Captain Hemlock book
ever.

BELLA is excited but SPIKE and TWITCH are more cautious.

BELLA

Yeah!

SPIKE
I don't know.

TWITCH
It's always good to be careful.
I'll look out for you, Bella, don't
worry!

TWITCH turns to HEMLOCK.

TWITCH (CONT'D)
All right, Captain, we're in!

HEMLOCK slaps SPIKE on the back, almost knocking him over.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Welcome aboard, Mateys!

SPIKE
Unh!

EXT. DEEP SEA

The Sea Phoenix is cruising through the depths, headlamps
searching all around.

INT. SEA PHOENIX MAIN DECK

PPL is looking into the aquascope while LEENA drives.

PPL
I think I've got something.
It's right below us and--

A loud crash rocks the Sea Phoenix. The whole ship rattles
but LEENA manages to control the headlights. She shines them
right on a giant narwhal floating right in front of them.
It calls to them in furious whale calls.

NARWHAL
[whale calls]

LEENA
It's a narwhal.

PPL
Just as I suspected. It doesn't
look like one of Kain's creatures.

PPL puts on his scuba-diving mask. LEENA can't believe it.

PPL (CONT'D)
We may be able to talk to him.
I'm going out there.

LEENA
You can't be serious!

PPL
Fire up the communicator on my
signal.

EXT. SEA PHOENIX OUTER DECK - DEEP SEA

PPL walks along the side of the Sea Phoenix, still out of the narwhal's view. He turns to LEENA and gives a thumbs up.

NARWHAL
[whale calls]

INT. SEA PHOENIX MAIN DECK

Shaking her head, LEENA presses the communicator button. Suddenly they understand the whale's every word.

NARWHAL
Why can't you land-dwellers just
leave us be?

EXT. SEA PHOENIX OUTER DECK - DEEP SEA

PPL moves to the front, facing the narwhal directly.

NARWHAL
I'll never leave my home! Never!

EXT. DEEP SEA

The Narwhal swims right at PPL and the Sea Phoenix, its horn on a collision course with the main deck. PPL leaps onto the narwhal's horn, hanging on for dear life.

LEENA maneuvers the Phoenix out of the way like a bull-fighter dodging a bull. The narwhal tries to shake PPL off but he holds on.

As the narwhal turns to come back around, PPL speaks to him.

PPL
Please listen. Captain Hemlock, the
old sailor, he tricked us into
chasing you. We're here to help.

The narwhal slows to a stop, intrigued but skeptical.

NARWHAL
Why should I believe you?

PPL
We know you have another enemy.

NARWHAL

The greedy vulture.

PPL

Yes. He wants to destroy your home
to get some kind of treasure.
We can help you stop them.

NARWHAL

I sense truth in your words.
Hold on tight.

With PPL holding on, the narwhal leads the Phoenix to a sparkling coral cave.

NARWHAL (CONT'D)

This is my home.

LEENA (O.S.)

[intercom] Do you see what I see?

PPL

[intercom] Smythley's treasure.

LEENA (O.S.)

[intercom] That's what that
machinery in the warehouse was for.
Mining.

The Phoenix follows PPL and the narwhal over the cave. It's heavily damaged; burn marks and craters everywhere. Several frightened narwhals are hiding inside.

NARWHAL

Look what Smythley and Hemlock have
done. We're a peaceful people, but
I can't guarantee their safety the
next time we meet.

LEENA (O.S.)

[intercom] The narwhals won't
survive an attack from those
Firebolts.

PPL

[intercom] Smythley and Hemlock
have gone too far. This ends now.

EXT. OPEN SEA - DAY

BELLA, TWITCH and SPIKE are with HEMLOCK on his new ship. HEMLOCK is happily at the wheel. A large object covered in tarp sits on deck. A thick fog covers the ocean surface.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK

The wind's at our back, Mateys!
We'll be there in no time!

SPIKE
This is great!

TWITCH
Yeah!

BELLA is looking through a spyglass and spots the Sea Phoenix in the distance, surrounded by the mist.

BELLA
Hey, guys! Look!

BELLA'S spyglass POV of Sea Phoenix floating in the distance.

BELLA (CONT'D)
It's the Sea Phoenix!

HEMLOCK, now angry, tries to pretend to be excited.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Ah, yes. The Sea Phoenix.
That's just...great.

HEMLOCK'S ship stops next to the Phoenix. PPL and LEENA are outside on deck. PPL has his Lion Staff.

HEMLOCK pretends to be friendly. BELLA, SPIKE and TWITCH look ashamed.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
Ahoy there! What a pleasant
surprise!

BELLA
[sheepishly] Hi, Leena.
Hi, Paddlepop.

PPL is surprised to see BELLA, SPIKE and TWITCH onboard.

PPL
Bella?

He scolds SPIKE and TWITCH who look at the deck, embarrassed.

PPL (CONT'D)
You guys were supposed to keep
Bella out of trouble!

Angry, PPL turns to HEMLOCK, his voice drips with sarcasm.

PPL (CONT'D)
I see you finally got your crew.

HEMLOCK continues to act like nothing is wrong.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Master mariners to the core, all
three of them.

LEENA
We've got a surprise for you,
Hemlock.

The narwhal surfaces right in between the ships.

PPL
Meet your demon.

HEMLOCK is shocked.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Are you crazy? He'll sink us both!

PPL
He's just trying to defend his
home.

HEMLOCK tears the cover off the Firebolt cannons.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
He's a bloodthirsty monster!

He's loading a cannonball when BELLA realizes her mistake.

BELLA
The Firebolts. Leena was right.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Out of the way or I'll blast you
all to kingdom come!

As SPIKE and TWITCH run for cover, BELLA gets in front of
the cannon, face to face with HEMLOCK.

BELLA
I won't let you hurt my friends!

HEMLOCK shoves her out of the way.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Go read a book, kid.

BELLA
Aah!

HEMLOCK fires a volley of four firebolts right at LEENA.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Don't forget, Leena, the Captain
always goes down with her ship!

SFX
[rapid-fire blasts]

PPL powers up his staff and sends the Four Lions to knock the firebolts out of the air and harmlessly into the water.

PPL
Lion Strength!

SFX
[lions roar]

HEMLOCK fires two more.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
There's more where that came from!

The narwhal knocks one out of the air with his tail.

Just before HEMLOCK fires another rapid-fire volley LEENA fires her lasso and catches the cannon's barrel. She yanks it, sending the firebolts out into the ocean.

HEMLOCK rips off the lasso and reloads. PPL faces HEMLOCK and powers up his staff. HEMLOCK points the cannon at PPL.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
[crazy laugh] Here kitty, kitty!

PPL
Lion Courage!

The Lion roars up and strikes down on HEMLOCK'S ship, chomping it in two. The ship, in pieces, immediately starts to sink.

SFX
[lion roar]

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Aaaaaah!

LEENA fires her lasso over and grabs BELLA, TWITCH and SPIKE, pulling them all back to the Sea Phoenix.

HEMLOCK'S leg is tangled in some ropes which are attached to the firebolt cannon. It sinks and starts dragging him down.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
Help! I can't swim! Please!

PPL dives into the water after him.

EXT. DEEP SEA

HEMLOCK is sinking fast into the depths. PPL swims after him and reaches out his hand--but just misses him.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
[gurgling]

HEMLOCK continues sinking alone with his wrecked ship. The narwhal appears and they're face to face. HEMLOCK panics and then closes his eyes, resigned to his fate.

But the narwhal cuts the rope and lifts HEMLOCK to the surface, all with his horn.

EXT. SEA PHOENIX OUTER DECK

PPL drags HEMLOCK on board as the Narwhal helps from below.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
The demon...he saved my life!

PPL
He's a narwhal.
And I'm not surprised.

HEMLOCK turns, takes off his hat, and bows to the narwhal.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
I'm in your debt, and I'm sorry.

The narwhal nods his head in return.

NARWHAL
[whale song]

Resting on the deck, HEMLOCK tries to explain his actions.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
I was down on my luck. I thought chasing the demon would earn me my own ship and crew.

He looks over at BELLA, SPIKE and TWITCH.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
And today it did.

BELLA, TWITCH and SPIKE all smile proudly. LEENA kneels down and gives BELLA a big hug.

LEENA
I'm so glad you're safe, Bella.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Can you ever forgive me?

BELLA
Of course, Captain.

TWITCH
Yeah, you'll always be the great
Captain Hemlock to us.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Aw, I'm just an old seal that
forgot how to swim. Time to hang up
my compass for good.

Suddenly a big ship loaded with guns emerges from the fog.
It's piloted by SMYTHLEY.

SMYTHLEY
Not so fast, Captain!
We had a deal! I knew I couldn't
trust you to finish this!

PPL confronts SMYTHLEY who is shocked. He didn't expect PPL.

PPL
The deal's off, Smythley!

SMYTHLEY
Paddlepop!

LEENA
I heard all about your little plan
over in the warehouse.

SMYTHLEY
The quacking...that was you!

LEENA smirks and nods.

SMYTHLEY (CONT'D)
[to PPL] You've meddled in my
affairs for the last time!

He starts pressing buttons--they start beeping and whirring.
The cannons start moving and pointing toward the Sea
Phoenix.

SMYTHLEY (CONT'D)
Prepare firebolt cannons!

SFX
[computer beeps, whirs]

Suddenly the narwhal surfaces off to the side of SMYTHELY'S
ship, heading right toward him.

SMYTHLEY
What? It's the demon!

His horn tears the ship's hull; it starts capsizing
immediately. The narwhal disappears back into the water.

SMITHELY

No! What are you doing?

The narwhal surfaces again, lunging out of the water and landing across the deck of the ship, breaking it in two.

SMYTHELY rolls sideways into the water in a barrel.

SMYTHELY
Abandon ship!

Everyone cheers, hi-fives, etc.

ALL
[cheers]

SMYTHELY paddles away in the barrel, using a piece of wood from the deck as an oar.

SMYTHLEY
I'll get you for this, Paddlepop!

PPL and HEMLOCK glare at SMYTHLEY.

PPL
He'll be back.

The narwhal swims up alongside the Sea Phoenix. HEMLOCK slaps TWITCH on the back, almost knocking him over.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Well, that about does it for me.

TWITCH
Unh!

HEMLOCK shakes PPL'S hand, looking him in the eye.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
I'm sorry for the trouble
I caused you and your friends,
Paddlepop.

PPL
All is forgiven, Captain.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Where are you off to now?

PPL
We're searching for the Pearl Of
Creation. Hopefully we can find it
without anymore--

LEENA
Distractions.

HEMLOCK hops onto the narwhal's back as if onto a horse.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Permission to come aboard! My new
friend here's convinced me that my
adventuring days aren't quite over!

LEENA
You can understand him?

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
Of course! I just forgot how to
listen.

HEMLOCK salutes BELLA, SPIKE and TWITCH. They salute back.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
[to Bella] Goodbye, Matey.

BELLA
Goodbye, Captain.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK
You three are the bravest bunch of
buccaneers I've ever sailed with.

He tilts his head toward PPL and LEENA.

CAPTAIN HEMLOCK (CONT'D)
You take care of these two for me,
you hear? [hearty laugh]

The narwhal waves his tail goodbye and swims away with
HEMLOCK on his back, waving his hat. They all wave back.

NARWHAL
[whale song]

PPL
Farewell, my friends.

The End.

