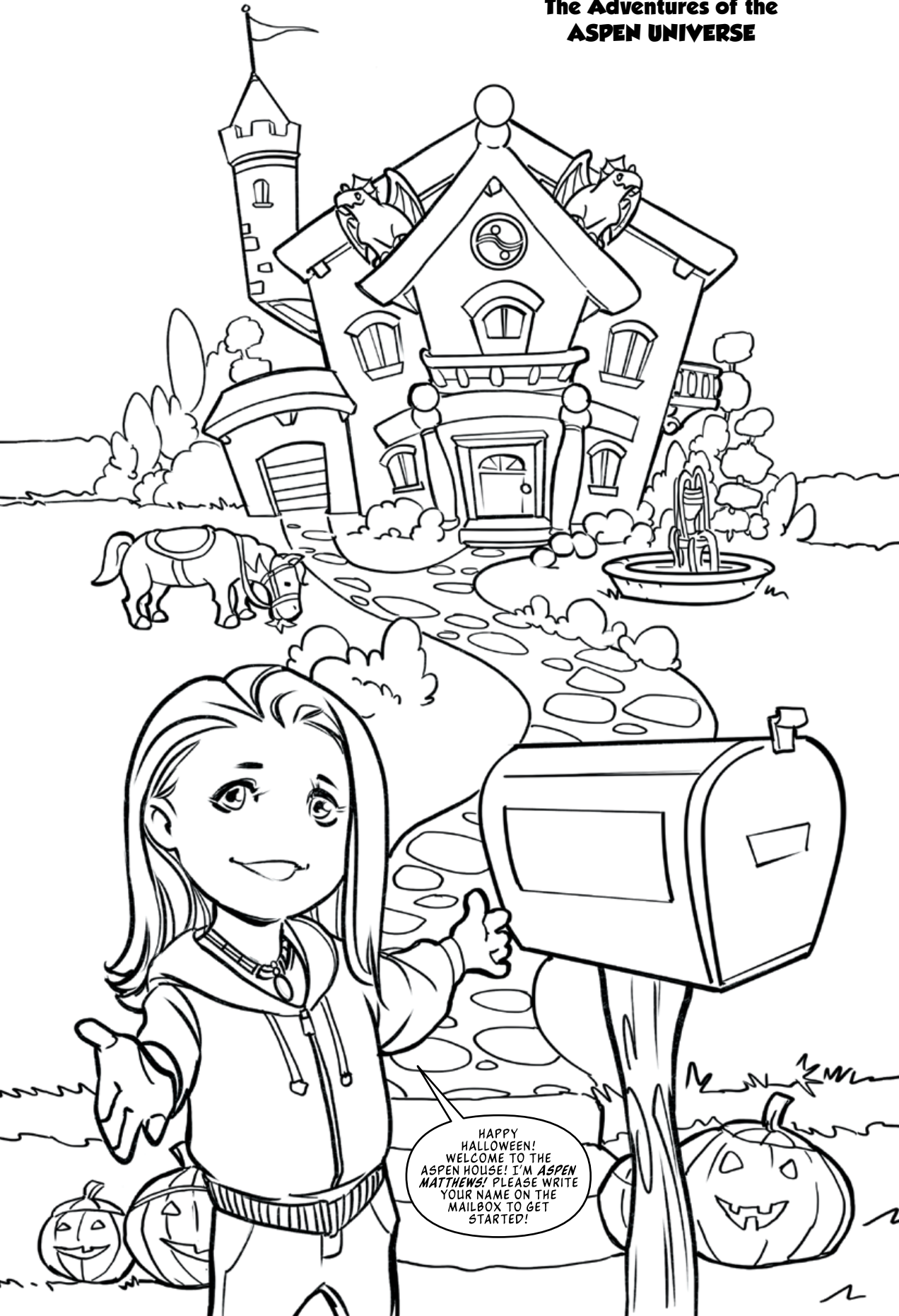


**Aspen Presents:
The Adventures of the
ASPEN UNIVERSE**



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
WELCOME TO THE ASPEN HOUSE!
I'M ASPEN MATTHEWS! PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE MAILBOX TO GET STARTED!



HEY, THEO, WHAT'S UP?!

SPIT IT OUT!

IT'S ERNIE THE SEAHORSE, I, UH--I THINK--



I THINK HE'S IN TROUBLE!

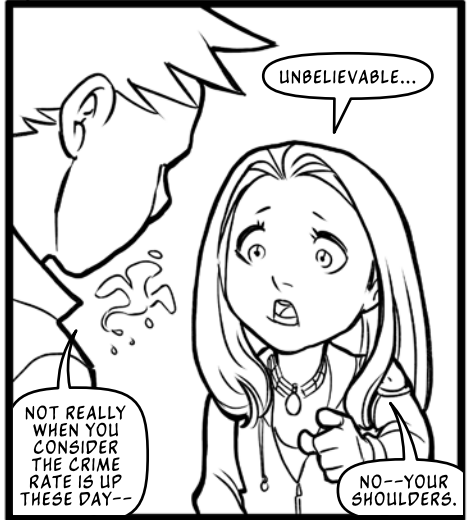
WHAT?!



ERNIE'S NOT A TROUBLEMAKER. I CAN'T SEE THAT HAPPENING.

I DIDN'T SAY HE CAUSED THE TROUBLE--I SAID HE WAS IN TROUBLE!

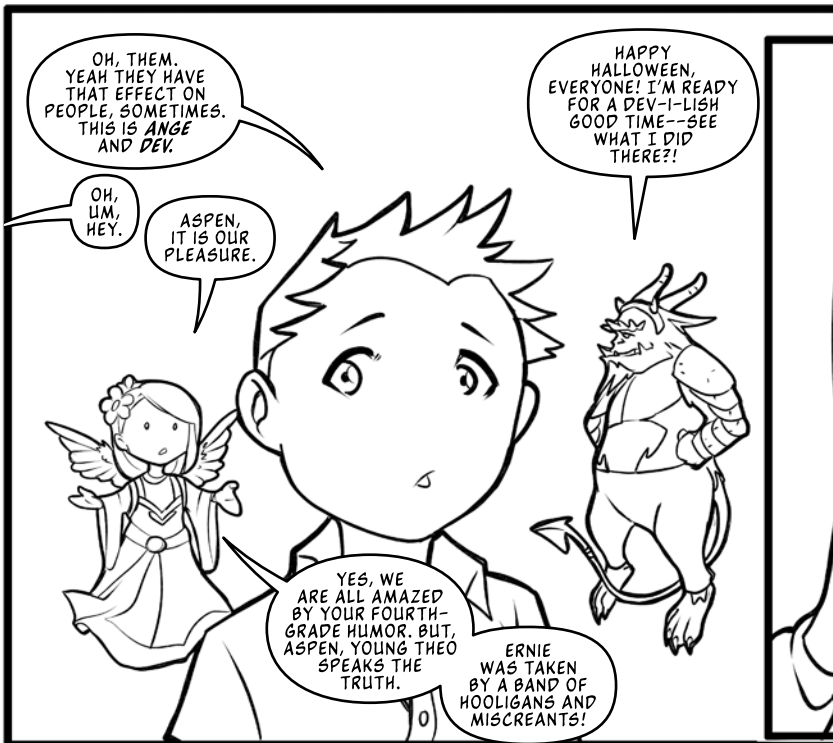
I SAW HIM SURROUNDED BY A BUNCH OF TOUGH LOOKING... THINGS! AND THEY TOOK HIM! I SAW IT WITH MY OWN TWO EYES!



UNBELIEVABLE...

NOT REALLY WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE CRIME RATE IS UP THESE DAY--

NO--YOUR SHOULDERS.



OH, THEM. YEAH THEY HAVE THAT EFFECT ON PEOPLE, SOMETIMES. THIS IS ANGE AND DEV.

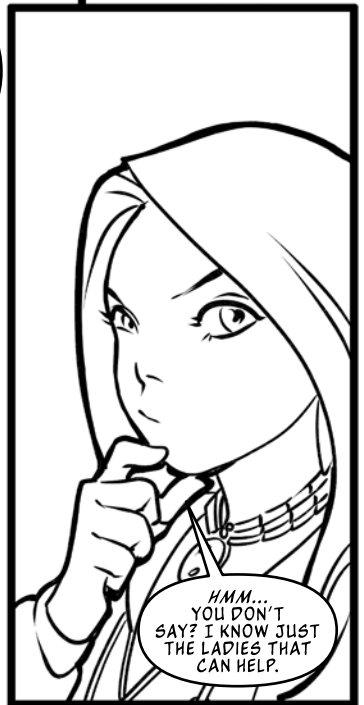
OH, UH, HEY.

ASPEN, IT IS OUR PLEASURE.

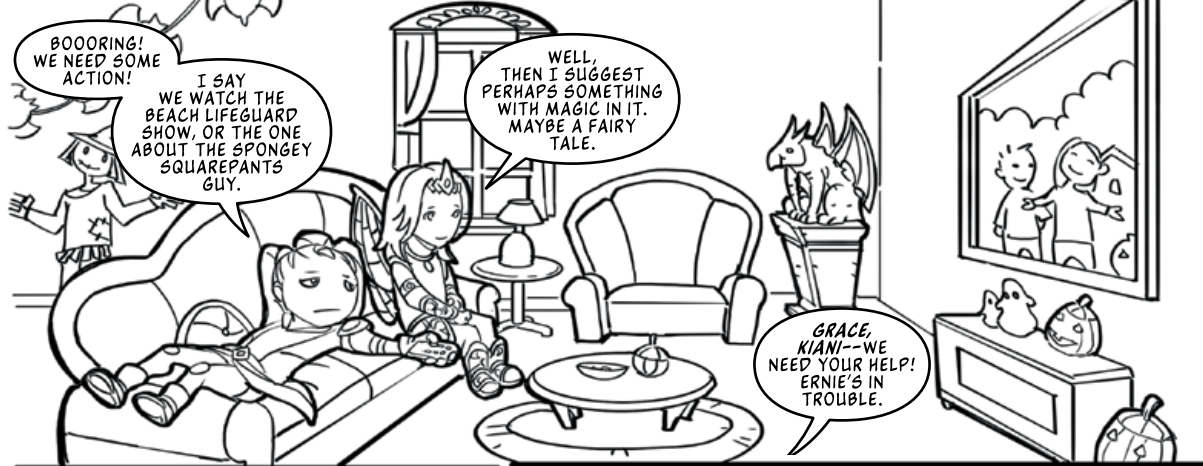
HAPPY HALLOWEEN, EVERYONE! I'M READY FOR A DEV-I-LISH GOOD TIME--SEE WHAT I DID THERE?!

YES, WE ARE ALL AMAZED BY YOUR FOURTH-GRADE HUMOR. BUT, ASPEN, YOUNG THEO SPEAKS THE TRUTH.

ERNIE WAS TAKEN BY A BAND OF HOOLIGANS AND MISCREANTS!



HMM... YOU DON'T SAY? I KNOW JUST THE LADIES THAT CAN HELP.



BOORING!
WE NEED SOME
ACTION!

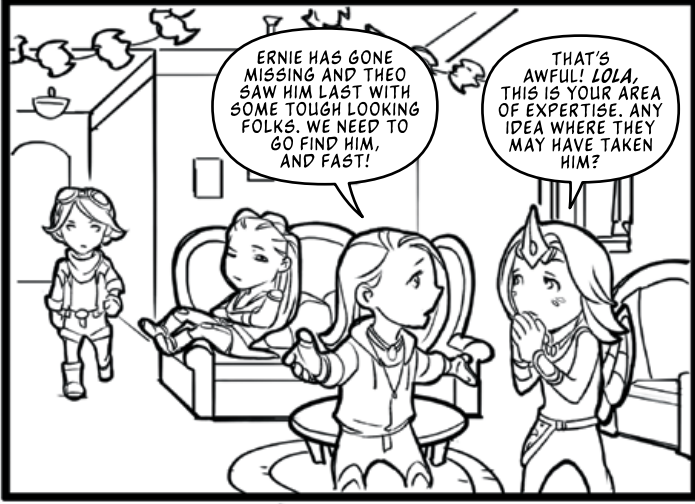
I SAY
WE WATCH THE
BEACH LIFEGUARD
SHOW, OR THE ONE
ABOUT THE SPONGEY
SQUAREPANTS
GUY.

WELL,
THEN I SUGGEST
PERHAPS SOMETHING
WITH MAGIC IN IT.
MAYBE A FAIRY
TALE.

GRACE,
KIANI--WE
NEED YOUR HELP!
ERNE'S IN
TROUBLE.



DID
SOMEONE
SAY...
TROUBLE?



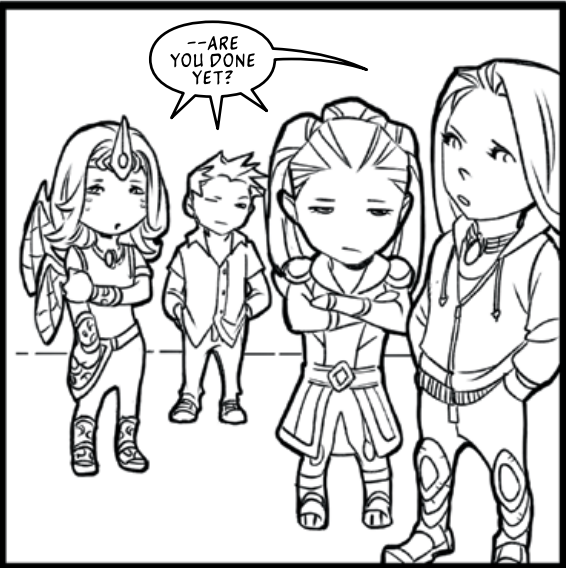
ERNE HAS GONE
MISSING AND THEO
SAW HIM LAST WITH
SOME TOUGH LOOKING
FOLKS. WE NEED TO
GO FIND HIM,
AND FAST!

THAT'S
AWFUL! LOLA,
THIS IS YOUR AREA
OF EXPERTISE. ANY
IDEA WHERE THEY
MAY HAVE TAKEN
HIM?

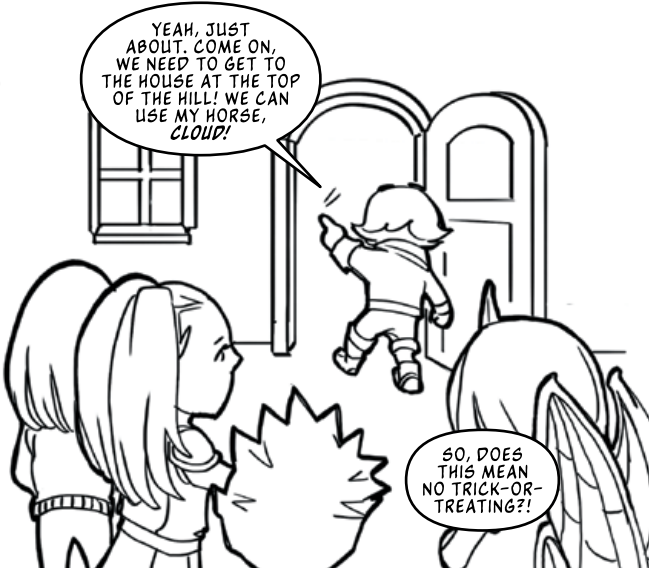


IF IT'S
TROUBLE YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR THEN
I KNOW JUST THE
RIGHT PLACE
TO START.

BUT, I WARN
YOU--THIS ADVENTURE
COULD GET RATHER...**DANGEROUS!**
YOU MUST HAVE A HEART OF STEEL
TO CONTINUE ON THIS SPOOKY
ADVENTURE, ON A NIGHT LIKE
TONIGHT! YOU MUST--



--ARE
YOU DONE
YET?



YEAH, JUST
ABOUT. COME ON,
WE NEED TO GET TO
THE HOUSE AT THE TOP
OF THE HILL! WE CAN
USE MY HORSE,
CLOUD!

SO, DOES
THIS MEAN
NO TRICK-OR-
TREATING?!