

PRESHOW

As the audience enters, PATCHY THE PIRATE is set up in a front corner of the theater, right near the FOLEY ARTIST's rig. Patchy is in a folding camping chair, surrounded by dozens of pieces of SpongeBob merchandise. The weirder the merch items, the better. Patchy is getting pumped up for the show—almost like he's tailgating, Broadway-style. He chats with various audience members as they pass, telling them how incredibly excited he is for SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS THE MUSICAL. He is the President of the SpongeBob Fan Club, after all. He has a big sign that says so.

As house lights go to half, Patchy runs up onto the stage. He could not be more excited. He's got his cellphone out (complete with SpongeBob case) and he's snapping photos of anything and everything.

PATCHY

Excuse me, everyone! Ahoy up there! Before the show starts, can I get a group photo? Smile! *(he takes a selfie with the audience)* Thank you! I want to remember this moment forever. I'm about to see SpongeBob, right here on...

He's interrupted by TWO SECURITY GUARDS who come barrelling down the aisle.

SECURITY GUARD 1

Sir! You need to get off the stage. The show's about to start.

PATCHY

And I couldn't be more excited! I'm SpongeBob's #1 Fan. Patchy the Pirate.

SECURITY GUARD 2

(gesturing to the merch) This is your junk?

PATCHY

Those're my collectibles - brought all my favorites with me from Encino.

Patchy holds up his cellphone. Its giant yellow case is one of his favorite collectibles.

SECURITY GUARD 1

Sir, put away the phone, there's no filming allowed...

PATCHY

But I'm making a pirate copy!

SECURITY GUARD 2

(to Security Guard 1, disgusted) Get this jokester out of here.

Security Guard 1 starts toward Patchy.

PATCHY

What? No! I came to see SpongeBob!

SECURITY GUARD 1

Come on, one eye.

Security Guard 1 grabs Patchy to drag him down the aisle. Patchy, offended, shouts as he goes.

PATCHY

What did you call me? This is pirate discrimination! Peg leg phobia! Yo ho we won't go! Yo ho we won't go! Yo ho we won't go!

Security Guard 2 stays behind to address the crowd.

SECURITY GUARD 2

Alright! It's time to turn off your cellphones... stop your facebooking and your instagrams... And no pictures or videos during the performance. I can see your screen, ma'am, don't even try me. Now y'all enjoy the show.

Lights shift...