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DE-COR-A-TIONS
ARE HUNG TO MAKE
IT SO CLEAR WE'VE
REACHED THE MOST
WONDERFUL TIME
OF THE YEAR!



PINKIE! DON'T
MEAN TO BE A SOUR
APPLE—BUT I JUST HOPED
FOR SOME COMPANY
'TIL I'M BACK ON MY
HOOVES.



Y'ALL DON'T
NEED TO TROUBLE
YERSELVES—

NONSENSE. THE
DOCTOR SAYS YOU
NEED A FEW DAYS
OF REST TO LET THE
MEDICINE WORK
ITS MAGIC.

WE SIMPLY
WANT TO ENSURE
YOU ARE FULLY
COMFORTABLE,
DARLING!

MAYBE WE CAN
COME BACK TONIGHT
FOR A SLEEPOVER AND
BE HERE IF YOU NEED
ANYTHING?



MAYBE WE
COULD MAKE IT
OUR EARLY HEARTH'S
WARMING PARTY?

OH—THAT
DOES SOUND
DELIGHTFUL



BUT I HAD
ACCEPTED AN INVITATION
TO A HOLIDAY SOIREE
IN MANHATTAN FOR
THIS EVENING...



Holiday HASSLE



RARITY, DOES THAT MEAN YOU AREN'T COMING TO ROYAL HEARTH'S WARMING GALA TONIGHT?

YOU HAVE TO! I FINALLY CONVINCED PRINCESS CELESTIA THAT "GALAS" ARE JUST FANCY PARTIES SO I COULD BRING MY FANCIEST PIÑATA!

THAT'S TONIGHT?! OH MY. I'M AFRAID I MUST HAVE MIXED UP THE DAYS IN MY DATEBOOK!



THOUGH... I MAY BE ABLE TO ATTEND BOTH AND STILL JOIN YOU ALL BACK HERE?

PERHAPS IF I FORGO MY USUAL STYLE OF ARRIVING FASHIONABLY LATE...

...AND MAKE A CAMEO APPEARANCE FOR MY FELLOW DESIGNERS...



I SUPPOSE I COULD AFFORD MY PRESENCE TO ALL THREE OF THESE INVITES!

IT IS FLATTERING TO BE SO IN-DEMAND. I REALLY SHOULD DO ALL I CAN TO PUT IN AN APPEARANCE!



THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE IT WOULD LEAVE MUCH QUALITY TIME, AND I'M WAY FASTER THAN YOU.

YOU AIN'T GOTTA RUSH OUT ON YER FANCY FUN ON MY ACCOUNT, RARITY. I DON'T WANNA CANCEL ANYPONY'S PLANS.

I'D PREFER TO STAY AND HELP, APPLEJACK.

NURSING A FRIEND BACK TO HEALTH IS A LITTLE MORE COMFORTABLE THAN BIG CROWDS.



MAYBE IT IS A POOR IDEA? I MAY SPEND AS MUCH TIME ALONE ON THE TRAIN AS I WOULD CATCHING UP WITH FRIENDS...

WHAT IF YOU HAD SOME COMPANY?



SPIKE... I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN EXCITED FOR THE ROYAL FIREWORKS TONIGHT—

—YOU WON'T BE SAD IF YOU MISS THEM?

THAT'S AT THE END OF THE NIGHT, ISN'T IT?

SO, WE SIMPLY NEED TO MAKE SURE WE LEAVE MANHATTAN IN TIME FOR MY LITTLE SPIKEY-POO!

THIS NIGHT'S GONNA BE EPIC!



ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO OVER IT ONE MORE TIME—



—WE TAKE IN AS MUCH OF THE SOCIALIZING AND FESTIVITIES AS WE CAN, BUT MUST BE PREPARED TO LEAVE BEFORE THE MAJOR EVENTS.

PFFF— NO SWEAT! I USUALLY JUST HELP TWILIGHT WORK THESE PARTIES.

BUT TONIGHT I GET TO DANCE, EAT CHEESE OUT OF THAT BIG MELTY CHEESE FOUNTAIN, AND BEST OF ALL—

—JUST ONCE I GET TO ARRIVE IN STYLE!



THAT'S ODD... THERE ARE USUALLY ROYAL GUARDS.

I KNOW! THEY DO THAT COOL THING WHERE THEY OPEN THE DOORS ALL DRAMATICALLY AND ANNOUNCE THE GUESTS.

I WAS REALLY EXCITED TO GET ANNOUNCED!



Y'KNOW WHAT? IT'S OKAY.

I WON'T LET THIS DAMPER OUR BIG NIGHT!

ALLOW ME TO GIVE YOU YOUR PROPER ENTRANCE!



VERY CHIVALROUS, DARLING.

BUT NO NEED TO MUSS THAT FINE TAILORING BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR GRAND ENTRANCE TO THE—







YOU REALLY DO, SPIKE.

AND NOW THAT I'M HERE... CAN I HELP?

OF COURSE! THANK YOU! FOLLOW ME—

OH! TWILIGHT? AH... SHALL I COME TOO?

ACTUALLY, RARITY, WOULD YOU WELCOME ANY OTHER GUESTS WHILE I'M GONE?

OH! CERTAINLY!

I'LL JUST...

...WAIT HERE...

Creak

WELCOME! TO THE ROYAL EQUESTRIA HEARTH'S WARM—

AAAAGHH!

HOT CHEESE! HOT CHEESE!

MELT-O 3000



AH, YOUR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE QUITE A NICE EYE FOR COLOR THEORY!

UHH... I DUNNO, LADY.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE EMERGING CONTRAST TRENDS?

THEY JUST BOUGHT THESE IN A SET.



YOU GOT IT, SPIKE?

NOPE! DON'T GOT IT!



OKAY! AND TO GET THIS PARTY STAR-TED—

RARITY! ONE-PONY DANCE OFF!



WHY ARE YOU PUNISHING ME?



SORRY, IT TAKES QUITE A WHILE TO GET ALL MELTY.

AND THIS IS WHY I ALWAYS ARRIVE FASHIONABLY LATE.

MELT-O-3



HEY! FINALLY FINISHED ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS— AND LOOK WHO I FOUND!

LOVELY TO SEE YOU AGAIN, RARITY!

WHA-?! PRINCESSES!

EH... RATHER... PRINCESS CELESTIA, PRINCESS LUNA.

THANK YOU FOR HOSTING SUCH A GENEROUS START OF HEARTH'S WARMING!

IT'S OUR PLEASURE. A CHANCE FOR US TO RECONNECT WITH FRIENDS BEFORE THEY ALL SPEND THE HOLIDAY WITH FAMILIES.

SPEAKING OF WHICH—IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE I'VE SEEN WHAT YOU'VE BEEN CREATING, RARITY! BUT TWILIGHT TELLS ME YOU RECENTLY DESIGNED A—

OH HEAVENS! IT'S LATE! MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES, PRINCESS— BUT I'M ABOUT TO MISS MY TRAIN!



COME ALONG, SPIKE! WE REALLY MUST GO IF WE WISH TO MAKE IT TO MANHATTAN AND BACK!

AWW... ROTTEN TIMING, HUH? IT'S LIKE WE'RE GONNA JUST MISS THE REAL PARTY!

OH, I'M SURE IT'S NOT REALLY THAT CLOSE—



ANNOUNCING OUR FIRST GUESTS OF THE EVENING—

—ROADWINGS THE AWESOME AND SHEER PERFECTION!

"FIRST GUESTS"?! WHAT ARE WE, MUD PIES?!

OH... WE THOUGHT YOU WERE THE HELP?





THIS IS NICE!



WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO HANG OUT JUST THE TWO OF US IN A WHILE.



RARITY? ARE YOU OKAY?

YES, SPIKEY DARLING. JUST... DISAPPOINTED.

OUR FRIENDS WERE SO TIED UP WITH OTHER BUSINESS AT THE CASTLE, IT FEELS LIKE WE WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF SEEING MY DESIGNER FRIENDS FIRST!



OR EVEN SPENDING A BIT MORE TIME CHOOSING AN OUTFIT.

WE'RE GOING TO BE WITH THE CRÈME DE LA CRÈME OF THE FASHION WORLD, AND I'M NOT EVEN WEARING THIS SEASON'S COLORS!



NO WAY! I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT OUTFIT LOOKS GREAT ON YOU!

"ALWAYS"?!?

OH, DEAR! I HAVE WORN THIS SEVERAL TIMES ALREADY, HAVEN'T I?!

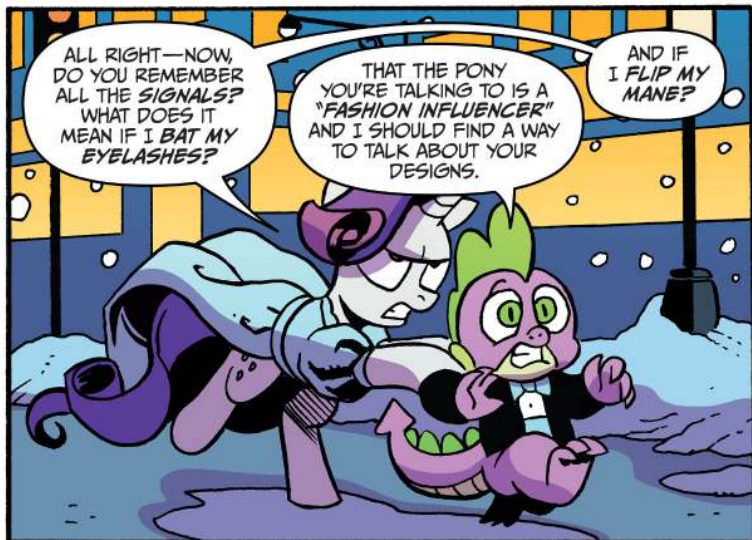
WHAT IF THEY'VE ALREADY SEEN ME IN IT?! EVERYBODY WILL THINK I HAVE NO NEW IDEAS!



PERHAPS I CAN UPDATE IT A BIT?

AT LEAST I HAVE THE REST OF THE TRAIN RIDE TO THINK OF SOMETHING!







ON WEDNESDAYS WE WEAR PINK.

WAS THIS PARTY A COLOR THEME AND NO PONY TOLD US?



RARITY! DAH-LING! SO TOUCHED YOU COULD MAKE IT.

YOU MUST INTRODUCE ME TO YOUR COMPANION!

A FELLOW DESIGNER? A CLIENT? A BUYER?!

I'M SPIKE! LIBRARY ASSISTANT TO TWILIGHT SPARKLE AND FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADOR TO DRAGONS!

EXCUSE ME, I THINK SOME PONY JUST RANG THE DOOR.

I DIDN'T HEAR ANY—



BRACER BRITCHES! DAH-LING! YOU MUST INTRODUCE ME TO YOUR COMPANION!

PLEASE TELL ME THIS WHOLE PARTY WON'T BE LIKE THAT.

IT WON'T! ... BUT I ALSO WOULDN'T QUITE CALL IT A "PARTY."



LAST YEAR, I CRAFTED MY ENTIRE COLLECTION IN "ROSE-MAUVE" FABRICS.

BUT NOW THAT PALETTE BORES AND DISGUSTS ME.

THE COLOR STORY I'M EXPERIMENTING WITH NOW IS ALL "MAUVE-ROSE!"

Hot Not





—THINK SHE REALLY *MEANT* IT? MAYBE I SHOULD GO BACK AND SEE IF CHIFFON'S STILL THERE—

SPIKE? WHAT IF WE GET OFF AT THE NEXT STOP AND CATCH A TRAIN BACK TO MANHATTAN? I COULD SEE IF CHIFFON IS STILL AT THE PARTY, WHILE YOU...



...SEE IF A *SPELL SHOP* MIGHT HAVE A WAY TO TRANSPORT US BACK HOME EVEN *FASTER!* THEN PERHAPS WE COULD EVEN MAKE IT BACK TO THE CASTLE AND—

NO.
RARITY, I'M SORRY, BUT I'M NOT ADDING *MORE* STOPS TONIGHT! I'M *TIRED.*



FINE.
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, THEN I SUPPOSE THAT'S *ALL* THAT MATTERS.



I WANTED A GRAND ENTRANCE.

I WANTED A CHEESE FOUNTAIN!

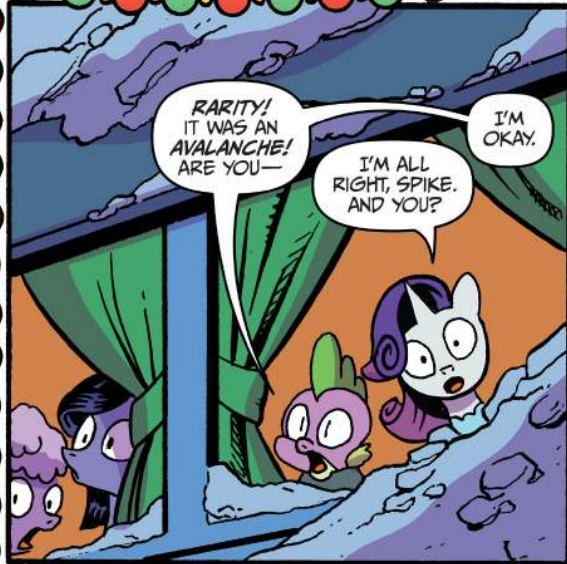
I WANTED A CANDY CANE!

BUT I LET ALL THOSE GO SO I COULD SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOU...



THE ONLY THING I ASKED YOU TO PROMISE ME WAS THAT WE'D GET BACK IN TIME FOR—





RARITY!
IT WAS AN
AVALANCHE!
ARE YOU—

I'M ALL
RIGHT, SPIKE.
AND YOU?

I'M
OKAY.

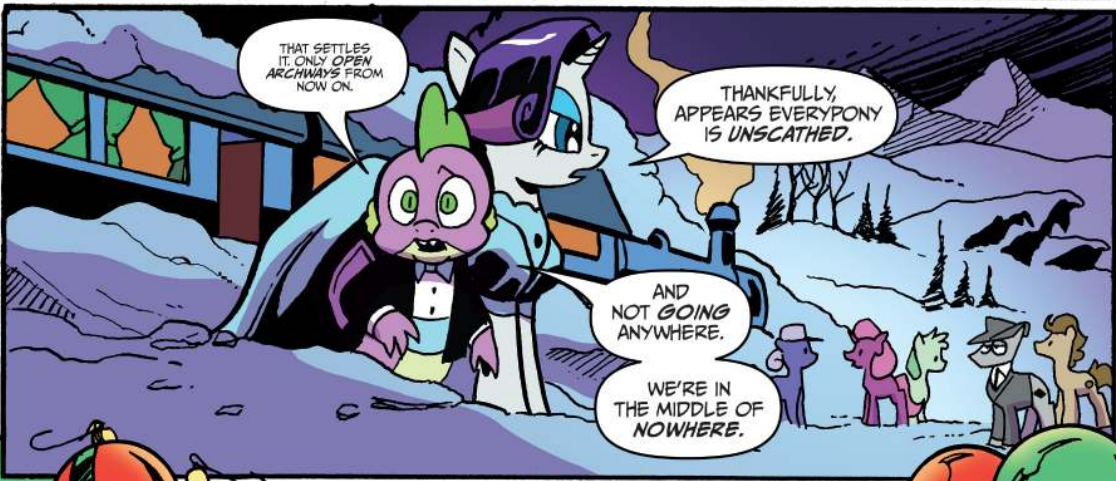
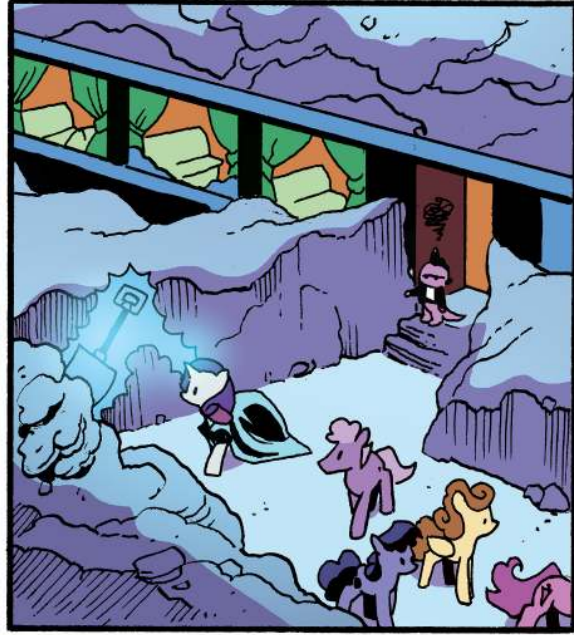


IF WE'RE
STOPPED, WE
SHOULD CHECK ON
THE OTHER TRAIN
CARS.

YOU'RE
RIGHT. I'LL GET
THE DOOR,
AND—



Fwoomp.



THAT SETTLES
IT. ONLY OPEN
ARCHWAYS FROM
NOW ON.

THANKFULLY,
APPEARS EVERYPONY
IS UNSCATHED.

AND
NOT GOING
ANYWHERE.

WE'RE IN
THE MIDDLE OF
NOWHERE.





MS. CONDUCTOR? WHERE ARE WE, ANYWAY?

A LITTLE MORE THAN HALF-WAY BACK TO PONYVILLE, I'D SAY?



I SENT A SPELL ABOUT THE CRASH, BUT WITH THE ROYAL GALA, WHO KNOWS HOW LONG 'TIL HELP COMES.

THE WAY THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING? I DOUBT ANYTIME SOON.



SPIKE...?

I-I NEED TO APOLOGIZE.



I THOUGHT TONIGHT WOULD BE A WHIRLWIND OF SO MANY FRIENDS, DAZZLING DISCUSSIONS, AND EXCITING CONNECTIONS.

BUT EVERYPONY AT THE CASTLE WAS DISTRACTED WITH WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO NEXT.

AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CHIFFON, ALL OF THE FASHION PONIES WERE MORE INTERESTED IN BEING SEEN THAN HAVING A MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION.

BUT I REALIZE THAT I BEHAVED THE SAME WAY TO YOU.

...ON MYSELF.

YOU CAME TO SPEND TIME TOGETHER, TO SHARE YOUR HOLIDAY WITH ME, AND I COULDN'T STOP FOCUSING ON EVERYTHING ELSE.

AND NOW YOU, MY DEAR FRIEND, PAID THE PRICE BY HAVING YOUR HOLIDAY RUINED.

AND I AM TRULY SORRY.



BUT I'M GOING TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU...





—HO-LY SNOW!

THAT MUST'VE BEEN A WILD TRAIN RIDE!



GLAD TO HEAR YOU WERE ALL RIGHT, EVERYPONY! NOW LET'S GET YOU BACK TO EQUESTRIA, SAFE AND WARM!

PRINCESS TWILIGHT— TWO OF THE PASSENGERS ALREADY SET OFF ON HOOF.



RARITY?! SPIKE!

EVER SO SORRY TO PULL YOU AWAY FROM THE CELEBRATION, TWILIGHT, BUT IT IS A RELIEF TO SEE YOU!



WELL, I MUST'VE GOT HIT IN THE HEAD TOO HARD BY ONE OF PINKIE'S PARTY CANNONS—BECAUSE I THINK I JUST SAW RARITY BREAKING A SWEAT!

OH, HUSH, RAINBOW DASH! I'D WALK THROUGH A WEEK OF SNOW FOR MY SPIKEY-POO.

BUT HOPEFULLY THIS MEANS HE CAN STILL HAVE A CASTLE-TOP VIEW FOR THE—





—FIREWORKS.



WELL...

... HAPPY HEARTH'S WARMING, EVERYPONY.

OH, SPIKE...

...EVERYPONY!

I'M SORRY I SPOILED THIS TIME WE SHOULD HAVE SPENT TOGETHER.



I THOUGHT SQUEEZING IN EVERYTHING MEANT HAVING MORE FRIENDS!

I WAS SO PROUD, AS THOUGH EACH "HELLO" WOULD MEAN SOMETHING—

—BUT I NEVER GAVE ENOUGH OF MY TIME AND CARE TO MAKE ANY MOMENT TRULY MEANINGFUL.



ESPECIALLY WHEN THE HOLIDAY IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT SPENDING MEANINGFUL TIME TOGETHER.

TO SHOW OUR LOVE AND DEEPEN THOSE FRIENDSHIPS.



THAT'S TRUE, RARITY.

BUT ALSO... MAYBE GOOD FRIENDS TOTALLY UNDERSTAND IF YOU WANT TO GO DO SOMETHING ON YOUR OWN EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.

YEAH! EVEN IF IT'S HANGING OUT WITH SOME OTHER FRIENDS!

I MEAN, I WAS AT THE WONDERBOLT'S HEARTH'S WARMING SHINDIG ALL NIGHT —

—YOU DON'T HEAR ME GETTING ALL DRAMATIC ABOUT IT!

WONDERBOLTS
WINTER BASH



AND RARITY— YOU DIDN'T CAUSE THE AVALANCHE!

BUT I KNOW WE DO APPRECIATE HEARING HOW MUCH YOU CARE.



IS IT TOO LATE TO GO VISIT APPLEJACK AFTER WE LAND?

NOT AT ALL! SHE ASKED ME TO BRING WHATEVER'S LEFT OF THE CHEESE FOUNTAIN AFTER THE FIREWORKS.

YES! SLEEPOOVERR?



OH! AND ONE TEENSY-TINE-SY MORE REQUEST?

SINCE WE'RE HEADED BACK TO THE CASTLE, ANY CHANCE YOU COULD MAKE OUR LANDING A GRAND ENTRANCE?

SPIKE RATHER HAD HIS HEART SET ON ONE.

NOT A PROBLEM!





PHEW! MAKES ME GLAD I STAYED HOME! BUT—DID YA HAVE ANY FUN ON THE TRIP, RARITY?

I MOSTLY STILL FEEL SILLY ABOUT IT ALL, HONESTLY... BUT I DID MAKE AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH A DESIGNER I QUITE APPRECIATE!



IN FACT, SHE MAKES SOME RATHER FUN AND FESTIVE HOLIDAY ENSEMBLES...

PERHAPS TOMORROW, WE SHOULD ALL GO TO MANHATTAN TOGETHER AND TREAT OURSELVES TO NEW HEARTH'S WARMING OUTFITS?!

I COULD INTRODUCE YOU ALL—AND CHIFFON WOULD CERTAINLY BE EXCITED TO SEE ME AGAIN—



AAA-CHOOO!

UUUNNG...

ACTUALLY ~~SNFFF~~ I THINK WE MIGHT NEED TO RECOVER FROM ALL THAT TIME IN THE ~~SNFFF~~ SNOW.



AH. OR I COULD ALSO STICK AROUND AND HELP EVERYPONY FEEL BETTER!

AFTER ALL, IT'S SIMPLY QUALITY TIME TOGETHER THAT MATTERS!

END.



CLASS!
PLEASE—SETTLE
DOWN!

"Krumple Horn"



THIS WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE A
QUIET TIME FOR YOU
TO RESEARCH YOUR
REPORTS!

SORRY,
TWILIGHT. WE
STARTED TALKING
ABOUT WHAT WE
ALL HAVE PLANNED
FOR BREAK
AND...

...MAYBE WE
GOT A LITTLE
WORKED
UP?

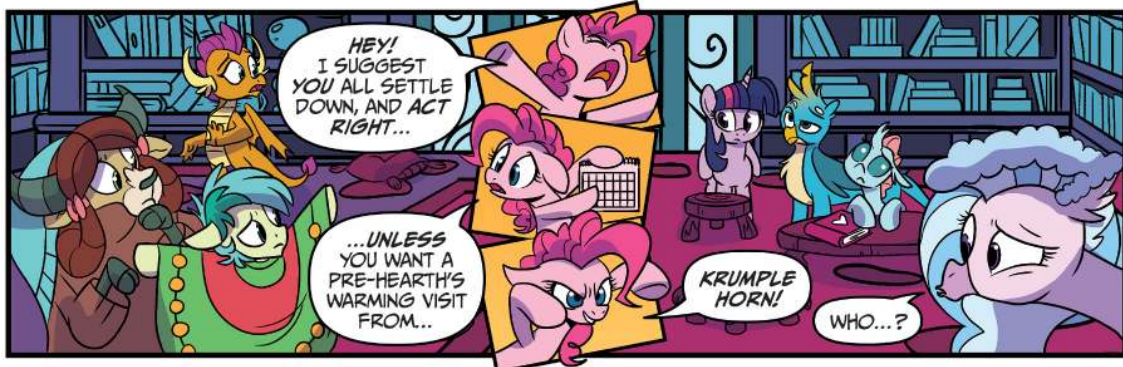


TOUGH
CROWD?

STARLIGHT SAID WE WOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO GET THE KIDS TO FOCUS
IN THE SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME IN
BETWEEN A HARVEST BREAK AND
A HEARTH'S WARMING
BREAK.

IT IS HARD
TO SNAP OUT OF
PARTY MODE, T.

BUT IT JUST
TAKES THE PROPER
MOTIVATION.



HEY!
I SUGGEST
YOU ALL SETTLE
DOWN, AND ACT
RIGHT...

...UNLESS
YOU WANT A
PRE-HEARTH'S
WARMING VISIT FROM...

KRUMPLE
HORN!

WHO...?



KRUMPLE HORN! A
TALL, NASTY, SCRAGGLY
MONSTER, WITH TWISTED
HORNS AND A SPIRIT AS
STINKY AS HIS GIANT
HOOVES!

HE COMES FOR THOSE WHO MAKE
TROUBLE INSTEAD OF
JOY BEFORE THE HOLIDAY!

HIDES
TRICKS IN THEIR
HOLIDAY TREATS!
FILLS A MESSY
PONY'S BED
WITH MUD!



AND IF YOU
MAKE ENOUGH
TROUBLE...

...HE WHISKS YOU OFF
TO A DISTANT LAND TO WORK
ON HEARTH'S WARMING WHILE
OTHERS GET TO
CELEBRATE!

PFFT!
YEAH, RIGHT.

IF THERE
WERE ANYTHING THAT
SCARED LITTLE PONIES
INTO ACTING DIFFERENTLY,
I'M PRETTY SURE WE'D
HAVE ITS PICTURE ON
DRAGON MONEY.



HEY!
NOT COOL!



WHAT? IT'S JUST AN EARLY HEARTH'S WARMING PRESENT!
HAHAHA—

GULP?

S-SMOLDER...?



WOULD YOU PLEASE KEEP IT DOWN?! SOME OF US ARE TRYING TO STUDY FOR FRIENDSHIP FINALS!

OR YOU COULD JUST RELAX LIKE YONA, HAVE SOME TASTY SURPRISE PI—



OCELLUS?
HEY—WHY WERENT YOU IN CLASS?

OCELLUS?!

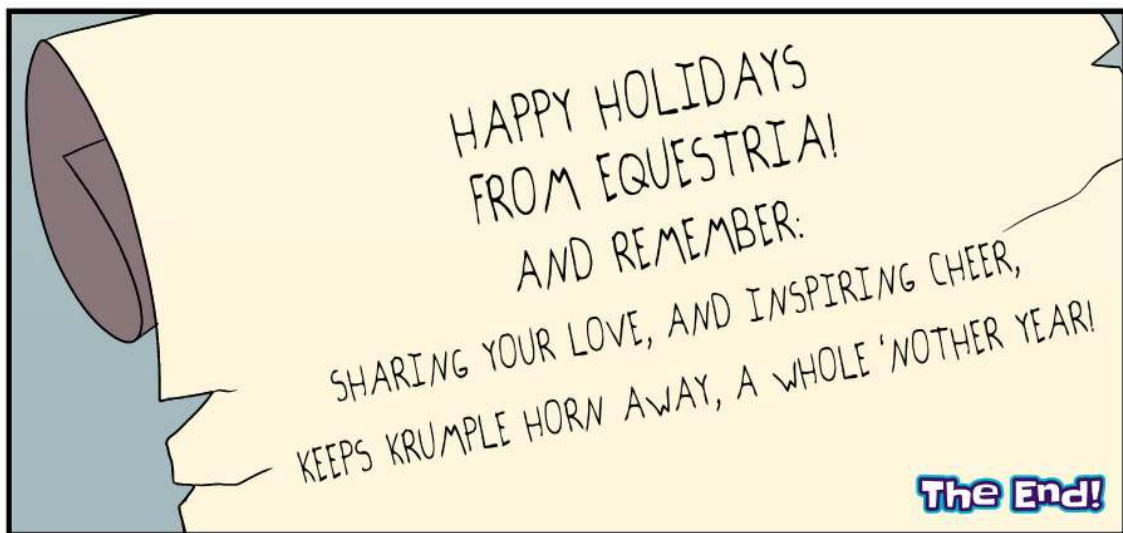


ENJOY! HEARTH'S WARMING WITHOUT ME!

IT'S R-REAL?!

EVERYTHING PINKIE PIE SAID ABOUT KRUMPLE HORN IS REAL!





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"TO REINFORCE THIS, WE'RE ORGANIZING THE FIRST FEATS OF FRIENDSHIP!"



"A SERIES OF TEAM-ORIENTED CONTESTS THAT WILL CHALLENGE THE STUDENTS TO APPLY THE LESSONS THEY'VE LEARNED TO REAL-WORLD EVENTS."



THE STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING *VERY* HARD TO PREPARE EVERYTHING IN TIME. I'M SURE YOU'VE SEEN THE FLIERS AROUND THE SCHOOL, BUT I WANTED TO REACH OUT TO THE SIX OF YOU *SPECIFICALLY*.





SO... WE'RE NOT IN TROUBLE.

NOT IN THE TRADITIONAL SENSE, BUT...

WE ALREADY SIGNED UP AS A TEAM! SO WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU, MADAM PRINCIPAL?



I SAW YOUR FORM, BUT THE RULES CALL FOR SEVEN TEAM MEMBERS. I WAS HOPING YOU'D CONSIDER ADDING OUR NEWEST TRANSFER STUDENT, SWIFT FOOT.

HELLO...



YES!

I MEAN, LIKE, TOTALLY.

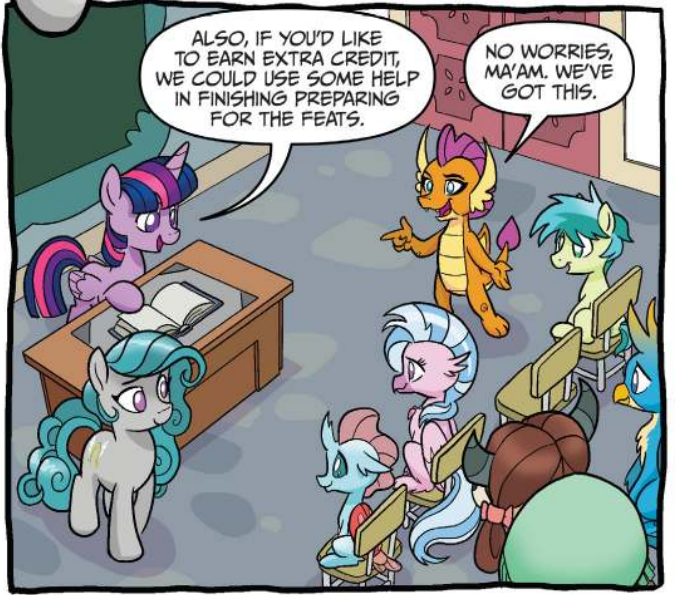
WE'D BE HAPPY TO HAVE HER.



REALLY? YOU'LL LET ME JOIN YOU JUST LIKE THAT?

TOLD YA.

THE SEVEN OF YOU WILL BE EMBODYING EVERYTHING THIS SCHOOL IS ABOUT. I EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM YOU.



ALSO, IF YOU'D LIKE TO EARN EXTRA CREDIT, WE COULD USE SOME HELP IN FINISHING PREPARING FOR THE FEATS.

NO WORRIES, MA'AM. WE'VE GOT THIS.







WHERE IS NEW FRIEND SWIFT FOOT FROM?

UM...



OH... IT'S NOWHERE YOU'VE HEARD OF, I'M SURE. JUST ANOTHER SUNNY LITTLE PONY VILLAGE.

YOU KNOW... THE USUAL...



OHMYGOSH YOU GUYS! WE'RE BEING SO RUDE! WE HAVEN'T EVEN INTRODUCED OURSELVES TO OUR NEW TEAMMATE!

HI! I'M SILVERSTREAM, AND I'M FROM SEAQUESTRIAL!



RIGHT, I'M SMOLDER.

MY NAME IS OCELLUS!

GALLUS.

SNBRR...

AND THIS IS MUMBLES.



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