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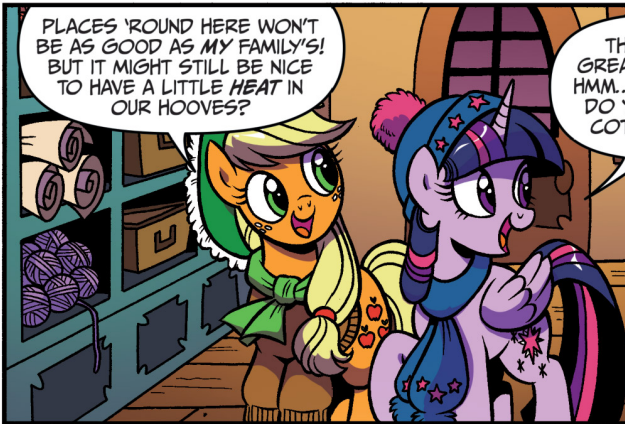


HEY, TWILIGHT!
AFTER THIS, Y'WANNA
GO GET A HOT
CIDER?

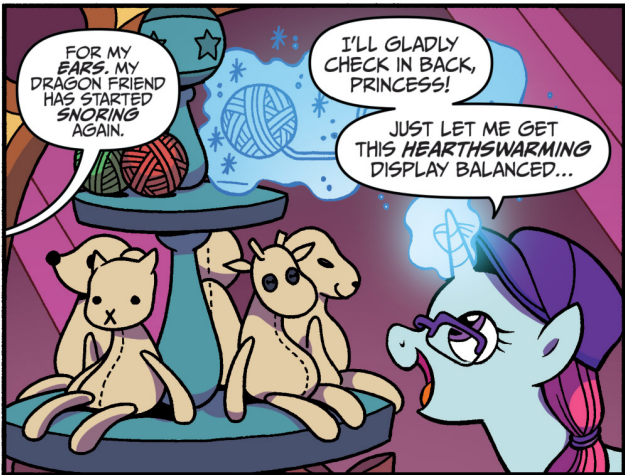


FOR A CRAFT
PROJECT?

THAT SOUNDS
GREAT, APPLEJACK!
HMM... EXCUSE ME?
DO YOU HAVE ANY
COTTON BALLS?



PLACES 'ROUND HERE WON'T
BE AS GOOD AS MY FAMILY'S!
BUT IT MIGHT STILL BE NICE
TO HAVE A LITTLE HEAT IN
OUR HOOVES?



FOR MY
EARS, MY
DRAGON FRIEND
HAS STARTED
SNORING
AGAIN.

I'LL GLADLY
CHECK IN BACK,
PRINCESS!

JUST LET ME GET
THIS HEARTHSWARMING
DISPLAY BALANCED...



HEARTHSWARMIN'?

ALREADY?!

IS IT
JUST ME, OR
DOES IT SEEM
LIKE PONIES GET
READY FOR THE
HOLIDAY EARLIER
AND EARLIER
EACH YEAR?



WELL, WE
START EARLIER
THAN MOST. SOME
PONIES NEED A
LITTLE EXTRA TIME
TO CROCHET A
HEARTH-DOLL
JUST RIGHT.

I JUST HOPE
SPIKE AND APPLE BLOOM
DON'T NOTICE. ONCE THEY
START THINKING ABOUT
HEARTHSWARMING
PRESENTS...

TOO LATE—!

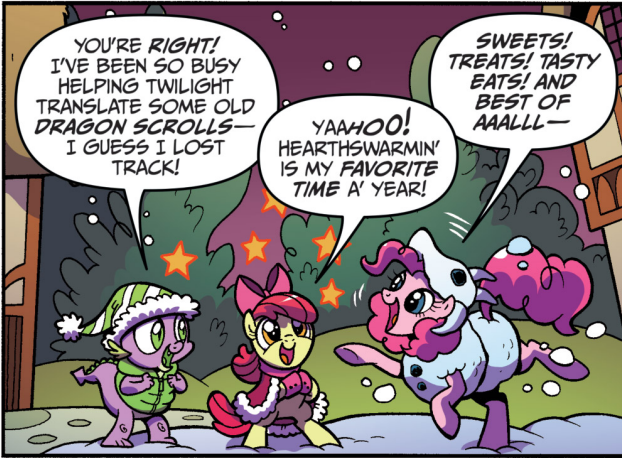


IT'S SNOWIIIIING!

D'YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?!



HEARTHSWARMING IS ALMOST HERE!



YOU'RE RIGHT! I'VE BEEN SO BUSY HELPING TWILIGHT TRANSLATE SOME OLD DRAGON SCROLLS— I GUESS I LOST TRACK!

YAAHOO! HEARTHSWARMIN' IS MY FAVORITE TIME A' YEAR!

SWEETS! TREATS! TASTY EATS! AND BEST OF AAALLL—



PRESENTS!



ALL RIGHT, EVERYPONY— I'M ALWAYS GLAD TO SEE YOU GET EXCITED, BUT THE HOLIDAY ISN'T ABOUT PRESENTS.

RIGHT. IT'S ABOUT TAKING TIME WITH YER FAMILY, AND THE FOLKS YOU LOVE TO APPRECIATE HOW WE GOT HERE.



BESIDES, WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO PREPARE.

IT'S NOT LIKE HEARTHSWARMING IS GOING TO SNEAK UP ON US!

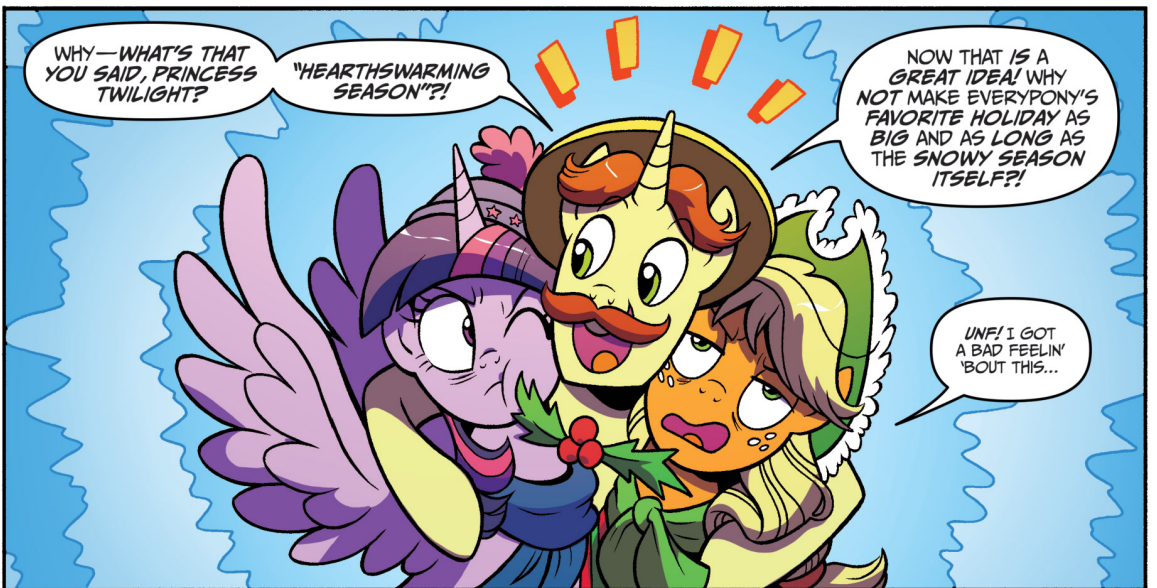


HAPPY HEARTHSWARMING SEASON, EVERYPONY!



OH-NO... THE FLIM-FLAM BROTHERS?!

HEARTHSWARMING "SEASON"?



WHY—WHAT'S THAT YOU SAID, PRINCESS TWILIGHT?

"HEARTHSWARMING SEASON"?! 

NOW THAT IS A GREAT IDEA! WHY NOT MAKE EVERYPONY'S FAVORITE HOLIDAY AS BIG AND AS LONG AS THE SNOWY SEASON ITSELF?!

UNF! I GOT A BAD FEELIN' 'BOUT THIS...



WHY NOT GET IN THAT HAPPY HOLIDAY MOOD A LITTLE EARLIER?!

AND NOTHING COULD BRING THAT FEELING FASTER THAN—



SKINK SAANK

—DECORATIONS!



OH, WELL... I GUESS IF YOU ALL LIKE IT SO MUCH—?

THEY DO! YOU'RE WELCOME!

AND HERE'S OUR BILL. FEEL FREE TO PAY US IN BITS OR SMALL GEMS!

BILL! \$



AND YOU, MA'AM!

DO YOU KNOW EXACTLY HOW MANY DAYS IT IS UNTIL HEARTHSWARMING EVE?!

OH! WELL... IF I REMEMBER IT'S—



SEE! WHO CAN KEEP TRACK?!

WELL, NOW YOU CAN, WHEN YOU PURCHASE THIS COUNTDOWN CALENDAR!

(SURPRISES YOUR LOVED ONES WILL WANT TO FIND INSIDE SOLD SEPARATELY.)

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25



OOOOH! WE WANT IT! WE WANT IT! WE WANT IT!

NO!





YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF THIS GREAT HOLIDAY

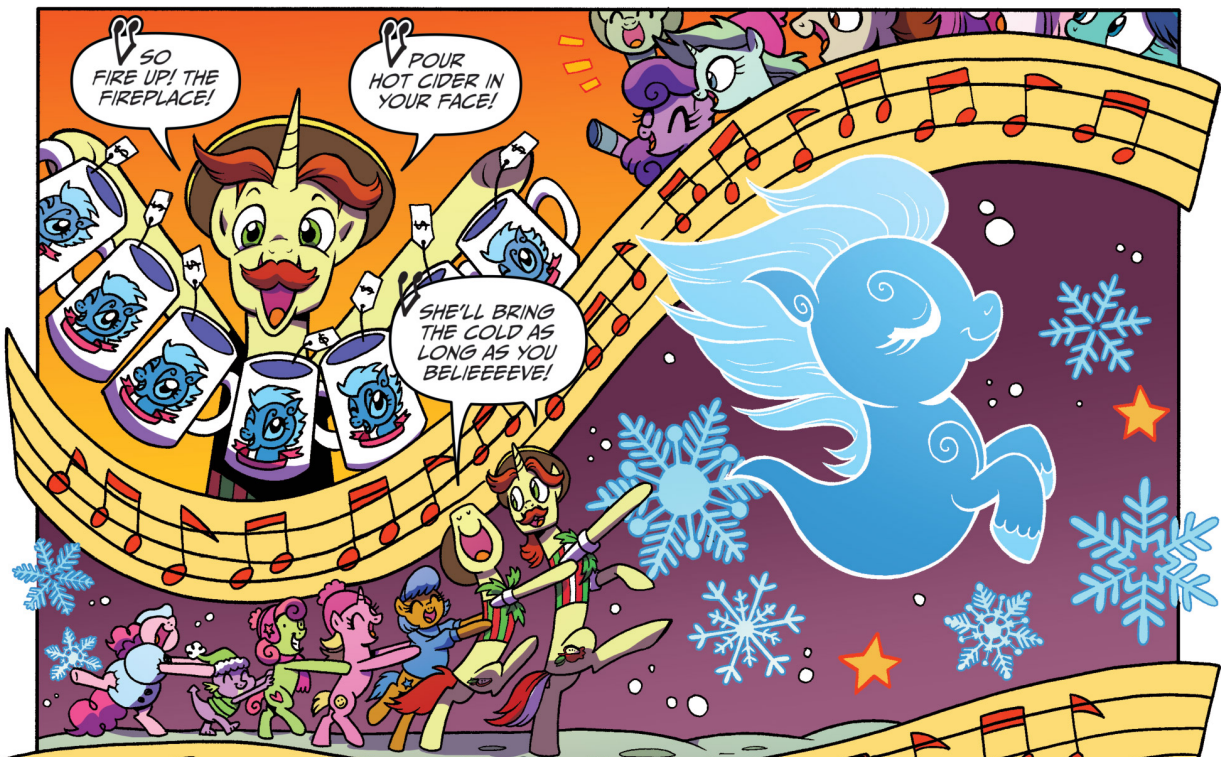
HOW PONY, CORN, AND PEGASUS DROVE WINDIGOS AWAY

BUT HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED— SINCE THEY DISAPPEARED HOW WE GET SNOW ON HEARTHSWARMING

EACH AND EV'RY YEEEAAR?

HE'S THE ONE—TO MAKE IT SNOW WINDY, THE WINDIGO!

JUST ENOUGH ON EACH HEARTHSWARMING EEEEE!



PP SO FIRE UP! THE FIREPLACE!

PP POUR HOT CIDER IN YOUR FACE!

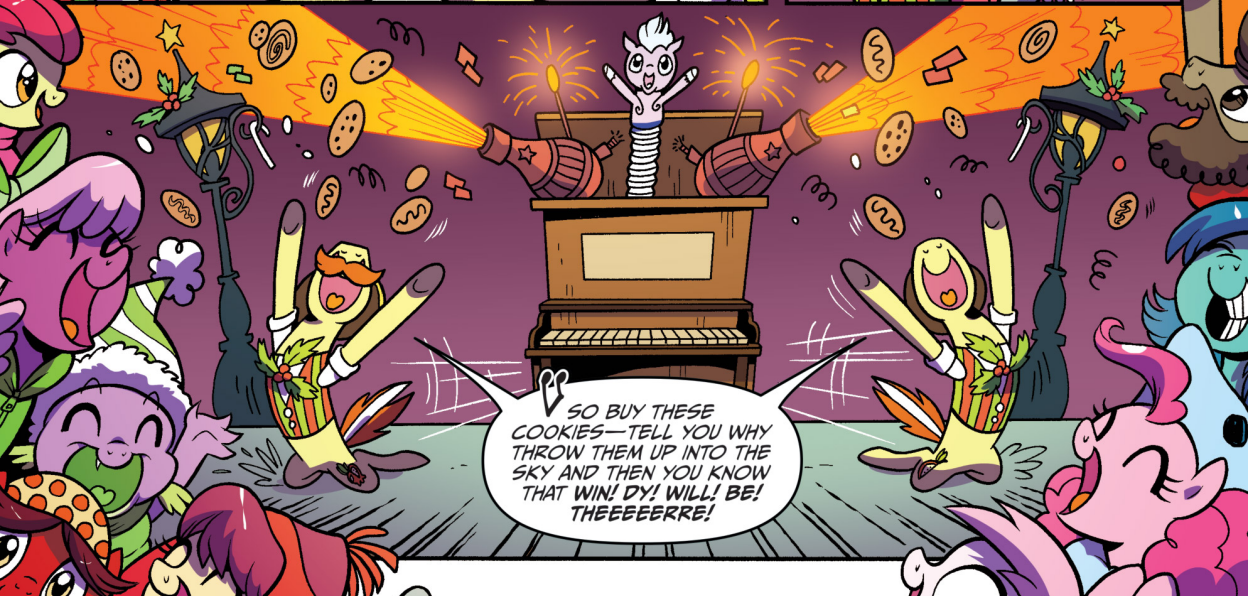
SHE'LL BRING THE COLD AS LONG AS YOU BELIEEEVEE!

PP WHICH BRINGS US BACK TO THE COOKIES! THESE ARE WINDY'S FAVORITE!

Y'SEE, KINDNESS KEEPS MOST WINDIGOS AWAY—

PP —BUT WINDY'S SPECIAL! SHOWING HER A LITTLE KINDNESS ENSURES WE HAVE JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF SNOW TO MAKE HEARTHSWARMING COZY! SOOO—

PP —WHEN YOU WANT COLD—BUT NOT TOO MUCH WINDY BRINGS HER MAGIC TOUCH! AND A PERFECT GUST OF NICE AND FROSTY AAAIR—



PP SO BUY THESE COOKIES—TELL YOU WHY THROW THEM UP INTO THE SKY AND THEN YOU KNOW THAT WIN! DY! WILL! BE! THEEEERRE!



DID THEY JUST... MAKE UP SOME CHARACTER? TO EXPLAIN SNOW?!

I THINK IT WAS ACTUALLY JUST T' SELL STUFF. BUT AS BIG MAC WOULD SAY—"YYYUP!!"



ONE AT A TIME! ONE AT A TIME! WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH MERCHANDISE TO GO AROUND!

AND TO ENSURE WINDY WILL FEEL ALL THE KINDNESS SHE NEEDS TO KEEP BRINGING A PERFECT BLANKET OF WHITE!

EXCUSE ME, EVERYPONY!



WHILE I DO ALWAYS APPRECIATE A CHEERY SONG—I DON'T THINK THE SNOW OUTSIDE IS WHAT MAKES HEARTHSWARMING SO SPECIAL!

AND I WORRY THAT ALL THIS EXTRA... STUFF JUST DISTRACTS US FROM THE REAL MEANING OF HEARTHSWARMING!



YOU... YOU'RE RIGHT, PRINCESS.

WE'RE SORRY...

SO REMIND YOURSELF OF THE TRUE MEANING OF HEARTHSWARMING—

OOOH! A HOLIDAY SPECIAL COMIC?! WE SHOULD ALL BUY EXTRAS AS PRESENTS FOR EVERYPONY WE LOVE!

—WHEN YOU BUY WINDY'S HOLIDAY SPECIAL COMIC BOOK!











...BUT DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THOSE SPECIAL WINDY COOKIES INSTEAD? OR WINDY—SPICE TEA? OR—!

WINDY CHOCOLATE

HRRRG...

OH! HEY, APPLEJACK...

BLOOM WON'T STOP TALKING ABOUT WINDY, HUH?

HOW'D YA GUESS?



YOU STILL HAVE SOME *BREAKFAST* IN YOUR MANE.

SPIKE'S THE SAME. TRY WHAT I DO. I GO TO MY HAPPY PLACE...

GOOD IDEA. YOU MEAN, LIKE—PICTURE A NICE GROVE A' APPLE TREES?



NO—I MEAN ACTUALLY GO TO THE PLACE THAT MAKES ME HAPPY—



A BOOK STORE!

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN.



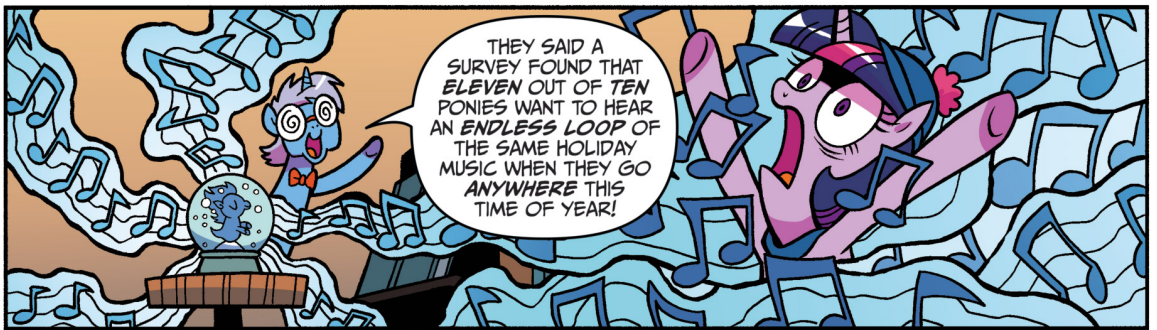
HOLD ON A TICK—

WHAT'S THAT MUSIC?



OH! DO YOU LIKE IT? IT PLAYS WINDY THE WINDIGO!

I BOUGHT IT FROM THOSE NICE VISITING SALESPONIES.



THEY SAID A SURVEY FOUND THAT ELEVEN OUT OF TEN PONIES WANT TO HEAR AN ENDLESS LOOP OF THE SAME HOLIDAY MUSIC WHEN THEY GO ANYWHERE THIS TIME OF YEAR!

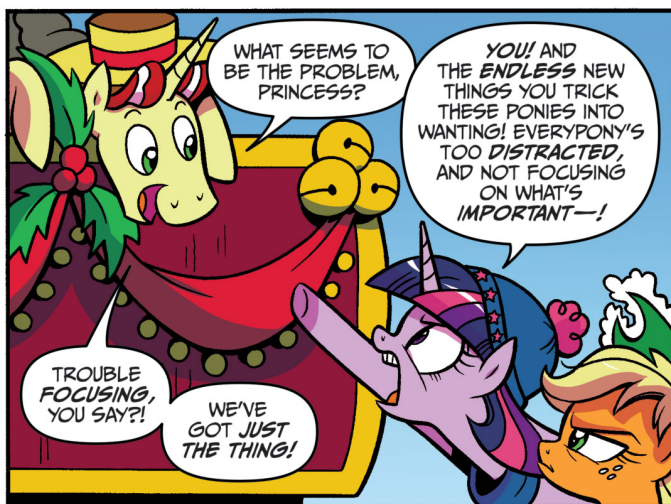


S'GROOGE!

THEY RUINED A BOOK STORE...

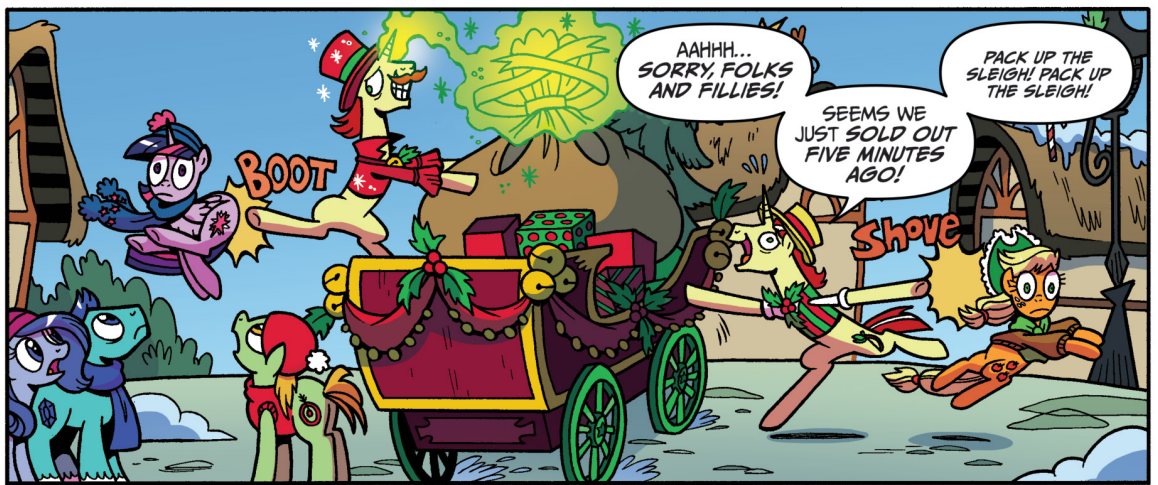
NOW THEY'VE GONE TOO FAR!

shoo!











I MEAN—
DECLARING THAT
PONIES CAN'T
PAY THEM?!

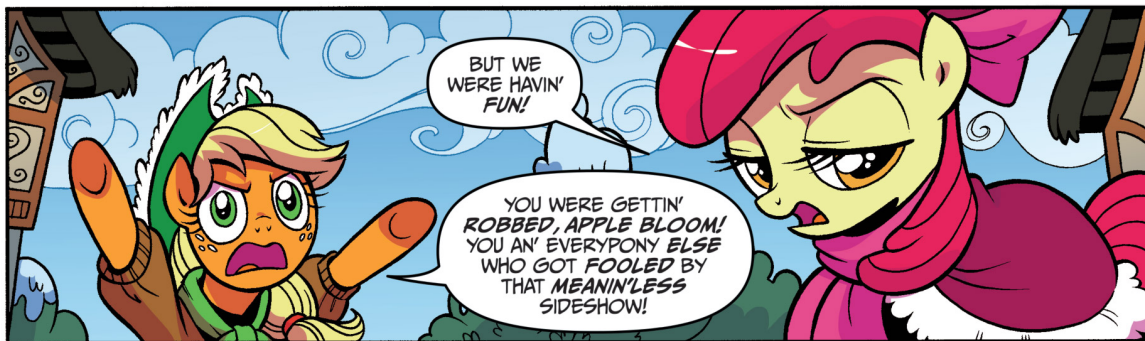
I KNOW
YOU'RE A
PRINCESS—
BUT CAN YOU
REALLY DO
THAT?!

AND CAN YOU
TRY IT AGAIN?
WITH ME? AT
THE CANDY
STORE?!



I DON'T
KNOW? BUT IT
WORKED!

THEY'RE
GONE! NOW WE
CAN START GETTING
READY FOR OUR
TRADITIONAL
CELEBRATION!



BUT WE
WERE HAVIN'
FUN!

YOU WERE GETTIN'
ROBBED, APPLE BLOOM!
YOU AN' EVERYPONY ELSE
WHO GOT FOOLED BY
THAT MEANIN'LESS
SIDESHOW!



SO, YOU THINK
WE'RE FOOLS,
HUH?

DID IT EVER
OCCUR TO YOU THAT
WE MIGHT'VE JUST
BEEN ENJOYING
OURSELVES?!



OR DID YOU JUST
THINK WE WEREN'T
SMART ENOUGH
TO MAKE UP OUR
OWN MINDS?

THERE YOU
GO, COOKIES!
FLY TO
WINDYYY!

EITHER
WAY, I, FER
ONE, DON'T THINK
I WANNA SPEND
HEARTHSWARMIN'
WITH ANYPONY
WHO'D JUDGE ME
BY WHAT MAKES
ME HAPPY!

GASP!

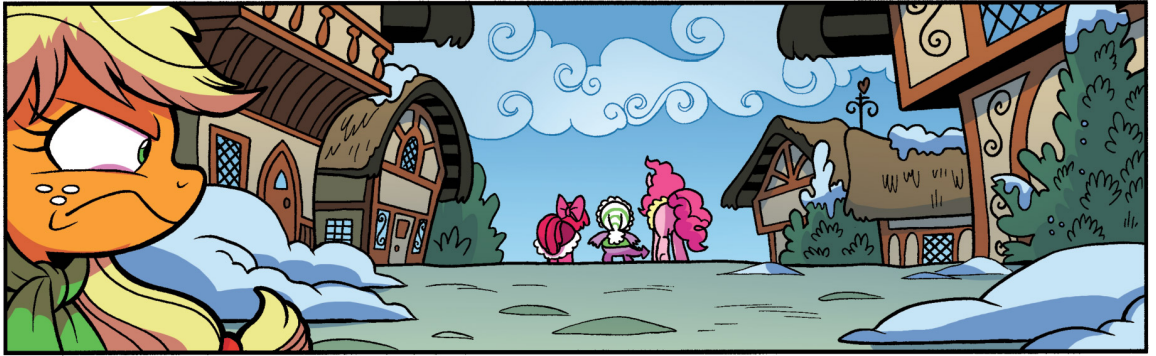


HUH?
WHHA?

OH!
YEEEAH...

...WHATEVER
THEY SAID!

COOKIES!









"—GET CARRIED AWAY SOMETIMES?"

THAT'S OKAY! SO DO WE!

AN' WE WANTED TO APOLOGIZE, TOO.



BUT IT WAS NICE TO HEAR YOU SAY IT FIRST!



I MEAN—COME ON! WE KNOW THAT STUFF WASN'T THE POINT OF HEARTHSWARMING!

WE JUST... LIKED IT! I MEAN, ONCE A HOLIDAY SPREADS OUT OVER THAT MANY DAYS— YOU GOTTA FIND DIFFERENT STUFF TO FILL IT WITH, RIGHT?

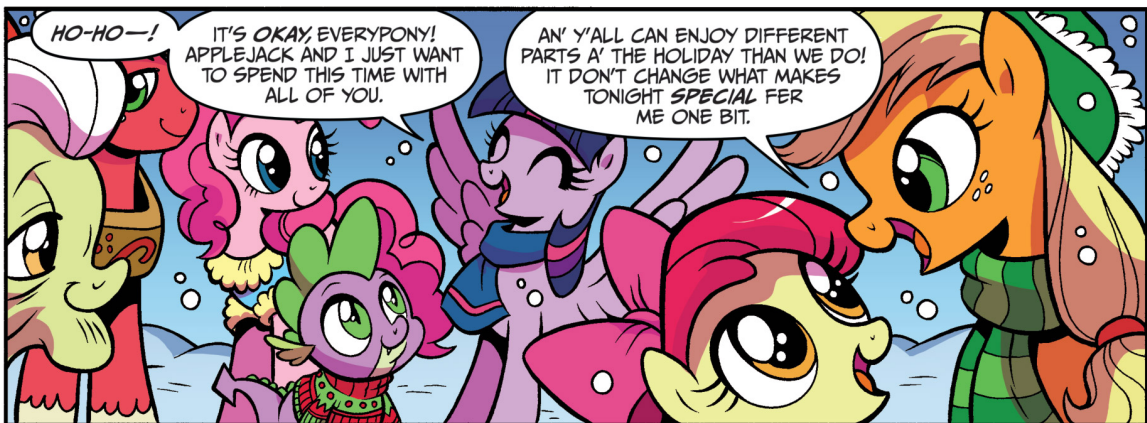


THAT SONG IS CATCHY, THO!

YYYUUP!

WINDY TH WINDI—

—NO!



HO-HO—!

IT'S OKAY, EVERYPONY! APPLEJACK AND I JUST WANT TO SPEND THIS TIME WITH ALL OF YOU.

AN' Y'ALL CAN ENJOY DIFFERENT PARTS A' THE HOLIDAY THAN WE DO! IT DON'T CHANGE WHAT MAKES TONIGHT *SPECIAL* FER ME ONE BIT.



AWWWW! HAPPY HEARTSWARMING, EVERYPONY!



ALL RIGHT, NOW GETCHER HAUNCHES INSIDE BEFORE YA LET ALL THE WARMTH OUT!



SO—SIS? IS WINDY REALLY OUT THERE? MAKIN' IT SNOW NICE EACH YEAR?

I DUNNO, BLOOM... WHAT D' YOU THINK?



I THINK... YEAH! THERE REALLY IS A WINDY!



ARE YOU KIDDIN' ME?!
WHO ALWAYS MAKES SURE
THE WEATHER WORKS
AROUND HERE?!

PFFF—
AH, WELL!



A WARM HEARTH and HAPPY DAYS,
from all of us to YOU!

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Great cinnamon sticks! Pinkie Pie, **WHAT** are you doing?

I've memorized **all** the recipes in the Sugarcube Corner cookbook!

I am gonna **DESTROY** everyone else at the Equestria Super Chef Competition!

IT'LL BE TOTAL DESSERT DOMINATION!!

THIS!



IS GONNA BE THE **greatest day even**

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But **HOW** can I get to the Hedge Maze Center without all this **KNOWLEDGE** sloshing out of my brain?



Pinkie, are you planning to **CLEAN UP** this mess?

LATER!

Cooking stardom awaits!

TIP TIP





Fillies and gentlecolts,
put your hooves together
for the **NINTH ANNUAL
EQUESTRIA SUPER
CHEF** contestants!

This year's theme is
DESSERTS, and with only
THREE ROUNDS to decide
which pony trots off with
the **50,000** bit prize--



THE PIE'S THE LIMIT!

By Alex de Campi & Carla Speed McNeil!

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So who's signin' fer
this pie? I can't read
Granny Smith's
hoofwritin--

Hey! I need
a hoof with
these lights!

ugh!£

Just go over to
Table Five and wait!
I'll be right with you.



And, as always, providing you in the
back with a magical close-up & personal
view of the action, it's our very own

JUMBO DON!

Friends,
you can call
me Don.

LADIES, you
can call me
ANYTIME.

And **NOW**,
let's meet our
contestants!





From Manehattan, it's...
SUMMER VAN DER HOOFF!

EXCLUSIVE cuisine for EXCLUSIVE ponies, darlings!



From Las Pegasus, it's...
BLADE SPARXX!

Hey bros! You ready to FIRE up your appetites?!



From Dodge City, it's...
TOFFEE TRUFFLE!

Sweet treats from MY family to YOURS!



From right here in Ponyville, it's hometown girl...

Oooh! OOOH!

Here she is! I'm so excited I could FAINT!

C'mon, Pinkie! Do us PROUD!



...PINKIE PIE!

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