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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - EARLY EVENING - ESTABLISHING

It's Hearth's Warming Eve in Ponyville: Snow blankets the town; decorations hang from every house, lamp post and wagon; and holiday lights are strung as far as they eye can see. Ponies dressed in warm and festive outfits rush around town with even more decorations, making the place look as festive as possible.

MUSIC UP as the ponies of Ponyville all sing.

1 PONIES OF PONYVILLE
Ponies voices fill the night!
Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again.
Happy hearts so full and bright
Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again.
Oh what a sight
Look at the light
All for tonight
Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again.

SC. 2 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

The brightest lights and the most fantastic decorations are hanging from Twilight's castle: a beacon of Holiday perfection.

STARLIGHT GLIMMER stands at the entrance to the castle taking in all of the activity. A snowflake lands on her nose. She looks up.

Angle on: A group of pegasi led by Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy arrange clouds around the castle for optimal snow coverage. They sing.

2 FLUTTERSHY
Clouds arranged til they're just
so.

3 PEGASI
Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again.

4 RAINBOW DASH
Gonna make some awesome snow.

5 PEGASI
*Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again.*

6 FLUTTERSHY AND RAINBOW DASH
*Chill wind will blow
Making a show
Snowflakes aglow*

7 PEGASI AND FLUTTERSHY AND RAINBOW DASH
*Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again.*

As snow falls, Starlight walks inside the castle...

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

...and finds herself standing in the middle of a group of Pony carolers/bell ringers being conducted by Pinkie Pie. As they all sing, Starlight slowly works her way through the tightly packed group while trying to avoid getting hit by overenthusiastic bell ringers.

8 PINKIE PIE AND CAROLERS
*A day that's filled with songs to
sing
Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding
We're so busy making merry
Windigos should all be wary
As our mighty voices carry*

9 PINKIE PIE
*Hearth's Warming Eve is so so great
we just HAVE to celebrate!
WHEEEEEEEE!!*

Starlight finally extricates herself and backs into Rarity. Rarity barely notices as she stands in the center of the foyer ordering ponies around like General Patton as they deck the hall.

10 RARITY
Decorations we shall make.

11 PONIES
*Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again.*

12 RARITY
Perfection you cannot fake.

13 PONIES
*Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again.*

14 RARITY
Not one mistake

Derpy flies by holding an ornate ornament.

15 RARITY (CONT'D)
Don't let that break!

Surprised by Rarity's shout, Derpy drops the ornament and it breaks.

16 RARITY (CONT'D)
Oh Goodness Sake!

17 ALL PONIES
*Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again*

Rainbow Dash swoops into the castle, shaking snow off of her wings all over Rarity's decorations.

18 RAINBOW DASH
*Snow's all set! Looks great out
there. Hey Starlight.*

19 STARLIGHT
Hey--

20 RARITY
*RAINBOW DASH! What do you think you
are doing?*

21 RAINBOW DASH
*Warming myself by the hearth. On
Hearth's. Warming. Eve.*

22 RARITY
*You are making a mess, get back
outside this instant!*

23 RAINBOW DASH
Whoa. Don't get your tinsel tied.

Suddenly Applejack, Granny Smith and Big Mac come barging through a doorway carrying trays of delicious, fresh out of the oven sweets.

24 APPLEJACK
One side ponies! Hot treats coming
through! Happy Hearth's Warmin
Starlight.

25 STARLIGHT
Happy--

Before Starlight can answer, Applejack sings.

26 APPLEJACK
Lot's of tasty things to eat

27 PONIES
*Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again*

28 GRANNY SMITH
Dough was kneaded, eggs were beat

29 PONIES
*Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again.*

30 GRANNY SMITH
Careful the heat!

31 APPLEJACK
*Here have a treat!
There, ain't that sweet?*

32 BIG MAC
(chewing)
Eyup!

33 ALL PONIES
*Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again.*

Starlight Glimmer stands in the middle of all of the hustle
and bustle, the calm at the center of a holiday storm.
Perfect friends decorating and preparing in perfect harmony
all around her. She sings.

34 STARLIGHT
*They seem to know just what to do
Not sure I can do it too
Its all so new.
Could I pull through?
Don't have a clue.
Hearth's Warming Eve is here...*

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES**ACT ONE****SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - RESUME**

Starlight watches as ponies rush around her. She looks unsure of where to go.

35 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)
Happy Hearth's Warming Starlight!
What are you doing?

Fluttershy flies into frame.

36 STARLIGHT
Hey Fluttershy... I was actually
going to --

Angel Bunny rushes up and tugs on Fluttershy's tail.

37 FLUTTERSHY
What's that Angel? Oh my. Yes. Of
course. Sorry Starlight! Angel
needs help with his Hearth's
Warming doll!

They rush off.

Starlight watches Fluttershy go as she reveals HER half made
Hearth's Warming doll.

38 STARLIGHT
Yea, me too.

Pinkie pops out of a nearby plant, startling Starlight.

39 PINKIE PIE
Starlight! Hi. Remember, you never
saw me.

40 STARLIGHT
I never.. What?

Pinkie looks around suspiciously.

41 PINKIE PIE
I'm hiding the Hearth's Warming
Flag. The Apples will NEVER find it
this year.

She disappears, then reappears somewhere completely different, winks at Starlight and disappears again.

42 STARLIGHT
Why are you hiding the... Ugh,
nevermind.

Starlight sighs. She fiddles with her Hearth's Warming doll, trying to make the mane and tail look "right". No matter what she does, they keep sticking out at odd angles.

Twilight and Spike walk up behind her. Twilight notices the doll.

43 TWILIGHT
When I decided to open the castle
to everypony for the celebration
this year I'm not sure I knew what
I was getting myself into. Are you
having fun so far?

Starlight quickly hides the Hearth's Warming doll under a rug.

44 STARLIGHT
It's definitely ... a lot of a lot.
And, Um, actually, I'm kind of
beat. Very busy day. I might turn
in early.

45 SPIKE
Before the presents and the candy?!
Wait. Can I have your presents and
candy?

46 TWILIGHT
I THINK what Spike means to say is,
Hearth's Warming is a very special
time. It seems a shame to miss out
on all the fun.

47 STARLIGHT
I've never been big on holidays.
And you are all VERY BIG on
holidays.

Pinkie stealthily sneaks between Starlight and Twilight holding the Hearth's Warming Flag

48 PINKIE PIE
(whispering)
You never saw me.....

Awkward beat.

49 STARLIGHT
You all have your traditions. I'd
just be in the way.

50 SPIKE
So you're going to celebrate on
your own?

51 TWILIGHT
Spike and I spent a quiet Hearth's
Warming Eve together last year,
just the two of us. A quiet night
can be just as fulfilling.

52 STARLIGHT
Honestly, I'm not a big fan of
Hearth's Warming Eve. It's just
another day like any other, right?
Think I may just skip it.

Starlight looks around at the ponies bustling around her one
more time, sighs and heads up the stairs to her room.

53 SPIKE
Well... I guess if she doesn't want
to celebrate she doesn't have to.

Twilight lifts the rug revealing Starlight's Hearth's Warming
doll.

54 TWILIGHT
That's true Spike, but I have a
feeling she does want to. I think
she's just not quite sure how she
fits in yet.

55 SPIKE
Hey! I'm the only dragon in
Ponyville and I fit in fine. What's
her story?

56 TWILIGHT
A story! That's it! STARLIGHT! WAIT
UP! Great idea Spike.

57 SPIKE
It was?

Twilight stops Starlight at the top of the stairs, Spike
trailing behind her.

58 TWILIGHT
(making it up as she goes)
I... umm.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

I'm supposed to tell everypony my favorite Hearth's Warming Eve story tonight.

59 SPIKE

You are?

60 TWILIGHT

Yes! Yes I am. And I'm just a little nervous. I was wondering if I could practice on you first? To make sure I have all the details right?

61 STARLIGHT

I guess...

62 TWILIGHT

GREAT!! Let's see...

Twilight powers up her horn and teleports in pieces of furniture to create a cute little "story-telling nook." She leaps into a comfy looking chair and motions to Starlight who eases into an equally inviting chair.

63 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

This was my favorite story as a little filly. It's about a wizard who hated Hearth's Warming Eve!

64 SPIKE

Oh I LOVE this story!

Spike zips out of frame, then zips back in with a bag of popcorn and a large cup of cocoa.

65 SPIKE (CONT'D)

READY!

66 TWILIGHT

It all began many moons ago in Canterlot...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 5 - EXT. DICKENSIAN CANTERLOT - MORNING

It's Canterlot by way of Charles Dickens, looking more like the streets of 18th century London. The streets are bustling with all of our favorite pony characters, but in Equestria-Dickensian dress.

67 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Everypony was preparing for
Hearth's Warming Eve, just like we
do today. Every home in Canterlot
was filled with Holiday spirit.
Every home except one...

ANGLE ON: An imposing looking building. This is --

SC. 6 - INT. FROSTBRIGHT'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Reveal FROSTBRIGHT GINGER (Starlight Glimmer in costume) in
her study, hard at work on a spell. She measures ingredients
out carefully. This is clearly delicate business.

68 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
It was said of Frostbright that she
was almost as studied as Starswirl
the Bearded. Obviously that's
exaggeration, since everypony knows
that Starswirl was an expert at
transfiguration, Dimensional
Calibration, Teleportation--

69 SPIKE (V.O.)
Uh... Twilight?

70 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Oh. Right. Sorry. The point is,
Frostbright was a really good
wizard. She wanted to be perfect.
Anything that got in the way of
that was a waste of time.

CAROLING from the open window startles her, causing her to
dump all of the ingredients into her cauldron at once. BIG
EXPLOSION.

71 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
And to Frostbright, Hearth's
Warming Eve seemed like the biggest
waste of time of all.

As the smoke clears:

72 FROSTBRIGHT
Well, that batch is ruined.
SNOWDASH! Where is that pegasus?

SNOWDASH (Rainbow Dash in costume) flies into the study.

73 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Snowdash was Frostbright's loyal assistant.

74 SNOWDASH
You're loyal AND AWESOME assistant is right here, boss. What do you need?

75 FROSTBRIGHT
Get this mess cleaned up. Those foolish carolers were singing outside the window and I lost my concentration.

Snowdash zips around the room, cleaning.

76 SNOWDASH
(under her breath)
Whoa. Ponies singing on Hearth's Warming Eve. Where did they get a crazy idea like that?

77 FROSTBRIGHT
What was that?

78 SNOWDASH
Nothing. Just wondering if maybe you should take a break too? After all it IS Hearth's Warming Eve? Maybe have a little fun for a change?

79 FROSTBRIGHT
I've got work to do. Today is just a day like any other. I don't have time for silliness like parties and caroling.

The study door bursts open. CHARITY (Rarity) comes barging in dramatically.

80 CHARITY
(in singsongy voice)
Who's ready for a party?

FLUTTERHOLLY (Fluttershy) peeks around the corner and slowly flies in after her.

81 FLUTTERHOLLY
And caroling! Woo Hoo!

82 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Flutterholly and Charity were
Frostbright's nieces. They were as
sweet as Frostbright was serious.

Frostbright continues her work, barely paying attention to
her nieces.

83 FROSTBRIGHT
Charity, Flutterholly. I'm very
busy, what do you need?

84 FLUTTERHOLLY
Well auntie, We know you have no
plans for Hearth's Warming this
evening.

85 SNOWDASH
She never has any plans on any
evenings...

86 CHARITY
And we are throwing the most divine
party tonight. Everypony who is
anypony in Canterlot will be there
and we simply insist that you come.

87 FLUTTERSHY
Yes we insist... but only if you
want to.

Frostbright sighs.

88 FROSTBRIGHT
Must we do this every year? You
invite me to a party you don't
really want me to come to. I have
to tell you I'm not interested.

89 CHARITY
But of course we want you to
attend!

90 FLUTTERSHY
Auntie Frostbright. It's Hearth's
Warming Eve. It's a time to spend
with your friends and family.

91 FROSTBRIGHT
You mean a time to invite people
out of obligation while you waste
your gems on gifts and candy nopony
needs?

92 CHARITY

(clearly miffed)

So. Shall I assume that you are once again unable to attend this year due to your generally unpleasant demeanor and lack of social grace?

93 FROSTBRIGHT

Call it what you like. You celebrate in your way and I will NOT celebrate in mine.

94 FLUTTERHOLLY

Well, if you change your mind, you are always welcome. Happy Hearth's Warming Auntie. Happy Hearth's Warming Snowdash.

An annoyed Charity and disappointed Flutterholly exit. Snowdash hovers in the air nearby.

95 FROSTBRIGHT

Stop hovering, what do you want?

96 SNOWDASH

Well... even though YOU don't want to celebrate...

97 FROSTBRIGHT

You want to go home early, ignore all of the work you have to do for me and spend the rest of the evening wasting your time on frivolous merry making?

98 SNOWDASH

Exactly!

99 FROSTBRIGHT

I suppose I could waste my breath listing all of the ways you could better spend your time. But I doubt you would listen. So go if you want. Just be in all the earlier the next --

Before she can finish the sentence Snowdash has zipped out of the house leaving a rainbow trail behind her.

100 FROSTBRIGHT (CONT'D)

-- morning. Honestly. All of Equestria would be better off if we just skipped the day all together.

Starlight stares out the window at all of the happy ponies. She rolls her eyes. MUSIC UP. As she sings, she pretends various objects around her (coat rack, umbrella, etc) are other ponies.

101 FROSTBRIGHT (CONT'D)
*"Happy Hearth's Warming"
Ponies say in the street.
"Happy Hearth's Warming"
They think they're so sweet.
Words said so often
they lack any meaning.
Why should I join in?
I could be intervening!
Everypony loves this cursed holiday
but perhaps they'd be better off
with it out of the way...*

Back on the ponies in the street. An idea begins to take form in Frostbright's head. She shuts the window.

102 FROSTBRIGHT (CONT'D)
Well, Okay.

Frostbright gets her cauldron back out and starts pulling books off the shelf, searching for the right spell.

103 FROSTBRIGHT (CONT'D)
*Say goodbye to the holiday
With my magic I'll erase it
The greatest gift I give today
And everypony will have to face it.*

She locates the book she needs.

104 FROSTBRIGHT (CONT'D)
*No more games for you to play
After you say goodbye to the
holiday.*

Frostbright tosses ingredients into the cauldron. Each new ingredient changes the color of the smoke pouring out. In the smoke we see images that represent Hearth's Warming Eve (Hearth's Warming Dolls, Wrapped Gifts, Invitations, etc.)

*Goodbye Hearth's Warming
Yes you had a good run
Goodbye Hearth's Warming
It's over, you're done
Finally set free from
your forced celebrations
no more need to reply
to your trite invitations
Calendars shorter by a single day
(MORE)*

FROSTBRIGHT (CONT'D)

*Is my magic up to the test?
Time to see, can't delay.*

The window bursts open. Ice cold wind flies in (and perhaps the echo of a Windigo howl?). As the wind whips Frostbright's hair she continues her preparations.

*Say goodbye to the holiday
Prepare the spell, no hesitation
All memories shall fade away
See Equestria's new transformation
No more shall any ponies say
"Happy Hearth's Warming Eve" not
after today*

*So now we say goodbye to the
holiday
Time to say goodbye to the holiday
For all time goodbye to the
holiday!*

The smoke pouring out of the cauldron takes on the shadowy form of the Windigos, their eyes glowing as we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 7 - INT. FROSTBRIGHT'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Frostbright stands above her cauldron, ready to cast her spell.

105 FROSTBRIGHT
Once this spell is cast all of
Equestria will be better off.
Everypony from Snowdash to
Flutterholly and Charity will be
free of this cursed holiday.

Suddenly, Starlight's voice breaks into the scene.

106 STARLIGHT (V.O.)
Wait a minute.

SC. 8 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

Spike is enraptured by the story. His eyes are as wide as saucers. Starlight looks at Twilight skeptically.

107 STARLIGHT
Seriously? Snowdash? Flutterholly?
Charity? The names in this story
sound awfully familiar.

108 SPIKE
Geez Starlight, way to upset the
dramatic flow of the narrative.

109 TWILIGHT
(nervous laugh)
Heh heh. Yea, the names are a
LITTLE coincidental.

110 STARLIGHT
Mm hmm. And "skipping" Hearth's
Warming Eve? Also a coincidence?

111 TWILIGHT
(sidestepping the
question)
We're just about to get to the good
part.

Starlight rolls her eyes.

112 STARLIGHT
Ok... but if a dragon named "Ike"
shows up I'm going to bed.

113 SPIKE
You mean a handsome and dashing
dragon named Ike, right?

114 TWILIGHT
Where was I? Ah yes, Frostbright
was all set to cast her spell that
would erase Hearth's Warming Eve
for all time--

FADE TO:

SC. 9 - INT. FROSTBRIGHT'S STUDY- NIGHT

Frostbright is moments away from casting her spell.

115 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
--when a voice from the hearth
caught her attention.

116 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Now just hang on a second there
sugarcube. You SURE you wanna go
through with this.

Frostbright jumps.

117 FROSTBRIGHT
Who's there!

Angle on: Frostbright's hearth. A pony steps out, soot
billowing around her. However the pony (and her cowgirl hat)
remain perfectly clean.

118 APPLEJACK
The Spirit of Hearth's Warmin'
Past, that's who. And you and me
have got to have us a little chat.

119 FROSTBRIGHT
There's no such thing as spirits.

120 APPLEJACK
Oh so normal ponies just come
hoppin outta your hearth on a
regular basis?

As if she were at a rodeo, the spirit leaps around the room,
going right through objects as if she wasn't there.

121 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
See there? Now, why are you tryin'
to get rid of Hearth's Warming Eve?

122 FROSTBRIGHT
Because it does nopony any good.
That's all the reason I need.

123 APPLEJACK
I bet there's a bit more to it than
that, and I know just where to
look. Now let's get a move on, we
got a ton to see and barely any
time to see it.

124 FROSTBRIGHT
Where are we going?

125 APPLEJACK
I'm the spirit of Hearth's
Warming's Past, Where do you think
we're goin?

Applejack lassos Frostbright and leaps out of the window, dragging an unwilling Frostbright behind her. They fly towards a shimmering light in the night sky: The Past.

SC. 10 - EXT. EQUESTRIAN SKY - CONTINUOUS

Applejack flies through the night sky as Frostbright hangs on desperately to the lasso. The stars whizz past creating a magical backdrop. MUSIC UP.

126 APPLEJACK
*As a young thing, life sure is
something
You go makin choices large and
small
Always growing, a little like a
seedling
Before you know it big and tall.*

SC. 11- EXT. SMALL VILLAGE - MORNING/CONTINUOUS

They land in a small village. Snow on the ground, houses decorated for Hearth's Warming.

127 APPLEJACK
*And every little bitty choice you
make
Sends you down a path to who you
are today
So lets take a little trip down
memory lane
And see just what the past has to
say.*

Applejack and Frostbright watch as four ponies run past them, including a YOUNG FROSTBRIGHT. Although all act excited, Young Frostbright is definitely the most exuberant.

128 FROSTBRIGHT
Is that... me?

129 APPLEJACK
*Sure is, look at how cute you were.
And looks like you're not too upset
it's Hearth's Warming Eve either.*

Young Frostbright leads other ponies in the decorating. She gives a young pony a gift, clearly enjoying Hearth's Warming Eve.

130 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
*The seeds of the past, they grow
pretty fast
Look at who you were back then
The seeds as they grow, look what
they can show
Reveal the truth time and again*

Frostbright can't help but smile at her younger self.
Applejack taps her on the shoulder. Frostbright turns as we
magically...

TRANSITION TO:

SC. 12 - INT. SMALL COTTAGE - A FEW YEARS LATER

Applejack and Frostbright find themselves in a quaint cottage
decorated for Hearth's Warming Eve. Frostbright looks wary.

131 FROSTBRIGHT
I remember this...

Young Frostbright (looking slightly different so we
understand this is different Hearth's Warming Eve from
before) comes rushing in with a simple looking Hearth's
Warming Doll. She excitedly hangs it on the hearth.

Three other young ponies come in (the same three that were
playing with her in the previous scene, each carrying much
fancier Hearth's Warming Dolls).

A beat as they all stare at Frostbright's Hearth's Warming
Doll, Frostbright standing proudly next to it.

They all start laughing.

132 PONY #1
Is THAT your Hearth's Warming doll?

133 PONY #2
Haha. It looks so... PLAIN. What is
wrong with you?

Pony #2 shows off her much fancier, more detailed Hearth's
Warming Doll.

134 PONY #3
Honestly Frostbright, you really
shouldn't even bother celebrating
Hearth's Warming if you aren't
going to even TRY to do it right.

Laughing, the ponies push past her and hang their Hearth's Warming Dolls. They accidentally knock her doll off the Hearth. It lands on the ground at Young Frostbright's feet. They don't even notice. Frostbright looks devastated.

135 APPLEJACK
*Then some distress, ponies that are
careless
Standing there, you don't know what
to do
Feeling helpless, can't make it
hurt less
So you make the choice to be mean
too.*

Young Frostbright's expression hardens. She turns away from the ponies and their Hearth's Warming dolls and walks out the door (past Applejack and Frostbright), leaving her plain looking doll on the floor behind her.

136 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
*And in that moment though you
didn't know it
Your defenses set up walls you
built to last
Leading to the pony you've become
today
And the spell that you're about to
cast.*

Frostbright looks out the window as other young ponies approach Young Frostbright with Hearth's Warming decorations and lights. She ignores them all and walks away, leaving them confused and sad.

Close on Frostbright.

137 FROSTBRIGHT
*The seeds of the past, we grow up
so fast
Some hurts never go away*

138 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
*The seeds as they grow, things we
can't let go
All tied to this one holiday*

We pull out on Frostbright's face and realize that...

SC. 13 - INT. FROSTBRIGHT'S STUDY - NIGHT/CONTINUOUS

Frostbright is alone back in her study. She looks around.

139 FROSTBRIGHT
Spirit? Why did you show me these
things? What am I supposed to--

Angle on: a HUGE present wrapped up with a pretty pink bow.
It DEFINITELY was not there before.

140 FROSTBRIGHT (CONT'D)
--do? Where did this come from?

She unties the bow.

CONFETTI EXPLOSION

The Spirit of Hearth's Warming Present (Pinkie Pie) jumps out
of the box and lands with a flourish.

141 PINKIE PIE
FROSTBRIGHT GINGER! IT IS I, THE
SPIRIT OF HEARTH'S WARMING
PRESENTS!!!

142 FROSTBRIGHT
Um, don't you mean present, like,
the time?

143 PINKIE PIE
No. I'm pretty sure it's presents.
Toys, Hearth's Warming dolls, here
want a cupcake?

She tosses a cupcake at Frostbright who stops it midair and
sets it aside.

144 FROSTBRIGHT
Fine. Presents. All of the
pointless things that ponies waste
their hard earned gems on?

145 PINKIE PIE
Oh Frostbright. They aren't
pointless. It's not what the gift
is that matters, it's what the gift
MEANS!

146 FROSTBRIGHT
It doesn't mean anything. It's just
stuff.

147 PINKIE PIE
Exactly! Stuff that MEANS
something. Sometimes a cupcake
means I love you! Or a toy means
Hi! How ya doin?
(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

And sometimes a book means, "You're mane looks AMAZING!" And sometimes a scarf means... well, a scarf usually means you look cold. That one's easy.

148 FROSTBRIGHT

I don't understand anything you're saying.

The spirit starts to tingle and vibrate all over.

149 FROSTBRIGHT (CONT'D)

Are you ok? What's happening to you?

150 PINKIE PIE

My Spirit of Hearth's Warming Presents-sense is going off! A twinkle in my eye! Belly shaking like a bowl full of jelly! Nipping at my nose! That means a song is coming on!

Pinkie reaches out of frame and magically pulls down a backdrop, transporting herself and Frostbright to...

SC. 14 - EXT. STREETS OF CANTERLOT - CONTINUOUS

Pinkie grabs Frostbright and starts leading her through the streets of Canterlot. Storefronts are decorated for Hearth's Warming Eve. It's late but the ponies still out on the street are all happy as they take in the sights, do last minute shopping, etc.

Frostbright waves her hoof in front of a few ponies and realizes none of them can see either her or Pinkie.

MUSIC UP. Pinkie joyfully and excitedly takes in the wonders around her as she sings:

151 PINKIE PIE

*Take a look at everything around
you
Smell the smells that surely will
astound you
Open up your heart, it will
surround you
Feel the magic of Hearth's Warming
Eve
The little things that makes things
better
Ponies spreading cheer!*
(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
*Give a toy, a hug a sweater
Memories that last all year!*

Pinkie gives a young pony a toy, another pony a hug and an elder pony an ugly holiday sweater. They don't notice Pinkie, but the gifts instantly make the ponies happier.

152 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
*The present's always filled with
presents
Large medium and small
Sometimes the most important things
Aren't very big at all
Life is a gift that's meant to
share
So take some time to show you care
That is why Hearth's Warming Eve is
there*

Pinkie bounces up to a nice looking building. Frostbright follows.

153 FROSTBRIGHT
*I know this place, this is where my
nieces live, Flutterholly and
Charity. I was invited here
tonight.*

154 PINKIE PIE
*Oooooo! A Party! Let's see what
you're missing out on!!*

Pinkie pushes Frostbright through the door.

SC. 15 - INT. FLUTTERHOLLY & CHARITY'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

The party is in full swing with ponies laughing and dancing as DJ PON-3 and OCTAVIA play Dickensian versions of their instruments. Pinkie is loving all of it.

155 PINKIE PIE
*What a party! There's so much to
see here!
I can't believe you didn't want to
be here
You would've had a blast I
guarantee here
THIS is the spirit of Hearth's
Warming Eve!
The cider's flowing, this is
living!
Come on feel the beat!
(MORE)*

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

*Life is better when you're giving
Each time you do it feels so sweet!*

Pinkie drags Frostbright to a table full of food and starts piling a plate with what seems an impossible amount of sweets.

Charity and Flutterholly walk up to the table next to them.

156 CHARITY

This party is smashing! Absolutely SMASHING! I heard someponies saying that this was THE social event of the season!

157 FLUTTERHOLLY

(unenthusiastically)

Yay.

158 CHARITY

What is it dear?

159 FLUTTERHOLLY

I just wish Auntie Frostbright was here. I feel bad knowing she's all alone in that big drafty home of hers.

160 CHARITY

I know. I wish she was here too. But you can't force someone to have fun. They have to want it for themselves.

161 FLUTTERHOLLY

Oh well. I guess there's next year.

162 CHARITY

Maybe by then Auntie Frosty will have thawed off a little bit.

Charity and Flutterholly walk back towards their guests leaving Frostbright standing there, surprise evident on her face.

163 FROSTBRIGHT

They actually wanted me to come?

Pinkie pokes her head out from behind the giant pile of sweets on her plate and talks through a mouthful of food.

164 PINKIE PIE

Of course they did silly. Why wouldn't they want you to?

165 FROSTBRIGHT
Because. I'm mean, brusque, and I
never talk to them. Why would
anypony want me around?

166 PINKIE PIE
Wow. Sounds like they like you more
than you like you.

Pinkie grabs Frostbright's hooves and drags her towards a pile of presents, leaving her leaning pile of goodies to topple over.

167 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
*The present's always filled with
presents
come on open your eyes
Spend time with ponies who like you
and watch your spirits rise*

Pinkie starts shifting the gifts around like jenga blocks, each one leaning precariously on, near, or below another.

168 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
*Just take a chance open the door
And do more than you did before
That is what Hearth's Warming Eve
is for.*

Big finish! Standing next to her precarious jenga block tower of gifts, Pinkie pulls the very bottom present out and hands it to Frostbright. As she sings they both watch as the gifts topple towards ponies, who each catch one as if it were meant for them.

Everypony starts laughing and dancing with each other.

169 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
*The present's always filled with
presents
Just take a look around
The reason for the holiday
is quite easily found
It's not about the gifts you see
It's time with friends spent
happily
That is what Hearth's Warming Means
to Me!
Hee Hee!*

Confetti flies everywhere as we:

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE**SC. 16 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - NIGHT**

Starlight and Spike are staring at Twilight, who is singing in a high pitched Pinkie Pie-esque voice.

170 TWILIGHT
That is what Hearth's Warming Means
to me...

Twilight sees them staring at her.

171 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
What?

172 STARLIGHT
You know you're doing your Pinkie
Pie voice right?

173 TWILIGHT
(blushing)
I was not...

Starlight tries unsuccessfully to act disinterested.

174 STARLIGHT
(casually)
So... what happened next? Where did
the spirit take Frostbright.

175 TWILIGHT
Well, Frostbright found herself
transported from the festivities of
her niece's party...

FADE TO:

SC. 17 - EXT. SNOWDASH'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Frostbright and Pinkie (still carrying a plate of cookies from the party) find themselves on a dimly lit street in a poorer part of town.

The streets are still decorated but the decorations are plainer and more subdued than they were on the previous street.

176 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
...to a much different, much
quieter part of Canterlot.

177 FROSTBRIGHT
Spirit, what is this place? It
doesn't seem very festive.

Pinkie motions to the window of the smallest house on the street.

178 PINKIE PIE
Maybe you just need to look closer.

Frostbright peers inside and sees--

SC. 18 - INT. SNOWDASH'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Frostbright and Pinkie stare in through the window as Snowdash decorates her meager hearth.

179 FROSTBRIGHT
Snowdash!

A younger pony races into the room on a scooter made of wood:
SLEIGH RACER (Scootaloo).

180 SNOWDASH
So? What do you think Sleigh Racer?
Is the hearth ready?

Sleigh Racer studies the hearth. The decorations are meager, really not very much at all.

181 SLEIGH RACER
Not quite.

Sleigh Racer reveals her very plain Hearth's Warming doll. The similarity to Young Frostbright's Hearth's Warming doll isn't lost on us (or Frostbright).

182 SNOWDASH
Is THAT your Hearth's Warming
doll??

Sleigh Racer self-consciously looks at her Hearth's Warming Doll.

183 SLEIGH RACER
Yes. Is it okay?

184 SNOWDASH
No, it's not ok.

Snowdash grabs it from her.

185 SNOWDASH (CONT'D)
It's AWESOME!

Snowdash places it in the center of the Hearth.

186 SNOWDASH (CONT'D)
And now our Hearth is awesome too!

SC. 19 - EXT. SNOWDASH'S HOUSE- CONTINUOUS

Frostbright is choked up by the scene inside.

187 PINKIE PIE
What's the matter Frostbright?

188 FROSTBRIGHT
(composing herself,
sniffing)
Nothing. It's just very chilly out
here. I may be coming down with a
cold.

189 PINKIE PIE
Well it seems pretty warm inside by
the hearth. But I'm afraid soon it
may be as cold in there as it is
out here.

Frostbright turns. The spirit is gone.

190 FROSTBRIGHT
Spirit? What do you mean? What's
going to happen?

Mist billows in, obscuring the street. Frostbright backs
towards the window to Snowdash's home, the only source of
light.

Cold wind billows in around her. A figure bathed in darkness
and shadow appears in the mist, eyes glowing, the full moon
behind her casting an eerie shadow.

191 FROSTBRIGHT (CONT'D)
W-who are you?

The figure steps into the light. This is the SPIRIT OF
HEARTH'S WARMING YET TO COME (PRINCESS LUNA). She looks down
at Frostbright.

192 LUNA
I am the Spirit of Hearth's Warming
Yet to Come Frostbright Ginger.
(MORE)

LUNA (CONT'D)
And what is to come is your
responsibility.

Icy cold wind whips around them both.

193 FROSTBRIGHT
(shivering)
Are you here to show me what future
Hearth's Warming Eves are like?

194 LUNA
(shaking her head sadly)
No Frostbright Ginger. For there
are no more Hearth's Warming Eves
for me to show.

Howling in the distance.

195 FROSTBRIGHT
Why not?

196 LUNA
You are a powerful wizard. You will
succeed in erasing the holiday as
you wished.

The howling is closer. The mist obscures everything until
there's nothing left. No buildings. Just the wind.

197 FROSTBRIGHT
And what happens?

The mist clears. In the distance, we see that Canterlot is
frozen over. Luna and Frostbright stand in an open, barren
area surrounded by ice and snow.

198 LUNA
This. With no holiday to remember
the lessons of the past, ponies
forget a history they are doomed to
repeat. With no holiday to
celebrate the joy of the present,
they lose the music and laughter in
their hearts.

The Windigos burst through the mist, surrounding both of
them.

199 FROSTBRIGHT
WINDIGOS!?

200 LUNA
Your actions allowed them to
return.

(MORE)

LUNA (CONT'D)

And the future of Equestria is
bathed in a blanket of eternal
snow.

201 FROSTBRIGHT

No! I never meant for this to
happen. I didn't understand! I
didn't see how important Hearth's
Warming Eve was!! Please spirit! I
haven't cast the spell yet! Is
there still time?? Can I change?

Luna turns and walks into the mist, leaving Frostbright alone
with the Windigos.

CUT TO:

SC. 20 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - EVENING

Twilight sits in her chair, Starlight and Spike hanging on
every word.

202 TWILIGHT

The end.

203 SPIKE AND STARLIGHT

WHAT?!?!?

204 SPIKE

THAT'S A TERRIBLE ENDING!!!

205 STARLIGHT

Yeah. What happens next? Does she
change? Does Frostbright embrace
Hearth's Warming Eve?

206 TWILIGHT

(smiling slyly)

I don't know, does she?

Spike looks from Twilight back to Frostbright.

207 SPIKE

Oh, I see what you did there.

208 STARLIGHT

This was a Twilight Sparkle
teachable moment wasn't it.

209 TWILIGHT

(pleased with herself)

YES!

210 STARLIGHT
Is that really how the story goes?

211 TWILIGHT
I MAY have made a few tweaks in a couple of places.

212 STARLIGHT
How did you know I was lying when I said I didn't like Hearth's Warming Eve?

Twilight reveals the Hearth's Warming Doll that Starlight was fiddling with earlier.

213 TWILIGHT
A little Hearth's Warming Eve doll may have given me a clue.

214 STARLIGHT
I guess I thought if I wasn't as good at celebrating it as you all were you might not want me to join in.

215 TWILIGHT
And now?

216 STARLIGHT
Well, I heard a story from a friend that made me realize that it doesn't matter how you celebrate as much as it matters who you celebrate with. After all, Hearth's Warming Eve is a time to spend with friends and family right.

217 TWILIGHT
Right.

Starlight looks at the doll, she smiles.

218 STARLIGHT
I think I have a new tradition for Hearth's Warming Eve.

219 TWILIGHT
What's that?

220 STARLIGHT
I'm going to make you tell that story every year.

221 SPIKE
Oooo. But next year add in Ike the
dragon!

Starlight walks down the stairs with her Hearth's Warming
doll into the midst of the holiday festivities. MUSIC UP.
(The reprise is a mix of Pinkie's song and the opening song):

222 STARLIGHT
*Hearth's Warming Eve is filled with
presents
Doesn't matter what they are
The gift of spending time with
friends
is the biggest gift by far.*

As Starlight walks through the crowd everypony stops what
they are doing and takes notice.

Starlight approaches the Hearth and looks at her doll.

223 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
*And even if you're feeling new
And aren't quite sure of what to do
Just listen, let the spirits give a
clue.*

Starlight sets her doll up on the Hearth. Each of the ponies
does the same with theirs. We see that each doll is
different, representing the variety of personalities in this
group of friends. (Of course, Pinkie just drops a rock in a
bowl of soup NEXT to the Hearth).

All of the ponies sing together.

224 ALL PONIES
*Now it's time to celebrate
Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again
All together feeling great
Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again
Now we can't wait
Party til late
Our favorite date*

225 TWILIGHT
Happy Hearth's Warming Starlight.

226 STARLIGHT
Happy Hearth's Warming Twilight.

227 ALL PONIES
*Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
again!!!*

And as we watch Starlight, the Mane 6, Spike and our other core ponies sharing in the magic of Hearth's Warming Eve we...

FADE TO:

SC. 21 - INT. FLUTTERHOLLY AND CHARITY'S HOUSE - EVENING

A matching scene as Frostbright Ginger, Charity, Flutterholly, Snow Dash, Sleigh Racer and anypony else we want, celebrate Hearth's Warming as well.

228 STARLIGHT (V.O.)
Frostbright Ginger became as good a wizard, as good a pony and as good a friend as anypony in all Equestria. And it was said of Frostbright that she knew how to keep Hearth's Warming Eve well, if anypony possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of all of us this season. A Happy Hearth's Warming to each and every Pony.

FADE OUT

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