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MY LITTLE PONY 6

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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 but
Rainbow Dash swoops in through a window and catches it.

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16 RARITY (CONT'D)
Oh Goodness Sake!

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

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

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18 APPLEJACK
Lot's of tasty things to eat

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

20 GRANNY SMITH
Dough was kneaded, eggs were beat

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

22 GRANNY SMITH
Careful the heat!

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

24 BIG MAC
(chewing)
Eyup!

25 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.

Twilight and Spike approach Starlight.

26 TWILIGHT
Hey Starlight! Ready to celebrate
your first Hearth's Warming Eve
here in Ponyville

27 STARLIGHT
I was thinking I might just skip
it.

Off Twilight and Spike's shocked expressions...

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - RESUME

Spike and Twilight stare at Starlight in shock.

28 SPIKE
SKIP HEARTH'S WARMING EVE?!?!

29 STARLIGHT
Back when I was running my village
I sort of... forced everyone to
stop celebrating Hearth's Warming
Eve. I don't really feel right
celebrating it now.

30 SPIKE
Why would you deny yourself
presents and candy! That's crazy
talk!

31 TWILIGHT
I THINK what Spike means to say is,
Hearth's Warming is a very special
holiday. You're a different pony
than you were back then. That's
something to celebrate.

32 STARLIGHT
It still doesn't feel right. Guess
I'm not quite ready. Maybe next
year.

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Starlight takes one last look around at the ponies bustling
around her, sighs and heads up the stairs to her room.
Twilight chases after her.

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33 TWILIGHT
STARLIGHT! WAIT UP!

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

34 STARLIGHT
Look I know you're going to try to
make me feel better about the past.
But it's just not easy since I'm
the villain in my own story.

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A beat, then Twilight gets an idea.

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35 TWILIGHT
(making it up as she goes)
Speaking of stories, I'm supposed
to tell everypony my favorite
Hearth's Warming Eve story tonight.

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36 SPIKE
Really? Since when?

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Twilight shoots Spike a look.

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37 TWILIGHT
(to Starlight)
I'm just a little nervous. I was
wondering if I could practice on
you first?

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38 STARLIGHT
I guess...

39 TWILIGHT
GREAT!!

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CUT TO:

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SC. 5 - INT. TWILIGHT'S LIBRARY - MOMENTS LATER

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Twilight and Starlight sit in comfy chairs. Spike stretches
out on a rug in front of the fire. Twilight reads from an old
dusty tome.

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

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41 SPIKE
**Frostbright Ginger? Never heard of
her.**

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Twilight shoots Spike another look.

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42 TWILIGHT
It all began many moons ago in
Canterlot...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 6 - EXT. DICKENSIAN CANTERLOT - MORNING

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It's Canterlot by way of Charles Dickens. The streets are
bustling with all of our favorite pony characters, but in
Equestria-Dickensian dress.

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43 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. 7 - INT. FROSTBRIGHT'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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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.

44 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
It was said of Frostbright that she
was almost as studied as Starswirl
the Bearded. **Almost**, since
everypony knows that Starswirl was
an expert at **everything from**
transfiguration, Dimensional
Calibration, Teleportation--

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45 SPIKE (V.O.)
We get it. Starswirl is awesome...

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

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

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

As the smoke clears:

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

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

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

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

51 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.

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

53 FROSTBRIGHT
What was that?

54 SNOWDASH
Nothing. Just wondering if maybe
you should take a break too?
(MORE)

SNOWDASH (CONT'D)

After all it IS Hearth's Warming
Eve? There's a big party tonight if
you--

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55 FROSTBRIGHT

Hearth's Warming Eve is just a day
like any other.

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56 SNOWDASH

No. It's the day we remember how
unicorns, pegasi and earth ponies
came together in friendship to
defeat the Windigos.

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57 FROSTBRIGHT

And how does everypony celebrate?
By singing songs, eating candy and
exchanging meaningless gifts. When
they should be working to make
Equestria a better place.

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58 SNOWDASH

What does that even mean?

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59 FROSTBRIGHT

It means, working towards a common
goal, learning new skills and using
your abilities for the benefit of
other ponies. But If you want to go
home early, ignore all of the work
you have and spend the rest of the
evening wasting your time on
frivolous merry making--

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60 SNOWDASH

SWEET!

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Before she can finish the sentence Snowdash has zipped out of
the house leaving a rainbow trail behind her. Starlight
stares out the window at all of the happy ponies. She rolls
her eyes.

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61 FROSTBRIGHT

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

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MUSIC UP. As she sings, she pretends various objects around
her (coat rack, umbrella, etc) are other ponies.

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62 FROSTBRIGHT (CONT'D)

"Happy Hearth's Warming"
Ponies say in the street.
"Happy Hearth's Warming"
(MORE)

FROSTBRIGHT (CONT'D)

*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.

63 FROSTBRIGHT (CONT'D)

Well, Okay.

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

64 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.

65 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
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
(MORE)*

FROSTBRIGHT (CONT'D)

*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. 8 - INT. FROSTBRIGHT'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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

66 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.

67 STARLIGHT (V.O.)

Wait a minute.

SC. 9 - INT. TWILIGHT'S LIBRARY - DAY

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Spike is enraptured by the story. Starlight looks at Twilight skeptically.

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68 STARLIGHT

Frostbright doesn't like Hearth's
Warming Eve so she decides to cast
a spell to get rid of it
altogether? That seems a little
extreme.

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69 SPIKE

Says the pony who made everypony
equal by replacing their cutie
marks with equal signs.

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70 TWILIGHT

I THINK what Spike is trying to say
is that everypony has their reasons
for doing things. Even Frostbright.
And if I could continue the story,
we might just find out what they
are.

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71 SPIKE

Proceed.

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Twilight looks back down at her book and flips to the next
page.

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72 TWILIGHT

Frostbright was all set to cast her
spell that would erase Hearth's
Warming Eve for all time--

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FADE TO:

SC. 10 - INT. FROSTBRIGHT'S STUDY- NIGHT

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Frostbright is moments away from casting her spell.

73 TWILIGHT (V.O.)

--when a voice from the hearth
caught her attention.

74 APPLEJACK (O.S.)

Now just hang on a second there
sugarcube. You SURE you wanna go
through with this.

Frostbright jumps.

75 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.

76 APPLEJACK

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

77 FROSTBRIGHT

What business does any spirit have
with me?

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Applejack takes in her surroundings.

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78 APPLEJACK

Well now, I just told you I'm the
spirit of Hearth's Warmin Past and
here you are tryin to get rid of
Hearth's Warming Eve altogether? I
think it would be plum obvious. Now
let's get a move on, we got a ton
to see and barely any time to see
it.

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79 FROSTBRIGHT

I'm not going anywhere. I've got a
spell to cast. And I don't need a
history lesson about Hearth's
Warming Eve.

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80 APPLEJACK

We aren't goin to the past to learn
about the holiday. We're goin to
learn about you.

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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.

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SC. 11 - EXT. EQUESTRIAN SKY - CONTINUOUS

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

81 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. 12- EXT. SMALL VILLAGE - MORNING/CONTINUOUS

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

82 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. *

83 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
*Awww, look how cute you were. 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.

84 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. 13 - INT. SMALL COTTAGE - DAY *

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

Young Frostbright comes rushing in with a simple looking Hearth's Warming Doll. She excitedly hangs it on the hearth. *

Three other young ponies come in. A beat as they all stare at Frostbright's Hearth's Warming Doll, Frostbright standing proudly next to it. *

They all start laughing.

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

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

86 PONY #3
Honestly Frostbright, you really
shouldn't even bother celebrating
Hearth's Warming if you aren't *any*
good at it.

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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.

87 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.

88 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.

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

90 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. 14 - INT. FROSTBRIGHT'S STUDY - NIGHT/CONTINUOUS

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

91 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.

92 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.

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

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

95 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.

96 FROSTBRIGHT
Fine. Presents. All of the
pointless things that ponies waste
their time on?

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97 PINKIE PIE
Oh Frostbright. They aren't
pointless.
(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

It's not what the gift is that matters, it's what the gift MEANS!

98 FROSTBRIGHT

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

99 PINKIE PIE

Exactly! Stuff that MEANS something. Sometimes a cupcake means I love you! Or a toy means Hi! How ya doin? 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.

100 FROSTBRIGHT

I don't understand anything you're saying.

The spirit starts to tingle and vibrate all over.

101 FROSTBRIGHT (CONT'D)

Are you ok? What's happening to you?

102 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 Frosbright to...

SC. 15 - EXT. STREETS OF CANTERLOT - CONTINUOUS

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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:

103 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!
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.

104 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. *Snowdash flies up to the door. Fluttershy (FLUTTERHOLLY) and Rarity (CHARITY) open the door (dressed in Dickensian garb) and welcome her inside.*

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105 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
*Oooooo! A Party! Let's see what
you're missing out on!!*

Pinkie pushes Frostbright through the door.

SC. 16 - INT. FLUTTERHOLLY & CHARITY'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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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.

106 PINKIE PIE
*What a party! There's so much to
see here!
I can't believe you didn't want to
be here*

(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
*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!
Life is better when you're giving
Each time you do it feels so sweet!*

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

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

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

108 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.

109 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...

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CUT TO:

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SC. 17 - INT. TWILIGHT'S LIBRARY - NIGHT

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

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

Twilight sees them staring at her.

111 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
What?

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

113 TWILIGHT
(blushing)
I was not...

Starlight tries unsuccessfully to act disinterested.

114 STARLIGHT
Hold on. So in this classic holiday
tale that you really felt the need
to share with me, a villain decides
to get rid of Hearth's Warming Eve
because of some trauma in her past
and then misses out on a big party
as a result?
(then)
Are you sure you're not just making
this up as you go?

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Off Twilight's nervous expression we...

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END ACT TWO

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ACT THREE

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SC. 18 - INT. TWILIGHT'S LIBRARY - RESUME

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Spike and Starlight await Twilight's reply.

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115 TWILIGHT
Of COURSE I'm not making it up!
What would make you think that?

116 SPIKE
The similarities between
Frostbright and Starlight ARE
uncanny.

Twilight closes the book.

117 TWILIGHT
So I should just stop reading.

118 STARLIGHT
I didn't say that.

Twilight re-opens the book.

119 TWILIGHT
The party was in full swing...

SC. 19 - EXT. FLUTTERHOLLY AND CHARITY'S HOUSE - NIGHT

The party is still in full swing. Frostbright and Pinkie Pie observe Flutterholly and Charity approach Snowdash, who looks a little glum.

120 CHARITY
Snowdash!

121 SNOWDASH
(glum)
Hey Charity.

122 CHARITY
Whatever is the matter? You're not
your usual festive self!

123 FLUTTERHOLLY
Was it the eggnog? I knew I put in
too much cinnamon.

124 SNOWDASH
The eggnog was awesome
Flutterholly. I've had seven cups.
It's just... somepony made me feel
bad about celebrating tonight.

125 CHARITY
I don't suppose that pony's name
starts with "frost"?

126 FLUTTERHOLLY
And ends with "bright"?

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127 SNOWDASH
She's always so serious! She said
Hearth's Warming Eve is just an
excuse to party and we would all be
better off spending time working to
make Equestria a better place.

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128 CHARITY
Yes but... isn't that what Hearth's
Warming Eve is for?

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129 FLUTTERHOLLY
Yes. I know spending time with you
guys makes Equestria a better place
for me.

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130 CHARITY
And if you aren't spending time
with people you care about it
doesn't really matter what other
work you accomplish. What does
Frostbright think a better
Equestria looks like?

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131 SNOWDASH
Ponies working towards a common
goal...

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132 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
Yoo Hoo!

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Pinkie pops up next to a group of ponies working together to
decorate the hearth, grabbing Frostbright's attention.

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133 SNOWDASH
Learning new skills...

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Pinkie crunches into a cookie next to Frostbright. She
gestures and we WHIP PAN over to a group of ponies teaching
some younger ponies how to bake cookies.

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134 SNOWDASH (CONT'D)
And using their abilities for the
benefit of other ponies.

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A snowball hits Frostbright. She looks over to an open
window. Pinkie points to a couple pegasi shaking snow out of
small clouds. Young earth ponies below make snowponies.

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Charity and Flutterholly look out at the Hearth's Warming
scene at the party.

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135 CHARITY
It looks like we've got everything
on Frostbright's list right here.

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136 FLUTERHOLLY
I think a perfect Equestria looks a
lot like a Hearth's Warming Eve
party.

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Pinkie whispers in Frostbright's ear.

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137 PINKIE PIE
Me too.
(then)
Too bad it's the last one EVER.

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Frostbright turns. The spirit is gone.

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

Mist billows in, obscuring the party. Frostbright looks
around, confused.

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Cold wind billows in around her. The other ponies at the
party all fade into the mist. A figure bathed in darkness and
shadow appears, eyes glowing, the full moon behind her
casting an eerie shadow.

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139 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.

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140 LUNA
I am the Spirit of Hearth's Warming
Yet to Come Frostbright Ginger. And
what is to come is your
responsibility.

Icy cold wind whips around them both.

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

142 LUNA
(shaking her head sadly)
No Frostbright Ginger.
(MORE)

LUNA (CONT'D)

For there are no more Hearth's
Warming Eves for me to show.

Howling in the distance.

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143 FROSTBRIGHT
Why not?

144 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.

145 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. <MUSIC UP> as Luna sings...

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146 LUNA
I see a cold win blowing through
I see days neither fun nor free
I see a future caused by you
I see a path not meant to be

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The future should be filled with
magic
dreams and wishes brought to life
The days ahead are sad and tragic
no time for hope when all is strife

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The future should be filled with
light
Filled with friends who love and
care
but the future is not that
Frostbright
for now it is a cold nightmare

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

147 FROSTBRIGHT
WINDIGOS!?

148 LUNA
Your actions allowed them to
return. And the future of Equestria
is bathed in a blanket of eternal
snow.

149 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?? *I'm sorry!*

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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.

150 TWILIGHT
The end.

151 SPIKE AND STARLIGHT
WHAT?!?!?

152 SPIKE
THAT'S A TERRIBLE ENDING!!!

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

154 TWILIGHT
(smiling slyly)
I don't know, does she?

Spike looks from Twilight back to Frostbright.

155 SPIKE
Oh, I see what you did there.

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

157 TWILIGHT
(pleased with herself)
YES!

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Starlight grabs the book from Twilight.

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158 STARLIGHT
(reading cover)
"Organizational habits of
successful ponies?"

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159 TWILIGHT
There's actually some very useful
information in there.

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160 STARLIGHT
I know I don't have a lot of
Hearth's Warming Eve experience.
But I think that making up a story
to make a friend feel better is a
pretty amazing gift.

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161 TWILIGHT
Did it work?

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SC. 21 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

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Everypony is celebrating together. MUSIC UP. (The reprise is
a mix of Pinkie's song and the opening song):

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162 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
Can't hardly wait
Party til late
Our favorite date*

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Starlight Glimmer enters and joins in the merriment.

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163 STARLIGHT
*Hearth's Warming Eve is filled with
presents
some that take you by surprise
A story shared between two friends
can help to make your spirits rise
they help you let go of the past
enjoy the present while it lasts
And see future's possibilities are
vast.*

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164 TWILIGHT
Happy Hearth's Warming Starlight.

165 STARLIGHT
Happy Hearth's Warming Twilight.

166 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
Can't hardly wait
Party til late
Our favorite date
Hearth's Warming Eve is here once
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And as we watch Starlight, the Mane 6, Spike and our other
core ponies sharing in the magic of Hearth's Warming Eve
we...

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FADE OUT

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