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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!
WHEEEEEEE!!*

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.

16 RARITY (CONT'D)
Oh Goodness Sake!

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

Applejack, Granny Smith and Big Mac come barging through a doorway handing out delicious, fresh out of the oven sweets as the song comes to an end.

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.

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

19 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.

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

21 STARLIGHT
It's not a big deal. I just find it all a little silly. It's mostly a day dedicated to presents and candy isn't it?

22 SPIKE
And why would you deny yourself presents and candy! That's crazy talk!

23 TWILIGHT
I THINK what Spike means to say is, Hearth's Warming is about more than presents and candy. It's a time to spend with friends and family when we celebrate a very important day in Equestria's history.

Starlight glances around at the decorations draped all around them.

24 STARLIGHT
I think to most ponies it's just an excuse for silly songs and fun, not a day to remember some old story.

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

25 TWILIGHT
STARLIGHT! WAIT UP!

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

26 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Maybe you just haven't heard the right Hearth's Warming Eve story yet.

27 STARLIGHT
Earth ponies, pegasi and unicorns
sing songs around a hearth to fight
back an eternal winter caused by
the mythical Windigos? Every foal
and filly knows that story.

28 TWILIGHT
Not THAT one. My favorite holiday
story. A Hearth's Warming Tale.

29 SPIKE
Oooooo!! I love that one!

30 TWILIGHT
(to Starlight)
What do you say? Have time for at
least one story before you call it
a night?

Off of Starlight's expression we-

CUT TO:

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

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.

31 TWILIGHT
This is the story of a powerful
unicorn named Snowfall Frost who
hated Hearth's Warming Eve! It all
began many moons ago in
Canterlot...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 6 - EXT. DICKENSIAN CANTERLOT - MORNING

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

32 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Everypony was preparing for
Hearth's Warming Eve, just like we
do today.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Every home in Canterlot was filled
with Holiday spirit. Every home
except one...

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

SC. 7 - INT. SNOWFALL FROST'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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

33 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
It was said of Snowfall 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--

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

35 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Right. The point is, Snowfall was
also a powerful unicorn. She wanted
to be perfect. Anything that got in
the way of that was a waste of
time.

RINGING BELLS from the open window startle her, causing her to dump all of the ingredients into her cauldron at once. BIG EXPLOSION.

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

As the smoke clears:

37 SNOWFALL FROST
Well, that batch is ruined.
SNOWDASH! Where is that pegasus?

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

38 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Snowdash was Snowfall's loyal
assistant.

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

40 SNOWFALL FROST
Get this mess cleaned up. Those
foolish ponies were ringing those
blasted bells outside the window
and I lost my concentration.

Snowdash zips around the room, cleaning.

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

42 SNOWFALL FROST
What was that?

43 SNOWDASH
Nothing. Just wondering if maybe
you should take a break? After all
it IS Hearth's Warming Eve? There's
a big party tonight if you--

44 SNOWFALL FROST
Today is nothing to celebrate.
Hearth's Warming Eve is a menace, a
dangerous day for all of Equestria.

45 SNOWDASH
Dangerous?! What are you talking
about? It's awesome! It's the day
we remember how unicorns, pegasi
and earth ponies came together in
friendship to defeat the Windigos!

46 SNOWFALL FROST
That silly legend is the problem!
Telling everypony that singing
songs and being nice will solve
anything? I've spent years studying
magic and that's not how it works.

47 SNOWDASH
I think you might be missing the
point--

48 SNOWFALL FROST
Work hard, learn and use your
skills to better Equestria.
(MORE)

SNOWFALL FROST (CONT'D)

THAT'S a worthy goal for anypony.
Hearth's Warming Eve encourages
laziness and a lack of seriousness
that isn't good for anypony. But by
all means, 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--

49 SNOWDASH
SWEET!

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 the street below. Ponies joyously run to and fro carrying gifts and food, preparing for the holiday. She rolls her eyes.

50 SNOWFALL FROST

(mock concern)

Yes, hurry little ponies. What
would become of us all if you
didn't get your Hearth's Warming
Dolls hung in time or your cookies
baked? What a worthy goal.

(then)

What an absolute waste.

Bells begin ringing just outside the window, startling Snowfall Frost and causing snow from above to fall on her. She shakes her mane and slams the window.

51 SNOWFALL FROST (CONT'D)

I HATE Hearth's Warming Eve. All of
Equestria would be better off if we
just skipped the day all together.

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

52 SNOWFALL FROST (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 Snowfall Frost's head. She shuts the window.

53 SNOWFALL FROST(CONT'D)
Well, Okay.

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

54 SNOWFALL FROST(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.

55 SNOWFALL FROST(CONT'D)
*No more games for you to play
After you say goodbye to the
holiday.*

Snowfall Frost 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 Snowfall Frost'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
(MORE)*

SNOWFALL FROST(CONT'D)
*For all time goodbye to the
holiday!*

Smoke pours out of the cauldron. Snowfall Frost lifts more ingredients off of the shelf behind her.

56 SNOWFALL FROST(CONT'D)
Once the spell is complete Hearth's
Warming Eve will be gone forever!!

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 8 - INT. SNOWFALL FROST'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Snowfall Frost stands above her cauldron, ingredients at the ready, about to cast her spell. She tosses some of the ingredients in.

57 SNOWFALL FROST
Without Hearth's Warming Eve ponies
won't believe a filly's story about
warm and fuzzy feelings saving the
day, they'll work harder.

She tosses in the remaining ingredients.

58 SNOWFALL FROST (CONT'D)
Once the spell is cast all of
Equestria will be better off. And
they will have me to thank for it!

Suddenly, Starlight's voice breaks into the scene.

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

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

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

60 STARLIGHT
Snowfall 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.

61 SPIKE
Says the pony who tried to make
everypony the same by replacing
their cutie marks with equal signs.

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

63 SPIKE
Proceed.

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

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

FADE TO:

SC. 10 - INT. SNOWFALL FROST'S STUDY- NIGHT

Snowfall Frost is moments away from casting her spell.

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

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

Snowfall Frost jumps.

67 SNOWFALL FROST
Who's there!

Angle on: Snowfall Frost's cauldron. A pony floats out, smoke
billowing around her.

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

69 SNOWFALL FROST

(shocked)

A spirt!

(then)

I didn't cast any spirit summoning spell, what are you doing here?

Applejack takes in her surroundings.

70 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? You don't think a spell like that would get by without some powerful forces noticing? You've got our attention Snowfall Frost and we've got some pretty strong opinions on this spell of yours.

71 STARLIGHT

We? Are there other spirits?

72 APPLEJACK

They'll be along in a bit. For now it's just you and me. Let's get a move on, we got a ton to see and barely any time to see it.

73 SNOWFALL FROST

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.

74 APPLEJACK

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

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

SC. 11 - EXT. EQUESTRIAN SKY - CONTINUOUS

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

75 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

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

76 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 Snowfall Frost watch as four ponies run past them, including a YOUNG SNOWFALL FROST. Although all act excited, Young Snowfall Frost is definitely the most exuberant.

77 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
*Awww, look how cute you were. Looks
like you're not too upset it's
Hearth's Warming Eve either.*

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

78 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*

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

TRANSITION TO:

SC. 13 - INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Applejack and Snowfall Frost find themselves in a classroom. There are NO Hearth's Warming decorations in this bare utilitarian room. Snowfall Frost looks wary.

Young Snowfall Frost comes rushing in with a box of Hearth's Warming decorations. She hums a song as she pulls out decorations and hangs them on the walls.

An older unicorn enters, PROFESSOR FLINTHEART, SNOWFALL FROST'S TEACHER (a new pony, i.e., not somepony we know dressed up). He observes Snowfall Frost.

79 PROFESSOR FLINTHEART
Just what do you think you are
doing Snowfall?

80 YOUNG SNOWFALL FROST
Decorating the classroom for
Hearth's Warming Eve Professor
Flintheart!

He uses magic to stop the decorations in mid air.

81 PROFESSOR FLINTHEART
You said you wanted to learn to be
a powerful unicorn, did you not?

82 YOUNG SNOWFALL FROST
I do!

83 PROFESSOR FLINTHEART
And what is the way that one
becomes a powerful unicorn?

84 YOUNG SNOWFALL FROST
Work hard, learn and use your
skills to better Equestria.

85 PROFESSOR FLINTHEART
Very good. And how do these...

He waves the decorations in front of Young Snowfall Frost's face.

86 PROFESSOR FLINTHEART (CONT'D)
Help you to learn magic?

87 YOUNG SNOWFALL FROST
Isn't Hearth's Warming Eve all
about magic? I want to be strong
enough to stop Windigos and help
ponies!

88 PROFESSOR FLINTHEART
That's just a story we tell little
ponies. Real magic takes time to
learn. Time you are currently
wasting.

He uses magic to shove the decorations back into the box. It
sits at Young Snowfall Frost's feet. Snowfall Frost looks
torn.

89 PROFESSOR
It's your choice. Spend your time
learning to become a powerful
unicorn, or play with your toys and
make nothing of yourself.

Professor Flintheart exits. Young Snowfall Frost stands
there, frozen with indecision.

90 APPLEJACK
*Then some distress, words that are
careless
Standing there, you don't know what
to do
Feeling helpless, can't make it
hurt less
So you decide to change your point
of view.*

Young Snowfall Frost's expression hardens. She turns and
walks out the door (past Applejack and Snowfall Frost),
leaving the box of decorations on the floor behind her.

91 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.*

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

Close on Snowfall Frost.

92 SNOWFALL FROST
*The seeds of the past, we grow up
so fast
Some hurts never go away*

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

We pull out on Snowfall Frost's face and realize that...

SC. 14 - INT. SNOWFALL FROST'S STUDY - NIGHT/CONTINUOUS

Snowfall Frost is alone back in her study. The vision of her past has clearly had an affect on her. She looks around.

94 SNOWFALL FROST
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.

95 SNOWFALL FROST (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.

96 PINKIE PIE
SNOWFALL FROST! IT IS I, THE SPIRIT
OF HEARTH'S WARMING PRESENTS!!!

97 SNOWFALL FROST
Um, don't you mean present, like,
the time?

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

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

99 SNOWFALL FROST
Fine. Presents. All of the
pointless things that ponies waste
their time on?

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

101 SNOWFALL FROST
It doesn't mean anything. It's just
stuff.

102 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.

103 SNOWFALL FROST
I don't understand anything you're
saying.

The spirit starts to tingle and vibrate all over.

104 SNOWFALL FROST (CONT'D)
Are you ok? What's happening to
you?

105 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 Snowfall Frost to...

SC. 15 - EXT. STREETS OF CANTERLOT - CONTINUOUS

Pinkie grabs Snowfall Frost 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.

Snowfall Frost 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:

106 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.

107 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 (MERRY) open the door (dressed in Dickensian garb) and welcome her inside.

Pinkie pushes Snowfall Frost through the door.

SC. 16 - INT. FLUTTERHOLLY & MERRY'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.

108 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!*

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

109 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*

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

110 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 Snowfall Frost. 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.

111 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...

CUT TO:

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

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

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

Twilight sees them staring at her.

113 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
What?

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

115 TWILIGHT
(blushing)
I was not...

Starlight tries unsuccessfully to act disinterested.

116 STARLIGHT
So... what happens next?

117 TWILIGHT
Well, the party was--

118 SPIKE
WAIT!

119 TWILIGHT
What is it Spike?

120 SPIKE
Can we take a quick break? I need
to refill my cocoa!

He shakes his mug revealing that it's empty. Twilight rolls her eyes.

121 TWILIGHT
Fine.

He runs off.

122 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
But hurry up! We're almost to the
best part!!!

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

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

Twilight and Starlight wait impatiently. Spike runs back in with a full cup of cocoa.

123 STARLIGHT
Hurry up Spike!
(then, to Twilight)
I mean... we've already gone this
far, it would be silly not to at
least hear the ending.

Twilight grins. Spike sits.

124 SPIKE
Ok. I'm ready.

125 TWILIGHT
The party was in full swing...

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

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

126 MERRY
Snowdash!

127 SNOWDASH
(glum)
Hey Merry.

128 MERRY
Why, whatever is the matter
darling? You're not your usual
festive self!

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

130 SNOWDASH
The eggnog was awesome
Flutterholly. I've had seven cups.
I'm just mad at somepony who was
complaining about how awful
Hearth's Warming Eve is. NOT cool.

131 MERRY
I don't suppose that pony's name
starts with "frost"?

132 FLUTTERHOLLY
And ends with "bright"?

133 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.

134 MERRY
Yes but... isn't that what Hearth's
Warming Eve is for?

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

136 MERRY
And if you aren't spending time
with people you care about it
doesn't really matter what other
work you accomplish, does it? I
mean really, what does Snowfall
think a better Equestria looks
like?

137 SNOWDASH
Ponies working hard...

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

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

139 SNOWDASH
Learning...

Pinkie bites into a cookie next to Snowfall Frost. She
gestures and we WHIP PAN over to a group of earth ponies
teaching some younger ponies how to bake cookies.

140 SNOWDASH (CONT'D)
And using their abilities for the
benefit of Equestria.

A snowball hits Snowfall Frost(not in the face). 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.

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

141 MERRY
It looks like we've got everything
on Snowfall's list right here.

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

Pinkie whispers in Snowfall Frost's ear.

143 PINKIE PIE
Me too.
(then)
Too bad it's going to be the last
one EVER.

Snowfall Frost turns. The spirit is gone.

144 SNOWFALL FROST
Spirit? What do you mean? What's
going to happen?

Mist billows in, obscuring the party. Snowfall Frost looks around, confused.

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.

145 SNOWFALL FROST (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 Snowfall Frost.

146 LUNA
I am the Spirit of Hearth's Warming
Yet to Come Snowfall Frost.
(MORE)

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

Icy cold wind whips around them both.

147 SNOWFALL FROST
(shivering)
Are you here to show me what future
Hearth's Warming Eves are like?

148 LUNA
(shaking her head sadly)
No Snowfall Frost. For there are no
more Hearth's Warming Eves for me
to show.

Howling in the distance.

149 SNOWFALL FROST
Why not?

150 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.

151 SNOWFALL FROST
And what happens?

The mist clears. In the distance, we see that Canterlot is
frozen over. Luna and Snowfall Frost stand in an open, barren
area surrounded by ice and snow. <MUSIC UP> as Luna sings...

152 LUNA

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

*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*

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

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

153 SNOWFALL FROST

WINDIGOS!?! They aren't real. It's just a little filly's story!

154 LUNA

They are all too real Snowfall. And your actions will allow them to return. The future of Equestria shall be bathed in a blanket of eternal snow.

155 SNOWFALL FROST

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!

Luna turns and walks into the mist, leaving Snowfall Frost alone with the Windigos. They howl as they circle above her. Snow blows around her.

MATCH CUT:

SC. 20 - INT. SNOWFALL FROST'S STUDY - CONTINUOUS

The snow fades into smoke. The smoke clears and Snowfall Frost is back in her study, the smoke pouring out of her cauldron.

156 SNOWFALL FROST
My study? I'm back!!

She rushes to the window and looks outside. It's still night. Ponies are still rushing around with gifts and goodies below.

157 SNOWFALL FROST (CONT'D)
No Windigos! They didn't come back!
It's still Hearth's Warming Eve!
There's still time!

She rushes out the door. Beat. She rushes back in, looks around and grabs a few random items.

158 SNOWFALL FROST (CONT'D)
There, those should do.

She runs back out.

CUT TO:

SC. 21 - INT. FLUTTERHOLLY AND MERRY'S HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

The doorbell rings. Merry and Flutterholly open the door to reveal a dishevelled Snowfall Frost with some hastily wrapped gifts.

159 MERRY
Oh my.

160 FLUTTERHOLLY
Snowfall Frost?

161 SNOWFALL FROST
Happy Hearth's Warming Eve. I was hoping I wasn't too late for the party? I brought gifts?

Flutterholly and Merry are shocked. Snowdash flies by drinking eggnog, sees Snowfall Frost, does a spit take.

162 SNOWDASH
Boss?

Snowfall Frost enters.

163 SNOWFALL FROST
I was wrong earlier. About Hearth's Warming Eve. It's not all about singing and presents.
(MORE)

SNOWFALL FROST (CONT'D)

The singing and presents are all about celebrating the ponies in our lives. The ponies we should listen to more often. Our friends.

She offers Snowdash a wrapped present. She's touched.

164 SNOWDASH

Wow. Thank you.

She unwraps the gift. It's a bottle with a label.

165 SNOWDASH (CONT'D)

(reading label)

Dragon toenail? Uh...thanks?

166 SNOWFALL FROST

(embarrassed)

I was in a hurry. I'll do better next time.

167 SNOWDASH

No one's ever given me dragon toenail before! It's awesome! Now come get some eggnog!

Snowdash, Merry and Flutterholly welcome Snowfall Frost into the party.

168 TWILIGHT (V.O.)

Snowfall Frost became as good a friend as anypony in Equestria. And from then on it was always said of all the Hearth's Warming Eve celebrations, Snowfall's was the Hearth's Warmingest. May that be said of all of us. A Happy Hearth's Warming to each and every Pony.

CUT TO:

SC. 22 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - EVENING

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

169 TWILIGHT

The end.

Twilight shuts the book and puts it back on the shelf.

170 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Well, that's it. Thanks for letting
me read you the story. Guess you
can call it a night.

Starlight looks unsure.

171 STARLIGHT
I could...

172 TWILIGHT
Of course, Spike and I are heading
downstairs. And if you wanted to...
you would be welcome to join us
there as well.

Spike rushes over to Starlight and hands her a bag of candy.

173 SPIKE
Here, in case you don't come down.
No pony should go without candy on
Hearth's Warming Eve!

Twilight and Spike exit. Off of Starlight's expression we...

CUT TO:

SC. 23 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

Everypony is celebrating together. Starlight Glimmer enters.
and joins in the merriment. Twilight walks up.

174 TWILIGHT
Welcome to the party. Happy
Hearth's Warming Starlight.

175 STARLIGHT
Happy Hearth's Warming Twilight.

MUSIC UP

176 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
*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.*

177 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
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 OUT

END