

OCO-MLP-ANIM-S02-E26 DIGITALDETOX OUTLINE D1

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LOGLINE: Pipp seeks respite from the pressures her super social, digital life places on her with a trip to the Dragonlands.

SYNOPSIS: Pipp is totally overwhelmed by her phone! It pings and pings without end and it is starting to drive her bonkers. So when Hitch and Sparky suggest that they found some inner peace on a trip to the Dragonlands - Pipp is here for it! But when Hitch said Digital Detox (meaning NO PHONE SERVICE) Pipp only heard Detox and was lured away by imaginations of a serene spa. As Pipp discovers that no spa awaits her in the dragonlands, she is provided an opportunity to see what life could feel like a little more detached from the demands of digital life. Spoiler alert - it feels pretty good!

INT. - CRYSTAL BRIGHTHOUSE - KITCHEN

Open on A CU Pipp's phone as it buzzes/PINGS away on the counter. It is an almost constant noise - so much so that it almost sounds rhythmic, like the kick drum in a EDM track. We can see that almost every single one of her apps has a red notification with ridiculous number by it.

WIDEN TO reveal the ponies having breakfast. Zipp picks up her sister's phone and hands it to her,

ZIPP

Here you go, sis - only...1,436
messages this morning???

PIPP

Oh not too bad!

SUNNY

Not too bad??! Pipp, how can you
even reply to that many messages?

The phone <PINGING> increases - now its a faster beat,

MISTY

And does it always <PING> like
that? That would drive me crazy!

Izzy starts to dance to the beat of the notifications,

IZZY

I kinda like it <BEATBOXES TO IT>
ooh yeah, <OOOOH OOOOOH NOISES>
Feel that beat! Come on ponies -
dance dance woooop wooop!

Swivel to the ponies who are not feeling it,

IZZY (CONT'D)

Just me? Okay, but you are
definitely missing out! <KEEPS
DANCING IN THE BACKGROUND>

ZIPP

Pipp - you're phone is completely
out of control...maybe you should
just put it away for a day? Have a
break?

PIPP

OMP Zipp - be serious! I can like
totally handle it...don't you worry
about me...

CUT TO a montage of Pipp across the day:

-Pipp is having a shower and her phone <RINGS> on the counter. She sticks her head out of the shower,

PIPP (CONT'D)
Call you back in a sec...

-Pipp is trying to choose her accessories for the day,

PIPP (CONT'D)
Oooh this is nice - or maybe that--

But her phone reminds her that her scheduled live stream starts in two minutes,

PIPP'S PHONE
Your scheduled live stream begins
in two minutes...

PIPP
Aaaack! Uhhhhh, okay these will be
fine!

-Pipp is working on a new song and her phone <PINGS> interrupting her every new idea for a lyric/melody!

PIPP (CONT'D)
The Party's just be--
(pings, interrupting)
The party's just begun, so
(more pings in the
background)
The party's just begun---
UGGGHHHHHHHHHHHH! Zipp might be
right - I can't live like this!

EXT. CRYSTAL BRIGHTHOUSE

Her phone still <PINGING> by her side, Pipp races outside to find her sister to ask for advice. As she comes outside, Hitch and Sparky step out of the Marestream,

PIPP
Hitch! Have you seen Zipp?

HITCH
Sorry, Pipp! Me and Sparkerino here
are just coming back from a few
days relaxing in the Dragonlands!
Phew! I tell ya - there is nothing
quite like a digital detox!

SPARKY
<AGREES> <WHOOOS>

PIPP
Detox? Like a in a dragonspa?
YESSSSSSSS! A LUXURY DRAGON SPA
TREATMENT! Hitch that is exactly
what I need! THANK YOU THANK YOU
THANK YOU! DRAGONLANDS HERE I
COME...

As Pipp jumps on the Marestream, Hitch tries to expand on what he meant by detox - but Pipp doesn't hear a word of it!

HITCH
Oh well, its not really a spa - its
more just like outdoorsy
relaxation...

As The Marestream flies away with Pipp, Hitch waves and then finishes his sentence...

HITCH (CONT'D)
...with ABSOLUTELY no PHONE
SERVICE...
(to Sparky)
Welp - that's gonna be a fun
surprise for her, eh buddy?

SPARKY
Wuh-oh.

EXT. THE DRAGONLANDS - CONTINUOUS

Pipp lands on the edge of the Dragonlands and immediately heads into to town. As she walks she tries to locate the Dragonspa on her phone but her phone keeps telling her that there is NO SERVICE,

PIPP
NO Service??!! Pffft - what do you
mean NO SERVICE? That's impossible.

Blaize and Tumble walk toward Pipp and she is immediately relieved,

PIPP (CONT'D)
Phew! Blaize! Tumble! Thank
goodness I found you! I'm looking
for the Dragonspa? Hitch said it
was totes relaxing and that is
juuuuuust what I need!

TUMBLE

The what?

PIPP

The dragonspa - it's not coming up on my phone - actually nothing is coming up on my phone...

BLAIZE

Uh, Pipp. We don't have a dragonspa. And I hate to have to tell you but - phones don't really work in the dragonlands.

Pipp is horrified,

PIPP

No spa?

(voice cracks)

And NO...PHONES?

TUMBLE

Yeah, but who needs a phone when you are surrounded by all this natural beauty!

Camera swivels around to reveal misty mountains and beautiful trees...

BLAIZE

And listen to that...

A beat while they all listen to the quiet of the landscape,

PIPP

I don't hear anything.

BLAIZE

Exactly.

PIPP

Wait - I don't hear ANYTHING. Like nothing AT ALL! NO calls, no schedules, no PING PING PING PING PING.

TUMBLE

Ugh, could you not PING like that - that's awful!

PIPP

I can hear the birds and I can see
those beautiful Misty Mountains -
<BIG EXHALE> I think this might be
exactly what I need. Blaize will
you show how me to live like a
dragon?

BLAIZE

Thought you'd never ask!

MONTAGE - MUSIC PLAYS as we see Pipp flying around the
Dragonlands with Blaize and TUMBLE: They fly to the highest
peak and look out over the beautiful landscape. Out of habit,
Pipp snaps a few photos at the top of the mountain,

PIPP

Say "dragonlands"!!

But when she tries to post them she is reminded that there is
no service,

PIPP (CONT'D)

Haha, forgot. No service! Oh well -
I can always save them for future
content, right?

TUMBLE

For what?

PIPP

It's not important - what's next?

The three of them then fly off and we next see them as they
dive into a beautiful lake. They swim and splash and laugh
and float and we can see that Pipp is really starting to
relax and be in the moment. The montage ends with Pipp as she
watches a beautiful sunset with all her new dragon friends -
she feels calm and peaceful in a way that she hasn't in a
long time!

PIPP (CONT'D)

What a beautiful sunset. Even
though I have only taken a couple
of photos - this is a day I will
never forget!

As Pipp stares at the sunset her Cutie Mark starts to shine
as she recites the last lines of her couplet with total
peace,

PIPP (CONT'D)

When my cutie mark comes to life,
CONFIDENCE is my song!

Pipp's CM blasts out and becomes a shooting star that shoots across the sky. Blaize and Tumble oooh and ahhh,

BLAIZE / TUMBLE
Ooooooooooh - AHHHHHHHHHHH!

EXT. - THE EDGE OF THE DRAGONLANDS

Refreshed, Pipp says goodbye to Blaize and Tumble,

BLAIZE
You know, you're welcome here
anytime Pipp! The fresh air and no
phone seems to really suit you!

PIPP
Thanks Blaize! Who knew a digital
detox could make me feel so great!
I will definitely be back soon! AND
OFTEN!

The friends hug and then Pipp waves goodbye to her friends as the Marestream disappears through the mist of the Dragonlands.

INT. - CRYSTAL BRIGHTHOUSE - KITCHEN

The Mane6 are seated around the kitchen table as Pipp tells them all about her trip to the dragonlands,

PIPP
And then we dove into this like
crystal blue lake! And the water
was so cold - but like totally
refreshing--

HITCH
I gotta say - I feel relieved!
Sparky and I were worried that the
dragonlands wasn't going to be what
you were hoping for...

SPARKY
Mmmmmmm hmmmmmmmm.

PIPP
It was perfect, Hitch!

SUNNY
That lake sounds amazing Pipp - can
we see the pictures?!

PIPP
Oh...well, actually - I didn't take
a picture of the lake...

ZIPP
I'm sorry - did you just say that
you DIDN'T take a picture? Are you
feeling okay?

PIPP
You're the one who said I needed a
break from my phone, remember?

ZIPP
I gotta say, sis - I'm impressed!

Just as Zipp says this - Pipp's phone starts the doing the
same <PINGING> from the beginning of the day.

IZZY
Oh yeah, the beats back! <MORE
BEATBOXING>

MISTY
Bet you didn't miss that, Pipp!

PIPP
You're right, Misty. I did learn
one thing though - watch!

Without even really thinking Pipp turns it off and puts it
away all the ponies look at eachother, amazed!

MANE 5
<REACTIONS TO PIPP PUTTING HER
PHONE AWAY>

Camera pulls back as we hear Pipp finishing her story,

PIPP
Anyway - where was I? Oh yeah and
then we roasted carrots around the
fire - and watched the most
beautiful sunset...

End on a beautiful sunset as it sets over the water behind
the Crystal Brighthouse!

END OF EPISODE.