

OCO-MLP-ANIM-S02-E26 DIGITALDETOX OUTLINE D2

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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 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

Ooooooh not too bad!

SUNNY

Not too bad??? Pipp???!! How could
you 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 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
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 detox and that is exactly 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 - 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. Ahhhhh -
thanks Blaize, this is a day I will
never forget! I'm taking a picture
with my heart! <FLASH NOISE>

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 hmmmmmm.

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!

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<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.