

MLPG5 - YOUTUBE SERIES

MLPG5_YT237_PUMP-KIN THE NIGHT_RECORD DRAFT

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Logline: Zipp investigates a spooky ghost that's been terrorising the boardtrot.

Synopsis: When a terrified Pipp tells her sister about a vengeful spook haunting the Boardtrot, Zipp sets out to debunk this terrifying tall tale... But despite her skepticism she soon unravels a mystery that takes her to every and ends up getting spooked herself!

CHARACTERS

SUNNY

ZIPP

PIPP

COMET

IZZY

HITCH

MISTY

SPARKY

PIPPSQUEAKS

Music up - "Monster Party": The boardtrot is SPOOKTACULAR, covered in cobwebs, cauldrons, spooky lights - and PUMPKINS!! PIPPSQUEAKS (made up like Musketeers) run by SUNNY'S SMOOTHIE STAND where she (Dressed as a witch) and COMET (as a skeleton) are working. The place is covered in PUMPKINS.

Comet eats some orange popcorn as he slips out of frame and Sunny tosses candy apples up to the passing fillies.

MISTY (in a Red Riding hood cloak) is selling orange popcorn and it is busy. Comet staggers around in the BG trying to remove the pumpkin, HITCH and SPARKY (in matching Frankenstallion's monster costumes)are in the crowd.

- IZZY (dressed as Señor B) is working away at... something.

The Pippysqueaks run toward PIPP's stall as the **music ends**:

PIPP (dressed in a feathery number, somewhere between a Gryphon and a Peacock) is styling ponies. A final flock of ponies storm into Pipp's MIRROR VOID (PUMPKIN-COMET among them in the BG). Pipp follows them inside - GLITTERY SWIRLS all over the place as everypony is given a spooky new look!

A beat later, and Pipp is waving off the final customer, before turning to the mirror and selecting her own look.

6 PIPP (CONT'D) 6
Bye ponies! Happy Nightmare Night!
(to the mirror)
Now, what am *I* going to wear? No..
(MORE)

PIPP (CONT'D)

Hmm.. Oo! Nah..

(choosing walla over below)

As Pipp tries on some looks, something approaches behind her.

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PUMPKIN GHOST

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(garbled spooky groans)

Pipp, not turning away from the mirror:

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PIPP (CALLING)

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Be with you in a second!

An ORANGEY-SLIMED hoof extends toward Pipp...

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PUMPKIN GHOST

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(garbled spooky groans)

<Splodge> Pipp's eyes widen as the hoof lands on her shoulder. She turns, seeing - THE PUMPKIN GHOST: It has a cape, a skeleton body, pumpkin head, and oozes orange slime.

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PIPP

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(HUGE ECHOEY SCREAM!)

Title-card

EXT. PIPP'S STALL- MOMENTS LATER

ZIPP, in a superhero outfit, is doing a Nightmare Night vlog. As Pipp bursts from her stall, straight into her:

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ZIPP

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Nightmare night is a time to expect
the unexpect--AHHH!

As the two collide and roll on the floor:

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PIPP

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OHMAPONYAPUMPKINGHOSTITTRIEDTOEATME
WEHAVETORUNAWAYANDNEVERCOMEBACK!!!!

Beat. As they get up, Zipp dusts off her vlog camera. Pipp realises she's on camera and flicks her mane acting casual (but failing - she's *freaked out*).

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PIPP (CONT'D)

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Oh (nervous cackle) Hey everypony!
H-have fun out there! (nervous
laugh)

14 ZIPPP 14

Sounds like you're getting a bit
too into Nightmare night, sis.

15 PIPP 15
No, I really saw--

[illegible]

Pipp smiles, touched. Zipp walks off filming.

17 ZIPP (CONT'D) 17
Just like I checked your bed for
Puckwudgies when we were kids!

18 PIPP (CALLING) 18
HEY! You are NOT putting that in
your vlog, Zipp!

19 ZIPP 19
Don't worry, it's not like I'm
gonna find anything anyway!

INT. PIPP'S STALL - LATER

Zipp looks around inside the walk-in with her Zoggles.

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20                                ZIPP                                20
    If I was Pumpkin ghost, where would
    I be..?

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Zipp spies a trail of oozing orange prints.

21 ZIP (CONT'D) 21
Oh hello suspicious trail of orange
goop...

EXT. IZZY'S STALL - MOMENTS LATER

Zipp follows the trail of oozing hoof prints along the boardtrot to Izzy's stall. They disappear under a pile of Pumpkin-like contraptions.

22 ZIPP 22

Izzy..? You haven't seen any
pumpkin ghosts, have you?

No answer. As Zipp's about to reach out, suddenly:

23 INVENTIONS (IZZY VOICE) 23
HELLO FRIEND! (over and over)

24 ZIPP 24
Ahh!

They all BURST OPEN, crochets of IZZY's head pop out. Zipp yelps and turns away, only to come face to face with.

25 IZZY 25
Hello friend!

26 ZIPP 26
AHHH!

27 IZZY 27
AHHH! WHY ARE WE YELLING?

28 ZIPP 28
You spooked me! What are these things?

29 IZZY 29
Iz-troducing my new Izzy in a Box!!
(quickly)
Not suitable for small fillies and foals. Also batteries not included.

Beat. Zipp is still dumbfounded. Then: **<CRASH OFFSCREEN>**

30 ZIPP 30
Huh?

EXT. MISTY'S POPCORN STAND - SECONDS LATER

Zipp sprints over. The stand is trashed, and dripping with orange ooze! There is a low monstrous <growling>.

31 ZIPP 31
That's the same orangey ooze! Oh no, Misty!

Zipp jumps over the counter, ready for a fight, but finds:

32 MISTY/HITCH/SPARKY 32
(snooooooooore)

They begin to wake up, but are on a sugar crash:

33 MISTY 33
(Yawn) Oh hey! If you want some orange 'trick or treacle' popcorn we're all out, I'm afraid.

34 HITCH 34
We sort of (hic!) ate all of it...

35 SPARKY 35
(Very full, satisfied burp)

36 ZIPP 36
(tasting a bit of ooze)
Well that explains the ooze, but..
What about the mess?

37 MISTY 37
Mess? What mess--
(looking around, winded)
Oh wow that mess...

Zipp spots a *glimpse* of the PUMPKIN GHOST heading into the
HALL OF MIRRORS. Her eyes narrow:

38 PUMPKIN GHOST 38
(garbled spooky groans)

39 ZIPP 39
Oh ho! Not tonight Pumpkin ghost!

Zipp pursues. Misty, Hitch and Sparky try to sit up but can't

40 HITCH 40
(Straining/giving up) Yeah, I can't
move yet...

41 MISTY (CALLING) 41
Go gettum Zipp!!

INT. HALL OF MIRRORS - CONTINUOUS

It's dark. Zipp turns on the light of her camera and keeps
glimpsing the pumpkin in reflections...

42 ZIPP 42
Hoookay, just a - AH! - Dark room
with a spooky - Gotcha! - p-
pumpkin.. This is fine..

Zipp steps into some ooze. She shines her light on it.

43 ZIPP (CONT'D) 43
(gulp)

Zipp slowly raises the torch from the Ooze. It illuminates
the room, and she is surrounded by 100 PUMPKIN GHOSTS!

EXT. HALL OF MIRRORS - CONTINUOUS

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44                                     ZIPP                                     44
      AHHHHHHHHHHH!

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Zipp sprints out, terrified. She finds Pipp, Izzy, Misty, Hitch and Sparky all waiting by a pumpkin display.

ZIPP (CONT'D)

45 The ghost... I saw it... I--

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46 MISTY 46
Hey, it's okay! Just take a breath.

47 IZZY 47
Yeah, don't be scared! C'mere!

They try and group hug her, but Zipp pulls away.

48 ZIPP 48

No! I'm the brave one who checks
for monsters and Puckwudgies, not
the one who gets scared by them!

Beat. The ponies all look at her sympathetically.

49 MISTY 49
Being brave doesn't mean never
being scared, Zipp.

50 HITCH 50
It means being scared of something
and facing it anyway.

51 PIPP 51
That's your gift, Zipp.

Zipp smiles, reassured and grateful for her friends. Regaining composure, she recites her couplet:

52 ZIPP 52

I'm a princess of a different kind,
Always trying to figure out why.
When my cutie mark comes to life,
I blast BRAVELY across the sky.

The pumpkins the gang were resting against begin to rattle. A pumpkin rises - THE GHOST! The others cower, but not Zipp:

53 ZIPP (CONT'D) 53
(Eyes narrowed, confident) Gotcha!

Zipp's **CM SUPERCHARGES** and she launches at the Pumpkin Ghost, tackling it across the boardtrot, into:

SUNNY'S SMOOTHIE STAND - MOMENTS LATER

<CRASH> Zipp and the Ghost land in the stand. When the dust clears, Zipp sees Sunny beside a pumpkin and orange Popcorn, as the M6 approach.

ZIPP

Sunny? YOU'RE the ghost!?

55 SUNNY 55

Ghost? What ghost? I've been here
with Comet the whole time.
 (beat)
Where *is* Comet, anyway?

Everypony looks around. Behind them, the ghost rises:

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56                                PUMPKIN GHOST                                56
                                IshhmeeeCOOOOMEETTT!

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57 IZZY (SPEAKING 'GHOST') 57
YESS HAVE YOU SEEN HIIIIIM?
(ALT)
WEE'RE LOOOKING FOOR HIIM TOOO!

Zipp de-pumpkins the ghost with a squelch, revealing:

58 ZIPP 58

No... The Ghost IS Comet!

59 MANE 6 59
(gasp!)

[illegible]

FLASHBACKs with Comet's POV emphasised: He falls into the pumpkins in Sunny's stand, gets caught in the flow of Pipp's customers, and crashes into Misty's stand (as they sleep).

61 COMET 61
Yeah... I didn't mean to scare
anypony! I was just eating while I
worked, but I got all tangled up!
Then my head got stuck in a pumpkin
and I couldn't see WHERE I was
going and nopony would help me...
Phew! (nervous laugh)

Comet slumps down, exhausted. His stomach rumbles (sounding similar to his Pumpkin ghost growl).

62	COMET (CONT'D)	62
	... Is there any popcorn left?	