

OCO MLP 237 Outline

"Things go Pump-kin the night"

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Logline: When Zipp hears word of a vengeful spook haunting the Boardtrot she sets out to debunk this terrifying tall tale... But quickly ends up being spooked herself!

CHARACTERS

SUNNY

ZIPP

PIPP

COMET

IZZY

HITCH

MISTY

SPARKY

BOARDTROT - EVENING

The boardtrot is looking SPOOKTACULAR as the camera sweeps and soars all around, following some Pegasus fillies with trick-or-treat satchels as they giggle. Everypony is in costume, and there are cobwebs, cauldrons, green and purple fairy-lights and - most of all - PUMPKINS everywhere. SUNNY'S SMOOTHIE STAND (where SUNNY and COMET are made up in cloaks and glitter) is emphasised for it's pumpkinyness.

Pipp's Stall

There are two queues: one of everyday ponies entering her walk-in, and another of spookified ponies exciting with squeals of excitement.

PIPP

Did somepony say "Spooky, but
STYLIIIIIISH"?! C'mon in, everypony!

Pipp heads inside as the final ponies storm in (a curious-looking pumpkin among them) and in no time at all they've picked their outfits and are on their way! Pipp gives a relaxed sigh as she begins to pick her own outfit. She cycles through a few options on the mirror, but none are right, until - OMIGOSH - she spots a PHANTOM PUMPKIN over her shoulder: It wears a long cape, has a Jack-o-lantern head, and oozes glowing orange slime.

PHANTOM PUMPKIN

(garbled spooky groans)

PIPP

(Screeaaaam!)

Titlecard

Pipp bursts from her stall, wearing a weird amalgamation of the outfits she was cycling through before she was spooked, looking a little like a panto-horse.

Zipp, meanwhile, is doing a Nightmare Night vlog from the boardtrot - as Pipp trundles toward, and directly into, her from behind. As the two collide and roll on the floor:

PIPP (CONT'D)

OMIGOSH THEREWASAPUMPKINGHOST IT TRIED
TO EAT ME WE HAVETORUNAWAY AND NEVER COMEB
ACK!!!!

Beat. Pipp realises she's on camera and attempts to scrape back any composure.

Zipp reassures her that she's probably just gotten a little too into the spirit of Nightmare Night, but if it makes her feel better she'll go and investigate. As Zipp goes:

ZIPP
Just like I checked your closet for
Puckwudgies(when we were fillies!

PIPP
You are not putting that in your
vlog, Zipp!

Note: Puckwudgies are chaotic troll-like creatures from G4.

Upon investigating Pipp's stall, Zipp finds some oozing orange hoof-prints and follows them. She vlogs the whole time, often uncomfortably close to her face (she's getting used to this still).

Izzy's Stall

The trail leads to Izzy's stall where Zipp finds a huge pile of pumpkin-like contraptions... Zipp steadies herself, then approaches cautiously. As she's about to reach out:

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

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

IZZY
Hello friend!

ZIPP
AHHH!

IZZY
AHHH!

When Zipp and Izzy calm, Izzy explains they're her new "Izzy-in-a-box!" toy she's been working on. Perfect for a spooky shock! Zipp hears a loud crash off-screen and investigates.

Misty's Popcorn Stand

Zipp approaches... The place appears trashed, and tripping with Ooze. There's even some monstrous growling! Zipp steels herself - there's no such thing as ghosts! She jumps over the counter to find:

MISTY/HITCH/SPARKY
(snooooooooore)

They covered in Orange ooze and looking full. As they wake, they explain they went too hard on Misty's new "Trick or Treacle" popcorn and fell asleep. As for the mess, though..? NO idea.

Zipp takes a look around. She catches a *glimpse* of the Phantom Pumpkin rounding a corner and sprints off. Misty, Hitch and Sparky are too full to move.

HITCH

(trying to get up, giving up)
Yeah, I can't move yet...

MISTY

We're rooting for you, though!

SPARKY

(garbles in agreement)

Hall of Mirrors

Zipp pursues the phantom into the hall of mirrors. It's dark in here, but she turns on the light of her camera. She keeps catching glimpses of the phantom, made more scary by the harsh light of her camera. It builds and builds, and Zipp feels overwhelmed until - it all gets too much for her, and she runs away.

Boardtrot

Zipp runs outside, straight into Pipp, Izzy, Misty, Hitch and Sparky who are resting by a pumpkin display. They try and calm her down, but Zipp is *really* shaken.

ZIPP

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

The ponies remind her, being scared doesn't mean she's not brave - being brave means being scared of something and doing it anyway. That is her special gift, not never being afraid. Zipp takes a moment to reassure herself, too:

ZIPP (CONT'D)

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

As her cutie mark SHINES, the pumpkins the gang were resting by begin to rattle and shake. Zipp assures them she's not doing that. A central pumpkin rises - IT'S THE PHANTOM!

Zipp gives chase all over the boardtrot, parkouring as hard as she ever has in her life, especially now her **cutie mark** is super-charged. Eventually, she and the others arrive at:

Sunny's smoothie stand

Sunny is there, surrounded by pumpkins, wearing a cloak, eating the oozing orange popcorn. It was her!

But Sunny has no clue what everypony is talking about. She's been here all night with Comet making candy apple smoothies... Hey where is Comet, anyway?

As they're looking around, the phantom arrives...

PHANTOM PUMPKIN
COOOOEEEEETTT!

IZZY
AHHH! THE PHANTOM ATE COMET!

But Zipp has a lightbulb moment. As everypony cowers from the approaching Phantom, she bravely steps forward and, with a bit of effort, unmask the ghost - it IS **Comet**.

Comet explains he was eating the Treacle popcorn whilst he made smoothies, but he got all tangled up and his head got stuck inside the pumpkin. He wandered around trying to get it off, but got swept up into Pipp's mirror with the crowd, and has been trying get help ever since!