

**OCO MLP 237 Outline**  
*"Things go Pump-kin the night"*  
D1

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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

EXT. BOARDTROT - VARIOUS - NIGHT

The boardtrot is SPOOKTACULAR, covered in cobwebs, cauldrons, spooky lights - and PUMPKINS!! A trio of PEGASUS FILLIES (made up like Musketeers) fly by SUNNY'S SMOOTHIE STAND where she (Dressed as a witch) and COMET (as a skeleton) are working. The place is covered in PUMPKINS.

SUNNY/COMET 1  
Order-up! / Order-uuuuuahh!

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

The fillies soar around a few other stands:

- MISTY's (in a Red Riding hood cloak) popcorn stand is selling some orangey popcorn, and it is busy. Hitch and Sparky (and the Phantom) are visible in the crowd.

MISTY 2  
There's plenty for everypony!

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

IZZY 3  
(Mad scientist laugh)

The fillies pass PIPP's stall, where the camera settles.

PIPP'S STALL - CONTINUOUS

PIPP (dressed in a feathery number, somewhere between a Gryphon and a Peacock) is styling ponies in her walk-in. A final flock of ponies storm into Pipp's walk-in (PUMPKIN-COMET among them in the BG) and Pipp follows them inside.

TOWNSPONIES 4  
(excited squeals/walla)

PIPP 5  
Did somepony say "Spooky, but  
STYLIIIIISH"? "Ghoulish but *glam*"?!

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

PIPP (CONT'D) 6  
Bye ponies! Happy Nightmare Night!  
(to the mirror)  
Now, what's *my* costume? No.. Hmm..  
Oo! Nah..  
(choosing walla over below)

As Pipp flicks browses, something approaches behind her.

PHANTOM PUMPKIN 7  
(garbled spooky groans)

Pipp, not turning away from the mirror:

PIPP (CALLING) 8  
Be with you in a second!

An ORANGEY-SLIMED hoof extends toward Pipp...

PHANTOM PUMPKIN 9  
(garbled spooky groans)

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

PIPP 10  
(HUGE ECHOEY SCREAM!)

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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:

ZIPP 11  
Nightmare night is a time to expect  
the unexpect--AHHH!

As the two collide and roll on the floor:

PIPP 12  
OMIGOSHAPUMPKINGHOSTITTRIEDTOEATMEW  
EHAVETORUNAWAYANDNEVERCOMEBACK!!!!

Beat. Pipp realises she's on camera. She flicks her mane acting casual (but failing - she's *freaked out*).

PIPP (CONT'D) 13  
But um... how are you? (nervous  
laugh)

ZIPP 14  
Sounds like you're getting a bit  
too into Nightmare night, sis.

PIPP 15  
No, I really saw--

ZIPP 16  
BUT, if it makes you feel better I  
can go and investigate.

Pipp smiles, touched. Zipp begins to head off, raising her  
vlog camera.

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

PIPP (CALLING) 18  
You're not putting that in your  
vlog, Zipp!

INT. PIPP'S STALL - LATER

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

ZIPP 19  
If I was Pumpkin ghost, where would  
I be..? (Chuckle) "Pumpkin ghost"  
Why not "Banana vampire"? Heh.

Zipp spies a trail of oozing orange prints.

ZIPP (CONT'D) 20  
Oh hello...

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.

ZIPP 21  
Izzy..? You don't have any pumpkin  
ghosts over here, do you..?

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

INVENTIONS (IZZY VOICE) 22  
HELLO FRIEND! (over and over)

ZIPP 23  
Ahh!

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

IZZY 24  
Hello friend!

ZIPP 25  
 AHHH!

IZZY 26  
 AHHH! WHY ARE WE YELLING?

ZIPP 27  
 You spooked me! What are these things?

IZZY 28  
 Iz-troducing my new Izzy in a Box!!  
 (quickly)  
 Not suitable for small fillies and foals. Batteries not included.

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

ZIPP 29  
 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>.

ZIPP 30  
 That Ooze.. (Gasp) Misty!

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

MISTY/HITCH/SPARKY 31  
 (snooooooooore)

HITCH & SPARKY wear matching FRANKENSTALLION'S MONSTER costumes. They begin to wake up, but are on a sugar crash:

MISTY 32  
 (Yawn) Oh hey! If you want some orange 'trick or treacle' popcorn we're all out, I'm afraid.

HITCH 33  
 We sort of (hic!) ate all of it...

SPARKY 34  
 (Very full, satisfied burp)

Zipp tastes a bit of the orange ooze.

ZIPP 35  
 Well that explains the ooze, but.. What about the mess?

MISTY 36  
 Mess? What mess--  
 (looking around, winded)  
 Oh wow that mess...

HITCH 37  
 Neigh idea, friend. Sorry (hic!).

Zipp spots a *glimpse* of the PHANTOM PUMPKIN heading into the HALL OF MIRRORS. Zipp sprints after it!

PHANTOM PUMPKIN 38  
 (garbled spooky groans)

ZIPP 39  
 There!

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

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

MISTY (CALLING) 41  
 We're rooting for you, though!

INT. HALL OF MIRRORS - CONTINUOUS

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

ZIPP 42  
 Hoookay, just a dark room with an evil pumpkin. This is fine..

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

ZIPP (CONT'D) 43  
 (gulp)

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

EXT. HALL OF MIRRORS - CONTINUOUS

ZIPP 44  
 AHHHHHHHHH!

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

ZIPP (CONT'D) 45  
The phantom... I saw it... I--

MISTY 46  
Hey, take a breath. Calm down.

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

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

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.

MISTY 49  
Being brave doesn't mean not being  
scared, Zipp.

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

PIPP 51  
That's your real gift, Zipp.

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

ZIPP 52  
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.**

The pumpkins the gang were resting against rattle and shake.  
A central pumpkin rises - IT'S THE PHANTOM! The others cower,  
but not Zipp:

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

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

SUNNY'S SMOOTHIE STAND - MOMENTS LATER

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

ZIPP 54

Sunny? YOU'RE the phantom I've been chasing all night?

SUNNY 55

What? No! I've been here with Comet the whole time.

Beat. The M6 approach.

SUNNY (CONT'D) 56

Where *is* Comet, anyway?

Everypony looks around. Behind them the PHANTOM returns:

PHANTOM PUMPKIN 57

COOOOMEETTT!

IZZY 58

AHHH! THE PHANTOM ATE COMET!

Everypony cowers. But Zipp leaps up and unmask the ghost. The Pumpkin comes off with an Oozy squelch, revealing:

ZIPP 59

No... The phantom IS Comet!

MANE 6 60

(gasp!)

PIPP 61

Why'd you do it, Comet?!

As Comet speaks, we see flashes of earlier scenes, with his POV emphasised: He falls into one of the pumpkins in Sunny's stand, gets caught in the flow of Pipp's customers, and falls through Misty's popcorn stand as she, Hitch and Sparky sleep.

COMET 62

I didn't! I was just eating while I worked, but I got all tangled up - then my head was stuck in this 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 Phantom growl).

COMET (CONT'D) 63

... Is there any more popcorn?