OCO-MLP-ANIM-S01-EP08_CLIPTROT_FINALSCRIPT

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Character List:
FAMILY OF BUNNIES
PIPP
SUNNY
IZZY
HITCH
ZIPP
JAZZ
POSEY
ROCKY
DAHLIA
ALPHABITTLE
RACOONICORN
MCSNIPSALOT
ZOOM
THUNDER
QUEEN HAVEN
SEASHELL (PIPPSQUEAK)
GLORY (PIPPSQUEAK)
PEACHFIZZ (PIPPSQUEAK)

Song Title: BUNNY HIP HOP / PONY HIP HOP

Song Performers: ???

Key Assets / Brand Priorities: PIPP'S PHONE, CUTIE MARK MAGIC,

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EXT. MEADOW. DAY.

<FUNKY BEAT>. CU on a BUNNY, poker faced and serious. He nods, and twitches his ears/nose/whiskers to the beat.

We pull back to reveal a WHOLE FAMILY of BUNNIES surrounding him. All serious faced, twitching to the beat, thumping their bunny feet rhythmically, some turn and shake their fluffy white tails. More bunnies pop up and down from holes to the beat, like Whack-a-Mole: All Po-Faced, Cooler-Than-Thou and fiercely choreographed, bunnies hop and somersault in the BG. It's like the dance troupe Diversity… but with bunnies.

We PULL OUT to REVEAL that Pipp is watching it on her phone, awe-inspired. She GASPS, her eyes widen, pupils MASSIVE!

INT. CRYSTAL BRIGHTHOUSE - LOUNGE - DAY.

PIPP
Pooonies! Have you *seen* this Clip Trot? It. Is. So. Awe. Sooome!

SUNNY, IZZY, ZIPP & HITCH crowd around her phone to watch, slightly baffled. Pipp can't believe they're not impressed!

PIPP (CONT'D)
It's the *Hip Hop Bunny Bop?* The new *dance craze?* It's only got like, a *million* hooftaps?

IZZY
A million hooftaps? Surely you only need 4? *(she taps her hoofs like ba-dum-bump-ching but the ponies just stare at her)* Okeeeeee, tough crowd.

Pipp blows past her, caught up in bunny dance excitement.

PIPP
We *have to try it*! My Pipsqueaks will be expecting it!

Sunny, Izzy, Zipp & Hitch exchange worried glances, as Pipp sets up her phone on a a nearby table/worktop to record. MUSIC plays from it supplying a <BEAT>. Pipp poses and counts them in,

PIPP (CONT'D)
Aaaaand...5, 6, 7, 8...

Sunny turns to the Ponies to dispense encouraging advice:

SUNNY
Just listen to the beat, feel the rhythm, and - most importantly - *be yourself!*

Sunny goes first… She dances competently, enjoying herself, giving the others encouraging nods to take part too…

Izzy joins, moving like a pony Stevie Nicks - swinging her mane side to side and twirling. She grins over at Zipp…

Who eyerolls, but smiles, and walks over casually, nodding to the beat - and then SURPRISE! She skillfully pops and locks with a little robot action to finish!

Hitch grins, as focus switches to him - He does his Hitch bum wiggle and as he gets more into it descends into complete dad-dancing.

HITCH
Ooh, ah! Oh yeah! Hitch's got it! Uh huh!

The Ponies come together and dance in their own unique styles. Unchoreographed, it looks a bit shambolic, and chaotic, but their CUTIE MARKS all start to glow…except for Pipp's, who stands watching, unimpressed. Her jaw drops,

PIPP
No no no - CUT!! Stop!!

<RECORD SCRATCH>, the beat cuts out. Sunny, Izzy and Hitch glance up, panting, smiling, but confused. Zipp, lost in her moves, continues on, unaware everyone else has stopped. She pulls off a final spin, totally into it:

ZIPP
Yeah! Upload THAT!

She blinks. Glances around… Pipp taps her hoof, looking at her sister annoyed,

PIPP
I CANNOT upload THAT! That was *nothing* like the bunnies! WATCH! It goes like this!

Pipp starts the bunny dance. Po-faced, serious, ear & nose twitching, a bit mechanical. The others watch, eyebrows raised.

ZIPP
Ooh… uh, is that the time? Gotta do that thing I was telling you about. Sunny, you remember, that *thing…?*

SUNNY
Oh, uh - yeah! That...thing…! Wasn't I supposed to help you?

HITCH
Me too!

Hitch, Sunny and Zipp back out of the room sharply, leaving Izzy, who blinks. BEAT.

IZZY
Aaaand I can't think of an excuse. Gotta go!

Izzy scampers away, as Pipp <TUTS>.

EXT. MANE MELODY. DAY.

Miffed, Pipp trots up to Mane Melody - as JAZZ exits. Pipp smiles, eyebrow raised, sensing an opportunity:

PIPP
Hey Jazzibabe! Loving that hooficure! *Cuuuute!*

JAZZ
Oh, wow, thanks - I just ——

PIPP
So I could totally use your help on some, like, *amazing content?*

And before Jazz can answer, Pipp thrusts Jazz her phone.

PIPP (CONT'D)
Aaaaaand 5, 6, 7, 8 -

Confused, but obliging, Jazz quickly holds up the phone, filming Pipp, as she does the Hip Hop Bunny Bop. Beat drops:

PIPP (CONT'D)
(STACCATO, AS SHE DANCES)
Yeah! Who (dancing) needs those ponies… (dancing) I'LL. JUST. DO. IT. MY. SELF! (POSE) Waddya think, Jazz?

Pipp pulls off her final move in front of a puzzled Jazz.

JAZZ (PUZZLED)
Uh… I mean, it's great, but…

POSEY trots by, more matter-of-factly:

POSEY
That's SOOOO last week! What, have you been living in a cave?

On PIPP as we:

WHIP PAN TO:

INT. CAVE. NIGHT.

The MANE 5 all sit in a CAVE, while it lashes it down with rain outside. They scowl at HITCH who grins sheepishly.

HITCH
We're not *LOST…* we're just slowing down, living life *unplugged…*

Pipp checks her phone. Holds it up, taps the screen, drops her head down onto it in frustration:

PIPP
No canternet! UGHHH!!

WHIP BACK TO:

EXT. CRYSTAL BRIGHTHOUSE. DAY.

Pipp looks seriously put out. She groans:

PIPP
So no one does the Hip Hop Bunny Bop anymore?!

POSEY
Nope! We're waiting for the next big thing!

25 Pipp wonders… 25

PIPP
The next big thing, huh? Hmmm…

Pipp has an idea. Excitedly, she opens her phone, taps and swipes away at it - her CUTIE MARK GLOWS as she TAP TAP SWIPE SWIPE TAP TAPS! Jazz watches over her shoulder, intrigued. We don't see the screen…

JAZZ
Oooooooooo - that really is gonna be the next big thing? Explode it!

Jazz and Pipp do a pony hoof bump <PFFFFFFFT>! Pipp hits the screen with one final flourish,

PIPP
Aaaand… upload!

We hear the satisfying chimes of a successful upload.

INT. PHONE SCREEN. DAY.

We see the video Pipp has edited together. It's the Mane 5, all doing their individual quirky dances - really neatly edited together, with funky little gifs and Insta style animations, filters and Boomerang effects pasted throughout. Each Pony gets their own moment to shine in the video! It's great - silly, and lots of FUN! All set to a fun <BEAT>.

INT. MANE MELODY. DAY.

And we pull out to reveal that JAZZ & ROCKY are watching the video from Mane Melody… as is POSEY in her Mane Melody chair…

ROCKY
Now that is fire! Hooftap!

Rocky taps his screen. As do Jazz & Posey: pleasing Hooftap icons pop up, like a 'like' heart or thumb up on socials. HOOFTAP icons float up the screen, as we transition to:

INT/EXT. VARIOUS LOCATIONS. DAY.

Ponies at various locations across Equestria, watching the video, and awarding Hooftaps:

* DAHLIA is watching her phone while watering flowers - camera widens to reveal that her watering can is actually pouring down on MCSNIPSALOT. He raises his crabby pincers in a soaked rage,

MCSNIPSALOT
GRRRRRRR!

*In BRIDLEWOOD, ALPHABITTLE watches with a smile, a foot tap and approving nod. HOOFTAP!

* In the CAVE, A RACCONICORN levitates its phone high in the air - gets a signal. A hooftaps appears on the screen.

* In ZEPHYR HEIGHTS on the JUMBOTRON, ZOOM & THUNDER look up to watch. QUEEN HAVEN is also rapt by the video…

QUEEN HAVEN
(singsongy) HOOOOOOFTAPPPPP!

A Pegasus flies in, taps the Jumbotron screen. A Hooftap icon blips up! A big sea of hooftap icons float up the screen, acting as a WIPE to transition us to:

INT. MARETIME BAY - TOWN SQUARE. DAY.

The Mane 5 crowd around Pipp's phone, watching proudly. All their CUTIE MARKS glow this time, including Pipp's!

IZZY
We look AMAZING!!

SUNNY
I've never seen so many hooftaps! I bet everypony in Equestria has seen this!

The PIPPSQUEAKS: SEASHELL, GLORY AND PEACH FIZZ trot past, excitedly, watching the video.

SEASHELL
Okay Pippsqueaks, (to Glory) You be Sunny! (to Peach Fizz) You be Izzy and I will be *(singing - imitating Pipp)* Piiiiiiippppp!

The Pippsqueaks start replicating each Ponies' dance moves. Pipp smiles, and calls over.

PIPP
Or… how about you just be *yourselves?*

Pipp nods/winks at a beaming Sunny. The Pippsqueaks stop, glance at each other for a moment - BEAT - and break out into a separate little looped dance move. Pipp is delighted.

PIPP (CONT'D)
Yeah! That's it! You got it!

Izzy dances in from OFFSCREEN, doing a fairly wild and bizarre dancing shuffle all of her own, totally carried away:

IZZY
Is anypony getting this? I'm an *ICON!*

HORSESHOE ICONS float up, transitioning us to the END OF EPISODE

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