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## FRIENDS FOREVER



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Great cinnamon sticks! Pinkie Pie, **WHAT** are you doing?

I've memorized *all* the recipes in the Sugarcube Corner cookbook!

I am gonna **DESTROY** everyone else at the Equestria Super Chef Competition!

**IT'LL BE TOTAL DESSERT DOMINATION!!**

**THIS!**



IS GONNA BE THE **greatest day even**



But **HOW** can I get to the Hedge Maze Center without all this **KNOWLEDGE** sloshing out of my brain?



Pinkie, are you planning to **CLEAN UP** this mess?

**LATER!**

Cooking stardom awaits!

TIP TIP



Now, where in the blazes is the **BACKSTAGE ENTRANCE**?

IF that's even what Granny Smith's note says. Her hoofwriting's like watchin' a spider do the polka after fallin' in an ink-puddle.



And why is Pinkie Pie walking like the sky is about to fall?

Oh well. Better get this pie delivered while it's still--

must... not... spill... recipes..!



**WHUMP**



Oh--  
OH--  
OH  
**NO!**



Pardon me!

Comin' through!

'Scuse me!



Come to Applejack, little pie!

Just a mite further--



Fillies and gentlecolts, put your hooves together for the **NINTH ANNUAL EQUESTRIA SUPER CHEF** contestants!

This year's theme is **DESSERTS**, and with only **THREE ROUNDS** to decide which pony trots off with the **50,000** bit prize--



# THE PIE'S THE LIMIT!

By Alex de Campi & Carla Speed McNeil!

Colors by Jenn Manley Lee & Bill Mudron!

So who's signin' fer this pie? I can't read Granny Smith's hoofwritin'--

Hey! I need a hoof with these lights!

ugh!&

Just go over to Table Five and wait! I'll be right with you.



And, as always, providing you in the back with a magical close-up & personal view of the action, it's our very own

**JUMBO DON!**

Friends, you can call me Don.

**LADIES**, you can call me **ANYTIME**.

And **NOW**, let's meet our contestants!





From Manehattan, it's...  
**SUMMER VAN DER HOOFF!**

EXCLUSIVE cuisine for EXCLUSIVE ponies, darlings!



From Las Pegasus, it's...  
**BLADE SPARXX!**

Hey bros! You ready to FIRE up your appetites?!



From Dodge City, it's...  
**TOFFEE TRUFFLE!**

Sweet treats from MY family to YOURS!



From right here in Ponyville, it's hometown girl...

Oooh! OOOH!

Here she is! I'm so excited I could FAINT!

C'mon, Pinkie! Do us PROUD!



**...PINKIE PIE!**

ut.ε



And last, from distant Gallopvania, the mysterious food performance artist...  
**MARINE SANDWICH!**



# ROUND ONE

WHAT?!  
**IMPOSTOR!**





AND WITH A SURPRISINGLY SIMPLE APPLE PIE, CONCEPTUAL FOOD PRANKSTER MARINE SANDWICH WINS ROUND ONE!

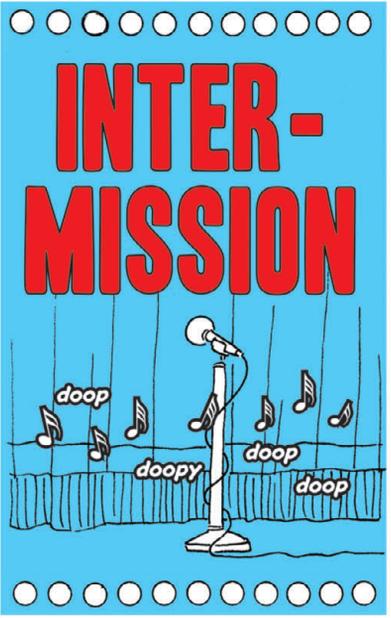


I **LOVE** how you're pretending to go **COUNTRY**, Marine! **SO** unexpected!

Dibs on that last piece!

Mmmm!

~sigh~



# INTERMISSION

doop doopy doop doop doop



Pinkie, I am so sorry! They jes' won't **LISTEN!** I don't even wanna be **IN** this contest. There's so much to be gettin' on with back at the farm--

It's okay, Applejack! You **DO** make the best apple pie in all of Ponyville.

~sob!~



HUH?!

~snif~

OH! Hi...

You're Toffee, right?

Are you okay?



I-I'm fine.

I'm just really nervous. This is a lot more **SCARY** than I thought it would be.



You're telling me! I forgot every recipe I ever knew as soon as that spotlight hit me!

~POOF!~ All gone!

And I really wanted to **WIN** so I could reopen Dodge City's restaurant!



**WAIT**, the Cherry Pit closed down? I used to love that place when I was visitin' my kin!

**YEP!**

Miss Bertie retired, and now families don't have anywhere to go for a treat!



# ROUND TWO





This here's **ROCKY ROAD!**

Ah made it out of rocks and dirt from the road!



An' some **WORMS** for extra protein!

(Y'know, because desserts are not all that nutritious.)

Oh...!

MY.



It uses the most **EXCLUSIVE** single-estate chocolate and tiny, **REAL** gems--



And what do we call **THIS?**

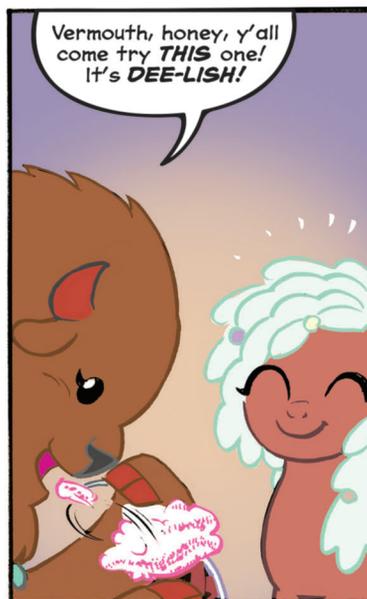
Chocolate-dipped **PICKLES** stuffed with bleu cheese wrapped in **GARBAGE SURPRISE!**

Ah.



munché

munché



Vermouth, honey, Y'all come try **THIS** one! It's **DEE-LISH!**



I call it, "Blade's Chocolate Flame-Boom"!



A **DAZZLING** deconstruction of the dessert genre!

Pushes the frontiers of haute gastronomie in a **BOLD** new direction!

*Vermouth Roux* has spoken.

Awww.

I really liked the parfait.

Ow! Ouch!

HELP!

The winner of Round Two, **PIIINKIE PIE!**

What?

**SERIOUSLY?!**

What do you have to do to **LOSE** this thing?

SHRUG



Guys... thanks for trying to help but...

I don't want you to **LET** me win. I want to **BEAT** you fair and square!

I mean, how would **YOU** feel if there was something you were **GREAT** at doing... but people felt **BAD** for you so they bent the rules to make it easier for you?





I call this, "Blade's **GIANT** Flame-Boom"!

And **HOW** is this different from your previous dish?



More **FIRE!**  
Obviously.



This here's an **APPLE**, washed in cold water.

I planted the tree it came from, on our farm.

I pruned it, fed it, and harvested it.

Apples are my favorite thing, and in all of Equestria, there's **NONE BETTER** than my family's.



**BORING!**



And you?

I'm gonna show you!



But **FIRST**, you have to say, "I want a **SURPRISE!!**"

Darling, I **CRAVE** surprises above all things.

Alas, it is my curse, never to receive them.

*eyeroll*

# SURPRISE!



I love custard pies  
yes I do!



You can throw  
them in a face!

GET  
AWAY!



You can eat 'em  
at the zoo!

I love custard  
pies! Woo  
woo woo!

NO!!

Y'all are  
missing out! This  
is one **YUMMY**  
custard pie!

*sigh*

**PLEASE** tell me you have cooked  
a normal, edible dessert, that won't  
**BURN** us, be **THROWN** at us, or  
otherwise **INCONVENIENCE** us.



Dulce de Leche  
in sugar-cookie  
cups!

My mom  
always made  
these on **SPECIAL**  
occasions.

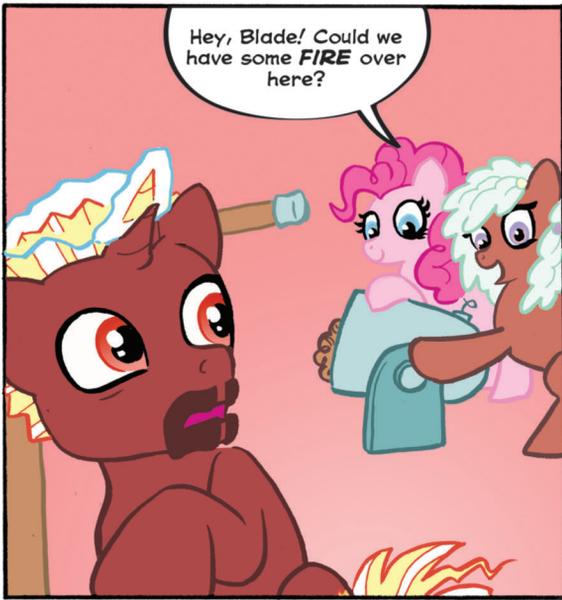










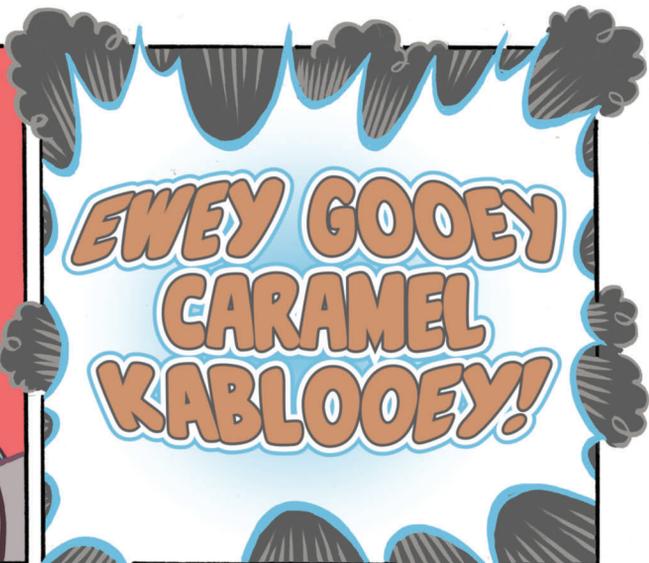




GLUK  
GLUK  
KLUNK

Huh?

UT-O!



EWEY GOOEY  
Caramel  
KABLOOEY!



Now THAT'S what I call--

just desserts!

\*krackles\*

Er, guys?

A little HELP here?

No probs, good buddy!





Thanks, Pinkie!

I gotta hand it to ol' Marine What's-her-name. This icing is preeetty tasty!

nom nom

But it's **NOT** our winning dessert.



**THAT** honor goes to the competitor whose final dish proved both **DELICIOUS** and **PRACTICAL**--

**--TOFFEE TRUFFLE!**

Vermouth Roux has spoken.

Absolutely!

And for once, she's **RIGHT!**

**THANKS!**

But I couldn't have done it without help from my new **FRIENDS!**

Hey, Toff! Your **NEW RESTAURANT** is gonna need **APPLES**, right?



**THE END!**

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