Twilight Sparkle's Secret Shipfic Folder: The Card Game

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Rules Document

You can find the rules for the card game here.

Latest PDF of Cards:

06/12/14: Version 1.0.2
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Changes:

Version 1.0.2

Card Updates

- "Men" has been changed to "Stallions" in Black Widow Rarity's flavor text.
- Yer a Princess, Harry now also adds the "princess" keyword.

Version 1.0.1

Art Updates

- Invasive Species background has been updated

Card Updates

- Derpy's text has been updated to be consistent with other card updates.
- Rules cards have had some of their typos corrected
- Capitalization and terminology has been made more consistent across all cards
- Changed the play from discard special ships to "Play From Discard" type, and added the ability to Amnesia and Cabin In The Woods

Version 1.0.0

Art Updates

- The following cards have updated art:
    - **Ships:** Bad Pony! Go to My Room!Bored on a Sunday Afternoon, Cabin in the Woods Awooo!, Can I Tell You a Secret?, Checking It Off My List, Closed Door Negotiations, Crossover Fic, Divine Intervention, Dude Looks Like a Lady, Fillyhood Crush, From an Alternate Dimension, I Wish I Knew How to Quit You!, Leaving on a Personal Crusade, Life-Threatening Illness, Love Poison is

No Joke!, On the Lam, Oops! Wrong Spell, Put a Ring On It, Rule 63, Saw You In a Dream, So THAT'S What That Does, Step Into My Basement, Stuck on a Balcony All Night, Suspiciously Romantic Random Picnic, The Other Mare, Startling Confession, They're At It Again!?, Time for An Experiment!, We've Got to Stop Meeting Like This, What Did I Do Last Night?!, Worldwide Threat of Destruction, Yer a Princess Harry!, You Had Me at Neigh
    - **Goals:** Fabulosity, Friendship is Benefits, Good Enough, Heh. Peasants., Help! I'm Trapped in a Shipping Card Game, Hold On; I Need to Make a Flow Chart,I Guess You'll Do, Invasive Species, I Swear I'm Not Gay!, I Swear I'm Not a Lesbian (now called "Just Experimenting"), It's Magical: Horns are Touching, It's Not Creepy, It's Not Evil, It's Not EXACTLY Cheating, Paradox, Queen Platinum's Court, Quite., Rainbow Dash Fan Club, Rodeo, Sadfic, Self-Insertion, Shining Armor Approves of This Experiment, Shipwrecker, The Quiet Game, Time Travelers Among Us, Well…Maybe, Wingboner
    - **Ponies:** Applejack: the Cutest, Smartest, All-Around-Best Background Pony; Bon Bon; Braeburn; Bulk Biceps; Caramel; Changelings (all of em); Derpy Hooves; Doctor Whooves; Druid Fluttershy; Fanfic Author Twilight; Granny Smith; Iron Will; Kefentse; Mr. Cake; Mrs. Cake; Nightmare Moon; Octavia; Pony Joe; Prince Blueblood; Sharpshooter, Applejack; Star Student Twilight; Starswirl the Bearded; The Wonderbolts; Tsundere Rainbow Dash; Vinyl Scratch; Zecora
- The symbols no longer have drop shadows.
- Love Poison cards now all have individual illustrations and names.
- The card backs have been updated to match the complexity of the illustrations and front-design. The old backs will still be available as an option that should hopefully eat less ink.
- Cutie Marks have all been added, at long last!
- There are now Rules cards at the end of the doc. You're welcome!
- The Start card border is darker.

Mechanics

- Fewer "Search the discard" cards; more "Replace" cards.
- Keywords have been added to all the powers so that it's easy to tell at a glance what they do (especially if you're familiar with the wording).
- Antagonists have been unified with the Villain keyword.
- Keywords have been alphabetized in the bar text.

Card Updates

- Pinkamena's power has been updated (thanks to the reappearance of Replace powers) to knock off an extra pony when she replaces.
- Various fics have been rewritten, tightened up, replaced, or otherwise fine-tuned.
- Typos, typos, typos!
- "I Swear I'm Not a Lesbian" has been renamed to "'Just Experimenting'"
- "Want It. Need It." has been replaced with "Beach Episode"
- Copyright text has been embiggened.
- Symbols in the font have been made bigger and more legible; the numbers have

been brought up to the baseline.
- Worked out a few capitalization bugs

Rules Updates

- A power can only be invoked once per turn (which is important since shipping two pre-existing ponies on the board currently lets you choose one pony's power and activate it).
- The definition for "Play" has been updated.

Miscellaneous

- Blessings be upon you, person who reads the update log.

Previous Versions:

04/12/14: Version 0.10.0 Beta

- Cards
- Card Backs
- Pony Card List

Further card updates and versions will officially be found at our wiki.

Changes:

Art Updates

- The following cards have updated art:
    - **Ships:** Now Kiss, Trading Up, It's a Sign, Amnesia, Slap-Slap-Kiss, Detention, Do You Think Love Can Bloom? Even on a Battlefield?, Have You Met My Friend?, I Read That in a Book Once, There Are No Brakes On the Love Train, They Fight Crime, Trapped in a Storm, Unexpected Pregnancy, Want It; Need It, Cult Meeting, Picking Up Mares: A Reference Guide, It Was You All Along
    - **Goals:** An Awful Lot of Running, Background Pony Party, Baka Kawaii Kissu, Beautiful Quartet, Beware the Groove, Big Mac is Big Mackin, Budding Curiosity, But I Thought You Wanted Whining, Chancellor Puddinghead's Entourage, Charity Auction, Commander Hurricane's Army, Contemporaries, Cupcakes, Cutie Mark Crusader Matchmakers, Deep Cover, Epidemic, Go Forth and Multiply, Hostile Takeover, My First Slash, Needs More Lesbians, Of Ponies and Peril: The Magnum Opus, History Lesson, Paradox, Princess Pile, Self-Insertion, Swinging, Under the Table, Wizard's Duel
    - **Ponies:** Lyra, BBBFF Shining Armor, Berry Punch, Best Foalsitter Cadance, Big Macintosh, Black Widow Rarity, Bon Bon, Broken-Wing Rainbow Dash, Cheerilee, Crackle, Cult Leader Fluttershy, Cider Season Applejack, Derpy Hooves, Discord, Druid Fluttershy, Flim & Flam, Freedom Fighter Pinkie Pie, Gilda, Gypsy Witch Pinkie Pie, Super Spy Twilight, Leader of the New World Rarity, Mahou Shoujo Derpy, Moe Fluttershy, Mortal Celestia, Pinkamena, Princess Cadance, Princess Celestia, Princess Luna, Private Eye Twilight, Queen Chrysalis, Royal Guard, Royal Guard Shining Armor, Smarty Pants, Road Warrior Spike, The Great and Powerful Trixie, Young and Hot Granny Smith
- The keyword bar has been extended to make room for keyword updates.
- The Male symbol has a new darker color to set it apart from the Pegasus symbol; Wonderbolts now have a Male/Female symbol; and the changelings now have black versions of the race symbols.
- Ships now have bar text to accommodate nifty bar text for quick reference of ship type. (i.e. Race Change ships, etc)
- The copyright text at the bottom of the cards now reflect the correct set and version.

Mechanics

- All "search the deck" powers have been removed.
- All "trade a pony on the grid with a pony from your hand" powers have been removed.
- Several cards now have Pinkamena's "replace and discard" power.
- Pony cards now have keywords in their bar text that the goals make use of, such as "Elder"

and "Apple".
- These keywords have been subsequently alphabetized!
- All goals have been updated to fit the following format: "Win this goal when: X is shipped with Y" or "Win this goal when: You play X"
- Changelings now specifically gain the names, symbols, and keywords of the ponies they imitate.
- Ships with special effects now specify that they affect an entire pony card; therefore Flim & Flam (for example) would both be affected by the change.
- Pony powers that copy other powers are specified to only be ponies on the grid already.
- The rules document has been updated to reflect changes.

Card Updates

- The following goals have been removed to be released as a separate expansion. This will keep the core deck a little bit more manageable before adding everything else:
    - An Awful Lot of Running, And That's How Equestria Was Made, Background Pony Party, Beautiful Quartet, Beware the Groove, Big Mac is Big Mackin', But I Thought You Wanted Whining, Contemporaries, Cupcakes, History Lesson, I Need a Volunteer, I Really Like Her Mane, It's Always the Quiet Ones, Kiss and Make Chaos, My Waifu, No Fate But What You Make, NOW It's a Party!, Oh Caramel, Of Ponies and Peril: The Magnum Opus, Personal "Training Session", Playing the Game, The DoctorDerpy, The Fun Has Been Doubled, The Sage From the Past, Swinging, Under the Table, Wizard's Duel, You Are Amongst Royalty
- "W-Will It Fit?" has been pulled to be released in 50 Shades of Neigh, so as to keep the core deck PG.
- The following cards have been removed:
    - Angry Sex? Angry Sex., But Lyra!, Confectioner Bon Bon, Guyra
- The following cards have been added:
    - Royal Guard
- "Anthropologist Lyra" is now just "Lyra"
- "Family Appreciation Day" now refers to cards with the "Apple" keyword.
- "My Waifu" now refers to cards with the "OC" keyword.
- "Contemporaries" now refers to cards with the "Elder" keyword.
- "Princess Pile" now refers to cards with the "Princess" keyword, and specifies it's in a chain.
- "Shipwrecker" now requires you to wreck 12 ships.
- Both Derpy Hooves and Mahou Shoujo Derpy have changed their name keyword to "Derpy"
- Any pony whose name keyword was the same as their card name no longer has a name keyword. Reducing redundancy! Hooray!
- "Mortal Celestia" is now properly a unicorn.
- "I'm So Alone Twilight" is now "Private Eye Twilight"
- "Big Damn Hero Applejack" is now "Cider Season Applejack"
- "Seamstress Rarity" is now "Black Widow Rarity"
- "Flutterbitch" is now "Druid Fluttershy"
- "Charity Auction" now requires you to ship two gender-swapped ponies; it is now a zero point goal with an effect.
- "Friendship is Benefits" now has an effect. It now requires "one each of the Mane 6" instead of naming them all, due to space constraints.
- Added "This power cannot be copied" to Fanfic Author Twilight.
- "Best Pickup Line EVER!!!" is now "Have You Met My Friend?"
- "Love Poison" wording updated.

- "Quite." wording updated. It has been increased to 2 points.
- "The Great and Powerful Trixie" and "Kefentse"'s powers have been amended to no longer include Queen Chrysalis, because she's totally got the Changeling keyword now so it's redundant.
- "Deus Ex Machina" has been replaced with "They Fight Crime"
- "A Drunken Night Together" — which is conceptually covered under "What Did I Do Last Night?" — is now "Closed Door Negotiations"

Rules Updates

- Rewrote the "On Your Turn" rules to hopefully be clearer.
- If you have to replace your hand at the beginning of your turn, you may now continue with your turn as normal. You may only replace your hand once per turn.
- Added a tinyurl.com link, so anyone with a paper copy of the rules can get the newest ones!
- Clarified the circumstances for when cards on the table are discarded.
- Clarified how cards qualify for goals.
- Clarified how goals are acquired.
- Rewrote the rules to take keywords into account.
- Revamped the Table Flipping mechanic. Now, only a single ship card is discarded (current player's choice).
- Clarified how Changelings work.
- Added multiple suggestions for alternative gameplay in the Variations section.
- Clarified the game Objective, and laid out guidelines for different Goal Point targets, depending on the number of players.
- When you play a Ship card between two Ponies already on the grid, you choose one of their powers to activate.
- Clarified definitions in the glossary

Miscellaneous

- Added cut lines.
- Added the version to the bottom of the cards.
- Death to the PG version! Or rather to the PG-13 version. The core deck is now entirely PG, and there is no need to have separate versions.

Known Issues

- Running tab of obviously-missing cutie marks in the art:
    - Aloe/Lotus, Best Foalsitter Cadance, Beware the Groove, Big Mac, Contemporaries, Suspiciously Romantic Random Picnic, Epidemic, Freedom Fighter Pinkie Pie, Princess Cadance, Unexpected Pregnancy
- I Saw You In A Dream's Ficlet Title: Omissions has one M.*
- Titles: lower/uppercase 'A' conflicts. Pick one!
- "Quiet Game" needs a redraw.
- Trixie has the Villain keyword but Gilda doesn't. What constitutes a villain?
- The PDF is cut off about 5px on the Right and Bottom.

08/21/13: Version 0.9.5 Beta

- Torrent
- PG-13 version *(Direct Google Drive Download)*

    - Cards
    - Card backs
    - Cards (Changes Only)
    - Card backs (Changes Only)
- PG version *(Direct Google Drive Download)*
    - Cards
    - Card backs
    - Cards (Changes from PG-13 deck only)
    - Card backs (Changes from PG-13 deck only)

Changes:

Known Issues

- Sometimes it's trying to download from Dropbox for some reason. We're not sure why. It should all be routing through Google Drive. Please email us at secretshipfic@gmail.com if it's still trying to do Dropbox!

Updates

- 0.9.5 is exactly the same as 0.9.4, except optimized for double-sided printing. Hopefully the offset problem most have been experiencing with the cardbacks is fixed.

08/17/13: Version 0.9.4 Beta

- PG-13 version *(Direct Dropbox Links)*
    - Cards
    - Card backs
    - Cards (Changes Only)
    - Card backs (Changes Only)
- PG version *(Direct Dropbox Links)*
    - Cards
    - Card backs
    - Cards (Changes from PG-13 deck only)
    - Card backs (Changes from PG-13 deck only)

Changes:

Art Updates

- Hot for Teacher, Kefentse, and You Had Me At Neigh have been updated.

Mechanics

- The rules document has been updated with (hopefully) clearer wording regarding goals, and the glossary has been expanded. Please email us with suggestions for ways to make the rules document clearer!

Card Updates

- All cards have flavor text now! We've also done some major updates on much of the current flavor text to

improve the overall quality and hopefully make the whole game feel more cohesive.
- Draw power cards have been updated to state that you may only draw from the Ship or Pony deck. While allowing for drawing private goals was suggested by a few people, we've decided that it mostly just adds another complication to the game, and we'd like to save this mechanic for an expansion.
- Various card text fixes
- The point values have been changed for a few of the goals

07/27/13: Version 0.9.3 Beta

- PDF of Cards
- PDF of Card Backs
- PDF of Only Changed Cards (art updates not included)
- PDF of Only Changed Card Backs

Changes:

Known Issues

- Guyra's power does not have a name.
- Personal "Training Session" has an unnecessary \, in the title.
- "Wizard's Duel" should be worth 2 points instead of 3.

Art Updates

- The card blanks/borders have been updated, as well as the symbols.
- Various cards have new illustrations.
- Most cards with shading have been deshaded. Colors will likely be updated more at a later date.
- Queen Chrysalis's fanfic excerpt has been changed.

Mechanics

- Goal values have been added to the cards! The win condition is now 10 points (8 for a faster game).
- Ships that change attributes of a pony now allow you to choose either pony connected to the ship.
- Changelings' identities now only last for the duration of the turn of the player who played them. After that, they turn back into Changelings. They count as raceless and genderless, with the exception of Queen Chrysalis, who, when not in disguise, is always female. If at any time they are swapped elsewhere on the grid, they then assume a new identity (again, for that turn only).
- Except by the power of Derpy Hooves, Fanfic Author Twilight cannot be moved, swapped, removed, or otherwise budged from her starting position.
- "Mane 6" has been added into the bar text of the requisite cards for goals requiring that identifier.
- Goals that are met when they're drawn are now placed on the bottom of the goal deck and a new goal is drawn in its place.
- If for some reason you've set yourself up to have zero cards in your hand that you can play, you may show your hand, discard it, draw a new hand, and then skip the rest of your turn.
- Previously referred to as "actions", the mechanics on the pony cards are now called "powers" in the rules document.
- Chains have been clarified in the rules document.
- Powers are also clarified in the rules document.

- Bar text has been clarified in the rules document.

Card Updates

- The number of cards that let you search the deck have been drastically reduced.
- Snowflake's bar text has been changed from "Muscle Pony" to "Snowflake".
- "Big Mac is Big Mackin" has changed to "We Couldn't Fit It All In!" Not to worry, though -- the previous title will come back as the fic title for excerpt on that card.
- Bon-Bon is now Confectioner Bon-Bon.
- Lyra is now Anthropologist Lyra.
- Self-Insertion now takes only 3 Twilights.
- The other "ship all three versions of a mane 6 pony" have been reduced to needing only 2.
- An Awful Lot of Running no longer allows Gypsy Witch Pinkie Pie to satisfy the goal.
- Family Appreciation Day now needs only 2 ponies, not 3.
- Friends with Benefits is now Friendship is Benefits.
- Wingboner and It's Magic: Horns Are Touching now mirror mechanics. (Must have 3 X/X ships on the board.)
- Background Pony Party has been changed to accept any pony that's not an alicorn or one of the Mane 6.
- Chancellor Puddinghead's Entourage has changed to "Play 3 Earth Ponies in one turn."
- Of Ponies and Peril: the Magnum Opus has changed to "Ship any 3 Dystopian Future Ponies in a chain."
- History Lesson is now shipping Starswirl the Bearded and Twilight.
- NOW It's a Party is now Pinkie Pie and any 3 ponies.

Axed Goals

I Just Don't Know What Went Wrong, Meet Your Match, A Dragon's Honor, Big Mac Is At It Again, The Chaos Capital, Patter, Spa Day, Baka Kawaii Kissu, So Many Ponies!, The Days Are Just Packed, Make That Two, Days of Yore, There's No Thrill Like Iron Will, Tough Love

New Goals

My First Slash, Beautiful Quartet, I Really Like Her Mane, But I Thought You Wanted Whining, Beware the Groove, You Are Amongst Royalty, Queen Platinum's Court, Commander Hurricane's Army, Heh. Peasants, Needs More Lesbians, Quite., Shipwrecker, Earthbound, Hold On; I Need to Make a Flow Chart, Retcon, Epidemic, Wizard's Duel, Well...Maybe, Go Forth & Multiply, Personal "Training Session", Kiss & Make Chaos, Pretty Pretty Princess, Charity Auction, The DoctorDerpy, I Need a Volunteer, Swinging, Sadfic, Deep Cover, Under the Table

New Ponies

B.B.B.F.F. Shining Armor, Best Foalsitter Cadance, Young & Hot Granny Smith, Guyra, Gilda, Berry Punch, Crackle, Mahou Shoujo Derpy, Mr. Cake, Mrs. Cake, Hopeless Romantic Bon-Bon

New Ships

Yer a Princess, Harry!, Drunken Night Together

07/07/13: Version 0.9.2 Beta

- PDF of Cards
- PDF of Card Backs
- PNG of Rule Cards

Changes

- **Rules Clarification:** Lyra and Bon Bon can now search for each other in both the deck and discard pile

- **Rules Clarification:** Kefentse is now specifically Twilight's First OC
- **Rules Clarification:** Race Change ship cards no longer affect what ponies a Changeling can change into
- **Rewording:** It's Always the Quiet Ones