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RAINBOW DASH LABELED A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION

By Joe Stevens

In news that's sure to shock the peace-loving ponies of Equestria, beloved pony Rainbow Dash of Ponyville has been classified a Weapon of Mass Destruction by the Equestrian Armed Forces. While most residents of Ponyville have gotten used to the blown-out windows, torn off shingles and various other near-daily, albeit relatively tame, damage Rainbow's flying has caused, no one save Pinkie Pie would label Rainbow as a weapon equivalent to the destructive energy of a thermonuclear blast. But that was just a joke Pinkie said at a party one time.

It seems that the maneuver Rainbow Dash employs called the "Sonic Rainboom" causes a tremendous release of energy. Used in the wrong hands, this awe-inspiring trick that makes one see the true joy and beauty of life holds the power of five thousand tons of TNT.

"We all know the seriousness of these charges and I assure you, Rainbow Dash uses her powers in only the most responsible manner," Ponyville resident Twilight Sparkle was quoted. In an interview with the EI (Equestria Inquirer) Twilight told us of Rainbow's love for all ponies and respect for her powers. Of course a moment after saying this Rainbow crashed through her window, but this was labeled an isolated incident.

No word has been said of what the Equestrian Armed Forces will do now that one of its residents is a walking/flying apocalyptic device. In a prepared statement, Princess Celestia has assured all ponies of her commitment to their protection.

When asked her feelings on the matter, Rainbow Dash told us, "That's awesome!" She has since been seen wearing a saddle with a radioactive logo stitched into it and won't stop bragging about it.

PINKIE PIE THROWS HER ELEVENTY BILLIONTH PARTY

By Freddie Baxter

A great day of celebration was made in the home of Ponyville resident Pinkie Pie as the pony celebrated what she referred to as her "eleventy billionth party." The record-setting number of celebrations has had many ponies scratching their heads and curiously looking over their punch and cupcakes and wondering what exactly was going on.

Party record keepers were on hand for the event to mark the extraordinarily high number. "This certainly beats the previous record of two hundred and fifty six," quoted official party records keeper Pin Yatta, "But um..." Pin then trailed off and munched a cupcake.

Pinkie Pie could not be reached for comment as she had a feather-lined mask on and kept playing her bagpipes and shoving cupcakes into our mouths. Apparently when Twilight Sparkle

informed Pinkie that eleventy billion is not an actual number, Pinkie Pie took a chalkboard out of her bagpipes (how it got there we'll never know) and proceeded to explain in the highest mathematical calculations that not only was eleventy billion an actual number but was principle to the quantum functions of nearly all elements both physical and theoretical.

At a loss for words, everyone decided to just have a few more cupcakes and drop the question. The record has been left undisputed.

GUMSHOE'S CORNER (E.I. Muckraker Section)

SPIKE CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL FILE-SHARING

By Gumshoe

In a long-awaited Equestria Supreme Court decision, the dragon known as Spike has been charged with illegally distributing copyrighted material. This comes as no surprise to the Equestrian record industry, who claim that they've seen revenues dwindle each time Spike opens his mouth to roar. "I'm not doing anything wrong!" claims Spike in a statement released near his adviser Twilight Sparkle before she told him to be quiet.

Apparently Spike would find a book in the Ponyville library, a compact disc, a hard drive, a Manehattan-made Baby Grand Piano constructed at the legendary Steinneigh & Sons, Inc, and set it on fire. The magical dragon's roar would then transport the item to another dragon, who would copy it and roar on it in turn, returning the item to its original owner or passing it on to a new one. Twilight has refused to answer questions regarding the quantity of copyrighted material Spike has shared in this method, however our Unreliable Sources once heard Spike bragging that it had been "three libraries worth."

The process of sharing items between ponies via dragon's fiery roars, or roarenting, has become so widespread that record executives fear roarenting will soon surpass traditional record sales. "These roarents must be stopped," quoted Notorious PO-NY, a well-known music personality who has seen his own music roarented countless times.

Defenders of roarenting have claimed that it falls under the Horse Amendment Right of free speech and that it is simply a magical way of sharing interesting music, books, well-made pianos with friends.

In response to court rulings, many dragons are launching new ways of working with the music industry to charge for the service. In a bold move, Sweet Apple Acres has launched a dragon-based music store they call FiRE-TUNES. They've even developed a portable way of carrying your roarented items called a FiRE-CART. It's basically a cart. And it doesn't really work.

EQUESTRIA BUSINESS

SWEET APPLE ACRES ISSUES RECALL

By A Highly Underpaid Intern

Sweet Apple Acres has issued a mandatory recall for all neon blue apples produced in

their orchard between the months of January 2011 and present day. While the apple orchard has yet to come forward with a direct reason for the recall, EI's Unreliable Sources have confirmed that it is probably due to the fact that the apples are neon blue.

“How in tarnation did that happen?” Sweet Apple Acres family employee Apple Jack was quoted as saying, “I saw them apples on the tree just this mornin’. They was red then and now look at ‘em.”

Ponies are cautioned not to consume neon blue apples. They can give you a very bad tummy ache and might have worms in them. Neon purple apples, however, remain perfectly safe.

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