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ACT ONE**SC. 1 - INT. COZY HOME - ONE DAY BEFORE HEARTH'S WARMING EVE**

TITLE FADES UP over a Hearth, festively decorated for the holidays: **"MY LITTLE PONY FRIENDSHIP IS MAGIC: BEST GIFT EVER"**

As the TITLE FADES, we PAN TO A WINDOW - outside it's a beautiful snow-covered winter day in Ponyville.

SC. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE - MORNING - CONTINUOUS

PONIES prepare for HEARTH'S WARMING EVE. STARLIGHT and TRIxie wave goodbye as they drive off on Trixie's cart. THE YOUNG SIX grin as they decorate the town. GALLUS, SILVERSTREAM, SMOLDER and OCELLUS fly high to drape wreaths and banners, while YONA and SANDBAR place ground-level decorations.

As everypony prepares...

1 ALICE (V.O.)
Twas a single day left before
Hearth's Warming Eve.
Every pony was busy! So much still
to achieve.
They hustled and bustled; their
heads were a-spin
And it's here that our Holiday
story begins...

SONG: "ONE MORE DAY":

Happy, ND Ponies (CHOIR) are busy decorating and shopping.

2 ND PONIES
*Hearth's Warming Eve! It's almost
here
There's so much left to do!*

RAINBOW DASH zips through town, leaving a rainbow trail in her wake as she looks for last minute gift ideas.

3 RAINBOW DASH
*Still need to shop for all my
friends,
But what to get, no clue.*

She zips past FLUTTERSHY who can't decide what to buy either.

4 FLUTTERSHY *
This one is nice and that's so cute *
Although, that's pretty too... *

Behind her a frazzled RARITY levitates bags of fabric and *
sewing supplies. *

5 RARITY *
Why do I make gifts every year? *
I doubt I'll make it through! *

6 RAINBOW DASH / FLUTTERSHY / RARITY *
One more day *
Before the cheer *
One last chance *
Before it's here *
One more day to make the Holiday *
great! *
One day to finish shopping *
One more day before we celebrate. *

Nearby, MAUD PIE, MUD BRIAR, BIG MACINTOSH, GRANNY SMITH, *
APPLEBLOOM AND GRAND PEAR, IGNEOUS ROCK, CLOUDY QUARTZ, *
LIMESTONE PIE and MARBLE PIE shop for decorations (apple- *
themed, pear-themed and of course rock-themed). *

PINKIE PIE bounces over to APPLEJACK, who stands with a few *
packages. *

7 PINKIE PIE *
Hearth's Warming Eve will be here *
soon! *
A day that we all share. *

8 APPLEJACK *
Friends and Family come together *

9 PINKIE PIE *
Pies, Apples and a Pear! *

The family members keep handing more and more supplies from *
OS to Applejack and Pinkie. *

10 APPLEJACK *
But family gath'rins take hard *
work! *

11 PINKIE PIE *
There's so much to prepare! *

12 APPLEJACK/PINKIE PIE *
With all the planning that we've *
done *
We've got no time to spare. *

A chorus of ND ponies pick up the song--

13 ND PONIES
*One more day
Before the cheer
One last chance
before it's here
One more day to make the Holiday
bright
One day to plan with family
One more day to get everything
right.*

As we zoom through town towards the castle we see that everypony is rushing to try to get things done.

14 ND PONIES (CONT'D)
*Before the fun there's preparation
Shopping, cooking, decoration
We know it will be worth it in the
end
But spreading joy and spreading
cheer
is more work than you think this
time of year!*

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

Close on SPIKE carrying a heavy box filled with decorations.

15 SPIKE
*Hearth's Warming Eve is getting
close
We're not prepared, I fear.
Uh Twilight? You should take a
break.*

REVEAL TWILIGHT SPARKLE organizing MANY boxes of decorations/supplies/etc. with her checklist.

16 TWILIGHT
*There's no time Spike! That much is
clear.
I made the list. I checked it twice
There's LOTS to do on here.
And if I can't get all this done?
I'll have to wait and celebrate
next year.*

Twilight flies out of the castle. Spike follows, dragging a ridiculously long scroll behind him. Split screen as we see the MANE 6 rushing to get everything ready for the holiday.

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17      MANE 6
One more day
Before the cheer
One last chance
before it's here
One more day to make the Holiday
great!
We really hope Hearth's Warming Eve
is great
Oh please oh please make sure it's
really great!
We're super-stressed we have to
make it great!

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<END SONG> *

Twilight rushes through town. Spike follows, dragging the scroll, dodging ponies (including Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy, and Rarity).

Spike stops, suddenly, as the scroll goes taut behind him. He tugs on the stuck scroll a few times and turns. Several ponies (including Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy and Rarity) are wrapped up in a tangled mess.

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18         RAINBOW DASH                                     *
Do we want to know why you're                             *
wrapping up everypony in town?                             *
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19          SPIKE                                     *
Not wrapping paper. A to-do list.                    *
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He points to Twilight, who flies from one cart to the next,
levitating random items away like an insane pony.

20 TWILIGHT *

Two of these. Three of those... *

maybe ten of those. Just in case. *

21 FLUTTERSHY *

Oh my. *

They rush over to Twilight. *

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22          RARITY                                     *
Twilight, darling, are you alright?                *
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23          TWILIGHT                                *
      (frantic)                                     *
Sure! Just grabbing a few things.                  *
      (she holds up a fruitcake)                   *
Do I need this? No. That's silly. I               *
need EIGHT!                                         *
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Applejack and Pinkie Pie join, carrying bags of decorations. *

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24             APPLEJACK                                *
Hey y'all! What's everypony--- oh.                    *
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Hey y'all! What's everypony--- oh. *

They stare at Twilight in the midst of her 'shopping'. *

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25      APPLEJACK (CONT'D)                                *
Traditional holiday meltdown?                             *

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Traditional holiday meltdown? *

26 RARITY *

It seems so. *

It seems so. *

She walks over to Twilight. *

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27      APPLEJACK                                *
      (SUPER calm)                              *
Hey Twilight. How's your day?                  *
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(SUPER calm) *

Hey Twilight. How's your day? *

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28          TWILIGHT
      (building speed/stress)
I got WAY behind grading midterms.
And Cadance and Shining Armor are
coming HERE with Flurry Heart for
Hearth's Warming Eve. And I haven't
STARTED decorating and I don't know
what to get ANY of you, and --

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(building speed/stress) *

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And Cadance and Shining Armor are *

coming HERE with Flurry Heart for

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Hearth's Warming Eve. And I haven't *

STARTED decorating and I don't know *

what to get ANY of you, and -- *

Applejack puts a hoof over Twilight's mouth, stopping her. *

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29             APPLEJACK                                *
Stop. Take a breath.                                  *
    (Twilight takes a breath)                          *
Let it out slow.                                       *
    (Twilight exhales)                                *
We ALL get a little riled this time                   *
of year.                                                *
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Stop. Take a breath. *

(Twilight takes a breath) *

Let it out slow. *

(Twilight exhales) *

We ALL get a little riled this time *

we will get a little paid this time
of year. *

30 RARITY *

Indeed. I've been running ragged *

trying to finish everything. *

Indeed. I've been running ragged *

trying to finish everything. *

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31          PINKIE PIE                                     *
And we've been SUPER busy making                         *
sure this ApplePie Family Holiday                        *
is the Apple-iest and Pie-est EVER!                       *

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sure this ApplePie Family Holiday *

is the Apple-iest and Pie-est EVER! *

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32          FLUTTERSHY                                     *
What's left on your to-do list?                          *
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What's left on your to-do list? *

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33          SPIKE                                     *
We're about HERE.                                   *
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We're about [HERE](#). *

Spike points where the scroll hits the floor in front of him. *

34 SPIKE (CONT'D) *
Which would be great! If the end *
of the list wasn't over there. *

Spike points where the scroll wraps around several carts, *
bales of hay AND ponies and trails off in the distance. *

35 APPLEJACK *
I got an idea! Something that'll *
save us all time. What if we change *
up how we give gifts this year, and *
do a Hearthwarmin' Helper? *

36 PINKIE PIE *
THAT'S A GREAT IDEA! One question. *
What's a Hearthwarming Helper? *

37 APPLEJACK *
Somethin' we used to do when the *
WHOLE Apple Family got together. *
There were so many of us, it didn't *
make sense to buy everypony gifts. *
So we'd put our names in a hat... *

Pinkie leans in, enraptured. *

38 PINKIE PIE *
A game of chance! Tell me more. *

39 APPLEJACK *
Then we'd each pull a name, but *
keep it secret! *

40 PINKIE PIE *
A dash of mystery. Good. Good. *

41 APPLEJACK *
Instead of buyin' everypony a *
present, you JUST get one for the *
pony you picked from the hat! *

42 PINKIE PIE *
WAIT. So instead of LOTS of *
presents I only buy ONE of you a *
present? WHAT KINDA GAME IS THIS?!! *

43 RARITY *
It WOULD save time. *

Spike nods, looking puppy-love eyes at Rarity. *

44 SPIKE *
And you could get the pony you pick *
something REALLY nice. *

45 RAINBOW DASH
The less shopping the better! IN!

46 FLUTTERSHY
Will that help, Twilight?

Twilight nods, grateful.

47 TWILIGHT
I WAS stressed about shopping.

48 PINKIE PIE
(EXTENDED SIGH) Fine. I will ONLY
buy ONE present for my secret
Hearthwarming Helper buddy.

49 APPLEJACK
We just need to put everypony's
name in this here hat.

Applejack flips her hat off into her hoof.

Twilight uses magic to draw each pony's cutie mark on a
scroll (using a dragon wings for Spike). She neatly rips them
into matching squares and drops them into Applejack's hat.

50 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Y'all ready? NO peekin!

They nod. Each one pulls from the hat, checks it and puts on
"poker" faces. Pinkie rocks back and forth with excitement.

51 PINKIE PIE
SO. Excited. AHHH! TOO EXCITED! I
DON'T WANT TO GIVE ANYTHING AWAY!

Pinkie rushes off.

52 RARITY
When will the gift exchange occur?

53 RAINBOW DASH
How 'bout we meet at the castle on
Hearth's Warming Eve tomorrow
night?

54 TWILIGHT
Thanks to you all, I should be
ready to celebrate by then!

55 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, this is so exciting.

As the ponies *head home*, Spike rushes after Applejack, holding the paper slip he drew.

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56 SPIKE
Uh. Applejack? Is it against the rules to trade *names*? If I had a better idea for somepony special? Er, specific?

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57 APPLEJACK
If you can figure out who has the pony you want, and they're okay tradin', I guess it's fine.

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58 SPIKE
Great! So... who do you-

59 APPLEJACK
I don't have Rarity.

60 SPIKE
What? How do you... That's not -

61 APPLEJACK
(knowingly)
Uh-huh.

Applejack walks off <SINGING> to herself.

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62 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
*Hearthwarming Helper keeps the Holiday bright!
A tiny bit more shoppin'
Just one gift before tomorrow night.*

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END ACT ONE

ACT TWO**SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER**

Twilight opens a box of decorations. Spike runs past Twilight towards the door, but then slowly slides back into FRAME.

63 SPIKE
Heyyyy Twilight... whatcha plannin'
to get YOUR secret pony?

64 TWILIGHT
Not sure. I'm getting the castle
ready for my family first. THEN
I'll shop.

65 SPIKE
For something sparkly? Fashionable?

66 TWILIGHT
No...Those aren't really the kind
of things my pony likes.

67 SPIKE
(disappointed)
Oh. Well, gotta go! Wish me luck!

68 TWILIGHT
For shopping?

69 SPIKE
Well, yeah! If every pony's only
getting ONE gift, it has to be
EXTRA SPECIAL good!

70 TWILIGHT
I...Didn't think of it that way.

Spike heads out as that sinks in for Twilight. She looks at her parchment. Balloons: Pinkie Pie's cutie Mark.

71 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I can't just go shopping and hope I
find the right gift. The present I
get Pinkie Pie could make or break
her holiday! This needs
forethought, planning, research!
(glances at the boxes)
I'll decorate later. Knowing
Pinkie, she probably already has a
perfect idea what to get her pony.

SC. 5 - INT. PINKIE PIE'S HOUSE - SAME TIME

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Pinkie throws herself on her bed dramatically.

72 PINKIE PIE
I have NO IDEA what to get my pony!

Reveal Maud, Limestone, Marble and GUMMY are in the room too.

73 LIMESTONE
There's a PILE of presents right
there. Pick one and you're done.

WHIP PAN to a pile of wrapped gifts. Pinkie rips them open,
showing off ridiculously decorated hats, each one a color of
the Elements of Harmony.

74 PINKIE PIE
THOSE were for when I was getting
ALL of my friends Matching Harmony
Hearth's Warming Hats!

She waves the purple hat around.

75 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I can't give ONE pony a matching
present with nothing to match it! I
need something special JUST for
Twilight!

76 MAUD
I've got it.

77 PINKIE PIE
I don't think Twilight likes rocks
as much as you do Maud.

78 MAUD
I wasn't going to say a rock.
 (then)
Just kidding. I was definitely
going to say a rock.

Gummy licks his eye. **Pinkie looks at him earnestly.**

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79 PINKIE PIE
Thanks for the vote of confidence,
Gummy, but this is the biggest
Holiday challenge I've ever faced.
 (she brightens)
HEY! THIS IS THE BIGGEST HOLIDAY
CHALLENGE I'VE EVER FACED! HOW
EXCITING IS THAT?

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Ribbon sticks to Pinkie's hoof as she paces around the room. *

It wraps around her sisters as she walks and thinks out loud. *

80 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Am I up for the challenge? I know
I'm good at gift giving. But am I
the BEST at gift giving?

81 LIMESTONE
Who would say they're the BEST at
gift giving? That's ridiculous.

82 MARBLE
Ummm...

Pinkie grabs Marble and hugs her.

83 PINKIE PIE
MARBLE, YOU'RE A GENIUS! YAKS would
say they were the best at gift
giving! If ANYPONY knows what to
do, it's them. I gotta go to
Yakyakistan! Thanks, these Pie
sister talks are the BEST.

She grabs her scarf and rushes out the door, leaving her
sisters tied up to each other with ribbon. *

84 MARBLE
Um... *

SC. 6 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREETS - CONTINUOUS *

Pinkie rushes past Spike. He waves her down.

85 SPIKE
Pinkie! *

She stops and reverses back to where Spike is.

86 PINKIE PIE
Talk fast. No time. Got a quest.

Spike shuffles his foot and slowly talks around what he
wants. Pinkie gets more anxious until she LITERALLY vibrates.

87 SPIKE
Well... I was kinda wondering who
you had for your Hearthwarming
Helper cuz... I was thinking... *

88 PINKIE PIE
I have Twilight shhh don't tell
anypony especially Twilight OK bye!

Spike is about to say something when Pinkie zips away,
dashing past Rarity. *

89 RARITY
Honestly, some ponies get so
overwhelmed this time of year.
How's your shopping going, Spike? *

90 SPIKE
Uh. Fine. *

Rarity leans in to whisper-- *

91 RARITY
Which pony did you get? *

92 SPIKE
I...Can't remember? *

93 RARITY
Well, I have Applejack. And she's
absolutely going to LOVE her
present. There's a divine milliner
in Manehattan, FEDORA FELT. I asked
for a new take on Western chic that
would be the envy of every farmpony
in Equestria. It arrives tomorrow! *

94 SPIKE
That's a great gift, Rarity. I hope
I can find something for my pony as
special as you are. SHE is. Heh. *

Spike runs off, leaving a confused Rarity. *

PAN ACROSS the street where Fluttershy tries to get shopping
done with Rainbow Dash trailing after her. *

95 RAINBOW DASH
Ok, what about your favorite food? *

96 FLUTTERSHY
Oh I couldn't pick ONE. What if it
hurt the other foods' feelings? *

97 RAINBOW DASH
Riiight. But there's gotta be
something you really really like. *

98 FLUTTERSHY
I really really like...Everything!
Why do you ask? *

Rainbow Dash covers, super-awkwardly. *

99 RAINBOW DASH
Just...Getting gift ideas. For my
pony. Who isn't you. So... Is there
anything you DON'T like? *

100 FLUTTERSHY
Not liking things. *

Rainbow Dash face-hooves and flies off in <GROWLING>
frustration. Fluttershy calls cheerfully after her-- *

101 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I hope that helped! *

Fluttershy turns to looks in the window of a JEWELRY store.
Suddenly, Spike pops up next to her. *

102 SPIKE
Hey Fluttershy. Thinking of getting
that for your Hearthwarming Helper? *

103 FLUTTERSHY
Mmm-hmm. She loves shiny things.

Spike grins, he may have found his pony. He leans against the
window dramatically - woe is he. *

104 SPIKE
I wish I knew what MY secret pony
wanted. She's SO hard to shop for.

105 FLUTTERSHY
Oh no. Maybe I could help? Unless
you don't want to tell me who your-

106 SPIKE
Rainbow Dash.

107 FLUTTERSHY
Oh! I was JUST talking to Rainbow
Dash about things we both like! *

108 SPIKE
Great idea! We SHOULD trade ponies!

109 FLUTTERSHY
I-- Wait. Trade?

110 SPIKE
Applejack said it's not against the
rules. And you know what Rainbow
Dash likes, so it's perfect!

He trades names with Fluttershy and looks at his.

111 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Rarity? What. A. Surprise! Thanks!

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Spike runs off.

112 FLUTTERSHY
What just happened?

Applejack comes rushing over to Fluttershy.

113 APPLEJACK
There you are. I need your help!

114 FLUTTERSHY
Do you want to trade names too?

115 APPLEJACK
What? No. I just need help
figurin' out what to get Spike.

Fluttershy sighs in relief and we CUT TO--

SC. 7 - EXT. PONYVILLE SHOP - SOON AFTER

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Rainbow Dash flies out the door, candle in hoof.

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116 RAINBOW DASH
Candle. Great. Whatever. Fluttershy
shopping DONE.

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Eyes and a mouth appear on the candle and glare at her.

117 CANDLE
You can't HONESTLY be serious?

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118 RAINBOW DASH
AHHHHHH! GHOST CANDLE!

Rainbow Dash hurls the candle. When it lands, it grows arms
and legs and brushes itself off.

119 CANDLE
A CANDLE is what you buy when you
have no idea what to get somepony.

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Rainbow Dash rolls her eyes. She knows who this is.

120 RAINBOW DASH
What do you want, Discord?

The candle <POPS> into the form of the DRACONEQUIS.

121 DISCORD
Flutter shy told me about this
Hearth-Whatever-it's-called. I may
not be invited, but I wanted to
make sure she gets a quality gift.

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122 RAINBOW DASH
I TRIED asking her what she likes,
but she likes EVERYthing.

123 DISCORD
She SAYS that. But her REAL friends
know what she ACTUALLY likes.

124 RAINBOW DASH
"Real friends"?! I've known her a
lot longer than you have.

125 DISCORD
Then you surely know lit candles
make her nervous. Don't you?

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*

126 RAINBOW DASH
(grits her teeth)
Fine. I'll get her something else.

She flies away. Discord floats after her.

127 DISCORD
You know, I think I'll tag along.
Just to make sure you get it right.

SC. 8 -INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

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Spike is on cloud nine, practically strutting.

128 SPIKE
I can't wait to give Rarity her
gift. It'll be just as special,
beautiful and amazing as she is!
(dreamy)
Just imagine when she opens it, and
sees-- uh-- Sees--
(freezes, realizing)
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO GET HER!

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE**SC. 9 - EXT. RAINBOW FALLS - THE NEXT DAY**

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Applejack and Fluttershy make their way through Rainbow Falls. All of the booths are decked out for the Holidays.

129 APPLEJACK
I had no idea Rainbow Falls had a
Hearth's Warmin' Eve Craft Fair!
Great idea, Fluttershy!

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*

130 FLUTTERSHY
I come every year. They have
perfect presents for anypony!

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*

131 APPLEJACK
Hopefully anyDRAGON too. Wanna
split up? Meet back here in a bit?

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*

Fluttershy nods. As Applejack goes off, Fluttershy walks along the booths. She passes rainbow knick-knacks, a Daring Do booth, and a Wonderbolts booth (with an awesome poster OF Rainbow Dash). A few PONY SHOPPERS rush past her, headed OS.

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132 PONY SHOPPER #1
Hurry up! There's only a few left!

Curious, Fluttershy follows the crowd to a colorful booth MUCH larger (and ostentatious) than the rest.

A strange (yet somehow FLIM-iliar) pony in full Dickensian Holiday garb (including a fake moustache, etc. to mask his face) stands onstage above the assembled shoppers.

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133 FLIM
Fillies and gentlecolts! We want
you ALL to have the best holiday
your bits can buy! But there are
only a limited number left!

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*

Fluttershy turns to the pony next to her.

134 FLUTTERSHY
Limited number of what?

*

135 PONY SHOPPER #3
HOLLY THE HEARTHWARMER!

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136 FLUTTERSHY
What is that?

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The crowd around Fluttershy <GASPS>. The pony on stage focuses his attention on her.

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137 FLIM
YOU seem like somepony looking for
a gift for a very special friend!

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*

138 FLUTTERSHY
I AM!

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*

139 FLIM
A friend who wouldn't want to miss
out on the MUST HAVE GIFT everypony
is talking about?

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140 FLUTTERSHY
She certainly wouldn't want to miss
out on that!

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*

141 FLIM
A truly AWESOME friend who deserves
something 20% cooler than any other
gift out there?

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*

142 FLUTTERSHY
That sounds JUST like her!

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*

143 FLIM
Look no further. THIS IS IT!

Fluttershy gets wrapped up in the excitement of the moment!

144 FLUTTERSHY
How much is it?!

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145 FLIM
(grinning)
How much do you have?

SC. 10 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN - DAY

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PRINCE RUTHERFORD watches a group of yaks pile furniture in the center of the village. One yaks places a chair on top.

146 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
YOJAN! IS THAT GOOD ANGLE FOR
OPTIMAL SMASHING?!

The other yaks stare at Yojan. He bows his head in shame.

147 PRINCE RUTHERFORD (CONT'D)
Go decorate bale of hay and think
about what you--

A pair of pink hooves covers Rutherford's eyes.

148 PINKIE PIE
Guessssssssssss who!

149 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Yojan!

150 PINKIE PIE
No, silly!

151 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Yngvild! Tormund! Grunhorn!

152 PINKIE PIE
Nopety nope and NYET! It's me!!!!

Pinkie uncovers Rutherford's eyes.

153 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Prince Rutherford knew it pink pony
all along. Yaks BEST at guessing!

154 PINKIE PIE
Yaks best at everything! That's why
I'm here! Sorry to interrupt
Snilldar Fest, but I need help.
Can you tell me where to find
 (Does yak impersonation)
BEST GIFT EVER?

Prince Rutherford looks around nervously. Whispers close--

155 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Not here. Follow this way.

Prince Rutherford attempts to sneak into a nearby hut but
<SMASHES> and <BREAKS> several things on the way. Pinkie
follows behind, <SMASHING AND BREAKING> the same things.

SC. 11 - INT. YAK HUT - CONTINUOUS

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Prince Rutherford shuts the windows and bars the door.

156 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Prince Rutherford about to tell
honorary yak friend something VERY
TOP SECRET.

157 PINKIE PIE
Honorary yak friend listening!

158 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Yaks best at all things EXCEPT one.
Yaks not best at giving gifts.

Pinkie's jaw literally hits the floor. She is shocked.

159 PINKIE PIE
Whaaaaaaaaaaaaat?

160 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
I know it hard to believe. *

161 PINKIE PIE
How am I gonna figure out how to
get Twilight the best Hearth's
Warming gift EVER? *

162 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
No worry, honorary yak. Prince
Rutherford keep secret map in
perfectly organized files.

He rummages through a disorganized pile of papers, hay and
garbage and pulls out a map.

163 PRINCE RUTHERFORD (CONT'D)
Best gift givers up northern
mountain, where sky shimmers and
glows. There, secret gift giver
grove. Only Yak princes and pink
honorary yak know.

Pinkie mimes zipping her lips. Through closed ones:

164 PINKIE PIE
My lips are sealed!

PINKIE busts open the door and at the top of her lungs:

165 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
TIME FOR MY TOP SECRET QUEST UP THE
MOUNTAIN!

SC. 12 - INT. PONYVILLE POST OFFICE - SOON AFTER *

Rarity, at the front of a line of waiting ponies, rings the
bell for service. Muffins pops her head up. *

166 MUFFINS
Hi Rarity! How can I help you?

167 RARITY
I **expected** a package **today**, and I *
was wondering where it might be.

168 MUFFINS
Okaaaay. Let's check. Name?

169 RARITY
... Rarity?

Muffins obviously flips through a bunch of papers.

170 MUFFINS
AH! Here we go. Your package was
delivered to Sweet Apple Acres.

171 RARITY
WHAT?! It was supposed to be
delivered to Rarity's Boutique!

172 MUFFINS
But **the** package was for Applejack! *
She's at Sweet Apple Acres.

173 RARITY
Yes, it's **for** Applejack, but **I** will
be delivering it.

174 MUFFINS
Why? That's my job.

175 RARITY
It's a GIFT FOR Applejack FROM me.

176 MUFFINS
OH NO! What if she opens it? It *
shouldn't go to Sweet Apple Acres!
(checks papers)
OH! Wait. It **went to** Sweet ACORN *
Acres **instead**. THAT'S a relief! *

177 RARITY
Why is that a relief?

178 MUFFINS
Because Applejack's not IN Sweet *
Acorn acres. You want me to get **the** *
package and deliver it to **her**?

179 RARITY
NO!!! <ahem> May I have the address *
for Sweet ACORN Acres? I think **I'll** *
just collect the package myself. *

180 MUFFINS
You sure? I'm happy to do it.

181 RARITY
You have helped so much already.

Muffins beams and hands over the address. Rarity rushes out.

After hearing the exchange, the lined up ponies quickly shift from Muffins' line to the even-longer line next to hers.

Muffins beams cluelessly.

182 MUFFINS
Guess I'm getting off early today!

SC. 13 - INT/EXT. VARIOUS PONYVILLE SHOPS - SAME DAY

Spike walks into Ponyville town square and looks around at all the shops. He wears a serious expression.

183 SPIKE
Shopping for Rarity. NO problem.
She likes lots of stuff. I just
need something extra special.

SMASH CUT TO:

184 PONY VENDOR
Brand new top of the line sewing
equipment?

SMASH CUT TO:

185 PONY VENDOR #2
A priceless rhinestone necklace?

SMASH CUT TO:

186 PONY VENDOR #3
A sculpture of Rarity made from
smaller sculptures of Rarity?

Several other Rarity-centric (and over the top) gifts flash by rapidly, ending on a dazed and confused Spike.

187 SPIKE
Shopping for Rarity. Slight
problem. She likes lots of stuff.
But nothing is special enough!

Spike collapses in the center of town. An annoyed Rainbow Dash and Discord fly over Spike. Dash heads towards a shop.

188 DISCORD
(under his breath)
Oh goodness, no.

She grits her teeth and flies towards the Ponyville Day Spa.

189 DISCORD (CONT'D)
(coughing)
Even worse.

190 RAINBOW DASH
C'mon, Fluttershy would LOVE a spa
day!

191 DISCORD
She'd be so worried about being the
perfect client, she would hardly
enjoy it.

192 RAINBOW DASH
She's FLUTTERSHY! Everything makes
her worried!

193 DISCORD
NOW you sound like somepony who
knows her!

194 RAINBOW DASH
If you're SUCH an expert on
Fluttershy what did YOU get her?

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195 DISCORD
You honestly expect me to tell you
what I got Fluttershy so you can
one up me? I have half a mind to
stop helping you entirely!

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Discord's head splits in two (ungrossly) and he points to one
half of it.

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196 RAINBOW DASH
GOOD! Please stop helping me! I'm
begging you!

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197 DISCORD
<sigh> I suppose I COULD tell you
what my back-up present was.

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Rainbow Dash rolls her eyes - she's SO over this.

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198 RAINBOW DASH
Great. Still helping...

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199 DISCORD
But you'd have to be the fastest
pony in Equestria to even have a
CHANCE of catching the creature. *

THIS gets Rainbow Dash's attention. *

200 RAINBOW DASH
You're TALKING to the fastest pony
in Equestria! If there's some fast
animal out there Fluttershy would
love, I'M the one who can get it. *

201 DISCORD
(overly dramatic)
Oh, I just don't know.... *

202 RAINBOW DASH
I'm calling it! DIBS! *

203 DISCORD
Well, if you INSIST...

He snaps his fingers and they disappear.

SC. 14 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE/LIBRARY - SAME DAY *

Towers of books surround a chalkboard covered in "Holiday
Equations" and a bulletin board with string connecting photos
of Pinkie to photos of gifts. A book tower levitates out of
the way as Twilight walks beneath it towards the chalkboard. *

204 TWILIGHT
The ideal gift for Pinkie Pie needs
to be A) Unique, B) Specific to her
personality and C) Food-based.

Twilight draws a Venn Diagram on the board illustrating her
point (with a cute picture of a happy Pinkie in the middle).
Twilight flips through several books frantically. *

205 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
What is a unique food? Cupcakes?
No. Cookies? No. Pies? Pastries?
Pudding? WAIT! PUDDING!

Twilight flies up and pulls a book off a high shelf.

206 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
After defeating the Windigos, the
Earth Pony, Pegasi and Unicorns
nations prepared the FIRST Hearth's
Warming meal together.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Chancellor Puddinghead made a
PUDDING SO delicious, **stories** were
written **about it!** *

Twilight **draws fireworks and stars around the Venn diagram.** *

207 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
This **is it!** Unique. TOTALLY Pinkie!
The most legendary dessert ever! *

She looks back at the book and flips through it. *

208 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
But where's the recipe?! *

SC. 15 - EXT. RAINBOW FALLS - LATE AFTERNOON *

Applejack searches the crowd. She rushes over to Fluttershy. *

209 APPLEJACK
I've narrowed **it** down to fire
dancin' sticks or a Power Ponies
comic. **UN-enchanted. I think.** *

Fluttershy turns, revealing HOLLY THE HEARTHWARMER DOLL. *

210 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
<FRIGHTENED SCREAM> WHAT IS THAT?!

The doll is creepy, poorly made and **already** falling apart! *

211 FLUTTERSHY
Holly **the HEARTHWARMER** Doll. Isn't
she sweet? *

Fluttershy squeezes the doll - **it speaks in FLIM'S VOICE.** *

212 FLIM (V.O.)
I LOVE being an expensive toy! *

213 APPLEJACK
Why'd you think THAT was a good
gift for Rainbow Dash? *

214 FLUTTERSHY
It's the MUST HAVE gift of the
season! And in short supply!

Applejack looks around. **Several** ponies carry the **ugly** doll. *

215 APPLEJACK
Short supply huh? How much did you
pay for that? *

216 FLUTTERSHY
All my bits. Can I borrow some for
the train ride home?

217 APPLEJACK
Something about this here doll
seems fishy. Where'd you get it?

SC. 16 - EXT. FLIM & FLAM'S BOOTH - MOMENTS LATER

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A line of ponies wait at the closed booth. Applejack and Fluttershy walk around back. The Dickensian vendor pony removes his "disguise," revealing FLIM. FLAM enters, wheeling a cart with several boxes of Holly the Hearthwarmer dolls.

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218 APPLEJACK
 (sotto)
Flim and Flam! What are those
Hearth's Warmin' Hooligans up to
NOW?!

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END ACT THREE

ACT FOUR**SC. 17 - EXT. SWEET ACORN ORCHARDS - THE NEXT MORNING**

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Rarity, in full winter regalia, walks up a barren path to Sweet Acorn Acres. A shabby rusty gate creaks in the wind.

219 RARITY
How... rustic.

Past the creaky gate, a dirt path leads to a ramshackle home adorned with meager decorations. Behind it, a run-down barn stands next to a few scraggly acorn trees.

Rarity <KNOCKS>. Two ponies, OAK NUT and BUTTERNUT, open the door, unsure of what to make of their well-dressed guest.

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220 RARITY (CONT'D)
Is this Sweet Acorn Acres?

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221 BUTTERNUT
It is. But we've never had nopony like you visit before...

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222 RARITY
The name's Rarity. I'm actually here about a package that was recently delivered...

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223 OAK NUT
That was from YOU?!

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224 RARITY
(relieved)
So it DID arrive. If I could just-

*

Butternut hugs Rarity.

225 BUTTERNUT
We don't know how to thank you.

226 RARITY
(confused)
Thank me?

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They usher her in. The interior is as meager as the exterior. Butter Nut sits Rarity down and pours some tea.

227 OAK NUT
I was just saying to Butternut I wished we knew who our Hearth's Warming Miracle was.

228 BUTTERNUT
Oak Nut and I couldn't believe it *
when we opened it.

229 RARITY *
Opened it? Oh dear. You see what *
happened was -- *

230 BUTTERNUT
Pistachio said right away whoever *
sent it just "got him".

231 OAK NUT *
Our son loves that hat to pieces. *
Says when he put it on, he could *

232 RARITY
As an acorn farmer?

233 PISTACHIO (O.S.)
A FARMER?! Filly, please.

PISTACHIO enters sporting Rarity's hat. He is short, sassy *
and utterly fabulous.

234 PISTACHIO (CONT'D) *
This is a Fedora Felt ORIGINAL. *
Look at this bold stitching! These *
daring textures! It's a whole new *
take on Western chic! There's no *
way I would wear it in the field.

He hugs the hat reverently. His parents beam proudly at him. *

235 BUTTERNUT
We don't know where he got his
fashion sense.

236 OAK NUT
Far as we know, a hat's a hat. *

237 PISTACHIO
Except when it's art. *

238 BUTTERNUT
Thank you, Rarity. *

Pistachio whips his head around to gape at Rarity.

239 PISTACHIO
Rarity? THE Rarity?

Rarity nods her head.

240 PISTACHIO (CONT'D)
You are LEGEND-MARE-Y! You have to
stay for lunch. I won't take no for
an answer!

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They look at Rarity expectantly. She's at a loss but rallies.

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241 RARITY
I... would be delighted?

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SC. 18 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

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Twilight wearily walks out of the library with a large book.
Her mane is a mess and she has bags under her eyes. Boxes of
decorations are still scattered everywhere.

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242 TWILIGHT
The recipe for Chancellor
Puddinghead's MAGICAL pudding was
filed under magical SPELLS not
recipes. OBVIOUSLY. Only took four
hours to figure that out.

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She flips through the book.

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243 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Let's see. Nutmeg, Sugarplums,
Gingerbread, Candy Canes. Each
ingredient must be measured with
exact care, or else?!
 (she smiles)
Oh, book. Have you met me?

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A <KNOCK> at the castle door stops her. She opens the door to
find PRINCESS CADANCE, SHINING ARMOR and FLURRY HEART.

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244 SHINING ARMOR & CADANCE/FLURRY HEART
HAPPY HEARTH'S WARMING! / <bubbles>

Shining Armor hugs his sister.

245 TWILIGHT
But... you're early! Your scroll
said you were coming tomorrow.

246 CADANCE
The scroll we sent yesterday?

247 TWILIGHT
Yesterday! Right. Welcome!

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Shining Armor looks over Twilight's shoulder. Boxes of
Hearth's Warming decorations are still scattered about.

248 SHINING ARMOR
Uh-oh.

249 CADANCE
Uh-oh?

Shining Armor studies Twilight, puts a hoof to her forehead as though checking a fever. She bats his hoof away, annoyed.

250 TWILIGHT
(annoyed)
What are you doing?

251 SHINING ARMOR
Decorations not up, frazzled mane, determined look. I've seen this before. What are you obsessing about this time Twily?

252 TWILIGHT
NOTHING!

253 SHINING ARMOR
So decorations aren't up because? *

254 TWILIGHT
I thought... It would be more fun if we all decorated it together!

255 CADANCE
That sounds wonderful. We can start decorating right--

256 TWILIGHT
AFTER I finish this one QUICK errand. Make yourselves at home. I'll be RIGHT back! Promise. *

She TELEPORTS away - <POOF>!

257 CADANCE
She's definitely freaking out about something.

258 SHINING ARMOR
OH yeah.

SC. 19 - EXT. ANCIENT GIFT GIVER'S GROVE - LATER THAT DAY *

The NORTHERN LIGHTS shimmer above. Enchanted trees surround a tiny cottage, decorated for every Equestria holiday ever. Pinkie climbs over a cliff, and bounces to the cottage.

She's about to knock when the door flies open. A young adorable REINDEER (AURORA) grins and hugs Pinkie Pie.

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259 AURORA
FINALLY! Took you long enough.

She pulls Pinkie inside the cottage.

SC. 20 - INT. REINDEER COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

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Holiday cards are strung up on the walls. Piles of wrapping paper, presents and open boxes filled with all kinds of gifts are stacked everywhere. It's Holiday Hoarders.

260 PINKIE PIE
Are you sure you were expecting me?
My name is-

261 AURORA
Pinkie Pie, I know. I know everything.

An elderly reindeer with spectacles and a red and white striped walker (ALICE) hobbles aggressively towards them.

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262 ALICE
Everything my antler! You only know what's already happened. You don't know what she's about to ask!

263 PINKIE PIE/ALICE
What AM I about to ask?

Pinkie double takes.

264 PINKIE PIE/ALICE (CONT'D)
HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS GONNA SAY THAT?

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A reindeer Pinkie's age (BORI) enters, rolling her eyes.

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265 BORI
Will you two stop showing off? She doesn't have all Hearth's Warming!

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266 PINKIE PIE
Who ARE you deers?

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They all bow their heads as they introduce themselves.

267 AURORA
Aurora.

268 BORI
Bori!

269 ALICE
Alice.

270 AURORA
The gift givers of the Grove.

Pinkie claps her hooves in excitement.

271 PINKIE PIE
And you can help me get Twilight
the best gift ever?

Bori and Alice nod in unison. Aurora looks confused.

272 AURORA
What about the matching hats? They
were so cute!

273 PINKIE PIE
That was--

274 BORI
BEFORE she had to get just ONE gift
for Twilight.

275 AURORA
Ah, yes.

276 ALICE
I'm gonna go get that box Pinkie is
gonna say she likes.

Alice hobbles off. Bori sees that Pinkie looks confused.

277 BORI
Aurora remembers gifts that have
already happened. Alice **knows the**
gifts that are GOING to happen.
I... just stay in the moment and
keep the two of them in line.

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278 PINKIE PIE
Wow. (plays cool) Y'know, I'm kind
of a gift-giver too. Self-taught.

279 AURORA
We learned from the best.

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280 BORI
He lives north of here. WAY north.

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281 ALICE *
You'll meet him one day. *

The reindeer sift through stacks of odds and ends on a table, *
some wrapped as presents, some not. *

282 AURORA *
The best gift is more precious than *
gold - but it cannot be sold. *

283 BORI *
When it breaks it's not ended, for *
quickly it's mended. *

284 ALICE *
It can never be bought, yet is *
easily sought. Ah! Here we go. *

They spread their hooves - tada! There's a small box on the *
table. Pinkie leans toward it. *

285 PINKIE PIE
Oooo. I like that box!

286 ALICE
(to Bori)
Told you!

Pinkie opens the box and stares inside in awe.

287 PINKIE PIE
The perfect gift. Wow.
(then)
I don't get it.

288 ALICE
You will.

SC. 21 - INT. RAINBOW FALLS WAREHOUSE - LATER *

Applejack and Fluttershy approach Flim and Flam. Applejack *
clears her throat. Flim pulls his disguise back on - it ends *
up upside-down, so his moustache looks like a big eyebrow.

289 FLIM *
We said NO REFUNDS! Oh. You. *

290 APPLEJACK *
What are y'all doin' with these *
dolls and that ridiculous get up?
Don't you have a casino to run?

291 FLIM
It's off-season. Besides, we're
planning an expansion.

292 FLAM
Expansions cost bits.

They unveil a MODEL MOCKUP. A huge (and unsafe looking) water *
slide running down a swirl of frozen yogurt. *

293 FLIM & FLAM
Flim and Flam's Fro Yo Flume Ride!

294 FLUTTERSHY
That sounds fun!

295 APPLEJACK
It ain't no excuse for sellin'
cheap dolls to ponies.

Flim and Flam flank Fluttershy - the mark. Gently:

296 FLIM
We aren't doing anything wrong.
We're giving ponies what they want!

297 FLAM
Shopping for the perfect gift is
stressful.

298 FLUTTERSHY
(nods) That's true.

299 FLIM
You want to get something that
really stands out.

300 FLUTTERSHY
I do.

301 FLAM
And when you tell your friend you
got them the HOTTEST gift in
Rainbow Falls what'll they say?

302 FLUTTERSHY *
Woo hoo?

Applejack rolls her eyes and squeezes the doll- Flim's voice: *

303 FLIM (V.O.) *
The more you spend, the more your
friend knows you love them!

304 FLUTTERSHY
Oh. Right. They really ARE good at
selling things. *

305 FLIM
You may not like it. *

306 FLAM
But technically, we aren't doing
anything wrong. *

307 FLIM
Ponies are desperate for the right
gift. *

308 FLAM
And who are YOU to tell them this
isn't it? *

309 FLIM
If ponies get tired of Holly after
a few days... *

Holly's arm falls off.

310 FLAM (CONT'D)
...Or she falls apart, who REALLY
got hurt? *

311 FLIM AND FLAM
NOPONY! *

They put their disguises on and head back to the stage.
Fluttershy looks at the dismembered Holly, upset. *

312 FLUTTERSHY
Of COURSE Rainbow Dash wouldn't
want this. I'm so mad I could just-- *

She VERY gently kicks a rock on the ground. It barely budes. *

313 APPLEJACK
Convincin' ponies to buy that doll
ain't in the holiday spirit. *

314 FLUTTERSHY
But Flim and Flam have a point. We
can't tell ponies what gifts are
right for them. *

Applejack considers that and grins. She's got an idea. *

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315             APPLEJACK
But we CAN tell 'em what's right
for us!

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OFF Fluttershy's confused expression...

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SC. 22 - EXT. SNOWY MOUNTAIN - LATE IN THE DAY

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Rainbow Dash stealthily and silently follows a trail through a snowy ravine. Discord loudly crashes through behind her.

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316          RAINBOW DASH
No wonder you couldn't find
anything out here. Could you TRY to
make less noise?!
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Discord snaps his fingers. He and Rainbow Dash are both dressed in Elmer Fudd-esque hunting gear.

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317 DISCORD
Be vewy vewy quiet. We're hunting
Winterchiwwas!

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318 RAINBOW DASH
Winter...chillas?

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319 DISCORD
Small, adorable, fuzzy, friendly
and FAST. But they're SO rare,
there's NO telling where **they** might-
- oh, there's one **right there**.

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He points. Sure enough it is the CUTEST WINTER CREATURE YOU HAVE EVER SEEN IN YOUR ENTIRE LIFE.

320 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Now, if you're going to get it, I
think the FIRST move is to--

Rainbow Dash zips away in a rainbow blur and returns with the winterchilla in hoof. It nuzzles next to her. <CUTE NOISES>.

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321         RAINBOW DASH
Be super-fast?
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SC. 23 - INT. SPIKE'S ROOM - EVENING

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Spike sits in a pile of arts & crafts. Glitter, paste, scissors, cardboard. It's a mess. He manically glues ribbon to a pretty-hideous PARASOL he's constructing.

322 SPIKE
MAKING a gift is way more personal
than buying it. Rarity loves things
that take time and effort.

WHIP PAN over to a graveyard of other homemade gifts Spike
has already tried to make. A guitar is among the supplies.

323 SPIKE (CONT'D)
I'm sure THIS one will be the one
that works. (YAWN) I just...
need... to stay focused and...

He falls asleep against his creation, collapsing it.

SC. 24 - EXT. RAINBOW FALLS - LATER THAT EVENING

Flim passes a Holly the Hearthwarmer to a grateful pony as
Flam watches. A huge crowd waits their turn.

324 FLIM
Have a wonderful holiday and
remember, no refunds! NEXT?

It's Applejack and Fluttershy. Flam glares at them. (Note: AJ
and FS speak their lines loud so the whole crowd can hear).

325 FLAM
What are you doing here?

326 APPLEJACK
Same as everypony else! I want a
Hearthwarmer! In fact, I want
THREE!

327 FLIM
Seriously?

328 APPLEJACK
After I saw my friend here with
hers I KNEW I had to buy some!

The crowd nods in agreement. Flim and Flam don't know what
she's up to, but they hand her three dolls.

329 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
For my Granny, my brother and my
little sister!

330 FLIM
Yeah, great story.

331 FLAM *
Hope they love 'em. NEXT! *

Applejack turns, but Fluttershy stops her (she speaks all of her lines as if she's reading from a script). *

332 FLUTTERSHY *
But Applejack. Your Granny, your *
brother and your sister. They're *
all so different! *

Applejack stops, concerned. *

333 APPLEJACK *
That's RIGHT Fluttershy. They ARE *
different. *

334 FLUTTERSHY *
How can the SAME doll be the right *
gift for ALL of them? *

The crowd starts to <MURMUR>. Flim & Flam look uncomfortable. *

335 APPLEJACK *
But Fluttershy. This is the MUST *
HAVE gift of the season. *

336 FLUTTERSHY *
But just because it's must have for *
one pony doesn't mean it's must *
have for EVERYPONY. Does it? *

337 APPLEJACK *
That's TRUE! *

A few ponies get out of line and walk away. *

338 FLIM *
Now hang on a moment... *

339 APPLEJACK *
I guess I need to put more thought *
into gettin' the right gift for *
each pony. Can I return these? *

340 FLIM AND FLAM *
NO REFUNDS! *

She turns to the next pony in line. *

341 APPLEJACK *
Oh. Uh...You want 'em? I'm gonna go *
pick out gifts that are just as *
special as the ponies they're for. *

The pony looks at the Dolls and shakes his head.

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342 PONY SHOPPER
I... think I'm going to go do some
more shopping too.

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The crowd walks away and heads off to the other booths.

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343 FLIM
Wait! Come back!

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344 FLAM
We'll give you a great deal!

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345 FLIM AND FLAM
BUY ONE GET ONE FREE?!?!?!?

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As Flim and Flam shout in increasing desperation, Applejack
smiles at Fluttershy.

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346 APPLEJACK
Ah. The sweet sounds of the season.

END ACT FOUR

ACT FIVE**SC. 25 - EXT. SWEET ACORN ACRES - LATE AFTERNOON**

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Rarity stands on the porch with the family.

347 BUTTERNUT
It's a shame you gotta leave.

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348 RARITY
You've been so generous, but I must
go. I'll be keeping an eye on you,
Pistachio. I've a feeling you've
got quite the future in fashion!

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*

Pistachio beams. Rarity leaves, but Pistachio runs after her.

349 PISTACHIO
RARITY! I love my parents, but they
don't understand that we just had
lunch with one of the most famous
ponies in Equestria.

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350 RARITY
I don't know about "most famous"...

351 PISTACHIO
Filly, please.
(it's hard but...)
I KNOW you didn't send a Fedora
Felt original to some nopony you've
never met from nowhere Equestria.
I'm sure this is ACTUALLY for
somepony special so if you want it
back, like, I get it.

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Pistachio takes off the hat and holds it out to her. Rarity
takes it with her magic.

352 RARITY
The hat is indeed for somepony very
special. And I couldn't bear to see
him part with it.

Rarity uses her magic to lower the hat onto Pistachio's head.
He adjusts it, at a cool, rakish angle.

353 PISTACHIO
Oh thank Celestia, because I did
NOT want to give this up.

Rarity puts a hoof under his chin.

354 RARITY
But if I hear you call yourself a
npony again you shan't be my guest
for fashion week in Manehattan.

Pistachio is speechless. Rarity hugs him. OVER HIS SHOULDER
we see her sotto wince--

355 RARITY (CONT'D)
(sotto)
Sorry, Applejack...

SC. 26 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - LATE AFTERNOON

Applejack and Fluttershy look out the window. Flim and Flam
wait with BOXES of dolls. Applejack waves. They glare.

356 APPLEJACK
Puttin' those two in their place
makes me all warm and fuzzy inside.

357 FLUTTERSHY
Me too. But we never got gifts for
Spike or Rainbow Dash. And it's
already Hearth's Warming Eve.

Applejack holds up the four Holly the Hearthwarmers they
bought.

358 APPLEJACK
It probably ain't what they're
expectin', but we still got these.

An eye on one of the dolls pops off.

359 FLUTTERSHY
I told Rainbow Dash I liked
everything. I was wrong.

SC. 27 - INT. TWILIGHT'S KITCHEN - SAME AFTERNOON

Twilight carefully mixes ingredients into a large cauldron.
Cadance and Shining Armor enter with Flurry Heart.

360 CADANCE
Flurry LOVED sledding!

361 SHINING ARMOR
Too bad her AUNT wasn't there...

362 TWILIGHT
One second...and...DONE!

Twilight drops a **candy cane** into the pot, creating a <POOF> of glitter. Flurry Heart's eyes widen with curiosity.

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363 SHINING ARMOR
Hi! Remember us? We came all the way from the Crystal Empire for some quality family time?

Flurry Heart reaches for the cauldron but it's too far away.

364 TWILIGHT
Okay. I DID get a little stressed about Hearth's Warming this year.

365 SHINING ARMOR
What?! You? No!

366 TWILIGHT
So my friends decided we should do a Hearthwarming Helper, and give ONE pony a present to save time.

Cadance <GIGGLES>. Shining Armor BUSTS out <LAUGHING>.

367 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
What?

368 SHINING ARMOR
Let me guess. You got super worried about making sure the present was perfect and went all Twily-nanas, didn't you?

369 TWILIGHT
I wasn't Twily-nanas!

Shining Armor arches an eyebrow.

370 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Okay FINE. A little Twily-nanas.

BEHIND THEM, UNSEEN: Flurry Heart levitates ingredients and drops them into the cauldron for more magical <POOFS>. She **<CLAPS>** her hooves.

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371 CADANCE
Twilight, we're family. We know you get overwhelmed. You should have told us! We could've helped!

372 TWILIGHT
The good news is, Pinkie's present is almost done!
(MORE)

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TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Then it's just friends and family
and a calm quiet Hearth's Warming
Eve!

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None of them notice the cauldron <BUBBLING> dangerously.

SC. 28 - EXT. PONYVILLE - CONTINUOUS

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Rainbow Dash, Discord and the winterchilla head for the
castle.

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373 DISCORD
I hope you all enjoy your super-
exclusive holiday together.

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Rainbow Dash looks at the winterchilla thoughtfully, then:

374 RAINBOW DASH
Hey! I wouldn't have this little
fella without you so... If you
wanted to come as my guest...

375 DISCORD
I wouldn't want to impose.

376 RAINBOW DASH
Fluttershy would love having you.
And I wouldn't totally hate it.

377 DISCORD
In THAT case... look! Sunset! It's
officially Hearth's Warming Eve!

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As the last rays of the sun disappear, the winterchilla leaps
out of Rainbow Dash's hooves and runs around in circles.

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378 RAINBOW DASH
What is it doing!?

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Suddenly it <ROARS>. Claws and fangs appear as it TRANSFORMS,
werewolf-style. Discord smacks his forehead.

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379 DISCORD
Did I forget to mention that the
Winterchilla transforms into a
winterZILLA when the sun sets?

The shadowy form of the fully grown winterZILLA <ROARS>.

SC. 29 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

Applejack, Fluttershy, Rarity and Pinkie Pie all approach the front of the castle. None seem too excited. Applejack rings the <DOORBELL>.

380 FLUTTERSHY
How did everypony's shoppin go?

381 RARITY
Well...

382 PINKIE PIE
Um....

383 APPLEJACK
Yeah....

384 SPIKE (O.S.)
COMING!!!!

Inside, the sounds of a dragon falling down the stairs. Spike opens the door covered in glue, paper, glitter and stuck to the parasol. He's an arts and crafts disaster.

385 PINKIE PIE
Did you get attacked by a party?

386 SPIKE
I fell asleep. On somepony's present.

Suddenly, a <BOOM> from the kitchen. Twilight, Cadance and Shining Armor (with Flurry Heart) gallop towards the others.

387 TWILIGHT
RUN! THE PUDDING IS COMING!!!!

A mountain of pudding oozes through the kitchen doorway. Everypony turns to run, but Rainbow Dash and Discord rush towards them.

388 RAINBOW DASH
RUN! THE WINTERZILLA IS COMING!

The monstrous winterzilla runs towards them, <ROARING>! The pudding <OOZES> overtaking everything. And we...

END ACT FIVE

ACT SIX**SC. 30 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - RESUME**

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Resume on the ponies. Rainbow Dash stares at the mountain of pudding. Twilight looks up at the angry winterzilla.

389 RAINBOW DASH
WHAT IS THAT?!

390 TWILIGHT
Magic pudding. What is THAT?!

391 RAINBOW DASH
A winterchilla.

392 TWILIGHT
They turn into winterZILLAS after
dark!

393 RAINBOW DASH
DOES EVERYPONY KNOW THIS EXCEPT ME?

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The Winterzilla rushes towards **them**. Thinking fast, Twilight levitates Spike (sparkling with glitter) in front of the winterzilla, distracting it.

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394 TWILIGHT
OOH SPARKLY! You like the sparkly?
Just follow it this way...

395 SPIKE
Is this honestly the best plan we
can come up with?

Mesmerized, the winterzilla **reaches for** the sparkly dragon. Twilight keeps Spike **just** out of reach, luring the **creature** away. Rainbow Dash **glares at** Discord, who munches on popcorn, enjoying the show.

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396 RAINBOW DASH
Can't you do something?!

397 DISCORD
I DID. This is Fluttershy's gift!

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398 RAINBOW DASH
WHAT?!

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399 RARITY (O.S.)
A little help, please!

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Rarity stands on top of a large chair, as pudding oozes around her. Shining Armor hands Flurry Heart to Cadance.

400 SHINING ARMOR
I've got this!

Cadance hands Flurry Heart back to Shining Armor.

401 CADANCE
Which one of us can fly, darling?

Cadance swoops over the pudding, grabbing Rarity and flying her to a balcony. Shining Armor beams to Flurry Heart. *

402 SHINING ARMOR
Your mom sure is something.

Shining Armor leaps over the pudding, grabs a tapestry and swings to the balcony to join Cadance and Rarity.

403 CADANCE
You're not so bad yourself.

Flurry hugs both her parents, <BABBLING> happily.

404 TWILIGHT (O.S.)
No no, not THAT sparkly. This one!

ANGLE ON THE FOYER: Twilight has a slight problem. Spike floats outside the castle entrance, but the winterzilla is more interested in the sparkly Hearth's Warming decorations. *

405 SPIKE
Uh, Twilight? I'm okay if he doesn't want to chase me anymore.

406 APPLEJACK
How we gonna get rid of this thing?

407 DISCORD
(eyeroll)
For Scorpan's sake. IF ONLY ONE OF YOU HAD A WAY WITH ANIMALS??

They all turn to Fluttershy.

408 FLUTTERSHY
Oh my.

Fluttershy flies up to get the winterzilla's attention.

409 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Uh. Excuse me. *

The winterzilla <ROARS> blowing her backwards. She glares at it, she's had enough.

410 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Listen! I've had QUITE a day and am
NOT in the mood. If this is your
attitude, you can march yourself
right back where you came from.

The winterzilla's lip quivers and it bursts into tears. It mumbles something only Fluttershy can understand.

411 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh. Your family is gone for the
holidays and you're all alone? I'm
so sorry. If you calm down I'm sure
you could join us...

The winterzilla <SNIFFS> back tears and sits with a giant <THUD>. Meanwhile, pudding oozes around Twilight. She leaps in the air. Pinkie floats past on an INFLATABLE POOL CHAIR.

412 PINKIE PIE
Maybe leave baking to me next time?

Pinkie dips a hoof in the pudding and tastes it.

413 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Actually, it's pretty good!

414 TWILIGHT
Chancellor Puddinghead's recipe.

415 PINKIE PIE
Now THAT'S an impressive dessert!

416 TWILIGHT
(proud of herself)
I KNEW you would think so! It's
your Hearth's Warming present!

417 PINKIE PIE
Really? WOW. That's so thoughtful!

418 TWILIGHT
It took a lot of research but I -

Shining Armor yells from the balcony.

419 SHINING ARMOR
MAYBE FOCUS ON THE TASK AT HOOF,
TWILY?

420 TWILIGHT
Right. The recipe needed to be exact. I think Flurry Heart added something while I wasn't looking but I have no idea what. Too much nutmeg? More sugarplums? Not enough-

421 PINKIE PIE
Gingerbread? Candy Canes?

422 TWILIGHT
How do you know the recipe?

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Pinkie stares at the box and remembers her conversation.

423 PINKIE PIE (V.O.)
I don't get it.

424 ALICE (V.O.)
You will.

She opens the box and pulls out gingerbread, sugar plums, nutmeg, cinnamon and five candy canes.

425 PINKIE PIE
HAPPY HEARTH'S WARMING TWILIGHT!
I'M YOUR HEARTH WARMING HELPER!!!

She tosses the random ingredients into the pudding. It sparkles magically before shuddering and settling. The ponies all take a relieved beat. Discord raises two 'thumbs up' foam paws/claws.

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426 DISCORD
As a lord of chaos I give this party two thumbs way WAY up!

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FADE TO:

SC. 31 - INT. TWILIGHT'S FOYER - LATER

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The bedraggled ponies (and dragon and draconequis) sit by the Hearth, eating bowls of pudding.

427 TWILIGHT
Sorry for failing as a Hearthwarming Helper, Pinkie.

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428 PINKIE PIE
What?! If you hadn't cooked this pudding, then my gift wouldn't have made any sense! This was perfect!

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Rarity turns to Applejack.

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429 RARITY

At least Twilight has something to
show for her effort. I ordered a
fabulous farm hat for you,
Applejack. Alas, it decided it
belonged to somepony else.

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430 APPLEJACK

Pop said sometimes the hat chooses
the pony when he gave me this.
(she tips her hat)
I'm sure whoever has my gift is the
best-dressed farmer ever.

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431 RARITY

Errr... Something like that.

Fluttershy and Applejack turn to Spike and Rainbow Dash, each
holding Holly the Hearthwarmer dolls.

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432 FLUTTERSHY

We're really sorry about your
gifts.

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433 APPLEJACK

We got a tad distracted with Flim
and Flam's shenanigans.

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The arm on Spike's doll falls off. Rainbow Dash squeezes her
Holly the Hearthwarmer, and Flim's voice comes out.

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434 FLIM (V.O.)

Commercialism is the greatest gift
of all.

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435 RAINBOW DASH

Hey, they're better than my gift.
Sorry about the winterzilla.

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Fluttershy smiles.

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436 FLUTTERSHY

Oh, he's a big sweetheart. And he
ended up being really helpful!

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Behind them, the winterzilla happily eats through the
mountain of pudding, cleaning up the castle.

437 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)

It was actually kind of nice to be
the pony who saved the day.

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438 DISCORD

OH! So you mean a giant beast that
only FLUTTERSHY could tame, making
her the hero of Hearth's Warming
Eve was a great gift? Imagine that.

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Rainbow Dash stares at Discord in disbelief.

439 RAINBOW DASH

You mean you tricked me into
putting my friends in danger on
purpose--

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Discord points. They both watch as the winterzilla stomps in
and nuzzles next to Fluttershy.

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440 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Let's say it was from BOTH of us.

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441 APPLEJACK

Sorry y'all. I guess Hearthwarmin'
Helper was kind of a disaster.

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442 CADANCE

Are you kidding? I can honestly say
this is one of the most exciting
holidays we've ever had!

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Flurry Heart claps her hooves together enthusiastically.
Shining Armor puts his hoof around Twilight.

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443 PINKIE PIE

Hey! What about Rarity's gift?

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Spike clears his throat. He's holding a small guitar.

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444 SPIKE

I have part of Rarity's present.
It's better than nothing I guess.

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He starts <STRUMMING> the guitar.

445 SPIKE (CONT'D)

*I wanted to get you
Something to amaze.
A gift to catch your gaze
So that you would always
Remember it was from me.
But when I got stressed
I sorta overthought
Until the day was shot
So it was all for naught.
And now it's so clear to see*

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*I'm not gifted at gifting
It's really pretty sad
I tried to show how much I care
But then it turned out bad
I'm not gifted at gifting
And all that's left to say
Is that I hope my gifting
Didn't ruin your Holiday.*

<SONG> ends. Spike looks up. Rarity applauds.

446 RARITY
Oh, Spike. A song is a lovely
present!

447 SPIKE
Thanks, Rarity. But I wanted to
get you the best gift ever. I just
couldn't figure out what it was.

448 PINKIE PIE
Ooo! Ooo! The gift givers told me
that! Ummmm.... What was it?

Pinkie sings.

449 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
*The best gift is
More precious than gold
But it cannot be sold.
When it breaks it's not ended
For quickly it's mended
It can never be bought
Yet is easily sought.*

Twilight <CHUCKLES>.

450 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
What's so funny?

451 TWILIGHT
It's a riddle.

Twilight joins Spike as the <MUSIC SWELLS>, continuing--

452 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
*The most magical gifts
That I can recall
Could have been big or small
Or even nothing at all
It doesn't matter you see
As long as it's from you
Such amazing friends
(MORE)*

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

on whom I depend *

Won't matter what you spend *

It will be perfect to me *

Everypony (and dragon and draconequis) join in. *

453 ALL TOGETHER *

The true gift of gifting *

Is what it means inside *

So we can show how much we care *

Share love and friendship far and *

wide *

The true gift of gifting *

Is totally free *

You're the best there is at giving *

it *

The Friendship you share with me *

SC. 32 - EXT. PONYVILLE - CONTINUOUS *

A shooting star streaks across the sky. *

454 ALICE (V.O.) *

And so it worked out! *

The night was a success *

And a lesson was learned *

There's no need to obsess. *

Gift giving is simple *

As long as you recall-- *

Pinkie suddenly POPS into FRAME - TO CAMERA: *

455 PINKIE PIE *

Oh I GET IT! Friendship is the best *

gift of all!!! *

THE END *