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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.

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!

<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.

18 RAINBOW DASH
Do we want to know why you're
wrapping up everypony in town?

19 SPIKE
Not wrapping paper. A to-do list.

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.

They rush over to Twilight.

21 RARITY
Twilight, darling, are you alright?

22 TWILIGHT
(frantic)
Sure! Just grabbing a few things.
(she holds up a fruitcake)
Do I need this? No. That's silly. I
need EIGHT!

Applejack and Pinkie Pie join, carrying bags of decorations.

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

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

24 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Traditional holiday meltdown?

The others nod. Applejack walks over to Twilight.

25 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
 (SUPER calm)
Hey Twilight. How's your day?

26 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 --

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

27 APPLEJACK
Stop. Take a breath.
 (Twilight takes a breath)
Let it out slow.
 (Twilight exhales)
Now, I think I have an idea that
might help. What if we change up
how we give gifts this year, and do
a Hearthwarmin' Helper?

28 FLUTTERSHY
What's a Hearthwarming Helper?

29 APPLEJACK
Whenever the WHOLE Apple Family got
together, there were just 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.

30 PINKIE PIE
A game of chance! Tell me more.

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

32 PINKIE PIE
A dash of mystery. Good. Good.

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

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

35 RARITY
It WOULD save time.

Spike nods, looking puppy-love eyes at Rarity.

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

37 RAINBOW DASH
The less shopping the better! IN!

38 FLUTTERSHY
Will that help, Twilight?

Twilight nods, grateful.

39 TWILIGHT
I WAS stressed about shopping.

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

41 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.

42 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.

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

Pinkie rushes off.

44 RARITY
When will the gift exchange occur?

45 RAINBOW DASH
How about Twilight's castle
tomorrow night? Hearth's Warming
Eve!

46 APPLEJACK
That's perfect! Pinkie and I can
spend the evening with y'all and
the next morning with our families!

47 TWILIGHT
And thanks to you all, I should be
ready to celebrate by then!

48 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, this is so exciting.

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

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

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

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

52 APPLEJACK
I don't have Rarity.

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

54 APPLEJACK
(knowingly)
Uh-huh.

Applejack walks off <SINGING> to herself.

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

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.

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

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

58 SPIKE
Maybe something sparkly?
Fashionable?

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

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

61 TWILIGHT
With shopping?

62 SPIKE
Well, yeah! If every pony's only
getting ONE gift, we have a ton of
responsibility to make sure it's
EXTRA SPECIAL good!

63 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.

64 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
The present I get for Pinkie Pie
could make or break her holiday! I
can't just go shopping and hope to
find something nice. 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

Pinkie throws herself on her bed dramatically.

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

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

66 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.

67 PINKIE PIE
THOSE were for when I was getting
ALL of my friends Matching Harmony
Hearth's Warming Hats! Now it's
JUST Twilight!

She waves the purple hat around.

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

69 MAUD
I've got it.

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

71 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.

72 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?

Pinkie paces around the room as she thinks out loud.

73 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?

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

75 MARBLE
Ummm...

Pinkie grabs Marble and hugs her.

76 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.

SC. 6 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREETS - CONTINUOUS

Pinkie rushes past Spike. He waves her down.

77 SPIKE
Pinkie!

She stops and reverses back to where Spike is.

78 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.

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

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

Spike is about to say something when Pinkie zips off, sending
him spinning into Rarity.

81 RARITY
Oh! How's your shopping going,
Spike?

82 SPIKE
Uh. Fine.

Rarity leans in to whisper--

83 RARITY
Which pony did you get?

84 SPIKE
I...Can't remember?

85 RARITY
Well, I have Applejack. And she's
absolutely going to LOVE her
present. There's a designer in
Manhattan, FEDORA FELT, who
creates the most marvelous hats. I
asked for a new take on Western
chic that would be the envy of
every farmpony in Equestria. It
arrives tomorrow!

86 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.

87 RAINBOW DASH
Ok, what about your favorite food?

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

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

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

Rainbow Dash covers, super-awkwardly.

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

92 FLUTTERSHY
Not liking things.

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

93 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.

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

95 FLUTTERSHY
Mmm-hmm. She loves shiny things.

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

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

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

98 SPIKE
Rainbow Dash.

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

100 SPIKE
Great idea! We SHOULD trade ponies!

101 FLUTTERSHY
I-- Wait. Trade?

102 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.

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

Spike runs off. Applejack comes rushing over to Fluttershy.

104 APPLEJACK
There you are. I need your help!

105 FLUTTERSHY
Do you want to trade names too?

106 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

Rainbow Dash flies out the door, candle in hoof.

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

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

108 DISCORD AS CANDLE
You can't HONESTLY be serious?

109 RAINBOW DASH
AHHHHHH! GHOST CANDLE! <ALT.
Poltercandle!>

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

110 DISCORD AS CANDLE
A CANDLE is what you buy when you
have no idea what to get somepony.

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

111 RAINBOW DASH
What do you want, Discord?

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

112 DISCORD
Fluttershy 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.

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

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

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

116 DISCORD
Then you surely know lit candles
around adorably flammable animals
make her nervous. Don't you?

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

She flies away. Discord floats after her. A STEERING WHEEL
poofs into being in front of him.

118 DISCORD
Perhaps I'll tag along. To steer
you in the right direction.

Discord hauls on the wheel, and with a <SCREECH> the duo
makes a hard RIGHT mid-air.

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

Spike is on cloud nine, practically strutting.

119 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**

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

120 FLUTTERSHY
I come to the Rainbow Falls
Hearth's Warming Craft Fair every
year. They have perfect presents
for anypony!

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

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. One of them is dressed in an oversized Holiday sweater and hat (yet somehow FLAM-iliar), and he seems to be herding the other shoppers in one direction--

122 FLAM
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.

123 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!

Fluttershy turns to the Pony next to her (Flam-in-disguise).

124 FLUTTERSHY
Limited number of what?

125 FLAM (DISGUISE)
You don't know about HOLLY THE
HEARTHWARMER?!

126 FLUTTERSHY
No! What's that?

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

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

128 FLUTTERSHY
I AM!

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

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

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

132 FLUTTERSHY
That sounds JUST like her!

133 FLIM
Look no further. THIS IS IT!

Fluttershy gets wrapped up in the excitement of the moment!

134 FLUTTERSHY
How much does it cost?!

135 FLIM
 (grinning)
How much do you have?

SC. 10 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN - DAY

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

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

The other yaks stare at Yojan. He bows his head in shame. A pair of pink hooves covers Rutherford's eyes.

137 PINKIE PIE
Guessssssssssss who!

138 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Yojan!

139 PINKIE PIE
No, silly!

140 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Yngvild! Tormund! Grunhorn!

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

Pinkie uncovers Rutherford's eyes.

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

143 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--

144 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

Prince Rutherford shuts the windows and bars the door.

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

146 PINKIE PIE
Honorary yak friend listening!

147 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.

148 PINKIE PIE
Whaaaaaaaaaaaaat?

149 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
I know it hard to believe.

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

151 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.

152 PRINCE RUTHERFORD (CONT'D)
Best gift givers up northern pass,
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:

153 PINKIE PIE
My lips are sealed!

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

154 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
TIME FOR MY TOP SECRET QUEST TO THE
GIFT GIVERS!

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.

155 MUFFINS
Hi Rarity! How can I help you?

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

157 MUFFINS
Okaaaay. Let's check. Name?

158 RARITY
... Rarity?

Muffins obviously flips through a bunch of papers.

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

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

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

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

163 MUFFINS
Why? That's my job.

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

165 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!

166 RARITY
Why is that a relief?

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

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

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

170 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.

171 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.

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

SMASH CUT TO:

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

SMASH CUT TO:

174 PONY VENDOR #2
A priceless rhinestone necklace?

SMASH CUT TO:

175 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.

176 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.

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

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

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

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

180 DISCORD
LOVE the stress of deciding which
treatment to get? LOVE worrying
she's not relaxing enough? Relaxing
too much?! And what about all those
sweet animals she left all alone?
So much to worry about and all
because of YOU!

181 RAINBOW DASH
She's FLUTTERSHY! Everything makes
her worry!

182 DISCORD
NOW you sound like somepony who
knows her!

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

184 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!

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

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

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

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

187 RAINBOW DASH
Great. Still helping...

188 DISCORD
It would have made a lovely
addition to her animal sanctuary.
(MORE)

DISCORD (CONT'D)

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.

189 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.

190 DISCORD

(overly dramatic)

Oh, I just don't know....

191 RAINBOW DASH

I'm calling it! DIBS!

192 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.

193 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.

194 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.

195 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, legends were
written about it!

Twilight draws fireworks and stars around the Venn diagram.

196 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
This is it! Unique. TOTALLY Pinkie!
The most incredible dessert ever!

She looks back at the book and flips through it.

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

SC. 15 - EXT. RAINBOW FALLS - LATE AFTERNOON

Applejack searches the crowd. She rushes over to Fluttershy.

198 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.

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

The doll is creepy, poorly made - bad sewing, cross-eyed and unsymmetrically painted face...And already falling apart!

200 FLUTTERSHY
Holly the Hearthwarmer Doll. Isn't
she sweet?

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

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

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

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

Applejack looks around. Several ponies carry the ugly doll.

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

205 FLUTTERSHY
 (Happy)
All my bits.
 (Oh no!)
All my bits! Um. Can I borrow some
for the train ride home?

206 APPLEJACK
Something about this here doll
seems fishy, and I ain't just
talking about the smell of that
plastic. Where'd you get it?

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

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.

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

END OF PART 1