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MY LITTLE PONY

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TEASER

PINKIE PIE is hosting a birthday party for her alligator GUMMY and decides to let everyone know it by sending them a telegram. A singing telegram! Through a SERIES of SHOTS, we see Pinkie Pie standing in her friend's doorways, dressed in various silly outfits and singing very silly lyrics that detail all the fun that can be had celebrating the birth of a toothless gator. As the song goes on, Pinkie Pie grows increasingly horse and tired. By song's end, she decides that next time she'll just send out written invites.

ACT I

Gummy's birthday party is in full swing and PINKIE PIE, TWILIGHT SPARKLE, RARITY, FLUTTERSHY, APPLE JACK, and RAINBOW DASH are all in attendance. Gummy is actually pretty oblivious to the proceedings and spends most of his time gnawing his wrapped gifts or latching onto the party guests snouts when they are bobbing for apples. Despite the ridiculousness of throwing a party in honor of a toothless wild animal, everyone is having a great time. As the party winds down and the guests begin to file out, Twilight suggests that they "do this again very soon." Pinkie Pie's eyes light up with excitement. "Yes! We should!" she responds.

The next day, Pinkie Pie heads out to invite her friends to Gummy's "After-Birthday Party". She approaches Twilight who tells her that as much as she'd like to celebrate with Pinkie Pie, she won't be able to make it. She has to catch up on her studies. Pinkie Pie understands and next extends an invitation to Applejack. She, too, has an excuse for not being able to attend. "I have to, uh, you know... pick apples! Yep, apples. Because that's what I do. With the, uh, apples. Pick 'em," Applejack explains. There is definitely something about Applejack's behavior that makes it seem like she is just making up this excuse on the fly but Pinkie Pie shrugs it off and proclaims: "a party is still a party even if there are only three guests!"

Pinkie Pie next goes to Rarity's shop. It's trash day and Rarity is directing another pony to take her garbage cans to the curb. When Pinkie Pie invites Rarity to Gummy's "After-Birthday Party", Rarity informs her that she can't go because she has to "wash her hair." Pinkie Pie finds this a little odd and comments that Rarity's mane doesn't look the least bit dirty. A panicked Rarity shoves her head into a nearby trashcan and pulls it out revealing her mane is now filthy. She tries not to gag as she quickly departs to wash it.

Pinkie Pie is starting to get the slightest bit concerned. Twilight, Applejack and now Rarity are unable to attend the party. "But a party is still a party even if there are only two guests," she cheerfully reminds herself as she seeks out Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash. But when Pinkie Pie invites them to Gummy's after-birthday celebration, they tell her that they won't be able to go either. Together they give Pinkie Pie an excuse that starts out sounding somewhat feasible but soon devolves into an absolutely absurd story about having to housesit for a bear while he is on vacation.

Pinkie Pie can no longer shake her feelings of uneasiness. How is it that not a single one of her friends is able to come to Gummy's Party? And why do they have such flimsy excuses for not attending? Is there something else really going on? As we end ACT I, Pinkie Pie vows to get to the bottom of it.

ACT II

The opportunity to find out why her friends are acting so suspiciously arrives when Pinkie Pie looks out her window above the Sweet Shop and sees Twilight, who is supposed to be studying, heading inside. Pinkie Pie lowers a TIN CAN on a STRING down through a hole in the floor in her room to eavesdrop on Twilight's conversation with the SHOP'S OWNERS. "Is Pinkie Pie around?" Twilight asks. When she's informed that the coast is clear, Twilight is pleased and informs the Cakes that she's glad Pinkie Pie isn't there. "I don't want her to know anything about this," she adds. Pinkie Pie is intrigued. She and Twilight are supposed to be friends. What is Twilight up to that she wouldn't want Pinkie Pie to know anything about? Unfortunately, before she can get an answer, Twilight notices Pinkie Pie's listening device and asks why the Sweet Shop has a tin can hanging from the ceiling. Pinkie Pie quickly pulls up the can, which FLIES UP through the hole in the floor and comically BOPS her in the head.

Twilight is clearly up to something, so Pinkie Pie decides to follow her. Not wanting to be recognized as she tracks the unicorn, she dons a Beagle Puss as a disguise. When she's afraid Twilight has caught sight of her and recognized her, she disguises herself as a haystack. A haystack wearing a beagle puss. She follows Twilight and witnesses her meeting up with Rarity. The two share nervous glances and look around to make sure no one is watching them. Luckily, neither of them notices the bespectacled haystack across the street and Pinkie Pie is able to see Twilight handing Rarity a box.

Rarity, who is supposed to be washing her hair, is obviously in on Twilight's secret plans. Even more curious as to what her friends are up to, Pinkie Pie decides to follow the box-toting Rarity down the street. Afraid Rarity has realized that a beagle puss-wearing haystack is tracking her, Pinkie Pie decides to switch up her disguise by donning a trench coat. Now wearing a trench coat *over* the beagle puss adorned haystack, she witnesses Rarity passing the mystery box off to Fluttershy. Looking over her shoulder to make sure she isn't being followed, a nervous Fluttershy runs smack dab into the beagle puss/trench coat-wearing haystack that is Pinkie Pie. She lets out a scream and flies off.

Pinkie Pie's suspicion is growing. Wasn't Fluttershy supposed to be house sitting for a vacationing bear with Rainbow Dash? And isn't *that* Rainbow Dash approaching her laden down with stuffed saddlebags? It *is* Rainbow Dash, and the moment she catches sight of Pinkie Pie she not so subtly spins around and heads off in the opposite direction. Sure that Rainbow Dash is avoiding her and desperate to find out why, Pinkie Pie follows her. Eventually Rainbow Dash has to fly at full speed to get away from Pinkie Pie who manages to catch up with her just before she darts into the barn at Applejack's farm. Before Pinkie Pie can follow her inside, Applejack pops out and blocks her path.

AppleJack tells Pinkie Pie that she can't let her inside. The barn is "uh...being, uh...renovated," Applejack says unconvincingly. From inside the barn come the sounds of Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy, Rarity and Twilight making very bad HAMMERING and SAWING noises with their mouths. Pinkie Pie isn't buying it, but Applejack is standing her ground. "Yep. That's my story and I'm sticking to it," says Applejack. Pinkie has no choice but to head for home.

Her friends' secretive activity is starting to drive Pinkie Pie a little mad. It's obvious that they are avoiding her and lying to her. She simply must find out what they are up to and why they are so desperate to keep her from being a part of it. She knows just who can provide her with the info she needs – Spike. She invites him over and sweetly tells him that he can have as many sweets as he wants if he'll "just talk." Eager for a slice of cake, Spike talks. Unfortunately for Pinkie Pie, it's about nothing that has to do with the other ponies. Pinkie Pie tries to clarify that she wants Spike to talk about their friends. "Well, Twilight Sparkle is a unicorn... Rarity is the most beautiful pony in all of Equestria... Fluttershy is afraid of heights..."

Exasperated, Pinkie Pie demands that Spike "confess!" Spike then confesses to everything wrong he has ever done in his entire life. But this too isn't what Pinkie Pie is after and, as she is starting to look a little crazed, a nervous Spike says he'll tell her anything she wants to hear if she'll just let him go home. "Tell me that my friends are all lying to me and avoiding me because they hate me and don't want to be my friend anymore!" Pinkie Pie shouts. "You're friends are lying to you and avoiding you because they all hate you and don't want to be your friend anymore," Spike tells her. "I knew it!" Pinkie Pie shouts before realizing what an awful discovery she's made. As Pinkie Pie's heart breaks, Spike asks if he can finally get that piece of cake she's been promising him.

ACT III

We open CLOSE ON Pinkie Pie who is wishing Gummy a happy "After-Birthday" and thanking all of her guests for coming to the party. We WIDEN to REVEAL that she is talking to a BUCKET of TURNIPS, a pile of ROCKS, a BAG of FLOUR and some LINT. She carries on a fake conversation with her "new friends" that starts off with them commiserating about how cruel her former pony friends are and eventually devolves into a full on angry tirade about their horrible behavior. (Pinkie Pie gives voice to each of the inanimate objects.)

When Rainbow Dash shows up to tell Pinkie Pie that she wants her to head over to Applejack's barn with her, Pinkie refuses to go. "I'm spending time with my real friends," she informs Rainbow Dash. "Isn't that right, Mr. Turnip?" she asks the bucket of turnips. Clearly Pinkie Pie can't be reasoned with in her current state, so Rainbow Dash has to literally drag her by the tail to get her to Applejack's farm.

Rainbow Dash throws open the door to the barn to reveal it is decorated for a party.

Despite the fact that her pony friends are all clearly thrilled to see her, Pinkie Pie believes they are throwing her a “Farewell Party” to mark the day they decided to banish her from their happy little group. The other ponies try to convince her that this isn’t the case. This is a party *for* Pinkie, not *against* her. Pinkie Pie tells them she’s not buying it. If they still like her, why have they been lying to her and avoiding her all day. “Obviously we wanted the party to be a *surprise*,” Rainbow Dash explains. They had to make up excuses why they couldn’t attend Gummy’s “After Birthday Party” so they would have time to get everything ready for this party. Twilight didn’t want her to see her at the Sweet Shop because she was picking up the cake. Rainbow Dash avoided her because she didn’t want her to see she was carrying party supplies. And they couldn’t possibly let her into the barn while they were decorating it for the celebration, now could they? “If this is a Farewell Party, why does the cake say ‘Happy Birthday, Pinkie Pie’?” asks Applejack. Pinkie Pie considers this for a moment, and then brightens. “Because it’s my birthday!” she exclaims.

Pinkie Pie apologizes for not realizing all along that there was a reasonable explanation for her friends’ behavior. The other ponies tell her that no apology is necessary. “Everything’s great! Now let’s eat some cake!” Applejack proclaims. As the birthday party begins, we hear in V.O. Twilight’s letter to Princess Celestia. In it she relays the idea that you should always expect the best from your friends and never assume the worst. Good friends will always have your best interests at heart.

As the party continues, Pinkie Pie asks if her friends would mind if it could also be an “After-Birthday Party” Party for Gummy. His celebration was cut short and he’s pretty upset about it. We PAN to Gummy who looks perfectly content trying to eat a balloon as we FADE OUT.

THE END