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MY LITTLE PONY

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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - AFTERNOON

On PINKIE'S face with a HUGE smile. She drops DOWN off screen. Then back UP! DOWN! UP! And so on.

1 PINKIE PIE
AAH! I! CAN'T! BELIEVE! THE GRAND! GALLOPING! GALA! IS! TONIGHT!

Pull out revealing Pinkie bouncing on a miniature trampoline. TWILIGHT stands nearby in a firm stance focusing on an object covered with a cloth. SPIKE sits by the object watching Pinkie.

2 TWILIGHT
Pinkie! Please stop shouting! I'm trying to concentrate.

3 PINKIE PIE
BUT! I! HAVE TO! WARM UP! MY! PARTY! VOICE!

4 SPIKE
How does the trampoline help?

5 PINKIE PIE
HOW? DOES IT? HURT?

RARITY comes out of the boutique and sees Pinkie.

6 RARITY
Pinkie Pie! Stop that right now! It is time to prepare for the Gala and I refuse to let you put on your new dress if you are all sweaty!

Pinkie jumps off the trampoline, lands next to Spike and WHISPERS...

7 PINKIE PIE
What's Twilight doing?

8 SPIKE
She's got an awesome magic spell she's been working on for the Gala.

9 RARITY
Where are the others? It's getting late.

APPLEJACK, RAINBOW DASH, and FLUTTERSHY walk up.

10 APPLEJACK
Hold your horses, girl. We're here!

11 TWILIGHT
Perfect! I'm ready!

12 RAINBOW DASH
For what?

13 PINKIE PIE
A surprise!

14 TWILIGHT
Alright Spike...Now!

Spike dramatically pulls the cloth off. It's a pumpkin.

15 PINKIE PIE
A PUMPKIN! ARE WE HAVING PIE?

16 SPIKE
Shhhh. Watch.

Twilight focuses. Her horn glows. A BEAM shoots out hitting the pumpkin. POOF! Smoke clears to reveal a pumpkin carriage!

17 PONY FRIENDS
Wow!/Neat!/Amazing, Twilight!/ Awesome!/Beautiful!

18 TWILIGHT
Thanks! But that's just the start! Fluttershy, did you bring your friends?

Fluttershy tips her head and four WHITE MICE pop out of her mane. Fluttershy crouches down and the mice jump off.

19 FLUTTERSHY
Yes. Will they be safe, Twilight?

20 TWILIGHT
Absolutely. You have my word.

They scurry frantically about, eyes wide and noses twitching.

21 FLUTTERSHY
Now, stand still, my dears.

The mice freeze. Twilight focuses. Her body shakes. Her horn glows even brighter. A blinding BEAM shoots out. POOF! Smoke clears revealing four WHITE HORSES with pink twitching noses.

Twilight stands proud. But the friends' jaws are dropped.

22 TWILIGHT
TA-DAAAA!!!

The friends try to disguise their bewilderment.

23 AJ/RAINBOW/PINKIE/RARITY/FLUTTERSHY
Um./Wow./But.../Oh, my!/Twilight!

24 TWILIGHT
Neat, hunh? And don't worry.
They'll be mice again at midnight!

Suddenly Opal Essence the cat dashes out the shop window SCREECHING at the "horses" who scurry around, SQUEAKING.

25 FLUTTERSHY
Opal Essence! No! Calm down,
little, um, big, guys!

But the "horses" run away, scared.

26 TWILIGHT
Wait! Come back! Those horses were
supposed to pull our carriage! How
will we get to the Gala?

On Rarity giving a classic, wide-eyed "damsel" look.

27 RARITY
Oh my! Whatever shall we do?

Her look changes from "damsel" to "oh please" as we pull out to reveal the MANY PONIES in Ponyville. She approaches some colts.

28 RARITY (CONT'D)
Excuse me, would you boys mind
pulling our carriage to the gala?

On Twilight, looking sheepish.

29 TWILIGHT
Oh, yeah. Right!

CUT TO:

MY LITTLE PONY TITLE SEQUENCE

ACT I

SC. 2 - <u>INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - DRESSING ROOM - LATER</u>

Spike paces in front of a dressing room door. GIGGLING is heard behind the door. Spike jiggles the locked door handle.

30 SPIKE
(whining)
Ah! C'mon you guys!

Pan across Rarity (in a mud mask), Fluttershy, and Twilight standing under 50s style hair dryers "helmets". At the end, Pinkie stands with her helmet turned up so the air blasts her in the face, blowing her hair back like a wind tunnel.

31 SPIKE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Let me in!

Rainbow, with her mane up in a towel, walks towards the door.

32 RAINBOW DASH
Sure thing, Spike!

Rarity jumps out from her dryer to block her.

33 RARITY
Heavens, no! We are getting dressed!

AJ, with a Biore strip on her nose, steps in.

34 APPLEJACK
Dressed! Beg pardon, Rarity, but we don't normally wear clothes!

35 RARITY
Did you not learn in Equine Etiquette that a lady never allows a caller to see her until she is finished with her toilette?

36 RAINBOW DASH
Toilette? What the hay is that?

37 RARITY
That is French for one's dressing and grooming routine.

38 APPLEJACK
Well, pardonez moi! That must've been the day me and Rainbow here were learning to spit!

39 RAINBOW DASH
IN the “toilette!”

AJ and Rainbow high hoof each other. Rarity is appalled.

40 RARITY
Ugh! I am sorry Spike. Some of us DO have standards. You’ll just have to wait until we’re ready to go to Canterlot.

With Spike, who brightens at the sound of Canterlot.

41 SPIKE
I still can’t believe we’re going to be in Canterlot tonight! Our home town, Twilight! And the best part is that we all get to hang out together all night long!

On Rainbow, her eyes cross up as tweezers come in to pluck hairs between her messy eyebrows.

42 RAINBOW DASH
Ow! I don’t know, Spike.

With Rarity getting false eyelashes. She bats her eyes.

43 RARITY
We’ll just have to see.

Pan across Twilight and Fluttershy getting their hooves polished. Land on AJ buffing hers. She spits and polishes.

44 APPLEJACK
P-tooey! We’re gonna be a might busy.

Pinkie, with straightened hair, does a dramatic HAIR FLIP.

45 PINKIE PIE
Busy having FUN! <GIGGLES>

With her GIGGLES, Pinkie’s hair springs back to curly again.

With Spike now slumped in his chair, super sad.

46 SPIKE
Oh, okay.

Close on Twilight, looking concerned.

47 TWILIGHT
Don’t worry, Spike. We’ll all get to spend some time together.

Spike bucks up at the sound of this, sitting up straight.

48 SPIKE
Great!

MATCH CUT TO:

SC. 3 - <u>EXT. CARRIAGE - EVENING</u>

Spike sits in the same position, driving the carriage.

49 SPIKE
‘Cause I planned out my insider’s tour of Canterlot! I gotta show Rarity the Crown Jewels. And Applejack the Princess’ Golden Apple Tree. And Pinkie! We gotta go to my favorite donut shop!

GIGGLING and CHATTING is heard inside the carriage.

50 PONY FRIENDS
Sounds good, Spike./Yes./Sure./You bet./Okay./Lovely.

51 SPIKE
Then let’s get movin’! H’yah!!

Spike flicks the reigns to move the carriage ponies faster. The CARRIAGE PONIES look back at him.

52 CARRIAGE PONY#1
Excuse me?

53 SPIKE
Um...Uh....

54 CARRIAGE PONY#2
If you weren’t friends with our neighbor Rarity...

The carriage ponies pick up their pace.

SC. 4 - <u>EXT. EQUESTRIA - NIGHT</u>

MONTAGE as they travel through Equestria. Passing through forests, past waterfalls, through valleys, past mountains.

Finally they arrive in Canterlot. The pumpkin carriage winds it's way up a hill to the palace, like in "Cinderella."

SC. 5 - <u>EXT. PALACE - NIGHT</u>

Spike pulls up to the palace, jumps down, and opens the doors for the Ponies. Rarity's hoof, covered in a glass slipper, comes out first, stepping on the red carpet.

55 SPIKE
You all look...amazing!

Reveal the Ponies looking spectacular, practically posed for a photo shoot. They wear the outfits Rarity made them in "Dress for Failure," their make-up and hair are perfect.

After holding on their "Glamor Shots" the ponies look up with bright eyes and dropped jaws at the Palace.

Circling around the Ponies, reveal the Palace decorated to sparkle and shine. Fairy lights fill the trees.

Music INTRO as the SONG "At the Gala" inspired by Sondheim's "Ever After" from "Into the Woods" begins.

56 TWILIGHT
(speaking)
I can't believe we're finally here! With all that we've imagined, the reality of this night is sure to make this the Best Night Ever! At the Gala!

57 PONY FRIENDS
(singing)
At the Gala!

Through the Palace Gates, Fluttershy sees the Royal Garden and hints of the animals and birds. She starts to SING.

58 FLUTTERSHY
At the Gala, in the Garden,
I am going to see them all.
All the creatures, I'll befriend them...At the Gala.

59 PONY FRIENDS
At the Gala!

60 FLUTTERSHY
All the birdies, and the critters
They will love me, big and small.
(MORE)

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
We'll become good friends forever,
Right here at the.. Gala!

61 PONY FRIENDS
All our dreams,
They will come true,
Right here at the Grand Gala!

Moving over to AJ watching as HUNDREDS of PONIES arrive.

APPLEJACK	PONY FRIENDS
At the Gala,	It's amazing!
I will sell them,	Better hurry!
All my apple-tastic treats!	Yummy, yum!
Hungry ponies...	Feeling snacky.
They will buy them.	Bring your money!
Carmel apples, apple sweets!	Gimme some!

62 APPLEJACK
And I'll earn a lot of money,
For the Apple Family!

63 PONY FRIENDS
All our dreams and all our hopes,
From now until hereafter.
All that we've been wishing for
Will happen at the Gala!

Over with Rarity as she watches the Royal Processional arrive. Many handsome, blue-blooded stallions strut by.

64 RARITY
At the Gala, All the Royals
They will meet fair Rarity.
They will see I'm just as regal
At the Gala!

65 PONY FRIENDS
At the Gala!

A handsome PRINCE catches Rarity's eye and gives her a smile.

66 RARITY
I will find him
My Prince Charming.
And how gallant he will be...
He will treat me like a lady...
Tonight at the...Gala!

67 PONY FRIENDS
This is what we've waited for
To have the Best Night Ever!
Each of us will live our dreams
Tonight at the Grand Gala!

The Opening Ceremony begins with a TRUMPET BLARE. Rainbow watches in awe as the WONDER BOLTS fly in, performing amazing flips, loops, and dives ending in a fantastic pose.

68 RAINBOW DASH
I've been dreaming,
I've been waiting
All my life to fly with all of
those great ponies...
The Wonder Bolts!
Just to be a Wonder Bolt
Performing all those daring tricks
for crowds of thousands!
I'd be awesome!
But I have to prove to them that I
am skillful.
But I'm also very willful.
So I'm here at the Grand Gala
Just to show the Wonder Bolts
That I am talented.
'Cause I long to be a Wonder Bolt!

As the Wonder Bolts finish, fireworks explode in the sky.

69 PONY FRIENDS
All we've longed for,
All we've dreamed...
Our happy ever after.
Finally will all come true
Right here at the Grand Gala!

As the fireworks explode, streamers and confetti fall down from the sky on them all, especially showering Pinkie.

70 PINKIE PIE
I am here at...The Grand Gala!
For it is the best party!
But the one thing it was missing
Was a pony named Pinkie!
For I am the best at parties!
All the ponies will agree!
Ponies playing, ponies dancing
Happiness and laughter
All the ponies having fun
With me at the Grand Gala!

For the Grand Finale, Princess Celestia ascends fantastically into the sky as magical stars light up in an arch above her.

71 TWILIGHT
At the Gala...With the Princess
Is where I am going to be.
We will talk all about magic
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
And of what I've learned and seen.
It is going to be so special
As she takes time just for me!

72 PONY FRIENDS
Living out our biggest dreams
Right here at the Grand Gala!
Nothing's going to stop us
This will be the Best Night Ever!

The six ponies walk/skip down the long red carpet together, like the "The Wizard of Oz" crew going to the Emerald City.

73 PONY FRIENDS (CONT'D)
Into the Gala we must go...
We're ready now, we're all aglow.
Into the Gala, let's go in
And have the best night ever.
Into the Gala, now's the time
We're ready and we look divine.

74 FLUTTERSHY
Into the Gala to meet new friends!

75 APPLEJACK
Into the Gala to sell some apples!

76 RARITY
Into the Gala to find my Prince!

77 RAINBOW DASH
To prove I'm great!

78 PINKIE PIE
To whoop it up!

79 TWILIGHT
To talk to the Princess!

80 FLUTTERSHY
To meet...

81 APPLEJACK
To sell...

82 RARITY
To find...

83 RAINBOW DASH
To prove...

84 PINKIE PIE
To whoop...

85 TWILIGHT
To talk...

86 PONY FRIENDS
Into the Gala...
Into the Gala...
Into the Gala to live out our dreams.
And have the Best Night Ever!

The SONG ends. The Ponies look starry-eyed at the Palace when Spike runs up.

87 SPIKE
Yeah! This IS going to be the Best Night Ever! You know why? Because we're all going to spend time at the Gala to...

PA-CHEW! The Ponies shoot off in a FLASH. A cloud of white dust kicks up where they left. The cloud clears and Spike is on his butt spinning.

88 SPIKE (CONT'D)
...Gether.

Spike sees his friends are all gone.

89 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Or not.

He puts his chin on his hand in defeat. Music BUMP.

END ACT I

ACT II

SC. 6 - <u>INT. PALACE - NIGHT</u>

Above shot of the FOYER as they go their various directions. Fluttershy and Pinkie go left, AJ and Rainbow head right, and Rarity and Twilight go up the stairs. Rarity ascends in a dignified manner while Twilight climbs up briskly to see...

90 TWILIGHT
Princess Celestia!

Celestia, flanked by her LADIES IN WAITING, turns to Twilight with a big smile. The Ladies turn in unison and mimic Celestia's gestures throughout the night.

91 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Twilight! It is so lovely to see my star student!

92 TWILIGHT
Oh, I am so excited to be here! We have so much to catch up on!

93 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Well, I want you right by my side the entire evening, so we'll have plenty of time together.

94 TWILIGHT
That's just what I was hoping you'd say!

Twilight moves beside the Princess, pleased as punch, just as Rarity reaches the landing. Rarity curtseys and Celestia gives her a royal nod.

95 RARITY
Good evening, Princess Celestia.

96 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Good evening, Miss Rarity.

Continuing with Rarity, she looks down and, in a sweeping "Gone with the Wind" shot when Scarlett first sees Rhett at the foot of the staircase, her eyes fall upon the Prince she spotted earlier.

97 RARITY
<GASP!> It's him!

The Prince then turns, giving Rarity a "come hither" look.

98 RARITY (CONT'D)
I do declare!

She starts to rush but then slows herself down. Then she speeds up again, slows down and speeds up.

99 RARITY (CONT'D)
Hurry, Rarity. But not too fast! Don't want to lose him! Wait! Have to play it cool. But don't be cold!

He disappears in a sea of ponies. Rarity reaches her head up, trying to find him in the crowd.

100 RARITY (CONT'D)
Ooooh! I can't lose him! He's
everything I imagined!

The crowd clears and Rarity sees the Prince in the Rose Garden. He turns, revealing the most perfect red rose in his mouth. He waggles his eyebrows at Rarity. Her eyes light up.

101 RARITY (CONT'D)
(sotto)
Even better than I imagined!

Rarity walks towards him as Fluttershy runs past her...

A MEADOWLARK then flies by Fluttershy going to the Garden.

102 FLUTTERSHY
Oh my! A Meadowlark!

Fluttershy follows, but the Meadowlark gets out of her sight. Then a pleasant BIRD SONG WHISTLE hits Fluttershy's ears.

103 WHISTLER
<WHISTLES the notes G-A-G-A-G>

104 FLUTTERSHY
<GASP> I think she's calling to me!
It's exactly what I wished for!

Fluttershy SINGS back like Snow White, drawn to the garden.

105 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Ah-ah-ah-ah-ah! <G-A-G-A-G>

106 WHISTLER
<WHISTLES> the notes A-B-A-B-A>

107 FLUTTERSHY
Ah-ah-ah-ah-ah! <A-B-A-B-A>

They WHISTLE/SING in harmony as she prances to the Garden.

108 FLUTTERSHY/WHISTLER
Ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah!/WHISTLE
<B-C-D-C-B-A-G-F#-G>

Fluttershy runs right under the Golden Apple Tree. Push in on an apple and...

MATCH CUT TO:

SC. 7 - INT. PALACE COURTYARD - CONTINUOUS

Pull out on the apple drawn on the sign for “Applejack’s Apple Snacks.” The cart is folded up in a case on the ground. AJ gives it a swift kick and it unfolds like Emelius Brown’s magic case in “Bedknobs and Broomsticks.” The sign shoots up on two sticks, wheels pop out below, and the counter turns over revealing apple treats. A harness pops out and hitches to AJ. She stands at a ballroom entrance.

SOARIN’, a hungry, drooling Wonder Bolt comes up to AJ.

109 APPLEJACK
Howdy, partner! You hungry?

110 SOARIN'
As a horse!

111 APPLEJACK
Well, watcha hankering for ?
Carmel apple? Apple pie? Apple fritter? Apple fries?

Soarin' sees a BIG apple pie. He licks his lips.

112 SOARIN'
I’ll take that big apple pie!

CLOSE on two bits being dropped in a bucket by Soarin'.

113 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Thankee kindly, sir.

Soarin' starts walking away with the pie in his mouth.

114 APPLEJACK (CONT’D)
Yee haw! In the first minute, I made my first sale! Just like I expected!

More WONDER BOLTS walk by with a crowd of FANS following, including Rainbow. SPITFIRE (a Judge from the Best Flier Competition) sees him with the pie and gives him a nudge.

115 SPITFIRE
Always hungry after a show, eh Soarin'?

116 SOARIN'
Ye...

But as Soarin' opens his mouth to say “Yes” and the pie falls from his mouth SLO-MO.

117 SOARIN' (CONT’D)
Myyyy piiiiiiie!

In SLO-MO Rainbow’s eyes go wide. She DARTS forward, cutting through the crowd, reaches out her wing, and catches the pie. She hovers it up to Soarin’. The Bolts and Fans are in awe.

118 SOARIN' (CONT’D)
My precious baby-- er, I mean--
pie! You saved it! Thanks!

119 RAINBOW DASH
No prob!

120 SPITFIRE
Yeah, smooth moves!

Soarin' takes it back into his mouth. Rainbow stands and Spitfire gets a good look at her.

121 SPITFIRE (CONT’D)
Hey! I know you! You’re the pony
that saved us in Cloudesdale and
won the Best Flier Competition!

122 RAINBOW DASH
Hay yeah! Name’s Rainbow Dash!

123 SPITFIRE
Well, Rainbow Dash, looks like your
skills saved us again. Well, at
least they saved Soarin's apple
pie.

Cut to Soarin’ shoving his face in the pie.

124 SOARIN’
<eating noises>

125 SPITFIRE
Wanna come hang out with us?

Rainbow tries to play it cool.

126 RAINBOW DASH
Sure. Why not?

The Wonder Bolts turn and walk on. Now Rainbow geeks out.

127 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I'm hanging. With the. *WONDER BOLTS!!!!* <GEEKY GIGGLING!>

SC. 8 - <u>INT. BALLROOM - CONTINUOUS</u>

Rainbow enters the ballroom, following the Bolts to their roped off area. The camera moves and falls on Pinkie...

Who stands at another entrance, stunned, taking it all in. (NOTE: There's a semi-circle of huge, white columns and a statue of Princess Celestia in the ballroom.)

Her eyes SWISH to the empty dance floor. SWISH to the Gala Ponies standing around not dancing. SWISH to the band setting up.

128 PINKIE PIE
The shiny dance floor! The pretty party ponies! The fancy band!

Her eyes repeat their SWISH cycle - Dance floor, Gala Ponies, Band, as she gets more and more excited.

129 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
SHINY! PRETTY! FANCY!

Pinkie begins to shake up and down with excitement, like a soda bottle that's about to burst.

130 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(voice shaking)
Gggggggggggggggggggg! Gotta Dance!

Pinkie ZIPS on the dance floor. PACHEW! And begins to dance and sing FAST to the tune of "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow."

131 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I'm at the Grand Galloping Gala!
I'm at the Grand Galloping Gala!
I'm at the Grand Galloping Gala!
And it's all I ever dreamed! It's all I ever dreamed! Woo hoo! And it's all I ever dreamed! Yipee!
I'm at the Grand Galloping Gala-A-AA-AAA..

Pinkie's voice goes REALLY high and a bit off key. PULL OUT to reveal the snobby Gala Ponies glaring at her in horror. Feeling the eyes on her, Pinkie stops and looks around.

132 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(softly)
It's all I ever dreamed?

On Pinkie frozen as the snobby ponies stare her down. She turns RED and does a side-step shuffle off the dance floor and hides behind a potted plant.

The band begins some very slow, formal, no-fun music. The Gala Ponies turn their noses up and go back to their conversations.

SC. 9 - <u>INT. GARDEN AREA - CONTINUOUS</u>

Back with Rarity and the Prince at the Rose Garden. The Prince sidles up to her roguishly with the rose still in his teeth.

133 PRINCE BLUE BLOOD
Well hello, I am Prince Blue Blood.

Rarity looks at the rose he is holding and bats her eyes.

134 RARITY
Prince Blue Blood! I am Rarity.
(hinting) My, what a lovely rose!

135 PRINCE BLUE BLOOD
You mean *this* rose...?

The Prince motions as if he's going to offer it to her, but instead he bites off the stem and puts the rose in his lapel. His manner changes from charming to haughty and his voice from roguish to snobbish.

136 PRINCE BLUE BLOOD (CONT'D)
Thank you! It goes with my eyes.

He walks off snootily. Rarity is taken aback. She walks past the garden where a voice is heard.

137 FLUTTERSHY
Ah-ah-ah-ah-ah! <A-B-A-B-A>

The camera follows the sound, finding Fluttershy eagerly winding her way through the garden towards the whistling.

138 WHISTLER
<WHISTLES> the notes <A-B-A-B-A>

139 FLUTTERSHY
<GASP!> My little Meadowlark is right around this bend!

But on the last note, she sees that it's not a Meadowlark It's the GROUNDS KEEPER PONY! Fluttershy is taken aback.

140 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh! Was that you?

141 GROUNDS KEEPER PONY
Yup! I love whistlin' while I work!

142 FLUTTERSHY
(embarrassed)
Yes, well. Very lovely. Heh, heh. Excuse me.

She continues on and sees the animals and birds from afar.

143 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(excited yet hushed)
Oh! I see a Toco Toucan! And a Spider Monkey! And, ooh! Is that a Wallaroo?

She turns and enters the garden. But in a WHOOSH! ...they're all GONE! Fluttershy blames herself.

144 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(as quietly as everything else)
Oh Fluttershy, you're such a loudmouth!

SC. 10 - <u>INT. PALACE - GRAND STAIRCASE - CONTINUOUS</u>

At the top, Celestia and her Ladies greet guests. Twilight also bows to them. In between, she tries to chat.

145 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Welcome to the Grand Galloping Gala!

146 TWILIGHT
Princess, I've been so excited to spend time with you...

147 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Yes, me too, Twili...

A COUPLE enters and the Princess turns away from Twilight.

148 PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D)
Good evening. Welcome to the Gala.

Twilight nods her head and smiles as they pass.

149 TWILIGHT
I really miss our talks about magic!

FINE LADIES enter and bow to the Princess.

150 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Which is why I... Ladies! Lovely to see you again!

Twilight bows disappointedly as they pass by. More ponies file up to greet the Princess.

151 TWILIGHT
(to herself)
<SIGH> Looks like getting a chance to talk to the Princess is going to be a magic trick in itself!

SC. 11 - <u>INT. BALLROOM - CONTINUOUS</u>

The Bolts roped area is crowded with Fans. The chatter is deafening. Rainbow wedges her way up to Soarin' and Spitfire, who are having a grand time. Rainbow tries to join, but it's too loud.

152 RAINBOW DASH
HEY SPITFIRE, YOU EVER DONE A RAIN CLOUD DOUBLE BACK FLIP? IT'S SUPER COOL, BUT A LITTLE SOGGY!

But Spitfire doesn't hear her and continues talking to another pony. Rainbow turns to Soarin' who faces away from her.

153 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
SOARIN'! YOU EVER SOARED PAST LIGHTNING? IT'S AWESOME!

But Soarin' is also distracted and doesn't hear. He literally turns and walks away.

154 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
<frustrated noise>

SC. 12 - <u>INT. PALACE COURTYARD</u>

AJ is alone and still frozen with a big smile on her face.

155 APPLEJACK
First minute, first sale!
(deflating)
Second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth-
-- *sixtieth* minute, no sales.

AJ slumps in defeat as ponies pass her stand as if it weren't even there.

156 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
This ain't what I expected a-tall.

Zip to Pinkie Pie on the side lines of the dance floor, sitting mopily like a wallflower behind her potted plant as the Gala ponies continue to mingle and not dance.

157 PINKIE PIE
(singing sadly)
I'm at the Grand Galloping Galaaaa.
<sniff> And it's not what I
dreamed.

Zip to Rarity. Her prince pulls out a floor pillow in a sitting area, but when Rarity goes to sit, he quickly sits in it himself. Rarity slumps.

158 RARITY
This isn't at all what I imagined.

Zip to Twilight. She bows repeatedly as ponies greet the Princess like an assembly line.

PRINCESS CELESTIA
Good evening. So nice to see you. Welcome! How are you? A pleasure.

TWILIGHT
This isn't what I hoped.

Zip to Rainbow Dash. She stands alone amidst the Wonder Bolts who all have their rumps facing her as they talk to other ponies.

159 RAINBOW DASH
This isn't hanging out.

Zip to Fluttershy. As she walks through the garden, animals disappear into the trees and bushes to avoid her. She slumps.

160 FLUTTERSHY
This isn't what I wished for.

Split screen, we see all 6 girls hang their heads in defeat.

161 PONIES
<sigh>

Then, one by one...

162 TWILIGHT
No!

163 RARITY
I've waited all my life---

164 FLUTTERSHY
---for this moment---

165 PINKIE PIE
---and I'm not going to---

166 APPLEJACK
---let it slip by!

167 RAINBOW DASH
If it's the LAST thing I do---

168 TWILIGHT
I'm going to MAKE this...

169 ALL
THE BEST NIGHT EVER!

END ACT II

ACT III

SC. 13 - <u>INT. ROYAL GARDENS - NIGHT</u>

A big box propped up by a stick propped over a cracker. The stick has a string attached. Fluttershy is stretching the string out, backing out the hedge entrance.

170 FLUTTERSHY
(to self)
I just have to be more bold like Twilight says.

She calls out.

171 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(acting badly)
I'm so sorry to have scared you, my friends. But I'm leaving now so you can all come out!

She hides behind a large hedge holding the string and waits quietly. She hears rustling in the Garden. The string begins to jiggle. Fluttershy pulls it. The stick releases the box, which falls.

172 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Gotcha!

Fluttershy rushes back into the Garden.

173 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
It's okay. I promise not to hurt you. I just want to be your...

Before her the Grounds Keeper sits with the box over his head.

174 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Friend?

The Grounds Keeper removes the box from his head. He's eating the cracker.

175 GROUNDS KEEPER PONY
Sounds good to me!

On Fluttershy's unusually determined face we cut to...

SC. 14 - <u>INT. PALACE - BALLROOM - NIGHT</u>

Twilight stands beside the Princess as she continues to greet her guests.

176 TWILIGHT
Alright. I'm not going to let this get the best of me. I'm a patient pony, right? When the Princess is done, we'll have all night to talk.

Twilight looks out. Reveal: a impossibly long, winding line of ponies waiting to greet the Princess.

Twilight hunkers down, determined, for a long night as she looks down at the Wonder Bolt's section.

177 RAINBOW DASH
C'mon Rainbow, if they don't notice you, you gotta MAKE 'em notice you!

There, Rainbow feigns innocence as she bumps a Pony's rear, causing him to spill his drink and fall towards Soarin'. Rainbow jumps up, jack-knifes, and lands, stopping the pony's fall. She looks up for her accolades, but Soarin' is chatting with a cute pony and misses the save.

178 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
<determined growl>

Rarity and the Prince pass by.

179 RARITY
Just give him a chance Rarity, his princely side is sure to come out if you're just patient!

He stops dead in his tracks.

180 PRINCE BLUE BLOOD
Miss Rarity! Stop!

Rarity brakes quickly. The Prince gestures at the puddle from the spilled drink. Rarity is elated!

181 RARITY
Oh, Prince Blue Blood! How chivalrous!

182 PRINCE BLUE BLOOD
One would hate to slip.

183 RARITY
Yes. 'One' certainly would!

184 PRINCE BLUE BLOOD
One's cloak should take care of the problem.

185 RARITY
Of course it will.

They look at each other blankly for a loooong beat.

Close shot of a cloak being put on the puddle. Hooves start walking over and we pull out to reveal that it's Rarity's cloak and the Prince's hooves stepping on it!

Rarity picks up her soggy cloak, fuming.

SC 15 - <u>INT. DANCE FLOOR - CONTINUOUS</u>

On the band playing formal, no-fun music. Pinkie suddenly pops up behind each member, whispering in their ears. Then she zips to the front of the stage.

186 PINKIE PIE
C'mon, everypony! I know what'll make you shake those groove thangs: THE PIGGY DANCE!!

They switch to a "Chicken Dance"-type song--"Piggy Dance".

187 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(singing to the tune)
First you jiggle your tail. Then you wriggle your snout. Then you wiggle your rump. Oink-oink-oink!

The song REPEATS and fades off in the background as Ponies flee the dance floor, exiting to the courtyard...

SC. 16 - <u>INT. PALACE COURTYARD - CONTINUOUS</u>

...where they are confronted with a BEAMING AJ in a straw "carnival barker" hat.

188 APPLEJACK
FRIIITTEEERS!!! GET YOUR RED HOT, DEEE-LICIOUS FRITTERS AND OTHER APPLE PRODUCTS RIGHT HERE!

The ponies screech to a halt, then turn tail and run right back in.

189 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Consarnit!

SC. 17 - <u>INT. BALLROOM - CONTINUOUS</u>

The Band plays a "Hokey Pokey" inspired "Pony Pokey." As Pinkie sings, the friends try to make their dreams come true.

On the STAIRCASE, a bored Twilight shakes hooves with Ponies.

190 PINKIE PIE (V.O.)
You reach your right hoof in! You reach your right hoof out! You reach your right hoof in and you shake it all about!
(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
You do the Pony Pokey meeting lots of folks with clout. That's what I'm talkin' about!

In the COURTYARD with AJ standing innocently to the side as Ponies walk by. She kicks her cart with her hoof, spilling a couple apples out and hoping somepony will trip over one. They don't.

191 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
You step your left hoof in! You pull it right back out.

She kicks it harder and a cascade of apples spill out in front of a Pony, causing him to fall. AJ helps the fallen Pony get up.

192 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
You step your left hoof in. But you better help him out! You do the Pony Pokey, but should find a different route. That's what it's all about.

AJ sheepishly smiles and gestures to the applecart. The Pony looks very annoyed and walks away.

In the BALLROOM, Rainbow sees Spitfire's drink on the edge of the table. With a gleam in her eye, she turns around and casually kicks her back leg.

193 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
You kick your back left in. You pull your back left out.

The drink teeters to fall but she reaches her hoof back in to catch it right in time.

194 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
You reach your back left in. Just be brave and have no doubt.

She looks back to see how impressed Spitfire and Soarin' are. But they are turned away, taking pictures with Fans. Rainbow blows her bangs up, frustrated.

195 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
You do the Pony Pokey, feelin' like you're gonna pout. That's what I'm singin' about.

At a BALLROOM ENTRANCE, Rarity and the Prince come to a closed door. They both stand looking at it.

The Prince turns to Rarity and gives her a “What are you waiting for?” look. Rarity uses her head to gesture to the door knob, hinting he should open it.

196 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) (CONT’D)
You tilt your head in.

The Prince does the same.

197 PINKIE PIE (CONT’D)
You tilt your head out.

Rarity gestures more forcefully. Repeatedly to the lyrics.

198 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) (CONT’D)
You tilt your head in then you shake it all about.

The Prince puts his nose in the air, refusing. Resigned, Rarity moves her head in and grabs the handle with her mouth, opening the door. The Prince trots in.

199 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) (CONT’D)
You do the Pony Pokey even though your date’s a lout. You’re better off without!

Rarity lets go and walks quickly in, but the door ends up bumping her in the rear. She fumes a bit.

In the GARDEN, Fluttershy looks crazed as she stomps her hooves, trying to get the animals out. But her actions only scare them more.

200 PINKIE PIE (V.O.) (CONT’D)
You stomp your whole self in! You stomp your whole self out! You stomp your whole self in and you stomp yourself about! You do the Pony Pokey and you give a little shout!

201 FLUTTERSHY
COME OUT!

202 PINKIE PIE (V.O.)
That’s what I’m talkin’ about!

In the BALLROOM, on stage, Pinkie sings and spins about.

203 PINKIE PIE (CONT’D)
You do the Pony Pokey! You do the Pony Pokey! You do the Pony Pokey!
(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And that's what it's all about!
YEAH! Now how's that for a party?

Down on the dance floor, the Gala Ponies all glare at her disapprovingly. Then...

204 DUCHESS PONY
Young lady! This is not THAT kind of party!

Pinkie's eyes grow wide as something has dawned on her.

205 PINKIE PIE
OoooooOOOOoooooOOOohhh!! They don't want a *party,* these ponies want a PAAAAR-TAY!

Up with Twilight nodding off, then waking up. Then THUMPING HOUSE PARTY MUSIC hits her ears and she wakes up, wide-eyed. She looks down to see Pinkie on stage, pumping her hoof.

206 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
YEAH, BOYS! NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A BEAT! LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!

SC 18 - <u>EXT. COURTYARD - CONTINUOUS</u>

Underneath the thump of Pinkie's party music, AJ stands alone and defeated when she hears a familiar voice.

207 RARITY (O.S.)
Two apple fritters, please!

It's Rarity and the Prince.

208 APPLEJACK
Two apple fritters, coming right up! That'll be four bits.

Rarity looks pointedly at the Prince. He looks pointedly at her.

209 RARITY
Eh hem!

210 PRINCE BLUE BLOOD
Eh hem!

211 RARITY
Eh HEM!

212 PRINCE BLUE BLOOD
EH HEM!

Rarity slumps in defeat.

213 RARITY
(deadpan)
I'm going to have to pay, aren't I?

She goes to pull out some money when AJ stops her.

214 APPLEJACK
It's okay, Rarity. I gotcha covered.

215 RARITY
Thank you, Applejack. At least **some**pony here has good manners!

Right on cue, the Prince starts spitting out his fritter.

216 PRINCE BLUE BLOOD
Phtha! Bleh! What is this?

Prince Blue Blood looks at her cart and it's homemade goods. He practically has a panic attack.

217 PRINCE BLUE BLOOD (CONT'D)
Uh! Fritters! Dumplings! Carmel Apples! My royal lips have touched common carnival fare!

He looks across the courtyard.

218 PRINCE BLUE BLOOD (CONT'D)
Ah! Salvation! I am going to the buffet for some hors d'oeuvres!

The Prince dashes to the buffet which all the ponies surround eating ritzy appetizers. Applejack is stunned by the sight of the feasting ponies.

219 APPLEJACK
Well no wonder nopony wants my food! They're filling up on all those fancy schmancy vittles! Well, my down-home apples are plenty good enough for this crowd! I'll just dress them up a bit and prove it to 'em!

AJ pulls her cart off.

SC. 19 - <u>INT. ROYAL GARDEN - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS</u>

The THUMPING shakes the garden. A frazzled Fluttershy finishes rigging up a net in the trees.

220 FLUTTERSHY
I'll catch you yet, my pretties! Yes! As soon as one of you little birds or monkeys or bears touches this net, you'll be mine! Mine!

She LAUGHS WILDLY and steps on the net. It swoops up and traps her, dangling her from the tree.

SC. 20 - <u>INT. PALACE - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS</u>

To the BEAT, CLOSE SHOTS of hammering and drilling, AJ determined and sweating, and Apple Cake layers piling HIGH.

Reveal AJ's new fancy cart with a TALL apple cake on top.

221 APPLEJACK
There! Let 'em eat cake!

With Rainbow. Spitfire is talking to a FAN that is standing on a rug. To the BEAT, Rainbow WHIPS the rug out, causing the Fan to flip up into the air. Rainbow leaps up, catches her, and lands her with flair right in front of Spitfire. But Spitfire is now stamping her hoof to the BEAT, signing autographs. Rainbow scowls in frustration.

SC 21 - <u>INT. DANCE FLOOR</u>

Pinkie dances to the beat on the dancefloor. She sees that once more, the ponies below don't join in. She becomes determined.

222 PINKIE PIE
C'mon everypony! You wanted a par-taaay, now let's PAR-TAAAAY!!!

Pinkie SLAM DANCES into the very disturbed, uptight ponies.

223 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
YEAH! UNH! NOW THAT'S A BEAT! C'MON! DANCE!

224 UPTIGHT PONIES
Ugh! Ow! Hey! Watch it!

Thrilled at her “success,” Pinkie runs up onto the stage.

225 PINKIE PIE
Alright, everypony! STAGE DIVE!!!

Pinkie turns around and splays out to fall into the crowd.

POV of the Gala Ponies looking up as Pinkie is falling back.

Reverse shot of the Gala Ponies, wide-eyed and horrified. The quickly ZIP to two sides, parting like the Red Sea.

Shot of Pinkie falling SLO-MO with a big smile on her face.

Pull out to reveal AJ’s fancy cart with a big apple cake in the space that the Ponies left.

226 APPLEJACK
Alright you high class ponies! Here’s a highfalutin apple cake for yer hoity toity taste buds! Come and get it!

As AJ says that, Pinkie lands right on the end of the table, sending the cake flying up in the air.

POV of the Prince and Rarity, as it’s coming right for them.

RARITY
<GASP!>

PRINCE BLUE BLOOD
<GASP!>

The Prince dives behind Rarity. She gets hit with the cake. SPLAT, SPLAT, SPLAT! Rarity finally loses it! The Prince staggers back fearfully.

227 RARITY
YOU, SIR, ARE THE MOST UNCHARMING PRINCE I HAVE EVER MET! IN FACT, THE ONLY THING *ROYAL* ABOUT YOU IS THAT YOU’RE A *ROYAL* PAIN!

228 PRINCE BLUE BLOOD
Ew! Stay back! I just had myself groomed!

229 RARITY
Oh! Afraid to get dirty?

Rarity glares fiercely and SHAKES herself out like a dog. The Prince is hit with the goo and stumbles back, slipping on some. As he slips, he bumps into statue of the Princess which begins to fall. Rainbow sees this. She sees that the Bolts see it too.

230 RAINBOW DASH
This is my chance!

She FLIES forward in a FLASH and catches the statue.

231 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
YES!

But the weight of the statue pulls her towards the columns.

232 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
WOAH!

She turns to protect the statue, CRASHING into a column. It teeters, but doesn't fall. And the statue is safe! SILENCE.

233 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Phew!

And with her exhale, the column falls causing all the others to fall down like dominoes. BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! DUST plumes up. It dissipates and all the Ponies are frozen.

Up with Twilight, also frozen. She sees her friends in the middle of the destruction and shifts her eyes cautiously towards the Princess, whose jaw hangs open, speechless.

234 TWILIGHT
(sotto)
Well, it can't get any worse.

But then the floor begins to RUMBLE. Everyone at the Gala look around confused and frightened. Then...

A stampede of frightened animals come rushing into the ballroom chased by a wild-eyed, frizzy-maned, Norma Desmond-esque Fluttershy!!!!

235 FLUTTERSHY
YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE ME!!!

The previously frozen Ponies now completely FREAK OUT!!!

Twilight fearfully shifts her eyes again to the Princess.

236 TWILIGHT
Ahhh...Um...Uh...Bu...

The Princess looks at her and with great decorum says...

237 PRINCESS CELESTIA
(whisper)
Run.

Twilight WHISTLES. Her friends come to attention and look at her. They run/fly up the stairs, escaping the chaotic scene!

As they run down the stairs leading out, Rarity's hoof slips out of one of her glass slippers, à la Cinderella.

238 PINKIE PIE
Ooh! Rarity! Your glass slipper! Now your Prince is sure to find you!

Rarity looks back at the slipper horrified.

239 RARITY
Aaaah! No!

Close shot of her hoof smashing the glass slipper to pieces.

240 RARITY (CONT'D)
Let's go!

SC. 22 - <u>INT. CANTERLOT DONUT SHOP - NIGHT - LATER</u>

Spike sits alone at a table with a cup of cocoa. Donut bits are strewn on the table. He looks exhausted and beaten. PONY JOE stands behind the counter. Spike POUNDS on the table.

241 SPIKE
Hey, Joe! Another donut!

242 JOE
Oh, Spike, don't you think you've had enough?

Spike SLAMS the table.

243 SPIKE
Another Donut! Extra Sprinkles!

Joe shakes his head, grabs a donut and puts it on the table.

244 JOE
Can I at least warm up your cocoa?

245 SPIKE
Naw, I got it.

Spike sadly blows out some fire and warms up his cocoa.

As he does, the door JINGLES open. GIGGLING is heard.

246 JOE (O.S.)
Twilight Sparkle! Long time, no see. Are these your friends?

Spike's eyes light up, his smile is HUGE.

247 SPIKE
Girls?

He turns to greet all the Ponies, but is instantly taken aback--- they look as if they've been through hell!

248 SPIKE (CONT'D)
You look...different. What happened? How was the Gala? How was your Best Night Ever?

The Ponies give each other knowing looks, exhausted. But after holding each other's gaze for a beat....

249 PONIES
<snicker... then full blown LAUGHTER!>

Joe puts the donuts on the table. Spike picks up his, ready to eat.

250 TWILIGHT
Well not exactly. At first things *seemed* to be going well...

Push in on the donuts. Cross Dissolve on the platter with only crumbs left. Pull out revealing Spike, eyes are wide, frozen in place, having not eaten one bite of his donut.

251 SPIKE
That sounds like the WORST night ever!

252 PONY FRIENDS
IT WAS!!!

They all PAUSE and then burst out LAUGHING again.

253 TWILIGHT
I just hope Princess Celestia isn't upset with us for ruining the Gala.

The door bell JINGLES again.

254 PRINCESS CELESTIA (O.S.)
That was the BEST Grand Galloping Gala Ever!

They all look at the door to see Princess Celestia.

255 PONY FRIENDS
Princess Celestia!

256 TWILIGHT
Pardon me, Princess, but tonight was just...awful!

257 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Oh Twilight, the Grand Galloping Gala is *always* awful.

258 TWILIGHT
It is?

259 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Why yes!

On Pinkie with her mouth lined with sugar and jelly.

260 PINKIE PIE
I can sure see why. Those Party Ponies were Party Poopers!

261 PONY FRIENDS
PINKIE!

262 PRINCESS CELESTIA
No, Pinkie Pie's right! #

That is why I was thrilled you were all attending. I was hoping you could liven things up a bit.

263 APPLEJACK
Well, I reckon we made that wingding a might more "lively."

264 PRINCESS CELESTIA
And while the evening may not have gone as you planned, I'm sure you'll agree that, in the end, it didn't turn out so bad for this group of friends.

265 TWILIGHT
You're right, Princess. Friends have a way of making even the worst of times into something pretty great.

266 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah! Hanging out with friends!

267 FLUTTERSHY
Talking!

268 PINKIE PIE
Laughing!

Spike puffs up his chest a bit and smiles quite proudly.

269 SPIKE
You mean doing EXACTLY what I wanted to do the whole time?!

270 TWILIGHT
Yes, Spike. You were right.

271 APPLEJACK
As horrible as our night was,

272 RARITY
Being together here has made it all better!

273 PINKIE PIE
In fact, it’s made it...

274 PONY FRIENDS/SPIKE/PRINCESS
THE BEST NIGHT EVER!!!

They continue to talk, laugh, and eat as Joe puts down another tray full of donuts.

THE END.