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MY LITTLE PONY

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TEASER

It's finally here! Tonight is the night of the Grand Galloping Gala and the Ponies are incredibly excited! PINKIE PIE, APPLEJACK, RAINBOW DASH, and FLUTTERSHY have gathered at RARITY'S so they can all get ready together. TWILIGHT is thrilled they've finally arrived. She's been working on a special new trick *just* for the Gala!

SPIKE puts a pumpkin on the ground. Twilight concentrates hard and her Unicorn horn begins to glow. Then—POOF! The pumpkin turns into a large carriage! The girls “ooh” and “aah.” What a fantastic trick—and what a fun surprise! Twilight thanks her friends for their accolades. But that's not all! Twilight asks if Fluttershy brought the four mice she requested. Fluttershy tips down her head and four little white mice pop out from her mane. Concerned, Fluttershy asks Twilight if her friends will be safe. Twilight assures her they will be just fine as the mice scurry down to the ground.

Concentrating even harder than before, Twilight uses all of her magical might. Her horn begins to glow once again and POOF! The smoke clears, revealing that the four mice have been turned into four big, white HORSES!!! The girls' jaws drop in amazement—and confusion—as they look at these horses with funny twitching noses.

Snapping back to reality, Rarity tells the Ponies they all better start getting ready if they want to get to the Gala! But when she opens the door to her boutique, her cat RUBY rushes out. The “horses” catch sight of Ruby and quickly “scurry” off like, well, like frightened mice.

Embarrassed, Twilight apologizes to Fluttershy, assuring her that the mice/horses will be just fine when the spell reverses at midnight. Meanwhile, Rarity goes next door to the neighboring ponies to ask if they can pull the carriage for them.

ACT I

Back in the Carousel Boutique, the Ponies are behind closed doors getting ready—manes are up in curlers, manes are being flat-ironed, hooves are getting polished, false lashes are getting glued on, eyeliner, blush, and powder are being applied. And to top it all off, each Pony has their personally designed outfit by Rarity!

Meanwhile, Spike is sitting on the other side of the door practically bouncing out of his chair. He begs them to let him in. But the girls insist that he cannot see them until they are ready to go to Canterlot. At the mere mention of Canterlot, Spike beams with anticipation. He can't wait to get to there! Hanging out together at the Gala is going to be so fun! He'll be able to show all the other Ponies the palace! Knowing all the nooks and crannies, he'll be able to give them the best, personal tour ever! And they'll get to dance, laugh, and enjoy the party—all together! And afterwards he just has to take them all to his favorite donut shop!

While Spike is really excited to spend time with his friends, the Ponies each have their own agenda for the Gala. With each suggestion he makes, the girls gently warn Spike that they might not actually be seeing that much of each other this evening.

But Spike still has visions of them all together as they travel to Canterlot. He drives the carriage while the Ponies giggle excitedly inside, anxious for this amazing night to begin. Driving up the winding road to the palace, Spike pulls up right in front. He hops down and opens the door for his ladies. Out they step onto the red carpet, finally revealing how beautiful they all look. Spike looks at them all, awestruck.

And the girls are equally awestruck by the scene before them. The palace is shining bright, decorated spectacularly for the Grand Galloping Gala. As each of the Ponies looks around, they begin to sing about what they want out of this night. Through the palace gates, Fluttershy sees the royal garden where she'll get to meet and befriend wonderful, exotic birds and animals. Applejack watches as hundreds of ponies arrive. And those ponies are sure to get hungry, so she'll be able to sell her apple treats and make tons of money! Then Rarity spies the royal procession. As handsome, blue-blooded stallions go strutting by, one catches Rarity's eye and she is sure she'll find her Prince Charming. The Opening Ceremony begins and the Wonder Bolts come flying in, performing spectacular feats. Rainbow Dash watches with excitement, singing about how she is going to impress the Wonder Bolts with her own amazing skills tonight. Fireworks explode and confetti falls from above, showering down on Pinkie Pie, who is thrilled to be at the biggest party ever! She is determined to show everypony at the Gala a really good time and make this the best party of all time! As the grand finale of the Opening Ceremony, PRINCESS CELESTIA ascends into the sky. Twilight watches her mentor and sings about how she's finally going to get to spend some one-on-one time with the Princess tonight.

Attending the Grand Galloping Gala is the realization of all the girls' dreams and they excitedly sing that this will be THE BEST NIGHT EVER!!!

ACT II

Back with the Ponies, whose eyes are still filled with stars as they imagine this amazing evening. Spike agrees that this will be the best night ever because they're going to be spending it all together! But just as the words leave his lips, the Ponies dash off in a flash, each going off in their own direction, leaving Spike standing all alone.

Twilight rushes up to the Princess, who is thrilled to see her star student. The Princess wants Twilight by her side the entire night. Twilight is so happy! It's been forever since they got to talk about magic. This is exactly what she wanted out of her evening!

Off with Rarity, she spies the Pony Prince from the procession standing in the Rose Garden. He turns, revealing that he has a beautiful rose in his mouth. Spying Rarity once again, he gives her a wink. Rarity is thrilled!

Meanwhile, Fluttershy stands at the main entrance of the Royal Gardens. She hears a bird whistle. It's as if it's calling to her. Enchanted, Fluttershy sings back. The bird whistles again in response. Fluttershy is all a flutter. She and the creatures already have a rapport! This is even better than she'd dreamed!

Seeing all the ponies filing in, Applejack quickly assembles her applecart, displaying all her tasty treats. Immediately, a hungry pony approaches, having smelled the apple-goodness. He buys a nice, big apple pie from Applejack who is pleased as punch to have already made her first sale!

The Wonder Bolts have a huge crowd of fans around them, complimenting them all on their great performance at the Opening Ceremony. Rainbow awkwardly edges her way closer to them, trying to fit in. Just then, somepony bumps into the Wonder Bolts' table and a drink gets knocked off. Seeing this, Rainbow acts fast, doing a super sweet, acrobatic maneuver to catch it before it hits the ground. The Wonder Bolts are really impressed by her agility. Then one of the Bolts recognizes Rainbow from the Best Young Flier Competition in Cloudsdale and asks her to join them. Rainbow can't believe this is happening and jumps at the chance!

And Pinkie Pie excitedly springs into the ballroom, ready to shake her groove thing when she sees that the dance floor is currently empty. All the other ponies are standing around waiting for the music to begin. But Pinkie isn't going to let the lack of music stop her! A party's not a party without dancing so she gets right out there and starts bustin' a move!

It looks like all the girls' Grand Galloping Gala fantasies are being fulfilled. This really *is* going to be the best night ever!

But, as Pinkie dances in her own little world, having the great time she'd been imagining, she fails to realize that all the other ponies are staring in repulsion at this unsophisticated, inappropriate pony. The band finally begins to play, but it's not the party music Pinkie was expecting. It's classical music. Pinkie stops dancing and finally realizes that everypony has been staring at her strange dance moves. They then snootily turn their noses up at her, move elegantly onto the dance floor, and begin waltzing. A puzzled Pinkie shuffles off the dance floor.

Applejack feels equally awkward as she stands hitched to her applecart having only made that first sale. As the evening wares on, she tries every tactic she can think of to move these apple treats. She calls out to the ponies like a carnival barker, which hardly goes over well in this dignified crowd. Whenever she sees a group of ponies gathered in one area, she walks her cart over to them deliberately butting in. But this only causes the ponies to disperse immediately. She offers up samples, but when they don't buy after tasting, she gets rather cranky and she tells them what for as they walk quickly away from the ranting apple-pony. Finally she grabs a pony and demands to know why

they won't buy from her. He glances over to the buffet table that Applejack happens to unknowingly be standing right next to. "Because that food is free!"

Rarity's evening isn't going any better since her Prince is less than charming. Upon approaching him in the Rose Garden, Rarity demurely thanks him for presenting her with the most perfect red rose. The Prince then proceeds to bite off the end of the rose and put it in his own lapel. He then snobbishly tells her that the rose isn't for her. It's for him! Rarity is stunned, but reminds herself that he is a Prince. Surely, chivalry will prevail! But as their "date" continues, it is Rarity who must be chivalrous! When they come to a door, he insists that she open it for him. When they go to Applejack's cart for a treat, he expects her to pay. And when they come across a puddle, he wants her to take off her cloak so he won't muss his hooves!

And while Rainbow Dash was immediately welcomed into the "in crowd" of the Wonder Bolts, the fact is, she isn't a Wonder Bolt. And she really wants to prove to them that she can be! And since the "drink accident" impressed them, Rainbow figures that if she stages more "accidents" she can really show them how dexterous and talented she is. So Rainbow plots out "accident" after "accident" to prove her smooth moves. But every time she does something amazing, the Wonder Bolts are distracted and looking the other direction. Fans are asking for autographs, the media is taking pictures, or the Bolts are just goofing off together. Even with her moves getting more daring and wild, Rainbow just can't get their attention.

Out on the dance floor, Pinkie can't believe everypony is actually waltzing. These aren't party ponies! They're party poopers! And she is determined to get them to cut loose by making the band play real party music! But Pinkie is fighting a losing battle. When the band plays "The Hokey Pokey," nopony will put their left hoof in. When they hear "The Chicken Dance," they balk. And they simply don't have the right dancing muscles to do "The Hustle."

But surely Fluttershy is successfully communing with critters in the peace and tranquility of the Royal Garden. Continuing the call and response with her little bird friend, Fluttershy is led into the garden gates. But when she finally finds her whistling friend, it's not a sweet little bird. It's the Royal Garden's pony groundskeeper who likes to whistle! Embarrassed, Fluttershy makes her way deeper into the garden, eager to meet all the unique birds and animals. From a far she can see them all happily scurrying and flying about. They are sure to be wonderful friends! But as soon as Fluttershy enters the heart of the garden, all of the birds and animals disappear and hide. Fluttershy immediately apologizes. She didn't mean to frighten them. She was just so very excited to meet them all. Fluttershy talks every so sweetly to all of the creatures, trying to coax them out. But none of her sweet talk is sweet enough. They simply won't come out of hiding. Fluttershy begins getting frustrated. How can these animals be SO shy? Becoming desperate, Fluttershy moves onto some less conventional—and very UN-Fluttershy—tactics. First she begins stomping her hooves around their dens, trying to scare them out. Next, she tries to trap an animal in a large box, only to find that she's

trapped the groundskeeper! Finally she flies up to rig a net in the trees to capture some birds, but ensnares herself!

The only pony that is actually getting what she wanted is Twilight. Well, sort of. Twilight wanted to spend time with the Princess. And the Princess wanted Twilight by her side the entire night. But instead of talking and catching up as Twilight had hoped, she stands at the head of the staircase right next to the Princess as she welcomes guest after guest to the Gala. Thus, the Princess is far too busy to talk. And Twilight can't actually go down and join the party. So she just stands there—BORED!!!

As each of the Ponies' individual stories come to a head, they collectively profess that this is THE WORST NIGHT EVER!!!

ACT III

Despite this currently being the worst night ever, the Ponies refuse to give up on their dreams of this evening and redouble their efforts for success.

In the Royal Garden, a frantic and flustered Fluttershy is at her wit's end. She wants to see those animals! Desperate, she announces, "If you're not coming out to see me, I'm coming in for you!" With that, she dives into the burrows.

Realizing that her little applecart can't compare to a fine, fancy buffet table, Applejack pulls out her tool belt and quickly redesigns her cart. Her new, sophisticated cart is now up to snuff, but she needs to put it some place where all these highfalutin highbrows can see it!

Determined to get everypony to cut loose and cut a rug, Pinkie tries to get the ponies to follow her lead by following her behind in a Conga line. But a snooty pony takes her aside and tells her it's not "that kind of party." So Pinkie decides to change her strategy to from kiddie party to PAAAAR-TAY!!!!

Meanwhile, Rainbow Dash's latest risky trick goes unnoticed when the Wonder Bolts all happen to look the other direction. Again! She realizes that going to have to pull out all the stops to finally get their attention.

And Rarity does her best to remain a lady as the Prince ignores her and gazes longingly at himself in the mirror, convinced that he is the fairest of them all.

Up on the stage with the band, Pinkie announces that it's time to "Get this party started!" Pinkie coaxes the band to play a driving, house music beat. Rarity hears this and thinks maybe the Prince will loosen up if he dances. But he hasn't asked her to dance all night! So she asks him if they are ever going to go out on the dance floor. The Prince looks at her annoyed, saying that he'd love to dance. It's just that *she* never asked *him*!

So they go out onto the floor, where Pinkie is bouncing around, slam dancing into all the up-tight ponies. Thinking everypony is really into it, Pinkie rushes up onto the stage and yells, "Stage Dive!" She goes to dive off the stage, hoping to crowd surf. But these ponies have no idea what she's doing. It looks like she's going to crush them! They quickly zip out of her way, leaving her to land right on the floor.

But just as they part like the Red Sea on the dance floor, Applejack pulls her applecart buffet table topped with a fancy apple cake into the vacant space. "Come and get it!" yells Applejack. The stage-diving Pinkie does, landing on one end of the cart. The apple cake then launches off the cart and goes flying into the air, heading straight for the Prince. Seeing this, he ducks behind Rarity just in time.

Splattered with the cake, Rarity finally loses it, yelling that no Prince is worth all this. The Prince reveals that he's not a prince after all. He's just a Duke! Livid, Rarity shakes the cake off her body like a dog. The Duke backs away, trying to avoid getting hit by the goo. He slips on a bit of the spilled cake and knocks over a fancy statue of Princess Celestia. Rainbow Dash sees this and goes to catch it, hoping to finally impress the Wonder Bolts. But upon catching it, she loses her balance and crashes into a decorative column. Knocking into this one column causes a chain reaction and the circle of columns fall down like dominoes. Boom, boom, boom, boom, boom!

Dust plumes up and then dissipates. There is a long beat of silence as the ponies stand stunned in the middle of the decimated ballroom.

From up above on the landing, Twilight sees that her friends are in the middle of—and the primary causes of—the destruction. Twilight shifts her eyes nervously towards the Princess. Princess Celestia's jaw hangs open as she looks upon the scene, completely speechless. Afraid that the Princess might be terribly angry, Twilight mutters to herself, "Well, it can't get any worse!"

But she is wrong. Suddenly the floor begins to rumble. Then a stampede of frightened animals come rushing into the ballroom, chased by a wild-eyed, frizzy-maned, Norma Desmond-esque Fluttershy shouting after them, "You're going to LOVE ME!!!!" The previously frozen ponies begin to freak out.

Twilight is now positive that the Princess is going to be furious. She looks at the Princess, hoping to explain or apologize. But all that comes out of her mouth is incoherent stammering. The Princess stops her. Twilight fears she's going to get the scolding of her life when the ever-regal Princess calmly says, "Run!"

Twilight whistles to get her friends attention. Pinkie, Applejack, Fluttershy, Rarity, and Rainbow dash up the stairs and the six friends quickly flee the Gala, leaving chaos in their wake.

Sitting alone in his favorite donut shop, a sad Spike sits with a cold cup of hot chocolate.

Wallowing in his loneliness, he orders another donut—extra sprinkles. Just then, the six Ponies come in, smiling and laughing. Spike immediately cheers up and the girls launch into telling him all about their ill-fated night.

As they chat, giggle, and eat donuts, they realize that this is the best time they had the entire evening. And it's because they're all together! Spike gives a knowing grin, since this is what he wanted from the beginning! Twilight tells Spike that he was right. While their fantasies about a "perfect night" at the Gala didn't come true, since they've regrouped they've had a wonderful time. There's nothing like a group of friends to make you feel better when your plans blow up in your face. Hanging out with each other and laughing over how horribly things went wrong really had made this ...

The Best Night Ever!

The End.