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TEASER

Pinkie Pie is sitting at a picnic bench with Twilight Twinkle; talking her ear off about some 'cool moves' she saw Rainbow Dash doing earlier that day. Twilight steadfastly ignores her and tries to concentrate on the scroll she is reading but Pinkie Pie keeps going on and on. "And then Rainbow Dash went diving down, SHOOOM! And just before Rainbow Dash hit the ground, she pulled up, VRAWWMM! And then Rainbow Dash loops around, WHOO WHOO WHOOOOP!" Suddenly Pinkie Pie freezes and looks up in the sky. She takes off and Twilight breathes a sigh of relief.

Rainbow Dash is flying overhead. She looks down as she hears Pinkie Pie shout her name from below, "Rainbow Dash!" She scowls downward and speeds up. "Not now Pinkie Pie! "Rainbow Dash!!" Rainbow speeds up even more to get away. "I'm in the middle of something!" "But Rainbow Dash!!!" Rainbow is going super fast. She yells back at Pinkie, "I said NOT NOW!!!" Rainbow slams into the side of a mountain.

Rainbow slowly, painfully slides down the side of the mountain, ending at Pinkie Pie's feet. Pinkie Pie quietly says, "I was gonna tell you to look out for that mountain."

ACT I

Pinkie Pie merrily prances through the town square, humming to herself. The sound drifts up to the cloudbank on the other side of town where Rainbow Dash is taking one of her many naps. Rainbow lifts one eyelid, takes two small pieces of cloud and stuffs them in her ears to try to drown out the sound. But the humming only gets louder and louder as Pinkie gets closer. Her eyes pop wide open when she hears Pinkie ask a few passer-bys for Rainbow Dash's whereabouts. Rainbow Dash quickly tries to bury herself inside the cloud she's been resting on top of. On the ground Pinkie approaches Twilight Twinkle and asks if she's seen Rainbow Dash. "Isn't she up there?" offers Twilight, looking up. Rainbow Dash's head is buried in the cloud but her fanny is sticking up like an ostrich. Sensing she's caught, Rainbow Dash "dashes" out of there in a poof of cloud dust, retreating behind a barn. But Pinkie Pie is (somehow) standing right behind her! "Hi Rainbow Dash!" exclaims Pinkie. Rainbow Dash immediately takes off in a flash, again hiding. But Pinkie is right there again, "I need a favor, Rainbow Dash!" Rainbow Dash zips off again to hide. And once again, there's Pinkie Pie! "I promise it'll be fun!" Rainbow Dash reluctantly agrees.

Pinkie has Rainbow Dash wrangle up a storm cloud and then directs her where to place it, "Move it here, no a little there, wait...back this way..." Rainbow Dash is annoyed and doesn't see the point to all of this. She just wants to get this all over with so she can get away from Pinkie Pie. Just then, Spike emerges from inside Town Hall, carrying a huge pile of scrolls for Twilight. A second after he passes her, Pinkie Pie commands Rainbow Dash, "NOW!" Rainbow Dash creates a clap of thunder, which spooks Spike and sends his scrolls flying all over. Pinkie Pie rolls over in a fit of giggles. Spike's been scared into getting the hiccups but he takes the prank in stride. "Good one —hiccup—Pinkie Pie. Next one's—hiccup —on you." This brings Rainbow Dash to a fit of laughter, too, delighting Pinkie Pie. Spike tries to gather up

scrolls, but his hiccups send flames out of his mouth, burning the scrolls to dust. As Rainbow and Pinkie laugh even harder, Spike alternates between enjoying the joke and being worried about the scrolls he's burning. "Hahaha—hiccup! Oh no!" Rainbow Dash compliments Pinkie Pie on her smooth moves. Pinkie Pie is pleased as punch to have impressed Rainbow Dash. Rainbow Dash compliments Pinkie. "That prank was pretty cool. Y'know, you're not as annoying as I thought. We should hang out." Pinkie Pie can barely contain herself.

In a musical montage, Rainbow Dash and Pinkie Pie form a new friendship as they go off to pull a few more harmless pranks on their pony friends. (With each prank, it's obvious that the ponies are playfully annoyed). Rarity answers her doorbell to see a beautiful bouquet of flowers. She bends down to smell them, and immediately a sneezing fit ensues! She stops long enough to see Pinkie Pie and Rainbow Dash holding a vile of sneezing powder and laughing. Twilight Twinkle opens up a scroll in her library, but the text begins to disappear! Pinkie Pie and Rainbow Dash are hiding outside Twilight Twinkle's window, holding a bottle of disappearing ink. Apple Jack comes out of her barn, to see that all of her apples have been painted!...pink, blue, polka dots, plaid! **The pranksters hide across the orchard, on the other side of a pond. Rainbow Dash gazes at Applejack through some binoculars. When she lowers them, two black circles surround her eyes. Pinkie points and laughs. Rainbow sees her reflection in the water and after a beat starts laughing as well.** The pranking (and montage) ends when they spot Fluttershy. They both agree that Fluttershy is too sensitive for one of their jokes. It wouldn't be cool to prank her.

The next day, Pinkie arrives at Rainbow Dash's cloud, wearing a glasses/nose/moustache disguise, an arrow-through-the-head headpiece, a New Year's toot horn in her mouth, and a big bag of pranks in tote. Not only does Rainbow Dash's head pop over the cloud, but so does someone new.... A Griffon! Rainbow Dash and her friend fly down. Rainbow Dash introduces Grizelda, her old buddy from her days at flight camp. It's obvious that Grizelda and Rainbow Dash have a special camaraderie. They demonstrate their unique flight camp winged handshake, and they reminisce about how they were the two coolest cadets in their class at flight camp. Pinkie Pie tries to steer the conversation back to the prank escapades she has planned, but Grizelda reminds Rainbow Dash about their plans for practicing aerial maneuvers. **"I enjoy a good prank as much as the next Griffon, but maybe we can catch up with you later?"** "You don't mind, Pinkie Pie, do you?" asks Rainbow Dash sincerely. **Pinkie is upbeat. "Yeah. Sure. Sounds good."** But after Rainbow Dash and Grizelda fly off, Pinkie's expression falls and the toot horn rolls out towards the ground with **a sour and funny PHERRRRRT.**

ACT II

Grizelda and Rainbow Dash are hanging out on a cloud, complementing each other on their flying techniques. Suddenly Pinkie Pie's head pops up in the middle of the cloud **for a quick beat and then falls back down. Each time, she has a quick shout out. Up. "Hey" Down. Up. "It's later." Down. Up. "And I caught up" Down.** Reveal that she is bouncing in the air on a trampoline. **Rainbow Dash is happy to**

see her. Grizelda looks put off, but playing it cool, **challenges Rainbow** to more aerial maneuvers, higher up in the sky. But that doesn't stop Pinkie Pie, who floats up towards them, balloons tied to her torso. Grizelda **"accidentally"** pops a few of Pinkie Pie's balloons, which sends her floating back down toward land. Grizelda takes Rainbow Dash to the highest cloud she can find but Pinkie Pie soon joins them, piloting a self-propelled whirly gig. Grizelda wants Rainbow Dash to show Pinkie one of the new moves they've invented. As soon as Rainbow Dash is out of earshot, Grizelda lays into Pinkie Pie, making it clear that Pinkie Pie is obviously not cool enough for her, or for Rainbow Dash. Grizelda tells Pinkie Pie to get lost. **"Make like a bee and BUZZ OFF!" Pinkie Pie is speechless! No one's ever rejected her friendship before. Before she can reply, Grizelda takes off. Pinkie leaves the scene confused, and just a little bit angry.**

Pinkie confides in Twilight. **She doesn't understand why Rainbow Dash would be friends with a grump like Grizelda.** But Twilight misinterprets the situation. **She thinks Pinkie Pie is jealous, and explains that, just because Rainbow Dash has another friend, it doesn't make that friend a 'grump'.** Pinkie Pie didn't expect this answer and doesn't know what to think. **Perhaps Twilight Twinkle is right. Maybe she got Grizelda all wrong.**

In the Ponyville Marketplace, Pinkie Pie sees Rainbow Dash dropping off Grizelda while she takes care of a few weather tasks. Pinkie Pie follows Grizelda at a distance. Her mouth drops open as she sees Grizelda scoff and roll her eyes at Ponyville-ians. She's rude to the marketplace folk, cuts in front of Granny Smith, and shoots raspberries at Appleseed. Meanwhile, Fluttershy is helping a flock of baby ducks cross the street and isn't watching where she's going. She bumps into Grizelda. Grizelda roars at Fluttershy for daring to touch her, melting Fluttershy into a shivery mess. That's it! Pinkie Pie has seen enough. **She can take it but no one does that to her friend Fluttershy. Something has to done!**

ACT III

Pinkie Pie has put her grand strategy to stop Grizelda into motion... by throwing her a huge Welcome Party! Pinkie Pie seems back to herself as she welcomes the other ponies into the party. Everypony anticipates the arrival of Rainbow Dash and her old friend. When Grizelda and Rainbow Dash arrive, Pinkie Pie offers her a "no hard feelings" hoofshake. When Grizelda takes it, she gets a surprising "BUZZZZ!" From Pinkie's hand buzzer. Rainbow Dash laughs with enjoyment, and Grizelda plays along, keeping her cool. **But when Rainbow wanders off to say hello to someone. Grizelda leans in towards Pinkie and whispers, "I know what you're up to." Pinkie brightens. "Great!" Now Grizelda is the one who is speechless.**

As the party progresses, **Griselda becomes the victim** of several other pranks: a dribble cup, candles that won't go out on the cake, a grease ring around a lookie-loo, a jellybean can full of springing snakes. Rainbow Dash and the others think they are hilarious. Grizelda finds it harder and harder to force a smile on her face and remain cool. When no one is looking she **glares across the room at Pinkie. But Pinkie always replies with a friendly wave. Finally, it's Grizelda's turn for Pin The**

Tail on the Pony. Pinkie Pie spins her around and sends her off in the right direction. But Grizelda doesn't trust her and turns the opposite way. Ignoring all of Pinkie's and the other ponies' warnings, Grizelda slips on a banana peel and slides off screen into the kitchen, where ponies hear the crashing of pots and pans. Grizelda comes out completely coated from head to tail with flour. Rainbow Dash leads the laughter once more. But this time Grizelda can take it no more. She shakes the powder off her body and rages about how stupid and childish all the ponies in Ponyville are! **And Pinkie is the most childish with her stupid pranks.** She and Rainbow Dash are just TOO COOL for them. And they cannot wait to get away from their ridiculous excuse for a party!

But when Grizelda turns to leave, Rainbow Dash doesn't follow. **Rainbow tells her that she set the pranks. She didn't target Grizelda specifically; it was just dumb luck that they all ended up getting her. And she thought Grizelda would get a kick out of them. "You said you enjoyed a good prank." Grizelda is flabbergasted. She thought Pinkie set up the party to trip her up. Pinkie scoffs. "I set up this party to improve your attitude. I mean, even the biggest grump enjoys a good party."** Rainbow informs Grizelda that this is not how she expects her old friends to treat her new friends, and if being cool is all that Grizelda cares about, **she should look elsewhere for friends. Grizelda leaves in a big huff.**

Rainbow Dash apologizes to Pinkie Pie (and everyone else) for what a jerk Grizelda was. **Pinkie is nonchalant. "Hey, if you wanna hang out with jerks, that's your business."** Rainbow Dash replies, **"I'd rather hang out with you"** and offers a "no hard feelings" hoofshake, which Pinkie Pie takes. They BOTH get BUZZED! They realize that they both have buzzers tied to their hooves! Everyone laughs and the party continues.

In Twilight Twinkle's report to Princess Celestia, she writes that Pinkie Pie had to learn that **you can't be friends with some people, no matter how hard you try. And you can't decide who your friend's friends are going to be. The best thing you can do is stay true to your friend and to yourself. In the end your friend will figure out the difference between a false friend and one who is true.**

THE END.