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MY LITTLE PONY

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SC 1 - <u>EXT. PONYVILLE FIELD - DAY</u>

Twilight Sparkle is sitting on a bench, reading a scroll. Pinkie Pie is standing next to her, chewing her ear off about Rainbow Dash's "cool moves" from earlier that day. Pinkie Pie is very animated as she speaks. Twilight Sparkle pretends to be interested but would rather be reading her scroll undisturbed.

1 PINKIE PIE
And then Rainbow Dash swooped down! SHWOOSH! And right before she hit the ground, SHOOM! She pulled up, VRAAAAAMMMM!

2 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (STILL READING)
U-huh...

3 PINKIE PIE
And then she looped around and around, like WHOO WHOO WHOO WHOO WHOO...

4 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (OVER PINKIE PIE'S SFX)
U-huh...

Pinkie Pie looks up at the sky and suddenly stops "whoo-ing." She gallops off and Twilight Sparkle is relieved.

5 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Whew.

Rainbow Dash is flying overhead.

6 PINKIE PIE
Rainbow Dash!

Rainbow Dash notices Pinkie Pie galloping below her. She speeds up.

7 RAINBOW DASH (TO HERSELF)
Grrr! Pinkie Pie? Not again...

8 PINKIE PIE
Rainbow Dash!!

9 RAINBOW DASH (TO PINKIE PIE)
NOT NOW, Pinkie Pie!

Rainbow Dash flies even faster. Pinkie Pie gallops faster below.

10 PINKIE PIE
But Rainbow Das--

11 RAINBOW DASH
I'm in the middle of something!

12 PINKIE PIE
But --

Rainbow Dash speeds up even more. She glares down at Pinkie Pie, not watching where she is going.

13 RAINBOW DASH
I SAID NOT NOW!!

Suddenly, Rainbow Dash smacks into the side of a mountain. She comically and slowly slides down the side of the mountain, ending at Pinkie Pie's feet.

14 PINKIE PIE (MATTER OF FACTLY)
I was gonna tell you to look out
for that mountain.

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SC 2 - <u>EXT. TOWNSQUARE - PONYVILLE - DAY</u>

The Townsquare is busy, with rows of shops, eateries, and ponies. There are shops such as "All in Good Fun Prank Shop," "Bridles and Bridals," "The Soda Trough," and "Mane and Tail Beauty Salon." Pinkie Pie happily hums to herself as she prances through the town's square. Her melodies drift up to the cloudbank on the other side of town where Rainbow Dash is taking one of her many naps. Rainbow Dash slowly lifts one eyelid, scowls, and takes two small pieces of cloud, stuffing them into her ears to try and drown out the sound. The humming only gets louder, however, as Pinkie Pie gets closer.

15 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
Hi! I'm looking for Rainbow Dash;
have you seen her?

Rainbow Dash's eyes pop open as she hears Pinkie Pie asking for her. She quickly tries to bury herself in the cloud upon which she's been resting.

16 PINKIE PIE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Hi there. Have you seen Rainbow Dash?

Rainbow Dash grows more frantic but she can't pile the cloud material high enough to hide her whole body.

17 PINKIE PIE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Okay. Thanks anyway!

We cut back down to the ground as Pinkie Pie comes up to Twilight Sparkle.

18 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Twilight! Have you seen Rainbow Dash anywhere?

19 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Isn't she right up there?

Vertical pan up as Twilight Sparkle gestures directly above them. Rainbow Dash's head is buried but her fanny and rainbow tail stick up like an ostrich.

20 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)(SING SONGY)
Rainbow Daaaa-aaaash!

Rainbow Dash quickly pops her head out of the cloud, looking back and forth quickly, trying to decide what to do. Rainbow Dash quickly zips out of sight in a poof of cloud dust.

SC 3 - <u>EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY - CONTINUOUS</u>

Rainbow Dash appears behind Sweet Apple Acres.

21 RAINBOW DASH
Whew! That was close!

She turns around and out of nowhere, Pinkie Pie is standing right there.

22 PINKIE PIE (CHEERFULLY)
Hi!

23 RAINBOW DASH (SURPRISED)
Aaah!

Rainbow Dash backs up, then quickly turns and flies off again.

SC 4 - <u>EXT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY - DAY - CONTINUOUS</u>

Rainbow Dash lands in the canopy of Twilight's home, slightly out of breath.

Rainbow Dash looks right, and then left, and then behind her. She's escaped Pinkie Pie. Suddenly, Pinkie Pie's head appears through the canopy. Rainbow Dash again is caught off guard.

24 PINKIE PIE (CHEERFULLY)
Hi again!

25 RAINBOW DASH
Aaah!

Rainbow Dash zips off again.

SC 5 - <u>EXT. SADDLE LAKE - DAY - CONTINUOUS</u>

Rainbow Dash lands at the edge of Saddle Lake. Rainbow Dash looks around--only to see plains, trees, and grass. No Pinkie Pie. Again, miraculously, Pinkie Pie pops out of the lake with a mask and breathing mouthpiece.

26 PINKIE PIE (THRU MOUTHPIECE)
I need a favor, Rainbow Dash.

27 RAINBOW DASH
Aaa - Oh forget it.

Rainbow Dash gives up and flops to the ground. Pinkie Pie comes out of the lake walking with 2 pairs of flippers up to Rainbow Dash. She spits out the mouthpiece.

28 PINKIE PIE
Ptew!I toooooootally promise it'll be toooooootally fun.

29 RAINBOW DASH (IN DEFEAT)
Sigh. O-kay...

SC 6 - <u>EXT. THE SKY ABOVE TOWN HALL - DAY</u>

From the ground, Pinkie Pie gives direction to Rainbow Dash, who is positioning a cloud in the sky. Rainbow Dash has a look a resigned annoyance on her face as she tries to follow Pinkie's detailed directions.

30 PINKIE PIE
Over to the right...no, a little to the left, wait, back to the right... Now a little leftish while still staying rightly. Stop! Hmmmm. Maybe a few inches to the South... Now a couple centimeters North... Okay..... One more smidge-a-meter to the...

31 RAINBOW DASH
PINKIE PIE!!!!!!

32 PINKIE PIE
I mean...Perfect! Now, wait for my signal!

Pinkie Pie stands outside the entrance to Town Hall and peeks inside. Spike is gathering a huge pile of scrolls for Twilight. Pinkie squishes herself up against the wall on one side of the double doors, trying to stay out of sight. She vibrates in place with jittery anticipation as Spike exits Town Hall with the scrolls. Right as he walks out, Pinkie Pie cues Rainbow Dash.

33 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
NOW!

Still feeling put-out, Rainbow Dash stomps on the top of the cloud, creating a clap of thunder. The sound surprises Spike, who throws the scrolls up in the air. They go rolling down the Town Hall steps.

34 SPIKE
Aaaghh!

This peaks Rainbow's attention. What's Pinkie doing? Pinkie Pie stays pressed against the wall, hiding. She puts her front hooves over her mouth as she starts to giggle.

35 PINKIE PIE
<muffled giggling>

Rainbow, curious, now looks over to Spike.

36 SPIKE
<starts to hiccup>

Rainbow tries to stifle a laugh...

37 RAINBOW DASH
<snnnrkk-->

...but Pinkie can't contain herself any longer and bursts out laughing.

38 PINKIE PIE
HA HA HA Ha hah ha ha! Oh Rainbow Dash! We startled Spike into getting the hiccups!

Rainbow Dash floats down into scene on top of the cloud.

39 RAINBOW DASH
<starts snickering despite herself>

Spike sees Pinkie Pie and Rainbow Dash and smiles. He walks down the steps and bends down to pick up the nearest scroll.

40 SPIKE
He he. Good one, Pinkie -hiccup- Pie. -hiccup!- You're always pulling a fast -hiccup- one on me.

As Spike picks up scrolls, he hiccups again, but this time a flame spurts out and the top of the scroll catches on fire.

41 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Ack!

Pinkie and Rainbow Dash stop short, suddenly serious.

42 PINKIE PIE
(worried)
Oh no! You're not hurt are you?

Spike blows out the flame on the singed scroll. He seems nonplussed as he gathers up a few more scrolls.

43 SPIKE
Naa-hic-aaaah! Don't be -hic- silly! Dragons are -hic- fire-proof.

44 PINKIE PIE
Oh. Ok. Good.

Pinkie and Rainbow looked relieved for a beat. Then....

45 PINKIE PIE & RAINBOW DASH
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!!!

46 SPIKE
<**HICCUP!!!**>

A last large hiccup sends out a wide flame that incinerates the scrolls he's holding.

47 SPIKE (CONT'D)
I wish the same -hiccup- were true of scrolls.

Spike runs around trying to save the other scrolls but every time he picks one up, an ill-timed hiccup lights it on fire. This throws Pinkie Pie and Rainbow Dash into more laughter.

48 PINKIE AND RAINBOW
<laughing hysterically together>

49 PINKIE PIE (TO RAINBOW DASH)
Have you ever seen anything more hilarious?!

Rainbow Dash cocks an eyebrow.

50 RAINBOW DASH (TO HERSELF)
I can think of one thing....

Rainbow Dash makes another clap of thunder. This time Pinkie Pie gets surprised.

51 PINKIE PIE (SURPRISED)
Aaaaah!

A short beat. Then..

52 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Hiccup!! ...ha ha ha! - Hiccup!!

Rainbow Dash jumps down from her cloud as Pinkie continues.

53 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
<super silly laughing and hiccups>

54 RAINBOW DASH
I didn't take you for a prankster, Pinkie Pie!

55 PINKIE PIE
Are you -hiccup- kidding? I love to pull pranks! It's all -hiccup- in good fun! And Pinkie Pie -hiccup- *looo*-hiccup-*ooooves* to have -hiccup- fun!

56 RAINBOW DASH
Y'know Pinkie Pie, you're not as annoying as I thought! You wanna hang out?

Pinkie Pie's eyes light up and she gets a huge smile on her face. Rainbow Dash wants to hang out with *her!!* She's so psyched that she can't quite get out a response between her rapid-fire hiccups.

57 PINKIE PIE
Are you -hiccup- That'd be -hiccup- I'd really -hiccup- When do -hiccup- I mean -hiccup- When would you -hiccup- If you're not -hiccup-

Rainbow Dash's face sinks into a deadpan expression. She puts a hoof over Pinkie's mouth.

58 RAINBOW DASH
A simple nod will do.

Pinkie Pie slowly nods 'yes' while Rainbow keeps her hoof over Pinkie's mouth. After a beat, smiles spread slowly over both their faces

59 PINKIE AND RAINBOW
<laughing together>

A MUSICAL MONTAGE begins here:

SC 7 - EXT. PONYVILLE TOWNSQUARE - DAY

Pinkie Pie and Rainbow Dash stroll out of the town's "All In Good Fun Prank Shop" with baskets filled with prank items (not all viewable to the viewer).

SC 8 - EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - DAY

Rarity answers her doorbell to find a beautiful bouquet of flowers. She bends down to smell them and immediately begins sneezing. She looks over, her nose covered in pink powder, to see Rainbow Dash and Pinkie Pie giggling and holding a can of sneezing powder. Rarity fumes as the two run off, but after a minute she laughs in spite of herself.

SC 9 - EXT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY -TWILIGHT'S LOFT - DAY

Twilight Sparkle opens up a scroll in her library and begins reading it. Suddenly the text begins to disappear. Twilight looks surprised and angry, but then she hears something coming from the balcony. She walks over to her window and sees Rainbow Dash and Pinkie Pie hiding in the canopy with a bottle of disappearing ink. Twilight breaks into a bemused smile as Spike pops up in the window holding the blank scroll. He gives the two pranksters a 'thumbs up' then he hiccups and lights the scroll on fire. Twilight scowls and Spike smiles weakly.

SC 10 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

Applejack comes out of her barn to see that all of her apples have been painted blue, pink, polka dot...plaid! She looks over and sees Rainbow Dash and Pinkie Pie hiding and laughing. They duck as Applejack chucks the multicolored-apples at them from off screen. One of them lands in a nearby rain barrel. Close up on the barrel as the apple bobs to the surface and the strange coloring melts off. Pan up to see the three ponies gathered around the rim of the barrel.

Rainbow Dash and pinkie both hold up bottles of food coloring. Applejack grins.

SC 11 - <u>EXT. SADDLE LAKE - DAY</u>

Turtles and fish are gathering on the edge of the lake in anticipation of something. An obviously fake mechanical turtle with an attached cord is among them. Fluttershy walks into scene carrying a bag of bread crumbs. The montage music ends as we pan across the lake to the other side where Rainbow Dash and Pinkie Pie are hiding. Rainbow Dash has her face up to a self-standing telescope. Pinkie stands beside her holding in her mouth a rubber squeeze ball that is fastened to the other end of the fake turtle's cord.

60 PINKIE PIE
(mouth full)
Ish shum-one over dere? Who we gonna shquart? Who we gonna shquart?!??

Rainbow continues to look through the telescope.

61 RAINBOW DASH
Khee hee hee---Fluttershy.

62 PINKIE PIE
What?!

Pinkie spits the squeeze ball out as if it werre poison!

63 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Nonononononononono. We can't prank Fluttershy. I mean, she's soooooooo sensitive. It'll hurt her feelings! Even our most harmless prank!

Rainbow Dash continues to hold her face to the telescope and looks out at Fluttershy. She's disappointed, but agrees.

64 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, you're right. Thbbbpppt.

Rainbow Dash sinks moves away from the telescope to reveal a giant black ring around her eye. The devilish grin returns to her face.

65 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
We need another victim who's made of tougher stuff. So, who's it gonna be?

Pinkie Pie tries to keep from laughing.

66 PINKIE PIE
Oh -snicker- I've got someone in mind - snicker snicker- the toughest around!

Rainbow becomes eager, her devilish grin widening.

67 RAINBOW DASH
Awesome! Who? Who? Do I know them?

68 PINKIE PIE
-Snicker snort- Oh yes! -snort- You're very close. -snicker snicker-

Rainbow Dash begins to catch on, peers at her reflection in the lake and sees the ring around her eye. Rainbow Dash laughs along.

69 RAINBOW DASH
Ha! Good one, Pinkie Pie! Ha ha ha ha!

Rainbow offers her hoof for a low-five. Pinkie obliges.

70 PINKIE AND RAINBOW
<laughing together>

SC 12 - <u>EXT. PONYVILLE ROAD - DAY</u>

Pinkie Pie arrives below Rainbow Dash's cloud home, wearing a pair of black glasses with a funny nose and moustache attached, an arrow-through-the-head headpiece, and a New Year's toot horn (the kind that rolls up and extends when blown) in her mouth. She also carries a big bag full of more pranks.

71 PINKIE PIE
Rise and shine Rainbow Dash! It's a brand new day and we got a lot of prankin' to---

A GRIFFON pops her head over the edge of the cloud. She looks down at Pinkie with a blase expression.

72 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
....do.

Rainbow Dash's head pops up besides the griffon.

73 RAINBOW DASH
Mornin' Pinks!

Rainbow Dash and GILDA fly down from the cloud to Pinkie Pie.

74 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Gilda the Griffon, this is my gal pal Pinkie Pie.

Gilda is young and beautiful, the same age as Rainbow Dash. She's taller than Pinkie Pie and has a punk-like look and attitude. Her cool demeanor is starkly juxtaposed with Pinkie Pie's comical look.

75 GILDA (UN-ENTHUSED)
Hey. What's up.

76 RAINBOW DASH
Pinkie, this is my griffon friend Gilda .

77 PINKIE PIE
What's a griffon?

78 RAINBOW DASH
She's half eagle, half lion..

79 GILDA
And aaaall awesome.

80 RAINBOW DASH & GILDA
Hah hah Oh Yeah!/That's Right

Rainbow Dash and Gilda high-five.

81 RAINBOW DASH
Gilda 's my best bud from my days at Junior Speedsters Flight Camp! (to Gilda) Hey, remember the chant?

82 GILDA
Sha! They made us recite it every morning. I'll never get that lame thing out of my head.

Rainbow Dash wiggles her eyebrows at Gilda .

83 RAINBOW DASH
Sooooo....

84 GILDA (RESIGNED)
Uhhh. Only for you, Dash.

Rainbow Dash and Gilda perform their special "Junior Speedsters" maneuver (a.k.a. Winged Handshake) while chanting their flight camp mantra. Rainbow Dash is enthusiastic. Gilda acts put upon.

85 RAINBOW DASH & GILDA (IN UNISON)
Junior Speedsters are our lives
skybound soars and daring dives
Junior Speedsters it's our quest
to someday be the VERY BEST!

Pinkie Pie smiles widely. And then breaks into a crazy snorting laugh.

86 PINKIE PIE
<laughing and snorting like crazy>

Rainbow enjoys Pinkie's enjoyment but Gilda looks like she's smelled something rotten.

87 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
That was awesome! And it gave me a great idea for a prank. Gilda , you game?

Gilda 's sour turns falsely pleasant.

88 GILDA
Huh. Well, I groove on a good prank as much as the next Griffon. But Dash, you promised me we'd get a flying session in this morning.

89 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, er.. Well... Pinkie Pie, you don't mind do you? Gilda just got here. We'll catch up with you later?

Pinkie Pie sinks, but tries to be a good sport.

90 PINKIE PIE
Oh, um... Sure, uh, no problem! Have fun you guys! I'll, uh, I'll just catch up with you--

Before Pinkie Pie can finish her sentence, the two fly off quickly leaving her behind.

91 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
--later...

Pinkie's expression falls and her toot horn rolls out towards the ground with a sour and funny PHERRRRRT.

FADE TO BLACK.

END OF ACT I

ACT II

SC 13 - EXT. THE SKY ABOVE PONYVILLE - DAY

Rainbow Dash and Gilda are zipping back and forth, doing cool aerial maneuvers in the sky at a break neck speed. Cut closer on a low floating cloud as they come in together for a landing.

92 RAINBOW DASH & GILDA
<laughing together>

They kick back and relax on top of the cloud.

93 GILDA
That was sweet! Just like old times.

They high five.

94 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, only *faster!* So now what?

Just then, Pinkie Pie's head pops through the middle of the cloud for a quick beat.

95 PINKIE PIE
Hey there.

Pinkie Pie quickly disappears. Rainbow Dash and Gilda look at each other confused. Pinkie Pie's head quickly appears again! Rainbow Dash smiles.

96 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
It's later.

Pinkie Pie disappears again. Then back through the cloud.

97 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And I caught up.

Pinkie Pie's head disappears back down. It's revealed that she's jumping up and down on a trampoline. Rainbow is happy to see her.

98 RAINBOW DASH
Ha! Pinkie Pie--you are so *random!*

Unbeknownst to Rainbow Dash, Gilda is annoyed. Pinkie Pie's head pops through again. Gilda gets an idea and points to a cloud in the distance, higher up in the sky.

99 GILDA
Hey Dash, think you got enough gas left to beat me to that cloud?

Pinkie Pie's head disappears again. Rainbow Dash gets distracted by the prospects of a race.

100 RAINBOW DASH
A race? You are so on!

101 GILDA
1,2,3, GO!

The two speed upwards as Pinkie Pie pops her head one last time through. She watches them fly off.

102 PINKIE PIE
Hey!

Rainbow Dash and Gilda arrive at the same time at this new cloud.

103 RAINBOW DASH
I win!

104 GILDA
AS IF! I won dude!

105 RAINBOW DASH
No way!

106 GILDA
Yes way!

107 RAINBOW DASH & GILDA
<good natured arguing>

Pinkie Pie slowly floats up right behind them, with a big bunch of balloons tied to her torso.

108 PINKIE PIE
Wow guys that was really close!
But I think Rainbow Dash beat you
by a teeny weeny, itty bitty hair.
Or a teeny weeny itty bitty
feather.

Rainbow Dash smiles upon seeing Pinkie Pie.

109 RAINBOW DASH
Ha! See? Good thing Pinkie Pie's
here to keep you honest, G.

But Gilda is quick to distract Rainbow Dash again.

110 GILDA
Okay, Dash, last one to that cloud
up there is a gnarly dragon egg!
GO!!

Rainbow Dash zips off. With Rainbow Dash gone, Gilda 's eyes narrow and she turns to Pinkie Pie.

111 GILDA (TO PINKIE PIE) (CONT'D)
I think the high altitude is making you trippy!

Gilda whips her tail towards Pinkie Pie and pops some of her balloons. Gilda speedily takes off as Pinkie Pie floats downwards.

112 PINKIE PIE
Wait! Guys!

Gilda and Rainbow Dash reach one of the highest clouds in the sky. But before they can settle in, comes floating up again. This time piloting a self-propelled whirlygig! (A helicopter propeller powered by two sets of bike pedals.)

113 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Wow! You guys almost got away from me that time!

Gilda looks annoyed at Pinkie Pie, but changes face quickly towards Rainbow Dash.

114 GILDA
So Dash, got any *new* moves in your tricktionary? Or are you 100 percent Old School?

115 RAINBOW DASH
New moves?!! Sit back, G. This is gonna take awhile.

Rainbow takes off. Immediately Gilda turns to Pinkie Pie.

116 GILDA
Hey Pinkie, c'mere.

Pinkie inches her whirly gig in closer.

117 PINKIE PIE
Yeah?

Gilda leans in uncomfortably close and stops Pinkie's propeller with her claw, holding her in the air.

118 GILDA
Don't you know how to take 'get lost' for an answer? Dash doesn't need to hang with a dweeb like you now that I'm around. You're dorking up the sky, Stinkie Pie. So make like a bee, and BUZZ OFF!

Pinkie Pie is completely, utterly shocked, and before she can respond, Gilda rips out the propeller, sending the whirlygig into a lopsided tail-spin downwards out of sight, buzzing loudly (like a bee). Rainbow Dash lands back on the cloud.

119 RAINBOW DASH
Try matching that!

She notices that Pinkie Pie is gone.

120 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Hey, where's Pinkie Pie and her crazy contraption?

121 GILDA
Oh, she left. Something about being...as busy as a bee.

Back on the ground, Pinkie Pie lands with a look of shock on her face.

A beat.

Her face scrunches up and her lower lip protrudes. She's *mad!*

SC 14 - <u>INT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY -TWILIGHT'S LOFT- DAY</u>

Twilight is looking through some large textbooks while Pinkie Pie paces angrily. Spike is flipping through another book nearby.

122 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So Pinkie Pie, are you sure that this friend of Rainbow Dash's is really so mean?

123 PINKIE PIE
Um, *YEAH!* She keeps stealing Rainbow Dash away, she popped my balloons, and she told me to buzz off! I've never met a griffon this mean. Well actually, I've never met a griffon at all. But I bet if I had, she wouldn't have been as mean and grumpy as Gilda !

Twinkle Twilight contemplates Pinkie Pie's statement for a moment.

124 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You know what I think Pinkie Pie.

125 PINKIE PIE
Hmm?

126 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Weeeeell, I kinda think...you're jealous.

Pinkie Pie stops pacing.

127 PINKIE PIE
Jealous?!!!

128 SPIKE
Green with envy! Well, er, in your case, pink with envy.

Twilight tries to break it to Pinkie gently.

129 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, yes. Jealous. Listen Pinkie, I don't want to upset you, but just because Rainbow Dash has another friend doesn't make Gilda a grump. I mean, perhaps it's you, Pinkie, who needs to improve her attitude.

130 PINKIE PIE
Improve *my* attitude?!!? But I.. It's Gilda that... Are you seriou- UGGHHHHH!!!

Pinkie Pie stomps out of the the library. We hear her slam the door. Twilight and Spike exchange concerned glances.

SC 15 - EXT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY -TWILIGHT'S LOFT- DAY

Pinkie stomps down the lane. But as she goes, she starts to slow down, progressively deflating until she's moping. Pinkie's angry attitude dissolves into self doubt.

131 PINKIE PIE (TO HERSELF)
Maybe Twilight is right. Maybe Gilda isn't a big, mean, grumpy, mean-meanie pants. Maybe I'm just a big, jealous, judgemental, jealous-jealousy pants. Sigh.

SC 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE MARKETPLACE - DAY

Pinkie Pie sits at a table out front of the Sugarcube Corner, lethargically stirring a straw in a milkshake. The marketplace is buzzing, filled with food carts and ponies selling homemade items.

Applejack is at her cart selling her apples. Ponies young and old mingle about. Rainbow Dash and Gilda fly into the scene and land.

132 RAINBOW DASH
Ugh. I gotta take care of a few weather jobs around here. Shouldn't take long. Just hang out in town and I'll come find you.

133 GILDA

That's cool, I guess. I'm gonna go chow down.

134 RAINBOW DASH
Later!

Rainbow Dash flies off. Gilda looks around, deciding what to do first. Cut to GRANNY SMITH looking at the wares in a vegetable cart. Suddenly Gilda 's tail pops from the middle of the carrots. Granny Smith takes a stumbled step back.

135 GRANNY SMITH
Aghh! A Rattler! A Rattler!!!

Granny runs away. Gilda 's head pops up from behind the cart with a devilish grin on her face. The vendor notices her and her tail in the middle of the cart. Gilda covers by starting to squeeze the produce with her tail as if she were testing it.

136 GILDA
This stuff ain't fresh, dude.

Pinkie doesn't know what to think.

137 PINKIE PIE (TO HERSELF)
Aaaaw, poor Granny Smith. She didn't know it was a joke! How mean!
(changing her attitude)
No, no. I can't misjudge her. It *was* kind of a funny prank. I guess...?

Gilda then walks over to Applejack's cart, which is already crowded with other ponies. Gilda looks around, then steals an apple from Applejack's cart when no one is looking. Pinkie Pie stares in disbelief.

138 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
<GASP!> I did misjudge her! She's not only a meanie mean pants. She's also a thief!!
(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(changing her attitude again)
Nononono--- she might give it back, it's just a joke...

Meanwhile Fluttershy is helping a flock of baby ducks and the mother duck cross the street and isn't watching where she is going. Some ponies are waiting on the side to allow the ducks to cross.

139 FLUTTERSHY
Alright little ones. This way, this way. Mama duck, you're free and clear.

Gilda also isn't watching where she is going as she is too preoccupied eating her stolen apple. She collides with Fluttershy.

140 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh! Please excuse me!

141 GILDA
Hey! I'm walking here!

Fluttershy becomes flustered.

142 FLUTTERSHY (WHIMPERING)
I'm sorry...I was just trying to--

Gilda stares her down and as Fluttershy shrinks and backs away, Gilda continues to march toward her, almost trampling the ducks, who fly off in all directions!

143 GILDA (MOCKING)
'I'm sorry. I'm sorry.' Why don't you just watch where you're going, doofus!

Fluttershy shivers under Gilda 's glare. It's all she can do to keep from crying, tears well up.

144 FLUTTERSHY
B-b-but I, I....

Gilda takes a deep breath and....

145 GILDA
ROOOOOOAAAAARR!!!

Fluttershy turns and runs off in tears!

146 FLUTTERSHY
<crying>

147 GILDA (TO HERSELF)
Ugh, please! All these lame ponies are driving me buggy! I gotta bail.

Gilda takes off, we pan with her as she passes....

...Pinkie Pie, wide eyed, speechless and in shock.

Pinkie Pie's expression changes from one of concern for Fluttershy to angry determination.

148 PINKIE PIE (TO HERSELF)
She's a grump *and* a thief *and* a bully! The meanest kind of mean-meanie-mean pants there is!!! I can take it, but *no one* treats Fluttershy like that. NO. ONE. This calls for EXTREME MEASURES---PINKIE PIE STYLE!!!

Smash truck on Pinkie's angry, determined eyes! BUM BUM BUUUUUUUMMMMMMM!!!!!!

END OF ACT II

ACT III

SC 17 - <u>EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY</u>

Ponies line up outside the shoppe.

SC 18 - <u>INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY</u>

The shoppe is decorated fancily with balloons, streamers, troughs of punch, beautiful multi-tiered dishes of carrots, celery, apples, & a fancy cake. A banner across the room reads, "Welcome Gilda !" Pinkie Pie stands by the entrance.

149 PINKIE PIE (TO MISC. PONIES COMING IN)
Welcome....welcome...welcome...

Little pockets of conversation happen as they enter.

150 APPLEJACK (TO RARITY)
Who is this Gilda I've heard nothing about?

151 RARITY (TO APPLEJACK)
I hear she is an old friend of Rainbow Dash! A griffon!

152 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (TO FLUTTERSHY)
You've met Gilda , right? What's she like?

153 FLUTTERSHY (TO TWILIGHT)
Oh, um, well... I'll tell you later, Twilight.

Fluttershy stops as the other continue on. She tries to get Pinkie's attention.

154 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Um, Pinkie Pie, about this party for Gilda .... Do you really think this is a good idea, I mean...

Pinkie Pie starts patting Fluttershy on the head like a toddler.

155 PINKIE PIE
Don't you worry your pretty little head about mean old Gilda . Your Auntie Pinkie Pie's got it all taken care of.

156 FLUTTERSHY (DEADPAN)
I'm a year older than you.

Fluttershy retreats as Gilda arrives at the party. Pinkie Pie welcomes them at the front entrance. She is over the top, even for Pinkie Pie.

157 PINKIE PIE
Gilda !! I'm so honored to throw you one of my signature Pinkie Pie parties! And I really, truly, sincerely hope you feel welcome here amongst all us ponyfolk.

Pinkie Pie holds out a hoof. Gilda shrugs and grabs it to shake it, only instead she gets a big BUUUZZZZ! Gilda takes her foot away to reveal that Pinkie Pie is holding a buzzer. Just then Rainbow Dash walks up from the other direction.

158 RAINBOW DASH (LAUGHING)
Ha ha haaaaah! Oh Pinkie Pie. The old hoofshake buzzer! You are a scream!

Gilda is annoyed, but seeing Rainbow Dash's face, pretends to enjoy it.

159 GILDA
Yeah, um, good one, Pinkie Pie.

Rainbow Dash strolls back into the party.

160 RAINBOW DASH
C'mon G, I'll introduce you to some of my other friends.

161 GILDA
Right behind you Dash.

Gilda eyes Pinkie Pie suspiciously and leans into her.

162 GILDA (CONT'D)
I know what you're up to.

163 PINKIE PIE (EARNESTLY)
Great!

Gilda pause briefly after this strange reaction.

164 GILDA
I know what you're planning.

165 PINKIE PIE
<snort laugh> Well I should hope so! This wasn't supposed to be a *Surprise* Party.

Another confused pause. Gilda leans in even closer.

166 GILDA
I mean... I've got my eye on you.

Pinkie leans in towards her. Her eye opens super wide.

167 PINKIE PIE
And I...

She winks at Gilda .

168 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
....got my eye on you!

Pinkie Pie walks into the party, leaving Gilda speechless and confused.

169 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Everyone! I'd like you all to meet Gilda , a longtime dear friend of Rainbow Dash. Let's honor her and welcome her to Ponyville!

Everyone cheers. Gilda forces out a smile.

170 PONY WALLA
Gilda ! Welcome! Yay! Glad you could visit!

Pinkie Pie directs Gilda to the food table.

171 PINKIE PIE
Please help yourself!

Gilda eyes something.

172 GILDA
Vanilla lemondrops. Don't mind if I do.

Gilda pops one in her mouth. After a beat, Gilda 's eyes grow big and red and when Gilda opens her mouth flames shoot out.

173 GILDA (CONT'D)
Hot...hot...hot...need...

Rainbow Dash gestures to a glass on the table.

174 RAINBOW DASH
G! The punch!

Gilda grabs the glass off the table with her eagle talons, but when she attempts to drink out of it, all the punch dribbles out the lip of the glass. Gilda , confused, looks at the glass.

Rainbow Dash laughs.

175 PINKIE PIE
Whattaya know? Pepper in the vanilla lemon drops and the punch served in a dribble glass!

176 RAINBOW DASH
Priceless! Priceless! Ha ha ha!

Gilda grabs another normal glass and downs the punch in one gulp. She looks miserable but tries to smile.

177 GILDA (SARCASTICALLY)
Yeah...hilarious.

Moments later, Rainbow Dash sees gifts for Gilda on a table. She calls for her.

178 RAINBOW DASH
Hey G!

Gilda comes over.

179 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Look! Presents!

Gilda looks pleased. She unties the bow on the nearest present in front of her, and suddenly a dozen spring coiled rubber snakes fly out of the box! Gilda gasps and her feathers get ruffled. Rainbow Dash laughs. Pinkie Pie, Twilight, and Applejack come over, surprised.

180 APPLEJACK (SMILING)
Spittin' Snakes! Ha ha! Somepony pulled that prank on me last month!

All the ponies laugh. Gilda pats down her feathers and smiles weakly.

181 GILDA (UNDER HER BREATH TO PINKIE PIE)
Ha ha.. I bet I know who that was...

182 PINKIE PIE (SINCERELY)
You do?

A short time later. The ponies are mingling and enjoying the party. Fluttershy conducts the sparrows in the corner who are the singing musical entertainment for the party.

Pinkie wheels a cake into the middle of the room, right in front of Gilda .

183 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Cake time everypony!

It is a magnificently fanciful cake, lit with candles, with the inscription, "Welcome Gilda !" All the ponies gather round.

184 SPIKE
Hey, can I blow out the candles?

185 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Why don't we let Gilda blow out the candles, Spike. She is the guest of honor, after all.

Gilda shoves Spike aside.

186 GILDA (SNOTTY)
Exactly.

Gilda huffs and puffs, and blows them out. A second later, they magically light themselves again. Gilda , confused, blows them out again. And again, after a moment, they light up again. Spike laughs.

187 SPIKE
Ha! Re-lighting birthday candles!
I love that prank! What a classic!

The other ponies laugh with Spike. Pinkie Pie smiles.

188 PINKIE PIE
Now I wonder who could have done
that!

Gilda pretends to be coy.

189 GILDA (SARCASTICALLY)
Yes...I WONDER.

190 SPIKE (O.S.)
Who cares?

Reveal that Spike is in the middle of the cake eating outward. Cake bits are getting everywhere.

191 SPIKE (CONT'D)
This cake is amazing!

Twilight is shocked.

192 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Spike!

193 SPIKE
Wha? It's great! Try some!

Rainbow Dash sees Gilda , who looks a little miffed.

194 RAINBOW DASH
Hey G, you're not upset about some
silly candles are you?

Gilda forces a smile.

195 GILDA
No way, Dash! Like I said, I'm down
with a good prank.

196 RAINBOW DASH
C'mon then, let's have some cake.

They walk off, and pass Pinkie Pie on the way. Gilda leans in again.

197 GILDA
I'm watching you, like a hawk.

198 PINKIE PIE (SINCERELY)
Why, can't you watch me like a griffon?

The party continues and all the ponies are enjoying themselves. Applejack sees a Pin the Tail on the Pony game.

199 APPLEJACK
Hey everypony! It's Pin the Tail on the Pony! Let's play!

200 RARITY
Oh, my favorite game! Can I go first? And can I have the purple tail?

Gilda butts in.

201 GILDA
Well, I AM the guest of honor. And I'LL have the purple tail.

202 PINKIE PIE
Yes, Gilda should *definitely* go first. Let's get you blindfolded.

Spike runs ups and hands Gilda a purple paper "tail." Before Gilda can get a good look at it, Spike jumps up on Gilda 's back and blind folds her. Pinkie Pie begins to turn to Gilda. Gilda seems confused.

203 GILDA
What are you doing?!

204 PINKIE PIE
We're spinning you around and around and then you can pin the tail on the pony!

Pinkie Pie stops Gilda straight in front of the poster on the wall.

205 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Now just walk straight ahead and pin the tail!

Gilda is disoriented and annoyed.

206 GILDA
(mimicking Pinkie Pie's voice) "Now just walk straight ahead and pin the tail!" (back to her voice) Yeah, right! This is another prank, isn't it! I'm going THIS WAY!

Gilda suddenly turns around and walks straight in the opposite direction, away from the poster, but is dizzy and unbalanced.

207 PINKIE PIE
Wait! The poster is this---

Gilda steps on a bit of cake still left on the ground and slides forward.

208 GILDA
Whoah! Whoah--a--oh--a--oh--

Gilda picks up speed and slides straight OFF SCREEN into the kitchen. The ponies hear and react to a CRASH! BANG! BOOM! They look towards the kitchen, silent and stunned. After a beat, Gilda slowly emerges out of the kitchen. There is flour all over her feathers, broken eggs, and some goopy liquid on her head. The fake purple pony tail is stuck to the middle of her face.

209 PINKIE PIE
Uh, Gilda . You pinned the tail on the wrong end.

210 PONY WALLA
<good natured laughter>

Gilda can’t take it anymore. She shakes her body like a wet dog and all the ingredients fly off of her feathers.

211 GILDA
<ROOOOAAAAARR!!!>

All of the ponies are suddenly quiet.

212 GILDA (CONT’D)
This is your idea of a good time?! I’ve never met a lamer bunch of dweebs in all my life! And Pinkie Pie!--

She turns to Pinkie Pie. Pinkie Pie looks a little scared.

213 GILDA (CONT’D)
You! YOU! You’re are Queen Lame-O with your weak little party pranks. Did you really think you could make me lose my cool? Well, Dash and I have TEN TIMES as much COOL as the rest of you put together. C’mon Dash, we’re bailing on this pathetic scene!

Gilda begins to stomp off. But then she realizes that Rainbow Dash is not following. She turns around and looks at Rainbow Dash, who is standing there amongst the other ponies, doing a slow burn. Gilda stomps back up to Rainbow Dash.

214 GILDA (CONT'D)
Come ON, Rainbow Dash. I SAID, we're leaving.

215 RAINBOW DASH
You know, Gilda , *I* was the one who set up all the *weak* pranks at this party. So I guess *I'm* 'Queen Lame-O'.

Gilda is shocked.

216 GILDA
What?! C'mon Dash! You're joshing me.

217 RAINBOW DASH
They weren't all meant for you specifically. It was just dumb luck that you set them all off.

218 PINKIE PIE (INTERJECTS SOFTLY)
I shoulda known! That dribble cup had Rainbow Dash written all over it.

219 GILDA
No way! It was Pinkie Pie!! She set up this party to trip me up! To make a fool of me!

Pinkie Pie giggles.

220 PINKIE PIE
Me?! I threw this party to improve your attitude! I thought a good party might turn that frown upside down.

Angle on Gilda with the frowniest frown EVER!

221 RAINBOW DASH
And you sure didn't need any help making a fool of yourself. Y'know, this is not how I thought my *old* friends would treat my *new* friends. If being cool is all you care about, maybe you should find some new '*cool*' friends. Someplace *else*.

Truck in on Gilda as she burns slow. The music builds as if she's going to do something really drastic. But all she can do is...

222 GILDA
Oh yeah? Well--- you--- you---
you're are such a... flip flop!
Cool one minute and lame the next.
When you decide to not be lame
anymore, give me a call.

Gilda whips around, stomps out, and flies off.

223 RAINBOW DASH
NOT cool.

224 SPIKE
Wow. Talk about a Party Pooper!

The ponies all smirk and start to discuss what happened.

225 PONY WALLA
Did you expect that? Wow, that was
Rainbow Dash's best friend? What
just happened? Etc.

Rainbow Dash interrupts.

226 RAINBOW DASH
I'm sorry everypony for bringing
Gilda here. I didn't know how rude
she was.

Rainbow Dash turns to Pinkie Pie.

227 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
And Pinkie Pie, I'm really sorry
she ruined the awesome party you
put on for her.

Pinkie Pie is nonchalant.

228 PINKIE PIE
Hey, if you wanna hang out with
party poopers, that's your
business.

229 RAINBOW DASH
I'd rather hang out with you.

Pinkie Pie smiles widely. So does Rainbow Dash.

230 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
No hard feelings?

231 PINKIE PIE
No hard feelings.

They go to hoofshake each other, and they both BUZZZZ each other! They pull away their hooves to show that both are wearing hoof buzzers. Everyone laughs.

Twilight approaches Pinkie.

232 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Hey Pinkie, sorry I accused you of misjudging Gilda . Looks like I'm the one who misjudged you.

233 PINKIE PIE
It's okay Twilight. Even you can't be a super smart smartie-smart pants all the time!

Pinkie addresses her guests.

234 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
C'mon every pony! There's still a lot of party to finish!

As the camera zooms away from the party, the music begins again, and Spike jumps up on Rainbow Dash to blindfold her. She starts spinning herself around. All the other ponies begin to mingle, laughing, prancing, and having a good time.

235 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
Dearest Princess Celestia. Today I learned that sometimes it's hard to accept if somepony you like wants to spend time with somepony who's not so nice. Though it's impossible to control who your friends hang out with... *

DISSOLVE TO:

SC 19 - <u>INT. PRINCESS CELESTIA'S THRONE ROOM - EVENING</u>

Princess Celestia lays in front of a fire while the letter lays on the floor. Twilight's voice is still heard narrating the letter while Princess Celestia reads it.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
..it is possible to control *your own* behavior. Just continue to be a good friend. *
(MORE)

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
In the end, the difference between a false friend and one who is true will surely come to light. Your faithful student, Twilight Sparkle.

Princess Celestia looks up from the letter and smiles warmly. Her horn glows. Instantly before her a scroll, feather pen and bottle of ink are conjured. The feather pen dips in the ink and starts to write.

237 PRINCESS CELESTIA
“Dear Twilight Sparkle, my most faithful stu---”

The pen stops mid-word.

238 PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT’D)
Oh! Wrong ink!

The bottle disappears and a new one appears. The label reads “Disappearing Ink.”

The feather begins to write again as we truck out. Celestia seems to be snickering to herself as we....

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END.

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