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TEASER

EXT. PONYVILLE FIELD - DAY

Twilight Twinkle 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 Twinkle pretends to be interested but would rather be reading her scroll undisturbed.

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

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

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

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 Twinkle is relieved.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Whew.

Rainbow Dash is flying overhead.

PINKIE PIE
Rainbow Dash!

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

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

PINKIE PIE
Rainbow Dash!!

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

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

PINKIE PIE
But Rainbow Das--

RAINBOW DASH
I'm in the middle of something!

PINKIE PIE
But --

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

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.

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

CUT TO:

MY LITTLE PONY TITLE SEQUENCE

TRANSITION TO:

EXT. TOWNSQUARE - PONYVILLE

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 "Main 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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Isn't she right up there?

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

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.

EXT. APPLE JACK'S FARM - CONTINUOUS

Rainbow Dash appears behind Apple Jack's Farm.

RAINBOW DASH
Whew! That was close!

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

PINKIE PIE (CHEERFULLY)
Hi!

RAINBOW DASH (SURPRISED)
Aaah!

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

EXT. TREE OF KNOWLEDGE - CONTINUOUS

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.

PINKIE PIE (CHEERFULLY)
Hi again!

RAINBOW DASH
Aaah!

Rainbow Dash zips off again.

EXT. SADDLE LAKE - CONTINUOUS

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.

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

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.

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

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

EXT. THE SKY ABOVE TOWN HALL

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.

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...

RAINBOW DASH
PINKIE PIE!!!!!!

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.

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.

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.

PINKIE PIE
<muffled giggling>

Rainbow, curious, now looks over to Spike.

SPIKE
<starts to hiccup>

Rainbow tries to stifle a laugh...

RAINBOW DASH
<snnnrkk-->

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

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.

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.

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.

SPIKE (CONT'D)
Ack!

Pinkie and Rainbow Dash stop short, suddenly serious.

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.

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

PINKIE PIE
Oh. Ok. Good.

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

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

SPIKE
<**HICCUP!!!**>

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

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.

PINKIE AND RAINBOW
<laughing hysterically together>

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

Rainbow Dash cocks an eyebrow.

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

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

PINKIE PIE (SURPRISED)
Aaaaah!

A short beat. Then..

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

Rainbow Dash jumps down from her cloud as Pinkie continues.

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

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

PINKIE PIE
It's all -hiccup- in good fun! And Pinkie Pie -hiccup- *looo*-hiccup- *ooooves* to have -hiccup- fun!

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.

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.

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

PINKIE AND RAINBOW
<laughing together>

A MUSICAL MONTAGE begins here:

EXT. PONYVILLE TOWNSQUARE

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).

EXT. RARITY'S HOUSE

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.

EXT. TWILIGHT TWINKLE'S LIBRARY

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.

EXT. APPLE JACK'S FARM

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.

EXT. SADDLE LAKE

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.

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

Rainbow continues to look through the telescope.

RAINBOW DASH
Khee hee hee---Fluttershy.

PINKIE PIE
What?!

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

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.

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.

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.

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

Rainbow becomes eager, her devilish grin widening.

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

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.

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

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

PINKIE AND RAINBOW
<laughing together>

EXT. PONYVILLE ROAD

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.

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.

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

Rainbow Dash's head pops up besides the griffon.

RAINBOW DASH
Mornin' Pinks!

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

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Grizelda, this is my gal pal Pinkie Pie.

Grizelda 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.

GRIZELDA (UN-ENTHUSED)
Hey. What's up.

RAINBOW DASH
Pinkie, this is Grizelda, my best bud from my days at Junior Speedsters Flight Camp! (to Grizelda) Hey, remember the chant?

GRIZELDA
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 Grizelda.

RAINBOW DASH
Sooooo....

GRIZELDA (RESIGNED)
Uhhh. Only for you, Dash.

Rainbow Dash and Grizelda perform their special "Junior Speedsters" maneuver (a.k.a.

Winged Handshake) while chanting their flight camp mantra. Rainbow Dash is enthusiastic. Grizelda acts put upon.

RAINBOW DASH & GRIZELDA (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.

PINKIE PIE
<laughing and snorting like crazy>

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

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

Grizelda's sour turns falsely pleasant.

GRIZELDA
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.

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

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

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.

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

EXT. THE SKY ABOVE PONYVILLE

Rainbow Dash and Grizelda 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.

RAINBOW DASH & GRIZELDA
<laughing together>

They kick back and relax on top of the cloud.

GRIZELDA
Dag that was sweet! Just like old times.

They high five.

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.

PINKIE PIE
Hey there.

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

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

Pinkie Pie disappears again. Then back through the cloud.

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.

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

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

GRIZELDA
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.

RAINBOW DASH
A race? You are so on!

GRIZELDA
1,2,3, GO!

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

PINKIE PIE
Hey!

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

RAINBOW DASH
I win!

GRIZELDA
AS IF! I won dude!

RAINBOW DASH
No way!

GRIZELDA
Yes way!

RAINBOW DASH & GRIZELDA
<good natured arguing>

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

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.

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

But Grizelda is quick to distract Rainbow Dash again.

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

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

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

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

PINKIE PIE
Wait! Guys!

Grizelda 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.)

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

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

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

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

Rainbow takes off. Immediately Grizelda turns to Pinkie Pie.

GRIZELDA
Hey Pinkie, c'mere.

Pinkie inches her whirly gig in closer.

PINKIE PIE
Yeah?

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

GRIZELDA
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, Grizelda 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.

RAINBOW DASH
Try matching that!

She notices that Pinkie Pie is gone.

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

GRIZELDA
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!*

INT. TWILIGHT TWINKLE'S LIBRARY

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

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So Pinkie Pie, are you sure that this friend of Rainbow Dash's is unkind?

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 Grizelda!

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

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You know what I think Pinkie Pie.

PINKIE PIE
Hmm?

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

Pinkie Pie stops pacing.

PINKIE PIE
Jealous?!!!

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

Twilight tries to break it to Pinkie gently.

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 Grizelda a grump. I mean, perhaps it's you, Pinkie, who needs to improve her attitude.

PINKIE PIE
Improve *my* attitude?!!? But I.. It's Grizelda 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.

EXT. TWILIGHT TWINKLE'S LIBRARY

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.

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

EXT. PONYVILLE MARKETPLACE

Pinkie Pie sits at a table out front of the Sugarcube Sweete Shoppe, 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 Grizelda fly into the scene and land.

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.

GRIZELDA

That's cool, I guess. I'm gonna chow down on some grindage.

RAINBOW DASH
Later!

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

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

Granny runs away. Grizelda'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.

Grizelda covers by starting to squeeze the produce with her tail as if she were testing it.

GRIZELDA
This stuff ain't fresh, dude.

Pinkie doesn't know what to think.

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...?

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

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

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

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

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

GRIZELDA
Hey! I'm walking here!

Fluttershy becomes flustered.

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

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

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

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

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

Grizelda takes a deep breath and....

GRIZELDA
ROOOOOOAAAAARR!!!

Fluttershy turns and runs off in tears!

FLUTTERSHY
<crying>

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

Grizelda 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.

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

EXT. SUGAR CUBE SHOPPE

Ponies line up outside the shoppe.

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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 Grizelda!" Pinkie Pie stands by the entrance.

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

Little pockets of conversation happen as they enter.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GRIZELDA
Yeah, um, good one, Pinkie Pie.

Rainbow Dash strolls back into the party.

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

GRIZELDA
Right behind you Dash.

Grizelda eyes Pinkie Pie suspiciously and leans into her.

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

PINKIE PIE (EARNESTLY)
Great!

Grizelda pause briefly after this strange reaction.

GRIZELDA
I know what you're planning.

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

Another confused pause. Grizelda leans in even closer.

GRIZELDA
I mean... I've got my eye on you.

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

PINKIE PIE
And I...

She winks at Grizelda.

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

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

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

Everyone cheers. Grizelda forces out a smile.

PONY WALLA
Grizelda! Welcome! Yay! Glad you could visit!

Pinkie Pie directs Grizelda to the food table.

PINKIE PIE
Please help yourself!

Grizelda eyes something.

GRIZELDA
Vanilla lemondrops. Don't mind if I do.

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

GRIZELDA (CONT'D)
Hot...hot...hot...need...

Rainbow Dash gestures to a glass on the table.

RAINBOW DASH
G! The punch!

Grizelda 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. Grizelda, confused, looks at the glass.

Rainbow Dash laughs.

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

RAINBOW DASH
Priceless! Priceless! Ha ha ha!

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

GRIZELDA (SARCASTICALLY)
Yeah...hilarious.

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

RAINBOW DASH
Hey G!

Grizelda comes over.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Look! Presents!

Grizelda 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! Grizelda gasps and her feathers get ruffled. Rainbow Dash laughs. Pinkie Pie, Twilight, and Applejack come over, surprised.

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

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

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

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 Grizelda.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Cake time everypony!

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

SPIKE
Hey, can I blow out the candles?

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

Grizelda shoves Spike aside.

GRIZELDA (SNOTTY)
Exactly.

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

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

The other ponies laugh with Spike. Pinkie Pie smiles.

PINKIE PIE
Now I wonder who could have done that!

Grizelda pretends to be coy.

GRIZELDA (SARCASTICALLY)
Yes...I WONDER.

SPIKE (O.S.)
Who cares?

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

SPIKE (CONT'D)
This cake is amazing!

Twilight is shocked.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Spike!

SPIKE
Wha? It's great! Try some!

Rainbow Dash sees Grizelda, who looks a little miffed.

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

Grizelda forces a smile.

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

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

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

GRIZELDA
I'm watching you, like a hawk.

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.

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

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

Grizelda butts in.

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

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

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

GRIZELDA
What are you doing?!

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

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

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

Grizelda is disoriented and annoyed.

GRIZELDA
(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!

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

PINKIE PIE
Wait! The poster is this---

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

GRIZELDA
Whoah! Whoah--a--oh--a--oh--

Grizelda 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, Grizelda 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.

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

PONY WALLA
<good natured laughter>

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

GRIZELDA
<ROOOOAAAAARR!!!>

All of the ponies are suddenly quiet.

GRIZELDA (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.

GRIZELDA (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!

Grizelda 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. Grizelda stomps back up to Rainbow Dash.

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

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

Grizelda is shocked.

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

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

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

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

Pinkie Pie giggles.

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

Angle on Grizelda with the frowniest frown EVER!

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

GRIZELDA
Oh yeah? Well--- you--- you--- you're are such a... flip flop!
(MORE)

GRIZELDA (CONT'D)
Cool one minute and lame the next. When you decide to not be lame anymore, give me a call.

Grizelda whips around, stomps out, and flies off.

RAINBOW DASH
NOT cool.

SPIKE
Wow. Talk about a Party Pooper!

The ponies all smirk and start to discuss what happened.

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

Rainbow Dash interrupts.

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

Rainbow Dash turns to Pinkie Pie.

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.

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

RAINBOW DASH
I'd rather hang out with you.

Pinkie Pie smiles widely. So does Rainbow Dash.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
No hard feelings?

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.

TWILIGHT TWINKLE
Hey Pinkie, sorry I accused you of misjudging Grizelda. Looks like I'm the one who misjudged you.

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

Pinkie addresses her guests.

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.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
Dearest Princess Celestia. Today I learned something very valuable about friendship. You can't decide who your friend's friends are going to be.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. PRINCESS CELESTIA'S QUARTERS - EVENING

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 Queen Celestia reads it.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
The best thing to do is stay true to yourself and be the best friend that you can. And if you are true to your friendship, your friend will do the same. In the end, your friend will figure out the difference between a false friend and one who is true. Your faithful student, Twilight Sparkle.

Queen 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.

PRINCESS CELESTIA
"Dear Twilight Sparkle, my most faithful stu---"

The pen stops mid-word.

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.