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## TEASER

### INT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS CLUBHOUSE - DAY

Bits of red, pink, and white paper litter the ground. Bottles of glue are tipped over. Multi-colored hoof prints stain the floor. Sparkling glitter covers almost every surface.

Standing amidst the crafting wreckage are APPLE BLOOM, SWEETIE BELLE and SCOOTALOO. They stare down at something on the ground in front of them. We can't quite see what they are up to, but whatever it is, their expressions reflect its importance to them.

1       APPLE BLOOM  
I just don't feel like it's quite finished.

2       SWEETIE BELLE  
I know what you mean. If it's for Miss Cheerilee, it needs to be perfect. Hearts and Hooves Day only comes once a year, after all.

3       SCOOTALOO  
I say we add a little more ribbon.

Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom nod in agreement. Scootaloo retrieves a spool of ribbon and unfurls it. She dips out of frame to apply it to the girls' project.

4       SWEETIE BELLE  
And just a tiny bit more lace.

Sweetie Belle grabs a bolt of lace, then dips out of frame to make her contribution to the unseen craft.

5       APPLE BLOOM  
A few more hoof prints.

Apple Bloom dips her front hoof into a bucket of paint, and then does a little dance.

6       SCOOTALOO  
Glitter. It could definitely use just a little more glitter.

Scootaloo retrieves a bucket filled with glitter and dumps it out onto the ground in front of her. The girls look down at their handiwork, pleased.

7       APPLE BLOOM

Now *that*'ll show Miss Cheerilee how  
much we care about her.

(then)

Just have to get it to the Hearts  
and Hooves party at school.

Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle dip out of frame. We WIDEN as they struggle to lift an absolutely enormous CONSTRUCTION PAPER HEART covered in an absurd amount of glitter, ribbon, hoof prints and lace. Scootaloo looks at their handiwork for a beat, then matter-of-factly proclaims:

8       SCOOTALOO

I think we're gonna need a bigger  
envelope.

### **MY LITTLE PONY TITLE SEQUENCE**

#### **ACT I**

#### **INT. CLASSROOM - DAY**

Decorated for a Hearts and Hooves party (the Pony equivalent of Valentine's Day). Red, white and pink streamers crisscross the room. Lacy hearts with bright red hoof-prints adorn the walls. We hear the <WALLA> of PONY STUDENTS as they snack on heart-and-hoof shaped sweets, drink bright pink punch, and exchange cards.

At the front of the room, Apple Bloom, Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle stand next to Cheerilee who is admiring the enormous card they've made for her.

9       CHEERILEE

It's lovely. And so... big.

10       APPLE BLOOM

We just wanted to let you know that  
we think you're the best teacher in  
the whole world and that we think  
you're super and that we love you  
so, so, so much and that we want  
you to have the best Hearts and  
Hooves Day ever!

11       SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE BELLE

Ever!

12 CHEERILEE  
Thank you so much, girls. I love  
it. I really do.

Cheerilee continues to admire her card as Sweetie Belle  
sidles up next to her.

13 SWEETIE BELLE  
I'm sure it's nothing compared to  
the gifts you've gotten from  
your...  
(sing-songy)  
...very special somepony.

Cheerilee turns her attention to a streamer that has started  
to sag. She works to get it back into place.

14 CHEERILEE  
(nonchalant)  
Oh, I don't have a very special  
somepony at the moment.

The girls exchange surprised glances.

15 APPLE BLOOM  
Really?

16 SWEETIE BELLE  
How could somepony as amazing as  
you not have a very special  
somepony on Hearts and Hooves Day?

Cheerilee notes the genuine concern in Sweetie Belle's voice  
and stops hanging the streamer.

17 CHEERILEE  
It's alright, Sweetie Belle. I have  
lots of good friends and wonderful  
students who care about me very  
much. I am going to have an  
absolutely terrific Hearts and  
Hooves Day.

She turns to address the rest of the class.

18 CHEERILEE(CONT'D)  
Alright everypony. Who's ready to  
play pin the heart on the pony?

She retrieves a blindfold from her desk and crosses to a  
poster of a pony. We hear <EXCITED WALLA> as students eagerly  
gather around her.

Sweetie Belle, Apple Bloom and Scootaloo are not among them. They remain at Cheerilee's desk, still wearing concerned expressions on their faces.

**INT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS CLUBHOUSE - LATER**

Sweetie Belle, Scootaloo and Apple Bloom are cleaning up the mess left behind from their earlier card-making. Scootaloo has a broom strapped to the front of her scooter and sweeps up the last of the glitter and scraps of paper. Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle have big sponges attached to their front hooves and scrub the few remaining hoofprints off the floor.

19 SWEETIE BELLE  
I still can't believe Cheerilee  
doesn't have somepony to celebrate  
Hearts and Hooves with.

20 SCOOTALOO  
I know. She's only the nicest,  
sweetest, most loving mare around.

21 APPLE BLOOM  
If anypony deserves a very special  
somepony it's her.

Sweetie Belle looks up from her scrubbing.

22 SWEETIE BELLE  
<GASP>

Scootaloo and Apple Bloom abruptly stop their sweeping and scrubbing.

23 APPLE BLOOM  
You alright?

Sweetie Belle beams.

24 SWEETIE BELLE  
I am more than alright. I've just  
come up with the best idea ever.  
(then, even more excited)  
We are going to find Cheerilee a  
very special somepony!

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo share enthusiastic looks.

25 APPLE BLOOM  
That *is* the best idea ever!

26 SWEETIE BELLE  
(sing-songy)  
Told you.

27 APPLE BLOOM  
So what are we waiting for? Hearts  
and Hooves Day is almost over.

Apple Bloom KICKS the sponges off her hooves. Scootaloo DUCKS just in time to avoid getting hit by one.

28 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
Let's get out there and find  
somepony special for Cheerilee  
already!

29 SWEETIE BELLE/SCOOTALOO  
Yeah!/Let's do it!

The girls make a dash for the door. In their haste, they KNOCK OVER a can of paint, KICK UP the pile of paper scraps Scootaloo had just swept up, and leave glitter-filled glue and paint TRACKS across the floor. A beat later, the three peer back into the room, sheepishly eyeing the new mess.

30 SCOOTALOO  
Oops.

31 SWEETIE BELLE  
We'll get to that later.

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo nod in agreement before the three duck out the door and are off once again.

#### **EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - SOON AFTER**

Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo begin their search for a suitor for Miss Cheerilee. Their faces convey the seriousness with which they take their mission as they scan the various MALE PONIES walking through the square.

32 SWEETIE BELLE  
Now it can't be just anypony.  
Cheerilee is one of the best mares  
in Ponyville. She deserves to have  
one of the best stallions as her  
very special somepony.

MUSIC UP as Sweetie Belle begins to sing a SONG.

33 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
*Cheerilee is sweet and kind. The  
best teacher you could hope for./We  
have to find a stallion that will  
really make her heart soar. But...*

Sweetie Belle holds the last note of the previous lyric for a long time then POPS UP behind a manger-shaped BABY CARRIAGE.

34 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
*This one's too young.*

Sweetie Belle then peeks around a VERY OLD and GRAY pony.

35 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
*And this one's too old.*

She gestures to a sickly looking pony.

36 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
*He clearly has a terrible cold.*

37 SICKLY PONY  
Ahh-choo.

Apple Bloom joins in singing:

38 APPLE BLOOM  
*This guy's too silly.*

Scootaloo gestures to a STALLION in a crazy CLOWN COSTUME.

39 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
*He's way too uptight.*

She peeks around an UPPITY PONY in a TOP HAT and MONOCLE.

40 UPPITY PONY  
(spoken)  
I say!

Scootaloo checks out a HANDSOME STALLION as she sings:

41 SCOOTALOO  
*Nothing wrong with this one. He  
seems alright.*

A MARE approaches and gives the Handsome Stallion a nuzzle. Sweetie Belle pops up between them and gestures to the mare.

42 SWEETIE BELLE  
(spoken)  
His girlfriend sure thinks so.

Scotaloo rides her scooter over to a STALLION wearing a NEON GREEN outfit that is covered in RHINESTONES.

43 SCOOTALOO  
*How 'bout this one?*

44 APPLE BLOOM  
*Much too flashy.*

Apple Bloom then runs alongside a galloping BLUE STALLION.

45 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
*He might do.*

The BLUE STALLION gallops through a mud puddle sending muddy water splashing onto Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle.

46 SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE BELLE  
(irritated, but still singing)  
*If he weren't so splashy.*

Quick Cuts to each girl standing next to a stallion that fits her description.

47 APPLE BLOOM  
*Too short.*

48 SCOOTALOO  
*Too tall.*

49 APPLE BLOOM  
*Too clean.*

50 SWEETIE BELLE  
*Too smelly.*

Scotaloo backs away from a STALLION who sticks his head down into one of three open barrels and comes up with his mouth covered in cherry preserves.

51 SCOOTALOO  
*Too strangely obsessed with tubs of jelly.*

ANGLE ON the girls as they let out a collective <SIGH>.

52 APPLE BLOOM

*I don't think that we're mistaken.  
It seems that all the good ones are  
taken.*

53 SWEETIE BELLE

*I really fear that at this rate.  
We'll never find the perfect date.  
Don't want to quit and give up  
hope...*

Just then BIG MAC walks by. Sweetie Belle lets out an excited <GASP>, then casually sidles up to Big Mac.

54 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)

(spoken)

Doing anything special for Hearts  
and Hooves Day?

(singing to herself)

*Oh please, oh please, oh please  
say...*

55 BIG MAC

(spoken)

Nope.

Big Mac exits. Sweetie Belle turns to her friends with a huge smile on her face as she sings:

56 SWEETIE BELLE

*We did it girls. We've found the  
one who'll send our teacher's heart  
aflutter.*

Scotaloo, Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom let out a <CHEER>. Apple Bloom suddenly stops cheering. The MUSIC stops.

57 APPLE BLOOM

(spoken)

Wait a minute. Let me get this  
straight. Are you talking about my  
brother?

#### **EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - SOON AFTER**

Big Mac is moving bushels of apples. He doesn't notice Sweetie Belle, Scotaloo and Apple Bloom spying on him from the barn. He turns and they quickly duck inside the barn to avoid being seen.

**INT. BARN - CONTINUOUS**

The girls close the barn door to avoid being spotted and heard by Big Mac.

58 SCOOTALOO  
Sweetie Belle is right. Big Mac is  
the perfect match for Miss  
Cheerilee. He's really nice, super  
hard-working...

Sweetie Belle lets out a girlish <SIGH>.

59 SWEETIE BELLE  
(dreamily)  
Easy on the eyes.

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo look at Sweetie Belle and grimace.

60 APPLE BLOOM/SCOOTALOO  
Eww.

Sweetie Belle quickly snaps out of her dreamy state.

61 APPLE BLOOM  
(considering)  
Big Mac is pretty great.

Apple Bloom begins to pace, walking back and forth between large crates of apples, bales of hay, and various farm tools.

62 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
(then)  
But he's also pretty shy. He's  
never gonna ask Cheerilee to be his  
very special somepony.

The girls consider this for a moment. All three begin to pace around the barn, deep in thought. Sweetie Belle suddenly stops in her tracks.

63 SWEETIE BELLE  
Maybe he doesn't have to.

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo stop pacing.

64 APPLE BLOOM  
Huh?

65 SWEETIE BELLE  
If we can get Big Mac and Cheerilee  
in a really romantic setting, I bet  
she'll ask him.

Scootaloo nods her head, on board with the idea.

66 SCOOTALOO  
Sounds like a plan to me.

67 APPLE BLOOM  
So what are we waiting for? Let's  
get out there and create the  
perfect date.

The girls <CHEER> and rush for the barn exit. In their haste, they manage to KNOCK over a crate of apples, KICK up a pile of hay, and TOPPLE a handful of farming tools. A beat later, the three peer back inside, sheepishly eyeing the mess.

68 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
We have really got to pay more  
attention when we go rushing out of  
a room.

**END ACT I**

**ACT II**

**EXT. GAZEBO - SOON AFTER**

Red, white and pink streamers crisscross the inside. Doily hearts have been taped to nearly every surface. A red-checked picnic blanket has been spread out on the ground. Apple Bloom and Scootaloo are setting out two plates, two cups and an assortment of heart and hoof-shaped snacks. Sweetie Belle surveys the scene.

69 SWEETIE BELLE  
Flowers. Don't forget the flowers.

Apple Bloom drops a bouquet into a vase that's been placed in the center of the picnic blanket.

70 SCOOTALOO  
They're coming!

Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom look over to see Big Mac approaching from one side of the gazebo. Cheerilee is approaching from the other side. The girls quickly step out of the gazebo.

71 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
This is going to be perfect.  
Cheerilee is going to have the best  
Hearts and Hooves Day ever.

72 SWEETIE BELLE  
(sing-songy)  
With her new very special somepony.

The girls <GIGGLE>. Just then Cheerilee reaches them.

73 CHEERILEE  
Hi, girls.

The girls stifle <GIGGLES>, then speak in unison.

74 APPLE BLOOM/SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE BELLE  
Hi, Miss Cheerilee.

75 CHEERILEE  
So, you three said you needed help  
identifying a tree you found here  
near the gazebo?

Apple Bloom gestures to a nearby apple tree. Cheerilee raises an eyebrow. Is Apple Bloom serious?

76 CHEERILEE  
That's an apple tree.

77 APPLE BLOOM  
(feigning ignorance)  
Oh. Is it?

The girls stifle more <GIGGLES>. Cheerilee is clearly confused by the girls' behavior. Just then Big Mac shows up with a toolbox in his mouth. He sets it down and looks at the gazebo with a quizzical look on his face.

78 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
(to Big Mac)  
Oh, sorry Big Brother. We went and  
fixed up the gazebo all on our own.

Apple Bloom gives her brother a little nudge to move him closer to the gazebo and closer to Cheerilee.

79 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
(pushing him)  
See?

Sweetie Belle nudges Cheerilee forward.

80 SCOOTALOO  
(pushing her)  
As long as you're here, why not  
have a bite to eat from this  
romantic looking picnic.

81 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)  
(awkwardly)  
Oh, gosh, seems like there's only  
room for two.

82 APPLE BLOOM  
Guess we'll just be going then.

The girls dart off. Big Mac and Cheerilee just stare at them  
in confusion. Sweetie Belle darts back in and nudges a needle  
onto a nearby record player before darting off again.

ROMANTIC MUSIC begins to play.

83 CHEERILEE  
(to Big Mac)  
Do you have any idea what this is  
about?

84 BIG MAC  
Nope.

#### **EXT. BUSHES - CONTINUOUS**

Scotaloo, Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle peer through the  
leaves to watch Cheerilee and Big Mac who are staring  
awkwardly at one another.

85 SCOOTALOO  
You really think this will work?

86 SWEETIE BELLE  
Of course it will work. They're  
perfect for each other.

#### **EXT. GAZEBO - CONTINUOUS**

Big Mac and Cheerilee continue to stare at one another.  
Cheerilee finally breaks the awkward silence.

87 CHEERILEE  
Beautiful day we're having.

88 BIG MAC  
Yup.

89 CHEERILEE  
Any big plans for tonight?

90 BIG MAC  
Nope.

**EXT. BUSHES - CONTINUOUS**

The girls continue to watch in hopeful anticipation.

91 APPLE BLOOM  
C'mon, Miss Cheerilee, ask him to  
be your very special somepony!

92 SWEETIE BELLE  
(excited)  
Oh my gosh. Look.

**EXT. GAZEBO - CONTINUOUS**

Cheerilee is leaning in closer to Big Mac.

**EXT. BUSHES - CONTINUOUS**

The Crusaders lean foward.

**EXT. GAZEBO - CONTINUOUS**

Cheerilee leans in closer still.

**EXT. BUSHES - CONTINUOUS**

The Crusaders lean farther forward. Their eyes are as big as saucers.

**EXT. GAZEBO - CONTINUOUS**

Big Mac and Cheerilee's faces are oh-so-close together.

93 CHEERILEE  
Big Mac?

94 BIG MAC  
Yup.

A big pause, then...

95 CHEERILEE  
You have something stuck in your  
teeth.

96 SWEETIE BELLE (O.S.)  
OH, COME ON!

Big Mac and Cheerilee look over at the rustling bushes that serve as the girls' hiding place.

**EXT. BUSHES - CONTINUOUS**

Scotaloo quickly slaps a hoof over Sweetie Belle's mouth.

**EXT. GAZEBO - CONTINUOUS**

Cheerilee and Big Mac shrug off the sight of the rustling bushes and the loud voice that emanated from them.

97 CHEERILEE  
Well this has been... strange.

98 BIG MAC  
Yup.

99 CHEERILEE  
I need to get going. But it's  
always great running into a good  
friend.

100 BIG MAC  
Yup.

Big Mac and Cheerilee share a smile before going their separate ways.

**EXT. PONYVILLE STREET - SOON AFTER**

Heads bowed in defeat, Scotaloo, Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom make their way down the street.

101 APPLE BLOOM  
Do you think it just wasn't  
romantic enough?

102 SCOOTALOO  
Maybe it was too romantic.

Sweetie Belle <SIGHS>.

103 SWEETIE BELLE  
Either way, we failed.

104 APPLE BLOOM  
There's gotta be something else we  
can--Oof!

BAM! TWILIGHT SPARKLE, her nose buried in a book suspended in the air by magic, runs smack into the side of Apple Bloom. Apple Bloom stumbles into Sweetie Belle who then stumbles into Scootaloo. Twilight quickly drops the book to help the girls up.

105 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Oh my goodness. I didn't even see  
you there. I am so, so sorry.

106 APPLE BLOOM  
It's okay, Twilight. It was an  
accident.

Twilight retrieves her book and shows it to the Crusaders.

107 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
I've just been reading the most  
fascinating book about Hearts and  
Hooves Day. Did you know that this  
holiday got its start because of a  
Love Potion?

Sweetie Belle looks to her friends, who start to smile.

108 SWEETIE BELLE  
Did you say, a "Love Potion"?

109 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
That's right. It even has the  
recipe.

110 SWEETIE BELLE  
(casually to Twilight)  
Don't suppose we could borrow that  
book for a little while?

111 TWILIGHT SPARKLE  
Of course you can.

Twilight Sparkle smiles and gives the book to Sweetie Belle  
Twilight turns to search for something in her saddle bag.

112 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)  
I have another book here, that I  
think you'll--

She looks up to see that the Crusaders are already long gone.

**INT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS CLUBHOUSE - SOON AFTER**

Sweetie Belle reads aloud from Twilight's book. There is a small pitcher on the table next to it.

113 SWEETIE BELLE  
Take a tuft of cloud.

Scotaloo nudges a bit of a floating cloud into the pitcher.

114 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
A bright rainbow's glow.

Apple Bloom enters, dragging a small rainbow in her teeth. She shakes it and a bright, multi-colored light spills out of it and into the pitcher.

115 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
Stir with a Pegasus feather, fast  
not slow.

Sweetie Belle plucks one of Scotaloo's feathers and uses it to quickly stir the cloud and rainbow together in the pitcher.

116 SCOTALOO  
Hey!

117 APPLE BLOOM  
(reading)  
Serve to two Ponies who aren't in  
the know.

The girl's eyes go wide as the ingredients transform into a bright pink liquid.

Scotaloo pours the potion into two cups.

118 SWEETIE BELLE  
(reading)  
They'll both be in for a big  
surprise. When they get lost in  
each other's eyes.

Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo smile. Apple Bloom stares at the glowing pink liquid in the cups, a slightly pensive look on her face.

**EXT. GAZEBO - SOON AFTER**

It is still set up for a romantic picnic. Sweetie Belle carefully sets out the two cups of bright pink love potion as Scootaloo and Apple Bloom look on. Apple Bloom still has that concerned look on her face.

119 APPLE BLOOM  
I feel kind of bad tricking my  
brother and Miss Cheerilee this  
way.

120 SWEETIE BELLE  
What's the problem? We all agree  
these two are perfect for one  
another.

121 SCOOTALOO  
Yeah. They just need a little  
nudge.

122 APPLE BLOOM  
They do deserve to be really happy  
on Hearts and Hooves day.

123 SWEETIE BELLE  
And what could make them happier  
than being together. Right?

Apple Bloom considers the question for a moment, then nods her head in the affirmative.

124 APPLE BLOOM  
Right.

Sweetie Belle smiles.

125 SCOOTALOO  
Oooh. Ooh. Here they come!

Big Mac and Cheerilee are approaching the gazebo from opposite directions.

126 APPLE BLOOM  
Hiya, Miss Cheerilee.

127 CHEERILEE  
Hello again, girls.  
(then)  
Hello, Big Mac.

Big Mac gives Cheerilee a nod of recognition.

128 CHEERILEE (CONT'D)  
Would you three like to tell us why  
it was so very important that we  
meet you here?

129 SWEETIE BELLE  
Punch!

130 CHEERILEE  
Excuse me?

131 SWEETIE BELLE  
Punch. We made punch.

She gestures to the two cups of pink punch.

132 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
We were going to set up a stand and  
try to sell it. But we needed  
somepony to taste test it first.

133 APPLE BLOOM  
Yep.

134 SWEETIE BELLE  
We thought you two would be perfect  
together.  
(quickly)  
To test it.  
(then)  
Together.

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo nod their heads affirmatively.

135 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
So, uh, we'll just leave you two  
alone. Together. To test it.

Sweetie Belle gradually starts to back away from Big Mac and  
Cheerilee. Scootaloo and Apple Bloom follow her lead.

136 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
And you can tell us what you think  
later.

137 APPLE BLOOM  
Yeah. Later.

The girls dart off, disappearing behind some nearby bushes.  
Cheerilee addresses Big Mac.

138 CHEERILEE  
I'm very sorry about this. I  
mentioned to the girls that I don't  
have a very special somepony and I  
believe they are putting us in  
these awkward situations because  
they've decided it should be you.

Big Mac and Cheerilee share a <CHUCKLE>.

139 CHEERILEE (CONT'D)  
I suppose we should just humor them  
for a moment. This punch does look  
delicious.

140 BIG MAC  
Yup.

**EXT. BUSHES - CONTINUOUS**

Back in their hiding place, Sweetie Belle, Scootaloo, and  
Apple Bloom watch with bated breath.

141 SWEETIE BELLE  
I think they're going to drink it.

**EXT. GAZEBO - CONTINUOUS**

Cheerilee proposes a toast.

142 CHEERILEE  
To good friends.

The two ponies lean forward and sip from their cups.

**EXT. BUSHES - CONTINUOUS**

The Crusaders eyes go wide.

143 SCOOTALOO  
They're drinking it. They're  
drinking it.

**EXT. GAZEBO - CONTINUOUS**

Big Mac and Cheerilee look up from their beverages. Their eyes meet.

**EXT. BUSHES - CONTINUOUS**

The girls can barely contain their excitement.

144 SCOOTALOO  
They're looking into each other's  
eyes.

The girls <GIGGLE>.

145 SWEETIE BELLE/SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM  
They're about to be in for a big  
surprise.

**EXT. GAZEBO - CONTINUOUS**

Cheerilee stares deep into Big Mac's eyes. She leans in closer.

**EXT. BUSHES - CONTINUOUS**

The Crusaders lean foward.

The Crusaders eyes are as big a saucers.

**EXT. GAZEBO - CONTINUOUS**

Cheerilee leans in closer still.

**EXT. BUSHES**

The Crusaders lean farther forward. Their eyes are as big a saucers.

**EXT. GAZEBO - CONTINUOUS**

Big Mac and Cheerilee's faces are oh-so-close together.

146 CHEERILEE  
Big Mac?

147 BIG MAC  
Yup.

A big pause, then...

148 CHEERILEE  
Will you be my very special  
somepony?

A bigger pause, then

149 BIG MAC  
Yup.

150 SWEETIE BELLE (O.S.)  
YES!

**EXT. BUSHES - CONTINUOUS**

Apple Bloom quickly slaps a hoof over Sweetie Belle's mouth.

**EXT. GAZEBO - CONTINUOUS**

Neither Big Mac nor Cheerilee respond to the rustling of the nearby bushes or the sound that has just come out of them. Their focus remains solely on one another. There is something the slightest bit odd about the way they are looking at each other. Apple Bloom, Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle come rushing up and start dancing and singing around them.

151 SWEETIE BELLE/SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM  
(sing-songy)  
He's her special somepony. She's  
his special somepony.

Cheerilee's eyes remain focused on Big Mac. She speaks, her voice strange, as if she's in a daze.

152 CHEERILEE  
He's my special somepony.

Big Mac appears to be in an equal daze.

153 BIG MAC  
Yup.

The girls let out a collective <SIGH>.

154 APPLE BLOOM/SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE BELLE  
Awww.

155 CHEERILEE  
(dreamily)  
He's my shmoopy-doopy sweetie-  
weetie pony pie.

156 BIG MAC  
(dreamily)  
You're *my* shmoopy-doopy sweetie-  
weetie pony pie.

The girls exchange surprised looks.

157 APPLE BLOOM  
Did he just say--?

She stops short as Cheerilee addresses Big Mac, speaking in a very over-the-top baby voice.

158 CHEERILEE  
You're my cutie-patootie, lovey-  
dovey, honey-bunny.

159 BIG MAC  
You're my hearty-smarty, smoochy-  
woochy, baby-waby.

The Crusaders share concerned glances. Apple Bloom approaches Big Mac and tries to get his attention.

160 APPLE BLOOM  
Big Mac! Hey! Helloooo!

Big Mac doesn't respond. He never even takes his eyes off of Cheerilee. Apple Bloom looks to her friends, concern turning to real worry.

161 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
What's going on?

Sweetie Belle approaches Cheerilee.

162 SWEETIE BELLE  
Miss Cheerilee, are you alright?

Cheerilee continues looking into Big Mac's eyes.

163 CHEERILEE  
I have a special somepony.  
(then)  
A kissy-wissy, snuggly-wuggy, sugar-  
bear.

She nuzzles Big Mac's nose. He nuzzles back.

164 SWEETIE BELLE  
I think we may have given them too  
big of a nudge.

165 BIG MAC  
(to Cheerilee)  
You're my cuddly-wuddly, poopsy  
woopsy, punkin-pie.

166 SCOOTALOO  
Ya think?

**END ACT II**

**ACT III**

**INT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS CLUBHOUSE - SOON AFTER**

Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo search through Twilight's book as  
Apple Bloom paces behind them.

167 APPLE BLOOM  
What have we done? My brother's  
acting like a grade-A goofball.

168 SWEETIE BELLE  
Maybe we added too much rainbow.

169 SCOOTALOO  
Or maybe not enough cloud.

170 SWEETIE BELLE  
Or maybe--

She stops short, grimaces at something she sees in the book.

171 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
Uh-oh.

Apple Bloom stops pacing and rushes over to Sweetie Belle.

172 APPLE BLOOM  
"Uh-oh?" Whatta ya mean, "uh-oh"?

173 SWEETIE BELLE

We might not have given Big Mac and Miss Cheerilee a love potion. We may have given them a love poison.

174 APPLE BLOOM/SCOOTALOO

What?!

Sweetie Belle gestures to a passage in the book.

175 SWEETIE BELLE

Apparently some Prince a long time ago whipped up this recipe and gave it to this Princess he liked. He *meant* it to be a love potion.

(grave)

But things didn't turn out so well.

176 APPLE BLOOM

How "not so well" did things turn out?

Sweetie Belle scans the page, reading to herself.

177 SWEETIE BELLE

Well, there's something here about a dragon... And the kingdom falling... Chaos reigning...

(then)

Apparently it was all because the Prince and Princess were so "lost in each other's eyes" that they couldn't perform their royal duties.

Sweetie Belle resumes flipping through the book as Apple Bloom returns to pacing behind her.

178 APPLE BLOOM

Great. We've not only turned Big Mac and Miss Cheerilee into a couple of nonsense-spouting nincompoops, we may have put all of Ponyville in jeopardy.

179 SCOOTALOO

Come on, Apple Bloom. Miss Cheerilee and Big Mac don't have any "royal duties".

180 APPLE BLOOM

But they've still got responsibilities.

(MORE)

APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)

If we don't fix this, Miss  
Cheerilee won't be able to teach.  
Big Mac won't be able to harvest  
any apples.

(escalating panic)

Pretty soon the school will have to  
be shut down. Fruit will start  
rotting on the trees. Before you  
know it Ponyville will be overrun  
with uneducated little ponies  
starving for apples. It'll be  
chaos. Chaos!

She throws her hooves up in the air dramatically.

181 SWEETIE BELLE

There's an antidote!

Apple Bloom rushes over to Sweetie Belle.

182 APPLE BLOOM

Well why didn't you say so? Didn't  
you see me getting all panicked  
back there?

183 SWEETIE BELLE

If we can keep Miss Cheerilee and  
Big Mac from looking into one  
another's eyes for one full hour,  
the love curse will be broken.

184 SCOOTALOO

Only an hour? Pfft. We can pull  
that off in a second.

#### INT. SWEET SHOPPE - SOON AFTER

Big Mac and Cheerilee are sharing a milk shake. They are  
clearly still "lost in each other's eyes."

185 CHEERILEE

You take the first sip, snuggle-  
wuggles.

186 BIG MAC

No, you take it, shnoodle-bum.

187 CHEERILEE

No, you, shnooky lumps.

188 BIG MAC

No, you, pookie pie.

Across the room CUP CAKE, Apple Bloom, Scootaloo, and Sweetie Belle observe this exchange. Cup Cake appears to be genuinely disturbed by what she is seeing.

189 CUP CAKE  
I'm all for romance. But this has  
been going on for hours.  
(then)  
What's happened to these two?

190 SWEETIE BELLE  
<A NERVOUS LAUGH> Who knows?

191 CUP CAKE  
Well, these love birds will  
probably be planning a wedding  
soon. We can always use the  
catering business.

Cup Cake departs for the kitchen.

192 SWEETIE BELLE  
A wedding! That's it! Cheerilee  
and Big Mac should get married.

193 APPLE BLOOM  
How is getting hitched gonna keep  
them apart?

194 SWEETIE BELLE  
They aren't *really* going to get  
married. They're just going to get  
*ready* to get married.

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo follow Sweetie Belle as she approaches Big Mac and Cheerilee.

195 CHEERILEE  
No, you, biscuit-wisket bear.

196 BIG MAC  
No, you, huggy-wuggy, snuggy-bunny.

197 SWEETIE BELLE  
Hi, Miss Cheerilee, how are you?

Cheerilee doesn't even glance over in Sweetie Belle's direction.

198 CHEERILEE  
I have a very special somepony.

199 BIG MAC  
I have a very special somepony.

200 APPLE BLOOM  
(irritated)  
Yeah. We noticed.

201 SWEETIE BELLE  
Gosh, you two are so in love, the  
next thing you know, you'll be  
getting married.

Big Mac and Cheerilee's eyes remain locked, but show their  
interest in the concept with an inquisitive tilt of the head.

202 BIG MAC/CHEERILEE  
Married?

203 SWEETIE BELLE  
That's right. Married.

Big Mac and Cheerilee smile

204 BIG MAC/CHEERILEE  
(dreamily)  
Married.

Sweetie Belle gestures for Apple Bloom to approach her  
brother. Apple Bloom sidles up to Big Mac.

205 APPLE BLOOM  
Course if you're gonna get married,  
you'll want to pick out a really  
nice diamond for your--  
(choking on the words)  
Shmoopy-doopy-pookie-pie.

Big Mac considers this for a moment as the Crusaders  
nervously await his response.

206 BIG MAC  
Diamond!

Big Mac nearly knocks Apple Bloom over as he makes his exit.  
Cheerilee calls after him, concerned by his sudden departure.

207 CHEERILEE  
Schmoopy?!

She moves to go after him, but Apple Bloom, Scootaloo and  
Sweetie Belle block her path.

208 SCOOTALOO  
Don't you think you should start  
looking for your wedding dress?  
You'll want to look your best for  
your--  
(forced)  
Honey-bunny-snuggle-baby.

The Crusaders eye her hopefully as Cheerilee considers this proposition.

209 CHEERILEE  
Dress!

Cheerilee races for the exit. The Crusaders let out a collective <SIGH>. The Crusaders exit the shoppe as well but pause outside the entrance.

210 SWEETIE BELLE  
Now we just need to keep them  
apart. I'll keep Miss Cheerilee  
occupied. You two do the same with  
Big Mac.

211 APPLE BLOOM  
No problem.

Sweetie Belle glances over towards the CLOCK TOWER. It shows the time to be 5:00.

212 SWEETIE BELLE  
Meet you back at the clubhouse in  
an hour when this whole mess is  
over.

They go to their separate ways.

#### INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - SOON AFTER

Sweetie Belle looks on as Cheerilee hastily noses through a rack of white veils and gowns. Sweetie Belle grabs one and forces it upon Cheerilee.

213 SWEETIE BELLE  
This one looks nice.

She nudges Cheerilee toward a dressing room.

214 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
Better try it on though.

Cheerilee backs into the dressing room. Sweetie Belle closes the door then as quickly as she can barricades it shut with racks of clothes, mannequins, and anything else she can find in the shop. Satisfied, she peeks out the window of the boutique at the clock tower, its minute hand very slowly moving to 10 minutes after five o'clock.

215 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)  
10 minutes down, 50 minutes to go.

**INT. JEWELRY STORE - LATER**

Apple Bloom stands next to Big Mac who is perusing a selection of diamonds. He gestures to one. The JEWELER behind the counter retrieves it.

216 APPLE BLOOM  
No. No. Not that one either. Too...  
shiny. Miss Cheerilee deserves the  
best. You know something less...  
shiny.

The Jeweler rolls his eyes and returns the diamond to its spot in the case. Apple Bloom crosses to Scootaloo who stands in doorway of the jewelry store.

217 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)  
How much time is left? I'm running  
out of ways to make diamonds sound  
bad.

Scootaloo peeks out at the nearby clock tower. The time is now 5:35.

218 SCOOTALOO  
We still have twenty five minutes.

Apple Bloom <SIGHS>. She turns to rejoin her brother. Her eyes go wide. Big Mac is no longer at the jewelry case. Apple Bloom rushes over to the jeweler.

219 APPLE BLOOM  
(panicked)  
Where's my brother?

220 JEWELER  
He made his purchase and departed  
out the back. Said something about  
needing to see his "shmoopy shmoo."

Apple Bloom <GASPS>.

**EXT. PONYVILLE - SOON AFTER**

A panicked Apple Bloom and Scootaloo race after Big Mac.

221 APPLE BLOOM  
I'll see what I can do to slow him  
down. You go on to the Carousel  
Boutique and warn Sweetie Belle.

Scootaloo nods. She breaks into a gallop and manages to pass Big Mac.

ON APPLE BLOOM

A determined look on her face.

A SERIES OF QUICK SHOTS

A) Apple Bloom comes racing up behind her brother and GRABS hold of his tail with her teeth. Undeterred, he just drags her along.

B) Apple Bloom tries to lasso Big Mac. She manages to get the rope around his neck, but with a flick of his giant neck he sends her comically flying.

C) Apple Bloom leaps on Big Mac's back, but he doesn't seem to even notice she is there and breaks into a gallop, bouncing her off.

**EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE**

Scootaloo SCREECHES to a halt in front of the boutique. A moment later, Sweetie Belle exits.

222 SWEETIE BELLE  
What's wrong?  
(then, worried)  
Where's Apple Bloom?  
(then, more worried)  
Where's Big Mac?

223 SCOOTALOO  
(out of breath)  
On... his... way. Gotta... keep  
him... out of... boutique.

Sweetie Belle's eyes dart up to the clock which now read 5:45 around the outside of the boutique. She spots a PAIR OF SHOVELS leaning against the side of another shop.

**EXT. PONYVILLE - SOON AFTER**

Apple Bloom is still trying to slow down her love struck brother. She darts back and forth in front of his legs in an effort to break his stride, but he manages to easily step around her. Apple Bloom's eyes go wide as she realizes they are fast approaching...

**EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS**

Scotaloo and Sweetie Belle, who are strangely dirty, are trying to get Apple Bloom's attention.

224 SCOOTALOO  
Move away!

225 SWEETIE BELLE  
Let him go!

ON APPLE BLOOM

She looks confused. She looks up towards the clock which reads 5:55.

226 APPLE BLOOM  
(calling out)  
He'll get to her. He's too strong.

ON SCOOTALOO and SWEETIE BELLE

They gesture for their friend to abandon her efforts.

227 SCOOTALOO  
Just stop running.

228 SWEETIE BELLE  
Stop running!

ON APPLE BLOOM

She obeys her friends' commands. Big Mac gallops past her toward...

**EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS**

But just as Big Mac is about to gallop into the Carousel Boutique WHOOSH! The ground drops out from beneath him and he falls into a pit.

Apple Bloom approaches and she, Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle all peer down into the trap to see a confused, but unhurt Big Mac sitting on what appears to be a FEATHER BED.

229 SCOOTALOO  
Phew. I sure am glad you found those shovels.

230 SWEETIE BELLE  
I'm glad we found them leaning against that mattress store.

The Crusaders turn their attention away from Big Mac and look up at the clock tower. It is 5:59.

231 APPLE BLOOM  
One more minute and the spell will be broken.

232 BIG MAC (O.S.)  
Shloopy Doo!!!

233 CHEERILEE(O.S.)  
Sweetums?!

#### **INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS**

Cheerilee, wearing a wedding veil, busts down the door of the dressing room and CRASHES through the mannequins and racks of clothes that were blocking it.

#### **EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - CONTINUOUS**

Apple Bloom, Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle <GASP> as Cheerilee bursts through the front door of the shop. The girls race toward Cheerilee, desperate to keep her from the pit that contains Big Mac.

Everything goes SLO-MO as they DIVE in front of her but are comically knocked aside by their teacher. Cheerilee SCREECHES to a halt in front of the pit.

234 SWEETIE BELLE/SCOOTALOO/APPLE BLOOM  
(in slo-mo)  
Nooooooo!

Cheerilee looks down at Big Mack. DING-DONG! The bell on the clock tower rings just as the two lovebirds' eyes lock. The girls hold their breath for what feels like an eternity before...

Big Mac and Cheerilee blink.

235 APPLE BLOOM  
Please be normal. Please be normal.

Cheerilee looks around, confused.

236 CHEERILEE  
Am I wearing a wedding veil?

237 BIG MAC  
Yup.

238 CHEERILEE  
Are you sitting on a feather bed in  
a hole in the ground?

239 BIG MAC  
Yup.

Cheerilee looks over at Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo.

240 CHEERILEE  
Girls, can you explain why I look  
like I'm getting married and Big  
Mac is at the bottom of a pit?

The girls go from looking very relieved to very guilty.

241 SWEETIE BELLE  
We may have given you the teeny-  
tiniest bit of a love potion that  
may have turned out to actually be  
a love poison and you may have gone  
just the teeny-tiniest bit crazy.

242 APPLE BLOOM  
But we only did it because we  
thought you and Big Mac would be  
really happy if you could be each  
other's very special someponies for  
Hearts and Hooves Day.

243 SCOOTALOO  
Our hearts and hooves were in the  
right place.

244 CHEERILEE  
(gently)  
We appreciate that you care about  
us and want us to be happy. But..

245 APPLE BLOOM  
But no matter how good our  
intentions might've been, we should  
never have meddled in your  
relationship.

246 SCOOTALOO  
Nopony can force two ponies to be  
together.

247 SWEETIE BELLE  
It's up to everypony to choose that  
very special somepony for  
themselves.

248 APPLE BLOOM/SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE BELLE  
We're sorry.

249 CHEERILEE  
And you can think about how sorry  
you are while you're doing all of  
Big Mac's chores at Sweet Apple  
Acres.

(then, to Big Mac)  
Does that seem like a fair  
punishment to you?

250 BIG MAC (O.S.)  
Yup.

**EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - THE NEXT DAY**

A sweaty Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo pour  
bushels of apples into a crate.

Cheerilee approaches with Big Mac by her side.

251 APPLE BLOOM  
Hey there, Miss Cheerilee. What are  
you doing here?

252 CHEERILEE  
Since you three are doing all of  
his chores, Big Mac and I thought  
we'd have a picnic at the gazebo.  
Ready, 'sugar-bear'?

253 BIG MAC  
Yup, 'punkin-pie'.

The two trot off together, smiling at each other.

The girls share a terrified look before letting out a...

254 APPLE BLOOM/SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE BELLE  
Nooooooooooooooooooooo!

SNAP OUT.

THE END