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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

<u>INT. CLASSROOM - DAY</u>

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 holds a broom in her mouth 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.

Scootaloo 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.

Scootaloo 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.

Scootaloo, 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, Scootaloo 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 Macintosh 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-checkered 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 CHEERILE
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

Scootaloo, 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 a 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

Scootaloo 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, Scootaloo, 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.

Scootaloo 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 Scootaloo's feathers and uses it to quickly stir the cloud and rainbow together in the pitcher.

116 SCOOTALOO
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.

Scootaloo 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
Awwww.

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, snuggy-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 Ponvyille 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, <u>you</u>, biscuit-wisket bear.

196 BIG MAC
No, <u>you</u>, 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 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

Scootaloo 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. (*** Note from S&P - please make sure the hole isn't so deep that we might think Big Mac should have hurt himself.***) *

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)
Noooooo!

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 nutty. *

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
Nooooooooooooooooooo!

SNAP OUT.

THE END