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TEASER

SWEETIE BELLE, APPLE BLOOM and SCOOTALOO are gathered around a large storybook with pictures of a Beautiful Pony Princess being wooed by a Handsome Pony Prince. Sweetie Belle reads aloud from the accompanying text and relays the conclusion to what must have been the most romantic story ever. “They sealed their love with a kiss,” Sweetie Belle reads. “And lived happily ever after!” she continues. Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom let out long sighs, resting their heads in their hooves. Scootaloo seems less impressed, stating that the story was pretty good if you like “really corny, mushy stuff”.

She turns away as, at Apple Bloom’s insistence, Sweetie Belle starts to read the story again. But as Sweetie Belle continues to read, she notices that Scootaloo keeps glancing back, trying hard to listen without looking like she’s listening. Sweetie Belle makes a big show of stopping mid-sentence and closing the book. “Wait! That’s the best part!” Scootaloo protests. “Yeah,” replies Apple Bloom, “If you like really, corny, mushy stuff,” she adds. She and Sweetie Belle giggle. Scootaloo plops back down next to them. “Oh just finishing reading it already,” Scootaloo grumbles.

ACT I

The Cutie Mark Crusaders are still swooning from the romantic tale they’ve just read. They are in love with love! “Too bad we can’t see true love like that in real life,” laments Apple Bloom. “Maybe we can,” Sweetie Belle responds. MUSIC UP as Sweetie Belle begins to sing a song about the “Formula for Love”. In it she details the ingredients necessary for romance to blossom. (It’s clear these “ingredients” are elements of the fairy tale they were reading earlier.) Apple Bloom and Scootaloo soon join Sweetie Belle in song and the three seek out the things they need to make true love happen. The song concludes with the Crusaders agreeing that there is only one thing left to do -- find the last two ingredients -- “a prince” and “princess.” And they know just the two ponies they should bring together.

Apple Bloom heads to Sweet Apple Acres where she finds BIG MACINTOSH hard at work. She tells her brother that she needs him to come quickly as the gazebo by the lake needs to be fixed before sunset. Big Macintosh is a bit confused by the request, but eventually just shrugs and follows his little sister. Meanwhile, Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo are at the schoolhouse with CHEERILEE. They convince their teacher to join them at the gazebo by telling her that they need help identifying a plant they’ve found there. Big Macintosh and Cheerilee arrive at the gazebo and exchange an awkward greeting. The girls quickly make their exit, excusing away the fact that the gazebo doesn’t need any repairs and the plant they couldn’t identify was an apple tree.

Scootaloo, Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle hide behind some bushes and wait for the magic to happen. “It’s working!” an excited Apple Bloom whispers as Big Mac and Cheerilee begin to look deep into one another’s eyes. “They’re totally going to kiss!” Sweetie Belle whispers. The Cutie Mark Crusaders hold their breath in anticipation as

Cheerilee leans in closer to Big Mac and...tells him he has something stuck in his teeth. The girls slump. That’s not what was supposed to happen. Why aren’t Big Mac and Cheerilee falling in love?

ACT II

The Crusaders look on as Big Mac and Cheerilee’s painfully awkward “date” continues. Cheerilee tries to start up a conversation with Big Mac, but he manages only to respond with his usual, “yups” and “nopes”. Sweetie Belle, Scootaloo and Apple Bloom can’t believe things are going this bad. They’ve brought together all the ingredients to make love bloom. And by gosh, love should be blooming by now. But as the girls begin to relay the fairy tale from earlier, they realize they may have forgotten a few things.

“The princess had flowers in her hair!” remembers Scootaloo. She sneaks up behind Cheerilee and tosses some flowers onto her mane, then darts back behind the bushes. Cheerilee looks up in confusion at the crown of daisies now stuck in her hair. “Birds were singing sweetly in the trees,” adds Sweetie Belle, and then starts making chirping noises. Big Mac raises an eyebrow at the strange sounds. “The princess bit an apple and fell asleep and then the prince kissed her awake!” continues Apple Bloom. From her hiding place behind the bushes, she starts hurling apples at Cheerilee who ducks just in time to avoid being hit in the head by an apple. “Did somepony just throw an apple at me?” Cheerilee asks Big Mac. “Yup,” he replies. “Do you have any idea what this is all about?” Cheerilee asks Big Mac. “Nope,” he responds. “Well, I’d like to find out. Wouldn’t you?” she asks. “Yup,” Big Mac responds.

Cheerilee urges the girls to come out from their hiding place behind the bushes. Sweetie Belle is still making chirping sounds as she approaches Big Mac and Cheerilee. Apple Bloom nudges her to stop. “What is going on with you three?” Cheerilee asks. “I think the real question is – What’s going on with you *two*?” Scootaloo says with a wink. “With all this romantic stuff around, you must be starting to feel pretty romantic,” Apple Bloom adds, hopeful. It doesn’t take long for Cheerilee to realize what the Crusaders have been up to. Cheerilee explains to the girls that they can’t just make love happen. She and Big Mac are just friends. “Yup,” agrees Big Mac. And putting them into a romantic situation isn’t going to change that. “Nope,” agrees Big Mac.

Soon after, a despondent Sweetie Belle, Apple Bloom and Scootaloo make their way into the Golden Oak Library. “So much for seeing true love in real life,” laments Scootaloo as she returns their book. The three turn to go and run into TWILIGHT SPARKLE. “What’s wrong, girls?” she asks, noting their disappointed expressions. “Didn’t find what you were looking for?” Sweetie Belle explains that they thought the book they’d been reading had all the answers. “But I guess it was just a fairy tale,” she adds with a sigh. Twilight tells the girls that just because they didn’t get what they needed out of one book doesn’t mean the solution to their problems can’t be found in another.

Encouraged by Twilight’s words of advice, Sweetie Belle, Scootaloo and Apple Bloom scour the library shelves in search of a book that can help them find a more effective “Formula for Love”. Suddenly, Sweetie Belle lets out a squeal of delight. “Sorry,” she says quietly after being shushed by another library patron. Apple Bloom and Scootaloo rush over to their friend and peer over her shoulder. They two let out squeals of delight.

We then reveal the source of their excitement – a book containing the recipe for an actual, real live “Love Potion”. Written out as a poem, it includes such ingredients as “a tuft of cloud”, “a rainbow’s glow” and a “Pegasus feather”. According to the recipe, the two ponies that consume the potion together will “Both be in for a big surprise. They’ll get lost in each other’s eyes.” The girls are thrilled at the discovery and share another delighted squeal. They quickly apologize after the very irritated library patron shushes them once again.

Having mixed up a batch of the Love Potion, Apple Bloom, Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle convince Big Mac and Cheerilee to join them at the gazebo, telling them they want to apologize for their earlier behavior. Big Mac and Cheerilee accept the girls’ apology as well as the two cups of apple juice they offer them. “We’ll just leave you two alone to enjoy your beverages,” says Sweetie Belle as she and her friends back away from Big Mac and Cheerilee, giggling as they go. Cheerilee just shakes her head at the departing girls. “Those three will never learn,” Cheerilee says. “Nope,” agrees Big Mac. The two decide that doesn’t mean they should let their fresh apple juice go to waste. “To being good friends,” Cheerilee offers as a toast. “Good friends,” Big Mac toasts.

Hiding behind some bushes, Scootaloo, Sweetie Belle and Apple Bloom look on in anticipation as Big Mac and Cheerilee sip on their love potion-filled apple juices. The girls quietly sing a reprise of their “Formula for Love” song, this time replacing the earlier lyrics with the ingredients in the love potion they’ve concocted. Big Mac and Cheerilee finish off their beverages and look up at one another. Their eyes lock.

“It’s working!” an excited Sweetie Belle whispers as Big Mac and Cheerilee stare deep into one another’s eyes. The Cutie Mark Crusaders hold their breath in anticipation as Cheerilee leans in closer to Big Mac and... they kiss! The girls can’t contain themselves and let out their patented squeals of delight. They emerge from behind the bushes and proceed to dance around Cheerilee and Big Mac. “They’re in love! They’re in love! They’re in love!” the girls sing.

“We’re in love,” Cheerilee says, never taking her eyes off of Big Mac. “Yup,” agrees Big Mac, his eyes still locked on Cheerilee’s. “Awwww,” the girls respond. “Just like the prince and princess,” remarks a thrilled Sweetie Belle. “He’s my shmoopy-doopy sweetie-weetie pony pie,” Cheerilee says a little too dreamily. “You’re my shmoopy-doopy sweetie-weetie pony pie,” Big Mac replies in his deep voice. “You’re my cutie-patootie, lovey-dovey, hearty-smarty, smoochy-woochy, baby-waby, honey-bunny,” Cheerilee says in an even more over-the-top baby-talk voice. “Your my cutie-patootie,

lovey-dovey, hearty-smarty, smoochy-woochy, baby-waby, honey-bunny,” Big Mac replies.

The Crusaders share concerned glances. They’ve heard of sweet talk, but this is getting ridiculous. “The prince and princess never acted like this,” a nervous Scootaloo says to her friends. Apple Bloom tries to get her brother’s attention but he can’t seem to take his eyes off of Cheerilee. “Miss Cheerilee, are you alright?” Sweetie Belle asks. “I’m in love,” Cheerilee responds, still staring at Big Mac. “With my kissy-wissy, snuggly-wuggy, cuddly-wuddly, poopsy woopsy, punkin-pie,” she says nuzzling Big Mac’s nose. “I think giving them that potion might have been a mistake,” Scootaloo says. “You’re my kissy-wissy, snuggly-wuggy, cuddly-wuddly, poopsy woopsy, punkin-pie,” Big Mac says, nuzzling Cheerilee back. “Ya think?” Apple Bloom asks.

ACT III

The love-struck Big Mac and Cheerilee are now absolutely inseparable. Back at the farm, Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo have to help Apple Bloom pick up the slack when, instead of tending to his chores, Big Mac spends all day with Cheerilee painting hearts with their initials on them onto every tree in the orchard. In the classroom, Cheerilee can’t be bothered to teach as she and Big Mac are too busy exchanging gifts to show each other just how much they love their “sweet widdle puddin’ pop”. The class is actually relieved when Cheerilee finally agrees to give them an assignment. But relief turns to irritation when Cheerilee tells them she wants them all to write a five-page essay about how amazing Big Mac is. The Crusaders feign ignorance as their fellow classmates wonder aloud what in the world has gotten into their teacher.

Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo agree that they’ve got to put an end to all this nonsense as soon as possible. But how? Recalling Twilight’s advice that the solution to their problems can usually be found in books, the girls quickly head to the Golden Oak Library. Sweetie Belle tracks down the book that contained the Love Potion. The girls flip to the recipe and, reading through it again, note the last two lines – “They’ll both be in for a big surprise. They’ll get lost in each other’s eyes.” For the first time, the girls turn the page and read further. It turns out that the “Love Potion” was never meant to bring about true love. “It’s not a love potion. It’s a curse!” Sweetie Belle exclaims. The girls let out a loud, collective gasp. “But how do we break it?” Apple Bloom asks. According to the book, the only cure is to keep Big Mac and Cheerilee apart for one whole hour. The spell will wear off when the two are no longer “lost in each other’s eyes” and are able to find themselves again. “Only an hour? How hard can that be?” Apple Bloom asks.

Eager to get Cheerilee and Big Mac back to being normal, the girls go in search of the two smitten ponies. The Crusaders ultimately find them in the Sweet Shoppe sharing a milkshake. “You take the last sip, snuggle-wuggles,” Cheerilee tells Big Mac. “No, you take it, shnoodle-bum” Big Mac replies. “No, you, schnooky lumps,” Cheerilee insists. “No, you, pookie pie,” Big Mac insists back. A disturbed MRS. CAKE informs the girls that

this has literally been going on for hours. The Crusaders realize that just getting these two to separate at all is going to be a challenge. Big Mac and Cheerilee are so lost in one another that they barely acknowledge anyone else. It finally hits Apple Bloom that they must use Big Mac and Cheerilee’s over-the-top love for each other to get them to part.

As Big Mac and Cheerilee continue to offer up the last of the milkshake to one another, the Crusaders approach and casually comment that if Big Mac and Cheerilee were really in love, they’d get married. The love sick Big Mac and Cheerilee are absolutely thrilled by the idea. “Of course you’ll probably want to get her a really nice diamond,” Scootaloo suggests to Big Mac. “And of course you’ll want to get a wedding dress that makes you look your absolute best for your groom,” Sweetie Belle says to Cheerilee. The girls look at Big Mac and Cheerilee, hopeful. “Diamond,” Big Mac says with purpose, and then dashes out of the Sweet Shoppe. “Dress!” Cheerilee proclaims before running out the opposite direction. Apple Bloom instructs Sweetie Belle to follow Cheerilee and keep her occupied. She and Scootaloo will go after Big Mac and do the same. They’ll see each other again in an hour when this whole mess is behind them.

Sweetie Belle has definitely gotten the easier task. Now that Cheerilee has been tricked into separating from Big Mac and going to Rarity’s shop to search for a wedding dress, all Sweetie Belle has to do is lock her inside a dressing room. She barricades the door with clothes racks just to make sure Cheerilee stays put.

Big Mac, on the other hand, proves to be much more of a challenge. Once he’s purchased the biggest diamond he can find for his sweetheart, he realizes he’s been away from his “shmoopy shmoo” for almost an entire hour and is desperate to be close to her again. Try as they might, Apple Bloom and Scootaloo simply can’t physically detain the enormous Big Mac. They grab hold of his tail with their teeth, but he just drags them along. Apple Bloom tries to lasso her brother and pull him back, but with a flick of his giant neck he sends her flying. Apple Bloom and Scootaloo leap on Big Mac’s back, but he doesn’t seem to even notice they are there and breaks into a gallop, bouncing them off.

The “love curse” will continue if the Crusaders can’t stop Big Mac from getting to Cheerilee and looking into her eyes again. They’ve got to find a way to stop the lumbering giant in his tracks. Luckily, Apple Bloom recalls another passage from the fairy tale -- the part where the Handsome Prince captures the Evil King. Just as Big Mac is about to gallop into the Carousel Boutique – WHOOSH! The ground drops out from beneath him and he falls into the equivalent of a tiger trap. The girls congratulate one another on their speedy trap-digging and their success at keeping Big Mac and Cheerilee apart. Only one more minute and the spell will be broken.

Just then, Cheerilee, wearing a wedding veil, knocks down the door of the dressing room, crashes through the mannequins that were blocking it, and races out of the Carousel Boutique. “Sweetums?!” she calls out, searching for her love. Apple Bloom,

Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle gasp. They race toward Cheerilee, desperate to keep her from the tiger 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 tiger pit. Still in slo-mo the girls scream, “Noooo!” as Cheerilee looks down at Big Mac. The two lovebirds’ eyes lock. The girls hold their breath for what feels like an eternity before ... POOF! Big Mac and Cheerilee blink. They both seem a little confused. The Crusaders note their expressions. “Please be normal, please be normal,” Apple Bloom mutters under her breath.

“Am I wearing a wedding veil?” asks a befuddled Cheerilee. “Yup,” replies Big Mac. “Are you standing in a deep hole in the ground?” she asks Big Mac. “Yup,” replies an equally befuddled Big Mac. The two look over at Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo who quickly go from looking very relieved to very guilty. “Girls, can you explain why I look like I’m getting married and Big Mac is at the bottom of a pit?” Cheerilee asks. The girls confess that they may have given Big Mac and Cheerilee just a teeny-tiny bit of a love potion and it may have made the two go just the teeny-tiniest bit crazy. The girls apologize and gladly accept the detention and farm chores Cheerilee and Big Mac dole out as their punishment.

While serving their detention in Cheerilee’s classroom, the girls write a letter to Princess Celestia relaying the lesson they have learned: No matter how hard you try, you can’t make true love happen. If love is meant to bloom between friends, it will happen on its own. As they conclude the letter, Big Mac drops by. It’s such a nice day that he and Cheerilee have decided to have a picnic at the gazebo. “Nooooo!” the girls cry out. Off their panicked expressions we FADE OUT.

The End