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TEASER

Inside the Crusaders Clubhouse, SWEETIE BELLE, APPLE BLOOM and SCOOTALOO are hard at work on a project. As they snip at red, white and pink construction paper, squeeze out globs of glue, sprinkle glitter, make hoof prints with pink and red paint, and unfurl lacy ribbon, Apple Bloom reminds her friends of the importance of their task. We learn that it is Hearts and Hooves Day (the pony equivalent of Valentine’s Day) and the girls are working on a card to show their teacher Miss Cheerilee how much she means to them. “Needs more ribbon,” Apple Bloom suggests. “More lace,” adds Sweetie Belle. “More glitter,” says Scootaloo. “More hoof prints,” Apple Bloom proposes. In a flurry of activity the girls cut, paste, sprinkle and paint their still unseen card. “Perfect!” Sweetie Belle says, satisfied with their handiwork. We WIDEN as Apple Bloom and Scootaloo struggle to lift an absolutely enormous construction paper heart covered in an absurd amount of glitter, ribbon, hoof prints and lace. The girls look at their over-the-top handiwork for a beat before Sweetie Belle comments matter-of-factly, “I think we’re gonna need a bigger envelope.”

ACT I

Inside the schoolhouse, a Hearts and Hooves Day celebration is in full swing. MISS CHEERILEE looks on with a smile as her students exchange cards, play games like “Pin the Heart on the Pony”, and dine on bright pink heart and hooves-shaped treats. Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo approach their teacher and present her with the card they’ve made. Miss Cheerilee gushes over it and thanks them for being so thoughtful. Sweetie Belle comments that the card is probably nothing compared to the Hearts and Hooves gifts Miss Cheerilee has gotten from her “very special somepony.” Miss Cheerilee informs Sweetie Belle that she doesn’t have a “very special somepony” at the moment. The girls are surprised to hear this. How could someone as great as Miss Cheerilee not have a “very special somepony” on Hearts and Hooves Day? Miss Cheerilee informs the girls that she still feels very loved. She has lots of good friends and wonderful students who care about her very much. We get a sense that the Cutie Mark Crusaders aren’t quite satisfied with Miss Cheerilee’s response.

Later, back at the clubhouse, Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo clean up the remnants of their earlier project. As they do so, Sweetie Belle comments that she still can’t believe Miss Cheerilee doesn’t have someone with whom to celebrate Hearts and Hooves Day. Apple Bloom and Scootaloo agree that if anyone deserves a “very special somepony” it is Miss Cheerilee. Sweetie Belle suddenly lets out an excited gasp. She has just come up with the best idea ever. The Cutie Mark Crusaders are gonna find Miss Cheerilee a “very special somepony”!

ACT II

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo are totally on board with Sweetie Belle’s plan and the three head out into Ponyville to find the perfect match for their teacher.

Unfortunately, finding a stallion that is worthy of being Miss Cheerilee’s “very special somepony” proves difficult. MUSIC UP as the girls launch into a song explaining why they must reject every potential candidate they meet. The girls continue their search but to no avail. The song concludes with Sweetie Belle lamenting, *“I don’t think that I’m mistaken. It seems all the good ones are taken.”*

The Cutie Mark Crusaders are about to give up when they bump into BIG MACINTOSH. The three glumly wish him a happy Hearts and Hooves Day and are about to head back to their clubhouse when Sweetie Belle suddenly lets out an excited gasp. Big Mac would make the perfect “very special somepony” for Miss Cheerilee! Apple Bloom concurs that her big brother is a pretty great guy, but he’s also pretty shy. He’ll never ask Cheerilee to be his “very special somepony”. “He doesn’t have to,” says Sweetie Belle. All the Cutie Mark Crusaders have to do is get Big Mac and Miss Cheerilee together in a romantic setting and Miss Cheerilee will surely ask him.

Soon after, we see the girls putting the finishing touches on a romantic date they’ve set up for Big Mac and Miss Cheerilee. They’ve decorated the gazebo with doily hearts and ribbons. A romantic picnic has been laid out. The girls share a giggle as Big Mac and Miss Cheerilee arrive on the scene. (The girls have asked the two adults to meet them there, but haven’t explained why.) The girls quickly excuse themselves, leaving Big Mac and Miss Cheerilee behind. “Do you have any idea what this is all about?” Miss Cheerilee asks Big Mac. “Nope,” he responds.

Scootaloo, Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle peer out from behind a bush to watch Big Mac and Miss Cheerilee’s “date”. The girls look on with excitement as Big Mac and Cheerilee begin to look deep into one another’s eyes. “She’s going to ask him to be her very special somepony!” 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, further saddened when Cheerilee and Big Mac exchange awkward goodbyes and depart.

A despondent Sweetie Belle, Scootaloo and Apple Bloom make their way back to the clubhouse, lamenting their failure to bring Miss Cheerilee and Big Mac together for Hearts and Hooves Day. Their conversation is cut short when they are nearly run over by TWILIGHT SPARKLE. Her nose buried in a book, she almost runs right into them. An embarrassed Twilight apologizes and explains that she is reading the most fascinating account of the history of Hearts and Hooves Day. She’s just finished a really interesting section about “Love Potions”. The Cutie Mark Crusaders brighten at the sound of this. “You think maybe we could borrow that book?” Scootaloo asks Twilight. “Of course,” Twilight answers, handing it over.

Back at the clubhouse, the girls flip through Twilight’s book. The three agree that if they are going to be successful in getting Miss Cheerilee and Big Mac to be one another’s “very special someponys” a nudge isn’t going to be enough. They’ve got to give them a push. A love potion is just what they need. Sweetie Belle finally finds the recipe for the “Love Potion” Twilight had mentioned. 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.”

Having mixed up a batch of the Love Potion, Apple Bloom, Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle convince Big Mac and Cheerilee to return to the gazebo. They offer up two cups of apple juice, and then quickly excuse themselves. Cheerilee apologizes to Big Mac for the girls’ behavior. They are obviously putting she and Big Mac in these awkward situations in an attempt to bring them together for Hearts and Hooves Day. The two stand there for a moment. Cheerilee finally comments that she actually has some things she needs to do. Big Mac has things to do as well. “Might as well enjoy the juice before we go,” Cheerilee says. “Happy Hearts and Hooves Day,” she offers as a toast. “Yup,” 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. Big Mac and Cheerilee finish off their beverages and look up at one another. Suddenly, 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 whispers, “Will you be my very special somepony?” Big Mac, his eyes still locked on Cheerilee nods, “Yup.”

Thrilled at their success, the Crusaders emerge from behind the bushes and proceed to dance around Cheerilee and Big Mac. “He’s her special somepony! She’s his special somepony!” they sing in unison. “He’s my special somepony,” 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. “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.

The Crusaders share concerned glances. They’ve heard of sweet talk, but this is getting ridiculous. 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 have a special somepony,” Cheerilee responds, still staring at Big Mac. “A kissy-wissy, snuggly-wuggy, cuddly-wuddly, poopsy woopsy, punkin-pie,” she says nuzzling Big Mac’s nose. “I think we gave them too much of a push,” 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

Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo agree that they’ve got to put an end to all this nonsense as soon as possible. The girls flip to the recipe in Twilight’s book 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. “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. “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.

As Big Mac and Cheerilee continue to offer up the last of the milkshake to one another, the Crusaders approach. Apple Bloom comments that Big Mac and Cheerilee are so in love, the next thing you know, they’ll be getting married. The love sick Big Mac and Cheerilee are absolutely thrilled by the idea. The girls suggest that Big Mac pick out a diamond for his sweetheart while Miss Cheerilee picks out a wedding dress. “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 keep Miss Cheerilee 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, 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. The 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.

Apple Bloom has a plan. 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, “Nooooo!” as Miss

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 Miss 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. The girls confess that they may have given Big Mac and Miss Cheerilee just a teeny-tiny bit of a love potion and it may have made the two go just the teeny-tiniest bit crazy. Cheerilee admonishes the girls for their behavior. While she appreciates that they care about her and want her to be happy, they’ve clearly crossed a line. 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 Miss Cheerilee’s classroom, the girls write a letter to Princess Celestia relaying the lesson they have learned: As much as you might want things to work out a certain way, it’s never okay to force your friends into situations they wouldn’t choose for themselves. 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.

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