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TEASER

PINKIE PIE wakes up with an intense look on her face. She “suits up,” putting on a sweatband and wristbands. Stretching out, doing push-ups, and jogging in place, Pinkie begins to break a sweat. All warmed up, Pinkie looks ready for a truly hardcore workout.

And then Pinkie starts...making faces. The silliest faces ever. Her eyes are googly, her tongue is waggly, and her ears are wiggly. Pinkie does every combination of goofy face imaginable. What kind of workout is this? The Pinkie Pie “Make-‘Em-Smile” workout. Pinkie is leaning over POUND CAKE and PADDY CAKE’s crib pulling out all the stops in face-making department. And it really is a workout because she is performing in front of a tough audience. Pound and Paddy look unimpressed with all her efforts and won’t crack a smidge of a smile.

So Pinkie concentrates and makes the wildest, weirdest, wonkiest face ever. And the twins finally...smile and burst out giggling! Pinkie is pleased as punch at her success and announces that she, “Nailed it!”

ACT I

Pinkie walks through Ponyville greeting everypony in town. But Pinkie doesn’t stick with standard acquaintance greetings like “Hi, how are you.” Pinkie is friends with everypony and knows everything about them! She wishes a pony happy birthday. She wishes a pony a happy day after her birthday. She wishes a pony happy birthday in 132 days. Pinkie asks one pony if her cough is getting better, another if he likes his new haircut, and yet another if her daughter did well on the spelling test. And with each personal greeting, Pinkie gets back what she likes best—a smile.

Pinkie bursts into song about how she loves to see her friends smile. She loves helping them, loves talking to them, loves playing with them, loves sitting with them. And she really asks nothing in return except for a smile. It warms her from the top of her ears to the tip of her tail. Just a smile!

Having gotten everyone from ponies to critters in Ponyville to smile, Pinkie finishes her song with her flourish. But on the final beat, she comes face-to-face with a new face in Ponyville. A DONKEY she has never met before. And he...Does. Not. Smile.

ACT II

Pinkie is completely flummoxed and launches into the same routine she tried on the twins. But nothing googly, wiggly, or waggly cracks a smile on this stone-faced donkey. Bewidered, Pinkie goes to TWILIGHT. How could this donkey not want to be her friend and give her a simple smile? Pinkie is then reminded by Twilight that when she came to Ponyville, she had a lot of work to do and didn’t want to be bothered. Maybe this

donkey feels the same way. Maybe he just wants to be left alone.

Pinkie points out that while it is true that at first Twilight did not want to be bothered with being her friend, in the end they became the very best of friends! So she definitely SHOULD bother this donkey because then THEY could become the best of friends! Twilight shakes her head and sighs in defeat as Pinkie rushes to roll out the ol' welcome wagon.

Literally. Pinkie arrives back in the center of town pulling her Welcome Wagon—a Pinkie-style contraption-covered horse cart. She sidles up to the grumpy donkey and introduces herself. The donkey reluctantly offers up his name—Cranky Donkey. Pinkie busts open her fantastical Welcome Wagon, showering Cranky with gifts. But none of them get Cranky to smile. Pinkie then sees that Cranky has his own awesome cart. Hey! Maybe they could be cart buddies! Cranky gives Pinkie a cold stare, clearly not into this. But Pinkie's eyes light up at the sight of all the sparkly trinkets and shiny baubles on his cart, which she starts picking at. And Cranky gets crankier with each item she touches.

Packing all his valuables up again, Cranky informs Pinkie that he's just passing through Ponyville to get some supplies and then he's hitting the road. But just as he's tries to leave, a DING comes from Pinkie's cart. Pinkie tells him that he can't go yet! It's time for cake! She opens the oven door, but instead of a cake, confetti shoots out right in their faces. Then with a "Boom!" cake launches into the air and rains down all over Cranky. Pinkie realizes that she mixed things up. Again. She put the confetti in the oven and the cake in the tubes! Pinkie laughs at this silly mix up. But Cranky silently simmers and is not smiling.

With Cranky covered in cake, Pinkie drags him to the La-Ti-Da Spa and ushers everypony else out so that Cranky can have his privacy. But Pinkie stays. Exasperated, Cranky retreats to take a bath. Finally alone, he removes his mane toupee, revealing his rather pink, bald head. But just as he steps in the tub, Pinkie steps in the room. Cranky screams in horror thinking that Pinkie has seen him without his hair. Pinkie thinks he's just being modest and dashes out only to return blindfolded. And with that blindfold on, Pinkie gives him the worst spa treatment of his life! At the end, she feels Cranky's toupee on her leg and, thinking it's a massive spider, stomps it into a mangled mess. Cranky does his best to remain calm, but he's definitely still not smiling!

Determined as ever to fix this, Pinkie drags Cranky through town, asking—well shouting—to see if anypony has a toupee. This, of course, only humiliates Cranky more as everypony's attention is now drawn to his hairless noggin. Cranky begs Pinkie to stop telling everypony his business. "These ponies don't know me!" whimpers Cranky. Pinkie nods in understanding and leaves. Cranky thinks he's finally rid of her when Pinkie runs back wearing her T-shirt cannon. She starts shooting out T-shirts at the ponies. As the T's unfurl, Cranky sees that they're of his face—with his bald head!

Sick and tired of this, Cranky makes a beeline for his cart. He is going to high tail it out of Ponyville and away from that pesky Pinkie Pie fast! But Pinkie turns to see him just as he's making his escape. Suddenly, her T-shirt cannon goes haywire and starts firing out of control. Pinkie riddles Cranky's cart with a rapid fire of T-shirts, totally busting it up. This is the straw that breaks the donkey's back and Cranky explodes. He furiously yells at Pinkie like she's never been yelled at before. Pinkie is honestly stunned as Cranky screams that he doesn't like her, he doesn't want to be her friend, and she will never see him smile!

ACT III

Pinkie is simply crushed as she tells Twilight and RAINBOW that Cranky doesn't like her. How can that be? Everypony likes her! Twilight tries once again to tell Pinkie it's no offense to her, but maybe Cranky just has things to do and doesn't have time for friends. And Rainbow really doesn't see what the big deal is. "Who cares if some guy doesn't like you?" Pinkie understands what her friends are saying and finally agrees to leave Cranky alone. As soon as he accepts her apology!

Pinkie sees Cranky trying to fix cart and runs up to apologize. Seeing her, Cranky ditches his broken down cart and starts running out of town. Pinkie gives chase, continuing to apologize all the way. This only irritates Cranky even more, causing him to run even faster. But Pinkie won't take the hint and chases him all over Equestria. Up on high cliffs, down in low valleys, by the river, under bridges, in the woods, Pinkie is always there.

Cranky finally hides himself in the most remote, desolate, lonely, dreary, farthest-away-from-everything cave in Equestria. He breathes a sigh of relief, thinking he his finally safe. And then Pinkie appears.

Cranky freaks out and is about to run again when Pinkie stops him. As sad as it makes her, she has resigned herself to the fact that Cranky does not want to be her friend. She pulls out a letter to Princess Celestia, where she tells the important lesson she learned today. Even though she wants to be friends with everypony she meets, that doesn't mean that everyone wants to be friends with her. This doesn't mean that this creature is bad or that she is bad. It just means that they are not friends. And that's okay.

Pinkie then pulls in her Welcome Wagon that is now filled with all of his souvenirs that fell during the chase. Pinkie gives it to him, making the Welcome Wagon his souvenir from his visit to Ponyville. Cranky's cranky heart seems to melt just a bit from Pinkie's kind gesture. His eyes even well up a bit with tears. He thanks Pinkie for the cart and accepts her apology. Seeing this Pinkie gets super excited, but Cranky stops her in her tracks. "Don't get any ideas! We are not friends!" Pinkie quickly hides her emotions again. "Of course. Not friends. Got it." Upon hearing Pinkie say that they are NOT friends, Cranky actually...SMILES! And then he bursts out crying. He has never been so happy in his life!

Pinkie leaves the cave, once again pleased as punch. She may not have gotten his friendship, but she got him to smile. With a triumphant strut she says to herself, “Nailed it!”

THE END.