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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 every creature in Ponyville and knows everything about them! She wishes a cow happy birthday. She wishes a pony a happy day after her birthday. She wishes a donkey 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 farm animals to cuddly 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 immediately introduces herself to the donkey. He in turn tells her his name. Cranky Doodle Donkey. Pinkie thinks that Cranky is hardly a name to call anyone, so she’ll just call him Doodle. Cranky gets very upset at this and tells her that NOPONY calls him Doodle. He then takes off, pulling his wagon full of belongings through town.

Pinkie follows him and tells him that she'd like to be his friend, but Cranky states that he doesn't need any friends. He spent his life traveling all around Equestria. He has plenty of friends. He has come to Ponyville to retire and get some peace, quiet, and PRIVACY.

Unfortunately, Pinkie doesn't get his hint and continues to follow him through town. Cranky asks her to please leave him be. All he wants is to get to his new home and unpack his belongings. Hearing this, Pinkie starts looking at all the stuff he has packed on his moving cart. Her eyes light up at the sight of all the sparkly trinkets and shiny baubles, which she starts and poking at. And Cranky gets crankier with each item she touches. Cranky finally demands that Pinkie not touch his wagon!

Pinkie agrees and walks off. Cranky sighs with relief, thinking she's finally gotten the hint. But then she reappears pulling *her* wagon—a Pinkie-style contraption-covered Welcome Wagon. Pinkie suggests that maybe they could become cart buddies, but this is only met with a cold Cranky stare. Pinkie begs him to at least let her give him her official Welcome Wagon Welcome. Cranky reluctantly agrees, simply hoping that Pinkie will leave him alone when she's done.

So Pinkie busts open her fantastical Welcome Wagon and performs an amazing welcome ritual, showering him with every kind of silly party gift imaginable. Cranky is tolerating it fine when suddenly there's a DING from Pinkie's cart. Pinkie announces that it's time for cake! She opens the oven door, but instead of a cake, confetti shoots out right in their faces. The force of the confetti blows Cranky's toupee right off. He is absolutely mortified and begins looking for it. But then a "Boom!" distracts him and Pinkie's cake launches into the air, raining down cake all over Cranky and Pinkie. Laughing at this silly mix up, Pinkie realizes she's done it again! She put the confetti in the oven and the cake in the tubes! But Cranky is not laughing. Instead he's wildly trying to find his toupee. But this is very hard since there's cake in his eyes. Suddenly, Pinkie starts screaming as she wildly stomps her hooves on the ground. "Spider! Big, hairy spider!" But when she stops stomping, Cranky sees that it wasn't a big, hairy spider. It was his hairy toupee, which is now destroyed.

Bald and covered in cake, Cranky is now more cranky than ever. Pinkie is determined to fix this and begins running around town, asking—well shouting—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 dashes to her Welcome Wagon. She 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!

Cranky's had enough. He wants to clean himself up and be left alone in peace. So Cranky goes to pull his cart to his house when Pinkie stops him. She is so sorry for the T-shirts and the toupee and the cake. She begs Cranky to let her make it up to him and drags him to the La-Ti-Da Spa and ushers everypony else out—even herself—so that

Cranky can have his privacy. Cranky gets the full spa treatment. And with some peace and quiet, he finally relaxes.

As Cranky emerges from the Spa, he looks like a new donkey. Pinkie is there to greet him with a gift—a brand new toupee made by Rarity. It is her “Dreamboat Special” and is the most amazing head of hair a donkey’s ever had. Cranky finally comes around and sincerely thanks Pinkie for her gift. Pinkie is thrilled, but she still hasn’t gotten that smile.

Cranky heads to his new home and is about to start unpacking when Pinkie arrives. She would really like to help him move in. Having warmed up to Pinkie, Cranky agrees. As they unpack, Pinkie does her very best to stay focused. But Cranky’s souvenirs are so fascinating. He really has been ALL over Equestria! Then Pinkie comes across something unusual—a very sweet, frilly scrapbook. She begins to flip through, excited and interested by the mementos that Cranky has saved.

In there is a ticket, a menu, a pressed flower, and a picture of Cranky and a girl donkey in front of a famous Equestrian monument. And Cranky is smiling! Pinkie smiles at the sight of this and goes to get a closer look. But as she does, she gets a little too close to the fire and sets the book aflame. Cranky sees this and is horrified. Pinkie quickly douses it with water, but now the book is drenched. Wanting to dry it, Pinkie puts it near the fire again. The book is now singed into indistinguishable bits.

Cranky furiously yells at Pinkie telling her that she has ruined the most important, irreplaceable thing in his life. All he ever wanted was to be left alone—to have some peace. But when he allowed himself to trust her friendship, all she did was destroy what he loved most. So now, he will NEVER be her friend!

ACT III

Pinkie is simply crushed as she tells TWILIGHT and RAINBOW that Cranky will never like her. Twilight understands that this is hard for Pinkie, but she’s just going to have to accept that Cranky is the one guy that may never be her friend. 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 goes back to Cranky’s house, where he is desperately trying to mend his scrapbook. When Cranky sees her coming, he starts running away. Pinkie gives chase, trying to apologize all the way. This only irritates Cranky even more, causing him to run even faster and farther. 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.

After running over every corner of Equestria with Pinkie on his tail, Cranky returns to his

home in Ponyville. He dashes in, shuts the door, locks, bolts, and chains it up tight. He pulls the curtains, turns off the lights, and hides in the corner. Finally he is alone.

But then there is a knock at the door. Cranky is about to take off when he hears Pinkie saying that she's giving up. She's very sorry and understands that Cranky doesn't want to be her friend. But before she leaves him alone forever, she has something for him to at least TRY to make up for ruining his book.

Cranky shouts through the door that he doesn't want it. He's sure that whatever she gives him will cause some sort of disaster. But then he hears another voice through the door. It's a lady's voice. Cranky's eyes light up at the sound of it. He jumps up and unbolts the door. Opening it, he sees a girl donkey—MATILDA—his long lost love. Cranky is dumbfounded. How did Pinkie know? Pinkie explains that she put 2 and 2 and 2 together and figured what the scrapbook was about. After all, Pinkie knows everything about every creature in Ponyville, including Matilda. And Matilda just happened to have the same exact items in her own special scrapbook.

Thrilled to see him, Matilda greets "Doodle" as she calls him. Cranky blushes. He's never let anyone call him Doodle since he lost her. But now he is over the moon to hear his name once again come from her lips. And as the reality of his love Matilda standing before him sinks in, he...*smiles*! Cranky thanks Pinkie for reuniting him with Matilda and accepts her apology and her friendship. Pinkie suddenly gets really excited, talking a million miles a minute and starting to settle in for a long visit. But Cranky stops her in her tracks, telling her that, while he is her friend, now he *and Matilda* want to get some peace, quiet, and PRIVACY

As Pinkie leaves, she narrates a letter to Princess Celestia stating that there are many different ways of expressing friendship. Lots of friends like to run and laugh and play together. But other friends like to just be left alone. And that's just fine too. Still, the best thing about friendship is being able to make your friends smile. With a triumphant strut Pinkie says to herself, "Nailed it!"

THE END.