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TEASER

EXT. PONYVILLE - MORNING

TWILIGHT stands with SPIKE staring at an apple on a table.

1 SPIKE
Try again, Twi. You can do it.

2 TWILIGHT
Whew, this spell's a toughie, but I feel lucky this time. One, two -

3 PINKIE PIE (O.C.)
Hug!

PINKIE PIE zips into frame and grips Twilight in an exuberant hug the split second the magic fires from Twilight's horn.

4 TWILIGHT
Pinkie! Why'd you do that??

5 PINKIE PIE
Because hugs are funnerific. Especially when you throw one around a friend. Whatcha doin'?

6 TWILIGHT
Trying to turn that apple into an orange.

7 SPIKE
But you kinda threw her aim off.

ANGLE ON a tree branch where there's perched an ORANGE WITH WINGS AND BIRD LEGS. It CHIRPS and flies away.

8 PINKIE PIE
Whee! What a cute orange birdie. Do me next, Twilight. Do me do me!
(then)
Ooh Rarity, wanna see Twilight turn me into an orange. It's gonna be fun-a-fun-fun!

REVEAL RARITY strolling up in an extravagant outfit.

9 RARITY
As fun as creating this haute couture ensemble I just finished making? Delightful, no?

10 PINKIE PIE
This - this is terrible!

11 RARITY
Why Pinkie, I - I admit it's perhaps not my finest work, but -

12 PINKIE PIE
You had total awesome amazing fun and I missed out on it??
(then)
Wait - what if there's more awesome amazing fun with friends happening somewhere in Ponyville right now that I'm missing out on, too?

Pinkie ZIPS off in search of whatever fun she might be missing. Rarity looks at Twi and Spike, mystified.

13 SPIKE
We weren't gonna turn her into an orange. I swear.

EXT. RAINBOW DASH'S HOME - MOMENTS LATER

RAINBOW DASH stands in the middle of a CLOUD that's settled on the ground. She KICKS at it as Pinkie RUSHES into frame, as though searching frantically for something.

14 PINKIE PIE
Hey, Rainbow Dash, whatcha doin'?

15 RAINBOW DASH
This punk cloud got so heavy it's making fog. Figure I'll thin this bad boy out so it floats back up.

16 PINKIE PIE
(running round and round)
Ooh, fun! Whee!
(then)
Gotta go.

Pinkie DARTS OFF - what other fun could she be missing? Meanwhile, the cloud, thinned by her manic running, FLOATS back up into the sky.

17 RAINBOW DASH
Er, thanks Pinkie...

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - MOMENTS LATER

APPLEJACK playfully pulls APPLE BLOOM along in a WHEELBARROW. Pinkie BOLTS INTO FRAME, and (horrors!) discovers yet more Pinkie-free fun! She catches up to run alongside.

18 PINKIE PIE
(winded)
Hey, Applejack. That looks like fun. Can I join you? *

Pinkie Pie jumps into the wheelbarrow with Apple Bloom. *

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) *
Whee!
(then)
Next time I'll pull you! *

Pinkie DARTS OFF ANXIOUSLY - if she's already found this much fun she's been missing, there's surely more! Meanwhile, Applejack and Apple Bloom exchange shrugs.

EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - MOMENTS LATER

Pinkie Pie - now more frantic than ever - rushes over to FLUTTERSHY, who sits contentedly.

19 PINKIE PIE
(barely able to breathe)
Fluttershy! There. You. Are. Been looking - everywhere - for you. Doing... anything... fun?

20 FLUTTERSHY
Not especially.

21 PINKIE PIE
Oh good. Fun is hard.

Pinkie Pie teeters and passes out. Fluttershy looks worried.

FADE TO BLACK.

END OF TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT I

EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER THAT MORNING

Pinkie lies in a chez lounge sipping a drink surrounded by butterflies. Fluttershy looks on.

22 FLUTTERSHY
Feeling better, Pinkie?

23 PINKIE PIE
Absatutely-lutely. Thanks for letting me rest in your Butterfly Grove while I get my Pinkie strength back.

24 FLUTTERSHY
What are friends for?

25 PINKIE PIE
That's just the thing. I've got so many wonderful friends having fun in every last corner of Ponyville I can't figure out how to keep up with it all. It's driving me even more coco-loco than usual.

26 FLUTTERSHY
I can promise to not do anything fun at all if that would help.

27 PINKIE PIE
(tenderly)
You're such a good friend.

Applejack walks up.

28 APPLEJACK
There y'are, Pinkie. Been looking everywhere for you, girl.

Rainbow Dash drops in for a landing.

29 RAINBOW DASH
Hey Pinkie. Got something fun planned this afternoon thought you might wanna know about.

30 APPLEJACK
Well, I'll be an apple crisp - I'm here for the same reason.

31 PINKIE PIE
This is perfect! Everyone will now bring their fun to me. This will solve everything! Why didn't I think of that?

32 RAINBOW DASH
Actually, what I meant is after I'm done whippin' up the day's weather I'll be chillin' by the lake, catchin' some rays. Wanna hang?

33 PINKIE PIE
I am so there! Whee!

34 APPLEJACK
And my family's having a barn raising this afternoon at Sweet Apple Acres. You're welcome to join us there too for a spell.

35 PINKIE PIE
And I am also so <u>there</u>! Whee-whee!

36 RAINBOW DASH
But that's when I'll be at the swimming hole. Ah well, doesn't matter, whichever one you choose is okay with me.

37 APPLEJACK
Me too.

Pinkie looks distraught.

38 PINKIE PIE
Choose?!

EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

TWILIGHT stands with SPIKE staring at the apple from earlier.

39 TWILIGHT
One, two -

Pinkie goes RACING BY IN A BLUR, distracting Twilight just as the magic emits from her horn.

ANGLE ON the magic ZAPPING a frog, who TURNS INTO AN ORANGE and makes CROAKING noises as he hops away.

Twilight looks on as Pinkie RACES BY IN BLUR again, this time in the opposite direction.

40 SPIKE
(ducks under table)
Don't shoot!

41 TWILIGHT
Pinkie!

Pinkie Pie SCREECHES to a halt. She checks the time on a stopwatch around her neck.

42 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
What in the wide wide world of Equestria are you doing now?

43 PINKIE PIE
(panting, quickly)
Timing myself galloping back and forth between the swimming hole and Sweet Apple Acres. I'm trying to cut down my time so if Rainbow Dash dives off the tire swing I can get to Sweet Apple Acres to help with the barn raising and then be back in time to see Rainbow Dash hit the water after doing a double flip.
(re: watch, still panting)
If I can cut my time by only twenty minutes I'm good.

44 TWILIGHT
(chuckling)
Oh Pinkie, I'm afraid no matter how hard you try the only way to pull something like that off is if there's more of you to go around.

Pinkie Pie considers this for a moment.

45 PINKIE PIE
That's it, Twilight! The Legend of the Mirror Pool.

Pinkie Pie DARTS off.

46 TWILIGHT
(calling after)
Legend of the who-what now? Pinkie? I'm familiar with loads of legends and I never heard of -

SPIKE
(hopeful)
Does this mean practice is over?

TWILIGHT
Of course not. Back to work. *

47 SPIKE
(cowers under table)
Mind if I stay under here just in case?

INT. EVERFREE FOREST - DAY

Pinkie pushes through a dark and spooky bramble patch.

PINKIE PIE
Ouch, stop scratching me up, you brambles. Enough already!

Pinkie pushes her way through yet more DENSE BRUSH.

48 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Seems like hardly anypony's been through here in ages. I hope I'm remembering the rhymes right from my Nana Pinkie's story.
(thinking hard)
Where the brambles are thickest there you will find, a pond beyond the most twisted of vines.
(then, startled)
What was that? I heard a voice...
(then, giggling)
Oh, it was me.

With a big final push, Pinkie emerges into a small clearing with a POND in the middle.

49 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
There it is, the pond!
(startled again)
And there's that voice again!
(catching herself)
Tsk, tsk. Pinkie, you have got to stop talking to yourself.
(catching herself again)
Starting now.

Pinkie steps over to the pond, gazing at her REFLECTION.

50 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(thinking hard again)
And into her own reflection she stared, yearning for one who's reflection she shared...

WINDS kick up... LEAVES swirl... general ATMOSPHERICS...

51 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
... and solemnly sweared not to be scared at the prospect of being doubly mared.

The wild stirrings escalate to a peak and then... POP!

ANGLE ON, an exact DUPLICATE of Pinkie Pie.

52 PINKIE 2
Whee-hee!

The duplicate begins gleefully jumping around, bounding on top of rocks, jumping off of rocks, jumping back onto them, etc... entertaining herself in a manic fashion, through...

53 PINKIE PIE
Wow! The legend is true - it really worked!
(then)
Hey wait, I promised not to talk to myself anymore. I should say something to her.
(then)
Or would that still be talking to myself?
(then)
Excuse me, me. Can I have a word with you, I mean me, I mean... whatever you are?

Pinkie 2 continues BOINGING AROUND gleefully.

54 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Listen, I can see you're having lots of fun, but -

Pinkie 2 stops in her tracks.

55 PINKIE 2
Fun? Did someone say fun? Where?

56 PINKIE PIE
I did. Over here. I'm so excited to meet you! I bet we have loads in common...

57 PINKIE 2
I thought someone said something about fun. Where is it?
(zips to the left)
Over here?
(zips to the right))
Over here? I don't see it. Where is it??

58 PINKIE PIE
Calm yourself, silly. There's loads of fun to be had in Ponyville with my girls. Trot on over back to Ponyville with me and I'll tell you all about 'em.

EXT. PONYVILLE - BOUNDARY OF EVERFREE FOREST - DAY

Pinkie Pie emerges from the Everfree Forest with Pinkie 2.

59 PINKIE PIE
And then there's Rarity. She's the one with all the fancy clothes and ribbons and stuff. I'm thinking she can maybe make us all matching T-shirts that say "Team Pinkie" and-

60 PINKIE 2
Is this Ponyville? Where's the fun? Where's the fun?

61 PINKIE PIE
Oh, there's bucketloads of fun. Don't you worry your incredibly pretty little head.
(floofing her own mane)
So... which of my friends would you like to have fun with first?

62 PINKIE 2
Where's the fun? Where's the fun? Quick, quick, quick.

63 PINKIE PIE
Well, let's see... Applejack's having a barn raising at -

Pinkie 2 DARTS off.

64 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(re: opposite direction)
It's thataway.

Pinkie 2 DARTS back through the opposite way.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) *
Wait! Come back! *

Pinkie 2 DARTS back into frame. *

65 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) *
Don't forget to meet me back here *
to tell me everything about
everything like I was there
myself, because I was there myself,
because I'm you and you're me and
oh my gosh - this is the greatest
plan ever!!
(then)
Now off to double my fun...

In classic cartoon style, she and Pinkie 2 ZIP out of frame *
in opposite directions. *

EXT. SWIMMING HOLE - DAY

Rainbow Dash settles down for a rest poolside. She YAWNS, smacking her lips, and then, just as she's dropping off for a delicious nap... ZOOM! Pinkie zips in, decked out in a snorkel mask and duckie floatation device around her waist.

66 PINKIE PIE
Let's rock this pool, ponies!
(jumping in)
Whee! Comin' in, Dashie?
(splash!)
The water's great. It's totally
wet and everything!

67 RAINBOW DASH
I dunno. Cloudbusting was tougher
work than usual today... I'm kinda
of exhausted.

68 PINKIE PIE
That's fine. You relax. At least
we'll still be together.

69 RAINBOW DASH
Glad you made it. I thought maybe you went to Applejack's instead.

70 PINKIE PIE
I did.

71 RAINBOW DASH
Oh, so how's it going over there? The barn up yet?

72 PINKIE PIE
I have no idea.

73 RAINBOW DASH
But I thought you said you were just at Applejack's.

74 PINKIE PIE
Actually, I'm probably still on my way there now. Wheeeee!

Pinkie swings from the tire, SPLASHING again into the lake while Dash looks on, more confused than ever.

EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

Pinkie 2 hurries in the direction of Sweet Apple Acres. Fluttershy, catching sight of her, approaches.

75 FLUTTERSHY (O.C.)
Pinkie Pie! I'm so glad you wandered by. I know I promised not to have any fun today but I couldn't help myself.

ANGLE ON a WOODLAND PICNIC attended by WOODLAND CRITTERS.

76 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
All of my critter friends wanted to picnic and I couldn't disappoint them. Come join us. We have plenty of hay juice and marmalade to go around. Don't we, critters?

77 CRITTERS
<agreeable critter walla>

78 PINKIE 2
Wait, that sounds super-fun. But Applejohn's sounds super-fun, too.
(MORE)

PINKIE 2 (CONT'D)
And - and - and I can't do one without missing out on the other.

79 FLUTTERSHY
Who's... Applejohn?

80 PINKIE 2
Two fun things? At once? But which - what - ?? Can't decide. Trouble breathing... walls... closing in...

81 FLUTTERSHY
Walls? We're outside.

82 PINKIE 2
Gaaaaaah!

Pinkie 2 runs in circles then DARTS back the way she came.

83 FLUTTERSHY
(to critters)
Goodness. Was it something I said?

84 PINKIE 2
(darts back into frame)
Yes!!

Pinkie 2 darts off again. Fluttershy reacts, bewildered.

FADE TO BLACK.

END OF ACT I

ACT II

EXT. SWIMMING HOLE - A LITTLE LATER

Pinkie excitedly explains everything to Rainbow Dash, who looks like she isn't buying a word of it.

85 PINKIE PIE
So you see - that's how I'm able to have fun in two places at once. Quite simple, really.

86 RAINBOW DASH
Duplicates of you, huh? Yeah, sure sure, Pinkie. Whatever you say... look, I was just gearing up to catch some Z's, so-

87 PINKIE PIE
Gotcha. Say no more. I'll have the rest of my fun really quietly.

Pinkie takes a monster FLYING SWING off the tire.

88 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(whispered)
Wheeeeee...

Rainbow Dash opens an eye to see Pinkie make a huge splash that impossibly only MAKES THE SOUND OF SOFT PILLOW THUMP, followed by a LIGHT SPRINKLING OF POWDER.

89 RAINBOW DASH
Huh? How did you do that?

90 PINKIE PIE
Just trying to show a little consideration for my sleepy friend.

Pinkie notices Pinkie 2 in the distance jumping up and down trying to get Pinkie's attention, through...

91 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ooh ooh, gotta run. Looks like I'm trying to get my attention. Gotta go have a word with me. Excuse me. And me.

Pinkie darts off. A baffled Rainbow Dash shakes her head and resumes trying to take her nap.

EXT. BUSHES NEAR SWIMMING HOLE - MOMENTS LATER

Pinkie races excitedly over to the anxious Pinkie 2.

92 PINKIE PIE
Ooh, ooh, tell me all about it. Did they pull the walls of the barn up slow or fast?

93 PINKIE 2
I -

94 PINKIE PIE
Maybe slow-to-medium fast, somewhere in that range?

95 PINKIE 2
I -

96 PINKIE PIE
Did you get ice cream? What kinds did they have? Banana brickle?

97 PINKIE 2
I didn't make it. I was on my way there and then Fluttershutter-

98 PINKIE PIE
Fluttershy.

99 PINKIE 2
Yeah. Her. She offered something else fun for me to do. A picnic. With cute little animals.

100 PINKIE PIE
How could you say no to that?

101 PINKIE 2
It's what I'm saying. But then I would've missed the super-fun thing with Applesauce -

102 PINKIE PIE
Applejack.

103 PINKIE 2
(bawling)
So I didn't do anything fun at all!

104 PINKIE PIE
Oh my poor, poor me. There-there.

105 PINKIE 2
So I came running back here. I -
(sob-squeaking)
I didn't know where else to turn.

106 PINKIE PIE
Been there, girlfriend. Tell you what, we just need a couple more Pinkie Pies. Easy peasy.

107 PINKIE 2
Really?

108 PINKIE PIE
C'mon - would I lie to me?

INT. EVERFREE FOREST - REFLECTING POND - LATER

Pinkie Pie and Pinkie 2 stare into the pond at their reflections together, with the WINDS HOWLING and LEAVES SWIRLING as they recite the incantation together.

109 PINKIE PIE/PINKIE 2
...and solemnly sweared not to be scared at the prospect of being doubly mared.

POP! POP! Two more duplicates emerge from the pond.

110 PINKIE 2
Look! A double me!

111 PINKIE PIE
Ahem. I think you mean a double double me. Plus another double double me. Which makes two double double me's. Or a double double double me, if you will.

112 PINKIE 2
This is so fun!

113 PINKIE 3
Did someone say fun?

114 PINKIE 4
Fun! Fun! Fun!

115 PINKIE 2/PINKIE 3/PINKIE 4
Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun!

The three duplicate Pinkies all start bouncing around and zipping here and there doing whatever fun they can think of... rubbing sticks together, then climbing trees, then jumping off low-lying branches, etc., through...

116 PINKIE PIE
Now Applejack, Rainbow Dash, and Fluttershy are covered, plus one extra Pinkie Pie in case we get an extra invite from somebody else. Perfect. Okay, let's go.

Pinkie turns to go, but no one follows. Pinkie turns to see the three other Pinkie's leaning over the reflecting pond.

117 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Hey, Pinkies. Yoo-hoo!

118 PINKIE 2/PINKIE 3/PINKIE 4
...and solemnly sweared not to be scared at the prospect of being doubly mared.

POP! POP! POP! Three more duplicate Pinkies emerge.

119 PINKIE PIE
Okay. Good enough. Pinkie Pies movin' out.

Again she turns to go but no one follows, and again she turns back and now sees all seven duplicates leaning over the pond.

120 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
What in the name of pink??

121 PINKIE DUPLICATES
... at the prospect of being doubly mared.

POP! POP! POP! POP! POP! POP! POP! Seven more Pinkies.

122 PINKIE PIE
Knock it off!! I may be a Pinkie but I'm seeing red. Now you all step away from the magic mirror water <u>right now</u> and <u>cut it out</u>!

123 DUPLICATE PINKIES
(bouncing away from pond)
Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun!

124 PINKIE PIE
To Ponyville, everyone - follow me!

They all stop bouncing to look at her quizzically.

125 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(rolling her eyes)
Yes, it's fun there.

126 DUPLICATE PINKIES
(bounding after her)
Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun!

EXT. PONYVILLE - BOUNDARY OF EVERFREE FOREST - DAY

Pinkie emerges followed by the fidgety duplicates, who are busy joking, laughing, snorting, poking, leaping, etc.

127 DUPLICATE PINKIES
Wheeee!

128 PINKIE PIE
(joining in)
Wheeee!

Then Pinkie Pie suddenly stops, pulls out a SHRILL WHISTLE and blows, finally managing to get everyone's attention.

129 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Okay, between the bunch of us we should have every nook and cranny of fun in Ponyville covered at all times. An unprecedented and massive undertaking. But first, a pop quiz on the names I taught you.

She holds a card with an image and smacks it with a pointer she just briskly untelescoped.

130 DUPLICATE PINKIES
Applejack.

Correct. She holds up another, smartly smacking it.

131 DUPLICATE PINKIES (CONT'D)
Fluttershy.

Right. She likewise holds up another.

132 DUPLICATE PINKIES (CONT'D)
Derpy.

133 PINKIE PIE
Excellent. Okay, let's get on with this, folks! Make sure to report back here with every last detail so I don't miss a thing. Fan out on three. One -

The other Pinkies have already run off.

134 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Good enough!

Then, bounding off to join in on the good times...

135 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
La la la la la la....

EXT. BUSHES NEAR SWIMMING HOLE - A LITTLE LATER

Pinkie happily strolls along while occasionally stopping to, bit by bit, blow up the INFLATABLE RAFT she's carrying.

136 PINKIE PIE
Dash is gonna love this.
(inhale, blow)
If I push her around on this floaty thing it'll be fun and relaxing.
(inhale, blow)
Gosh, I hope she's still awake.

EXT. SWIMMING HOLE - SAME TIME

Rainbow Dash enjoys a moment of much-needed shut-eye.

137 DUPLICATE PINKIES (O.C.)
<giddy playful walla)

Rainbow Dash stirs... then drowsily opens her eyes... then reacts, shocked.

138 RAINBOW DASH
What the - ?? How the - ??

ANGLE ON ... UTTER CHAOS. Six PINKIE duplicates jumping into water, out of water, etc.

139 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Wow! Pinkie Pie wasn't kidding about the duplicates. Except now there's triplicates. And quadruplicates!

They're now jumping over Rainbow Dash...

140 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Hey - can't a pony get some peace and quiet around here?!

ANGLE ON Pinkie Pie arriving, reacting to the mayhem.

141 PINKIE PIE
Uh. Oh.

The duplicates jump on top of each other, forming a tower.

142 DUPLICATE PINKIES
Wheeeeeee!

The tower topples, practically right onto Rainbow Dash, who darts out of the way just as the tower hits the water.

143 DUPLICATE PINKIES (CONT'D)
Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun!

144 RAINBOW DASH
Hey, watch it! Not fun, Pinksters! Not fun at all!

Pinkie approaches with her fully-inflated raft.

145 PINKIE PIE
Uh, Rainbow Dash, looks like you could use a nice relaxing float.

146 RAINBOW DASH
Ah! Another Pinkie. No more Pinkies - I can't take it!

Rainbow Dash takes refuge under her towel while the Pinkie chaos still howls around her.

Pinkie Pie, completely ignored by Dash, looks on helplessly.

147 PINKIE PIE
Gosh, uh... I wonder what fun they're having raising tha barn at Applejack's right now. Maybe I better go check.

She ZIPS off.

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - SAME TIME

Applejack and her family all STRAIN on ropes to pull the walls of the barn up, while UTTER CHAOS reigns all around them, as six more duplicates WEAVE GLEEFULLY in and out and around the straining Earth Ponies.

148 APPLEJACK
How the shoeshine did we end up with all these Pinkies??

149 DUPLICATE PINKIES
Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun!

150 APPLEJACK
I'll have y'all know this grand old time you're having' takes the fun out of it for the rest of us!

The laboring ponies have to struggle to keep their focus and not get knocked off balance and the duplicate Pinkies all gleefully and obliviously scamper by...

... then, inevitably, a working pony and a playing Pinkie get their hooves in a tangle... and the rest of the working ponies begin to lose their grip.

151 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Whoa, ponies! Hang on!

Sure enough - WHAM! All four walls collapse to the ground.

Just then, Pinkie arrives.

152 PINKIE PIE
(relieved)
Oh whew, looks like I haven't missed a thing!

153 APPLEJACK
What the apple dumpling is going on here? I wanna know right now where all you Pinkie's came from so I can find who's responsible for y'all ruining our barn raising!

Pinkie Pie looks on, terrified.

154 PINKIE PIE
(raising a hoof, quietly)
I know. But uh... you look pretty busy right now... so... maybe we should talk a little later... ?

No one hears her over the Pinkie Commotion, which has now just caused a SILO to COLLAPSE and SMASH TO BITS. The duplicates scamper away like a swarm of locusts.

155 DUPLICATE PINKIES
Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun!

156 APPLEJACK
(calling after)
Y'all come back here and clean up after yourselves this instant!

Pinkie runs off in horror and ducks behind some bushes.

157 PINKIE PIE
(distraught)
Oh no, what have I done?? My poor friends. What have I done?? *

She takes a peek at what's happening... *

ANGLE ON: Mayhem. Applejack and all her fellow ponies FLEE IN EVERY DIRECTION, SCREAMING, while a herd of Pinkie duplicates BOUNDS AROUND MANIACALLY.

BACK ON PINKIE.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I've got to find a way to stop *
myself from doing it. *

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT. TOWN SQUARE - SAME TIME

Twilight stands facing an angry mob trying to maintain order. Rainbow Dash stands with her, and among the crowd are Spike, Rarity and Fluttershy.

158 TWILIGHT
Okay everypony, please... calm down.

159 RARITY
Calm down?! I just had a Pinkie hurricane raging through my shop!

ANGLE ON a half-dozen duplicates scampering by in dresses.

160 DRESS-WEARING DUPLICATES
Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun!

161 RARITY
And they didn't just damage my place of business, but look at what they're doing to the outfits. The colors are all wrong on them, some have them on backwards, and every dress is a size too small.
(beside herself)
They're ruining the elastic!!

162 FLUTTERSHY
And they trashed our critter picnic! They took all the marmalade we made and used it to glue leaves to themselves.

ANGLE ON another half-dozen duplicates scampering by plastered with leaves.

163 LEAF-COVERED DUPLICATES
Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun!

164 FLUTTERSHY
I'm so mad I could almost raise my voice and... and... call them impolite names, like, like,...

165 RARITY
Go ahead, Fluttershy, let it out.

166 FLUTTERSHY
Naughty! There, I said it. They're naughty ponies. Naughty naughty naughty naughty NAUGHTY!

167 RARITY
Okay dear, let's dial it back a scosche.

More ANGRY UPROAR from the crowd.

168 TWILIGHT
Please, everypony, hang on while I try to figure something out! Come on, Spike...

INT. TWILIGHT'S STUDY - MOMENTS LATER

Spike looks on while Twilight whips through book after book.

169 TWILIGHT
I've gotta try to remember the name of that legend she mentioned.
(then, re: book)
Ah, here it is! The Legend of the Mirror Pond. It describes a spell I can use to send them back where they came from...

170 SPIKE
That's perfect! Let's go...

171 TWILIGHT
But there's a catch. If I can't figure out which one's the real Pinkie, I might send her back by mistake.

172 SPIKE
Well, we'll just have to figure out who the real one is, then. Shouldn't be too hard...

EXT. PONYVILLE - MOMENTS LATER

Twilight once again addresses the unruly crowd.

173 TWILIGHT
Does anypony here know how we can tell the real Pinkie Pie from the rest of them? Anypony at all?

Everyone in the crowds looks toward the others.

ANGLE ON Pinkie, who has just arrived on the scene, racing toward them.

174 PINKIE PIE
I do! I do! Twilight, I have to talk to you! I need your help!

Twilight fixes Pinkie with a stare.

175 TWILIGHT
Excuse me, whoever you are, but I'm not talking to any of you Pinkies unless you're the real Pinkie.

176 PINKIE PIE
But I am the real Pinkie!

177 PINKIE 2
No you're not. I'm the real Pinkie!

178 PINKIE 3
No, I'm the real Pinkie!

179 PINKIE 4
I'm the real Pinkie!

180 ALL THE DUPLICATES
I'm the real Pinkie! I'm the real Pinkie! I'm the real Pinkie! I'm the real Pinkie!

ANGLE ON Applejack now arriving on the chaotic scene.

181 APPLEJACK
How in tarnation are we supposed to tell which one's the real Pinkie?

182 TWILIGHT
I have no idea. They all look exactly the same. I can't tell a single one apart from the others.

ANGLE ON Pinkie Pie in the swarm of bounding Pinkies...

183 PINKIE PIE
Me either.
(increasingly bewildered)
We've all got the same adorable tails. We've all got the same adorable manes. We've all got the same adorable hooves.
(horrors)
Which one of us <u>is</u> the real Pinkie?

Pinkie anxiety keeps rising as her eyes dart from one kinetic duplicate to the next.

184 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I haven't the slightest clue. And if I can't tell us apart, who can??

Miserable, Pinkie buries her face in hooves.

FADE TO BLACK.

END OF ACT II

ACT III

EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - LATER

A group of duplicates bound along through the now-otherwise-deserted town square, bouncing up and down high enough to look in through second-story windows.

DUPLICATE PINKIES
Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun!

Ponyville villagers slam windows shut as the duplicates bound by, like Western villagers ducking marauding bandits who have overtaken their town.

Meanwhile, Spike holds a clipboard for Twilight, who's trying the capture the attention of any of the Pinkies bounding by.

TWILIGHT
Excuse me, I wonder if I could ask you some questions about Pinkie's friends in Ponyville. We'll start with an easy one-- what is the name of Rarity's dress shop?

PINKIE 4
Um...

Pinkie 4 glances over towards Rarity's shop which, surrounded by Crazed Pinkies, TOPPLES AND CRASHES TO THE GROUND while Rarity looks on.

RARITY
You monsters and menaces!! How dare you do this to the Carousel Boutique?! Perhaps I should knock down your Sweet Shoppe and see how you like it!

Rarity runs over and STRAINS to push over the Sweet Shoppe, GRUNTING, to no avail.

Then, just as the winded Rarity takes a break, a bunch of Pinkie duplicates come bounding along...

PINKIE DUPLICATES
Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun!

The Sweet Shoppe TOPPLES AND CRASHES TO THE GROUND. Oblivious, the Pinkies BOUND MERRILY AWAY. Rarity FUMES.

BACK ON TWILIGHT, SPIKE AND PINKIE 4.

PINKIE 4
(bounding off)
Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun!

TWILIGHT
This is hopeless. By the time we're done quizzing each Pinkie, Ponyville will be gone. We need some way to round them all up and test them all at once, pronto!

Spike glances over at a single Pinkie Pie seated sadly on a stoop, idly poking her hoof into the ground.

194 SPIKE
Maybe that one's the real Pinkie.

195 TWILIGHT
Please. The real Pinkie never sat that long in one place her whole life.

196 SPIKE
I'm gonna go ask.

Spike heads right on over.

197 TWILIGHT
Of course she's going to say she's the real Pinkie. They all do. You're wasting your time.

Spike steps right up to Pinkie Pie.

198 SPIKE
So let me guess - you're the real Pinkie Pie.

199 PINKIE PIE
Heck-if-I-know. It could be any of us if you ask me.

Spike and Twilight exchange befuddled looks.

200 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And if I said I was the real Pinkie, you wouldn't even believe me anyway. So just leave me alone. I've got some important poking-the-ground-with-my-hoof to do.

Twilight looks into the town square at the Pinkie mayhem.

201 TWILIGHT
Oh Spike, how are we going to do this? I can't risk sending the real Pinkie back into the pond.

202 SPIKE
I miss the real Pinkie.

Twilight and Spike walk away. Pinkie Pie SIGHS.

203 PINKIE PIE
I bet she misses you, too. Bet she'd do just about anything to get to be with her friends again.

Pinkie Pie suddenly brightens.

204 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(calling after Twilight)
Hey, what if you gave them a test--
Picked something really hard for a
Pinkie to do? Something not fun at
all? Any Pinkie that can't do it
goes back into the pond. But
whoever wants to stay the most...
that must be the real Pinkie!

Twilight stops in her tracks.

205 TWILIGHT
You know, that's not a bad idea.

She crosses back to Pinkie Pie.

206 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
And to tell you the truth, it
sounds like an idea the real Pinkie
might come up with because unlike
the other Pinkies, she'd want to
find a way to get rid of the
Pinkies who are driving all her
friends away.
(then, hopeful)
Pinkie Pie, is that you?

207 PINKIE PIE
(really unsure)
Maybe?

208 TWILIGHT
Yeah. Can't take any chances.
We're gonna need that test.

Twilight DARTS off. Spike reacts and DARTS after her. Pinkie Pie remains at her stoop.

209 PINKIE PIE
This is great! If I pass I get to
be with my friends again.
(then, realizing)
But what if I don't pass? What if
I'm not the real Pinkie Pie?
(then, frustrated)
Ohhh. Stupid magic mirror water.
This is all your fault.
(then, slumping)
And mine.
(then, confused)
I think.

Pinkie Pie slumps further.

EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - MOMENTS LATER

A winded Twilight finds Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy.

210 TWILIGHT
I've been looking all over for you ponies. What are you all doing here?

211 RAINBOW DASH
Fluttershy spoke with the woodland critters and they have agreed to take us into their home till the Pinkie storm dies down. Isn't that right, critters?

212 CRITTERS
<assenting critter walla>

213 RARITY
Given that these marauding Pinkies are causing the end of pony civilization as we know it, I suppose sleeping one or two nights in a badger den seems almost tolerable.

214 TWILIGHT
You guys, we're gonna fix this and I know exactly how.

215 FLUTTERSHY
Are we gonna lose our real Pinkie Pie?

216 TWILIGHT
I don't think so. Now come along. I've already got Applejack and her family rounding up all the Pinkies.

EXT. PONYVILLE - SAME TIME

Applejack and her family round up Pinkies like it's a cattle ranch. Dust flies. Spooked Pinkies run every which way.

217 APPLEJACK
Hya, you Pinkies! Hya!

218 PINKIE 2
Ooh, they wanna play chase! This is fun, too!

219 DUPLICATE PINKIES
Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun!

220 APPLEJACK
Oh give it a rest.

The herding continues...

INT. PONYVILLE - AUDITORIUM - A LITTLE LATER

... and the Pinkies get rustled into a large hall, where Twilight stands on the stage awaiting their arrival.

221 TWILIGHT
Welcome, Pinkies. Welcome. Please have a seat and make yourselves comfortable.

The Pinkies, unable to help themselves, keep BOINGING around.

222 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Okay, I suppose you can’t be comfortable staying in one place but have a seat anyway.

They keep BOINGING.

223 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Siddown!!

They immediately and simultaneously plop their backends down right where they are.

224 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Better. Now, I suppose you’re all wondering why I’ve gathered you all here today.

225 PINKIE 3
For fun?

226 DUPLICATE PINKIES
Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun! Fun!

227 TWILIGHT
No! Just the opposite, actually.

228 DUPLICATE PINKIES
<nervous fidgety walla>

229 RAINBOW DASH (O.C.)
Wait up, I got one more.

ANGLE ON Rainbow Dash at the entrance with one last Pinkie.

230 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Did one last pass of sky recon and found this one poking at the ground with her hoof drawing frowny faces.

231 TWILIGHT
Have her come sit with the others.

Rainbow Dash sternly indicates where the Pinkie should sit and she does.

232 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Pinkies, you’ve been brought here to take a test.

233 DUPLICATE PINKIES
Awwwwwwww...

234 TWILIGHT
Don’t worry. It’s a simple test. About as simple as they come. And whoever passes gets to stay.

235 DUPLICATE PINKIES
<”doesn’t sound so bad” walla>

236 TWILIGHT
Curtain, please.

ANGLE ON Spike taking the cue and drawing the CURTAIN.

The curtain opens to reveal nothing but a BLANK, FRESHLY PAINTED WALL behind it. Fluttershy and Rarity and some other ponies hurriedly slap on A LAST FEW DABS OF PAINT, then grab their ladders and paint cans and scurry offstage.

237 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
The test... will be watching paint dry!

A wave of SHOCK shoots through the crowd.

238 PINKIE 4
But that’s boring!

239 TWILIGHT
Exactly. Whichever one of you can stand the most boredom without looking away, we'll assume must be the real Pinkie. She'll get to stay. The rest of you, one look away from the wall and it's back to the pond!

240 DUPLICATE PINKIES
<howls of outrage>

241 TWILIGHT
On your mark, get set, go!

All the Pinkie's are suddenly RIVETED on the wall.

242 SPIKE
Ooh, this is so exciting!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. PONYVILLE - AUDITORIUM - A LITTLE LATER

The duplicate Pinkies are all still riveted on the wall.

ANGLE ON Spike looking bored.

243 SPIKE
Okay... maybe not that exciting...

Some of the duplicate Pinkies have now begun to FIDGET.

244 PINKIE 4
(glancing out window)
Oh hey, look at the birdie.

Twilight lowers her horn, which lights up and FIRES A BLAST at Pinkie 4, who suddenly gets lifted by a SWIRL.

245 PINKIE 3
(looking up)
Ooh, what a cool swirl!

This causes four more Pinkies to look up. Twilight's horn lights up and blasts again, causing the five additional Pinkies to get SWOOPED UP BY SWIRLS.

INSERT: Six Pinkies disappearing into the reflecting pond.

BACK TO SCENE

The other ponies look on as the six remaining Pinkies continue to stare at the wall.

A beat. Another beat. Then...

246 PINKIE 6
(banging hooves together)
Look what I can do with my hooves!

247 PINKIE 7
Watch me bounce and touch the ceiling.

248 PINKIE 9
Bet you can't make a face crazier than...
(demonstrating)
... this.

Another magic horn-blast from Twilight and three more Pinkies get swooped up by SWIRLS.

INSERT: Three more Pinkies disappearing into the pond.

BACK TO SCENE

The remaining Pinkies look extremely determined... until we hear the sound of FROG CROAKING O.S.

249 PINKIE 5
(glancing out window)
Is that... a frog crossed with an orange...?

250 PINKIE 8
Cool! Where?

ANGLE ON the FROG-CHANGED-INTO-AN-ORANGE from earlier hopping by the window.

More magic from Twilight... more swirling...

INSERT: Two more Pinkies disappearing into the pond.

BACK TO SCENE

And then there were two. They keep staring... and staring...

251 RAINBOW DASH
Ugh! I can't take it anymore.
(then, pointing randomly)
Hey look, somepony's making balloon animals!

252 PINKIE 2
(looks)
What? Where?

Twilight invokes her magic, swirling away the last one.

The ponies now rush over to the last remaining Pinkie... the Pinkie that got brought in last by Rainbow Dash, and who still sits where Rainbow Dash told her to.

253 TWILIGHT
Pinkie, you can look away now.

Pinkie looks away from the paint at her friends.

254 PINKIE PIE
I passed?

255 TWILIGHT
You passed. You're the only Pinkie who kept staring at that wall.

256 PINKIE PIE
I had to. I just had to. I couldn't leave my friends. I just couldn't.

257 TWILIGHT
Knew you'd be up to the challenge.

Pinkie Pie looks at the smiling faces of her friends.

258 PINKIE PIE
But I guess sometimes I will have to choose between them.

259 RAINBOW DASH/APPLEJACK/
RARITY/FLUTTERSHY
No worries, kid./No biggie./But of course./We understand.

Pinkie Pie beams and BOUNCES.

260 PINKIE PIE
I'm me! I'm me! I'm meeeeeee!
(then)
Or am I?
(then)
Yeah, I'm pretty sure I am.

INT. PINKIE'S ROOM - DAY

Spike holds his paper and quill. Pinkie dictates a letter to Princess Celestia.

261 PINKIE PIE
Dear Princess Celestia, it's great to have fun, but it's even greater to have great friends. And having lots of friends means that you sometimes have to make choices as to whom you'll spend your time with. But that's okay, because good friends will always give you lots of opportunities to have fun, so even if you are "missing out," it's never for long. Respectfully yours, Pinkie Pie.

Spike rapidly makes the last scribble and sends the letter. There is a KNOCK at the door. Pinkie Pie opens it to see Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Twilight, and Rarity.

262 TWILIGHT
Hi, Pinkie Pie. We were thinking we should go out and celebrate.

263 APPLEJACK
You up for some wheelbarrow races?

264 RAINBOW DASH
Or I could take everypony on a cloud ride!

265 RARITY
I could throw a party with punch and zesty finger sandwiches!

266 PINKIE PIE
(weary)
You wanna know exactly what I feel like doing right now?

Pinkie immediately falls right on her back, legs straight in the air, sound asleep and SNORING loudly.

The other ponies all look at each other.

267 FLUTTERSHY
That looks like fun.

They all laugh.

SLAM TO BLACK.

END.