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1) INT. TWILIGHT'S LIBRARY - DAY

Twilight is doing genealogical research while Pinkie Pie bounces around her talking about anything and everything going on in her life. Twilight is about to dismiss her so she can concentrate when Pinkie Pie picks up a book and exclaims loudly, "Holy amazing things in the universe!! This is the best thing that's ever happened to anyone ever!!" Twilight asks her what is so amazing and Pinkie Pie replies, "I am related to someone and you'll never believe who it is"

2) CLOSE ON PINKIE PIE

Pinkie Pie is talking excitedly as she takes out a very long scroll. "So you see when your 4th cousin married the guy from the farm down the road there was a 5th cousin there that also happened to vacation with the 2nd cousin that my family also knew and it's there plain as day I'M YOUR 4TH COUSIN TWICE REMOVED!!! ISN'T IT THE BEST NEWS YOU'VE EVER HEARD???" We WIDEN to REVEAL:

3) INT. APPLE FAMILY FARM - CONTINUOUS

APPLEJACK, APPLE BLOOM, BIG MAC, and GRANNY SMITH look at her, stunned.

END TEASER

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ACT I

4) INT. APPLE FAMILY FARMHOUSE – CONTINUOUS

The Apple family is thrilled at the news. Applejack especially goes on about how happy she is and how lucky Pinkie Pie is to be a part of this awesome family! Apple Bloom starts trying to show Pinkie Pie around the farmhouse. Applejack reminds her sister that Pinkie Pie has actually been there before. "But not as an Apple!!" Apple Bloom responds excitedly.

As Applejack looks over the scroll, she notices something that gives her pause. Some of the ink has been smudged. It looks like it says that Pinkie is an Apple, but to be absolutely sure, they'll need to pay a visit to their 4th cousin 3 times removed who lives several towns away. She appears to be the connection between Pinkie's family and the Apples and will be able to confirm Pinkie Pie is indeed a part of the family.

Granny Smith looks at all of them and announces, "ROAD TRIP!!!"

5) EXT. FARMHOUSE - SOON AFTER

Big Mac is loading up the jalopy-style vehicle that he'll be pulling on their road trip. Apple Bloom brings out a bag stuffed with deflated beach balls. Applejack kindly suggests that one beach ball should be sufficient. Apple Bloom argues that, "You never know when you're going to run into another family on the road who wants to play beach head ball! Or 36 other families! Or 35 families who happen to want to play with 2, or 34 who--" Applejack interrupts her and points out that the jalopy is already pretty full as it is. She asks Big Mac if he really thinks the jalopy can carry that much stuff. "Eyup," he answers. "Are you

sure you can really *pull* all of that stuff?" she asks. "Eyup," he answers. Applejack takes his word for it and announces that it's time to get on the road.

6) EXT. ROAD – SOON AFTER

Big Mac happily pulls the jalopy that now has Apple Bloom, Granny Smith, Applejack, and Pinkie Pie riding in it. Applejack consults a large map and directs Big Mac which way to go. MUSIC UP as they begin to sing their FAMILY SONG about how awesome it is to be an Apple: "We're Apples to the Core!" Pinkie Pie even joins in with her own verse as if she's been a member of the family all along. They LOVE it and her. As they sing their song the jalopy seems to be getting shakier and shakier. The song becomes a little stuttered as the jalopy starts stuttering itself. Their song comes to a complete STOP as the jalopy falls apart right beside a roaring river.

They all get out and walk around it, slightly shell shocked. Big Mac looks especially deflated. We sense that the other Apples are a bit irritated with him, but trying not to let it show in front of Pinkie Pie. How are they going to get to their cousin's house now? Then Pinkie Pie shouts, "RIVER TRIP!!!" The family considers the roaring river as we...

END ACT I

ACT II

7) EXT. RIVER-CONTINUOUS

Still eager to confirm Pinkie Pie's lineage, the Apple's agree that the trip must go on. They just need to figure out a way to get down the river. They ultimately figure out that they could build some kind of raft using parts of the jalopy and some of items they packed. Apple Bloom comments that keeping the vessel afloat would probably be easier if they had, say, 36 beach balls. She stares down Applejack who shoots her a look back.

Suddenly, Pinkie Pie pops up and SNAPS a picture of the two sisters staring each other down. "FAMILY HUDDLE!!!" Pinkie Pie proclaims. She then presents them with a scrapbook that she made of their trip thus far. "When did you have the time to make this?" She replies, "Applejack, when you're family, you MAKE the time." DISSOLVE TO:

8) EXT. RIVER BANK – A FEW HOURS LATER

The family, looking a bit worse for the wear, has managed to fashion a functioning raft out of jalopy parts. They load it up with their belongings and PUSH it onto the river. They all jump into the boat wearing life vests. "WHHEEEEE!" Pinkie Pie proclaims as they are immediately swept up in the rapids and water gushes onto the whole "boat" soaking all of their belongings. "This is going to be awesome!" Pinkie Pie proclaims to the waterlogged Apples who force themselves to share her enthusiasm. DISSOLVE TO:

9) EXT. RIVER BANK – A LITTLE LATER

Pinkie Pie is in "deep conversation" with Big Mac when Applejack, who is steering the raft, needs to consult the map to see which way to go. The river has several tributaries leading in different directions. Apple Bloom notices that the ONLY thing that didn't get wet when they first hit the river was the map!! She retrieves it and does a big dance to hand it to Applejack. On her final elaborate handspring/flip the map goes flying into a huge puddle of water. Apple Bloom winces and Applejack and Big Mac fume as the ink on the map dissolves, making it unreadable. Applejack starts to express her frustration with her little

sister when Pinkie Pie suddenly pops up with her camera. Applejack, Apple Bloom, and Big Mac smile awkwardly as she SNAPS a photo.

Granny Smith tells them not to worry her excellent sense of direction will get them through this. She traveled down this river as a child and knows it like the back of her hoof. She nudges a reluctant Applejack aside and takes control of the raft.

Granny Smith quickly becomes a cliché of an elderly person driving a car. She almost hits a group of ducks crossing the river, “Hey you! Watch where you’re goin’!!” She almost steers them into a whirlpool. “I meant to do that!” She then mentions that she knows one thing they can’t do and that’s go through a dark and ominous cave. Apple Bloom then points out a sign that reads: DARK OMINOUS CAVE UP AHEAD THIS WAY. Granny Smith yells back to them, “Oh this is the way!” and steers them toward the cave.

10) EXT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

As they go through the cave, they try to cover for how scared they are, almost oblivious to the fact that Pinkie Pie is ACTUALLY having fun. They all have to yell at Granny Smith which way to turn as she continues to steer them TOWARD trouble instead of away from it.

They finally get through the cave and we hear the birds chirping and the sun looks beautiful reflected off of the river. They are all thrilled to be alive and Granny Smith says, “See? I meant to do that. Unexpected adventure is good for the soul!” Pinkie Pie says, “Best Granny wisdom ever!!”

Applejack acts like she agrees, but then literally takes the wheel from Granny insisting that she can get them back on course so they can get to their cousin’s house in one piece. Granny disagrees and they start to get into an argument with each one of them pulling on the wheel. Pinkie Pie happily snaps pictures of the heated exchange that they are clearly trying to keep from boiling over for the sake of their new family member.

Granny and Applejack are so caught up in trying to gain control of the raft while trying not to show their true emotions in front of Pinkie Pie that neither one notices where the raft is headed – straight toward a WATERFALL! By the time they do, it is too late to do anything about it. The Apples scream and Pinkie Pie lets out her patented “WHEEE!” as they go over the edge.

END ACT II

ACT III

11) EXT. WATERFALL - CONTINUOUS

Still going down the waterfall, Pinkie Pie jumps from Apple to Apple, posing with them as she snaps pictures. She suddenly has BALLOONS and ties it to the barge. She holds onto the strings like she’s waterskiing. She finally is in the back of the barge calmly cutting, pasting and gluing her latest scrapbook, while the rest of the Apples remain SCREAMING.

They and their makeshift raft get to the bottom of the waterfall in one piece and they all look at each other like they can’t believe it. Suddenly, the entire raft falls apart, dumping them into the river. DISSOLVE TO:

12) EXT. RIVERBED – A FEW MINUTES LATER

The dejected Apples fish the last of their belongings and what remains of their boat out of the water and bring it to shore. They realize they must still be miles away from their cousins and if they don't figure out a way to get back on the river, they'll be stranded forever. The Apples slowly and silently work together to build an even more rustic and makeshift raft.

13) EXT. RIVER – SOON AFTER

Pinkie and the Apple Family are now crammed onto a teeny, tiny raft. Pinkie Pie tries to lead them in a reprise of "Apples to the Core" but no one is interested. Applejack gestures to the log cabin just down river. They are almost there. Soon enough they'll find out if Pinkie Pie really is an Apple.

14) EXT. APPLE COUSIN'S LOG CABIN - CONTINUOUS

The exhausted, waterlogged, and disgruntled Apple family discovers a note on the door that states that their cousin has gone off to run some errands but will be home shortly. Pinkie Pie tells the Apples that this gives her just enough time to get more scrapbook paper and dashes off.

Once Pinkie Pie is gone, the Apples pow-wow and agree that they should let Pinkie know that even if it is confirmed that she's a member of the family, she doesn't really have to feel obligated to consider herself an Apple. Why would she want to? It's obvious from how horrible their trip has gone that they aren't as great as they made themselves out to be. They go on to apologize to each other for their roles in the disastrous trip.

"We may love her like a 3rd cousin 4 times removed, but Pinkie Pie doesn't need to own up to her Apple roots after the mess we made 'a things,'" Applejack says.

"ARE YOU KIDDING ME???" They turn around to see Pinkie Pie has heard all of this and couldn't disagree more. She goes on to tell them how impressed she was with the fact that they never gave up, even when things got tough. The Apples see her point. Even best friends don't get along all the time. But that's what makes them your best friends -- at the end of the day they forgive you for your mistakes, you forgive them for theirs, and you find a way to be successful together. The Apples aren't just family, their friends, and Pinkie Pie wants to be a part of their family more than ever!

The Apples want Pinkie Pie to be a part of their family too! Applejack has just one question. Where did Pinkie Pie find scrapbook paper out here in the middle of nowhere? CUT TO:

A SERIES OF SHOTS

Pinkie Pie cuts down a tree. Pinkie Pie turns the wood into pulp. Pinkie Pie makes multiple colors of dye from leaves on a tree. Pinkie Pie cuts the paper into sheets.

15) EXT. COUSIN'S CABIN – SOON AFTER

As their cousin returns from her errand, Pinkie Pie and the Apples quickly surround her, now even more eager to find out if Pinkie Pie is in fact a member of the family. They let out a cheer when the cousin confirms it by producing not only her own copy of the family tree, but an aged photo of a great, great, great, great, great grandmother who looks just like Pinkie!

16) EXT. ROAD – LATER

Applejack, Apple Bloom, Granny Smith and Big Mac make the trek back to Ponyville with their cousin Pinkie Pie. This time pulling a small wagon their cousin let them borrow. They sing a short reprise of “Apples to the Core” as we DISSOLVE TO:

17) INT. FARMHOUSE – THE NEXT DAY

Applejack, Apple Bloom, Big Mac, and Granny Smith have the journal from the Castle of the Two Sisters on the table in front of them. They agree that their river rafting experience is a worthy addition to the journal, but begin to argue over who should actually write the journal entry. Pinkie Pie suddenly pops up with her camera. The family stops bickering and strikes a pose and we...

FADE OUT

THE END