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MY LITTLE PONY 5

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TEASER**SC1. INT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE – PONYVILLE – DAY**

A red carpet welcome ceremony is about to begin, and all our girls are in full princess/Guardian-of-Friendship mode (wearing the appropriate Rarity-made outfits for a major diplomatic event). Twilight tries to look confident. Fluttershy is nervous. Applejack nudges Rainbow Dash to stand up straight. And Pinkie Pie...? She is superexcited— this is their first FRIENDSHIP SUMMIT, a first-time meeting between Equestrians and a delegation from a faraway land notorious for its isolationism and friendlessness. She just KNOWS it’s going to be GREAT! They’ll be friends forever!

Trumpets sound! A Presidential procession enters. Their guests? Yaks. Visiting all the way from Yak-yak-istan, beyond the frozen north. Twilight’s welcome speech is met with crickets, because the Yak language consists only of real life yak sound effects: “merp merp merp.” Fluttershy nervously translates the Yak President’s words: “They are honored to be here, but they are very tired. I think?” (Whew, she’s relieved to get that over with!) Twilight understands. They should rest, and everyone will meet up tonight at the WELCOME GALA. The Yak President thanks her.

After they’ve left, Twilight tells the others they did a good job. But they still have a lot of work to prepare for this welcome gala tonight. The other ponies aren’t worried about it. After all, they’ve got a secret weapon when it comes to parties. WHIP PAN to an empty throne. “Uh, Pinkie Pie...?” Pinkie Pie pops her head up from inside a nearby vase: “Did you all know there are 210 tiny cracks in this vase and every single one is AMAZING!?”

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT 1****SC2. EXT. PONYVILLE – DAY**

The ponies walk through town discussing their roles in making the Yaks feel welcome: Rarity will design Yak-sized outfits for them to take home as mementos. Applejack will let the visitors stay in her barn (the height of luxury for a Yak), Fluttershy will keep being the translator, and Pinkie Pie will plan the party. Rainbow Dash suggests that her job is to be awesome, and Twilight wholeheartedly agrees.

Pinkie Pie knows this might come as a surprise, but she is so so so excited to plan this welcome party. After all, it’s not every day she gets to do what she loves AND represent all of Equestria. She has some ideas, but after each one, she second-guesses herself. I mean, a giant chocolate map of Equestria would be great, unless Yaks are offended by giant chocolate maps of Equestria? No pony has a clue about the Yaks’ likes or dislikes. But they’re not worried... Pinkie Pie will figure it out. After all, she has a gift for throwing parties together. With a grin, she agrees!

SC3. EXT. PONYVILLE – LATER

Pinkie Pie ambles through town by herself. All she needs is a little inspiration and the ideas will start flowing. So knows just the thing to inspire her. She sings her super-happy PARTY INSPIRATION SONG: when you’re happy and you see the world the way Pinkie Pie does, you can find inspiration anywhere! A cloud! A tree! A bucket of muddy water! She’s going to show the Yaks that every corner of Equestria is amazing and special, as soon as she finds inspiration! Each chorus ends with, “And now I’m inspired...!”

But after each one, there’s an awkward moment where she still has no idea for the party. Cue the next verse! The song grows desperate as it goes—“*Is something wrong / with my song? / Why’s inspiration taking so long?*” A teeny-weeny-teeny-tiny part of her wonders why she’s having so much trouble.

Besides not inspiring her, the song reveals an introspective side of Pinkie Pie: she knows she should just tell her friends that she needs a little help (“They’ll understand!”). But at the same time, she doesn’t want to let them all

down, especially when they're so confident she can do this! The song ends with a big finale where she shakes off those doubts and decides to go ask her friends for help. After all, what are friends for...?

SC4. EXT. PONYVILLE – DAY

But before she has the chance, her friends find her. In turn, they each take a moment to vent about how hard it is to do their jobs. The Yaks think Rarity's fabric is too itchy, they don't like the smell of Applejack's apples, and Fluttershy has been accidentally mistranslating things into naughty words all day. (Rainbow Dash, however, has "successfully remained awesome.") Pinkie Pie is somewhat relieved that she's not alone in her troubles. She's about to tell them about it, when Twilight says luckily they've got Pinkie Pie to bail them all out—her AMAZING party will cover for all their mini-disasters and save the Friendship Summit. They all want to know... How's she going to show off the best of Equestria?

TOO MUCH PRESSURE! Pinkie reveals that, um... she doesn't want to tell them— it's going to be soooo wonderful she has to keep it secret. That only makes them more excited. Obviously her friends have total faith in her abilities. She's a one-pony, party-planning machine! With a nervous grin, she agrees!

SC5. INT. PINKIE PIE'S ROOM – DAY

Pinkie Pie comes home, closes the door behind her, and takes a deep breath. "Gummy, I have NO IDEA WHAT TO DO FOR THIS PARTY!" Gummy stares at her. She reacts like he just yelled at her: "Don't yell at me, I KNOW everypony's counting on me! And I'm representing ALL of Equestria? It's too much pressure! What am I going to do?" Gummy stares at her. "You're right, Gummy. This calls for drastic measures. If I really want to get inspired, there's only one way to do it..." DISSOLVE TO LATER:

SC6. EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER – DAY

Twilight stops over to check on Pinkie Pie. It's getting kind of late and she hasn't started decorating or anything, and...

SC7. INT. PINKIE PIE'S ROOM – DAY

Twilight trails off. "Pinkie Pie...?" But there's no answer, because Pinkie Pie is GONE.

END ACT 1

ACT 2

SC8. INT. PINKIE PIE'S ROOM – DAY

Twilight has summoned the rest of the Mane 6. Any updates...? Fluttershy has searched the forest, Applejack's checked the farm, and Rainbow Dash did some aerial recon... but there's still no sign of Pinkie Pie. A frazzled Rarity bursts in: now the Yaks are eating their outfits! Twilight stresses: her first major event as a princess is a disaster so far. Everything is riding on this party!

They try to find out where Pinkie Pie went by questioning Gummy, but it's a struggle to get anything out of him. Twilight starts to worry about tonight. Rainbow Dash says no sweat; they can come up with party ideas themselves. After all, how hard could it be? Really hard, it turns out. Until Twilight realizes that if they want to plan a party like Pinkie Pie, they must THINK like Pinkie Pie. "What would Pinkie Pie be doing right now...?" DISSOLVE TO:

SC9. EXT. SWEEPING VISTA – DAY

Lawrence of Arabia-style music swells up. We find Pinkie Pie on a ridge, wind whipping through her mane, overlooking valleys, jungles, and mountains in the distance. She feels bad she left without telling her friends, but she had to go on a worldwide voyage of self-discovery to find party inspiration. She steels herself as tough as she can: "Here. We. Go." Then springing spring spring—she hops away, happily singing as she goes.

SC10. EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER – DAY

Twilight, Fluttershy, and Applejack wait outside. Twilight makes sure everyone is ready, then she delivers her line with a lot of winking: “Okay, ‘Pinkie Pie,’ come on out and plan this party!” BOOM! Rainbow Dash busts outside, doing her best impression of Pinkie Pie. “I love parties! And, uh, balloons! And constant happiness! Oh, and songs!” Rad speed guitar music comes on as Rainbow Dash sings her version of a PP song that seems to focus more on “how lucky I am to have a cool friend like Rainbow Dash, the most epic pony of all!” Then CRUNCH—Rainbow Dash crashes into a building. She’s upside down and dazed: “Somepony else’s turn...”

SC11. EXT. JUNGLE – DAY

ACTION AND ADVENTURE! Pinkie Pie gallops through the jungle—spears flying at her from all directions. “I was just trying to find something to impress a yak!” she calls back to a tribe of short, angry LEMURS. She skids to a stop... as they’re closing in on her... they stop. Because one of them points out, BEHOLD, an ancient statue of a pony who looks just like PINKIE PIE, for she is their God.

SC12. EXT. LEMUR VILLAGE – DAY

Pinkie Pie has been painted white for the Lemur welcoming ceremony in her honor. Tribal drumming gets more intense and the visual style becomes surreal like a cave painting come alive. A Cave-Painting-Lemur-Shaman shows a Cave-Painting-Pinkie-Pie a vision of her future: she will achieve party-planning nirvana atop a great mountain with a Party-Planning Guru named... *dramatic cue* “...Lampshade.”

SC13. EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER – DAY

It’s Applejack’s turn to pretend to be Pinkie Pie. Just like Rainbow Dash, she sings a song that oversimplifies Pinkie: “I only love one thing and that’s parties!” etc. At the end... “Any ideas?” Yes! She has an idea that shows off the best Equestria has to offer... APPLES! Ugh. “Next!”

SC14. EXT. SNOWY MOUNTAIN – DAY

Granite steps wind up the mountain and disappear into the clouds. Lanterns swing in the snow. Pinkie Pie thanks the Lemur Chief for guiding her this far. She ascends alone, bracing herself against the wind and snow.

SC15. INT. MOUNTAIN CAVE – DAY

Pinkie enters a deep, dark cave to find that someone has been living here. And that someone is... Cheese Sandwich? He nods. Pinkie doesn’t get why he won’t answer her, until she asks, “wait a minute, have you taken a vow of silence to meditate with Lampshade on the true nature of party-planning?” He nods. Pinkie wonders where Lampshade is. Then, BOOM, BOOM... a giant shadow approacheth! Pinkie Pie cowers in fear.

But then suddenly... party music! LAMPSHADE busts in. He is a party pony through and through, wearing a lampshade on his head and always yelling “woo-hoo!” He talks really fast and dances all the time. He tells PP he’s been partying for hundreds of years, and he loves it so much! Woo-hoo! And then he collapses, the lampshade falling off. He whispers: “I’m so tired of partying... 1000 years is too long. You must take my place...” – “Um, okay?” – “Woo-hoo! I’m free!” He slides down the mountain. PP: “Wait! What kind of parties do Yaks like!? Come back!”

She came all this way, and now the Party Guru’s gone? What’s she gonna do? Cheese Sandwich nudges the lampshade towards her. She sadly turns on the party music, puts on the lampshade, and stands perfectly still while the fun music plays. Under the lampshade, her lip quivers. She can’t let her friends wonder what happened to her. She has to go back, even if it means going back a failure.

SC16. INT. PINKIE PIE'S ROOM – DAY

One last try. Twilight is tired: “Okay, Pinkie Pie, let’s hear what you got!” WHIP PAN to Fluttershy. She’s so soft and nervous: “My name is Pinkie Pie and I love parties.” Just then, Spike comes running in, out of breath. “The Yak delegates! They’re waiting at the door to the ball room! They demand fun or they’re going home!” Twilight’s eyes go wide with horror. There’s not going to be a party. Twilight’s realization sinks in slowly... she has failed in her first real task a princess. She feels like she’s letting down all of Equestria. Instead of spreading friendship, she has just destroyed a potential new one.

END ACT 2**ACT 3****SC17. INT. PINKIE PIE'S ROOM – DAY**

Twilight stresses: they’re not ready! “Spike, you have to stall the Yaks!” Spike’s not feeling up to the task: “The Yaks don’t like anything!” But still, he’ll do it. After Spike zips off, Twilight leans against PP’s soft-serve ice cream statue, defeated. “What are we gonna do!” Then, with a RUMBLE, the statue moves, revealing a secret stairway into the floor. The ponies peer down. What is this place...?

SC18. EXT. PONYVILLE – DAY

Free jokes of Spike trying to entertain the Yaks outside the party room. “What’s the deal with cud? I mean, chew it or swallow it—you can’t have it both ways, am I right?” Crickets.

SC19. INT. DARK SECRET ROOM – DAY

The girls cautiously venture down the secret passage, into a dark cave under Pinkie Pie’s house. Spooky torches light up as if by magic. Everywhere they look, they see supplies: balloons, confetti, noisemakers, and cake— all organized on shelves in some incomprehensible Pinkie Pie system. Rainbow Dash realizes with growing excitement: “This is PINKIE PIE’S PRIVATE PARTY-PLANNING PLACE! (whoa, trying saying that three times fast.)” Applejack finds something too: Pinkie has detailed files on everypony’s party preferences. Huge stacks of paper for everypony, but only a single sheet for the Yaks with a question mark on it. Rainbow Dash looks over Twilight’s file: “Twilight is afraid of strawberries?” – “HAHA, I AM NOT!” (so afraid.)

SC20. INT. PINKIE PIE'S HOUSE – SAME

Upstairs, Pinkie Pie returns home from her vision quest. She’s grown a beard by this point, and when she shakes it out, all these items from around Equestria fall out (including the beard). She tells Gummy how sad she is to let everypony down. Even after travelling all over Equestria, she never found inspiration. She is the worst Guardian of Friendship of them all! She writes a letter to Twilight, resigning her position. Then she notices her secret door is open. Hmmm... that seems like a good place to cry forever.

SC21. INT. PINKIE PIE'S PRIVATE PARTY-PLANNING PLACE – SAME

Pinkie Pie comes down, but she stops and hides when she hears voices. She listens as... the other ponies find fun callbacks to previous parties in the series. The sheer volume of party planning effort overwhelms them. Twilight turns to everypony:

“I think we’ve been taking Pinkie Pie for granted. She doesn’t just magically come up with party ideas; she works really hard. And we don’t appreciate her enough.”

They all agree. They just wish PP were here so they could tell her they’ve realized she’s not just a wacky singing party machine. MUSIC CUE: Pinky appears, a wacky singing party machine! She’s so HAPPY her friends understand her on a deeper level!

She was afraid if they knew party planning didn't come easy, then they wouldn't think she was special. "Aw, Pinkie Pie, what's special is how hard you work, and how much you care." Pinkie Pie's eyes well up with tears of joy, and then WHOOSH INTO HER FELT STOP-MOTION MIND—the floodgates of Pinkie's genius open. She's got an idea! She un-resigns! (Gummy eats the letter!)

SC22. EXT. PONYVILLE – DAY

We cut in on Spike finishing a vaudeville-esque song and dance with spinning plates, etc. Ta-da! The yaks turn to leave, abandoning friendship once and for all. As they're on their way, somepony yells, "Nopony move!" Dramatic zip pan to Pinkie Pie. "It's party time."

SC23. EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE- FRIENDSHIP WELCOME GALA – DAY

The delegates step into Town Square, skeptical. Pinkie Pie welcomes them: "Your friendship is so important to us that we've brought all of Equestria to you. You are welcome in every corner of our land." The square is decorated top to bottom with items and creatures from her travels across Equestria. Even Lampshade gives a reluctant "woo-hoo."

The Yaks come to a consensus. Merp merp merp – Fluttershy can't believe what she's about to translate! They love it! It's the first thing they've liked since they got here! "They appreciate all the hard work that was put into planning this party." Twilight responds with a nod to Pinkie Pie: "well, planning parties is hard work. It doesn't just happen by magic." Pinkie Pie grins.

The Yak President decides their two great cultures should be friends forever. And he looks forward to their next party... how about tomorrow night? SHOCK ZOOM ON PINKIE PIE: "Nooooooooooooooooooooo-problem!" IRIS OUT.