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TEASER

FADE IN:

SC. 1 - EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - MORNING

ESTABLISHING. A busy day in Ponyville. A few ponies trot past the shop.

SC. 2 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - CONTINUOUS

MRS. CAKE and PINKIE PIE are hard at work. Mrs. Cake reads from a SCROLL, while Pinkie Pie uses a PASTRY TUBE to squirt hearty dollops of green icing onto a batch of cupcakes.

1 PINKIE PIE
Five hundred and sixty-six, five
hundred and sixty-seven... five
hundred and sixty-eight!

Pinkie sighs, exhausted. She wipes away sweat and smiles triumphantly at her masterpiece-- a cupcake display that looks like a giant version of GUMMY. The real Gummy sits underneath it (as if she's been using him as a model).

2 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I think these are the best-looking
five hundred and sixty-eight cupcakes
in the shape of a beloved pet that
I've ever iced straight in a row on a
Thursday! I deserve a pat on the back.

Pinkie Pie reaches around to her back and accidentally squirts icing all over herself. Mrs. Cake gasps (re: the info on the scroll, not Pinkie).

3 MRS. CAKE
My goodness!

4 PINKIE PIE
Don't worry, Mrs. Cake! I would never
waste perfectly good frosting.
Especially in "Gummy Green".

Pinkie whips out a special SPATULA that resembles a back scratcher. She scrapes the off the icing and gobbles it up.

5 MRS. CAKE
(re:the scroll)
I can't believe what I'm seeing here!

6 PINKIE PIE
Sheesh, just put it on my tab.

Pinkie gestures to a CHART on the wall with a scribbled picture of herself guzzling frosting. There are several tallies beneath it.

7 MRS. CAKE
Pinkie, would you mind watching the counter while I pop to the supply room? We just received a very special order and the ingredients need to be perfect.

8 PINKIE PIE
You can count on me! (beat) To count cupcakes and watch a cake counter while still counting... but does that count as watching the counter since you can't account for my full, undivided attention while I'm counting?

9 MRS. CAKE
(scurrying off)
I trust you. Be back in a few!

Pinkie Pie shrugs and lifts another batch of plain cupcakes onto the counter. She takes a deep breath and begins again.

10 PINKIE PIE
(squeezing frosting)
One, two, three, four...

Suddenly the pastry bag runs dry. Pinkie inspects it and reaches for another tub of frosting on the counter. Her hoof knocks the scroll onto the ground. It rolls across the floor.

11 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Whoopsies!

Pinkie BOUNCES over and picks the scroll up by one end. It unfurls in front of her (note: we shouldn't see anything but the back). Her eyes quickly scan the page and grow enormous.

12 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
This is the biggest, most excitingest news I've ever seen!!

Pinkie does an elated twirl, swinging Gummy around with her.

13 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And the cherry on top is that it concerns one of my very best friends ever-- Twilight!

Pinkie starts bouncing around the room.

14 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Wowee! I can't wait to tell her and
watch her reaction and see her face
scrunch up all silly like she does
when she's really shocked and--

15 MRS. CAKE (O.S.)
(calling out from the back of
the shop)
Oh and Pinkieeee? Please don't peep at
that scroll. It's a Top Secret
surprise!

Pinkie stops frozen mid-air. Her face flushes white as she
falls right into the middle of the cupcake display. She pops
out of the pile of obliterated cupcakes.

16 PINKIE PIE
A Top Secret Super Special Surprise?
That means I have to keep the exciting
news...

She gulps.

17 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
... to myself!

Off Pinkie's look of horror as we...

END TEASER.

MAIN TITLES.

ACT 1

SC. 3 - TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

Pinkie Pie trots towards the castle. Gummy rides on her back,
sucking on a PACIFIER.

18 PINKIE PIE
You're right, Gummy. Even though I
didn't technically make a Pinkie
Promise to Mrs. Cake, there's
absolutely no way I can tell anypony
what I saw on that scroll. If Twilight
found out the news and it was all my
fault that would make me a... a... big
ole' *surprise ruiner*!

RARITY trots up alongside her.

19 RARITY
A fabulous surprise for Twilight? What
is it? You can tell me.

Rarity winks at her. She can tell something's juicy.

20 PINKIE PIE
What?! No surprises here. Nope, no
way. I've never even heard of one of
those before.

21 RARITY
But I just heard you say quite clearly-

Pinkie yanks the pacifier out of Gummy's mouth and sticks it
in her own. She mimes to her plugged mouth with a shrug. Off
Rarity's skeptical expression...

SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

TWILIGHT stands with SPIKE facing RAINBOW DASH, FLUTTERSHY,
and APPLEJACK. Rarity, Pinkie, and Gummy enter and join them.
Spike holds a scroll in his claws.

22 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Great, everypony's here! Now I don't
have to wait any longer to tell you
all the wonderful news.

Pinkie Pie's eyes widen. This could be it!

23 APPLEJACK
Phew! Thank applesauce. You had me
plum worried somethin' was wrong.

24 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No, no! I didn't mean to cause any
alarm. I just wanted to tell you all
face-to-face.

25 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, I'm glad it's nothing bad.

26 RARITY
What a relief!

27 SPIKE
You ponies worry too much.

Pinkie looks back and forth to each of her friends. Pinkie
starts sucking on the pacifier very intensely. It's so noisy
that the ponies all turn look at her.

28 RAINBOW DASH
Uh, are you okay Pinkie Pie?

Pinkie starts to pace back and forth.

29 PINKIE PIE
(muffled, through pacifier)
Spihh-ih-owww!!!

30 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sorry, I didn't quite catch that--

31 PINKIE PIE
SPIT IT OUT! SPIT IT OUT!!

The pacifier shoots straight out of Pinkie's mouth and goes darting around the throne room like a pinball. The ponies all follow its progress with their heads like spectators at an air show. After an elaborate course, it finally lands right near Gummy, who slowly walks over and starts sucking on it again.

32 APPLEJACK
(re: pacifier)
Looks like ya already did.

Pinkie breathes heavily, but feels better.

33 PINKIE PIE
So, what's the big news?

Twilight turns to the group with a huge smile on her face.

34 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Somepony special is coming to visit
Ponyville! And I need your help
getting everything ready.

35 EXCITED PONY WALLA
Wonderful!/Who is it?/When?

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's--

37 PINKIE PIE
Shining Armor and Princess Cadance?

Twilight is confused at how Pinkie knows this. She gives a suspicious glance and continues...

38 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes and they're coming--

39 PINKIE PIE
Tomorrow?!

40 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes on the--

41 PINKIE PIE
Friendship Express rather than the
Crystal Empire train so as not to
cause too much of a scene when they
skip town to come visit?!

42 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes.

43 PINKIE PIE
Aaaaaand?

44 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And that's it.

Pinkie Pie deflates. She still has a major secret to keep.

45 PINKIE PIE
Oh.

46 RAINBOW DASH
How did you know all that?

Pinkie's eyes dart around for an explanation. She points at Spike.

47 PINKIE PIE
It was the dragon!

48 SPIKE
What? I swear I didn't say anything,
Twilight!

49 PINKIE PIE
I could tell from... from... the way
his eyes get all hungry-biggie when he
sees the Crystal Empire seal! Mmmm-
hmmm. Yep. Lots of crystals on that
thing...

50 SPIKE
Aw man, am I that predictable?

51 PINKIE PIE
Plus I saw the paper.

Twilight seems satisfied enough by this. The ponies are confused but brush it off as just a Pinkie thing.

52 RAINBOW DASH
So you said you needed our help with
something?

53 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Follow me.

SC. 5 - INT. SHINING ARMOR AND CADANCE'S GUEST ROOM - CONT.

Twilight leads the ponies and Spike into a large bedroom with a four-poster bed and ornate castle furniture. But instead of tapestries on the walls, there are some vintage posters of the Royal Guard, comic book characters, etc. Toys are scattered about on the floor. A train set.

54 RAINBOW DASH
Sweet posters! Is that Bravely Blue?!

Rainbow flies over to inspect the old poster, which features a a blue pony with a Daring Do-esque outfit on.

55 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yup. The same one who inspired A.K.
Yearling to write Daring Do. Shining
Armor loved those stories.

56 FLUTTERSHY
Is that an ant farm?

Fluttershy picks up the little glass rectangle. It's empty.

57 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Minus the ants.

58 SPIKE
Check out all these old comic books!

59 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Be careful, they're first editions.

Spike tries to blow dust off of a comic, but ends up blowing some fire. The comic lights on fire and he quickly puts it out. Twilight doesn't notice.

60 PINKIE PIE
Who's this?

Pinkie holds up a stuffed toy similar to Smarty Pants, but its wearing a little helmet and shield. Twilight trots over, and takes the toy in her hooves. She's nostalgic.

61 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is Brutus Force! Shining Armor
used to carry him around like his
baby.

62 PINKIE PIE
(trying desperately to play
cool)
His baby, huh? How completely unlike
him!

63 FLUTTERSHY
Awww.

64 APPLEJACK
I reckon there's more toys and gadgets
in here than in Apple Bloom's room.
What's it all for?

65 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's all of Shining Armor's favorite
things from when he was a colt. When
he said he wanted to come to the
castle and visit, I started collecting
it as a surprise.

66 PINKIE PIE
Surprise?

Pinkie's eyes start to dart around. Her lips quiver. She is
getting close to saying something...

67 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think Shining Armor loves surprises
even more than you do, Pinkie! In
fact, I've been so excited that it's
been hard to keep it to myself.

68 PINKIE PIE
(deadpan)
I have no idea what that's like.

Rarity picks up one of the pillows on the bed. It has a
pattern of Royal Guard helmets and spears all over it (like
little boy's sheets).

69 RARITY
It's a bit juvenile for castle decor,
but it is very sweet of you.

70 FLUTTERSHY
I'm sure Shining Armor will love it.

71 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Me too. But, there's just one problem.
I don't have anything special planned
for Cadance! That's what I need help
with.

72 APPLEJACK
I wouldn't worry about that,
Sugarcube. Surprises are fun for
everyone.

73 RAINBOW DASH
Totally. Watching somepony else be
surprised with something awesome is
almost *better* than being the one who's
getting the surprise!

The ponies all nod in agreement. Except Pinkie, who struggles
to keep a straight face. Her resolve is wavering due to all
this talk of surprises...

74 PINKIE PIE
But... what if the surprise is
something so incredibly exciting that
a pony can't keep it in any longer and
she has to tell the pony who's
standing right next to her what it is
or she might explode?!

75 FLUTTERSHY
I would say... no.

76 RARITY
(agreeing)
The pony who ruins a surprise for
somepony else has to live with that
guilt... FOREVER!

Pinkie Pie laughs nervously, shifting from hoof-to-hoof. She
has to get out of there before she spills the beans.

77 PINKIE PIE
In that case, gotta bounce!

Pinkie takes out a mini trampoline, jumps onto it, and
launches herself out an open window on a pink hang glider.
The ponies exchange a confused look.

78 RAINBOW DASH
Anypony else get the feeling she had
something she wanted to tell us?

SC. 6 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - SOON AFTER

Pinkie Pie slams the door behind her and Gummy. She's breathing heavily.

79 PINKIE PIE
That was close! Too close. I almost spilled the beans. Beans that would be really hard to clean up.

She looks around the room cautiously. It's empty. She's safe for now. She relaxes and starts to strategize.

80 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I obviously can't be around my friends right now... or anypony for that matter. What if I told somepony the surprise and then they told Twilight?

Pinkie gets an idea.

81 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
That's it! If Shining Armor and Cadance are coming tomorrow, then all I have to do is to lock myself in my room away from everypony until they arrive. Then I won't ruin anything!

MR. CAKE enters from the kitchen.

82 MR. CAKE
(relieved)
Oh, good. You're back.

83 PINKIE PIE
It is good.

84 MR. CAKE
Mrs. Cake needs my help but these deliveries can't wait. I can't thank you enough for agreeing to be my backup delivery pony, Pinkie! You're a real cake-saver.

85 PINKIE PIE
(confused)
I did?

CUT TO:

SC. 7 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - FLASHBACK

Mr. Cake loading up his delivery wagon. Pinkie stands next to him happily stirring something.

86 MR. CAKE
Maybe I should hire somepony to be my
backup delivery pony.

87 PINKIE PIE
I'll do it!

88 MR. CAKE
Really?

89 PINKIE PIE
(smiling)
Cross my heart, hope to fly, stick a
cupcake in my eye!

CUT BACK TO:

SC. 8 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - PRESENT

90 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Oh yeah. I Pinkie Pie Promised I'd do
it. And I never break a Pinkie Pie
Promise. Never!

Pinkie Pie slumps down, then brightens.

91 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Maybe it'll be a quiet day and I can
just avoid everypony.

ANGLE ON the front window. Outside, there are lots of ponies
walking past. A much more busy day than usual.

92 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(nervous)
...Or not.

FADE OUT.

END ACT 1

ACT 2

FADE IN:

SC. 9 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

Pinkie Pie bounces along with a Radio Flyer-style WAGON
hitched to her. It's stacked high with bakery boxes. Gummy's
on top.

93 PINKIE PIE
Thanks for coming with me, Gummy. If
you ever see me get tempted to reveal
the surprise, it's your job to
interrupt me, okay? Let's try now.

ANGLE ON Gummy, sucking on a cupcake.

94 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
That was perfect!

Up ahead, a mare and a stallion approach. They are pushing a
BABY STROLLER.

95 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Uh oh.

96 FATHER STALLION
Heya Pinkie Pie!

97 MOTHER MARE
Want to meet our newborn foal? Her
name is--

98 PINKIE PIE
Congratulations! Gotta go!

Pinkie Pie zips past them so fast, she creates wind in their
manes. They exchange a confused look.

99 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(sotto, looking back over her
shoulder)
Whew, that was really hard. But I know
that baby's cute widdle face would
have made me soft.

SLAM! Pinkie runs right into Fluttershy.

100 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Oof!

101 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, I'm sorry.

102 PINKIE PIE
(not realizing who it is)
It's okay!

ANGLE ON Fluttershy's Cutie Mark. ANGLE ON Fluttershy's
wings. ANGLE ON Fluttershy's face.

103 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
AhhHH! Fluttershy! What a surprise!

The magic word. Pinkie's hoof flies to her mouth in shock. This is dangerous territory. She looks around for an escape...

104 FLUTTERSHY
It's actually perfect that I found you! Twilight wanted me to ask you if you would bring some little snacks to the castle later for Shining Armor and Cadance's visit.

105 PINKIE PIE
(still looking around, distracted)
Yeah, yeah. Sure. Definitely. Got it! Pinkie Promise. Yeah.

106 FLUTTERSHY
You know, maybe some baby carrots, baby corn, baby bok choy...

107 PINKIE PIE
(laughing nervously)
What did you say?

108 FLUTTERSHY
(shrugging)
I guess they're Shining Armor's favorite.

Pinkie Pie points her hoof at a BOOK in Fluttershy's hooves to change the subject.

109 PINKIE PIE
Uh, umm... Whatcha reading?!

110 FLUTTERSHY
Oh this. It's a gift for Twilight on "How to Become a Great Ant--"

Fluttershy sneezes. <achoo!> Pinkie leans in, growing excited. Does Fluttershy know the secret, too?

111 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
...Farmer".

Pinkie deflates. Fluttershy doesn't know.

112 PINKIE PIE
(sad)
Gezundheit.

Pinkie darts off.

113 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, um bye then Pinkie.

SC. 10 - EXT. DIFFERENT PART OF PONYVILLE - SOON AFTER

The stack of boxes on the wagon is slowly getting smaller as Pinkie delivers them. Pinkie sees Rainbow Dash and Applejack up ahead. They wave to her. Pinkie pretends she doesn't see them and turns off down another street. They exchange a suspicious look.

SC. 11 - EXT. YET ANOTHER DIFFERENT PART OF PONYVILLE - CONT.

Pinkie walks down a shadowy, deserted lane. It looks darker and more dramatic than the rest of town.

114 PINKIE PIE
It didn't feel good ignoring my
friends like that. Maybe I can tell
just one little pony the surprise?

Pinkie stops and looks at her reflection in a WINDOW. A GHOST -VERSION of RARITY appears next to Pinkie.

115 GHOST REFLECTION RARITY
(echoing)
"The pony who ruins a surprise for
somepony else has to live with that
guilt... FOREVEEEER!" (note: this
should be the same clip from Sc. and
similar to the line in Ep.120 "Green
Isn't Your Color")

116 PINKIE PIE
You're right, spooky reflection of
Rarity that I know is actually my own
imagination! I can't tell anypony at
all.

Pinkie Pie whips out a race car style helmet and puts it on.

117 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
It's time to kick this baby into hyper
hoof. And avoid ponies by any means
necessary.

She flips down the visor.

SC. 12 - MONTAGE - EXT. CHEERILEE'S COTTAGE

Pinkie Pie puts a box of cakes on the doorstep, knocks, then jumps onto the roof (doorbell ditching). She watches from above as CHEERILEE opens the door, looks around and sees the box. She can't figure out who did it. Pinkie is satisfied.

SC. 13 - MONTAGE - EXT. A RESIDENTIAL STREET

Pinkie is riding a SCOOTER to toss the boxes (like newspapers on a paper route) at each house. SCOOTALOO stands scooterless nearby, looking around and scratching her head.

SC. 14 - MONTAGE - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE

Rarity sits at her sewing machine. A FISHING ROD with a box of cakes tied on the end enters in through the window and lowers onto to Rarity's table. She looks surprised.

SC. 15 - MONTAGE - EXT. SWIMMING HOLE

A filly's picnic/swimming birthday party is going on. A little boat with a birthday cake on it sails towards the kids. Underwater, Pinkie Pie smiles through her SCUBA gear. Mission accomplished.

SC. 16 - INT. PINKIE PIE'S BEDROOM - LATER

Pinkie collapses onto her bed.

118 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
La la la, I'm all aloney on my owny.

Gummy chews on a scroll.

119 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Wow, great idea. I'm starving too!

Pinkie Pie chomps down on an apple.

120 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
This apple is delicious. What are you having, Gummy?

She notices the scroll has something written on it, so she yanks it from him. Her face turns to an expression of panic.

121 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
It's the Pinkie Promise list that Twilight made for me so I wouldn't forget the Pinkie Promises I made!

Pinkie inspects it closer. She jumps into the air in shock.

122 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And I have three more things I promised to do today! Four if you count bringing those snacks to Twilight's castle.

Pinkie marvels at herself.

123 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I've been getting liberal with those
things lately.

SC. 17 - EXT. PONYVILLE SCHOOL PLAY YARD - SOON AFTER

Pinkie makes BALLOON ANIMALS for the colts and fillies.

124 SWEETIE BELLE
Ooo! I want a flamingo!

Pinkie quickly creates a pink FLAMINGO BALLOON.

125 APPLE BLOOM
I want whatever you think my Cutie
Mark might be!

Pinkie whips up an APPLE-SHAPED BALLOON. Apple Bloom looks disappointed.

126 DIAMOND TIARA
(flipping her mane)
I want a balloon of myself.

Pinkie concentrates very hard, twisting and blowing the balloons. Finally, she reveals a balloon Diamond Tiara with stubby legs and a diaper on.

127 DIAMOND TIARA (CONT'D)
(annoyed)
Um, you made me look like a baby.
What's up with that?

Pinkie Pie <GULPS> and quickly pops the balloon.

128 DIAMOND TIARA (CONT'D)
This is lame. Let's go.

Diamond Tiara walks away and SILVER SPOON follows.

129 FEATHERWEIGHT
If you ask me, she is a big baby. A
royal pain...

Featherweight winks at Pinkie. Pinkie perks up, then narrows her eyes at him.

SC. 18 - INT. TOWN HALL - SOON AFTER

Pinkie pushes in a drawer on a file cabinet and wipes the dust off her hooves. MAYOR MARE stands next to her.

130 MAYOR MARE
Thanks for all of your help sorting
through the town files, Pinkie. Your
friends weren't kidding when they said
you were very organized!

Pinkie Pie smiles and nods, but won't speak. It's too risky.
Mayor Mare looks around nervously.

131 MAYOR MARE (CONT'D)
 (hushed)
If I told you something very exciting,
could you keep it yourself? I think I
am going to burst if I don't tell
somepony--

Pinkie disappears in a cloud of dust and confetti. Mayor Mare
looks gobsmacked.

SC. 19 - EXT. FURNITURE STORE - RIGHT AFTER

Pinkie Pie stands next to a FURNITURE SALES PONY. She is
putting the finishing touches on a BALLOON ARCH (think car
sales lot).

132 FURNITURE SALES PONY
It's just what I wanted. Thanks
Pinkie.

Pinkie does a little bow. She still says nothing.

133 FURNITURE SALES PONY
 (CONT'D)
You sure are quiet today! Maybe I
shouldn't ask you to spread the word
about the big crib sale I'm having.

The Furniture Sales Pony points to a poster in the window
with a picture of a baby crib on it. Pinkie's face contorts
in horror.

134 PINKIE PIE
No, you shouldn't.

Pinkie covers her mouth in shock at herself for speaking and
runs away. The salespony looks around and shrugs.

SC. 20 - INT. THRONE ROOM - LATER

Pinkie enters carrying multiple trays of crudite, including
the baby carrots, etc. The other ponies are all already
there, buzzing around (placing vases of flowers on the
tables, etc).

135 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Those look wonderful, Pinkie! Let me
help you.

Twilight uses her magic to lift the trays and place them on a table. She starts to place some silver platter covers on top of them.

136 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
But we better cover them up so they
don't get spoiled.

137 PINKIE PIE
They'll be fine like that.

138 APPLEJACK
Oh didn't anypony tell ya? Shinin'
Armor and Cadance are held up. They
might not arrive until Saturday.

139 PINKIE PIE
(shooting up into the air)
WHAT?!

Twilight sighs.

140 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(resigned)
I know, it's disappointing. But royal
duty calls. Even when somepony has
plans with their big brother.

Pinkie Pie starts hyperventilating, pacing back and forth.

141 PINKIE PIE
You mean... I have... to wait...
another whole day?! I don't know if I
can...

Pinkie's face starts to sweat profusely. She tries to cover her mouth. The ponies all look at one another. What's happening to Pinkie Pie?

142 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(concerned)
Pinkie Pie, do you have something you
need to tell us?

Pinkie starts doing an elaborate dance in a small circle, but doesn't respond. She's focused.

143 SPIKE
Uh, what are you doing?

144 PINKIE PIE
I'm dancing around the subject!

Twilight rolls her eyes.

145 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm going to ask you again. Pinkie
Pie, do you have something to tell us?

Pinkie slowly nods yes, her mouth still covered with her hoof.

146 APPLEJACK
Well go on then, Sugarcube.

147 FLUTTERSHY
We're here to listen.

148 PINKIE PIE
(intense)
BUT I CAN'T!

149 RAINBOW DASH
Come on. We're your best friends.

150 RARITY
Maybe it would help if you told one of
us privately, hmmm? Then you won't
have to say it out loud yourself.

151 PINKIE PIE
(brightening)
Ooo, that could work. But who?

Pinkie Pie bounces around in a circle around her friends,
like an excited puppy. She starts bopping each one of the
Mane Six and Spike on the heads like she's playing "Duck,
Duck, Goose."

152 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Chicken, chicken, chicken, dragon,
chicken...

Pinkie bops Rarity on the head.

153 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
... Moose!

Rarity looks like she knew it would be her. Pinkie Pie smiles
and leans into Rarity. She whispers something in Rarity's ear
very fast.

154 RARITY
(confused, relaying Pinkie's
message to the group)
Whining farmer and sleigh prance
are... what?

Rarity shakes her head.

155 RARITY (CONT'D)
I'm sorry, dear. But that makes
absolutely no sense.

156 PINKIE PIE
No! I SAAAAID...

Pinkie slides over to Twilight like a baseball player sliding
into home plate. A huge smile spreads over her face.

157 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(screaming)
SHINING ARMOR AND CADANCE ARE--

The ponies all lean towards Pinkie Pie in anticipation as
we...

FADE OUT.

END ACT 2

ACT 3

FADE IN:

SC. 21 - INT. THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Open on Twilight Sparkle, Applejack, Fluttershy, Rarity,
Rainbow Dash, and Spike leaning in to hear Pinkie's
confession.

158 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
SHINING ARMOR AND CADANCE ARE--

Suddenly, SHINING ARMOR and PRINCESS CADANCE burst into the
room.

159 SHINING ARMOR
... totally psyched to spend a weekend
with the best little sister in
Equestria!!

Twilight runs to her brother and embraces him. Pinkie Pie
relaxes, relieved that she didn't actually say the surprise
out loud.

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(elated)
Shining Armor! Cadance! You made it.
And early, too!

161 CADANCE
Hi everypony. It's wonderful to see
you all again.

162 RAINBOW/AJ/FLUTTERSHY/RARITY

You too!/Welcome!/Great to see you!

163 SHINING ARMOR
Sorry for the confusion, Twily. We
accidentally scheduled two things at
once. But everything's fixed.

164 CADANCE
(sheepish)
Shining Armor's being nice. It was my
fault. I've been a bit scatter-brained
lately...

The couple exchanges a secret, knowing look.

165 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, you're here now. And I have a
big surprise for you!

166 SHINING ARMOR
(smirking)
Oh yeah?

Twilight nods excitedly. She's brimming with excitement. In the background, so is Pinkie, but for a different reason. Twilight starts chatting to Cadance as she leads the group out. Shining Armor hangs back and walks next to Pinkie Pie.

167 SHINING ARMOR (CONT'D)
Thanks for keeping the surprise to
yourself, Pinkie Pie.

Pinkie's jaw drops.

168 SHINING ARMOR (CONT'D)
I know how totally hard it must have
been to not share something that
awesome with your best friend.

169 PINKIE PIE
But how did you know that I--

Shining Armor laughs and pats Pinkie Pie on the back.

170 SHINING ARMOR
Let's just say you're very expressive.
Even when you don't talk.

Pinkie giggles.

171 PINKIE PIE
(perking up)
Can't argue with that!

172 SHINING ARMOR
Also, I remembered you work at the
bakery. My bad.

173 PINKIE PIE
So you're gonna tell Twilight now?!

174 SHINING ARMOR
You're going to have to wait just a
little bit longer. We have something
special planned. It'll be worth it, I
promise.

Pinkie grins.

175 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
Shining Armor! Hurry up!

176 SHINING ARMOR
Coming!

Shining Armor trots up to the front of the group.

177 PINKIE PIE
(narrowing her eyes)
It'd better be...

SC. 22 - EXT. PONYVILLE - THE NEXT DAY

Twilight trots next to Applejack, Fluttershy, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, Spike and Pinkie Pie. Pinkie looks like she hasn't slept a wink.

178 APPLEJACK
So do ya think Shining Armor liked his
surprise?

179 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Didn't you see him? He couldn't stop
raving about it! That ant farm was a
real hit, too. Thanks, Fluttershy.

180 FLUTTERSHY
 (proud)
Farming ants is really quite
fulfilling. I'll have to ask him over
lunch if he wants any tips.

181 RAINBOW DASH
 (grumpy)
Where did Shining Armor and Cadance
say they'd meet us? I'm starving.

Rainbow Dash's tummy visibly RUMBLES.

182 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
In the town square. I wish they'd
waited to walk over with us, but they
said they had something to take care
of first.

183 PINKIE PIE
 (mumbling)
They're going to have a lot more to
take care of soon...

184 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What?

185 PINKIE PIE
Nothing!

SC. 23 - PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

No sign of Shining Armor or Cadance anywhere. In fact, it's
relatively empty. Twilight looks puzzled.

186 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's odd. Usually they're quite
punctual.

187 RAINBOW DASH
Ughhh, I need a hayburger in my belly
RIGHT. NOW.

A RANDOM PONY trots up, bows to Twilight, and passes her a
tiny scroll.

188 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 (unfurling it)
What's this?

Twilight's expression changes to one of excitement.

189 RARITY
What does it say?

190 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
A scavenger hunt! Shining Armor used
to set these up for me when I was a
filly. At the end, there was always a
big prize like a new book, or several
new books, or--

Pinkie Pie snatches the scroll away to move things along.

191 PINKIE PIE
We get the picture! You like books!

192 APPLEJACK
So what's the first clue?

193 RAINBOW DASH
I hope it's something about eating
lunch.

194 PINKIE PIE
"You've got a scroll, you're on a
roll. Take a look by the house of
books. A piece of paper will continue
this caper."

195 RAINBOW DASH
(sarcastic)
Wow, he's really got a way with words.

Twilight starts pacing back and forth, trying to riddle it
out in her head.

196 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Did he take poetry in school?

197 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's it!

Twilight takes off and the other ponies follow.

SC. 24 - EXT. PONYVILLE SCHOOL FRONT YARD - CONT.

The ponies and Spike all stand in a row staring at the school
building. They tilt their heads to the side, puzzled.

198 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
House of books? The schoolhouse! Where
they study books!

199 PINKIE PIE
(antsy)
Good enough for me! Now where's the
next clue?

Pinkie bounces around and starts looking under bushes, rocks, etc. Featherweight trots up wearing a cap, waistcoat and britches. He's holding a stack of newspapers.

200 FEATHERWEIGHT
(shouting like an old-timey
newsie)
EXTRA! EXTRA! Get your Ponyville News!
Read it in the papes!

Twilight brightens.

201 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
"A piece of paper, will continue this
caper"! It's in the Foal Free Press,
you guys.

Twilight tosses Featherweight a few bits. He passes her a paper, takes off his cap and does a little bow. Pinkie rushes over. The ponies all lean over Twilight's shoulder as they scan the page for the next clue.

202 RARITY
Look at that dress Mayor Mare is
wearing in the social report. Why,
it's stunning!

203 APPLEJACK
(raising an eyebrow)
Didn't you make that?

204 RARITY
Yes. What's your point?

205 PINKIE PIE
FOCUS, EVERYPONY!

Pinkie Pie pushes them all out of the way and grabs the newspaper to get a better look.

206 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You know, there's really no time limit
on these scavenger hunts, Pinkie.

207 RAINBOW DASH
Except my stomach...

208 PINKIE PIE
(pointing to a part of the
paper)
AHA! There!

209 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(reading)
"Though this hall is rather small, in
it you'll find, files of all kinds.
Take a peek on the back, of the birth
certificate of Applejack!"

210 APPLEJACK
I don't like where this is goin'.

211 RAINBOW DASH
Are we sure this isn't just Zecora
playing a prank on us?

Twilight takes off once more leading them all to...

SC. 25 - EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN HALL - A MOMENT LATER

Mayor Mare stands outside and points the way like an air
traffic controller. The ponies and Spike file inside the
building.

SC. 26 - INT. PONYVILLE TOWN HALL - CONTINUOUS

The ponies scatter, looking for the birth certificate
archives.

212 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Does anypony know where the birth
certificates are kept?

Pinkie Pie jumps up.

213 PINKIE PIE
Ooo! I do! I do! Go down that hall,
then you take a left, and then a
right, then another right, then a
slight left, then it's the third door
from the right.

214 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(impressed)
Wow, Pinkie. I never knew you visited
Town Hall so much.

215 PINKIE PIE
I don't.

Twilight and the gang take off down the hall.

216 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(to herself)
Just yesterday when I was helping
Mayor Mare with the files after I was
at the schoolhouse and-- Heeey...

Pinkie rubs her chin thoughtfully, pieces things together.

217 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
All the places I visited yesterday are
all the places in the scavenger hunt.
That means that next clue is at... the
furniture store!

SC. 27 - EXT. FURNITURE STORE - A MOMENT LATER

Pinkie's dragging Twilight to the store.

218 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But we didn't find Applejack's birth
certificate yet. We didn't even read
the clue!

219 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, I was just starting to get into
it. I wanted to see how much AJ
weighed when she was born.

Rainbow Dash snickers. Applejack frowns.

220 APPLEJACK
It's none of your beeswax!

Pinkie Pie is squirming around.

221 PINKIE PIE
(re: the store)
Go in, go in, go in!

222 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I don't know....

223 PINKIE PIE
(exasperated)
AHHHH! Fine.

Pinkie Pie darts into the shop and back out again super fast.
She's holding a clue in her hoof. Twilight's jaw drops.

224 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(shrugging, cocky)
It was a under a crib.

225 RAINBOW DASH
You're scary good at this, Pinkie Pie.

226 PINKIE PIE
(reading from the clue)
"It seems we've saved the best for
last, we hope that you have had a
blast. Now it's time to take a break,
with a slice of yummy cake!"

227 ALL THE PONIES/SPIKE
Sugarcube Corner!!

228 PINKIE PIE
(giggling)
That was an easy one.

SC. 28 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - A FEW MOMENTS LATER

The whole shop is decorated in pink and blue balloons. Shining Armor and Cadance stand in front of a large cake, hiding it from view. Mrs. Cake and Mr. Cake drink punch and chat with the royals, while POUND CAKE and PUMPKIN CAKE play nearby.

ANGLE ON the shop door creaking open. SHOP BELLS CLANGING.

Shining Armor and Cadance look at each other, a bundle of nerves.

Twilight, Fluttershy, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, Applejack, Spike and Pinkie Pie enter. Pinkie looks around in awe at all the balloons.

229 SHINING ARMOR
Twily! Did you like the scavenger
hunt?

230 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It was perfect. Just like old times,
except even better because this time I
got to share it with my best friends.

Shining Armor smiles.

231 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(looking around)
There's just one thing missing...
isn't there?

232 SHINING ARMOR
What's that?

233 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(nudging him)
Duhhh, the book prize at the end!

234 SHINING ARMOR
(laughing)
There's still a prize. But it's a
little different this time...

Pinkie Pie's eyes and smile are huge. She's squeezing a
balloon for support.

Shining Armor and Cadance nod at each other and step aside to
reveal the cake. It's all pink and blue is decorated with
little strollers and rattles.

235 SHINING ARMOR/CADANCE
WE'RE HAVING A FOAL!!!

A beat.

236 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You mean... I'm going to be an Aunt?

237 CADANCE
Yes...

Twilight is frozen in shock. Everypony holds their breath for
her reaction. Finally...

238 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(excited)
That's the best prize, ever!

Pinkie Pie ERUPTS. She throws confetti in the air and dives
towards Twilight, tackling her in a huge hug.

239 PINKIE PIE
Yes it is!! Yes it is!

240 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Something tells me this isn't your
first time hearing about this...

241 PINKIE PIE
(casual)
Maybe not.

Everypony laughs. Twilight rushes towards her brother and
sister-in-law and hugs them.

242 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I love you guys. And I can't wait to
meet your new foal!

The rest of the mane six rush over to congratulate the couple.

243 PONY WALLA
Us too!/I can't believe it!/A
foal!/Congratulations!/This is the
best!

A few moments later, Cadance trots over to Pinkie Pie. The two of them stand side-by-side and watch Shining Armor and Twilight laugh and chat excitedly about the new baby.

244 CADANCE
You did it, Pinkie Pie! You kept it a
surprise. Thank you.

245 PINKIE PIE
You know what? Some surprises are
totally worth the wait.

246 CADANCE
(staring at Shining Armor and
smiling)
I know exactly what you mean.

They smile at each other and we...

FADE OUT.

THE END.