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The One Where Pinkie Pie Knows about Shining Armor and Cadence's Baby

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TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY**

MRS. CAKE is working the bakery counter, while PINKIE PIE squirts dollops of icing onto a batch of cupcakes. Mrs. Cake tells Pinkie Pie that she just got a very special rush order in! It has to be ready by the next day. Mrs. Cake says she has to go to the stockroom to check on some ingredients for the recipe. She will be right back—could Pinkie take care of the front counter for a few moments while she’s gone? “No problem!” Pinkie chirps happily, going about her business, humming a tune.

As soon as Mrs. Cake is gone, Pinkie reaches for another massive tub of frosting and her hoof touches the scroll with the secret rush order’s info on the table. Should she look at it? Very tempting. Pinkie Pie somehow knows it’s not quite her business but she’s just too curious... Pinkie looks left and right, up and down to see if anypony is watching. No pony anywhere! She quickly peeks... and then reads aloud: “Vanilla Buttercream with pineapple strawberry filling. Enough to feed ALL of Ponyville. The icing should say: ‘We’re Having a Foal!’” “Ooo, somepony’s having a baby!” Pinkie Pie squeals in delight. “I love babies!” But then she unfurls the scroll all the way and sees who has signed the bottom.

Suddenly, her pink face flushes white and her jaw drops. She can’t believe what she’s read-- the mystery cake has been ordered by none other than... “Prince Shining Armor and Princess Cadance! That means... Twilight is going to be an *Aunt?!’*” Off Pinkie’s shocked/excited face as we...

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT 1****SC. 2 - EXT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE - DAY**

Pinkie Pie heads toward the castle with GUMMY. “You’re right, Gummy!” she says. “Even if it’s the most excitingest news in the whole wide world and I didn’t even Pinkie Promise not to- I just *can’t* tell Twilight that Shining Armor and Princess Cadance are going to have a foal!” Just then, RARITY trots up alongside her, heading to the castle as well. “Tell Twilight what, dear?” Pinkie’s eyes grow wide and she plugs her mouth with her hoof. Keeping this doozy is already tough and she hasn’t even *seen* Twilight yet! She plays it off and the two ponies head inside. Phew. Close one...

SC. 3 - INT. THRONE ROOM – DAY

TWILIGHT greets her friends and thanks them for coming to the castle on such short notice. She stands next to SPIKE. FLUTTERSHY, APPLEJACK, and RAINBOW DASH are already there. She says that she just got bad news—well not *bad* news, really, just something she wasn’t ready for... a total surprise! Pinkie perks up, thinking that the letter has delivered the news of her secret. She asks if the letter is from Shining Armor and Cadance. “Yeah, how did you know that...?” Twilight asks suspiciously. Pinkie dances around the subject, asking what the news is without saying what it is. Twilight then reveals the news (not about the new foal)—it’s that for some mysterious reason, Cadance decided to join Shining Armor on this trip, too.

“Oh.” Pinkie Pie deflates. Darn it! She still has to keep the surprise a secret.

So why is Twilight so sad to see her Sister-in-Law? She explains that even though it's always wonderful to see Cadance, she had prepared a special surprise just for Shining Armor and she doesn't have anything for Cadance! The trip has been planned for just Shining Armor for so long—it was going to be the first time in a long time that they would get to hangout as siblings. "I even decorated a room for him!" says Twilight, leading them into...

SC. 4 - INT. SHINING ARMOR & CADANCE'S GUEST ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The ponies enter a large bedroom with a four-poster bed, nice furniture, etc. On the walls are old posters with the Royal Guard on them, Daring Do, etc. Some games are scattered about. An old stuffed toy on the bed (like Smarty Pants, but a soldier/dragon). A train set.

"Sweet posters!" says Rainbow Dash. "Is that an empty ant farm?" says Fluttershy, curious. "Check out all these old comic books!" Spike says as he rifles through a dusty box, starts coughing and accidentally lights one on fire.

"So what is all this stuff, Sugarcube?" AJ asks. Twilight explains how she gathered all the fun stuff the two of them used to play with together as foals as a nostalgic surprise. She's been working on it for months, and it's been so hard to keep the surprise a secret! Pinkie squirms at this.

But like she said, Twilight doesn't have anything special planned for Cadance. Twilight's friends assure her that Cadance loves Shining Armor, so she'll probably get just as much enjoyment out of seeing him react to all his old stuff as he will. Rarity offers the idea that watching somepony get a big surprise can be even *more* exciting than being the one who is surprised! The other ponies all nod and agree—genuine surprises are rare and special. Rarity adds, "Plus, the pony who ruins a surprise for somepony else has to live with that guilt... FOREVER!"

Then Applejack points out that Cadance might actually get a kick out of playing with these old toys, too! After all, there will be lots of toys around if the two of them are ever going to have their own foal one day. The ponies all giggle and Pinkie struggles to suppress her excitement.

Throughout this scene, Pinkie Pie almost responds to their musings several times by revealing the secret and keeps stopping herself. For example, Pinkie Pie picks up the stuffed toy from the bed and Twilight laughs, saying that Shining Armor used to carry it around "like it was his baby". This comment drives Pinkie up the wall. Shining Armor carrying something like his BABY!! AHHH!!! She's wriggling around like a little kid that has to pee. Finally, Pinkie can't take it anymore and zips out the door saying nonsensical things.

Off the Mane 6 as they look at each other and shrug...

SC. 5 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER – SOON AFTER

Pinkie rushes back into the bakery with Gummy and slams the door behind her, breathing heavily. She looks around and sees that there are still lots of pink & light blue boxes everywhere but nopony is in the store, not even Mrs. Cake up front. Phew! No opportunities for her to accidentally say something about the baby surprise before Shining Armor and Cadance arrive... Hey! That's it! All she has to do is avoid ALL of her friends for the rest of the day, then Pinkie Pie won't spill the beans. Easy-peasy! She'll just lock herself in her room and...

"Oh good, you're back Pinkie!" MR. CAKE enters, looking relieved. He tells her that he's got some deliveries that he needs to get out right away. Mrs. Cake needs extra help on something (obviously the SA&C cake) and he can't go do them like usual. He's so grateful to Pinkie for agreeing to be his backup delivery pony in a pinch. She did...?

Suddenly, she has a quick flashback of saying those exact words to Mr. Cake (“cross my heart, hope to fly, stick a cupcake in my eye”). A... Pinkie Promise?! Of all days, why today?!

Pinkie looks out the front window of the bakery—the view is tons of townspies walking past. An unusually busy, crowded day. Pinkie takes a big gulp and laughs nervously. No way to avoid ponies now... She sticks a few nearby cupcakes in her eye and turns to Mr. Cake. “So, where’s the first stop?”

END ACT 1

ACT 2

SC. 6 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

Pinkie’s got the wagon stacked high with bakery boxes, bouncing along. Gummy balances precariously on top. Okay, stay calm- all she has to do is get these deliveries out and get back home.

“Must not THINK of babies. Must *not* think of babies,” Pinkie says like a mantra. A mare and a stallion pushing a stroller head towards her. “Heya Pinkie!” says the stallion. “Want to meet our newborn foal? Her name is--” “No thanks!” Pinkie darts past as the two look at each other in confusion. Pinkie looks back over her shoulder. This is so hard!

Up a little further, she runs into Fluttershy. Pinkie tries to deflect any questions by asking what Fluttershy is doing. She explains that she was heading back to Twilight’s with this book on “How to become an Ant...” Pinkie looks excited—does Fluttershy know, too?! “...farmer. For the ant farm in Shining Armor’s bedroom.” Before Fluttershy can say farewell, Pinkie is gone. Pinkie decides she can’t even risk talking to her friends anymore.

A few moments later, she sees Rainbow Dash and AJ. They wave to her and she pretends like she doesn’t see them. They realize Pinkie is up to something.

SC. 7 - EXT. DIFFERENT PART OF PONYVILLE – SOON AFTER

“It didn’t feel good ignoring my friends like that, Gummy! Maybe I can tell just *one* little pony the surprise?” Just then, Pinkie passes by a window and she sees her own reflection. Behind her (a little farther back) is Rarity saying the words from earlier: “The pony who ruins a surprise for somepony else has to live with that guilt... FOREVER!” (echoing the Pinkie joke in “Green Isn’t Your Color”). When Pinkie whips her head around, Rarity isn’t there. It’s Pinkie’s own mind playing tricks on her...

Pinkie sighs, looking back at her own reflection. Ghost Rarity’s right. She can’t tell anypony! All Pinkie has to do is quickly deliver the bakery goods and then she can go hide till tomorrow as planned.

SC. 8 - MONTAGE – AROUND PONYVILLE

Pinkie rushing the job, dropping off cupcakes and cookies to different cottages and locations. Effectively “doorbell ditching” the goods. One of the deliveries is at Rarity’s boutique and Pinkie uses a fishing rod to deliver it through an open window. Rarity looks baffled.

SC. 9 - INT. PINKIE’S ROOM - LATER

Finally! Pinkie Pie flops onto her bed, exhausted but satisfied. She’s free! Her tummy rumbles and she realizes it’s lunchtime. “What should we have, Gummy?” Pinkie asks the little alligator. But Gummy is already chewing on

something... Pinkie yanks it out of his mouth. It's a list... of all the Pinkie Promises she made to other ponies on this exact day, too. What are the chances?

Pinkie Pie dramatically looks out the window, musing to herself/Gummy. Still lots of ponies walking about. What is a Pinkie Promiser to do?! If she goes out again, she risks telling the surprise. But if she doesn't go keep her word to those ponies, a Pinkie Promise will cease to mean anything at all! What kind of pony would she be if gave up that honor? She's just going to have to be strong, completing her tasks and not revealing the news of the Royal Foal...

She puffs up. If anypony can do it, it's Pinkie Pie. "It's time to get serious." Pinkie Pie says as she puts on a silly mask- a duck beak—to hide her mouth so she can't tell the surprise. At least now she's somewhat prepared?

SC. 10 - EXT. PONYVILLE SCHOOL PLAY YARD - SOON AFTER

Promise #1: Pinkie makes balloon animals/creations for the schoolchildren. Each item she makes ends up being something baby-related: a rattle, a bottle, a diaper. The kids all look confused. APPLE BLOOM asks what hers is—it's just a square. "It's a baby blanket, silly!" Sweetie Belle asks what's with all the baby stuff. FEATHERWEIGHT smiles and says he thinks he knows why.... Pinkie eyes him suspiciously. If he guesses right-- then Pinkie won't be able to contain herself! Instead of revealing something, Pinkie throws a party grenade and disappears in a burst of confetti.

SC. 11 - INT. PONYVILLE TOWN HALL - A LITTLE LATER

Promise #2: Pinkie puts a file into a cabinet. MAYOR MARE thanks her for helping her re-organize the archives. "I was surprised when your friends advised me that you were the most organized of the bunch, but I have to agree! Next I have to move onto the *Royal* decrees and the *birth* certificates... Oh, I just *can't* wait until there's a little, tiny, royal--" The Mayor's eyes grow large and she puts a hoof over her mouth. She's nervous and antsy. All the same symptoms of... a surprise secret-keeper! Pinkie narrows her eyes. "Wait... do *you* know?" The Mayor looks shocked and replies. "Do *you* know?" They then proceed to have a conversation in code, each feeling relieved that the other knows, too! But then something the Mayor says indicates that she might be keeping a different secret than Pinkie. Darn it! Pinkie is still the only pony in town that knows. Except for Mrs. Cake—but Pinkie doesn't want to tell her that she peeked, of course.

SC. 12 - EXT. FURNITURE STORE – A LITTLE LATER

Promise #3: Pinkie Pie puts the finishing touches on a balloon arch out in front of the store. The SALESPONY comes out and thanks her. Pinkie Pie tells him that it was no sweat and asks what the big event is. The salespony points to a sign with foals and cribs all over it. "We're having a crib sale!" "Ooh! I should get one for--" The salespony smiles. "You know somepony expecting a foal?" Pinkie looks like she's going to burst. "Nope, no way, absolutely not. No foals. Not now, not ever."

Pinkie takes out her list, which is finally all checked off. She sighs relief.

Rainbow Dash flies over and tells Pinkie Pie that she's been looking all over for her—Twilight needs them at the castle! She's upset and they all are going to cheer her up. Somepony—a *friend*—needs cheering up? Pinkie Pie cannot say no to that!

SC. 13 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE – ESTABLISHING - A LITTLE LATER

SC. 14 - INT. THRONE ROOM – AT THE SAME TIME

The Mane 6 all stand around Twilight, who is crestfallen. Twilight explains that Shining Armor and Cadance's trip is delayed due to some state business. It's just so hard getting to visit with her BBBFF these days (now that they are both royalty with so many responsibilities). "He's really not coming?" asks AJ. "I don't know," Twilight slumps down. Her friends all look on with concern. "Delayed? For how long?!" Pinkie Pie starts to twitch. She's upset for Twilight, but realizes that if SA & C don't arrive as planned, she has to keep the secret EVEN LONGER. She's going to burst into an explosion of pink flames if the surprise isn't revealed soon! Plus, seeing Twilight so sad makes her want to deliver the good news more than ever.

Suddenly, the Mane 6 notice Pinkie Pie's face turning red as she tries to plug her mouth. Rarity asks if she's okay when...

Pinkie starts bouncing off the walls like a pinball, finally landing in front of Twilight. "I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!!" Pinkie smiles super wide. "Shining Armor and Cadance are going to have a..."

A what?! The ponies all lean forward in anticipation....

END ACT 2**ACT 3****SC. 15 - INT. THRONE ROOM – CONTINUOUS**

The ponies are all still leaning in to hear the end of Pinkie's sentence, when SHINING ARMOR bursts through door with CADANCE next to him. He finishes the sentence:

"... a BLAST with our little sister in Ponyville this weekend!" Pinkie looks simultaneously relieved that she didn't ruin the surprise and bummed that the news has yet to be delivered. There are greetings exchanged between all the ponies and Twilight is thrilled.

Cadance and Shining Armor pull Pinkie Pie aside. "We know that you *know*." Pinkie Pie tries to play it off, but they thank her for keeping their surprise. "We know how hard for you that must have been!" says Cadance. "You have no idea!" agrees Pinkie Pie. They tell her that she's going to have to wait just a little bit longer, because they have planned a creative way to reveal the information the following day. "We're going to need your help!" Pinkie's jaw drops. Another day?!

SC. 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE - THE NEXT DAY

Twilight trots next to the Mane 6. She's telling them how distracted Shining Armor and Cadance seem. "He didn't even mention any of the stuff in his room during breakfast! And then he said he was tired and needed to take a nap."

Suddenly, a RANDOM PONY walks up and passes Twilight a scroll. She unfurls it—it's the first clue in a scavenger hunt! This must mean the weekend of brother-sister fun is still on after all.

"I can't believe Shining Armor set up a scavenger hunt for us! He used to do this for me all the time when I was a foal. At the end there was always a big prize like a new book, or several new books, or..." Pinkie Pie snatches the paper from Twilight to get things moving along. She reads off the first clue (a rhyming couplet) and it sends them to...

SC. 17 - EXT. PONYVILLE SCHOOL PLAY YARD - CONTINUOUS

Featherweight has a stack of “Foal Free Press” Papers that he is hawking like an old-timey Newsie. Twilight and the girls look around for the next clue, completely off-track. Featherweight gets Pinkie’s attention “Psssst! Over here!” Pinkie looks at him suspiciously, but remembers the day before. Does this pony know something? He asks if she wants a paper and winks. Pinkie gets one and sees an article at the bottom with the next clue! She calls her friends over and they read it out loud: Twilight muses leisurely about what it could be, savoring her scavenger hunt. This is not moving fast enough. Pinkie Pie gives Featherweight a cupcake and he points his hoof at the picture of Mayor Mare in the article. Off Pinkie’s satisfied face as we cut to...

SC. 18 - EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN HALL – A MOMENT LATER

Mayor Mare stands outside and points the way like an air traffic controller. The ponies run inside the building towards toward the birth certificate archives to find the cabinet.

SC. 19 - INT. PONYVILLE TOWN HALL - CONTINUOUS

It’s the same exact spot where Pinkie was helping the Mayor the day before! Pinkie is starting to notice a pattern... it’s all the places she was keeping her Pinkie Promises. Wait a second... did all those other ponies know, too? Interesting...

On the front of the cabinet, there’s another clue. The excitement is building. Rarity reads it aloud, but Pinkie Pie cuts her off and says- “To the furniture store!” How did she know that? The other ponies look confused, but follow her lead.

Pinkie Pie backtracks for a moment (alone) and lifts an eyebrow at Mayor Mare. The Mayor blurts out “Royal Foal!” and then looks shocked at herself, covering her mouth. “Yeah, I thought so...” says Pinkie before running after her friends.

SC. 20 - EXT. FURNITURE STORE – SOON AFTER

The salespony tries to say hi but Pinkie Pie cuts straight to the chase—the clue is under a crib, right? He nods. Pinkie Pie runs into the store and back out before her friends can even look. “Got the last clue!! Under a crib!” Pinkie shrieks maniacally, holding the card up in the air. She’s breathing heavily. Twilight and AJ exchange a look—has Pinkie lost her mind? Okaaay. They read the clue out together, which obviously points the way back to...

SC. 21 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER – A

Pink and blue balloons everywhere. Shining Armor and Cadance stand in front of the cake, hiding its message. Mrs. Cake & Mr. Cake are chatting with them, while POUND CAKE and PUMPKIN CAKE play nearby. Twilight and the girls enter. “Twily!” Shining Armor says, visibly nervous. He asks Twilight if she liked the scavenger hunt he set up for her just like old times. She replies yes, but looks slightly confused—where’s the book prize at the end? What’s going on? He reads her face and tells her that it’s a little different this time...

He and Cadance exchange a nervous look and then step aside to reveal the cake.... “WE’RE HAVING A FOAL!”

Twilight is in shock. “You mean... I’m going to be an Aunt?” There’s silence as everypony waits for her reaction. A beat, and then... “That’s the best prize, ever!” At this Pinkie Pie dives towards Twilight and tackles her with a hug. “Yes, it is!! The ponies all erupt into excited chatter and surround Cadance and Shining Armor.

Pinkie Pie stands on her own, watching the scene with satisfaction. She did it! She kept it a surprise! And it was *totally* worth the wait. Cadance appears next to her as they watch Shining Armor and Twilight laughing together, talking about the new baby and all of the fun stuff they will do with it when its born (like the stuff in Shining Armor’s room).

Cadance thanks Pinkie again. Pinkie turns to Cadance. “Saaaay, have you heard about my foalsitting services?! I’m great with babies! Just ask the cakes! I foalsit for Pound and Pumpkin all the time and we even have our own special games like...” Off Cadance’s overwhelmed face as Pinkie Pie prattles on... FADE OUT.

THE END.