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As Pinkie Pie and Applejack leave...

9 SPIKE
Now can we open presents?!

Pinkie Pie and Applejack stop, confused.

10 APPLEJACK
But tonight is Hearth's Warming
Eve. Everyone knows you don't open
presents 'til tomorrow.

11 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
When Spike and I spent our first
Hearth's Warming Eve together, he
couldn't wait all night to open his
presents. Ever since then, we've
always opened them the night
before.

12 SPIKE
It's kinda like... our tradition.

13 APPLEJACK
That's not how our family does it.
And I reckon it can't be how
Pinkie's does it, is it?

14 PINKIE PIE
No, sir-eee!

15 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
To each her own, I suppose.

Another <TRAIN WHISTLE>.

16 PINKIE PIE
AH! GOTTA GO! BYE!

Pinkie Pie pulls Applejack out the door. Spike grins and RIPS
into a present. Twilight is happy for him. He forces a smile.

17 SPIKE
Just what I always wanted! A book!

END TEASER

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MAIN TITLES

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ACT 1

SC. 3 - EXT. EQUESTRIA - DAY

The landscape glitters with fresh snow. A TRAIN chugs along, decorated with lights all along it.

SC. 4 - INT. TRAIN - SAME

Wreathes, lights, candles, and stars adorn the aisles, seats, and compartments. Festive MUSIC plays as a PORTER PONY comes down the aisle, pushing a cart of treats:

18 PORTER PONY
Chancellor Puddinghead Pudding?
Smart Cookie Cookies? How about a
Wendigo-frosted snow cone?

He passes the APPLE FAMILY, where APPLE BLOOM, BIG MAC, and GRANNY SMITH take treats off his cart.

19 GRANNY SMITH
How about one of them Trapped in a
Cavern Sweet Cavern-- and don't
skimp on the rock candy stalactites!

20 APPLE BLOOM
Granny, slow down...

21 GRANNY SMITH
What-- you know I have a sweet tooth!

Granny holds up a single tooth that GLEAMS. She takes out her DENTURES and swaps them for that tooth. She takes a bite.

22 GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)
Mmmmmmm.

Meanwhile, in the next seats are Applejack and Pinkie Pie, giddy with excitement.

23 APPLEJACK
This here's really happening! It
ain't a dream, right?

24 PINKIE PIE
I'll check.

She PINCHES them both.

25 PINKIE PIE / APPLEJACK
Ow!

26 PINKIE PIE
Helllllllo, reality!

27 APPLEJACK
It's so exciting. Related or not--
it's gonna be a hoot havin' our
families together under one roof.

28 PINKIE PIE
 (proud, like a toast)
Apples and Pies, together again for
the first time, maybe, unless we're
related, which maybe we're not...
 (then)
I think I just confused myself.

29 APPLEJACK
Friends or family, this here's
about togetherness.

Apple Bloom pops her head between. Her mouth is full.

30 APPLE BLOOM
Have you tried the Equestria Flag
Crepes? The blue is BLUEBERRY! I
love this holiday!

31 APPLEJACK
Now hang on-- you know it's not just
about candy and presents, right?

32 APPLE BLOOM
Uh oh... I know that voice. That's
your boring sisterly lecture voice.

33 APPLEJACK
'Fraid so. Ahem, "A long time ago..."

Apple Bloom sighs as we begin a...

COOL ANIMATED SEQUENCE: it tells a story with cakes, frosting
designs, snowcones, etc. Pinkie does their voices, while
Applejack narrates:

34 APPLEJACK (V.O.) (CONT'D)
...the Earth Ponies, Pegasus Ponies,
and Unicorn Ponies weren't friends.

35 PINKIE PIE (V.O.)
 (doing high voice)
"I don't like you!"
 (doing deep voice)
"I don't like you either!"

36 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
But then the icy chill of the
Wendigos almost iced up the whole
world. So the ponies decided to
work together, and their friendship
drove them nasty critters away.

37 PINKIE PIE (V.O.)
 (doing tough voice)
"Beat it, Wendigos!"

38 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Triumphant, they raised a new flag
to celebrate all three tribes, and
Equestria was born.

BACK TO SCENE: Apple Bloom is excited.

39 APPLE BLOOM
Is that why we celebrate with a
flag-raising tomorrow?

40 APPLEJACK
Mmm-hmm. And tonight we'll have the
traditional Hearth's Warming Eve
Dinner to remember the shared
bounties of our ancestors.

41 PINKIE PIE
We do that too!

42 APPLEJACK
Then we'll hang our Hearth's
Warming Dolls over the fireplace,
to remind us of the warmth shared
between our ancestors.

43 PINKIE PIE
That's what our family does TOO!

44 APPLEJACK
And tomorrow, we open presents--

45 PINKIE PIE
--WE DO THAT TOO!!!--

46 APPLE BLOOM
Wow, it sounds like the Apples and
the Pies do everything the same way.

APPLEJACK
Of course! We might be
related!

PINKIE PIE
Of course! We might be
related!

Pinkie and Applejack laugh and look at each other.

47 APPLEJACK/PINKIE PIE *
Hey, I was going to say that! *

48 APPLEJACK/PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) *
Stop saying what I'm saying! *

49 APPLEJACK/PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) *
You stop it first! *

They all crack up. Then suddenly: a <TRAIN WHISTLE>! *

SC. 5 - EXT. ROCKVILLE OUTSKIRTS - MOMENTS LATER

The train chugs toward the distant TRAIN STATION. We see Pinkie Pie, Applejack, Apple Bloom, Big Mac, and Granny Smith press their faces to the windows. They're amazed.

50 APPLE BLOOM
Wow. Rockville is so... rocky.

51 BIG MAC
Ah yup.

SC. 6 - INT. TRAIN - SAME TIME

Pinkie Pie's eyes water with happiness.

52 PINKIE PIE
I can't believe we're all going to be together. I'm so happy I need to make up a new word for how happy I am. What about, "Rooftastic!"?

53 APPLEJACK
Rooftastic?

54 PINKIE PIE
As in-- This is so Rooftastic I gotta get on the roof and yell to everypony HOW ROOFTASTIC THIS IS!

Pinkie Pie hugs Applejack, who suddenly looks worried.

55 APPLEJACK
...I just had a scary thought--

56 PINKIE PIE
--scary thoughts? My advice? Laugh
at them! Hahahahaha!

57 APPLEJACK
What if this visit DOESN'T go well.
What if our families don't like
each other?

This really troubles Applejack. But then, Pinkie Pie,
jubilant, smooshes their faces together.

58 PINKIE PIE
We are friends, Applejack. And
after tonight, our families are
going to be friends too! That's
approximately...
(mumbling math)
Twenty-four new friendships total!
ISN'T THAT AMAZING?!

59 APPLEJACK
Can't argue with that.

SC. 7 - EXT. ROCKVILLE TRAIN STATION - MOMENTS LATER

Pinkie Pie and the Apples come off the train. Hopeful, Pinkie
looks around and lights up when she sees:

60 PINKIE PIE
Maud!

Pinkie embraces MAUD PIE, who accepts it with cool stoicism.

61 MAUD PIE
(deadpan)
I'm sooooooooooooo excited to see
you, Pinkie Pie.
(dry, seeing Applejack)
Oh, it's you. Hey.

Applejack gives a warm smile. Her family looks confused.

62 APPLEJACK
(sotto)
That's her being nice. You'll like
her once you get to know her.

Maud and Pinkie Pie lead the gang down the platform...

63 MAUD PIE
Everypony's waiting back at the farm.

64 PINKIE PIE
Ah! Tell me everything! How's
school going?
(proud, to others)
Maud's getting her rocktorate in
rock science.

65 MAUD PIE
(without any excitement)
I've seen stuff you wouldn't
believe. If you think Quartz is
cool, wait'll you see
Magnesiofoitite.

66 PINKIE PIE
(so excited!!!)
Ahhhhhhhhhhh!

The Apples all exchange a shrug as they walk out of frame.

SC. 8 - EXT. PIE ROCK FARM - DAY

From the outskirts, Pinkie leads the Apples toward the farm.

67 PINKIE PIE
Here we are!

They all look to see-- THE ROCK FARM. The normally drab farm
has been decorated with SPARKLING CRYSTALS and MINERALS.

68 APPLEJACK
This place looks amazing!

69 MAUD PIE
Yeah. Rocks are amazing. Who knew?

70 PINKIE PIE
C'mon everypony, come meet my super-
mega-funderful family!

Pinkie and the Apples approach the PIES: MARBLE PIE (Pinkie's
age. Pinkie Pie did most of the talking for her when they
were little), LIMESTONE PIE (Older, takes everything
seriously), and the Pie parents: PA PIE (Igneous Rock) and MA
PIE (Cloudy Quartz), who speak and think in old-fashioned
phrases not unlike the Amish.

A tense stand-off, until Pinkie Pie steps between, so happy!

71 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Everypony... meet... everypony!

Everypony starts <TALKING AT ONCE>. They break off into smaller groups.

Pa and Ma Pie split off with Granny Smith. Applejack and Pinkie Pie watch with their introductions with baited breath.

72 PA PIE
Salutations. You must be Granny Smith. Folks around here call me Igneous Rock.

73 MA PIE
...And I go by Cloudy Quartz.

74 GRANNY SMITH
My memory's too old for names like that. How about you're "Iggy," and we call you, OH! -- "Big Mama Q!"

Applejack is mortified. Pinkie Pie just laughs. Meanwhile, Ma and Pa look skeptical, until they break into smiles! NICE!

NEARBY, Apple Bloom and Big Mac are meeting Marble Pie and Limestone Pie. Pinkie and Applejack get close to observe.

75 LIMESTONE PIE
Gaze into the eyes of Limestone Pie. Ma and Pa may own this farm, but I keep it running. Cross me and--

76 PINKIE PIE
--Aye aye, Captain Grumpy! No one's gonna mess with your precious mine.

77 LIMESTONE PIE
--Or Holder's Boulder!

They look to a LARGE BOULDER in the center of the farm.

78 PINKIE PIE
(sigh)
Everypony stay away from Holder's Boulder. There, you happy now?

Limestone Pie puffs out her chest. She curtly nods, happy. Applejack steps toward the other Pie sister...

79 APPLEJACK
And you must be... Marble Pie?

Marble Pie demurs, shyer than Fluttershy. She whispers:

80 MARBLE PIE
Yes, I--

81 PINKIE PIE
--This is Marble Pie, my baby
sister who's only a few minutes
younger than me but she'll always
be a baby to me, isn't that right?!
She's so excited to meet everypony!
Oh, and she wishes you all a happy
Hearth's Warming!

Everypony looks at Marble Pie. After a beat, she nods.
SUDDENLY, a <NOISEMAKER> goes off. Pinkie Pie stands on
Holder's Boulder.

82 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
ATTENTION!

83 LIMESTONE PIE
What'd I say about the boulder?!

84 PINKIE PIE
I'll just be a second! Everypony,
get settled in. There's plenty of
room upstairs, and then it's time
for Hearth's Warming Eve Dinner!

She throws confetti. Marble Pie ducks her head, so shy, but:

85 MARBLE PIE
 (so soft, but so happy)
Yay!

Nearby, Big Mac hears her and agrees.

86 BIG MAC
Ah yup.

He startles Marble Pie, who scuttles away. Big Mac shrugs.

As everypony heads into the house, Pinkie Pie and Applejack
linger behind. They share an excited look.

87 APPLEJACK
So far, so good... "sister!"

88 PINKIE PIE
 (excited noise!)
Rooftastic!

SC. 9 - INT. PIE HOUSE - UPSTAIRS - LATER

The Apples are settling into their room, a wooden attic with
bunks-- sweetly decorated with cool crystals everywhere.
Applejack nudges open a suitcase filled with...

89 APPLEJACK
Their taste buds are fixin' to get
the royal treatment when they try
our homemade apple butter.

90 APPLE BLOOM
Fresh sweet rolls are my favorite
part of Hearth's Warming Eve Dinner.

91 GRANNY SMITH
I'm more of a six-layer veggie dip
lass, myself.

92 APPLE BLOOM
I love that too! Oh, Applejack, do
you think theirs will be even
better than ours?

93 APPLEJACK
That's a mighty tall order, but it
wouldn't surprise me in the least.

Everyone is happy, most of all... Applejack. They hear a
<DINNER BELL>. Pinkie Pie sticks her head in the door.

94 PINKIE PIE
Are you excited for dinner time
because guess who is? Spoiler
alert: it's MEEEEEE!

The Apples follow her out the door and...

SC. 10 - INT. PIE HOUSE - DINING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

...come down the stairs into the dining room.

95 APPLEJACK
Hope y'all like this homemade apple
butter we brought for the rolls.
It's not much, but--

Suddenly she freezes, shocked to see:

THE DINING ROOM TABLE-- set with nothing by wooden bowls of
broth, each with a single ROCK in it.

96 PINKIE PIE
ROCK SOUP! Isn't it great?!

97 APPLEJACK
What about hot rolls? And mulled
cider? And double-baked pot-pie?

98 GRANNY SMITH
What about 6-layer veggie dip?!

99 PA PIE
That sounds good, but we don't have
that, do we mother?

100 MA PIE
Don't think we do, father.

A long, tense, confused moment, until...

101 PINKIE PIE
(diffusing)
Potato, po-tah-to! Double-baked-pot-
pie, rock soup! Dinner is dinner,
amirite?

Applejack looks over the Pie Family's expectant faces. She
tries her best to stay positive.

102 APPLEJACK
Yeah, um... you know what? This is
what we were expecting, right
everypony?

Granny Smith, Big Mac and Apple Bloom are confused. Applejack
becomes even more resolved.

103 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
We don't find it strange at all!
(less resolved...)
Because we're family, right...? Heh.

Applejack tries to look like she's not worried...

END OF ACT 1

ACT 2

SC. 11 - INT. PIE HOUSE - DINING ROOM - LATER

The Pies and the Apples have gathered around a dining room
table. Applejack takes a sip of her ROCK SOUP. (S&P: They sip
the broth, not the large rock in the soup.)

104 APPLEJACK
Good ol' rock soup. It's so... how
do I say this...

105 GRANNY SMITH
Rocky?

GS bites a rock. A tooth breaks and she spits it out.

106 PINKIE PIE
(so happy)
I know, right? More rock, please!

Limestone Pie drops a large ROCK in her soup. Pinkie slurps the broth. After a moment, Applejack clears her throat.

Pinkie Pie looks concerned. Something's not right...

107 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Is everything all right, Applejack?

108 APPLEJACK
Of course. I'm just bein' a rusty fiddle. Tune me up and let's get back to dinner, ain't that right?

109 PINKIE PIE
Good. Because these aren't just "rock soup" rocks. These are gonna be our Hearth's Warming dolls!
(nudging her rock)
Mine looks just like me!!!

The Pies are all happy. The Apples... confused.

110 BIG MAC
Ah wha?

111 APPLE BLOOM
Our dolls... are rocks?

112 PINKIE PIE
And every year we chip new ones!

Applejack softens, feeling bad...

113 APPLEJACK
Y'all don't you have crocheted dolls passed down in your family?

114 PINKIE PIE
Why would we do that when we can chip off new rocks every year?!

The Pies murmur in agreement.

115 APPLEJACK
Cause dolls are traditional?

116 PINKIE PIE
But this is our tradition, silly!

Pinkie Pie leans over and inspects AJ's soup rock.

117 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ohhhh, you're just a frown factory
because you got a weird rock.

Applejack's rock looks like a kidney bean with a sad face.

118 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Cheer up! I'm sure you'll do great
in the Flag-Finding Mission.

119 APPLEJACK
The what-findin' what-now?

SMASH CUT TO:

SC. 12 - EXT. ROCK FARM - LATER

Pinkie Pie leads everypony out to HOLDER'S BOULDER out in the middle of the farm. She starts splitting ponies off--

120 PINKIE PIE
Limestone Pie, you're the judge.

121 LIMESTONE PIE
Obviously, since I'm the only one
who does anything around here.

Pinkie Pie ignores her and keeps organizing whatever this is.

122 PINKIE PIE
Big Mac? Marble Pie? You're team 1.

They're too shy to look at each other. Pinkie keeps going.

123 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Apple Bloom and Maud? You're team 2.

124 MAUD PIE
 (deadpan)
Hooray.

125 APPLE BLOOM
Team two for what?

126 PINKIE PIE
No time to explain.

Pinkie Pie nudges Ma and Pa.

127 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ma? Pa? You're gonna be with Granny
Smith. Don't think of it as "team
old," think of it as team three.

Before they can respond, Pinkie Pie ZOOMS over to Applejack.

128 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And I'm with Applejack, of course!

129 APPLEJACK
So now that we're all split up...
mind tellin' us what we're doing?

Pinkie Pie jumps on Holder's Boulder.

130 PINKIE PIE
As everypony knows--

131 LIMESTONE PIE
STAY OFF HOLDER'S BOULDER! I don't
run this farm so I can be
disrespected!

Pinkie Pie hops down.

132 PINKIE PIE
Sheesh. As I was saying: when the
three tribes united to form
Equestria, the first flag was sewn
by Nimble Thimble. It's tradition to
raise a flag on Hearth's Warming to
celebrate that famous day.

The Apples and Pies all nod in agreement.

133 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
But who gets to put the flag on
Holder's Bolder?

134 APPLEJACK
You mean on the flagpole?

135 PINKIE PIE
Nope! Just lay it right here! And
who's the lucky pony?

136 APPLEJACK
 (more confused)
The youngest pony...?

137 PINKIE PIE
That's one way to do it.
 (suddenly, an action pose)
ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!

All the Pies know what to do. Marble Pie pushes Big Mac. Big Mac barely moves. Meanwhile, Ma and Pa lead Granny Smith.

138 PA PIE
If the ladyfolk would follow me.

139 GRANNY SMITH
Don't call me a lady-- I'm a big
ol' bag of firecrackers! Ka-boom!

She chases Ma and Pa. Meanwhile, Maud nudges Apple Bloom.

140 MAUD PIE
Walk slower, it's a great strategy.

141 APPLE BLOOM
I don't even know what we're doing!

Finally-- Applejack is VERY confused.

142 APPLEJACK
Pinkie Pie, will you please tell us
what's going--

143 PINKIE PIE
I'll explain on the way-- COME ON!

Pinkie Pie YOINKS Applejack out of frame.

CUT TO:

SC. 13 - INT. ROCK FARM - MINE SHAFT - LATER

Deep underground, Pinkie Pie and Applejack explore a hallway-sized ROCK MINE SHAFT. Crystals sparkle on stalactites.

144 APPLEJACK
...I still don't understand.

145 PINKIE PIE
Earlier today, Limestone Pie took
our ancestor stone and hid it.
Whoever finds it gets to raise the
flag! And we don't use a flag pole,
we just lay the flag on Holder's
Boulder.

146 APPLEJACK
It's all just so... complicated.
And "rock-based."

147 PINKIE PIE
Well... how else would we do it?

148 APPLEJACK
I don't know...
 (sotto, worried)
I sure hope everyone else is havin' a
better time.

CUT TO:

SC. 14 - INT. ROCK FARM - QUARRY - SAME

Maud and Apple Bloom make their way into the sloped quarry.

149 APPLE BLOOM
Where do you think she hid the rock?

150 MAUD PIE
 (faux gasp)
Apple Bloom, you're cutie mark just
disappeared!

151 APPLE BLOOM
WHAT?! But I just got it-- how
could--

She twirls-- it's still there.

152 MAUD PIE
 (dry)
Oh, it's back.

153 APPLE BLOOM
 (nervous)
Don't scare me like that.

154 MAUD PIE
IT'S GONE.
 (after AB panics)
Wait... it's back.

155 APPLE BLOOM
Are you messin' with me...?

Maud stares blankly at Apple Bloom for a long time, until:

156 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
You're messing with me.

157 MAUD PIE
No I'm not.

Apple Bloom LAUGHS. Maud cracks a smile. They keep searching.

CUT TO:

SC. 15 - EXT. PIE HOUSE - SAME

Around the house's exterior, Big Mac and Marble Pie search. They keep glancing at each other, then glancing away. Shy.

158 MARBLE PIE
So I...

She suddenly stops. Then realizes something.

159 MARBLE PIE (CONT'D)
I'm so used to Pinkie Pie talking
for me. I forgot how to talk.

160 BIG MAC
Eyep.

161 MARBLE PIE
(slowly gets wound up)
You don't talk much, do you? Wow. I
never get to talk when my family's
around. In fact, this is the most
I've talked in years. You're a
really good listener, you know
that? Can I tell you a secret?

They walk off together, happy, her voice trailing off...

162 MARBLE PIE (CONT'D)
One time I found this pyrite
formation with the weirdest sheen...

CUT TO:

SC. 16 - EXT. PIE ROCK FARM - SAME

Ma and Pa Pie walk the grounds with Granny Smith, searching.

163 MA PIE
Rock-con, it was called. Most folks
don't understand why grown ponies
would go to rock conventions.

164 PA PIE
But when you love something, you
want to find others who feel the
same spark in their hearts.

165 MA PIE
That's why I fell in love with
Igneous. He was dressed as a hunk
of Granite. We were a perfect
match.

166 GRANNY SMITH
Found you a "hunk," did ya? I gotta
look into this newfangled "con"
thing. Reckon there's an Apple-con?

Pa and Ma nod. Granny Smith grins.

CUT TO:

SC. 17 - INT. ROCK FARM - MINE SHAFT - SAME

Pinkie Pie dashes over to a DULL STONE.

167 PINKIE PIE
FOUND IT!

168 APPLEJACK
That's the ancestor stone?

169 PINKIE PIE
Obviously. I mean LOOK AT IT.

There's nothing special. Applejack forces a smile.

170 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
After we tell everyone I found it,
it's time to hide the presents.

171 APPLEJACK
Y'all hide your presents?

172 PINKIE PIE
Of course! And most years... we never
find a single one.

173 APPLEJACK
No presents?!

174 PINKIE PIE
(kind of sad)
Nope.

175 APPLEJACK
So lemme get all this straight.
You're only allowed to eat Rock Soup
for dinner. Then, the pony who finds
this rock gets to raise the flag,
but not really cause you don't got
no flag pole. And to top it off, you
don't even get presents?

176 PINKIE PIE
Well... it doesn't sound very fun
when you say it THAT way.
 (then)
Sometimes I wish it were different.

177 APPLEJACK
You do?!

178 PINKIE PIE
 (kind of sad)
Sometimes...

179 APPLEJACK
Well how about you picture this: both
our families, laughing, opening
presents, raising the flag...

180 PINKIE PIE
 (lightning up)
That's why we're here!

181 APPLEJACK
 (smiling)
Exactly.

CUT TO:

SC. 18 - EXT. PIE HOUSE - NIGHT

The sun has gone down. The rock farm sparkles in moonlight.

SC. 19 - INT. PIE HOUSE - UPSTAIRS - NIGHT

The Apples in their attic bedroom, Pinkie Pie at the door.

182 PINKIE PIE
Goodnight, everypony! "Dream not of
icy Windigos, but of a hearth to warm
your hearts." I'll see you tomorrow!

183 APPLEJACK
Goodnight, Pinkie Pie!

Applejack closes the door, waits for a beat, then:

184 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
We gotta do something, y'all.

185 GRANNY SMITH
About what?

186 APPLEJACK
Pinkie Pie's family's never had a
real Hearth's Warming. Pinkie said
it herself... she wishes things
were different.

187 GRANNY SMITH
Are you sure that's what she meant?

188 APPLE BLOOM
These are their traditions.

189 BIG MAC
Eyup.

190 GRANNY SMITH
Best just to forget about it.
Goodnight, y'all!

She blows out the candle.

191 APPLEJACK
 (soft, to herself)
I know they have their traditions
and we have ours, but if we're
going to be one family, we need to
have the same ones.

Applejack looks out the window.

192 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
It's not too late to show them the
best Hearth's Warming ever.

Applejack slinks out the door.

CUT TO:

SC. 20 - EXT. ROCK FARM - NIGHT

MUSIC MONTAGE OF CLOSE-UPS. We can't see the big picture of what she's doing, but we see Applejack tying ropes, digging holes, planting a pole, wrapping presents, etc...

SC. 21 - EXT. ROCK FARM - MORNING

The sun comes up. The farm has been decorated with streamers and balloons. The centerpiece is a large POLE with hanging banners, wrapped with ribbons.

SC. 22 - INT. PIE HOUSE - SAME

Head on a pillow, Pinkie Pie's eyes snap open.

193 PINKIE PIE
Hearth's Warming!

She SPROINGS out of bed.

SC. 23 - INT. PIE HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

The dining room / stair area. Pinkie Pie bounces around the house.

194 PINKIE PIE
Hearth's Warming! Hearth's Warming!

SC. 24 - EXT. ROCK FARM - LATER

The house door opens. Pinkie Pie leads everyone outside. Applejack gives her family a sly wink. They're confused.

195 PINKIE PIE
Hearth's Warming!!! Hearth's Wa--

She stops, seeing Applejack's decorations.

196 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
 (so happy)
A SURPRISE PARTY?!!!! I LOVE
SURPRISE PARTIES!!!

The Pies are aghast.

197 LIMESTONE PIE
What. Happened. Here.

198 PA PIE
Oh my, oh my...

199 MAUD PIE
Cool flag pole.
 (long pause)
Psych.

200 PINKIE PIE
(to her family)
You're not excited for a surprise
party...?! Wait, why's there a
surprise party?

Applejack trots up front, proud. Granny Smith looks worried.

201 APPLEJACK
It's Hearth's Warming, Apple style!
We've been doing everything your
way... I thought we could mix it up
a bit.
(to Marble Pie)
You could raise the Equestria flag
up this pole, because you're the
youngest.
(to Ma and Pa)
And we'll cook y'all up a meal
you'll never forget.
(to everyone)
And look, we all get presents
without having to find 'em!

202 PINKIE PIE
(trying to mediate)
Yeah...! This is going to be great--
All the stuff she said. Right,
everypony?

Pa Pie looks to Pinkie, a bit sad.

203 PA PIE
Is that what you want, Pinkie Pie?

204 PINKIE PIE
Well, I want to be one big family.

205 LIMESTONE PIE
But what about what we usually do?

206 PINKIE PIE
I-- Um-- well-- I don't know! Don't
make me choose!

Applejack starts to get worried.

207 APPLEJACK
I didn't mean to cause a fuss.
Look, why don't we just open
presents around the flagpole. It'll
be fun, you'll see...

208 MARBLE PIE
 (so soft)
Excuse me? I think you planted the
pole--

209 ALL THE PIES
 (realizing with HORROR)
...Right on the fault line!

210 APPLEJACK
...What's a fault line?

The ground CRACKS. Everypony reacts in HORROR because...

HOLDER'S BOULDER ROLLS INTO THE CRACK, which sends it rolling
towards the edge of the QUARRY. It rolls right over the side.

Ma and Pa Pie cover their eyes. Pinkie covers Marble's eyes.
Even Maud looks sad as--

CRUNCH, it hits the ground. Applejack is frozen in shock.

211 LIMESTONE PIE
 (dropping to her knees)
NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!

Applejack feels awful. Pinkie Pie looks over the edge.

212 PINKIE PIE
Don't worry! The boulder didn't
break because it landed on your
presents that I hid there.

In the quarry, there are smashed bits of presents everywhere.
Everyone turns to Applejack, who's eyes quiver with shame...

213 APPLEJACK
 (sotto)
...Ho' boy.

END OF ACT 2

ACT 3

SC. 25 - EXT. ROCKVILLE TRAIN STATION - LATER

A pile of luggage, next to which stands Granny Smith, Big
Mac, and Apple Bloom... All looking glum.

214 GRANNY SMITH
After all that, I think it's best
if we go back to Sweet Apple Acres.

215 APPLE BLOOM
I really like Maud. She's sweet once
you get to know her. They all are.

216 BIG MAC
(sad)
Eyup.

217 GRANNY SMITH
Maybe in time we'll be friends
again. But for now it's best if we
give them a little space.

218 APPLE BLOOM
Worst Hearth's Warming ever.

219 GRANNY SMITH
All right. Everypony start loading
up, we got a lot to-- hey now--
anypony seen Applejack?

WIDE ON THE TRAIN PLATFORM-- No Applejack to be found.

SC. 26 - EXT. ROCK FARM - SAME

The Pie family is in the middle of taking down Applejack's
ribbons and flag pole. Everyone is sad except Limestone, who
paces like a general.

220 LIMESTONE PIE
I say good riddance. We don't need
anypony forcing their way into our
family.

221 MA PIE
I thought they were nice, didn't
you, father?

222 PA PIE
Aye. A shame, all this is.

223 MAUD PIE
(so dry)
That little one really got my
hilarious sense of humor.

224 MARBLE PIE
(soft, to herself)
And I finally got to--

225 PINKIE PIE
This was all a misunderstanding,
everypony. I know Applejack, and
she'd never do anything bad to
anypony.

226 LIMESTONE PIE
Look around, Pinkie Pie. It's gonna
take me ages to get this farm back
on track. And how're we gonna lift
Holder's Boulder? This is all her
fault.

227 PINKIE PIE
Then it's my fault too...

Pinkie Pie, head down, walks away. Her family watches, sad.

SC. 27 - INT. ROCK FARM - MINE SHAFT - LATER

Down down down underground, deep in the rock mine... sits
Applejack, feeling bad. She wipes her eyes.

228 APPLEJACK
I really squashed the corn this
time.

She perks up at footsteps. It's Pinkie Pie. She sits down
next to Applejack without noticing Applejack is there.

229 PINKIE PIE
I really popped the piñata this
time.

230 APPLEJACK
Pinkie Pie?!

Pinkie Pie is STARTLED.

231 PINKIE PIE
Ah! What are you doing here?

232 APPLEJACK
What are you doing here?

233 PINKIE PIE/APPLEJACK
I came here to think.

234 PINKIE PIE/APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
You did? So did I!

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They share a soft chuckle, but the mood is still somber.

235 APPLEJACK
I'm too ashamed to go back up there.
Your family, my family-- they all
must think I'm such a nincompoop.

236 PINKIE PIE
Aw, no one thinks that.
 (off Applejack's relief)
Pushy, aggressive, mean-- sure, but
not a nincompoop-- oh I'm not
helping, sorry.

237 APPLEJACK
Pinkie Pie, I'm sorry I forced you
to choose between the family you
were born into, and the friends who
love you like one.

238 PINKIE PIE
I understand why you tried so hard.

239 APPLEJACK
I really hoped we could be one big
family. I guess not.

240 PINKIE PIE
Don't say that...

241 APPLEJACK
I'm sorry, Pinkie Pie. I wish I
could stay but I have a train to
catch...

Applejack walks away, sad. Pinkie's eyes well up with tears.

242 PINKIE PIE
Hap... hap... happy Heath's Warming.

243 APPLEJACK
 (without looking back)
You too.

SC. 28 - EXT. ROCKVILLE TRAIN STATION - LATER

The platform empties as the last ponies board the train.
<WHISTLE>!

SC. 29 - INT. TRAIN - SAME

Granny Smith, Big Mac, and Apple Bloom sit on the train. They
perk up when Applejack enters the car and joins them. She is
too embarrassed to look at them. She takes a seat.

244 GRANNY SMITH
She'll always be part of our family,
even if we're not part of hers.

Applejack nods glumly. The trains STARTS MOVING with a <CHUG CHUG> sound. Applejack sighs. Granny Smith sits next to her, wanting to cheer her up.

245 GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)
You wanna know why they eat rock
soup and not apple butter? Ma and
Pa told me. Their great great great
grandfather accidentally put rocks
in the soup instead of potatoes, so
they've done that ever since.

246 APPLEJACK
That's so sweet. I guess I got so
caught up in what they were doing,
I never asked why they did it.

Applejack looks out the window, sad. But then... she spots something on the floor that confuses her.

It's A WRAPPED PRESENT.

247 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
(reading the tag)
To Applejack, from Pinkie Pie.

248 APPLE BLOOM
You just found the first Pie
Hearth's Warming present ever!

249 APPLEJACK
(laughing, to the others)
Only Pinkie Pie would hide a
present on a moving train.
(then, realizing)
What a great tradition.

Applejack gets a look of determination on her face.

250 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
STOP THE TRAIN!

CUT TO:

SC. 30 - EXT. ROCK FARM - QUARRY - LATER

The Pie family is dwarfed by the massive sloped walls of the rock quarry. In front of them is HOLDER'S BOULDER. Despite all their effort, it doesn't budge. Maud STRAINS.

251 MAUD PIE
It's made of super-condensed
obsideon... too... dense...

Another futile moment of effort. Pinkie Pie STRAINS to move it. Marble and Limestone push with all their might. But the boulder doesn't move.

252 LIMESTONE PIE
 (still pushing)
It's hopeless.

CLOSE ON THE BOULDER in the dirt. SUDDENLY it starts ROLLING!

The Pies are confused.

253 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Need a little help?

REVEAL: the Apples are all pushing as well. The boulder keeps moving.

254 PINKIE PIE
Apples!!!

255 LIMESTONE PIE
What do you want?

They all stop pushing.

256 APPLEJACK
I wasn't trying to take your
traditions AWAY, I was trying to
share ours. I was so focused on us
bein' one big family, I thought we
needed the same traditions right
away. What I shoulda done is learn
about yours, and teach you about
ours... and over time we'd make new
traditions together. I'm sorry,
y'all.

The Pies look from one to the other. Limestone smiles.

257 LIMESTONE PIE
Well... don't just stand there. We
got a boulder to move!

258 APPLEJACK
You got it!

259 BIG MAC
EYUP!

They start pushing the boulder uphill. Pinkie Pie is excited.

260 PINKIE PIE
I think we just invented our first
combined tradition! Pushing
Holder's Boulder out of the Quarry!
I can't wait for Applejack to knock
it over next Hearth's Warming!

Everypony laughs.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 31 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - DAY

CLOSE ON TWILIGHT SPARKLE.

261 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well, it sounds like everything
worked out for the best.

REVEAL: She is with Applejack and Pinkie Pie, who nod happily. Meanwhile, Spike sits surrounded by opened presents.

262 SPIKE
 (whimpering)
I hate this part of Hearth's
Warming...

Applejack and Pinkie Pie look at each other, confused.

263 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is the part of our tradition
where I comfort Spike for having no
presents because he opened them all
yesterday night.

Pinkie Pie and Applejack exchange a "poor them" look.

264 PINKIE PIE
Don't worry, Spike. Next year you
can join us! We're going to hide
our presents inside apple pies, and
whoever finds the most ancestor
stones gets to plant the flag pole
in the fault line and knock
Holder's Boulder into the quarry!

265 APPLEJACK
It's going to be... Rooftastic!

Applejack and Pinkie Pie grin. Spike and Twilight are confused.

266 SPIKE
(sotto, to Twilight)
Now THAT is a weird tradition.

FADE OUT.