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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - DAY

Gentle snowfall. There are lights strung around the castle.

SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - DAY

SPIKE stands on his tip-toes, hanging a string of lights on the wall. He's balanced on a stack of books. TWILIGHT SPARKLE helps with magic.

Suddenly PINKIE PIE bounces in, startling Twilight and Spike. Spike's tower of books wobbles and he FALLS.

1 PINKIE PIE
Happy Hearth's Warming Eve!

2 SPIKE
 (from the book pile)
Right back atcha!

APPLEJACK comes in after her, impressed by the lights.

3 APPLEJACK
Shucks, Twilight, y'all done it up
nice and cozy in here.

4 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We're about to hang our Hearth's
Warming Dolls, if you want to join us.

Twilight reveals two homemade knit dolls, like sock puppets-- of Spike and Twilight. She hangs them above a fireplace.

5 APPLEJACK
That's mighty sweet of you, but we're
just stopping in to wish y'all a
happy Hearth's Warming before we go.

6 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think it's sweet that your families
are spending the holiday together.

7 PINKIE PIE
Picture the most funtacular thing you
can think of. Now multiply that times
infinity! IT'S GONNA BE GREAT!

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A <TRAIN WHISTLE>!

8 APPLEJACK
That's us! See you later!

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 [their](#) own, I suppose.

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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
Windigo-frosted snow cone?

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

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

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20 APPLE BLOOM
Granny, slow down...

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

Granny spits out her dentures and grins, revealing one remaining BLUE TOOTH. She takes a bite.

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22 GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)
Mmmmm.

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 quickly BITES Applejack, then herself.

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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! And
don't tell Granny I saw, but her
trunk is full of PRESENTS! I love
this holiday!

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31 APPLEJACK
Now hang on-- you know Hearth's
Warming isn't just about candy and
presents, right?

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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!"
(MORE)

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

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

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

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

ANGLE ON - A licorice flagpole, on which rises A COLOR-
FROSTED, FLAG-SHAPED COOKIE with a BITE taken out of it.

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39 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Uh, what happened to the flag...?

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BACK TO SCENE: Pinkie Pie chews a mouthful of cookie.

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40 PINKIE PIE
(mouthful)
I don't know.

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41 APPLE BLOOM
(excited)
Is that why we celebrate with a
flag-raising tomorrow?

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

43 PINKIE PIE
We do that too!

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

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

46 APPLEJACK
And tomorrow, we open presents--

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

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

49 APPLEJACK/PINKIE PIE
Of course! We *might be* related!

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Pinkie and Applejack laugh and look at each other.

50 APPLEJACK/PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Hey, I was going to say that!

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

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

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

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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.

53 APPLE BLOOM
Wow. Rockville is so... rocky.
[Rocksachussets? The Boonrocks?]

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54 BIG MAC
Eyup.

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SC. 6 - INT. TRAIN - SAME TIME

Pinkie Pie's eyes water with happiness.

55 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!"?
[alt: Rufus!]

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56 APPLEJACK
Rooftastic?

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57 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.

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

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

60 APPLEJACK
What if our families don't like
each other?

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

61 PINKIE PIE
We are friends, Applejack. And
after tonight, our families are
going to be friends too! Do you
know what that means?
 (super-fast)
Number of Apples times number of
Pies is 24 minus my pre-existing
friendships plus 1 for Maud and you
makes 5 from 24 is--
 (triumphant)
Nineteen new friendships!!!

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Beat. Applejack blinks.

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62 APPLEJACK
...Can't argue with that.

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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:

63 PINKIE PIE
Maud!

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

64 MAUD PIE *

I'm so excited to see you, Pinkie *

Pie. You too, Applejack. I hope you *

had fun at the lake yesterday. *

65 APPLEJACK *

(confused) *

How'd you know that...? *

66 MAUD PIE *

Isn't it obvious? There's specks of *

aragonite and silica on your hoof. *

(long beat) *

Sand. *

67 GRANNY SMITH *

Oh... she's good. *

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

68 MAUD PIE

Everypony's waiting back at the farm.

69 PINKIE PIE *

How's school going? *

(proud, to others) *

Maud's getting her rocktorate in *

rock science. *

70 MAUD PIE *

If you thought quartz was high on *

the Mohs Hardness Scale, wait'll I *

tell you about corundum. *

71 PINKIE PIE *

(so excited!!!) *

I missed you so much! *

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 ROCK *

FARM. The normally drab farm has been decorated with *

SPARKLING CRYSTALS and MINERALS.

72 APPLEJACK *

This place looks amazing... *

73 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!

74 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.

75 PA PIE
Surely thy name is not but Granny
Smith. I am called Igneous Rock,
son of Feldspar Granite.

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76 MA PIE
Thou shalt know me as Cloudy Quartz.

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77 PA PIE
May providence favor thee well and to
thou comfort our humble homestead
bring.

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78 GRANNY SMITH
Y'all gabbin' with words real funny-
like. What'd ya say them names
were: "Iggy?" And I'm just gonna
call you, "Big Mama Q."

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

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

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

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

81 LIMESTONE PIE
--Or Holder's Boulder!

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

82 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...

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

Marble Pie nods (She only says "Mmm-hmm").

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84 MARBLE PIE
(yes)
Mmm-hmm.

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85 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.

86 MARBLE PIE
Mmm-hmm.

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SUDDENLY, a <NOISEMAKER> goes off. Pinkie Pie stands on
Holder's Boulder.

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87 PINKIE PIE
ATTENTION!

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

89 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:

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

Nearby, Big Mac hears her and agrees.

91 BIG MAC

Eyup.

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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.

92 APPLEJACK

So far, so good... "cousin!"

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93 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...

94 APPLEJACK

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

95 APPLE BLOOM

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

96 GRANNY SMITH

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

97 APPLE BLOOM

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

98 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.

99 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.

100 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-- being set by Limestone Pie with
nothing by wooden bowls of broth, each with a ROCK in it.

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

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

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

104 MAUD PIE
...We have rock soup.

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

105 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.

106 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.

107 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.)

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

109 GRANNY SMITH
Rocky?

GS bites the rock. A tooth breaks and she spits it out. *
After a moment, Applejack clears her throat. Pinkie Pie looks *
concerned. *

110 PINKIE PIE *
Is everything all right, Applejack? *

111 APPLEJACK *
Of course. I'm just bein' a rusty *
fiddle. Tune me up and let's get *
back to dinner! *

112 PINKIE PIE *
Alright! *
(slurps down her soup) *
More rock, please! *

Limestone Pie drops a large ROCK in her soup, which SPLASHES *
onto Applejack, who forces a smile. *

SC. 12 - INT. ROCK FARM - QUARRY - LATER *

Pinkie Pie picks up a LARGE ROCK. *

113 PINKIE PIE *
Who wants a Hearth's Warming doll?! *

114 APPLEJACK *
(confused) *
Are you sayin' that rock is a *
Hearth's Warming Doll? *

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115      PINKIE PIE                                     *
Ha! That would be ridiculous.                         *
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Pinkie Pie SMASHES against the ground. It SHATTERS. *

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116      PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)                *
Our dolls are these little pieces!          *

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

117 BIG MAC
Ah wha?

118 APPLE BLOOM
Our dolls... are rocks?

119 PINKIE PIE
And every year we chip new ones!

Applejack softens, feeling bad...

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

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

The Pies murmur in agreement.

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122      APPLEJACK
Cause dolls are traditional?
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123 PINKIE PIE
But this is our tradition, silly!

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

124 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.

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

126 APPLEJACK
The what-findin' what-now?

SMASH CUT TO:

SC. 13 - EXT. ROCK FARM - LATER

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

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

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

Pinkie Pie ignores her and keeps organizing whatever this is.

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

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

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

131 MAUD PIE
Are you ready to win?

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132 APPLE BLOOM
Win what?

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133 PINKIE PIE
No time to explain.

Pinkie Pie nudges Ma and Pa.

134 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.

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

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

Pinkie Pie jumps on Holder's Boulder.

137 PINKIE PIE
As everypony knows--

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

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Pinkie Pie hops down.

139 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.

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

141 APPLEJACK
You mean on the flagpole?

142 PINKIE PIE
No, silly!
 (re: Holder's Boulder)
It goes on the highest point. And
who's the lucky pony?

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143 APPLEJACK
 (more confused)
Traditionally, it's the youngest
pony who--

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144 PINKIE PIE
ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!

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

145 PA PIE
This amusement brings always
reminiscence of japes from yesteryear.
Agree you not, Apple Matriarch?

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146 GRANNY SMITH
Who you callin' a matriarch,
patriarch?

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Meanwhile, Maud **walks with** Apple Bloom.

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147 APPLE BLOOM
What are we doing?

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148 MAUD PIE

Walking.

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149 APPLE BLOOM

No, I mean... "What are we doing?"

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150 MAUD PIE

(after a lot of thought)

Walking.

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Meanwhile-- Applejack is VERY confused.

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151 APPLEJACK

Pinkie Pie, will you please tell us
what's going on--?

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152 PINKIE PIE

I'll explain on the way-- COME ON!

Pinkie Pie YOINKS Applejack out of frame.

CUT TO:

SC. 14 - INT. ROCK FARM - MINE SHAFT - LATER

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

153 APPLEJACK

...I still don't understand.

154 PINKIE PIE

Earlier today, Limestone Pie hid an
obsidian stone. 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.

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155 APPLEJACK

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

156 PINKIE PIE

Well... how else would we do it?

157 APPLEJACK

I don't know...

(sotto, worried)

I sure hope everyone else is havin' a
better time.

CUT TO:

SC. 15 - INT. ROCK FARM - QUARRY - SAME

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

158 APPLE BLOOM
What does the rock look like?

159 MAUD PIE
It looks like something that formed
when volcanic lava cooled quickly.

160 APPLE BLOOM
...Oh.

161 MAUD PIE
Have you ever wished you could turn
into a rock?

162 APPLE BLOOM
I had a dream once I was an apple.

163 MAUD PIE
We have a lot in common when it
comes to thinking about turning
into things.

Apple Bloom is confused, but Maud smiles, genuine.

CUT TO:

SC. 16 - EXT. PIE HOUSE - SAME

Around the house's exterior, Big Mac and Marble Pie just
stand there, looking around. Eventually, Marble Pie nods.

164 MARBLE PIE
Mmm-hmm.

165 BIG MAC
Eyup.

Beat.

166 MARBLE PIE
Mmm-hmm.

167 BIG MAC
Eyup.

Long Beat.

168 MARBLE PIE/BIG MAC
Mmm-hmm./Eyup.

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CUT TO:

SC. 17 - EXT. PIE ROCK FARM - SAME

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

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169 GRANNY SMITH
So, Big Mama-Q... how'd ya meet Iggy?

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170 MA PIE
The choosing stone paired us and we
were betrothed within a fortnight.

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171 GRANNY SMITH
Got hitched by a rock, did ya?

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172 PA PIE
'Tis an ancient stone, spun upon
the ground for the breath of fate
your love shall know.

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173 GRANNY SMITH
Hm. I gotta look into this oldfangled
"choosin' stone" thing. Reckon it
knows any Apple farmin' hunks?

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Pa and Ma nod. Granny Smith grins.

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SC. 18 - INT. ROCK FARM - MINE SHAFT - SAME

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Pinkie Pie dashes over to a **SHINY BLACK ROCK**.

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174          PINKIE PIE
FOUND IT! I get to raise the flag!
And now it's time to hide the
presents!
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175 APPLEJACK
Y'all hide your presents?

176 PINKIE PIE
Of course! What's more fun than
getting a present? FINDING A PRESENT!
 (realizing)
Although most years nopony finds one.

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177 APPLEJACK
So nopony gets presents?! *

178 PINKIE PIE
 (kind of confused/sad) *
Not usually. *

179 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?

180 PINKIE PIE
Well... it doesn't sound very fun
when you say it THAT way.

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

182 PINKIE PIE *
I'm picturing it, and I love it!
 (lightning up)
That's why we're here!

183 APPLEJACK
 (smiling)
Exactly.

CUT TO:

SC. 19 - EXT. PIE HOUSE - NIGHT *

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

SC. 20 - INT. PIE HOUSE - UPSTAIRS - NIGHT *

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

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

185 APPLEJACK
Goodnight, Pinkie Pie!

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

186 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
We gotta do something, y'all.
*Pinkie Pie's family's never had a
real Hearth's Warming. She said it
herself-- she doesn't have fun.*

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

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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/*sincere*, to herself)
I know they have their traditions
and we have ours, but *I just want
them to see how much better theirs
could be.*

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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. 21 - EXT. ROCK FARM - NIGHT

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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. 22 - EXT. ROCK FARM - MORNING

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The sun comes up. The farm has been decorated *holly, lights, and candles*. The centerpiece is a large POLE with hanging banners, wrapped with ribbons.

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SC. 23 - INT. PIE HOUSE - SAME

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

193 PINKIE PIE
Hearth's Warming!

She SPROINGS out of bed.

SC. 24 - INT. PIE HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

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

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

SC. 25 - EXT. ROCK FARM - LATER

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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...

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199 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.

200 APPLEJACK
It's Hearth's Warming, Apple style!
We've been doing everything your
way...
 (MORE)

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
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!

201 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.

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

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

204 LIMESTONE PIE
But what about what we usually do?

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

Applejack starts to get worried.

206 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...

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

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

209 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.

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

Applejack feels awful. Pinkie Pie looks over the edge.

211 PINKIE PIE
Good news! I found some presents!
Bad news-- they're crushed under
the boulder.

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

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

END OF ACT 2

ACT 3

SC. 26 - EXT. ROCKVILLE TRAIN STATION - LATER

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

213 APPLE BLOOM
Well... that was an awkward goodbye.

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214 GRANNY SMITH
Probably best if we go back to Sweet
Apple Acres. Maybe in time we'll be
friends again. But for now it's best
if we give them a little space.

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

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216 BIG MAC *

(sad) *

Eyup. *

217 APPLE BLOOM
Worst Hearth's Warming ever.

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218          GRANNY SMITH
Everypony start loading up. And *
where's Applejack...? She said *
she'd meet us here! *
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WIDE ON THE TRAIN PLATFORM-- No Applejack to be found.

SC. 27 - EXT. ROCK FARM - SAME *

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

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219          PINKIE PIE                                *
You didn't have to ask them to                        *
leave.                                                  *
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220 LIMESTONE PIE
They wanted to go. And I say good *
riddance. We don't need anypony
forcing their way into our family.

221 MA PIE
Twas a merry time 'til it t'weren't. *

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

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223      MAUD PIE
I really liked them. *
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224 MARBLE PIE
Mmm-hmm. *

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. 28 - INT. ROCK FARM - MINE SHAFT - LATER

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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.

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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. 29 - EXT. ROCKVILLE TRAIN STATION - LATER

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

SC. 30 - INT. TRAIN - SAME

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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?
 (MORE)

GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)
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.

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248      APPLE BLOOM
You just found your first Pie
Hearth's Warming present ever!
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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. 31 - 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. 32 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - DAY

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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 (all books).

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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.