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Hearthbreakers

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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. PONYVILLE – DAY**

Snowflakes drift down, turning Ponyville into a winter wonderland. INTERCUT between PINKIE PIE and APPLEJACK, talking about how Hearth's Warming is their favorite holiday and they can't wait to share it with a special pony. They go through town, catching snowflakes in their mouths, tasting pudding bowls, etc, until they meet up outside Twilight's castle. The scene ends with them saying how excited they are to share this holiday with EACH OTHER'S FAMILIES! This year's Hearth Warming is going to be a full-on Apple/Pie family-fun-fest!

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT 1****SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLES' CASTLE – DAY**

TWILIGHT SPARKLE hangs lights while SPIKE hangs two cute dolls (made to look like Twilight and Spike) above the fireplace. Applejack and Pinkie Pie come upstairs: they were about to leave for Pinkie Pie's family rock farm, but they wanted to stop by and wish Twilight and Spike a happy Hearth's Warming Eve. Twilight thinks it's so sweet that they're spending the holiday together. After all, they're practically family already. As Pinkie Pie and Applejack are leaving, Spike gets antsy: now can he open his presents? Pinkie Pie and Applejack are confused: "But tonight is Hearth's Warming EVE. Everypony knows you're not supposed to open presents until tomorrow." Twilight explains that when she first met/got Spike, he couldn't wait all night to open his presents, so it's been their tradition ever since to open presents the night before. Applejack thinks that's just a wee bit strange, because that's not how her family does it, and it ain't how Pinkie's does is ("is it, Pinkie?" – "nope!") Twilight: "I guess every family has their own traditions." Pinkie Pie hugs Applejack tight: "Except us, cause we're probably, maybe the SAME FAMILY!" After Pinkie Pie and Applejack leave, Twilight and Spike start opening presents, laughing and hugging at the great gifts: "Happy Hearth's Warming eve!"

SC. 3 - EXT. EQUESTRIA – DAY

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

SC. 4 - INT. TRAIN – SAME

The train cars have been transformed. Wreathes, lights, candles, and stars adorn every compartment. A PORTER PONY comes down the aisle, offering complimentary Hearth's Warming treats: bowls of Earth Pudding, Smart Cookies and Windigo-frosted snow cones. He passes the Apple family, where APPLE BLOOM, BIG MAC and GRANNY SMITH help themselves. In the next seat, we find Pinkie Pie and Applejack, giddy with excitement. Granny Smith leans in to remind them that this holiday isn't ALL about giddiness and excitement...(AJ and PP feel like they just got scolded for "only thinking about the fun part."). The holiday is to remind everypony of the generosity and friendship shown by the founders of Equestria. Granny Smith: "Take a gander at these here snacks, for example." Even these treats have meaning!

She gives a brief recap of Equestria's founding (which would be cool to animate with the designs on the cakes, snowcones, etc.) "The icy chill of the Windigos almost froze the ancient Earth Ponies, Pegasis Ponies, and Unicorn ponies. But once they decided to work together, their friendship drove the nasty creatures away. The triumphant

ponies raised a new flag to celebrating all three tribes, and Equestria was born. Isn't that fascinating?" But Pinkie Pie and Applejack stopped listening because they, uh, ate all the treats.

As the train rolls on, Applejack tells Pinkie Pie that she can't wait for their families to do all the Hearth's Warming traditions together: first comes the Hearth's Warming Eve dinner, where everypony shares a traditional meal. Then they'll hang the Hearth's Warming dolls over the fireplace. The next day, they'll open presents, and finally, to cap off the holiday, a traditional flag gets raised up the traditional flagpole! Applejack: "Sounds like we do everything the same way!" Pinkie Pie gives her a smile: "Why wouldn't we?! We're maybe, possibly related!"

SC. 5 - EXT. ROCKVILLE TRAIN STATION – SAME TIME

The train hisses to a stop. Pinkie Pie leads the Apple family onto the platform. They are met by MAUD PIE, who dryly deadpans that she's "soooooo excited to see you, Pinkie Pie." As they walk away from the train, PP excitedly asks Maud how school is going? – "If you think quartz is cool, wait'll you see magnesiofoitite." Applejack gives a whisper to her weirded-out family: "You'll like Maud once you get to know her."

SC. 6 - EXT. PIE ROCK FARM – LATER

Pinkie Pie and Maud lead the Apple family to the farm, where IGNEOUS ROCK (Pa), CLOUDY QUARTZ (Ma), and LIMESTONE PIE wait expectantly. The normally drab farm has been decorated with sparkling crystals and minerals. The Apples are amazed! Applejack had no idea rocks could be, uh, not boring. Maud: "surprise." Pinkie Pie makes introductions. Her parents say things like, "Providence favors our meeting, wouldn't you agree, Mother?" – "Aye, Father, I would." Granny Smith's straight-shootin attitude confuses them, but they hit it off when they discover they all love rocks shaped like apples. Pinkie Pie and Applejack are relieved. Next, Pinkie Pie tells Apple Bloom there's somepony she wants her to meet. "Where's Marble Pie?!"

MARBLE PIE (Pinkie's younger sister) hides behind a rock pile. Pinkie leads Apple Bloom over to her, which spooks her into mumbling quietly. (think: MUCH shyer than Fluttershy). Apple Bloom asks if she's excited for Hearth's Warming. Super soft: "....yes." Pinkie Pie springs with joy: "See? SO MUCH IN COMMON!" Everypony laughs. Now let's all get settled in; there's plenty of room in the house, and it's time for the Hearth's Warming Eve dinner! Everypony goes inside, talking amongst themselves. Pinkie and Applejack go in last, feeling great: so far so good!

SC. 7 - INT. PIE HOUSE – DINING ROOM – LATER

The Pie family sits around a large table with spaces left for the Apple family, who come downstairs. Applejack: "Hope ya'll like this. We brought homemade apple butter for the rolls--" She stops when she sees: the table's been set with nothing but bowls of soup filled with pebbles. "Isn't it great!" says Pinkie, excited, but then a little nervous because the Apples are obviously NOT excited. AJ: "what about the sweet cheese and mulled cider and double-baked-pot-pie?" The Pie family is confused: "but... rock soup." Pinkie Pie diffuses the situation with a happy observation: "Potato, Po-tah-to; double-baked-pot-pie, rock soup... Dinner is dinner! Come on everybody, let's eat!" Applejack chuckles to herself nervously. This could be trouble...

END ACT 1

ACT 2

SC. 8 - INT. PIE HOUSE – DINING ROOM – LATER

Everypony sits around the table. Applejack takes a sip of rock soup, which she finds very “Interesting.” The rest of her family politely eats their soup too. AJ: “But doesn’t this soup make you...sad?” No, it does not. Confused, Applejack offers the Pie family her homemade apple butter to give them something “yummy.” Maud tastes it: “delicious.” The other Pies love the apple butter too, and then go back to happily eating their soup. The Apples exchange concerned looks

SC. 9 - EXT. ROCK FARM – LATER

Pinkie Pie leads the families out to HOLDER’S BOULDER, a big rock at the center of the farm. It’s time to make Hearth’s Warming dolls! Everypony knows that on Hearth’s Warming Eve, you put cute little dolls of every family member above the fireplace. Well, down at the Pie family farm, they make their own dolls...by chipping smaller rocks off the big rock. Pinkie Pie chips hers and screams “WOW IT LOOKS JUST LIKE ME!” (It looks like a rock.) When it’s Applejack’s turn, she feels bad for the Pies: “Don’t you have crocheted dolls passed down generation after generation, like we do?” Nope! The Pies make new rock dolls every year! “Now come on, get chippin!” Applejack chips off a splintery rock. The Pies cheer. Applejack feels bad for them having to use rocks as dolls, but she keeps it to herself.

Next comes the planting of the pole. Tomorrow morning, they will hoist the Equestria flag up the pole, but before they can do that, they need to make a pole. AJ is confused: “wait, where IS your pole?” The Pie family takes turns hopping on each other’s backs as they explain their tradition. They make a “pony” pole by all standing on each other in a tower. And who gets to be on top? Easy! They have a challenge where family members do feats of strength, and whoever wins gets to be the flagbearer on top. Pinkie Pie brags to AJ that she’s been training all year just so she can be on top! Father Pie counts off and then the whole family starts doing push-ups. “C’mon, Apples! Show us what you got!” They reluctantly half-heartedly join in the feats of strength. Pinkie Pie wins! YES! She’s going to be top of the pole! She wishes Applejack better luck next year, but AJ feels worse than ever...this is all wrong...but she still keeps it to herself.

Then it’s time for early bed, because tomorrow’s the big day! Gift exchange, and Pinkie Pie can’t wait! She reminds Applejack how they both love the anticipation of waiting all night to open presents. AJ laughs nervously: “Yeah, I remember...we sure do have a lot in common!” heh heh... grasping at straws? Yes she is.

SC. 10 - INT. PIE HOUSE – UPSTAIRS – NIGHT

Applejack calls an Apple family meeting. How can the Pies not have a flagpole! How do you raise a flag without a pole?! And no crocheted dolls for the hearth? And ROCK SOUP? AJ points out that THEIR family always has the best time. AJ loves her own family so much--she just wants to share that love with the Pie family. They deserve to have the best Hearth’s Warming ever, and if they’re going to be one big family, they should do things the Apple way! “You saw how much they loved our apple butter!” Apple Bloom takes the voice of opposition here and points out that maybe they were just being polite. After all, every family has its own tradition, right? Applejack understands, and that’s why she wants to combine their traditions...by giving the Pies the best of both worlds... “and that’s our world!” AJ’s desire is from a very sincere and sweet place to make this holiday the best it can be, and that gives her an idea: “We’ll show them the best Hearth’s Warming ever. Come on y’all, let’s get to work.” They sneak outside...

SC. 11 - EXT. ROCK FARM – NIGHT

Various shots: the Apple family, led by AJ, sneaking around. We can’t exactly tell what they’re up to, but when they’re finished, they sneak back inside.

SC. 12 - EXT. ROCK FARM – MORNING

Hearth's Warming Day! Pinkie Pie leads her family outside, so excited! AJ gives a sly nod to her family: "this is gonna be great." But the Pies are confused: "um...where's Holder's Boulder? And why's there a flagpole where our rock used to be?" At first Applejack explains that she felt sorry for the Pie's traditions because they're so... "sad." Wouldn't a delicious dinner be better than...rock soup? The Pies say no! They've been eating rock soup for generations! As they list off each other's ways of doing things, Applejack gets more exasperated until she finally blurts out that the Pie's traditions "don't make any sense!" Just then, Pinkie Pie realizes... "hey, where DID you move our rock to, anyway?"

They spot Holder's Boulder over by...a CLIFF! The ledge collapses and the rock falls. The Pies scream: "our boulder!" Applejack feels bad. Pinkie adds: "and all the presents!" Applejack is confused... until she looks over the edge of the cliff with Pinkie Pie, who explains: "it's our family tradition to hide all the presents in the quarry...which we did...right where that rock fell...and smashed everything." Everyone glares at Applejack, who lamely defends: "why didn't you leave the presents under the pole?" – "That's not our tradition!" – AJ mumbles... "well if your traditions weren't so weird, this wouldn't have happened," but she knows she messed up big time. Pinkie Pie feels bad too...she understands why Applejack tried so hard. But the families are another story. Ma and Pa think it's time for the Apples to leave. So does Granny Smith and Big Mac. "You ruined our Hearth's Warming," says an angry Ma. The act ends with the Apple family loading up and heading back to the train station...

END ACT 2**ACT 3****SC. 13 - INT. SILO – LATER**

Marble Pie hides in the silo, quiet, but upset. Apple Bloom creeps in to find her. Her family is headed for the train station, but she couldn't leave without saying goodbye. They're both sad. Why can't their families get along? Just because they have different traditions doesn't mean they aren't both celebrating the same thing. Apple Bloom realizes something that Applejack never did: she never ASKED the Pie family what their traditions MEAN. And so, Apple Bloom asks Marble Pie why they don't use a flag pole. Marble Pie is shy, but touched that Apple Bloom wants to know. She leans in and whispers in her ear...

SC. 14 - EXT. ROCK TRAIN STATION – LATER

The Apples are boarding the train, Applejack wonderin' where in the world Apple Bloom got off to! Finally Apple Bloom hurries down the platform yelling "wait!" She asks Applejack if she knows WHY the Pies chip rocks off the big rock to make their dolls. AJ is flippant and tired: "because their traditions are dumb. Let's go." But Apple Bloom doesn't give up. She explains: "Pinkie Pie's great-great-great-great-grandfather saw that big rock and decided to settle his farm right in that spot. Holder's Boulder has been there for hundreds of years, and every time they chip off a Hearth's Warming Doll, it reminds them of all their family who came before them. Applejack is confused: "how'd you know all that?" Apple Bloom blushes: "because I asked."

Applejack has an important realization: "I didn't understand their traditions, so I assumed they didn't mean anything important. But every family has their OWN traditions to stay connected to THEIR family." She rallies the other Apples, getting them off the train... "If all of us are gonna be one big family, we're gonna need some new traditions. C'mon everypony..."

SC. 15 - EXT. ROCK FARM – LATER

Pinkie Pie tries to cheer her family up, but she's SO SAD, especially when she sees how sad Marble Pie is, who just lost her first friend, Apple Bloom. They go about trying to move Holder's Boulder out of the quarry, but it's too heavy. Pinkie Pie tries explaining: "Applejack wasn't trying to take our traditions AWAY, she was trying to SHARE hers. I know her, she's a good pony!" At that moment, Holder's Boulder suddenly BUDGES. Pinkie is surprised, until she sees THE APPLE FAMILY has joined to help push the rock back to its rightful place. Applejack apologizes, and says that this year, the Apples want to learn all about the Pie Family traditions. Maybe next year they can do some Apple traditions, and over time, their families will create NEW traditions. The Pies are touched. Pinkie Pie gets excited: "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 in next year...!" Everypony laughs and we...

SC. 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE – DAY

Ponies wish each other Happy Hearth's Warming.

SC. 17 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE – DAY

Applejack and Pinkie Pie, back from their trip, stop in to visit Twilight and Spike. Spike sadly looks over his opened presents and starts whimpering. Twilight explains: "this is the part of our tradition where I comfort him for having no presents because he opened them all yesterday." Applejack and Pinkie laugh, then explain how their new feat of strength tradition is whoever throws an apple the farthest gets to climb the pony tower to raise the flag! So fun! As they leave, Twilight and Spike look at each other, completely non-comprehending: "Now THAT is a weird tradition." IRIS OUT.

THE END.