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TEASER

SC. 1 - INT. CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS RUINS - DAY

PINKIE PIE darts about the castle ruins, sneaking around, hiding and then popping up in different areas. Behind a column, up from a trapdoor, dropping down from above, but before she hits the ground, she deploys balloons on her hooves to catch her fall. She's searching for somepony.

Pinkie's big eyes appear in the painting looking through the eyeholes. She spies pony armor with rainbow colored hair peeking out from the helmet. She squints, closing in on this, then zips up to the armor and flips up the faceplate.

1 PINKIE PIE
Rainbow...

But it's a rainbow colored mustache!

2 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
...stache?!

It springs out, hitting Pinkie in the face, sticking under her nose.

BLUE FLASHES down a perpendicular hallway. Pinkie sees this and hears a familiar laugh echoing through the halls.

3 RAINBOW DASH
Hahahahahahaha!

Pinkie runs after RAINBOW DASH, turning the corner into...

SC. 2 - INT. HALL OF HOOVES - CONTINUOUS

Pinkie thinks she sees Rainbow's blue wing peeking around the corner. Pinkie gets a sinister look in her eye.

4 PINKIE PIE
 (whispering "evilly")
Les jeux sont faits. Translation:
The duck is clucking.

Pinkie jumps out at the pony figure, trying to startle her.

But it's not Rainbow's wing. It's a blue feather duster! It tickles Pinkie's nose (with the moustache). She starts reeling back to sneeze, but tries to fight it.

5 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ah-ah-ah-ah...

Trying to fight the sneeze, Pinkie stumbles backwards through the hall. A blue hoof sticks out of a hole in the wall and tickles Pinkie. She's caught between sneezing and giggling.

6 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(giggle/sneeze combo)
Tee-hee-ah-ah-ah-hee-hee-ah-ah-ah!

Finally Pinkie can't hold the sneeze through her giggling.

7 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
CHOOOOO-HEE-HEE-HEE-HOOOO!

Pinkie blows her moustache off and goes pinballing all around the castle. As she does she's both scared and amused, shrieking and laughing.

8 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
<SHRIEKING AND GIGGLING>

Pinkie plummets through a trap door, tumbling out and hitting a wall that spins her around, then goes careening towards a tapestry that she gets tangled up in.

Through this Rainbow's laughter continues to echo about.

SC. 3 - INT. THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

On Rainbow Dash as she finishes laughing, wiping the tears from her eyes, completely winded. As she talks, she backs up towards Luna's old throne.

9 RAINBOW DASH
(winded)
Woo! Yeah! That...was...brilliant!
Brilliant! You were all...ah...hee
hee hee...ah-choo! Woo! I...got
you...Pinkie! I got you good!

But as soon as she sits, the ORGAN TO THE OUTSIDE hits a loud chord. Rainbows starts spinning around on the throne.

10 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Woah-woah-woah-woah-woah!

And she gets sent out through the tunnel under the throne, getting deposited out into the...

SC. 4 - EXT. TWO SISTERS CASTLE COURTYARD - CONTINUOUS

Where Pinkie is beaming, waiting for her friend. Rainbow lands with a THUD, a bit shaken up.

11 PINKIE PIE
Looks like I got you!

12 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, you did!

Rainbow smiles, shaking it off and the two begin...

13 PINKIE PIE/RAINBOW DASH
<LAUGHING>

Suddenly their Cutie Marks begin GLOWING RAINBOW LIGHT (from Ep. 501). The ponies' eyes grow wide.

14 PINKIE PIE/RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
The map!

15 RAINBOW DASH
C'mon Pinkie!

16 PINKIE PIE
Wait!

Pinkie zips into the castle and comes back out with the rainbow mustache on her face.

17 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Let's go!

CUT TO:

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

TRANSITION TO:

SC. 5 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

In the MAP ROOM, TWILIGHT is beside herself with excitement as she briefs Rainbow and Pinkie on the mission. SPIKE stands nearby listening.

18 TWILIGHT
Oh my gosh! I'm so excited! The map
is summoning us to...GRIFFONSTONE!

On the map where Rainbow and Pinkie's Cutie Marks beam from the remote land of Griffonstone. Rainbow is less thrilled.

19 RAINBOW DASH
Griffon <GROANS>?

Unaware, Twilight totally geeks out.

20 TWILIGHT
Yes! Griffonstone! It's only the
very heart of the Griffon kingdom!
Though I can't imagine what...
 (her eye catches Pinkie)
Pinkie. What are you wearing?

On Pinkie listening, still sporting her moustache.

21 PINKIE PIE
What? It's a Map Quest Moo-stache.

Twilight's eyes go wide at this.

22 TWILIGHT
Okay. Well, I was just saying I
can't imagine what kind of
friendship problem could possibly
be in Griffonstone because
according to all my history
books...

We zoom into the map where Griffonstone is located.

SC. 6 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - FLASHBACK - DAY

An enormous rock (larger and more grand than Pride Rock) pierces through the clouds. Sitting on top is the majestic kingdom of Griffonstone. It is lush and opulent. The structures are made from huge sticks and branches so that the city looks like it's comprised of eagles' nests.

23 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Griffonstone is the most regal and
breathtaking of kingdoms. And it's
all thanks to the most powerful
treasure of all...THE GOLDEN
GRIFFON STONE!!!

ZOOM into the Griffon Palace where the GOLDEN GRIFFON STONE sits shining upon a pedestal guarded by GRIFFON SENTRIES.

Pulling back out quickly to Griffonstone, where GRIFFONS strut and fly about in perfect harmony.

24 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
The Golden Griffon Stone brought
about the Golden Age of the
Griffons! Every historical figure
that visited wrote of the peace and
prosperity of Griffonstone!

SC. 7 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - THE PRESENT

On Twilight looking really excited.

25 TWILIGHT
And now I finally get to go there
and see if for myself!

Spike looks at the map questioningly.

26 SPIKE
Well, actually, you don't.

27 TWILIGHT
Don't what?

28 SPIKE
Get to go there. The, um, the
map's only showing the Cutie Marks
of Pinkie Pie and Rainbow Dash.

Twilight looks at the map, stunned. She starts hitting it
like it's a jukebox.

29 TWILIGHT
Lousy map must not be working
right. Come on! Show! My!
Cutie! Mark!

Rainbow and Pinkie give each other a look.

30 RAINBOW DASH
Hey, you can totally tag along if
you want, Twilight.

31 PINKIE PIE
After all, you're the Princess of
Friendship!

Twilight stops hitting the map, looking defeated. But then
she bucks up, getting into Princess mode.

32 TWILIGHT
Thanks, but as the Princess of
Friendship, I must follow what the
map says.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

It's called for the two of you, so clearly you are the ponies required to fix this issue.

(pouting)

I guess.

33 RAINBOW DASH

Well then, c'mon Pinkie! Let's go spread some friendship!

34 PINKIE PIE

Only my favorite thing to do ever!

SC. 8 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - LATER

As she sits on the train, Rainbow reads a book in front of her which is enchanted with Twilight's pink bubble to make it hover. Pinkie comes up with a tray full of snacks.

35 PINKIE PIE

(chewing)

Whatcha reading, Rainbow?

36 RAINBOW DASH

Twilight literally wrote a book on what we need to do in Griffonstone.

37 PINKIE PIE

You mean like a guide on how to figure out the friendship problem?

38 RAINBOW DASH

No, like a guide on how to have the most boring trip ever.

EXT. GRIFFON GORGE TRAIN STATION - DAY

Rainbow and Pinkie exit the train and start walking towards the bottom of a mountain.

39 RAINBOW DASH

(reading like Twilight)

Upon arriving at the Griffon Gorge, be sure to pause and cast your eyes northerly up the Hyperborean Mountains, taking in the breathtaking beauty of Griffonstone.

Pinkie and Rainbow reach the base of the mountain. They look up to see the kingdom perched high on the enormous rock poking through the clouds. Their jaws drop.

40 PINKIE PIE
Check.

TRANSITION TO:

SC. 9 - EXT. MOUNTAIN RANGE - DAY

Pinkie and Rainbow hike up the range, now sporting Mongolian shepherd hats. Twilight's book is still enchanted for Rainbow to read.

41 RAINBOW DASH
Once you're in Griffonstone proper,
take a tour of Griffonstone Castle
and get a picture with the famous
Golden Griffon Stone.

SEGUE to them further up the mountainside. But the wind is more fierce here.

42 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
 (yelling over the wind)
NEXT GO VISIT THE GRIFFONSTONE
MUSEUM. THERE STANDS THE STATUE OF
GREGOR, THE LEADER OF THE GRIFFONS
WHO DISCOVERED THE GOLDEN GRIFFON
STONE AND BECAME THEIR KING!

SEGUE to another part of the mountain. The wind has died down, but their manes are a bit crazy from it.

43 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
And be sure to head to the middle
of Griffonstone Town Square and
dance the Royal Griffon Jig.

Pinkie dances past, doing a jig.

44 PINKIE PIE
Like this?

They turn another corner, almost to the top!

45 RAINBOW DASH
All this touring is sure to work up
your appetite, so go eat some
delicious Griffon Scones.

46 PINKIE PIE
I'll take mine with jam, please!

47 RAINBOW DASH
And finally, try and discover why
they wouldn't want me, Princess
Twilight, one of the best-versed
ponies on Griffonstone history and
the Princess of Friendship, there
to help them with their friendship
problem.

48 PINKIE PIE
Awww. Twilight really should have
just come with us so she could see
first hoof that Griffonstone is
delightful, delicious ...

Pinkie and Rainbow finally reach the top and walk through the
city gates and their eyes fall on what was once a great
kingdom.

SC. 10 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - VILLAGE SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

But now it's dirty and dilapidated. Nests are broken and
crumbling into the streets. A tumbleweed of sticks and twigs
rolls across the square of this ghost town.

49 PINKIE PIE
...and disgusting!

Pinkie and Rainbow look around in utter shock. As they do,
they walk past various disgruntled GRIFFONS.

50 RAINBOW DASH
Woah. I think the map made a
mistake calling **us**. This kingdom
really needs of one of Rarity's
make-overs.

Pinkie looks excited and runs to a destroyed nest and acts
like Rarity.

51 PINKIE PIE
Ooh yes! She'd be all...
(imitating Rarity)
Good heavens! We must do something
about these terrible twigs! Let's
line them in taffeta! Why, by the
time I'm done with this town, it'll
be on the cover of Best Nest
Magazine!

She runs over to another nest and tries to bolster it up and
the nest crumbles over Pinkie's head.

52 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ew.

Rainbow helps her out of the remnants.

53 RAINBOW DASH
What d'you think happened?

A GUY GRIFFON is crossing Pinkie's path and she gets an idea.

54 PINKIE PIE
Ooh! Let's ask!
(to the Guy Griffon)
Excuse me. Hi! I'm Pinkie Pie and
this is my first time to
Griffonstone and I was just
wondering, um...when did your town
become so...rustic?

The Guy Griffon doesn't even look at Pinkie and whacks her
with his wing, crossing in front of her.

55 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ow! I guess he didn't see me.

56 RAINBOW DASH
I think you're being too subtle,
Pinkie.

Pinkie's eyes go wide. She totally gets it and approaches a
OLD GRIFFON.

57 PINKIE PIE
Oh, I can be waaay less subtle.
Pardon me, sir, but this place is a
total dump that I wouldn't wish on
my worst enemy. Not that I have
any enemies, cause I don't. I just
have friends. But still, if I had
an enemy, this place would even be
too gross for my enemy.

The Old Griffon steps on Pinkie's hoof and walks away.
Pinkie starts going after him.

58 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Hey! You need to apologize,
mister! That wasn't friendly!

Rainbow encourages Pinkie to walk away. Pinkie limps along.

59 RAINBOW DASH
C'mon Pinkie.

60 PINKIE PIE
I think I just made my first enemy.

61 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, not a good feeling is it?

62 PINKIE PIE
You have an enemy?

Just then from behind them they hear.

63 GRIFFON VOICE
Well lookee here. I never thought
I'd see you two dweebs again.

Pinkie and Rainbow turn around to find...GILDA!!!

END ACT 1

ACT 2

SC. 11 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - VILLAGE SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

Gilda is giving Pinkie and Rainbow a surly look while Rainbow is completely stunned to see her old "friend."

64 RAINBOW DASH
Gilda? I thought you lived up in
the Griffonsphere.

65 GILDA
I moved, which my pen pal woulda
known if she was actually a PAL
that picked up her PEN!

66 RAINBOW DASH
Well, the Pony Post must have lost
your letter of apology in the mail.

67 GILDA
Apology for what? Not wanting to
hang out with you two losers?

68 PINKIE PIE
Hey! These two losers are here to
help Griffonstone!

69 GILDA
Help it what?

70 PINKIE PIE
Well, it's a very long story, but
I'd be happy to tell you all about
it. It involves a map and Cutie
Marks and friendship and...

Gilda rolls her eyes.

71 GILDA
Bored now.

And she starts walking away. Rainbow calls after her.

72 RAINBOW DASH
Just tell us where to find the King
so we can talk to him about the
Golden Griffon Stone!

Gilda stops in her tracks.

73 GILDA
The King? We don't have a King.
And as for that stupid gold rock,
it was stolen ages ago.

74 PINKIE PIE
Stolen?! What kind of meanie would
do that?

75 GILDA
Are you kidding? A magical gold
stone that brought power to our
kingdom? I'm surprised it wasn't
stolen sooner.

76 PINKIE PIE
What happened?

77 GILDA
How'm I supposed to know?

78 GRANNY GRIFFON (O.S.)
Cause yer Granny Griffon told you
'bout a million times, ya ding-a-
ling!

REVEAL GRANNY GRIFFON, a scraggly old griffon who appears to
have just as much bad attitude as Gilda, only she's had more
years to be bitter about it.

79 GILDA
Oh no.

80 GRANNY GRIFFON
So, you two wanna hear what
happened to Griffonstone, eh?

81 GILDA
Please no stories.

82 PINKIE PIE
Actually, that would be really
nice.

83 GRANNY GRIFFON
Nice? Pfft. If ya've got some
gold, I'll spin ya a yarn.

Pinkie looks nervously at Rainbow.

84 PINKIE PIE
I'm not sure, but I think she means
that if we pay her, she'll tell us
about Griffonstone.

Rainbow gives Granny Griffon some gold.

85 GRANNY GRIFFON
Long, long, ago in a Griffondom
far, far away...Griffonstone was
ruled by the mighty King Gregor...

As she talks, Griffonstone is transformed back to its former
glory and we see...

SC. 12 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - FLASHBACK SEQUENCE

King Gregor walking powerfully about Griffonstone.

MATCH CUT King Gregor with many other Griffon Kings and
Queens, showing a PASSAGE OF TIME as they walk towards the
Griffon Castle.

86 GRANNY GRIFFON (V.O.)
And the kingdom thrived with each
successor to the throne. Why these
Griffons actually took pride in
being half lion and half eagle,
king of the beasts and king of the
birds!

SC. 13 - INT. GRIFFONSTONE CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

SEGUE into a beautifully gilded castle, where the Golden
Griffon Stone is shining brightly.

87 GRANNY GRIFFON (V.O.)
And it was all thanks to the Golden
Griffon Stone!

On KING GUTO staring at the Stone guarded by the Sentries.

88 GRANNY GRIFFON (V.O.)
But when King Guto was in power, a
one-eyed beast called Arimaspi
attacked the castle. Just like the
Griffons, that Arimaspi longed for
treasure, hungering for gold and
the power that came with it.

ARIMASPI (a Harryhausen-style Cyclops) smashes into the
castle. King Guto and the Sentries fight back.

89 GRANNY GRIFFON (V.O.)
The King and his Sentries tried to
fight off Arimaspi, but they were
completely out-matched and he stole
the Golden Griffon Stone.

Arimaspi storms out of the castle. King Guto takes to the
air, giving chase.

90 GRANNY GRIFFON (V.O.)
But old King Guto wasn't giving up
the Golden Griffon Stone that
easily. No way, no how!

SC. 14 - EXT. OUTSKIRTS OF GRIFFONSTONE - CONTINUOUS

Guto and Aramaspi reach the edge of a cliff. There is
another cliff on the other side. The chasm in between is so
deep it seems to have no end as it is filled with white fog.
From one edge to the other is a far jump for Arimaspi. He
has a running start, but Guto swoops in and knocks him to the
ground.

91 GRANNY GRIFFON (V.O.)
He battled Arimaspi for the stone
at the edge of the Abysmal Abyss.
Arimaspi finally grabbed the Stone
and tried to jump across the abyss.
But Aramaspi had about as good a
chance of making it across that
Abysmal Abyss as a featherless
Griffon. So King Guto snatched him
up trying to save his life.

The two struggle and the Golden Griffon Stone rolls from
Arimaspi's grip. Guto and Arimaspi go for the Stone.

Arimaspi grabs it and tries to jump across the abyss. Guto flies in and tries to catch Aramaspi with his talons.

Guto has Arimaspi and almost reaches the other side, when Guto loses his grip and Arimaspi falls, disappearing in the deep abyss.

92 GRANNY GRIFFON (V.O.)
But that Arimaspi was a chunk of
change and King Guto couldn't hold
on to him. Arimaspi and the Stone
fell into the Abysmal Abyss, never
to be seen again.

King Guto starts flying back defeated. As he gets closer to Griffonstone, he visibly begins aging and he stops flying, touching the ground to merely walk.

93 GRANNY GRIFFON (V.O.)
With the loss of the Golden Griffon
Stone and its power, everything in
our kingdom began falling pieces.

As he walks through town, the town begins to fall apart around him in a TIME LAPSE. The Griffons go from being happy and caring to depressed and rude. Griffons take off into the air, deserting the place.

94 GRANNY GRIFFON (V.O.)
Griffons just lost pride in their
city and stopped caring for it and
each other.

On Guto walking, much older now as we...

MATCH CUT TO:

SC. 15 - INT. GRIFFONSTONE CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

King Guto looks at the empty pedestal where the Golden Griffon Stone once sat. The Castle is now dull and lifeless.

95 GRIFFON VOICE (V.O.)
The castle fell to ruins, just like
everything else, and King Guto was
the last of the Griffon Kings. And
the Griffons all lived miserably
ever after. The End.

MATCH CUT TO:

SC. 16 - INT. GRIFFONSTONE CASTLE - PRESENT DAY

Granny Griffon, Gilda, Rainbow, and Pinkie stare at the pedestal where the Stone once sat. The castle is now dirtier and covered in cobwebs. Pinkie's near to tears.

96 PINKIE PIE
Granny Griffon! That was the most
depressing story ever!

97 GRANNY GRIFFON
Tough tailfeathers! No refunds!

Granny Griffon ZIPS out, taking to the sky.

98 PINKIE PIE
Wow! She's a spry old bird! But
she didn't help us with our
"friendship problem" at all!

99 RAINBOW DASH
Actually, she did! We clearly need
to find the Golden Griffon Stone,
return it to its rightful place,
and bring glory back to
Griffonstone!

Gilda looks completely annoyed.

100 GILDA
Are you kidding? For who? The
smarter Griffons ditched this place
a long time ago. And the Griffons
that are still here don't care
about anything but themselves. And
that's the way we like it!

101 PINKIE PIE
But what about your "friendship
problem?"

Gilda gives Rainbow and Pinkie the once over and scoffs.

102 GILDA
<SCOFFS> The only "friendship
problem" we have is you two!

Gilda flies off in a huff, leaving Pinkie and Rainbow.

103 RAINBOW DASH
Well, I don't care what that grouch
Gilda says.
(MORE)

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
I'm going to find that treasure,
give this ungrateful lot a big
bucket of friendship, and get out
of this place.

Rainbow flies out on a mission. Pinkie runs to the door and sees Rainbow flying one way and Gilda flying the other. Which way should she go? She waves at Rainbow Dash.

104 PINKIE PIE
Okay! Catch up with you later!
(to herself)
But for now, I've gotta get my
Griffon on!

SC. 17 - INT. SUPPLY SHOP - LATER

Rainbow bursts through the Supply Shop swinging doors. As she does, they practically fall off the hinges. Inside, the shop is covered in spider webs and dust. But Rainbow is so fired up, she doesn't even notice.

105 RAINBOW DASH
Shopkeep! I need some rope, a
grappling hook, and a guide to the
Abysmal Abyss.

The GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER barely has energy to lift his head.

106 GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER
Yer a weird looking Griffon.

107 RAINBOW DASH
I'm not a Griffon! I'm here to
retrieve the Golden Griffon Stone
and return your kingdom to it's
former glory!

The Shopkeeper gathers the items and puts them on the counter.

108 GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER
Whatever. Give me the gold, take
your junk, and get out of my shop.

Rainbow is completely stunned.

SC. 18 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - VILLAGE SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

As Gilda walks unenthusiastically through town, Pinkie bounces beside her, full of energy. The other Griffons in town don't socialize or even look at each other.

109 PINKIE PIE
You know what Griffonstone needs?

110 GILDA
For you to go away?

111 PINKIE PIE
A party! But I don't have any of
my supplies with me. Where's your
party store?

112 GILDA
We don't have a party store.

113 PINKIE PIE
WHAT?! NO PARTY STORE?! Well, that
just takes the cake. <DEEP INHALE>
CAKE!!! Nothing cheers folks up
like cake! Where's your bakery?

114 GILDA
We don't have a bakery.

115 PINKIE PIE
WHAT?! NO BAKERY?! Well, that just
takes the cake. Wait, no. It can't
take the cake cause there is no
cake! Or muffins! Or Griffon
Scones!
(realizing in horror)
NO GRIFFON SCONES!!!

116 GILDA
Yeah, that's Griffonstone's biggest
problem. Its lack of Griffon
Scones.

They are now right in front of a stand covered with a cloth.
Gilda pulls off the cover. The cart merely has a picture of
a feather on it.

117 GILDA (CONT'D)
(with little energy)
Quills. Quills. Get your quills.

The other Griffons walk by without even a glance. Seeing
this, Pinkie jumps up as a customer.

118 PINKIE PIE
Ooh! I'd like to buy a quill!

119 GILDA
Fine.

Gilda reaches over to her wing and yanks out a feather.
Pinkie looks a bit stunned.

120 PINKIE PIE
Ooh. Fresh off the wing. How...
creepy.

121 GILDA
That'll be three bits.

Pinkie gives her the bits and takes the quill.

122 PINKIE PIE
 (overselling it)
Wow! This is the most amazing
quill I've ever seen!

123 GILDA
What are you doing?

124 PINKIE PIE
All you Griffons should come and
get one of Gilda's Quills.

The Guy Griffon approaches the cart.

125 GUY GRIFFON
I'll take a quill.

Gilda pulls a feather and gives it to him. He walks away.

126 GILDA
That'll be three bits.

127 GUY GRIFFON
I said I'd take a quill. I didn't
say I'd pay for it.

He takes off into the air. Pinkie is enraged but Gilda
doesn't seem to care.

128 PINKIE PIE
Hey, buster! That's not nice!
Gilda, go fly after that guy and
get your money!

129 GILDA
Why bother? He's just a jerk like
all the other jerks in this town.

130 PINKIE PIE
 (bummed)
That's just not right!
 (perking up)
 (MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

You know what this town needs? A song! I've got a super song about smiling that's sure make even the most grumpy Griffon grin! <DEEP INHALE>

131 GILDA

No singing. You'll drive away my customers.

There are no Griffons around. Pinkie's cheeks deflate.

132 PINKIE PIE

<Deflating> Griffons are way tougher nuts to crack than donkeys.

SC. 19 - EXT. OUTSKIRTS OF GRIFFONSTONE - LATER

Rainbow and the Shopkeeper are gearing up (including helmets) for their descent into the Abysmal Abyss.

133 RAINBOW DASH

Hey, buddy, thanks for offering to be my guide into the abyss.

134 GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER

(scoffs)

Better your gold went to me instead of some other loser.

135 RAINBOW DASH

Well, when you put it that way...sure. Can you tighten the strap on my helmet?

136 GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER

For another gold bit.

137 RAINBOW DASH

Never mind. I got it. Can you tell me how deep that abyss is?

138 GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER

For another gold bit.

139 RAINBOW DASH

Forget it. Can we just get started?

140 GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER

For another gold...

141 RAINBOW DASH
Dude! I've already paid you more
than enough! Besides, when we find
the Golden Griffon Stone, pride
will be restored to your hometown.
You'll be a hero! Isn't that worth
more than gold?

142 GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER
Nope.

143 RAINBOW DASH
 (to herself)
No wonder Gilda's such a delight.

SC. 20 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - VILLAGE SQUARE

Pinkie sits on the ground trying to observe. Her eyes can barely stay open since nothing is happening. A GRIFFON FELLOW steps out of a building failing to hold the door for the GRIFFON (GRETA) behind him. The door <CRUNCHES> Greta.

144 GRETA THE GRIFFON
Ow! Oh!

And she falls to the ground in pain. Gilda sees this...

145 GILDA
Greta!

And rushes over to help her up. But once Greta is up, she shrugs Gilda off walking away annoyed.

146 GRETA THE GRIFFON
<Grumbles>

Pinkie jumps up, completely revitalized.

147 PINKIE PIE
AH-HA! I saw that, Gilda! You may
act like gruff, grumbling Griffon,
but inside you're gracious and
great!

148 GILDA
It's no big deal. That's just
Greta. She's a griffon I've known
since birth.

149 PINKIE PIE
A *friend* you've known since *birth*?

150 GILDA
No. I said a *griffon* I've known
since birth. We don't have friends.
 (a hint of sadness)
Actually, I did have a friend once.
You saw how that turned out.

Pinkie sees Gilda's vulnerable side and her eyes light up.

SC. 21 - INT. ABYSMAL ABYSS - LATER

Rainbow looks into the bottomless pit of the Abysmal Abyss.

151 RAINBOW DASH
You sure we can't just fly down?

A random burst of hot wind shoots up at her. She jumps back.

152 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Woah! Never mind. Totally got my
answer there. C'mon!

With a lantern around her neck, Rainbow starts rappelling down the side of the cliff. It's a bit craggy and uneven, but Rainbow's loving the challenge.

153 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Hey! This is awesome! We're gonna
find that Golden Griffon Stone and
solve this friendship problem in no
time!

A blast of steam SLAMS her into the side of the cliff. The rope snaps and she plummets onto a small rock ledge.

154 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
<IMPACT> Aaaaah! Oof!

Her rope dangles above her. It's just out of reach. She goes to stand up and grab it, but her leg is hurt and she can't put pressure on it.

155 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
<REACHING> Oh! Owww! My leg! Help!

She looks up and sees the Shopkeeper climbing back up to the top.

156 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Hey! Wait! Throw me another rope!
My leg's hurt. I can't reach that
one!

157 GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER
Not my problem.

He takes off to the sky.

158 RAINBOW DASH
But I'm stuck here! HEEEEEELP!!!

On Rainbow stranded in the Abysmal Abyss.

END ACT 2

ACT 3

SC. 22 - INT. ABYSMAL ABYSS - CONTINUOUS

On Rainbow perched on the small ledge. She unfurls her wings to try and fly when another blast of steam shoots up from the depths causing them to flap uncontrollably. She clings to the side of the chasm.

159 RAINBOW DASH
AAAAAHHHH!!! HEEEEEELP!!!

Suddenly, Pinkie's head pops over the edge.

160 PINKIE PIE
Rainbow Dash! I caught up with you! Hey, we can't solve this friendship problem with you perched perilously on a ledge in a bottomless pit! C'mon!

Pinkie races away.

161 RAINBOW DASH
PINKIE! *PINKIE PIE GET BACK HERE!*

Pinkie reappears.

162 PINKIE PIE
Oh, right. Sorry. Here you go.

Pinkie lowers the rope. Rainbow reaches for it, but the rope is too short.

163 RAINBOW DASH
<Struggling Sounds> I...can't... reach...it!

164 PINKIE PIE
We need help! I'm gonna get Gilda!

165 RAINBOW DASH
That Griffon won't lift a claw to
help me.

166 PINKIE PIE
Sure she will. Don't go anywhere!
I'll be right back.

Pinkie dashes off. Rainbow collapses.

167 RAINBOW DASH
Where does she think I'm gonna go?

A bit of the ledge crumbles into the abyss making it smaller.

168 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Unh! I hope I don't go anywhere!

SC. 23 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - VILLAGE SQUARE - LATER

Gilda is dealing with the same Guy Griffon as before. This time he has three bits in his talons.

169 GILDA
Give me the money and I'll give you
the quill.

170 GUY GRIFFON
Give me the quill and I'll give you
the money.

171 GILDA
I'm not falling for that twice in
one day, pal.

Pinkie comes racing up and sees the Guy Griffon.

172 PINKIE PIE
You again!

She grabs the bits with her teeth and gives them to Gilda.

173 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Now, beat it, buster.

The Guy Griffon walks off disgruntled. Pinkie calls out...

174 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Have a nice day!
 (turning to Gilda)
Gilda, Rainbow Dash is stuck on a
ledge in the Abysmal Abyss and I
need your help to save her.

Gilda rolls her eyes.

175 GILDA
That's not my problem.

176 PINKIE PIE
Of course it's your problem! She's
your friend!

177 GILDA
She used to be. She's not anymore.

178 PINKIE PIE
Can't you remember when she was?

179 GILDA
Of course I can remember. It just
choose not to.

SC. 24 - EXT. JUNIOR SPEEDSTER FLIGHT CAMP - FLASHBACK - DAY

A smaller, younger Gilda arrives at flight camp. She's shy, sullen, and awkward. As PEGASI fly all around her, she's clearly out of place.

Suddenly, a young Rainbow Dash comes ZIPPING through the air.

180 RAINBOW DASH
Wooooohoooo!

Gilda looks up in awe. HOOPS, a JOCK PEGASI, sees Gilda.

181 HOOPS
Woah. That's one weird looking
Pegasus.

Rainbow Dash comes in for a landing.

182 RAINBOW DASH
You should know, Hoops. You're the
weirdest looking Pegasus around.
 (to Gilda)
Hey there! I'm Rainbow Dash.

Gilda's face finally lights up.

183 GILDA
You're amazing.

184 RAINBOW DASH
I know, right? Who are you?

185 GILDA
 (nervous and questioning)
Gilda the Griffon?

186 RAINBOW DASH
You sure about that?

This makes Gilda almost smile.

187 GILDA
Yeah.

188 RAINBOW DASH
Well, Gilda the Griffon, let's see
how you can fly!

Rainbow Dash takes to the air and Gilda follows. The two fly about together, having a blast.

The Jocks (Hoops, Touchdown, and Dumb-Bell) try to roughhouse in the air, but Rainbow's not taking any of their guff.

189 TOUCHDOWN
Watch where you're going, Rainbow
Crash!

190 RAINBOW DASH
You're the one that better watch
it, Touchdown!

Rainbow zips off. Dumb-Bell then tries to smash into Gilda.

191 DUMB-BELL
What's a Griffon even doing at a
Pegasus flight school?

Gilda looks hurt. Rainbow loops over and sidles up to him.

192 RAINBOW DASH
Flying better than you, that's
what, Dumb-Bell!

Rainbow and Gilda stretch their wings out wide and take off, leaving the jocks with clouds in their faces.

As the two soar through the sky, Rainbow nudges her.

193 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Stick with me and those guys won't
give you anymore guff, Gilda.

This makes Gilda happy and confident and she chants out:

194 GILDA
Junior Speedsters are our lives!

195 RAINBOW DASH
Sky bound soars and daring dives!

196 RAINBOW DASH/GILDA
Junior Speedsters it's our quest,
to someday be the VERY BEST!

Gilda smiles at this and the two fly off doing spins and tricks in the air.

SC. 25 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - VILLAGE SQUARE - PRESENT DAY

Gilda remains stone faced, but something's clearly touched her heart.

197 GILDA
Fine. I'll help her. But that
doesn't make me her friend.

198 PINKIE PIE
Duly noted.

Gilda takes off leaving Pinkie who smiles.

199 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Except it does.

SC. 26 - INT. ABYSMAL ABYSS - LATER

Rainbow is now on the teeniest bit of ledge possible and she's freaking out.

200 RAINBOW DASH
C'mon, Pinkie!

From above she hears...

201 GILDA
Hang on, loser! I'm coming!

Rainbow looks up and sees Gilda and Pinkie.

202 RAINBOW DASH
What took you so long, doofus?

Gilda smiles and dives into the chasm, flying down to Rainbow. But then another blast of steam bursts up and Gilda must cling to the chasm wall as it passes.

The force of the blast causes Rainbow's ledge to crumble to bits. She begins to fall.

203 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
AAAAAAHHHH!

204 PINKIE PIE
RAINBOW DAAAAASH!!!

Pinkie hurls herself into the abyss, grabbing Rainbow's hoof before she disappears into the bottomless pit.

205 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Gotcha!

Gilda wraps her talon around Pinkie's leg as she falls past.

206 GILDA
Gotcha!

But the weight of two ponies is too much for Gilda. It pulls her talon from the wall and all three plummet into darkness!

207 ALL
AAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHH!

Pinkie and Rainbow crash into a rocky outcropping and the force makes them tumble over the side.

208 PINKIE PIE/RAINBOW DASH
<IMPACT WALLA> <TUMBLING WALLA>

209 PINKIE PIE
(calling out as she falls)
This abyss really is abysmal!

Lit by her lantern, Rainbow holds the ledge with one hoof while Pinkie dangles from her legs.

210 RAINBOW DASH
Gotcha, Pinkie!

211 PINKIE PIE
Great! But who's got you?

Gilda lands and grabs Rainbow's hoof.

212 GILDA
I do! <STRUGGLING WALLA>

As she tries to pull them up but then a SHIMMER OF GOLD draws her focus.

213 GILDA (CONT'D)
<GASP!> The Golden Griffon Stone!

Gilda reaches for the Stone, scraping it with her talon, knocking it loose. The Stone rolls towards the edge of the outcropping. Gilda reaches for it with one talon while trying to hold onto Rainbow with the other. Rainbow starts to slip from Gilda's grip. Rainbow looks up at her.

214 RAINBOW DASH
I'm slipping! What are you...

She looks over and sees a bit of the Golden Griffon Stone peeking over the edge.

215 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
<GASP!> The Golden Griffon Stone!
Can you get it, Gilda?

Gilda reaches for it, being pulled like a wishbone.

216 GILDA
<STRUGGLING> Gotta...get...the...
Golden...Griffon...Stone. Then...
everything...will...be...BETTER!!!

Rainbow and Pinkie start slipping.

217 PINKIE PIE/RAINBOW DASH
AAAAAAAHHHHHHH!!!

Gilda looks at the ponies, visibly torn. Save the ponies or save the Stone?

CUT TO the Golden Griffon Stone falling over the side right past Rainbow and Pinkie.

218 RAINBOW DASH
The Golden Griffon Stone! NOOOOOO!

Rainbow tries to go for it and almost slips from Gilda's talon. Suddenly Gilda grabs Rainbow's hoof with both talons.

219 GILDA
Let it go, Dash! You're more
important than some stupid stone!

Rainbow watches as the Stone disappears into the darkness. Gilda pulls Rainbow up along with Pinkie and they all hug. Suddenly another heat blast shoots up, startling them.

220 PINKIE PIE
Hugging later! Flying NOW!

Gilda and Rainbow grab Pinkie and fly out of the abyss.

SC. 27 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - VILLAGE SQUARE - LATER

Gilda, Rainbow Dash, and Pinkie walk through the square a little worse for wear from their excursion.

221 GILDA
I'm really sorry for how I treated
you, Rainbow Dash.

222 RAINBOW DASH
Are you kidding? I'm friends with
the Princess of Friendship and I
still couldn't bring myself to
forgive you.

223 GILDA
No, I mean back in Ponyville. You
were just standing by Pinkie like a
true friend would. And Pinkie, I
owe you the biggest apology of all.
I just...I never had a friend
before I met Rainbow Dash at flight
camp. So when I saw she was close
to you, I just freaked out and
acted like a bit of a jerk.

224 PINKIE PIE
Apology accepted.

225 RAINBOW DASH
Well, I'm just sorry we totally
failed to solve the friendship
problem. Now we'll never be able
to find the Golden Griffon Stone.

226 PINKIE PIE
Rainbow Dash, you're so silly! The
map didn't send us here to find the
Golden Griffon Stone. It sent us
here to replace it with something
way better!

227 GILDA
Nothing's better than gold to a
Griffon.

228 PINKIE PIE
But if Griffons can learn to care
about one another again, it'll be a
mightier kingdom than ever!
(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

And that starts with something much more valuable than gold. That starts with friendship.

229 RAINBOW DASH
Woah, Pinkie. That's deep.

Pinkie shrugs modestly.

230 PINKIE PIE
I'm a still water.
(gesturing over to Greta)
Now, why don't you go over there and finally befriend that Griffon you've known your whole life?

Gilda nods and nervously walks over to Greta. Greta seems a bit suspicious and hostile.

231 RAINBOW DASH
I don't know, Pinkie. Maybe these Griffons aren't up for a friendship lesson.

Then Gilda pulls a feather from her wing, giving it to Greta.

232 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Did she just pull a feather out of her wing and give it to that Griffon?

233 PINKIE PIE
Yep.

Pinkie and Rainbow both <SHUDDER>. Gilda comes back with a huge smile.

234 GILDA
She told me I was weird and asked me to get away from her. But then I gave her a quill and she actually thanked me, saying that they write the best!

A rainbow shimmer glistens through the girls' Cutie Marks.

235 RAINBOW DASH
Well, I guess it's time for us to head back to Ponyville.

Pinkie looks panicked and whips out Twilight's book.

236 PINKIE PIE
What? No! We can't! We haven't
done anything in Twilight's book!
Well, hmmm, we lost the Golden
Griffon Stone and the museum's a
shambles and the bakery with
Griffon Scones is closed. Ooh!
The Royal Griffon Jig! I am on it!

Pinkie quickly dances the Royal Griffon Jig in the square.

237 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Check! Okay, I'm ready to go!

Now Gilda looks panicked.

238 GILDA
No! You can't! How'm I supposed to
spread friendship in Griffonstone?
I haven't even made one single
friend yet!

239 RAINBOW DASH
You're right. You're a total loser.

Gilda looks surprised until Rainbow breaks into a huge smile.

240 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
A total loser that's already made
two friends!

Pinkie is near to tears.

241 PINKIE PIE
Hugging! Hugging now!

The three hug and even Gilda is fighting back the tears.

242 GILDA
Be sure to write.

243 RAINBOW DASH
You got it, pal!

Breaking the hug, Rainbow and Pinkie start heading out of town. But then they look back and see Greta walking over to join Gilda. They watch as the two Griffons sit by Gilda's cart, chatting.

244 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Guess we actually found that lost
treasure after all.
(shaking it off)
Woah, that was super sappy.

245 PINKIE PIE
You're secret's safe with me...
friend!

Rainbow Dash smiles, hoofbumps Pinkie, and they walk off. As they do, the ground starts to rumble and a sapling matching the colors of the Tree of Harmony breaks through the earth.

THE END.