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TEASER

SC. 1 - INT. CRANKY DOODLE DONKEY'S SHACK - MORNING

CRANKY
I'll never understand the ponies in
this town.

CRANKY (CONT'D)
Everywhere I went, they were all
gussied up and looking at me funny.
Kept asking if I was nervous.

MATILDA
Did they forget the wedding is
tomorrow?

CRANKY
Ah, maybe they're just as excited for
us to be married as I am.

MATILDA
(with a chuckle)
Well, they're going to feel awfully
silly when they realize they've got
the wrong date.

MATILDA (CONT'D)
THE INVITATIONS ARE WRONG! THIS SAYS
THE WEDDING IS TODAY!

CRANKY
But I got such a good deal on them.

MATILDA
Everypony in town got these! The
princesses have even RSVP'd!

CRANKY
I told you we should have eloped!

MATILDA
(thinking)
Oh dear...the caterer, the flowers,
the musicians...we've got to move it
all to today!

CRANKY
What?!

MATILDA
Where's my wedding planner?

SC. 3 - INT. PONYVILLE MOVING COMPANY - LATER

CRANKY
You told me you could do it for half
what the others charge! And then you
sent invitations to everypony in town
with the wrong date?!

MUFFINS (CONT'D)
Muffin?

SC. 5 - EXT. CAFÉ - CONTINUOUS

MUFFINS
I really messed up on those
invitations. I feel just awful,
Doc...

SNOOTY WAITER
Hmph. Perhaps that explains why I
never got mine.

MUFFINS
I told Cranky I could get 'em printed
for cheap, but that meant hiring
somepony with no experience using a
printing press...

SC. 7 - EXT. CAFÉ - CONTINUOUS

MUFFINS
Oh, I wish there was a way I could go
back in time and fix all this...

SC. 8 - INT. DR. WHOOVES SECRET SCIENCE LAB - LATER

DOCTOR
Going back in time is old thinking, my
friend. I was working off a cutting
edge theory of making time come
forward to you!

DOCTOR
My life's work...decades..hm,
centuries really - of research and
experimentation...and I nearly had it
cracked.

DOCTOR (CONT'D)
Turns out there's a magic spell for
it. Who knew?

DOCTOR (CONT'D)
But there are so many things that
magic can't explain! Where science
and mathematics are the real magic!

MUFFINS

Like these? They're pretty!

DOCTOR

Ah, yes. My flameless fireworks. I never could quite figure out how to get them to ignite.

MUFFINS

How'd you learn to make all this stuff, anyway?

DOCTOR

I've been studying science my whole life! Ever since a particularly traumatic experience as a foal, I've been looking for ways to make sense of the world around me. Science provides explanations of things we never thought possible!

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Now...why did we come here again?

MUFFINS

Yeah, oh! Because I accidentally sent out invitations for Cranky and Matilda's wedding with today's date instead of tomorrow's.

DOCTOR

Great whickering stallions, I completely forgot! And I still need to get my suit tailored!

SC. 9 - EXT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - LATER

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Rarity? Rarity!

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Please, you've got to help me!

(unheard)

I lost track of time, unbelievably, and forgot that the wedding is this afternoon!

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Have you seen Rarity?

(unheard)

She's got to alter the sleeves of my suit and she's got to do it now!

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Oh, ha ha! Thank goodness! Lead on, my friend!

SC. 10 - INT. BOWLING ALLEY - CONTINUOUS

DOCTOR
Why have you brought me here? Rarity
would never set hoof in...

DOCTOR (CONT'D)
Great whickering stallions, they've
got style!

DOCTOR (CONT'D)
Gentlecolts! I'm facing certain
calamity and I couldn't help noticing
your remarkable fashion sense!
Could I get the name of your
incredible tailor?

LEBOWSKI PONY
Well, yeah man, his name is me.

DOCTOR
Me...what an unfortunate name.

LEBOWSKI PONY
No, man, like, I manufacture all my
own garments. We all do, man.

DOCTOR
Then you've got to help me! I need
this suit tailored! It's an
emergency!

LEBOWSKI PONY
Sorry, man, we're just about to start
the finals.

DOCTOR
What's this word you keep using...
"man"?

LEBOWSKI PONY
I dunno, man, but guess what? Our
fourth didn't show. So if you roll
with us, we'll alter your suit for ya.

SC. 12 - INT. BOWLING ALLEY - CONTINUOUS

DOCTOR
I'm sorry, gentlecolts, but I will not
bowl. The splits! The spares!
There are simply too many variables!

LEBOWSKI PONY
Variables, what're you talkin' about,
man? Just throw the ball straight.

DOCTOR
(mind blown)
Hold on. Straight?

DOCTOR
Very well. I'll try your "straight"
technique.

DOCTOR (CONT'D)
It just might be crazy enough to work.

SC. 13 - EXT. BOWLING ALLEY - CONTINUOUS

OCTAVIA
Do we know what they're on about?

APPLE BLOOM
The way they're huddled up like
that...I'd say it's either a
friendship problem or a monster
attack.

OCTAVIA
A monster attack? Blast! I'm
performing at the ceremony this
afternoon and I still haven't sorted
out what to play. How am I meant to
practice with a monster invading
Ponyville?

SWEETIE BELLE
Maybe it's just a friendship problem
and it'll all be cleared up in a half
an hour or so.

OCTAVIA
(with a sigh)
Ugh. I hope so...

MATILDA
Where's Pinkie Pie? I NEED MY
WEDDING PLANNER!

MATILDA (CONT'D)
Oh no! On my wedding day??
(rising panic)
SOME PONY'S GOT TO HELP ME!

MATILDA (CONT'D)
You!

AMETHYST STAR
Me?

MATILDA (CONT'D)
I need to move an entire wedding from
tomorrow to today!

AMETHYST STAR
But nopony's asked me to organize
anything since Twilight came to town!

MATILDA
So you'll do it?

AMETHYST STAR
(confidently)
I used to be the best organizer in all
of Ponyville. You bet I'll--

MATILDA
Come on, we'd better get to the salon
before that monster flattens it!

SC. 14 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREETS - DAY

MUFFINS
What am I gonna do...?

MUFFINS (CONT'D)
Matilda! I feel so bad about the
invitations! Is there anything I can
do?

MATILDA
(as she races past)
FLOWERS!!

SC. 15 - INT. FLOWER SHOP - MOMENTS LATER

LILY
You want Matilda's arrangements
today?!

DAISY
This is awful!

ROSE
The horror! The horror!

MUFFINS
So there's no way you can do it?

LILY
We don't even have Matilda's flowers
in yet, much less arranged. This is
a disaster!

MUFFINS
Okay, thanks anyway.

LILY
Look, girls! A broken stem on one of
the zinnias!

DAISY
WHAT?!

ROSE
Oh the horror! The horror!

SC. 17 - INT. TOWN HALL - CONTINUOUS

BON BON
I have to admit, when Matilda said we needed this place ready by today, I was little nervous.

LYRA
With you by my side, I knew we'd get it done in time.

BON BON
There is nothing like a best friend, is there?

LYRA
Anything's possible when you know somepony as well as we know each other.

BON BON
What was that?

LYRA
There's some monster attacking Ponyville or something.

BON BON
What is it this time, a creature from the Ever-Free Forest?

LYRA
Uh, I think it's some sort of Bugbear.

BON BON
Did you say Bugbear?

BON BON (CONT'D)
It found me.

LYRA
What are you talking about, Bon Bon?

BON BON
My name isn't Bon Bon, it's Special Agent Sweetie Drops. I work for a super secret anti-monster agency in Canterlot. Or at least I did until the Bugbear went missing from Tartarus a few years back.

LYRA
What are you talking about?

BON BON
When it escaped we had to shutter the whole agency. Every last shred of evidence of the organization's existence was destroyed. Celestia demanded complete deniability.

LYRA
What?!

BON BON
It was me who captured the Bugbear. I had to go deep cover here in Ponyville and assume the name Bon Bon. I never thought it'd be able to track me. But now it has.

LYRA (CONT'D)
Are you saying our whole friendship was based on a lie?

BON BON
I'm sorry, Lyra, I couldn't tell you for your own protection.

LYRA
But, but the lunches...the, the long talks... the benches we've sat on...none of that was real?

BON BON
It was all real. You're my very best friend--

BON BON (CONT'D)
I've got to go find a crowd to blend into before I put you in danger.

BON BON
I'll see you at the wedding...

LYRA
(furious)
Fine. But we're going to talk about this later!

SC. 18 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREETS - CONTINUOUS

CRANKY
I need my ring today, no matter the cost! As long as it doesn't cost any extra.

SC. 22 - INT. BOWLING ALLEY - CONTINUOUS

LEBOWSKI PONY
(quietly, to the others)
7-10 split, man. Harshes of the
harsh. But if you pick this up we win
the whole shebang.

MUFFINS (O.S.)
Doc! I finally figured out how I can
help!

MUFFINS (CONT'D)
Your flameless fireworks look just
like flowers! I'll use them for the
wedding!

DOCTOR
Great whickering stallions...
(panicked)
Wait!

SC. 23 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREETS - MOMENTS LATER

DOCTOR
Wait! The flameless fireworks are
extremely volatile! Without knowing
what the trigger is, they could go off
at any moment!

DOCTOR (CONT'D)
My word, is that a Bugbear?

SC. 24 - INT. PONYVILLE DAY SPA - CONTINUOUS

MATILDA
There are so many things I'm
forgetting! I hope Cranky remembers
to tell the musicians.

MATILDA
Oh, oh, I'll never get my mane done in
time--

LOTUS BLOSSOM
(Eastern European accent)
You must relax, my dear, we can handle
anything. We once did a pony's hair
during the ceremony.

STEPHEN MAGNET (O.S.)
Oh, it's so true! They really are the
best!

STEPHEN MAGNET (CONT'D)
Matilda, I've just got to say I
already feel like we're family.

MATILDA
You...do?

STEPHEN MAGNET
Of course! I'm Stephen Magnet,
Cranky's best beast!

MATILDA
You're Stephen Magnet?!

STEPHEN MAGNET
Well what'd you expect, a Bugbear?

STEPHEN MAGNET (CONT'D)
I've known Cranky for-EVER! Surely
he must have told you about the time
he saved me from Flashfreeze Lake.

MATILDA
(still confused)
You're Stephen Magnet?

STEPHEN MAGNET
Oh I know, I KNOW, typical Cranky to
leave out minor details, like the fact
that I'm, you know, a sea monster,
right?

STEPHEN MAGNET (CONT'D)
Oh, I just love that old burrow.

MATILDA
I'm sorry, Stephen, I guess I assumed
you were a pony. And I had no idea you
had such adventures together.

STEPHEN MAGNET
Oh, Honey! You don't know the half of
it. But let me tell you something, in
all that we've been through together,
the only thing he ever cared about was
finding you.

MATILDA
Really?

STEPHEN MAGNET
Well, that and a baldness cure.

MATILDA
He is the sweetest thing, isn't he?

MATILDA

All the stress I've put myself through
-- all the stress I've put him
through! The only thing that matters
is that we're together. The wedding
isn't the important thing; the
marriage is.

STEPHEN MAGNET

<LAUGHING> Oh, my goodness gracious
--If you believe that, I have got a
bridge to sell you! All these ponies
travelling to Ponyville, putting on
uncomfortable clothes, sitting
through a long ceremony... you think
any of them care about the marriage?

STEPHEN MAGNET (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Honey, the wedding is EVERYTHING!

SC. 26 - INT. OCTAVIA'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

OCTAVIA

Ugh, all these wedding songs are
so...standard. I want Matilda and
Cranky's wedding to be special.

OCTAVIA (CONT'D)

Thanks, but I'm not sure that's
appropriate for a wedding, is it?

OCTAVIA (CONT'D)

That's more like it!

OCTAVIA (CONT'D)

STOP!!

OCTAVIA (CONT'D)

(panicked)

I'm going to be late for the wedding!

SC. 29 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - CONTINUOUS

GUMMY (V.O.)

What is life? Is it nothing more than
the endless search for a Cutie Mark?
And what is a Cutie Mark but a constant
reminder that we are all only one
Bugbear attack away from oblivion?

GUMMY (V.O.)

And what of the poor gator, flank
forever blank, destined to an
existential swim down the river of
life to an unknowable destiny?

SC. 31 - EXT. TOWN HALL - CONTINUOUS

OCTAVIA
Something like that might work.

SC. 32 - INT. TOWN HALL - CONTINUOUS

CELESTIA
What do you mean you left it on the counter?

LUNA
I thought you were bringing it!

CELESTIA
Well this is just wonderful.

LUNA
I handled the gift for Cadance and Shining Armor. You were supposed to do this one, remember?

CELESTIA
Well we can't just come to this wedding empty-hoofed!

CADANCE
It's all right, he always cries at weddings.

CADANCE (CONT'D)
Usually it's not until the wedding starts...

MUFFINS
These flameless fireworks look even better than flowers!

BON BON
Attention, everypony! Our friends have done it! They've defeated the Bugbear!

BON BON (CONT'D)
Hey.

LYRA
(coldly)
Hello.

BON BON
So, uh...you didn't happen to mention our earlier conversation about my...
(whispered)
...secret identity...
(normal voice)
...to anypony, did you?

LYRA
No. I did not.

LYRA (CONT'D)
And you're not the only one with a
secret, you know.

LYRA (CONT'D)
You know those expensive imported oats
you were saving for a special
occasion? I cooked them up and ate
them. All of them.

LYRA (CONT'D)
Whew! It's sort of thrilling to
reveal your deepest, darkest secrets!

BON BON
That's what best friends are for!

CELESTIA
Next time you can just bring your own
gift and I'll bring mine.

LUNA
Fine.

SC. 33 - EXT. TOWN HALL - CONTINUOUS

DOCTOR
There you are! My suit has vanished
and this was the only thing left in my
closet. How do I look?

MUFFINS
(looking him over)
Like a million bits!

DOCTOR
Great whickering stallions! Look at
the time! We'd better get inside.
Allons-y!

CRANKY
I can't believe I lost my hair! I
look ridiculous! The love of my life
deserves better than this!

STEPHEN MAGNET
Have no fear, Cranky, my dear! It's
Stephen Magnet's mustache to the
rescue!

CRANKY
Aw, thanks, buddy.

STEPHEN MAGNET
No problem. Now you get in there and marry that donkey!

SC. 34 - INT. TOWN HALL - MOMENTS LATER

MAYOR
Well? Is everypony here?

MUFFINS
All set, Mayor!

MAYOR
Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today to join these two in maretrimony. As I look around this room, I can only imagine how uncomfortable Cranky must be.

MAYOR (CONT'D)
But I also see so many ponies, from all trots of life, brought together by love. Cranky searched all across this great land of ours to find Matilda. And no matter what obstacles kept them apart, love would finally bring them together, just as it has brought all of us together now...

MAYOR (CONT'D)
It's remarkable to me how a story like Cranky's search for Matilda could fill this room with such a unique collection of ponies...

MAYOR (CONT'D)
It makes you realize that everypony is the star of their own story. And, it's not just the main characters in our stories that make life so rich. It's everypony, those who play big parts and those who play small.

MAYOR (CONT'D)
If it weren't for everypony in this room, and many more who couldn't be here today, Cranky and Matilda's lives wouldn't be as full and vibrant as they are.

MAYOR (CONT'D)
And so, in front of all these loved ones...Cranky, do you take this donkey to be your lawfully wedded wife?

CRANKY
You bet I do.

MAYOR
And do you, Matilda, take this donkey
to be your lawfully wedded husband?

MATILDA
(with tears in her eyes)
I do.

MAYOR
Then I'm proud to say, I now pronounce
you jack and jenny!

DOCTOR
Of course! They need love to ignite!
How could I have missed it?

SC. 35 - EXT. TOWN HALL - CONTINUOUS

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You know something, girls? We are so
lucky to live in this town.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I love you all.

RAINBOW DASH
Ow! That's where the Bugbear bit me.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sorry.

FADE OUT.