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Friendship Lesson: Sometimes you have to do what your friends need you to do, not what they want you to do.

TEASER

Sc. 1 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE THRONE ROOM - PONYVILLE - DAY

TWILIGHT SPARKLE and the MANE 6 are hanging out when a scroll arrives via mail pony. It's addressed to "Many-Colored Ponies in the Sparkly Tree House." Twilight: "It's from the yaks!" Before Twilight can proceed, PINKIE PIE shouts: "Is it from Prince Rutherford officially inviting us to Yikslerbertfest in Yakyakistan!" Twilight says she doesn't know, she hasn't opened the scroll yet. When she does, it is indeed an invitation for Pink Pony and her friends to come to Yikslerbertfest. Twilight Sparkle gives Pinkie Pie an amused look -- how did she know? Pinkie Pie: "Pinkie Sense! Also I've been asking Prince Rutherford for an invitation for months!"

This is a huge deal, says Twilight. Yikslerbertfest is a sacred Yak tradition... she thinks. She's not really sure - they still don't know a lot about yaks. But in any case, this will be a great way to foster the ongoing friendship they've already formed with the yaks. After all, they're trying to keep the friendship going for a thousand moons. That's a long time. So, other than Pinkie who wants to go? But nopony jumps at the chance to visit. The last time they went, it was cold, that pony-eating yeti was terrifying, and Rarity says she was picking straw out of her mane for weeks after sleeping on their hay beds. Twilight says she wishes she could go but she promised Spike she'd take him to a Ogres and Oubliettes convention. However, Pinkie Pie is super excited to go! Twilight asks if she's sure, she'd be the only one. Pinkie doesn't mind, it would be her honor to be the Official Friendship Ambassador to the Yaks. Twilight says that's not an official position. Pinkie Pie: "Yet. You're the Princess of Friendship! You can make it happen!" Twilight says okay sure! Pinkie Pie insists that Twilight Sparkle has to make it OFFICIAL. Twilight Sparkle says that she bequeaths Pinkie Pie to be the OFA. Pinkie Pie (sing-song): "That's not official enough." SMASH CUT TO:

FIVE SECONDS LATER:

Twilight Sparkle "knight" Pinkie Pie with a candle, cuts a randomly placed ribbon and "swears" Pinkie Pie in as the Official Friendship Ambassador to the Yaks. REVEAL the Mane 6 standing by, cheering politely to humor Pinkie. Pinkie Pie makes an acceptance speech. Pinkie Pie is thrilled as she and GUMMY go outside and climb into the Official Friendship Hot Air Balloon. Twilight Sparkle and the rest of the Mane 6 wave their hooves at Pinkie who promises to officially say "hello" to the Yaks for them! Pinkie: "This is officially the most exciting day of my life!"

END TEASER

ACT ONE

Sc. 2 - EXT. SKY - DAY

Pinkie Pie travels with Gummy in the hot air balloon. They're in the middle of an Official Friendship Ambassador Road Trip Game of "I Spy" which consists of Pinkie Pie saying: "I spy with my official friendship eye something blue" and Gummy staring at her blankly. DISSOLVE TO: Gummy still staring. Finally, Pinkie Pie announces that they've arrived. "Oh, and by the way, the answer was 'sky!' I win! Yeah, I know that was a hard one, Gummy." Gummy's the best Official Friendship Travel Companion ever!

Sc. 3 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN VILLAGE DOORS - DAY

Pinkie Pie and Gummy stand next to the hot air balloon, staring up at the big wooden doors. Suddenly -- THUD! THUD! THUD! The whole ground shakes as Pinkie Pie hears BANGING and POUNDING from behind the door. What is going on? THUD! THUD! THUD! The double doors bounce open to reveal a PRIMITIVE VILLAGE. Pinkie Pie peers in to see PRINCE RUTHERFORD and a few YAKS are angrily stomping on things, shouting "Yaks Destroy!" Pinkie Pie is taken back. The yaks seem to be in a bad mood, maybe she and Gummy should come back later. But just then Prince Rutherford sees "Pink Pony" and greets her.

Turns out the yaks weren't mad at all. This is just part of Yikslerbertfest, where they get together and stomp on things. And here Pinkie Pie just thought they were just mad. Rutherford: "No. Stomping helps Yaks relax!" Pinkie Pie thinks that is so AWESOME! Prince Rutherford and the yaks continue to stomp on things. Pinkie Pie joins in, bouncing on a twig and breaking it. "Stop!" bellows Rutherford. The yaks stop. Prince Rutherford informs Pinkie Pie that she just destroyed a century-old sacred Yak Twig passed down from generations to generations. Pinkie Pie: "Oh, no." But after a beat, Prince Rutherford bellows -- "Yak kidding!" and jumps on the crushed twig. "Yak got Pink Pony good!" Pinkie Pie is super relieved, she wants everything to go smoothly because she is here not only as his friend but as the Official Friendship Ambassador to the Yaks!

Sc. 4 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN TOWN CIRCLE - DAY

Prince Rutherford gives Pinkie Pie the grand tour. He's clearly proud of Yakyakistan as he shows it off. Here's the Yakyakistan Town Hall (a primitive hut made out of straw, clay, and mud). The Yakyakistan Hospital (similar looking hut). Yakyakistan Spa (another hut). Yakyakistan Bank (hut). Next to it is the Yakyakistan Food Bank (rhymes with "rut"-- it's a hut!). Pinkie Pie is grateful for the tour but... she's already been here. Rutherford says he knows, but he thought she wouldn't recognize the town now that it's decorated for Yikslerbertfest. He gestures to a few random strings of gold tassels haphazardly strewn about. Pinkie: "You're right! It's so different now that you've pointed it out."

Prince Rutherford proudly proclaims in addition to being fantastic decorators the Yaks are also amazing builders - everything she sees, the "Yaks build all on own!" Pinkie Pie looks around. She's genuinely impressed. "No way! I thought you hired professional contractors." A GOOP of mud falls off the Yakyakistan Tourist Center. Pinkie Pie puts the goop of mud back where it belongs -- "Here let me help you with that." Prince Rutherford nods gruffly then stomps off. Pinkie Pie follows bouncing behind.

Sc. 5 - EXT. CEREMONIAL YAK FIREPIT

Prince Rutherford stomps up to a pile of logs haphazardly stacked. Pinkie Pie bounces up next to him. This is the Ceremonial Yak Fire pit (it's a pile of logs) where the yaks sit around and tell stories. Suddenly six yaks approach and Prince Rutherford introduces Pinkie Pie to the Yak 6. They're the yak version of our Mane 6. They all grunt and talk with a gruff voice like Prince Rutherford, even though they're females. Pinkie Pie says it's a pleasure to meet the yaks and extends a hoof to shake, but the Yak 6 say they don't shake hooves. They "horn bump" where they bump their antlers -- sort of a yak version of a fist bump. Pinkie Pie is just so enthralled -- she knows she's never met them but there is something so familiar about these girls, she just can't put her finger on it - in any case - she'll have so much to officially tell her friends when she gets back!

Sc. 6 - INT. YAK EATING HUT - DAY

(NOTE: to save on designs, all the interiors should look the same. Primitive straw and mud.)
In a series of QUICK CUTS, we see Pinkie Pie get situated into the yak society.

Prince Rutherford tells Pinkie Pie that this is "Hut where yaks eat." WIDEN TO REVEAL: Prince Rutherford and a bunch of Yaks are crammed in like sardines in a can. Pinkie Pie notices that the yaks gulp down their food without chewing.

Sc. 7 - INT. YAK SLEEPING HUT - DAY

"Hut where yaks sleep." Prince Rutherford and the other yaks all sleep on hay beds. Pinkie Pie notices that they unconsciously thump their hooves in their sleep, destroying the bed.

Sc. 8 - INT. YAK MUSIC HUT - DAY

"Hut where yaks enjoy to beautiful classical music." Pinkie Pie watches the Yaks sit, eyes closed, gently swaying to beautiful music. Pinkie Pie is just thrilled and fascinated with everything.

Sc. 9 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN TOWN CIRCLE - LATER

Pinkie Pie is fitting in with the yaks. When she's offered some cake, she gulps it down without chewing, just like the yaks. She compliments the cake as having the perfect balance of vanilla extract. Prince Rutherford beams proudly. "Yaks grow own vanilla bean. Nothing imported."

Pinkie Pie even refers to herself in third person and speaks in broken sentences. "Pink Pony happy with Yaks!" she proclaims. Prince Rutherford is pleased and declares that Pink Pony can almost be Honorary Yak. Pinkie Pie is ecstatic. "Official Friendship Ambassador and Honorary Yak -- Pink Pony's title card is full!" Pinkie Pie asks if she can get honorary yak horns so she can "horn bump" but Prince Rutherford tells her no. Yak horns much too heavy for small pony head.

A CEREMONIAL HORN TRUMPET sounds. It's time for the Yikslerbert Fest stomp. "Stomp harder, yaks extra happy!" The yaks stomp harder than they've ever stomped before. The entire village shakes. The entire mountain shakes. Suddenly, RUMBLE! WHOOSH! A HUGE avalanche of SNOW falls on the entire village, burying everything. Pinkie Pie, Rutherford, and the yaks pop their head out of the snow. Pinkie Pie: "Is this part of the Festival?" Prince Rutherford declares that Pink Pony asks too many questions.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

Sc. 10 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN TOWN CIRCLE - LATER

Pinkie Pie and the Yaks have emerged from the snow which is so deep that only the tops of the yak huts poke out. Looking around, Pinkie Pie panics. Everything is buried in snow -- what are they going to do?! But Prince Rutherford brushes it off. Everything will be fine. Apparently, avalanches like this happen "all the time" to yaks. "Avalanches like this destroy all your homes? All the time? Really?" Pinkie Pie wonders if it's because they stomp the ground every day. Prince Rutherford looks at Pinkie Pie. His cold dead stare has convinced her that (sing-song) "everything will be fine!" They will just have to dig through the snow. It won't take long. Pinkie Pie and the yaks start digging. DISSOLVE TO:

Sc. 11 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN TOWN CIRCLE - LATER

Pinkie Pie and the yaks stop digging, exhausted. WIDEN TO REVEAL: A SMALL hole that has been dug through in the snow. That's it?! But they've been digging forever. Prince Rutherford commands that the yaks continue digging. They yaks start digging again. When they dig, they accidentally stomp the ground, causing more snow to fall from the mountain tops. Pinkie Pie notices -- oh that's what's happening. Prince Rutherford yells at the yaks to stop digging as it's making it worse.

Pinkie Pie suggests that she goes to get the ponies from Ponyville to help them. "Many hooves make light work," and together they can dig all the snow away. Prince Rutherford refuses, insisting that "Yaks no need pony help!" They will just wait for the snow to melt. Pinkie Pie points out that could be forever. "What will you eat? Where will you sleep?" Prince Rutherford and the other yaks say they will figure it out. It might be hard, but hardships make yaks the strong yaks that they are! They don't need the ponies help. If Pinkie Pie disagrees then she can leave Yakyakistan and never return. Not wanting to ruin the relationship she's built with the yaks, Pinkie cheerfully suggests different ways to cook snow -- snow cakes (pile of snow), snow spaghetti (pile of snow), snow sandwiches (piles of snow between snow). "You can make this work!" she bellows.

Sc. 12 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN TOWN CIRCLE - LATER

In a series of QUICK CUTS, Pinkie watches as Prince Rutherford and the yaks huddle by a pile of snow (their new Sleeping Hut), gulp down piles of snow (food) while sitting by another pile of snow (their new Eating Hut) and gently swaying by another pile of snow (their new Music Hut).

Sc. 13 - EXT. SNOW PILE - LATER

"They can't make it work!" Pinkie says to Gummy. She has to do something. She has to convince Prince Rutherford to let her bring the other ponies back here to help. If Twilight Sparkle and the others knew what was going on, they would be here in a pony's heartbeat. She must convince the yaks that asking for help is okay. "Will you help me, Gummy?" Gummy stares at her blankly. Pinkie Pie hugs him -- "Thank you! And see, asking you to help wasn't hard at all!"

Sc. 14 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN TOWN CIRCLE - LATER

The Yaks and Prince Rutherford sit around a pile of snow. Pinkie Pie stands before them. She's gathered them around the New Ceremonial Yak Fire pit (gestures to pile of snow) so she can tell them a story. Yaks like stories, right? The yaks all murmur and nod yes. Pinkie Pie tells them an elaborate story about a group of... uh, goats, who lived in the desert. There was a sandstorm and their entire village was covered in sand. There was nothing they could do. They knew they could not survive on sand-wiches (get it!) alone. So finally, their brave, wise leader, let's just call him Prince Drutherford decides that they couldn't do it by themselves. He asked the neighboring town of Bovineville to come help them. The magical cows (played by Gummy) came and helped the goats. Everyone survived and lived happily ever after. Because they asked for help. The end! Pinkie Pie asks what the moral of the story is. It's a multiple choice question. "Is it A - asking for help is okay. B - asking for help saves the day. C - asking for help is good for everypony." Prince Rutherford: "D - Goats weak and horrible! Magic Bovines need to stay out of goat's business!" Beat. Pinkie Pie: "Um... not quite. Anybody else wanna shout out an answer? Any answer." Nobody does.

Sc. 15 - EXT. SNOW PILE - NIGHT

While Prince Rutherford is busy reshaping his snow bed, (it got a little melty last night) Pinkie Pie approaches. She tells him the snow beds are quite comfortable and the snow sandwiches are the best snow sandwiches she's ever tasted, but well... "What?!" bellows Prince Rutherford. Pinkie Pie hems and haws for a long beat, not quite sure how to ask Prince Rutherford something. Finally, she just spits it out. She can go to Ponyville and ask the ponies for help. Rainbow Dash can fly the snow away. Fluttershy can bring her animals to help. Twilight Sparkle can use her magic to replant the crops. Applejack can do anything. And Rarity -- well, Rarity won't do manual labor, but she can style everyone's fur while they work! "So what do you think?"

Prince Rutherford launches into a story. When he was a mere toddler yak he fell in the lake. He struggled to get out, but he couldn't. Finally, the lake froze over. He would wave to his friends and family from underneath the frozen lake until the spring thaw. But Prince Rutherford survived on his own. Pinkie Pie is

impressed but then she realizes something. Wait a minute. He could see his friends and family? They would come and check on him? Prince Rutherford: "Yes, and I never asked for help!"

Other yaks who heard the story, grunt in agreement with Prince Rutherford. Pinkie Pie tries to pick apart Prince Rutherford's story -- weren't you hungry? Rutherford covers and says he ate fish in the lake. Pinkie Pie: "Okay, but how were you able to breathe? And wasn't it cold?" The Prince bellows: YAKS DON'T ASK FOR HELP! If you don't understand that, you don't understand Yaks! You're no Honorary yak. You're just Pink Pony." The Prince flings himself on the his snow bed. Rutherford: "Pretend there is door, I just slammed it!" Pinkie Pie yells back at him. "Fine, be stubborn! I'm not going to stay here and watch you eat snow!" Pinkie Pie angrily bounces away.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

Sc. 16 - EXT. SKY - DAY

Pinkie Pie and Gummy are in the hot air balloon, headed back to Ponyville. Pinkie Pie is incensed. Those yaks are so stubborn. Well, this Official Friendship Ambassador is going to take matters into her own hooves. She'll show them. Gummy stares at her blankly. Pinkie Pie says Gummy is right. She's too worked up. A road trip game would calm her down. "Let's play 'Twenty Million Questions.' That's where you, Gummy, think of something. And I ask you twenty million questions until I can come up with what you're thinking of. Let's go!"

Sc. 17 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

The hot air balloon floats down. Pinkie Pie continues to pepper Gummy with questions: "Is it blue? Is it green? Is it red? Is it greenish-red? Is it reddish-blue? Is it -- oh, we're here!"

Sc. 18 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN TOWN CIRCLE - DAY

Surrounded by some yaks, Prince Rutherford blusters that Pink Pony is gone because she is not tough like the yaks are. She isn't used to roughing it. The other yaks murmur in agreement, but it's clear that they're not happy. Prince Rutherford chews on his snow sandwich a little too enthusiastically: "Snow sandwich especially refreshing today." But looking around, Prince Rutherford sees that the other yaks have barely touched their snow sandwich. They must be starting to lose their novelty. How about snow couscous for dinner?

Two Yaks approach Prince Rutherford. They've been digging all afternoon. What's their progress? PAN TO REVEAL: there's even more snow covering the huts.

Sc. 19 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - DAY

The Mane 6 has gathered around Pinkie Pie who wraps up telling them the entire tale of her visit to Yakyakistan. "So in conclusion, we have to help the yaks!" The ponies are all happy to lend the yaks a hand. After all, that's what being friends is all about. Applejack says that she'll bring apples. Rarity offers to bring her finest cloth. One by one, the ponies offer to bring something, but Pinkie Pie tells them to "hold yourselves." They can't give the yaks any of their pony stuff. The yaks can't know that they're being helped by the ponies. You know what they say, you can lead a yak to water, but you better not let him know you're doing it! This will be an Official Covert Friendship Mission! The other ponies agree. Then they look at each other - do they have to do an "official ceremony" again? Pinkie: "No way! We're on the clock!"

Sc. 20 - EXT. SKY - DAY

Up in the hot air balloon, we hear Pinkie Pie off-screen: “Is it yellow? Is it slimy? Is it slimy-yellow?”
Mane 6 (off-screen): “We're not playing that!”

Sc. 21 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN VILLAGE DOORS - NIGHT

Over the following scenes, Pinkie Pie explains in voice-over what their Covert Friendship Mission will consist of, a la "Ocean's 11." The village door is locked. Pinkie Pie shoots a grappling hook up to the top of the door and proceeds to climb up which is no easy task. Meanwhile, Rainbow Dash flies over and opens the door and lets them in easily.

Sc. 22 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN TOWN CIRCLE - NIGHT

The Mane 6 sneak in. Twilight Sparkle and Rarity use magic to replant the fields. Applejack bucks the snow off the huts and fix the structures. Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie rebuild the beds. Rainbow Dash busts some snowy clouds. The moon sets as we DISSOLVE TO:

Sc. 23 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN TOWN CIRCLE - DAY

The sun rises. The yaks wake up. They look around and realize that everything is back to normal. There's even straw beds. What happened? The snow must have melted overnight! The yaks celebrate as Prince Rutherford enters. He's confused at first but then covers. Yes, of course he was right. They're all fine. Yaks always survive. Pink Pony was wrong. Yaks never need help! Prince Rutherford nods, proud. But then he notices something out the window-- pink hair furtively bouncing away.

Sc. 24 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN VILLAGE DOORS - DAY

Exhausted, the Mane 6 climb into the hot air balloon. Just then they hear Prince Rutherford bellow off-screen: "Pink Pony!" Pinkie Pie whispers to her friends: “Oh no, just play it cool.” Prince Rutherford approaches. Pinkie Pie: “We didn't help you fix Yakyakistan! We're just here to visit! This time I brought my friends!” But Prince Rutherford says he's not mad. Pink Pony helped yaks without yaks asking. Pink Pony understands Yaks perfectly. She is the best kind of friend. Pink Pony now officially Honorary Yak!

The other Yaks bursts through the doors, emerging from the village. The yak 6 places a metal Viking horn helmet on Pinkie Pie's head. Pinkie Pie is touched that she gets her own horn. The yak 6 and the mane 6 eye each other for a beat before Pinkie squeals with excitement. Now she gets to do her first official "Horn bump!" They bump horns. Her horn almost falls off, but she manages to hold onto it. "Yeah, you know, this is a little heavy. But I still love it!"

THE END.