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TEASER

SC. 1 – EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – DAY

APPLE BLOOM, SWEETIE BELLE and SCOOTALOO hide behind a bush, watching BIG MACINTOSH load barrels of apples onto a cart. Apple Bloom tells her friends that Big Mac's been making an awful lot of deliveries to Marksville, aka Starlight's old village. The Cutie Mark Crusaders agree something must be up, and there is only *one* other reason he'd be going so far so often! All at once, the girls say three different answers: Scootaloo assumes he must be taking private skiing lessons! Apple Bloom wonders if she and the family have been driving him nuts on the farm. But Sweetie Belle thinks he could be in love with someone in Starlight's old village! Apple Bloom and Scootaloo exchange a look...Okay, so there could be more than one reason why Big Mac's been making the long journey, but it's definitely not that!

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

SC. 2 – INT. APPLE CART – UNDER BLANKET - DAY

Having snuck into Big Mac's apple cart, the Cutie Mark Crusaders play a game of cards as they continue to guess why Big Mac's been making so many trips to Marksville. The longer they're under the blanket, the more absurd their ideas become. Maybe he's learning to be a rodeo clown! Maybe he's searching for buried treasure. Or maybe he just enjoys long walks hitched to an apple cart! The CMCs wonder if the air is thinner wherever they are, because none of their ideas are making any sense – or maybe they've just been under the blanket for too long. As if on cue, the apple cart comes to a stop. Apple Bloom hears Big Mac coming around and worries that he'll see them! Quick, act like apples!

A beat later, Big Mac lifts the blanket and grabs a barrel. He doesn't even notice the CMCs, posing with apples in their mouths. As soon as he leaves, the CMCs spit out the apples and hop out of the cart.

SC. 3 – EXT. MARKSVILLE - SUGAR BELLE'S BAKERY – CONTINUOUS

The Cutie Mark Crusaders sneak into some bushes, as they watch Big Mac giving a barrel of apples to SUGAR BELLE outside of her bakery. Apple Bloom can't believe she didn't think about it before – she's never met Sugar Belle, but she does know about her bakery, so it makes sense that Big Mac would be making so many deliveries. But Sweetie Belle is not convinced - nopony needs that many apples. What is she making – the biggest apple pie in Equestria? Scootaloo agrees and decides they better do some recon!

The CMCs (now wearing fake mustache disguises - even though nopony in Marksville knows them) creep up to the window of Sugar Belle’s Bakery and peer inside. They see Big Mac blushing as he talks to Sugar Belle. They also notice that the bakery is overflowing with apples! Scootaloo concludes that Sugar Belle just reeeally like apples. But Sweetie Belle says she’s sticking with her first guess: that Big Mac has a crush on Sugar Belle and that’s why he keeps making the long journey. Scootaloo and Apple Bloom admit it is the most likely scenario since Big Mac is clearly not taking rodeo clown lessons.

As Sugar Belle walks Big Mac to the door, the CMCs quickly hide around the corner. They witness a sweet exchange between Sugar Belle and Big Mac as she tells him all about the fun things she’s been learning to bake. She used to only make terrible muffins, but now she’s making apple pies, apple fritters, apple turnovers, caramel apples, etc. And she can’t wait for Big Mac to come back when she’s sure to have even more apple treats to share. Sugar Belle just wishes she had more space to display it all.

Once Sugar Belle goes back inside, the CMCs whisper to Big Mac to get his attention. Surprised to see them, he quickly follows them around the corner, where the CMCs barrage him with questions and get him to admit he has a crush on Sugar Belle. Apple Bloom can’t believe her brother has his first crush! Sweetie Belle reminds her about Cheerilee, but they all agree that didn’t really count as a crush since the CMCs tricked Big Mac and her into drinking a love potion. And when Scootaloo asks about Marble Pie, Apple Bloom says she’s their cousin, so she’d rather not go there. Besides, they’ve got bigger fish to fry...

Apple Bloom points to Sugar Belle’s bakery, where DOUBLE DIAMOND is giving Sugar Belle a bouquet of flowers. It looks like Big Mac has some competition! If Big Mac wants to win Sugar Belle’s heart, he’s going to need the CMC’s help, and quick!

END ACT 1

ACT 2

SC. 4 – EXT. MARKSVILLE – CONTINUOUS

Big Mac is clearly crushed that Sugar Belle has another suitor, but the CMCs tell him not to worry. They might not be love experts, but they are experts at helping other ponies, and they’re committed to helping Big Mac! But they better get started because Double Diamond is doing a pretty good job of letting Sugar Belle know he’s interested. Big Mac and the CMCs peak around the corner to see Double Diamond is now standing on his hind legs, juggling apples for her. Scootaloo says the competition is on! But where do they start?

Sweetie Belle pulls out a romantic Pony Tale Book for inspiration, and the CMCs break into SONG about their ideas of love! Sweetie Belle thinks love is about grandiose, romantic gestures and thinks Big Mac should dress up like a prince and wake her up with true love’s kiss! Apple Bloom thinks love is more practical and that Big Mac should show off how good he is at working the farm. Whereas, Scootaloo really has no idea what love is...but she’s pretty sure it has something to do with hearts and flowers...and maybe doves?

When the song ends, the CMCs realize they all have very different opinions of what love is, and the best way to fall into it, but the one thing they can all agree on is that no matter how Big Mac woos Sugar Belle, it has to be bigger and better than anything Double Diamond does!

SC. 5 – EXT. MARKSVILLE - VARIOUS – LATER

We see a series of quick cuts as the CMCs help Big Mac compete with Double Diamond for Sugar Belle’s attention. (NOTE: in each cut, the CMCs have on different disguises.)

Double Diamond builds an elaborate ice sculpture of Sugar Belle. Nearby, a group of girl ponies swoon. Then under Apple Bloom’s lead, Big Mac builds an apple sculpture of her, too. Sugar Belle smiles politely when she sees the so-called apple sculpture, but it looks nothing like her. Or *anypony* for that matter...

Under Sweetie Belle’s guidance, Big Mac dresses up in a medieval prince outfit and leans in to kiss the napping Sugar Belle. When Sugar Belle wakes up terrified and confused, Double Diamond carves her face in the mountainside in snow, which Sugar Belle seems to be impressed by. Again, the CMC’s hear a nearby girl pony sigh.

SC. 6 - INT. SUGAR BELLE’S BAKERY - LATER

Finally, with Scootaloo’s assistance, Big Mac performs a magic show for Sugar Belle inside her bakery. He starts simple: pulling a coin out from her ear, escalating to pulling flowers out of a hat, and finally to pulling doves from his sleeves. But then Double Diamond comes in to try and one-up Big Mac, jumping through fire hoops! The many doves still hidden in Big Mac’s tux get scared by the fire and break free, flying all over Sweetie Belle’s bakery. The ponies scatter, destroying Sugar Belle’s bakery – some pastries even catch on fire! But worst yet, is when Big Mac trips over his magician’s cape and falls into Double Diamond. They accidentally fall into Sugar Belle’s display case, completely breaking it. Sugar Belle loses it and tells Big Mac and Double Diamond to leave her alone! Big Mac runs from the bakery, embarrassed and devastated.

END ACT 2

ACT 3

SC. 7 – EXT. MARKSVILLE – LATER

Apple Bloom feels awful – she’s never seen her brother so upset! The CMCs all admit they got a little carried away. They have to make things right! No longer wearing their disguises, the CMCs find Sugar Belle crying at the edge of the village. Sugar Belle recognizes them as the three little fillies she’s seen running around the village in disguise all day and asks what they’ve been doing. They confess that they’ve been trying to get Sugar Belle to notice Big Mac. Sugar Belle is a little confused. She says she’s had her eye on Big Mac since the very first apple delivery he made to her bakery months ago. She had

assumed Big Mac liked her too, but was just too shy to tell her. But based on his behavior today, she worries that she misjudged Big Mac’s character. He must not be the shy, sweet pony she thought he was.

But the CMCs tell her Big Mac *is* shy! He never would have gone through all of those over-the-top attempts to try and impress Sugar Belle if the CMCs hadn’t convinced him to. Sugar Belle is relieved to hear this and says Big Mac never had to do anything to win her heart except tell her how he felt.

The CMCs ask about Double Diamond and Sugar Belle says he isn’t really her type, he’s way too showy for her tastes. But they’re still friends and who wouldn’t say thank you after somepony drew their face into a mountain? The CMCs feel pretty silly for misinterpreting the situation and for sticking their muzzles in another pony’s business. They apologize for all the mayhem they caused and offer to help Sugar Belle clean up her bakery. Sugar Belle thanks the CMCs, and they head back to the bakery.

SC. 8 – INT. SUGAR BELLE’S BAKERY – CONTINUOUS

Sugar Belle and the CMCs return to find the bakery completely intact! They find Big Mac inside, putting on the last coat of paint to Sugar Belle’s brand new display case – which is twice as big as the one she had before! She’ll be able to display more baked goods than ever before! Sugar Belle can’t believe Big Mac remembered her wish for more space. Big Mac blushes and struggles to find the right words... but Sugar Belle nuzzles him and says she likes him, too.

The CMCs swoon over how romantic the scene is and realize love isn’t about grand gestures or pony tales...because the most romantic thing a pony can do, is find out what another pony loves and do that for them. The CMCs break out into a REPRISE as they sing about true love and all they’ve learned.

END ACT 3

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SC. 9 – EXT. MARKSVILLE - SUGAR BELLE’S BAKERY – LATER

Double Diamond is outside the bakery with record player. The CMC’s come out and tell him he’s too late. Sugar Belle is taken. Buuut there’s another pony who’s been swooning watching everything he’s done. They point to a cute girl pony across the street who’s been secretly admiring Double Diamond. He gulps nervously. He asks if they’ll help him talk to her, he’s good at big gestures but other than that? He’s a little bit lost. The CMC’s look at each other then shrug. “Sure!” **THE END.**