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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – DAY**

Spike peers in THE OVEN, getting antsy because this apple pie is taking FOREVER. Big Mac agrees, but this is just how long his present takes to bake. Spike is worried they’ll miss the delivery deadline, so he calls on a secret weapon: “Discord, can you hear me!?” D appears right away, nonchalantly asking if the girls left town and do they want to play a rousing game of O&O (making the board/pieces appear)? Actually, Spike wonders if he could help them magically bake this apple pie super quick? Today is Hearts and Hooves Day. This is a present from Big Mac to his belle, Sugar Belle (from the heart, made by hoof). Discord tsks tsks: these ponies have a holiday for everything—can’t they see this is just a commercialized ruse pushed on them by the Hearts and Hooves Day Card industry? Spike rushes to the defense of romance: “Love is... awesome!” Discord disagrees, but seeing how stressed BM is and wanting to help his bud, he SNAPS and the timer DINGS, done! Smoke pours from the oven. Big Mac opens it to find a charred black pie. Discord grins, smug: “You ordered it well done, right?” Big Mac throws down a weapons-grade GLARE. Discord “oh, all right,” and he changes it into a beautiful pie.

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT ONE****SC. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREETS – DAY**

Big Mac and Apple Bloom (soooo excited for H&H Day) head through Ponyville to drop off Sugar Belle’s wrapped present for delivery. Big Mac affixes a card, inviting Sugar Belle to Ponyville where he’ll surprise her with a romantic H&H dinner at the barn. Apple Bloom can’t even guess what it is (“A unicycle?” “A funny hat?” etc.), she is just so excited her brother said she could tag along to deliver it because ever since BM told Sugar Belle how he felt (*cough, with the CMC’s “help!” cough*), they’ve been the cutest couple she knows. She realizes, true, they’re sort of the only couple she knows. But dang it, doesn’t Big Mac get giddy just thinking about being in a relationship on Hearts and Hooves Day!??? “.....eyyyup.” Apple Bloom deflates.... Guess BM thinks those mushy-gushy things are better left unsaid, huh. (Eeyup.) They drop the package off at the delivery stand, address the card to Sugar Belle, and off it goes.

SC. 3 - INT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADER CLUBHOUSE – LATER

Apple Bloom calls this special Hearts and Hooves Day meeting of the CMCs to order! SCOOTALOO and SWEETIE BELLE are too excited though. Who should they help this H&H Day? Sweetie Belle sighs... she knows they still have a lot to learn about love or whatever, but she wishes she could just hurry up and meet a prince pony who’d go on fairy-tale quests for her

honor. (*Is that too much to ask?*) Sweetie Belle practically swoons when Apple Bloom tells her how Big Mac made a present for *his* sweetheart. SB: “That’ll be me. Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but—” KNOCK KNOCK! “Special delivery for... S... Belle?” The CMCs open it to find a package with a SMUDGED NAME AND LOST NOTE. Apple Bloom has a moment of wondering why this package looks SO familiar, but oh well, let’s open it!!! Sweetie Belle opens it to find... A homemade apple pie! Having no note makes the message even MORE obvious... The CMCs scream: “SWEETIE BELLE, YOU HAVE A SECRET ADMIRER!”

SC. 4 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES BARN – LATER

POOF! Discord appears at the farm looking for Big Mac. He dubiously eyes a path of rose petals leading up to the barn doors, and into THE BARN, where Big Mac has decked out the place with ribbons and balloons. Spike expects Discord to be mega-impressed (D: “...without any help from the loud pink pony, you say?”), but Discord came to tell BM the news that Sugar Belle is on her way into town AT THIS VERY MOMENT! Big Mac is confused: Why’s she here so early!? Discord shrugs... he’s all-seeing, not all-*knowing*. Big Mac hurries off to intercept her and keep her away from the barn until their date tonight. Watching him go, Spike figures it out: she must have a romantic gesture of her own prepared for Big Mac—she’s here to surprise HIM! He tugs on Discord: this is a perfect opportunity to see love in action! Come on, let’s go! With a sigh, Discord SNAPS. Poof!

SC. 5 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREETS – LATER

Spike and Discord APPEAR, hide, and see Sugar Belle riding in a wagon, talking to MRS. CAKE. She’s so engrossed in conversation she doesn’t see Big Mac approaching. Spike smiles: “Big Mac has no idea what she’s about to do to him!” Nearing the wagon, Big Mac overhears a snippet of Sugar Belle’s convo that makes him pause: “...Change is hard, especially ending things, even if I know it’s for the best.” Big Mac’s eyes widen. He stops, hiding behind a barrel (the same one Spike and Discord are behind... SK: “oh... hello.”) Sugar Belle sighs a deep sigh and says: “Maybe Big Mac will look on the bright side... at least after we split up he won’t have to make the trip to my village anymore.” SHOCK ZOOM on BIG MAC: *What did she say!????* Discord, eating popcorn: “Oh, you’re right, Spike. This is interesting...” Spike face palms.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 6 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES BARN - DAY

Big Mac downs a full mug of apple juice and slams his head into his hooves, slouching at his romantic table-for-two across from Spike. It doesn’t make sense. Everything’s been going great, right? Has she been unhappy this whole time and only pretending to like him for the apples? Trying to cheer him up, Spike offers lame alternative explanations for what they overheard: maybe she meant getting married, like, “splitting” the knot, that’s an expression—unorthodox but true! Discord scoffs. Oh how he does hate seeing Big Mac like this, and over a girl, no less. BM blows a <HONKING> nose-blow into Discord’s monogrammed handkerchief, which he

wrings out, saying come on, he'd better let Discord cheer him up... after all, "we can't have you ruining any more of my 1000-year-old handkerchiefs. These are silk, you know."

SC. 7 - EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - DAY

Meanwhile, The CMCs stroll through town trying to think of who Sweetie Belle's secret admirer could be, but their conversation is interrupted every time a stallion walks by and they all trailllll offfffff to watchhhh himmmmmm... pass without saying anything. "Cross Bulk Biceps off the list..." They wrack their brains, and maybe we even get a short MONTAGE of them "playing it cool" interviewing guys, intercut with Discord trying to cheer Big Mac up at...

SC. 8 - INT. DISCORD'S MAGIC SPEAK-EASY – DAY

Discord's 1920s-style Speak-Easy from ep 618, where he orders another round of apple juices for the three of them, plops fedoras on their heads, and shows Big Mac (and Spike) "how to lean against the wall real cool like you don't care about *anypony*." "Eternity's only lonely if you let it be." That's the Discord way. A few more moments of Discord "teaching" BM how to get over Sugar Belle (e.g., calling over a cute pony for Big Mac to flirt with, only to watch him talk about Sugar Belle with her like Jon Favreau in *Swingers*), **intercut with the CMCs BACK IN PONYVILLE**, questioning increasingly unlikely male incidental ponies: "So, what do you think of Sweetie Belle? Wait, before you answer that, you can answer in secret if you want, okay, also, did anypony give you a love potion today?" Button Mash? Nope. Snips/Snails? Nope (*whew!*). Meanwhile with the guys, Big Mac is feeling sadder than ever. Spike takes charge, telling Discord that love is too powerful to just turn off, "Even if it's unrequited! Uh, I'm talking about Big Mac, not me." Discord shrugs... if that's true, all the more reason love is terrible. Spike has a plan: "We'll do things the Spike way. If you got problems so big you can't solve 'em... Hide from them!" Spike points out that Sugar Belle can't break up with BM if she can't find him!

CUT TO:

SC. 9 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – BARN – LATER

The CMCs enter the barn, frustrated that they can't figure out who likes Sweetie Belle. They're startled to bump into Big Mac hiding under a pile of hay. A SNEEZE reveals Spike next to him: "maybe we need a better hiding place..." Apple Bloom and Big Mac fill each other in on their bad days, ironically never realizing the package mix-up. Big Mac tells Sweetie Belle that whoever sent her that pie is obviously a thoughtful pony who cares about her, because that's what he did for Sugar Belle and this is how she repays him... by trampling over his heart? He SINGS A SONG about being the saddest pony in Equestria, a land of sunshine, but all he knows is rain. Sweetie Belle joins his song in the bridge, poignantly wondering if she'll ever find a love as strong as Big Mac's. By the end of the song, Big Mac pivots away from sadness, revealing he just thought of a way to stop her from breaking up with him; he'll break up with her FIRST! Discord POOFS away for a moment to find out where she is, then reports back: Sugarcube Corner, "Go get her, Buddy. And by 'get her,' I mean get rid of her." Spike sadly watches Big Mac gallop off. Discord reminds him: "what were you saying? Love is... awesome...?"

SC. 10 - INT. SUGAR CUBE CORNER – MOMENTS LATER

Sugar Belle finishes up a convo with Mrs. Cake, who'd be *happy* to have Sugar Belle open a bake shop in town! (“When it comes to friendly competition, I say the more the merrier!”) Sugar Belle thanks her, wishes her a happy Hearts and Hooves Day, and now, Sugar Belle is off to surprise Big Mac! Imagine the look on his face when she tells him she's splitting the business in half with her cousin so she can open a second shop and live in Ponyville? “We'll be able to see each other all the time—no more long distance relationship!” Gosh, Sugar Belle says, she just likes Big Mac so much, she could NOT imagine life without him. Now, to go tell him the good news...! But she's startled to see Big Mac open the door. She's happy to see him, but his GLARE gives her pause. “Hello, Sugar Belle,” he says coldly. OFF HER WORRIED FACE...

END OF ACT TWO**ACT THREE****SC. 11 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER – MOMENTS LATER**

Big Mac plays innocent like, “Oh, what are you doing in town...” And of course she plays right into that innocently saying there's something important she wants to tell him. BM: “I know.” He does? That's right, and he pretends that he finds her timing ironic, because guess what, missy? “I was going to break up with you!” EMOTIONAL TRAINWRECK! She's devastated. He tries to stay proud and unhurt (using some of Discord's tricks-of-not-having-emotions he learned in act 2), but it's hard for him. Sugar Belle wants him to explain: “I just want to talk so I understand...” But he shakes his head: she knows how he feels about ‘talking.’ BM: “This is why I don't do it—words can... hurt! Words HURT!” He runs off. A beat, then Pinkie Pie enters with a basket of H&H cupcakes and plops a bright pink one into Sugar Belle's hoof, saying: “Happy Hearts and Hooves Day!”

SC. 12 - EXT. PONYVILLE – VARIOUS SHOTS

Dissolve through series of happy shots around town set to incongruous sad music: Maud and Mudbriar watch Boulder and Twiggy like proud parents, Matilda and Cranky Doodle eat spaghetti Lady-and-the-Tramp style, etc...

SC. 13 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES – BARN – LATER

Big Mac cleans up the torn-down H&H day decorations in the barn with the help of Spike/Discord and the CMCs. A quiet moment between Big Mac and Sweetie Belle where they both share that single-on-valentines-day camaraderie like, “hey, this holiday's a scam anyway, amirite?”

Meanwhile, Apple Bloom joins Spike and Discord watching BM and SB from afar. SK/Discord look at each other... Spike: “This is our fault!” Apple Bloom sighs... if only Sweetie Belle had never gotten that gosh-darn apple-pie package in the first place. Even Discord feels a bit bad, watching Sweetie Belle trying not to cry.

Sweetie Belle doesn't understand why her secret admirer is too scared to reveal himself. Maybe he regrets it, maybe it was a trick or a prank, it could be anything... and it's the NOT KNOWING that hurts so much. She wishes he'd just come TALK to her. Big Mac says maybe he doesn't like talking about feelings-- Maybe he's too UPSET to talk about it, OKAY!? But then he sees how truly sad Sweetie Belle is when he hears Sugar Belle's words coming out of her mouth: “I just want to talk to him...” ...He tells her she's right. She deserves an explanation. Everypony does. He can't help her get one, but there is somepony he can help. With a determined look in his eye, WE CUT TO:

SC. 14 - EXT. TRAIL OUT OF PONYVILLE – DUSK

Sugar Belle rides her wagon out of town, sadly looking back and whispering goodbye to Big Mac, wherever he is. “I'm right here,” he says, stopping the wagon to talk to her. He tells her how much their relationship meant to him. Even though she wants to end it, and even though he's hurting right now more than ever, he wouldn't trade the good times for anything. She's confused... she doesn't want to end it! “E-WHA!?” He explains what he heard and she straightens it out: she's moving to Ponyville... NOT BREAKING UP WITH HIM!?? They nuzzle noses and promise to always talk to each other instead of making assumptions and letting their imaginations run away on them. Now come on, how's about she bakes him a pie? (Speaking of pie, did she get the one he sent her? No...? Hmmm...)

SC. 15 - EXT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DUSK

Sweetie Belle waits at the clubhouse as the sun goes down. She licks pie from her hoof, eating her H&H present by herself. Giving up, she turns to go... but then a cute stallion she doesn't recognize approaches. He says he's her secret admirer. He tells her she's the smartest, sweetest, most beautiful pony he's ever seen. She's so nervous and giddy, she squeaks out that she was afraid he'd be too shy to show up. He says he's sorry for putting her through that—he was hesitant because he has to leave town right now to go on a bunch of fairy-tale-style adventures, so after this, she won't see him again. But he decided... she's worth it. Sweetie Belle's heart is all aflutter with the H&H spirit. After a sweet goodbye hug, she goes into the clubhouse: “Wait'll the girls hear about THIS!!!” ...As we follow the mystery stallion around the corner, he meets up with Discord, who SNAPS—transforming the stallion into SPIKE! Spike: “You think she bought it?” Discord nods. Spike notices that Discord's a little too choked up to talk: “Ah HA! See? Love is awesome!” Discord sniffs, wiping his eyes. “I don't know what you're talking about,” he says, “I'm only crying because I decided to wear my onion vest today.” With that, he dons his fedora and they walk off into the sunset.