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Logline: Talking about feelings can be scary, but it will always end better than making assumptions!

It's Hearts and Hooves Day once again, and Big Mac is feelin' GOOD. For the first time, he's going to share the holiday with somepony he really, truly cares about: Sugar Belle, who's coming to Ponyville tomorrow! His bro-buds Spike and Discord haven't paired off with anypony though, and while Discord thinks Romance is a pedestrian byproduct of mortality, Spike is SUPER into Big Mac's relationship. He excitedly helps Big Mac bake an apple pie for Sugar Belle as an H&H present (Big Mac thinks she'd appreciate his attempt to do what she loves). Satisfied she'll be impressed, they wrap it up with a heartfelt card. Meanwhile in a B-story, could Sweetie Belle and the Cutie Mark Crusaders be any more excited for H&H Day? YES THEY COULD, because in an improbable but hilarious misunderstanding, Big Mac's package to Sugar Belle gets smudged and Apple Bloom thinks it's for SWEETIE BELLE, who's now over-the-moon thinking she has a secret admirer! CMCs: "AHHHHHH!!!!" Back with Big Mac, all systems seem go for a perfect H&H day tomorrow, until he finds out Sugar Belle has come to Ponyville a day early because she "needs to talk." On her way into town, he overhears her saying to somepony, "I hate to do it, but I think it's time for a break-up." DUN DUN DUN!

Big Mac is devastated. And filled with questions! But obviously he can't ASK her about it since she's breaking up with him. He fills in Spike and Discord about what's coming. Discord, not one to be tied down by so-called "romantic delusions of grandeur," magically whisks the boys to his swingin' club from *Dungeons & Discords (RE-USE!)*, where he tries to convince Big Mac to forget about the dame and move on. "GIVE HIM A BREAK," says Spike. Love conquers all! Sugar Belle just needs time to realize it and since absence makes the heart grow fonder, Spike comes up with a plan to keep Big Mac away from her. "I mean, she can't break up with you if she can't find you, right?" Meanwhile, Apple Bloom and the CMCs come to ask her brother if he has any idea who Sweetie Belle's secret admirer could be. Sweetie Belle is giddy with glee that somepony out there likes her! Without realizing they're talking about the same thing, Big Mac says that this stallion sounds really nice if he made her a present from the heart like that. He's probably a really nice pony who doesn't deserve to be broken up with... HOW COULD SHE!??? He breaks down, confusing the CMCs... until BM gets back up, inspired. Is he going to win her back with Spike's help? Heck no, he's going to break up with her first! But in a tragic twist of fate, we the audience find out that Sugar Belle wasn't talking about breaking up with Big Mac! She "needs to talk" to get his advice about opening a bake shop in Ponyville ("breaking up the business"), but doesn't want to offend Mrs. Cake. Not knowing that though, Big Mac tearfully breaks up with her before she can "break up with him." She's devastated. He's devastated! We're devastated! Love conquers none!

The next day is H&H day, and wow is it a bummer for Big Mac. He has to watch as

everypony else has cute moments of sweetness (even Spike gets a peck on the cheek from Rarity). Sweetie Belle tries to console him by telling him he's not the only one alone. Her admirer hasn't revealed himself... she wishes her admirer would just come TALK to her if he likes her, or even if it was a prank or misunderstanding, she just needs to know the truth! It's the not-knowing that's so hard. Spike overhears her, and takes a closer look at the package, realizing the mix-up with wide eyes. Back with Big Mac, her words get through to him and he decides to say goodbye to Sugar Belle and tell her how he really feels, how much their relationship meant to him, even if she wanted to end it. Obviously he's rewarded with the truth: she'd never break up with him! It was all a misunderstanding! Hooray! Hearts and Hooves Day is happy for everypony!

..Except Sweetie Belle, who waits at home as the sun goes down. But then... a cute stallion she doesn't recognize approaches. He says he's her secret admirer, and tells her she's the smartest, sweetest, most beautiful pony he's ever seen, adding that he's sorry, but he's going on a hundred-moon trip and so this is the one and only time they will meet. After a hug and goodbye, Sweetie Belle's heart is all aflutter with the H&H spirit. As we follow this mystery stallion around the corner, he meets up with Discord, who SNAPS--transforming him back into SPIKE! SK: "See? Love is awesome!" Discord sniffs, wiping his eyes. "I don't know what you're talking about," he says, putting on his fedora as jazz music plays us out.