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TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - KITCHEN - DAY**

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Close on AN OVEN. Close on SPIKE-- waiting. Close on a TIMER: its hands not moving. SPIKE, expectant. THE TIMER... In super-slow motion, the timer's hand clicks forward one notch.

1 SPIKE
Grah! This is taking FOREVER!!!

WIDER reveals Spike and BIG MAC in Apple Family kitchen, baking supplies scattered about. Spike paces, worried.

2 SPIKE (CONT'D)
I know it's wrong to cut corners when it comes to gifts from the heart, but this is an emergency, right...?

3 BIG MAC
(thinks, then decisive)
Eyup.

4 SPIKE
(calling off)
Discord!? Little help!? DISCORD!!!?

Nothing. Big Mac gets an idea and whispers to Spike.

5 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Good idea. Ahem-- "Captain Wuzz, are you prepared to enter the world of Ogres & Oubliettes?"

POOF! Discord appears right away, decked out in his O&O archer outfit (618), excitedly posing, ready for action.

6 DISCORD
Huzzah, fellow adventurers! Shall we storm the ramparts of the Squizard's Castle to reclaim Calico's Ring of Imperceptibility!?

Spike and Big Mac exchange a look. Discord glances at the rolling pin, the bag of flour, the oven...

7 DISCORD (CONT'D)
You did summon me for a rousing Guys' Night of Ogres and Oubliettes, did you not?

8 SPIKE
Sort of, but...
(fast, downplaying it)
d'you think you could magically
hurry-up this apple pie real quick
first?

Indignant, Discord brushes off imaginary dust/dirt.

9 DISCORD
You seem to be mixing up the Lord of
Chaos with a second-rate clown
magician for hire at a foal's
birthday party.

Discord hesitates mid-snap as--

10 BIG MAC
EeeWAIT!

11 SPIKE
This needs to be done and mailed
today or it'll never get to Sugar
Belle in time for Hearts and Hooves
Day.

Big Mac blushes. Discord rolls his eyes.

12 DISCORD
Oh please, can't you see that
holiday is a commercialized ruse
pushed on you by the Hearts and
Hooves Greeting Card industry?

13 SPIKE
For a formerly-friendless immortal
despot... you're pretty cynical.

14 DISCORD
I'm a realist. And love is not
real.

15 SPIKE
Stick around for Hearts and Hooves
Day, I'll bet you change your mind.

Big Mac <AHEMS>, gesturing to the oven, annoyed.

16 DISCORD
Fine. It's a bet. Loser mows my
lawn for eternity.

17 SPIKE
Wait. What?

Discord SNAPS and POOF! Suddenly he's dressed like a magician/clown. He flourishes his cape and pulls out a wand.

18 DISCORD
Keep your eye on the pie,
kiddies... it's magic time!

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE STREETS - DAY

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Big Mac heads through Ponyville with APPLE BLOOM excitedly hopping along next to him. The top of a brown-paper-wrapped package peeks out of his SADDLEBAG.

19 APPLE BLOOM
Thanks for walkin' with me to the
post office, Big Mac. I was up so
late addressin' these Hearts and
Hooves cards I'm liable to fall
asleep right here in the street.

20 BIG MAC
Mmm.

Apple Bloom peeks at the tag on the package in Big Mac's bag.

21 APPLE BLOOM
(reads)
To Sugar Belle? (then) Sending a
little special something to your
special somepony?

22 BIG MAC
Mmmmmmmaybe.

23 APPLE BLOOM
Is it a box of chocolates? A hat?
...a chocolate hat?

Big Mac plays it coy as they arrive at the POST OFFICE.

SC. 3 - INT. PONYVILLE POST OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

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BM and AB step up to MUFFINS working behind the counter. Big Mac lays down a H&H Day Greeting Card and signs it. Apple Bloom's head pops up, reading over his shoulder...

24 APPLE BLOOM
You're inviting Sugar Belle to a
romantic Hearts and Hooves Day
Brunch at one o'clock sharp!?

25 BIG MAC
Eyup.

26 APPLE BLOOM
<ROMANTIC SIGH> Ever since you told
Sugar Belle how you felt-- with the
Cutie Mark Crusaders' help, I might
add-- y'all are just the cutest
couple I know!

27 BIG MAC
<NON-COMMITAL "WE'RE OKAY I GUESS"
SOUND>

Apple Bloom deflates.

28 APPLE BLOOM
Well, you might think all that
mushy-gushy love stuff is better
left UN-said, but...

Apple Bloom dumps out her H&H Day cards. Muffins is buried to
her neck.

29 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
(guilty little secret)
It's my favorite holiday.

Big Mac CHUCKLES and they share a laugh. She turns to go, as
he slides his WRAPPED PIE PACKAGE from the saddlebag onto the
counter. He attaches the card, pays, and follows Apple Bloom.

CLOSE ON: RED AND BLACK HEARTS drawn all over the package.

FUN <BUBBLE-GUM POP MUSIC> as a SHORT MAIL MONTAGE BEGINS!

--Muffins dumps the package and letters into a bin. She
notices black and red ink on her hooves and rubs it off on
the ground.

--The bin gets DUMPED out in a pile of other packages. The
red-and-black-ink SMEARS more.

--A MAIL MARE sorts through the pile. She picks up Big Mac's
package.

<RIP>! The CARD tears off and disappears back into the pile!
The Mail Mare checks around for it, then checks to see if
anypony saw, then shrugs and carries Big Mac's package off.

CLOSE ON: The package's smudged tag. The mail mare tosses it in her wagon.

SC. 4 - INT. CUTIE MARK CRUSADER CLUBHOUSE - LATER

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The gavel <BANGS>! Apple Bloom calls for attention.

30 APPLE BLOOM
Hear ye, hear ye! This special
Hearts and Hooves Day meetin' of
the Cutie Mark Crusaders is now in
session! First order of business...
...helllllloooo...?

Wider to reveal: SCOOTALOO and SWEETIE BELLE looking out the window, absolutely NOT listening...

31 SWEETIE BELLE
It seems like everypony's got
somepony special but us!

32 SCOOTALOO
When's it going to be our turn?

<KNOCK KNOCK> at the door startles them out of reverie. Apple Bloom opens it. She looks down to see... THE BROWN-PAPER WRAPPED PACKAGE. The CMCs gather round.

33 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
Who's it from?

34 APPLE BLOOM
Can't tell... it's all smudged, but
it looks like it's addressed to...
(reading smudged writing)
"S... Belle..." Hmmm...

35 SCOOTALOO
Ssssssscootaloo Belle? Good enough
for me--!

36 SWEETIE BELLE
--SWEETIE BELLE!

Sweetie Belle tears it open. A HOMEMADE APPLE PIE-- And little pink cutout hearts spill out everywhere. Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle exchange an AMAZED wide-eyed look.

37 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
Somepony certainly went through a
lot of trouble... for me... on
Hearts and Hooves Day...

38 SCOOTALOO
You don't think...?

39 SWEETIE BELLE
Could it be...?

They're on the verge of freaking out. AB puts on the brakes.

40 APPLE BLOOM
Hang on a minute. Mysterious package,
smudged address, no idea who it's
from...? I know what this is...

They look to her expectantly. Apple Bloom takes a moment,
then bursts into a grin.

41 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
YOU GOT A SECRET ADMIRER!

42 APPLE BLOOM/SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE BELLE
(glee!)
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!!

Off them dancing around the pie...

SC. 5 - EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY

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Spike and Discord walk down the street near Sugarcube Corner.
All around them, couples walk together in love. Spike inhales
deeply.

43 SPIKE
Ahhh! Another Hearts and Hooves
Day. Love is in the air, Discord.
Look at all these happy couples...

44 DISCORD
How can they be happy if they
aren't playing Ogres and
Oubliettes?

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45 SPIKE
As a great Dragon poet once wrote
to his be-lov  d: "I love you with
the utmost clarity, I love you,
dear, my sweet sweet--" are you
even listening?!

REVEAL: Discord is working on a complex tiny ship-in-a-
bottle. Without looking up...

46 DISCORD
Of course. "Love is something-
something, Discord is great..." I
don't know. Can we play O and O now?

47 SPIKE
Open your eyes! You've spent an
eternity all alone and it's time
you--SUGARBELLE!

48 DISCORD
Gezundheit.

Spike pulls Discord aside, behind a bush. He turns Discord's
head to see-- SUGAR BELLE, entering the bakery.

49 SPIKE
No, that's Sugar Belle-- Big Mac's
girlfriend. Does he even know she's
here?

50 DISCORD
Let's ask him.

Before Spike can react, Discord SNAPS. <POOF>! They're gone.

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

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Big Mac decorates the barn for Hearts and Hooves Day, hanging
red streamers above a table set for two. He backs up to take
in the whole tableau. Pleased, he turns and <POOF!> Spike and
Discord appear, startling him.

51 BIG MAC
Eee-whoa!

Spike tries to shake off his teleportation dizziness while
Discord dubiously inspects BM's trail of rose petals leading
to the table. He takes a SNIFF and screws up his face.

52 DISCORD
These will help Sugar Belle find
the table after she's blinded by
your charm, no doubt?

53 SPIKE
She's in Ponyville right now! We
just saw her go into Sugarcube
Corner. She probably came in early
to surprise you.
(getting an idea)
You should surprise her first!

Big Mac's eyes widen, then off he gallops, **the** happiest pony *
in the world.

54 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Imagine the look on her face when
she sees him.

55 DISCORD
I don't have to imagine it...

Discord SNAPS, they disappear, and we CUT TO:

SC. 7 - EXT. SUGAR CUBE CORNER - SAME

The bushes by Sugar Cube corner, where <POOF!>, Spike and
Discord suddenly APPEAR. Spike is insta-dizzy. Discord grins.

At that moment, Sugar Belle and Mrs. Cake step outside and
begin walking down the street. Spike looks up and sees Big
Mac coming the other way, galloping towards the shop. Sugar *
Belle is too engrossed in conversation to notice.

56 SPIKE
Oooo, she hasn't seen him yet. Just
you wait, Discord. This is what
love is all about!

Discord pulls out a journalist pad and jots down a note:

57 DISCORD
Spike: "Love is about spying in the
bushes."

58 SPIKE
Make fun of me all you want, but
look at Big Mac's face and tell me
love isn't real.

Discord grumbles. He looks at Big Mac's HEART-PUPIL eyes,
then to Sugar Belle, then to Spike grinning as he gestures to
them both.

Meanwhile, Sugar Belle and Mrs. Cake continue to walk along
the road - Big Mac nearly upon them.

59 SUGAR BELLE
I hope he'll be okay without me.

From the bushes, Spike and Discord cock their heads
simultaneously.

In the street, Big Mac SCREECHES to a halt, confused. As Sweetie Belle starts to turn at the sound, he panics and jumps into the bushes - surprised to find himself right next to Spike and Discord.

60 SPIKE
Oh, hey. We're just... not spying.

61 BIG MAC
Shhhh!

Sugar Belle shrugs and turns back, continuing...

62 SUGAR BELLE
I mean, he has been on his own
before, so he'll be fine, right...?

Mrs. Cake nods. Big Mac's eyes widen. Spike and Discord exchange a look. Sugar Belle sighs a deep sigh.

63 SUGAR BELLE (CONT'D)
How should I tell Big Mac tonight?
"We need to talk..."

ON BIG MAC... shaking his head in terror...

PUSH IN ON SUGAR BELLE:

64 SUGAR BELLE (CONT'D)
"We had a good run, but now it's
over..."

SHOCK ZOOM ON BIG MAC! <SUPER DRAMATIC ACT-OUT MUSIC CUE>!

A beat, then WIDEN to reveal Discord, munching popcorn.

65 DISCORD
I take it back, Spike. Hearts and
Hooves Day is rather interesting...

Spike facepalms. FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 8 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - DAY

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A beat, then...

66 BIG MAC (O.S.)
<BROKEN-HEARTED SOBBBBBBBB>!!

SC. 9 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - DAY

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Slouched at the "Romantic Table for Two," Big Mac downs a full mug of apple juice and slams his head into his hooves, nearly knocking the place settings off the table.

67 BIG MAC
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!!!

Spike sits across from him at the table.

68 SPIKE
Maybe it's not happening. The more I think about it... she said it's over. Haven't you ever heard ponies say, "Hey, remember yesterday? That's over. Cause it's today." She was talking about days of the week being over. Right, buddy...?

Big Mac searches Spike's eyes, desperate for it to be true...

69 BIG MAC
Do ponies really say that...?

All Spike wants to do is lie, but...

70 SPIKE
YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY... no.

71 BIG MAC
<BROKEN-HEARTED SOBBERBBB>!!

72 SPIKE
At least give her 'til one o'clock because that's when you invited her for brunch. I'm sure she'll show up and explain everything.

On cue, the clock <STRIKES ONE>. Beat. BM downs another mug of apple juice and slams his head into his hooves.

73 BIG MAC
Why would she do this?
(sincere)
...Was it something I said...?

Spike stares. With one eyebrow raised, Discord SLOWLY levitates down from the ceiling and into frame.

74 DISCORD
.....Probably not.

75 BIG MAC
<MOAAAANNNNNNNNNNN>

76 DISCORD
Oh, how I hate seeing you like this
Big Mac, and over a girl, no less.
I'm calling an emergency Guys'
Night, right now to cheer you up.

Big Mac blows a <HONKING> nose-blow into Discord's
monogrammed handkerchief. Discord daintily wrings out the
sopping wet handkerchief.

77 DISCORD (CONT'D)
...Besides, we can't have you
ruining any more of my 1000-year-
old monogrammed handkerchiefs.
These are silk, you know.

Discord SNAPS and all three of them disappear.

A beat later, THE CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS enter the empty barn.

78 APPLE BLOOM
Big Mac, you in here...? Shoot. I
was hopin' he mighta known who sent
you that package.

79 SCOOTALOO
Psh, we don't need his help solving
this mystery, do we, Sweetie Belle?

REVEAL: Sweetie Belle snuggling up with her present, the pie.

80 SWEETIE BELLE
Mmmmmmmmmmm.
(whispers to the pie)
I love you, secret admirer pie.

She notices everypony staring at her. She snaps out of it.

81 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
...what are we doing?

82 APPLE BLOOM
Your secret admirer-- we're gonna
figure out who he is!

83 SCOOTALOO
Come on!

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo hurry off. Sweetie Belle lifts the
pie out of its tin and packaging and snuggles with it again.

90 SPIKE
We're not like you, Discord. We
can't "not-love." It's impossible.
Big Mac needs somepony else to take
his mind of Sugar Belle.

91 DISCORD
Plenty of ponies in the pasture,
right Big Mac?

92 BIG MAC
<ANOTHER LONG SAD SIGH>.

93 DISCORD
I know just the gal!

Discord SNAPS and they're gone. The BARTENDER PONY puts down
the tab, looks around for Discord, then, annoyed, hangs it
under a picture of Discord among like 20 other unpaid tabs.

WIPE TO:

SC. 11 - EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - DAY

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Apple Bloom, Scootaloo, and Sweetie Belle huddle up.

94 APPLE BLOOM
Okay! We got a whole town of
possible admirers out there and
only the three of us. But together,
we're gonna get to the bottom of
this. Ready? BREAK!

CUT TO: Apple Bloom chasing down BULK BICEPS. He does not
break stride on his way to the Ponyville Day Spa.

95 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Excuse me, sir...? Mr. Biceps? Mind
answerin' a few questions-- no?
Late for work? Gotta make a livin',
amirite? *ARE-YOU-SWEETIE-BELLES'-
SECRET-ADMIRER?*

The Spa door closes her face.

96 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Happy Hearts and Hooves Day.

Immediately, BUTTON MASH crosses in the foreground, being
chased by Scootaloo...

97 SCOOTALOO

Excuse me-- I'm doing a research survey about sending pie in the mail anonymously-- would you say you're pro "that," or anti "that?"

As she follows him out, SNIPS AND SNAILS cross the other way, being trailed by Sweetie Belle.

98 SWEETIE BELLE

Did you boys happen to send any packages to me recently? It's okay to say no, I won't be offended.

(sotto)

Please say no please say no please say no...

She follows them out and we CUT TO:

SC. 12 - EXT. OGRES & OUBLIETTES GAME WORLD (RE-USE 618) - SAME

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The stylized tabletop game world of O&O come to life from *Dungeons & Discords*. <POOF>! Discord, Big Mac, and Spike appear (in their O&O designs). Discord SNAPS again, making a CARDBOARD SKELETON PONY appear.

99 DISCORD

Sir McBiggun, meet Skellinore. She's a level-18 Bone-Dragoon in the Squizard's Mage Army-- but only to pay off Skeleton Student Loan Debts. Get to know each other, why don't you...!

Discord SNAPS and they disappear.

100 SPIKE

You're really going all-out to cheer up Big Mac-- I'm impressed.

101 DISCORD

Yes, yes, I'm amazing-- ANYWAY, since we're in the neighborhood, care for a quick game of Ogres and Oubliettes... like I've been wanting to play all week?

102 SPIKE

I take it back.

103 DISCORD
I'm helping our friend, first and
foremost. See for yourself.

Spike takes a cardboard-game-piece SPYGLASS from Discord.

104 SPIKE
I think he's showing her a picture
of Sugar Belle.

105 DISCORD
He... what...?

106 SPIKE
Annnnnnd now he's crying.

106A DISCORD 106B SPIKE
No he's not, let me see that. Don't touch it-- I'm looking-- *
Give me that-- Cut it out--!

They wrestle with the spyglass.

107 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Ah geez, now she's crying.

Discord SNAPS and suddenly he and Spike are right behind Big
Mac and Skellinore. They watch in social-anxiety horror as...

108 BIG MAC
(to Skellinore)
She used to do this thing where her
nose would wrinkle when she
laughed. Right there-- in that hole
where your nose used to be. I never
told her how much I loved Wrinkle
Nose Cutie Face...
(losing it)
...and now I never will...

He SOBS into her bony shoulder. Skellinore glares at Discord,
who shrugs. She awkwardly pats Big Mac on the back with her
cardboard skeleton hoof, then slinks away.

109 SPIKE
Time to do things the Spike way!
What do I do when I have a problem
so big I can't solve it...?
(dramatic reveal)
I hide from it.

Discord and Big Mac look at each other, confused.

110 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Sugar Belle can't break up with you
if she can't find you! Let's go!

Spike SNAPS! Nothing happens.

111 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Discord will you--
(<SNAPPING>)
--do the-- do the thing--?

Amused, Discord watches Spike keeps SNAPPING to no avail.

SC. 13 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - LATER

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The CMCs walk toward the barn, heads down, giving up...

SC. 14 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - LATER

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They enter the barn. Sweetie Belle looks around disappointed.

112 SWEETIE BELLE
I don't get it-- we asked every
stallion in Ponyville.

Apple Bloom sighs and sits on a hay stack.

113 APPLE BLOOM
There's got to be somethin' we're
missin. Something obvious. Something
RIGHT in front of our NOSES!

Suddenly the haystack she's sitting on SNEEZES. Apple Bloom leaps off as-- Spike tumbles out! Another stack shakes itself off, it's Big Mac. A third <SNAPS> and turns into Discord.

114 SPIKE
K, we need better hiding spots.

115 APPLE BLOOM
Hey Spike, Discord! I've been
lookin' all over for ya, Big Mac--
GUESS WHAT!? Sweetie Belle has a
secret admirer!

116 SWEETIE BELLE
But we can't figure out who he is!

Big Mac cracks a smile. They jump all around him, excited--

117 SCOOTALOO
He sent her a present!

118 APPLE BLOOM
We ate it.

119 SWEETIE BELLE
It was great, but what good is a
secret admirer if they stay secret?

120 APPLE BLOOM
Any idea who mighta sent it?

Big Mac chuckles. He rubs Apple Blooms head affectionately as he shakes his head-- nope.

121 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Ah well. The barn's lookin' great.

Big Mac looks around at the pink heart cut-outs, balloons, streamers. Big Mac smiles, proud...

122 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
I said it before and I'll say it
again-- y'all are the cutest couple
I know.

Big Mac forces himself to smile.

123 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Hey, where is Sugar Belle,
anyway...?

In the BG, Spike and Discord give her various Abbot and Costello-esque "cut it out" gestures that she doesn't notice.

124 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
What did she think of your present?

125 BIG MAC
Mmmmm.

126 APPLE BLOOM
She's so lucky to have a great guy
like you, Big Mac.

127 BIG MAC
(sotto, gritted teeth)
Eyyyyyyyyup.

128 APPLE BLOOM
I bet she took one look at this
barn and said "what did I do to
deserve this?!"

Big Mac seethes. Discord goes over to him. Time seems to stop as Discord is like a devil on his shoulder.

129 DISCORD
Yes, Big Macintosh. What did she do
to deserve this?

Big Mac turns an angry deep red color as he gets worked up.

130 BIG MAC
Broke my heart.

131 DISCORD
Well, not yet. Technically. In
fact, she can't break your heart--
if you break hers first.

Big Mac looks to Discord and nods. Discord SNAPS and Big Mac disappears.

SC. 15 - INT. SUGAR CUBE CORNER - DAY

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Mrs. Cake bags up some supplies at the counter for Sugar Belle, who helps out.

132 SUGAR BELLE
Thanks for the tour of Ponyville,
Mrs. Cake. I've never seen it
through the eyes of a fellow baker
before.

133 MRS CAKE
My pleasure, Dearie.

134 SUGAR BELLE
If that about settles it, I hope
you have a happy Hearts and Hooves
day! I'm off to surprise Big Mac
with the news! Imagine the look on
his face when I tell him his days
of making long-haul deliveries to
my village are over. "I'm leaving
my cousin in charge of the store on
the weekends so I can be closer to
you and to study here with the
wonderful Mrs. Cake!"

135 MRS CAKE
I'll teach you everything I know.
(sweetly)
Just promise not to open a
competing shop in Ponyville!

Sugar Belle smiles sweetly. Mrs. Cake gets deadly serious.

136 MRS CAKE (CONT'D)
Promise.

137 SUGAR BELLE
(taken aback)
I promise!

138 MRS CAKE
(instantly sweet again)
Thanks, Dearie! Tell Big Mac hello
for me-- I do like that fellah.

139 SUGAR BELLE
Me too. I couldn't imagine life
without him.

FLASH <POOF!> From outside. Sugar Belle turns and is startled
to see Big Mac blocking the door. She's happy to see him.

140 SUGAR BELLE (CONT'D)
Big Mac!

141 BIG MAC
Sugar Belle...? We need to talk.

Off her worried look...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 16 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - SAME

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Picking up right where we left off, Sugar Belle searches Big
Mac's face for what's wrong.

142 BIG MAC
I know why you're here. But you're
too late.

143 SWEETIE BELLE
Too late for what, Big Mac? I was
just about to tell you--

144 BIG MAC
I'm gonna tell you first!

145 SWEETIE BELLE
Why don't we tell each other on
three. One--

146 BIG MAC
--It's over.

147 SWEETIE BELLE
What's over?

148 BIG MAC
You. And me. It's over.

149 SUGAR BELLE
(eyes quivering)
...What...?

Big Mac holds his chin up high. He leans back "cooly" against Mrs. Cake's countertop, a la Discord.

150 BIG MAC
We're breaking up.

151 SUGAR BELLE
I don't understand. Why are you
breaking up with me?

152 MRS CAKE
And why are you leaning like that?

153 BIG MAC
I... (tearful frustration) don't
know!

154 SUGAR BELLE
Big Mac... please talk to me.

155 BIG MAC
I-- you-- ARGH! This is why I don't
like taking! Words can hurt! Words
HURT! GOODBYE, SUGAR BELLE!

Big Mac runs off. Sugar Belle stands there, tears in her eyes, unable to process anything. WIDE: PINKIE PIE comes downstairs with a basket under her arm. She takes a bright pink cupcake and PLOPS it into Sugar Belle's hoof.

156 PINKIE PIE
Happy Hearts and Hooves Day!

She sproings out of the store. Sugar Belle <WHIMPERS>.

SC. 17 - EXT. PONYVILLE - VARIOUS SHOTS

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<SAD MUSIC>! DISSOLVE THROUGH SHOTS as Big Mac walks through town, taking in the adorable sights of Hearts and Hooves Day: Lyra and Bon-Bon trade adorable presents and hug.

Maud and Mudbriar proudly watch Boulder and Twiggy playing. Matilda and Cranky Doodle eat spaghetti Lady-and-the-Tramp style. Big Mac walks through it all with glazed eyes...

SC. 18 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - LATER

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Spike, Discord, and the CMCs are cleaning up the barn, tossing decorations in the trash, sweeping up streamers, etc. They all pause when Big Mac enters.

157 BIG MAC
You all should go. This is my mess.
I'll clean it by myself.

158 SPIKE
We're here for you, buddy.

Big Mac shakes his head.

159 APPLE BLOOM
Are you gonna be okay...?

160 BIG MAC
Just go.

Apple Bloom winces, hurt. Discord taps Spike-- leave him be. They trudge out, Spike picking up trash as he goes. Sweetie Belle approaches BM...

161 SWEETIE BELLE
Pretty silly holiday, huh...?

162 BIG MAC
Eyup.

SC. 19 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - MOMENTS LATER

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Outside, Spike hauls the sack of trash toward the house. It catches on a rock and RIPS open, spilling trash everywhere. Spike sighs, starts picking up trash, then hesitates at the BROWN PAPER WRAPPING and PIE TIN from Sweetie Belle's present. Spike examines the pie tin up close.

163 SPIKE
...This is Sugar Belle's pie.

164 APPLE BLOOM
No, it's from Sweetie Belle's
secret admirer.

165 SPIKE
But these claw marks are from when
I tasted the filling before Big Mac
baked it for her.

He shows her-- his claws match the marks. Apple Bloom shows
him the smudged paper.

166 SPIKE / APPLE BLOOM
Sweetie Belle? / Sugar Belle?

167 APPLE BLOOM
It was all a mix-up? I don't know
if that's gonna make her feel
better or worse.

AT THE BARN DOOR, Big Mac is still with Sweetie Belle.

168 SWEETIE BELLE
...Maybe you should talk it out
with Sugar Belle. It won't change
anything, but it might make you
feel better.

169 BIG MAC
Or it might make things worse.

170 SWEETIE BELLE
I wish I could talk to whoever sent
me that present.

171 APPLE BLOOM
(sotto, to Spike)
She is talkin' to him!

172 BIG MAC
Maybe your secret admirer doesn't
like talking.

173 SWEETIE BELLE
But it would clear up all the
confusion.

174 BIG MAC
Maybe at some point in his life he
learned that talking too much just
makes other ponies feel bad!

Big Mac suddenly realizes everypony is staring, and that
Sweetie Belle is super-upset.

175 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
I'm sorry. You're probably right--
talking it out would make you feel
better.

Big Mac softens.

176 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
It would make me feel better.
 (realizing)
It will make me feel better!

With a determined look in his eye, Big Mac GALLOPS OFF!

177 SPIKE
Big Mac! Where are you going!?

178 BIG MAC
I gotta catch Sugar Belle!

179 SPIKE
She already left town! You'll never
catch up on hoof. Discord, you've
got to use your magic and...

Spike looks around, but Discord is gone. Spike is annoyed.

180 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Guess you have better things to do.
Big Mac's gonna need a miracle...

SC. 20 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

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Big Mac gallops through the streets.

SC. 21 - EXT. TRAIL OUT OF PONYVILLE - DUSK

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Sugar Belle rides her wagon, Ponyville shrinking behind her.

SC. 22 - EXT. PONYVILLE - SAME

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Big Mac leaps over sidewalk cafe romantic tables for two.

SC. 23 - EXT. TRAIL OUT OF PONYVILLE - DUSK

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Sugar Belle looks over her shoulder with a sad <SIGH>. Then suddenly the Wagon JOLTS, and ONE OF THE WHEELS BREAKS OFF! Sugar Belle starts, then climbs out.

181 SUGAR BELLE
Of all the rotten luck.

She gets down in the mud, struggling to re-attach the wagon wheel. She slips down into the mud. She stays there for a sad moment, until suddenly she sees a hoof offering to help her up. She takes it, rises, and sees... BIG MAC!

182 BIG MAC
...Caught you just in time.

She's confused. He fidgets...

183 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
We both know I don't like words,
but I'm going to say some anyway.
(deep breath)
Even though I'm hurting right now,
I wouldn't trade this feeling for
anything, because it'd mean giving
up all the good times we had too. I
only broke up with you because you
were going to break up with me. I
respect your decision, but you
should know you'll always be in my
heart.

Sweetie Belle is confused.

184 SUGAR BELLE
I didn't want to break up with you.

185 BIG MAC
I heard you say "it's over," when I
was hiding in the bushes. That
sounds worse than it is.
(sotto)
...why I don't talk much.

186 SUGAR BELLE
Oh Big Mac... I was talking about
your delivery route to my village
being over-- because I'll be coming
to Ponyville every weekend to study
baking with Mrs. Cake! My cousin's
ending his vacation early to run
the shop on weekends! I'd never
break up with you!

187 BIG MAC
Never!?

188 SWEETIE BELLE
Never!!!

<LOVE MUSIC>! They nuzzle noses. Big Mac gets to work fixing the wagon wheel.

189 SUGAR BELLE
I suppose there's a lesson here
somewhere about communication.
...Talking instead of assuming,
wouldn't you say...?

A long beat as Big Mac thinks, then...

190 BIG MAC
.....Eyyyyyyup.

Sugar Belle laughs. Her nose wrinkles. Big Mac smiles.

191 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
Wrinkle nose cutie face.

192 SUGAR BELLE
What do you say we go back to Sweet
Apple Acres and I bake you a pie?

He nods as the wheel locks back into place, then gets in the wagon and they head off...

193 BIG MAC
Speaking of pies, didn't you get
the pie I sent you?

194 SUGAR BELLE
No, but I did get a very nice
Hearts and Hooves Day card from
your sister.

They laugh as they ride off into the sunset. DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 24 - EXT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DUSK

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Sweetie Belle sits outside the clubhouse as the sun goes down. She hears rustling down the way... perks up... but it's Apple Bloom and Scootaloo.

195 APPLE BLOOM
Sorry my brother's mail-mix-up
ruined your Hearts and Hooves Day,
Sweetie Belle.

196 SCOOTALOO
One of you should change your name.

197 APPLE BLOOM
You okay?

PUSH IN ON SWEETIE BELLE...

198 SWEETIE BELLE
It's funny... I've been sitting
here feeling sorry for myself for
not having a special pony on Hearts
and Hooves Day, but seeing you two,
I realized... I have two special
ponies. My two best friends.

199 APPLE BLOOM / SCOOTALOO
Awww. / Awwwww.

200 SWEETIE BELLE
(laughing)
Remember when you asked Cranky
Doodle to testify under oath
whether he'd sent a pie in the
mail?

201 SCOOTALOO
(Cranky Doodle impression)
"I hate pie!"

202 APPLE BLOOM
(Cranky Doodle impression)
"It's too soggy!"

203 SWEETIE BELLE
<GASP>! I got an idea! Next year
the three of us should send
everypony else pies in the mail!

204 APPLE BLOOM/SCOOTALOO/SWEETIE BELLE
WE'LL BE SECRET ADMIRERS!!! EEEEEEE!

They head into the CMC clubhouse...

SC. 25 - EXT. PONYVILLE - STREETS - END OF THE DAY

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Last but not least, Spike and Discord walk down the street
near Sugarcube Corner. Spike inhales deeply.

205 SPIKE
Ahhh, and so ends another Hearts
and Hooves Day. Love was in the
air, Discord.

206 DISCORD
So was confusion, apparently. And a
fair number of assumptions.

207 SPIKE
But even YOU have to admit, after
seeing everything Big Mac went
through... Love is for real.

Discord is suddenly busy building his ship-in-a-bottle again.

208 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Seriously?! Discord! Come on... you
don't think so? I can't believe
you! You're ridiculous! Of all the--

209 DISCORD
(without looking up)
Who do you think broke Sugar
Belle's wagon wheel?

Spike looks closely at Discord's 'ship in a bottle'. Discord
finishes and shows off his handiwork: in the bottle is a TINY
VERSION OF SUGAR BELLE'S WAGON.

210 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Ta-da. Happy Hearts and Hooves Day.

Spike bursts into a huge grin as Discord tosses the bottle
over his shoulder. <SMASH>.

211 SPIKE
You ol' softie-- I knew you had a
heart!

212 DISCORD
Speaking of how great I am... are
you busy for the rest of the night?
(<SNAPPING>)
Calico's Ring of Imperceptibility
isn't going to reclaim itself, you
know.

PULL OUT revealing Spike is in his O&O outfit.

213 SPIKE
Ogres and Oubliettes? I thought
you'd never ask. Oh, and just
wondering, no biggie, but... is
Skellinore going to be there?

214 DISCORD
Spike, you're way out of her
league.

Spike grins. Discord SNAPS and we CUT TO BLACK.

END OF SHOW

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