

Distribution:

Production

Devon Cody
Jim Miller
Denny Lu
Mike Myhre
Zoe Borroz
Nicole Dubuc
Josh Haber
Jada McDermott

Discovery Family

Linda Shima Tsuno
Beth Mohammed

MY LITTLE PONY
Season 8

The Break Up Breakdown
Ep 810

Teleplay 2nd Draft

Premise: Nick Confalone
Outline: Nick Confalone
Teleplay 1st Draft: Nick Confalone
Teleplay 2nd Draft: Nick Confalone

Hasbro Studios

Stephen Davis
Kathy Page
Meghan McCarthy
Eliza Hart
Daniel Barnes
Finn Arnesen
Nina Scales
Graham Stephen
Tyla Bucher
Loretta Masters
Narae Song
Bill Cheungcp
Molly Shaffer
Emily Thompson
Rachelle Little
Kristen Riley
Emily Thompson
Michael Kelly

Hasbro Brand

Jamie Cipolla
Yusun Hwang
Kevin Evans
Andrea Ehret
Samantha Lomow
Gretchen Forrest
Kristen Riley
Katherine Padilla
Brian Chapman

Premise: October 18, 2016
Outline: November 1, 2016
Teleplay 1st Draft: November 28, 2016
Teleplay 2nd Draft: December 13, 2016

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

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

1 **BIG MAC**
<EXASPERATED GRUHHHHH SOUND>

2 **SPIKE**
You said it, Big Mac! This is
taking FOREVER!!!

WIDER reveals **SPIKE** with **BIG MAC** in Apple Family kitchen,
baking supplies scattered about. Worried, Big Mac and Spike
cross paths, hurrying to check the OVEN to the CLOCK to the
OVEN to the CLOCK.

3 **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...?

4 **BIG MAC**
(thinks, then decisive)
Eyup.

5 **SPIKE**
(calling off)
Discord!? Little help!? DISCORD!!!?

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

6 **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.

7 **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...

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

9 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.

10 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--

11 BIG MAC
EeeWAIT!

12 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.

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

*

*

Big Mac <AHEMS>, gesturing to the oven, then gives Discord
the saddest, puppy-dog eyes ever.

*

*

14 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Fine. But you owe me for this...

*

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

15 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Keep your eye on the pie... it's
magic time!

*

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES**ACT ONE****SC. 2 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - KITCHEN - DAY**

A DELICIOUS-LOOKING PIE sits on the table. Discord INHALES deeply, its scent-lines going into his nose.

16 DISCORD
Quite an... interesting smell.

Big Mac blushes. Spike explains...

17 SPIKE
Well you see, baking is kind of Sugar Belle's thing, and one time after Big Mac tried to help, she jokingly said he should never try baking on his own. But cooking for her shows he likes her so much he's willing to try his best, right?

18 BIG MAC
Eyup.

Then Spike takes two SPATULAS...

19 SPIKE
Ready...? Careful, careful...

Spike and Big Mac work together with spatulas to pry the pie out of its tin. Spike gingerly picks up a NOTE from the counter and brings it toward the pie. Discord SNAPS and it appears in his hands. He reads it...

20 DISCORD
"Happy Hearts and Hooves Day, Sugar Belle... Meet me in Ponyville, at my barn at Sunset for a surprise."

21 BIG MAC
Eyup.

22 DISCORD
(to Spike)
Elaboration please?

23 SPIKE
Big Mac's planning a romantic dinner for Hearts and Hooves Day.
(MORE)

SPIKE (CONT'D)

She'll find the invitation when
she's done eating the pie-- pretty
clever, huh?

*
*
*

Big Mac finishes wrapping it in brown paper, putting in
little pink cut-out hearts. He affixes a tag and draws
something in crayon/pen-- a pictogram of SUGAR and a BELL.

*
*
*

24 SPIKE (CONT'D)

Awww, "Sugar Belle."

(to Discord)

Hey don't tell her and ruin the
surprise, okay?

*
*
*
*
*

25 DISCORD

I won't, because I'll never think
about this sappy gesture ever
again.

*
*
*
*

26 SPIKE

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

*
*
*

27 DISCORD

I'm a realist. And love, like all
warm and fuzzy so-called "feelings"
...is not real.

*
*
*
*

28 SPIKE

Oh come on. You act tough but deep
down you're a softie. I mean you
don't have tea with Fluttershy
every weekend because you like tea.

*
*
*
*
*

29 DISCORD

I love tea! Every tea-- all the
teas.

(time compressed like

legalese car commercial)

Chamomile, Earl Gray, green, white,
yellow, maté, lemon, ginger, chai,
Spearmint, Peppermint, hibiscus,
cinnamon pumpkin spice--

*
*
*
*
*
*
*
*

30 SPIKE

Stick around for Hearts and Hooves
Day, I bet I can prove you believe
in love.

*
*
*
*

31 DISCORD

Fine. Call it a gentleman's wager.
Loser mows my lawn for eternity.

*
*
*

They shake on it.

*

32 SPIKE *
Is it like a riding mower, or...? *

Discord gets right up to his face and offers a sly smile. *

33 DISCORD *
Tweezers. *

Spike <GULPS>. *

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

--Big Mac drops his package off at the PONYVILLE POST OFFICE. *

--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. In the BG, INCIDENTAL MAIL MARES toss packages around-- kicking, juggling, and header-ing them like soccer balls, accompanied by <BREAKING SOUNDS>. *

--A MAIL MARE sorts through the pile. She picks up Big Mac's package. CLOSE ON: The package's smudged tag: ONLY THE BELL IS LEFT! The mail mare tosses it in her wagon. *

SC. 3 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - DAY *

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

34 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... *
helpin' my big brother decorate the *
barn for his big date with Sugar *
Belle tonight and-- hellooooooooooo?! *

Wider to reveal: SCOOTALOO and SWEETIE BELLE looking through the BOX OF CHEESY H&H DECORATIONS-- hearts, xoxo, etc. *

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

36 SCOOTALOO *
When's it going to be our turn? *

<KNOCK KNOCK> at the barn door startles them. Apple Bloom goes over and sees the Mail Mare leaving. *

She looks down to see... **BIG MAC'S** BROWN-PAPER WRAPPED PACKAGE. The CMCs gather round.

*

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

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

*

39 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.

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

41 SCOOTALOO
You don't think...?

42 SWEETIE BELLE
Could it be...?

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

43 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.

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

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

Off them dancing around the pie...

*

SC. 4 - EXT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY

*

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

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

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

48 SPIKE
(pointing to himself)
As a great Dragon poet once wrote
to his beloved "I love you with the
utmost clarity, I love you, dear,
my sweet sweet Rari--" are you even
listening?!

*

*

*

*

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

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

50 SPIKE
Sure, after you admit you have
feelings and--SUGARBELLE!

*

*

51 DISCORD
Gezundheit.

*

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

52 SPIKE
No, that's Sugar Belle-- Big Mac's
girlfriend. What's she doing in
town so early...?

*

*

Through the open door, they see/hear MRS. CAKE react--

*

53 MRS CAKE
Well, Sugar Belle, I'm sure Big Mac
won't be expecting it.

*

*

*

54 SPIKE *
<GASP>! She's planning her own *
romantic surprise for Big Mac!? *
What if she goes to Sweet Apple *
Acres before Big Mac's ready with *
his surprise!? We've got to warn *
him! *

As Spike runs off, Discord rolls his eyes and SNAPS. <POOF>! *
They disappear. *

SC. 5 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - KITCHEN - SAME *

Big Mac delicately prepares a PERFECT SOUFFLÉ. He steps back *
to admire it. Suddenly <POOF!> Spike and Discord appear, *
startling him and deflating the soufflé. Spike, still running *
from before, CRASHES into a wall. *

55 BIG MAC
Eee-whoa!

Spike tries to shake off his teleportation dizziness. *

56 SPIKE *
Mig Back-- I mean Big Mac-- we just *
saw Sugar Belle. She's at Sugarcube *
Corner but I think she's on her way *
over HERE! NOW! You gotta keep her *
away from here until the barn's *
finished! *

Big Mac <GASPS>, wide-eyed. *

57 BIG MAC *
Eyup! *

Then off he gallops. *

58 SPIKE *
I wonder what she has planned for *
him. *

59 DISCORD *
We don't have to wonder... *

Discord SNAPS, they disappear, and we CUT TO:

SC. 6 - EXT. SUGAR CUBE CORNER - SAME *

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

60 SPIKE
Will you WARN me next time you do
that!?

*
*
*

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.

61 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Oooo, she hasn't seen him yet. Take
note, Discord. This is what love is
all about!

*
*

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

*

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

*
*
*

63 SPIKE
Make fun of me all you want, but
look at Big Mac's face and tell me
you don't believe in love.

*

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.

64 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.

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

66 BIG MAC
Shhhh!

Sugar Belle shrugs and turns back, continuing...

67 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.

68 SUGAR BELLE (CONT'D)
How should I tell Big Mac tonight?
"You won't need to come visit me in
my village anymore...?"

*
*

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

PUSH IN ON SUGAR BELLE:

69 SUGAR BELLE (CONT'D)
"We need to talk..."

*

Mrs. Cake says something we can't hear...

*

70 MRS CAKE
[mumble mumble mumble?]

*
*

71 SUGAR BELLE
You're right, okay...
 (maybe super slow-mo?)
"...we're finished."

*
*
*
*

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

*

A beat, then Discord leans into frame next to Spike...

*

72 DISCORD
You were right, Spike. She DID
surprise him.

*
*

Spike facepalms. FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 7 - EST. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

*

A beat, then...

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

SC. 8 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - KITCHEN - DAY

*

Slouched at the **kitchen table**, Big Mac downs a full mug of apple juice and slams his head into his hooves.

*

*

74 BIG MAC
WHY'D I BAKE THAT PIE! THIS CAN'T
BE HAPPENING!!!

*

Spike sits across from him at the table.

*

75 SPIKE
Maybe it's not happening. ...The
more I think about it... she said
it's finished. Haven't you ever
heard ponies say, "Hey, remember
yesterday? That's finished. 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...

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

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

77 SPIKE
YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY... no.

78 BIG MAC
<BROKEN-HEARTED SOBBBBBBBB>!!

*

BM downs another mug of apple juice and slams his head into his hooves.

*

79 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
She takes baking seriously. Why'd I
even try-- bet she thought I was
making fun of her. Unless...
(sincere)
...Was it something I said...?

*

*

*

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

80 DISCORD
.....Probably not.

81 BIG MAC
<MOAAAANNNNNNNNNNN>

82 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.

83 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. *

<JAZZ MUSIC> pre-laps and we CUT TO: *

SC. 9 - INT. DISCORD'S MAGIC SPEAK-EASY (RE-USE 618) - SAME *

Discord SLAPS a claw on the bar in his 1920s speakeasy from *Dungeons & Discords*. Three *milkshakes* slide down the bar. ON
BIG MAC, sad, as Discord plops A FEDORA on his head. Fedora-
less, Spike pouts until he gets one too. *

Suddenly Discord flashes a pose. <ACOUSTIC WALKING BASSLINE>. *

84 DISCORD
Class is now in session. Lesson one:
Nothing can break your heart if you
only love yourself.
 (adj. Big Mac's
 clothes)
You've got to show everypony that
you're too cool to be bothered with
so-called "love." Observe... *

From a standing position, Discord leans back against the bar like a "cool dude." After a cool beat, he raises an eyebrow. *

85 DISCORD (CONT'D)
This is how cool guys lean against
things. When you see a guy leanin'
against a thing lookin' this cool,
you think, wow, that guy doesn't
have a care in Equestria. Not a guy
who leans on things that cool!

Spike leans back, emulating Discord.

86 SPIKE
Am I doing it right? --WOOP!

Spike slips and <CRASHES> down off-screen. Discord leans next to Big Mac, who stares off in the middle-distance, unresponsive. Spike climbs back up, dusting himself off. He pulls on Big Mac's cheeks into a smile, then lets go and they droop back to sad. Big Mac lets out a long <SIGH>.

*
*
*

87 SPIKE (CONT'D)
We're not like you, Discord. We
can't put on a front and pretend
not to love. It's impossible.

*
*
*

88 DISCORD
Lesson two: Plenty of ponies in the
pasture, right Big Mac? I know just
the gal to make you forget all
about Sugar Belle!

*
*
*
*

89 BIG MAC
(huge moaning sob)
YOU SAID HER NAAAAAMEEEEE!

*
*
*

90 DISCORD
Oy vey.

*
*

Discord SNAPS and they're gone.

*

WIPE TO:

SC. 10 - EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - DAY

*

Apple Bloom, Scootaloo, and Sweetie Belle huddle up.

91 APPLE BLOOM
Okay! We finished decoratin' the
barn for Big Mac, which means we
got the rest of the day to
ourselves. There's 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 MICRO CHIPS. He does not
break stride...

*
*

92 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Excuse me, Micro Chips...? Mind
answerin' a few questions-- no?
Late for something sciencey? ARE-
YOU-SWEETIE-BELLES'-SECRET-ADMIRER?

*
*
*
*

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

93 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.

94 SWEETIE BELLE
Happy Hearts and Hooves Day. 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. 11 - EXT. OGRES & OUBLIETTES GAME WORLD (RE-USE 618) - SAME

*

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.

95 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 *Big Mac and Skellinore* disappear.

*

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

97 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?

98 SPIKE
I take it back.

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

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

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

101 DISCORD
He... what...?

102 SPIKE
Annnnnnd now he's crying.

102A DISCORD 102B 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.

103 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...

104 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. Discord SNAPS and-- *

SC. 12 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - DAY *

<FLASH>! The guys appear back in the barn. Big Mac falls *
over, with the sudden disappearance of Skellinore's shoulder *
to cry on. *

105 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. When she can't find
you, she'll realize how much she
misses you! Absence makes the heart
ah... something something. Right? *

Discord and Big Mac look at each other, confused. *

106 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Plus if she can't find you she
can't break up with you! *

107 BIG MAC
Eyup! *

Big Mac DIVES into a haystack. Spike dives into a different
one. Discord transforms himself into a Discordey-looking
haybale. *

A quiet moment with BIG MAC, alone, covered in hay. He can
peek out of the haystack and see the romantic table for two. *

108 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
It ain't fair. *

109 SPIKE (O.S.)
SHHHHH!!! SOMEponY'S COMING! *

REGULAR ANGLE OF THE BARN: Just then, the CMCs enter. *

110 SCOOTALOO
I don't get it-- we asked every
stallion in Ponyville. *

Apple Bloom sighs and sits on a hay stack.

111 APPLE BLOOM
There's got to be somepony we're
missin. Somepony obvious. Somepony
RIGHT in front of our NOSES! *

Suddenly the haystack she's sitting on SNEEZES.

112 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Gezundheit. *

113 SWEETIE BELLE
Oh well. At least the barn's
looking great for Big Mac's date. *

FROM INSIDE THE HAYSTACK, Big Mac's eyes glance around at the pink heart cut-outs, balloons, streamers. *

114 APPLE BLOOM *

Ever since he told Sugar Belle how *

you felt-- ahem, with the Cutie *

Mark Crusaders' help, I might add-- *

they're just the cutest couple I *

know! *

115 SWEETIE BELLE *

She's so lucky to have a "non- *

secret admirer" like Big Mac. *

116 BIG MAC

(sotto, gritted teeth)

Eyyyyyyyyup.

117 APPLE BLOOM *

I bet she's gonna take one look at *

this barn and say "what did I do to *

deserve this?!"

Hidden in the hay, Big Mac seethes. <POOF>! A Tiny Discord appears on Big Mac's shoulder a la the Devil. Time seems to stop... *

118 DISCORD

Yes, Big Macintosh. What did she do

to deserve this?

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

119 BIG MAC *

She... broke my heart. *

120 DISCORD

Well, not yet. Technically. In

fact, she can't break your heart--

if you break hers first.

<POOF>! Suddenly Devil Discord gets his own tiny Devil Discord. *

121 TINY DEVIL DISCORD *

Snap your fingers and send him off! *

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

SC. 13 - INT. SUGAR CUBE CORNER - DAY

*

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

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

123 MRS CAKE
My pleasure, Dearie.

124 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: "We need
to talk."

*
*

125 MRS CAKE
Oh dear me, no! I told you-- don't
say it that way or he'll think
you're breaking up with him!

*
*
*
*

126 SUGAR BELLE
Break up with Big Mac? Never!

*
*

127 MRS CAKE
Save your mix-ups for cake batter,
that's what I always say.
 (on second thought)
Don't actually get to say it very
often, though.

*
*
*
*
*

128 SUGAR BELLE
I'll say: "Big Mac. I'm leaving my
cousin in charge of the store on
the weekends so I can be closer to
you, because I care about you so
much. Oh, and to study here with
the wonderful Mrs. Cake!"

*
*

*
*

129 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.

130 MRS CAKE (CONT'D)
Promise.

131 SUGAR BELLE
(taken aback)
I promise!

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

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

She gets lost in romantic reverie for a moment, then-- FLASH *
<POOF!> From outside. Sugar Belle turns and is startled to
see Big Mac blocking the door. She's happy to see him.

134 SUGAR BELLE (CONT'D)
Big Mac!

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

Off her worried look...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 14 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - SAME *

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

136 BIG MAC *
I know why you're here. *

137 SUGAR BELLE *
You do? *

138 BIG MAC *
But I have something to tell YOU *
first. *

139 SUGAR BELLE *
Can I go first? I'm going to be-- *

140 BIG MAC *
Stop. *

```
141          SUGAR BELLE                                *
...Why don't we tell each other on                    *
three? One--                                           *
```

142 BIG MAC
--It's over.

```
143          SUGAR BELLE                                     *
What's over?
```

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

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

Big Mac holds his chin up high. He leans back "coolly" against Mrs. Cake's counter top, a la Discord. <COOL ACOUSTIC BASS>. *

146 BIG MAC
We're breaking up.

147 SUGAR BELLE
I don't understand. Why are you
breaking up with me? ...And why are
you leaning like that?

*
*

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

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

150 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. WIDER TO REVEAL: Mrs. Cake, awkwardly standing there.

151	MRS CAKE	*
	(bad lying)	*
	It's probably just a...	*
	misunderstanding.	*
	(awkwardly...)	*
	...Cupcake?	*

She offers Sugar Belle a HEART-SHAPED ROMANTIC CUPCAKE. Sugar *
Belle <WHIMPERS>.

SC. 15 - EXT. PONYVILLE - VARIOUS SHOTS

*

<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. 16 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - LATER

*

Big Mac enters the barn to find the CMCs.

*

152 APPLE BLOOM
Oh hiya, Big Mac!!!

*

*

Spike TUMBLES out of his haystack.

*

153 SPIKE
Dude, how long have you been not-
hiding?!

*

*

*

Nearby the Discord hay bale turns back into Discord.

*

154 DISCORD
Oh, right. I should probably have
said something.

*

*

*

155 BIG MAC
You all should go.

*

*

Spike turns to Big Mac, noting his sad expression.

*

156 SPIKE
Did you... did she... are you...?

*

157 BIG MAC
(nods)
It's over.

*

*

*

158 SPIKE
We're here for you, buddy.

*

Big Mac shakes his head.

159 APPLE BLOOM
Big Mac? What's going on? Where's
Sugar Belle...?

*

*

160 BIG MAC
Just go.

Apple Bloom winces, hurt. Suddenly Sweetie Belle runs over,
completely oblivious to the emotional tenor...

161 SWEETIE BELLE *
BIG MAC!!! Do you know anyone who *
might have sent me-- *

162 BIG MAC *
--not right now... *

163 SWEETIE BELLE *
I'm simply trying to find out who-- *

164 BIG MAC *
Please...? *

165 SWEETIE BELLE *
 (frustrated) *
But I just can't stand having a *
secret admirer who's too scared to *
come talk to me! *

166 BIG MAC *
 (equally frustrated) *
Maybe he doesn't like talking. *

167 SWEETIE BELLE *
But I just want to talk to him! *

168 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. Spike watches sadly...

169 SPIKE *
What if you're right, Discord? What *
if love isn't worth it...? *

Discord looks from Spike's sad face to Big Mac's sad face. *

PUSH IN on Discord, coming to some decision... *

BACK WITH SPIKE AND SWEETIE BELLE: *

Big Mac softens. *

170 BIG MAC *
I'm sorry, Sweetie Belle. I'm just *
mad and I'm takin' it out on you. *

171 SWEETIE BELLE
That's okay. I understand. It's a
silly holiday anyway, right...?

172 BIG MAC
Yeah.

A funny look comes over Big Mac's face...

173 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
Hey, that felt pretty good. Tellin'
you how I felt just then, and
talkin' about it, a little.

PUSH IN ON BIG MAC... eyes searching... and then his face steels with determination.

174 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
I gotta go.

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

```
175          SPIKE
Big Mac! Where are you going!?
```

```
176      BIG MAC
I gotta talk to Sugar Belle!
```

177 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.

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

SC. 17 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Big Mac gallops through the streets.

SC. 18 - EXT. TRAIL OUT OF PONYVILLE - DUSK

Sugar Belle rides her wagon, Ponyville shrinking behind her.

SC. 19 - EXT. PONYVILLE - SAME

Big Mac leaps over sidewalk cafe romantic tables for two.

SC. 20 - EXT. TRAIL OUT OF PONYVILLE - DUSK

*

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.

179 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!

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

She's confused. He fidgets...

181 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.

Sugar Belle is confused.

*

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

183 BIG MAC
I heard you say "**we're finished**,"
when I was hiding in the bushes.
That sounds worse than it is.
(sotto)
...why I don't talk much.

*

184 SUGAR BELLE
Oh Big Mac... I was talking about
my meeting with Mrs. Cake. And your
delivery route to my village being
over-- because I'll be coming to
Ponyville every weekend to study
baking with **her**!
(MORE)

*

*

SUGAR BELLE (CONT'D)

And my cousin's ending his vacation
early to run the shop on weekends!
I'd never break up with you!

*

185 BIG MAC
Never!?

186 SWEETIE BELLE
Never!!!

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

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

*

*

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

*

188 BIG MAC
.....Eyyyyyyup.

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

189 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
Wrinkle nose cutie face.
(then)
You must have been awful confused
at my breaking up with you after
you got my pie.

*

*

*

*

*

190 SUGAR BELLE
What pie?

*

191 BIG MAC
You didn't get the pie I sent?
(off her "no" shake)
Or the invitation...?
(off her "no" shake)
In that case...

*

*

*

*

*

*

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

*

192 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
Allow me to escort you to a Hearts
and Hooves Day surprise, my lady...

*

*

She laughs happily as they ride off into the sunset. DISSOLVE
TO:

*

SC. 21 - EXT. CMC CLUBHOUSE - DUSK

Sweetie Belle sits outside the clubhouse as the sun goes down. She stares off in the distance.

193 SWEETIE BELLE
<WISTFUL SIGH>...

194 APPLE BLOOM (O.S.)
Mind if we join you?

Apple Bloom and Scootaloo sit next to her. AB offers up A SLICE OF THE SECRET ADMIRER PIE. Smiling, SB takes a bite. AB and Scootaloo eat their own slices. Then they notice... THE NOTE IN THE PIE TIN. Sweetie Belle reads.

195 SWEETIE BELLE
"Happy Hearts and Hooves Day, Sugar Belle... Meet me--"

195A APPLE BLOOM
SUGAR Belle!?

195B SWEETIE BELLE
SUGAR BELLE!?

196 SCOOTALOO
You gotta be pullin' our hooves.

197 SWEETIE BELLE
(in shock)
...It was all a mix-up...?

They stare at the note for a beat, then...

198 SWEETIE BELLE/APPLE BLOOM/SCOOTALOO
<CRACK UP LAUGHING>

199 SWEETIE BELLE
(laughing)
I can't believe you asked Cranky
Doodle to testify under oath
whether he'd sent a pie in the mail
and it was all a mix-up!

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

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

They laugh. PUSH IN ON SWEETIE BELLE...

202	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 thinkin' about		*
all the fun we had today in town, I		*
think I have <u>two</u> special ponies. My		*
two best friends.		*

203	APPLE BLOOM / SCOOTALOO	*
Awww.	/ Awwwww.	*

PAN UP to the moon as they finish their pie and DISSOLVE TO: *

SC. 22 - EXT. PONYVILLE - STREETS - END OF THE DAY *

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

204 SPIKE
Ahhh, and so ends another Hearts
and Hooves Day. Despite a bumpy
start... and middle... and ending--
lotta bumps today... Love was in
the air.

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

206 SPIKE
But even YOU have to admit, after
seeing everything Big Mac went
through... You believe in Love. *

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

```

207          SPIKE (CONT'D)
Seriously?! Discord! Come on... I
can't believe you!

```

208 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.

209 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>.

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

211 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.

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

*

213 DISCORD
Spike, she's an imaginary one-dimensional paper cut-out skeleton.

*

*

214 SPIKE
...Well, nopony's perfect.

*

*

Discord SNAPS and we CUT TO BLACK.

*

END OF SHOW

*