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Logline: *Pinkie Pie's dreams of making all of Equestria laugh at once are sidetracked by an even bigger quest – to help Cheese Sandwich re-find his sense of humor.*

PINKIE PIE pulls out all the stops on a super-funny, multi-tiered gag that makes nearly all of Ponyville laugh, including SPIKE and the rest of the MANE SIX. But even though everypony tells Pinkie how hilarious she is, she admits that's no longer enough for her. She reveals she's had a goal her entire life - to make all of Equestria laugh at the same thing. And she's just decided she's finally going to make it happen.

The Mane Six, though supportive, can't help but wonder why that's so important to Pinkie. She explains – they each have their “thing” – Rainbow Dash is in the Wonderbolts, Twilight is Princess of Friendship, Applejack wears a hat... (“That's my ‘thing’?” Applejack raises an eyebrow. “And you do it better than ANYpony.” Pinkie enthuses.) But Pinkie wants that same special moment of accomplishment that her friends have – that “something extra” that makes their life's passion a shared reality. The Mane Six and Spike are ready to join in to help Pinkie, whatever it takes. She thanks them, but gently explains that jokes aren't exactly their area of expertise. There's only one pony for the job, the silliest stallion in all of Equestria - Cheese Sandwich.

But when Pinkie goes to visit her funny friend, she's surprised and confused to find herself at a security gate, outside of a huge Funny Factory. The security GUARDS there insist on never having heard of a “Cheese Sandwich”. They have of course heard of cheese sandwiches, but not of any pony going by that name. Pinkie finally pries out of them that the big cheese behind the factory is named Mister Fromage. But there's no way he could be this “Cheese Sandwich” that Pinkie's describing - Mr. Fromage never laughs, never jokes... “Comedy is serious business,” the Guard pony explains.

Undeterred, Pinkie tells them to call their boss, and let him know Pinkie Pie's there to see him. As soon as they call, the gates to the factory creak open. Ala Willy Wonka, Cheese Sandwich, now in a three piece suit, slowly walks out to greet her with a scowl on his face. He “trips” and his accordion immediately springs him back up. His familiar smile pops back on his face – he's happy to see Pinkie and can't wait to show her his factory!

Cheese Sandwich leads Pinkie in, explaining that after many tests and research, he's codified “funny,” and with the help of Boneless #2's accounting, he managed to turn it into a business – selling the craziest, most hilarious gags and jokes in the land. Guaranteed to turn a giggle into a guffaw, or a knee-slapper into a gut-buster! He opens the door to the main factory room - full of classic novelty gag paraphernalia. Whether it's an empty river bed that supposedly is a raging river of disappearing ink, or giant flowers that squirt water, or fake insects on trees with googly eyes, or toadstool whoopie cushions, or plants with fingercuff stalks, Pinkie is having the time of her life - laughing and stuffing as much as she can into her pockets. But she's surprised to see that Cheese Sandwich isn't even cracking a smile. When she asks him about this, he breaks down

sobbing and admits to her the worst possible fate has befallen him - he's lost his laugh!

Pinkie can't believe it! She tries everything she can to make Cheese Sandwich laugh - but nothing seems to work. Undeterred, Pinkie vows to help her friend find his funny bone again. Cheese Sandwich is grateful, but he warns her that he's tried all of the normal haha-inducers with no success. That's why he's started the experimental humor wing in the factory. It's where he's been working on cutting-edge state-of-the-art gags that up the humor quotient to the nth degree. Pinkie suggests that it sounds like a good place to start.

A la Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Pinkie & Cheese Sandwich move through rooms of experimental humor, with no success – laugh tracks that make things seem less funny, rooms with rules of three and “K” words... Finally they get to the last one, the Peanut Brittle Room. As soon as they open the door, tons and tons of brightly colored springy snakes pop out. Pinkie's laughing so hard, she doesn't notice when some springy snakes get caught around the duo's hooves and quickly drag them both inside!

Inside the room, Cheese Sandwich tells Pinkie “not to worry”. The springs can't really hurt them, they'll just be pulled inside giant peanut brittle cans as the room resets. They'll be freed as soon as somepony opens the door again. Pinkie points out that since only Cheese Sandwich ever visits this room, or even knows it exists, they could be trapped in those cans forever. Cheese Sandwich may have lost his laugh – but now he admits that his queasy feeling of doom is working just fine, thank you.

Pinkie tells Cheese Sandwich that she's getting them out of there - *through the power of laughter*. And using the items she collected from the first room in the factory, Cheese Sandwich and Pinkie Pie are able to escape all of the springs - a joy buzzer on one causes it to go straight, fake snot helps them slip out of another, finger cuffs trap another two, disappearing ink on them causes the “snakes” to sail right over them, etc. The duo tumbles out of the room, laughing with tears in their eyes – that was so fun!

As they stop to breathe, Cheese Sandwich realizes - he got his laugh back! How did that happen? Pinkie explains it's because they stopped trying so hard to find it. You can't force humor and fun. You need to just let it happen. Maybe Cheese Sandwich shouldn't spend so much time in the factory by himself trying to find the funny. And maybe she shouldn't try so hard to make all of Equestria laugh all at once. Cheese Sandwich, standing by a big red button on the wall, agrees that he needs to get rid of this factory and go back to doing what he does best - making ponies laugh face-to-face. He pushes the button and an alarm goes off. “Oh, and also,” Cheese Sandwich says, “we should run.”

The two ponies race outside of the factory just as it comically explodes. Pinkie notices the guards laughing at the cascade of rubber chickens raining down all around them. One of the guards comments that this is probably happening all over Equestria right now. Sure enough, we show quick cuts all around Equestria of ponies laughing. As Pinkie begins to beam since she's finally accomplished her goal - Cheese Sandwich points out that one pony still isn't laughing - her. He does something silly with Boneless #2 – and that's all it takes. Pinkie falls on the floor, roaring along with everypony else.