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TEASER**SC 1 - EXT. UNDISCLOSED LOCATION - DAY**

In a generic undisclosed "outdoor area" we intercut a few direct address, "talking head" shots of SPIKE, DISCORD, MRS. CAKE, APPLE BLOOM, SWEETIE BELLE and SCOOTALOO.

1 SPIKE
I just wanted everything to be perfect. I mean, this was a BIG DEAL! But, when Discord insists on being involved-

CUT TO:

2 DISCORD
Regardless of what Spike might say, that little dragon BEGGED me to help. And let me tell you, he can cause plenty of chaos all on his purple lonesome!

CUT TO:

3 MRS. CAKE
I PRIDE myself on baking under pressure but I just... Oh dear...

CUT TO:

4 APPLE BLOOM
You'd think we would be used to stuff like this in Ponyville.

5 SWEETIE BELLE
I still have nightmares.

SCOOTALOO can't even put it into words and just shakes her head as we... *

CUT TO:

SC 2 - EXT. HILL OVERSEEING SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

CLOSE on Spike's face as he stares at something we can't see.

6 SPIKE
It's BEAUTIFUL!

CLOSE on BIG MAC'S face looking quite pleased.

7 BIG MAC
Eyup!

Spike stares at the "something" hungrily, but Big Mac pulls it away.

8 SPIKE
I'm not gonna eat it!

9 DISCORD (O.S.)
Eat what?

Discord pops into existence. Big Mac hides whatever he was showing Spike. Discord pops in and out of existence around Big Mac trying to get a peek.

10 DISCORD (CONT'D)
What is it! I WANT TO SEE!

11 BIG MAC
Nope!

12 DISCORD
Why not?!

13 SPIKE
Because you have a big mouth.

14 DISCORD
ME?! I keep TONS of secrets!
Fluttershy's secret fear of clowns,
that time I caught Twilight
sleeptrotting through town and did
YOU know that Octavia went on a
date with Bulk Biceps?! Talk about
an odd couple! I heard they...

Big Mac and Spike both give Discord a "See?" Look.

15 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Point taken. But we're PALS.
COMRADES. AMIGOS! COME ONNNNN.

Big Mac and Spike share a look. Spike nods and Big Mac reveals a BEAUTIFUL ENGAGEMENT RING! Discord <GASPS> in shock, then...

16 DISCORD (CONT'D)
(loudly shouting)
BIG MAC IS GOING TO PROPOSE TO
SUGAR BELLE?!!!

The entire hillside shakes with the volume of Discord's proclamation.

17 SPIKE/BIG MAC
SHHHHHHHH!!!!

Both Spike and Big Mac thrust their hooves and claws forward to cover Discord's mouth as we...

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC 3 - EXT. UNDISCLOSED LOCATION - DAY

More talking heads.

18 SPIKE
Of course Big Mac asked me to help with his proposal, I'm the most romantic dragon I know.

CUT TO:

19 DISCORD
It really is a curse having infinite powers. Everypony's always asking you to move a couch or help with a proposal...

SC 4 - EXT. HILL OVERSEEING SWEET APPLE ACRES - RESUME

Picking up where we left off in the teaser, Discord and Spike admire the ring.

20 SPIKE
Spill it! EVERY detail! Don't leave anything out!

21 DISCORD
Do we have to hear ALL the details? Is that like, a friend thing we do?

22 BIG MAC
Eyup.

Discord <SIGHS> and snaps his fingers. An old recliner appears. He settles in and waves for them to continue.

Big Mac reveals a bunch of wood and paint.

23 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
FIRST--

Spike <GASPS> and clutches his chest in a romantic gesture.

24 SPIKE
You're making a picnic table that matches the shelf you made Sugar Belle for her shop when you had a crush on her and you're setting up a romantic meal overlooking Sweet Apple Acres?

25 BIG MAC
Eyup!

26 DISCORD
(to Spike)
How did you figure that out?

27 SPIKE
PFFT! If you were a hopeless romantic, you'd know that was the only logical choice.

Big Mac grabs a bushel of apples. One falls and rolls over to Spike. He picks it up and studies it. There's a heart painted on it and a little piece of parchment tied to the stem.

28 BIG MAC
THEN--

29 SPIKE
You painted apples to leave around Ponyville with little riddles tied to the stem that will lead her up here to meet you?

30 BIG MAC
Eyup.

31 DISCORD
Seriously?!

32 BIG MAC
NOW--

Spike opens his mouth but Discord covers it with a claw.

33 DISCORD
You need a giant rhino named Delores who can sew a romantic sweater for two!

34 BIG MAC
Uh... Nope.

Spike pulls Discord's claw away.

35 SPIKE
Come on, he needs food for the picnic. That was a gimmie.

36 DISCORD
I do NOT get this game.

Spike turns to Big Mac, eagerly.

37 SPIKE
Okay. You finish your table. I'll pick up whatever you need to eat and Discord will put all the apples in place.

38 DISCORD
I will?

Spike and Big Mac look at him.

39 BIG MAC
Eeyup!

Off Discord rolling his eyes...

SC 5 - EXT. PONYVILLE - CONTINUOUS

Discord, Spike and the bag of apples appear in the middle of Ponyville. Discord studies the note on one of the apples.

40 DISCORD
From the Sweet Shoppe look for your next clue. Red, delicious, sweet like you. Find it, you'll know what to do...
(eye roll)
He should stick to bucking apples.

41 SPIKE
Sugar Belle is gonna love it!

They walk over to the Sweet Shoppe. Discord places the apple on the front step.

42 SPIKE (CONT'D)
I'll get the food. How long will it take you to place all the apples?

Discord looks to Spike with a smirk, then snaps his fingers as the bag of apples disappears.

43 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Are you sure you put them in good spots?

44 DISCORD
You heard that poem. You really
think it matters?

Spike folds his arms.

45 DISCORD (CONT'D)
FINE. I'll double check.

Suddenly the door to the Sweet Shoppe bursts open. APPLE BLOOM, SWEETIE BELLE and SCOOTALOO rush out carrying a freshly baked pie. SUGAR BELLE follows. She's in such a "hurry" she doesn't "notice" Discord, Spike OR the apple!

46 SPIKE
She didn't see the apple! What are
we going to do?

47 DISCORD
We could just GIVE it to her.

48 SPIKE
That's not romantic! She needs to
discover it.

49 DISCORD
Don't be such a drama dragon. I've
rained chaos on kingdoms, I can
make sure ONE pony sees an apple.

Discord grabs the apple and disappears. Spike heads into the Sweet Shoppe.

SC 6 - INT. SWEET SHOPPE - CONTINUOUS

Spike enters to find a VERY frazzled MRS. CAKE rushing around the shoppe baking LOTS of pies, cakes and tarts (all apple).

50 SPIKE
Hey Mrs. Cake. I need to pick up a
few things.

51 MRS. CAKE
(to herself)
Is this sour cream or sweet cream?
(to Spike without
stopping)
I'm afraid you'll have to wait. I'm
a bit busy at the moment.

Spike looks around at all the already baked desserts. He reaches for a pie.

52 SPIKE
It's kinda important. Maybe I could
take some of these off your hooves?

Mrs. Cake smacks his claw away.

53 MRS. CAKE
NO! Those are for... something
important too!

54 SPIKE
All of them? There's... one, two,
three, four...

55 MRS. CAKE
Twenty ONE and yes all of them.

56 SPIKE
Who needs twenty one desserts?

57 MRS. CAKE
I can't tell you. It's a secret.
Come by later.

58 SPIKE
Later won't work.

59 MRS. CAKE
Why not?

60 SPIKE
I can't tell you. It's a secret.

Mrs. Cake <HUFFS> and continues baking. Spike sneaks a taste
from one of the cakes and makes a <YUCH> face.

61 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Maybe I'll just wait until you can
bake something fresh.

Off Mrs. Cake shooting him a look...

SC 7 - EXT. PONYVILLE - SAME

Sugar Belle buys some flowers from a cart in town square.
Discord appears, floating behind her with the apple clue in
his claw.

The claw detaches from his body. Discord makes a "shushing"
motion at his claw. The claw "nods" and sneaks around Sugar
Belle, placing the apple directly in her line of sight. Sugar
Belle gives the vendor a couple of bits.

62 SUGAR BELLE
Thank you! These are perfect!

She rushes off, again, not noticing the apple. Discord gets annoyed. He studies the apple.

63 DISCORD
You know, if she's too busy to READ
the horribly written clues, maybe
they should just TELL her.

<SNAP> and suddenly there's an army of anthropomorphic apples with leafy arms and legs staring at him. Discord, in full military garb, addresses his "troops"

64 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Listen up fruits, each of you has a
message that needs to be delivered
IN ORDER.

The apples read the messages on their stems. One of them makes an "ICK" face.

65 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Tell me about it. But regardless,
go out there and make me proud!

The apples salute and rush off.

66 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Big Mac really is lucky to have me
as a friend.

SC 8 - INT. SWEET SHOPPE - LATER

CLOSE ON Mrs. Cake carefully grabbing a tiny parchment out of a bowl of similar parchments and, with Spike watching impatiently in the background, SLOWLY, CAREFULLY (like EXCRUCIATINGLY slow) inserts it inside a cake.

67 MRS. CAKE
One down. Twenty to go. THEN I can
help you.

Spike considers for a minute and gets an idea.

68 SPIKE
Maybe I can help YOU!

He rushes over and grabs the bowl of parchments.

69 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Delivering parchments is my thing!
A little dragon breath and FWOOSH!
(MORE)

SPIKE (CONT'D)
We "deliver" each scroll into each
dessert! Then you can help me!
Watch!

Before Mrs. Cake can protest, Spike takes a big breath and blows on the bowl. ALL of the parchments disappear in a <WHOOSH> of green dragon fire.

70 SPIKE (CONT'D)
TA-DA!.

All twenty one desserts start smoking. And then... <FWOOSH> they all erupt in green flames. The flames quickly fizzle, leaving behind twenty burnt desserts. Mrs. Cake glares at Spike.

But before she can tear into him, <SCREAMS> from outside interrupt them. They rush outside to see what's going on.

SC 9 - EXT. PONYVILLE/VARIOUS LOCATIONS - CONTINUOUS

ALL over Ponyville ponies are being terrorized by tiny talking apples spouting poetry. An apple chases LYRA and BON-BON.

71 TALKING APPLE #2
Hurry, there's no need to sneak,
the next apple is at the boutique!

Another apple pops up in GRAN PEAR'S PEAR STAND.

72 TALKING APPLE
At Twilight's castle take a right,
the next apple sits in plain sight!

Mrs. Cake looks on horrified.

73 MRS. CAKE
What in the blazes is going on?!

74 SPIKE
(seething, under his
breath)
Discord.

Discord appears wearing reading glasses, smoking a pipe and reading the paper.

75 DISCORD
Oh, are you finally finished? I've
been done for awhile.

Discord observes the chaos all around him, then turns and sees Spike and Mrs. Cake glaring.

76 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Based on your expressions I'm
assuming we think this is bad?

77 SPIKE
Yes.

Discord snaps his fingers. Every apple disappears.

78 DISCORD
Fine. I sent them back where they
came from. Happy?

79 SUGAR BELLE (O.S.)
What's going on?

They all turn to see a very confused Sugar Belle looking
around at the mess left behind by the apples. Spike glares at
Discord.

80 SPIKE
All that and she STILL didn't see
the apples with the love poems
leading her to the hilltop!

81 DISCORD
Getting her to the hilltop is easy,
and not seeing the poems is really
a blessing when you think about it.

With that, he snaps his fingers. He AND Sugar Belle both
disappear.

SC 10 - EXT. HILL OVERSEEING SWEET APPLE ACRES - CONTINUOUS

Discord and a surprised Sugar Belle appear on the hilltop.
The picnic table is done but Big Mac isn't there!

Discord looks around confused, then quickly <SNAPS> a
blindfold over Sugar Belle's eyes.

SC 11 - EXT. PONYVILLE - CONTINUOUS

Mrs. Cake paces next to Spike.

82 MRS. CAKE
What am I going to do? You ruined
ALL of the desserts!

83 SPIKE
To be honest, burning them might
have been an improvement.

84 MRS. CAKE
What?! I NEVER!

85 BIG MAC (O.S.)
Spike?

Spike and Mrs. Cake turn. Big Mac looks around, confused.

86 SPIKE
Oh, HEEYY there, Big Mac. I bet
you're curious about all this, see,
Uh.... What had happened was...

Suddenly Discord appears with the blindfolded Sugar Belle.

87 BIG MAC
Sugar Belle!

88 SUGAR BELLE
Big Mac?

Discord snaps his fingers and the blindfold disappears.

89 BIG MAC
DISCORD!

90 DISCORD
Mrs. Cake!

91 MRS. CAKE
What did I do?

92 DISCORD
Nothing. I thought we were just
saying each other's names!

93 SPIKE
Well, I guess this can't get any
worse.

94 DISCORD
As the Lord of Chaos, I'd advise
against saying things like that.

Suddenly the CMCs and Granny Smith run into town screaming.
Behind them something BIG <ROARS> loudly. It's shadow covers
the assembled ponies. As everypony looks to Discord who
shrugs we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC 12 - EXT. UNDISCLOSED LOCATION - DAY

In the same THREE SHOT we saw earlier, the Cutie Mark Crusaders look into camera.

95 APPLE BLOOM
We have a bit of a reputation for
getting carried away.

96 SWEETIE BELLE
Especially when romance is
involved.

97 SCOOTALOO
But that wasn't the case with this.
We were just helping Sugar Belle
with her plan...

SC 13 - INT. SWEET SHOPPE - EARLIER

In the scene prior to Discord and Spike arrival, the Cutie Mark Crusaders watch as Mrs. Cake bakes like crazy--flour flying, stacks of empty pie tins sit at the ready, etc. Meanwhile, Sugar Belle dictates to Sweetie Belle who writes on a several small piece of parchment.

98 SUGAR BELLE
And the last one should just say,
"Eyup."

Sugar Belle looks over Sweetie Belle's shoulder as she finishes and places the slip of paper at the end of a line of similar slips. Mrs. Cake looks over at all the slips, uncertain.

99 MRS. CAKE
And you want to put each one of
those inside a desert?

100 SUGAR BELLE
Since Big Mac's plan to send me a
Hearts and Hooves Day pie with a
message inside didn't go so well, I
thought it'd be fun to do it right.

Scootaloo looks down at the pieces of parchment.

101 SCOOTALOO
Are you sure this message isn't too
long?

102 SUGAR BELLE
I know Big Mac is a pony of few words, but we love each other and I have a feeling he'll be happy I'm taking the pressure off of his proposing by proposing to HIM!

103 APPLE BLOOM
I know I'm happy. I can't wait for you to be part of the family!

Sugar Belle looks to the Crusaders.

104 SUGAR BELLE
You three played such a big part in Big Mac and I getting together. I'm glad you could help with this.

Sweetie Belle reads from all the slips of paper in order.

105 SWEETIE BELLE
(reading)
I-love-you-Big-Mac-Would-you-like-to-spend-the-rest-of-our-lives-together-I-hope-you-say-eyup!
(to Sugar Belle)
And each word has to go into a dessert? That's...

She starts to count on her hooves, but Mrs. Cake calls over to her from her baking frenzy.

106 MRS. CAKE
Twenty one! I know!

107 SUGAR BELLE
Actually it's Twenty two.

She pulls a warm apple pie out of the oven and passes it to the girls.

108 SUGAR BELLE (CONT'D)
Mrs. Cake was kind enough to help me bake ALL the apple flavored treats I made to get Big Mac to visit me in my old shop, but that one has the invitation for him to come here.

109 MRS. CAKE
(clearly at her wit's end)
Oh it's no bother. I DO love a challenge.
(MORE)

MRS. CAKE (CONT'D)
(she looks back and forth
between the cakes)
Did I add sugar to this one or that
one?

She shrugs and adds sugar to both. Scootaloo leans over to
Sweetie Belle

110 SCOOTALOO
I think I've seen her add sugar to
that bowl six times so far.

Sugar Belle hands the CMC's the "invitation" pie.

111 SUGAR BELLE
Now you three go deliver that pie.
I have to go get some flowers to
spruce the place up!

She glances out the window and sees Spike and Discord.

112 SUGAR BELLE (CONT'D)
Uh-oh. Spike and Discord are
outside. They'll spill the beans to
Big Mac for sure. Don't say
anything to them. I want this to be
a surprise!

Off the ponies all exchanging excited, conspiratorial
glances...

SC 14 - EXT. SWEET SHOPPE/PONYVILLE - CONTINUOUS

As the door to the Sweet Shop bursts open, the CMCs and Sugar
Belle rush out (as before) - right past Discord and Spike -
then head in separate directions.

As the CMCs turn a corner, they all sneakily peer back around
the side of a building at Big Mac's friends.

113 SWEETIE BELLE
I don't think they suspect
anything.

114 SCOOTALOO
Why would they suspect that we're
holding an invitation pie and that
Mrs. Cake is baking a twenty-one
dessert proposal?

115 APPLE BLOOM
(a little too loud)
I can't believe I'm gonna have a
sister-in-law!

Sweetie Belle and Scootaloo move to put their hooves over her mouth.

116 SWEETIE BELLE/SCOOT
Shhhhhh!

They look back just as Spike heads inside the Sweet Shop and Discord disappears (as before).

117 SWEETIE BELLE
This is our shot to make up for all
the trouble we caused when Big Mac
first asked Sugar Belle out!

118 SCOOTALOO
We can't give away the surprise!
You need to play it cool!

119 APPLE BLOOM
Right. How's this?

Apple Bloom strikes an unconvincing "playing it cool" pose.

120 SCOOTALOO
Better?

121 SWEETIE BELLE
Come on! Let's go find your
brother.

As the CMCs head off, we see Sugar Belle in the background leaving the flower shop and Discord sending his anthropomorphic apples off after her.

SC 15 - EXT. HILL OVERSEEING SWEET APPLE ACRES - CONTINUOUS

Big Mac is working on the picnic table. It's about halfway done. He looks around at the assorted tools lying around.

122 BIG MAC
Screwdriver.... Screwdriver...
nope.

He sighs and hurries down the hill towards the barn.

SC 16 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - MOMENTS LATER

The girls peek in the barn.

123 APPLE BLOOM
Big Mac? He ain't here! Let's go!

124 SCOOTALOO
Hold on...

Scootaloo looks at the tools on the ground and a blueprint pinned on the wall of the picnic table.

125 SCOOTALOO (CONT'D)
That looks just like the shelf Big
Mac made for Sugar Belle! Weird.

126 SWEETIE BELLE
Maybe we should wait here for him.
He's sure to show up soon!

127 APPLE BLOOM
We could be sitting and waitin'
FOREVER. When I can't find
somethin' Granny says to check the
least likely place. COME ON!

Scootaloo and Sweetie Belle don't look convinced, but follow Apple Bloom. BEAT. Big Mac enters, looks around and sees...

128 BIG MAC
Screwdriver!

He grabs it and rushes out.

SC 17 - INT./EXT. - VARIOUS LOCATIONS - MONTAGE

- INT. PONYVILLE BOWLING ALLEY - Scootaloo peeks in. LEBOWSKI PONY is about to bowl for a spare.

129 SCOOTALOO
BIG MAC!

Startled, Lebowski Pony's ball goes in the gutter.

- EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S SANCTUARY - Fluttershy is just getting a crew of critters to take a nap.

130 FLUTTERSHY
Time for a quiet afternoon nap.

Apple Bloom sticks her head in.

131 APPLE BLOOM
BIG MAC?

The animals all wake up, startled and start <YIPPING>, <YOWLING> and <HOOTING>. Fluttershy looks at them, flustered.

-INT. PONYVILLE DAY SPA - Sweetie Bell opens the door to the steam room.

132 SWEETIE BELLE
BIG MAC!

We hear a shocked <SHRIEK>:

133 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
Sorry.

-EXT. PONYVILLE - They run through town looking around every corner.

134 APPLE BLOOM
How is Sugar Belle supposed to
propose to Big Mac if we can't even
find him?

Off their looks of concern we END MONTAGE.

SC 18 - EXT. SWEET SHOPPE - DAY

The CMCs rush up to Sugar Cube corner. They peer in the window where-- Spike anxiously watches Mrs. Cake carefully insert a message into one of her desserts (as before). Behind them, several apples run by unnoticed.

135 SCOOTALOO
Mrs. Cake isn't finished yet. We
still have time.

136 APPLE BLOOM
Y'know, When I'm lookin for
somepony Granny says it's best to
just stay in one place. Let's head
back to the Farm and wait. Big Mac
is sure to show up soon!

She looks at the other two. They're glaring at her.

137 APPLE BLOOM (CONT'D)
Don't just stand there. Come on!

She rushes off. The other two follow. As soon as they do, two anthropomorphic apples run into each other and combine, forming a larger apple.

138 LARGE APPLE
(deeper voice)
LOVE IS IN THE AIR!!!

It runs off.

SC 19 - EXT. HILL OVERSEEING SWEET APPLE ACRES - CONTINUOUS

Big Mac sits at the complete picnic table.

139 BIG MAC
Eyup.

He waits for Spike to show up. Or Sugar Belle. Or Anypony.

140 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
Eeeeeeeeyup.

He holds a hoof to the horizon, judging the time. He shines his hoof. He checks out the lengthening shadows from the trees. Finally, unable to wait anymore, he jumps up and heads into town. *

SC 20 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - A FEW MINUTES LATER

The CMC's run up to the farm house and find GRANNY SMITH asleep on the front porch.

141 SCOOTALOO
Granny!

Granny wakes with a start.

142 GRANNY SMITH
WHO GOES THERE?!

143 APPLE BLOOM
Granny, have you seen Big Mac?

Granny stares for a second, then shakes off the sleep.

144 GRANNY SMITH
Oh, hey there, little dumpling. I jut had the most peculiar dream.

145 SCOOTALOO
That's nice, Granny, but we really need to find Big Mac, so--

146 GRANNY SMITH
It was about Grand Pear, only it wasn't. He was younger, I think, and he and I, we were in outer space on some kind of mission--

Sweetie Belle turns to the others with a whisper.

147 SWEETIE BELLE
(low)
If we get stuck listening to Granny, we'll never find Big Mac!

148 GRANNY SMITH
--and I think Maud Pie's beau, Mud Somethin'.
(MORE)

GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)

He was there too, but his ears were
real pointy-like--And DISCORD! But
he was... well. He was the same.

149 APPLE BLOOM

(whispered)

Once she gets going there's nothing
in Equestria that can stop her.

Just then, the ground shakes from a loud stomping <THUD>. The
water in a bucket on the porch vibrates in concentric rings
(think: Jurassic Park). Granny stops talking and squints to
see what's coming.

150 SCOOTALOO

You sure about that?

Suddenly they hear something <ROAR> from the trees. They all
look toward the orchard as a HUGE SHADOW looms over them.

SC 21 - EXT. PONYVILLE - SAME

RESUME on scene from ACT ONE. Big Mac, Spike and Mrs. Cake
stand outside of the Sweet Shoppe, smoke pouring out of the
doors and windows.

Suddenly Discord appears with the blindfolded Sugar Belle.

151 BIG MAC

Sugar Belle!?

152 SUGAR BELLE

Big Mac?

Discord snaps his fingers and the blindfold disappears.

153 BIG MAC

DISCORD!

154 DISCORD

Mrs. Cake!

155 MRS. CAKE

What did I do?

156 DISCORD

Nothing. I thought we were just
saying each other's names!

157 SPIKE

Well, I guess this can't get any
worse.

Discord takes to the camera, then...

158 DISCORD
As the Lord of Chaos, I'd advise
against saying things like that.

Suddenly the CMCs and Granny Smith run into town screaming.
Behind them something BIG <ROARS> loudly. It's shadow covers
the assembled ponies.

Everypony looks to Discord who frowns.

159 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Why does everypony immediately
assume this is has something to do
with me?

PULL WIDE to reveal A GIANT APPLE MONSTER stomping toward
them.

160 APPLE MONSTER
(booming voice)
I LOVE YOU, YOU LOVE ME, OUR LOVE
WILL GROW LIKE AN APPLE TREE. SUGAR
BELL WILL YOU MARRY ME?

The all turn to Discord in shock.

161 DISCORD
Okay, but to be fair, the message
did get to Sugar Belle.

Off Big Mac and Sugar Belle's looks of disappointment...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC 22 - EXT. UNDISCLOSED LOCATION - DAY

In his "talking head" shot, Discord looks directly into
camera.

162 DISCORD
This whole story is being twisted
to make it seem like it was all my
fault! (beat) Which it wasn't!

CUT TO:

SC 23 - EXT. PONYVILLE - RESUME

As the giant apple Monster continues to STOMP toward them,
Mrs. Cake turns to Spike, irate.

163 MRS. CAKE
Wait. So you two were orchestrating
a proposal? That's why you ruined
mine?

164 DISCORD
Who are you proposing to?

The apple Monster STOMPS even closer!

165 APPLE BLOOM
Discord!

She points as the creature coming dangerously close.

Discord rolls his eyes and SNAPS. The apple monster topples
into the original non walking non-talking apples. Spike turns
to Mrs. Cake confused.

166 SPIKE
So the messages that were in the
desserts...

167 MRS. CAKE
Were Sugar Belle's proposal to BIG
MAC before Spike set them on fire.

Discord looks at Spike triumphantly.

168 DISCORD
So, I'm not the ONLY one who messed
things up, am I mister high and
mighty dragon?

169 SPIKE
Those desserts were ruined way
before I ruined them!!

170 MRS. CAKE
They were NOT! Well, I MAY have
mixed up a FEW ingredients... It
was such a rush.

171 DISCORD
You should both be very
disappointed in yourselves.

172 SCOOTALOO
What about YOU and your APPLE
monster?!

173 DISCORD
Yes but you all EXPECT that of me.

They all give him a look.

174 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Why do you all keep doing that?!

175 APPLE BLOOM
All we wanted to do was make up for
messing things up the last time!
Sugar Belle, Big Mac, we're really-

Apple Bloom looks over, but Big Mac and Sugar Belle are gone.

176 SWEETIE BELLE
Where'd they go.

177 DISCORD
Okay THIS time it REALLY wasn't me!

SC 24 - EXT. UNDISCLOSED LOCATION - DAY

As before, we're in talking head shots. Mrs. Cake looks to camera.

178 MRS. CAKE
I shouldn't have taken on all those
desserts at once. It's just, how
can you say no to such a sweet
idea? OH! Sweet! I made a joke!

CUT TO:

179 SPIKE
In retrospect dragon flame and
baked goods aren't the best combo.

CUT TO:

180 APPLE BLOOM
We felt like it was all our fault.

181 SCOOTALOO
Except for the apple monster. That
was Discord. And Mrs. Cake messing
up those recipes. And Spike burning
the messed up recipes. And--

182 SWEETIE BELLE
THE POINT IS we all felt bad and we
had no idea where Big Mac and Sugar
Belle went!

CUT TO:

183 GRANNY SMITH
For a second I thought they'd been
transported somewhere. JUST like in
this dream I had, let me tell you
all about it...

SC 25 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES ORCHARD - MOMENTS LATER/DUSK

Big Mac and Sugar Belle walk together through the orchard.
Sugar Belle can tell Big Mac is upset.

184 SUGAR BELLE
Today was... interesting.

185 BIG MAC
Eyup.

Even with all the cats out of their bags, Sugar Belle can
tell something is on Big Mac's mind.

186 SUGAR BELLE
You okay?

187 BIG MAC
I...

Big Mac and Sugar Belle look up to see that they've arrived
at the intertwined Apple and Pear trees that BRIGHT MAC and
PEAR BUTTER planted. Big Mac gets emotional and turns to
Sugar Belle.

188 BIG MAC (CONT'D)
I'm sorry Sugar Belle. I wanted
everything to go right today. I
wanted our love to be as perfect as
my parents' was when they planted
these two trees together. Instead
it turned into a mess. Just like
when I asked you out, just like
Hearts and Hooves Day. No matter
how hard I try I always seem to
mess up when it comes to you.

BEAT as Sugar Belle considers this.

189 SUGAR BELLE
I think you've got things
backwards.

190 BIG MAC
What do you mean?

191 SUGAR BELLE
From everything you told me about
your parents, they had to deal with
things a lot tougher than some
burnt desserts and an apple
monster.

192 BIG MAC
I.... Guess that's true.

Sugar Belle walks over and places her hoof on the two trees.

193 SUGAR BELLE
This apple tree and pear tree grew
together because your parents
needed each other. They HAD to be
together.

194 BIG MAC
Eyup.

195 SUGAR BELLE
Today was a disaster. But today was
also the last day we're ever going
to have to do anything apart. From
here on out we'll be together. And
we'll make sure everything always
works out just right.

As the sun sets, the light hits the grove JUST right. A
gentle breeze blows by. If you were the superstitious type
you MIGHT even think it was Bright Mac and Pear Butter giving
their blessing. Big Mac and Sugar Belle look at each other
shyly. They both kneel at the same time.

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195A BIG MAC
Sugar Belle will you--

195B SUGAR BELLE
Big Mac will you--

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They both stand.

195C BIG MAC
Sorry.

195D SUGAR BELLE
No, I'm sorry.

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They stand awkwardly for a beat. Big Mac grins.

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196 BIG MAC
On three?

197 SUGAR BELLE
Sure. One.

198 BIG MAC
Two.

198A BIG MAC
Will you marry me?

198B SUGAR BELLE
Will you marry me?

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199 BIG MAC & SUGAR BELLE
Eyup.

They kiss.

200 SUGAR BELLE
We'll have to thank our friends for
messing up so bad that they made it
all work out perfectly.

Suddenly Discord, Spike, Mrs. Cake, The Cutie Mark Crusaders,
the picnic table, tons of desserts and several apples dressed
in formal wear ALL appear.

201 DISCORD
We've ALL made-up and we're here
for a do-over. And this time,
thanks to me, we've got it right!
So, why don't you two go ahead and--

Spike clears his throat and points to Sugar Belle and Big Mac
BEAMING with their hooves around each other.

202 SPIKE
Uh. Discord? I think they did okay
without us.

Off everypony's smiling faces...

SC 26 - EXT. UNDISCLOSED LOCATION - DAY

Last series of talking heads. But this time camera widens
with each character so we see they are all standing together.

203 APPLE BLOOM
And THAT'S how we were responsible
for the perfect proposal!

204 SWEETIE BELLE
If we hadn't messed up so bad.

205 SCOOTALOO
It wouldn't have worked out the way
it did!

206 MRS. CAKE
It's just like baking, sometimes
it's the mistakes that help you
discover something truly special.

207 SPIKE
And when all the planning and grand
gestures go wrong, it reminds you
the most romantic things are
usually the simplest.

208 DISCORD
Which is what I knew all along.
You're welcome!

Then we PULL OUT to reveal...

**SC 27 - EXT. FINALLY REVEALED LOCATION - APPLEPEAR TREE
WEDDING - DAY**

We've actually been AT Big Mac and Sugar Belle's wedding!

EVERYPONY is gathered around the Apple/Pear tree and everything is decorated gorgeously. MAYOR MARE stands in front of Big Mac and Sugar Belle. APPLEJACK is Big Mac's Best Mare (Discord and Spike right next to her). Mrs. Cake and the CMC's are next to Sugar Belle.

209 MAYOR MARE
It is my sincere pleasure to say,
for my SECOND Apple family wedding,
that I now pronounce you husband
and wife. You may KISS THE BRIDE!

And as Sugar Belle and Big Mac kiss, ready to start the rest of their lives together... Discord turns offscreen.

210 DISCORD
That's your cue!

PAN OVER to a choir of apples singing out in chorus.

211 SPIKE (O.S.)
DISCORD!

212 DISCORD (O.S.)
Oh just let me HAVE this one!

FADE OUT

END