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*Logline: When Big Mac finally decides to propose to Sugar Belle, every conceivable thing that can possibly go wrong does, leading him to wonder if the universe is trying to tell him that popping the question isn't the right thing to do.*

OPEN on “talking head shots” of Discord, Spike, the CMCs, and Mrs. Cake talking directly to screen about the big “mix up” and how it all nearly ended in a “catastrophe.” (think the documentary-style footage from When Harry Met Sally) We don’t know what they are talking about (but don’t worry, we will). Off of this footage we CUT TO Big Mac showing something to Spike who is practically salivating (actually he is literally salivating). Discord shows up and wants to know what’s what, but Big Mac doesn’t want to show him because Discord is terrible at keeping a secret. Discord begs to differ and to prove it reveals ALL the secrets he’s been keeping. Finally, Big Mac relents and shows him – an engagement ring. Big Macintosh is going to pop the question to Sugar Belle!!!

With a few more “talking head shots” we set the stage: Discord thinks the “whole thing” was ridiculous, and for him, that’s saying something. Spike thinks it was utterly romantic. As Discord rolls his eyes we CUT TO Big Mac as he lays out his incredible proposal scheme – it’s sweet, down to earth and romantic as hell. It’s also split into three parts. Part one involves following a trail of apples that represent all the apples Sugar Belle used to order to get Big Mac to come visit her in town. The apples lead to part TWO, a small stage where Big Mac can sing the ridiculous song he sang when he was vying for her attention with Feather Bangs. And THAT all leads to Part Three, the most important part for Big Mac (which he is keeping under wraps at the moment). Discord and Spike agree to help Big Mac make his proposal a romantic reality. The next morning, the trio lay out all the apples and devise a plan to get Sugar Belle to follow them. But Sugar Belle is busy with Mrs. Cake at the Sweet Shop and it’s really hard to get her to go anywhere she doesn’t want to go. They decide to forget it, after all, the rest of the plan is more important anyway. They just need to get Sugar Belle to the stage so Big Mac can sing to her. Unfortunately, the CMCs show up and tell Big Mac they need him, it’s an EMERGENCY. Big Mac rushes off with them JUST as Spike brings Sugar Belle to the stage. Awkwardness ensues. And when the CMCs get Big Mac to town, they all of the sudden can’t remember what they needed him for. A confused and annoyed Big Mac races to get back to Sugar Belle, but by the time he gets back to the stage she’s gone.

In a few MORE talking head shots we see the CMCs alternating between giggling and swooning, while Mrs. Cake talks about how love is mysterious – mostly to the folks going through it. CUT TO Big Mac, discouraged, as Discord and Spike talk him down. He told them the first two parts weren’t crucial. The MOST important thing is step three, right? So if they get THAT right it will be fine! Big Mac takes Discord and Spike deep into the Apple Orchard where the apple tree and the pear tree his parents planted grew wrapped around each other. THIS is where he wants to propose to

Sugar Belle. Spike swoons. THAT is romantic. They make a plan that involves Discord decorating the area and Spike luring Sugar Belle to meet Big Mac, but (as is typically the case when Discord is involved) things get a little confused, then a LOT confused. Finally, Big Mac gives up on the surprise and comes out and asks Sugar Belle to take a walk in the orchard with him. But Sugar Belle says she'd rather head over to the Sweet Shoppe – they can always walk in the orchard another day. Big Mac loses it. They can't always do it if he's not around! And with that he storms off, leaving behind a very confused Sugar Belle.

Sugar Belle talks to the boys to find out what's going on but they don't want to ruin the surprise. She leaves and the CMCs show up, telling Spike and Discord they all need to talk. Later, Spike, Discord AND the CMCs manage to get Big Mac and Sugar Belle to sit down to talk where they both apologize and assure each other they are going to stay together. Big Mac finally reveals why he's been so crazy all day – he was going to ask her to marry him. Sugar Belle bursts out laughing. Big Mac gets nervous, that's not the reaction he was hoping for. Sugar Belle reveals the reason all his efforts failed. All day she's been trying to do the same thing! Mrs. Cake and the CMCs have been helping her! Big Mac is stunned. Turns out they don't need any fancy romantic proposal. They just need each other. Taking this idea to heart, Sugar Belle gets down on three knees and proposes to Big Mac right then and there! He accepts and all is well in the world! CUT TO Sugar Belle and Big Mac now also as talking heads talking directly to the screen about how it all turned out for the best. Pull out to reveal that Sugar Belle, Big Mac, Discord, Spike, the CMCS, and Mrs. Cake were all telling the story of Big Mac and Sugar Belle's engagement to Goldie Delicious underneath the pear/apple tree. Goldie, a tear in her eye says Big Mac's Daddy woulda been proud – real, real proud.

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