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TEASER

SC. 1 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - MORNING

It's a beautiful morning in Ponyville, and PINKIE PIE is already baking. GUMMY sits on a nearby counter being Gummy.

1 PINKIE PIE
La-la-la-la-laaaa.

She mixes something in a bowl.

2 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
This is gonna be so great, Gummy!
We have absolutely nothing to do
today except bake!

She moves to another pot and stirs, then opens the oven and pulls out a layer with oven mitts. She turns off the oven.

3 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I've been waiting for just the
right time to finally try Granny
Pie's super special triple
chocolate fifteen layer marjolaine
recipe! It's gonna be amazing!

She consults a hoof-written recipe card.

4 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Let's see...nutty meringue...
chocolate ganache...praline and
nuts...cocoa-flavored
buttercream...

She doesn't notice a RAINBOW LIGHT shimmering through her Cutie Mark (as in 501).

5 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
An hour per layer...that's fifteen
hours of pure baking bliss...

The rainbow shimmer comes again. But she is too busy running from baking sheet to mixing bowl to cooling rack. Gummy watches her.

6 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Okay, Gummy, I think we're ready to
start prepping the second layer...

The rainbow shimmer comes again, but now it's FLASHING BRIGHTLY AND URGENTLY, more like an alarm.

7 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Oh my gosh! My Cutie Mark!
(gasp)
You know what this means? The map!

She races out of the kitchen. A beat later, she reappears.

8 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Uh, Gummy? Could you take over for
a bit? Hopefully this'll be quick.

She races out again. A beat. Then she's back.

9 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I'll just measure the baking powder
for you...

She dumps a little into a measuring cup, then she's gone
again. Beat. She's back! And now her Cutie Mark is
flashing fast and angry.

10 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And when the first layer cools, you
can drizzle some of the ganache
over it....

She races out again. A second later, she's back. And her
Cutie Mark blinks insistently.

11 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And don't forget to beat the egg
whites for the merengue...

She pauses and looks at Gummy, who hasn't moved the entire
scene. She slides a huge wooden spoon under his arm, like a
passing of the kitchen baton.

12 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I know you can do this, Gummy.
You're the best alligator baker
I've ever met.

She exits. A beat after that, the weight of the wooden spoon
pulls him over the side and he falls to the floor.

FADE OUT.

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

FADE IN:

SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - LATER

In the MAP ROOM, TWILIGHT SPARKLE is beside herself with excitement as she briefs RAINBOW DASH and Pinkie Pie on the mission. SPIKE stands nearby listening.

13 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is so exciting! The map is
summoning you to the very heart of
the griffon kingdom...GRIFFONSTONE!

ON THE MAP, where Rainbow and Pinkie's Cutie Marks beam from the remote land of Griffonstone.

Back on Twilight as she levitates a huge history book.

14 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I don't know if either you have
read "Bygone Griffons of
Greatness," but griffons were known
to be--

15 RAINBOW DASH
Rude, insensitive bullies?

Twilight looks at Rainbow with surprise.

16 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You mean Gilda?

17 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah I mean Gilda! When she came
to Ponyville she was a total jerk
to all my friends! Especially
Pinkie Pie!

18 PINKIE PIE
She was a bit of a party pooper.

19 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So maybe Gilda was a little rude,
you still get to go to Griffonstone!
And according to this book, it has a
rich, fascinating history...

We ZOOM INTO THE MAP...

SC. 3 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - FANTASY - DAY

An enormous rock (larger and more grand than Pride Rock) pierces through the clouds.

Entering "Old Griffonstone," it's barely a town. GRIFFONS simply sit on their hoards or carry their treasures on their backs. They all look mean and surly, regarding each other with great suspicion.

20 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
In ancient times, griffons were known to be as greedy as dragons, always hoarding their bits and other treasures. But all that changed when King Grover found the mysterious golden idol of Boreas!

ZOOM into the Griffon Palace where a large IDOL sits on a pedestal. The idol is made of shimmering gold, and resembles a tornado (for possible inspiration, see <http://stuffkit.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Singing-Ringing-Steel-Tree-Sculpture.jpg>). It is guarded by GRIFFON SENTRIES as KING GROVER looks proudly upon it.

21 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
Legend says the idol of Boreas was made from the dust of golden sunsets, blown across the mountains by the north winds. The rarest gold in all of Equestria.

Pulling back out quickly to Griffonstone which is now a majestic kingdom! It is lush and opulent. The structures are made from huge sticks and branches so that the city looks like it's comprised of eagles' nests. GRIFFONS now strut and fly about in perfect harmony.

22 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
Possessing the idol of Boreas filled the griffons' hearts with pride. It's said that that one great treasure is responsible for turning Griffonstone into the most majestic kingdom in all of Equestria!

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - THE PRESENT

On Twilight looking really excited. But Rainbow is less than impressed.

23 RAINBOW DASH
Uh-huh. And why do you care so much about griffons, anyway?

24 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It was actually Gilda's visit that made me curious. So I picked up "Bygone Griffons of Greatness" and I've been hooked ever since. And now...

She studies their two floating Cutie Mark holograms wistfully.

25 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(with a sigh)
...you two get to see Griffonstone with your very own eyes.

26 PINKIE PIE
Huh?

She leans in close to the holograms and inspects them, running her hoof through them.

27 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Just me and Rainbow Dash?

28 RAINBOW DASH
(to Twilight)
Hey, you can totally take my place if you want. I still had half a nap left to finish.

29 PINKIE PIE
(also to Twilight)
Why don't you just come with us? I mean, you are the Princess of Friendship!

Twilight is pouting, but trying her best to hide it.

30 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No no, if the map wanted me to go to the coolest kingdom in all of Equestria and tour the palace and see the actual idol that unites an entire species, which would be super amazing, I'm sure it would have said so.

She shoots a glare at the map, then composes herself again.

31 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
You two can handle whatever the issue is just fine. I'll stay here and do...important princessy things...I guess...

Pinkie misses her disappointment.

32 PINKIE PIE
Well then, c'mon Dashie! We're
goin' to Griffonstone!

Rainbow still looks less than thrilled.

33 RAINBOW DASH
(with a sigh)
Fine.

34 PINKIE PIE
That's the spirit!

SC. 5 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - LATER

As she sits on the train, Rainbow reads a book. Pinkie comes up with a tray full of snacks.

35 PINKIE PIE
(chewing)
Whatcha reading, Rainbow?

36 RAINBOW DASH
Twilight literally wrote a book on
what we need to do in Griffonstone.

37 PINKIE PIE
You mean like a guide on how to
figure out what problem we're
supposed to fix?

38 RAINBOW DASH
And then some. It's like Twilight
herself in book form! Which, come
to think of it, is probably her
dream.
(reading as Twilight)
"Always carry plenty of bits. The
griffons are sure to help you as
long as you share the wealth..."

Pinkie looks at her overflowing tray with concern.

39 PINKIE PIE
Can I borrow some bits?

SC. 6 - EXT. GRIFFON GORGE TRAIN STATION - DAY

Rainbow and Pinkie exit the train and start walking towards the bottom of a mountain.

40 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
*Upon arriving at Griffon Gorge, be
sure to pause and cast your eyes
northerly up the Hyperborean
Mountains, taking in the
breathtaking beauty of Griffonstone.*

Pinkie and Rainbow reach the base of the mountain. They look up to see the kingdom perched high on the enormous rock poking through the clouds. Their jaws drop.

41 RAINBOW DASH
Okay, that's impressive.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 7 - EXT. MOUNTAIN RANGE - DAY

Pinkie and Rainbow hike up the range, now sporting Mongolian shepherd hats.

42 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
*Once in Griffonstone proper, go
immediately to the palace and
introduce yourself to the King.
"Bygone Griffons of Greatness" was
written a long time ago and it ends
with the coronation of the
fourteenth king of the griffons,
King Guto. I have no idea who's in
charge now.*

They pause and look up. The clouds around the top of the mountain are still a long way off.

43 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
*Tell the King you've been sent by
the Princess of Friendship and
you're there to help with some sort
of problem.
(excitedly whispering)
And, oh my gosh, if he lets you,
get a picture with the idol of
Boreas! Eee!*

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 8 - EXT. MOUNTAIN RANGE - LATER

Further up the mountainside. The wind is more fierce here.

44 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
If for some reason the King can't help, I'd try the Griffonstone library next. It's a little known secret that if you befriend a librarian you can usually find out anything. Plus, as a bonus, there's a statue of King Grover outside! Photo op!

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 9 - EXT. MOUNTAIN RANGE - LATER

Another part of the mountain. The wind has died down, but their manes are a bit crazy from it.

45 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
And don't forget time to sample some famous Griffon Scones! They're supposed to be the best!

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 10 - EXT. MOUNTAIN RANGE - LATER

They're almost to the top, approaching Griffonstone's gates. There are clouds up here. And we DISSOLVE Twilight's narration into Rainbow Dash reading again...

46 RAINBOW DASH
"Finally, fully absorb, take in, and soak up the sights, sounds, and smells of this terrific town so you can report back to me in very specific detail all of the greatness of Griffonstone."

47 PINKIE PIE
Aw, Twilight should have just come along. Then she could have seen first hoof that Griffonstone is...

They walk through the city gates and their eyes fall on...

SC. 11 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - VILLAGE SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

...the ruins of a once-great kingdom. It's filthy and dilapidated. Nests are broken and crumbling into the streets. A tumbleweed of sticks and twigs rolls across the square of this ghost town.

48 PINKIE PIE
...a total dump!

FADE OUT.

END ACT 1

ACT 2

FADE IN:

SC. 12 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - VILLAGE SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

Back on Griffonstone as Pinkie and Rainbow look around in utter shock. A couple disgruntled GRIFFONS lurk about, but the place is mostly deserted and trashed.

49 RAINBOW DASH
Uhh...maybe the map should have called Rarity instead of us.

A MALE GRIFFON walks past.

50 PINKIE PIE
Excuse me, sir? This is Griffonstone, right?

The Male Griffon doesn't even break stride, just struts right past her, nearly bumping into her.

51 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Well that wasn't very nice.

52 RAINBOW DASH
See? These griffons are exactly what I thought they'd be.

53 PINKIE PIE
Maybe we should just find the palace so we can ask the King what's going on.

Then from behind them they hear:

54 GILDA (O.S.)
We don't have a king, losers.

Pinkie and Rainbow turn around to find GILDA! Gilda gives them a surly look and Rainbow is equally unhappy to see her old "friend."

55 RAINBOW DASH
 (a la Seinfeld's "Newman")
Hello, Gilda.

56 GILDA
Dash.

57 PINKIE PIE
Pinkie!

Rainbow and Gilda look at Pinkie like "What the...?" Then Rainbow gives Gilda a surly look.

58 RAINBOW DASH
What're you doing here?

59 GILDA
Um, I'm a griffon? What's your excuse, dweebs?

60 PINKIE PIE
Hey! These dweebs are here to help Griffonstone!

61 GILDA
Help it what?

62 PINKIE PIE
Well...we're not really sure. But it involves a map and Cutie Marks and a problem and...

Gilda rolls her eyes.

63 GILDA
Bored now.

And she starts walking away. Pinkie calls after her.

64 PINKIE PIE
Well if you don't have a king, can you at least tell us where the idol of Boreas is?

65 GILDA
Idol? Don't tell me you really believe in that thing--

66 GRAMPA GRUFF (O.S.)
You'd better believe in it! The idol was the best thing to ever happen to us griffons!

REVEAL GRAMPA GRUFF, a scraggly old griffon who has seen it all and lived to tell the tale. He's cantankerous, with a whole lot of attitude.

67 GILDA
Oh great, now you got Grampa Gruff started.

68 GRAMPA GRUFF
I'll tell you the whole tragic tale...

Gilda mouths the words as he says them:

69 GRAMPA GRUFF (CONT'D)
...for a couple of bits.

Rainbow gives Grampa Gruff some bits. Grampa bites one to make sure they're real.

70 GRAMPA GRUFF (CONT'D)
The first griffon king, King Grover, united our kind like we've never been united before or since. And he did it with that incredible idol of Boreas. We're a prideful bunch, least we used to be, and that idol brought pride to the heart of every griffon that saw it. From one king to the next, Griffonstone and our golden idol were the envy of all other species...

As he talks, we...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 13 - INT. GRIFFONSTONE PALACE - FANTASY - DAY

KING GUTO sits in a beautifully gilded palace, where the idol of Boreas is shining brightly, guarded by Sentries.

71 GRAMPA GRUFF (V.O.)
It held us together, gave us an identity. Right up until the reign of King Guto...

ARIMASPI (a Harryhausen-style Cyclops) smashes into the palace, going after the idol. King Guto and the Sentries fight back.

72 GRAMPA GRUFF (V.O.)
That's when Arimaspi came. He and
his kin were always comin' over
from the Riphean Mountains to steal
griffon treasure -- buncha ruffians
in those Ripheans. But that idol
was our greatest treasure of all
and he wouldn't stop 'til he had
it. King Guto tried to fight him
off, but Arimaspi managed to get
away with the idol.

Arimaspi grabs the idol and storms out of the palace. King
Guto takes to the air, giving chase...

SC. 14 - EXT. OUTSKIRTS OF GRIFFONSTONE - FANTASY - LATER

Guto tracks Aramaspi to the edge of a BOTTOMLESS PIT.
Aramaspi has the idol, but is cornered. Guto closes in...

Guto and Aramaspi regard each other. Guto's eyes narrow. He
senses that Aramaspi is about to try to jump for the other
side, so he flies over and tackles the cyclops. They grapple
at the edge of the bottomless pit. As they both reach for
the idol, Aramaspi falls into the pit. He has the idol in
his hand.

ON GUTO -- powerless to stop it.

73 GRAMPA GRUFF (V.O.)
King Guto was devastated...

King Guto, crushed, turns and walks back to Griffonstone.

74 GRAMPA GRUFF (V.O.)
No one much cared about our kingdom
after that. Griffons came and
griffons went...

As King Guto walks through his kingdom, TIME PASSES and
Griffonstone begins to fall apart around him. The griffons
go from being happy and caring to depressed and rude. Some
griffons take off into the air, deserting the place.

75 GRAMPA GRUFF (V.O.)
They say when our treasure went
into the Abysmal Abyss, our pride
went with it...

On King Guto walking, looking broken and depressed as we...

MATCH CUT TO:

SC. 15 - INT. GRIFFONSTONE PALACE - FANTASY - LATER

King Guto looks at the empty pedestal where the idol of Boreas once sat. The palace is now dull and lifeless.

76 GRAMPA GRUFF (V.O.)
King Guto was the last king of Griffonstone, and we all lived miserably ever after. The end.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 16 - INT. GRIFFONSTONE PALACE - PRESENT DAY

Grampa Gruff, Gilda, Rainbow, and Pinkie stare at the pedestal where the idol once sat. The palace is an abandoned ruin. Pinkie is near to tears.

77 PINKIE PIE
That was the saddest story ever...

78 GRAMPA GRUFF
Tough tailfeathers! No refunds!

Grampa Gruff ZIPS out, taking to the sky.

79 PINKIE PIE
No wonder Twilight's book ended with the coronation of King Guto. Who would want to record a history that sad?

80 GILDA
It's not sad. Do we look sad to you?

A SURLY GRIFFON shoves a pile of branches that used to be a building out of his way and keeps walking.

81 RAINBOW DASH
Pinkie, I think I know why the map sent us here! We need to find the idol of Boreas and bring glory and pride back to Griffonstone!

Gilda looks completely annoyed.

82 GILDA
Here we go, typical pony hero complex. None of us care about that dumb old idol, don't you get it? We don't care about anything, and that's the way we like it.

83 PINKIE PIE
I think Rainbow Dash is right. The map sent us here to fix some sort of problem--

84 GILDA
The only problem Griffonstone has is you!

Gilda flies off in a huff, leaving Pinkie and Rainbow.

85 RAINBOW DASH
Well, I don't care what she says. We're going to find that treasure, make Griffonstone cool again, and get back to Ponyville. C'mon!

Rainbow heads out of the palace and is about to take off the opposite direction from Gilda when Pinkie stops her.

86 PINKIE PIE
Wait, Rainbow Dash, what about Twilight's advice?

87 RAINBOW DASH
What, taking a bunch of pictures?

88 PINKIE PIE
She mentioned finding answers at the library.

Rainbow gives Pinkie Twilight's book.

89 RAINBOW DASH
Knock yourself out. But when you get bored with Twilight's tour book, I'll be at the Abysmal Abyss finding the idol of Boreas.

Rainbow flies off. Pinkie looks the other direction, the direction Gilda went. She is clearly not convinced that Rainbow Dash's plan is the answer...

SC. 17 - INT. SUPPLY SHOP - LATER

Rainbow bursts through the Supply Shop swinging doors. As she does, they practically fall off the hinges. Inside, the shop is covered in spider webs and dust.

90 RAINBOW DASH
(dramatically)
I'm here to find your missing idol and save Griffonstone!

The GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER barely has energy to lift his head. Rainbow Dash is thrown by the lack of a reaction.

91 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Uh, I'll need some rope, a grappling hook, and a guide to take me down the Abysmal Abyss.

92 GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER
And I'll need some bits.

Rainbow Dash hands over some bits, annoyed by the single-minded griffon.

SC. 18 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - VILLAGE SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

Gilda walks unenthusiastically through town pulling a cart behind her. Pinkie comes chasing after her, full of energy.

93 PINKIE PIE
Hey, Gilda! Word on the street is that Griffonstone has an *amazing* library chock-full of answers!

Gilda looks around at the griffons ignoring each other, hanging about doing next to nothing.

94 GILDA
Word on what street?

Pinkie notes the rather slovenly griffons.

95 PINKIE PIE
Okay, maybe not this street. But on other streets your library is the talk of the town. Wanna come with me?

96 GILDA
The library's right there, so why don't you go inside and leave me alone.

REVEAL: A huge heap of straw, sticks and leaves. Among them are tattered books with torn up pages strewn about. She picks one up and it falls apart, pages scattered by the wind.

97 PINKIE PIE
Maybe it's good that Twilight didn't come...

Gilda pulls her cart away, setting it up.

Pinkie notices something in the rubble. It's a toppled, broken statue of King Grover.

She looks around, observing that other griffons in town don't socialize or even look at each other. She leans against the statue, right next to the serious face of the king.

98 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
It's sad what's happened to your town, King. But Rainbow Dash can't be right. This can't all be because of a missing hunk of gold...

(as King Grover)

"You're right, Pinkie. And you've got amazing hair."

(as herself)

Aw, King Grover, you old charmer.

She studies the town again. She notices two griffons bump into each other as they pass without a word or glance of apology.

Suddenly, she runs up to Gilda, full of Pinkie energy.

99 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I know what Griffonstone needs!

100 GILDA
Fewer ponies?

101 PINKIE PIE
A song! I've got a super song about smiling that's sure make even the most grumpy griffon grin!

She inhales deeply and gets ready to belt one out--

102 GILDA
You can't sing here.

Gilda points over to a "circle slash sign" of a griffon with its mouth open and musical notes coming out of it.

103 PINKIE PIE
But how do you break into uplifting musical numbers with no singing?!

104 GILDA
Yeah, that's Griffonstone's biggest problem. Its lack of uplifting musical numbers.

Pinkie deflates, but then quickly lights up again.

105 PINKIE PIE
Well if I can't sing, how 'bout a party? If there's one thing these griffons need, it's some good cheer. Where's your party store?

106 GILDA
We don't have a party store.

107 PINKIE PIE
No party store? Hmm...how 'bout cake? Nothing cheers folks up like cake! Where's your bakery?

108 GILDA
We don't have a bakery.

109 PINKIE PIE
NO SINGING NO PARTY STORE NO BAKERY?!?!? WHAT IS THIS PLACE??

110 GILDA
You're welcome to leave any time.

111 PINKIE PIE
No bakery...well, that just takes the cake. Wait, no. It can't take the cake 'cause there is no cake! Or muffins! Or Griffon Scones!
(realizing in horror)
NO GRIFFON SCONES!!!

Gilda gestures to her now opened cart.

112 GILDA
Oh, we got Griffon Scones. That's my specialty.

The cart has a picture of a scone, which looks like a sad rock. And the scones on display also look like sad rocks.

113 PINKIE PIE
I'll buy one!

Gilda grabs a scone and roughly offers it to Pinkie, but doesn't let go.

114 GILDA
Money first.

Pinkie gives her a bit and takes the scone. She bites into it and it is hard as a rock. But Pinkie tries to work through it.

115 GILDA (CONT'D)
Well?

Pinkie smiles as the sounds of CRUNCHING GRAVEL come from her mouth.

116 GILDA (CONT'D)
What, you like it?
(with a little pride)
That's my Grampa Gruff's secret
recipe.

117 PINKIE PIE
My sister Maud has secret recipes,
too!
(she crunches down)
Ow! I think I broke a tooth.

Gilda's tiny bubble of pride instantly bursts.

118 GILDA
Well, whatever, no refunds.

She starts shutting her cart, getting ready to move on.

119 GILDA (CONT'D)
I don't even care anyway. I just
want to sell enough of these so I
can leave this lousy town.

Pinkie furtively spits out the scone, then gets an idea.

120 PINKIE PIE
I can help you with that!

Gilda looks at her with suspicion and a little bit of hope.

SC. 19 - EXT. OUTSKIRTS OF GRIFFONSTONE - LATER

Rainbow and the Shopkeeper gear up (including helmets with head lamps on them) for their descent into the Abysmal Abyss. A huge BLAST OF AIR shoots out of the pit.

121 RAINBOW DASH
Hey, buddy, can you tighten the
strap on my helmet?

122 GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER
Can you give me more bits?

123 RAINBOW DASH
Never mind. I got it. So how deep
is this abyss?

124 GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER
How deep are your pockets?

125 RAINBOW DASH
 (frustrated)
Ugh. Don't you griffons ever talk
about anything but bits?

126 GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER
Give me some bits and I'll answer.

127 RAINBOW DASH
 (to herself)
No wonder Gilda's such a delight.

SC. 20 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - VILLAGE SQUARE

Pinkie and Gilda mix up a batch of scones at Gilda's stand.

128 PINKIE PIE
Grampa Grumps's recipe is good, but
it's missing one important
ingredient.

Gilda rolls her eyes.

129 GILDA
Don't tell me...friendship?

130 PINKIE PIE
Baking powder! Lucky for you I
never leave home without it!

Pinkie whips out a can of baking powder and puts it in the
mix. She puts the scones on the baking sheet.

131 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Now just pop those in the oven and
you'll have Griffon Scones worth
their weight in gold!

Gilda (wearing oven mitts) puts the baking sheet into the
oven on her cart.

Down the street, a GRIFFON FELLOW opens his wings to fly, not
noticing that another GRIFFON (GRETA) is behind him. As he
takes off, the force of the wind knocks Greta into a pile of
branches.

132 GRETA
Oof!

Gilda sees this...

133 GILDA
Greta!

And rushes over to help her up. But once Greta is up, she shrugs Gilda off, walking away annoyed.

134 GRETA
<Grumbles>

Pinkie lights up seeing this.

135 PINKIE PIE
AH-HA! I saw that, Gilda! You may act like a gruff, grumbling griffon, but inside you're gracious and great!

136 GILDA
What are you talking about?

137 PINKIE PIE
You just helped your friend up when she got knocked down.

138 GILDA
What, her? Greta's just some griffon I know. We don't have friends here.
(a hint of sadness)
I did have a friend once, but you saw how that turned out.

Pinkie sees Gilda's vulnerable side and her eyes light up.

139 PINKIE PIE
(excitedly)
Oh my gosh! I gotta go find Rainbow Dash!

She races off.

140 GILDA
(annoyed)
See ya.

SC. 21 - INT. ABYSMAL ABYSS - LATER

Rainbow looks into the bottomless pit of the Abysmal Abyss.

141 RAINBOW DASH
You sure we can't just fly down?

Another random burst of air shoots up at her. The force of it knocks her back.

142 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Woah! Never mind. Totally got my
answer there. C'mon!

Rainbow and the Shopkeeper start rappelling down the side of the cliff. It's a bit craggy and uneven.

143 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Careful! Go slow, now. We just
gotta find that Golden Scepter and
get out of this place!

A blast of air bursts up. [*PRODUCTION NOTE: air blasts shouldn't be too violent.*] Rainbow quickly flattens herself to the side of the cliff, but the rope snaps against the jagged rock and she plummets onto a small ledge.

144 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Aaaaah! Oof!

Her rope dangles above her. It's just out of reach. She goes to stand up and grab it, but her leg is hurt and she can't put pressure on it.

145 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Oh! Owww! My leg! Help!

She looks up and sees the Shopkeeper climbing back to the top.

146 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Hey! Wait! Throw me another rope!
I can't reach that one!

147 GRIFFON SHOPKEEPER
Forget it! There aren't enough
bits in Equestria for this.

He takes off to the sky.

148 RAINBOW DASH
Wait! HEEEEEEELP!!!

On Rainbow stranded in the Abysmal Abyss.

FADE OUT.

END ACT 2

ACT 3

FADE IN:

SC. 22 - INT. ABYSMAL ABYSS - CONTINUOUS

On Rainbow perched on the small ledge. She unfurls her wings to try and fly when another blast of air shoots up from the depths causing them to flap uncontrollably. She clings to the side of the chasm.

149 RAINBOW DASH
AAAAAHHHH!!!

Suddenly, Pinkie's head pops over the edge.

150 PINKIE PIE
There you are! Forget about
finding the idol. I figured out
how to solve Griffonstone's real
problem! SCONES!

Pinkie races away.

151 RAINBOW DASH
PINKIE! *PINKIE PIE GET BACK HERE!*

Pinkie reappears.

152 PINKIE PIE
Yeah?

153 RAINBOW DASH
I hurt my leg! Can you throw down
a rope or something?

154 PINKIE PIE
Oh no! Lemme look.

She sees a rope on the ground nearby, discarded by the Shopkeeper. She ties it around a rock and lowers it.

155 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
One rope, comin' up! Or down, I
guess.

Rainbow reaches for it, but it's too short.

156 RAINBOW DASH
<Struggling Sounds> I...can't...
reach...it!

157 PINKIE PIE
We need help! I'm gonna get Gilda!
Don't go anywhere!

Pinkie dashes off. Rainbow collapses.

158 RAINBOW DASH
Where does she think I'm gonna go?

A bit of the ledge crumbles into the chasm making it smaller.

159 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Unh! I hope I don't go anywhere!

SC. 23 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - VILLAGE SQUARE - LATER

Gilda is pulling the scones from the oven with oven mitts when Pinkie comes running up.

160 PINKIE PIE
Rainbow Dash is stuck on a ledge in
the Abysmal Abyss and I need your
help to save her!

Gilda rolls her eyes.

161 GILDA
Not my problem.

162 PINKIE PIE
Of course it's your problem! She's
your friend!

163 GILDA
She used to be. She's not anymore.

164 PINKIE PIE
Can't you remember when she was?

165 GILDA
(thinly disguised sadness)
Yeah. Of course.

SC. 24 - EXT. JUNIOR SPEEDSTER FLIGHT CAMP - FLASHBACK - DAY

A group of young PEGASI fly in the air having fun while the shy, sullen, and awkward GILDA sits on the ground alone, too intimidated to fly.

Suddenly, a young Rainbow Dash comes ZIPPING through the air.

166 RAINBOW DASH
Wooooohoooo!

Gilda looks up in awe. HOOPS, a JOCK PEGASUS, sees Gilda.

167 HOOPS
Doesn't that griffon know that
she's supposed to *fly* at the Junior
Speedsters *Flight* Camp?

Rainbow Dash comes in for a landing.

168 RAINBOW DASH
Maybe she just doesn't want to make
you look bad, Hoops.
(to Gilda)
Hey there! I'm Rainbow Dash. And
you're...

Gilda looks at her hesitantly.

169 GILDA
(nervous and questioning)
Gilda?

170 RAINBOW DASH
You sure about that?

This makes Gilda almost smile.

171 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Well, Gilda, let's show these guys
how it's done.

Rainbow Dash takes to the air and Gilda follows. The two fly about together, having a blast doing flips and tricks. The Jocks are now the ones watching in awe.

172 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Woah! You're awesome!

173 GILDA
You too, Rainbow Dash!

Rainbow and Gilda stretch their wings out wide and speed off, leaving the jocks with clouds in their faces.

As the two soar through the sky, Rainbow nudges her.

174 RAINBOW DASH
Stick with me and those guys won't
give you anymore guff, Gilda.

This makes Gilda happy and confident and she chants out:

175 GILDA
Junior Speedsters are our lives!

176 RAINBOW DASH
Sky bound soars and daring dives!

177 RAINBOW DASH/GILDA
Junior Speedsters it's our quest,
to someday be the VERY BEST!

Gilda smiles at this and the two fly off doing spins and tricks in the air.

SC. 25 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - VILLAGE SQUARE - PRESENT DAY

Gilda remains stone faced, but something's clearly touched her heart.

178 GILDA
Fine. I'll help her. But that
doesn't make me her friend.

179 PINKIE PIE
Duly noted.

Gilda takes off, leaving Pinkie, who smiles.

180 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Except it does.

SC. 26 - INT. ABYSMAL ABYSS - LATER

Rainbow is now on the teeniest bit of ledge possible and she's freaking out.

181 RAINBOW DASH
C'mon, Pinkie!

From above she hears...

182 GILDA
Hang on, loser! I'm coming!

Rainbow looks up and sees Gilda and Pinkie. She could not be more relieved to see her old friend Gilda come to save her.

183 RAINBOW DASH
(with a smile)
What took you so long, doofus?

Gilda smiles and dives into the chasm. But then another blast of strong air bursts up and Gilda must cling to the chasm wall as it passes. The force of the blast causes Rainbow's ledge to crumble to bits. She is moments away from falling.

184 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
AAAAAAHHHH!

Seeing this, Pinkie unloops the rope tied around the rock and loops it around her waist, then hurls herself into the chasm.

185 PINKIE PIE
RAINBOW DASH!! I'M COMIN' FOR YA!

But the rope isn't tied to anything now! Pinkie ZIPS by Gilda and grabs Rainbow's hoof just before she disappears into the bottomless pit.

186 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Gotcha!

And then Gilda grabs the rope in the nick of time as it passes by.

187 GILDA
Gotcha!

But the weight of two ponies is too much for Gilda. It pulls her talon from the wall and all three plummet into darkness!

188 ALL
AAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHH!

Pinkie and Rainbow land on a rocky outcropping but then tumble over the side.

189 PINKIE PIE/RAINBOW DASH
<IMPACT WALLA> <TUMBLING WALLA>

190 PINKIE PIE
(calling out as she falls)
This abyss really *is* abysmal!

Lit by the head lamp, Rainbow holds the ledge with one hoof while Pinkie dangles from her legs. Gilda lands and grabs Rainbow's hoof.

191 GILDA
Hold on, you two! <STRUGGLING
WALLA>

As she tries to pull them up, a SHIMMER OF GOLD draws her focus.

192 GILDA (CONT'D)
<GASP!> The idol of Boreas!

Gilda reaches for the idol, scraping it with her talon, knocking it loose. The idol rolls towards the edge of the outcropping. Gilda reaches for it with one talon while trying to hold onto Rainbow with the other. Rainbow starts to slip from Gilda's grip. Rainbow looks up at her.

193 RAINBOW DASH
I'm slipping! What are you...

She looks and sees the idol peeking over the edge. Gilda reaches for it, being pulled like a wishbone.

194 GILDA
<STRUGGLING>

Rainbow and Pinkie start slipping.

195 PINKIE PIE/RAINBOW DASH
AAAAAAAHHHHHHH!!!

Gilda doesn't know what to do. She can either save the ponies or the idol, but not both.

CUT TO the idol of Boreas as Gilda watches it fall over the side. Just as Rainbow Dash's hoof is about to slip free, Gilda grabs it with both talons.

196 GILDA
You're more important to me than
some stupid hunk of gold!

Rainbow watches as the idol disappears into the darkness. Gilda pulls Rainbow up, along with Pinkie, and they all hug. Suddenly another air blast shoots up, startling them.

197 PINKIE PIE
Hugging later! Climbing NOW!

Gilda quickly ties the rope around Rainbow and Pinkie and uses her powerful talons to climb out of the chasm.

SC. 27 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - VILLAGE SQUARE - LATER

Gilda, Rainbow Dash, and Pinkie walk through the square a little worse for wear from their excursion.

198 GILDA
I'm really sorry for how I treated
you two.

199 RAINBOW DASH/PINKIE PIE
Thanks, Gilda./Apology accepted.

200 RAINBOW DASH
And I'm just sorry we didn't get
your idol back. Now we'll never be
able to solve Griffonstone's
problem.

201 PINKIE PIE
That's what I was trying to tell
you! The map didn't send us here
to find the lost idol of Boreas.
It sent us here to replace it with
something better!

202 GILDA
Nothing's better than gold to a
griffon.

203 PINKIE PIE
That's because you don't have
friendship. If you can learn to
care about each other again,
Griffonstone could be a mightier
kingdom than it ever was before!
And you don't need some golden idol
to do that. You just need each
other.

204 RAINBOW DASH
Woah, Pinkie. That was...really
sappy.

Pinkie shrugs.

205 PINKIE PIE
What can I say? That's how I roll.
(gesturing over to Greta)
Go on, Gilda. Go make a friend.

Gilda nods, takes a scone from her cart, and nervously walks
over to Greta. Greta seems a bit suspicious and hostile.

206 RAINBOW DASH
I don't know, Pinkie. You really
think these griffons are up for
this? We aren't exactly in
Ponyville, you know.

Gilda gives the scone to Greta. Greta takes a bite and
smiles. Pinkie and Rainbow smile hopefully as Gilda comes
back.

207 GILDA
Okay, so she was really weirded out until I gave her the scone. Then she tried it and said it tasted good! That's the first nice thing any griffon's ever said to me!

A RAINBOW SHIMMER glistens through the girls' Cutie Marks.

208 RAINBOW DASH
Woah! I guess that really was the problem we needed to solve, Pinkie!

209 PINKIE PIE
Baking powder makes baked goods and friendships fluffy and delicious!

210 RAINBOW DASH
Well, we better be heading home.

Gilda looks panicked.

211 GILDA
What? You want me to spread friendship here by myself? How am I supposed to do that? I haven't even made one single friend yet!

212 RAINBOW DASH
No, you haven't.
(with a smile)
You've made two.

Pinkie is near to tears.

213 PINKIE PIE
Hugging! Hugging now!

The three hug and even Gilda is fighting back tears.

214 GILDA
But you'll come back and visit, right?

215 RAINBOW DASH
Just try and stop us!

Breaking the hug, Rainbow and Pinkie start heading out of town. But then they look back and see Greta walking over to join Gilda. The two of them then head over to the "library" and push the statue of King Grover upright. Pinkie Pie gives the statue a wink.

216 PINKIE PIE
See you later, you old charmer.

217 RAINBOW DASH
Uh...Pinkie? Who are you talking
to?

She watches Gilda and Greta talk for a bit beneath the proud
statue of King Grover.

218 PINKIE PIE
No pony. Come on, let's go home and
see how Gummy did with Granny's
marjolaine recipe...

As they walk off, the ground starts to rumble. Unseen by
anypony, a SAPLING matching the colors of the Tree of Harmony
breaks through the earth.

FADE OUT.

THE END.