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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE - DAY

Gentle snowfall. There are lights strung around the castle.

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

SPIKE stands on his tip-toes, hanging a string of lights on the wall. He's balanced on a stack of books. TWILIGHT SPARKLE helps with magic.

Suddenly PINKIE PIE bounces in, startling Twilight and Spike. Spike's tower of books wobbles and he FALLS.

1 PINKIE PIE
Happy Hearth's Warming Eve!

2 SPIKE
 (from the book pile)
Right back atcha!

APPLEJACK comes in after her, impressed by the lights.

3 APPLEJACK
Shucks, Twilight, y'all done it up
nice and cozy in here.

4 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We're about to hang our Hearth's
Warming Dolls, if you want to join us.

Twilight reveals two homemade knit dolls, like sock puppets-- of Spike and Twilight. She hangs them above a fireplace.

5 APPLEJACK
That's mighty sweet of you, but we're
just stopping in to wish y'all a
happy Hearth's Warming before we go.

6 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think it's sweet that your families
are spending the holiday together.

7 PINKIE PIE
Picture the most funtacular thing you
can think of. Now multiply that times
infinity! IT'S GONNA BE GREAT!

A <TRAIN WHISTLE>!

8 APPLEJACK
That's us! See you later!

As Pinkie Pie and Applejack leave...

9 SPIKE
Now can we open presents?!

Pinkie Pie and Applejack stop, confused.

10 APPLEJACK
But tonight is Hearth's Warming
Eve. Everyone knows you don't open
presents 'til tomorrow.

11 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
When Spike and I spent our first
Hearth's Warming Eve together, he
couldn't wait all night to open his
presents. Ever since then, we've
always opened them the night
before.

12 SPIKE
It's kinda like... our tradition.

13 APPLEJACK
That's not how our family does it.
And I reckon it can't be how
Pinkie's does it, is it?

14 PINKIE PIE
No, sir-eee!

15 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
To each their own, I suppose.

Another <TRAIN WHISTLE>.

16 PINKIE PIE
AH! GOTTA GO! BYE!

Pinkie Pie pulls Applejack out the door. Spike grins and RIPS
into a present. Twilight is happy for him. He forces a smile.

17 SPIKE
Just what I always wanted! A book!

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1**SC. 3 - EXT. EQUESTRIA - DAY**

The landscape glitters with fresh snow. A TRAIN chugs along, decorated with lights all along it.

SC. 4 - INT. TRAIN - SAME

Wreathes, lights, candles, and stars adorn the aisles, seats, and compartments. Festive MUSIC plays as a PORTER PONY comes down the aisle, pushing a cart of treats:

18 PORTER PONY
Chancellor Puddinghead Pudding? How
about a Windigo-frosted snow cone?

He passes the APPLE FAMILY, where APPLE BLOOM, BIG MAC, and GRANNY SMITH take treats off his cart.

19 GRANNY SMITH
I'll take one of them Trapped in a
Cavern Sweet Cavern-- and don't
skimp on the rock candy stalactites!

20 APPLE BLOOM
Granny, slow down...

21 GRANNY SMITH
What-- you know I have a sweet tooth!

Granny spits out her dentures and grins, revealing one remaining BLUE TOOTH. She takes a bite.

22 GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)
Mmmmmmm.

Meanwhile, in the next seats are Applejack and Pinkie Pie, giddy with excitement.

23 APPLEJACK
It's so exciting. Related or not--
it's gonna be a hoot havin' our
families together under one roof.

24 PINKIE PIE
(proud, like a toast)
Apples and Pies, together again for
the first time, maybe, unless we're
related, which maybe we're not...
(then)
I think I just confused myself.

25 APPLEJACK
Friends or family, this here's
about togetherness.

Apple Bloom pops her head between. Her mouth is full.

26 APPLE BLOOM
Have you tried the Equestria Flag
Crepes? The blue is BLUEBERRY! And
don't tell Granny I saw, but her
trunk is full of PRESENTS! I love
this holiday!

27 APPLEJACK
Now hang on-- you know Hearth's
Warming isn't just about candy and
presents, right?

28 APPLE BLOOM
Uh oh... I know that voice. That's
your boring sisterly lecture voice.

29 APPLEJACK
'Fraid so. Ahem, "A long time ago..."

Apple Bloom sighs as we begin a COOL ANIMATED SEQUENCE: it tells a story with cakes, frosting designs, snowcones, etc. Pinkie does their voices, while Applejack narrates:

30 APPLEJACK (V.O.) (CONT'D)
...the Earth Ponies, Pegasus Ponies,
and Unicorn Ponies weren't friends.

31 PINKIE PIE (V.O.)
 (doing high voice)
"I don't like you!"
 (doing deep voice)
"I don't like you either!"

32 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
But then the icy chill of the
Windigos almost iced up the whole
world. So the ponies decided to
work together, and their friendship
drove them nasty critters away.

33 PINKIE PIE (V.O.)
 (doing tough voice)
"Beat it, Windigos!"

34 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Triumphant, they raised a new flag
to celebrate all three tribes, and
Equestria was born.

ANGLE ON - A licorice flagpole, on which rises A COLOR-FROSTED, FLAG-SHAPED COOKIE with a BITE taken out of it.

35 APPLEJACK (V.O.)
Uh, what happened to the flag...?

BACK TO SCENE: Pinkie Pie chews a mouthful of cookie.

36 PINKIE PIE
(mouthful)
I don't know.

37 APPLE BLOOM
(excited)
Is that why we celebrate with a
flag-raising tomorrow?

38 APPLEJACK
Mmm-hmm. And tonight we'll have the
traditional Hearth's Warming Eve
Dinner to remember the shared
bounties of our ancestors.

39 PINKIE PIE
We do that too!

40 APPLEJACK
Then we'll hang our Hearth's
Warming Dolls over the fireplace,
to remind us of the warmth shared
between our ancestors.

41 PINKIE PIE
That's what our family does TOO!

42 APPLEJACK
And tomorrow, we open presents--

43 PINKIE PIE
--WE DO THAT TOO!!!--

44 APPLE BLOOM
Wow, it sounds like the Apples and
the Pies do everything the same way.

45 APPLEJACK/PINKIE PIE
Of course! We might be related!

Pinkie and Applejack laugh and look at each other.

46 APPLEJACK/PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Hey, I was going to say that!

47 APPLEJACK/PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Stop saying what I'm saying!

48 APPLEJACK/PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
You stop it first!

They all crack up. Then suddenly: a <TRAIN WHISTLE>!

SC. 5 - EXT. ROCKVILLE OUTSKIRTS - MOMENTS LATER

Cool rock formations dot the landscape. The train chugs toward the TRAIN STATION. Pinkie Pie, Applejack, Apple Bloom, Big Mac, and Granny Smith press amazed faces to the windows.

SC. 6 - INT. TRAIN - SAME TIME

Pinkie Pie's eyes water with happiness.

49 PINKIE PIE
I can't believe we're all going to be together. I'm so happy I need to make up a new word for how happy I am. What about, "Rooftastic!"?

50 APPLEJACK
Rooftastic?

51 PINKIE PIE
As in-- This is so Rooftastic I gotta get on the roof and yell to everypony HOW ROOFTASTIC THIS IS!

Pinkie Pie hugs Applejack, who suddenly looks worried.

52 APPLEJACK
What if our families don't like each other?

This really troubles Applejack. But then, Pinkie Pie, jubilant, smooshes their faces together.

53 PINKIE PIE
We are friends, Applejack. And after tonight, our families are going to be friends too! Do you know what that means?
(super-fast)
Number of Apples times number of Pies is 24 minus my pre-existing friendships plus 1 for Maud and you makes 5 from 24 is--
(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(triumphant)
Nineteen new friendships!!!

Beat. Applejack blinks.

54 APPLEJACK
...Can't argue with that.

SC. 7 - EXT. ROCKVILLE TRAIN STATION - MOMENTS LATER

Pinkie Pie and the Apples come off the train. Hopeful, Pinkie looks around and lights up when she sees:

55 PINKIE PIE
Maud!

Pinkie embraces MAUD PIE, who accepts it with cool stoicism.

56 MAUD PIE
I'm so excited to see you, Pinkie Pie. You too, Applejack. I hope you had fun sledding yesterday.

57 APPLEJACK
(confused)
How'd you know that...?

58 MAUD PIE
Isn't it obvious? There's specks of Extrusive Andesite on your hoof.
(long beat)
It's a mountain rock.

59 GRANNY SMITH
Oh... she's good.

Maud and Pinkie Pie lead the gang down the platform...

60 MAUD PIE
Everypony's waiting back at the farm.

61 PINKIE PIE
How's school going? Maud's getting her rocktorate in rock science.

62 MAUD PIE
If you thought Quartz was high on the Mohs Hardness Scale, wait'll I tell you about Corundum.

63 PINKIE PIE
(so excited!!!)
I missed you so much!

The Apples all exchange a shrug as they walk out of frame.

SC. 8 - EXT. PIE ROCK FARM - DAY

From the outskirts, Pinkie leads the Apples toward the ROCK FARM. The normally drab farm has been decorated with SPARKLING CRYSTALS and MINERALS.

64 APPLEJACK
This place looks amazing...

65 PINKIE PIE
C'mon everypony, come meet my super-
mega-funderful family!

Pinkie and the Apples approach the PIES: MARBLE PIE (Pinkie's age. Pinkie Pie did most of the talking for her when they were little), LIMESTONE PIE (Older, takes everything seriously), and the Pie parents: PA PIE (Igneous Rock) and MA PIE (Cloudy Quartz), who speak and think in old-fashioned phrases not unlike the Amish.

A tense stand-off, until Pinkie Pie steps between, so happy!

66 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Everypony... meet... everypony!

Everypony starts <TALKING AT ONCE>. They break off into smaller groups. Pa and Ma Pie split off with Granny Smith. Applejack and Pinkie Pie watch with their introductions with baited breath.

67 PA PIE
Surely thy name is not but Granny
Smith. I am called Igneous Rock,
son of Feldspar Granite.

68 MA PIE
Thou shalt know me as Cloudy Quartz.

69 PA PIE
May providence favor thee well and to
thou comfort our humble homestead
bring.

70 GRANNY SMITH
Y'all gabbin' with words real funny-
like. What'd ya say them names
were: "Iggy?" And I'm just gonna
call you, "Big Mama Q."

Applejack is mortified. Pinkie Pie just laughs. Ma and Pa look skeptical, until they break into smiles. NICE!

NEARBY, Apple Bloom and Big Mac are meeting Marble Pie and Limestone Pie. Pinkie and Applejack get close to observe.

71 LIMESTONE PIE
Gaze into the eyes of Limestone Pie.
Ma and Pa may own this rock farm, but
I keep it running. Cross me and--

72 PINKIE PIE
--Aye aye, Captain Grumpy! No one's
gonna mess with your precious mine.

73 LIMESTONE PIE
--Or Holder's Boulder!

They look to a LARGE BOULDER in the center of the farm.

74 PINKIE PIE
 (sigh)
Everypony stay away from Holder's
Boulder. There, you happy now?

Limestone Pie puffs out her chest. She curtly nods, happy.
Applejack steps toward the other Pie sister...

75 APPLEJACK
And you must be... Marble Pie?

Marble Pie nods (She only says "Mmm-hmm").

76 MARBLE PIE
 (yes)
Mmm-hmm.

77 PINKIE PIE
--This is Marble Pie, my baby
sister who's only a few minutes
younger than me but she'll always
be a baby to me, isn't that right?!
She's so excited to meet everypony!
Oh, and she wishes you all a happy
Hearth's Warming!

Everypony looks at Marble Pie. After a beat, she nods.

78 MARBLE PIE
Mmm-hmm.

79 APPLEJACK
 (sotto, to Apple Bloom)
Guess Pinkie Pie always did the
talkin' for her.

Apple Bloom giggles. SUDDENLY, a <NOISEMAKER> goes off. Pinkie Pie stands on Holder's Boulder.

80 PINKIE PIE
ATTENTION!

81 LIMESTONE PIE
What'd I say about the boulder?!

82 PINKIE PIE
I'll just be a second! Everypony, get settled in. There's plenty of room upstairs, and then it's time for Hearth's Warming Eve Dinner!

She throws confetti. As everypony heads into the house, Pinkie Pie and Applejack linger. They share an excited look.

83 APPLEJACK
So far, so good... "cousin!"

84 PINKIE PIE
(excited noise!)
Rooftastic!

SC. 9 - INT. PIE HOUSE - UPSTAIRS - LATER

The Apples are settling into their room, a wooden attic with bunks-- sweetly decorated with cool crystals everywhere. Applejack nudges open a suitcase filled with PADS OF BUTTER.

85 APPLEJACK
Their taste buds are fixin' to get the royal treatment when they try our homemade apple butter.

86 APPLE BLOOM
I can't wait to taste their fresh sweet rolls-- they're my favorite part of Hearth's Warming Eve Dinner.

87 GRANNY SMITH
I'm more of a six-layer veggie dip lass, myself.

88 APPLE BLOOM
I love that too! Oh, Applejack, do you think theirs will be even better than ours?

89 APPLEJACK
That's a mighty tall order, but it wouldn't surprise me in the least.

Everyone is happy, most of all... Applejack. They hear a <DINNER BELL>. Pinkie Pie sticks her head in the door.

90 PINKIE PIE
Are you excited for dinner time
because guess who is? Spoiler
alert: it's MEEEEEE!

The Apples follow her out the door and...

SC. 10 - INT. PIE HOUSE - DINING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

...come down the stairs into the dining room.

91 APPLEJACK
Hope y'all like this homemade apple
butter we brought for the rolls.
It's not much, but--

Suddenly she freezes, shocked to see:

THE DINING ROOM TABLE-- being set by Limestone Pie with
nothing by wooden bowls of broth, each with a ROCK in it.

92 PINKIE PIE
ROCK SOUP! Isn't it great?!

93 APPLEJACK
What about hot rolls? And mulled
cider? And double-baked pot-pie?

94 GRANNY SMITH
What about 6-layer veggie dip?!

95 MAUD PIE
...We have rock soup.

A long, tense, confused moment, until...

96 PINKIE PIE
(diffusing)
Potato, po-tah-to! Double-baked-pot-
pie, rock soup! Dinner is dinner,
amirite?

Applejack looks over the Pie Family's expectant faces. She
tries her best to stay positive.

97 APPLEJACK
Yeah, um... you know what? This is
what we were expecting, right
everypony?

Granny Smith, Big Mac and Apple Bloom are confused. Applejack becomes even more resolved.

98 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
We don't find it strange at all!
 (less resolved...)
Because we're family, right...? Heh.

Applejack tries to look like she's not worried...

END OF ACT 1

ACT 2

SC. 11 - INT. PIE HOUSE - DINING ROOM - LATER

The Pies and the Apples have gathered around a dining room table. Applejack takes a sip of her ROCK SOUP. (S&P: They sip the broth, not the large rock in the soup.)

99 APPLEJACK
I don't know if y'all want any, but
we did bring some Apple Butter.

The Apples all nod excitedly. Maud stares at them.

100 MAUD PIE
But that would overpower the
delicious flavor of rocks.

101 APPLEJACK
...True.

G.S. bites the rock. A tooth breaks and she spits it out. Applejack clears her throat. Pinkie Pie looks concerned.

102 PINKIE PIE
Is everything all right, Applejack?

103 APPLEJACK
Of course. I'm just bein' a rusty
fiddle. Tune me up and let's get
back to dinner!

104 PINKIE PIE
Alright!
 (slurps down her soup)
More rock, please!

Limestone Pie drops a large ROCK in her soup, which SPLASHES onto Applejack, who forces a smile.

105 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Eat up, so we can go get our
Hearth's Warming dolls!

Applejack smiles, relieved.

106 APPLEJACK
That's somethin' I know all about.

SC. 12 - INT. ROCK FARM - QUARRY - LATER

Pinkie Pie leads everypony to a LARGE ROCK. She picks it up.

107 PINKIE PIE
Who wants a Hearth's Warming doll?!

108 APPLEJACK
(confused)
Are you sayin' that rock is a
Hearth's Warming Doll?

109 PINKIE PIE
Don't be silly, silly.

Pinkie Pie CHIPS OFF A PIECE that looks kind of like her.

110 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Our dolls are these little pieces!
Isn't that right, Marble Pie?

111 MARBLE PIE
(so soft)
Mmm-hmm.

The Pies begin effortlessly CHIPPING PIECES.

112 BIG MAC
Ah wha...?

113 APPLE BLOOM
Our dolls... are rocks?

114 MAUD PIE
I can barely contain my excitement.

Applejack chips one off. She softens, feeling bad...

115 APPLEJACK
Y'all don't have traditional
crocheted dolls passed down in your
family?

116 PINKIE PIE
But this is our tradition, silly!

Big Mac tries to chip off a piece, but his pick breaks instead. Pinkie Pie leans over and inspects AJ's rock.

117 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ohhhh, you're just a frown factory
because you got a weird rock.

Applejack's rock looks like a kidney bean with a sad face.

118 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Cheer up! I'm sure you'll do great
in the Flag-Finding Mission.

119 APPLEJACK
The what-findin' what-now?

SMASH CUT TO:

SC. 13 - EXT. ROCK FARM - LATER

Pinkie Pie leads everypony out to HOLDER'S BOULDER out in the middle of the farm. She starts splitting ponies off--

120 PINKIE PIE
Limestone Pie, you're the judge.

121 LIMESTONE PIE
Obviously, since I'm the only one
who does anything around here.

Pinkie Pie ignores her and keeps organizing whatever this is.

122 PINKIE PIE
Big Mac? Marble Pie? You're team 1.

They're too shy to look at each other. Pinkie keeps going.

123 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Apple Bloom and Maud? You're team 2.

124 MAUD PIE
Are you ready to win?

125 APPLE BLOOM
Win what?

Pinkie Pie nudges Ma and Pa.

126 PINKIE PIE
Ma? Pa? You're gonna be with Granny
Smith. Don't think of it as "team
old," think of it as team three.

Before they can respond, Pinkie Pie ZOOMS over to Applejack.

127 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And I'm with Applejack, of course!
...Since we might be cousins!

128 APPLEJACK
So now that we're all split up...
mind tellin' us what we're doing?

Pinkie Pie jumps on Holder's Boulder.

129 PINKIE PIE
As everypony knows--

130 LIMESTONE PIE
STAY OFF HOLDER'S BOULDER! I don't
run this rock farm so I can be
disrespected!

Pinkie Pie hops down.

131 PINKIE PIE
Sheesh. As I was saying: when the
three tribes united to form
Equestria, the first flag was sewn
by Nimble Thimble. It's tradition to
raise a flag on Hearth's Warming to
celebrate that famous day.

The Apples and Pies all nod in agreement.

132 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
But who gets to put the flag on
Holder's Bolder?

133 APPLEJACK
You mean on the flagpole?

134 PINKIE PIE
No, silly!
(re: Holder's Boulder)
It goes on the highest point. And
who's the lucky pony?

135 APPLEJACK
(more confused)
Traditionally, it's the youngest
pony who raises the flag...

136 PINKIE PIE
ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!

All the Pies know what to do. Marble Pie pushes Big Mac. Big Mac barely moves. Meanwhile, Ma and Pa lead Granny Smith.

137 PA PIE
Good fortune, we hope thou shalt smile
upon us. Agree you not, Apple
Matriarch?

138 GRANNY SMITH
Who you callin' a matriarch,
patriarch?

Meanwhile, Maud walks with Apple Bloom.

139 APPLE BLOOM
What are we doing?

140 MAUD PIE
Walking.

141 APPLE BLOOM
No, I mean... "What are we doing?"

142 MAUD PIE
(after a lot of thought)
Walking.

Meanwhile-- Applejack is VERY confused.

143 APPLEJACK
Pinkie Pie, will you please tell us
what's going on--?

144 PINKIE PIE
I'll explain on the way-- COME ON!

Pinkie Pie YOINKS Applejack out of frame.

CUT TO:

SC. 14 - INT. ROCK FARM - MINE SHAFT - LATER

Deep underground, Pinkie Pie and Applejack explore a hallway-sized ROCK MINE SHAFT. Crystals sparkle on stalactites.

145 APPLEJACK
...I still don't understand.

146 PINKIE PIE
Earlier today, Limestone Pie hid an
obsidian stone. Whoever finds it
gets to raise the flag! And we
don't use a flag pole, we just lay
the flag on Holder's Boulder.

147 APPLEJACK
It's all just so... complicated.
And "rock-based."

148 PINKIE PIE
Well... how else would we do it?

149 APPLEJACK
I don't know...
 (sotto, worried)
I sure hope everyone else is havin' a
better time.

CUT TO:

SC. 15 - EXT. PIE HOUSE - SAME

Around the house's exterior, Big Mac and Marble Pie just
stand there, looking around. Eventually, Marble Pie nods.

150 MARBLE PIE
Mmm-hmm.

151 BIG MAC
Eyup.

Beat.

152 MARBLE PIE
Mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm-hmm.

153 BIG MAC
EYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYup.

Long Beat.

154 MARBLE PIE/BIG MAC
Mm-hm./Eyup.

CUT TO:

SC. 16 - EXT. PIE ROCK FARM - SAME

Ma and Pa Pie walk the grounds with Granny Smith, searching.

155 GRANNY SMITH
So, Big Mama-Q... how'd ya meet Iggy?

156 MA PIE
We were chosen by the pairing stone
and betrothed within a fortnight.

157 GRANNY SMITH
Got hitched by a rock, did ya?

158 PA PIE
'Tis true. The choosing stone
decreed "thou shalt love one
another," and lo, it was so.

159 GRANNY SMITH
Hm. I gotta look into this oldfangled
"choosin' stone" thing. Reckon it
knows any Apple farmin' hunks?

Pa and Ma nod. Granny Smith grins.

CUT TO:

SC. 17 - INT. ROCK FARM - QUARRY - SAME

Maud and Apple Bloom make their way into the sloped quarry.

160 APPLE BLOOM
What does the rock look like?

161 MAUD PIE
It looks like something that formed
when volcanic lava cooled quickly.

162 APPLE BLOOM
...Oh.

163 MAUD PIE
Have you ever wished you could turn
into a rock?

164 APPLE BLOOM
I had a dream once I was an apple.

165 MAUD PIE
We have a lot in common when it
comes to thinking about turning
into things.

Maud stares. After a moment, Apple Bloom smiles.

CUT TO:

SC. 18 - INT. ROCK FARM - MINE SHAFT - SAME

Pinkie Pie GASPS with excitement.

166 PINKIE PIE
FOUND IT! FOUND IT! FOUND IT!

She dashes over to a PAPER with a DRAWING of a BLACK STONE.
Applejack is confused.

167 APPLEJACK
A picture? I been lookin' for a
real stone, Pinkie Pie.

168 PINKIE PIE
 (eyeing AJ strangely)
Um, that would be weird.
 (suddenly excited)
Do you know what this means? I get
to raise the flag! And now it's
time to hide the presents!

169 APPLEJACK
Y'all hide your presents?

170 PINKIE PIE
Of course! What's more fun than
getting a present? FINDING A PRESENT!
 (realizing)
Although most years nopony finds one.

171 APPLEJACK
So nopony gets presents?!

172 PINKIE PIE
 (kind of confused/sad)
Not usually.

173 APPLEJACK
So lemme get all this straight.
You're only allowed to eat Rock Soup
for dinner. Then, the pony who finds
this rock gets to raise the flag,
but not really cause you don't got
no flag pole. And to top it off, you
don't even get presents?

174 PINKIE PIE
Well... it doesn't sound very fun
when you say it THAT way.

175 APPLEJACK
Well how about you picture this: both
our families, laughing, opening
presents, raising the flag...

176 PINKIE PIE
I'm picturing it, and I love it!
 (lightning up)
That's why we're here!

177 APPLEJACK
 (smiling)
Exactly.

CUT TO:

SC. 19 - EXT. PIE HOUSE - NIGHT

The sun has gone down. The rock farm sparkles in moonlight.

SC. 20 - INT. PIE HOUSE - UPSTAIRS - NIGHT

The Apples in their attic bedroom, Pinkie Pie at the door.

178 PINKIE PIE
Goodnight, everypony! "Dream not of
icy Windigos, but of a hearth to warm
your hearts." I'll see you tomorrow!

179 APPLEJACK
Goodnight, Pinkie Pie!

Applejack closes the door, waits for a beat, then:

180 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
We gotta do something, y'all.
Pinkie Pie's family's never had a
real Hearth's Warming. She said it
herself-- she doesn't have fun.

181 GRANNY SMITH
Is that really what she said?

182 APPLEJACK
 (hedging)
Well, I'm sure it's what she meant.

183 APPLE BLOOM
These are their traditions.

184 BIG MAC
Eyup.

185 GRANNY SMITH
Best just to forget about it.
Goodnight, y'all!

She blows out the candle.

186 APPLEJACK
(soft/sincere, to herself)
I know they have their traditions
and we have ours, but I just want
them to see how much better theirs
could be.

Applejack looks out the window.

187 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
It's not too late to show them the
best Hearth's Warming ever.

Applejack slinks out the door.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 21 - INT. PIE HOUSE - THE NEXT DAY

The sun shining through a window. Head on a pillow, Pinkie Pie's eyes snap open.

188 PINKIE PIE
Hearth's Warming!

She SPROINGS out of bed.

SC. 22 - INT. PIE HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

The dining room / stair area. Pinkie Pie bounces around the house like a pinball.

189 PINKIE PIE
Hearth's Warming! Hearth's Warming!

SC. 23 - EXT. ROCK FARM - LATER

The house door opens. Pinkie Pie leads everyone outside. Applejack gives her family a sly wink. They're confused.

190 PINKIE PIE
Hearth's Warming!!! Hearth's Wa--

She stops. The farm has been decorated holly, lights, and candles. The centerpiece is a large POLE with hanging banners, wrapped with ribbons.

Pinkie Pie is confused. The other Pies are aghast.

191 LIMESTONE PIE
What. Happened. To. My. Farm.

192 PA PIE
Oh my, oh my...

Pinkie sees Applejack smiling, which makes her worry...

193 PINKIE PIE
(trying to stay positive)
Applejack...? Are you throwing us a
surprise Hearth's Warming party?

Applejack trots up front, proud. Granny Smith looks worried.

194 APPLEJACK
It's Hearth's Warming, Apple style!
We've been doing everything your
way... I thought we could mix it up
a bit.
(to Marble Pie)
You could raise the Equestria flag
up this pole, because you're the
youngest Pie.
(to Ma and Pa)
And we'll cook y'all up a meal
you'll never forget.
(to everyone)
And look, we all get presents
without having to find 'em!

195 PINKIE PIE
(trying to mediate)
Yeah...! This is going to be great--
All the stuff she said. Right,
everypony?

Pa Pie looks to Pinkie, a bit sad.

196 PA PIE
Truly thou do not favor this
madness, Pinkie Pie?

197 PINKIE PIE
Well, I want to be one big family.

198 LIMESTONE PIE
But what about what we usually do?

199 PINKIE PIE
I-- Um-- well-- I don't know! Don't
make me choose!

Applejack starts to get worried.

200 APPLEJACK
I didn't mean to cause a fuss.
Look, why don't we just open
presents around the flagpole. It'll
be fun, you'll see...

201 MAUD PIE
Excuse me?
 (long beat)
You planted your pole on a fault line.

202 APPLEJACK
...What's a fault line?

The ground CRACKS. Everypony reacts in HORROR because...

HOLDER'S BOULDER ROLLS INTO THE CRACK, which sends it rolling
towards the edge of the QUARRY. It rolls right over the side.

Ma and Pa Pie cover their eyes. Pinkie covers Marble's eyes.
Even Maud looks sad as--

CRUNCH, it hits the ground. Applejack is frozen in shock.

203 MAUD PIE
That's a fault line.

204 LIMESTONE PIE
 (dropping to her knees)
NOOOOOOOO!!!

Applejack feels awful. Pinkie Pie looks over the edge.

205 PINKIE PIE
Good news! I found some presents!
Bad news-- they're crushed under
the boulder.

In the quarry, there are smashed bits of presents everywhere.
Everyone turns to Applejack, who's eyes quiver with shame...

206 APPLEJACK
 (sotto)
...Ho' boy.

END OF ACT 2

ACT 3**SC. 24 - EXT. ROCK FARM - SAME**

The Pie family is in the middle of taking down Applejack's strung-up lights and flag pole. Everyone is sad except Limestone, who paces like a general. Pinkie Pie is sad.

207 PINKIE PIE
You didn't have to ask them to
leave.

208 LIMESTONE PIE
They wanted to go. And I say good
riddance. We don't need anypony
forcing their way into our family.

209 MA PIE
T'was a merry time 'til it t'weren't.

210 PA PIE
T'was, t'wasn't it?

211 MAUD PIE
I really liked them.

212 MARBLE PIE
Mmm-hmm.

213 PINKIE PIE
This was all a misunderstanding,
everypony. I know Applejack, and
she'd never do anything bad to
anypony.

214 LIMESTONE PIE
Look around, Pinkie Pie. It's gonna
take me ages to get this farm back
on track. And how're we gonna lift
Holder's Boulder? This is all her
fault.

215 PINKIE PIE
Then it's my fault too...

Pinkie Pie, head down, walks away. Her family watches, sad.

SC. 25 - INT. PIE FARM - UPSTAIRS - LATER

Granny Smith, Big Mac, and Apple Bloom pack their bags.

216 GRANNY SMITH
Probably best if we head back to
Sweet Apple Acres. Maybe in time
we'll be friends again. But for now
it's best if we give them a little
space.

217 APPLE BLOOM
I wish we didn't have to. I really
like Maud. She's sweet once you get
to know her. They all are.

218 BIG MAC
(sad)
Eyup.

219 APPLE BLOOM
Worst Hearth's Warming ever.

Granny Smith looks to Applejack's bags-- not packed.

220 GRANNY SMITH
Has anyone seen Applejack...?

SC. 26 - INT. ROCK FARM - MINE SHAFT - LATER

Down down down underground, deep in the rock mine... sits
Applejack, feeling bad. She wipes her eyes.

221 APPLEJACK
I really squashed the corn this
time.

She perks up at footsteps. It's Pinkie Pie. She sits down
next to Applejack without noticing Applejack is there.

222 PINKIE PIE
I really popped the piñata this
time.

223 APPLEJACK
Pinkie Pie?!

Pinkie Pie is STARTLED.

224 PINKIE PIE
Ah! What are you doing here?

225 APPLEJACK
What are you doing here?

226 PINKIE PIE/APPLEJACK
I came here to think.

227 PINKIE PIE/APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
You did? So did I!

They share a soft chuckle, but the mood is still somber.

228 APPLEJACK
I'm too ashamed to go back up there.
Your family, my family-- they all
must think I'm such a nincompoop.

229 PINKIE PIE
Aw, no one thinks that.
(off Applejack's relief)
Pushy, aggressive, mean-- sure, but
not a nincompoop-- oh I'm not
helping, sorry.

230 APPLEJACK
Pinkie Pie, I'm sorry I forced my
traditions over yours. I don't want
you to have to choose between the
family you were born into, and the
friends who love you like one.

231 PINKIE PIE
You didn't. And... I understand why
you tried so hard.

232 APPLEJACK
I really hoped we could be one big
family. I guess not.

233 PINKIE PIE
Don't say that...

234 APPLEJACK
I'm sorry, Pinkie Pie. I wish I
could stay but I have a train to
catch...

Applejack walks away, sad. Pinkie's eyes well up with tears.

235 PINKIE PIE
Hap... hap... happy Heath's Warming.

236 APPLEJACK
(without looking back)
You too.

SC. 27 - EXT. ROCKVILLE TRAIN STATION - LATER

The platform empties as the last ponies board the train.
<WHISTLE>!

SC. 28 - INT. TRAIN - SAME

Granny Smith, Big Mac, and Apple Bloom sit on the train. They perk up when Applejack enters the car and joins them. She is too embarrassed to look at them. She takes a seat.

237 GRANNY SMITH
She'll always be part of our family,
even if we're not part of hers.

Applejack nods glumly. The trains STARTS MOVING with a <CHUG CHUG> sound. Applejack sighs. Granny Smith sits next to her, wanting to cheer her up.

238 GRANNY SMITH (CONT'D)
Wanna know why Holder's Boulder's so dang important? Their great great great great grandfather, Holder Cobblestone, found that boulder in a Dragon's nest, older than time itself. He built the family farm around it, and even though it's just an ordinary rock... it's always brought them good luck.

239 APPLEJACK
Crickets. That is important. I got so caught up in the things they were doin', I never asked why they did 'em.

Applejack looks out the window, sad. Then, a WRAPPED PRESENT falls from the overhead compartment and BONKS her on the head.

240 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
(reading the tag)
"To Applejack, from Pinkie Pie.
...Cousins forever."

241 APPLE BLOOM
You just found your first Pie
Hearth's Warming present ever!

242 APPLEJACK
(laughing, to the others)
Only Pinkie Pie could hide a
present on a moving train.
(then, realizing)
What a great tradition.

Applejack gets a look of determination on her face.

243 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
STOP THE TRAIN!

CUT TO:

SC. 29 - EXT. ROCK FARM - QUARRY - LATER

The Pie family is dwarfed by the massive sloped walls of the rock quarry. In front of them is HOLDER'S BOULDER. Despite all their effort, it doesn't budge.

244 PINKIE PIE
 (effort sounds)
Gruhhhh-- Nuhh-- RAGHHHHH!!

245 MAUD PIE
I'm pushing as hard as I can too.

The whole family tries, but the boulder doesn't move.

246 LIMESTONE PIE
 (still pushing)
It's hopeless.

CLOSE ON THE BOULDER in the dirt. SUDDENLY it starts ROLLING!
The Pies are confused.

247 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Need a little help?

REVEAL: the Apples are all pushing as well. The boulder keeps moving.

248 PINKIE PIE
Apples!!!

249 LIMESTONE PIE
What do you want?

They all stop pushing.

250 APPLEJACK
I wasn't trying to take your traditions AWAY, I was trying to share ours. I was so focused on us bein' one big family, I thought we needed the same traditions right away. What I shoulda done is learn about yours, and teach you about ours... and over time we'd make new traditions together. I'm sorry, y'all.

259 PA PIE
(very tentative)
"Yee...haw?"

Applejack laughs. She turns to Pinkie Pie, so happy.

260 APPLEJACK
Happy Hearth's Warming, Pinkie Pie.

261 PINKIE PIE
Happy Hearth's Warming.

They nuzzle. Meanwhile, Apple Bloom clears her throat.

262 APPLE BLOOM
Attention everypony, Maud wants to
sing some Hearth's Warming carols
that she wrote!

<HAPPY AD LIB WALLA>. Maud stares at everypony, deadpan.

263 MAUD PIE
The first one is about rocks.
(long beat)
They're all about rocks.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 31 - EXT. PIE ROCK FARM - SAME

Slowly zoom out. We hear JINGLE BELL SOUNDS and Maud's voice.

264 MAUD PIE (V.O.)
(monotone singing)
*Hearth's Warming is great,
like Calcium Silicate.
What a wonderful day,
as good as Mica or Clay...*

**FADE OUT. (OR IRIS OUT, AND PINKIE PIE STICKS HER HEAD OUT
AND SAYS "HAPPY HEARTH'S WARMING, EVERYPONY" TO THE
AUDIENCE?)**