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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. EQUESTRIA - DAY

A TRAIN chugs along the tracks.

SC. 2 - INT. TRAIN - SAME

Pinkie Pie bounces up and down the aisle in excitement while a bored Rarity sits in her seat, levitating a file to "do her hooves."

1 PINKIE PIE
We're going to Manehattan! We're
going to Manhattan! We're going to
Manhattan!

2 RARITY
(NONCHALANTLY) Yes, yes.
Manehattan. The height of
sophistication, elegance and
culture. (BLOWS ON HER HOOVES,
THEN) Since my boutique in
Canterlot has been doing so well,
it only makes sense for me to open
one there as well.

Pinkie Pie looks out of the window at Manehattan's
approaching skyline.

3 PINKIE PIE
I haven't seen buildings that tall
since... since... last time I was
in Manehattan! (THEN, LOOKING BACK
AT RARITY) We're almost there! Why
doesn't your face look like this?

She points at herself and smiles so wide it takes up two
thirds of her head.

4 RARITY
Oh, Pinkie, dear. This is just a
business trip for me. I need to
scour the city for the most perfect
location for my new shop. And
while it's lovely how excited you
are, there's absolutely no chance
of me getting swept up into the...

As the train begins to slow, Rarity looks out the window.
She sees the Pony of Liberty and the Equine State Building.
Pegasi in business suits and carrying brief cases, zip around
the sky. Rarity is instantly swept up in the moment.

5 RARITY (CONT'D)
...Energy, beauty and majesty of
the greatest city in all of
Equestria!

The second the train comes to a stop, Rarity races to the doorway and motions for Pinkie Pie to hurry up.

6 RARITY (CONT'D)
(CRAZY EXCITED) Come on, Pinkie.
What's taking so long? Time's a-
wasting!

Rarity charges out. Pinkie Pie smiles and hops after her.

SC. 3 - EXT. TRAIN STATION - DAY

Pinkie Pie and Rarity walk through a crowd of waiting ponies. Rarity takes it all in.

7 RARITY (CONT'D)
This city is simply amazing. It's
just... everything. Ever.

8 PINKIE PIE
And it's about to get everything
ever-er - because guess who I see?

The crowd parts, revealing Pinkie Pie's sister, MAUD.

An overjoyed Pinkie Pie fires off her party cannon and races around her stone-faced sister, shaking pom-poms and cheering:

9 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
M-A-U-D! M-A-U-D! M-A-U-D! (TO
MAUD) You know what that spells?!

10 MAUD
(DEADPAN) It spells Maud.

11 PINKIE PIE
(SHOUTING) -MAUD-MAUD-MAUD! Yay!

Pinkie Pie continues to dance around Maud as we...

FADE OUT:

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

SC. 4 - EXT. MANHATTAN STREET - AFTERNOON

Rarity, Pinkie Pie and Maud walk down the busy sidewalk along all the hustle and bustle that is Manehattan.

12 RARITY
You Pie sisters have just about the sweetest family traditions. So every year you set aside a special day to spend with each of your sisters?

13 PINKIE PIE
Yep. I do separate trips with each one. And we make it super-fun by picking a different location every year. We see the sights all day and then swap gifts at sunset. And since Maud's getting her Rocktorate upstate, we figured this would be the perfect spot for psssd.

Rarity looks around making sure the coast is clear and then leans in close to Pinkie Pie.

14 RARITY
(WHISPERING) Okay. What's the secret?

15 PINKIE PIE
Huh?

16 RARITY
You just said, pssst!

17 PINKIE PIE
No, silly. Not pssst, psssd. P.S.S.S.D. Pie Sister Surprise Swap Day! That's what we call the annual tradition.

As they pass by a storefront with a postcard rack, Maud stops.

18 MAUD
Boulder promised his cousin a postcard.

Maud searches around in her pockets and finally pulls out her small pet rock, Boulder. She takes a step away (and out of earshot of Rarity and Pinkie Pie) and starts showing postcards to Boulder.

19 RARITY
Well, I'll just leave you two to
your psssd.

A PASSING PONY stops, thinking Rarity is whispering for his
attention.

20 PASSING PONY
Yes?

21 RARITY
No, it's... Pie Sister Surprise--
ah, forget it.

The Passing Pony shrugs and then trots off.

22 RARITY (CONT'D)
And now I'm off to scout possible
locations for my new boutique.

23 PINKIE PIE
Ah, Rarity, before you go, can I
ask you a quick question? Quicker
than quick. Super-quick. Super-
duper quick, really.

24 RARITY
Of course.

Pinkie Pie throws herself at Rarity's legs and clings onto
them.

25 PINKIE PIE
(PLEADING) Will you please help
me?!

Rarity looks around, worried.

26 RARITY
Only if you let go of my leg and
stand up. Ponies are starting to
stare.

Pinkie gets up and starts pacing.

27 PINKIE PIE
Every year Maud's PSSSD gift always
blows mine away. But this year is
going to be different. For the
first time, I'm finally getting her
a gift that's as good as the ones
she always gets me.

She whips out an ad for a rock pouch store. It shows a variety of pouches on pedestals under spotlights.

28 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
There's a specialty store here in
Manhattan that sells nothing but
rock pouches. A rock pouch would
be perfect for Boulder and I know
Maude will love it!

29 RARITY
Why Pinkie. You outdid yourself.
That really is the perfect gift for
Maud!

30 PINKIE PIE
I know, right? (WORRIED) The
problem is, I still need to buy one
and the store's downtown.

31 RARITY
(UNDERSTANDING) And you want to get
a pouch for Maud, without ruining
the surprise. Well luckily for
you, I know exactly what you should
do. Why not sight-see in a path
that leads right to the pouch
store? That way, Maud won't get
suspicious. I'll come with you and
distract Maud so --

32 PINKIE PIE
-I can sneak away to pick out a
rock pouch. (REALIZING) And if
you're coming with us, you can look
at boutique locations along the
way?! It's the perfect plan!

33 RARITY
Let's not get too excited until you
actually get Maud a pouch.

34 PINKIE PIE
(REASONABLE) Of course. Got it.
Absolutely.

Maud walks back towards them, empty-hooved.

35 MAUD
(RE: POSTCARDS) Nothing moved him.

36 PINKIE PIE
(TOO EXCITED) Maud, I'm giving you
the greatest PSSSD gift in the
history of ever! IT'S JUST SO
GOOD!

Pinkie Pie fires off her party cannon in excitement. Rarity sighs.

SC. 5 - MAP OF MANEHATTAN

We're close on a map of Manehattan. In the bottom left hand corner, there's a drawing of a pouch, representing the pouch store. We see a red line moving from the train station towards the pouch -- stopping at the Pony Statue of Liberty first.

SC. 6 - EXT. THE STATUE OF PONY LIBERTY - AFTERNOON

Pinkie Pie, Rarity and Maud all stick their heads out of the crown. Maud holds Boulder up to "see" the view with them.

37 RARITY
What a spectacular view. You
really can see everything from
here.

38 MAUD
Especially the glaciation of the
sloping strata. It's breathtaking.

39 PINKIE PIE
But not half as breathtaking as the
gift I'm giving you.

SC. 7 - MAP OF MANEHATTAN - AFTERNOON

The red line moves closer towards the pouch store, but stops over a drawing of a shop with Rarity's face on it.

SC. 8 - INT. STORE - AFTERNOON

Rarity, Pinkie Pie and Maud are all squished up against each other in an incredibly tiny empty store.

40 RARITY
Well, it certainly is... "cozy",
but this simply won't do. Working
in a space this small would make me
lose my mind.

41 PINKIE PIE
--Just like Maud's going to lose
her mind when she sees the gift I'm
giving her!

SC. 9 - MAP OF MANEHATTAN

The red line moves from the store to Rockafilly Center.

Sc. 10 - EXT. ROCKAFILLY CENTER - ICE RINK - AFTERNOON

A smiling Pinkie Pie is pushing Maud around the ice rink. Rarity, in an ice-dancer's outfit, skates up to them. Rarity takes a deep breath and as she's about to speak, Pinkie Pie cuts her off.

42 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Whatever you were about to say
isn't nearly as good as the gift
I'm giving Maud!

43 MAUD
You'll be pleased with your
present, too.

Out of nowhere, Maud pulls a triple sow-cow and skates off. Rarity's jaw drops at Maud's skating prowess.

44 RARITY
(TO PINKIE PIE, RE: MAUD'S SKATING)
Can you believe that?

45 PINKIE PIE
I know! She said "pleased." She's
never bragged about a gift like
this before. Her gift must be
AMAZING! I am so glad I'm getting
a rock pouch for her! I finally
won't be outdone this year!

SC. 11 - MAP OF MANEHATTAN

The red line goes from Rockafilly Center towards the pouch store, but stops right next to it on a drawing of a knife and fork on a plate.

46 RARITY (O.S.)
Pinkie, put down that crayon. The
Cantering Cook isn't that kind of
restaurant!

We pull back to reveal:

Sc. 12 - INT. THE CANTERING COOK - RESTAURANT - AFTERNOON

Pinkie Pie, Rarity and Maud are on a roof top deck in a five horseshoe restaurant. Pinkie Pie is drawing on the map as Rarity marvels at the fine establishment.

47 RARITY (CONT'D)
A pony could get used to eating at places like this.

48 MAUD
I know. It's the only restaurant in the city with nepheline syenite in their bathroom tiles.

49 RARITY
Well isn't that something. (THEN)
And everything on the menu looks so good, too.

Rarity notices Pinkie Pie looking back and forth between the map and in the direction of the pouch store.

50 RARITY (CONT'D)
You know what, Pinkie Pie? Maybe you can help me figure out what to order.

Rarity lifts up the giant menu, blocking them from Maud's view.

51 PINKIE PIE
(QUIETLY) We're so close to the pouch store! It's just a block away! I could practically smell it from here -- if I knew what a pouch store smelled like!

52 RARITY
(QUIETLY) Okay, remember the plan: I'll stay here and distract Maud while you go get a pouch.

53 PINKIE PIE
(QUIETLY) Gotcha.

Rarity lowers the menu.

54 RARITY
Why thank you for the kind assistance Pinkie Pie. Now I know exactly what to order.

55 PINKIE PIE
(STILTED) You are very welcome,
Rarity. Now pardon me whilst I go
wash my hooves.

She puts on a forced and clearly overly-large smile and slowly backs away from the table.

56 RARITY
So, Maud. That Boulder of yours is
such an interesting... character.
You must tell me. How did the two
of you first meet?

57 MAUD
(FLATLY) It was a dark and stormy
night. Little did I know that my
life was about to change forever...

The moment Pinkie Pie's out of Maud's view, she races off in super-speed - actually running down the side of the building!

SC. 13 - EXT. POUCH STORE - AFTERNOON

Pinkie Pie happily bounces up to the store. In the window she sees a rock pouch on a pedestal.

58 PINKIE PIE
Look at that hand-stitched ten
thousand thread count velvet-lined
rock pouch! Maud will love it! I
NEED it!

Pinkie Pie tries to open the shop door, but it's locked and won't budge.

59 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Huh. Must be stuck. As soon as I
buy that pouch, I'm telling the
owner to oil this thing.

She tries again to open it for all she's worth. Nothing. She then notices a sign above the door.

60 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(READING) "Took a sudden vacation
to Canterlot with my grand-niece.
Back in a few moons." Oh, no. No,
no, no, no, no, no, no. (PANICKING
AND GRASPING FOR STRAWS) Well,
maybe, just maybe, he's already
back from the vacation and just
forgot to take the sign down.

She starts pounding on the door.

61 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(YELLING) Hello, Mr. Pouch Store
Owner! I'd love to hear all about
your sudden vacation to Canterlot
with your grand-niece while buying
a pouch for my sister, please!

A POLICE PONY walks by.

62 POLICE PONY
Uh, miss? The store's clearly
closed.

63 PINKIE PIE
But it can't be! It just can't be!
If I can't get that pouch, (RE: THE
ONE IN WINDOW) then not only am I
not getting my sister the greatest
present in the history of PSSSD -
but now I have no PSSSD present for
my sister at all!

Off of her panicked expression...

END ACT 1

ACT 2

SC. 14 - INT. THE CANTERING COOK - RESTAURANT - AFTERNOON

The table is piled high with empty water glasses and bread
baskets.

64 MAUD
...And Boulder's been by my side
ever since.

65 RARITY
(ACTUALLY IMPRESSED) Wow. What a
surprisingly suspenseful and
compelling story. I completely get
what you see in him now.

A crestfallen Pinkie Pie slowly bounces over.

66 RARITY (CONT'D)
Pinkie Pie! You're back! (THEN,
COVERING) Your hooves must be
sparkling clean.

67 PINKIE PIE
Huh? (REMEMBERING) Oh, right.

Pinkie Pie drops into her seat, sighs, and rests her head in her hooves. Rarity, seeing how depressed her friend looks, immediately calls to a passing waiter:

68 RARITY
Garçon, one Super-Deluxe Two Mile High Hot Fudge Sundae, stat!

The waiter instantly places a huge mountain of a sundae on the table, completely blocking Rarity and Pinkie Pie from Maud once again.

69 RARITY (CONT'D)
What happened? Did you get a pouch for Maud?! Tell me everything!

Pinkie Pie takes a deep breath, then:

70 PINKIE PIE
(QUICKLY, ALL IN ONE BREATH) The-door-to-the-rock-pouch-store-was-locked-because-the-owner's-on-a-sudden-vacation-to-Canterlot-with-his-grand-niece-for-a-few-moons-and-so-there's-no-way-I-can-get-the-perfect-present-for-Maud-and-now-I-don't-have-any-present-for-her-at-all-so-it'll-be-the-worst-Pie-Sister-Surprise-Swap-Day-ever!

She gasps for air.

71 RARITY
Darling, you know I could just sew a rock pouch for you--

Pinkie Pie perks up.

72 RARITY (CONT'D)
--if I had my sewing machine, patterns, fabrics and a week to put it all together.

Pinkie Pie perks back down.

73 RARITY (CONT'D)
But not to worry, dear. I'll just have to help you find a new present for Maud. We have plenty of time before your gift exchange at sunset and all of Manehattan to explore.
(MORE)

RARITY (CONT'D)

We're bound to find something Maud would like -- maybe even more than a rock pouch!

Pinkie Pie immediately brightens.

74 PINKIE PIE
You're right! Thanks, Rarity!
(THEN, RE: SUNDAE) Mind if I...

75 RARITY
Please.

Pinkie Pie eats the sundae in one big gulp - revealing Maud dripping hot fudge onto Boulder.

76 MAUD
(DRYLY) He's a chocoholic.

SC. 15 - INT. TOY STORE - AFTERNOON

In the crowded toy store, Rarity notices Maud staring at giant stuffed animal giraffe. Pinkie Pie is nearby, dancing on a set of giant piano keys in the floor, a la "Big".

77 RARITY
Maud, I can't help but notice you staring at that marvelous giraffe. I was just wondering, any chance you could see yourself with it?

While continuing to dance, Pinkie Pie leans forward and listens in -- hoping that they've found a gift for Maud.

78 MAUD
Only if I had a mirror.

Pinkie Pie falls over on the keys making a horrible noise as Maud walks off. Rarity sighs.

SC. 16 - INT. TIFF-WHINNIES JEWELRY STORE - AFTERNOON

Rarity, now dressed like Audrey Hepburn from "Breakfast at Tiffany's" (**sans cigarette-holder**), glides into the jewelry store, followed by Pinkie Pie and Maud.

79 RARITY
Now Maud, I know you're a big fan of rocks, so get your camera ready, because these are the most spectacular rocks in all of Manehattan.

She points to the rows and rows of diamonds, sapphires, rubies, etc.

80 RARITY (CONT'D)
Surely there must be something here
that catches your eye.

Pinkie Pie bounces over, now covered head-to-hoof in jewels. She's so sparkly, Rarity and Maud can't even look at her. It's like looking into the sun.

81 PINKIE PIE
(EXCITED) I'm so sparkly! I looked
at myself in a mirror and now I
can't see!

82 RARITY
So, Maud. (RE: JEWELS) What do you
think?

83 MAUD
(WHISPERING) Boulder says they're
all too "stuck up".

As Rarity looks frustrated, Pinkie Pie bounces off - straight into a wall.

84 PINKIE PIE
Excuse me, sir.

SC. 17 - EXT. STREET FAIR - AFTERNOON

Maud walks down a street lined with booths and vendors selling various objects. She hears a whistling sound calling for her attention. Maud turns to see Rarity standing at the far end of the street vendors. She looks like a gunslinger, getting ready for a shoot out.

85 RARITY
Alright. Here we go. You and me,
Maud. You and me. What do you
think about this--

Throughout the following, Rarity runs to different vendors, grabs an object, holds it up for a millisecond and then tosses it aside.

86 RARITY (CONT'D)
(QUICKLY) Or this? Or this? Or
this? Or this? Or this? This?
This? This? This-this-this-this-
this-this-this--

87 MAUD
(DRYLY) -I like that.

88 RARITY
(SHOCKED) What?! (ELATED) Really?!
There's something you actually
like?! What is it?! You have to
tell me!

Rarity grabs a handful of nearby discarded objects.

89 RARITY (CONT'D)
Was it this bike? This lamp? This
grappling hook? What do you like?!

90 MAUD
I like that fissure in the
sidewalk. It's an elegant example
of thermal expansion and soil
settlement.

She walks over to a nearby crack in the sidewalk, pulls out a camera and starts taking pictures of it.

91 RARITY
(BLOWING HER TOP, TO HERSELF) What?
But I... (RE: MOUNTAIN OF STUFF)
all of this... and she likes a
crack...

Pinkie Pie pops her head out from beneath the mountain of discarded objects.

92 PINKIE PIE
(SOTTO) Did she like anything? I
hope, I hope, I hope. I tried to
listen in, but suddenly there was
all this stuff on me.

Rarity grabs a big umbrella from the pile of discarded objects and opens it, blocking them from Maud.

93 RARITY
Pinkie Pie, that sister of yours is
simply impossible to shop for. Why
it seems as though there's nothing
she really needs or wants.

94 MAUD (O.S.)
(CALLING OFF) Boulder? Boulder?
Where'd you wonder off to?

Rarity closes the umbrella. They see Maud has finally found Boulder.

95 MAUD (CONT'D)
There you are. Sure wish I had
something to carry you around in.

Rarity notices Pinkie Pie is twitching. Something's building
in her.

96 RARITY
(TO PINKIE PIE) Hold on...

Rarity opens the umbrella again, blocking them from Maud.

97 RARITY (CONT'D)
Okay, you can go ahead and let it
out.

98 PINKIE PIE
(YELLING) A rock pouch was the
perfect gift for Maud! And I know
she would have loved the one I saw
in the window! It had double
stitching, a red drawstring--

99 RARITY
--and ochre-flecked velvet lining
with reinforced triple crosshatched
seams?

100 PINKIE PIE
Yep. That's the pouch. (THEN)
Wait. How'd you know?

101 RARITY
Because I'm looking at one just
like it.

Rarity points to a pony walking away in the distance. We
ZOOM IN tight on his belt. He's wearing the pouch they just
described!

102 RARITY (CONT'D)
(EXCITED) Maybe if you catch up
with him, you could ask him for it!

Rarity closes the umbrella. Maud is now right in front of
them.

103 PINKIE PIE
(TO MAUD) I, ah, gotta go wash my
hooves again.

Pinkie Pie dashes off at super-speed.

SC. 18 - EXT. STREET CORNER - AFTERNOON

A cloud of dust zooms in front of the POUCH PONY, stopping right in front of him. It clears, revealing a sweetly smiling Pinkie Pie.

104 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Excuse me, Sir. I couldn't help but notice your nifty rock pouch. Is there any chance you'd be willing to part with it? I really need it. Like, really, really, REALLY!

She smiles even wider. The street-wise POUCH PONY knows a mark when he sees it and smiles greedily.

105 POUCH PONY
So lemme get this straight. You really, really need this pouch, eh?

106 PINKIE PIE
I believe I said, really, really, REALLY!

107 POUCH PONY
Well you know pouches like this are hard to come by these days. But I might be able to part with it -- for the right price.

108 PINKIE PIE
So you'll sell it to me?! And I'll finally be able to give my sister the perfect Pie Sister Surprise Swap Day present?! Thank you, thank you, thank you! Yay!

Pinkie Pie fires off her party cannon in celebration. The Pouch Pony marvels at the party cannon and the confetti raining down around them.

109 POUCH PONY
HMMMMM. That's one sweet party cannon you've got there. Tell you what -- I'd be more than happy to give you the pouch for the low, low price of... that cannon.

110 PINKIE PIE
(TAKEN ABACK) My, my party cannon?

DOLLY ZOOM on Pinkie Pie's face as this lands on her. Pinkie Pie doesn't know what to do. Her party cannon is her everything. As she stares longingly at her party cannon, we...

SC. 19 - INT./EXT. MONTAGE

We see a quick series of cuts of Pinkie Pie firing her party cannon from SC. 3 (firing it off at the Docks), SC. 4 (firing it off on the streets of Manehattan) and SC. 16 (firing it off in front of the Pouch Pony a few seconds ago).

Sc. 20 - EXT. STREET CORNER - AFTERNOON

111 POUCH PONY
If you want to give that sister of yours the perfect present, then you'll have to give up your party cannon. (THEN) So what do you say? The pouch for the cannon.

Off Pinkie Pie's hesitation and quivering lip...

END ACT 2

ACT 3

Sc. 21 - EXT. STREET - LATER

Rarity and Maud are staring at the crack in the sidewalk.

112 MAUD
Do you see the exposed chalcedony in the fissure?

113 RARITY
Probably?

Pinkie Pie, who's putting on a brave face, slowly bounces over and stands next to Rarity.

114 PINKIE PIE
Whatcha guys looking at?

Rarity turns and realizes Pinkie Pie is there.

115 RARITY
Oh, you're back. (THEN, TO MAUD)
Darling, I want to get one more picture of you and that astounding fissure in the sidewalk -- and inspiration just struck me for the perfect shot! Just be a dear and go stand behind it.

Rarity lifts up the camera as Maud stands behind the crack.

116 RARITY (CONT'D)
Okay, now just back up a little
bit. Better use of negative space.
Trust me.

Maud moves back further.

117 RARITY (CONT'D)
Just a little more.

Maud moves even further away.

118 RARITY (CONT'D)
And now just a little -- twenty
yards more.

Maud moves almost out of view.

119 RARITY (CONT'D)
(CALLING OFF) Perfect! Hold that
pose! I think we found your new
holiday card!

Rarity turns to Pinkie Pie.

120 RARITY (CONT'D)
So, how did it go?! Tell me, tell
me, tell me!

Pinkie Pie smiles weakly.

121 PINKIE PIE
Well, I got the rock pouch for
Maud... and that's really the only
thing that matters.

122 RARITY
I'm so glad to hear that! That
rock pouch really is the perfect
Pie Sister Surprise Swap Day
present for Maud. She's going to
absolutely LOVE it. She'll be
downright over the moon for it.

123 PINKIE PIE
Yep.

124 RARITY
Yep? That's it? You got your
sister the greatest PSSSD present
in the history of ever and all you
have to say is 'yep'?

125 PINKIE PIE
Yep.

126 RARITY
But, but, but you're Pinkie Pie.
You supposed to be all-- (A LA
PINKIE PIE) I'm so excited I got
the rock pouch! And I know I say
'excited' a lot when I'm actually
just kinda excited, but this time
I'm *really* excited how excited I am
about being this excited over this
rock pouch! (IN HER NORMAL VOICE)
And then you fire off your party
cannon.

Pinkie Pie sighs at the mention of her party cannon and looks off in the distance.

127 RARITY (CONT'D)
Say, where is your cannon?

Rarity trots all around Pinkie Pie, looking for her cannon.

128 RARITY (CONT'D)
Oh, no! Did you lose it?
(PANICKED) Is your party cannon
lost somewhere in the big city?!

129 PINKIE PIE
Well, I wouldn't say it's lost. I
mean, I know where it is, it's
just...

Pinkie Pie stares off in the distance and sighs again.
Rarity is even more concerned.

130 RARITY
Pinkie Pie, I can clearly see
something's bothering you and I
want to help. But I can't help you
unless you tell me what the problem
is.

131 PINKIE PIE
There's no problem. It just turns
out that the going rate for a rock
pouch in Manehattan is one party
cannon. Who knew?

132 RARITY
YOU GAVE AWAY YOUR CANNON?! But
that party cannon is your
everything?!
(MORE)

RARITY (CONT'D)

You absolutely love that cannon.
How could you possibly part with
something that means so much to
you?!

133 PINKIE PIE
(SATISFIED) Well, I finally got
Maud a gift that's just as good as
the ones she always gets me -- and
that's all that really matters.

134 RARITY
(NOT ENTIRELY ON BOARD) I guess I
understand? Maybe? It just still
doesn't sound right for some
reason.

135 PINKIE PIE
(PERKING UP) Maud's going to be so
excited. (HAPPY AGAIN) I can't wait
to see the look on her face when
she sees the pouch!

Maud walks up to them.

136 MAUD
(TO RARITY) I know. The camera
loves Boulder.

Pinkie Pie smiles at her sister.

SC. 22 - EXT. CENTRAL CORRAL PARK - POND - AFTERNOON

Rarity, Pinkie Pie and Maud are sitting on a blanket on the
shore of the pond in Central Corral Park. The pond is full
of ponies in swan boats. On the shore, other ponies are
flying kites, jogging, tossing frisbees and generally
enjoying the day. (Production Note: The frisbee design should
remain generic and not commercially identifiable as a
"Frisbee".)

137 RARITY
After the day we've had, I'm
probably looking forward to the
"swap" part of the Pie Sister
Surprise Swap Day even more than
the two of you! And I'm not even a
Pie sister! I can't wait one more
second to see the wonderful gifts
you've gotten each other.

138 PINKIE PIE
Well you're going have to. We
don't just swap, silly.
(MORE)

147 RARITY
(YELLING IN EXCITEMENT) Just open
them already!

Maud opens her box and sees the pouch. Her expression
doesn't change.

148 MAUD
(DRYLY) Thanks.

Pinkie Pie, wiping a tear from her eye, turns to Rarity and
covers her mouth with her hoof.

149 PINKIE PIE
(SOTTO) Did you see that? It was
all worth it. Didn't I tell you?
Look how happy she is!

Pinkie Pie watches as Maud puts Boulder in the pouch.

150 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
And I couldn't have done it without
you. Thank you, Rarity. (THEN, TO
MAUD) I knew you'd love it! Okay,
time to open your present to me!

Pinkie Pie tears the giftwrapping off in a whirlwind and then
lifts the lid. The tube is filled with bits of colored
paper.

151 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
You did it again! You got me the
best present in the history of
PSSSD! (EXCITED, RE: GIFT) This is
perfect. This is amazing. This is
incredible. I LOVE IT! I LOVE IT!
I LOVE IT! (THEN) What is it?

152 MAUD
It's little pieces of cupcake
scented paper. (OFF THEIR BLANK
LOOKS) You know. Confetti. For
your cannon.

Pinkie Pie is truly touched while Rarity looks saddened at
the mention of the cannon.

153 PINKIE PIE
Maud, you know me so well. You
really are the most thoughtful gift-
giver in the world. I'm going to
love it five-ever. (EXPLAINING TO
RARITY) That's even longer than
forever.

Pinkie Pie hugs her sister. Maud pats Pinkie Pie's arm awkwardly.

SC. 23. - EXT. CENTRAL CORRAL PARK - PATH - LATE AFTERNOON

Rarity and Maud are staring at a giant rock by the path.

154 RARITY
You're right. That is impressive,
but it's no fissure in the
sidewalk.

Maud pulls Boulder out of his new pouch and place him on the giant rock.

155 MAUD
(TO BOULDER) Play nice.

Maud pats the pouch.

156 RARITY
I'm so relieved to see you like the
pouch. Especially considering what
Pinkie Pie had to give up for it.

Rarity realizes she slipped up and said too much.

157 RARITY (CONT'D)
(GASPS)

Maud stares at her.

158 MAUD
What.

159 RARITY
I mean, forget I said that.
(FLUSTERED) I mean, I am glad to
see you like pouch. You can
remember that part. Just forget
the second part. (THEN) You know,
the part where I said Pinkie Pie
had to give something up for it.
(GASPS AGAIN) I should just stop
talking now.

160 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
Yay!

Rarity and Maud turn to see Pinkie Pie in the distance running around and throwing her new confetti in the air.

161 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I love my sister and my new
confetti!

162 MAUD
(TO RARITY) Why isn't she using her
party cannon?

Rarity begins to sweat.

163 RARITY
Uhm. Uhm. (LOOKS AT HER HOOVES)
Wow, look how filthy my hooves are.
I really should go wash them.

Rarity turns and takes a step away, but Maud is suddenly
directly in front of her.

164 MAUD
Where's her cannon?

Maud stares at her - looking the same expressionless way she
always does. Rarity starts sweating buckets.

165 RARITY
Stop giving me that look! I can't
take it. (BREAKING) Pinkie Pie
feels badly that the gifts she
always gives you are never as good
as the ones you give her.

166 MAUD
What?

167 RARITY
That's why, when she had the chance
to get you a gift as good as the
ones you get her - she was willing
to give up her party cannon for the
pouch.

168 MAUD
(FLATLY) She gave up her party
cannon? That's not okay.

169 RARITY
(CALLING OFF) Uh, Pinkie Pie? You
might want to come over here for a
second.

Pinkie Pie bounces over.

170 PINKIE PIE
I think I know what this is about.
You guys want to ride the swans.
Well, they're swan *boats*, but there
are real swans here we can ride,
but I don't think they'd be happy
about it. But I'm game if you are.
Now who has the swan saddles?

171 MAUD
You gave away your party cannon.

Pinkie Pie turns to Rarity.

172 RARITY
(DEFEATED) She broke me.

173 PINKIE PIE
(TO MAUD) It's just... it's just...
YOU ALWAYS GIVE BETTER GIFTS THAN
ME!!! (QUIETLY) That's why I had to
get you the perfect gift.

Maud turns and starts walking off.

174 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(CONFUSED) Are your hooves dirty?
Where ya going?

Maud pauses and looks back at them over her shoulder.

175 MAUD
To get your cannon back.

Rarity and Pinkie Pie exchange a look of surprise and then
take off after Maud.

SC. 24 - EXT. STREET CORNER - EARLY EVENING

Maud leads Rarity and Pinkie Pie down the street. She
suddenly stops and points at the corner. Pinkie Pie and
Rarity are shocked to see the Pouch Pony, who's waiting for
the light to change.

176 MAUD (CONT'D)
There.

177 PINKIE PIE
Yep. That sure is the pony I got
the pouch from.

178 RARITY
That's amazing! How did you know
where he'd be?

179 MAUD
Maud sense.

180 PINKIE PIE
(TO RARITY, PROUDLY) Runs in the
family.

ANGLE ON: The Pouch Pony. As the light changes and he's about to step off the curb, he feels a hoof tapping on his shoulder. He turns to see Maud holding out the pouch.

181 MAUD
I'd like to return this pouch for
my sister's party cannon, please.

The Pouch Pony smirks.

182 POUCH PONY
Sorry, missy. All sales are final.

He turns to walk away, but Maud's suddenly right in front of him again, holding out the pouch.

183 MAUD
I'd like to return this pouch for
my sister's party cannon, please.

Rarity immediately jumps in.

184 RARITY
I've never seen her like this.
Look at the fire in her eyes. You
better do what she says.

Maud has the same expressionless look on her face that she always has.

185 POUCH PONY
Fire in her eyes?

186 RARITY
Did she just clench her jaw? I
think she clenched her jaw.

187 POUCH PONY
I didn't see--

188 RARITY
Oh, no. When she clenches her jaw -
- you know what that means.

The Pouch Pony starts to get worried.

189 POUCH PONY
I, I don't. What? What's it mean?

190 RARITY
Trust me, you do not want to know.
Fella, I would not want to be you
right now.

191 MAUD
I'd like to return this pouch for--

The Pouch Pony breaks down. In one fluid motion, he grabs the pouch from Maud and pulls out the party cannon from behind him.

192 POUCH PONY
Here! Take it! Take it! Please!
Just relax that jaw of yours! And
turn down that fire in your eyes!

Maud continues to have the same expressionless look she always has.

Off of the Pouch Pony's quivering lip...

SC. 25 - EXT. MANHATTAN STREET - EARLY EVENING

Maud walks down the street as Pinkie Pie bounces back and forth in front of her, firing the party cannon and giggling in pure joy.

193 PINKIE PIE
Maud, I'm so happy you got me my
party cannon back! Yay!

Pinkie Pie fires her cannon again and then freezes. A look of concern crosses her face.

194 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Uh-oh. I just realized something.
Because you gave back the pouch for
my cannon -- this is now the second
gift you've gotten me today! And
it's something I really, really
wanted! You did it again! Your
gifts are always better than mine!
Next year, I'm going to have to
really step it up and-

Maud puts her hoof over Pinkie Pie's mouth.

195 MAUD
(REMINDING, FLATLY) Pinkie, gift
giving isn't a competition.
(MORE)

MAUD (CONT'D)

It's an expression of love. And you always make sure to give your gifts with lots of love. That's why I'll always love them, and you, five-ever. (EXPLAINING) That's even longer than forever.

Pinkie Pie and Maud hug as Rarity walks over to them.

196 PINKIE PIE
(NOTICING RARITY) There you are. You've sure been washing your hooves for a long time. We've got a train to catch after all.

197 RARITY
I know, but there's one more sight you two simply must see before we leave.

SC. 26 - EXT. STOREFRONT - EARLY EVENING

Rarity proudly stands outside a charming-looking closed store, with boarded up windows. There's a "For Sale" sign on the door, with a sticker saying "SOLD" pasted across it.

198 RARITY (CONT'D)
Viola! Welcome to the future home of "Carousel Boutique: Manehattan."

199 PINKIE PIE
(REALIZING) Hey, you weren't washing your hooves at all, were you?

200 RARITY
What do you think of the place? (SUDDENLY WORRIED) Is this the right location? Did I pick a good spot?!

201 MAUD
No. (THEN, OFF RARITY'S SHOCKED LOOK) You picked the perfect spot.

WE ZOOM BACK TO REVEAL: The shop is dead center of the fashion district amongst similar shops. Maud's right. It is THE perfect location. **WE ZOOM BACK IN TO:** Rarity, Maud and Pinkie Pie. Rarity smiles.

202 PINKIE PIE
You know, I think this might be my favorite PSSSD ever! But I can't wait until next year's PSSSDWR.

Rarity scratches her head.

203 RARITY
Wait. PSSSDWR? What's that?

204 PINKIE PIE
P.S.S.S.D.W.R. It's a new
tradition that Maud and I came up
with - Pie Sister Surprise Swap Day-

205 MAUD
-With Rarity.

206 RARITY
What? (GETTING EMOTIONAL) Why
that's the sweetest... You two are
simply just...

Suddenly, she freezes and her eyes grow wide in horror.

207 RARITY (CONT'D)
Oh, no. No, no, no! I know how
good you two are at giving gifts.
I'm going to have to get you both
something amazing. And I only have
a year to do it!

Pinkie Pie puts her arm around Rarity.

208 PINKIE PIE
(COMFORTING) Oh Rarity, it doesn't
matter what you get us. As long as
you give your gift with love, it'll
be perfect.

209 RARITY
(CALM) Why thank you, Pinkie.

The three start walking towards the train station all arm-in-arm-in-arm.

210 PINKIE PIE
But, now that you mention it, I
could use more confetti for my
party cannon. You wouldn't believe
how much of that stuff I go through
in a day.

As Pinkie Pie fires off the cannon again, we...

FADE OUT.

THE END.