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TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY**

CLOSE on PINKIE PIE staring across the counter at SPIKE and STARLIGHT staring back. In a series of cuts we go back and forth between them, getting closer every time (think the camerawork in a Spaghetti Western as two gunfighters face off) until finally...

1 PINKIE PIE
So let me get this straight...
(TAKES A LONG EXAGGERATED BREATH)
You and Spike are putting together
a magical book of memories that you
plan to give to Twilight as a
surprise at her coronation and you
need me to get her to talk about
her favorite memories of me so you
can record them in your book?

Spike and Starlight stare at her for a beat, then...

2 SPIKE
Pretty much.

Starlight whips out the book and sets it on the counter.

3 PINKIE PIE
Twilight is headed over to taste
the cupcakes I made for her
coronation... Ooh! I know just how
I can use that to get her memory
muscles moving! Don't worry. I
totally got this.

Starlight looks around at the empty shop.

4 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That's good, because there isn't
any place for us to hide while you
do it, so you're gonna be on your
own.

Starlight's horn glows as she sends a bit of magic at the book.

5 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
The book's all set. When you're
ready just tap the cover with your
hoof and it'll start recording
whatever memories are nearby.

She taps the book and it starts to GLOW. Starlight taps the book again, and the glow fades.

Pinkie nods and slides the book under the counter out of sight, just as TWILIGHT SPARKLE walks into the shop.

Both Spike and Starlight snap to an awkward attention.

6 STARLIGHT GLIMMER (CONT'D)
And that's why a savory pie is a far superior pie to a sweet pie-- (making a big show of it) Oh, hiiii Twilight. How are you?

7 TWILIGHT
Hi, Starlight. I'm fine. Hey, Spike.

Starlight whirls around, grandly.

8 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh! Hello, Spike. I didn't see you there, since we came into the shop separately and not together.

9 SPIKE
Uh-- Yeah. We definitely came here for totally different things, but now it's time for us to go.

With that, the two of them turn and walk out.

10 SPIKE/STARLIGHT
Bye, Twilight!

Twilight turns to Pinkie, confused.

11 TWILIGHT
What was that all about?

Pinkie looks back at her oblivious.

12 PINKIE PIE
What was what all about?

Off Twilight's confused expression we...

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 2 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - RESUME

CLOSE on a trio of delicious looking CUPCAKES - vanilla, chocolate, and rainbow sprinkled. PULL WIDE to reveal Twilight looking down at them, impressed.

Pinkie pulls a chalk board out of nowhere - it's covered in crazy, chemistry-type formulas.

13 PINKIE PIE
For your coronation cakes I've used
the science of baking to come up
with a formula that connects tastes
with memories!

14 TWILIGHT
(dubious)
Memories? How does that work?

15 PINKIE PIE
Take a bite and tell me the first
thing you remember. Whatever pops
into your head.

She shoves the vanilla cup cake at Twilight.

16 TWILIGHT
(humoring her)
Okay... (chews) Ummm. I guess this
tastes like... (uncertain) ...the
first time we met...?

RIPPLE TO:

CLIP - TWILIGHT'S 'WELCOME TO PONYVILLE' PARTY

- Ep. 101 - Pinkie Pie throws Twilight a surprise "Welcome to Ponyville!" party. Run time: 1 minute

RIPPLE BACK TO:

SC. 3 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - RESUME

Pinkie stares at Twilight hard, screwing up her face.

17 PINKIE PIE
Not bad. Now try this.

Pinkie pushes the chocolate one at her and she takes a bite. Pinkie stares at Twilight's face, studying her as she chews.

18 TWILIGHT
(mouth full)
Um... Well, it's, ah... chocolatey.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

(swallows) No. Dark chocolate.
(taking another bite) Hmm. Oh! I
know...

RIPPLE TO:

CLIP - THE LAUGHTER SONG

- Ep. 102 - It's dark and scary, but then Pinkie sings her
"Laughter" song and all is resolved. Run time: 1:30 minutes

RIPPLE BACK TO:

SC. 4 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - RESUME

Pinkie stares off into space for a longish moment, then...

19 PINKIE PIE
I'll accept that.

Twilight looks down at the last, rainbow sprinkled, cupcake
and smiles--she thinks she knows just from looking at it.

20 TWILIGHT
I can tell what that one is just by
looking at it. I don't even need to
taste--

21 PINKIE PIE
WRONG!

With that, Pinkie shoves the cupcake into a shocked
Twilight's mouth.

22 TWILIGHT
(mouth full)
Uh... Well, I was going to say that
the rainbow sprinkles made me think
of party decorations...

PAN TO Pinkie, now wearing glasses and taking notes nodding
like a psychiatrist. Off Twilight's confused expression...

RIPPLE TO:

CLIP - PINKIE PIE'S PARTY PLANNING CAVE

- Ep. 511 - The gang discover Pinkie Pie's secret party
planning cave and realize how much work she puts into what
she does. Pinkie overhears and tells them she loves them too.
Run time: 2 minutes.

CLIP - PARTY CANNON

- Various - Supercut of party cannon firings if needed.
Runtime: 15 seconds.

RIPPLE BACK TO:

SC. 5 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - RESUME

Back on Twilight, finally able to swallow the mass of cupcake in her mouth.

23 TWILIGHT
I don't know about your memory formula, but I sure liked the cupcakes... and thinking of some of my favorite times with you was pretty fun too.

24 PINKIE PIE
Close enough! Thanks for your help.

With that, Pinkie escorts Twilight to the door, just as Spike and Starlight return.

25 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Oh. Hello again. It seems that we, er-- I, forgot to pick up our, um-- my, order.

26 SPIKE
Me too.

Twilight stares at them for a beat, confused. Finally, Pinkie ushers her out the door.

Pinkie closes the door behind Twilight and pulls the blinds closed. She peers out for second, then...

27 PINKIE PIE
Well that could not have gone better. I got Twilight to remember all sorts of fun memories of me.

Starlight rushes back behind the counter.

28 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
That's great! And the book worked okay when you tapped it?

Pinkie stares for a beat, then...

29 PINKIE PIE
Oh, yeah. I kinda forgot about that part.

Starlight pulls out the book and flips through EMPTY PAGES. Off her and Spike's frustrated expressions...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 6 - INT. SUGAR CUBE CORNER - RESUME

CLOSE on Pinkie staring across the counter at Twilight. In a series of cuts we go back and forth between them--just like how we opened the episode. Finally...

30 PINKIE PIE
Thanks for coming back. I really thought I had my taste/memory formula figured out, but I was completely and totally wrong. So...
On to stage two!

With a flourish, Pinkie pulls the cover off of a small table on which she reveals... several cakes, all meticulously decorated in excruciating detail.

Twilight looks down at a cake topped with multiple mini-Pinkie's. Pinkie gives her a bite and she smiles...

31 TWILIGHT
Well, I definitely know what this one is...

RIPPLE TO:

CLIP - TOO MANY PINKIE PIES

- Ep. 303 - Twilight has all the Pinkie clones watch paint dry until only the real Pinkie is left. Run time: 3 minutes.

RIPPLE BACK TO:

SC. 7 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - RESUME

Twilight looks from the many-Pinkied cake to Pinkie.

32 PINKIE PIE
That's nice, but this cake isn't supposed to remind you of that.
(MORE)

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

It's supposed to remind you of all the holidays I invented."

RIPPLE TO:

CLIP - PINKIE PIE HOLIDAY SUPERCUT

- Various episodes - montage of all the holiday's Pinkie Pie has made up over the years. Run time: 30 seconds.

RIPPLE BACK TO:

SC. 8 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - RESUME

ON TWILIGHT - puzzling this out.

Pinkie give Twilight a bite from another cake, this one meticulously decorated with frosting replicas of all sorts of things: tails, ears, hats, frogs, piano keys, etc.

Twilight chews while looking thoughtfully at the cake.

33 TWILIGHT
Hmmm. Now this one definitely makes me think of...

RIPPLE TO:

CLIP - PINKIE'S PINKIE SENSE

- Ep. 115 - Twilight is first introduced to Pinkie's Pinkie sense. Pinkie's twitchy tail predicts something will fall and a frog falls onto Twilight's face. Runtime: 2 minutes.

- various episodes - Supercut of Pinkie Sense moments. Runtime: 30 seconds.

RIPPLE BACK TO:

SC. 9 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - RESUME

Pinkie stares at Twilight disappointed.

34 PINKIE PIE
Oh, no. That's not it at all. Does it maybe remind you of babysitting...?

As Twilight considers we...

RIPPLE TO:

CLIP - PINKIE BABYSITS FOR PUMPKIN AND POUND CAKE

- Ep. 213 - Pinkie tries to get the Cake Twins to stop crying by doing stand up. Runtime: 1 minute.

RIPPLE BACK TO:

SC. 10 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - RESUME

Twilight looks at Pinkie, hopeful.

35 TWILIGHT
Yes. Absolutely. That's exactly
what this cake reminds me of.

36 PINKIE PIE
(quickly)
NO IT DOESN'T!
(then)
But maybe it reminds you of all the
crazy outfits I've worn over the
years?

Off Twilight, uncertain...

RIPPLE TO:

CLIP - PINKIE PIE'S WACKY OUTFITS

- various episodes - supercut montage of Pinkie's costumes.
Runtime: 30 seconds.

RIPPLE BACK TO:

SC. 11 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - RESUME

Twilight looks to Pinkie, hesitant.

37 TWILIGHT
Yes?

38 PINKIE PIE
(emphatic)
NO! Those were all trick questions.
This cake is about my ability to
sum up a series of events in a
quickly stated run-on sentence that
keeps going for as long as it takes
for me to say either everything
that's happened up to this point or
everything that's going to happen
with no real way of explaining how
I could possible know that
information.

Off Twilight looking at Pinkie with a smile...

RIPPLE TO:

CLIP - THE PINKIE RUN-ON

- various episodes - supercut montage of Pinkie doing a collection of info-dumps. Runtime: 45 seconds.

RIPPLE BACK TO:

SC. 12 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - RESUME

Back on Twilight smiling.

39 TWILIGHT
Pinkie, I love that you are taking this job so seriously. Memories or not, I trust you to make whatever coronation cakes you want.

With that, Twilight heads out. Pinkie looks after her for a beat, then opens the glass display case below the counter like it's the trunk of a car.

Shelves of sweets appear to sit below until Pinkie pulls at the bottom and we see the sweets display was actually a painted canvas which Pinkie now rolls up like a sun shade.

Under the canvas, Starlight and Spike are smooshed together hiding and they tumble out onto the floor. As they stand and dust themselves off, Starlight taps her glowing book and it stops glowing.

40 STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Pinkie that was great. I think we got everything we needed.

41 PINKIE PIE
We most certainly did not! Twilight got all those memories wrong. My taste/memories formula isn't working.

42 SPIKE
Didn't you make that up?

43 PINKIE PIE
Sure, but that doesn't mean it shouldn't work! We need to try again! BACK TO THE CUTTING BOARD!

Pinkie marches back into the kitchen. Off SK and SL's long-suffering expressions we...

END ACT TWO**ACT THREE****SC. 13 - DARKNESS**

Open on a black screen. A pair of eyes pop open, followed by another, very surprised pair of eyes which snap open with a start. Immediately the lights POP ON to reveal...

SC. 14 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - NIGHT

Twilight stares in shock at Pinkie, standing in her bedroom with another, incredible, giant, multi-tiered CAKE on a cart.

44 TWILIGHT
Pinkie, it's the middle of the night! What are you doing here?!

Pinkie holds out a bite of the amazing cake, shaking with excitement.

45 PINKIE PIE
I think I finally cracked the taste/memory formula. Here!

Without warning she shoves the bite in Twilight's mouth. Immediately Twilight's eyes glaze over as she tastes it.

46 TWILIGHT
Pinkie, this cake is... I can't even describe it.

Twilight stares off as a flood of memories start and we do a RATATOUILLE-STYLE TRANSITION TO:

CLIP - PIED PIPER PINKIE PIE

- Ep. 110 - Pinkie saves Ponyville by luring the parasprites out of town with her one-pony-band (suggest cutting the middle Celestia stuff) Runtime: 2 minutes.

CLIP - PREVENTING WAR WITH THE YAKS

- Ep. 511 - Pinkie throws a party all about Equestria for the Yaks who finally feel appreciated. Runtime: 1:30.

CLIP - PINKIE KEEPS THE SECRET

- Ep. 520 - As the gang prepare for Shining Armor and Cadance to arrive, they encourage Pinkie to get whatever is bothering her off her chest. Runtime: 1:30 minutes

CLIP - PINKIE REALIZES HER LIFE'S PURPOSE

- Ep. 914 - After her return from Cheese Sandwich's factory, Pinkie explains to the others how she realized what her life's purpose is. Runtime: 1 minute.

CLIP - PINKIE PIE'S SMILE SONG

- Ep. 218 - All of Ponyville joins in as Pinkie sings about wanting to make everypony smile. Runtime: 3 minutes.

RIPPLE BACK TO:

SC. 15 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - RESUME

Pinkie looks to Twilight, tearing up.

47 PINKIE PIE
Yes! Yes! All of that. That's exactly what you were supposed to remember.

48 TWILIGHT
(smiles)
Pinkie, this cake is amazing. I'm not sure you ever need to bake another one.

49 PINKIE PIE
Let's not go crazy.

50 TWILIGHT
I can't think of a more perfect cake for my coronation... Buuut I should probably get back to sleep.

They look out the window -- it's still night. Off Pinkie's sheepish grin...

SC. 16 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

Pinkie wheels the cake down the hallway.

51 PINKIE PIE
Well, I think we finally got everything we need.

Pinkie leans down and pulls away the table cloth covering the cart to reveal... Spike and Starlight sleeping underneath.

52 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Or not.

53 STARLIGHT GLIMMER

(waking)

What? Oh, no! Spike, we fell asleep. (to Pinkie) I'm sorry, Pinkie, we didn't get any of the memories you just went through.

54 PINKIE PIE

Pfft'! No problem, I remember them all.

Pinkie taps the book which starts to GLOW.

55 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

First, I woke Twilight up and fed her some of this amazing cake and then she remembered the time I rescued Ponyville from the Parasprites, and then she remembered the time I prevented the Yaks from declaring war on Equestria and then she remembered the time when I knew that Cadance and Shining Armor were going to have a baby but I had to keep it a secret, then she remembered the time I visited Cheese Sandwich and realized what my life's purpose was and and then the song I sang about making everypony smile...

[note - we'll won't need to hear all of this as we cut to Spike and Starlight]

As Pinkie goes on and on, Spike and Starlight share exasperated looks as we...

FADE OUT

Overall Running Clip Time: 22 minutes

END