THE CARE BEARS
"Here Comes McKenna"
episode #116b

FADE IN:

EXT. SKY – DAY
LOOKING DOWN on Earth far below. PAN OVER to our floating city of Care-A-Lot. PUSH IN and...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. JUST OUTSIDE GRUMPY’S GARAGE – CONTINUOUS
HARMONY steps up and watches GRUMPY shining the CBT (CARE BEAR TRANSPORTER).

HARMONY
Hi Grumpy, what are you doing with the Care Bear Transporter?

GRUMPY
I’m just giving it a polish while I wait for Funshine’s team to come back from Earth.

HARMONY
Ooh, it’s pretty!

Harmony goes to touch it, Grumpy stares at her.

GRUMPY
<clears throat> Are your hands clean?

She smiles and pulls her hand away. A light on the CBT flashes.

GRUMPY (CONT.)
Looks like Funshine’s team is ready to come back from their caring mission.

Grumpy pushes several buttons and pulls a lever. The CBT twinkles with colorful light as it hums with power.

EXT. SKY – CONTINUOUS
WIDE – A blazing, multi-colored stream of light shoots out from Earth and arcs into Care-A-Lot.

EXT. JUST OUTSIDE GRUMPY’S GARAGE – CONTINUOUS
The light falls directly into the transporter.

FUNSHINE and CHEER materialize via sparkling light on the transporter’s pad.
GRUMPY
Well? How’d it go?

Cheer and Funshine look unsure.

CHEER
Um... well, McKenna’s a tough case.

GRUMPY
McKenna? What’s a McKenna?

FUNSHINE
The little girl we tried to help.
She’s very sweet, but um...

Funshine can’t say it. Finally, Cheer chimes in.

CHEER
McKenna has a teensy-weensy problem
with sharing. And caring, and--

FUNSHINE (CONT.)
Let’s just say, we’ve all got our
work cut out for us.

Grumpy continues polishing the CBT but stops and reacts.

GRUMPY
Us? What do you mean “us”.

FUNSHINE
Oh, we’re not giving up. That’s
why we’re bringing McKenna here, to
Care-a-Lot.

GRUMPY
Do you think that’s a good idea?

CHEER
I’m sure McKenna’s ready for it.

GRUMPY
Yeah, but is Care-a-Lot ready for
McKenna?

Funshine pushes several buttons and pulls down on the lever on the CBT.

A stream of color shoots up from Earth toward Care-a-Lot.

SHARE and McKENNA materialize via sparkling light on the transporter’s pad. McKenna looks around with excitement.
MCKENNA
So this is where you live?

Her eyes land on Funshine and Cheer.

MCKENNA (CONT.)
Hey! It’s the other Happy Bears!

She notices Grumpy.

MCKENNA (CONT.)
But he doesn’t look happy.

CHEER
McKenna, we’re Care Bears, not happy bears.

MCKENNA
Whatever.

Grumpy folds his arms, not amused. He asides to Funshine.

GRUMPY
<Hmmph!> I already don’t like how this is going.

WIPE TO:

EXT. CARE SQUARE - LATER
McKenna, Grumpy, Share, Harmony, Cheer and Funshine as they all stand in the middle of the square.

SHARE
Welcome to Care-A-Lot, McKenna!

McKenna looks around, amazed at all she sees.

MCKENNA
This place is soooo cool. No wonder you’re happy all the time.

Cheer moves closer to McKenna.

CHEER
Where you live isn’t what makes you happy. It’s what’s inside you that counts.

MCKENNA
You mean like, lunch or something?

Share comes up on McKenna’s other side.
SHARE
It’s the feeling you get when you help others.

HARMONY
Caring-

SHARE
—and sharing.

McKenna ponders their statements - then shrugs.

MCKENNA
Hmmm. Doesn’t ring a bell, must be a bear thing. Now which one of you is snack bear, I’m hungry.

Share and Harmony exchange exasperated looks.

SHARE
Well, I’d be happy to share my lunch with you.

Share holds up a little lunchbox (or bag). McKenna grabs the box away from Share and digs through it, grabbing a SANDWICH.

MCKENNA
Awesome! <eating sounds>

SHARE
Uh <nervous giggle> we’re sharing remember?

When Share reaches for a piece of fruit in the box, McKenna jerks it away from her. Funshine notices that Share is hurt by McKenna’s rude behavior.

FUNSHINE
McKenna, Share is sharing with you- That means she gets some too.

Not listening, McKenna finishes off the sandwich.

MCKENNA
<burp!> Mmmmm, got any more? (off everyone’s looks) What? *

Funshine gives her a stern look.

FUNSHINE
McKenna, that wasn’t very nice.

Scolded, McKenna nods her head in agreement.
MCKENNA
Oh... Sorry. This sharing stuff’s new to me.

Cheer puts an arm around McKenna’s shoulder.

CHEER
Well, sometimes the best way to learn is by watching others.

She leads McKenna across Care Square.

EXT. SHARE’S HOUSE – LATER
McKenna and Cheer watch as Grumpy uses his belly badge to create a cloud. The cloud begins to rain on some potted flowers out in front of her house, watering them.

SHARE
Thanks for the water, Grumpy.

Share hands Grumpy a flower. He turns and heads off.

Cheer leans closer to McKenna.

CHEER
See, Grumpy helped Share and she shared with him in return.

MCKENNA
That was so cool, what he did! You bears all have those Belly Badges! I want one of those!

CHEER
<giggle> You’re not a Care Bear, only Care Bears have them.

MCKENNA
Oh... well, at least I could have a flower I guess.

McKenna barges up to Grumpy and takes his flower.

MCKENNA (CONT.) (CONT.)
Thanks, Grumps!

Cheer rubs her belly and creates a RAINBOW ARC that blocks McKenna from leaving and brings her back to Grumpy.

CHEER
McKenna, that flower belongs to Grumpy. Not you.
MCKENNA
But... doesn’t he want to share it with me?

Grumpy goes from being surprise, to friendly, to confused.

GRUMPY
Yes-no... I mean of course I do, but...(to Cheer) Ooooh, she’s making this tricky. (to McKenna) Okay, you can keep it. But next time ask first.

A happy McKenna skips off. Cheer looks to Grumpy, who stands there, shocked. Share just shakes her head.

CHEER
She’s still learning.

WIPE TO:

EXT. SHARE’S HOUSE – SHARE’S GARDEN – LATER
Share is busily working, digging in her garden. McKenna plops down on the ground next to her.

MCKENNA
<big sigh>

SHARE
How’s your sharing lessons going?

MCKENNA
Rotten. I just don’t get it. I keep trying, but- nothing. <sigh>

Share offers her a supportive smile.

SHARE
You’ll figure it out. And once you do, you’ll see that sharing’s wonderful!

McKenna remains unconvinced.

MCKENNA
Of course it’s wonderful... when you have a belly badge.

Share considers her own belly badge.

SHARE
Not having a belly badge doesn’t make sharing less wonderful.
MCKENNA
But I bet it makes things easier.

McKenna looks very sad. Share gets an idea.

SHARE
Well, maybe it does.

Share removes her belly badge and breaks it in half! She gives one half to McKenna, rubbing it onto McKenna’s belly.

SHARE (CONT.)
I’ll share mine with you.

McKenna smiles, she now has half a belly badge on her belly. *(NOTE: The badge McKenna wears only has one lollipop; Share’s badge has the other one.)*

MCKENNA
Really? Oh, this is going to help me bunches! Thanks Share!

McKenna skips off. Share returns her half of the belly badge to her belly. She smiles, feeling good that she’s helped.

**EXT. CARE SQUARE - CONTINUOUS**
McKenna, with her half belly badge visible on her shirt/belly, skips away from Share’s house.

MCKENNA
Ha! My plan worked. Once I get back to Earth, I can use this badge to trick people into sharing all sorts of stuff with me.

FADE OUT:

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FADE IN:

**EXT. CARE-A-LOT - CARE SQUARE - DAY**
McKenna makes her way through the square.

MCKENNA
Just gotta get to that transport thingy. Once I’m back on Earth, I’m going to have lots of fun with this belly badge.

Something catches her eye, she ducks behind a tree.

MCKENNA’S POV - Grumpy is outside his garage shining the CBT.
MCKENNA (O.S.) (CONT.)
As soon as Grumps leaves that machine alone—

McKenna smiles.

MCKENNA (CONT.) (CONT.)
I will be so out of here.

An OS RUMBLING grabs her attention. She looks up—

A BLACK CLOUD descending on Care Square.

A crowd of Care Bears, including Grumpy, Share, Harmony, Wingnut and Cheer gather around.

The cloud opens and out marches GRIZZLE with UR2 and SGT. ROCKETBOTTOM.

GRIZZLE
Okay you pesky Care Bears— this is your last chance, give me Care-a-Lot or else!

McKenna peers out from behind the tree.

MCKENNA
(to herself)
Who’s this guy? Bad Attitude Bear?

Funshine and Cheer step up to Grizzle.

FUNSHINE
Grizzle! You know we’d never give up Care-a-Lot. But we’ll gladly share it with you.

GRIZZLE
I don’t share! But I do bring---

Grizzle snaps his fingers.

GRIZZLE (CONT.)
—your doom!

UR2 steps forward holding a toaster-sized device with a nozzle and several multi-colored buttons and switches. He sets it on the ground near the fountain pool.

GRIZZLE (CONT.)
My new Caretaker two!

Funshine and the other Care Bears recoil, worried.
HARMONY
Last time his Caretaker took all of our belly badges!

Grizzle smiles.

GRIZZLE
And so will my Caretaker two! And this one goes INVISIBLE!

He flips a switch on the CT2 - the device goes invisible.

CARE BEARS
<frightened gasps>

McKenna reacts to this.

MCKENNA
(to herself)
Oh, cool!

Grizzle gloats, proudly.

GRIZZLE
Say bye-bye to your belly badges! *
<braving laugh>

There is a SUCKING SOUND, and then Funshine’s badge is pulled of his belly and disappears with a POP!

NEAR THE EDGE OF THE FOUNTAIN - The CT2 briefly becomes visible as it sucks up Funshine’s badge with a FOOMP.

A shocked Funshine stares at his bare bear belly.

FUNSHINE
My badge...?!

PAN OVER to a grinning Grizzle.

GRIZZLE
Correction, my badge.

FOOMP! FOOMP! FOOMP! The machine sucks up three more badges (PRODUCTION NOT: every time the CT2 sucks up a badge, it becomes briefly visible).

CLOSE ON MCKENNA - She looks less impressed. *

MCKENNA
(to herself)
It’s not so cool. It’s only invisible part of the time. *
FOOMP! Grumpy’s badge is pulled off his belly and disappears. Beat - he looks down at his bare belly.

GRUMPY
Aw, biddlebots!

PAN ALONG a CROWD of other Care Bears, all look down in dismay at their bare bellies.

McKenna continues to watch from behind the bush.

MCKENNA
Wow. He took all their belly badges. Well, I’m not going to let him get mine!

She ducks o.s.

WIPE TO:

EXT. CENTER OF CARE SQUARE – LATER
Grizzle smiles triumphantly PULL OUT to REVEAL that he is seated on a large metal throne in the center of the square. On either side of him stand UR2 and Sgt. Rocketbottom.

The big grin on Grizzle’s face disappears.

GRIZZLE

Grizzle brightens with an idea.

GRIZZLE (CONT.)
Sgt. Rocketbottom! Tell those Care Bears to tear down Care-A-Lot and replace it with... Grizzleton!

Sgt. Rocketbottom salutes, clanging himself in the head.

ROCKETBOTTOM
Yes sir, right away sir!

As he Rocketbottom exits, UR2 turns to Grizzle.

UR2
Um, what exactly is Grizzleton?

GRIZZLE
It’s the same as Care-a-Lot, but with everything smashed and broken!
EXT. GRUMPY’S GARAGE/CARE SQUARE – DAY
The CBT sits just outside of Grumpy’s garage...

ZOOM OUT wide to show Grumpy’s Garage on the other side of the square. McKenna peers up from behind a bush.

MCKENNA
The coast is clear. Now I can get out of here.

Just as she’s about to head toward Grumpy’s, an O.S. voice catches her attention and she instantly stops.

GRIZZLE (O.S.)
I said I need those belly badges!

McKenna ducks back into the bushes. WHIP PAN to Grizzle, marching across the square with Rocketbottom & UR2 following.

UR2
Well, I’m not the one who misplaced the Caretaker two when it was invisible.

UR2 turns to Sgt. Rocketbottom. Who salutes to Grizzle.

SGT. ROCKETBOTTOM
That was me sir!

GRIZZLE
I don’t want excuses! Just find it!

As the two robots scatter in different directions, Grizzle calls out-

GRIZZLE (CONT.)
And remember, don’t press the blue button, or you’ll release all the belly badges.

He stops and thinks to himself.

GRIZZLE (CONT.)
Hmmph. Never should have installed that blue button.

Grizzle stomps o.s. A beat later, McKenna peers up from the bush again. Sees the coast is clear and takes off running toward Grumpy’s Garage and the Care Bear Transporter.

She trips, bumping into something invisible.
MCKENNA

<impact>

McKenna feels around, her hands touch something invisible. *

MCKENNA (CONT.)

Ow, stupid Caretaker.

She pushes it aside and continues heading for Grumpy’s.

McKenna runs, just before she exits Care Square, her pace starts to slow...

She looks over her shoulder--

In the far distances we see Cheer, Grumpy, Funshine and Share a la prisoners in a chain gang, swinging hammers to knock down a wall.

BACK ON MCKENNA, she rethinks the situation.

MCKENNA (CONT.)

I guess... I feel kind of bad for the Care Bears.

She considers her half of Share’s Belly Badge.

MCKENNA (CONT.)

They’ve been pretty nice to me.

McKenna smiles, thinking to herself.

MCKENNA (CONT.)

It would be kinda’ fun to push that blue button and watch the Caretaker spit out all those belly badges.

A determined look takes her face.

MCKENNA (CONT.) (CONT.)

Okay, I’ll help the bears and then sneak back home with my half of Share’s badge.

She heads back to where she tripped over the CT2... she gropes around.

MCKENNA (CONT.)

It was just here... must have rolled off..

EXT. CARE-A-LOT ENTRANCE - FOUNTAIN - DAY

McKenna enters, feeling around the fountain.
MCKENNA
It’s gotta be here someplace.

She gets an idea.

MCKENNA (CONT.)
Wait, if I use my belly badge it’ll show me where the Caretaker is.

She frowns.

MCKENNA (CONT.)
But that’ll mean losing my badge.

McKenna looks down at her belly badge, she doesn’t want to give it up.

She looks around and sees off in the distance: Grumpy, Funshine, and Harmony using big hammers to tear up a section of side-walk in the distance—under Grizzle’s watchful eye.

McKenna gets a determined look.

MCKENNA
But... I’d rather lose the badge than my new friends.

She rubs the badge—it activates!

The CT2materializes nearby for a brief moment as it sucks in McKenna’s badge, FOOMP!

McKenna bolts in the direction of the invisible CT2.

This catches the attention of UR2, who is nearby, and he too runs for the invisible device.

UR2 wins—but miscalculates the invisible device’s position and trips over it. He spills out across the ground and knocks himself into pieces!

UR2
<sigh> I’m going to need a wrench.

McKenna gets to the invisible CT2 and feels for its buttons.

MCKENNA
Ha! Got it!

She looks up to see Rocketbottom approaching and winces.

MCKENNA (CONT.)
I hope this is the blue button.
CLICK! In a whirling hum, the CT2 becomes visible as it blasts out all the belly badges in a rainbow of color.

The badges rain down on Grumpy, Funshine, Share and all the other Care Bears, returning to their bellies.

McKenna jumps in the air, triumphant! (Share’s half Belly Badge has returned to McKenna as well.)

MCKENNA (CONT.) (CONT.)
Yes! I did it!

REVEAL Grizzle, looming over her from behind.

GRIZZLE
You certainly did.

Frightened, McKenna inches away from Grizzle, who is now flanked by Rocketbottom.

GRIZZLE (CONT.) (CONT.)
Sgt. Rocketbottom, GET HER!

But Sgt. Rocketbottom doesn’t move. He looks around nervously... WIDEN to show Funshine, Cheer, Share, Grumpy, and Harmony standing around them, and not looking happy. *

Sgt. Rocketbottom panics, and then races o.s.

SGT. ROCKETBOTTM
Eep!

Grizzle looks around at the Care Bear.

GRIZZLE
What do you think you’re doing?

SHARE
Time for a super Care Bear Stare. *

Grizzle recoils in horror!

GRIZZLE
What? Not that! No- Wait, I’ll take your badges again! *

Grizzle fumbles with the switches as the CB’s rub their bellies and commence with the Care Bear stare.

The CBs move in on Grizzle, who tries to fight off the effects of the “stare”...
GRIZZLE (CONT.)
<giggle>
No! This won’t work...
<giggle>
I won’t let you stare me!
<chuckle>
GRRRRRRRRRR!

Funshine turns to the others as they continue bathing Grizzling with their warming belly badges.

FUNSHINE
The stare’s not working!

GRUMPY
We need more belly badge power!

Share then realizes that she has only half her belly badge, McKenna (nearby) has the other half.

SHARE
McKenna!

McKenna looks unsure.

MCKENNA
I don’t know what to do.

SHARE
Yes you do! Care!

Grizzle breaks free of the Care Bears’ stare and starts pushing buttons on the Caretaker 2.

GRIZZLE
Ah ha!

But then the caring beam grows brighter, Grizzle smiles.

GRIZZLE (CONT.)
Wha... <giggle> <happy laughing!>
Oh I feel so... so... happy!

The bears stop the stare. Grumpy gives the giddy Grizzle a friendly pat.

GRUMPY
I fight it at first, too, but the stare always wins. Now how ‘bout we get rid of this thing?

He points to the Caretaker. Grizzle smiles playfully.

GRIZZLE
Of course! I’d love to!
Grizzle gives the Caretaker a big kick that sends it flying over the horizon.

He then gives the Care Bears a cute little wave.

GRIZZLE (CONT.)
Well, best be going... oh, you’re all soooooo cute! Bye! (calling out) Come along UR2!

Grizzle lightly exits. A partially reassembled UR2, who’s still attaching his head, races to catch up.

UR2 (PARTIAL O.S.)
But I’m not together yet!

Cheer and the others turn to McKenna.

SHARE
McKenna, you’re Care-a-Lot’s new hero!

Ashamed, McKenna's eyes drift down toward her feet.

MCKENNA
No I’m not. I was planning on leaving with half of your belly badge and keep it for myself. I haven’t learned a thing.

Cheer steps forward.

CHEER
But you didn't leave. And that’s because you're learning to care.

SHARE
And part of caring is sharing.

A smile grows across McKenna’s face.

WIPE TO:

EXT. FRONT OF GRUMPY’S GARAGE — LATER
McKenna steps up on the CBT’s pad. Share and Funshine hold out a gift for her.

SHARE
This is for you.

Surprised but happy, McKenna takes the box and opens it. She pulls out “Care-a-lot Kid” outfit with a sewn heart on it.
FUNSHINE
It’s your own Care-a-Lot kid outfit. Grumpy invented that badge just for you.

McKenna opens the belt pack on the outfit. Inside is a CHARM that looks just like Share’s belly badge.

GRUMPY
When you pin the charm on the heart - it gives you that Belly Badge caring power.

Overjoyed, McKenna gives Grumpy a big hug.

MCKENNA
Thanks Grumps! And thanks to all of you. I can’t wait to use this. Maybe we’ll be able to teach that ol’ Grizzle to share.

GRUMPY/SHARE/FUNSHINE
<laugh>

MCKENNA
Bye! See all you Happy Bears soon!

McKenna disappears on a colorful swirl of light.

Grumpy sneers and turns to Funshine.

GRUMPY
Happy Bears? HAPPY Bears?

FUNSHINE
Like I said, we’ve got our work cut out for us.

FADE OUT

THE END