

My Little Pony: Equestria Girls
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“Starswirl – Part One: The Perfect Day”
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I/E. GLAMPING RV – DAY

On the bumpy road in Rarity’s GLAMPING RV, the Mane 7 hype each other up for STARSWIRL—a two-day overnight-camping music festival— sharing what they’re most excited about. Rainbow Dash wants to see Deviant Septum, Rarity’s excited for the festival fashion, and Pinkie Pie’s heard rumors that Spring Break-cruise-ship-chef Puffed Pastry might be hosting a surprise pop-up restaurant! But for Sunset Shimmer that all pales in comparison to seeing her all-time favorite band... PostCrush! (Who’s PostCrush? Only this super-awesome girl band that Sunset totes love—partly because they started as a group of friends playing music together for fun, just like the Rainbooms!) She was devastated when they broke up and canceled their last tour, resigned to the sad fact that she’d never be able to see them perform together ever again... but they’re reuniting for one last show at Starswirl! Fluttershy admits she’s just excited for all of them to be going to the festival together. The Mane 6 agree and look to Sunset: “Yeah, same, totally... but also mostly PostCrush!” Sci-Twi raises an eyebrow and Sunset’s defensive: “What?! This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!” They all laugh as...

EXT. CAMPGROUNDS – EVENING

They pull into the festival campground and the atmosphere is electric. Lyra Heartstrings hosts a silent dance party. Zephyr Breeze is slack lining. Snips and Snails can’t pitch a tent. Applejack sets up the campfire. “Now who’s down to rustle up some firewood?”

EXT. FOREST NEAR TOUR BUSES– NIGHT

Sunset carries firewood back to camp when she sees none other than PostCrush hanging out outside their tour bus—so cool! She GEEKS OUT HARD, considers asking for a picture but doesn’t want to seem lame, so instead, she frames up a selfie with the band in the background. FLASH! Sunset runs back to the campsite, so excited. She can’t believe she already got a picture with PostCrush-- sort of! “The perfect start to the perfect weekend.” Everyone “ooohs,” impressed. Then AJ notices, “... Hey Sunset, where’s the firewood?” Ahem, got a little sidetracked. They decide to forget it. Tomorrow’s a big day, they should get some sleep. Sunset agrees—she doesn’t want to be tired on her PERFECT DAY!

INT. GLAMPING RV – MORNING

Sunset wakes up to her PostCrush-song alarm, ready to start the day! Rainbow Dash brandishes a festival totem (a sign on top of a pole) with rainbow ribbons streaming from it: “Who’s ready for Starswirl Day 1?!” She twirls it, accidentally THWACKING Sunset. But Sunset’s too excited to be mad. IT’S POSTCRUSH DAY!!! WOO-HOOOOO!

EXT. FESTIVAL ENTRANCE – DAY

Pinkie heads for a long line to get into the festival, but Sunset steers her and the rest towards the shortest line. Of course, now the longer line’s moving super-fast! Sunset stews, asking the security guard, “What’s the hold up? Can’t this line go any faster?!” He shakes his head: “Security is an art. It cannot be rushed.” Sunset takes a deep breath. Nothing is going to ruin this for her. “Tonight, I’ll be seeing PostCrush and everything’ll be perfect.” TITLE CARD SLAM: 47 MINUTES LATER...

EXT. FESTIVAL GROUNDS – FORTY-FIVE MINUTES LATER.

The Mane 7, eyes wide, step into the festival wonderland. A huge Ferris wheel, groups of friends skipping while holding hands. A fairy-like girl on stilts lopes by, jostling a frazzled Sunset- “Okay, stay focused everyone.” Looking at the map, Sunset thinks the best plan is to take a shortcut through the ‘neon garden’ to get to the main stage. Then they can get a good spot for PostCrush. Maybe they’ll even notice her shirt! It’s a tasteful reference to their first album, true fans get it. They run for the NEON GARDEN—

Sunset’s leading the way through the beautiful art installation. Suddenly she realizes it’s not just a garden—it’s a maze! The neon lights curve beautifully into dead end after dead end. Rarity takes notes on the color palate while Twilight marvels at its engineering. But Sunset huffs. They don’t have time for this!

After what seems like forever, and missing part of the afternoon shows along the way — Sunset and the rest emerge from the maze. Victory! CUT SHORT BY Bulk Biceps who steps forward and blows a whistle: “PAINT PARTY!” Before she can process what’s happening, a big glob of paint lands on her, smearing across her shirt. She sighs as Pinkie picks up some paint tubes and dives into the fray. CUT TO:

EXT. BATHROOMS – LATER

LATER... Sunset and Pinkie wash up at the sinks by the bathrooms. Sunset sets her backpack down, urging Pinkie to clean up faster so they can meet up with the others.

Suddenly, out of nowhere, a PARKOUR DUDE runs by and steals Sunset's backpack, vaulting over some nearby hay bales to escape. "Seriously?!" Pinkie starts to chase him but Sunset calls her off- "No time! PostCrush is about to go on!"

EXT. FESTIVAL GROUNDS – NIGHT

Sunset and Pinkie sprint to the main stage when Pinkie freezes in MID-BOUND. She sniffs the air... that sweet smell! Sunset smells it too: "Pinkie Pie, no..." REVEAL Puffed Pastry's Pop-Up—a surprise once-in-a-lifetime restaurant! As if drawn back by a magnet, Pinkie struggles to continue running- "Sunset, I'm sorry!" She snaps and U-turns. Sunset chases her, tackling her into the amuse-bouches, and taking down the whole tent. Amused, Puffed Pastry is not. But, but but... Sunset has to go and—THE SHADOW OF THE SECURITY GUARD creeps across their upturned faces. Oh no.

EXT. FOREST – NIGHT

The Security Guard throws Sunset and Pinkie out of the festival, cutting their wristbands off their wrists. No more Starswirl for them. From outside the gates, they hear the crowd <CHEER> as PostCrush takes the stage. Sunset sinks. Pinkie suggests that they can still listen to the concert from here, but Sunset's too upset. This meant everything to her and now it's ruined. Pinkie had to pick the wrong line, and then go into the maze, and then get them into the paint fight, and then it's her fault they were in the bathroom, and then even when they finally could have still made it she had to stop for a food truck!?!?! Pinkie apologizes, even though she points out that some of that stuff wasn't her fault, hiding how hurt she is. Sunset brushes off her apology. Sorry doesn't help her see PostCrush. Pinkie sadly watches her head off toward the campsite alone. DISSOLVE TO:

INT. GLAMPING RV – LATER

The rest of the Mane 7 gush about how great that PostCrush show was—historic! Once in a lifetime! Sunset enters, dejected, just wanting to go to sleep. Her friends try to cheer her up, but there's nothing they can do. This was her ONE chance, and it's gone. Sunset is so crushed, she finds herself saying softly... "I wish I could do today all over again... without Pinkie Pie."

Off their concern... Sunset goes to sleep and we FADE OUT.

HOLD ON BLACK... then... <THE SOUND OF SUNSET'S POSTCRUSH ALARM>.

INT. GLAMPING RV – MORNING

Sunset's PostCrush alarm goes off. She wakes up, and somberly stretches. She's suddenly THWACKED by RD: "Who's ready for Day 1?!" On Sunset, processing: "Day 1...?" She looks down at her wrist—her wristband is still there! She comes outside and sees her friends bustling around... getting ready for the first day of the festival. PUSH ON SUNSET's confused face... and <MUSIC STING>.

END PART ONE