



MY LITTLE PONY EQUESTRIA GIRLS STARSWIRLED

Part 3: Broken Record
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EXT. FESTIVAL GROUNDS - NEAR FOOD TRUCKS - DAY

Mid-Day between acts, we find SUNSET SHIMMER as she walks the chaotic festival grounds without slowing or blinking an eye. She waves to strangers who react, confused.

SUNSET SHIMMER
Gary! How's the shoulder?
(to Cranky Doodle)
Mr. Cranky Doodle, I know it's you
in that baseball cap and dark
sunglasses-- you don't have to hide
your love of pop music!
(to a couple)
He likes long walks on the beach;
she's partial to staying in.

She's now walking beside Snips, who has a SHAVED ICE.

SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)
"Push Sandelewood out of the way in
3, 2, 1..."

SNIPS
Huh?

Snips TRIPS and the shaved ice goes flying at Sandelewood, who Sunset pushes out of the way at the last second.

SNIPS (CONT'D)
Coulda warned me, you know!

SUNSET SHIMMER
Tried that-- you call me a witch.

SNIPS
ARE YOU!?

Rolling her eyes, Sunset keeps walking.

SUNSET SHIMMER
(sotto, to herself)
Annnnnnnnd duck.

She rounds the corner by the SMALL STAGE just as TWO GRIPS carrying a lighting rig SWING WIDE. Sunset nonchalantly limbos under it and arrives at a food truck just as the WORKER slams down a PB&J burger.

FOOD TRUCK WORKER
ORDER UP!

Sunset takes a bite and looks into the distance, ruminating. A DUDE in cargo shorts runs up, offended.

CARGO SHORTS DUDE
Hey, that's mine!

SUNSET SHIMMER
(mouth full)
Oh. Sorry. Thought you didn't show
up 'til later... I'll make a note
for next time...

She pulls out a notebook and flips through MANY MANY PAGES of scribbles.

SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)
Has it really only been fifty-six
days? Feels so much longer...
(then, to the guy)
Oh, sorry...

The guy is holding out his hand for his sandwich. She hands it to him and walks off.

CARGO SHORTS DUDE
Yeah, you better run!

Sunset turns around, an idea dawning on her:

SUNSET SHIMMER
That's... actually... something I
haven't tried yet.

INT. GLAMPING RV - DAY

The Mane 6 are sleeping when suddenly the RV JOLTS like it hit a bump in the road. They rouse-- are they moving?!

REVEAL Sunset, buckled in at the wheel, driving like there's no tomorrow. They all scramble to their seats, buckling in.

SCI TWI
Sunset, what are you *doing*?!

SUNSET SHIMMER
I've got to break out of here
somehow-- maybe if I leave the
campgrounds it'll finally end!!!

PINKIE PIE
What are you TALKING ABOUT?!

EXT. THE OPEN ROAD - SAME

The RV's zooming along when <POP>! It gets a flat tire.

TIME CUT: The girls stand on the side of the road. AJ hoists up the RV and RD spins the spare tire on. Pinkie Pie <GASPS>:

PINKIE PIE

A time loop?

SCI TWI

Hmm. It's possible a snag in the fabric of space-time could cause a temporal point - i.e. This day - to fold in on itself, and thereby repeat!

SUNSET SHIMMER

(overlapping, rote)

"--temporal point - i.e. This day - to fold in on itself, and thereby repeat."

Sci Twi adjusts her glasses, surprised.

SCI TWI

You really have done this a lot.

SUNSET SHIMMER

When my first day got wrecked, I wished for a do-over. At first it was great, but now it won't stop... I don't know what to do!

PINKIE PIE

What did Princess Twilight Sparkle say when you told her about it?

On Sunset, realization dawning.

SUNSET SHIMMER

Why didn't I think of that thirty days ago?!

INT. LOUNGING YURTS - STARSWIRL FESTIVAL - DAY

Pinkie hovers over Sunset's shoulder, their eyes reading in unison as we hear Sci Twi's response in VO:

PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)

Sadly, your predicament makes perfect sense. Discord has been, er, "helping" me tidy up, and...

CUT TO:

INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY (EQUESTRIA)

Princess Twilight levitates a TRINKET to Discord's hands. This is the TIME TWIRLER: A CONE-LIKE DEVICE with TWO PEGS levitating over its point and base.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE
If you could just put that over--

<FWOOM> Discord opens a portal and tosses it through. Princess Twilight stares at him, dumbfounded. He stares back.

DISCORD
I'm sorry, was that important...?

INT. LOUNGING YURTS - STARSWIRL FESTIVAL - DAY

A drawing of the Time Twirler appears in Sunset's diary.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
The Time Twirler was sent to the human realm. When activated, it has the power to loop time.

The PEGS push into the cone and magical energy SWIRLS inside.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE (V.O.)
Think back to that very first day and investigate anypony unusual. I mean, "Anyperson." Is that it? I forget...

Sunset <SIGHS> relieved.

SUNSET SHIMMER
I thought this was all my fault for making a silly wish-- but of course Equestrian Magic's to blame! If I can find whoever's doing this, I can break the time loop!
(then, resolute)
I'll have to retrace my steps.

Sunset closes the diary, resolute.

PINKIE PIE
Ooh, I'll come with--!

SUNSET SHIMMER
That's okay, I got it from here.

PINKIE PIE

Oh. Okay. Are you still coming to
PostCrush later?

SUNSET SHIMMER

Eh, I've seen 'em before.

Revitalized, she runs off. But Pinkie's left behind, bummed.

EXT. FESTIVAL ENTRANCE - DAY

From inside the festival, Sunset observes the Security Guard as he scans people's wristbands. Nothing suspicious there.

EXT. NEON GARDEN EXIT - DAY

Sunset watches from a distance as Bulk Biceps and the others throw paint at each other... Hmmm...

SUNSET SHIMMER

Just doesn't seem very suspicious-

Suddenly, the sound of <MYSTERIOUS GIGGLING> over her shoulder. She turns-- the FESTIVAL FAIRY's right behind her!

SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)

You-!

FESTIVAL FAIRY

No, you!

With that, the Festival Fairy bounds into the Neon Garden.

EXT. NEON GARDEN - LATER

Sunset chases after the Festival Fairy, who bobs and weaves with surprising grace-- until-- Sunset's lost her!

<DISEMBODIED GIGGLING> seems to echo from every corner of the maze. Sunset runs, trying to find her. And as she rounds a corner--

- she's suddenly face to face with-- a flower?! The Festival Fairy holds it out to her.

FESTIVAL FAIRY

A flower unfolds like a mystery
blooms- like a hundred flowers
before it, but in its own way...
for you!

Sunset takes the flower.

SUNSET SHIMMER

Uh... thanks?

FESTIVAL FAIRY

Thank you for allowing me to give you this experience.

SUNSET SHIMMER

Why are you doing this?! You have to stop abusing Equestrian magic!

FESTIVAL FAIRY

We are all using magic of some sort, no?

SUNSET SHIMMER

No, we're really not.

FESTIVAL FAIRY

The beauty of a music festival lies in its chance encounters, happy accidents, and unexpected moments. That is my magic: As the Festival Fairy it is my duty to facilitate those experiences for others.

SUNSET SHIMMER

So... you're not actually using magic? You don't know anything about a Time Twirler? Little glowing, spinny thing that makes space-time fold in on itself and repeat?

FESTIVAL FAIRY

Nah, I don't mess around with space-time.

Sunset's dumbfounded not only by this strange person, but her own total lack of clues.

EXT. SMALL STAGE - DUSK

Sunset walks with the rest of the Mane 6, at a loss.

SUNSET SHIMMER

Who else could it be? I was sure it was the Festival Fairy.

SCI TWI

Maybe you missed something?

SUNSET SHIMMER

I don't know how I could... every
day is the same.

AUTOTUNED SINGING VOICE (O.S.)

"Every day is the same..."

SUNSET SHIMMER

Over and over... what is that?

AUTOTUNED SINGING VOICE (O.S.)

"Over and over and over again...!"

Sunset lights up-- a clue!-- and motions for the others to
follow in the direction of the catchy, repetitive tune.

AUTOTUNED SINGING VOICE (O.S.)

(CONT'D)

"Trapped here forever..."

Sunset pushes through the crowd to see--

ADAGIO DAZZLE

"Every day is the same!"

REVEAL: THE DAZZLINGS, harmonizing in auto-tune!

SUNSET SHIMMER

The Dazzlings are playing
Starswirl...?!

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