

My Little Pony: Equestria Girls
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EXT. MAIN STAGE – DAY

The Mane 7 have gathered with Sunset, who fills them in: The Dazzlings are playing Starswirl!! They weren't on the lineup, but it turns out they were a last-minute addition. SEEMS AWFULLY SUSPICIOUS! As the Dazzlings finish their side stage show, Sunset steels herself. “We have to find a way backstage!” Sunset's gaze drifts to the Backstage VIP entrance, where the Security Guard from before stands. Fluttershy's not sure: “But Sunset, we don't have backstage passes and we aren't very important people! I mean, we are but we aren't!” Sunset tells her not to worry. Eventually she'll find a way in, even if it takes a few months...

EXT. BACKSTAGE VIP ENTRANCE – DAY

FAST MONTAGE OF A TON OF DO-OVERS, each one a new day!

- Sunset, wearing sunglasses and a scarf, approaches the guard. “I need a double non-fat extra dry cappuccino or I simply cannot perform!” Pinkie trots behind her, “frazzled” with a clipboard. “Yes ma'am, right away ma'am, you're so famous ma'am!” The guard stops her and Sunset huffs: “Do you know who I am?!” The security guard looks over his sunglasses. “Nope. And I'm a pop music aficionado.”

- Rainbow Dash tries to speed by but Security Guard blocks her.
- Sunset learning about the guard, a la Bill Murray trying to have the perfect date in *Groundhog Day*. Eventually in some TBD way she says the combination of all the right things, tapping into his tragic backstory as a failed musician... and he lets them in.

INT. BACKSTAGE – LATER

The Dazzlings are hanging out backstage when the Mane 7 walk in. There's an awkward beat before the Dazzlings make a break for it, running out the door and into the festival.

EXT. FESTIVAL GROUNDS - CONTINUOUS

But Sunset has one up on them, knowing just when each churro cart will block their path. Desperate, they duck into the maze, where she easily corners them. “You three!

We know what you're up to! You're the ones using Equestrian magic to keep us trapped in a time loop!" Adagio is confused "Rewind. A time loop?" Sunset falters. Who else here would know how to open a portal to Equestria? Adagio denies it. They don't know anything about a Timelooper, and this is the first time they've performed, to their knowledge. Sunset's at a loss: "But-- the lyrics to your song?! Over and over, every day is the same?" Adagio scoffs. "That's about being stuck here, in the human realm, never able to return to Equestria. Besides, why would we want to repeat this day over and over again?" Sunset struggles, "Maybe... maybe you made a mistake during your show and wanted a do-over. You could have a second chance to do it perfectly." Adagio puts a hand on her shoulder: "We made our mistake. But it wasn't at this festival." She explains that since the Rainbooms defeated them, they've gone straight. No magic, no evil plots. They're trying to make the best of their lives here. "We can't go back and make things perfect. And we wouldn't want to. We wouldn't be who we are now without the mistakes we made, and the lessons we learned." This hits Sunset hard. "Everyone gets a second chance, but it isn't a do-over. It's the decisions we make going forward... You of all people should know that." The Dazzlings leave Sunset to digest this. But then Adagio pops her head back in "But also, real quick, which way outta here?" Pinkie pipes up from some unknown twist in the maze, too "Yeah, Sunset, please find me, I'm loooooost!"

EXT. FESTIVAL GROUNDS – NIGHT

Sunset sulks, spiraling as she walks with the Mane 7. "That was the perfect solution... now what? How am I ever going to stop this?" Pinkie consoles her. And then—as in the first night, Pinkie freezes at the smell of Puffed Pastry's Pop-up. Sunset sighs, "Pinkie, this really isn't the time—" Sunset is shocked when Pinkie snaps back, "But it's never the time! Because you don't want it to be." All day, for who knows how many days they've been helping Sunset solve this. "You've been so worried about having your perfect day, you forgot that we haven't been able to enjoy the festival at all! So if you want a perfect day so badly, you can have it! On your own." She stalks away, leaving a shocked Sunset to consider that. Sunset looks at the rest of her friends, ashamed... is it true?

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