



**MY LITTLE PONY
EQUESTRIA GIRLS
STARSWIRLED**

Part 6: Encore
#416-242

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EXT. FESTIVAL WALLS - NIGHT

Sunset Shimmer searches along the festival wall--

SUNSET SHIMMER

C'mon, there must be a way in--!

She slows, disheartened. Behind her, she hears a sporadic <POP POP POP>! She turns to see the RV-- and Pinkie! At the campfire, she glumly bursts marshmallows into confetti.

EXT. GLAMPING RV - NIGHT

Sunset approaches Pinkie warily.

SUNSET SHIMMER

Hey Pinkie... Can we talk?

Pinkie side-eyes her... then tosses a marshmallow up: <POP!>

Sunset bites her lip, unsure how to proceed... then she shrugs, faux-casual, rocking back and forth on her boots.

SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)

Okay, that's fair... I guess I'll have to tell you some other time...
about meeting PostCrush!

Pinkie popcorns out of her chair, unable to maintain her cold shoulder. Marshmallows go flying.

PINKIE PIE

STAHP! No way!!! You did? Were they cool?! Are you besties?! Was it everything we ever HOPED and DREAMED and CONTEMPLATED and made GRANDIOSE ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT?!

(then, super serious)

By the way, I'm still peeved--

(then, bursting)

BUT TELL ME EVERYTHING!

Sunset <LAUGHS>.

SUNSET SHIMMER

It was pretty awesome at first. But then I realized it could never be as good as I thought it would be...

PINKIE PIE

Really? Why?

SUNSET SHIMMER

Because I didn't have the other
half of my esteemed dynamic duo.

Sunset puts marshmallows on two sticks and sits down,
offering one to Pinkie. Pinkie smiles and takes it.

SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)

Look... I know you're mad at me.
And you should be. We've spent
months looking forward to seeing
PostCrush together, and I bailed on
you today. I'm so sorry, Pinkie.

PINKIE PIE

... Then why did you?

SUNSET SHIMMER

(blasé, super-fast)
I'm stuck in a time loop caused by
Equestrian magic. I've re-lived
this day over and over and again.

PINKIE PIE

(in one <GASP!>)
But how could- Are you- what is-?
(then, baritone)
Who did this to you?

SUNSET SHIMMER

(reluctantly)
Actually, that's another reason
that meeting PostCrush wasn't
everything I thought it would be.
They're the ones behind this.

PINKIE PIE

No! K-Lo and Zaya?! But they're
such fun-loving relatable gals!

SUNSET SHIMMER

Fun-loving relatable gals who
manipulate space-time. And now that
they know I'm onto them, tonight's
our only chance to stop them.

Pinkie nods, understanding the gravity of the situation.

PINKIE PIE

I only have one question...
(then, bright)
What was Day 2 Pinkie like? And day
4 Pinkie? And 10 and 17 and 22 and
39-?!I

SUNSET SHIMMER

They're all still you Pinkie.

PINKIE PIE

I'm just curious! This whole time loop thing brings up a lot of metaphysical questions for me, okay? But be honest: I'm your favorite, right?

SUNSET SHIMMER

(bemused)

We can go over it all once we find a way to get me into the festival without a wristband, regroup with our friends, confront PostCrush, break the time loop, and save the day. Sound good?

PINKIE PIE

Yep! But I'm obvi your favorite.

EXT. FESTIVAL WALLS - NIGHT

Sunset paces, plotting how to get over the wall.

SUNSET SHIMMER

If we climb up this tree, attach a rope there, and swing over-

While she's preoccupied, Pinkie notices the Festival Fairy spying on them, peeking out from behind a tree before hopping behind a new one. She peeks out with a <MYSTERIOUS LAUGH>.

Sunset recognizes that laugh. Uh oh. Festival Fairy steps forward and Pinkie's intrigued.

PINKIE PIE

Hi! Wow, I like how tall you are.

FESTIVAL FAIRY

Thank you! May I bestow upon you an act of perfect randomness?

SUNSET SHIMMER

Thanks but we don't really have ti-
(noticing PP's excitement)
... Okay.

Festival Fairy holds out two fists.

FESTIVAL FAIRY

Choose a hand.

Sunset nods to Pinkie, who chooses one. Festival Fairy turns her palm up to REVEAL-- A STARSWIRL WRISTBAND!

SUNSET SHIMMER
NO WAY--! WHO ARE YOU-?!

EXT. MAIN STAGE - LATER

<MUSIC and CHEERING> grows louder as Pinkie and Sunset run across the field to the edge of the LARGE CROWD at the MAIN STAGE. Pinkie's charging forward when Sunset pulls her back.

PINKIE PIE
What's wrong?

SUNSET SHIMMER
It's just that... I've already seen PostCrush, but if we break the time loop right now-- you won't.

Pinkie considers...

PINKIE PIE
Sure, we may be taking down our favorite band of all time in the most public of settings... but we're doing it together.

Sunset smiles and they turn their sights on-- THE CROWD.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
How are we ever gonna find Twilight and everybody?

Sunset searches the crowd and sees-- Rainbow Dash's FESTIVAL TOTEM! The mere sight of it makes her butt hurt.

SUNSET SHIMMER
I'd recognize that sign anywhere.

EXT. ON-STAGE - MAIN STAGE - LATER

K-Lo and Zaya jam out on their instruments, when suddenly--

Sunset, Pinkie, and the rest of the Mane 7 climb over the guardrail and JUMP-- landing in the middle of the stage!

K-LO
What-?! You-!!

K-Lo stops playing her guitar, Zaya stops drumming.
<FEEDBACK>. <GASPS> from the crowd.

SUNSET SHIMMER

Sorry guys, this song's played out.
Right, Pinkie?

WHIP TO: Pinkie, stars in her eyes, still super excited to see her heroes up close.

PINKIE PIE

I can't believe I'm actually
talking to PostCrush-!!
(off Sunset's look)
Ahem. And what I'm saying to
PostCrush is: NOT COOL, YO!

SUNSET SHIMMER

It's time for this day to end. Give
us the Time Twirler!

K-LO

You wouldn't dare! If you break the
time loop now everyone will
remember you as the one who ruined
PostCrush!

Sunset looks back at her friends. Pinkie nods encouragement.

SUNSET SHIMMER

Eh. I'm okay with that.

<MUSIC BUILDS> as our heroes PONY UP! That's right--! RAINBOW
LASERS!

K-LO/ZAYA

Noooooo-!

K-Lo tries to run but rainbow lasers <PING> the Time Twirler
out of her hair, sending it BOUNCING to Sunset's feet. Sunset
PULLS the pegs out and-- THE SWIRLING MAGIC SLOWS TO A STOP!

RARITY

I hate to ruin an up-do but you
left us no other option, darling!

K-Lo falls to her knees, distraught, hair undone and messy.
Zaya goes to her side to comfort her.

K-LO

All I wanted was perfection-! Is
that so much to ask?!

SUNSET SHIMMER

Life isn't perfect. Nothing's ever
going to turn out exactly the way
you imagine it will.

(MORE)

SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)

And that's okay. Because that's what makes your experience yours. Embrace those so-called flaws! Make mistakes and grow from them!

K-LO

(teary)

But... our legacy is destroyed! It was all riding on this show... and you ruined it-!

SUNSET SHIMMER

Are you sure about that? Because... you've still got an audience.

K-LO

(sniffling)

Hmm?

K-Lo turns to look: it's true. A sea of eager fans look back at her-- waiting with baited breath.

SUNSET SHIMMER

Your fans don't want perfection. They just want to see you rocking out and having fun. If things don't go as planned, it's okay. 'Cause you're with your friends!

At this, the crowd <GOES WILD>. K-Lo looks to Zaya- it's like they forgot they ever were friends.

K-LO

We did used to have a lot of fun...

ZAYA

Guess we got so wrapped up in the pressure to be perfect...

K-LO

We forgot.

SUNSET SHIMMER

So, what do you say? Encore?

Sunset holds out K-Lo's guitar to her. And Pinkie, Zaya's drum sticks. At this, the crowd begins to <CHANT>:

CROWD

Encore! Encore! Encore!

K-LO

I dunno... This one's for real...

ZAYA

... Let's do it. For real.

They grin and grab their instruments. K-Lo turns to Sunset.

K-LO

Any requests?

SUNSET SHIMMER

Yeah-- Cosmic Boom.

Touched and shocked, Pinkie looks to Sunset, who winks.

PINKIE PIE

WUT!!! That's my favorite song-!

As they play the <FUN, CATCHY SONG>, the RAINBOOMS join in to back up PostCrush! As they play, Sci Twi nods to Sunset.

SCI TWI

How can we be sure no one will ever
use the Time Twirler again?

SUNSET SHIMMER

I've got an idea for that too...

Between shots of our heroes playing and the crowd having a blast, INTERCUT WITH MONTAGE:

- BACK STAGE: Sunset gives the Time Twirler to Adagio, who's confused at first-- then moved. She hugs Sunset tight.

- The Dazzlings approach the PORTAL in the CREEK and look to each other: is this really happening? They hold hands and...

- Return to Equestria at last! Princess Twilight greets them and Adagio humbly returns the Time Twirler. Princess Twilight steps aside to REVEAL: Princess Celestia. The Dazzlings cower, nervous, until-- Celestia smiles. All is forgiven.

BACK TO:

EXT. MAIN STAGE - NIGHT

PostCrush and the Rainbooms conclude their song. <STANDING OVATION>. K-Lo and Zaya hug, <LAUGHING>. The Mane 7 do too.

RAINBOW DASH

We just played Starswirl!

K-Lo tosses her guitar pick to Sunset, as we FADE OUT.

EXT. GLAMPING RV - MORNING

Like every other morning, Sunset's PostCrush alarm <BLARES>. She opens her eyes, worried: Is it still Day 1? But then, Spike hits turns her alarm off.

SPIKE

C'mon, ten more minutes-!

Sunset grins and jumps up, ecstatic!

SUNSET SHIMMER

You've got all the time in the world to sleep, Spike. We've only got one--

RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)

STARSWIRL DAY TWOOOOOO-!

Rainbow Dash dives in, twirling her festival totem. This time, Sunset ducks right under it, a total pro.

SUNSET SHIMMER

Nice try.

EXT. FESTIVAL GROUNDS - DAY

The Mane 7 walk together, taking in Starswirl Day 2.

PINKIE PIE

Whaddaya wanna do today, Sunset?

SUNSET SHIMMER

Let's just... see where the day takes us.

They <LAUGH> as we PAN UP for one last sweeping view of STARSWIRL and FADE OUT.

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