



MY LITTLE PONY EQUESTRIA GIRLS STARSWIRLED

Part 4: Backstage Do Not Pass

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13 SUNSET SHIMMER

(pointing)

Through that guy's heart.

ANGLE ON-- The SECURITY GUARD, as he blocks BACKSTAGE ACCESS
to a child, who begins to cry. The guard picks his nose,
unfazed. WHIP PAN to RD, FS, and RY-- they're intimidated.

14 RD/FS/RV

Yikes. / He's terrible! / Oh my.

PULL BACK as PINKIE PIE pops in front of them, determined.

15 PINKIE PIE

The weak shall crumble before me.

I'll handle this!

Pinkie Pie cracks her knuckles. Sunset intercepts her.

16 SUNSET SHIMMER

If you want to help, let me come up
with a plan. No distractions, no
detours no...

(watching PP go)

...walking off while I'm talking to
you. <SIGH>. Typical.

ANGLE ON Pinkie, all up in Security Guard's face, studying
him with a magnifying glass. He remains stoic.

17 PINKIE PIE

Last summer, weren't you working at
the ummmmmmm...?

She waits for him to fill in the blank. The guard is
confused. So are Sunset and the others.

18 SECURITY GUARD

(curious)

Cat Food Convention...?

19 PINKIE PIE

(overlapping)

--Cat Food Convention! That's
right! You were the guy who ummm...

She gestures with her arms... "come on, talk!"

20 SECURITY GUARD

I got FIRED...!

ON SUNSET, mortified.

21 SUNSET SHIMMER
Ergh, if she blows this thing I'll
have to start all over tomorrow-!

22 PINKIE PIE
(scratching her head)
Because... what happened again...?

Mad, the guard begins stepping to Pinkie. She backs off.

23 SECURITY GUARD
I tried taking a kitten home with
me, alright? But that's "against
the rules."

24 PINKIE PIE
Was it an orange cat?

25 SECURITY GUARD
TUXEDO! ASK ME HER NAME, SEE WHAT
HAPPENS!

The others all shake their head NO in unison. Pinkie steps
back in line with them, leans against Sunset cooly, and--

26 PINKIE PIE
Wha--

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT. FESTIVAL GROUNDS - LATER

The Guard escorts the Mane 7 out the festival gate where
Sunset has been kicked out before. As he SNIPS their
wristbands... Sunset glares at Pinkie.

27 PINKIE PIE
Now we know what happens!

28 SUNSET SHIMMER
Now I have to start all over again
tomorrow and no one's going to
remember any of this so I have to
explain it to you all over again.

29 PINKIE PIE
...Exactly.

She WINKS big at Sunset, who cocks her head. Then her eyes
widen as she understands and she breaks into a smile.

CUT TO:

QUICK SHOTS OF A NEW DAY:

IN THE RV: <POSTCRUSH ALARM>. Sunset's eyes open. OUTSIDE:

30 RAINBOW DASH
Starswirl Day 1!

She <THWACKS> Sunset. AT THE MAIN GATE: <SPLAT> goes Sunset's boot in the mud! CLOSE ON WRISTBANDS: <BEEP>! Scanned. ON THE GROUNDS: AJ hits the BEACH BALL...

31 APPLEJACK
Comin' at ya!

The ball flies right at camera and we CUT TO:

EXT. SMALL STAGE - LATER

ANGLE ON-- The SECURITY GUARD, as he blocks BACKSTAGE ACCESS to a child, who begins to cry. The guard picks his nose, unfazed.

But this time, when he looks up, his heart skips a beat.

SLOW-MOTION with <SENTIMENTAL MUSIC>: Sunset Shimmer approaches, carrying a wicker basket with pillows and fabric.

The guard's lower lip trembles. His eyes quiver with tears.

IN THE BASKET is a TUXEDO KITTEN.

32 SUNSET SHIMMER
Say hello to Baby Bubblebiscuit.

Fluttershy and Pinkie watch from afar, nodding to each other in satisfaction. Behind them, the other Mane 7 are impressed.

The guard cuddles the kitten, who <MEOWS> and licks his nose. Pinkie Pie comes over behind Sunset.

33 PINKIE PIE
If you spend ALL your time keeping
people OUT, HOW ARE YA EVER GONNA
LET ANYBODY IN...?!
(then)
...To your heart.

A SINGLE TEAR rolls down his cheek.

34 SECURITY GUARD
...Go ahead and go backstage. The
both'a you's.

35 PINKIE PIE
(totally unexpected)
Really?! Wow! Thank you!
(sotto)
Great Idea, Sunset...!

36 SUNSET SHIMMER
 (impressed, taking note)
Actually...? That was all you,
Pinkie Pie. You really came through.

EXT. BACKSTAGE - LATER

Sunset and Pinkie arrive backstage just as The Dazzlings pack up their instruments. They duck behind some AMP CASES. ADAGIO, ARIA, and SONATA load instruments onto a TOUR BUS.

37 SONATA
That was our best show yet!

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38      ARIA
The loop is really working.
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39 ADAGIO
Of course it's working, it was my
idea.

Sunset and Pinkie make eye contact: THEY'RE SO BUSTED!
The Dazzlings finish loading the dark, ominous tour bus.

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40          SUNSET SHIMMER
I bet they're hiding the Time
Twirler somewhere in their tour
bus.
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41 PINKIE PIE
Also-- they have a tour bus?!

They DUCK as the Dazzlings exit the bus and head off.

Sunset and Pinkie "sneakily" back around the corner, sliding to the door. Sunset opens it carefully, peeks in. All clear.

42 SUNSET SHIMMER
Stay here and stand guard. If you
see anyone coming, sound the alarm!

43 PINKIE PIE
You got it!

Sunset slips into the bus as Pinkie gets into character, casting a wary eye over the backstage landscape.

44 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
No one's gonna get by me. No way.
No how. Nuh-uh. Nope. Na na na na.

INT. THE DAZZLING'S TOUR BUS - LATER

Sunset searches the tour bus: in the bunks, under the table--

EXT. FESTIVAL GROUNDS - SAME

Walking through the grounds, the Dazzlings suddenly stop.

45 ADAGIO
...Did one of you lock the bus...?
(off their confused look)
<SIGH>. Come on...

They turn around and walk back the other way...

EXT. THE DAZZLING'S TOUR BUS - SAME

Pinkie Pie scours the view from her post with pure grit.

46 PINKIE PIE
Keeping watch, that's what I...
<SNIFF> <SNIFF>. What's that smell?
(then)
<BIG SNIFF>. Could it be...?

PP spots THE CRAFT SERVICES TABLE! And the crown jewel: a steaming hot plate of Puffed Pastry's churros! She <GULPS>.

47 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Puffed Pastry's exclusive Starswirl
Cinnamon-swirled Churros!!
(really torn about this)
Now's prrrrrobably not the best time
to go get one. BUT I CAN'T RESIST!

She runs off.

INT. THE DAZZLING'S TOUR BUS - LATER

Sunset climbs on the table, balancing on tip-toes opening a cabinet when she hears the <DOOR OPEN>. Surprised to see--

48 ADAGIO
What are you doing in here?

Adagio, Sonata, and Aria are staring at her, having just boarded the bus. Sunset launches into the offensive.

49 SUNSET SHIMMER
Sorry not sorry, Adagio, but it's time to take this track off repeat. DON'T even try to lie your way out of this-- I heard you admit the time loop was "your idea."

50 ADAGIO
We looped a vocal track.

51 SUNSET SHIMMER
Sure, sure. So it's just coincidence that without your magic singing abilities, you're bound to make mistakes on-stage and use the Time Twirler for a second chance-- in fact it's giving you infinite do-overs while you try to get the perfect performance here at Starswirl! I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I!?

52 ADAGIO
I have no idea what you're talking about, and clearly neither do you. Are you thinking of some other delightfully conniving malcontents?

The Dazzlings stare at Sunset-- <BURSTING INTO LAUGHTER> when she slumps in defeat.

53 ADAGIO (CONT'D)
Not to be mean, but... seriously? I've never heard of this Time Twirler, and as far as we know, this is the first and only time we've played Starswirl.

54 SUNSET SHIMMER
But... your song... "Over and over, every day is the same..."

55 ADAGIO
That's about being stuck in this miserable human world with no hope of returning to Equestria. You know Sunset, we did make a mistake. But it was manipulating Canterlot High School with magic. And we're paying the price for it... our magic.

56 ARIA
 (trying to be helpful)
Unless you count the magic of auto-
tune!

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57 ADAGIO
 (putting her in her place)
Which I don't. What I'm saying is--
we do have another chance. It isn't
a do-over, though... it's right
now, learning and moving on.
 (hand on SS' shoulder)
You of all people should know that.

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This hits Sunset hard.

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58 ARIA
The answer's probably right in
front of your face but you're too
blind to see it. That's your
mistake, Sunset Shimmer.

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The barb gets to her and her frustration boils over--

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59 SUNSET SHIMMER
The only mistake I've made is
trusting Pinkie Pie to handle
simple tasks a child could do, like
being my lookout--

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Suddenly, Sunset sees PINKIE in the doorway. She blanches.

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60 PINKIE PIE
... Oh. I-- just wanted to say the
Dazzlings are back, but I see you
see they see you seeing them and
you've seen me too and so... bye.
 (through tears)
Cool tour bus!

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61 SUNSET SHIMMER
No, Pinkie, I didn't mean it--!

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--but she's already gone. On Sunset, crestfallen... FADE OUT.

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