

EQUESTRIA GIRLS SHORTS - "SCHOOL OF ROCK"

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SC. 1- INT. NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM - DAY

A field trip tour group Canterlot High stands in the cavernous main room of the museum, flanked by MARBLE PILLARS and DINOSAUR SKELETONS.

The MANE SEVEN stand at the front of the group, listening as the docent, MAUD PIE, gives a less-than-rousing monotone speech.

MAUD PIE

Welcome to Canterlot Natural History Museum. I'm thrilled that you are here to learn about rocks, minerals, fossils, and last but not least... landforms. Let's not forget soil erosion, either.

As Maud speaks, we pan across the bored faces of the students. The two exceptions are at end of the line.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE listens intently and scribbles notes. PINKIE PIE smiles and nods along to her sister's speech.

MAUD PIE (CONT'D)

Minerals are classified as naturally occurring substances formed in a geological process. They feature a crystalline structure in addition to specific physical properties and chemical composition.

Maud gestures to the WALL OF ROCKS & MINERALS behind her. Tons of samples are lined up neatly on the shelves, labeled and sorted.

MAUD PIE (CONT'D)

There are more than four thousand types of minerals.

PINKIE PIE

WOW! That's a whole bunch!

MAUD PIE

Yes, Pinkie. It is.

(beat)

Now for something really fun. I will point to the Metamorphic rocks.

Maud begins pointing at random rocks on the shelves.

MAUD PIE (CONT'D)

There. And there. That one. There.

Maud keeps pointing. Twilight tries to get Pinkie's attention. Pinkie leans over.

PINKIE PIE

Isn't this fun-tastic?!

TWILIGHT SPARKLE

(whispering)

Well, I think so... but no one else is listening to the presentation. Poor Maud!

CLOSE UP on a student making a PAPER AIRPLANE out of his museum brochure. Another student yawns. TRIXIE checks her nail polish and sighs.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

Maybe we should... help her out a little?

Pinkie Pie looks sad but then lights up with an idea!

PINKIE PIE

Ooo, I know!

She whispers into Twilight's ear. The two smile and nod as if to say "let's do it!"

MAUD PIE

And the process of fossilization is the reason we have these dinosaur bones. Imagine, if you will, that these colossal prehistoric beasts are walking through this museum right now.

Behind Maud (who does not see), the dinosaur bones begin to levitate and move. Twilight is animating them to appear alive!

The students are starting to notice. A few of their jaws drop. Finally, they are paying attention!

RARITY notices Twilight has her arms up, almost like a puppeteer. Rarity smiles and nods, too.

MAUD PIE (CONT'D)

Thanks to the rock cycle, we also have these pretty gems. Look how sparkly. Ooooh. Ahhh.

Rarity shoots a CRYSTAL SHIELD FORMATION behind Maud. It's an elaborate display of gem shards that glitter in the light as it spins! The students smile and point.

Maud gestures to a MODEL VOLCANO behind her.

MAUD PIE (CONT'D)

But all of it starts with hot magma
rising to the crust through volcanic
pipes.

Pinkie Pie aims "sprinkle explosions" from the mouth of the volcano to make it appear as if it's erupting.

STUDENT WALLA

Wow!/That's amazing!/Cool!/Check it
out!

MAUD PIE

I agree. Rock formation is truly quite
a show.

Everyone cheers and claps at the spectacle. Maud looks around at the engaged students and cracks the tiniest smile ever.

Twilight, Pinkie Pie, and Rarity giggle.

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