MY LITTLE PONY
THE EQUESTRIA GIRLS

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

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SET UP

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

A bell <RINGS> as students exit classes. TWILIGHT SPARKLE (on her phone), RARITY, SUNSET SHIMMER, FLUTTERSHY and PINKIE PIE exit the SCIENCE LAB together.

1 PINKIE PIE
How cool is chemistry class? I can't believe I got to come up with my very own chemical formula: Jalapeño-supernova cupcake frosting!

2 SUNSET SHIMMER
That wasn't the assignment.

3 PINKIE PIE
Aww, you sound just like my lab partners.
(calling off-screen)
Couldn't have done it without you, guys!

REVEAL THROUGH THE DOOR: SNIPS and SNAILS, COVERED IN SOOT, HAIR BLOWN BACK, GOGGLES ON, holding BEAKERS. They wave.

4 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh no... I just got the weirdest text from Timber Spruce.

Twilight turns her phone to show A STRING OF EMOJIS.

5 RARITY
Pirate, plane, alligator, thumbs up, waterfall, golf club, ice cream sundae.

6 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(working herself up)
What does it <u>mean</u>? Is it an inside joke? A hieroglyphic reference? A secret code? Nghhh... my brain feels weird... I'm not used to not knowing things.

7 RARITY
Sounds like you could use a translator.

8 FLUTTERSHY
I could help...?

9 SUNSET SHIMMER
Leave this to me.

Twilight considers it, looking from one friend to the next.

10 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(sotto)
Who can get me out of this text-tastrophe...?

Three options appear: Rarity, Fluttershy, and Sunset Shimmer.

<u>ENDING A: RARITY</u>

EXT. IN FRONT OF SCHOOL - MOMENTS LATER

As students exit the school Rarity takes Twilight by the arm.

11 RARITY
As you’re no doubt keenly aware, I am fluent in all the latest text slang-- phone lingo, a.k.a. “Steeze.” If I may...?(ALTS: As you’re no doubt keenly aware, I am fluent in all the latest text slang-- phone lingo, If I may...?)

RARITY (ALT) (CONT’D)
As you’re no doubt keenly aware, I am fluent in all the latest text slang-- phone lingo. If I may...?

Rarity borrows Twilight’s cell phone and starts texting (as she texts, the emojis stream out of the phone for visuals).

12 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh, so you’re just gonna--

13 RARITY
Shh--

Rarity text feverishly and hits send, then hands the phone to Twilight Sparkle.

14 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Thank you so much... But what did I just say?

Suddenly, Twilight’s phone <DINGS> receiving a message.

15 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT’D)
Oh he replied!

16 RARITY
Robot, shooting star, trophy?
<LAUGHS> Oh, he's a witty one.

17 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(proud, imagining)
He won a space robot contest.

Rarity raises an eyebrow, then goes back to texting-- the emojis FLOWING OUT as she says them.

18 RARITY
(sotto)
Fancy dress, anvil, hi-five, napkin...

19 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Anvil? I don't know if--

20 RARITY
(overlapping)
--Shh.

Rarity holds up a finger and <TYPES> away FEVERISHLY. Then Twilight's phone <DINGS> again. Rarity <LAUGHS> triumphantly.

21 RARITY (CONT'D)
Do you like ice cream?

22 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Who <u>doesn't</u> like ice cream?

Rarity rattles off another string of texts, reading along:

23 RARITY
Checkmark, checkmark, couple holding hands, sunshine, three balloons, spoon!

Rarity smiles proudly. She hands the phone back to Twilight.

24 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(blinks, confused)
I'm sorry, but what just happened?

Not unlike Karaoke lyrics, we see emojis highlight on screen as Rarity explains:

25 RARITY
Well I started by sending a "Dragon" because you're powerful, "ice cube" and "snail" because you're cool but take it slow, then "pyramid" for obvious reasons.
(MORE)

RARITY (CONT'D)
And he was way into it, so in this last one I was just double checking...
(checkmarks highlight)
You and Timber Spruce...
(couple holding hands highlights)
Have a date on Sunday...
(sun highlights)
At three o'clock...
(3 balloons highlight)
To have ice cream!
(spoon highlights)

Twilight stares at her phone, speechless. Then, happy:

26 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(to Rarity)
Thumbs-up smiley face.

27 RARITY
You're welcome.

IRIS OUT.

ENDING B: FLUTTERSHY

EXT. FOREST BEHIND SCHOOL - LATER

We find Twilight Sparkle and Fluttershy walking among the trees behind school.

28 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So what are you thinking, Fluttershy?

A BIRD flitters up and lands on Fluttershy's shoulder.

29 FLUTTERSHY
I'd start with...
(seeing a bird)
...a bird.

The bird NODS in approval.

30 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sounds good.

Twilight begins to text. As Fluttershy continues, other animals approach, listening to her sage wisdom.

31 FLUTTERSHY
Then iguana, guinea pig, regular pig, frog, baby chick in the egg, baby chick out of the egg, all three see-no-evil monkeys, cat, cat, cat, cat-- all the cats-- and um, finish it with a squirrel on his hindlegs.

32 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sounds good.

The animals nod in agreement.

33 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Sent! That was perfect. So... what did we just send?

34 FLUTTERSHY
A bunch of cute animal emojis!

35 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But what does it meaaaaaaaan...?

Twilight stares at Fluttershy, who is surrounded by all manners of forest creatures. Long beat. Suddenly, Twilight's phone <BUZZES>. She reads...

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
He says yes to the zoo! The zoo?!
(re: the animal emojis)
Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhthezoooooo. Thank you, Fluttershy!

37 FLUTTERSHY
No matter what the problem is, adorable animals are always the answer.

IRIS OUT.

<u>ENDING C: SUNSET SHIMMER</u>

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

Twilight and Sunset Shimmer walk through the hall as kids head on their way to class. Twilight holds out her phone, showing a pirate, plane, alligator, thumbs up, waterfall, golf club, ice cream sundae.

38 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Timber Spruce wants to dress up like pirates and fly through waterfalls with an alligator while we eat ice cream with golf clubs for spoons? That's crazy-- golf clubs would make terrible spoons!

39 SUNSET SHIMMER
Have you thought about maybe asking him what he means?

40 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Ooh. Great idea.
(then)
How would I ask that in emojis?

Sunset Shimmer <SIGHS> and takes Twilight's phone and dials, calling Timber Spruce. She puts it to her ear. Twilight claws for the phone as Sunset holds her off one-handed.

41 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Calling?! No calling! WHO TALKS ON THE PHONE!? SUNSET WHA--!?

Twilight covers her mouth mid-word when she hears--

42 SUNSET SHIMMER (INTO PHONE)
Hey, Timber Spruce? Sunset Shimmer here. Mm. Mm-hm. That text you sent Twilight Sparkle--
(then)
Ohhhh haha-- that's what you meant? That's what Twilight thought but we weren't sure. Thanks!

Sunset shimmer turns to Twilight, who's gone pale, shaking.

43 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(shell-shocked)
You just... boy talked... mouth words... phone...

44 SUNSET SHIMMER
He's wondering if you're free to play pirate-alligator mini-golf this weekend.

45 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(re: the phone)
Oh! Duh. Of course!!!
(then)
How do I say yes?

Sunset Shimmer holds the phone to Twilight's mouth.

46 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
(realizing)
Oh.
(into phone)
Yes!

They share a smile and we...

IRIS OUT. *