

**MY LITTLE PONY
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CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE**

**"All The World's Off-Stage"
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SET UP

INT. AUDITORIUM - SIDE STAGE - DAY

SUNSET SHIMMER is controlling the action backstage with her HEADSET and CLIPBOARD for a dress rehearsal of DAZZLED!

She CUES the CUTIE MARK CRUSADERS onto stage - each carrying a PICKAXE and wearing a HEAD LAMP.

1 SUNSET SHIMMER
Go! Go! And.... Go!

INT. AUDITORIUM - CENTER STAGE - COAL MINE SET

The Crusaders perform a STOMP-BALLET piece "*Sweet Child o' Mines.*" Their head lamps weave as the picks slam the stage.

INT. AUDITORIUM - SIDE STAGE - INTERCUT

Sunset taps her pencil on her clipboard, timing...

2 SUNSET SHIMMER
Ten seconds to Shiny City set
change. Stage crew ready?

Sunset points to SNIPS & SNAILS each holding PULLEY LINES.

3 SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)
In five, four, three, PYRO and...

ON STAGE - SMOKE CANNONS fire!

4 SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)
CUE SET CHANGE!

The dancers LEAP to a crescendo as the Shiny City set CREAKS across the stage with Snips and Snails STRUGGLING.

Sunset Shimmer walks to center stage.

5 SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)
Everyone take five!
 (to Snips & Snails)
Guys, the timing has to be perfect!

6 SNIPS
'Tis an entire city! We are but
two!

7 SNAILS
It's also very heavy.

8 SUNSET SHIMMER
There are just too many moving
pieces for me to handle on my own.

In the audience, TWILIGHT SPARKLE, PINKIE PIE, and MICROCHIPS
all pitch in to help!

9 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Don't worry Sunset, there's plenty
of time before opening night, you
don't have to do it all on your
own.

10 PINKIE PIE
I know what to do! Let me help! Let
me help!

11 MICROCHIPS
Surely brains, not brawn, are the
secret formula for backstage
success!

Sunset thinks it over.

12 SUNSET SHIMMER
(sotto)
Who should I ask for help...?

THREE OPTIONS APPEAR: Twilight, Pinkie Pie, and Microchips.

ENDING A: TWILIGHT SPARKLE

INT. AUDITORIUM - LATER

Sunset walks over to the heavy set. She braces herself to
lift it:

13 SUNSET SHIMMER
Thanks for offering to help,
Twilight, your gem powers of
levitation will make moving this
set a cinch! Ready...?

Sunset HEAVES. It doesn't budge.

14 SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)
Hnnrrghhhh...! Um...

Sunset looks around. There's no one there.

15 SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)
Twilight?

ANGLE ON: The doors, as BOOM! A HUMANOID ROBOT KICKS THEM OPEN. It STOMPS toward the stage.

16 SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)
Ahhh!

Twilight, in safety glasses, follows it with a remote.

17 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
This is the perfect chance to try
out my robotics club project!

Twilight ZAPS the robot, it's ARM SWINGS ERRATICALLY! PUSH IN on Sunset, considering it.

CUT TO:

INT. AUDITORIUM - CENTER STAGE - COAL MINE SET

The Crusaders do their STOMP-BALLET *"Sweet Child o' Mines."*

INT. AUDITORIUM - SIDE STAGE - INTERCUT

Sunset taps her pencil on her clipboard, timing...

18 SUNSET SHIMMER
In five, four, three, PYRO and...

ON STAGE - SMOKE CANNONS fire!

19 SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)
CUE SET CHANGE!

Twilight's finger presses a RED BUTTON on the remote. The robot MOONWALKS across the stage, tugging ropes, pulling the set across stage with the dancers. Snips and Snails <CHEER>.

20 SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)
That was perfect!

Releasing the set, the ROBOT dances the robot with SNIPS & SNAILS backstage.

ENDING B: PINKIE PIE

INT. AUDITORIUM - BACKSTAGE - DAY

Sunset watches Pinkie Pie hurry to the door and yell out into the hall.

21 PINKIE PIE
Come on everyone! The party's in here!

An easily-animatable amount of background characters pour onto stage, crowding the small backstage area.

22 SUNSET SHIMMER
Pinkie Pie! What are you doing?

23 PINKIE PIE
Playing party games!

24 SUNSET SHIMMER
But--

25 PINKIE PIE
It isn't a party without party games!

26 SUNSET SHIMMER
We're in the middle of rehearsal!

Pinkie Pie CLAPS TWICE.

27 PINKIE PIE
Ok everyone! It's time for the best party game ever! TUG "O" WAR! Except this time it's AGAINST A WALL! TUG "O" WALL!

Pinkie Pie shuffles her friends onto the lines behind Snips and Snails.

28 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ready?
(knowing)
Ready Sunset?

Sunset figures it out! She smiles and we CUT TO:

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INT. AUDITORIUM - SIDE STAGE - INTERCUT

Sunset taps her pencil on her clipboard, timing...

29 SUNSET SHIMMER
In five, four, three, PYRO and...

ON STAGE - SMOKE CANNONS fire!

30 SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)
CUE SET CHANGE!

31 PINKIE PIE
READY! GO!!!

The PARTY GOERS HEAVE-HO the set change with ease! It's perfect!

32 SUNSET SHIMMER
Thank you, Pinkie Pie, but how are we going to get people back for every rehearsal?!

33 PINKIE PIE
PARTY EVERY DAY!

ENDING C: MICROCHIPS

INT. AUDITORIUM - SIDE STAGE - LATER

34 MICROCHIPS
Perhaps, In the rush towards aesthetic achievement you overlooked the possibility that one man could do the job of many.

SNIPS SNAILS
Yeah right. I'm so sure.

35 SUNSET SHIMMER
Thanks for offering to help Microchips, but I'm not sure you'll be able to move that giant, heavy stage on your own.

Microchips FLEXES his non-existent bicep.

36 MICROCHIPS
TO THE GYM!

INT. GYM - DAY

Sunset follows Microchips through the gym.

37 SUNSET SHIMMER
This is your plan? Get huge?

38 MICROCHIPS
In this case of brains-not-brawn,
I'm using my brain to get us some
brawn.

He gestures. REVEAL: BULK BICEPS is PUMPING IRON!

39 BULK BICEPS
(with pumps)
yeah! yeAH! yEAH! YEAH!

Microchips "casually" passes by the bench press...

40 MICROCHIPS
Free weights are great.

41 BULK BICEPS
YEAH THEY ARE!!

42 MICROCHIPS
...but I just read a study in
Insane Lats Magazine that BATTLE
ROPES are the only way to make your
shirt uncomfortably tight for the
summer.

Bulk JUMPS up from the bench, grabs Microchips by the shirt.

43 BULK BICEPS
GIMMIE THOSE BATTLE ROPES!!!

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INT. AUDITORIUM - SIDE STAGE - INTERCUT

Sunset taps her pencil on her clipboard, timing...

44 SUNSET SHIMMER
In five, four, three, PYRO and...

ON STAGE - SMOKE CANNONS fire!

45 SUNSET SHIMMER (CONT'D)
CUE SET CHANGE!

Microchips is standing next to Bulk Biceps with a STOPWATCH.

46 MICROCHIPS
GO! Hustle, hustle, hustle!

47 BULK BICEPS
Hut hut hut hut!

Bulk Biceps RIPS at the "battle ropes" sending the set
CRUISING across the stage in perfect timing! Sunset grins,
giving Microchips and Bulk a thumbs-up.

48 BULK BICEPS (CONT'D)
YEAH!