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**MY LITTLE PONY
EQUESTRIA GIRLS**

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EXT. STARSWIRL - CENTRAL COURTYARD - DAY

TWILIGHT walks with SPIKE and FLUTTERSHY through the central area of the festival, checking her phone...

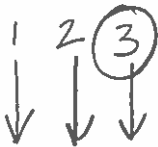
1 TWILIGHT

Alright, Spike, my algorithmically-generated festival schedule has optimized a route to see all the best bands. First, we-- WOOP!

A beach-ball BUMPS TWILIGHT, sending her phone onto a BULK BICEP'S SWEATY, SUNSCREEN-COVERED BACK! She retrieves it.

2 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Oh no! My phone! Gross! It's not working...! How are my decisions supposed to get optimized NOW?!



3 SPIKE

You've stumbled onto the path-less-planned-for! How EXTWILIGHT!



4 TWILIGHT

How Ex-cruciating! Maybe I could log onto someone else's schedule...



5 SPIKE

Oh, you mean metaphorically speaking because we'd follow the passion of others to guide our experience?

6 TWILIGHT

I guess we could do that too. Hmmm.

TWILIGHT looks: FLUTTERSHY is within sight; MICRO CHIPS is nearby, and there's a familiar-looking, hat-wearing, rainbow-haired woman by the sushi-flavored shaved ice booth.

7 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Who should I follow...?

Three options appear: Fluttershy, Micro Chips, and the familiar-looking woman (later revealed as CELESTIA!).

ENDING A: FLUTTERSHY

EXT. BATHROOM AREA - DAY

Standing outside the bathrooms, TWILIGHT exchanges a nervous look with Spike, then calls off...

8 TWILIGHT

Thanks, Fluttershy, for letting me
come along to... whatever this is.
Aren't we going to miss your band?

FROM INSIDE, Fluttershy answers (unseen).

9 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)

Almost ready! Just taming a few
last, baby fly-aways.

<HISSSSSSSS> as she uses a WHOLE CAN of hairspray off-screen.
Spike and TWILIGHT exchange a surprised look.

10 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Tote bag, please?

TWILIGHT hefts Fluttershy's bag. She wobbles from the weight.

11 TWILIGHT

Yikes. What do you got in here,
Osmium bricks?

12 SPIKE

(<SNIFFS> the bag)
Smells like... bones?

13 TWILIGHT

You think everything smells like
bones.

Fluttershy's hand grabs the bag. HER NAILS ARE PAINTED BLACK.

14 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Whoa, you did your nails?

The stall door opens, REVEALING Fluttershy in her BLACK METAL
OUTFIT: spiked hair, black leather dress, ripped tights,
purple lips, and a STAFF MADE OF SKULLS. TWILIGHT's jaw
drops.

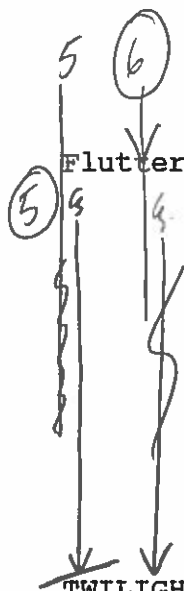
15 SPIKE

I told you I smelled bones! But
what do I know, I'm a talking dog.
(not-very-sotto aside)
...should we be worried
Fluttershy's got a bag full of
bones...?

A SKULLCRUNCHER FANBOY high-fives Fluttershy as he passes.

16 SKULLCRUNCHER FANBOY

Brutal skulls, fellow cruncher!



17 FLUTTERSHY
You too, fellow cruncher!

Fluttershy smiles at him but then sees TWILIGHT gawking.

18 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh, dear. Um, so, after we went to
Equestria World, Vignette
introduced me to this band,
Skullcruncher? Yes. I know it seems
'brutal,' but their lyrics are
surprisingly poignant once you get
past all the skull... crunching.
(off SciTwi's "wha?" look)
You're thinking I need more makeup?
Or... that I'm weird, is that it?

TWILIGHT shakes off her stunned expression and smiles.

19 TWILIGHT
No! I'm thinking... I need more
black nail polish!

Spike grins.



20 FLUTTERSHY
And we haven't even turned on the
skulls!

She POUNDS her staff on the ground: the SKULLS LIGHT UP WITH
IN RAINBOW FLAMES in their eyes. <SPEED GUITAR LICK>.

gala

21 TWILIGHT
Pretty!
(off Fluttershy's glare)
I mean "pretty... BRUTAL!"

Spike gnaws on a bone, gives a nod of agreement.

ENDING B: MICRO CHIPS

EXT. CENTRAL COURTYARD - DAY

TWILIGHT and Spike walk with Micro Chips.

22 TWILIGHT
Thanks for letting us tag along,
Micro Chips. What's up first?
(re: a flyer he hands her)
<GASP>!? You're into MC Dex
Effex?!? I LOVE MC DEX EFFEX. HUGE
FAN. Huge!!!

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23 MICRO CHIPS
You are?

24 TWILIGHT
I KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW!
I even have the exact same 42-3c
Effects Pedal for my MC DEX EFFEX
build-it-yourself theramin.

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25 MICRO CHIPS
Actually MC uses a 42-double-aught
Pre-Effects mixer.

26 TWILIGHT
(after a "whatever" look
to Spike)
...Did you know the MC stands for
Modulated Computersounds, one word?

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27 MICRO CHIPS
It actually... doesn't.

28 TWILIGHT
Trust me. I've read all her
biopics, the original screenplays.

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29 MICRO CHIPS
Wait, "Her" biopics? You think MC
Dex Effex is a girl?

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30 TWILIGHT
Just because she always wears a
helmet made of recycled disco balls
doesn't mean I can't tell.

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31 MICRO CHIPS
I guess we'll see.

32 TWILIGHT
(competitive)
Oh we will see, won't we?!

With that, MICRO CHIPS PUTS ON A HELMET and takes the stage.
TWILIGHT and SPIKE ARE SHOCKED.

33 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Did you -- is he -- how did...?!

MC Dex Effex/Micro Chips works the crowd into wild
<CHEERING>. He points at TWILIGHT, nods, then starts rocking
out on the THEREMIN to crazy beats. Spike leans over to
TWILIGHT, who's still shocked.

34 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
MC... "Micro Chips?"

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35 SPIKE
(imitating TWILIGHT)
"Huge fan... HUGE..."

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IRIS OUT.

ENDING C: PRINCIPAL CELESTIA

EXT. CENTRAL COURTYARD - SHAVED ICE BOOTH - DAY

TWILIGHT and Spike approach the back of a familiar-looking, hat-wearing, rainbow-haired woman. The woman turns-- it's PRINCIPAL CELESTIA (in a fedora with her standard outfit).

36 TWILIGHT
Principal Celestia!?

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37 PRINCIPAL CELESTIA
Twilight Sparkle! How wonderful!

38 TWILIGHT
I didn't know you... did things?

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39 PRINCIPAL CELESTIA
Not just me, the whole Starswirl Squad's here too!

40 SPIKE
The what now...?

ANGLE ON Vice Principal Luna and Mr. Cranky Doodle buying shaved ice! They also wear hats with their usual attire.

41 PRINCIPAL CELESTIA
We're original Starswirlers-- been coming together since the fest started back in-- when was it?!
<NAH, FORGET IT SOUND>. Mr. Cranky Doodle loves his electropop under the stars!
(sotto aside)
...That, and the secret falafel booth.

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42 TWILIGHT
There's a secret falafel booth!?

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43 PRINCIPAL CELESTIA
Stick with me. We're old-school.

She reveals a PAPER SCHEDULE.

44 TWILIGHT
A PAPER SCHEDULE!?

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45 PRINCIPAL CELESTIA
From the "O.G." rainforest. Ahem,
I'm only teasing... I don't know
where it's from. Are you coming...?

<MUSIC UP> AS A "FUN TIMES WITH GROWN-UPS" MONTAGE STARTS!

EXT. SECRET FALAFEL BOOTH - LATER

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TWILIGHT and the Starswirl Squad laugh as Mr. Cranky Doodle
tosses one, then two, then THREE falafels into Spike's mouth!

EXT. TREES - PHOTO BOOTH - LATER

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Principal Celestia leads TWILIGHT through a thicket of trees
that open up to a HIDDEN PHOTO BOOTH. TWILIGHT's bummed to
see the booth has a height limit: "You must be this old to
Photo Booth." (with a pic of an aged Deadhead pointing at
himself).

Celestia waves it off, then pulls her in and a flash <POPS>!

EXT. HILLTOP - LATER

Atop a hill, TWILIGHT, Spike, and the adults enjoy the view
of the fest. TWILIGHT turns to Principal Celestia.

46 TWILIGHT
Thanks for teaching me so much
today.

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47 PRINCIPAL CELESTIA
I should have you send me letters
after every music festival, telling
me what you learned, hmmm...?
(a beat, then laughs)
Just kidding, that would get old.
after the first season.

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48 TWILIGHT
I could text you...?

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49 PRINCIPAL CELESTIA
Let's just forget it.

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As they laugh and smile together, we FADE TO BLACK.