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MY LITTLE PONY EQUESTRIA GIRLS

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EXT. STARSWIRL - CENTRAL COURTYARD - DAY

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



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

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

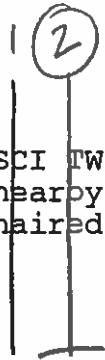
2 SCI TWI (CONT'D)
Oh no! My phone! Gross! It's not working...! How are my decisions supposed to get optimized NOW?!

3 SPIKE
You've stumbled onto the path-less-planned-for! How Ex-citing!



4 SCI TWI
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 SCI TWI
I guess we could do that too. Hmmm.

SCI TWI 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 SCI TWI (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, Sci Twi exchanges a nervous look with Spike, then calls off...

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8 SCI TWI
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 Sci Twi exchange a surprised look.

10 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Tote bag, please?

Sci Twi hefts Fluttershy's bag. (She wobbles from the weight.)

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

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

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13 SCI TWI
You think everything smells like
bones.

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

14 SCI TWI (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. Sci Twi's jaw drops.

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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 Sci Twi 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?

Sci Twi shakes off her stunned expression and smiles.

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19 SCI TWI
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>.

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21 SCI TWI
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

Sci Twi and Spike walk with Micro Chips.

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22 SCI TWI
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!!!

23 MICRO CHIPS
You are?



24 SCI TWI
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.

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



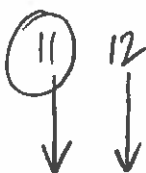
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(after a "whatever" look
to Spike)
...Did you know the MC stands for
Modulated Computersounds, one word?

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



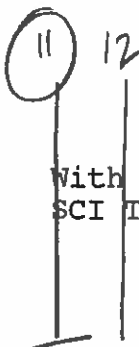
28 SCI TWI
Trust me. I've read all her
biopics, the original screenplays.

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



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

31 MICRO CHIPS
I guess we'll see.



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

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

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

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

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

35 SPIKE
 (imitating Sci Twi)
 "Huge fan... HUGE..."

IRIS OUT.

ENDING C: PRINCIPAL CELESTIA

EXT. CENTRAL COURTYARD - SHAVED ICE BOOTH - DAY

Sci Twi 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).

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36 SCI TWI
 Principal Celestia!?

37 PRINCIPAL CELESTIA
 Twilight Sparkle! How wonderful!

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38 SCI TWI
 I didn't know you... did things?

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 SCI TWI
 There's a secret falafel booth!?

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

She reveals a PAPER SCHEDULE.

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44 SCI TWI
A PAPER SCHEDULE!?

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

Sci Twi 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

Principal Celestia leads Sci Twi through a thicket of trees
that open up to a HIDDEN PHOTO BOOTH. Sci Twi'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, Sci Twi, Spike, and the adults enjoy the view of
the fest. Sci Twi turns to Principal Celestia.

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46 SCI TWI
Thanks for teaching me so much
today.

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 SCI TWI
I could text you...?

49 PRINCIPAL CELESTIA
Let's just forget it.

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

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