

1. Short #403-045

Sunset Shimmer has been having an absolutely *fantastic* year with her friends so far. Up next on the docket of fun: yearbook committee! Over a “havin’ fun together” montage of taking photos, editing, and layout, the girls sing a song about how far they’ve come as friends, conveniently recapping all four movies and focusing on how much Sunset Shimmer has changed. Afterwards, they find out from quiet yearbook member WALLFLOWER that the superlatives votes have been counted and the Mane7 won “Best Friends!” Their picture will go in the yearbook along with Bulk Biceps (Best Muscles) and Micro Chips (Most Likely to Invent Cold Fusion). Wallflower didn’t get any superlatives and she’s not in any clubs, which is fine, she’s used to it, don’t worry about her... she even makes a joke that it’s like she doesn’t exist—which ironically Sunset doesn’t hear, because she’s listening to Rarity, who has a great idea: why don’t they meet up tomorrow morning in front of the school to take a group picture for their “best friends” shot? The lighting will be absolutely to die for! Sounds like a plan! Just then, Trixie storms in: there must be a mistake because how did she not win the “Greatest and Powerfulest” superlative!?? Sunset tells her it’s because that one doesn’t exist, which annoys Trixie to no end. She vows revenge on Sunset Shimmer-- when she least expects it.

The next day when Sunset shows up at school to take the picture, she’s in for a weird and unsettling surprise... her friends think she showed up to *ruin their* picture. They’re totally acting like she’s the mean girl she used to be, which is, “ha ha very funny,” except they’re taking the joke a little too far. Confused and a bit scared, Sunset does a quick empathy-flash off Applejack and sees that her memories from the last four movies are different that we saw in the opening montage because... SUNSET HAS BEEN ERASED FROM ALL OF THEM! (Dun dun dunnnnnnnnnnn)

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Sunset is reeling. She tries to wrap her head around what’s happened and tries to explain that they’re FRIENDS! But more empathy flashes confirm that her “friends” don’t remember anything about her ever being nice to them. As she tries to get another empathy-flash, her friends tell her to stop! Thinking that this can’t be happening, Sunset goes around school, only to find that NO ONE remembers her as anything but the mean girl! Even Snips and Snails are back to being her cronies: “Let’s do some mean stuff, like we always do!” No! Has she gone crazy? She gets her journal and sends Twilight a panicked message asking if SHE remembers her redemption. Twilight quickly responds that of course she does... is everything okay? Um, no, things are far from okay. As Sunset starts explaining... Twilight interrupts her journal writing to say that this sounds big—she should come to Equestria, which she does!

After getting her “pony legs” back, she explains the situation to TS and Princess Celestia (maybe we see TS’s school by this point in the series?). Neither know exactly what could have caused this, but it definitely sounds like old Equestrian magic. Twilight offers to do some research (yay, spending hours and hours in the library!). She’ll see if there’s anything about memory-taking-magic. Meanwhile, the girls back in the human world work on the yearbook and discuss the possibility that Sunset is telling the truth, but decide she’s just too mean, it has to be a trick. Trixie smirks... she enjoys seeing them argue. Back in Equestria, Sunset and Twilight figure out that a long time ago there was this stone, THE MEMORY STONE (*or a much better*

name), that can steal and store memories, and in some very interesting TBD way, it ended up in the human world. Now SOMEONE out there must have it, and have used it! ...BUT WHO!?

3. Short #403-047

It's the weekend, and the Mane6 are setting up for a great day at the beach. We see Fluttershy snorkeling and talking to fish, Applejack setting up the umbrella with super strength, etc. But they're surprised when Sunset shows up. What does she want now!? They tolerantly listen as she explains what's going on, and maybe she's getting through to them, but no—they don't know what she's up to, but they're starting to get REALLY annoyed that this mean bully must be up to something, always following them around saying this crazy stuff about forgotten memories. She tries to show them the journal for proof but they don't trust her. In fact, Sunset kind of just ruined their beach day showing up, so they start packing up ...which is when Sunset hears someone laughing nearby. Watching the whole thing, sun-tanning by herself, is TRIXIE.

Sunset realizes: she's behind this! OBVIOUSLY! She accuses her, but Trixie swears she has nothing to do with this (“though she thinks it's brilliant and wishes she had such a useful memory stone, imagine how powerful she'd be!”). And Sunset is struck by a strange fact: even though Trixie didn't do it... she actually believes her even when her friends don't. Trixie picks up on that vibe and offers to help find this stone. After all, “people like us should stick together.” Sunset responds that she is NOT mean! But... she has been awfully friendless lately and is actually thankful for the help. They form an uneasy alliance and head off to start figuring out who's really behind this.

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Sunset and Trixie play detective with a fun Buddy-Cop vibe. They question kids around school. E.g., Micro Chips knows lots about erasing... hard drives. Maud knows a lot about... every stone but they stone they're looking for. Eventually the trail leads them to the yearbook classroom, where they find out that... SOMEONE HAS TRASHED THE YEARBOOK! The Mane6 are there, so frustrated: all their hard work undone, and it's almost press time! They assume it was Sunset because she's straight-up the worst. Trixie sees first-hand how much it hurts Sunset to be accused of this stuff by her “friends,” and actually feels a little bad for her. The Mane6 leave to tell Principal Celestia what Sunset “did,” leaving Sunset and Trixie alone in the yearbook room.

Actually, not alone, because they didn't even notice who was there with them the whole time... Wallflower. Sunset notices a strange glow coming from her backpack, where they find... The Memory Stone! Wallflower fesses up, explaining that yes, she erased everyone's memories, and yes, she messed up the yearbook to make Sunset's friends even madder. Her motivations: she feels the way a lot of us might have felt in high school... like she doesn't exist. Look, she's not even in the yearbook—no clubs, no superlatives, no candid... nothing. It's like no one even knows or cares about her. It's not fair that Sunset could just “change” from mean girl to best friends with everyone... so how does it feel to be “erased” just like Wallflower's been erased (Metaphorically)? Sunset says she's sorry about that, but that doesn't give her the right to erase peoples' memories! So hand over the stone! When she refuses, it becomes more of a demand... set things right the way they were! But Wallflower, with tears in her eyes, says there's nothing they can do to her because she can just erase their memories. Like this! HARD CUT TO: The school's boiler room, where Sunset and Trixie realize they have no memories of how they got there or how long it's been... and they're locked inside!

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Trapped in the boiler room with Trixie, with the yearbook about to ship to press and no “best friends” in sight, Sunset is crushed. She’s spent all this time since last year trying to be good and make up for being mean, and just when she was on the right track it all gets taken away! Maybe this is what she deserves. Trixie smirks: maybe it is. Sunset slumps: “thanks for making me feel better.” But actually, The Great and Friendship-Lesson-Giving Trixie was making a point. She asks Sunset what happened back there when they confronted Wallflower. Sunset recaps: she apologized and demanded that Wallflower set things right. Trixie points out, indeed, that’s exactly what the great and powerful Trixie would have done too. But maybe it’s not what a NICE person would do. Sunset gets it (even if we don’t exactly know what she gets... we’re about to find out!) Inspired, she’s determined to get out of here and fix this. With Trixie’s help, they find a way out of the boiler room and head up to the cafeteria.

In a final confrontation, Sunset calls out Wallflower in front of the whole school. Wallflower is ready for a final battle of sorts, but Sunset says no... that is not at all what she wants to happen. In fact, she wants the opposite. When she confronted Wallflower earlier, she didn’t realize how hurt and upset Wallflower was. “I was only focused on solving my problem, not both of our problems.” Sunset tells her that she used to be just like Wallflower... sure, she was popular, but how did she feel? She felt all alone. And so, Sunset offers her hand in friendship... a chance to stop being invisible and to have a friend, because everyone matters, no matter how insignificant or invisible they feel.

Stunned by an act of kindness in front of the whole school... Wallflower apologizes and takes Sunset’s hand. All’s forgiven, but there’s one problem: Wallflower sheepishly admits that she has no idea how to release their memories and undo the damage she’s caused. But WAIT... The Mane6 saw this whole exchange and they realized Sunset really HAS changed. Friendship re-forged, they all gather round, where their geodes glow and that’s right, they bust out RAINBOW LASERS! They zap the stone! It cracks and their memories flow out like smoky tendrils, back into their minds. They get their memories back! They work with Wallflower’s help to rebuild the yearbook in time! And Sunset even gives Trixie a little “great and powerful” shout-out in the corner of the last page, super tiny. But she’ll take it. We end on a freeze frame when the girls retake their “Best Friends” picture.