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MY LITTLE PONY EQUESTRIA GIRLS

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TEASER

FADE IN:

SC. 1 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - DUSK

An excited SUNSET SHIMMER races through the halls of Canterlot High. Finally she bursts through the front doors of the school and out into the...

SC. 2 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - QUAD - SAME

Sunset rushes down the front steps and over to the base of the WONDER COLT STATUE where RAINBOW DASH stands with APPLEJACK and PINKIE PIE.

Sunset looks up at Dash as RARITY and FLUTTERSHY run up.

1 SUNSET
I got your text, Rainbow Dash. Did something come through the portal? Is Equestrian magic on the loose? Did Twilight come back with a problem that only we can solve?

2 PINKIE PIE
Has a giant cake monster covered all the cakes in the world in cake?

3 RAINBOW DASH
Um... Not exactly.

Off Pinkie's disappointment, Dash holds up her guitar. One of the strings is broken.

4 SUNSET
I don't understand.

5 APPLEJACK
I was just telling Rainbow Dash here, that a broken guitar string doesn't really qualify as an emergency.

6 RAINBOW DASH
It totally does!

7 RARITY
Really, Rainbow Dash, I was in the middle of sewing a very complex stitch in my latest design.

8 FLUTTERSHY
And I was just about to tuck
everyone in for the night at the
shelter. Now we'll have to start
stories all over again.

9 SUNSET
Why would you send all of us an
emergency text for a guitar string?

Dash points to APPLE BLOOM, SWEETIE BELLE, and SCOOTALOO who
sit on the school steps.

10 RAINBOW DASH
I was going to Pony up and show our
fans some awesome guitar licks, but
I kinda need all six strings to do
it. Got any extra?

Everybody rolls their eyes. Sunset digs through her backpack
and hands Dash a set of strings.

11 SUNSET
Here. But everyone finished
practicing for the day. I'm pretty
sure all of the music rooms are
locked.

12 RAINBOW DASH
No problem. The acoustics in the
hallway are perfect for power
chords.

Dash strums her guitar and the CMC's cheer as everyone
follows her up the steps and into the school.

Sunset stays behind. She sits down on the steps and takes out
some school work.

ANGLE ON - A bus rolling up to the bus stop in front of the
school.

CLOSE ON - The bus doors slide open and a FIGURE in a hoodie
steps out.

The bus pulls away as the hooded Figure reaches into it's
pocket and takes out a DEVICE that looks like a cross between
a compass and a Geiger counter.

The Figure looks down at the dial of the device where a
needle spins wildly as it makes GEIGER COUNTER-TYPE SOUNDS.
Finally the sounds peak and the needle points right at the
Wonder Colt Statue, aka the PORTAL TO EQUESTRIA.

On the other side of the Statue, Sunset pulls CELESTIA'S BOOK out of her bag. She opens the book and starts to write.

13 SUNSET
 (to herself)
~~Dear Princess Twilight... Just once~~
~~I wish one of Rainbow Dash's~~
~~emergencies was an actual~~
~~emergency... Well, maybe not an~~
~~"emergency," but a little magical~~
~~adventure wouldn't be so bad.~~

14 SUNSET (CONT'D)
Dear Princess Twilight... Haven't
heard from you in awhile. Hope
these messages are still reaching
you in Equestria. Things here at
CHS have been pretty quiet since
the Battle of the Bands. The
Rainbooms have written a few new
songs and while we still pony up
when we play, not once have we
needed to use our music to fight
off magical creatures trying to
take over the world.

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Sunset looks up and notices the hooded Figure making its way around the statue, checking its device as it goes. The PORTAL starts to GLOW faintly as the Figure gets close to it and Sunset calls out.

15 SUNSET (CONT'D)
Hey!

The Figure looks up with a start.

16 SUNSET (CONT'D)
What are you doing?

The Figure holds the device up to Sunset for a second and its readings go crazy. Quickly the figure shoves the device into its pocket and takes off running.

17 SUNSET (CONT'D)
WAIT! STOP!

Sunset takes off after the hooded Figure as the others all pop their heads out the front doors of the school.

The others look up to see Sunset chasing after the Hooded Figure.

18 APPLEJACK
Come on, y'all!

The others join the pursuit.

ANGLE ON - The Figure makes it to the curb and crosses the street just as another bus pulls up.

Sunset reaches the curb and starts to cross, but has to turn back as A CAR DRIVES PAST HONKING ITS HORN.

The others catch up to Sunset as the bus pulls away to reveal the hooded Figure is gone.

They all look up as the bus drives off to see the hooded Figure looking out at them from the rear window.

19 PINKIE PIE
Wow, for a hoodie-wearing mystery
person, they sure were fast.
Who was it?

20 SUNSET
I don't know, Pinkie. I don't know.

SC. 3 - INT./EXT. BUS - SAME

As the bus continues down the road, the Hooded Figure turns away from the window and removes her hood. Even though she's wearing glasses there's no mistaking-- TWILIGHT SPARKLE!

MUSIC UP as the bus heads into the CITY and we...

END TEASER.

MAIN TITLES

In a stylized MONTAGE we follow the bus as it makes its way through a grid of city streets, stopping in front of the ivy-covered stone walls and iron gates of another school. A sign reads: CRYSTAL PREP ACADEMY.

Twilight gets off and walks through the gates. We follow her into her science lab at Crystal Prep where she pulls out her device.

Still in stylized montage mode, we watch as Twilight plugs the device into a bank of computer equipment. Status lights FLASH and hard drives WHIR as the device starts to GLOW.

Twilight analyzes computer printouts as the GLOW from her device travels along a system of wires and cables to a small table in the middle of the lab.

Under a glass dome a NEW SMALLER DEVICE sits on the table. The glow from the first device coalesces over the new device into a small BALL OF ENERGY.

The new device snaps open like a pocket watch and sucks the ball of energy inside as Twilight checks things off on a clipboard.

Satisfied, she powers her equipment down and removes the new device. She holds it up then turns to her "Beautiful Mind" bulletin board from the "Rainbow Rocks" post-credit tag.

We PAN UP from the board to the EQUESTRIA GIRLS: THE FRIENDSHIP GAMES title card and...

END TITLES as we DISSOLVE TO:

ACT 1

SC. 4 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - LIBRARY - DAY

Sunset and the others wander through the CHS library as other students mill about.

21 SUNSET
They were definitely doing something to the statue, or were going to.

22 FLUTTERSHY
Do you think they came through the portal from Equestria?

23 SUNSET
No, I'm pretty sure I would have noticed that. I think they were from over here.

24 APPLEJACK
Well, that's a relief. The last thing we need is another magical so-and-so bent on world domination coming over from Equestria.

25 RARITY
Agreed. I have no interest in another fight against the powers of evil magic. The wear and tear on my wardrobe is just too much to keep up with.

26 SUNSET
(excited)
Still, a mysterious figure snooping
around the portal? Don't you want
to know what they were up to?

27 FLUTTERSHY
I don't even want to guess.

28 RAINBOW DASH
Well, you don't have to because
I've totally figured out who they
were.

Dash leads them to a section with sports books.

29 PINKIE PIE
A nighttime statue cleaner? A
magical portal maintenance
maintainer? Oooh! A gardener?

30 RAINBOW DASH
Seeing as how they got off of a bus
from the city and got back on a bus
headed to the city, I'll bet they
go to...

Everyone except Sunset finishes Dash's sentence in a
dispirited chorus.

31 ALL
Crystal Prep.

32 RAINBOW DASH
Yep. With the Friendship Games
starting tomorrow, they'd totally
try to prank us by defacing the
Wonder Colt statue.

33 SUNSET
Why would anyone take a bus all the
way from the city for that?

34 APPLEJACK
Because the Shadow Bolts are our
biggest rivals.

35 RARITY
Because that's just what the
students at Crystal Prep would do.

Dash leafs through a big book of school records. On page
after page students in SHADOW BOLT logos hold giant trophies,
next to empty-handed, dejected looking CHS students.

36 RAINBOW DASH
Because even though they beat us in
everything. Soccer, tennis, golf...

Pinkie Pie pulls books, newspapers, graphs and charts out of
nowhere.

37 PINKIE PIE
And grades and test scores and
plays and bake sales and pep
rallies and dances and science
fairs...

38 RAINBOW DASH
...they still have to gloat!

Dash flips to an old front page from the school paper with a
picture of the WONDER COLT STATUE dressed up like a CLOWN:
wig, giant red nose, multi-colored clown suit, etc.

Sunset shrugs.

39 SUNSET
Seems kind of silly to me.

The other girls all look at her.

40 ALL
SILLY?

41 RAINBOW DASH
So, I guess you think the
Friendship Games are silly too?

42 SUNSET
Well, it's not like we'll be
fighting the powers of evil magic.

43 FLUTTERSHY
No. We'll be fighting against a
school full of meanies. Not
everything has to be magical to be
important.

44 SUNSET
You're right. I'm sorry. I know
it's a big deal.

45 RARITY
That's putting it mildly, darling.
They're still re-vamping the
playing field in preparation.

46 SUNSET
I just don't understand why there's
this big rivalry. Aren't the
"Friendship Games" supposed to be
about our two schools getting
along?

Applejack points to the Wonder Colt clown picture.

47 APPLEJACK
It's kinda hard to get along with
someone who beats you at
everything.

48 RAINBOW DASH
Well, not any more. This time
things are gonna be different.

49 SUNSET
What do you mean?

50 RAINBOW DASH
Oh, you'll find out.

Dash gives a sly smile as the school PA system rings out.

51 LUNA (O.S.)
(over the PA)
Good morning students. Today's
assembly will start in five
minutes... And you don't want to
miss it.

Rainbow Dash beams as the others all exchange puzzled looks.

SC. 5 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - GYMNASIUM - DAY

PRINCIPAL CELESTIA and Vice Principal LUNA stand at a
microphone on a small stage facing the entire student body
seated in the stands.

52 CELESTIA
As I am sure you all know, tomorrow
Canterlot High School will be
hosting our fellow students from
Crystal Prep Academy...

Sunset looks around as several students in the stands GROAN
audibly.

53 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
...as we join together in the
spirit of excellence, sportsmanship
and fidelity to compete in the
Friendship Games.

There's a smattering of unenthusiastic applause.

54 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
Now, since the Games only happen
every for years, I'm sure you're
all curious what goes on...

FLASH SENTRY sits near the front.

55 FLASH
(dejected)
You mean other than us losing?

Celestia gives him a look. Flash shrugs.

56 CELESTIA
...and that is exactly why I've
asked Rainbow Dash to come up and
give you all a little... context.

Dash walks up to the microphone and clears her throat.

57 RAINBOW DASH
Thanks, Principal Celestia. I know
a lot of you might think there's no
way we can beat a fancy school like
Crystal Prep at anything.

ANGLE ON - Pinkie and the others in the stands.

58 PINKIE PIE
Unless it's a losing-to-Crystal-
Prep competition, because we are
really good at that!

59 RAINBOW DASH
And I know that CHS has never won
the Friendship Games even once.

60 RARITY
Oh dear, I hope this speech isn't
meant to be motivational.

BACK to Dash.

61 RAINBOW DASH
Crystal Prep's students are super
athletic, super smart, and super
motivated, but there's one thing
they aren't... They aren't Wonder
Colts!

From either side of the gym, members of the SCHOOL BAND walk
in playing their instruments. The crowd of despondent
students look up, suddenly inspired.

In the vein of a *college fight song* Dash sings...

62 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*We've fought magic more than once
and we've come out on top.
There's other schools, but none can
make those claims.
Our friendships here at Canterlot
won't ever stop.
That's why it'll be a snap to win
these games.*

The students CLAP as the band continues to play.

ANGLE ON - DJ PON-3 as she pulls a small mixer out of her
backpack, takes a cable from under her seat, and plugs in.

MUSIC UP as DJ Pon-3's beats play through the GYM speakers
and combine with the school band into a *fight song pop remix*.

63 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*We'll always be Wonder Colts!
From now until the end!
It's a wonder you don't know that
It's no wonder that we're friends.
It's no wonder!*

ANGLE ON - PHOTO FINISH taking pictures as the band members
head into the stands and hand out Wonder Colts ears and tails
as they continue playing.

64 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*We're not the school we were
before, we're different now.
There's magic in the ties we've
made that bind.
We're a Canterlot united and we'll
never bow.
Together we can overcome all
obstacles we find.*

Dash steps off of the stage as the crowd starts to sing
along.

65 EVERYONE
We'll always be Wonder Colts!
From now until the end!
It's a wonder you don't know that
It's no wonder that we're friends.
It's no wonder!

66 RAINBOW DASH
And if some school thinks they can
beat us,
they'll just learn you can't defeat
us!
When we walk these halls we're
royalty,
Hearts filled with pride and
loyalty!

As the song reaches a climax, Dash "PONYS UP":

- Her ears appear.
- Her hair grows into a long ponytail.
- Her wings sprout from her back and she flies up.

ANGLE ON - Sunset and the others looking up at Dash, surprised.

As Dash flies into the air, the MUSIC STOPS as the entire student body claps, rhythmically chanting the last chorus:

67 EVERYONE
We'll always be Wonder Colts!
We're never giving in!
It's a wonder you don't know that
It's no wonder that we'll win.
It's no wonder!
Wonder Colts!
Wonder Colts!
It's no wonder!

Dash lands back on the stage and returns to normal amid HOOTS and CHEERS from the crowd.

As the students start to file out of the gym, the rest of the Equestria Girls rush the stage and congratulate Dash.

68 FLUTTERSHY
That was amazing. Even I feel like
we can win.

69 RARITY
I have to admit my school pride is
at an all time high.

70 APPLEJACK
Is anybody else wondering how Dash
Ponyed-Up without playing her
guitar?

71 RAINBOW DASH
I know, right!? It's probably
because I'm so awesome!

72 SUNSET
~~I don't know about that. I've been~~
~~trying to figure out how to use~~
~~magic over here like in Equestria,~~
~~but there's just no logic to it.~~

73 SUNSET SHIMMER
Maybe.
 (off RD's look)
I mean. You are pretty awesome.
But, there's got to be more to it
than that, right? It just seems
so... random.

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74 LUNA (O.S.)
Well, it would be nice if you girls
could get a handle on it.

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They all turn to see Vice Principal Luna.

75 Luna (CONT'D)
We'd like to keep magic as far away
from The Friendship Games as
possible. We don't want to be
accused of cheating.

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76 RARITY
We don't need magic to defeat those
hoity-toity Crystal Preppers!

77 ALL
Totally! Yeah! Etc.

Luna looks to Sunset.

78 LUNA
~~Just see what you can do.~~

79 LUNA (CONT'D)
Still. The Friendship Games are
serious business. We don't want any
surprises. Especially the kind that
would cause us to forfeit.
 (then)
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LUNA (CONT'D)

Sunset Shimmer, you came here from
a world of magic, surely you can
get to the bottom of this new
"magical" development.

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80 SUNSET SHIMMER
I can try.

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With that, Luna walks off. Dash turns to the group.

81 RAINBOW DASH
Okay, anybody have any guesses what
the events are going to be?

82 PINKIE PIE
Pie eating? Cake eating?
(gasp)
Pie-cake eating!?

83 APPLEJACK
They won't even let us see what
they're doing to the field. You'd
think they'd at least tell
competitors what they're competing
in.

84 FLUTTERSHY
It could be anything.

85 RARITY
Anything? How will I ever pick the
right outfit?

As the girls all excitedly talk at once, Sunset starts to
back away.

86 SUNSET
I really want to help, but
I kinda have to get going. I'm
supposed to meet a friend.

87 SUNSET (CONT'D)
I really want to help, but I think
I better focus on figuring out why
Rainbow Dash ponyed up.
(then)
And I think I know who might have
the answers.

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~~The girls all stop and stare at her.~~

88 SUNSET (CONT'D)
~~So, um... bye.~~

~~With that, Sunset exits. The girls all stare after her.
Finally, Pinkie leans over to the others.~~

89 ~~PINKIE PIE~~
~~When did she get another friend?~~

END ACT 1

ACT 2

SC. 6 - EXT. CRYSTAL PREP ACADEMY - ESTABLISHING

The same ivy-covered walls and iron gates we saw in the opening titles. We hear a class BELL RING.

90 TWILIGHT (O.S.)
Excuse me!

SC. 7 - INT. CRYSTAL PREP ACADEMY - HALLS - DAY

TWILIGHT SPARKLE, rushes through the halls and study rooms of Crystal Prep Academy, interrupting study groups and brushing past other students--all of whom sport a sedate CPA uniform.

91 TWILIGHT
Sorry!

The serious students of CPA regard Twilight disparagingly as she flies by.

92 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Pardon me!

It's Twilight, but different, even beyond the glasses, plaid skirt and CPA crest on her shirt pocket, she's uncomfortable, less sure of herself, and her urgency seems more about wanting to get away from the crowd than anything else.

SC. 8 - INT. CRYSTAL PREP ACADEMY - TWILIGHT'S ROOM - DAY

Twilight bursts through the door to her room, knocking her dog, SPIKE, into a trash can. She leans against the door and exhales, finally able to relax.

93 TWILIGHT
Spike! Spii-iike!

Spike climbs out of the trash can, shakes himself off and hops onto the desk where Twilight sits, opening her laptop.

94 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
There you are!

Spike gives an excited bark, wagging his tail as he licks Twilight's face.

95 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Okay, okay.

Twilight reaches into a drawer and pulls out her laptop. She takes out the new DEVICE we saw in the Teaser and Opening Credits. She plugs it into her computer and watches, excited as a stream of data whizzes across the screen.

96 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Last night's field test confirmed it, Spike. With this device I can track and contain the bizarre energy coming from Canterlot High.

Spike growls.

97 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I know you didn't like me going over there, but I just couldn't wait. And soon, I'll have all the time I need.

She closes the computer and lays down on her bed.

98 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
All of Crystal Prep is going to be there for the Friendship Games. I just hope all that rivalry nonsense doesn't get in the way of my research.

She reaches under her bed and pulls out a thick file of scientific looking papers.

99 ~~TWILIGHT (CONT'D)~~
~~If I can collect enough data on these EM frequencies, I should be able to extrapolate the waveforms and determine their origin. That would practically guarantee my scholarship to Everton Institute of Technology.~~

100 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
If I can collect enough data on these EM frequencies, I should be able to extrapolate the waveforms and determine their origin.

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TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

That would practically guarantee my
entrance into the Everton
Independent Study Program.

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Spike looks up at her and tilts his head.

Suddenly, there's a knock at the door. Twilight quickly
shuffles her papers together and shoves them under the bed.

Twilight opens the door to find DEAN CADENCE. Cadence looks
in at Spike and shakes her head.

101 CADENCE
Twilight, you know the rules
against pets.

102 TWILIGHT
Spike isn't a pet, Dean Cadence.
He's the focus of my research
project, "Human/Canine
Cohabitation, Effects and
Implications."

Cadence rolls her eyes and enters the room.

NOTE: PU of line 97 for softer read from Cadence.

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103 CADENCE
If you say so... But Principal
Cinch is highly allergic so I
suggest you put on a clean shirt.

Cadence plucks some dog hair off of Twilight's shoulder.

104 TWILIGHT
Why?

105 CADENCE
Because she wants to see you. Get
changed and meet me in her office.

106 CADENCE (CONT'D)
Because she wants to see you.

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107 TWILIGHT
Maybe she has news about my
application to Everton!

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108 CADENCE
I've been meaning to talk to you
about that. Are you sure that's
what you really want?

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109 TWILIGHT R
Why wouldn't it be? A program that R
allows me to focus all my attention R
on my own advanced math and science R
projects. It's a dream come true! R

110 CADENCE R
But there aren't any classrooms R
with other students. You'll be R
doing everything on your own. R

111 TWILIGHT *
That is why it's called an *
Independent Study Program. *

112 CADENCE R
I just don't want you to miss out R
on anything, that's all. Being R
around other people isn't a bad R
thing. Sometimes it's how you learn R
the most about yourself. R

113 TWILIGHT R
(not buying it) R
I guess. R

114 CADENCE *
Meet you in Principal Cinch's *
office in a few minutes? *

With that, Cadence exits. Twilight turns to Spike.

115 TWILIGHT *
What's she so worried about? *
Everton is exactly what I need *
right now. It's not like I have *
anything left to learn at Crystal *
Prep. *

116 ~~TWILIGHT (CONT'D)~~
~~Maybe she has news about my~~
~~scholarship! It's never too early~~
~~to get started on the rest of your~~
~~life, Spike, and it's not like I~~
~~have anything left to learn at~~
~~Crystal Prep...~~

Off of another Spike head tilt... MUSIC UP.

SC. 9 - INT. CRYSTAL PREP ACADEMY - HALLS - SAME

Twilight walks through the halls on her way to the Principal's office. The other CPA students regard Twilight suspiciously. Off their looks, Twilight starts to sing...

117 TWILIGHT
*I've walked through all these halls
before.
I've been in and out of every door.
There's nothing in this school that
I don't know.
In every class my grade's the best.
The highest score on every test.
I think that means it's time for me
to go.*

As she walks we see more of Crystal Prep:

- A high-tech science lab where students build robots.
- A classroom where students solve massive equations.
- A gym where two fencing students spar.
- A courtyard where kids practice archery with Olympic-style bows--and all shoot perfect bullseyes.

Unimpressed, Twilight continues to sing...

118 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
*And it's not that I'm not grateful,
Or trying to succeed.
There's just things that aren't
here I know I need.*

As Twilight crosses the courtyard, clouds rolling by overhead.

119 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
*I know there's more that's out
there,
I just haven't found it yet.
I know there's more that's out
there,
Another me I haven't met.*

*I want more than school can offer
And I know it's up to me.
But I know there's more that's out
there
And I can't wait to see.*

On the other side of the courtyard, Twilight disappears back into the school as we...

MATCHCUT TO:

SC. 10 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - DAY

Sunset walks out of the school, waving to familiar faces as she sings her part of this DUET...

120 SUNSET
*Everyone here likes who I am,
And not from a magic spell's
command.
My friends have all looked past the
things I've done.
But in another world there's
friendship quests,
Mythic creatures, magic tests
It's not like high school'd ever be
that fun.*

Sunset spins around the Wonder Colt statue and we CUT TO a series of shots of her walking through town...

- The CMC's run past A FEW COUPLES sitting at a cafe.
- TRIxie does a street magic show for a bored DIAMOND TIARA and SILVER SPOON.
- SNIPS and SNAILS do a horrible B-Boy dance routine.

Sunset avoids them, quickly ducking down an alley as she continues to sing...

121 SUNSET (CONT'D)
*I'm not looking to find danger.
That's not what it's about.
But the magic in me's dying to come
out.*

Sunset exits the alley to a broad street.

122 SUNSET (CONT'D)
*I know there's more that's out
there,
Maybe folks that need my help.
I know there's more that's out
there,
Because I've seen it for myself.

There's just so much this town can
offer,
(MORE)*

SUNSET (CONT'D)

*And I don't think that's so bad.
But I know there's more that's out
there
And a life that I once had.*

Sunset looks up at the clouds--the same clouds that Twilight sees as we...

INTERCUT:

Twilight climbs a staircase looking at the clouds out the windows.

123 TWILIGHT

*Beyond these rooms, beyond these
walls
So much to learn that I can't see
it all.*

Sunset walks down the street, the sky and clouds stretching out in front of her.

124 SUNSET

*This town is home, this school is
safe,
But can I be home and still feel
out of place?*

125 TWILIGHT

*I know there's more that's out
there.
Another world to explore.*

126 SUNSET

*I know there's more that's out
there
Am I wrong for wanting more?*

SPLIT SCREEN:

Cadence waits for Twilight at the Principal's office at the top of the stairs as Sunset walks up to the front doors of Sugarcube Corner and they both sing...

127 BOTH

*And I can't wait for it to happen
Though what it is I cannot say,
I just know there's more that's out
there
I know there's more that's out
there
I don't know what's really out
there
But I'll find out someday!*

Cadence opens the door and waves Twilight through just as Sunset walks through the front doors of the cafe.

MUSIC OUT.

INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER – DAY

Sunset Shimmer sits at a booth writing in the book to Princess Twilight.

128 SUNSET SHIMMER (V.O.)
Dear Princess Twilight, something
strange is going on at CHS and the
timing couldn't be worse. The magic
here seems to be... changing.
Everyone is looking to me to figure
things out and I really don't want
to let them down. Not after how
hard I've worked to regain
everyone's trust. Please write back
soon, or, better yet, come back to
CHS. I can't do this on my own. I
really need your help.

~~SC. 11 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY~~

~~Sunset pushes through the doors into the cafe full of people who look up and smile at her. Sunset politely waves and smiles back, but as she scans the crowd her expression drops.~~

129 ~~TWILIGHT (O.S.)~~
~~Sunset?~~

~~Sunset spins around to see the TWILIGHT SPARKLE we all know and love. Relieved, Sunset eagerly sits across from her.~~

130 ~~TWILIGHT (CONT'D)~~
~~Why did you want to meet? Is~~
~~something wrong?~~

131 SUNSET

~~I don't know. Maybe, I guess. It's just... There's this big competition coming up at school and everyone's looking forward to it so I am too, I guess. It's just kind of ordinary and not very...~~

132 ~~TWILIGHT~~
~~Magical?~~

~~Sunset nods.~~

133 SUNSET
~~After studying magic in Equestria and traveling to a different dimension and making friends and defeating evil, I kinda need more than intermural sports.~~

134 TWILIGHT
~~Have you talked to the others about it?~~

135 SUNSET
~~Sort of, but I don't want them to think I don't support them, or want CHS to win. It just makes me wonder if there's more for me back home.~~

136 TWILIGHT
~~In Equestria?~~

~~Sunset nods.~~

137 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
~~Well, there's definitely more magic there, but there's magic here now too.~~

138 SUNSET
~~Yeah, but I don't understand it and even if I did, Vice-Principal Luna wants me to keep it away from the competition as much as possible.~~

~~Twilight nods.~~

139 TWILIGHT
~~Well, it's up to you. As long as the portal is open you can come back to Equestria whenever you want.~~
~~(she smiles)~~
~~Even if it's just to visit a friend.~~

~~Sunset smiles back as the WAITRESS comes by with the check. Twilight pulls out a couple of BITS and the Waitress raises an eyebrow.~~

140 SUNSET
~~I've got it.~~

~~She pulls out some cash and hands it to the Waitress.
Twilight looks at her embarrassed.~~

141 ~~SUNSET (CONT'D)
You can pay me back when I come see
you.~~

~~Sunset and Twilight exchange smiles.~~

SC. 12 - INT. CRYSTAL PREP - CINCH'S OFFICE - DAY

The other Twilight walks through a doorway into a dark, wood-paneled office. She sits in a high-backed chair in front of a large wooden desk.

Cadence stands in the back and they wait. A CLOCK on the mantle TICKS loudly and as it CHIMES the hour, the door that Twilight came through opens and SHINING ARMOR walks through.

142 TWILIGHT
Shining Armor?
 (to Cadence)
Why is my brother here?

Cadence turns to Shining Armor and smiles shyly. He smiles back.

143 CADENCE
As an alumni, Principal Cinch
thought he could provide some
unique perspective.

144 TWILIGHT
Perspective on what?

145 VOICE (CINCH)
Why, the Friendship Games, of
course.

They all turn back around to see PRINCIPAL ABACUS CINCH enter through another door behind her desk. Cinch sits.

146 CINCH
You competed in the Games, did you
not, Shining Armor?

147 SHINING ARMOR
I did.

148 CINCH
And do you happen to recall who
won?

PU of LINE 132 for softer read from Shining Armor.

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149 SHINING ARMOR
(laughs)
Crystal Prep did. We always win.

Cinch turns to Twilight.

150 CINCH
We always win.

151 TWILIGHT
Principal Cinch, why did you ask to
see me?

Cinch stands and walks over to a case filled with trophies
and plaques.

152 CINCH
Twilight, I'll be honest. It
doesn't matter whether or not
Crystal Prep wins or loses. The
important thing is that we are
expected to win because Crystal
Prep has a reputation.

Cinch walks over to the window and looks out at the
courtyard.

153 CINCH (CONT'D)
And it is that reputation, my
reputation, that is responsible for
everything we have here. For
everything you've done here. And
you've done quite a lot, haven't
you?

154 TWILIGHT
I don't know. I guess.

155 CINCH
Oh, don't be modest. You're the
best student this school has ever
seen. But what I can't understand
is why my best student wouldn't
want to compete.

156 TWILIGHT
In the Friendship Games?

157 SHINING ARMOR
Look, Twily, I know it's not really
your thing, but representing the
school is kind of a big deal. Plus
they could really use your help.

158 CINCH
It seems Canterlot High is
undergoing something of a
Renaissance. Test scores are up,
grades, even athletics are on the
rise. You see, they are developing
something of a reputation.

Cinch leans in to Twilight.

159 CINCH (CONT'D)
This. Cannot. Happen.

160 TWILIGHT
Principal Cinch, I can't possibly
participate in the Games, my work
is--

161 CINCH
(interrupting her)
Ah, yes. Your work.

Cinch sits back down across from Twilight.

162 CINCH (CONT'D)
Cadence, could you and Shining
Armor find my contact sheet for the
Everton [Independent Study Program](#)? *

163 CADENCE
Of course.

As Cadence turns to leave, Shining Armor awkwardly goes out
of his way to open the door for her.

As the two of them exit, Cinch leans across the desk toward
Twilight, almost conspiratorial.

164 CINCH
I understand you've applied? You
see, one of the advantages of
having a reputation is a certain
amount of influence in such things. *

Cinch leans back into her chair.

165 CINCH (CONT'D)
So let me offer you a deal. In return for contributing your agile mind to these Games, I will use my influence to guarantee your application is approved. Though I suppose I could also have it denied.

(beat)
What do you think I should do?

Off Twilight's overwhelmed expression we...

END ACT 2

ACT 3

SC. 13 - INT. CRYSTAL PREP ACADEMY - TWILIGHT'S ROOM - DAY

Twilight packs a sweater into a small suitcase. Spike grabs it and plays tug of war as Twilight tries to get it back.

166 TWILIGHT
Come on Spike! I was always going to go to Canterlot High for the Friendship Games, the only difference now is that I have to compete.

Twilight secures the sweater and places it back in the suitcase.

167 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Besides, it's not like Principal Cinch gave me much of a choice.

Spike growls.

168 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I know. I don't like it either. I probably won't be able to collect anywhere near as much data as I thought.

Twilight picks up her device and sighs. Then she has an idea.

169 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
But maybe I can still get some...

She takes one of her necklaces, attaches the device to it, then puts it on like a large pendant.

Spike looks up at her and WHIMPERS.

170 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Spike, I wouldn't leave without
you! Just remember to be quiet. And
try not to shed.

Twilight opens her backpack and Spike hops in. She zips him
up inside.

SC. 14 - EXT. CRYSTAL PREP ACADEMY - DAY

Students file into two busses parked in front of the school.
A long line stretches from the larger school bus.

Cadence stands by the smaller, sleeker tour bus checking a
smaller line of kids off on a clipboard.

Twilight walks out of the front gates and looks at the two
busses. Unsure which to board, Twilight walks up to Cadence.

171 TWILIGHT
Dean Cadence? I'm not really sure
where to go.

The two girls at the head of the line look Twilight up and
down. One of them, Sour Sweet, whose neat hair is held back
by a single pea-pod shaped clip, speaks so quietly, it's
barely audible.

172 SOUR SWEET
You could try the end of the line.

Twilight turns to her.

173 TWILIGHT
What did you say?

174 SOUR SWEET
(suddenly sweet)
Just that someone as smart as you
should definitely go first. Right,
Sunny Flare?

She turns to the other girl, Sunny Flare, her short bob
accented with a pair of hair clips that look like scales.

175 SUNNY FLARE
(curt)
Absolutely, Sour Sweet. On the
other hand, you could try waiting
in line like everyone else.

176 TWILIGHT
I... I didn't mean to... I was just asking...

Cadence sighs as she checks Twilight off on her clipboard.

177 CADENCE
This is the right bus, Twilight. Go ahead.

178 TWILIGHT
But... I didn't mean to cut in front.

Twilight looks at Sunny Flare and Sour Sweet, both looking back with forced smiles.

179 SOUR SWEET
(under her breath)
Well, it's too late now.

Twilight looks from the two girls to Cadence, who gestures toward the bus. Twilight shuffles up the steps.

SC. 15 - INT./EXT. BUS - CONTINUOUS

Twilight steps onto the bus and is immediately accosted by a girl with flaming orange hair and freckles, Indigo Zap.

180 INDIGO ZAP
Are we gonna win?

181 TWILIGHT
I... I don't know.

182 INDIGO ZAP
Wrong answer! Try again. Are we gonna win?

183 TWILIGHT
Um... I guess? I'm sorry, Indigo Zap, it's just...

Twilight looks out at the buss full of kids staring up at her as she continues to stammer.

184 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I mean, I heard that CHS is doing well now... With their reputation... And, I mean, it's not better than ours, of course, but we can't let them do it. You know? Win. I mean. Right?

The bus full of kids all look up at her like she's a lunatic. Finally the BUS DRIVER leans over.

185 BUS DRIVER
You're gonna have to take a seat.

Twilight makes her way down the aisle, but the open seats are quickly "occupied" as students scoot over, put their backpacks down, etc.

Finally, she finds a seat next to a girl with wild yellow hair, Lemon Zest, who's listening to music through her earbuds.

Another girl across the aisle, SUGARCOAT, looks over. She wears glasses that are even nerdier than Twilight's. Twilight smiles at her.

186 TWILIGHT
Hi Sugarcoat.

Sugarcoat smiles back oddly, then talks in a total monotone.

187 SUGARCOAT
(no inflection)
That was a really bad speech. You should consider not speaking in public.

Sugarcoat smiles again oddly, then turns away. Twilight looks down, dejected. She sees her backpack and brightens.

She lifts the bag onto her lap and unzips it just enough to see Spike, lowering her voice as she talks.

188 TWILIGHT
Well, Spike, at least I've got you with me.

Spike nuzzles her hand, then looks over at Lemon Zest, who's starts head banging to her music. Spike puts his paws over his eyes and whimpers. Twilight taps Lemon Zest on the shoulder.

189 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Um, Lemon Zest? Are you all right?

Lemon Zest pulls one of her earbuds out, still shaking her head to the beat.

190 LEMON ZEST
Oh, man, you have got to hear this!

With that, she sticks the earbud into Twilight's ear. Twilight's eyes practically bug out as she listens, surprised by Lemon Zest's CRAZY PUNK MUSIC as the bus drives off.

SC. 16 - INT. CANTERLOT - MUSIC ROOM - DAY

All PONY-ED UP, Sunset and the Equestria Girls finish playing the last few chords of a song. Dash holds the last note.

191 RAINBOW DASH
I hope the Friendship Games have a music competition, because we would totally rock it!

Dash gives a final POWER CHORD STRUM, finishing the song. As the music fades, so does the girls' pony magic.

192 SUNSET
Um... we're supposed to keep magic out of the Friendship Games, remember?

193 RARITY
Easier said the done, darling. I'm sure in Equestria magic does whatever you want, but...

194 SUNSET
...this isn't Equestria.

Sunset looks down at the floor.

195 APPLEJACK
Well, when it comes to magic, I'm sure you'll figure it out. Even if it's how to turn it off.

196 ALL
Yeah! Totally! Etc.

Sunset looks at her friends and smiles.

197 RARITY
And while Sunset works on keeping magic out of the Games, I've been working on what to put in!

Rarity suddenly pulls several racks of clothes out of nowhere.

198 APPLEJACK
Rarity, what did you go and do?

199 RARITY
Well, I had a little time on my hands and since we don't know what the Friendship Games' events are...

She holds up several outfits in each hand.

200 RARITY (CONT'D)
I made a few options for uniforms!

201 RAINBOW DASH
You really didn't have to do that.

202 RARITY
I know.

203 APPLEJACK
No, you really didn't have to.

204 RARITY
(excited)
I KNOW!

With that, Rarity grabs a rack of clothes and we start a COSTUME CHANGE MONTAGE...

Interspersed with WIPES of Rarity and her racks of clothes, we see the gang in various outfits:

- NBA-style basketball uniforms...
- Construction workers...
- World Cup-style soccer uniforms....
- Cowgirls...
- Supreme Court Justices...
- Baseball, complete with Pinkie in full catcher's attire.

Photo Finish sticks her head in and snaps a few shots of the various outfits before Applejack closes the door. The montage continues off of another RARITY WIPE to...

SC. 17 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - CURB - DAY

Cinch, Principal Celestia and Vice Principal Luna walk toward the street as the busses from CPA pull up.

205 CELESTIA
Vice Principal Luna can help your students get settled if you'd like me to show you around. There have been quite a few changes since your last visit.

206 CINCH
(with forced politeness)
Oh. Yes. I'm sure that would be fascinating.

Cinch and Celestia walk off as Luna approaches the first bus. Cadence steps off and she and Luna share a warm embrace.

207 LUNA
It's always a pleasure to see you, Dean Cadence. Even if it means another defeat.

208 CADENCE
Thank you, Vice Principal Luna, but I hear it's not going to be so easy this time.

The CPA students file out of the busses and line up to check in with Cadence.

Twilight gets off and looks around. Indigo Zap steps down and immediately gets in front of her.

209 INDIGO ZAP
Coming through!

210 TWILIGHT
Oh. Sorry.

Twilight takes a step back and bumps into Sunny Flare and Sour Sweet standing behind her.

211 SUNNY FLARE
Seriously?

Twilight spins around.

212 TWILIGHT
Oh! I'm sorry. I didn't mean to...
Why don't you two go ahead.

Sunny Flare rolls her eyes and walks in front of Twilight. Sour Sweet follows, looking up at Twilight as she passes.

213 SOUR SWEET
You are such a sweetie!
 (then, softly)
I am watching you.

Twilight stares after them confused. Lemon Zest steps down to the last step of the bus, turns around and does a perfect back flip, landing next to Twilight.

With that, she presses play on her music and head-bangs her way past Twilight. Sugarcoat follows, smiling oddly again as she too steps in front of Twilight.

214 SUGARCOAT
You're kind of being a doormat
right now.

Twilight looks up to find herself at the end of the line, frustrated. Suddenly her pendant device starts to BUZZ. She snaps it open to find the readings point toward the school.

Twilight looks around to see that everyone else is occupied and quickly slips off, following the directions of her device.

SC. 18 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - QUAD - SAME

Twilight ducks around the Wonder Colt statue and checks her device again. The readings point to the front doors of the school.

Looking down at her device, Twilight heads toward the front steps and passes a couple of CHS students, LYRA and BONBON, who wave.

215 BONBON
Hi Twilight.

Focused on her device, Twilight misses the greeting and heads inside.

SC. 19 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - HALLWAY - SAME

Twilight follows the directions of her device through the halls. She passes another group of students, DERPY and CECIL the Eco-kid among them.

216 CECIL
Hey Twilight!

This time she hears them and stops.

217 TWILIGHT
Wait. What?

She looks up and turns around, but the kids have already gone around a corner. Confused, Twilight turns back as a throng of kids walk around her, all of them smiling and waving warmly.

218 THRONG OF STUDENTS
Hi Twilight. S'up Twilight? What's going on Twilight? Etc.

219 TWILIGHT
(confused)
Um... Hi. Hi. Hello. Good. Ah...

Finally the crowd passes her by. Perplexed, Twilight watches as the last of them go, then turns and bumps right into--
FLASH SENTRY

220 FLASH
Twilight?

221 TWILIGHT
(hesitant)
Yes?

222 FLASH
I almost didn't recognize you. When did you start wearing glasses?

223 TWILIGHT
Um... Like, since forever.

Flash looks at her, confused.

224 FLASH
Oh. So, how long are you here for?

225 TWILIGHT
Just for the Friendship Games.

226 FLASH
Right. Of course. We'll totally win with you here.

Twilight looks at him like he's crazy. Her device BUZZES again. The readings point toward the stairs.

227 TWILIGHT
Um... I've gotta go.

Twilight takes off toward the stairs. Flash looks after her, perplexed.

228 FLASH
Ah... Okay. Bye?

SC. 20 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - MUSIC ROOM - SAME

Rarity continues to zip around the room holding up different uniforms, taking measurements, etc.

The gang are in various stages of disarray, wearing an odd collection of attire: Rainbow Dash dressed like an KEYSTONE COP, Fluttershy like a HOCKEY GOALIE, Applejack wearing JAI ALAI gear, etc.

229 APPLEJACK
Rarity, these outfits are great,
but why would you put so much time
and effort into clothes we might
not even wear? You're gonna exhaust
yourself before the Games even
start.

230 RARITY
Oh, don't be silly, darling.
Putting effort into clothes is what
I live for and spending time on my
friends just fills me with energy!

With that, Rarity PONY-S-UP, growing ears and her extra long ponytail. All the girls stare at her, surprised.

Sunset flips up the visor of her WELDER'S HELMET, shocked as her friend rises off of the ground.

231 SUNSET
(exasperated)
And magic too, I guess?

As the friends all gather around Rarity...

SC. 21 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - OUTSIDE MUSIC ROOM - SAME

Twilight's device leads her right up to the door of the music room.

She looks down at her device as it suddenly starts to GLOW-- the readings going wild. Trails of SHIMMERING PURPLE ENERGY start to flow through the door and into her device.

SC. 22 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - MUSIC ROOM - SAME

Inside, we see the streams of SHIMMERING PURPLE ENERGY are coming from Rarity.

Sunset notices the energy flowing off of Rarity as her Pony-Up fades and she drifts to the ground, suddenly tired.

232 RARITY
Actually, Applejack, now that you
mention it, I suppose I could use a
tiny break.

As the last of the energy leaves her, Rarity lays right down on the ground, exhausted.

233 APPLEJACK
I told you.

Sunset watches the energy as it drifts through the closed door. She heads over and swings it open to reveal...

Twilight holding up her device. The girls all stare in shock.

234 ALL
Twilight?

Twilight stares back at them, more curious now than confused.

235 TWILIGHT
Yes?

The girls all quickly crowd around her.

236 APPLEJACK
Well, I'll be. You shoulda told us
you were coming.

237 RARITY
Darling, those glasses... And what
are you wearing? It's so... severe.

Twilight looks down at her CPA uniform.

238 TWILIGHT
My uniform?

239 FLUTTERSHY
Your uniform for what?

240 TWILIGHT
For Crystal Prep, but why does
everyone at this school know who I
am?

Suddenly, Spike lets out a BARK from inside Twilight's backpack.

241 RARITY/FLUTTERSHY
Spike!

The two girls reach for Twilight's bag, but she spins away.

242 TWILIGHT
You know my dog's name too?

243 RAINBOW DASH
Did you just say Crystal Prep?

The girls all stare at each other for an awkward beat that's immediately interrupted as Principal Celestia leads a bored Principal Cinch into the room.

244 CELESTIA
...and our music program has
especially taken off.

Celestia and Cinch stop short and look down at Twilight.

245 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
Twilight?

246 TWILIGHT
This is getting ridiculous.

Cinch steps forward quickly, putting a firm hand on Twilight's shoulder.

247 CINCH
I must apologize for the curiosity
of my prize student.

248 CELESTIA
Your student?

249 CINCH
The smart ones are always curious.
I'll return her to check in with
rest of her classmates... If we're
done with our tour?

Celestia nods, looking from Cinch and Twilight to the other girls who look back at her and shrug.

Twilight casts one more confused look at this odd group of girls before Cinch leads her away.

250 CELESTIA
I didn't know Twilight had a twin sister.

251 PINKIE PIE
She doesn't! That Twilight is obviously the Twilight from this world since it couldn't possibly be the Twilight from the pony world since the Twilight from the pony world doesn't go to Crystal Prep or wear glasses!

252 APPLEJACK
Twilight said... Well, our Twilight said, there were ponies in her world like us, I guess it makes sense there'd be girls in our world like them.

Celestia looks from Pinkie to Applejack, then...

253 CELESTIA
You know what? Never mind.

With that, Celestia turns and walks out.

SC. 23 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - DAY

Cinch leads Twilight out of the school and back toward the busses parked out front. Twilight holds up her pendant.

254 TWILIGHT
I'm sorry, Principal Cinch, I was just following these strange readings. Actually, they lead me to those girls and--

255 CINCH
(cutting her off)
Twilight, what you do in your free time is of little interest to me, but while you are here I--all of Crystal Prep, in fact--require your complete focus.

256 TWILIGHT
But why does everyone at this school seem to know me?

Cinch stops and looks at her.

257 CINCH
Perhaps they are trying to confuse
you. Perhaps they are trying to
lure you away.

258 TWILIGHT
It didn't feel like anyone was
trying to lure me.

259 CINCH
I don't know what they are playing
at, but I can guarantee it isn't to
help us win.

With that, Cinch leads Twilight up to Cadence, still checking
in students on her clipboard. At the front of the line, Sunny
Flare, Sour Sweet and the others stare at Twilight
suspiciously.

Twilight sighs and heads to the back of the line, which now
stretches from the sidewalk into the quad.

SC. 24 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - HALL - DAY

The gang makes their way through school discussing the new
Twilight.

260 RARITY
I can't believe our world's
Twilight goes to Crystal Prep.

261 RAINBOW DASH
Let me get this straight. You're
saying Twilight's gonna play
against us? She'd never do that.

262 FLUTTERSHY
Our Twilight wouldn't.

263 SUNSET
~~Our Twilight's a princess in~~
~~Equestria where magic doesn't~~
~~randomly pop up during pep rallies~~
~~and costume changes.~~

~~The girls all stop and look at her.~~

264 SUNSET (CONT'D)
~~I'm sorry. I know how important the~~
~~Games are to all of you, but the~~
~~magic over here is so frustrating.~~
~~It makes no sense!~~

265 RAINBOW DASH
~~Aw, you'll figure it out.~~

266 SUNSET
~~I'm not sure I want to.~~

267 APPLEJACK
~~What do you mean?~~

268 SUNSET
~~Well, I keep thinking that magic should behave here the way it does in Equestria, but maybe what I really need to do is go back.~~

269 FLUTTERSHY
~~You mean leave us?~~

270 SUNSET
~~Of course I don't want to leave all of my friends, but I don't want to spend my whole life wanting things to be different than they are.~~

~~The girls go quiet as Sunset's confession sinks in.~~

271 PINKIE PIE
~~Sounds to me like trying to control magic for the Friendship Games is stressing you out.~~

272 RARITY
~~Of course, darling. Vice-Principal Luna only asked you to try your best. I'm sure she never meant to put any undo pressure on you.~~

273 APPLEJACK
~~That's right. Why don't you just wait until after the Games. Then we can all take a look at the magic over here together. If you still want to go back after that, we won't stand in your way.~~

~~Sunset looks at her friends' expectant faces.~~

274 SUNSET
~~All right. I mean, I am already on the team. I wouldn't want to let anyone down.~~

275 ALL
~~Whew! Thank goodness! Etc.~~

Sunset smiles and they all head outside.

276 SUNSET SHIMMER
Our Twilight is a Princess in
Equestria. And if *she* was the one
who was here, we'd have already
figured out why magic is randomly
popping up during pep rallies and
costume changes.

(then)
I just don't understand why I
haven't heard back from her.

277 APPLEJACK
Maybe it's like you said. She's a
Princess in Equestria. Probably got
problems of her own to deal with.

278 RARITY
We certainly can't expect her to drop everything and pop through the portal whenever. Especially if it's to deal with something as minor as a few random "pony ups".

279 SUNSET SHIMMER

But they aren't "minor". Magic came into this world when I stole Twilight's crown. It's taken a lot for me to earn everyone at this school's trust. If we have to forfeit the games because of the magic *I* brought here...

(then)
I have to get in touch with our
Twilight. I just have to.

280 FLUTTERSHY
Even if you don't, I'm sure you'll
be able to figure things out.

281 APPLEJACK
Yeah. You're the one who helped us
understand what was going on with
the Sirens, remember?

282 SUNSET SHIMMER
I guess. But Twilight was the one
who really figured out what we
needed to do defeat them.

283 RARITY
Have a little faith in yourself,
darling. We certainly believe in
you.

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The other girls <AD-LIB> agreement.

R

SFX of busses pulling up to the school.

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284 APPLEJACK
You hear that?

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The girls head for the exit.

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SC. 25 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - FRONT STEPS - SAME

Continued SFX of busses pulling up. The girls stand on the steps and look out at the long line of students from Crystal Prep.

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285 PINKIE PIE
Wow. There's a lot of them.

286 RARITY
All wearing that dreadful uniform.

287 SUNSET
What's so dreadful about it?

288 RARITY
They're all wearing it! Where's the
personal expression?

289 FLUTTERSHY
They look like an army. It's kind
of intimidating.

290 APPLEJACK
It's just another school, y'all.

Dash turns and heads back inside.

291 RAINBOW DASH
Come on. Let's go see if we can
find out anything else about the
games and come up with a strategy.

The girls all turn to head inside, except Sunset who heads toward the Wonder Colt statue.

292 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
You coming, Sunset?

293 SUNSET
Yeah. I'll be right there.

Dash shrugs and heads inside with the others.

294 SUNSET (CONT'D)
I wish I could believe this was
something I could do on my own.

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Sunset walks up to the statue and puts her hand on the portal. It GLOWS slightly at her touch.

295 SUNSET (CONT'D)
~~Just checking.~~

296 SUNSET (CONT'D)
 (a realization)
There is another way I could reach
her...

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R
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ANGLE ON - Twilight, still waiting in line with the other Crystal Prep students.

The device around her neck starts BUZZING again. She looks down to see it's GLOWING (the same color as the portal) with the readings pointing right at the Wonder Colt statue.

Twilight takes a step toward the statue. She and Sunset stand on opposite sides of the statue, unaware of each other.

Suddenly, streams of SHIMMERING PURPLE ENERGY ripple outward from where Sunset touches the surface of the portal.

297 SUNSET (CONT'D)
What the...?

The streams of energy extend around the sides of the statue and flow toward Twilight.

The moment they make contact with her device, the PURPLE GLOW starts to intensify. Twilight tries to pull her device away, but it's caught in the pull of energy.

298 TWILIGHT
What's going on?

On her side of the statue, Sunset tries to pull her hand from the portal, but it's caught.

299 SUNSET
 (struggling)
Hey! Let... Go!

The GLOW gets more and more intense until finally the connection erupts in a BURST OF ENERGY that sends both girls falling backwards.

Sunset hops up and looks around the side of the statue to see Twilight climbing to her feet.

NOTE: ALT READ of 272 less anger, more confused.

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300 SUNSET (CONT'D)
What did you do?

Twilight looks down at her device, but before she can answer, Cadence appears at her side.

301 CADENCE
Twilight, you have to check in with
the others.

Cadence puts a hand on Twilight's shoulder and leads her back to the CPA students.

Suspicious, Sunset watches them go then walks back to the portal. She puts a hand on it but nothing happens.

302 SUNSET
Where's the portal? WHERE'S THE
PORTAL!?

Panicked, she feels all around, but what used to be the portal is now just plain flat stone.

END ACT 3

ACT 4

SC. 26 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - GYMNASIUM - ESTABLISHING - NIGHT

The gym has been decked out to host a reception for the students of Crystal Prep to mingle with the students of CHS.

Unfortunately, the students from the two schools stand on opposite sides of the gym sizing each other up. The tension in the air is palpable.

SC. 27 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - GYMNASIUM - FLOOR - SAME

Sunset stands on the CHS side of the room with the others gathered around her.

303 APPLEJACK
What do you mean the portal's gone?

304 SUNSET
I mean it's gone! It's closed! It's
not there anymore!

305 RAINBOW DASH
How'd that happen?

306 SUNSET
I don't know, but it definitely had
something to do with her.

Sunset points across the room at Twilight and the Crystal Prep crowd. Twilight sweeps her pendant device over the room like a tricorder.

307 APPLEJACK
What in tarnation is she doing?

Twilight walks backwards as she scans and accidentally bumps into Indigo Zap, who spills her drink. Our girls watch as Twilight apologizes to her irate classmate.

308 SUNSET
Well, there's only one way to find
out.

With that, Sunset marches up to Twilight, who's too busy looking at her device to notice. The other CPA students gather behind Twilight as the CHS girls approach.

309 SUNSET (CONT'D)
 (to Twilight)
What are you doing?

Twilight spins around, startled.

310 TWILIGHT
Me? What? Oh. I'm just--

Indigo Zap steps in front of Twilight before she can continue.

311 INDIGO ZAP
Who wants to know?

312 RAINBOW DASH
Um... We do.

Rainbow Dash takes a step forward, but Applejack puts a hand on her shoulder.

313 APPLEJACK
All right, everyone. Let's not get
too competitive before the Games
even start.

Sugarcoat still talks like a nerdy robot, just stating facts.

314 SUGARCOAT
The Games aren't really competitive
since we've never lost.

315 FLUTTERSHY
That's not a very nice thing to
say.

316 SUNNY FLARE
Sorry, dearie, but these Games
aren't about being nice.

317 RARITY
Well, you might use a little tact.

Twilight takes a step back and finds herself standing next to
Pinkie. The two of them watch the others for a second, then
Pinkie looks at her.

318 PINKIE PIE
Hi! I'm Pinkie Pie.

319 TWILIGHT
Oh. Hi. I'm Twilight.

320 PINKIE PIE
I know. You look just like my
friend. Her name is Twilight too.

321 TWILIGHT
That's... weird.

They watch the other girls argue for another second then
Twilight's device starts BUZZING.

322 PINKIE PIE
What's that?

Twilight pops it open, excited as the readings go crazy.

323 TWILIGHT
It's sort of a spectrometer. I
built it to track EM frequencies,
but it can also contain anomalies.

Pinkie just stares at her and blinks.

324 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
It measures things.

325 PINKIE PIE
Like the party?

Twilight looks out at the CPA and CHS kids, clearly not getting along.

326 TWILIGHT
Yeah, though it doesn't look like much of a party to me.

327 PINKIE PIE
I know. Something is definitely missing. Come on!

With that, Pinkie grabs Twilight and leads her toward the bleachers. The others stop arguing as Principal Celestia climbs a small stage and addresses the crowd.

328 CELESTIA
Hello everyone. I'd like to take this opportunity to greet all of our visitors from Crystal Prep Academy and welcome them to CHS...

There's a small smattering of applause while...

SC. 28 - INT. GYMNASIUM - UNDER THE BLEACHERS - SAME

Pinkie and Twilight drag two large boxes out from under the bleachers.

329 TWILIGHT
(straining)
What...in the world... is in these?

The two of them finally drag the boxes clear of the seats. Pinkie opens them to reveal Pinkie's PARTY CANNONS.

330 PINKIE PIE
Party cannons, of course!

Off Twilight's shock...

SC. 29 - INT. GYMNASIUM - FLOOR - SAME

Celestia finishes her speech...

331 CELESTIA
...and lastly I would like to
recognize the twelve students that
CHS has elected to compete. I don't
think we could have chosen a better
group to represent the excellence,
sportsmanship and friendship the
Games stand for.

ANGLE ON - a THEATER KID pointing a spotlight from a catwalk
above.

The SPOTLIGHT hits Sunset and the Equestria Girls as well as
Flash Sentry, TRIxie, LYRA, BONBON, Cecil, and POINDEXTER,
the techie.

The CHS crowd erupts into APPLAUSE. Across the room, there is
a smattering of polite claps from the CPA kids.

Meanwhile, Pinkie surreptitiously improves the party...

IN A QUICK SERIES OF SHOTS:

- Pinkie switches out the sedate refreshment table with a
tiered instillation of cup cake platters.

- She hands the Theater Kid in the catwalk a DISCO LIGHT
attachment.

- She pops up next to DJ PON-3 and hands her a PARTY MIX CD.

BY THE BLEACHERS - Pinkie looks out at her improvements, then
gets ready to plug in her cannons. Twilight looks over her
shoulder, nervous.

332 TWILIGHT
Um... Are you sure this is a good
idea?

333 PINKIE PIE
Absolutely!

Pinkie plugs both cannons in and they immediately FIRE.

WIDE ON - The gym as the entire place is instantly filled
with confetti.

TWILIGHT - rushes out from behind the bleachers as DJ PON-3,
brings up the PARTY MUSIC and the Theater Kid works his dance
lights.

She watches as everyone starts to smile and LAUGH. The
competitive tension dissipates as confetti continues to fall.

SC. 30 - INT. GYMNASIUM - BLEACHERS - SAME

Back behind the bleachers, Pinkie looks out and admires her handiwork as she PONYS UP:

An aura of PURPLE SHIMMERING ENERGY surrounds her as her ears appear, her ponytail grows and she floats up off the floor.

334 PINKIE PIE
Oooh. Floaty!

SC. 31 - INT. GYMNASIUM - FLOOR - SAME

Twilight stares in amazement at the kids from both schools now getting along.

Suddenly her device starts to BUZZ and she pops it open. She turns, sweeping it over the bleachers and the readings go crazy again.

SC. 32 - INT. GYMNASIUM - BLEACHERS - SAME

While Pinkie looks out at the party, streams OF PURPLE ENERGY flow off of her and through the air toward Twilight on the other side of the bleachers. Pinkie's Pony-Up fades and she floats back to the ground.

335 PINKIE PIE
(disappointed)
Awww.

As the last of the SHIMMERING ENERGY leaves her, she goes a bit pale and wobbly.

336 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Oooh. I am party-pooped!

She dizzily puts a hand out, steadying herself against the bleachers.

SC. 33 - INT. GYMNASIUM - FLOOR - SAME

Twilight watches the last of the shimmering PURPLE ENERGY flow into her device, though her readings go crazier than ever. She looks up at the bleachers.

ANGLE ON - An unseen area under the bleachers where SHIMMERING PORTAL-LIKE RIPPLES appear.

As the ripples spread, PONYVILLIE TOWN HALL can be seen on the other side for a split second before the ripples contract and wink out.

BACK TO - Twilight as the crazy readings on her device come to an abrupt stop.

NEAR THE STAGE - Principal Cinch looks out at the two groups of students starting to mingle. With a frown she walks up and addresses the crowd.

337 CINCH
Ah-hem.

At the sound of her cough, DJ Pon-3 brings down the music and the frivolity starts to fade.

338 CINCH (CONT'D)
I'd like to thank Principal Celestia for her... unconventional welcome. It's been four years since the last Friendship Games, but it feels as though nothing has changed. Canterlot High continues to pick it's competitors in a popularity contest and Crystal Prep continues to field it's top twelve students.

With a smug smile Cinch gestures toward the CPA side of the room. The SPOTLIGHT falls on Twilight and her TEAM, the five CPA students we've already met plus six more.

339 CINCH (CONT'D)
It is a comfort to know that, even after so many years of losses, your school remains committed to it's ideals, however misguided they may be. I wish you all the best of luck, regardless of the inevitable outcome.

With that, Cinch steps down, having successfully killed whatever blossoming camaraderie Pinkie's confetti party started.

SC. 34 - INT. GYMNASIUM - BLEACHERS - SAME

As the two groups of students return to their respective sides of the gym, Sunset and the others find Pinkie, sitting on the floor.

340 APPLEJACK
I'm sorry, Pinkie. I thought your
party additions were really swell.

341 FLUTTERSHY
They definitely broke the ice.

342 RARITY
Yes. If only that Principal Cinch
hadn't re-freezed it.

Pinkie looks up, still obviously exhausted.

343 PINKIE PIE
Yeah. She's awful.

344 SUNSET
Wow. Pinkie, what happened to you?

345 PINKIE PIE
I don't know. Everyone started
having fun after Twilight and I
fired the party cannons and I
Ponyed-Up...

346 SUNSET
~~Of course you did.~~

347 PINKIE PIE
But then the magic just leaked
right out of me.

348 SUNSET
Wait. What do you mean leaked out?

349 APPLEJACK
Hey, where is that other Twilight?

350 PINKIE PIE
Oh, she's right...

Pinkie looks around to see that Twilight is gone.

351 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Well, she was right here.

The girls look out across the gym to see Twilight walking
back toward Cinch.

SC. 35 - INT. GYMNASIUM - FLOOR - SAME

Twilight walks up to Cinch and her teammates. Cinch turns to her with a practiced smile and nods toward Sunset and the Equestria Girls.

352 CINCH
Twilight, I see you continue to
fraternize with the enemy.

Twilight looks back at the girls.

353 TWILIGHT
Yeah. It's strange. They're not
like anyone at Crystal Prep. They
seem... nice.

Cinch smiles.

354 CINCH
(sarcastic)
Yes, I'm sure none of them have any
interest in information you have
about your team that might help
them win.

Twilight's teammates all look at her disparagingly.

355 SUGARCOAT
She actually means the opposite of
what she said.

356 TWILIGHT
(to Sugarcoat)
Thanks.
(to Cinch)
It's just... The EM frequency
coming from those girls has the
strangest waveform I've ever seen.

357 CINCH
Twilight, when you have a
scholarship to Everton Tech, you
can study energy waveforms to your
heart's content...

Cinch leans in.

358 CINCH (CONT'D)
But if you want that scholarship
I'm going to need a little less
independent study and a little more
focus on beating the competition.

Cinch looks toward Sunset and the Equestria Girls. Dubious, Twilight follows her gaze.

SC. 36 - EXT./INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - ESTABLISHING - NEXT DAY

Students mill about as we hear Luna's voice over the school PA.

359 LUNA (O.S.)
(over the PA)
Good morning students. I'm sure you
are all thrilled to start the first
day of the Friendship Games.

IN A SERIES OF SHOTS we see both CHS and CPA students across campus listening attentively to the announcement.

360 LUNA (CONT'D)
(over the PA)
Our competitors will face off in
every aspect of the CHS curriculum,
culminating in a spelling bee
elimination and equation finale!

INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - HALLWAY - SAME

Students crowd around a classroom doorway, jockeying for the best vantage point from which to see inside where...

INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - SCIENCE LAB - SAME

The competitors sit at lab tables, listening as Cadence elaborates.

361 CADENCE
Welcome to the first event, the
Academic Decathlon. You'll be
scored on Chemistry, Home Ec, and
everything in between. But
remember, only the six students
from each team with the most points
will move on to event number two.
Good luck!

Even the windows are full of students looking in at the two teams (the same groups that were introduced at the party).

Luna arrives as she, Cadence, Celestia and Cinch take up positions at the various lab tables, grade books in hand.

With that the SCHOOL BELL rings. MUSIC UP as we...

START MUSICAL MONTAGE

In a STYLIZED SERIES OF SHOTS, our competitors light Bunsen Burners (wearing appropriate safety gear), squeeze pipettes, watch colored liquid flow through glass tubing, etc.

Celestia and the others move through the lab, ASSIGNING POINTS AND KEEPING SCORE as the students watching sing...

362 STUDENTS
*They've learned so much at school
and now it's time to let it show,
These Games all now depend on them
to use the things they know.
Wonder Colts and Shadow Bolts now
locked into a fight,
It's win or lose, the game is on,
it's time to see who's right!*

The judges watch as the competitors finish their experiments:

TWILIGHT - drips solution into a test tube, changing the contents from RED to BLUE.

RARITY - drips solution into a test tube, changing the color to match her clothes.

TRIXIE - drips solution into a test tube and the whole thing explodes in a puff of smoke. When it clears it looks like Trixie is gone, but she's just hiding under the table.

In quick succession several more of our main characters' test tubes change from red to blue, while the others' turn black or boil over.

Through it all the judges WRITE DOWN SCORES while Photo Finish's camera FLASHES and we...

TEST TUBE WIPE TO:

SC. 37 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - WOOD SHOP - CONTINUOUS

The competitors study birdhouse plans while more students gather outside and sing...

363 STUDENTS
*It's the Academic Decathlon and
they told us from the start,
That the Academic Decathlon would
take much more than heart.
(MORE)*

STUDENTS (CONT'D)

*They take know-how, they take
brains, experience and pluck.
These aren't the kind of Games that
you can win with just sheer luck.*

In another STYLIZED SERIES OF SHOTS the judges watch as hammers and saws fly (everyone still wearing appropriate safety gear) until:

APPLEJACK and DASH - present a perfectly built birdhouse while...

Indigo Zap and SUGARCOAT - unveil a two story birdhouse painted with flames.

LYRA and BONBON's birdhouse collapses along with several more from the CPA team as the JUDGES FROWN and Photo Finish's camera FLASHES as we...

HAMMER AND NAIL WIPE TO:

SC. 38 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - HOME EC - CONTINUOUS

Photo Finish SNAPS away as the competitors (all wearing oven mitts) pull SOUFFLÉS out of ovens. The judges walk up as Flash Sentry and DJ Pon-3's soufflé immediately falls and several others clearly fail the judge's taste test.

Sour Sweet and Sunny Flare - present a perfect soufflé while...

PINKIE and FLUTTERSHY - somehow reveal a soufflé inside a soufflé as THE JUDGES TAKE NOTE and we...

COOKING UTENSIL WIPE TO:

SC. 39 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - AUDITORIUM - CONTINUOUS

The competitors all sit on stage in chairs facing the judges and their fellow students in what is clearly a SPELLING BEE.

NOTE: We won't hear any of the actual Bee. The format is suggested as we cut between shots of the kids at a microphone facing the judges.

The students in the audience continue to sing...

364 ALL
*The Academic Decathlon, not
everyone will pass.
The Academic Decathlon, the first
ones out are last.
(MORE)*

ALL (CONT'D)
*To move ahead you have to win or
else you're gonna lose.
After today we'll finally know
who's really got the moves!*

As the spectators sing, the competitors on stage are eliminated, FADING AWAY ONE BY ONE in a series of dissolves (or with the FLASH of Photo Finish's camera)-- the Equestria Girls and our main CPA students last.

Finally only Sunset and Twilight remain as we...

ALPHABET WIPE TO:

Sunset and Twilight at dueling blackboards on stage. The audience watches as they solve the longest equation known to man.

Twilight steps back and looks from her pendant to Sunset as she sings...

365 TWILIGHT
*I can't wait till this is over,
there's much more that's going
on...*

Sunset continues to work, glancing over at Twilight as she sings...

366 SUNSET
*Before these games are over,
I'll find out just what she's done.*

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Finally Sunset steps back. The judges swoop in and hover over their work as the audience sings in a rhythmic staccato...

367 ALL
*It's the Academic Decathlon to see
who is the best
The Academic Decathlon is not like
any test.
It's all come down to this now as
their work is being checked,
Did Sunset or did Twilight Sparkle
answer...*

MUSIC OUT as Cinch whips around pointing at Sunset's blackboard to finish the song announcing...

368 CINCH
Incorrect!

One last FLASH from Photo Finish as we...

END MUSICAL MONTAGE

Sunset's expression drops as Luna steps forward.

369 LUNA
That means the winner of the
Friendship Games' first event is
Twilight Sparkle and Crystal Prep!

Twilight steps forward to a round of applause, though her teammates in the audience seem anything but pleased.

The Equestria Girls, however, all rush up to Sunset.

370 RAINBOW DASH
That was awesome!

371 RARITY
Truly amazing!

372 SUNSET
But we didn't win.

373 APPLEJACK
Well, that was as close to winning
as Canterlot's ever been.

Nearby, the judges confer. Finally, Cadence steps forward as Cinch leads the main five CPA kids back on stage.

374 CADENCE
After a careful tally of the
points, we'd like to present the
students moving on to the
Friendship Games' second event.

As the crowd applauds, Cadence gestures to all the girls on stage: Twilight and her "Main Five" as well as Sunset and hers.

Sunny Flare turns to Twilight.

375 SUNNY FLARE
Guess you couldn't hog the
spotlight forever.

Meanwhile Sunset and the Equestria girls all CHEER.

376 ALL
Woo-hoo! Alight! Yeah! Etc!

Twilight looks from the excited group of friends to Cinch and her teammates as they turn and exit the stage.

As she looks back toward our girls, she finds Flash Sentry suddenly standing there.

377 FLASH
Congratulations. You were really great.

378 TWILIGHT
Um... Thanks.

379 FLASH
I kinda knew Home Ec pretty much did me in.

Twilight looks over Flash's shoulder as the Equestria Girls excitedly lead Sunset out.

380 FLASH (CONT'D)
Hey, has anyone ever told you that you look just like...

381 TWILIGHT
(cutting him off)
I'm sorry. Excuse me.

Twilight heads out, following Sunset and the others.

382 FLASH
Okay, then.

SC. 40 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - QUAD - DAY

Twilight steps outside to see the girls hanging out by the Wonder Colt statue. As she watches, the girls go their separate ways, though Fluttershy stays behind.

Twilight walks up as Fluttershy opens her backpack and feeds the kitten inside a treat. Fluttershy looks up at her.

383 FLUTTERSHY
Do want to give her a treat?

384 TWILIGHT
Guess I'm not the only one to smuggle her pet into school.

385 FLUTTERSHY
Not just one...

Fluttershy unzips her bag all the way revealing a guinea pig, a bird and a bunny.

386 TWILIGHT
Oh. Wow. All I have is Spike.

Twilight unzips her bag and Spike sticks his head out.
Fluttershy immediately rushes to him, checks his collar,
lifts up an ear, studies him from every angle.

387 FLUTTERSHY
It really is uncanny. Does he talk?

Twilight looks at her like she is insane.

388 TWILIGHT
Um... Not that I know of.

389 FLUTTERSHY
Congratulations on winning, by the
way, though it didn't seem like
anyone on your team was very
excited about it.

390 TWILIGHT
No one at my school gets excited
about anything they didn't do
themselves.

Twilight looks down, despondent.

391 FLUTTERSHY
That sounds awful. Here. Hold this.

Fluttershy picks up the bunny and hands it to Twilight.
Twilight handles it awkwardly.

392 TWILIGHT
Um... why?

393 FLUTTERSHY
Holding a bunny always makes me
feel better.

394 TWILIGHT
Well, that's ridiculous, but...

The bunny nuzzles her face and Twilight smiles.

395 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
(surprised)
It actually kind of works.
(beat)
But I'm on the other team and you
just lost. Why are you being so
nice to me.

396 FLUTTERSHY
You looked like you needed it.

With that, Fluttershy PONY-UP. As her ears, wings and SHIMMERING AURA appear, Twilight steps back and drops the bunny (who lands on its feet, totally safe).

397 TWILIGHT
(curious)
What in the world is that?

Before Fluttershy can answer, Twilight snaps open her device. The readings go crazy and STREAMS OF PURPLE ENERGY immediately start to flow off of Fluttershy.

Nearby, SHIMMERING PORTAL-LIKE RIPPLES appear on the ground. The bunny sniffs at them, then hops through. A JACKALOPE immediately pops out the other side.

Spike BARKS and jumps out of Twilight's backpack, chasing the jackalope back through the RIPPLING PORTAL.

The regular bunny immediately pops back out the other side, but Spike runs in after the jackalope.

398 TWILIGHT/FLUTTERSHY
SPIKE!

Fluttershy drops to the ground and sticks her hands in after him.

Twilight grabs Fluttershy's feet and pulls both her and Spike out of the portal just as it winks shut.

Twilight stares down as the last of the PURPLE ENERGY flows out of Fluttershy and into her device.

Fluttershy SWOONS as her wings, ears, and long ponytail vanish.

399 FLUTTERSHY
Ooooh.

Spike jumps out of Fluttershy's arms and into Twilight's.

400 TWILIGHT
Spike, are you okay?

401 SPIKE
Um... I think so.

Twilight looks at Spike. Spike looks at Twilight.

402 BOTH
AHHHHHHHH!

Spike jumps to the ground. Twilight runs off. Fluttershy tries to stand, but just waves instead.

403 FLUTTERSHY
Bye.

Spike looks at Fluttershy, then runs after Twilight.

404 SPIKE
Twilight, wait!

END ACT 4

ACT 5

SC. 41 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - HALLWAY - RESUME

Twilight runs through the halls and Spike runs after her.

405 SPIKE
Twilight, come on! Wait for me!

She finally stops and he catches up.

406 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Why did you run away like that?

407 TWILIGHT
Um... Oh, I don't know. Maybe it has something to do with the glowing girl or the hole in space or the talking dog!

Spike stands up on his hind legs and looks at his paws.

408 SPIKE
Yeah. Weird, right?

409 TWILIGHT
Can you just stay on all fours, please?

410 SPIKE
What? Oh. Sure.

He does. Twilight bends down, her curiosity getting the better of her.

411 TWILIGHT
Are you okay? How do you feel? What happened? Where did you go?

412 SPIKE
Hey, one question at a time. This is pretty new to me too.

413 TWILIGHT
Sorry.

Twilight picks Spike up and examines him.

414 SPIKE
All I know is I chased that pointy rabbit through the glowy thing and then I was somewhere else. The next thing I knew, I was back in that nice girls arms and I could talk. I don't really understand why I couldn't before. It's so easy.

Twilight tries to look inside Spike's mouth when a VOICE comes from behind her.

415 CINCH (O.S.)
Twilight?

Twilight looks back to see Cinch at the end of the hall. Quickly she opens a locker and drops Spike inside.

416 TWILIGHT
(whispering)
Quick! Hide in here!

Spike looks around the side of the locker door as Cinch walks up, then ducks inside.

417 CINCH
Twilight, who were you talking to?

418 TWILIGHT
Um... Myself. It's a nervous habit. Were you looking for me?

Cinch looks around suspicious.

419 CINCH
Indeed I was. Quite a coincidence that the CHS students moving on to the next event are the same "nice" girls who were so interested in you. Don't you think?

420 TWILIGHT
I'm not sure.

421 CINCH
Perhaps you should get to know them
after all.

422 TWILIGHT
But I thought you didn't want me
to.

423 CINCH
Let's just say I'm covering my
bases. Who knows? Perhaps they will
reveal to you the secret to
Canterlot High's newfound success.

Twilight thinks for a moment.

424 TWILIGHT
I don't know. Spying feels kind of
wrong.

425 CINCH
Well, it's your decision, Twilight.
It's not as though your scholarship
hangs in the balance.
(beat)
On second thought, yes it is. Let's
not let your feelings get in the
way of your future.

With that Cinch, turns and walks off.

Spike pushes open the locker door.

426 SPIKE
She is awful. What are you going to
do?

427 TWILIGHT
I don't know, Spike. I don't know.

SC. 42 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - THE NEXT DAY

As students file out of the school and head toward the
athletic fields, Luna's voice once again comes over the PA
SYSTEM.

428 LUNA (O.S.)
(over the PA)
Students and competitors, please
gather at the fields. The second
event is about to start.

Sunset and the others exit the school listening intently to
Fluttershy's story.

429 FLUTTERSHY
All I did was hand Twilight a
bunny. Then I Ponyed-Up.

430 SUNSET
I just don't get it. Rarity's magic
came out when she made us outfits,
Pinkie's when she fixed the party,
and now Fluttershy...

431 FLUTTERSHY
And then Twilight's pendant thingy
just sucked the magic right out of
me. I couldn't even stand up.

432 PINKIE PIE
Like me at the party.

433 RARITY
Or me right before we met Twilight.

Sunset stops to think.

434 SUNSET
So she's stealing magic?

435 APPLEJACK
I don't know. She doesn't seem like
the magic-stealing type.

436 SUNSET
I know, but she had something to do
with closing the portal. If her
pendant can suck up magic, maybe it
sucked up the portal too.

437 FLUTTERSHY
How?

438 ~~SUNSET~~
~~I don't know.~~

439 ~~APPLEJACK~~
~~Maybe, after the next event we can~~
~~get a message to the real Twilight.~~

440 PINKIE PIE
~~Yeah. She knows everything about~~
~~magic and portals and magical~~
~~portals.~~

441 SUNSET
~~You're right. I've been so worried,~~
~~about the portal I forgot all about~~
~~Twilight's book.~~

442 SUNSET (CONT'D)
I don't know. And the pony, er
person, er Princess who could help
me figure this out is *completely*
unreachable now.

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443 PINKIE PIE
Which is too bad because Twilight
knows everything about magic and
portals and portable magics.

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They climb a set of stairs leading up to the athletic fields.

444 RAINBOW DASH
For now, let's just focus on
beating the Shadow Bolts. And as
long as this event puts me on a
playing field, I don't think we've
got anything to worry about.

Applejack reaches the top first and looks back at Dash.

445 APPLEJACK
~~Ah... I'm not so sure about that,~~
~~Dash.~~

Dash gets to the top of the stairs and her jaw drops as she
looks out at...

446 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Oh it puts you on a playing field
alright...

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SC. 43 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - EVENT FIELD - SAME

The soccer fields have been replaced and remodeled
specifically for the Friendship Games.

In the center of the field there's an ARCHERY RANGE on one
side and a raised, banked, OVAL TRACK on the other.

The ground surrounding the entire thing has been dug up and reshaped into an X-Games-style, MOTOCROSS TRACK, complete with ramps and jumps.

The girls look out at everything, stunned.

447 SUNSET
Am I the only one who thinks this
is overkill?

Applejack turns to Rarity.

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448 APPLEJACK
I don't suppose you made motocross
outfits?

449 RARITY
Don't be ridiculous. Of course I
did!

SC. 44 - EXT. EVENT FIELD - ARCHERY RANGE - DAY

The Shadow Bolts gather around Cinch as they go over their strategy.

450 CINCH
You will race in pairs. Indigo Zap
and Sugarcoat will handle the
motocross.

451 INDIGO ZAP
Yes!

452 CINCH
Lemon Zest and Sunny Flare, have
requested the short track.

ANGLE ON - Lemon Zest and Sunny Flare in full-body, speed skating bodysuits.

453 CINCH (CONT'D)
Since archery is a standard
requirement at our school, any of
you should be able to do it.

Everyone looks at Twilight who shifts uncomfortably.

454 CINCH (CONT'D)
Twilight and Sour Sweet, will start
us off.

455 SOUR SWEET
Well, that's just marvelous!
 (under her breath)
If you want to lose before we even
start.

456 CINCH
Given that Twilight won the last
event single-handedly, I have every
confidence that she'll be able pull
her weight here.
 (to Twilight)
Won't you?

Twilight nods, terrified.

SC. 45 - EXT. EVENT FIELD - STANDS - DAY

Students crowd the stands waiting for the event to start.
Celestia, Cinch, Luna and Cadence sit in a raised press box
overlooking the field of play.

Spike ducks in and out of the seats, trying to find a good
view of the field.

Photo Finish sits at the side of the field with a long
telephoto lens, her camera FLASHING throughout.

Cadence speaks into a microphone.

457 CADENCE
 (into the mic)
Welcome everyone to the Friendship
Games' Tri-Cross Relay!

Cheers rise up from the crowd.

458 CADENCE (CONT'D)
In this event, our qualifying
competitors will face off in
archery...

PHOTO FINISH FLASH ON - Twilight, Sour Sweet, Applejack, and
Fluttershy all facing targets, bows in hand and TOTALLY
WEARING APPROPRIATE SAFETY GEAR.

459 CADENCE (CONT'D)
Speed skating...

PHOTO FINISH FLASH ON - The small oval track. Rarity and
Pinkie wear outfits and skates reminiscent of roller derby.

Rarity looks at Lemon Zest and Sunny Flare's sleek, in-line skates and bodysuits.

460 RARITY
Ugh. Those outfits are horrible.
We'll certainly get more points for style!

461 PINKIE PIE
I don't know if those points count.

NOTE: All skaters wear appropriate safety gear: helmets, pads, etc.

BACK TO - Cadence in the press box.

462 CADENCE
And finally, motocross.

PHOTO FINISH FLASH ON - Indigo Zap, Sugarcoat, Sunset, and Dash, all on DIRT BIKES at the top of a steep ramp.

NOTE: All riders wear appropriate safety gear: helmets, pads, etc.

Indigo Zap revs the engine of her bike loudly.

BACK TO - The press box.

463 CADENCE (CONT'D)
So, if the competitors are ready...

Cadence points to TRIxie who steps out onto the field.

464 TRIxie
The great and powerful Trixie
says... GO!

Instead of a starter's pistol, Trixie just throws down a smoke bomb, per her MO. But when the smoke clears she's just standing there coughing.

SC. 46 - EXT. EVENT FIELD - ARCHERY RANGE - DAY

As the archery round starts, what appeared to be stationary targets suddenly start to move. Flipping and spinning along a track, the targets move up, down and sideways.

465 CADENCE
(over the mic)
Each competitor must hit a bullseye
before their teammates can start
the next leg of the relay.

Fluttershy and Sour Sweet both chase after their targets, dodging obstacles as they go.

FLUTTERSHY - leaps over a hay bale as she grabs an arrow. She lands and fires. We watch as the arrow sails through the air and hits her target -- wide of the bullseye.

She continues to chase her target along it's track, ducking low and firing, hitting her target again -- again wide of the bullseye.

Finally, she runs ahead of her target, waits for it to arrive and fires -- hitting it square in the center of the bullseye.

Sour Sweet - hops onto a barrel, grabbing three arrows in her hand at once, then lets them fly in quick succession.

ANGLE ON - Her arrows all HITTING HER BULLSEYE, one on top of the next.

Sour Sweet winks at Fluttershy as the crowd CHEERS. Twilight and Applejack step up to take their turns.

APPLEJACK - climbs onto a hay bale and calmly tracks her target.

TWILIGHT - braces against a barrel.

CLOSE - as both girls fire and their arrows go flying.

AJ's hits high, sending her target spinning end over end. Twilight's hits just left of her bullseye and both girls rush to reload.

APPLEJACK - takes a long breath and slowly let's it out.

TWILIGHT - catches a glimpse of Cinch staring from the stands.

CLOSE - as both arrows fire: AJ's hits it's spinning target, which slows to reveal a BULLSEYE, but Twilight's THWAKS the side and skitters off it the grass.

A FLASH as the crowd GASPS. Sour Sweet sits quietly fuming.

In the stands, Spike looks on worried, then jumps down and heads toward the archery range.

AT THE SPEED TRACK - Rarity and Pinkie Pie take off on their skates.

466 CADENCE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(over the mic)
And Canterlot is off to an early
lead.

Spike makes it over to the RANGE. He ducks behind a barrel as Twilight takes out another arrow. She pulls it back, but can't help seeing her teammates at the speed track, glaring.

She lets it fly, still wide of the target. Sour Sweet jumps out of her chair with a FULL-VOICED SHOUT...

467 SOUR SWEET
WELL, THAT'S JUST FANTASTIC!

Fluttershy and Applejack look over.

468 FLUTTERSHY
I'm sure glad I don't go to Crystal
Prep.

469 APPLEJACK
You said it.

ANGLE ON - Rarity and Pinkie skating around their track. Pinkie, going backwards.

470 PINKIE PIE
Weeeeeeeee!

By the track, a lap counter with the Wonder Colt logo ticks from "1" to "2," while the one with the Shadow Bolt logo stays at "0".

471 CADENCE
(over the mic)
If CPA can't hit another bullseye
soon, they'll be out of this race.

BACK TO - Twilight as she pulls out another arrow and drops it, her hands shaking. Spike looks on concerned. Sugarcoat shouts over from the motocross track

472 SUGARCOAT
(monotone shout)
You're really bad at this.

Applejack looks from Twilight to her classmates all staring at her angrily.

473 APPLEJACK
I can't take anymore.

She walks up as Twilight picks her arrow up and draws it back again, Sour Sweet follows.

474 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
You have to stop aiming at the target.

475 SOUR SWEET
(sarcastic)
Oh, that makes perfect sense. Don't aim at the target. Thanks sooo much.

476 APPLEJACK
(to Twilight)
You have to stop aiming at the target... and aim at where the target is gonna to be.

477 SOUR SWEET
(sarcastic)
Uh-huh. Yeah. Definitely take advice from the person YOU ARE COMPETING AGAINST!

Applejack ignores Sour Sweet and focuses on Twilight.

478 APPLEJACK
Do you wanna hit the bullseye or not?

Her arrow still drawn, Twilight looks over at Applejack and nods.

479 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Then trust me. Take a deep breath... and let the arrow go... right... NOW!

Twilight lets it fly.

ANGLE ON - the arrow sailing through the air and right through the center of the target.

Sour Sweet jaw drops. Spike pops out and looks up at her.

480 SPIKE
Not bad, huh?

Sour Sweet looks down at him, her eyes wide. She slowly backs away then turns and runs off.

PHOTO FINISH FLASH as the CPA skaters immediately take off and everyone's attention shifts to the short track.

Applejack turns to Twilight.

481 APPLEJACK
See? I was just telling you the
truth.

Twilight smiles at Applejack who PONY-SUP. Her ears and
longer ponytail appear as she floats off of the ground.

Twilight's pendant starts going crazy as it lifts off of her
chest, stretching on its chain toward Applejack like she's a
magnet.

Suddenly the device pops open on its own. SHIMMERING PURPLE
ENERGY flows from Applejack as she drifts to the ground and
drops to her knees out of breath.

482 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
What... are... you doing?

483 TWILIGHT
I don't know!

Suddenly, PORTAL-LIKE RIPPLES appear along the ground. As the
ripples stretch out across the field, HUGE VENUS FLYTRAP
PLANTS pop out, snapping and grasping at anything nearby.

As Twilight and Applejack stare in horror we...

END ACT 5

ACT 6

SC. 47 - ESTABLISHING - EVENT FIELD - RESUME

More THORNY SNAPPING PLANTS pop up all over the field as...

SC. 48 - EXT. EVENT FIELD - SHORT TRACK - SAME

Pinkie and Rarity continue to skate, but the perfect
synchronization and drafting of Lemon Zest and Sunny Flare
have the Shadow Bolts quickly gaining ground.

The Wonder Colt and Shadow Bolt lap counters now read 3 and
2, respectively.

484 CADENCE (O.S.)
 (over the mic)
Canterlot only has two laps to go,
but it looks like Crystal Prep is
making up for lost time...

Rarity looks behind them and sees the other team on a fast approach. She skates backward and holds out her hands.

485 RARITY
Come on!

Pinkie grabs her hands as the other skaters start to pass. In a classic roller derby move, Rarity whips Pinkie around the steep turn of the track.

Both lap counters tick over to 4 as Pinkie careens around the track, past the surging Crystal Prep skaters who have now taken the lead.

Pinkie's momentum carries her all the way around and into Rarity, propelling both of them forward and across the finish line at the same time as their opponents. With a flurry of PHOTO FINISH FLASHES, the crowd CHEERS.

486 CADENCE (O.S.)
(over the mic)
What a finish! It's all up to our
motocross riders now.

SC. 49 - EXT. EVENT FIELD - MOTOCROSS TRACK - SAME

Both teams take off on their dirt bikes, dropping in on the steep ramp that starts the race and leads immediately onto the first HUGE JUMP.

With several FLASHES the crowd OOHS and AAHS as all four riders sail past at the same height as the top of the stands.

487 RAINBOW DASH
THIS! IS! AWESOME!

The riders all hit their landing and take off around the track as they jockey for position.

488 CADENCE (O.S.)
(over the mic)
This is it, everyone. The first
rider from either team to cross the
finish line wins!

Sunset pulls ahead through a series of moguls, but on the next turn, a thick patch of VENUS FLYTRAPS have taken over the track.

Sunset lays her bike down and slides to a stop just short of one of the snapping mouths as Sugarcoat, takes a jump and lands right into one.

Sugarcoat's tires POP on the toothy thorns and she hops off just as the mouth snaps down on her bike. The crowd GASPS.

Indigo Zap comes careening around the turn and uses the plant chewing on Sugarcoat's bike as a jump, catapulting into the lead. The crowd stares, stunned.

Meanwhile, Dash pulls up as Sunset tries to fend off a chomping mouth. Sunset shouts at her.

489 SUNSET
Dash, go on! You can still win.

490 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, winning is nice, but not if
your friend becomes plant food!

Sunset smiles and Dash PONYS-UP. In a burst of RAINBOW ENERGY she grows her longer ponytail, ears and WINGS. Several FLASHES as the crowd stares in shock.

Dash flies around the snapping mouths, distracting them, while Sunset pulls her bike free.

As the plants start attacking each other, Sunset and Dash steer around them and take off after Indigo Zap, leaving Sugarcoat by the side of the course in a cloud of dust.

Indigo Zap weaves around obstacles as she looks over her shoulder at the CHS team coming up from behind.

All three riders look ahead at the final jump and hit the gas. Indigo Zap races to the top, but at the last moment a FLYTRAP pops up and grabs her rear tire.

As one plant pulls Indigo Zap to the ground, two more whip toward Sunset and Rainbow Dash. Dash cuts across the face of the ramp, driving over all the plant's stems, saving Indigo Zap and allowing Sunset to finish the jump.

IN THE STANDS - Cinch rises to her feet, looking on in shock as Sunset sails across the finish line to a flurry of CAMERA FLASHES.

491 CADENCE
 (over the mic)
Canterlot wins! I think.

ON THE FIELD: Sour Sweet snaps her arrows; Lemon Zest and Sunny Flare strip off their speed suits; and Indigo Zap and Sugarcoat try to tug their bikes away from the plant mouths.

ANGLE ON - Twilight and Spike, still examining the PORTAL-LIKE source of the plants as the ripples suddenly collapse.

All of the GIANT FLYTRAPS vanish. Indigo Zap and Sugarcoat fall backwards as their dirt bikes are suddenly freed.

AT THE MOTOCROSS COURSE - our girls rush up to Dash and Sunset.

492 APPLEJACK
 (still winded)
Is everybody all right?

493 RAINBOW DASH
Better than all right, we won!

Principal Cinch strides up with Celestia, Luna and Cadence in tow.

494 CINCH
You can't possibly call that a fair race?

495 CELESTIA
Principal Cinch, we all saw what happened. You can't think CHS had some kind of advantage?

496 CINCH
Can't I? Even without your trained attack plants, your students have wings.

Cinch points to Dash.

497 RAINBOW DASH
Ah, one student. And I didn't even cross the finish line.

498 CELESTIA
Well, the race certainly had some extenuating circumstances. Perhaps we should end the Games now and declare a tie?

499 CINCH
A tie!? Was this your strategy all along? To force us into accepting you as equals? I think not. The Games will continue and Crystal Prep will prevail despite your antics and whatever performance enhancing regiment your students are on!

With that, Cinch turns sharply and walks off the field, followed by her team and the rest of the CPA students.

Sunset walks up to Luna and Celestia.

500 SUNSET
I'm sorry I couldn't stop all this
from happening.

501 CELESTIA
~~It's not your fault, Sunset. I have~~
~~a feeling the only way to convince~~
~~Principal Cinch that we aren't~~
~~cheating is to lose.~~

502 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
It's not your fault, Sunset.

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503 SUNSET
Isn't it? Magic only exists in this
world because of me. And now
Principal Cinch thinks we're using
it to cheat.

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504 CELESTIA
It doesn't matter what Principal
Cinch thinks.

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505 SUNSET
But it does. The students here at
CHS don't just want to win. They
want to beat Crystal Prep. It isn't
going to count if the other side
doesn't really think they lost.
Crystal Prep is never going to
believe we won fair and square if
there is magic around. And that
magic is only around... because of
me.

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END ACT 6

ACT 7

SC. 50 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - FRONT STEPS - THE NEXT DAY

Cadence and Luna stand in front of a microphone looking out
at the crowd of students, CHS on one side of the quad, CPA on
the other, all eyeing each other suspiciously.

506 CADENCE
Since the score is apparently tied.
The final event will determine the
winner of the Friendship Games.

Luna steps forward holding a school PENNANT in each hand-- one with a Wonder Colt logo and one with a Shadow Bolt logo.

507 LUNA
Somewhere on campus a pennant from each school has been hidden. The first team to find their school's flag and bring it back wins.

Cadence looks beyond the crowd at the two teams, preparing for the event.

508 CADENCE
And as soon as our teams are ready we'll begin.

SC. 52 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - QUAD - EAST END - SAME

Meanwhile, at the other end of the quad, Cinch stands by Twilight and the rest of the Crystal Prep team. Spike hides behind a tree nearby.

509 CINCH
I know I am asking you to beat a team that isn't playing fair, but Canterlot High must be made to understand that even with "magic" at their disposal, beating Crystal Prep is simply not an option.

510 SUGARCOAT
What if they grow wings again?

Cinch walks over to Twilight and puts her hands on her shoulders. She looks down at Twilight's pendant.

511 CINCH
A fair question. Though I believe we can now fight fire with fire.

Cinch reaches down and taps the pendant.

512 CINCH (CONT'D)
I've seen what your device can do, Twilight. Containing magical energy is fine, but have you considered releasing it?

The other CPA students move in to look at Twilight's device.

513 TWILIGHT
But I don't even understand how it works.

514 CINCH
But you'd like to. And since our
opponents have already used it to
stay competitive, I see no reason
why we shouldn't do the same.

Spike looks on concerned as Cinch and the other students
gather around Twilight.

515 CINCH (CONT'D)
~~Unless, of course, you have no~~
~~interest in going to Everton Tech.~~
~~Though honestly, I think there's~~
~~more knowledge packed in that~~
~~little device than in any school~~
~~you could ever attend.~~

516 CINCH (CONT'D)
Unless, of course, you have no
interest in Everton. Though
honestly, I think there's more
knowledge packed in that little
device than any independent study
program could offer.

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MUSIC UP as Cinch begins to sing...

517 CINCH (CONT'D)
*I realize that you've always been
an outcast
It's not everyone at school who
loves to think
Finding a student that's like you,
I've had one, or maybe two,
But the good ones disappear before
I blink*

*Now I understand you have your
reservations
It's hard to have a brain as large
as yours,
But if we don't win this game
Well, I think I've made it plain
What will happen if we have the
losing scores.*

The other kids circle around Twilight as they join in...

518 KIDS
*Unleash the magic, unleash the
magic
If we lose, then you're to blame
They all have used it, maybe abused
it*

(MORE)

KIDS (CONT'D)

*Why can't our side just do the
same?*

The rest of the world seems to fade away as the stylized musical routine continues...

519 CINCH

*Call it power, call it magic, If we
lose it will be tragic
But more important is the knowledge
you'll have lost
A chance like this won't come again
And you'll regret not giving in
Isn't understanding magic worth the
cost?*

*Though I'm not one to dictate your
decision.
Only you can know exactly what you
need.
Though these games are very close
And I'll admit that I'm engrossed
With this "magic" that can help us
take the lead.*

520 KIDS

*Unleash the magic, unleash the
magic
We're not friends here after all,
Our only interest in this business
Is seeing Canterlot High School
fall.*

521 CINCH

*What I'm suggesting's fairly simple
since it's win, win on all scores.
You only want to learn about the
magic that you've stored.
I only want to win so that my
legacy endures.
So let's just keep on filling up
that giant brain of yours!*

Cinch and the dancing kids lead Twilight to the center of the quad, continuing their song in a whispered, staccato chant. Spike follows.

522 KIDS

*(low)
Unleash the magic, unleash the
magic
If we lose then it's a crime
But we can win it, if you begin it
(MORE)*

KIDS (CONT'D)

It's up to you not to fail this time!

SC. 53 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - QUAD - SAME

Cinch and the CPA team surround Twilight in front of the Wonder Colt statue. Twilight looks up at Sunset and our girls by the steps as her team continues their low chant.

523 KIDS
Unleash the magic, unleash the magic...

Twilight takes her pendant from around her neck and looks down at it.

524 TWILIGHT
Imagine the things I can learn by setting it free.

Luna and Cadence step forward on the steps.

525 LUNA
If both teams are ready...

ANGLE ON - Sunset, looking over at Twilight as she turns her device over and flips a switch.

526 TWILIGHT
And I know that winning the Games depends on me.

The device starts to CRACKLE with DARK ENERGY as it lifts out her hand, levitating in the air in front of her. Sunset's eyes go wide.

527 CADENCE
The last event of the Friendship Games begins...

528 TWILIGHT
But the magic's what I really want to see...

Cinch looks down at Twilight, her eyes narrowing.

529 CINCH
We all do.

Spike looks on.

530 SPIKE
Twilight, no!

Cadence and Luna speak into the mic at once.

531 CADENCE/LUNA
NOW!

Twilight snatches the device out of the air and pops it open. A blast of DARK ENERGY shoots out of it and hits her square in the forehead.

MAGICAL CURRENT crisscrosses over her body and she goes stiff, dropping the depleted pendant as she levitates off the ground. She turns her head toward Cinch...

532 TWILIGHT
Help... Me...

Her teammates watch in horror as Twilight reaches out toward Cinch, who stumbles backwards in a panic, falling as she scrambles to get away.

533 CINCH
Keep away from me!

IN A SERIES OF SHOTS TWILIGHT IS TRANSFORMED:

- Crackling DARK ENERGY surrounds her like lightning as her WHITE EYES snap open.

- The DARK LIGHTNING pulses in a series of shock waves that EXPLODE outward then IMplode, collapsing into...

- a BALL OF LIGHT that rises into the air, as the DARKNESS and the TWILIGHT-LIKE FORM inside swirl around until it finally bursts outward in a BLAST OF LIGHT that fades to reveal...

GIANT, BLACK BLADE-LIKE WINGS,

FLAMING BLACK AND PURPLE HAIR,

AND THE GLOWING TWISTED HORN OF...

Midnight Sparkle!

Cinch shrinks away in horror as the rest of the Crystal Prep team stare dumbstruck and students scatter as Midnight Sparkle rises into the air.

ANGLE ON - Sunset and the others as they look up in shock.

Midnight Sparkle looks down at them and LAUGHS.

534 MIDNIGHT SPARKLE
You were right. I didn't understand
magic before. But I do now!

Midnight Sparkle turns and blasts the Wonder Colt statue with
a MASSIVE BEAM OF ENERGY from her horn.

The ENERGY hits the statue, but instead of destroying it, the
energy spreads out from it, like cracks in a pane of glass.

Midnight Sparkle BLASTS at one of the cracks and a section
falls away to reveal another world beyond...

The rolling hills of PONYVILLE with CANTERLOT glimmering in
the distance.

535 SUNSET
Equestria!

Midnight Sparkle smiles and BLASTS the statue again. More
cracks spread up to the sky as the very fabric of the world
of Canterlot High starts to TEAR APART.

Sunset rushes over and stands between Midnight Sparkle and
the statue.

536 SUNSET (CONT'D)
Twilight, you can't do this!

537 MIDNIGHT SPARKLE
Why not? There's a whole other
world right there and it's just
filled with magic!

Midnight Sparkle BLASTS at another crack in the sky and
another section falls away like glass revealing more of
Equestria behind.

538 SUNSET
But you're destroying this world to
get it!

539 MIDNIGHT SPARKLE
So what? There's more magic there
and I have to understand it all!

Midnight Sparkle rears back, preparing to hit the statue
again. Sunset looks around and spots the pendent on the
ground. Quickly she grabs it and holds it up as Midnight
Sparkle unleashes another BLAST of magic.

The BLAST hits the pendent, driving Sunset back on her feet,
but the device absorbs the energy and no new cracks form.

Frustrated, Midnight Sparkle sends another, more powerful BEAM and again Sunset blocks it with the pendent -- the magical energy connecting to it like an electrical current arcing through the air.

540 SUNSET
~~You can't understand everything! No-~~
~~one can!~~

Sunset struggles to hold onto the pendent against Midnight Sparkle's onslaught, but the beam is too powerful and the pendent flies out of her hands and clatters to the ground.

541 MIDNIGHT SPARKLE
~~Oh, but I can! And I will!~~

With that, Midnight Sparkle sends a BLAST from her horn right at Sunset. Sunset dives and rolls out of the way as the BEAM OF ENERGY hits the ground.

PORTAL-LIKE RIPPLES appear at the point of impact and spread out along the quad -- creating a massive RIFT.

As students scramble back from the edge of the rift, Rarity and Fluttershy stumble. The other girls grab on, holding hands in a human chain.

The CPA students look out at the scene, overwhelmed. Cinch turns away and starts to walk off.

542 SUNNY FLARE
Where are you going?

543 CINCH
Somewhere I'm not apt to fall
through a hole to another dimension
and I suggest you do the same!

Cinch runs for cover. The Crystal Prep students all look at each other.

Meanwhile, Dash, Applejack and Pinkie hold tight as Rarity and Fluttershy dangle near the edge of the rift.

544 RAINBOW DASH
Hang on!

545 RARITY
Obviously!

Suddenly, the rift spreads further, drawing Dash and Pinkie toward it as well. Applejack strains, holding the entire group.

546 APPLEJACK
Don't let go!

Suddenly, Applejack is pulled from behind. She looks back to see Indigo Zap and the rest of the CPA stretching back, holding on to the front door of the school.

547 INDIGO ZAP
We've got you!

BACK WITH SUNSET - looking over at the CPA team and her friends, all helping each other get to safety.

On the ground nearby, the pendent starts to GLOW. Sunset looks down at it, then back to her friends. In a sudden moment of realization she grabs the glowing pendent.

548 SUNSET
~~You don't have to understand-~~
~~everything about magic... and-~~
~~neither do I!~~

549 SUNSET (CONT'D)
This isn't the way!

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She holds it up to Midnight Sparkle.

550 SUNSET (CONT'D)
Because I already know the things
that I need. They've been right in
front of me this whole time:
honesty, loyalty, generosity,
laughter, kindness.

551 SUNSET (CONT'D)
I know right now you feel powerful!
Like you can have everything you
want! I've been where you are! I've
made the mistake you're making! I
put on a crown and, just like you,
I was overwhelmed by the magic it
contained. I thought it could get
me everything I wanted!

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552 TWILIGHT
I can have everything I want!

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553 SUNSET
But you'll be alone. And no real
magic comes from being alone. Real
magic comes from honesty, loyalty,
generosity, laughter and kindness.
(then)

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SUNSET (CONT'D)

I understand you Twilight, and I
want to show you the most important
magic of all.

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The pendent PULSES as Sunset lists each of the elements and one by one, the Equestria Girls PONY-UP. The CPA team watches as the girls rise up into the air.

554 SUNSET (CONT'D)

~~The magic in this world isn't so
different from the magic of
Equestria after all.~~

The pendent in Sunset's hand GLOWS brighter, the energy surrounding her as she floats up to join her friends.

555 SUNSET (CONT'D)

~~And it's a magic that I already
understand...~~

PURPLE SHIMMERING ENERGY extends outward from the pendent, swirling around Sunset in a vortex of brightly glowing magic.

The energy glows brighter as it whirls faster and faster, finally EXPLODING in a BLAST OF LIGHT to reveal Sunset has been transformed into...

DAYDREAM SHIMMER - her giant white wings and horn surrounded by SHINING SUNLIGHT.

556 SUNSET (CONT'D)

The magic of friendship!

As the Equestria Girls and Sunset hover in front of Midnight Sparkle, the CPA team and students from both schools gather underneath them and join hands.

Sunset's SHINING AURA stretches down to the kids below, connecting them all in a BEAM OF SUNLIGHT.

The LIGHT around the kids glows brighter, then shoots up through the Equestria Girls, splitting like a prism when it reaches Sunset's horn.

New beams shoot out, connecting all the cracks and rifts to the Wonder Colt statue and eventually to Midnight Sparkle.

557 MIDNIGHT SPARKLE

NO!

Midnight Sparkle fights back with a DARK BEAM of her own. Energy flows out of her horn, pushing back at the BEAM OF SUNLIGHT from Sunset, the Equestria Girls, and all the students below.

The air CRACKLES as the two magical currents push back and forth. Sunset extends her hand to Midnight Sparkle.

558 SUNSET
~~There's a world of magic already~~
~~here. And all you need to~~
~~understand it is to be a friend.~~

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Midnight Sparkle looks out at all the glowing rifts and cracks. She looks down at the group of kids from both schools holding hands, then up at Sunset's outstretched hand and finally gives in, allowing the sunlight to flow through her.

The beam GLOWS brightly as the tears in the fabric of reality start to shrink -- magic draining off of Midnight Sparkle the whole time.

Finally, in a MAGICAL IMPLOSION all the energy coalesces into the GLOWING WONDER COLT STATUE as the PORTAL to Equestria is restored.

As the light fades, Midnight Sparkle drifts to the ground transformed once again into Twilight.

Sunset and the others float to the ground with her. She looks up at them, steam rising from her shoulders.

559 TWILIGHT
I'm so sorry. I didn't mean for any
of this to happen. ~~All I ever~~
~~wanted was to keep learning.~~

560 SUNSET
~~Well, I can tell you from~~
~~experience, you'll never stop~~
~~learning about friendship.~~

561 SUNSET (CONT'D)
I know. And going by my own
experiences... they'll forgive you.

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Sunset holds out her hand and Twilight takes it as they all embrace.

BACK AT THE SCHOOL STEPS - Cinch pops out of her hiding place and rushes up to Celestia.

562 CINCH
Principal Celestia, on behalf of
Crystal Prep I demand that CHS
forfeit the Friendship Games.
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CINCH (CONT'D)

Clearly CHS has had unfair advantage for quite some time and it's certainly obvious that your students have been using magic for their own benefit.

563 CELESTIA

I'd like to think that saving the world benefits us all.

Sugarcoat steps forward.

564 SUGARCOAT

At least they didn't manipulate Twilight into releasing all of the stolen magic and turning into a power crazed magical creature that tried to rip the world apart just to win a game.

565 PINKIE PIE

Wow. That's a lot to take in when you say it all at once.

Celestia turns and looks at Cinch.

566 CINCH

That's ridiculous.

Spike runs up.

567 SPIKE

Nope. That's pretty much what happened.

Everyone looks down at the talking dog, then shrugs.

568 SOUR SWEET

Actually, we're all to blame.
(under her breath)
But mostly it was her.

569 CINCH

Clearly my students have been infected with your magic, but I plan on taking all of this up with the School Board.

570 CELESTIA

Good. I'm sure they be very interested in hearing all about the magical students with wings.

Luna steps forward with smile.

571 LUNA
And the portals to different
dimensions.

Cadence walks over and stands next to Celestia and Luna.

572 CADENCE
And don't forget to tell them about
the talking dog.

573 SPIKE
Because that would never ruin your
reputation.

Cinch looks at the three women smiling at her, then frowns
and storms off.

Celestia turns to see a mix of CPA and CHS students, all
gathered around staring at her.

574 CELESTIA
Well, I know these Friendship Games
haven't been what any of us
expected, but given what we've all
just been through, I think it's
fair to declare us all winners.

Off of the kids all CHEERING...

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Sunset and the Equestria Girls hang out around the statue. In
the distance, the CPA kids board their busses.

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575 APPLEJACK
~~Now that the portal's back open, I-~~
~~guess you can finally head off to~~
~~Equestria.~~

576 RARITY
~~Yes, darling, now you can go have~~
~~all of those magical adventures you~~
~~were after.~~

577 SUNSET
~~Well, I guess it's pretty obvious I-~~
~~don't need to go all the way to~~
~~Equestria for that.~~

~~They all smile.~~

578 FLUTTERSHY
~~Still, I'm sure it will be nice to
get back to where magic is
predictable.~~

579 SUNSET
~~I guess.~~

580 PINKIE PIE
~~Even though you finally figured out
all our magic comes from the things
that make each of us such good
friends.~~

~~Pinkie stops a group of passing CPA kids. With a flurry of
twisting and tying, Pinkie presents them all with balloon
animal likenesses.~~

~~The kids take their balloons and LAUGH. Pinkie PONYS UP in a
burst of energy and starts to float up off the ground.~~

581 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
~~Oooop!~~

582 SUNSET
~~Actually, I've been thinking about
it. I know the magic in Equestria
is dependable but there's something
cool about not knowing what it's
going to do next.~~

~~They all look up at Pinkie.~~

583 RARITY
~~Well, that's certainly the case
here.~~

584 SUNSET
~~And after everything we just went
through, I feel like not knowing
something isn't always so bad. It
gives you something to work for.~~

585 RAINBOW DASH
~~So, what are you saying?~~

586 SUNSET
~~Equestria has a magic all it's own,
but this place does to. Someone has
to figure out how it works here and
it may as well be me. So, I guess
I'm saying I've decided to stay.~~

587 ALL
~~Awesome! Splendid! Hooray! Etc.~~

588 SUNSET
~~Of course, I will have to go back to Equestria for a visit. I think Twilight is going to want to hear all about the other her!~~

~~The girls all laugh and embrace.~~

~~AT THE CURB Indigo Zap stands with Twilight and Cadence.~~

589 INDIGO ZAP
~~I don't care what Principal Cinch says, it's been more fun getting to know everyone at CHS than it ever was playing against them.~~

~~They all look over to see Lemon Zest and DJ Pon3 trading earbuds and rocking out.~~

590 CADENCE
~~Crystal Prep is definitely going to be a different place now.~~

~~Indigo Zap smiles and boards the bus. Spike sticks his head out of one of the windows.~~

591 SPIKE
~~Hey, Twilight. Any idea who you want to sit next to on the way back? I already have a waiting list.~~

592 CELESTIA (O.S.)
~~Speaking of heading back...~~

~~Twilight turns to see Celestia, Luna, and a group of CHS students, Flash Sentry among them.~~

593 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
~~I'm not sure what your plans are for the future, but if they don't include Crystal Prep, I'm sure we could find room for you here at Canterlot High.~~

~~Flash steps forward, excited.~~

594 FLASH
~~You could totally join the Mathlete team!~~

~~Everyone looks at Flash and he steps back, embarrassed.~~

~~The rest of the CPA TEAM sticks their heads out of the bus windows as Sunset and the Equestria Girls walk up. Twilight looks between the two groups.~~

595 TWILIGHT
~~If I had to chose where I wanted to be before the Friendship Games, Crystal Prep would have been the last place I'd pick. I didn't think there was anything left there to learn.~~

~~The CPA kids nod.~~

596 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
~~But now that I understand how much there is to know about friendship, I kind of can't wait to share it.~~

~~Twilight turns to Celestia.~~

597 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
~~Thank you Principle Celestia, but I'm going to stay at Crystal Prep. I feel like there's more to learn there now than ever.~~

~~Sunset and the others walk up.~~

598 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
~~Not that I won't miss the new friends I've made here.~~

599 SUNSET
~~It's actually kind of nice to know there's someone at CPA I have so much in common with.~~

600 TWILIGHT
~~And it's nice to know CHS is a place where I can always find the magic of friendship.~~

601 SUNSET
~~I bet you'll be able to find it at Crystal Prep pretty soon too.~~

~~Celestia steps forward holding out a pair of Olympic style, gold medals.~~

602 CELESTIA

~~Normally, these go to a student on each team who best exemplified the spirit of the Friendship Games. But this time, I don't feel that two is enough.~~

~~Celestia gives more medals to Luna and Cadence who hand them out to our girls as well as the CPA team.~~

~~Twilight and Sunset look down at their medals, smile and embrace. Photo Finish pops up and takes a FLASH picture. Twilight and Cadence board the bus and the doors close.~~

~~As the bus starts to move, Photo Finish snaps several more shots of the CPA and CHS students, all wearing their medals as they wave goodbye.~~

~~With a final FLASH, she captures Twilight and Spike looking out the rear window and waving to Sunset and the Equestria Girls as the bus drives off.~~

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603 CADANCE

I guess that was one way to finish up your time at Crystal Prep.

(off Twilight's look)

Pretty sure Principal Cinch will be fast-tracking your application to Everton after all of that.

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604 TWILIGHT

I've been thinking about it and...
I'm not so sure now is the time for me to apply to Everton.

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605 CADANCE

Really?

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606 TWILIGHT

I may know about a lot of things. But friendship isn't really one of them. And I'm definitely not going to learn more about it by being alone all the time.

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607 CADANCE

So you're staying at Crystal Prep?

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608 TWILIGHT
Well... it seems the students here
at CHS know an awful lot about the
subject. I don't suppose...

609 CADANCE
You could transfer to this school
instead

610 TWILIGHT
Maybe?

Cadance smiles.

611 CADANCE
I'd miss you terribly, but... I
think that's a great idea.
(then)
I'm sure I could speak to Principal
Celestia about it. She's like an
aunt to me.

612 TWILIGHT
She is?

Elsewhere, Sunset holds the book that she uses to communicate
with Twilight in Equestria.

613 FLUTTERSHY
Still no word from Princess
Twilight?

614 SUNSET
Not yet.
(then, a realization)
But, I think I may have figured out
how the magic works in this world.
We pony up when we're showing the
truest part of ourselves. It
happened to me when I was showing
understanding and empathy toward
Twilight.
(then)
The answer was there all along. I
was just too busy trying to get
someone else to help me find it
that I never really bothered to
look for it myself.
(then)
I'm sure there are going to be more
magical problems that pop up in
this world.

(MORE)

SUNSET (CONT'D)

But you were right, Applejack,
Princess Twilight has her own
problems to worry about in
Equestria. We can't expect her to
always be around to help us.

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615 TWILIGHT (O.S.)
But maybe I can be.

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The girls turn to see Twilight standing next to Principal
Celestia.

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616 PRINCIPAL CELESTIA
It seems we have a new Wondercolt
here at Canterlot High. I'm sure I
can count on you girls to help her
feel at home.

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Sunset Shimmer smiles a huge smile.

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617 SUNSET
You sure can!

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The girls move into embrace Twilight.

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Sunset Shimmer and the Mane 6 are gathered around the portal
when suddenly a panicked Princess Twilight leaps out of it.
She lands in front of Sunset Shimmer.

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618 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Sunset Shimmer! Is everything ok? I
just got your message and you said
the magic here was changing...

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She trails off as she looks over Sunset Shimmer's shoulder
and sees the CHS version of Twilight.

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The two stare wide-eyed at one another.

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619 PINKIE PIE
(sing-song)
Awkward.

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