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MY LITTLE PONY EQUESTRIA GIRLS

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TEASER

FADE IN:

SC. 1 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - DUSK

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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, her hands full of fabric, and FLUTTERSHY, her hands full of small animals, 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 get my Pony on and show our fans some awesome guitar licks, but I kinda need all six strings to do it. Got any extra?

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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.

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12 RAINBOW DASH

No problem. The acoustics in the hallways 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.

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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 pocket watch.

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.

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.

14 SUNSET (CONT'D)
Hey!

The Figure looks up with a start.

15 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.

16 SUNSET (CONT'D)
Wait!

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

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

17 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.

18 PINKIE PIE
Wow, for a hoodie-wearing mystery
person, she sure was fast.
Who was it?

19 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 builds/upgrades her device as described by the Directors in their script notes.

As her device powers up for the first time, we PAN UP to the EQUESTRIA GIRLS: THE FRIENDSHIP GAMES title card and...

END TITLES as we DISSOLVE TO:

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ACT 1

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

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

20 SUNSET

She was definitely taking some kind of readings from the statue. Or maybe measuring it?

21 FLUTTERSHY

Do you think she came through the portal from Equestria?

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22 SUNSET

No. I'm pretty sure she was from this side.

23 APPLEJACK

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

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24 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.

25 SUNSET

(excited)

Still, a mysterious figure snooping around the portal? Don't you want to know what she was up to?

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26 FLUTTERSHY

I don't even want to guess.

27 RAINBOW DASH

Well, you don't have to because I've totally figured out who she was.

Dash leads them to a section with sports books.

28 PINKIE PIE

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

29 RAINBOW DASH

Seeing as how she got off of a bus from the city and got back on a bus headed to the city, I'll bet she goes to...

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

30 ALL
Crystal Prep.

31 RAINBOW DASH
Yep. Probably trying to prank us by
defacing the Wonder Colt statue.

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

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

34 APPLEJACK
Because the Shadow Bolts are our
biggest rivals.

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.

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

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

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

37 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.

38 SUNSET
Seems kind of silly to me.

The other girls all look at her.

39 ALL *
SILLY? *

40 RAINBOW DASH *
So, I guess you think the *
Friendship Games silly too? *

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

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

43 SUNSET *
You're right. I'm sorry. I know the *
whole school is excited. *

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

45 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. *

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

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

48 SUNSET *
What do you mean? *

49 RAINBOW DASH
Oh, you'll find out.

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

50 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.

51 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.

52 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.

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

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FLASH SENTRY sits near the front.

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

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Celestia gives him a look. Flash shrugs.

55 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.

56 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.

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

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

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

BACK to Dash.

60 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...

61 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*.

62 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.

63 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.

64 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!

65 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.

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

66 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.

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

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

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

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

71 SUNSET
I don't know about that, but magic here has definitely been changing. I can't figure it out.

72 LUNA (O.S.)
Well, it would be nice if you could.

They all turn to see Vice Principal Luna.

73 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.

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

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75 ALL
Totally! Yeah! Etc.

Luna looks to Sunset.

76 LUNA
Just see what you can do.

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

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

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

79 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 going to
compete it.

80 FLUTTERSHY
It could be anything.

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

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

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

The girls all stop and stare at her.

83 SUNSET (CONT'D)
So, um... bye.

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

84 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.

85 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.

86 TWILIGHT
Sorry!

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

87 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.

88 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.

89 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
There you are!

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

90 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Okay, okay.

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

91 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.

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Spike growls.

92 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.

93 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.

94 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.

Spike looks up at her and tilts his head.

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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.

95 CADENCE
Twilight, you know the rules
against pets.

96 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.

97 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.

98 TWILIGHT

Why?

99 CADENCE

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

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With that, Cadence exits. Twilight turns to Spike.

100 TWILIGHT

*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...*

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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...

101 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...

102 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.*

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103 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...

104 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
(MORE)*

SUNSET (CONT'D)
*It's not like high school'd ever be
that fun.*

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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...

105 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.

106 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,
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.

107 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.

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

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

110 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...

111 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.

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.

112 TWILIGHT (O.S.)
Sunset?

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

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

114 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**...

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115 TWILIGHT
Magical?

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Sunset nods.

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116 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.

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117 TWILIGHT
Have you talked to the others about
it?

118 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.

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119 TWILIGHT
In Equestria?

Sunset nods.

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

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121 SUNSET
Yeah, but the magic in Equestria
makes sense.

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Twilight nods.

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122 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.

123 SUNSET

I've got it.

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

124 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.

125 TWILIGHT

Shining Armor?

(to Cadence)

Why is my brother here?

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

126 CADENCE

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

127 TWILIGHT

Perspective on what?

128 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. *

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

130 SHINING ARMOR
I did.

131 CINCH
And do you happen to recall who
won?

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

Cinch turns to Twilight.

133 CINCH
We always win.

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

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

135 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.

136 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?

137 TWILIGHT
I don't know. I guess.

138 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.

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139 TWILIGHT
In the Friendship Games?

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140 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.

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141 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.

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

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

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

Cinch sits back down across from Twilight.

145 CINCH (CONT'D)
Cadence, could you and Shining
Armor find my contact sheet for the
Everton Institute of Technology?

146 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.

147 CINCH

I understand you've applied for a scholarship. 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.

148 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?

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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.

149 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.

150 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Besides, it's not like Principal Cinch gave me much of a choice.

Spike growls.

151 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.

152 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. *

153 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.

154 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, PEA CUES, whose neat hair is held back by
a single pea-pod shaped clip, speaks so quietly, it's barely
audible. *

155 PEA CUES
You could try the end of the line. *

Twilight turns to her. *

156 TWILIGHT
What did you say? *

157 PEA CUES *
(suddenly sweet) *
Just that someone as smart as you *
should definitely go first. Right, *
Fair Tee? *

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

158 FAIR TEE *
(curt) *
Absolutely, Pea Cues. On the other *
hand, you could try waiting in line *
like everyone else. *

159 TWILIGHT *
I... I didn't mean to... I was just *
asking...

Cadence sighs as she checks Twilight off on her clipboard. *

160 CADENCE *
This is the right bus, Twilight. Go *
ahead.

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

Twilight looks at Fair Tee and Pea Cues, both looking back *
with forced smiles. *

162 PEA CUES *
(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, Lightning Dust. *

163 LIGHTNING DUST *
Are we gonna win?

164 TWILIGHT *
I... I don't know.

165 LIGHTNING DUST *
Wrong answer! Try again. Are we *
gonna win?

166 TWILIGHT

Um... I guess? I'm sorry, Lightning
Dust, it's just...

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

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167 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.

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168 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 TART, who's listening to music through her
earbuds.

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

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169 TWILIGHT

Hi Sugarcoat.

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

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170 SUGARCOAT

(no inflection)

That was a really bad speech. You
should consider not speaking in
public.

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

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

171 TWILIGHT

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

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

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172 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Um, Lemon Tart? Are you all right?

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

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173 LEMON TART
Oh, man, you have got to hear this!

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With that sticks the earbud into Twilight's ear. Twilight's eyes practically bug out as she listens to Lemon Tart's CRAZY PUNK MUSIC and the bus drives off.

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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.

174 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.

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175 SUNSET
Um... we're supposed to be keeping magic out of the Friendship Games, remember?

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

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177 SUNSET
...this isn't Equestria.

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Sunset looks down at the floor.

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178 APPLEJACK
Well, whatever's going on with magic, I'm sure you'll figure it out!

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179 ALL
Yeah! Totally! Etc.

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Sunset looks at her friends and smiles.

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

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Rarity suddenly pulls several racks of clothes out of
nowhere.

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181 APPLEJACK
Rarity, what did you go and do?

182 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.

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

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

185 RARITY
I know.

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

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187 RARITY
(excited)
I KNOW!

With that, Rarity PONYS-UP, growing ears and her extra long
ponytail. All the girls stare at her, surprised. Sunset
rushes over, excited.

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188 SUNSET
How did you do that?

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189 RARITY
I don't know, but it's definitely
going to make things easier...

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

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Interspersed with WIPES of Ponyed-Up Rarity, we see the gang
in various outfits:

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- NBA-style basketball uniforms...

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- 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 PONY 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. *

190 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. *

191 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.

192 LUNA

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

193 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. Lightning Dust steps down and immediately gets in front of her. *

194 LIGHTNING DUST *

Coming through!

195 TWILIGHT
Oh. Sorry.

Twilight takes a step back and bumps into Fair Tee and Pea Cues standing behind her.

196 FAIR TEE
Seriously?

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Twilight spins around.

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

Fair Tee rolls her eyes and walks in front of Twilight. Pea Cues follows, looking up at Twilight as she passes.

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198 PEA CUES
You are such a sweetie!
(then, softly)
I am watching you.

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Twilight stares after them confused as Lemon Tart walks by her, obliviously head-banging to her music. Sugarcoat follows, smiling oddly again as she too steps in front of Twilight.

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199 SUGARCOAT
You're being a doormat right now.

Twilight looks up to find herself at the end of the line, frustrated. Suddenly her pendant device starts BUZZING. She snaps it open to find the dial is GLOWING, the readings pointing 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.

200 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.

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201 CECIL
Hey Twilight!

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This time she hears them and stops.

202 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.

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

204 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

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205 FLASH
Twilight?

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206 TWILIGHT
(hesitant)
Yes?

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

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208 TWILIGHT
Um... Like, since forever.

Flash looks at her, confused.

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

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210 TWILIGHT
Just for the Friendship Games.

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

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

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

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

213 FLASH
Ah... Okay. Bye?

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

Ponyed-Up 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.

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214 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.

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

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Rarity's MAGICAL GLOW BRIGHTENS. Sunset flips up the visor of her WELDER'S HELMET, watching as her friend rises higher off of the ground.

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216 SUNSET
And magic too, apparently.

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As Rarity continues to flit about the room...

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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 starts to glow-- the readings going wild. Suddenly, 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 as she **flies** about.

217 RARITY
Alright. Only a dozen or so more to go...

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

218 RARITY (CONT'D)
**Actually, 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.

219 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.

220 ALL
Twilight?

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

221 TWILIGHT
Yes?

The girls all quickly crowd around her.

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

223 RAINBOW DASH
I'll bet you came to see us kick some Shadow Bolt tail, didn't ya?

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

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Twilight looks down at her CPA uniform.

225 TWILIGHT
My uniform?

226 FLUTTERSHY
Your uniform for what?

227 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.

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228 RARITY/FLUTTERSHY
Spike!

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

229 TWILIGHT
You know my dog's name too?

230 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 and Principal
Cinch walk in.

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

232 CINCH
(bored)
You don't say?

Celestia and Cinch stop short and look down at Twilight.

233 CELESTIA
Twilight?

234 TWILIGHT
This is getting ridiculous.

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

235 CINCH

I must apologize for the curiosity
of my prize student.

236 CELESTIA

Your student?

237 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.

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

238 CELESTIA

I didn't know Twilight had a twin
sister.

239 FLUTTERSHY

She doesn't.

240 PINKIE PIE

Of course not! 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!

241 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.

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Celestia looks **from Pinkie to Applejack**, then...

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242 CELESTIA

You know what? Never mind.

With that, Celestia turns and walks out.

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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.**

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243 TWILIGHT

I'm sorry, Principal Cinch, I was just following [these](#) strange readings. Actually, they lead me to those girls and--

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244 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.

245 TWILIGHT

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

Cinch stops and looks at her.

246 CINCH

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

247 TWILIGHT

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

248 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, Fair Tee, Pea Cues and the others stare at Twilight suspiciously.](#)

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Twilight [sighs and](#) heads to the back of the line, which now stretches from the sidewalk into the quad.

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

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

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249 RARITY

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

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

251 FLUTTERSHY
Our Twilight wouldn't. *

252 SUNSET
Our Twilight's a princess in
Equestria where magic is for more
than pep rallies and costume
changes. *

The girls all stop and look at her. *

253 SUNSET (CONT'D)
I'm sorry. I know how important the
Games are to you all... But I think
I just decided something. *

254 FLUTTERSHY
What? *

255 SUNSET
I think it's time I went back to
Equestria. *

256 ALL
WHAT!?

257 SUNSET
I'll miss all of you, of course,
it's just... I miss Equestria more.
I miss magic. *

258 RARITY
But there's magic here, darling. *

259 SUNSET
Sort of. But we're not even
supposed to use it, which is good
since I don't know how. *

The girls go quiet as Sunset's news sinks in. *

260 PINKIE PIE
Well, really, Vice-Principal Luna
only said not to use magic during
the Friendship Games. *

261 APPLEJACK
That's right. Just stay until after
the Games. *

(MORE)

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

Then we can all work on figuring
out our magic together. If you
still want to go back after that,
we won't stand in your way.

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Sunset looks at her friends expectant faces.

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262 SUNSET

All right. I mean, I am already on
the team. I can wait until after
the Games.

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263 ALL

Whew! Thank goodness! Etc.

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Sunset smiles and they all head outside.

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

The girls stand on the steps and look out at the long line of
students from Crystal Prep.

264 PINKIE PIE

Wow. There's a lot of them.

265 RARITY

All wearing that dreadful uniform.

266 SUNSET

What's so dreadful about it?

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267 RARITY

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

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268 FLUTTERSHY

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

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269 APPLEJACK

It's just another school, y'all.

Dash turns and heads back inside.

270 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.

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

272 SUNSET
Yeah. I'll be right there.

Dash shrugs and heads inside with the others.

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

273 SUNSET (CONT'D)
Just checking.

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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.

274 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.

275 TWILIGHT
What's going on?

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

276 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.

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

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

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

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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.

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.

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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.

279 APPLEJACK
What do you mean it's closed?

280 SUNSET
I mean it's gone! The portal's not
there anymore.

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281 RAINBOW DASH
How'd that happen?

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

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

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283 APPLEJACK
What in tarnation is she doing?

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

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

With that Sunset walks 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.

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

Twilight spins around, startled.

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

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Lightning Dust steps in front of Twilight before she can continue.

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287 **LIGHTNING DUST**
Who wants to know?

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288 RAINBOW DASH
Um... We do.

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

289 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.

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

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

292 FAIR TEE
Sorry, dearie, but these Games
aren't about being nice.

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293 RARITY
Well, you might use a little tact.

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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.

294 PINKIE PIE
Hi! I'm Pinkie Pie.

295 TWILIGHT
Oh. Hi. I'm Twilight.

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

297 TWILIGHT
That's... weird.

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

298 PINKIE PIE
What's that?

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

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

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Pinkie just stares at her and blinks.

300 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
It takes readings.

301 PINKIE PIE
Of the party?

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

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

303 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.

304 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...

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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.

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305 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.

306 PINKIE PIE
Party cannons, of course!

Off Twilight's shock...

SC. 29 - INT. GYMNASIUM - FLOOR - SAME

Celestia finishes her speech...

307 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.

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

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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. *

BY THE BLEACHERS - Pinkie looks out, ready to plug in her cannons. Twilight looks over her shoulder, nervous. *

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

309 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. *

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. *

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. *

310 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**.

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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**.

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311 PINKIE PIE
(disappointed)
Awww.

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

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312 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Oooh.

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

313 CINCH
Ah-hem.

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

314 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.

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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.

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315 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.

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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.

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

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317 FLUTTERSHY
They definitely broke the ice.

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318 RARITY
Yes. If only that Principal Cinch hadn't re-frozen it.

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Pinkie looks up, still obviously exhausted.

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319 PINKIE PIE
Yeah. She's awful.

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320 SUNSET *
Wow. Pinkie, what happened to you? *

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

322 SUNSET *
You did? *

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

324 SUNSET *
What do you mean leaked out? *

325 APPLEJACK *
Hey, where is that other Twilight? *

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

Pinkie looks around to see that Twilight is gone. *

327 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.

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

Twilight looks back at the girls.

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

Cinch smiles.

330 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.

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

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

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

Cinch leans in.

334 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.

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

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

335 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.

336 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!

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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.

337 CADENCE

Welcome to the first event. 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.

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

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

338 CELESTIA

Good luck to all in the Friendship
Games' Academic Decathlon!

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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...

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339 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.*

(MORE)

STUDENTS (CONT'D)

*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...

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TEST TUBE WIPE TO:

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

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

340 STUDENTS

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

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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...

LIGHTNING DUST and SUGARCOAT - unveil a two story birdhouse painted with flames.

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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...

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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.

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PEA CUES and FAIR TEE - 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...

341 ALL

*The Academic Decathlon, not
everyone will pass.*

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*The Academic Decathlon, the first
ones out are last.*

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*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...

342 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...

343 SUNSET
*When these Games are finally over,
I'll find out just what she's done.*

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

344 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...*

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

345 CINCH
Incorrect!

One last FLASH from Photo Finish as we...

END MUSICAL MONTAGE

Sunset's expression drops as Luna steps forward.

346 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.

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

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347 RAINBOW DASH
That was awesome!

348 RARITY
Truly amazing!

349 SUNSET
But we didn't win.

350 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.

351 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.

Fair Tee turns to Twilight.

352 FAIR TEE
Guess you couldn't hog the
spotlight forever.

Meanwhile Sunset and the Equestria girls all CHEER.

353 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 to our girls, she finds Flash Sentry
suddenly standing there.

354 FLASH
Congratulations. You were really
great.

355 TWILIGHT
Um... Thanks.

356 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.

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

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

Twilight heads out, following Sunset and the others.

359 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.* *

360 FLUTTERSHY *
Do want to give her a treat? *

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

362 FLUTTERSHY *
Not just one...

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

363 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.

364 FLUTTERSHY
It really is uncanny. Does he talk?

Twilight looks at her like she is insane.

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

366 FLUTTERSHY

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

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367 TWILIGHT

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

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Twilight looks down, despondent.

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368 FLUTTERSHY

That sounds awful. Here. Hold this.

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

369 TWILIGHT

Um... why?

370 FLUTTERSHY

Holding a bunny always makes me feel better.

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371 TWILIGHT

Well, that's ridiculous, but...

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The bunny nuzzles her face and Twilight smiles.

372 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.*

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373 FLUTTERSHY

You looked like you needed it.

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

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374 TWILIGHT

(curious)

What *in the world is that?*

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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.

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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.

375 TWILIGHT/FLUTTERSHY
SPIKE!

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

376 TWILIGHT
What are you doing!?

377 FLUTTERSHY
I don't know!

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. *

378 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Ooooh. *

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

379 TWILIGHT
Spike, are you okay?

380 SPIKE
Um... I think so.

Twilight looks at Spike. Spike looks at Twilight. *

381 BOTH
AHHHHHHHHH! *

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

382 FLUTTERSHY
Bye. *

Spike looks at Fluttershy, then and runs after Twilight. *

383 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.

384 SPIKE
Twilight, come on! Wait for me!

She finally stops and he catches up.

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

386 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!

387 SPIKE
Yeah.

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

388 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Weird, right?

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

390 SPIKE
What? Oh. Sure.

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

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

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

393 TWILIGHT

Sorry.

Twilight picks Spike up and examines him.

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394 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.

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

395 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.

396 TWILIGHT

(whispering)

Quick! Hide in here!

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

397 CINCH

Twilight, who were you talking to?

398 TWILIGHT

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

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Cinch looks around suspicious.

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399 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?

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400 TWILIGHT

I'm not sure.

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401 CINCH

Perhaps you should get to know them after all.

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402 TWILIGHT

But I thought you didn't want me
to.

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403 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.

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Twilight thinks for a moment.

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404 TWILIGHT

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

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405 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.

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Spike pushes open the locker door.

406 SPIKE

She is awful. What are you going to
do?

407 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.

408 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.

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409 SUNSET *
I still can't figure it out. *
Rarity's magic came out when she *
made us outfits, Pinkie's when she *
fixed the party, and now *
Fluttershy... *

410 FLUTTERSHY *
All I did was hand Twilight a *
bunny. Then her pendent just sucked *
it right out of me. *

411 RAINBOW DASH *
The magic? *

412 FLUTTERSHY *
(nods) *
I couldn't even stand up. *

413 PINKIE PIE *
Like me at the party. *

414 RARITY *
Or me right before we met Twilight. *

Sunset stops to think. *

415 SUNSET *
Could she be stealing magic? *

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

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

418 FLUTTERSHY *
How? *

419 SUNSET *
I don't know. *

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

421 PINKIE PIE *
Yeah. She knows everything about *
magic and portals and magical *
portals. *

422 SUNSET

You're right. I've been so worried,
I forgot all about Twilight's book.

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

423 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.

424 APPLEJACK

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

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

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.

425 SUNSET

Am I the only one who thinks this
is overkill?

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Applejack turns to Rarity.

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426 APPLEJACK

I don't suppose you made motocross
outfits?

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427 RARITY

Don't be ridiculous. Of course I
did!

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

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

428 CINCH

You will race in pairs. **Lightning Dust** and Lemon Tart will handle the motocross.

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429 **LIGHTNING DUST**

*

Yes!

430 CINCH

Sugarcoat and Fair Tee, **have requested** the short track.

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ANGLE ON - Sugarcoat and Fair Tee in full-body, speed skating bodysuits.

431 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.

432 CINCH (CONT'D)

Twilight and Pea Cues, will start us off.

433 **PEA CUES**

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Well, that's just marvelous!

*

(under her breath)

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If you want to lose before we even start.

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434 CINCH

Given that Twilight won the last event single-handedly, I have every confidence that she'll be able pull her weight here.

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(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.

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

Cheers rise up from the crowd.

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

PHOTO FINISH FLASH ON - Twilight, Pea Cues, Applejack, and Fluttershy all facing targets, bows in hand and totally wearing appropriate safety gear.

437 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 Sugarcoat and Fair Tee's sleek, in-line skates and bodysuits.

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

439 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.

440 CADENCE
And finally, motocross.

PHOTO FINISH FLASH ON - [Lightning Dust](#), Lemon Tart, Sunset, and Dash, all on DIRT BIKES at the top of a steep ramp.

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

Lightning Dust revs the engine of her bike loudly.

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BACK TO - The press box.

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

Cadence points to TRIXIE who steps out onto the field.

442 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.

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

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Fluttershy and Pea Cues both chase after their targets, dodging obstacles as they go.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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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. Pea Cues 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.

444 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. Pea Cues jumps out of her chair with a FULL-VOICED SHOUT...

445 PEA CUES
WELL, THAT'S JUST FANTASTIC!

Fluttershy and Applejack look over.

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

447 APPLEJACK
You said it.

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

448 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".

449 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 short track

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

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

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451 APPLEJACK
I can't take anymore.

She walks up to Twilight, Pea Cues follows.

452 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Look, all you have to do is take a
deep breath and don't fire till you
let it out.

453 PEA CUES
(sarcastic)
Oh, yes. Definitely listen to
someone on the other team. She'd
never lie.

Applejack turns on her.

454 APPLEJACK
I. Don't. Lie.

Twilight considers for a second, then takes a breath, lets it out and FIRES.

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

Pea Cues jaw drops. Spike pops out and looks up at her.

455 SPIKE
Not bad, huh?

Pea Cues 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.

456 APPLEJACK
See? I told ya I **was being honest.**

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Twilight smiles at Applejack who PONYS-UP. 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 it's 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.**

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

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458 TWILIGHT
I don't know!

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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.**

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As Twilight and Applejack stare in horror we...

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END ACT 5

ACT 6

SC. 47 - ESTABLISHING - EVENT FIELD - RESUME

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

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

Pinkie and Rarity continue to skate, but the perfect synchronization and drafting of Sugarcoat and Fair Tee have the Shadow Bolts quickly gaining ground.

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

459 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.

460 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.

461 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.

462 RAINBOW DASH
THIS! IS! AWESOME!

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

463 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 Lemon Tart, oblivious, does a motocross flip right into **one**. *

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

Lightning Dust comes careening around the turn and uses the **plant chewing on** Lemon Tart'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**. *

464 SUNSET
Dash, go on! You can still win. *

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

Sunset smiles and Dash PONY-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 **Lightning Dust**, leaving Lemon Tart **by** the side of the course in a cloud of dust. *

Lightning Dust 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. **Lightning Dust** races to the top, but at the last moment a **FLYTRAP pops up and grabs** her rear tire. *

As one **plant** pulls **Lightning Dust** 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 Lightning Dust** 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. *

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

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ON THE FIELD: Pea Cues snaps her arrows; Sugarcoat and Fair Tee strip off their speed suits; and Lightning Dust and Lemon Tart try to tug their bikes away from the plant mouths.

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

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All of the GIANT FLYTRAPS vanish. Lightning Dust and Lemon Tart fall backwards as their dirt bikes are suddenly freed.

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

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467 APPLEJACK
(still winded)
Is everybody all right?

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468 RAINBOW DASH
Better than all right, we won!

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469 RARITY
Through a course of man-eating plants, no less.

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

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470 CINCH
You can't possible call that a fair race?

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471 LUNA
Why? Because your team lost?

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472 CINCH
And I suppose it's just a coincidence that yours didn't?

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473 CELESTIA
Principal Cinch, are you accusing us of cheating?

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474 CINCH
Obviously! Even without your trained attack plants, your students have wings.

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Cinch points to Dash.

475 RAINBOW DASH

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

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476 CELESTIA

Principal Cinch, I understand that
the race was a little unusual. I
suppose we could end the Games now
and declare a tie.

477 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!

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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.

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478 SUNSET

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

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479 CELESTIA

It's not your fault, Sunset. I have
a feeling there's no way for us to
win without Principal Cinch
thinking she was cheated.

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She leans in to the girls.

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480 CELESTIA (CONT'D)

But that doesn't mean we shouldn't
try.

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Celestia smiles and heads off the field, following the rest
of the students as they head inside.

Sunset and the others remain, looking out at the field.

481 SUNSET

I don't understand. Magic is going
crazy and I have no idea why.

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Applejack walks up with Twilight and Spike.

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482 APPLEJACK

I think maybe we do.

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Twilight holds up her device. *

483 TWILIGHT *
It's because of this. *

484 PINKIE PIE *
The spectrometer you built to track *
EM frequencies that can also *
contain anomalies? *

The girls all stare at her and blink. *

485 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) *
She told me all about it. *

486 TWILIGHT *
I was just trying to learn about *
the strange energy coming from your *
school. I didn't know it was magic *
or how it works. *

Dash points to her wings. *

487 RAINBOW DASH *
That's okay. Neither do we. *

488 TWILIGHT *
Amazing. *

Twilight reaches out to touch Dash's wings and let's go of her device. *

The device stretches out on it's chain toward Dash and pops open (as before). Immediately SHIMMERING PURPLE ENERGY starts to flow from Dash into the device.

489 RAINBOW DASH *
Uh-oooh. *

As Dash sinks to the ground, Twilight struggles with her device, trying to get it closed, but can't. *

490 TWILIGHT *
It just started containing energy *
on it's own and I don't know how! *

491 SUNSET *
What do you mean you don't know *
how!?

Cinch returns to the field in time to see the last of Dash's magic sucked into Twilight's device. She ducks out of sight, watching as Dash drops to her knees and her Pony-Up fades. *

Suddenly, the SHIMMERING PORTAL RIPPLES appear in the sky over their heads. The ripples spread apart and a RAINBOW WATERFALL (think: Rainbow Falls) pours down, instantly soaking them all.

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492 TWILIGHT

Containing the magic also causes these corresponding rifts. I don't know how that happens either.

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493 SUNSET

I don't suppose you know how to close them? Or get our magic back? Or fix the portal?

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494 TWILIGHT

Portal?

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495 SUNSET

You're supposed to be so smart, but did you ever think that you shouldn't be messing with things you don't understand?

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496 TWILIGHT

But I want to understand.

497 SUNSET

But you don't! And now thanks to you, everything is a giant mess!

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Twilight stares at all of them for a moment, then turns and runs off. Spike chases after her.

498 SPIKE

Twilight, wait!

Immediately the rift closes and the rainbow flood stops. Sunset stares after Twilight, already regretting what she said.

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ANGLE ON - Cinch as she stares out at the scene, her eyes narrowing.

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. *

499 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.

500 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. *

501 CADENCE

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

SC. 51 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - QUAD - WEST END - SAME

Celestia stands with Sunset and the other girls, though none
of them seem very enthusiastic. *

502 CELESTIA

No one likes to be accused of
cheating. So let's prove to
Principal Cinch and the rest of
Crystal Prep that Canterlot High
can beat them fair and square. *

503 APPLEJACK

We'll do our best, Principal
Celestia. *

Celestia nods and walks off.

504 FLUTTERSHY

I don't know about all of you, but
I don't much feel like playing
these Games anymore.

505 RAINBOW DASH

But we have to play! This is the
last event!

506 RARITY

Yes, dear, but it's a little hard
to focus with all the magic
stealing and portal opening.

507 SUNSET

I feel awful about what I said to
Twilight.

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508 PINKIE PIE

Yeah. You were pretty harsh.
Especially since she obviously
didn't mean to do all the stuff she
did and is actually really nice.

Sunset drops her head into her hands. Applejack walks over to
Sunset.

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509 APPLEJACK

Let's just get through this last
event and prove we're not a bunch
of cheaters, then you can go over
and apologize. Maybe we can all
work together on getting our magic
back and fixing the portal.

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510 SUNSET

You're right. But if we win, I
don't think Principal Cinch will
ever believe we didn't cheat.

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511 RAINBOW DASH

Um... That kinda sounds like her
problem.

They all smile.

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.

512 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.

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513 SUGARCOAT

What if they grow wings again?

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

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

Cinch reaches down and taps the pendant. *

515 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. *

516 TWILIGHT
But I don't understand how it works. *

517 CINCH
Wouldn't you like to? Our opponents have obviously been using it to stay competitive. I see no reason why we can't do the same. *

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

518 CINCH (CONT'D)
Unless, of course, you have no interest in Crystal Prep winning. But with all you have at stake, I can't imagine that's the case.

MUSIC UP as Cinch begins to sing...

519 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*

(MORE)

CINCH (CONT'D)

*What will happen if we have the
losing scores.*

The other kids circle around Twilight as they join in...

520 KIDS

*Unleash the magic, unleash the
magic
If we lose, then you're to blame
They all have used it, maybe abused
it
Why can't our side just do the
same?*

The rest of the world seems to fade away as the stylized
musical routine continues...

521 CINCH

*Call it power, call it magic, If we
lose it will be tragic
But mostly for your post-school
future plan
I'm not saying I could end it,
but you'd rather have a friend in
a position to put good words where
she can.*

*And I'm not one to dictate your
decision.
Only you know you can help us take
the lead.
But these games are far too close
And I simply can't sit still when
The "magic" you've collected's what
we need.*

522 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.*

523 CINCH

*What I'm asking's fairly simple
you don't want me closing doors
Crystal Prep must keep on winning
so my legacy endures
I can't be any clearer so
I hope this underscores
That if we lose this game the only
hands to blame are yours!*

Cinch and the dancing kids lead Twilight to the center of the quad, continuing their song in a whispered, staccato chant. Spike follows.

524 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
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.

525 KIDS

Unleash the magic, unleash the magic...

Twilight takes her pendant from around her neck and looks down at it.

526 TWILIGHT

Imagine the things I can learn by setting it free.

Luna and Cadence step forward on the steps.

527 LUNA

If both teams are ready...

ANGLE ON - Sunset, looking over at Twilight as she turns her device over and flips a switch.

528 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.

529 CADENCE

The last event of the Friendship Games begins...

530 TWILIGHT

But the magic's what I really want to see...

Cinch looks down at Twilight, her eyes narrowing.

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531 CINCH
We all do.

Spike looks on.

532 SPIKE
Twilight, no!

Cadence and Luna speak into the mic at once.

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533 CADENCE/LUNA
NOW!

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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, levitating off the ground as she turns her head toward Cinch...

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534 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.

535 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...

- 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...

NIGHTMARE SPARKLE!

Cinch shrinks away in horror as the rest of the Crystal Prep team stare dumbstruck and students scatter as Nightmare Sparkle rises into the air.

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ANGLE ON - Sunset and the others as they look up in shock.

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Nightmare Sparkle looks down at them and LAUGHS.

536 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE

You were right. I didn't understand
magic before. But I do now!

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Nightmare Sparkle turns and blasts the Wonder Colt statue with MASSIVE BEAM OF ENERGY from her horn.

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The ENERGY hits the statue, but instead of destroying it, the energy spreads out like cracks in a pane of glass.

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The CRACKS start to GLOW and spread apart to reveal slivers of a world beyond...

The rolling hills of PONYVILLE with CANTERLOT glimmering in the distance.

537 SUNSET

Equestria!

Nightmare Sparkle turns and looks down at her.

538 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE

An entire world of magic for me to
explore! And it's all mine!

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Nightmare BLASTS the statue again. The cracks spread up to the sky as the very fabric of the world of Canterlot High starts to TEAR APART.

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539 SUNSET

Twilight, No! You have to stop!

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540 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE

Why? Why should I stop with the
magic of this world when I can
understand the magic of the next
one too?

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541 SUNSET

Because there's a magic here you
don't understand.

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Sunset turns to Cinch and the Crystal Prep team.

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542 SUNSET (CONT'D)

None of you do.

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As Sunset talks, the other girls and the students of CHS
gather behind her.

543 SUNSET (CONT'D)
It's a magic that comes from
something no one at Crystal Prep
has...

Sunset points to the student body of CHS.

544 SUNSET (CONT'D)
Friends!

With that, Sunset Ponys-Up, surprising herself, as she grows
her ears and longer hair. A PURPLE SHIMMERING AURA surrounds
her as she floats up near Nightmare Sparkle.

545 SUNSET (CONT'D)
I thought I had to understand
everything about magic too. But I
don't and neither do you.

546 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE
But I do! And I will!

With that, Nightmare Sparkle sends another BLAST at the rift.

547 SUNSET
NO!

Sunset flies in the way, blocking Nightmare's shot. The BEAM
of energy ricochets off of Sunset's aura and hits the ground.

PORTAL-LIKE RIPPLES spread out as the Canterlot High quad
falls away to reveal the rim of a DRAGON LAND VOLCANO.

ABOVE - Sunset reels from Nightmare's blast.

548 SUNSET (CONT'D)
You don't have to know everything,
you just have to know how to be a
friend.

Nightmare points down at Cinch and the rest of her team.

549 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE
That's not something anyone at
Crystal Prep knows how to do!

As students scramble back from the edge of the volcano.
Rarity and Fluttershy stumble and fall. The other girls all
grab hands holding on to each other in a human chain.

The CPA students look out at the scene, overwhelmed. Cinch turns away and starts to walk off.

550 FAIR TEE
Where are you going?

551 CINCH
Somewhere I'm not apt to fall
through a magical hole of fire 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 volcano.

552 RAINBOW DASH
Hang on!

553 RARITY
Obviously!

Suddenly, more of the ground gives way and Dash and Pinkie fall toward the edge. Applejack strains, holding the entire outstretched group.

554 APPLEJACK
Don't let go!

Suddenly, Applejack is pulled from behind. She looks back to see Lightning Dust with the rest of the CPA team holding on.

555 LIGHTNING DUST
We've got you!

As the CPA team pitches in, they start to GLOW. The glowing AURA stretches up into the air to Sunset, reviving her.

556 SUNSET
It's never too late to learn what it
takes to be a friend...

As Sunset speaks, the MAGICAL AURA around her brightens.

557 SUNSET (CONT'D)
Honesty. Loyalty. Generosity.
Laughter. Kindness.

As Sunset lists their elements, each of the Equestria Girls PONYS-UP.

The CPA team watches as the girls rise up from the edge of the volcano. Students from both schools gather together as the Equestria Girls float up beside Sunset.

558 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE
But I took their magic!

The GLOWING AURA around the CPA kids spreads as all the students below join hands.

559 SUNSET
That's the thing about the magic of friendship. It never runs out.

Suddenly a CYCLONE of energy rises up from the crowd, surrounding Sunset until it finally EXPLODES in a BLAST OF LIGHT revealing Sunset has transformed into...

DAYDREAM SHIMMER - her giant white wings and horn surrounded by SHINING SUNLIGHT.

The Equestria Girls and the transformed Sunset hover over the glowing crowd. Sunset rises up in front of Nightmare Sparkle.

560 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE
I will understand magic, even if I have to tear this world apart to do it!

561 SUNSET
No. You won't.

Nightmare Sparkle tries to BLAST her, but Sunset and the other girls channel a massive BEAM OF PURE LIGHT through Sunset's horn.

The LIGHT drives Nightmare Sparkle's blast back, she shoots through her, splitting like a prism.

New beams shoot out, connecting Nightmare to the Wonder Colt statue and all the rifts and cracks, sealing them.

Finally, in a MAGICAL IMPLOSION all the energy contracts into the Wonder Colt statue as the GLOWING PORTAL to Equestria is restored.

As the light fades, Nightmare Sparkle drifts to the ground transformed once again into Twilight.

Sunset and the others float to the ground near her. She looks up at them, steam rising from her shoulders.

562 TWILIGHT

I'm so sorry. I didn't mean for any
of this to happen. All I ever
wanted was to keep learning.

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563 SUNSET

Well, I can tell you from
experience, there will always be
things to learn about friendship.

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Sunset takes Twilight's hand and turns to the others. They
all embrace.

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BACK AT THE SCHOOL STEPS - Cinch pops out of her hiding place
and rushes up to Celestia.

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564 CINCH

Principal Celestia, on behalf of
Crystal Prep I demand that CHS
forfeit the Friendship Games.
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.

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565 CELESTIA

I'd like to think that saving the
world benefits us all.

Sugarcoat steps forward.

566 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.

567 PINKIE PIE

Wow. That's a lot to take in when
you say it all at once.

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Celestia turns and looks at Cinch.

568 CINCH

That's ridiculous.

Spike runs up.

569 SPIKE

Nope. That's pretty much what
happened.

Everyone looks down at the talking dog, then shrugs.

570 PEA CUES
Actually, we're all to blame.
(under her breath)
But mostly it was her.

571 CINCH
Clearly my students have been
infected with your magic, but I
plan on taking all of this up with
the School Board.

572 CELESTIA
Good. I'm sure they be very
interested in hearing all about the
magical students with wings.

Luna steps forward with smile.

573 LUNA
And the portals to different
dimensions.

Cadence walks over and stands next to Celestia and Luna.

574 CADENCE
And don't forget to tell them about
the talking dog.

575 SPIKE
Because that'll sound totally sane.

Cinch looks at the three women smiling at her, then frowns
and storms off.

SC. 54 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - QUAD - LATER

Sunset and the Equestria Girls hang out around the statue. In
the distance, the CPA kids board their busses.

Pinkie blows up balloons. Applejack turns to Sunset.

576 APPLEJACK
Now that the portal's back open, I
guess you can finally head off to
Equestria.

577 RARITY
Yes, darling, now you can go have
all of those magical adventures you
were after.

578 SUNSET

Well, I guess it's pretty obvious I
don't need to go all the way to
Equestria for that.

They all smile.

579 FLUTTERSHY

Still, I'm sure it will be nice to
get back to where magic is
predictable.

580 SUNSET

I guess.

581 PINKIE PIE

Even though you finally figured out
all our magic comes from the things
that make each of us such good
friends.

Pinkie hands her balloons out to passing CPA kids. As she
struggles to blow up the last one, it pops out of her mouth
and blows a stream of air at her, distorting her face.

As the group of kids all LAUGH Pinkie PONYS-UP in a burst of
energy and starts to float up off the ground.

582 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

Oooop!

583 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.

584 RARITY

Well, that's certainly the case
here.

585 SUNSET

And after everything we just went
through, I feel like not knowing
something entirely isn't so bad. It
gives you something to work for.

586 RAINBOW DASH

So, what are you saying?

587 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.

588 ALL

Awesome! Splendid! Hooray! Etc.

589 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 - Lightning Dust stands with Twilight and
Cadence.

590 LIGHTNING DUST

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 Tart and DJ-Pon3 trading
earbuds and rocking out.

591 CADENCE

Crystal Prep is definitely going to
be a different place now.

Lightning Dust smiles and boards the bus. Spike sticks his
head out of one of the windows.

592 SPIKE

Hey, Twilight. Any idea who you
want to sit next to on the way
back? I already have a waiting
list.

593 CELESTIA (O.S.)

Speaking of heading back...

Twilight turns to see Celestia, Luna, and a group of CHS
students, Flash Sentry among them.

594 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.

595 FLASH

You could totally join the Mathlete
team!

Everyone looks at Flash and he steps back, embarrassed.

The rest of the CPA team stick their heads out of the bus
windows as Sunset and the Equestria Girls walk up. Twilight
looks between the two groups.

596 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.

597 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.

598 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Thank you Principle Celestia, but
I'm going to stay and Crystal Prep.
I feel like there's more to learn
there now than ever.

Sunset and the others walk up as Twilight prepares to board
the bus.

599 SUNSET

We'll always be here if you need
us.

600 PINKIE PIE

And even if you don't.

601 APPLEJACK

You can come back any time.

602 TWILIGHT

Thank you. I will. You've all
taught me so much about friendship.
I hope I can find some of the same
magic at Crystal Prep.

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603 SUNSET

I hope so too.

As Twilight gives Sunset a hug, Photo Finish pops up and
takes a picture with a FLASH. Twilight and Cadence board the
bus and the doors close.

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As the bus starts to move, Photo Finish snaps several more
shots of CPA and CHS students waving bye.

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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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