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TEASER

FADE IN:

SC. 1 - INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - DUSK

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 RAINBOW DASH
Um... Not exactly.

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

4 SUNSET
I don't understand.

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

6 RAINBOW DASH
It totally does!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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! STOP!

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

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

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, they sure were 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 pulls out her device.

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

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

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

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

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

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

END TITLES as we DISSOLVE TO:

ACT 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 they were up to?

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 they were.

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 they got off of a bus <u>from</u> the city and got back on a bus headed <u>to</u> the city, I'll bet they go to...

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

30 ALL
Crystal Prep.

31 RAINBOW DASH
Yep. With the Friendship Games starting tomorrow, they'd totally try 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 APPLEJACK
Because the Shadow Bolts are our biggest rivals.

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

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

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 are 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 it's a big deal.

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...

FLASH SENTRY sits near the front.

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

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.

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. I've been trying to figure out how to use magic over here like in Equestria, but there's just no logic to it.

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

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!

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 a least tell competitors what they're competing in.

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

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.

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.

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.

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...

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.

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
It's not like high school'd ever be that fun.

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

- The CMC's run past A FEW COUPLES sitting at a cafe.

- TRIXIE does a street magic show for a bored DIAMOND TIARA and SILVER SPOON.

- SNIPS and SNAILS do a horrible B-Boy dance routine.

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

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...

115 TWILIGHT
Magical?

Sunset nods.

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.

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.

119 TWILIGHT
In Equestria?

Sunset nods.

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

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

Twilight nods.

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 <u>expected</u> 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.

139 TWILIGHT
In the Friendship Games?

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.

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--

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?

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...

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

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.

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.

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

169 TWILIGHT
Hi Sugarcoat.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

173 LEMON TART
Oh, man, you have <u>got</u> to hear this!

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

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

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

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.

175 SUNSET
Um... we're supposed to keep magic <u>out</u> of the Friendship Games, remember?

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

177 SUNSET
...this isn't Equestria.

Sunset looks down at the floor.

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

179 ALL
Yeah! Totally! Etc.

Sunset looks at her friends and smiles.

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

Rarity suddenly pulls several racks of clothes out of nowhere.

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!

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

185 RARITY
I know.

186 APPLEJACK
No, you <u>really</u> didn't have to.

187 RARITY
(excited)
I KNOW!

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

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

- NBA-style basketball uniforms...

- Construction workers...

- World Cup-style soccer uniforms.... *

- Cowgirls...

- Supreme Court Justices...

- Baseball, complete with Pinkie in full catcher's attire.

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

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

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

188 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.

189 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.

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

191 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.

192 LIGHTNING DUST
Coming through!

193 TWILIGHT
Oh. Sorry.

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

194 FAIR TEE
Seriously?

Twilight spins around.

195 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

198 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.

199 CECIL
Hey Twilight!

This time she hears them and stops.

200 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.

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

202 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

203 FLASH
Twilight?

204 TWILIGHT
(hesitant)
Yes?

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

206 TWILIGHT
Um... Like, since forever.

Flash looks at her, confused.

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

208 TWILIGHT
Just for the Friendship Games.

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

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

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

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

211 FLASH
Ah... Okay. Bye?

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

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

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

212 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.

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

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

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

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

As the friends all gather around Rarity...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

216 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.

217 ALL
Twilight?

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

218 TWILIGHT
Yes?

The girls all quickly crowd around her.

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

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

Twilight looks down at her CPA uniform.

221 TWILIGHT
My uniform?

222 FLUTTERSHY
Your uniform for what?

223 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.

224 RARITY/FLUTTERSHY
Spike!

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

225 TWILIGHT
You know my dog's name too?

226 RAINBOW DASH
Did you just say Crystal Prep?

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

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

Celestia and Cinch stop short and look down at Twilight.

228 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
Twilight?

229 TWILIGHT
This is getting ridiculous.

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

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

231 CELESTIA
Your student?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Celestia looks from Pinkie to Applejack, then...

236 CELESTIA
You know what? Never mind.

With that, Celestia turns and walks out.

SC. 23 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - DAY

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

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

238 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.

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

Cinch stops and looks at her.

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

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

242 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.

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

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

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

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

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

245 FLUTTERSHY
Our Twilight wouldn't.

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

The girls all stop and look at her.

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

248 RAINBOW DASH
Aw, you'll figure it out.

249 SUNSET
I'm not sure I want to.

250 APPLEJACK
What do you mean?

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

252 FLUTTERSHY
You mean leave us?

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

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

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

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

256 APPLEJACK
That's right. Why don't you just wait until after the Games.
(MORE)

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Then we can all take a look at the magic over here together. If you still want to go back after that, we won't stand in your way.

Sunset looks at her friends' expectant faces. *

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

258 ALL
Whew! Thank goodness! Etc.

Sunset smiles and they all head outside.

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.

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

260 RARITY
All wearing that dreadful uniform.

261 SUNSET
What's so dreadful about it?

262 RARITY
They're <u>all</u> wearing it! Where's the personal expression?

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

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

Dash turns and heads back inside.

265 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.

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

267 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.

268 SUNSET (CONT'D)
Just checking.

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.

269 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.

270 TWILIGHT
What's going on?

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

271 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

END ACT 3

ACT 4

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

277 RAINBOW DASH
How'd that happen?

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

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

279 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.

280 SUNSET
Well, there’s only one way to find out.

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

281 SUNSET (CONT’D)
(to Twilight)
What are you doing?

Twilight spins around, startled.

282 TWILIGHT
Me? What? Oh. I’m just--

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

283 LIGHTNING DUST
Who wants to know?

284 RAINBOW DASH
Um... We do.

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

285 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.

286 SUGARCOAT
The Games aren’t really competitive since we’ve never lost.

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

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

289 RARITY
Well, you might use a little tact.

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

290 PINKIE PIE
Hi! I'm Pinkie Pie.

291 TWILIGHT
Oh. Hi. I'm Twilight.

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

293 TWILIGHT
That's... weird.

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

294 PINKIE PIE
What's that?

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

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

Pinkie just stares at her and blinks.

296 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
It measures things.

297 PINKIE PIE
Like the party?

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

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

299 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.

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

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

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

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

301 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.

302 PINKIE PIE
Party cannons, of course!

Off Twilight's shock...

SC. 29 - INT. GYMNASIUM - FLOOR - SAME

Celestia finishes her speech...

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

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

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

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

Meanwhile, Pinkie surreptitiously improves the party...

IN A QUICK SERIES OF SHOTS:

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

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

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

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

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

305 PINKIE PIE
Absolutely!

Pinkie plugs both cannons in and they immediately FIRE.

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

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

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

SC. 30 - INT. GYMNASIUM - BLEACHERS - SAME

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

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

306 PINKIE PIE
Oooh. Floaty!

SC. 31 - INT. GYMNASIUM - FLOOR - SAME

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

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

SC. 32 - INT. GYMNASIUM - BLEACHERS - SAME

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

307 PINKIE PIE
(disappointed)
Awww.

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

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

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

SC. 33 - INT. GYMNASIUM - FLOOR - SAME

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

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

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

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

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

309 CINCH
Ah-hem.

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

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

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

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

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

SC. 34 - INT. GYMNASIUM - BLEACHERS - SAME

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

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

313 FLUTTERSHY
They definitely broke the ice.

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

Pinkie looks up, still obviously exhausted.

315 PINKIE PIE
Yeah. She's awful.

316 SUNSET
Wow. Pinkie, what happened to you?

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

318 SUNSET
Of course you did.

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

320 SUNSET
Wait. What do you mean leaked out?

321 APPLEJACK
Hey, where is that other Twilight?

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

Pinkie looks around to see that Twilight is gone.

323 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Well, she <u>was</u> 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.

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

Twilight looks back at the girls.

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

Cinch smiles.

326 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.

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

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

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

Cinch leans in.

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

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

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

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

331 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.

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

INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - HALLWAY - SAME

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

INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - SCIENCE LAB - SAME

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

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

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

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

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

START MUSICAL MONTAGE

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

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

334 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...

TEST TUBE WIPE TO:

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

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

335 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.

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.

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

HAMMER AND NAIL WIPE TO:

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

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

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...

336 ALL
The Academic Decathlon, not
everyone will pass.
The Academic Decathlon, the first
ones out are last.
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...

337 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...

338 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...

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

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

340 CINCH
Incorrect!

One last FLASH from Photo Finish as we...

END MUSICAL MONTAGE

Sunset's expression drops as Luna steps forward.

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

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

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

342 RAINBOW DASH
That was awesome!

343 RARITY
Truly amazing!

344 SUNSET
But we didn't win.

345 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.

346 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.

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

Meanwhile Sunset and the Equestria girls all CHEER.

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

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

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

349 FLASH
Congratulations. You were really great.

350 TWILIGHT
Um... Thanks.

351 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.

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

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

Twilight heads out, following Sunset and the others.

354 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.

355 FLUTTERSHY
Do want to give her a treat?

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

357 FLUTTERSHY
Not just one...

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

358 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.

359 FLUTTERSHY
It really is uncanny. Does he talk?

Twilight looks at her like she is insane.

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

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

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

Twilight looks down, despondent.

363 FLUTTERSHY
That sounds awful. Here. Hold this.

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

364 TWILIGHT
Um... why?

365 FLUTTERSHY
Holding a bunny always makes me feel better.

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

The bunny nuzzles her face and Twilight smiles.

367 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.

368 FLUTTERSHY
You looked like you needed it.

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).

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

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

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

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

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

370 TWILIGHT/FLUTTERSHY
SPIKE!

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

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

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

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

371 FLUTTERSHY
Ooooh.

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

372 TWILIGHT
Spike, are you okay?

373 SPIKE
Um... I think so.

Twilight looks at Spike. Spike looks at Twilight.

374 BOTH
AHHHHHHHH!

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

375 FLUTTERSHY
Bye.

Spike looks at Fluttershy, then runs after Twilight.

376 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.

377 SPIKE
Twilight, come on! Wait for me!

She finally stops and he catches up.

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

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

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

380 SPIKE
Yeah. Weird, right?

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

382 SPIKE
What? Oh. Sure.

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

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

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

385 TWILIGHT
Sorry.

Twilight picks Spike up and examines him.

386 SPIKE
All I know is I chased that pointy rabbit through the glowy thing and then I was somewhere else.
(MORE)

SPIKE (CONT'D)
The next thing I knew, I was back in that nice girls arms and I could talk. I don't really understand why I couldn't before. It's so easy.

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

387 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.

388 TWILIGHT
(whispering)
Quick! Hide in here!

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

389 CINCH
Twilight, who were you talking to?

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

Cinch looks around suspicious.

391 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?

392 TWILIGHT
I'm not sure.

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

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

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

Twilight thinks for a moment.

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

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

With that Cinch, turns and walks off.

Spike pushes open the locker door.

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

399 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.

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

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

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

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

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

404 PINKIE PIE
Like me at the party.

405 RARITY
Or me right before we met Twilight.

Sunset stops to think.

406 SUNSET
So she's stealing magic?

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

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

409 FLUTTERSHY
How?

410 SUNSET
I don't know.

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

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

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

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

414 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.

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

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

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.

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

Applejack turns to Rarity.

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

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

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

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

419 CINCH
You will race in pairs. Lightning Dust and Sugarcoat will handle the motocross. *

420 LIGHTNING DUST
Yes!

421 CINCH
Lemon Tart and Fair Tee, have *
requested the short track.

ANGLE ON - Lemon Tart and Fair Tee in full-body, speed *
skating bodysuits.

422 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.

423 CINCH (CONT'D)
Twilight and Pea Cues, will start
us off.

424 PEA CUES
Well, that's just marvelous!
(under her breath)
If you want to lose before we even
start.

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

Twilight nods, terrified.

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

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

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

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

Cadence speaks into a microphone.

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

Cheers rise up from the crowd.

427 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.

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

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

Rarity looks at Lemon Tart and Fair Tee's sleek, in-line * skates and bodysuits.

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

430 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.

431 CADENCE
And finally, motocross.

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

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

Lightning Dust revs the engine of her bike loudly.

BACK TO - The press box.

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

Cadence points to TRIXIE who steps out onto the field.

433 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TWILIGHT - braces against a barrel.

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

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

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

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

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

A FLASH as the crowd GASPS. 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.

435 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...

436 PEA CUES
WELL, THAT'S JUST FANTASTIC!

Fluttershy and Applejack look over.

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

438 APPLEJACK
You said it.

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

439 PINKIE PIE
Weeeeeeee!

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".

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

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

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

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

442 APPLEJACK
I can't take anymore.

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

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

444 PEA CUES
(sarcastic)
Oh, that makes perfect sense. Don't aim at the target. Thanks sooo much.

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

446 PEA CUES
(sarcastic)
Uh-huh. Yeah. Definitely take advice from the person YOU ARE COMPETING AGAINST!

Applejack ignores Pea Cues and focuses on Twilight.

447 APPLEJACK
Do you wanna hit the bullseye or not?

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

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

Twilight lets it fly.

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

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

449 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.

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

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.

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

452 TWILIGHT
I don't know!

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

As Twilight and Applejack stare in horror we...

END ACT 5

ACT 6

SC. 47 - ESTABLISHING - EVENT FIELD - RESUME

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

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

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

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

453 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.

454 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.

455 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.

456 RAINBOW DASH
THIS! IS! AWESOME!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As the plants start attacking each other, Sunset and Dash steer around them and take off after Lightning Dust, leaving Sugarcoat 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.

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

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

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

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

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

461 APPLEJACK
(still winded)
Is everybody all right?

462 RAINBOW DASH
Better than all right, we won!

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

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

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

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

Cinch points to Dash.

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

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

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

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

Sunset walks up to Luna and Celestia.

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

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

She leans in to the girls.

471 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
But that doesn't mean we shouldn't still try to win.

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.

472 SUNSET
I don't understand. It's like magic is going haywire and I have no idea why!

Applejack walks up with Twilight and Spike.

473 APPLEJACK
I think it might have something to do with this.

Twilight holds up her device.

474 PINKIE PIE
The spectrometer Twilight built to track EM frequencies that can also contain anomalies?

The girls all stare at her and blink.

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

476 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.

477 RAINBOW DASH
That's okay. Neither do we.

478 TWILIGHT
Amazing.

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

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

479 RAINBOW DASH
Uh-oooh.

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

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.

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

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

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.

482 TWILIGHT
It also causes these corresponding rifts to appear. I don't know how that works either.

The girls all stand in the rainbow downpour, too wrapped up in the argument to react to the bizarre circumstance. *

483 SUNSET
Is there anything you do know? Like how to get our magic back or how to fix the portal to Equestria?

484 TWILIGHT *
Equestria?

485 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?

486 TWILIGHT
But I want to understand.

487 SUNSET
But you don't! And now thanks to you, magic is even crazier than it was before and I have no way to get back home where it makes sense!

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

488 SPIKE
Twilight, wait!

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

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.

489 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.

490 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.

491 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.

492 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.

493 APPLEJACK
We'll do our best, Principal Celestia.

Celestia nods and walks off.

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

495 RAINBOW DASH
But we have to play! This is the last event!

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

497 SUNSET
I feel awful about what I said to Twilight.

498 FLUTTERSHY
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.

499 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 the magic back and fixing the portal.

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

501 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.

502 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.

503 SUGARCOAT
What if they grow wings again?

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

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

Cinch reaches down and taps the pendant.

505 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.

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

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

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

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

MUSIC UP as Cinch begins to sing...

509 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

(MORE)

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

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

510 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...

511 CINCH
Call it power, call it magic, If we lose it will be tragic
But more important is the knowledge you'll have lost
A chance like this won't come again
And you'll regret not giving in
Isn't understanding magic worth the cost?

Though I'm not one to dictate your decision.
Only you can know exactly what you need.
Though these games are very close
And I'll admit that I'm engrossed
With this "magic" that can help us take the lead.

512 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.

513 CINCH
What I'm suggesting's fairly simple since it's win, win on all scores.
(MORE)

CINCH (CONT'D)
You only want to learn about the magic that you’ve stored.
I only want to win so that my legacy endures.
So let’s just keep on filling up that giant brain of yours!

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

514 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.

515 KIDS
Unleash the magic, unleash the magic...

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

516 TWILIGHT
Imagine the things I can learn by setting it free.

Luna and Cadence step forward on the steps.

517 LUNA
If both teams are ready...

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

518 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.

519 CADENCE
The last event of the Friendship Games begins...

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

Cinch looks down at Twilight, her eyes narrowing.

521 CINCH
We all do.

Spike looks on.

522 SPIKE
Twilight, no!

Cadence and Luna speak into the mic at once.

523 CADENCE/LUNA
NOW!

Twilight snatches the device out of the air and pops it open. A blast of DARK ENERGY shoots out of it and hits her square in the forehead.

MAGICAL CURRENT crisscrosses over her body and she goes stiff, dropping the depleted pendant as she levitates off the ground. She turns her head toward Cinch... *

524 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.

525 CINCH
Keep away from me!

IN A SERIES OF SHOTS TWILIGHT IS TRANSFORMED:

- Crackling DARK ENERGY surrounds her like lightning as her WHITE EYES snap open.

- The DARK LIGHTNING pulses in a series of shock waves that EXPLODE outward then IMPLODE, collapsing into... *

- a BALL OF LIGHT that rises into the air, as the DARKNESS and the TWILIGHT-LIKE FORM inside swirl around until it finally bursts outward in a BLAST OF LIGHT that fades to reveal...

GIANT, BLACK BLADE-LIKE WINGS,

FLAMING BLACK AND PURPLE HAIR,

AND THE GLOWING TWISTED HORN OF...

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.

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

Nightmare Sparkle looks down at them and LAUGHS.

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

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

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

Nightmare Sparkle BLASTS at one of the cracks and a section falls away to reveal another world beyond... * *

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

527 SUNSET
Equestria!

Nightmare Sparkle smiles and BLASTS the statue again. More cracks spread up to the sky as the very fabric of the world of Canterlot High starts to TEAR APART. *

Sunset rushes over and stands between Nightmare Sparkle and the statue. * *

528 SUNSET (CONT'D)
Twilight, you can't do this! *

529 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE
Why not? There's a whole other world right there and it's just filled with magic! * *

Nightmare Sparkle BLASTS at another crack in the sky and another section falls away like glass revealing more of Equestria behind. * * *

530 SUNSET *
But you're destroying this world to *
get it! *

531 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE *
So what? There's more magic there *
and I have to understand it all! *

Nightmare Sparkle rears back, preparing to hit the statue *
again. Sunset looks around and spots the pendent on the *
ground. Quickly she grabs it and holds it up as Nightmare *
Sparkle unleashes another BLAST of magic. *

The BLAST hits the pendent, driving Sunset back on her feet, *
but the device absorbs the energy and no new cracks form. *

Frustrated, Nightmare Sparkle sends another, more powerful *
BEAM and again Sunset blocks it with the pendent -- the *
magical energy connecting to it like an electrical current *
arcing through the air. *

532 SUNSET *
You can't understand everything! No *
one can! *

Sunset struggles to hold onto the pendent against Nightmare *
Sparkle's onslaught, but the beam is too powerful and the *
pendent flies out of her hands and clatters to the ground. *

533 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE
Oh, but I can! And I will! *

With that, Nightmare Sparkle sends a BLAST from her horn right at Sunset. Sunset dives and rolls out of the way as the BEAM OF ENERGY hits the ground.

PORTAL-LIKE RIPPLES appear at the point of impact and spread out along the quad -- creating a massive RIFT.

As students scramble back from the edge of the rift, Rarity and Fluttershy stumble. The other girls grab on, holding hands in a human chain.

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

534 FAIR TEE
Where are you going?

535 CINCH
Somewhere I'm not apt to fall
through a hole to another dimension *
and I suggest you do the same!

Cinch runs for cover. The Crystal Prep students all look at each other.

Meanwhile, Dash, Applejack and Pinkie hold tight as Rarity and Fluttershy dangle near the edge of the rift.

536 RAINBOW DASH
Hang on!

537 RARITY
Obviously!

Suddenly, the rift spreads further, drawing Dash and Pinkie toward it as well. Applejack strains, holding the entire group.

538 APPLEJACK
Don't let go!

Suddenly, Applejack is pulled from behind. She looks back to see Lightning Dust and the rest of the CPA stretching back, holding on to the front door of the school.

539 LIGHTNING DUST
We've got you!

BACK WITH SUNSET - looking over at the CPA team and her friends, all helping each other get to safety. *

On the ground nearby, the pendent starts to GLOW. Sunset looks down at it, then back to her friends. In a sudden moment of realization she grabs the glowing pendent. *

540 SUNSET *
You don't have to understand *
everything about magic... and *
neither do I! *

She holds it up to Nightmare Sparkle. *

541 SUNSET (CONT'D) *
Because I already know the things *
that I need. They've been right in *
front of me this whole time: *
honesty, loyalty, generosity,
laughter, kindness. *

The pendent PULSES as Sunset lists each of the elements and one by one, the Equestria Girls PONY-UP. The CPA team watches as the girls rise up into the air. * *

542 SUNSET (CONT'D)
The magic in this world isn't so different from the magic of Equestria after all. *

The pendent in Sunset's hand GLOWS brighter, the energy surrounding her as she floats up to join her friends. *

543 SUNSET (CONT'D) *
And it's a magic that I already understand... *

PURPLE SHIMMERING ENERGY extends outward from the pendent, swirling around Sunset in a vortex of brightly glowing magic. *

The energy glows brighter as it whirls faster and faster, finally EXPLODING in a BLAST OF LIGHT to reveal Sunset has been transformed into... *

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

544 SUNSET (CONT'D) *
The magic of friendship! *

As the Equestria Girls and Sunset hover in front of Nightmare Sparkle, the CPA team and students from both schools gather underneath them and join hands. *

Sunset's SHINING AURA stretches down to the kids below, connecting them all in a BEAM OF SUNLIGHT. *

The LIGHT around the kids glows brighter, then shoots up through the Equestria Girls, splitting like a prism when it reaches Sunset's horn. *

New beams shoot out, connecting all the cracks and rifts to the Wonder Colt statue and eventually to Nightmare Sparkle. *

545 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE *
NO! *

Nightmare Sparkle fights back with a DARK BEAM of her own. Energy flows out of her horn, pushing back at the BEAM OF SUNLIGHT from Sunset, the Equestria Girls, and all the students below. *

The air CRACKLES as the two magical currents push back and forth. Sunset extends her hand to Nightmare Sparkle. *

546 SUNSET *
There's a world of magic already here. And all you need to understand it is to be a friend. *

Nightmare Sparkle looks out at all the glowing rifts and cracks. She looks down at the group of kids from both schools holding hands, then up at Sunset's outstretched hand and finally gives in, allowing the sunlight to flow through her.

The beam GLOWS brightly as the tears in the fabric of reality start to shrink -- magic draining off of Nightmare Sparkle the whole time.

Finally, in a MAGICAL IMPLOSION all the energy coalesces into the GLOWING WONDER COLT STATUE as the PORTAL to Equestria is restored.

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

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

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

548 SUNSET
Well, I can tell you from experience, you'll never stop learning about friendship.

Sunset holds out her hand and Twilight takes it as they all embrace.

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

549 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.

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

Sugarcoat steps forward.

551 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.

552 PINKIE PIE
Wow. That’s a lot to take in when you say it all at once.

Celestia turns and looks at Cinch.

553 CINCH
That’s ridiculous.

Spike runs up.

554 SPIKE
Nope. That’s pretty much what happened.

Everyone looks down at the talking dog, then shrugs.

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

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

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

Luna steps forward with smile.

558 LUNA
And the portals to different dimensions.

Cadence walks over and stands next to Celestia and Luna.

559 CADENCE
And don’t forget to tell them about the talking dog.

560 SPIKE
Because that would never ruin your reputation.

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

Celestia turns to see a mix of CPA and CHS students, all gathered around staring at her. * *

561 CELESTIA *
Well, I know these Friendship Games haven't been what any of us expected, but given what we've all just been through, I think it's fair to declare us all winners. * * * * *

Off of the kids all CHEERING... *

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.

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

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

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

They all smile.

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

566 SUNSET
I guess.

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

Pinkie stops a group of passing CPA kids. With a flurry of twisting and tying, Pinkie presents them all with balloon animal likenesses.

The kids take their balloons and LAUGH. Pinkie PONYS-UP in a burst of energy and starts to float up off the ground.

568 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Oooop!

569 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.

570 RARITY
Well, that's certainly the case here.

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

572 RAINBOW DASH
So, what are you saying?

573 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.

574 ALL
Awesome! Splendid! Hooray! Etc.

575 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.

576 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.

577 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.

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

579 CELESTIA (O.S.)
Speaking of heading back...

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

580 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.

581 FLASH
You could totally join the Mathlete team!

Everyone looks at Flash and he steps back, embarrassed.

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

582 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.

583 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.

584 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Thank you Principle Celestia, but I'm going to stay at Crystal Prep. *
I feel like there's more to learn there now than ever.

Sunset and the others walk up.

585 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Not that I won't miss the new friends I've made here.

586 SUNSET
It's actually kind of nice to know there's someone at CPA I have so much in common with.

587 TWILIGHT
And it's nice to know CHS is a place where I can always find the magic of friendship.

588 SUNSET
I bet you'll be able to find it at Crystal Prep pretty soon too.

Celestia steps forward holding out a pair of Olympic-style, * gold medals. *

589 CELESTIA *
Normally, these go to a student on *
each team who best exemplified the *
spirit of the Friendship Games. But *
this time, I don't feel that two is *
enough. *

Celestia gives more medals to Luna and Cadence who hand them * out to our girls as well as the CPA team. *

Twilight and Sunset look down at their medals, smile and * embrace. Photo Finish pops up and takes a FLASH picture. * Twilight and Cadence board the bus and the doors close.

As the bus starts to move, Photo Finish snaps several more shots of the CPA and CHS students, all wearing their medals * as they wave goodbye. *

With a final FLASH, she captures Twilight and Spike looking out the rear window and waving to Sunset and the Equestria Girls as the bus drives off.

CUT TO:

END CREDITS:

The closing cards appear over a montage of stills taken by Photo Finish of things we didn't see during key moments in the film:

- Snips and Snails sleeping through Rainbow Dash's pep rally.

- Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon looking disparagingly at Fair Tee and Pea Cues as they arrive on campus.

- Derpy trying on Rarity's extra Friendship Games outfits.

- Lyra and Bonbon tasting Flash Sentry's horrible soufflé from the Academic Decathlon.

- Trixie throwing a smoke bomb at a Venus Flytrap during the relay race.

- The Cutie Mark Crusaders saving each other from a rift during the finale, etc.

The photo montage ends as the FULL CARD credits finish and the credit roll starts, accompanied by...

PICTURE IN PICTURE OUTTAKES:

<u>OUTTAKE FROM SC 22</u>

Twilight casts a confused look at the girls and Cinch leads her out of the room...

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

PINKIE IN A TWOSHOT WITH APPLEJACK

591 PINKIE PIE
She doesn't! That Twilight is obviously the Twilight from this world since it couldn't possibly be the Twilight from the pony world since the Twilight from the pony world doesn't go to Crystal Prep or wear glasses! Plus she'd totally never where a uniform because I don't think the Twilight from the pony world even owns a uniform and certainly not one with a skirt because a pony wearing a skirt would look ridiculous...

As Pinkie talks, Applejack casts a slow, incredulous look to the camera.

CUT TO:

TEASER OUTAKE

In the front hall of Canterlot High, Rainbow Dash performs a crazy guitar solo as the Cutie Mark Crusaders stare with rapt attention.

As the solo gets more and more intense, Dash starts to Pony-Up. Her ears and wings appears as she starts to float up from the ground... and then breaks a guitar string.

Her Pony-Up immediately fades and she sinks back to the ground, much to the disappointment of the Crusaders.

592 RAINBOW DASH
Aw, man!

OUTAKE FROM SC 16

Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash face each other as Rarity whips in and out of frame changing their clothes.

- Ninja outfits

- Laurel and Hardy

- Care Bears

593 FLUTTERSHY
Well, this is uncomfortable.

CUT TO:

MORE FOOTAGE FROM SC 22

BACK WITH PINKIE IN HER TWOSHOT WITH APPLEJACK

Applejack continues looking directly at the camera as Pinkie continues to talk...

594 PINKIE PIE
...I wonder if they have saddles in the pony world because that would look pretty weird too, but I guess they probably don't because it's not like there are people there to ride them, but it kind of makes you wonder if they wear anything at all. Doesn't it?

CUT TO:

OUTTAKE FROM SC 17

Twilight stands by the Crystal Prep bus as Lemon Tart does her back flip exit onto the curb and we see more of her maneuvers.

In a complex CRUNK DANCE ROUTINE, complete with layouts, cartwheels, and mid-air twists, Lemon Tart whirls around Twilight as we...

CUT TO:

FOOTAGE FROM SC 38

Flash Sentry and Sugarcoat stare down at Pinkie's soufflé inside a soufflé.

595 LIGHTNING DUST
How is that even physically possible?

596 FLASH
I don't understand it.

We PAN LEFT to reveal Pinkie standing beside them.

597 PINKIE PIE
Me neither.

CUT TO:

OUTTAKE FROM THE END OF SC 52

As Celestia addresses Cinch...

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

Sugarcoat steps forward -- INTO A TWOSHOT WITH PINKIE.

599 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 because they've formed an unhealthy attachment to the success of their school and can't bear the thought of coming in second in anything let alone being the first Principal in the school's history to lose The Friendship Games.

As Sugarcoat talks, Pinkie casts a slow, incredulous look to the camera.

We PAN OVER to reveal Applejack staring at her.

600 PINKIE PIE
What?

FADE OUT