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MY LITTLE PONY EQUESTRIA GIRLS

"The Friendship Games"

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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, her hands full of fabric, and FLUTTERSHY, her hands full of small animals, run up. *

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

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

3 RAINBOW DASH
Um... Not exactly.

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

4 SUNSET
I don't understand.

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

6 RAINBOW DASH
It totally does!

7 RARITY

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

8 FLUTTERSHY

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

9 SUNSET

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

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

10 RAINBOW DASH

I promised to show our fans some awesome guitar licks, but I 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.*

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11 SUNSET

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

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12 RAINBOW DASH

No problem. The acoustics in the hallways are perfect for power chords.

Dash strums her guitar and the CMC's cheer. *Pinkie pulls out her drumsticks.*

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13 PINKIE PIE

And I can practice my locker drumming! For some reason Principal Celestia doesn't like me to do it during the day.

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Pinkie LOUDLY drums up the stairs and across the doors as everyone follows her up the steps and into the school.

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 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. *

15 SUNSET (CONT'D)
Hey!

The Figure looks up with a start.

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

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

17 SUNSET (CONT'D)
Wait!

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

18 RAINBOW DASH
What's going on?

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

19 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.

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

21 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!

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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.*

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Twilight gets off and walks through the gates. We follow her into her science lab at Crystal Prep where she builds/upgrades her device as described by the Directors in their script notes.

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

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END TITLES

ACT 1

DISSOLVE TO:

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

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

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

23 FLUTTERSHY
Do you think she was trying to go through the portal to Equestria?

24 SUNSET
I don't know. I don't think so.

25 RARITY
Well, as long as she didn't come out of the portal.

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

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

28 SUNSET
I guess, but that sure would be exciting.

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29 FLUTTERSHY
If that's your idea of exciting I think I like boring.

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30 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.

31 SUNSET
Still, a mysterious figure snooping
around the portal? You have to
wonder what she was up to. *

32 FLUTTERSHY
I don't even want to guess.

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

Dash leads them to a section with sports books.

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

35 RAINBOW DASH
Seeing as how she got off of a bus
from the city and got back on a bus
headed to the city, I'll bet she
goes to... *
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Everyone except Sunset finishes Dash's sentence in a
dispirited chorus. *
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36 ALL
Crystal Prep. *
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37 RAINBOW DASH
Yep. Probably trying to prank us by
defacing the Wonder Colt statue. *
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38 SUNSET
What's Crystal Prep?

The others all look at her. *

39 RAINBOW DASH
Uh... the Crystal Prep Shadow
Bolts? *
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40 RARITY
Our sister school? *

41 FLUTTERSHY
In the city? *

Off of Sunset's puzzled expression. *

42 APPLEJACK *
They're sort of our biggest rival. *
How do you not know about that? *

Sunset shrugs and Dash pulls down a big book of school records. *

43 RAINBOW DASH *
They are the worst. The beat us in *
everything. Soccer, tennis, golf... *

Dash flips through page after page where students in SHADOW BOLT logos hold a variety of giant trophies, next to empty-handed, dejected looking CHS students. *

44 SUNSET *
I guess I don't really follow *
sports. *

45 PINKIE PIE *
Oh, they get better grades too. *

46 FLUTTERSHY *
And test scores. *

47 SUNSET *
It doesn't seem like much of a *
rivalry. *

48 APPLEJACK *
The only reason they're even our *
"sister school" is because Crystal *
Prep and CHS were built at the same *
time. *

49 RARITY *
The schools were supposed to bring *
everyone from the city and everyone *
not from the city together. *

50 APPLEJACK *
But it sure didn't work out that *
way. *

51 FLUTTERSHY *
They had to start the Friendship *
Games just to keep all the rivalry *
in one place. *

52 RAINBOW DASH *
(sarcastic) *
Yeah. The Friendship Games. That *
name isn't ironic. *

Sunset looks at all of them, blankly. *

53 APPLEJACK *
I'm guessing you don't know what *
The Friendship Games are either? *

Sunset shakes her head. *

54 RAINBOW DASH *
Are you kidding? They start *
tomorrow. They've been working on *
the field for months. *

55 SUNSET *
I told you I don't follow sports. *

56 RARITY *
That's probably for the best, *
darling. If history is any *
indication, CHS will simply lose *
again. *

57 RAINBOW DASH *
I wouldn't count on it. This time *
things are gonna be different. *

58 SUNSET
What do you mean?

59 RAINBOW DASH
Oh, you'll find out.

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

60 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.

61 CELESTIA

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

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

62 CELESTIA (CONT'D)

...**as we** join together in the
spirit of excellence, sportsmanship
and fidelity to compete in the
Friendship Games.

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There's a smattering of unenthusiastic applause.

63 CELESTIA (CONT'D)

Now, **since the games only happen**
every for years, none of you really
know very much about them...

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FLASH SENTRY **sits near the front.**

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64 FLASH

(dejected)

I know we're going to lose.

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Celestia gives him a look. Flash shrugs.

65 CELESTIA

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

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Dash walks up to the microphone and clears her throat.

66 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.

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ANGLE ON - Pinkie and the others in the stands.

67 PINKIE PIE

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

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68 RAINBOW DASH

And **I know that** CHS has never won
the **Friendship** Games even once.

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

BACK to Dash.

70 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...

71 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.

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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*.

72 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.

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73 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.

(MORE)

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
*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.

74 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!*

75 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.

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

76 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.

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

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

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79 APPLEJACK
I wonder if that magic of yours
came from all the singing or
because you got everybody feeling
so good to be a part of the school.

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80 PINKIE PIE
Both, silly. Her song got everybody
excited to be Wonder Colts, but
then being Wonder Colts was even
more exciting than the song!

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81 SUNSET
Well, if we're not using magic to
fight horrible monsters from
Equestria, I guess using it to win
a grudge match against a rival
school sounds okay.

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Suddenly a voice comes from behind them. They all turn to see
Vice Principal Luna.

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82 LUNA
Actually, girls, we'd like to keep
magic out of the competition as
much as possible. We wouldn't want
to be accused of cheating.

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83 SUNSET
Oh. Right. Sorry, Vice Principal
Luna.

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84 LUNA
Besides, we can win without it.
Right?

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

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86 ALL
Totally! Yeah! Etc.

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Luna smiles and walks off.

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87 RAINBOW DASH
I'm glad you all feel that way
because I sorta signed us all up to
compete.

88 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, dear.

89 APPLEJACK
Ah... what kind of games are they,
exactly? *

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

91 RAINBOW DASH
Nobody knows. It changes every
time. It's kind of a big secret.
They haven't even let anybody see
the playing field. *

92 RARITY
Well, how am I expected to pick out
the right outfit? *

93 FLUTTERSHY
Are there any rules against small,
furry animals? *

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

94 SUNSET
I really want to find out all the
details and everything, but I kinda
have to get going. I'm supposed to
meet a friend.

The girls all stop and stare at her.

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

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

96 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.

97 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.

98 TWILIGHT
Sorry!

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

99 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.

100 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.

101 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
There you are!

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

102 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Okay, okay.

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

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

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Spike growls.

104 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.

105 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.

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

106 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.

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Spike looks up at her and tilts his head.

107 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
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.

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

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

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108 CADENCE
Twilight, you know the rules
against pets.

109 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.

110 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.

111 TWILIGHT
Why?

112 CADENCE
Because she wants to see you. Right
away.

113 TWILIGHT
Principal Cinch wants to see me?
Why?

114 CADENCE
That's not for me to say, but you
have five minutes to change and
meet me in her office to find out
for yourself.

With that, Cadence exits. Twilight turns to Spike.

115 TWILIGHT
Spike, maybe she has news about my
scholarship! There's just so much
to learn, I can't wait to get
started...

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...

116 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:

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- A high-tech science lab where students build robots.

- A classroom where students solve massive equations.

- A gym where two fencing students spar.

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- A courtyard where kids practice archery with Olympic-style bows--and all shoot perfect bullseyes.

Unimpressed, Twilight continues to sing...

117 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, the clouds above take shapes suggestive of Equestria, ponies, cutie marks, etc.

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118 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...

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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...

119 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 high school, but it can
still be 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...

120 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.

121 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.

122 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.

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

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

125 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...

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126 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. *

127 TWILIGHT (O.S.)
Sunset?

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

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

129 SUNSET
I don't know. Maybe, I guess. It's just... There's this big competition coming up and everyone is pretty excited about it, but after everything I went through, and then how we all defeated the Sirens, it just doesn't seem very important.

130 TWILIGHT
But it's important to everyone else?

131 SUNSET
Totally. And I'm not saying it isn't. All my friends are looking forward to it so I am too, I guess. It's just not...

132 TWILIGHT
Magical?

133 SUNSET
Exactly.

134 TWILIGHT
Well, not everything has to be a big adventure.

135 SUNSET
I know. But after studying magic in Equestria and traveling to a different dimension and making friends and defeating evil, I kinda need more than intermural sports.

136 TWILIGHT
Have you talked to the others about
it? *

137 SUNSET
Not really. 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. *
*

138 TWILIGHT
In Equestria?

Sunset nods.

139 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Well, there's definitely more magic
there, but there's magic here now
too. And you know more about that
than anyone.

140 SUNSET
That's true.

141 TWILIGHT
When you think about it, magic in
Equestria is sort of... normal. But
here, it's a whole new thing.

142 SUNSET
I hadn't really thought about it
like that.

143 TWILIGHT
It's up to you. Of course you can
come back to Equestria whenever you
want, even if it's just for a
little awhile.

144 SUNSET
Like a vacation?

145 TWILIGHT
Sure. As long as the portal's open
you kind of have the best of both
worlds. *
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Sunset considers this as the WAITRESS comes by with the
check. Twilight pulls out a couple of BITS and the Waitress
raises an eyebrow. *

146 SUNSET
I've got it.

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

147 SUNSET (CONT'D)
You can pay me back when I come
visit.

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Sunset and Twilight exchange smiles.

CUT TO:

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.

148 TWILIGHT
What are you doing here?

Cadence turns to Shining Armor and they clasp hands, smiling warmly at each other.

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149 CADENCE
As an alumni, Principal Cinch
thought your brother could provide
some unique perspective.

150 TWILIGHT
Perspective on what?

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

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They all turn back around to see PRINCIPAL ABACUS CINCH enter through another door behind her desk. Cadence and Shining Armor immediately let go of each other's hands. Cinch sits.

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

153 SHINING ARMOR
I did.

154 CINCH
And do you happen to recall who
won?

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

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Cinch turns to Twilight.

156 CINCH
We always win.

157 TWILIGHT
Principal Cinch, why did you ask to
see me? Why is my brother here?

158 CINCH
Twilight, I'll be honest. I don't
really care about the Friendship
Games, however poorly named they
are. What I do care about is
reputation.

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

159 CINCH (CONT'D)
You see, it doesn't matter whether
or not Crystal Prep wins or loses.
The important thing is that we are
expected to win because Crystal
Prep has a reputation.

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

160 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?

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161 TWILIGHT
I don't know. I guess.

162 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 hasn't
signed up to compete.

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163 TWILIGHT
For the Friendship Games?

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164 SHINING ARMOR

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

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165 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.

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Cinch leans in to Twilight.

166 CINCH (CONT'D)

This. Cannot. Happen.

167 TWILIGHT

Principal Cinch, I couldn't
possibly participate in the Games,
my work is--

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168 CINCH

(interrupting her)

Ah, yes. Your work.

Cinch sits back down across from Twilight.

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169 CINCH (CONT'D)

Cadence, could you and Shining
Armor find my contact sheet for the
Everton Institute of Technology?

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170 CADENCE

Of course.

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

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

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171 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.

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Cinch leans back into her chair.

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172 CINCH (CONT'D)

So let me offer you a deal. In return for your participation in these Games, I will use my influence to guarantee your application is approved. Though I suppose I could also have it denied.

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(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.

173 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.

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

174 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

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

Spike growls.

175 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.

176 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.

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177 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
There.

She picks up her suitcase. Spike looks up at her and WHIMPERS.

178 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Spike, I wouldn't leave without you!

Twilight opens her backpack and Spike hops in.

179 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Just remember to be quiet. And try not to shed.

With that, 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.

180 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. FAIR TEE, her short bob accented with a pair of hair clips that look like scales, turns to PEA CUES, whose neat hair is held back by a single pea-pod shaped clip.

181 FAIR TEE
(sweetly)
Oh dear, I'm fairly certain wherever it is, it's not the front of the line, is it Pea Cues?

Pea Cues' reply is so quiet, it's barely audible.

182 PEA CUES
I could never cut in line, Fair Tee. I just don't have it in me.

183 TWILIGHT
What? I... I didn't mean to... I was just asking...

Cadence checks Twilight off on her clipboard. *

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

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

Twilight looks at Fair Tee and Pea Cues, both looking back *
with forced smiles. Pea Cues' reply is somehow even quieter. *

186 PEA CUES *
Well, it's too late now. *

187 FAIR TEE *
Yes, sweetie, at this point you're *
simply holding up the line. *

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 red hair and freckles, SPITFIRE. *

188 SPITFIRE *
Are we gonna win? *

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

190 SPITFIRE *
Wrong answer! Try again. Are we *
gonna win? *

191 TWILIGHT *
Yes? *

192 SPITFIRE *
Of course we are! For the smartest *
student, you've got a lot to learn. *

193 TWILIGHT *
Right. Sorry, Spitfire, I just... *

Twilight continues to stammer. *

194 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) *
I mean, I heard that CHS is doing *
well now... *

(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

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?

Twilight looks out at the bus full of kids all staring up at
her like she's a lunatic. Finally the BUS DRIVER leans over.

195 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 that's so loud
it's audible 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 and she smiles back oddly, then talks in a
total monotone.

196 SUGAR COAT

(no inflection)

That was the worse speech I've ever
heard. You should consider never
speaking in public.

Sugar Coat 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.

197 TWILIGHT

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

Spike nuzzles her hand, then looks over at Lemon Tart, who's
music has gotten even louder. Spike puts his paws over his
ears and whimpers. Twilight taps Lemon Tart on the shoulder.

198 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

I'm sorry, Lemon Tart, right? Could
you turn the music down?

Lemon Tart shouts to Twilight, the music still blaring.

199 LEMON TART

WHAT?

Twilight points to the earbuds.

200 TWILIGHT
Could you turn it down?

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201 LEMON TART
OH, MAN. I'M BEING TOTALLY RUDE. OF
COURSE YOU CAN LISTEN.

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With that she pulls an earbud out and sticks it into
Twilight's ear. Twilight's eyes practically bug out of her
head as the bus drives off.

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

All pony-ed up, Sunset and the Equestria Girls finish playing
the last few chords of a song. Dash holds the last note.

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

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Dash finishes the note and as the music fades, so does the
girls' pony magic.

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203 APPLEJACK
Maybe so, but I don't need to be in
another magical battle of the bands
for a long time.

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204 PINKIE PIE
Well, we don't have to play music
to use magic anymore. I just need
to make people happy.

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205 SUNSET
And Fluttershy only needs to spread
kindness. And Applejack needs to be
honest, even when it's hard.

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206 RARITY
What about the way Rainbow Dash
made the whole school practically
burst at the seams with loyalty to
CHS.

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207 RAINBOW DASH
Hey, when you got it, flaunt it.

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208 SUNSET
Exactly. But remember, Vice
Principal Luna said no magic during
the Friendship Games.

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209 FLUTTERSHY
I don't think I can go that long
without showing kindness to anyone.

210 RAINBOW DASH
I think you might be taking it a
little too literally.

211 SUNSET
As long as we don't use magic to
win the games I think it's okay.

212 RARITY
Thank goodness, because I have a
surprise for everyone!

Rarity suddenly pulls several racks of clothes out of
nowhere.

213 APPLEJACK
Rarity, what did you go and do?

214 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.

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

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

217 RARITY
I know.

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

219 RARITY
I know!

220 FLUTTERSHY
It's just so generous.

221 RARITY
(excited)
I KNOW!

With that, Rarity PONYS-UP, growing ears and her extra long
ponytail as we start a COSTUME CHANGE MONTAGE...

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

- NBA-style basketball uniforms. *

- World Cup-style soccer uniforms. *

- 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 as off of another RARITY PONY WIPE we... *

CUT 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. *

222 CELESTIA
There have been quite a few changes around CHS since your last visit.

223 CINCH
So I hear.

224 CELESTIA
Vice Principal Luna can help your students get settled if you'd like me to show you around. *

225 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.

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

227 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. Spitfire steps down and immediately gets in front of her.

228 SPITFIRE
Coming through!

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229 TWILIGHT
Oh. Sorry.

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

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230 FAIR TEE
There's no need to shove, dear.
You're still in front of us.

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Twilight spins around.

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

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Fair Tee shrugs and walks in front of Twilight. Pea Cues follows, looking up at Twilight like an accusing mouse.

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232 PEA CUES
(softly)
This doesn't really make up for
before.

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Twilight stares after them confused as Lemon Tart walks by, flashing a peace sign, oblivious as her music blasts. Sugarcoat follows, smiling oddly again as she too steps in front of Twilight.

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233 SUGARCOAT
You're being a doormat right now.

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

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

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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.

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

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234 BONBON
Hi Twilight.

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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 among them.

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235 DERPY
Hey Twilight!

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This time she hears them and stops.

236 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.

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

238 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...

239 FLASH SENTRY
Twilight?

240 TWILIGHT
(hesitant)
Yes?

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

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242 TWILIGHT
Um... Like, since forever.

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Flash looks at her, confused. *

243 FLASH SENTRY *
Oh. So, how long are you here for? *

244 TWILIGHT *
Just for the Friendship Games. *

245 FLASH SENTRY
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. *

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

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

247 FLASH SENTRY
Ah... Okay. Bye?

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

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

The gang are in various stages of disarray, wearing an odd
collection of sporting attire: Rainbow Dash dressed like an
old-time golfer, Fluttershy like a hockey goalie, Applejack
wearing jai alai gear, etc. *

248 APPLEJACK *
Ah, Rarity, these outfits are *
really great and all, but why would *
you put so much time and effort *
into uniforms that we might not *
even wear? *

249 RARITY *
Oh, don't be silly, darling. *
Putting effort into outfits is what *
I live for and there's no amount of *
time I wouldn't spend making things *
for my friends. *

Sunset flips up the helmet of her lacrosse gear. *

250 SUNSET *
And we all really appreciate it. *

Sunset looks to the others. *

251 ALL *
Totally! Of course! Absolutely! *
Etc. *

Meanwhile... *

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

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

She looks down at her device as it starts to glow-- the readings going wild. Suddenly, trails of SHIMMERING PURPLE ENERGY start to flow through the door and into her device. *

While... *

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

Inside, we see the streams of SHIMMERING PURPLE ENERGY are coming from Rarity as she flits about. *

252 RARITY *
Alright. Only a dozen or so more to go... *

Sunset notices the energy flowing off of Rarity as her Pony-Up fades. *

253 RARITY (CONT'D) *
Oh dear, I must have used up all my magic. *

254 APPLEJACK *
Thank goodness. No offense, but if I try on one more outfit, I might pass out. *

255 RARITY *
I suppose we could take a break. *

Sunset watches the last of the energy as it drifts through the closed door. She heads over toward it as the others watch. *

256 FLUTTERSHY *
Sunset, what is it? *

257 SUNSET *
I'm not sure. *

With that, Sunset swings open the door to reveal... *

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

258 ALL
Twilight?

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

259 TWILIGHT
Yes?

The girls all quickly crowd around her.

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

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

262 RARITY
Darling, those glasses... And what
are you wearing? It's so... severe. *
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Twilight looks down at her CPA uniform.

263 TWILIGHT
My uniform?

264 FLUTTERSHY
Your uniform for what?

265 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.

266 SUNSET
Um... Did your bag just bark?

267 RARITY/FLUTTERSHY
Spike!

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

268 TWILIGHT
You know my dog's name too?

269 RAINBOW DASH
Did you just say Crystal Prep?

The girls all stare at each other for an awkward beat that's immediately interrupted as Principal Celestia and Principal Cinch walk in.

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

271 CINCH
(bored)
You don't say?

Celestia and Cinch stop short and look down at Twilight.

272 CELESTIA
Twilight?

273 TWILIGHT
This is getting ridiculous.

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

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

275 CELESTIA
Your student?

276 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 looks from Cinch and Twilight to the other girls who look back at her and shrug.

277 CELESTIA
Yes. Yes, of course.

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

278 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
I didn't know Twilight had a twin
sister.

279 FLUTTERSHY
She doesn't.

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

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Celestia looks at Pinkie for a beat, then...

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281 CELESTIA
 You know what? Never mind.

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With that, Celestia turns and walks out. The rest of the gang
 turn and look at Pinkie.

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282 PINKIE PIE
 What?

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SC. 23 - EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH - DAY

Cinch leads Twilight out of the school and back toward the
 busses still parked out front.

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

284 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.

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

Cinch stops and looks at her.

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

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

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

With that, Cinch turns and leads Twilight up to Cadence,
still checking in students on her clipboard.

289 CINCH (CONT'D)
I believe you are one short.

Cadence looks down at Twilight, exasperated.

290 CADENCE
Twilight, we're guests here. You
can't go wandering off.

291 TWILIGHT
Sorry.

Twilight 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.

292 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.

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

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

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295 FLUTTERSHY
Our Twilight wouldn't.

296 SUNSET
Are we even sure she's this world's
Twilight?

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(MORE)

SUNSET (CONT'D)

She could be a sorceress from
Equestria who's come through the
portal to take over the world by
winning the Friendship Games and
we're the only ones who can stop
her!

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The other girls all stop and look at Sunset.

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297 APPLEJACK

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Ah... Yeah. I suppose that's
possible.

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298 PINKIE PIE

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I don't know. Seems pretty far
fetched to me.

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Fluttershy turns to Sunset.

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299 FLUTTERSHY

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I think that sounds terrifying if
it makes you feel better.

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300 SUNSET

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No, Pinkie's right. I'm just trying
to turn it into some big magical
adventure, I guess.

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301 RARITY

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Well, I think we can all agree this
new Twilight situation bears
careful monitoring.

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302 APPLEJACK

(to Sunset)

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And as long as that portal's open
there'll be plenty of magic to deal
with.

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303 FLUTTERSHY

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And we don't know how to handle it.

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304 PINKIE PIE

Yeah, you're our expert!

305 RARITY

And if that's not enough, darling,
you can always pop back to
Equestria for that adventure. And
while you're there you can tell our
Twilight all about, well, Other
Twilight.

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306 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, just don't go until after the
Friendship Games.

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Sunset smiles.

307 SUNSET
Deal.

Sunset and the rest 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.

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

309 RARITY
All wearing that dreadful uniform.

310 SUNSET
I think it looks nice.

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311 RARITY
Well, of course, darling. But
they're all wearing it! Where's the
personal expression?

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312 FLUTTERSHY
It is kind of intimidating.

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

Dash turns and heads back inside.

314 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.

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

316 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.

317 SUNSET (CONT'D)
I can always go back.

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.

318 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.

319 TWILIGHT
What's going on?

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

320 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. *

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

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

322 CADENCE
Twilight, I don't want to have to
remind you again to stay 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.

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/welcome party
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.

323 APPLEJACK
What do you mean it's closed?

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

325 RAINBOW DASH
How'd that happen?

326 SUNSET
I don't know, but I'm pretty sure
it had something to do with her.

Sunset points across the room at Twilight and the Crystal
Prep crowd.

Twilight tries to covertly sweep her pendant device over the room like a tricorder, but her efforts aren't exactly subtle. *

327 APPLEJACK
What in tarnation is she doing? *

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

328 PINKIE PIE
Whatever it is, she's doing it an awful lot like Twilight. *

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

With that Sunset heads off across the empty floor that separates the two groups of students. The others rush to follow. *

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

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

Twilight spins around, startled. *

331 TWILIGHT
Me? What? Oh. Nothing. I'm just-- *

Spitfire steps in front of Twilight before she can continue. *

332 SPITFIRE
Who wants to know? *

333 RAINBOW DASH
Um... We do. *

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

334 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. *

335 SUGARCOAT *
The Games aren't actually *
competitive since we've never lost. *

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

337 FAIR TEE *
Sorry, dearie, but these Games *
aren't really about being nice. *

338 RARITY *
Well, you might use a little tact. *

Twilight tries to step forward, but she gets boxed out by her *
own teammates. *

339 TWILIGHT *
Come on, everyone, you don't need *
to argue. *

Pea Cues looks back at Twilight, her voice still just above a *
whisper. *

340 PEA CUES *
Whose side are you on? *

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. *

341 PINKIE PIE *
Hi! I'm Pinkie Pie. *

342 TWILIGHT *
Oh. Hi. I'm Twilight. *

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

344 TWILIGHT *
That's... weird. *

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

345 PINKIE PIE *
What's that? *

Twilight pops open her device, the readings go crazy as she *
sweeps it over each of the Equestria Girls. *

346 TWILIGHT
It's kind of like a spectrometer. I
can use it to track frequencies on
the EM spectrum, but I also rigged
it to contain anomalies.

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Pinkie just stares at her and blinks.

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347 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
It takes readings.

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348 PINKIE PIE
Of the party?

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

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

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350 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.

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

352 PINKIE PIE
(struggling)
Just... a little... farther!

353 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**. *

354 PINKIE PIE
Party cannons, of course! *

Off Twilight's shock...

SC. 29 - INT. GYMNASIUM - FLOOR - SAME

Celestia finishes her speech...

355 CELESTIA
...and as we all look forward to
the **Friendship Games**, I want to
encourage everyone to embrace the
spirit of excellence, sportsmanship
and fidelity this competition
provides. *

ANGLE ON - Pinkie as she prepares to plug the cannons in.

356 TWILIGHT
Um... Are you sure that's a good
idea?

357 PINKIE PIE
Absolutely!

Pinkie plugs both cannons in and they immediately fire.
Twilight rushes out from behind the bleachers to see... *

WIDE ON - The gym as the entire place and everyone inside it
is covered in confetti.

DJ PON-3, brings up the PARTY MUSIC and everyone starts to
smile and LAUGH as the competitive tension dissipates.

SC. 30 - INT. GYMNASIUM - BLEACHERS - SAME

Pinkie admires her handiwork and PONYS **UP**: *

An aura of PURPLE SHIMMERING ENERGY surrounds her as her ears
appear and her ponytail grows.

358 PINKIE PIE
That's better.

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 start to go crazy.

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.

359 PINKIE PIE
(disappointed)
Awww.

SC. 33 - INT. GYMNASIUM - FLOOR - SAME

Twilight watches the shimmering PURPLE ENERGY flow into her device and stop, though the 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.

Twilight turns back to the crowd of students still getting along. Pinkie walks back out from behind the bleachers and stands next to her.

360 PINKIE PIE
See? Party cannons. Works every
time.

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.

361 CINCH
Ah-hem.

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

362 CINCH (CONT'D)
 I'd like to thank Principal Celestia for her... unconventional welcome. It's been four years since our two schools came together for the Friendship Games, but it feels as though nothing has changed. Crystal Prep continues to be the standard by which all other schools are judged and Canterlot High continues to be a good sport.

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Cinch looks up with a smug smile that several of her students share. The Canterlot kids look on and frown.

363 CINCH (CONT'D)
 I suppose that's for the best after so many years of losses. Nevertheless, I wish you all the best of luck regardless of the inevitable outcome.

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

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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, looking out at everyone, disappointed.

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364 APPLEJACK
 I'm sorry, Pinkie. I thought the confetti was a really good idea.

365 RARITY
 It definitely broke the ice.

366 SUNSET
 If only that Principal Cinch didn't re-freeze it.

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367 PINKIE PIE
 I do not like her.

368 APPLEJACK
 Hey, where's Other Twilight?

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

Pinkie spins around to see that Twilight is gone.

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

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

371 RAINBOW DASH
It looks like she's going back to be with her team.

372 FLUTTERSHY
She's not very much like our
Twilight, is she?

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373 SUNSET
Well, she's definitely different.
That's for sure.

Sunset watches Twilight and Cinch, concerned.

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.

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

Twilight looks back at the girls.

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

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Cinch smiles.

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

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Twilight's teammates all look at her disparagingly.

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377 SUGARCOAT
She actually means the opposite of what she just said.

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

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

Cinch leans in. *

380 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. Off *
Twilight's dubious expression as she follows Cinch's gaze... *

CUT TO: *

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

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

381 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. *

382 LUNA (CONT'D) *
(over the PA) *
Today's event will start when the *
first bell rings. 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.

383 CADENCE

You'll be scored on Chemistry, Home Ec, and everything in between, but only those with the most points will move on to tomorrow's event.

Even the windows are full of students looking in at the CHS team: Sunset and the Equestria girls as well as Flash Sentry, Derpy, Trixie, DJ Pon-3, Lyra, and Bonbon.

Twilight, Lemon Tart, Pea Cues, Spitfire, Fair Tee and Sugarcoat are also there, as well a collection of Crystal Prep student we haven't met.

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

384 CELESTIA

Good luck to all in the Friendship Games' first Learn-Olympics!

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, scoring the competitors' performance as the students watching sing...

385 STUDENTS

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

The judges watch as the competitors finish their experiments: *

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

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

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

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

Through it all the judges keep track 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... *

386 STUDENTS *

*It's the Learn-Olympics and they
told us from the start,
That the Learn-Olympics 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... *

SPITFIRE 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 look on 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 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...

387 ALL

*The Learn-Olympics, not everyone
will pass.
The Learn-Olympics, 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...

388 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...

389 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...

390 ALL

*It's the Learn-Olympics to see who
is the best
These Learn-Olympics are 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...

391 CINCH

Incorrect!

One last FLASH from Photo Finish as we...

END MUSICAL MONTAGE

Sunset's expression drops as Luna steps forward.

392 LUNA

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

Twilight steps forward and smiles, but none of the Crystal Prep students in the audience even respond.

Finally, Cinch steps forward and politely applauds--her students following suit.

393 CINCH

Well done, Twilight. Though hardly unexpected.

Nearby, the Equestria Girls all rush up to Sunset.

394 RAINBOW DASH
That was awesome! *

395 RARITY
Truly amazing!

396 SUNSET
Well, **we** didn't win. *

397 APPLEJACK
Still, that was as close to winning
as Canterlot's ever been. *

398 ALL
Yeah! You were great! Etc!

**Twilight looks from the excited group of friends to Cinch and
her classmates filing out of the auditorium. As she looks
back toward our girls she finds Flash Sentry standing there.** *

399 FLASH SENTRY
You were really great. *

400 TWILIGHT
Um... Thanks. *

401 FLASH SENTRY
I don't think I'll be moving on.
Home Ec pretty much did me in. *

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

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

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

Twilight heads out, following Sunset and the others. *

404 FLASH SENTRY
Oh. Right. Um... Bye. *

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.

405 TWILIGHT
Did you know that both domesticated
and feral cats eat a broad range of
vertebrate and invertebrate prey.

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Fluttershy just looks up at her and blinks.

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406 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Um... Hi.

407 FLUTTERSHY
Hi.

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

409 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, not just one...

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

410 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.

411 FLUTTERSHY
It really is uncanny. Does he talk?

Twilight looks at her like she is insane.

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

413 FLUTTERSHY
Congratulations on winning, by the way.

414 TWILIGHT
Oh. Um... Thanks.

415 FLUTTERSHY
But it sure didn't seem like anyone
from your school was very excited
about it.

416 TWILIGHT
Not really. No one at my school
gets excited about anything unless
they do it themselves.

417 FLUTTERSHY
That sounds awful.

Twilight looks down, despondent.

418 TWILIGHT
I guess.

419 FLUTTERSHY
Here. Hold this.

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

420 TWILIGHT
Um... why?

421 FLUTTERSHY
Holding a bunny always makes me
feel better and you look like you
need it.

422 TWILIGHT
Well, that's kind of ridiculous,
but...

The bunny nuzzles her face and Twilight smiles.

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

424 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, that doesn't matter. I'm nice
to everyone.

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

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425 TWILIGHT
What's going on?

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Twilight's device starts going crazy and she snaps it open.
STREAMS OF PURPLE ENERGY immediately start to flow off of
Fluttershy and into the device as the Pony-Up fades.

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426 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
What was that?

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Before Fluttershy can answer, SHIMMERING PORTAL-LIKE RIPPLES suddenly appear on the ground nearby. The bunny sniffs at them, then hops into one side and a JACKALOPE immediately pops out of the other.

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

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

427 TWILIGHT/FLUTTERSHY
SPIKE!

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

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428 TWILIGHT
What are you doing!?

429 FLUTTERSHY
I don't know!

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

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Twilight stares in shock. She stretches her arms out...

430 TWILIGHT
Spike, are you okay?

431 SPIKE
Um... I think so.

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Twilight freezes. She stares at her dog and Fluttershy for a second in horror, then runs off.

Spike jumps from Fluttershy's arms and runs after her.

432 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Twilight, wait!

END ACT 4

ACT 5

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

Twilight runs through the halls and Spike runs after her.

433 SPIKE
Twilight, come on! Wait for me! *

She finally stops and he catches up.

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

435 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!

436 SPIKE
Yeah. *

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

437 SPIKE (CONT'D) *
Weird, right? *

438 TWILIGHT *
Can you just stay on all fours, *
please? *

439 SPIKE *
What? Oh. Sure. *

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

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

441 SPIKE
Hey, one question at a time. This *
language thing is pretty new to me. *

442 TWILIGHT
Sorry. *

443 SPIKE
All I know is I chased that pointy *
rabbit through the glowy thing and *
then I was somewhere else... *

Twilight picks Spike up and examines him.

444 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.

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445 TWILIGHT

Well, it's not supposed to be.

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

446 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.

447 TWILIGHT

(whispering)

Quick! Hide **in here!**

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

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448 CINCH

Twilight, who were you talking to?

449 TWILIGHT

Um... Myself. It's a nervous habit.

Cinch sneezes **and Twilight shuts the locker door.**

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450 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Bless you.

451 CINCH

Indeed. Yes, well. Well done today,
but I need you to be ready for what
comes next.

452 TWILIGHT

What's **next?**

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453 CINCH

**Twilight, you won the first event.
Surely it comes as no surprise that
you qualified for the second?**

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454 TWILIGHT

Of course.

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455 CINCH
 You might find it interesting that
 the field will also include that
 group of "nice" girls who seem so
 taken with you. I know I find it
 interesting.

456 TWILIGHT
 Why?

457 CINCH
 Twilight, let me be blunt. It
 occurred to me that these girls'
 interest in you offers us an
 opportunity.

458 TWILIGHT
 It does?

459 CINCH
 Why not get to know them? Perhaps
 they know the secret to Canterlot
 High's newfound success.

460 TWILIGHT
 I don't know. Spying on people
 feels kind of wrong.

461 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 sneezes, turns and walks off.

Spike pushes open the locker door.

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

463 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.

464 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. Rarity turns to
Fluttershy.

465 RARITY
That sounds perfectly terrifying,
darling.

466 FLUTTERSHY
It wasn't really that bad. And I
was able to save Spike.

467 RAINBOW DASH
Except that he talks now, right? I
mean, isn't this world's Spike
supposed to be a normal dog?

468 FLUTTERSHY
I guess.

469 APPLEJACK
And what exactly did you save him
from?

470 FLUTTERSHY
I don't know, my hands just felt
all tingly. I think I might been
sucked right through if Twilight
hadn't pulled me out.

471 SUNSET
So, it was kind of like the portal?

472 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe.

473 APPLEJACK
I thought you said the portal was
closed.

474 SUNSET
It is. But I think this other
Twilight had something to do with
it. And if her device can suck up
magic the way Fluttershy says,
maybe it sucked up the portal too.

475 FLUTTERSHY *
That doesn't sound like something *
Twilight would do, even this *
world's Twilight. *

476 SUNSET *
I know, but Rarity lost her magic *
right before we met her. Pinkie Pie *
lost her magic at the party and *
Twilight was there too. *

477 RAINBOW DASH *
So, she's stealing our magic? *

478 SUNSET *
Anything's possible. *

479 RARITY *
Well, she certainly doesn't seem *
the magic stealing type. *

480 APPLEJACK *
Yeah. She seems a whole lot nicer *
than the rest of those Crystal Prep *
types. *

481 PINKIE PIE *
Maybe she doesn't know she's doing *
it. I do stuff like that all the *
time. *

482 RARITY *
Yes, darling, I'm sure that if this *
Twilight is stealing magic and *
ripping holes in the fabric of *
space she has absolutely no idea. *

483 APPLEJACK *
Look, y'all, let's just get through *
this next event and then we can try *
and get a message to the real *
Twilight. *

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

485 SUNSET *
I guess. *

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

486 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.

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Applejack reaches the top first and looks back at Dash.

487 APPLEJACK

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

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

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

The soccer fields have been replaced and remodeled specifically for the [Friendship Games](#).

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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.

488 SUNSET

[I know they worked hard back here, but am I the only one who thinks this is overkill?](#)

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489 RARITY

[No, darling, it is decidedly...](#)

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490 RAINBOW DASH

[TOTALLY AWESOME!](#)

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CUT TO:

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

The [Shadow Bolts](#) gather around Cinch as they go over their strategy.

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491 CINCH

You will race in pairs. Spitfire and [Lemon Tart](#) will handle the motocross.

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492 SPITFIRE
Yes!

493 CINCH
Sugarcoat and Fair Tee, the short track. *

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

494 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.

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

Pea Cues says something so quietly that it's actually inaudible. *
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496 CINCH (CONT'D)
Really, Pea Cues, you're going to have to speak up. *
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497 SUGARCOAT
(still like a robot) *
She just said that Twilight is *
terrible at sports and has no
coordination and if we lose it will
probably be her *fau*-- *

498 TWILIGHT
(cutting her off)
Okay. We get it.

499 CINCH
Well, 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.

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

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Cadence speaks into a microphone.

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

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Cheers rise up from the crowd.

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

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

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

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

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

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

504 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.

505 CADENCE
And finally, motocross.

PHOTO FINISH FLASH ON - Spitfire, Lemon Tart, Sunset, and Dash, all on DIRT BIKES at the top of a steep ramp. *

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

Spitfire revs the engine of her bike loudly.

BACK TO - The press box.

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

Cadence points to TRIxie who steps out onto the field. *

507 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. *

Fluttershy and Pea Cues both chase after their targets (three each), dodging obstacles as they go. *

PEA CUES - leaps over a hay bale as she grabs three arrows in her hand at once and lets them fly in quick succession. *

ANGLE ON - All three hitting their bullseyes with a THUNK. *

FLUTTERSHY - hops onto a barrel and fires three arrows at the same time (LOTR elf-style). *

ANGLE ON - Her arrows all hitting their bullseyes at once. *

The crowd cheers as Twilight and Applejack step up to take their turns.

As their targets start to move, Twilight catches a glimpse of Cinch staring at her from the stands. *

APPLEJACK - climbs onto a hay bale and calmly fires one arrow after another at her rapidly spinning targets -- hitting the bullseyes of every one. *

TWILIGHT - braces against a barrel as she fires at her moving targets. *

ANGLE ON - Twilight's arrows flying through the air as the first two connect with their bullseyes and the third THWAKS the side of the target, skittering off into 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.

508 CADENCE (O.S.)
(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... *

509 PEA CUES
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! *

Fluttershy and Applejack look over. *

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

511 APPLEJACK
You said it.

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

512 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". *

513 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 sticks his head out.

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514 SPIKE
Come on, Twilight. You can do this.

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

515 APPLEJACK
I can't take anymore.

She walks up to Twilight, Pea Cues follows.

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

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

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Applejack turns on her.

518 APPLEJACK
I. Don't. Lie.

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Pea Cues says something totally inaudible and storms back to her seat. Twilight considers for a second, then takes a breath, lets it out and FIRES.

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

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

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519 SPIKE
Not bad, huh?

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

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

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Applejack turns to Twilight.

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520 APPLEJACK
See? I told ya I don't lie.

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

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

Suddenly the device pops open on its own. SHIMMERING PURPLE ENERGY flows from Applejack into the device and Applejack's Pony-Up fades. *

521 APPLEJACK (CONT'D) *

How'd you do that? *

522 TWILIGHT *

I don't know. *

Suddenly, PORTAL-LIKE RIPPLES appear along the ground. The ripples start to spread apart as THICK, BRAMBLE-TYPE VINES (a la PLUNDERSEEDS) sprout up and spread along the ground. *

523 TWILIGHT (CONT'D) *

And I don't know what those are *

either! *

524 APPLEJACK *

Well, they sure don't look good. *

As the fast growing vines start to stretch out across the field we... *

END ACT 5

ACT 6

SC. 47 - ESTABLISHING - EVENT FIELD - RESUME

The THORNY VINES continue to twist their way across the field as... *

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

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

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

525 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.

526 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.

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527 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.

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528 RAINBOW DASH
THIS! IS! AWESOME!

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

529 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 the PLUNDERSEED VINES have taken over the track.

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Sunset lays her bike down and slides to a stop just short of the brambles as Lemon Tart, oblivious, does a motocross flip right into them.

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Lemon Tart's tires POP on the spike-like thorns and she hops off as the vines twist around her bike, crushing it. The crowd GASPS.

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Spitfire comes careening around the turn and uses the remains of Lemon Tart's bike as a jump, catapulting into the lead. The crowd CHEERS.

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Dash pulls up beside Sunset and tries to help, but Sunset waves her off.

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530 SUNSET

Dash, go on! You can still win without me.

531 RAINBOW DASH

No way! Win or lose, we cross the finish line together!

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 in the stands stare in shock.

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Dash pulls Sunset's bike upright.

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532 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)

Come on!

Sunset and Dash steer around the vines and take off after Spitfire, leaving Lemon Tart at the side of the course in a cloud of dust.

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

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All three riders look ahead at the final jump and hit the gas. Spitfire races to the top, but at the last moment a PLUNDERSEED VINE wraps around her rear tire.

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As one vine pulls Spitfire to the ground, two more whip toward Sunset and Rainbow Dash. Dash cuts across the face of the ramp, cutting off the vines and allowing Sunset to complete the jump and sail across the finish line first.

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IN THE STANDS - Cinch rises to her feet, looking on in shock as the crowd CHEERS to another flurry of CAMERA FLASHES.

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533 CADENCE
(over the mic)
Canterlot wins!

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ON THE FIELD: Pea Cues snaps her arrows; Sugarcoat and Fair Tee strip off their speed suits; and Spitfire and Lemon Tart tug at their vine tangled bikes.

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

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534 APPLEJACK
That was amazing, y'all!

535 RARITY
Truly an inspiration.

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536 FLUTTERSHY
I can't believe we won.

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537 PINKIE PIE
I can't believe Crystal Prep lost.

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

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538 CINCH
I'm not entirely certain we did.

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539 CELESTIA
What are you saying Principal Cinch?

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540 CINCH
Well, surely there are extenuating circumstances. Those vines during the motocross for example...

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ANGLE ON - Twilight and Spike, still examining the PORTAL-LIKE source of the vines as the ripples suddenly snap shut.

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Cinch looks out as the vines all immediately vanish. Spitfire and Lemon Tart fall backwards as both of their dirt bikes are suddenly freed.

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541 PINKIE PIE
What vines?

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542 CINCH
Regardless, it seems obvious that both your school and it's students seem remarkably... enhanced as of late.

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543 LUNA
Are you accusing us of cheating?

544 CINCH
My dear, one of your competitors
has wings.

Cinch points to Dash.

545 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. And I didn't fly. I didn't
even cross the finish line.

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

547 CINCH
Oh, I think not. As satisfying an
end to your losing streak as a tie
may be for you, it will be even
more satisfying for Crystal Prep to
win despite whatever performance
enhancing regiment your students
are following.

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

Celestia turns to Sunset and the rest.

548 CELESTIA
Despite what Principal Cinch might
think, I know you girls didn't use
magic to win this event.

Celestia leans into the group, putting her arms around them.

549 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
That's why I know you won't need it
to win the next one.

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.

550 SUNSET
Anybody have any idea where those
vines came from?

551 RAINBOW DASH
I don't know, but they kinda came
in handy.

552 FLUTTERSHY
When they weren't trying to
strangle you.

Applejack points to Twilight and Spike walking up.

553 APPLEJACK
They sorta started over by me and
Twilight.

554 TWILIGHT
They grew out of a spacial rift.
Possibly from a parallel dimension.

Sunset steps forward.

555 SUNSET
Do you know that because you caused
it or are you just guessing?

556 TWILIGHT
I didn't mean to do anything.

557 SUNSET
That's not what I asked.

558 TWILIGHT
I only wanted to collect data on
the anomalous radiation emanating
from Canterlot High.

All the girls just stare at her and blink.

559 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
The weird energy coming from your
school.

560 PINKIE PIE
Oh, that's just magic, silly.

561 TWILIGHT
Magic?

562 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, check it out.

Dash points to her wings, but as Twilight reaches out to
inspect them, she let's go of her device.

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

563 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
What's going on?

564 TWILIGHT
I'm not really sure.

565 SUNSET
What do you mean you're not sure!?

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's Pony-Up fades.

566 TWILIGHT
I'm sorry.

567 SUNSET
You're sorry? You've been wandering around our school stealing magic and you're sorry?

568 TWILIGHT
I didn't mean to steal magic. I only built this device to learn about it.

Suddenly, the SHIMMERING PORTAL RIPPLES appear in the sky over their heads. The ripples spread apart and a downpour of BROWN COLORED RAIN instantly soaks them all.

Pinkie sticks out her tongue.

569 PINKIE PIE
Hmmm. Chocolate!

570 TWILIGHT
Containing the energy also causes these corresponding rifts. I don't know why that happens either.

571 SUNSET
This is what I'm talking about. You shouldn't be messing with things you don't understand.

572 TWILIGHT
But I want to understand.

573 SUNSET
Well, you can't!

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

574 SPIKE
Twilight, wait!

Immediately the rift closes and the chocolate rain downpour stops as 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 on the front steps looking out at the crowd of students, CHS on one side of the quad, CPA on the other, all eyeing each other suspiciously.

575 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.

576 LUNA
Somewhere on campus a pennant from
each school has been hidden.

577 CADENCE
The first team to find their
school's flag and bring it back
wins.

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

578 LUNA
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 only Rainbow Dash seems the slightest bit enthusiastic.

579 CELESTIA

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

580 RAINBOW DASH

You got it, Principal Celestia!

581 APPLEJACK

We'll do our best.

Celestia nods and walks off.

582 FLUTTERSHY

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

583 RAINBOW DASH

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

584 RARITY

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

585 SUNSET

I just feel awful about what I said to Twilight.

586 PINKIE PIE

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

Sunset drops her head into her hands. The rest all look at Pinkie.

587 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

What?

Applejack walks over to Sunset.

588 APPLEJACK

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

589 SUNSET

You're right. Though I'm not sure
Principal Cinch will ever believe
we didn't cheat. Especially if we
win.

590 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.

591 CINCH

I understand that I am asking you
to beat a team that is obviously
not playing fair, but that is why
it is all the more important that
we win.

Cinch walks over to Twilight and puts her hands on her
shoulders as she looks down at the pendant.

592 CINCH (CONT'D)

Canterlot High must be made to
understand that even with whatever
"magic" they have at their
disposal, winning against Crystal
Prep is simply not an option.

593 SPITFIRE

What if they grow wings again?

594 CINCH

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

595 SUGARCOAT

We don't have wings.

596 CINCH

No, but we do have this.

Cinch reaches down and taps Twilight's pendant.

597 TWILIGHT

I don't understand.

598 CINCH *
 I've seen what your device can do, *
 Twilight. But have you considered *
 it's potential? *

599 TWILIGHT *
 What do you mean? *

600 CINCH *
 It should be a simple thing to *
 release the energy you've captured. *

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

601 CINCH (CONT'D) *
 It's obvious to everyone that our *
 opponents have been using their *
 magic 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. *

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

MUSIC UP as Cinch begins to sing... *

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

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

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

604 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...

605 CINCH

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

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

606 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.

607 CINCH

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

Spike tries to get closer as the kids dance around Twilight

608 KIDS

Unleash the magic, unleash the
 magic

(MORE)

KIDS (CONT'D)

*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!*

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

609 TWILIGHT

*Imagine the things I can learn by
setting it free.*

She turns it over and flips a switch.

610 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

*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.

611 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

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

The other CPA kids gather behind Cinch as they all stare at Twilight.

612 CINCH

We all do.

Spike looks on.

613 SPIKE

Twilight, no!

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.

Dark electrical current crisscrosses over her body and she convulses, levitating off the ground as she turns her head toward Cinch...

614 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.

615 CINCH

Keep away from me!

IN A SERIES OF SHOTS TWILIGHT IS TRANSFORMED: *

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

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

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

GIANT, BLACK BLADE-LIKE WINGS, *

FLAMING BLACK AND PURPLE HAIR, *

AND THE GLOWING TWISTED HORN OF... *

NIGHTMARE SPARKLE! *

Cinch shrinks away in horror as the rest of the Crystal Prep
team stare dumbstruck while Nightmare Sparkle LAUGHS a
horrible laugh, shooting RAW MAGICAL ENERGY from her horn
into the sky. *

ANGLE ON - Sunset and the others as they turn in shock. *

Students scatter as Nightmare Sparkle floats over toward the
center of the quad. *

Sunset and the other girls rush toward her. *

616 SUNSET *

Twilight! You have to stop! *

Nightmare Sparkle looks down at them and LAUGHS. *

617 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE *

You said I couldn't understand
magic, but now I understand it all! *

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

618 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE (CONT'D) *

And now I finally know what I need
to do! *

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

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

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

619 SUNSET
Equestria!

Nightmare Sparkle turns and looks down at her.

620 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE
An entire world of magic for me to explore. More knowledge than I could ever dream of and it's all mine!

621 SUNSET
Twilight, you have to listen to me! I know exactly how you feel. I wanted to know everything there was to know about magic too. I wanted it so badly I didn't care about anything or anyone else.

As Sunset talks the other girls stand behind her and behind them, more students gather.

622 SUNSET (CONT'D)
I was wrong to tell you that you couldn't understand magic because what I've learned, and what I'm still learning, is that magic doesn't come from somewhere else.

Soon the entire student body stands behind Sunset looking up at Nightmare Sparkle.

623 SUNSET (CONT'D)
Magic isn't something you get, it's something you make by being a friend.

Sunset turns to Principal Cinch and the CPA team.

624 SUNSET (CONT'D)
That's the magic that CHS has. The magic of friendship!

With that, Sunset Ponys-Up, growing her ears and longer hair as she floats up near Nightmare Sparkle, surrounded by an aura of PURPLE ENERGY.

625 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE
Well, I'm sorry, but that's not enough!

Nightmare Sparkle BLASTS Sunset with her horn, immediately sucking away all of her energy. Sunset's Pony-Up disappears and she falls, crashing into her friends and the other students.

626 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I need more power than that. More knowledge. More magic!

Sunset stumbles to her feet.

627 SUNSET
That's where you're wrong! Learning about friendship is the most important knowledge there is.

Sunset turns and points to the rest of the school.

628 SUNSET (CONT'D)
I've made friends with everyone here and I can tell you there's no magic stronger than that.

Our girls and the rest of the CHS student body line up behind Sunset again, this time holding hands. They start to GLOW.

Cinch turns to her team.

629 CINCH
I think we've watched this sideshow long enough. It's time to return to Crystal Prep and let Canterlot High clean up it's own magical mess.

Cinch turns to walk off, but Spitfire steps forward.

630 SPITFIRE
No.

Cinch looks back.

631 CINCH
Excuse me?

632 SUGARCOAT
Canterlot High isn't responsible for all of this. We are.

633 FAIR TEE
And it looks like it's up to us to fix it.

With that, the whole CPA team walks over and joins hands with the CHS students. The GLOW around them all intensifies. Sunset looks from the glowing crowd to Nightmare Sparkle.

634 SUNSET

Nothing is more powerful than making a friend.

Suddenly, the glow from all the students flows through their hands, channeling into the Equestria Girls.

635 SUNSET (CONT'D)

Learning that is the only knowledge you'll ever need.

In a sudden blast of WHITE ENERGY, Sunset and the girls rise into the air. A cyclone of energy rises up from the crowd of students, surrounding them until it finally EXPLODES in a BLAST OF LIGHT revealing...

Our main five girls are PONYED-UP and Sunset has transformed into...

DAYDREAM SHIMMER - her giant white wings and horn surrounded by BRIGHT YELLOW FLAMES.

636 SUNSET (CONT'D)

I can't let you tear apart this world to get to Equestria, but more importantly, you don't need to because the magic of friendship is already inside you.

637 NIGHTMARE SPARKLE

NO!

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

The LIGHT strikes Nightmare Sparkle, shooting through her like the blast from an atomic bomb and hitting the giant rift behind her.

The CRACKS all fill with LIGHT as they shrink and finally disappear, sealing the rift as all the energy funnels down into the statue, restoring the PORTAL TO EQUESTRIA.

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

Sunset and the others float to the ground and walk up to her. She looks up at them, her body still smoking.

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

639 SUNSET
Well, I can tell you from
experience, you'll never run out of
things to learn about friendship.

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

BACK AT THE SCHOOL STEPS - Cinch strides up to Celestia.

640 CINCH
Principal Celestia, on behalf of
Crystal Prep I demand that CHS
forfeit these Games. Your students
have as much as admitted to using
magic for their own benefit.

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

Sugarcoat steps forward.

642 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.

Celestia turns and looks at Cinch.

643 CINCH
That's ridiculous.

Spike runs up.

644 SPIKE
Nope. That's pretty much what
happened.

Everyone looks down at the talking dog, then shrugs as
Spitfire and Pea Cues step forward.

645 SPITFIRE
Actually, we sort of helped.

646 PEA CUES
(pointing at Cinch)
But mostly it was her.

Celestia looks at Cinch, shocked.

647 CINCH
Oh, spare me your indignation. We
both wanted to win. You would have
done the same.

648 CELESTIA
I most certainly would not! But
I'll have no problem telling the
School Board that you did.

Cinch looks to Cadence who moves away and stands next to
Celestia. Cinch frowns and storms off in a huff.

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

Pinkie sticks her hand into the portal. Rarity turns to
Sunset.

649 RARITY
Well, darling, now that the portal
is open again, you can finally go
back to Equestria.

650 APPLEJACK
I guess that's what you've been
wanting to do.

651 RAINBOW DASH
Just don't stay too long.

652 SUNSET
Actually, I'm not really in a rush.

653 FLUTTERSHY
You're not?

654 SUNSET
I'm sure I'll go back and visit
Equestria some day, but the magic I
was looking for was right here all
along. With my friends.

The girls all smile at each other, then look up as Celestia,
Luna and Cadence lead Twilight and Spike over.

655 CADENCE

I'd understand if you didn't want
to come back to Crystal Prep, our
school has a lot to learn, but we
could definitely use your help

656 CELESTIA

And if you want to enroll at CHS
you are more than welcome.

657 SPIKE

What's your policy on pets?

658 TWILIGHT

Thank you. Both of you.

Twilight looks from Sunset and the others to the busses where
Spitfire and the rest of the CPA team wait for her.

659 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

I've made some good friends here at
Canterlot High, but I can't pass up
the opportunity to make more back
at Crystal Prep. And I have as much
to learn about friendship as
anyone.

(to Cadence)

Maybe we can all figure it out
together.

They all head toward the busses.

660 SUNSET

We'll always be here for you if you
ever need anything.

661 TWILIGHT

Thanks. CHS is a good example of
what the power of friendship can
do. I hope we can find some of that
magic at Crystal Prep.

662 SUNSET

I hope so too.

Twilight gives Sunset a hug, then she and Cadence board the
bus and the doors close.

Twilight and Spike look out the rear window and waves to
Sunset and the Equestria Girls as the bus drives off.

END.