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SC. 1 - INT. REHEARSAL ROOM - DAY

The Mane 5 walk into the rehearsal room in mid conversation, holding their instruments. They all stop and stare at something we can't see yet.

1 RAINBOW DASH
Uh... I thought we were rehearsing?

We reveal SUNSET SHIMMER standing in front of a bunch of very high tech looking scientific equipment (Think Doc Brown's lab in Back to the Future). Throughout the following Sunset Shimmer is clipping wires and electrodes to the Mane 5 while they look on nervously.

2 SUNSET SHIMMER
Well, you are... sort of. Back when I was Princess Celestia's student, I learned best by going out in the field and actually doing something. Studying ancient books is fine for some people, but I like to solve magical mysteries by rolling up my sleeves and getting my hooves, uh, hands dirty.

3 APPLEJACK
I can relate to workin' hard outdoors but what the hay does that have to do with us playin' music?

4 SUNSET SHIMMER
I'm trying to figure out how magic works here, why you grow ears, tails and wings when you pony up and what your instruments have to do with it.

Fluttershy nervously looks at the lab equipment.

5 FLUTTERSHY
Are you sure we need to figure it out? It looks dangerous?

6 SUNSET SHIMMER
It's more dangerous NOT to know. Magic can be an issue even when it's acting how it's supposed to. The magic here? I've never seen anything like it! I have some theories but need to test them to reach a solid Conclusion.

7 RARITY
Well darling you ARE our resident expert and if you feel it's important we are ready and willing to help!

8 SUNSET SHIMMER
It'll be fun! Just start playing, you won't even know I'm here!

The girls look at each other and shrug.

MONTAGE

- The girls all begin to play. They pony up, Throughout the montage everything Sunset Shimmer does backfires on her. This should all play like a Road Runner/Wile. E. Coyote cartoon. She should try to protect herself more and more each time but no matter what she does, it's bad for her. Want the board artists to go to town with this but some examples are:

- Sunset Shimmer holds what looks like a Ghostbusters EKG meter up to Pinkie Pie while she is wailing on the drums. The meter starts going wild and suddenly Balloons start flying out of the drums, pelting her.

- She is wearing a Hazmat suit while Rarity and Applejack rock out together. The lights corresponding to their elements of harmony start swirling around them to the beat, glowing brighter and brighter until in a flash they've burned the Hazmat suit to a crisp.

- Sunset Shimmer is crouched behind a pile of equipment holding up her EKG device. Fluttershy is so nervous that she is barely playing her tambourine. Sunset Shimmer is getting nothing. She walks over to Fluttershy and shakes her tambourine for her to get a reading. A swarm of pink butterflies start flowing out of it and chase her across the room.

- She is operating a board of switches and dials behind safety glass observing Rainbow Dash. Dash is wailing on the guitar and Sunset Shimmer's machine starts smoking and going crazy. RD's eyes glow white and with a final triumphant strum a Rainbow shoots through the wires attached to her and the instrument. Sunset Shimmer frantically tries to turn off the machine but in a Rainbow explosion we-

END MONTAGE

CUT TO:

SC. 2 - INT. REHEARSAL ROOM - LATER

The Mane 5 are all unhooking themselves and their instruments from the wires. They look over at Sunset Shimmer (who we can't see yet).

9 PINKIE PIE
so... Uh.. That was the most fun I'VE ever had playing with the band.... How about you?

10 SUNSET SHIMMER (O.S.)
After a WHOLE lot of research, I can say without a doubt that I have my final answer.

11 SUNSET SHIMMER (ALT) (CONT'D)
Finally, after all this testing I've come to a definitive conclusion…(pause)… I have NO IDEA what's going on with magic in this world.

We reveal Sunset Shimmer standing there with her hair standing straight on its end, and colored in rainbow streaks.

12 SUNSET SHIMMER (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Magic in this world is MUCH more dangerous than anything I've ever dealt with in Equestria! And THAT has been scientifically proven.

Sunset Shimmer collapses out of frame.

Off the girl's look we,

FADE OUT.