

MY LITTLE PONY: EQUESTRIA GIRLS

Batch 5: 6x7 Minute Shorts

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"Blizzard or Bust"

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EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH SCHOOL - DAY

A quiet, winter wonderland. Snow falls in angelic swirls. It's a vision of Capraesque peacefulness...

INT. CANTERLOT HIGH SCHOOL - LIBRARY - DAY

Pinkie Pie screams "I'M YELLING IN THE LIBRARY!!!" and instantly Sci Twi POPS into frame and <SHUSHES> her. But it's a pointless warning because the library has fallen to TEST-DAY MAYHEM. The students of Canterlot High are on the verge of mental breakdowns as they cram for Mr. Cranky Doodle's final exam. He always tortures his students with the most-likely-to-make-you-cry test of the year right before the holidays. Heads in their books, our girls squeeze in a few more moments of study: Fluttershy does flashcards with a chipmunk; Rarity drinks her 8th cup of decaf coffee and speaks at 100 words-per-minute; etc. Everyone is FREAKING OUT... except Sci Twi, who is on cloud nine. She loves test day! "When else do you get to share all the interesting things you've learned in a high pressure, timed event?!" With a <WHOOSH> of cold air and amidst a heroic cloud of snowflakes, Rainbow Dash busts in from the outside. The girls wonder why she was up to out there. Rainbow Dash explains she went to do a few laps on the track -- she studies best when running, but the weather made it difficult... which gave her an snow-pendous idea: SNOW DAY! Victorious, she TOSSES HER TEXTBOOK IN THE TRASH. Snow Day means No Test Day! The others don't get it. It'd be awesome if the test was canceled because it's a Snow Day, but, um, it's not one. Grinning with Ferris-Bueller confidence, Rainbow Dash says, "It's not a Snow Day... yet." Off the girls' intrigued faces...

INT. CANTERLOT HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

The girls huddle around Rainbow Dash as she explains that they should MAKE it a Snow Day. They are all still confused, except Rarity. Her over-caffeinated eyes BULGE as she "gets" what Rainbow Dash is selling. Rarity explains a mile-a-minute that "if there's enough snow, and if students can't get to school, and if the power goes out; if all of that happens, Principal Celestia will have to call it a Snow Day and cancel school and the Cranky Doodle test and all will be saved and <BIG BREATH> we'll be heroes!" The girls look at each other for a beat and then -- YEAH! WE'RE IN! Except Sci Twi. She was really stoked for this test... but she caves. A postponed test is even more fun -- more time to study! As she agrees to be part of the team, a <MUSIC CUE> kick starts a...

INT./EXT. CANTERLOT HIGH SCHOOL - VARIOUS LOCATIONS - DAY

A "Make It Snow" MONTAGE of the girls working together to create a "Snow Day." For example, down in the basement, Fluttershy consults with a mouse who leads her and Sunset Shimmer to the fuse box...

Using her super strength, Applejack pushes a huge snowbank to block the road to school while Rarity diamond-shields her from falling snow...

On the roof, Sci Twi applies her telekinesis to move freshly shoveled snowpiles back in front of school's doors and sidewalks. Pinkie Pie arranges her confetti canons to explode so confetti falls outside Principal Celestia's windows to look like a blizzard...

On the ground, Rainbow Dash RACES around filling up back packs with snow and making snow banks grow outside Principal Celestia's window. Rainbow Dash catches her breath, crouching below, the window, and sees Principal Celestia looks out and wrinkles her brow, perplexed by the growing snowscape. Rainbow Dash texts Pinkie Pie - "Do it now!" But, Pinkie Pie's confetti cannons don't work! Frozen over?! What's wrong with these things! Vice Principal Luna wonders to Principal Celestia if they'll need to call a Snow Day. Principal Celestia wonders something else entirely...

Back on the road, Applejack and Rarity summit their snowbank and watch students and traffic about-face from school because of the blockage. Success!

Back in the basement, Sunset Shimmer switches the fuse and <BWUMP>. The power goes out, plunging her, Fluttershy and their mouse friend into darkness. Hooray- <FLICK>. The lights BLAST back on, and Principal Celestia's got her hand on the switch. Uh-oh. The girls are BUSTED.

INT. CANTERLOT HIGH SCHOOL - PRINCIPAL CELESTIA'S OFFICE - DAY

The girls apologize for their attempts at making a Snow Day. Principal Celestia has to hand it to them -- they were almost successful. Plus, a bunch of teachers and students have already called in saying they can't make it. They lose one more teacher and... Nonetheless, if the girls put as much effort into their studying as they did with making a Snow Day, they'd be ready for the test. They know she's right. She softens, saying that Snow Days were her favorite as a kid too. They're about to be dismissed when her phone <RINGS>. It's Mr. Cranky Doodle. He says he's so sorry, but a huge snow drift has blocked in his car, and he can't make it to school...

INT. CRANKY DOODLE HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - SAME (INTERCUT)

While on the phone with Principal Celestia, Mr. Cranky Doodle sips hot chocolate and looks out his window at the beautiful snow. His car is in his driveway and clearly NOT blocked in by a snow drift. He was fibbing! Mrs. Cranky Doodle joins her husband with her own hot chocolate.

He puts his arm around her and tells Principal Celestia that “I’ll give the test tomorrow. Today the snow wins.”

Principal Celestia hangs up and officially announces it IS a Snow Day after all! <POW!> Pinkie Pie’s confetti cannons finally work, causing a beautiful “blizzard” outside Principal Celestia’s!

END OF SHOW