

MY LITTLE PONY: EQUESTRIA GIRLS

Batch 5: 6x7 Minute Shorts

#416-251 - OUTLINE

"Sunset's 7"

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INT. DINER - DAY

In the tone of heist films like OCEAN'S 11, Sunset Shimmer (George Clooney) sips coffee and downloads Pinkie Pie (Brad Pitt), always eating, on "the opportunity." Sunset Shimmer's gotten word from an old associate that the Mane 7's favorite sweater store's LIMITED EDITION HOLIDAY SWEATER will hit shelves on Friday. It's expected to sell out in minutes. If the Mane 7 wants in on this knitted gold, they need a plan (like a heist but, duh, no stealing; just smart positioning and timing). Between bites of pie, Pinkie Pie says that they can't do it without getting the gang together. She's not sure everyone's available or they can get them 'together' in time, but they'll try...

INT./EXT. VARIOUS LOCATIONS - DAY

In a riff on the classic "Recruitment" MONTAGE, Sunset Shimmer and Pinkie Pie visit their best candidates for every position on the stereotypical heist team roster:

1. The Gadget Guy (Sci Twi)
2. The Distraction (Trixie, who insists she's the main event and they're the distraction)
3. The Cat Burglar (Rainbow Dash)
4. The Muscle (Applejack)
5. The Driver (Big Mac)

We meet them in quick TBD shots of their "normal lives" (which showcase their specialty skills pertinent to their role on the heist team).

EXT./INT. MALL - VARIOUS LOCATIONS - DAWN

It's daybreak on Black Friday. The Mane 7/Sunset 7's Caper Crew gathers in the mall parking lot. After last minute warnings and a charming pep talk from Sunset Shimmer, a <HEIST MOVIE MUSIC CUE> launches the Mane 7 into the mall as their plan to snag those coveted sweaters unfolds.

Playing on the tropes of heist films -- characters in convoluted disguises, handoffs of keys and envelopes, massive public distractions, ticking clocks, communicating via earbuds, etc. -- the

Mane 7 works together to pull off an elaborate “heist” that looks like it’s about to be a success...

INT. MALL - SWEATER STORE - DAY

While crossing-cutting with every member of the Caper Crew sweating with anxiety, Sunset Shimmer steps up to the front of the line, ready to claim the last seven sweaters. But, OH NO! The woman in front of her appears to have gotten the last one. The Sales Associate apologizes to Sunset Shimmer, who looks on the brink of tears and is about to “radio” in to the team the bad news when <THUD>!

A huge, new box of the limited edition sweaters is DROPPED on the counter by the Store Manager. He figured they’d be a hot ticket item and ordered extra. He asks if Sunset Shimmer still wants one. She sure does! But not one -- she needs SEVEN!

MINUTES LATER

Sunset Shimmer walks out of the store and reunites with her Caper Crew -- all still in their ridiculous costumes -- and hands out their “payment.” As most heist movies end, they heist team smiles at each other before disappearing in their separate directions into the crowd...

END OF SHOW