



**MY LITTLE PONY  
EQUESTRIA GIRLS  
BATCH 5: Holiday Shorts**

**"O' Come, All Ye Squashful"  
(F.K.A. The Merriest Moose)  
#416-253**

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**INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - CLASSROOM - DAY**

A projected powerpoint slide depicts a holiday table's CORNUCOPIA full of squash, corn, flowers, etc.

1                   SCI TWI (O.S.)  
From the Latin "*cornu copiae*,"  
meaning horn of plenty...

PULL WIDE to REVEAL Sci Twi is the presenter of this presentation. The rest of the Mane 7 fill the desks' seats.

2                   SCI TWI (CONT'D)  
The cornucopia is a symbol of  
prosperity and plentifulness dating  
back to classical antiquity.

She <CLICKS> to a fresh slide of a new cornucopia and stares at it with love.

3                   SCI TWI (CONT'D)  
*Cornu copiae* remind me of us  
because of the abundance of  
friendship we share...  
                  (aww, the girls smile)  
...and how insanely cool they are!

4                   RARITY  
Pardon me, darling, but are you  
saying this overstuffed basket of  
squirrel snacks is 'cool'?

5                   SCI TWI  
I'm saying it's 'insanely cool,'  
which is why this year the  
cornucopia is the inspiration for  
my holiday card photo shoot!

Grinning, she <FLICKS> the lights on, REVEALING her friends and their baffled expressions.

6                   APPLEJACK  
I'm about as confused as a donkey  
at a horse race.

7                   SCI TWI  
                  (explaining)  
My photo shoot is going to be of  
life-size cornucopia. My selfie-  
sensing drone camera will do the  
photography, and we'll play the  
parts of the *cornu copiae*.

8                   SUNSET SHIMMER  
So we're dressing up like...

9                   SCI TWI  
Autumnal produce!

10                  PINKIE PIE  
Like apples?

11                  RAINBOW DASH  
Or corn?

12                  FLUTTERSHY  
Ooh! What about sunflowers!?

13                  SCI TWI  
Good guesses but <ERROR SOUND>!  
We're going to be SQUASH!

Rarity's eyes bulge with true terror.

14                  SCI TWI (CONT'D)  
Yellow squash, acorn squash,  
delicata, kabocha, zucchini,  
butternut and...

15                  RARITY  
(grimacing)  
Pumpkin.

16                  SCI TWI  
It's not a cornucopia without a  
pumpkin! The shoot's tomorrow. I'll  
text you the kind of squash you'll  
be portraying so you can paint your  
face and body accordingly.

They look at her blank-faced.

17                  SCI TWI (CONT'D)  
Are you guys not excited about  
this?

18                  EVERYONE BUT SCI TWI  
(not excited)  
No, we're excited.

19                  SCI TWI  
Oh! You're *worried*. I was too.  
That's why I upgraded my drone's  
camera with double the battery  
life. You can breathe easy, there  
will be "an abundance" of photos!

20 RAINBOW DASH  
(forced)  
Phew. I am so very relieved.

Sci Twi looks at them more closely...

21 SCI TWI  
Are you sure? You guys still seem  
freaked out?

They see the concern on her face and unanimously lie to her.

22 MANE 7 (MINUS SCI TWI)  
No! We're great!/So excited./It's  
going to be great./Such a cool  
idea./Are you kidding? We can't  
wait!

Sci Twi smiles, assuaged.

**INT. CANTERLOT HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER**

The girls exit the classroom.

23 SCI TWI  
Check your phones for your squash  
assignment! I'm off to rent a fog  
machine. Photographer pro-tip?  
Adding atmosphere is everything.  
Bye!

They grin and wave as she leaves. As soon as she's out of  
sight, THE GIRLS' SMILES MELT AWAY.

24 RARITY  
Anyone who is less than thrilled to  
be photographed as a squash, please  
raise a palm.

Everyone's hands shoot up... except Fluttershy's.

25 FLUTTERSHY  
I like squash and acorn squash are  
very adorable.

Sunset Shimmer glances at her distraught friends.

26 SUNSET SHIMMER  
We could tell Sci Twi that we don't  
want to do the photo shoot.

The girls exchange uneasy looks.

27           APPLEJACK  
If we squash her vision of squash,  
we risk squashing her entire  
holiday spirit...

28           RAINBOW DASH  
Breaking her crazy cornucopia-  
loving heart...

29           PINKIE PIE  
Or causing her lose her gourd!

A collective <SIGH>.

30           SUNSET SHIMMER  
So, it's settled. We accept our  
fates and embody the edible gourds  
Sci Twi wishes us to be.

As the girls shuffle off, heavy with pessimism...

**INT. CANTERLOT HIGH SCHOOL - AUDITORIUM - NEXT DAY**

Sci Twi, in her zucchini suit with her face painted green,  
adjusts the photoshoot's dramatic lighting. On stage is a  
giant HORN BASKET, six SQUASH COSTUMES, and a FOG MACHINE.

Rarity, Pinkie Pie, Sunset Shimmer, Rainbow Dash, and  
Applejack filter in, each REACTING to the shoot's set-up with  
a cornucopia of expressions: fear, shock, worry, frustration,  
and defeat.

31           SCI TWI  
          (beaming)  
Isn't it fantastic!

32           EVERYONE BUT SCI TWI  
          (lusterless)  
Uh-huh./Sure./Totally./I mean, wow.  
Just wow./Very gourdy.

Sci Twi's face falls.

33           SCI TWI  
You guys? Um, did you not get my  
text?

34           APPLEJACK  
Sure did. We're here, on time and  
ready to squash.

35 SCI TWI  
But no one is in their designated  
colors and face paint.

The girls shoot sheepish glances at each other.

36 RAINBOW DASH  
Right. I guess we all forgot.  
Sorry. Maybe we shouldn't do the  
shoot?

37 SCI TWI  
"Not do the shoot"? Hilarious. No,  
we're fine. I brought extra face  
paint.

38 RARITY  
(disappointed)  
How incredibly wonderful.

39 SCI TWI  
You guys put on your costumes while  
I go get the paint and the second  
fog machine. "Never can have too  
much atmosphere" says a photography  
blog that I read.

As she exits, the girls examine their SQUASH COSTUMES.

40 APPLEJACK  
These look like wearable ovens.

41 SUNSET SHIMMER  
And hard to walk in.

42 RAINBOW DASH  
Because they're a million pounds.

43 RARITY  
AND JUST SIMPLY AND TOTALLY  
DREADFUL!

44 PINKIE PIE  
(sniffs her costume)  
And they smell like what they look  
like. Which, yeah, I don't mind!

Sunset Shimmer notices a costume left in the pile.

45 SUNSET SHIMMER  
Whose is that?

46 RAINBOW DASH  
It's Fluttershy's, but looks like  
she's a no-show. Which is genius.  
Why didn't we think of that?

Sunset Shimmer looks around and sees everyone's despondent  
faces. She tosses her squash costume aside.

47 SUNSET SHIMMER  
An abundance of friendship is one  
thing, but this is just a bunch of  
squash. Let's tell her.

48 APPLEJACK  
You mean fess up to Sci Twi that we  
don't want to do the shoot?

49 RARITY/RAINBOW DASH/PINKIE PIE  
YES, PLEASE, YES!/Let's do  
it!/Yippee!

50 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)  
So sorry, I'm late!

SUDDENLY, Fluttershy is amongst them, dressed in a head-to-  
toe green body suit with her face painted green.

51 RARITY  
Fluttershy! What have you done to  
yourself?!

52 FLUTTERSHY  
I'm an acorn squash. What are you?  
Because you look like your normal  
self. All of you do, actually.

53 RARITY  
We're contesting the terms of the  
photoshoot attire.

54 FLUTTERSHY  
Golly, you can do that?

55 APPLEJACK  
But you went full-gourd. Why?

56 FLUTTERSHY  
I figure it doesn't really matter  
how I feel about Sci Twi's holiday  
card idea. It's her thing not mine,  
so why ruin it for her. She's my  
friend.

Ashamed, the girls glance at each other.

57           RAINBOW DASH  
The costumes aren't that heavy.

58           APPLEJACK  
Sometimes it's nice to be toasty.

59           SUNSET SHIMMER  
Walking's not important.

60           PINKIE PIE  
I'm still *extremely* into how they  
smell.

Everyone looks to Rarity, stone-faced in a deep frown.

61           RAINBOW DASH  
Our little Acorn Squash makes an  
"abundantly" convincing argument  
against mutiny. In the name of Sci  
Twi and her cornucopia of vision,  
can someone please zip me into my  
pumpkin suit?

Smiling, they grab their costumes and <MUSIC> starts as...

**INT. CANTERLOT HIGH SCHOOL - AUDITORIUM - MOMENTS LATER**

...80's heavy metal music video-type FOG rolls in over the  
set, REVEALING: the Mane 7 in their costumes walking in SLOW-  
MO, as they find their spots in the cornucopia basket.

We launch into a MONTAGE built around the girls doing the  
photo shoot with joy and holiday cheer. Sci Twi's selfie-  
sensing drone camera <ZOOMS> around, <SNAPPING> shots of the  
girls as they strike different poses in their squash suits.

QUICK POPS show the best pictures and "outtakes" from the  
shoot. The last shot is a photograph of the Mane 7 in a  
loving, group hug...

PULL WIDE to REVEAL that photo of the Mane 7 frozen in an  
adorable embrace is the cover of Sci Twi's holiday card...

62           SCI TWI (V.O.)  
Wishing you all a Happy Holidays,  
from your friends... Twilight  
Sparkle, Sunset Shimmer, Pinkie  
Pie, Rainbow Dash, Rarity,  
Applejack, and Fluttershy.

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