

MY LITTLE PONY: EQUESTRIA GIRLS

Batch 5: 6x7 Minute Shorts

#416-253 - OUTLINE

"The Merriest Moose"

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INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - CLASSROOM - DAY

The lights are dimmed for a PowerPoint presentation to a class of... our girls? That's right! They're all sitting down except Sci Twi, who stands at the front of the class and <CLICKS> her way through a carousel of slides and diagrams explaining her plans for her holiday card photo shoot. She is creating a winter-scape of frolicking reindeer and snow moose. *[Room to pitch on this.]* Her selfie-sensing drone camera will do the photography, and the girls will play the parts of the wildlife. The girls cringe, especially Rarity who most definitely doesn't want to dress up as a reindeer or moose. Sci Twi is too in love with her concept and slides to notice the girls' aren't keen on it. She tells them that the photo shoot is tomorrow, and "Don't worry! I added another battery to my selfie-sensing drone camera so we'll get LOTS of photos of us looking like wild game." She grins. They look back at her blank-faced, clearly not excited. Sci Twi, "Everyone's cool with being part of the shoot, right?" The girls fake it and say "yes" but...

INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

As the girls exit the classroom after Sci Twi's presentation, they smile and wave goodbye to Sci Twi. She tells them that she'll text them details on what to wear to the shoot. She can't wait! After she's out of sight, the girls' smiles melt away, and they turn to each other with worried expressions. Rarity says, "Is anyone else less than excited to dress up like a moose?" Fluttershy doesn't think it sounds so bad, but, overall, the girls express their doubts. However, when the idea of telling the truth to Sci Twi is floated, no one wants to do it.

INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - AUDITORIUM - NEXT DAY

Sci Twi stands on a ladder tweaking the dramatic lighting for her elaborate photo shoot. On stage is a shoddy snowscape, seven bulky reindeer and moose costumes with wearable antlers, a wind machine, *and* a fog machine. Rarity, Pinkie Pie, Sunset Shimmer, Rainbow Dash, and Applejack filter in, each having their own hesitant response to the set-up for the shoot. However, when Sci Twi asks for their thoughts and reactions, they pretend everything is cool. Sci Twi is a little disappointed when she sees that none of her friends came prepared the way she texted them to --- wearing all brown, hiking boots, and with their faces grey. But, the show must go on! And Sci Twi brought grey face paint just in case this happened! Sci Twi asks the girls to put on their costumes while she gets the second fog machine from outside.

As she exits, the girls climb into the costumes -- which prove to be heavy, uncomfortable, and hot. The girls complain and say that Fluttershy outsmarted all of them by bailing. They decide

that they should tell Sci Twi what they feel: they don't want to do the photoshoot. They're on the verge of committing to full mutiny when Fluttershy arrives dressed in head-to-toe BROWN, wearing badass HIKING BOOTS, and has her full face and body painted in GREY. She's totally committed to Sci Twi's vision. The girls jaws hang open with surprise.

Fluttershy explains that it doesn't matter how she feels about the costumes, photoshoot, or even the concept of Sci Twi's holiday card. She's here to help her friend do whatever her friend wants. It's Sci Twi's thing not hers. It's a wise and kind way to think about the situation. The others glance at each other, accepting that Fluttershy has made a good point. Rarity's the first to act -- asking Sunset Shimmer to go ahead and zip her into her moose suit. They're doing this thing for Sci Twi!

INT. CANTERLOT HIGH - AUDITORIUM - MOMENTS LATER

As the fog rolls in over the set... and the wind fan blasts supermodel-worthy breezes... REVEAL: the Mane 7 in costume and ready to have the best shoot ever! Sci Twi's selfie-sensing drone camera <ZOOMS> around, <SNAPPING> shots of the girls as they strike different poses. A MONTAGE shows the best shots and "outtakes" from the shoot.

We end our final holiday short on a picture of the Mane 7 in an adorable group hug that, of course, is the one that ends up on the front of Sci Twi's holiday card. We hear Sci Twi say in voice over: "Wishing you all a Happy Holidays, from your friends... Twilight Sparkle, Sunset Shimmer, Pinkie Pie, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, Applejack, and Fluttershy."

IRIS OUT.