

OUTLINE
My Little Pony: Equestria Girls
#403-064 thru #403-068 – 5 x 10 Minute Shorts
“Me, My Selfie, and I”
2/24/17
Written by Nick Confalone

PART ONE: “The Right to Remain Fabulous” (403-064)

EXT. EQUESTRIA WORLD – DAY

We cold open at EQUESTRIA WORLD, a brand-new theme park just outside town, where MICRO CHIPS, MAUD, and a few other background friends finnaaaalllly get to the end of the lonnnngest line in the world, ready to ride the coolest ride ever... *The Freezer*! As they board an It’s-a-Small-World-esque boat, no one knows exactly what to expect, but they’ve all heard different rumors: someone even heard it’s dangerous! Excited, they sit down as safety bar lowers... a little ominously too tight, but zoom, off they go, disappearing into the darkness... where we hear a FWOOSH, see sparks of light, and then hear <SCREAMING>! But it’s just the sounds of them having fun, right? CUT TO: another angle of darkness... where the ride emerges from the shadows to reveal: EVERYONE HAS BEEN FROZEN (MID-SCREAM) INTO SPOOKY STATUES! The ride ends and they’re dumped out of the boat, tumbling to the ground like mannequins, and then we PULL BACK to reveal this area of the theme park is FULL OF OTHER FROZEN, DOLL-LIKE PEOPLE. The *Freezer* ride CRACKLES with COLORFUL EQUESTRIAN MAGIC and we hear an <EVIL LAUGH> O.S. and then HARD CUT TO:

INT. EQUESTRIA WORLD – SECURITY OFFICE – DAY

THE BARS OF A JAIL DOOR SLAMMING SHUT. The security office of the theme park looks like a police precinct, where A THEME PARK SECURITY OFFICER paces back and forth, accusing his prisoners of unleashin’ some kinda dark magic, “turnin’ everyone to statues, ruinin’ the reputation of this fine theme park establishment, and not to mention messin’ up the churro stand which happens to be my favorite of all the stands! What do you have to say for yourselves, you evil villains!?” REVEAL IN JAIL, the evil villains who caused all this trouble: The Mane 7! They all start talking at once, which overwhelms the security guard until he shouts for QUIET! He’ll get to the bottom of this... and if they’re as “innocent” as they claim, he’ll see if they’re stories add up. One at a time. YOU FIRST! Off Pinkie Pie’s <GASP>, CUT TO:

INT. EQUESTRIA WORLD – INTERROGATION ROOM – VARIOUS SHOTS

...Pinkie Pie sits under the harsh lighting of the interrogation room. The Security Guard sits down across from her and the camera angle settles into what will be the “talking head angle” for all these interviews. Pinkie Pie sweats bullets, then: “I confess! I CONFESS!!! ...Wait, what am I confessing to?!” JUMP CUT TO RAINBOW DASH sitting in the same spot during HER interrogation, looking totally relaxed: “If I tell you what you want to know, can you get me one of those security badges? I’d look SO COOL with a badge like that!” JUMP CUT TO SCI TWI, nervously fidgeting: “Please tell me this isn’t going on our permanent records. How will I explain ‘destroyed a theme park’ on my college application?” JUMP CUT TO APPLEJACK, who sits quietly for a beat, glum, until she finally speaks up: “...It’s all Rarity’s fault, every bit of it, start to finish.” JUMP CUT TO RARITY, equally annoyed: “...Surely the blame rests with

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Applejack, the poor misguided, jealous girl.” JUMP CUT TO FLUTTERSHY: “Oh, it’s awful. It all started a few weeks ago...” DISSOLVE TO:

INT. CANTERLOT HIGH SCHOOL – CAFETERIA - DAY

(note: from now through the end of part 4, we’ll be mostly in a flashback catching up to the present, cutting to talking heads for clarity/jokes as the girls tell their story in the interrogation room, a la THE SADDLE ROW REVIEW, MLP ep 610.)

The Mane 7 meet up for lunch, excited because school’s almost done and it’s about to be SUMMER, the best time of the year! And what better way to spend it than TOGETHER—which is why Rarity and Applejack have applied for summer jobs together at the new theme park just outside of town, *Equestria World*. For Rarity, it’s the opportunity of a lifetime: her job would be designing costumes for the park’s signature Light Parade. Who knows where this kind of opportunity could lead! (CUT TO Rainbow Dash’s talking head in the interrogation room: “probably didn’t think it might lead to the theme park jail but here we are.”) BACK TO SCENE: where Rarity gushes about how there’s only ONE costume designer for the entire park, which means she’d have people working for her, “can you imagine it?” Rarity can, and HAS imagined it... for years, actually, ever since she drew her first sketch of a pair of socks for Applejack back in fifth grade. As for Applejack, well, this job is less about what she’d be doing at the park (selling candy apples) and more about just getting to hang out with her friend (Rarity) all summer.

Their phones BUZZ at the same time—they just got emails from the park! This is it, the moment they’ve been waiting for. They agree to open their messages at the same time. One, two...THREE! Rarity SCREAMS with giddy joy—she got the job! Her friends geek out for her, until they slowly quiet down, realizing that AJ is shell-shocked, staring at her phone. ...She didn’t get the job. But... knowing how important it is to Rarity, AJ insists she still take it... after all, she can always come visit her at the park once she gets settled in. That’ll be... just as fun... ahem... right. Rarity “reluctantly” agrees that splitting up is the right thing to do—even though deep down she’s obviously still super-excited and proud of herself for getting this job!; it’s exactly the validation of her work she’s always wanted. The rest of the Mane 7 reassure AJ that there’ll be plenty of time for them all to hang out together, and decide to visit/have an awesome day at the theme park once Rarity is settled in. How about for the premier of the Light Parade? PERFECT, DARLINGS!

EXT. EQUESTRIA WORLD - DAY

A few SUPER-FUN (yet cost-saving!) shots establish how awesome this place is, and then we’re with the Mane 7 (less Rarity) as they enter the park. The ever-fearless Rainbow Dash cozies up to Fluttershy, ready to help her confront her fears and check out the ULTIMATE EXTREME RIDING EXPERIENCE: *The Cloudsdale Coaster*. Pinkie Pie and SciTwii will stick together

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because PP wants to try ever dessert in Sugarcube Country’s Hall of Famous Desserts, while SciTwo wants to see every style of bridge in the adjacent Hall of Famous Civil Engineers.

Applejack and Sunset don’t quite know what to do, so they go off to ask a helpful employee what she’d recommend doing... but she’s a little too busy staging a selfie to notice them. And when she finally does notice them, she acts shocked that they don’t recognize her: “I have over two million followers on PictureGram? It’s new though... judging by the look on your face-area, you might not have heard of it.” They’re glad to be done with this girl, until Rarity shows up: “I see you’ve already met **VIGNETTE**! I absolutely adore her-- she’s my best friend at the park!” AJ is stunned. Vignette takes a quick SELFIE of the three of them and we FADE OUT.

PART TWO: “With Frenemies Like These” (403-065)

INT. INTERROGATION ROOM – DAY

OPEN IN THE PRESENT, to remind us that the girls are being interrogated one at a time by the Park Security Guard, who sternly warns Applejack: “You’re still in big trouble, but hearin’ your story so far, I just have to say...” ...he geeks out... “OMG, so... you know Vignette? I follow her on EVERY social network!” He tries to play it down, cause also, um, she’s his boss, but he can’t hide how sad he is that he doesn’t think she even knows his name. CUT TO: Rarity, assuring him that Vignette does know his name, because Vignette is a nice person who cares about her employees, and her friends! (yelling off-screen) “BECAUSE THAT’S WHAT FRIENDS, DO, APPLEJACK!” CUT BACK TO: Applejack, who tells the guard to hear the whole story before he makes up his mind...

EXT. EQUESTRIA WORLD - DAY

Picking up where we left off the story... AJ has just met Vignette, and she’s still a little bit confused about what Rarity means by “best friend at the park.” Where’s she puttin’ that emphasis... she meant “best friend at the park” not “best friend at the park,” right? Sunset and Rarity look at her like she’s crazy, then Vignette interrupts with an airy laugh that makes AJ’s skin crawl. AJ and Sunset learn that Vignette is actually Rarity’s boss, but “boss” in name-only-- she wants everyone here to like each other—and speaking of likes, she checks her phone, showing off the photo she just posted of the three of them: “It’s getting 5 likes a second! Top tier, ladies.” (and I tagged you Rarity so I bet your feed is BLOWING UP! Rarity checks her phone, so excited) Vignette and Rarity geek out about how great that is, while AJ’s left feeling like, uh... “yeah, that ‘shore is a lot of people likin’ you on the internet!” (CUT TO AJ DURING HER INTERROGATION: “I wanted to honestly tell her what I really thought of her new friend... (beat) So I did.”) AJ flat-out tells Rarity that Vignette seems like an odd choice to be her new friend, which Rarity TOTALLY understands and tells AJ not to worry... “Vignette comes off as distant at first, but that’s just because she’s so popular online.” And besides, even with all those adoring fans, she still appreciated RY’s fashion designs so much that she put her in

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charge of costumes for the entire parade tonight! AJ can see how important this is to RY, so she promises to give Vignette a chance and take up Vignette’s offer of a tour: Vignette wants to show AJ around the park and give her the full behind-the-scenes treatment, and then they’ll meet up with Rarity before the parade starts. “Is that okay with you, Sunset?” Sunset says sure, no problem, sounds good—trying to act cool but she keeps eyeing something off-screen, telling them to go on without her, cause she’s just going to have a look at whatever’s over there. She wanders off, blissfully taking it all in: “The way to win things... is to have fun playing games?” (CUT TO SUNSET’S INTERROGATION: “Full disclosure, I’m not usually like this. I’ve NEVER done anything like this before because, yes, this is my first time at a theme park... ever. My childhood was ‘different’ than most kids.”)

EXT. CARNIVAL BOARDWALK – DAY

Sunset walks down the boardwalk as if in a dream, clutching a fistful of game tickets, looking more intrigued each time she discovers a different carnival game. She gets the attention of EASY PEASY, a laid-back, dreamy theme park employee who works the carnival, shifting into laid-back barker-mode, inviting her to “Step right up, or whatever.” She tries her hand at the ring toss... failing, obviously. But... “I came pretty close, don’t you think? Maybe I should just try again...” Easy Peasy looks around to make sure no other employees can hear him, then he gently confides in her: “Don’t tell anyone I said this, but you seem nice...” she should just keep walking... go find a nice roller coaster or something. Cause these games...” (he leans in, whispering) “...they’re for suckers.” Sunset is genuinely surprised... the sign says they’re games of skill. Surely if she’s skilled enough, she should be able to win that cute giant stuffed panda? SHE NEEDS THAT PANDA! As she hands over more tickets and begins trying again and again, she gets a crazed look in her eye... (CUT TO SUNSET IN THE INTERROGATION ROOM, where the guard is confused: “but he’s right, those games are for suckers.” Sunset gets defensive: “THEY’RE GAMES OF SKILL! I WANT THAT PANDA!”) CUT TO:

EXT. CLOUDSDALE COASTER – DAY

A ROLLER COASTER ROARS along the track, going through dizzying loop after loop, all tracked by Fluttershy’s eyes as they dart around watching it, her face growing more nervous all the time. Rainbow Dash yells not to worry, then yells to make sure Fluttershy can hear her? “Over all the screaming in terror, I mean?” FS gulps and agrees to give the coaster a chance, but can they start small and build up to it? There’s this ride she saw on the way in... maybe RD would go on it with her, you know, to help build her confidence? RD is dubious: she doesn’t want to be seen on those lame kiddie rides. FS assures her it wasn’t a “kiddie” ride—it would be WAY TOO SCARY for little kids. CUT TO: The two of them on an adorable Lil’ Numbus coaster with a bunch of laughing little kids. (CUT TO INTERROGATION ROOM: Fluttershy is amazed by how brave they those kids were. RD facepalms.) CUT TO:

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An ANIMATRONIC BRIDGE INSPECTOR goes on and on about calculating the tensile strength of trusses, performing before an mostly empty theater. Sci Twi listens, spellbound. WIDEN to reveal PINKIE PIE next to her, bored out of her mind. “Why’d I agree to do your thing first?” Sci Twi whispers: “because you know what they say: dessert is always sweeter after an engineering lesson.” (CUT TO PINKIE PIE’S INTERROGATION, where she finishes flipping through a Book of Popular Expressions: “Turns out they don’t say that. NO ONE SAYS THAT!”)

INT. THE HALL OF CIVIL ENGINEERS - LATER

Meanwhile, behind the scenes at the Hall of Engineers... Vignette shows Rarity around: “This is the Hall of Civil Engineers...” (seeing Sci Twi) “Wow, it’s crowded today.” As they go back out into the park, AJ tries to find common ground between them: “So, Rarity says you’re popular on the internet! Did she tell you I’m popular in the quadruple-A circuit rodeo, juniors 11 through seventeen bracket?” (CUT TO AJ’S INTERROGATION, where she proudly crosses her arms: “Ranked 3rd, no big deal...”) Vignette is like “wow, the rodeo, like with dirt and stuff?” To AJ’s surprise, though, Vignette reveals herself to be genuinely intrigued and she asks AJ to tell her all about it! AJ is flattered, and begins telling Vignette the ins-and-outs of the ol’ lasso-dance, only to realize that the silence she mistook for Vignette’s awe is actually because Vignette is “making a video for my followers... keep talking, pretend I’m not here!” As she blows a kissy face to her phone and turns it back on AJ, they walk out of the Hall of Engineers and into...

EXT. EQUESTRIA WORLD – SAME

...the park proper. They pass a few rides and Vignette explains everything through the lens of social media presence, e.g., “There’s the Cloudsdale Coaster—you may recognize it from that pic I posted that got over 200,000 reposts.” (off AJ’s blank stare, proud) “...I know, right?” They pass the churro stand, where AJ politely declines a churro. (CUT TO AJ’S INTERROGATION, where the security guard asks AJ if she’s sure that’s what happened, because, as he reminds her, the churro stand is his favorite stand in the park, and she’s not helpin’ her case by sayin’ she— HARD CUT BACK TO SCENE where this time AJ accepts her offer and says “wow these ARE delicious churros, my favorite in the entire park!”) Eventually they come to THE FREEZER, the ominous-looking ride from the cold open of part 1 that ominously has a long line and ominously has no one coming out the exit... which AJ comments on as weird “...and kinda ominous.” Vignette agrees, only half-paying attention, then apologizes because she has to go deal with this long line situation. She’ll be right back, but but before she goes, she has an honest heart-felt moment with AJ where she tells her how nice it is to meet her and her friends. Rarity has told her SO much about them, and they sound like genuinely nice people who have a great time together... “the kind of people who’d get a lot of engagement on social media platforms, you know?” Anyway, she’s been told she comes across as distant, so she’s very appreciative that AJ

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is giving her this chance to be her friend. Before AJ can respond, Vignette takes a “goodbye selfie” and rushes off through the crew entrance to The Freezer. (CUT TO AJ’S INTERROGATION: “Okay, so that kinda caught me by surprise. I’m not usually wrong about people, but when I am, I always fess up and apologize.”) AJ waits, practicing her apology: “I’m the one who should be sayin’ sorry, Vignette. I acted like you were the worst thing that’s ever happened to me and Rarity.” She checks her phone. It’s been a long time... how long is she supposed to wait out here? After all, if Vignette’s having a problem, maybe she could help her...

INT. THE FREEZER – LATER

AJ comes in a door and enters the behind-the-scenes crew area of The Freezer, looking around for Vignette, still practicing her apology: “I misjudged you, Vignette. I mean, it’s not like you’re literally evil.” AJ turns the corner and <GASPS>, ducking behind a prop unseen... as she watches VIGNETTE LITERALLY CASTING AN EVIL SPELL WITH AN EVIL MAGIC SCEPTER, FREEZING EVERYONE ON THE RIDE INTO LIFE-SIZE DOLLS. (CUT TO AJ’S INTERROGATION: “So, yeah, turns out she’s literally evil.”) FADE OUT.

PART THREE: “Friendship is Dark Magic” (403-066)

INT. INTERROGATION ROOM – DAY

OPEN IN THE PRESENT, again to remind us that the girls are being interrogated one at a time by the Park Security Guard, who is shocked... “You tellin’ me Vignette is behind all this?” But Rarity defends her friend... and BOTH of their boss: whatever’s going on out there is the work of something evil and magical...if anything, they should be out there trying to save Vignette from whatever’s doing this! The guard is inclined to agree, but he’ll be honest: hearing their story has been the highlight of his week. Anyway, point is, there’s still some holes in their story, namely—CUT TO PINKIE PIE, INTERRUPTING HIM DURING HER INTERROGATION: “Namely, what did I have for dessert? I’M GLAD YOU ASKED, SIR!” CUT TO:

INT. SUGARCUBE COUNTRY’S HALL OF DESSERTS – DAY

Mirroring what we saw in the Hall of Civil Engineers, an ANIMATRONIC DESSERT BAKER goes on and on about making the yummiest, tastiest desserts ever, performing in front of a crowded theater. Pinkie Pie listens, spellbound. WIDEN to reveal SCI TWI next to her, bored out of her mind: “You said this would be educational! I thought you meant—” She finds herself shutting up as Pinkie Pie shoves a lollipop in her mouth. Her eyes light up and she forgets what she was saying cause, “wow, this is good...” CUT TO:

EXT. CLOUDSDALE COASTER – DAY

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The CLACKATA-CLACKATA of the coaster as it’s pulled up the starting hill... higher and higher... ever so slowly... where we find FLUTTERSHY and RD in the front car. Rainbow Dash is proud of her friend for overcoming her fears. After all, it’s not every day that someone like FLUTTERSHY would go on a coaster like this... “I mean, it’s gotta be like a four hundred foot vertical drop right into three loops and a corkscrew—oh, “inverted” corkscrew... excuse me... wow... didn’t know it had one of those... are those loops intersecting? Fluttershy, are you sure you’re ready for this? You probably want to stop the ride and get off huh? Stop the ride? Okay, if you say so—STOP THE RIDE WE WANT TO GET OFF!!! (CUT TO RAINBOW DASH’S INTERROGATION: where she stews, knowing the guard doesn’t believe her, but: “You think I was afraid??! I was just doing what Fluttershy wanted! I WASN’T SCARED!” CUT TO FLUTTERSHY’S INTERROGATION, where FS holds a proud smile for a long beat, cause you know what? She never gets to feel brave so for once she’s gonna enjoy it.)

EXT. CARNIVAL BOARDWALK – DAY

Sunset paces, eyeing the stacked milk bottles like a caged tiger glares at its tormentor. Her hair is frazzled, her eyes wild, as she hefts the ball once, twice, then lines up a shot and throws—hitting the bottles!!! BUT THEY DON’T FALL DOWN “ARE YOU KIDDING ME!???” She has a meltdown—all she wants is that panda but these games are impossible! Why would anyone make something so mean? Once again, Easy Peasy looks around to make sure no other employees can hear him, then: “You don’t really need that stupid old stuffed panda, do you?” But when Easy Peasy sees Sunset’s huge, comically sad eyes, he knows she does. While he thinks about what to do with her, they both hear <SPEAKER FEEDBACK> and then Applejack’s voice over the park PA system, telling her friends to meet her at the main entrance—it’s an EMERGENCY. Sunset glares at the Milk Bottles... (CUT TO SUNSET’S INTERROGATION: She clenches her first like a supervillain: “You won this round, Milk Bottles, but I will have my revenge.” (catching herself) Whoa, I forgot how good it feels to be like totally super-evil! Ahem.) CUT TO:

EXT. EQUESTRIA WORLD – MAIN ENTRANCE – LATER

Rarity is the last to join the Mane 7 at the park entrance—she’s so worried that she stopped working on costumes for tonight’s parade to see what was the matter. Applejack is glad she did, because this is seriously important. She tells the other Mane 7 what she saw with Vignette, but Rarity insists she has to be mistaken. (And can’t believe AJ said this was an emergency—is she trying to sabotage her chances of have a great parade tonight?) AJ says they don’t have to take her word for it... (although it’s kinda annoyin’ that they’re NOT takin’ her word for it)... she’ll just show them herself...

INT. THE FREEZER – LATER

AJ takes the other Mane 7 “backstage” at the Freezer ride to show them how Vignette is literally using it to freeze people: “AH-HA! Gotcha!” And yes, Vignette turns around, busted mid-freeze.

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...Except she's with Easy Peasy and a few other employees, and they're not frozen, they were just holding still for a picture. And she doesn't have an evil magic scepter, it's a... cool next-gen selfie stick. And the dark magic was... a laser light show from the ride? Vignette rolls with AJ's accusations, much to Rarity's embarrassment, who apologizes profusely on her behalf—even though AJ won't back down—she knows what she saw... which she realizes makes it look like she's just trying to smear her because she's jealous (Which, of course, she IS, but that's beside the point!). (CUT TO THE INTERROGATION ROOM, where the security guard scratches his head: “Wow, girls sure are complicated.”)

AJ chases Rarity, who needs to get back to her office on the other side of the park if she's going to finish these designs. But AJ blocks her path, as she realizes she has proof: a picture she took!!! RY looks at the picture of Vignette ‘casting dark Equestrian magic’ and decides: “Wow, Applejack. You really caught her red-handed. Unless, well, could it be... they're not moving because nobody moves in a picture?” Then they're surprised by THE SECURITY GUARD taps them on the shoulders and asks if they wouldn't mind coming with him. They're outraged—what did THEY do!? (AJ: it's Vignette you want!). The guard escorts the two of them outside, where the other Mane 7 try to defend them, only making it worse until he “invites” them all to come with him to answer a few questions down at the theme park security offices. QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT!? He turns them around to face the park, which has become a devastated empty ghost-town without them noticing. The guard: “You've been freezin' everyone into statues, aintcha? COME WITH ME.” CUT TO:

INT. INTERROGATION ROOM – DAY

The guard sits there with the girls waiting for more of their stories. A hanging clock ticks. A long beat, then the guard is shocked... that's it? That's everything that happened leading up to this moment? But what about Vignette? And Rarity and Applejack's friendship? ...How does this story end? HE NEEDS TO KNOW HOW IT ENDS!!! Pinkie Pie freaks out with him: “We don't know! LITERALLY ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN! I mean, the lights could go out and a scary voice could say, ‘Prepare for destruction.’” And then BOOM! The lights go out and a scary voice says, “Prepare to be frozen.” Pinkie Pie <GASPS> then deflates... the guard says not to be so hard on herself—she was pretty close. PP says it's not that, it's just if it was gonna come true, she should have wished for something fun to happen, like a cake. As MAGIC TENDRILS begin snaking around the doorway, <MUSIC STING> and we FADE OUT.

PART FOUR: “Assault on the Precinct You're In” (403-067)

INT. EQUESTRIA WORLD – SECURITY OFFICE – DAY

Picking up where we left off... Someone is coming for the Mane 7 to freeze them! Applejack and Rarity get into a fundamental argument over what to do: Applejack believes this is Vignette coming to freeze them for her evil plan (whatever it is), and they'll be safe as long as they don't

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open that door or go out there. The others seem somewhat on the fence... which only helps Rarity make up her mind even more: Vignette is her FRIEND! Do they honestly believe that Rarity is that poor a judge of character!? Then they hear from the other side of the door, “it’s me, Easy Peasy! Open up!” Sunset breathes a sigh of relief—he’s the nice guy from the carnival games! Rarity freaks out—that means the real person behind this is out there somewhere and Vignette is in danger! They need to warn her! AJ doubles down—Vignette is the real one behind this, and they need to hide here!

It all comes down to this moment: AJ tells Rarity that if she doesn’t trust her on an important thing like this, then why are they even friends? Rarity tells AJ that if she can’t be happy for her new job without being jealous, then why are they even friends?! Pinkie Pie covers her eyes—she hates seeing them fight and wishes they could just stay strong like a cantilever spar cable-stayed bridge (Sci Twi’s proud of her, despite the circumstances). Rarity decides she’s not going to just sit around and let bad things happen to Vignette, so she pushes past AJ and rushes out the door, straight past Easy Peasy, who lets her go.

Sunset is grateful to see Easy Peasy, but he closes the door behind him: “Actually, bummmmmrrrrrr, I’m totally evil or whatever cause Vignette’s my boss and I really need the job. She sent me here to freeze you all, or whatever. Except for Rarity, cause I guess they’re friends? I don’t know.” He reveals the REAL MAGIC SCEPTER. To test it out, he FREEZES THE SECURITY GUARD, who gets turned into a statue mid-churro-bite (Fluttershy: “at least he got frozen doing what he loved.”) Rolling up her sleeves, AJ leads the others in a plan... that Magic Scepter’s how she’s been freezing everyone. Without it, she’s powerless, and maybe they can find a way to unfreeze everyone.

EXT. EQUESTRIA WORLD – VARIOUS LOCATIONS - INTERCUT

The fourth chapter ends with **SONG**: Vignette prances through the empty park, ostensibly looking for Rarity, but laying out her motive and worldview as she enjoys her perfect little world she’s made for herself, filled with perfect versions of everyone she knows (frozen!). As she sings, she poses all her “new friends” into great photos with herself, posting them online, then basking in the internet popularity. “*It used to be hard looking perfect, but now it’s so easy—To think all it took was a little zap-freezey!*” Her upbeat, happy-go-lucky song is contrasted with the battle it’s intercut with: the Mane 7 (minus Rarity) failing to defeat Easy Peasy, as he FREEZES THEM one by one. (PP: “Avenge Meeeee! And also feed Gummy for meeeeeee!”). As the song ends, Easy Peasy points the magic scepter at Applejack, backing her against the wall with nowhere to go. HE ZAPS and WE CUT TO BLACK!

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Picking up right where we left off... AJ backs against the wall, covers her eyes, and ZAP! She opens them to realize that Easy Peasy missed her on purpose. Like he always does... Easy Peasy looks around to make sure no other employees can hear him, then he gently confides in her: “Don’t tell anyone I said this, but you seem nice... how about you go make sure Rarity’s okay, and then the two of you come back and teach Vignette a lesson? She is so annoying. Alright, seriously, don’t tell her I let you go. Later, Applejuice!” He loads the other frozen girls into a golf-cart and zooms away through the park, leaving a bewildered AJ alone in the empty park. She wanders around the eerily empty ghost-town, noticing a trail of ripped up drawings she pieces together to recognize as... Rarity’s fashion sketches. Sad, she begins picking up the pieces and following the trail...

INT. HALL OF CIVIL ENGINEERS – LATER

Rarity sits by herself on a model of a suspension bridge, looking out over a beautiful (fake) twinkling-light backdrop of a river gorge at sunset. Feeling lost and hopeless, Rarity flips through her sketchbook, RIPPING OUT page after incredible page: sketches of her inspirations, her friends, and the places around her at the park. She sprinkles the ripped up paper over the side of the bridge, watching the pieces fall down to the “water” below (aka the blue-painted floor). She hears the friendly voice of Applejack: “I know a certain churro-lovin’ security guard who’s going to be pret-ty upset about all this littering when we unfreeze him.” (re: Rarity’s torn up sketches) “And they’re such pretty drawings, too.” Rarity sighs, looking them over. She admits to AJ she was wrong: “I went to find Vignette and saw her surrounded by people we know... they were all frozen and she didn’t care.” Rarity had such high hopes for this job, and for herself. And then not only did she treat AJ terribly, but she’s trying to come to terms with the hard truth that Vignette didn’t hire her for her fashion design skill AT ALL—she only hired her to use her clothing in photos and then to literally steal her friends. How did she not see it happening? AJ: “Well, because sometimes you can be shallow and easily manipulated with flattery.” RY: “HEY!” AJ: “That was a compliment.” RY (flattered): “Oh, in that case, thank you.” (realizing she just proved AJ’s point) “...HEY!”

AJ laughs, telling her Rarity’s talent puts her so far beyond the need for flattery, and if she doesn’t believe her, then maybe she’ll believe this—she reveals that underneath her boots, she’s wearing socks that RY recognizes immediately: “The very first thing I ever designed for anyone! You still wear them?” AJ, proudly tells her, “every day,” which touches Rarity’s heart even as it raises troubling questions about AJ’s laundry/hygiene habits. AJ says Rarity is pretty incredible all-around, not just fashion-design-wise... “I mean, Why’d you think I wanted to hang out with you all summer!? It don’t matter if we’re working together or battling evil magic users... I just wanted to be together.” AJ realizes all this time she thought she was being honest with Rarity about not liking Vignette, she wasn’t being honest with herself about how much it hurt to feel like she was losing her best friend. Rarity is surprised to hear AJ say she’s her “best friend,” but then when she thinks about it, even though the Mane 7 are all friends... AJ is her best friend too. And she’s so sorry for treating her so badly... she shouldn’t have let herself get blinded by her

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new so-called-friendship with Vignette. AJ accepts her apology, and is glad that Rarity hasn't permanently changed into some kind of awful, internet-fame-seeking monster like Vignette. By the way is now a good time to mention that the others have been frozen into statues too and they should probably-- "HEY!" Rarity looks up from ignoring AJ, checking her phone. AJ is frustrated: was she even listening? Rarity says she was, and that's what gave her the idea of how they'll find Vignette: "She tells everyone exactly where she is at all times." She shows AJ a post from thirty seconds ago at the *Freezer Ride*, where she's posed with the rest of the Mane 7! ("Using them just for the likes--How wretched!") But now they know where she is, how will they get that Magic Scepter from her? AJ looks around the Hall of Civil Engineers and gets an idea, but it'll take the world's greatest fashion designer to pull it off. RY smiles... challenge accepted. CUT TO:

EXT. EQUESTRIA WORLD – LATER

Vignette sets the frozen Mane 7 into a pyramid with herself at the top, cheering on the girls for their teamwork, specifically for their unquestioning devotion to hashtag-team-Vignette, the best team of all. Suddenly her phone pings with a comment notification from Rarity: she's coming! Vignette prepares the Magic Scepter just as Rarity and AJ come around the corner—and she ZAPS THEM, freezing them immediately! Vignette laughs, then feels a little bit bad. She puts the scepter down and approaches the frozen Rarity and Applejack statues, apologizing to Rarity for making her think she was a great fashion designer. "When I heard you had 6 amazing friends that I could freeze for my very own, I just kinda lied and said you're a great designer so you'd come work for me. Sorrrrrrry!" She notices something strange with the frozen Rarity, and on closer inspection, she jumps back, startled, as Rarity looks up at her and says "The load-bearing superstructure of a truss bridge is composed of triangular units stressed by tension, compression, or sometimes both in response to dynamic loads." WHIP PAN TO THE HALL OF CIVIL ENGINEERS: to the empty stage where wires spark, marking the location of the recently-removed animatronic engineer. BACK TO SCENE: Where the "Applejack" statue is revealed to be a redressed version of the animatronic dessert maker from Sugarcube Country. Vignette is IMPRESSED: "I take it back, you ARE a pretty good designer... they looked just like you." She whirls when she hears Rarity behind her saying, "Thank you, darling. For the compliment, but more importantly, thank you for THIS."

REVEAL: Rarity and Applejack snuck around behind her and now Rarity has the Magic Scepter! Vignette urges her to wait a minute; she could use these frozen people just like Vignette, posing in selfies that get tons of likes: "Rarity, You of all people should understand the need for validation." But Rarity schools her on friendship: Vignette is so focused on showing off the perfect picture, she's not even doing anything worth photographing. Rarity shows off her friends pictures from the day: PP with SciTwii eating giant desserts, Sunset desperately trying to win that stupid stuffed panda bear, Rainbow Dash having fun despite herself with Fluttershy on the baby-coaster... these are all memories of fun times they had. Not just the pictures and the likes. And as a side note, says Applejack, this was your plan? It just seems so... complicated. "You could have

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just been nice to us and we’d have been your friends. Then we could take pictures AND have fun, the double whammy!” Vignette shrugs that off—in hindsight, yes, maybe it would have been nice to put a little more thought into her scheme, but come on, she’s knew at this, she’s not an evil mastermind! She tempts Rarity one final time: “Why don’t you just like, join me, Rarity—we can look perfect together all the time! Are you really happy with like, ZERO followers? You don’t have to be seen with someone who shops at Stinky Bottoms’ Discount Hat Emporium.” But Rarity takes AJ’s hat off her head and puts it on herself, saying she doesn’t care how she looks, so long as she’s with her friend! KRA-POW! They Crystal-Up... along with the other Mane 7, as their magic geodes free them from their frozen state! Friendship, what what!? Rarity throws the scepter in the air, and then RAINBOW LASERS break that scepter into pieces, turning everyone else and everything back to normal.

EXT. EQUESTRIA WORLD – NIGHT

That night, it’s the premier of the Light Parade! It’s a huge success and the girls march along with Rarity, who basks in the cheering guests... they love the costumes! AJ knew they would. While they march, Easy Peasy surprises Sunset with... the stuffed panda he won for her while she was frozen! Sunset: “HOW’D YOU KNOCK OVER THE MILK BOTTLES!?” He’ll show her sometime, if she ever wants to hang out again. She’s overjoyed, and then gets super embarrassed geeking out with SciTwi and PP: “I think I just got asked out on a date!?” Meanwhile, Rainbow Dash makes Fluttershy promise to ride the Cloudsdale Coaster with her next time—no chickening out! FS decides to let Dash keep her pride, so she plays along. Finally, AJ and Rarity offer to march in the parade with Vignette, where they ask her a kind of important question: where did she get that Magic Scepter in the first place? Vignette says she got it in the mail one day with a mysterious handwritten note saying “Enjoy.” Who sent it to her and why? She has no idea. (note: I just think it would be cool to start teasing a LARGER story here about Equestrian magic and artifacts on the loose in their world, and someone behind the scenes who’s orchestrating something they don’t fully understand yet!). AJ, RY, and Vignette take a REAL picture together and post it, noting that it may not get many likes, but it means something REAL to all of them. And last but certainly not least, the park security officer enjoys the sweetest churro he’s ever tasted in his entire life.

THE END!