MY LITTLE PONY:
EQUESTRIA GIRLS
ME, MY SELFIE, AND I

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EXT. EQUESTRIA LAND - MIDWAY - DAY *

SUNSET SHIMMER and SCI TWI come around a corner and walk onto the BOARDWALK, filled with CARNIVAL GAMES like The Ring Toss, Milk Bottle Knock-Down, and the Prize Claw. They slow down when they're spoken to by the two park workers, who happen to be THE FLIM FLAM BROTHERS.

1 FLIM
Step right up, don't be shy!

2 FLAM
You like prizes? We've got prizes!

3 FLIM
Toss this ring onto any one of these bottles? Easiest game in the park!

Sci Twi stops, sizing up the game. She puts on a very over-the-top naive expression to Flim and Flam.

4 SCI TWI
"Wow, this game DOES look <u>easy</u>!"

5 FLIM
Wouldya lookee here, somebody who knows a thing or two about a thing or two!

Sunset rolls her eyes.

6 SUNSET SHIMMER
Twilight... they're just giving you the ol' bump-and-tingle to lure you in. These games are rigged.

FLIM
Slanderous!

FLAM
Libelous!

7 SCI TWI
(aside only to Sunset)
Do you know what's <u>not</u> rigged?
(a sly smile)
...the laws of physics.
(casually, ain't no thang)
"Horizontal displacement equals initial velocity squared times the sine of the launch angle all over the acceleration of gravity." What whaaat? *

SCI TWI (ALT) *
(aside only to Sunset) *
Do you know what's <u>not</u> rigged? *
(MORE)

SCI TWI (CONT'D)
(a sly smile) *
...the laws of physics. *
(casually, ain't no thang) *
"Horizontal displacement equals *
initial velocity squared times the *
sine of the launch angle all over *
the acceleration of gravity." *

She gives Flam a ticket and accepts Flim's offer of a ring/ A gentle toss and... it goes right onto the bottle! But... the ring is actually still spinning, ON THE VERGE of going down the bottle, but not quite there yet!

8 FLIM
Oh the suspense!

9 FLAM
The drama!

10 FLIM
I can't watch!

11 FLAM
Hold me!

They clutch each other in mock fear as... the ring swirls around and around and... spins right back off. Sci Twi is bummed. Sunset thinks, then pulls out a ticket.

12 SUNSET SHIMMER
You <u>were</u> pretty close though...
maybe we should try one more time?

Off Flim and Flam giving each other a knowing look...

CUT TO:

EXT. EQUESTRIA LAND - PARADE STAGING AREA - DAY *

The sounds of <CROWD WALLAH> and <HAMMERING> fill the hanger, which is filled with half-finished platforms for the Light Parade (Appaloosa Wild West float, Sugar Country Float, etc).

Rarity is engrossed, stitching a string of colorful little lights, which we PULL BACK to reveal is part of a COWBOY COSTUME on the Appaloosa platform. He's covered in lights, as are the TWO OTHER COWGIRLS on the platform.

13 RARITY
Finished!
(holding up the ELECTRIC PLUG)
Let there be light.

She plugs in the string of lights. WIDE SHOT OF THE PLATFORM: the costumes light up! Brilliant points of colorful light twinkle all over, reflecting in Rarity's wide, awed eyes.

14 RARITY (CONT'D)
Maybe tonight won't be a disaster after all...

And then <ZZZT-BOOM>! SPARKS fly and EVERY BULB <POPS> and they all go out. Rarity stares. Her eye twitches.

15 RARITY (CONT'D)
Will you excuse me a moment?

Rarity calmly walks off directly into the B.G. to a pile of clothes. She buries her head in it and--

16 RARITY (CONT'D)
(muffled screaming)
[OF ALL THE OUTLANDISH POSSIBILITIES IN THE UNIVERSE WHY ARE ALL OF THE WRETCHED ONES HAPPENNING TO ME!?]

ANGLE ON: APPLEJACK approaching, looking a bit lost until she sees Rarity brushing herself off, calming down...

17 APPLEJACK
Heya, Rarity, how's it--

18 RARITY
I wasn't having a meltdown-- who said I was having a meltdown!? I'M NOT HAVING A MELTDOWN!!!

19 APPLEJACK
Whoa! ...Have you seen Fluttershy?

Rarity stares at her.

20 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
See, she went wanderin' off with Vignette and then just disappeared.

21 RARITY
...Are you honestly asking me this right now?

22 APPLEJACK
Oh, it's not that I don't trust Vignette, if that's what you're thinkin...

23 RARITY
We're in a giant fun park with fifty thousand people-- of course you can't find her.
(realizing)
Fifty thousand people... all looking at my costumes!

24 APPLEJACK
Are <u>you</u> seriously not concerned about Fluttershy?

25 RARITY
That's a hundred thousand individual eyeballs, Applejack!

26 APPLEJACK
Well if you ain't gonna worry about her... I will.

Applejack walks off in a huff. Frustrated, Rarity whirls on a group of ASSISTANTS--

27 RARITY
Somebody get me a bigger pile of clothes to scream into!!!

CUT TO:

EXT. EQUESTRIA LAND - MIDWAY - DAY *

CLOSE ON A BOTTLE: A ring arcs through the air and hits it, going around once, twice, then flying off. Sci Twi GRABS HER HAIR while Sunset Shimmer throws herself on the ground.

28 SUNSET SHIMMER
COME ON!!!

29 SCI TWI
ARE YOU KIDDING ME!??

Flim and Flam shake their heads. Sunset paces like a boxer before a match. Sci Twi scribbles furiously in a notebook. They are VERY PUMPED UP, fidgeting fast and talking faster.

30 SUNSET SHIMMER
Alright, what's next, what are we doing? HOW ARE WE GONNA WIN THIS!?

Sci Twi gets all up in Flim and Flam's faces.

31 SCI TWI
(super smack-talk)
Guess who just optimized the launch angle theta to account for x-vector negative velocity wind resistance.

32 SUNSET SHIMMER
(confident, in their faces)
What SHE said.

Sunset hops around like a boxer preparing for the match. Sci Twi massages her back. Flim and Flam accept a TICKET from Sunset, which they put on top of a HUGE pile of tickets.

33 FLIM
You know what they say...

34 FLAM
Hundredth time's a charm!

Sunset takes the ring and poses, ready to throw. Sci Twi pulls out a protractor and measures the angle, adjusting Sunset's arm so it's perfect. Just as she throws it, they're both distracted by Applejack approaching and yelling--

35 APPLEJACK
Howdy, y'all!

Sunset tosses a wonky throw. The ring flies off and splashes down across the midway in a beverage cup about to be drank by MUFFINS, who blinks, confused.

36 SUNSET SHIMMER / SCI TWI
<u>APPLEJACK!!!</u>

37 APPLEJACK
Sorry. Have you seen Fluttershy?

Off their agonized/confused reaction...

38 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Nobody's seen her all afternoon and her phone's going straight to voicemail. I keep thinkin' somethin' real bad mighta happened...

39 SUNSET SHIMMER
Lighten up, Applejack. There's not always a villain with Equestrian Magic out to get us.

40 SCI TWI
As a side note... do you have tickets we could borrow? Kinda used 'em all.

Applejack eyes the pile of tickets.

41 SUNSET SHIMMER
(intense whisper)
I don't like to lose.

Off Flim and Flam shaking their heads...

CUT TO:

EXT. CLOUDSDALE COASTER - DAY

The coaster ROCKETS through loops and corkscrews. Watching from the sidelines is RAINBOW DASH, who glares at it like it's her mortal enemy... (which it is). She's startled by Applejack.

42 RAINBOW DASH
Applejack! Hey-- I was just about to ride this thing for like the tenth time already.

Rainbow Dash gives the attendant a glare and "Shh!" gesture.

43 APPLEJACK
Have you seen Fluttershy anywhere?

44 RAINBOW DASH
She was with me-- SUPER scared of this ride, but then I think she went off with Vignette? That way. If you see her, tell her she still owes me a roller coaster ride. Can you believe she's scared of a little roller coaster?

As Applejack heads off, the ROLLER COASTER roars by in the B.G., startling Rainbow Dash, who ducks and covers her head--

45 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
<STARTLED LITTLE YELP>!

CUT TO:

EXT. EQUESTRIA LAND - BUMPER CARS - LATER *

Applejack walks toward the BUMPER CARS. She stops to check her PARK MAP, frowning. She's startled by a <WHISTLE>!

46 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
No frowning allowed!

Applejack is surprised to see Pinkie Pie coming over in a home-made FUN INSPECTOR uniform.

47 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Hmmm... as Fun Inspector, I'm a little concerned about what I'm seeing here.

48 APPLEJACK
Pinkie Pie... don't tell me you're workin' for the park now too?

49 PINKIE PIE
No, silly! Fun Inspectors are freelance. And don't get paid. And totally made up by me earlier today when I saw a little girl crying because she dropped her ice cream and I said to myself, PINKIE PIE!? THIS PLACE ISN'T AS FUN AS IT COULD BE!!! Do you like the uniform? I made it out things I found in the trash but you can't even tell-- smell!

As Pinkie Pie shoves the fabric of her knee in AJ's face...

50 APPLEJACK
(trying not to smell)
Uhhhh... so, have you seen Fluttershy anywhere...?

51 PINKIE PIE
No, but I have seen my DEPUTY Fun Inspector.

She pins a BADGE to AJ's shirt: Pink crayon, sparkles, and rainbows.

52 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Ta-da! Now you have all-access to the entire park...
(with a wink)
"Deputy Fun Inspector..."

Applejack sighs.

EXT. EQUESTRIA LAND - MIDWAY - DAY *

CLOSE ON: A bottle, as a RING <CLINKS> off the side of it. Bored out of their minds, Flim and Flam react with rote non-enthusiasm, deadpan and exhausted.

53 FLIM
Wow.

54 FLAM
So close.

Sunset and Sci Twi, beaten down and broken, slide down the side of the booth to sit on the ground, leaning on each other like two wounded soldiers at the end of a long battle. Sunset has an ICE PACK which she holds to her shoulder, wincing.

55 SUNSET SHIMMER
I can't feel my fingers anymore.

Sci Twi flips through her notebook, blinking, squinting...

56 SCI TWI
It all looks the same.
(squinting at Sunset)
Is this real life? How long have we been here?

Flim and Flam look at each other, worried.

57 FLIM
Hey listen lady...

58 FLAM
How about you just take a parakeet and go home?

He offers a STUFFED PARAKEET from the prize section. Sunset SWATS it out of his hand.

59 SUNSET SHIMMER
IT'S NOT ABOUT THE PARAKEET!

Sci Twi pulls her back, hugging her.

60 SCI TWI
You said it yourself. It's rigged. How about we get some ice cream?

61 SUNSET SHIMMER
(composing herself)
You're right. Why didn't I listen to myself? We never even had a chance...

As they leave... without looking back, Sunset tosses the last ring over her shoulder. ...not seeing that the ring comes down PERFECTLY onto a bottle. Flim and Flam's jaws drop. Then they straighten up, yelling at a group of passers-by...

62 FLIM
Wouldya look at that?!

63 FLAM
A winner every time!

CUT TO:

EXT. EQUESTRIA LAND - LATER *

PAN DOWN A LINE of happy people waiting for a ride to find Applejack, sitting on a bench, talking to herself...

64 APPLEJACK
...Or maybe I want her to be my prime suspect BECAUSE she's Rarity's new best friend at the park. Is THAT what's bothering me? Am I just jealous? Am I goin' crazy over a whole lotta nuthin? What do you think...?

APPLEJACK (ALT) *
...Or maybe I want her to be my *
prime suspect BECAUSE she's *
Rarity's new best friend at the *
park. Am I goin' crazy over a whole *
lotta nuthin? What do you think...? *

Applejack bites her lip, feeling guilty and doubtful... *

PULL BACK to reveal she's talking to MR. CRANKY DOODLE.

66 MISTER CRANKY DOODLE
Girl friendships make no sense at all.

(alt) *
I don't get it. *
(alt) *
Eh. I never did understand much *
about friendships. *
(alt *
Eh. I never did understand *
friendship. *

67 APPLEJACK
Maybe not to a middle-aged man a fun park alone.
(MORE)

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
(alt)
Maybe not to you.
(alt) *
Yeah me either. *
(alt) *
uh...Thanks for the help. *

While slumping, Applejack gets TAPPED ON THE SHOULDER by... A PARK SECURITY GUARD.

68 PARK SECURITY GUARD
What's that badge you got there?

69 APPLEJACK
(taking off her hat)
I-- uh-- you see-- it's just--

70 PARK SECURITY GUARD
It's a crime to make fake security badges, you know. I'm a fake cop but I can send you to REAL jail.

Applejack nods, ashamed to be caught. She hands over the Fun Police Badge.

71 APPLEJACK
If you'll just let me explain-- I'm looking for my friend, and--

72 PARK SECURITY GUARD
Shhh-! Hands on your head. No sudden moves, got that?

AJ complies. He looks over the badge. PUSH IN on Applejack watching, nervous. PUSH IN on the intense scrutiny on the guard's face. But then he brightens up and hands back her badge.

73 PARK SECURITY GUARD (CONT'D)
Why didn't you tell me were a Deputy Fun Inspector!?

Off Applejack's confusion...

CUT TO:

INT. SECURITY OFFICE - LATER

The security officer leads Applejack into the park's security office. A Swivel chair and a bank of CCTV monitors show angles throughout the park.

74 PARK SECURITY GUARD
I am so sorry about that, ma'am. Here's my work station... it hasn't been fun inspected in years.

75 APPLEJACK
I'm tryin' to tell you, my friend made this badge-- it ain't real...

76 PARK SECURITY GUARD
Oh, an UNDERCOVER fun inspector. I get it. Anyway, have "fun"... "not inspecting" my workstation. "Wink wink." I was thinking of adding a squeaky paperweight, but I don't want to step on your toes--
(then, humble...)
You know, I thought about becoming a fun inspector myself... you think you could you put in a good word for me with the chief?

77 APPLEJACK
How many times do I have to say it, I'm not...
(off his sincere hope)
...Alright sure, I'll recommend ya.

He leaves, so happy, letting her get to it. Shaking her head, she turns to the monitors. We see angles of the park: The entrance plaza, the parade staging area, and...

RAINBOW DASH WALKING WITH VIGNETTE. AJ gets close, squinting to see. PUSH IN ON THE MONITOR to TRANSITION TO:

EXT. EQUESTRIA LAND - THOROUGHFARE - SAME *

Vignette walking with RD...

78 VIGNETTE
Rarity told me you're the coolest, smartest friend who knows what's the opposite of down. (whispers)... "what's up."

79 RAINBOW DASH
True.

80 VIGNETTE
I have a Bold New Vision for the Rainbooms that you're going to love.
(MORE)

VIGNETTE (CONT'D)
"The throwbacks," capital T, hashtag TBT, throw back today, or for short TCTHTBT(TBT), pronounced Tucka-tucka-buttah. You're going to represent the touchstones of cool throughout the ages.

81 RAINBOW DASH
I like it so far and assume I'll like what you say next.

Vignette gestures at the empty space in front of them, selling an idea that Rainbow Dash is NOT buying.

82 VIGNETTE
Rainbow Dash: 50s Sock-hop Sweetheart! Poodle skirt, adorable blond hair. How do you feel about shaving your head-- I only ask because you'll definitely have to do it for the wig.

83 RAINBOW DASH
Ehhhhhhhhh... there is no way anyone is shaving my head.

84 VIGNETTE
(raising an eyebrow)
BYBB?

85 RAINBOW DASH
BIAATB.
(off Vignette's confusion)
"But I already AM the best."

PUSH IN ON VIGNETTE, frustrated, then an idea forms...

86 VIGNETTE
Well, if you insist on just "being yourself" or whateverrrrr, then at least let me take a picture of the "real" you.

As she lifts her phone up for a picture... <OMINOUS MUSIC>.

INT. SECURITY OFFICE - SAME

PULL OUT OF THE MONITOR to establish we're back in the security office. Applejack watches with shock as...

ON THE SECURITY MONITOR: Vignette takes a picture of Rainbow Dash: <CLICK>! FLASH! Rainbow Dash glows with colorful swirling light and then FADES AWAY TO NOTHING.

87 APPLEJACK
<GASP>! ...Is Vignette zappin' my friends with a magical phone...?! I KNEW SHE WAS UP TO SOMETHING!
(hedging)
...just wasn't expectin' somethin' so magic and evil.

WIDEN to reveal the doorway, where the Park Security Guard enters. He grins and holds up a RED DOG-SHAPED PAPERWEIGHT. He squeezes and it <HONKS>.

88 PARK SECURITY GUARD
Eh? Ehhhhh?!

PUSH IN ON AJ, ignoring him, studying the monitor showing Vignette playing with her phone, all alone...

89 APPLEJACK
She makes them disappear, but where do they go...?

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. WHITE SPACE - SAME

Fluttershy sits on the "floor" in the endless nothingness. Suddenly RAINBOW DASH appears next to her.

90 RAINBOW DASH
Awww man, are we trapped in a magical phone?

Fluttershy nods.

91 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Typical.
(sitting down next to her)
You gonna eat that stress salad...?

<MUSIC STING> and FADE OUT.

END OF PART THREE