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

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INT. BLANK WHITE SPACE - TIMELESS

Brilliant white light. Then we PAN to find... SUNSET SHIMMER, SCI TWI, RAINBOW DASH, FLUTTERSHY, and PINKIE PIE just kinda... standing around, bored in the spaceless space.

1 PINKIE PIE
Okay-- I got one!

2 SUNSET SHIMMER
Go.

3 PINKIE PIE
I spy with my little eye...
something <u>white</u>.

Sunset looks around at the ENDLESS WHITE SPACE.

4 SUNSET SHIMMER
Uh, is it... everything?

5 PINKIE PIE
YES!

Sunset <SIGHS>.

6 SCI TWI
I can't believe we're trapped in Vignette's phone.

7 RAINBOW DASH
We're no strangers to getting stuck in magical objects. Does Juniper Montage's mirror ring a bell?

8 SUNSET SHIMMER
At least Rarity and Applejack are still free-- maybe they can get us out of here.

9 FLUTTERSHY
(worried)
They have to stop fighting first. I've never seen them like this.

10 RAINBOW DASH
And if I know Applejack, she'll be too stubborn to apologize any time soon...

11 SCI TWI
We can't just sit around hoping to get rescued. If we're in the internet, we can hack our way out.
(MORE)

SCI TWI (CONT'D)
(proud)
Well, “I” can.
(less sure)
...Maybe.

Sci Twi gets busy futzing with something we can’t really see, buried in the whiteness. Pinkie Pie brightens up, seeing the SALAD for the first time...

12 PINKIE PIE
Oh look, a two-week-old stress salad!

13 SUNSET SHIMMER / FS / RD / SCI TWI
Pinkie Pie-- NO!

14 PINKIE PIE
(mouth full, yuck)
...Pretty gross!

Fluttershy walks off from the group, worried...

15 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, I hope Rarity and Applejack are okay. I wish we knew what’s going on out there...

CUT TO:

EXT. EQUESTRIA WORLD - PARADE STAGING AREA - DAY

ANGLE ON: Vignette, smiling smugly.

16 VIGNETTE
...Sorry, Rare. Guess you’re not so “rare” after all.

ANGLE ON: Rarity. She opens her eyes to see... she’s still in the parade staging area. Vignette shakes her phone, confused.

17 VIGNETTE (CONT’D)
Okay, that was your cue to disappear. Let’s try this again--

<CLICK>! Flash! But this time we see what’s saving Rarity-- A SHIELD forms around her. Her GEODE NECKLACE GLOWS in time with the pulsing shield. Vignette tries again. <CLICK> goes the phone. PA-CHOW! Rarity’s geode glows again, and a SHIELD flashes up. Rarity smiles, realizing she’s safe.

18 RARITY
(showing off her necklace)
Never underestimate a good accessory.

19 VIGNETTE
Stop un-magicking my magic thingy! UGH. Whatevs. I don't need you anyway... or your "best friend" Applejuice. You deserve each other.

Vignette storms off. Rarity looks from Vignette to the Rainbooms platform, where holograms of SS, SciTwi, RD, FS, and PP are performing silently on loop...

20 RARITY
(intense)
Her name... is Applejuice. I mean-- AppleJACK-- AppleJACK. I am a bit thirsty, though.
(alt:)
Her name... is Applejack.

Rarity turns, and strides away, determined. Seeing her go, Vignette tosses back her hair and <CLAPS>. A GROUP OF ASSISTANTS all look over to her...

21 VIGNETTE
Attention people who work for me! I am now the lead costume designer, because our former lead costume designer is being HBW-- herself but WORSE. Now pretend I just gave an inspiring speech and GET BACK TO WORK! BYBB!!!

CUT TO:

EXT. EQUESTRIA WORLD - MAIN ENTRANCE - DUSK

Find APPLEJACK walking against a crowd going the other way.

22 APPLEJACK
I really screwed things up with Rarity, but Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash still need my help. It's not too late to do something, right? I shouldn't just give up, should I?

REVEAL: she's walking with CRANKY DOODLE, who shrugs.

23 MISTER CRANKY DOODLE
Why do you keep monologuing at me--
let me eat my churro in peace!

He CHOMPS a churro and stomps away. Applejack looks up to see streetlamps lighting up.

24 APPLEJACK
(realizing...)
It's parade time. If only I'd'a done something-- or said somethin' different... maybe none of this woulda happened. It's like I can still hear her voice in my head...

25 RARITY (O.S.)
Applejack!

26 APPLEJACK
Yeah, just like that...

27 RARITY (O.S.)
Applejack!

28 APPLEJACK
Sounds so real.

Rarity runs up to Applejack, out of breath...

29 RARITY
Don't go.
(off AJ waiting for more...)
You were right. I got carried away and let this... stupid parade become the only thing that mattered to me. And I let Vignette manipulate me into forgetting about what really matters... my friends.

30 APPLEJACK
Well, sometimes you can be shallow and easily manipulated by flattery.

31 RARITY
Hey!

32 APPLEJACK
That was a compliment.

33 RARITY
(flattered)
Oh, in that case, thank you.
(MORE)

RARITY (CONT'D)
(then, realizing)
HEY!

34 APPLEJACK
Come on, now-- your talent puts you so far beyond the need for flattery.

35 RARITY
Stop flattering me! I've not finished apologizing!
(composing herself)
I'm sorry I lost sight of why we did this in the first place.

36 APPLEJACK
...And I'm sorry I got jealous. All this time I thought I was bein' honest with you about not liking her, I wasn't being honest with <u>myself</u>. I felt like I was losin' my best friend.

37 RARITY
You didn't. Candy Apple girls to the end? ...By the way, did you SEE how Micro Chips makes them?

38 APPLEJACK
Carmelizin's all in the wrist.

BLUSHIES!

39 RARITY
Oh! Speaking of friends, I completely forgot to mention all our friends are trapped in the internet and I have no idea how we're going to get them out.

40 APPLEJACK
What!? We've been wastin' all this time chin waggin' about FEELINGS when we need to get crackin' on a rescue plan!

Suddenly Applejack's phone RINGS! She checks it, and answers, surprised because it's--

41 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Twilight!?

INTERCUT WITH THE OTHER GIRLS IN THE "WHITE SPACE." Sci Twi is on her phone...

42 SCI TWI
It worked! Applejack! We're stuck in Vignette's phone, trapped in the cloud-- but I found a way to hack the mainframe-- cliche, I know-- but then I tunneled through her ApplePopper app and GemSqueezer app to route a VOIP connection to your MAC address.

43 APPLEJACK
Magic, got it.

44 SCI TWI
Listen, we've come up with a plan to set all this right. But first... how are you and Rarity?

AJ and Rarity exchange a smile.

45 APPLEJACK
We're... all good.

IN THE WHITE SPACE, the girls are relieved.

46 SCI TWI
That's the most important thing.

47 RAINBOW DASH
(to Sci Twi)
No it's not! Get us out of here!

48 SCI TWI
Okay. You'll need to program a virus for Vignette's phone and install it via bluetooth, that should create a backdoor root admin account you can use to hack the mainframe and reset all the permissions so the contents of her phone are backed up, which <u>should</u> get us out here. How much javascript do you know?

49 APPLEJACK
None. ...But java's coffee, right? Never touch the stuff.

50 SCI TWI
Hoo boy.

51 APPLEJACK
(confused)
Hang on. I think I can hear you talkin'... like, somewhere close.

52 SCI TWI
You wha--?

Applejack takes a few steps to an unmarked door. <OMINOUS MUSIC> as she slowwwwwly reaches for the doorknob, worried about what she might find on the other side.

And then she easily opens it, lamely revealing a WHITE ROOM, where the girls are standing around. Sci Twi blinks, phone to her ear, confused.

53 SCI TWI (CONT'D)
Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh The-phone-just-teleported-us-into-some-random-white-room-in-the-park.

54 FLUTTERSHY
...I could have sworn we were in a phone.

55 SUNSET SHIMMER
We were just sitting in a white room THE WHOLE TIME!?

56 PINKIE PIE
You guys didn't know that?

SUDDENLY-- Digital noise, and then MICRO CHIPS appears in the white room, patting himself down, confused.

57 SCI TWI
Micro Chips?! <GASP> Did Vignette take your picture just now!?

58 MICRO CHIPS
I was just minding my own business making perfect candy apples--
(off AJ's look)
Ahem-- when suddenly Vignette saw me and said I wasn't as cool a nerd as she thought. Then she took my picture and I ended up here, violating all known laws of space and time.

59 SCI TWI
Yeah, Equestrian magic tends to do that.

60 SUNSET SHIMMER
Guys, this is bad. It means Vignette is on the parade route, and she's using her phone to change whatever she doesn't like...

61 FLUTTERSHY
(eyes widening...)
What happens if she decides she doesn't like the crowd?

Sci Twi does some quick math, using her finger to "show her work" in the air in front of her...

62 SCI TWI
Everyone in the park is watching that parade! If her phone teleports that many people into this tiny room at the same time...

63 PINKIE PIE
<HUGE GASP>... Squish City here they come!

64 RARITY
Our friends are in that crowd. Sweetie Belle is in that crowd! We've got to stop her.

65 APPLEJACK
You realize if we stop the parade, no one will see all your hard work.

66 RARITY
Someone reminded me that none of that matters without my friends.

AJ smiles.

67 SUNSET SHIMMER
We'd better hurry. I'm sure Vignette's getting more corrupted by Equestrian Magic every minute.
(checking the time)
Right about now, she's probably working on her evil laugh...

CUT TO:

EXT. EQUESTRIA WORLD - PARADE STAGING AREA - NIGHT

Vignette atop the Rainbooms Float, throwing back her head with an EVIL LAUGH...

68 VIGNETTE
Mwu-hahahaha! Let's get this show on the road!

<PARADE MUSIC UP> as the platforms begin to move out.

EXT. EQUESTRIA WORLD - CLOUDSDALE COASTER - LATER

A (nicely sized, easily animatable) crowd has gathered along the parade route, cheering. Among them we find familiar incidentals we love, including the CMCs!

<APPROACHING MUSIC> fades up. The RAINBOOMS PLATFORM rumbles around a corner and comes into view. It's all lit up with strings of colorful lights and a few well-places colored spotlights, which shine on... THE HOLOGRAMS of Rainbow Dash (50s sock hop style), Fluttershy (hardcore punk, with flaming skulls guitar), Pinkie Pie (business casual), Sunset (David Bowie circa Labyrinth), and Sci Twi (Roller Derby chic). Vignette is up front on lead vocals, singing her own song:

69 VIGNETTE
(terrible singing)
Be yourself... but better!
Or don't be yourself at all.
Also follow Vignette on SnapGab.
That's V-I-G-N-E-T-T-E.

The crowd is kinda weirded out, clapping a little. The CMCS exchange a look. Sweetie Belle is especially confused. CLOSE ON VIGNETTE, frowning.

70 VIGNETTE (CONT'D)
This crowd isn't cheering enough for my tastes.

Vignette holds up her phone.

71 VIGNETTE (CONT'D)
Luckily, that can be tweaked with a flick of the finger. Say cheese, everyone...!

ANGLE ON: her phone screen, where we see the crowd framed perfectly. Time seems to slow down. PUSH IN ON THE CMCS... PUSH IN ON VIGNETTE, SMILING SMUGLY. Her finger slowly descends toward the button--

Suddenly the platform JOLTS and HALTS, lights going DARK. <MUSIC PLAYBACK> cuts out and there's a burst of <FEEDBACK>. Everyone covers their ears. Vignette whirls around to see-- THE MANE 7, particularly Rarity holding the wire she just unplugged from a generator on the platform.

72 RARITY
Sorry to “rain” on your parade, Vignette--

73 APPLEJACK
--Nice one--

74 RARITY
But I’m afraid this evening is cancelled. Now turn off your phone and hand it over...

75 VIGNETTE
Are you honestly asking a social media star to hand over her phone?

The Mane 7 form a semi-circle around the float, blocking its path. Pinkie Pie squints at the digital version of herself playing drums in Vignette’s BUSINESS CASUAL OUTFIT.

76 PINKIE PIE
How dare you dress me like a mid-level managerial consultant!

77 VIGNETTE
(ignoring that)
Rarity-- this is the version of your friends that will be popular. I have the metrics to back that up.

Is she getting through to Rarity...? Applejack watches, hoping not...

78 VIGNETTE (CONT’D)
It doesn’t matter if they’re real-- it’s what you <u>show</u> people online. This is your chance to be everything you’ve always wanted!

Rarity turns defiant.

79 RARITY
No. It was only a chance to LOOK like everything I’ve always wanted. But what I <u>really</u> want has been right in front of me the whole time... my friends.

Rarity reaches for Applejack’s hand. As soon as their hands touch... A LINE OF ENERGY CRACKLES AROUND HER GEODE NECKLACE. It travels down her arm and up Applejack’s, activating HER GEODE. Down her arm to the next, and so on. After a BRIGHT FLASH, Vignette <GASPS> to see...

The Mane 7 are floating in formation, decked out in their CRYSTAL ARMOR, holding hands, wind blowing behind them.

80 RARITY (CONT'D)
No amount of online success is worth it without my real life friends to share in it.

From their glowing geode necklaces, beams of color ZAP together and the combined energy BLAST VIGNETTE'S PHONE! It explodes in a burst of light.

<GASPS> from the crowd, as the digital Rainbooms glitch away into tendrils of magic that swirl up into the sky.

81 VIGNETTE
What have you done...? Now how can things ever be perfect...?

82 RARITY
Believe me, I'd love nothing more than for someone to tell me I made a perfect outfit. But I'd say you got a bit carried away, wouldn't you agree...?

83 VIGNETTE
I... I guess so.

84 APPLEJACK
("you GUESS so!?")
You created virtual holograms of our friends and almost sent an entire crowd of people to Squish City.

Vignette looks over the crowd like she's finally realizing how far she went...

85 VIGNETTE
But... BYBB.

86 RARITY
It's not a bad thing to want to be better... But you can't do it at the expense of other people, and especially not your friends.

87 VIGNETTE
(appreciating the irony)
"Friends?" Ha. I have three million followers... but no real friends. How pathetic is that?

She looks up to see Rarity offering her hand.

88 RARITY
You've got one, if you want.

89 APPLEJACK
...Make that two.

Vignette takes their hands. <CHEERS> from the crowd. Pinkie reacts, confused.

90 PINKIE PIE
Why are they clapping-- do they even know what's going on?

Fluttershy shrugs. Suddenly Rainbow Dash holds up her phone.

91 RAINBOW DASH
Whoa-- The Rainbooms are trending on SnapGab!

Confused, Rarity looks to the crowd. EVERYONE has their phone out. Pinkie Pie checks her phone, eyes wide, giddy.

92 PINKIE PIE
People are saying that rainbow laser thing was the coolest Light Parade show they've ever seen!

93 APPLEJACK
Hey... maybe the parade ain't ruined after all.

94 SUNSET SHIMMER
We DO still have our real instruments up there.

95 RAINBOW DASH
(to Fluttershy)
You're not too nervous...?

96 FLUTTERSHY
(friendly joke)
I should ask you the same thing.

Rainbow Dash grins, giving her a light shove.

97 RARITY
(to Vignette)
If you're up for it...

Vignette takes a microphone. Rarity takes it away, shaking her head and handing her MARACAS. Vignette smiles: okay.

SHOTS OF: The amps getting plugged in. The engine starting! The wheels moving! The crowd cheering! THIS PARADE IS ON!!!

CUT TO:

A MUSIC VIDEO-ESQUE MONTAGE FOR THE EPILOGUE!

A song: "Photobooth." (A non-didactic way of saying: "The stuff you post online is only as meaningful as the friendships you have in real life.") Pinkie Pie counts it off and the platform starts moving. Stylized shots of the band with the lights of the Light Parade putting them in silhouette sometimes, along with shots of the other costumes and platforms we've seen going along the parade route with incidentals dancing (Appaloosa, Siren Monster, etc.).

98 RARITY
(verse)
You see us, think you know us,
Our perfect, happy pics.
But I bet you could show us,
you know the same old tricks.
Don't lose sight of what's important
The people who you love.
Your image gets distorted
It's because of...

99 APPLEJACK
(pre-chorus)
Not hanging out together...

100 RARITY
(pre-chorus)
No thought of feelings whatsoever.

101 RARITY/APPLEJACK
(pre-chorus, harmony)
Won't let this break us up forever.

102 RARITY/APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
(chorus)
Selfies with friends
The happy feeling you feel
But that picture's only worth it
when the friendship is real.

During the song we also cut to shots of the girls having fun at the park:

--Sunset and Sci Twi at the games with Flim and Flam. THE CLAW GAME machine, as Sunset controls the claw to pick up a STUFFED PARAKEET. They cheer as it lifts up-- but it falls it at the last second. Sunset falls to her knees, crushed.

--The Theme Park Security Guard kneels with a respectful bowing of his head. A candy cane touches one shoulder, then the other, as we PULL BACK to reveal Pinkie Pie is knighting him. He stands and she pins something to his shirt, which she steps aside to reveal is a FUN INSPECTOR BADGE. Overcome with tears of joy, he EMBRACES HER.

--Rainbow Dash, eyes closed and clutching the safety bar a la Fluttershy, who sits next to her with a huge grin on her face as the CLOUDSDALE COASTER crests the top of the hill and DROPS. Fluttershy puts her hands in the air and LOVES IT.

--A photobooth, where Rarity and Applejack take a bunch of shots together: Silly, fake moustaches, Serious, eyes crossed, laughing.

103 APPLEJACK
(verse)
There's a whole big world out there,
Full of things to see.
Unplug or you might miss it,
Go exploring happily.
Don't lose sight of what's important
Give more than you take.
There's so much to strive for,
So many friendships you can make.

104 RARITY
(pre-chorus)
All you have to do is try...

105 APPLEJACK
(pre-chorus)
Don't let life pass you by...

106 APPLEJACK/RARITY
(pre-chorus)
You never know how high you'll fly!

107 RARITY/APPLEJACK (V.O.)
(chorus)
Selfies with friends
The happy feeling you feel
But that picture's only worth it
when the friendship is real.

--FINALLY: The Mane 7 crowd into the photo booth together. At the last second... Rarity peeks out through the curtain and waves to VIGNETTE, who squeezes in too. FLASHES from behind the curtain and--

FADE OUT.