

My Little Pony: Equestria Girls***“Me, My Selfie, and I” - REVISED PREMISE***

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What time is it? SUMMER TIME! 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. For Rarity, it’s the opportunity of a lifetime: her job would be designing costumes for the park’s signature Light Parade. For Applejack, well, it’s less about what she’d be doing and more about just getting to hang out with her friend all summer. The only problem? AJ DOESN’T GET THE JOB. 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 are happy for her and decide to visit/have an awesome day at the theme park a few weeks later, which is when AJ meets VIGNETTE, Rarity’s boss, and an image-obsessed compulsive-social-network-over-sharer. AJ couldn’t dislike somebody more, so imagine her shock when she finds out that Vignette is Rarity’s BEST FRIEND AT THE PARK!

Honest to a fault, Applejack finds herself wrestling with Rarity’s new choice of friend—especially when she flat-out tells Rarity that Vignette seems like an odd choice to be her new friend. Sunset mediates before Rarity can take too much offense, and AJ agrees to give Vignette a chance. After all, if Rarity likes her, she can’t be as bad as her first impression. All morning, AJ tries her best to like her (failing in most attempts, much to Rarity’s annoyance), until finally she’s allllllmost able to convince herself that Vignette’s not so bad... and that’s about when she catches Vignette in the middle of doing some EVIL DARK EQUESTRIAN MAGIC!

When Applejack tells the other Mane 7 what she’s seen, Rarity insists she has to be mistaken. AJ tries to prove it, but when she brings them to see, Vignette has concocted a “perfectly reasonable” explanation for what AJ saw, which makes it look like AJ is trying to smear her because she’s... jealous (Which, of course, she IS, but that’s beside the point!). AJ goes off on her own to try and find proof, which drives Rarity even crazier, until finally they have it out: 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? Both hurt, they’re ready to go their separate ways—when they realize the rest of the Mane 7 have disappeared. Along with... everyone else in the park. The place is a ghost town. But Vignette assures them not to worry... their friends are safe and sound (she says, as she reveals... THEY’RE ALL FROZEN INTO STATUES!).

Vignette tells Rarity the whole truth: she’s freezing everyone so she can use them like dolls, posing them for selfies to make it look like she’s having a great time and everyone likes her: “my follower count has like... quadrupled, and all I had to do was use dark magic!” Rarity’s world crumbles: she can’t stand it, and over-dramatic-Rarity-style runs off to be alone, telling AJ not to follow her (played as a joke, cause AJ is like, “okay, I guess I’ll handle the evil villain on my own!”). AJ confronts Vignette and tries to undo the dark magic to free everyone—but she can’t

do it alone and gets her butt kicked. It looks like she's about to be frozen forever like everyone else...

But AJ escapes at the last moment, fleeing into the now-empty park, running blindly until she hears Rarity softly crying. Hiding together, the two friends reunite, where Rarity is so embarrassed: not only did she treat AJ terribly, but she's coming to terms with the hard truth that Vignette didn't hire her for her fashion design skill—she only hired her to literally steal her friends, using her because she's shallow and easily manipulated with flattery. AJ says NO WAY to that! Rarity is incredible, regardless of Vignette's intentions. In fact, Rarity is so great...

"Why do you think I wanted to hang out with you all summer!? It don't matter if we're working together, or fighting evil magic users... I just wanted us 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. Empowered by their strengthened friendship, they save the day!