

My Little Pony: Equestria Girls
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“Spring Breakdown – Part Five: Cave of Blunders”
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EXT. TROPICAL ISLAND - MOUNTAIN TOP - DAY

There they are, Sunset and Sci Twi, cornered at the edge of a cliff by a hungry creature of indeterminate origin. Nevermind that the girls can't seem to agree on what it is (“It’s a lion!” - “It’s a scorpion!”), because it’s definitely going to eat them and there’s nothing that could possible ever save them EXCEPT <TRIUMPHANT MUSIC> ... Rainbow Dash to the rescue! Out of nowhere (and leaning into the deus-ex-machina feeling), she swings in on a vine like the action hero she wishes she could be all the time. They land safely below, but the Manticore gives chase. As she leads them running through the jungle away from the chasing Manticore: “Isn’t this COOL!?!?!?” (Sunset and Sci Twi at the same time: “NO!”) Off its fearsome ROAR, we **CUT TO:**

EXT. MEGA-YACHT – DECK – SAME

Meanwhile, Fluttershy looks out with binoculars, worried that her friends haven’t returned. Meanwhile, Applejack thinks she’s coming close to fixing the engines, while Rarity helps mend injured students like a nurse (and give them unsolicited advice: “You’ll need to keep that leg elevated, Darling, and promise me you’ll never wear horizontal stripes again.”). Pinkie Pie feeds the starving spring-breakers, although they’re getting tired of sickeningly sweet desserts. “We kind of just want...” – “CHOCOLATE!?” “water!” Pinkie Pie nods, understanding: “Chocolate water would be a great idea, if only we had water.” Seeing the grumbling, hungry, miserable guests, her chef-master is disappointed. She has completely failed to impress him. Finally, Diamond Tiara’s cousin, The Captain, discovers that two lifeboats are MISSING!!! He’s furious, and pathetically demands the respect that a mid-level-ranked fps-gaming-geek deserves!!! He starts ordering the crew to take over the duties being done by our girls... and he ignores Applejack’s protests and warnings about the delicate work she’s been doing to repair the engines and suddenly – FWOOSH! His carelessness causes the ship to spring a leak (which he blames on AJ, obvi). But no matter whose fault it is... the ship is sinking. Fluttershy sends off a message in a bottle, which we follow until it ends up...

INT. MYSTERIOUS CAVE – LATER

...Washing into a splashing water-filled cavern, where it’s found in a cave by Sci Twi. Continuing our somewhat 80s-Spielbergian-Esque adventure-movie homage, the three are in a *Goonies*-esque cave filled with amazing waterfalls and glimmering jewels. The girls hide out, drinking fresh water from a SHIMMERING REFLECTIVE POOL in the cave. Rainbow Dash explains this has

been her hide-out, and tells them what she's been up to since she got here, which mostly boils down to: "having the best Spring Break of my life!" Sunset brings down the hammer of harsh reality: they're seriously in trouble here. They're trapped in this cave—they can't leave! (REVEAL: THE MANTICORE IS GUARDING THE ONLY WAY OUT—which Rainbow Dash blocked with a boulder, but still, it's trying to get in!)

And then Sci Twi reads Fluttershy's message. The ship is going down. Sci Twi blames herself, she should have been there. Sunset blames herself, she should have brought their necklaces along. But then they both look to Rainbow Dash, who says "What, you think I should blame MYSELF too?" But eventually, in her brash, bravado-filled way... she admits that this whole thing might be entirely her fault. Yeah, literally all of it, okay, she sees that now, yep.

While RD grapples with the scope of what she's done, the Manticore's ROAR gets Sunset's attention. She finally remembers WHAT IT IS, and where she's seen it before! Just as Sci Twi realizes the reason the Manticore is trying desperately to get in this cave: it's its nest! (reveal: little Manticore cubs, adorable, but also... <RAWR!!!>). Just then, SMASH, the Manticore busts through the boulder that RD had knocked to block the entrance. With certain doom approaching, Sunset has an idea. With no time to argue, as the Manticore swipes its deadly claw, she pulls them into the SHIMMERING POOL and A MAGICAL DISSOLVES TAKES US AWAY...

INT. DARK FOREST – DAY

...Where we find ourselves in a forest. Off-screen we hear GASPING and SPLASHING. Then "whew, we're alive..." We hear Sunset's voice: "We're safe for now, but um... promise you won't freak out?" Reveal: the three girls ARE PONIES!