

MY LITTLE PONY - EQUESTRIA GIRLS

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TEASER**INT. SHADES OF PLAY KIOSK – MALL - DAY**

CANTERLOT HIGH STUDENTS buzz around the kiosk, excitedly playing with sunglasses. ONE CHS GIRL holds a mirror, looking at her reflection in a pair of aviators. She sets the mirror back on its hook and turns back to the glasses. Unbeknownst to her, a beam of Equestrian magic flies by, slamming into the mirror! The mirror shimmers and sparkles as—

INT. SHADES OF PLAY KIOSK (OTHER SIDE) – MALL – DAY

--THE MANE 7 spins around, each girl in a different pair of sunglasses, the geodes around their necks glowing brightly! “The geodes looooooooooove these sunglasses!” PINKIE PIE squeals. But TWILIGHT SPARKLE shakes her head: something magic-related must be happening. But what? As the girls walk away to investigate, another magic beam soars through the air, landing at the kiosk!

INT. SHADES OF PLAY KIOSK – DAY

The CHS girl, now in a pair of large round shades, picks up the mirror. As she does, the mirror shimmers, and her reflection shines back an enhanced version of herself! Sparkly and made-up, her reflection gives a puckered kiss. “I look amazing in these! Don’t you think?” the girl asks the KIOSK WORKER as she hangs up the mirror. The Kiosk Worker cringes: the glasses are so large the girl looks like an insect. But the girl buys the glasses. As she skips away, the mirror shimmers brightly on its hook, like a beacon. More magic infuses it!

END TEASER**ACT ONE****INT. FOOD COURT – MALL – LATER**

CANTERLOT HIGH STUDENTS mill around various screens stationed in the mall, watching the “DANCE MAGIC” video that plays on repeat.

SUNSET SHIMMER sits at a table, writing in her journal to Twilight Sparkle back in Equestria. She writes about wishing there were more ways

she could help here when – oh no! – the pages of the journal are running out! Sunset is nervous: she doesn't want to lose this link to Equestria and Twilight Sparkle. What should she do? Sunset waits for Twilight's response, and as the scribble starts to appear—

“COME TO EQUESTRIA?!?!” Pinkie Pie squeals. Sunset Shimmer jumps in her seat and turns to see Pinkie Pie, her tray overloaded with food, looking over her shoulder. The others join them as Sunset explains she's going back to Equestria to retrieve a new journal. FLUTTERSHY gives a soft smile: “A place where I could BE AN ANIMAL? Sounds perfect.” “Can we come with you?” RAINBOW DASH asks. Everyone smiles excitedly, but Sunset shakes her head. “I haven't been back since I stole Twilight Sparkle's crown. Besides, it might be ... too confusing.” “And we're needed here, what with our geodes lightin' up and all that rogue magic flyin' about,” APPLEJACK chimes in. RARITY tells Sunset to hurry back: they have tickets to see the new Daring Do movie, featuring their cameos! Sunset agrees: she'll meet them at the theater. But now, she's off to Equestria!

INT. MOVIE THEATER – MALL – DAY

CLOSEUP on JUNIPER MONTAGE walking as A MOVIE THEATER WORKER pop his head out of the ticket booth. “Juniper Montage, don't forget to clean out the popcorn machine and sweep Theater 4 after your break.” **REVEAL:**

Juniper's wearing a standard-issue employee vest and theater employee name badge! She grumbles in agreement. Juniper walks through the mall, catching glimpses of the DANCE MAGIC video, and the Mane 7 dancing, on screens everywhere. “If those girls hadn't ruined my life, I'd be IN the movies instead of working in a theater,” she mumbles. She walks by the—

INT. SHADES OF PLAY KIOSK – MALL - CONTINUOUS

And stops to look at the sunglasses, still grumbling about the Mane 7 as she tries on various pairs. One star-shaped pair makes her pause. She puts them on and reaches for the mirror, which gives a subtle, magical glimmer. She takes the mirror off the hook and holds it up to her face. As she does—

Her reflection shines back. Juniper stares at herself. Suddenly the reflection morphs to show Juniper Montage on the red carpet, smiling for paparazzi!

Shocked, Juniper quickly puts the mirror down. She looks around to see if anyone noticed. No one has. She slowly picks up the mirror and watches as her reflection morphs into an image of Juniper, red-carpet ready, signing autographs. “Wow,” Juniper remarks quietly. “Yup! One of our best-selling pairs!” the Kiosk Worker interrupts, causing Juniper to almost drop the mirror! She catches it just in time. Juniper takes off the glasses and catches a quick glance of herself in the mirror, her reflection waving to fans. “How much for the mirror?” Juniper asks. **CUT TO:**

EXT. PORTAL STATUE - CANTERLOT HIGH SCHOOL – DAY

Sunset Shimmer timidly pushes her hand against the base of the statue, where it disappears. She steadies herself, then leaps inside the portal!

INT. PURPLE SWIRLY LIMBO – MOMENTS LATER

Screaming, Sunset Shimmer sails through limbo!

INT. TWILIGHT’S CASTLE - EQUESTRIA – MOMENTS LATER

THUNK! Sunset Shimmer plops out of the mirror AS A PONY! She tries to stand like a human, but has trouble raising her front hooves. “Right, I’m a pony now,” she muses. She looks around the ornate throne room, taking in its beauty. She eyes the map, which shows six cutie marks hovering above a mountain pass. “WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO THAT MAP?” a voice squeals. Sunset turns to see STARLIGHT GLIMMER standing in the doorway. “Ju-just looking,” Sunset explains. Starlight demands answers: who is she? Where’d she come from? Is she evil (she has no time for evil and is not equipped to handle evil on her own). Sunset insists she’s not evil, and that she was invited – she pulls out her journal and shows Starlight where Twilight expressly invited her to Equestria. “OH! Journal Pony, sure!” Starlight exclaims as she hands Sunset Shimmer the new journal. Sunset Shimmer asks who she is, and Starlight explains that she is a pupil of Twilight Sparkle’s and that she’s here studying while Twilight and the other ponies do ... whatever it is they do on their adventures (she doesn’t know yet because she’s not that far ahead in her studies). Starlight is stuck on a lesson though: how to turn an enemy into a friend. “Well, sometimes understanding WHY someone is behaving the way they are is the key to helping them see the error of their ways and creating a friendship,” Sunset tells her, but Sunset can sense that this is a lesson Starlight is afraid she may not master. Sunset Shimmer used to be an enemy in her realm, but now has a

group of amazing friends who taught her the true meaning of friendship ... Would Starlight Glimmer like to come with her and meet them? Thrilled, Starlight gives an exuberant YES! She has so many questions about this realm: What's it like? Is it true all the ponies there lose their tails? Is it true you have to balance on two hooves? Is it true no one has a cutie mark (this concerns her)? Sunset laughs.

INT. MOVIE THEATER LOBBY – MALL – DAY

Juniper Montage stands behind the snack-bar counter, studying herself in the mirror, which glows brightly. Her reflection shows her receiving an award on a large stage, waving to the crowd. TWO PATRONS try to get her attention, but she ignores them, until—

“JUNIPER MONTAGE?!?” Pinkie Pie squeals. Juniper looks up from the mirror to see the Mane 6! They are here to see the Daring Do movie ... what's Juniper doing at the movie theater? Juniper grumbles that she works there. “Maybe if you hadn't tried to sabotage the ‘Daring Do’ movie, you'd still be in the film instead of showing it,” Rainbow Dash chastises. Juniper's eyes narrow. “I'm going to be a STAR! Look! This mirror tells the future, and in it, I'm FAMOUS!” Juniper spins the mirror around so it faces the Mane 6. The face of the mirror flashes. TWILIGHT SPARKLE steps forward, closer to Juniper, and peers inside the mirror. “What do you mean, ‘tells the future’?” Twilight Sparkle asks suspiciously, but just as she gets the question out, her geode starts to glow! The other geodes follow suit! Twilight Sparkle's geode starts to pull away from her neck, drawn toward the mirror like a magnet. Twilight Sparkle tries to move away, but is pulled forward by the mirror. “What's happening to Twilight Sparkle?” Rarity cries. “I-I don't know!” responds Juniper. She tries to move the mirror, but it is locked on Twilight Sparkle. Suddenly—

TWILIGHT SPARKLE VANISHES INTO THE MIRROR! (Pinkie Pie: “It ate her! Like a hungry monster mirror magnet!”)

The girls scream as each geode lifts from their necks, then pulls each girls toward the mirror! The strain from the pull snaps the chain on Rainbow Dash's geode, and the necklace vanishes into the mirror. Rainbow Dash falls forward, then pops back up. “Hey! Give me back my necklace!” Rainbow Dash cries as she leaps into the mirror! Applejack realizes the mirror wants the geodes, not the girls, but they have to protect their necklaces. One by one the girls are pulled into the mirror.

All is quiet. Juniper stands in shock, horrified by what's just happened. Slowly, the mirror brightens in intensity, and a wave of magic washes up Juniper's arm. She spins the mirror around and sees the Mane 6 trapped inside! She apologizes as she taps the glass, promising to get the girls out of there. The image of the girls is slowly replaced by Juniper's warped reflection: beautiful, sparkling, standing before an adoring crowd. As the magic washes over her face, Juniper's look of concern morphs into one of pure evil as she slips the mirror into her back pocket.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - EQUESTRIA – LATER

Sunset Shimmer and Starlight Glimmer stand in front of the mirror. “Things are about to get really ... weird,” Sunset tells her as they leap into the portal!

EXT. PORTAL STATUE - CANTERLOT HIGH SCHOOL – DAY

The statue buzzes with magic, then PLUNK! Sunset and Starlight pop out of the portal in human forms. Starlight “stands” on her hands and feet, then looks over at Sunset, who walks on two legs. Nervous, Starlight wobbles as she stands upright, then looks down at her legs! And her arms! And her hands! And WHO TOOK HER SNOUT? “You’re a human now,” Sunset Shimmer explains. “And we’re going to meet up with some friends at the mall. They are going to seem a lot like ponies you know back in Equestria. They even have the same names. It’s going to be incredibly confusing, but just roll with it.” “What’s a mall?” Starlight asks. “One of the best parts of being human!” Sunset smiles.

Suddenly Sunset's geode begins to glow brightly. Sunset's smile vanishes. “Equestrian Magic? Come on!” Starlight races to catch up with Sunset ... on all fours. Sunset: “Um, Starlight?” Starlight Glimmer, remembering, stands upright.

INT. MOVIE THEATER ENTRANCE - MALL – DAY

Sunset Shimmer and Starlight Glimmer arrive at the movie theater, but the Mane 6 aren't there. “It's no big deal, right? Maybe they lost track of time?”

Starlight suggests. “Maybe ... but trouble has a way of tracking them,” Sunset explains, concerned. “Let’s look around.”

INT. MALL – MOMENTS LATER - MONTAGE

Sunset and Starlight scour the mall, looking for the girls. They look in Rarity’s favorite dress shop. They look in the pet store where Fluttershy buys treats. They check out the bakery, the cider stand, the sports equipment outlet ... but no sign of the girls!

INT. MOVIE THEATER ENTRANCE – MALL – LATER

Sunset Shimmer hangs up her cell phone. No one is answering – now she’s REALLY concerned. As the TICKET TAKER announces the afternoon showing of Daring Do, Sunset looks around and gives a deep sigh. Starlight Glimmer suggests that they go inside and look around. In response, Sunset Shimmer’s geode flashes wildly. Sunset nods.

INT. MIRROR LIMBO – SAME TIME

The Mane 6, with their faces pressed against the glass, stare at Juniper Montage’s giant face! But Juniper doesn’t look AT them, rather, she sees PAST them – a detail that doesn’t slip past Twilight Sparkle. “The mirror didn’t want us, it wanted our geodes,” Rainbow Dash explains, refastening her necklace around her neck. “Like it wanted the magic!” Applejack chimes in. “Right. But why?” Pinkie Pie asks. “And what will happen if the mirror monster gets Sunset Shimmer and her geode? Then it will have all the geodes and who knows what will happen!” They have to find a way to get out! The girls hold hands, and as they do, their geodes begin to glow. The girls start to rise, as though they are going to Pony-Up, when—

The magic they release vanishes above them! They all collapse to the ground with a THUMP.

INT. MOVIE THEATER LOBBY – MALL – LATER

Sunset Shimmer and Starlight Glimmer enter the lobby. Behind the snack bar is chaos. A large cup of soda overflows at the soda machine, pouring down the front of the counter. The popcorn maker, filled to the brim, continues popping kernels that spill onto the floor. Hot dogs burn to a crisp in the rotisserie. Sunset looks around for an employee and spots Juniper

Montage staring in her mirror. The mirror glows rhythmically in her hand. Sunset looks down and notices her geode glowing to the same rhythm.

“Juniper Montage!” Sunset Shimmer whispers. When Starlight Glimmer asks who she is, Sunset explains that Juniper was a girl who was caught by the girls sabotaging a movie. She must have something to do with this! “You should go and talk to her!” Starlight suggests brightly ... then second-guesses herself. “I mean, right?” “I may not have a choice!” Sunset tells her as her geode pulls her toward the mirror.

Sunset Shimmer soars across the lobby and hits the snack-bar counter. As she grabs Juniper’s arm, her empathy power kicks in. Juniper spins around, her eyes flashing. Sunset tells Juniper that she knows how Juniper is feeling, but soon the geode and Sunset are pulled into the mirror!

INT. MIRROR LIMBO – CONTINUOUS

Sunset Shimmer looks out the glass at Juniper, then turns to see the Mane 6! She’s thrilled to see them, but Twilight Sparkle dampens the mood by pointing out that Juniper Montage now has ALL the geodes at her disposal. The girls line up and look out the glass, anticipating the worst.

INT. MOVIE THEATER LOBBY – MALL – CONTINUOUS

Starlight Glimmer gasps as she watches the mirror glow brightly in Juniper’s hand. Juniper herself start to glow as she begins to physically morph and change: her reflection in the mirror shows her as a statuesque beauty but as she turns around, Starlight Glimmer sees a hideous, sequined monster!

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. MIRROR LIMBO – CONTINUOUS

The Mane 7 continues to watch as the transformed Juniper Montage makes her way out of the theater lobby. Sunset tells the girls that she knows why Juniper is acting this way – the mirror has possessed her! But the bigger danger is that if the mirror breaks, there’s a good chance they could all be stuck in this limbo forever. They have to hope that by bringing the geodes together, good magic will overpower evil and break the hold it has on

Juniper.

INT. MALL – CONTINUOUS

Gripping the mirror, Monster Juniper trudges through the mall, smiling and posing as PEOPLE take out their cell phones and snap pictures. Through a POV shot, what Juniper sees is paparazzi. Someone taps Juniper on the shoulder. “An autograph, sure—” Juniper says in a beastly voice. She turns to see Starlight Glimmer, who yanks the mirror from her hands! Starlight Glimmer looks in the mirror and sees a vision of her back in Equestria, running Twilight’s Castle! The ponies all bowing to her! The vision vanishes as Juniper snatches the mirror away and takes off!

Starlight Glimmer chases after Juniper Montage, calling out that she understands exactly how Juniper feels, but Juniper is making a terrible mistake – she could really hurt the girls. Juniper hits a dead end, and turns to see Starlight Glimmer moving in.

INT. MIRROR LIMBO – SAME TIME

The Mane 7 hold hands, and once again concentrate on Ponying Up. They start to levitate, but an unseen force holds them down—

INT. MALL – SAME TIME

Wild-eyed, Juniper Montage threatens to break the mirror if Starlight Glimmer comes any closer. Starlight asks why she would do that, why would she purposefully hurt anyone? Why seek revenge? Hurting someone else doesn’t take away your hurt: it makes it worse. And Juniper can and will be a star, but it will be because she earned it, not because she ruined people in the process. Juniper grips the mirror tightly—

INT. MIRROR LIMBO – SAME TIME

The magic released by the geodes starts to build like a pressure cooker. If they aren’t released soon, there’s a chance the mirror could explode!

INT. MALL – SAME TIME

Starlight tells Juniper that she once sought revenge, but she’s a better person because she failed. Starlight Glimmer holds out her hand in friendship to the

monstrous Juniper. Juniper looks in the trembling mirror, sees her larger-than-life self for one last time, and—

Sets down the mirror.

BOOM!!!! A sparkle glitter explosion as the Mane 7 bursts out of the mirror, fully Ponied-Up! “So you DO get to keep your tails in this realm,” Starlight muses, confused.

Monstrous Juniper morphs back into her everyday self. Sunset hugs Starlight as Juniper approaches the girls. “I’m glad you all are okay.” The girls hug Juniper back.

EXT. PORTAL STATUE – CANTERLOT HIGH SCHOOL – AFTERNOON

The girls and Juniper Montage stand with Starlight Glimmer, hugging her goodbye. She’s had a blast and she’s heartbroken to leave her new friends, but she has to get back to her studies with Twilight Sparkle ... right? Sunset Shimmer gives a smile. “Maybe not!” she responds brightly. She pulls out the journal and scribbles something quickly. As scribble magically appears, Sunset smiles. “I know from personal experience that there are many lessons on friendship to be learned, and you girls are the best to learn from. Starlight Glimmer should stay for a few more days to learn from the best girls I know,” Sunset reads. The Mane 7 squeals with delight! They have a movie to catch ... and Juniper offers to get them all free popcorn. The girls link arms as they walk into the sunset.

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