

MY LITTLE PONY - EQUESTRIA GIRLS

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"Mirror Magic"

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

THE MANE 7 spins around, each girl in a pair of star-shaped sunglasses. “I think these sunglasses say MOVIESTAR!” PINKIE PIE squeals. She picks up a hand-mirror and smiles at herself. The red-carpet premiere of the DARING DO movie is happening that night at the theater in the mall, and the girls have been invited! RARITY pulls the mirror out of Pinkie Pie’s hand and hangs it back on the hook: they still have a LOT of shopping to do! She ticks through the list (Dresses! Shoes! Accessories!) while RAINBOW DASH makes a sour face.

As the girls leave the kiosk, A BEAM OF EQUESTRIAN MAGIC soars through the air, slamming into the mirror! The mirror shimmers from top to bottom.

A hand snatches the mirror off the hook. A CHS GIRL in a pair of large round shades stares at her reflection. 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 Worker cringes: the glasses are so large the girl looks like an insect. The girl buys the glasses and leaves.

The mirror shines brightly as ANOTHER BEAM OF MAGIC slams into 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 wishes 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? As Twilight’s response starts to appear—

“COME TO EQUESTRIA?!?!” Pinkie Pie squeals. Sunset Shimmer jumps in her seat and turns to see Pinkie Pie looking over her shoulder, her tray overloaded with food. 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 you get to BE AN ANIMAL? Sounds perfect.” “Can we come with you?” RAINBOW DASH asks. 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. You never know when some magical what-not’s gonna come callin’,” APPLEJACK chimes in. RARITY tells Sunset to hurry: they have to meet before the premiere to get ready! 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, smiling as she watches TWO MEN roll out a red carpet from the lobby entrance to the theater door. Her focus is broken by—

A MOVIE THEATER BOSS, who hands her a broom. “Juniper Montage, sweep Theater 4. And don’t forget to clean out the popcorn machine.”

REVEAL:

Juniper’s wearing an employee vest and theater employee name badge! Her smile turns to a scowl as she hands her Boss back the broom – it’s time for her break.

Juniper walks past the film premiere set-up and through the mall, catching glimpses of the DANCE MAGIC video, and the Mane 7 dancing, on screens everywhere. “Ugh, THOSE girls. 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, 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, she whispers to herself—

“I should be the star of this premiere. This should be MY night!”

Her reflection MORPHS to show Juniper 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!

INT. MOVIE THEATER LOBBY – MALL – DAY

Juniper Montage stands behind the snack-bar counter, ignoring TWO PATRONS as she studies herself in the mirror. Her reflection shows her receiving an award on a large stage, waving to the crowd. Just as the Patrons leave—

"JUNIPER MONTAGE?!?!?" Pinkie Pie squeals. Juniper looks up from the mirror to see the Mane 6! What's Juniper doing at the movie theater? Is SHE going to the premiere?!?!?! Juniper grumbles that she works at the theater.

"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. "Yeah, and if you're here to cause trouble and ruin the premiere, we're not gonna let ya," Applejack tells her. Juniper's eyes narrow. "Not going to let me? This should be MY NIGHT! I would have found a way to be in the film if you had all stayed out of it! Without you, I would be a STAR! SEE?????" Juniper spins the mirror around so it faces the Mane 6. The face of the mirror flashes and shimmers as the handle starts to glow.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE steps forward, closer to Juniper, and peers inside the mirror. "What do you want us to see, Juniper?" Twilight Sparkle asks suspiciously, but just as she gets the question out, the mirror shoots out a BEAM OF MAGIC that attaches to Twilight and PULLS HER TOWARD THE MIRROR! Applejack quickly grabs Twilight and tugs her back, but the pull is too strong! "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!")

Juniper looks at the mirror. Fluttershy timidly steps forward. “Juniper, maybe put the mirror down and we can talk about this.” “I don’t WANT to talk about it! I wish you’d all VANISH!!” Juniper screams. She holds the mirror out toward the girls. A flash across the face of the mirror reveals Twilight Sparkle, then WOOSH! A BEAM OF MAGIC PULLS THEM ALL INTO THE MIRROR!

All is quiet. Juniper grips the mirror, amazed at what 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! The image of the girls is replaced by Juniper’s warped reflection: beautiful, sparkling, standing before an adoring crowd. As the magic washes over her face, Juniper’s smile morphs into pure evil. “My wish came true,” she whispers 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.

INT. MOVIE THEATER ENTRANCE - MALL – DAY

Sunset Shimmer and Starlight Glimmer arrive at the movie theater, but the

Mane 6 isn't there. "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, narrowly missing Juniper Montage as she comes out of a dressing room in a sequined dress. They look in the pet store where Fluttershy buys treats, passing the salon where Juniper is having her hair styled. They check out the bakery, the cider stand, the sports 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. Watching the CAMERAMEN set up for the premiere, Starlight Glimmer suggests that they go inside the theater and look around. In response, Sunset Shimmer's geode flashes wildly. Eyeing her necklace, 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 is responding to Juniper Montage. If she wants to get rid of all of us, that means Sunset Shimmer's in trouble! And right now, Sunset Shimmer's our only hope in getting out of this—this—" "Hungry Monster Mirror Magnet Magical Limbo Realm?" Pinkie Pie suggests. "We might have an even bigger problem," Rainbow Dash chimes in, pointing to her flashing geode. The girls look down at their necklaces – they are ALL flashing. "What does THIS mean?" Rarity asks. Twilight doesn't know, but it can't be good. 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—

THUMP! The magic they release vanishes and they all collapse to the ground.

INT. MOVIE THEATER LOBBY – MALL – LATER

Sunset Shimmer and Starlight Glimmer enter the lobby. Behind the snack bar is chaos. A cup of soda overflows at the machine, pouring down the front of the counter. The popcorn maker, filled to the brim, spills kernels onto the floor. Hot dogs burn to a crisp in the rotisserie. Sunset looks around for an employee and spots a dressed and primped Juniper Montage standing on the red carpet and staring in her mirror, talking to herself. The mirror glows rhythmically in her hand. Sunset looks down and notices her geode glowing to the same rhythm.

“Juniper Montage!” Sunset Shimmer whispers, taking a step back to avoid Juniper’s eye. Starlight Glimmer asks who she is, and Sunset explains: Juniper was caught by the girls sabotaging the DARING DO movie. She probably knows where the missing girls are! “What can we do?” Starlight asks. Sunset shakes her head. “I’m not sure. I know if the girls were here, they’d insist I talk to her. The Magic of Friendship is more powerful than anything. There’s always a way to turn an enemy into a friend.” “But isn’t that risky?” Starlight asks. “The bigger risk is never trying,” Sunset explains. She hands Starlight the journal. “Wait for me here.”

Sunset Shimmer calls to Juniper Montage, who spins around. Eyeing Sunset, her eyes glow. “I was wondering when you’d show up to join your friends.” “What do you mean?” Sunset asks. She reaches for Juniper’s arm and her empathy power kicks in. Sunset tells Juniper that she understands how Juniper is feeling, but Juniper laughs. “Tell them I say hi!” Juniper exclaims as Sunset is pulled into the mirror!

Starlight Glimmer’s jaw drops as Juniper hugs her mirror!

INT. MIRROR LIMBO – CONTINUOUS

Sunset Shimmer looks out the glass at Juniper, then turns to see the Mane 6! She’s happy to see them, but Twilight Sparkle dampens the mood by pointing out that Juniper Montage now has ALL the girls, so they are trapped forever! “No!” Sunset Shimmer exclaims. “Starlight Glimmer can help us!” A moment of celebration, until Rainbow Dash points out that ALL the geodes are flashing, which can’t be good. 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 begins to PHYSICALLY MORPH AND CHANGE into the tall, looming statuesque beauty the mirror reflects! "Now," she muses, "where are my fans???"

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. MIRROR LIMBO – CONTINUOUS

The Mane 7 bounce frenetically in limbo as their geodes flash. "Having all our geodes in this limbo is too much magic!" Twilight explains. "If Starlight doesn't act fast, this place is gonna blow!" The girls scream!

INT. MALL – CONTINUOUS

Gripping the mirror, Juniper glides through the mall, smiling and posing as TERRIFIED PEOPLE take out their cell phones and snap pictures, though all Juniper sees is PAPARAZZI. She poses, but as ONE BOY steps away from her, she snatches him. "Take. My. PICTURE!" she demands. Someone taps Juniper on the shoulder and she drops the Boy. "An autograph, sure—" Juniper says in a beastly voice. She turns to see Starlight Glimmer, who yanks the mirror from her hands!

"Sunset?" Starlight calls into the mirror. She looks in the mirror and sees:

A FANTASY of herself back in Equestria, standing on the highest hill and wearing a crown as all the ponies of Equestria bow to her!

The vision vanishes as Juniper snatches the mirror away! Starlight shakes her head. "That mirror is dangerous!" Starlight exclaims. Her eyes narrow. She has an idea!

"Excuse me, Miss Montage?" Starlight Glimmer asks sweetly. "I'm your biggest fan and I'm writing an exclusive for the Canterlot Times. Would you be willing to do an interview? Juniper smiles brightly.

INT. MIRROR LIMBO – SAME TIME

The Mane 7 violently bounce around!

INT. MALL – SAME TIME

Starlight takes out the journal and pretends to write as she hits Juniper with the hard questions: Is it true Juniper wants to be a star? Would she purposefully hurt anyone on the road to stardom? Fans don't like it when celebrities hurt people. Why seek revenge? Hurting someone else doesn't take away your hurt: it makes it worse. A flummoxed Juniper stares confused at Starlight, but Starlight goes on. Empowered by Sunset's writing in the journal, Starlight tells Juniper that Juniper can and will be a star, truly, but it will be because she earned it, not because she ruined people in the process. She can achieve great things if she turns to the Magic of Friendship, for the Magic of Friendship is more powerful than any old enchanted mirror.

The mirror will only SHOW her the person she hopes to be. The Magic of Friendship will CHANGE her into the person she hopes to be. Juniper grips the mirror tightly—

INT. MIRROR LIMBO – SAME TIME

The magic starts to build like a pressure cooker, the girls are nothing but shaking blurs! “THIS is how I'm gonna go? Jiggled to death?” screams Rainbow Dash.

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

Says aloud, “I wish I knew how to be a better friend.”

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.

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

**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 ... and enjoy the premiere!" 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.

END**END CREDITS**

As end credits roll, pictures, like paparazzi flashes, appear of the Mane 7, Starlight Glimmer, and Juniper Montage dressed up and walking the red carpet together.