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TEASER

TWILIGHT, APPLEJACK, PINKIE PIE, RARITY and FLUTTERSHY, and RAINBOW DASH are enjoying an afternoon picnic when SPIKE rushes up to them. After taking much too long to catch his breath, he coughs up a letter from Princess Celestia. Turns out the Princess needs Twilight and her friends to help with an upcoming wedding. She'll need AppleJack to cater it, Rarity to design the wedding dress and bridesmaid's dresses, Pinkie Pie to host the reception, Fluttershy to provide music with her songbird choir, and Rainbow Dash to create a sonic rainboom for the 'I dos'. The girls are all very excited, but a little confused. It doesn't say anywhere in the letter who is getting married.

An embarrassed Spike gives himself the Heimlich and coughs up another letter. Spike apologizes and explains that the letter he's just expelled was probably supposed to be delivered first. Twilight reads aloud that Princess Celestia is cordially inviting everypony to the wedding of her niece Princess Mi Amore Musicale Cadenza Accelerando and... "My brother?!" says a shocked Twilight.

ACT I

Twilight is still reeling from the news that her brother Shining Armor is getting married. She can't believe she found out about his impending nuptials via the invitation to the ceremony. The more she thinks about it, the more upset she gets. Why in the world didn't he tell her personally? And who the heck is this Princess Mi Amore Musicale Cadenza Accelerando? Twilight's friends are a little surprised to see the usually reserved Twilight getting so worked up. Twilight calms down and explains to her friends that it is just that she and her brother have always been very close. Back before she understood the true value of friendship, he was the only pony she accepted as a friend.

MUSIC UP as Twilight begins to sing a SONG about her Big Brother B.F.F., or B.B.B.F.F. As the song continues, we FLASHBACK to Twilight's youth where we see the popular Shining Armor taking time away from his other friends to be a pal to his little sister. Even as the two get older, they remain close and we see that theirs is a very special sibling bond. Twilight concludes her song back in the present and her friends agree that she is very lucky to have such a wonderful big brother. They also agree that they had better start getting ready. Shining Armor's wedding is only a few days away and Princess Celestia is counting on them to make it a day to remember.

Later on the train to Canterlot, AppleJack, Pinkie Pie, Rarity, Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy are all expressing their excitement about making things perfect for Shining Armor and his bride. Spike is really looking forward to hosting Shining Armor's bachelor party. (Even though he has no idea what a bachelor party actually is.) But Twilight can't seem to share in her friends' joy and excitement. She's still worried that the fact that Shining Armor's didn't tell her personally about his wedding plans is a sign that the distance between them is affecting their relationship. "Ever since I moved

to Ponyville, I've been seeing him less and less," Twilight laments. She fears that now that he'll be starting a family of his own with his Princess wife, the chances they'll be able to have any quality time together will be vastly diminished. Twilight's friends assure her that this isn't the case, but Twilight doesn't appear to be convinced.

Upon arriving in Canterlot, Twilight immediately goes to visit her brother who is at his post, serving as the Captain of the Canterlot Guard. SHINING ARMOR is thrilled to see his little sister and we can see how much love he has for her. He playfully tousles her mane and calls her "Twily" before giving her a big hug. Twilight is equally thrilled to see her brother. That is until she remembers how upset she is that he kept her in the dark about his new love. Shining Armor is more than a little surprised when Twilight's smile turns to a look of indignation. "How dare you not let me know you were getting married!" she says angrily. "I'm your sister for pony's sake!" she adds.

Shining Armor apologizes profusely and explains that he had wanted to tell Twilight all about his engagement and his wedding, but that he has been so busy lately he's hardly had time to talk to his fiancée about their plans, let alone anyone else. Princess Celestia has requested that there be a major increase in security and he is responsible for casting a protection spell over all of Canterlot. While Twilight has the ability to do multiple spells, Shining Armor's abilities are limited to performing just this one very big spell. He also happens to be the only pony in the Queen's service that can perform it. As Twilight looks on, Shining Armor demonstrates his special power. He lowers his head and bright white light emanates from his horn. We WIDEN to reveal a glowing, electrified force field suddenly appearing around Canterlot.

Twilight can see that what Shining Armor is doing is very important, but still, how could he have neglected to tell his sister about something as big as his wedding? Isn't she important to him anymore? Shining Armor assures Twilight that she is very important to him. In fact, she is so important to him that he would like her to be his "Best Mare" at the wedding. Twilight is truly touched by the gesture. Though she is still a little upset that Shining Armor is marrying someone she doesn't even know. "When did you meet this Princess Mi Amore Musicale Cadenza Accelerando anyway?" Twilight asks. "The same day you did," Shining Armor replies. He goes on to explain that Princess Mi Amore Musicale Cadenza Accelerando is Twilight's old fillysitter, Cadence.

Twilight lights up. "Cadence?! As in the Cadence?! As in the greatest fillysitter in the history of fillysitters?!" Twilight asks. "That's the one," a bemused Shining Armor replies. Twilight suddenly begins jumping up and down. "Ohmygosh, ohmygosh, ohmygosh!" she says giddily. "She is amazing!" Twilight exclaims. As Twilight continues to gush about Cadence, we FLASHBACK to Twilight's youth and her memories of her beloved fillysitter. We see little Twilight in awe of CADENCE whose unicorn power is to spread love wherever she goes. (When she passes by an arguing couple, they immediately nuzzle and make up.) The flashback concludes with Twilight recalling she and Cadence's "secret hoofshake".

Back in the present, any reservations Twilight may have had about Shining Armor's upcoming nuptials have been erased. She is so excited he is getting married and so excited about whom he is marrying. She really just has one question. "How did you get someone as amazing as Cadence to marry a guy like you?" she teases. Shining Armor gives Twilight a playful "noogie" in response, but abruptly stops when he hears an O.S. "Ahem." Twilight looks up to see Cadence standing there with a picnic basket. She's brought Shining Armor his lunch.

"Cadence!" says an excited Twilight as she immediately moves to perform their "secret hoofshake." But rather than participate, Cadence just stares at Twilight as if she has lost her mind. "What are you doing?" Cadence asks. "Cadence, it's me," Twilight says with a big smile on her face. "And you are?" asks Cadence. Off Twilight's disappointed look we
END ACT I.

ACT II

Soon after, Shining Armor and Cadence have gathered Twilight, AppleJack, Pinkie Pie, Rarity, Rainbow Dash, and Fluttershy together to discuss preparations for their big day. Twilight is clearly still a little upset that her favorite fillysitter seemed to have no recollection of Twilight whatsoever. Shining Armor introduces his bride-to-be to the other ponies who gush over her and express their excitement about getting to participate in her wedding. None of them seem to notice that Cadence's reaction to them is somewhat cool. She doesn't seem to be all that interested in meeting the ponies who are responsible for making sure her wedding day goes off without a hitch.

When the bride and groom depart, Twilight asks her friends about their impression of Cadence. Twilight thinks she seems a little "off", but her friends think she is absolutely wonderful. How amazing must she be to let a group of ponies she's just met put together her wedding. Twilight is so lucky to be getting a sister-in-law who is as perfect as Cadence. Twilight questions how "perfect" her new sister-in-law can be. "She doesn't have a perfect memory that's for sure," Twilight comments. None of her friends pick up on her irritated tone as they rush off to begin their wedding assignments.

But as the preparations for Shining Armor and Cadence's nuptials get underway, we see that Twilight's reservations about Cadence might not be completely unfounded...

First Cadence meets with AppleJack to discuss the event's catering and is offered a trio of appetizers to choose from. Twilight arrives on the scene to see that as soon as AppleJack's back is turned, Cadence spits out the appetizers as if they are the worst things she has ever tasted. Twilight hangs back for a moment and sees that as soon as AppleJack turns to face Cadence again, the bride-to-be makes a big show of complimenting AppleJack and telling her that she has never eaten anything more delicious than AppleJack's appetizers. She is ridiculously effusive in her praise, but as soon as AppleJack's back is turned, she makes a gagging gesture. Twilight is clearly concerned by Cadence's insincerity and fakeness.

Later, Cadence meets with Rarity to take a look at the wedding dress and bridesmaids' outfits. Rarity informs Cadence that she has been working tirelessly on the garments since she found out her services were needed for the wedding. "I haven't slept in days. Days!" Rarity informs Cadence. Cadence takes one look at Rarity's creations and informs the exhausted designer that she finds them "Adequate." Cadence begins describing what she would rather be wearing and what she would rather see her bridesmaids wearing. Her proposed outfits sound extremely complicated and difficult to execute, especially with such short notice. Even though she looks in desperate need of sleep, Rarity immediately sets about creating the clothing Cadence has described. As Cadence departs without even so much as a "thank you", Twilight mutters to herself that in addition to being "insincere and fakey", Cadence also seems to be "ungrateful and demanding".

Soon after, Pinkie Pie meets with the bride-to-be to discuss the post-wedding party. An exuberant Pinkie Pie runs through the music and dances they'll be doing at the reception. They will of course include the traditional "Chicken Dance" and the "Pony Pokey" which Pinkie Pie happily demonstrates. Twilight watches as Cadence impatiently goes through the dances as quickly as she can. With a big smile, she tells Pinkie Pie that the entertainment would be perfect "if we were celebrating a six-year-old's birthday." An oblivious Pinkie Pie responds with a great big, "Thank you!" Twilight adds "impatient and just plain mean" to her list as Cadence makes her exit.

Soon after, Twilight gathers her friends to discuss the day's events. They have certainly taken notice of Cadence's rude behavior now, haven't they? Unfortunately for Twilight, none of her friends have noticed Cadence's bad behavior. We learn that even though Cadence raised her voice at one of the members of Fluttershy's bird chorus, Fluttershy still thinks she's wonderful and that Rainbow Dash thought Cadence was absolutely right when she told the Pegasus that there was no point in performing a sonic rainboom unless it was a *double* sonic rainboom to represent the Bride and Groom being joined together.

Twilight's friends insist that any "bad behavior" on Cadence's part can be chalked up to the fact that her wedding is the next day and that she's probably just a little nervous. AppleJack gently suggests that perhaps Twilight is being a little possessive of her brother and therefore over-judgmental of the mare he's chosen to marry. The other Ponyville Ponies agree with AppleJack's assessment of the situation.

But Twilight is convinced that something is up. She isn't being over-critical of Cadence because she's afraid that Cadence is taking her brother away from her. She's being just the right amount of critical because Cadence is proving to be a not-so-great future sister-in-law. Twilight stumbles upon Cadence's bridesmaids and finds out she isn't the only one who thinks Cadence's behavior isn't very becoming of a bride-to-be. The mares are confronting Cadence and asking her why she is acting so strangely. "Are you getting cold feet?" a bridesmaid asks. "Are you sure you want to go through with it?"

asks another. “Of course I do! He’s the Captain of the Guard!” Cadence angrily replies before storming out on her shocked bridesmaids.

Twilight decides she must tell her brother that she has witnessed his betrothed pretty much saying she was only marrying him because of his elite position. She finds Shining Armor trying on his tuxedo and top hat and is just about to gently confront him with the news when Cadence arrives on the scene and calls him away. Suspicious, Twilight follows the two. She watches as an irritated Cadence reminds Shining Armor that she asked him not to wear the top hat as part of his wedding attire. Shining Armor reminds Cadence that the top hat belonged to a favorite uncle and that is why he is wearing it.

“Are you disagreeing with me?” Cadence asks, perturbed. “I guess I am,” Shining Armor responds. Shining Armor suddenly winces a little. “Oh, dear, are you getting another headache,” Cadence sweetly asks him. A clearly pained Shining Armor nods, ‘yes’. Suddenly, a green light emanates from Cadence’s horn and she points it at Shining Armor. His eyes seem to spin in their sockets. Just as quickly as the green light appeared, it disappears. Twilight looks on as Cadence sweetly asks Shining Armor, “Feeling better?” Shining Armor shakes his head ‘yes’. “Still going to wear the top hat?” Cadence asks. Shining Armor shakes his head ‘no’. Off Twilight’s worried look we END ACT II.

ACT III

With the rehearsal for the wedding only a few minutes away, Twilight knows she doesn’t have much time to convince her friends and, more importantly, her brother that Cadence doesn’t just have an unpleasant personality, she might just be downright evil! It isn’t going to be easy to get through to everyone, but at least Twilight knows she can rely on the help and support of Cadence’s bridesmaids. After all, they’re equally turned off by her behavior and have heard with their own pony ears that Cadence is only marrying Shining Armor because of his elite position in the Queen’s Guard.

Confident she’ll be able to talk some sense into everyone once they see she isn’t the only one with reservations about Cadence, Twilight goes in search of Cadence’s bridesmaids. But upon arriving in the holding area for the wedding party, Twilight is shocked to discover that Cadence’s bridesmaids are gone! Apparently, Cadence has decided to replace them with... Twilight’s friends! And they couldn’t be more excited about it. Not only do they get to help with the wedding, they get to be in the wedding!

As an exuberant Rarity fits AppleJack, Pinkie Pie, Rainbow Dash, and Fluttershy for their new bridesmaid’s outfits, Twilight rushes off in a panic. So much for having allies to back her up when she outs Cadence for the horrible mare she really is. Twilight considers her options and comes to the conclusion that simply expressing her concerns about Cadence isn’t going to be enough. Cadence has somehow gotten her bridesmaid’s out of the way and clearly has Shining Armor under some kind of spell.

The dress rehearsal begins with a giddy Rarity, Pinkie Pie, AppleJack, Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy walking down the aisle to join Shining Armor and his Groomscolts. Soon after, Cadence joins them. PRINCESS CELESTIA, who will be officiating the wedding, explains how the rest of the ceremony will go. She gets to the part where the Best Mare is supposed to give Shining Armor the ring. For the first time, the wedding party notices that Twilight is not there. “Has anybody seen Twilight?” asks Shining Armor. “I’m here!” she replies.

All of a sudden Twilight comes swooping in on a white curtain like a pony version of Errol Flynn. “To rescue you!” Twilight proclaims as she swings over her brother. Much to her chagrin, she swings back in the direction from whence she came, loses her grip on the curtain and drops to the ground well short of where her brother is standing. Everyone is too stunned by Twilight’s actions to move. That is until she starts galloping toward her brother at breakneck speed, a look of crazed determination on her face. Cadence and the Ponyville Ponies dive out of the way to avoid being bowled over by Twilight. Twilight is a few feet from Shining Armor when his Groomscolts step in front of him. Twilight comically crashes right into them, stumbles back and lands with a thud.

The Groomscolts quickly circle around the dazed Twilight to keep her from getting close to her brother. Trapped, Twilight resorts to “plan B” and starts rattling off accusations about Cadence in an effort to turn Shining Armor against her. Twilight’s demeanor becomes increasingly agitated and her mannerisms more and more like someone who has gone completely crazy. “She’s been horrible to my friends!” she declares. “She’s done something with her bridesmaids!” she adds. “She’s put a spell on my brother!” Twilight continues. “Why are you doing this to me?” says Cadence, her eyes welling up with tears as she runs off. “Because you’re evil and you are going to ruin my brother’s life!” Twilight answers.

Twilight looks around to see Shining Armor and her Ponyville friends staring at her in disbelief. “She is!” Twilight says emphatically. But rather than agree with Twilight’s assessment of his bride-to-be, Shining Armor comes to Cadence’s defense. Cadence hasn’t been casting spells on him; she’s been using her magic to help him with the migraines he’s been suffering from ever since he started casting the protection spell over Canterlot. Cadence decided to dismiss her bridesmaid’s when she found out they had only agreed to participate in the wedding in order to meet Canterlot royalty. And if she hasn’t been on her best behavior with Twilight’s friends, it is because all of the planning for the wedding has been her responsibility and has her really stressed out.

Shining Armor makes his exit, but not before telling Twilight that she shouldn’t bother showing up for the wedding. He doesn’t want her to be his Best Mare anymore. A crestfallen Twilight watches her brother go. She turns to her friends, hopeful that perhaps they are on her side. But the Ponyville ponies just shake their heads in disappointment as they depart to look for Cadence and offer her their comfort and support. “You have a lot to think about,” Princess Celestia says softly but sternly as she follows the others out.

Alone, Twilight expresses her regret for her actions. “Maybe I really was just being overprotective,” she laments aloud. “I could have gained a sister,” she continues. “But instead I may have lost a brother”. She buries her head in her hoofs. A beat later she looks up to see Cadence standing there. “I’m sorry,” a tearful Twilight says. Cadence’s eyes narrow. “You will be,” Cadence says in a chilling voice. She fires up her horn and suddenly she and Twilight disappear into thin air.

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ACT IV

Darkness. Silence. Suddenly a light flickers on. It is coming from Twilight’s horn. “Hello? Hello? Is anyone there?” she calls out in a frightened voice. No response. Twilight looks around to see that crystal mirrors surround her. An eerie laugh cuts through the silence. Suddenly, Cadence’s reflection appears in the mirrors that encircle Twilight. She laughs at the sight of the terrified unicorn, and then explains that the two are now far beneath Canterlot. Cadence has transported them to the crystal caves that were once home to greedy unicorns that wanted to claim all the gems and jewels that could be found inside.

“Most ponies have forgotten that these caves even exist,” Cadence tells Twilight. “Which is why they are the perfect place to keep pathetic little ponies who try to interfere with my plans,” she continues. Cadence tells Twilight that the only way she can save Shining Armor now is if she can capture Cadence. “Catch me if you can,” Cadence teases. Twilight tries to fire a levitating spell from her horn at Cadence, but it merely bounces off of one of the mirrors and flips her onto her back. Twilight turns to see what she thinks is Cadence standing right behind her. She dives for the evil pony, but only ends up slamming into one of the mirrors, revealing that it was not the true Cadence, but only her reflection.

Cadence darts from mirror to mirror as Twilight grows more and more aggressive in her attempts to grab hold of the elusive pony. Twilight makes one last dive for Cadence and manages to knock her off her feet. Twilight uses her magic to pin Cadence to the ground. Cadence pleads with Twilight not to do anything to her. She informs Twilight that she is the “real Cadence”. The one up above in Canterlot is an imposter who has held her captive in the cave for days.

In an effort to prove her identity, Cadence begins to say the words to the paddy cake chant we saw she and Twilight perform in their youth. Twilight slowly releases Cadence and as the two begin to carry out their “secret hoofshake”. We dissolve to a FLASHBACK of the ponies when they were younger doing the same moves. We dissolve back to the present as they finish. “I knew you wouldn’t have forgotten me,” Twilight says. The two

unicorns embrace, happy to be reunited. But they'll have to do their reminiscing later. Right now they have to find a way to escape the crystal caves and stop the imposter Cadence from marrying Shining Armor.

Back in Canterlot, the imposter Cadence is getting ready for the wedding. MUSIC UP as she begins to SING a SONG in which she celebrates the fact that Shining Armor will soon be "Mine all mine". The music continues as we return to the crystal caves where Twilight and Cadence are trying to find an escape route. The two begin to SING their own version of the SONG. But where the imposter Cadence's lyrics were about controlling Shining Armor, Twilight and the real Cadence's lyrics are about freeing him. We INTERCUT between the two scenes, contrasting the imposter Cadence's evil agenda with Twilight and the real Cadence's loving one, as well as the fake Cadence's slow and deliberate walk down the aisle with Twilight and the real Cadence's frantic escape through the crystal caves on a runaway mining car.

The fake Cadence's part of the song ends as she reaches Shining Armor and the rest of the wedding party. Shining Armor looks over at the fake Cadence, his eyes glazed over and his mind clearly under her control. We return to Twilight and the real Cadence who have finally arrived at the exit of the caves. They conclude their part of the song, relieved that it looks like they will be able to make it out in time to rescue Shining Armor.

But just then, stepping out from the shadows to block the exit are Cadence's bridesmaids. "You're not going anywhere," they say in unison, their eyes as blank as Shining Armor's. Off Twilight and the real Cadence's horrified looks we END ACT IV.

ACT V

Back in Canterlot, oblivious to Twilight's plight, the Ponyville Ponies look on as Princess Celestia reaches the end of the wedding ceremony. She is just about to pronounce Shining Armor and the fake Cadence "husband and wife" when he is suddenly interrupted by Twilight screaming "Stop!" Everyone turns to see a worse-for-the-wear Twilight glaring at the fake Cadence.

The imposter Cadence glares back for a moment, then quickly puts on her best sad face. "Why does she have to be so possessive of her brother?" the fake Cadence asks through fake tears. Twilight's friends once again shake their heads in disappointment at their friend's behavior. "Why does she have to ruin my special day?" the fake Cadence sobs. "It's not your special day. It's mine!" The entire wedding party lets out a gasp as the real Cadence reveals herself.

The jig up, the imposter Cadence drops the fake sad act. It doesn't really matter that Twilight and the real Cadence have made an appearance now. Her plan is already in motion. But before explaining further, she wants to know how in the world Twilight and the real Cadence were able to get past the bridesmaids.

We SMASH CUT to a fast-thinking Twilight tossing a bouquet and the bridesmaid's leaving their post at the exit to chase after it. We SMASH CUT back to the wedding ceremony where Twilight explains to the thoroughly confused wedding party that the pony Shining Armor was about to marry is actually a Changeling, a creature that consumes love to gain power and who takes the form of and replaces a loved one in order to gain access to this love.

In a flash of green light, the imposter Cadence transforms into a gangly black unicorn with a gnarled black horn. She introduces herself as QUEEN CHRYSALIS. She congratulates Twilight on her knowledge of Changelings. They do indeed gain power by devouring the love of others. As Queen it is her job to find food for her Changeling subjects. "Equestria has more love than any place I have ever encountered," Queen Chrysalis tells the crowd. "And with total access to its citizens, my fellow Changelings will be able to devour more love and gain more power than we've ever dreamed of," she adds.

Twilight reminds Queen Chrysalis that Shining Armor has cast a protective spell over Canterlot. Queen Chrysalis' evil horde of Changelings will never be able to attack Equestria. A bemused Queen Chrysalis informs Twilight that she has been feeding on the love Shining Armor has for the real Cadence for days. He is under her control and growing constantly weaker. As a result, his force field around Canterlot has grown weaker and weaker as well. Outside, we see that Queen Chrysalis minions have begun chipping away at the weakened force field.

Back at the wedding, The Queen explains that as long as her spell on Shining Armor remains intact and he is unable to fully perform his own spell, her Changeling army will be able to break through the protective shield. Equestria will be hers for the taking!

Rarity, Pinkie Pie, Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy and AppleJack share terrified looks as they cling to one another. They grow less afraid as Princess Celestia calmly approaches Queen Chrysalis. She informs the Queen that she had gotten word that she was coming, but had not know whose form she would take. Now that the Queen has revealed herself, Princess Celestia can take her down. The Princess powers up, the energy emanating from her is almost blinding. She is just about to unleash this powerful spell on Queen Chrysalis, when the Queen suddenly unleashes an even more powerful spell of her own. The love she has gotten from Shining Armor has made Queen Chrysalis even stronger than the Princess and her spell knocks the wind out of Princess Celestia who falls to the ground.

With their beloved Princess down, Twilight and the rest of the Ponyville Ponies rush to her side. A weakened Princess manages to muster enough energy to whisper that it is up to them to save Equestria from the Changelings. "You must get to the Elements of Harmony and use their power to defeat the Queen," she informs them. Twilight and her friends take off for Canterlot Castle with a gloating Queen Chrysalis calling after them that they can run, but they can't hide.

As Twilight and her friends make their way towards the Cathedral of Harmony to retrieve the Elements, they look up to see that Shining Armor's force field is indeed weakening. A handful of Changelings have made their way through. Spotting the Ponyville Ponies, the Changelings chase after them. Our heroes evade the Changelings for a while but eventually must fight through them to reach the castle.

The Ponyville Ponies kick and "punch" at the evil creatures. A task that becomes more difficult as the Changelings use their powers to transform themselves into ponies that look just like our heroes. Rainbow Dash hesitates to kick a Changeling when it suddenly turns into AppleJack and gets a kick from her "friend" in return. Rarity apologizes profusely after swatting at a Changeling who now looks just like Fluttershy.

At long last, Twilight and her friends are able to make it to the door to the Cathedral of Harmony. But just as they do so, the last of the force field breaks down and Queen Chrysalis' army of Changelings breaks through. They swarm the entrance to the tower and surround Twilight and her friends. The Ponyville Ponies realize they have been defeated and have no choice but to surrender as we END ACT V.

ACT VI

Soon after, the Changeling army herds Twilight and her friends back to the site of the wedding and Queen Chrysalis. The Changeling Queen revels in her success. But as she begins her villainous victory speech, the Ponyville Ponies notice that right behind her, Cadence is very carefully and very sneakily making her way over to the dazed Shining Armor. The girls try really hard not to tip what is going on behind Queen Chrysalis' back. An almost Herculean task for the always-excitabile Pinkie Pie.

With Queen Chrysalis' attention focused on giving herself accolades for her perfectly executed plan, Cadence is able to reach her beloved Shining Armor. She lowers her horn and casts a true love spell over him. The light returns to Shining Armor's eyes as he comes out of his daze. "Is the wedding over?" he asks, confused. Cadence quickly tries to quiet him, but it is too late. Queen Chrysalis spins on her hooves to face the groom and his real bride-to-be. "It's all over!" Queen Chrysalis informs him with a wicked grin.

Cadence turns her attention to Shining Armor. "Your spell! Perform your protection spell!" she commands him. Still unsure of what is going on, but placing his trust in his true love, Shining Armor starts to perform his spell. Cadence touches her horn to his and casts a spell of her own. Suddenly, an electrified force field made of undulating pink and red hearts appears. The shield expands, passing over the Ponyville Ponies and Princess Celestia, but pushing a screaming Queen and her Changeling subjects out of Equestria forever.

The crisis over, Twilight runs up to Cadence and Shining Armor and the three embrace.

A confused Spike asks what in the world has just happened. Pinkie Pie happily informs him that Twilight has just realized that she hasn't lost a brother, she's gained a sister. "I meant with the crazy bubble thing that just appeared," Spike clarifies. A recovered Princess Celestia explains that the power of Cadence and Shining Armor's true love pushed all those without love in their hearts out of Equestria and that their combined powers formed a new force field that Queen Chrysalis and her minions can never get through.

Soon after, the wedding party gathers to participate in the nuptials of Shining Armor and the real Cadence. We see that Cadence's original bridesmaids have been reinstated. (They are no longer under Queen Chrysalis' spell and have obviously been rescued from the crystal caves.) Cadence is so appreciative of all the hard work the Ponyville Ponies have put into the wedding plans that she has decided to keep them as bridesmaids too.

As everyone prepares to make his or her entrance, Princess Celestia pulls Twilight aside and commends her for being persistent when she knew something was wrong. Learning to trust your instincts is a valuable lesson to learn. The other Ponyville Ponies are equally impressed with Twilight and consider her a hero. She not only saved her brother, but all of Equestria as well.

The wedding begins and Twilight takes her place next to her brother as his Best Mare. MUSIC UP as Twilight begins to SING a SONG about the lesson that everypony has learned from this experience: True love conquers all. As Twilight continues to sing, the other ponies join in and we launch into a huge WEDDING MUSICAL NUMBER that allows us to see the nuptials, Rainbow Dash's double sonic rainboom, Fluttershy's songbird chorus singing for the couple's first dance, the cutting of the cake, Pinkie Pie leading a speeded up version of the "chicken dance", Rarity fighting to catch the bouquet, Shining Armor asking Twilight to join him and Cadence for photos, etc., etc., etc...

The song ends and Twilight comments that this has been the best wedding ever. "Just wait until you see what I have planned for the bachelor party," replies a clueless Spike, rubbing his hands together.

THE END