

MY LITTLE PONY FRIENDSHIP IS MAGIC - Episode Summaries: 401 - 426

Season Four

401 -- Princess Twilight Part 1

Episodic Summary: Princess Twilight is still adjusting to her new wings, as well as her new title, as she prepares for the Summer Sun Celebration in Canterlot. Princess Celestia has given her an important role in the ceremony, and with only a few days left, Twilight is more than a little concerned that she won't be ready in time. When Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Pinkie Pie, Fluttershy, and Rarity leave for Ponyville to finish their own preparations for the celebration back home, Twilight starts to worry that her new status as a Princess will cause she and her friends to drift apart. But when Princess Celestia and Princess Luna go missing and the Everfree Forest starts wreaking havoc on Ponyville, Twilight must put her worries aside and gather her friends to find the missing princesses and get the Everfree Forest back under control. Together, the ponies confront Discord, believing him to be the one behind the mayhem. However, much to their surprise, the newly reformed Discord claims he's innocent. Instead, it is Zecora who helps the ponies by giving Twilight a special potion that allows her to go back in time where she witnesses a disturbing battle between Princess Celestia and Nightmare Moon.

402 -- Princess Twilight Part 2

Episodic Summary: Twilight goes back in time, to the origin of the Elements of Harmony, as she searches for a way to rescue the missing Princesses and restore order to the Everfree Forest. Twilight discovers that she and her friends must travel deep into the Forest, which is now more dangerous than ever, and heal the Tree of Harmony. However, in the absence of Princess Celestia and Princess Luna, Twilight's friends worry about her accompanying them on their dangerous mission, and insist she stay behind to fulfill her royal duties and prevent panic from spreading in Equestria. Although Twilight is troubled by their decision, she agrees to stay behind, until a pointed remark by Discord pushes her to go after her friends. After overcoming some dangerous obstacles in the Everfree Forest, Twilight finally reaches her friends at the Tree of Harmony, and together they return the Elements of Harmony to the tree so it can heal itself. Once the elements are returned to the tree, it begins to glow as Princess Celestia and Princess Luna are released and a sparkling crystal rainbow encircles the ponies. Suddenly, a golden chest emerges from the heart of the tree, and the crystal rainbow shoots into the chest, causing the lid to slam shut. Noticing the six locks on the chest, Twilight is more confused than ever, but Princess Celestia eases her mind, telling her she will not have to solve this mystery alone. The ponies return to Ponyville, just as everything is returning to normal, and encounter a sly Discord who admits to having a hand in the vines that attacked the Tree of Harmony.

403 -- Castle Mane-ia

Episodic Summary: After returning the Elements of Harmony, Princess Twilight was given a mysterious locked chest that she is certain is connected to her destiny. Princess Celestia suggests that Twilight search the library in The Castle of the Two Sisters for more information about it. Spike is reluctant to spend so much time in the spooky, old castle, but agrees to go with her. Meanwhile, Applejack and Rainbow Dash vie for the title of "Most Daring Pony," and test their bravery against the legend of the Pony of Shadows who resides in the castle, just as Rarity and Fluttershy embark on a mission to restore its tapestries to their former glory. But the ponies get more than they bargained for as they discover trap doors, secret passageways, and an ever-watchful "Pony of Shadows" who seems to be more than just a legend. The ponies struggle with letting their imaginations get the best of them in the spooky castle, but eventually, they all run into each other and discover that the mysterious cloaked figure playing the organ is not the Pony of Shadows, but is actually Pinkie Pie. Twilight doesn't find out anything new about the chest, but does find a journal that Celestia and Luna kept when they were younger. Her friends think it's a great idea when she suggests that they keep a journal together so that they can share the lessons that they learn.

404 – Daring Don't

Episodic Summary: Rainbow Dash couldn't be more excited about the release of the newest book in the Daring Do series. When she finds out that it has been delayed, she encourages her friends to join her in tracking down the book's author A.K. Yearling. Rainbow Dash plans to offer to help A.K. Yearling in any way that she can so that the author can finish her new novel. But when the ponies arrive at A.K. Yearling's house, they find that the place has been trashed and that A.K. Yearling is caught up in a grand adventure. As it turns out, Daring Do isn't a fictional character, but the alter ego of A.K. Yearling! Although Daring Do vehemently opposes accepting help from anypony and prefers to work alone, Rainbow Dash desperately wants to help her hero stop the evil Ahuizotl. However, when her obsessive fan girl behavior jeopardizes Daring Do's mission and Daring Do is captured, Rainbow Dash loses confidence in herself, and is hesitant to try to help her for fear of getting in the way again. Twilight, Applejack, Rarity, Fluttershy, and Pinkie Pie recognize that Daring Do needs their help, but before they can go after her, they must first help restore Rainbow Dash's self confidence. In the end, Rainbow Dash and her friends rescue Daring Do, who is thankful for their help in thwarting Ahuizotl's evil plan, recognizing that everypony needs help sometimes.

405 -- Flight to the Finish

Episodic Summary: The Equestria Games are just around the corner and the Cutie Mark Crusaders are eager to earn the honor of carrying the Ponyville flag at the opening ceremonies. It looks like they've got what it takes to be chosen. That is until Diamond Tiara convinces Scootaloo that the Cutie Mark Crusaders can't possibly represent Ponyville if the Pegasus in their routine can't even fly. But as Scootaloo becomes more and more desperate to use her wings, the Cutie Mark Crusaders flag routine gets worse and worse. She ultimately quits the group, convinced that she is the weak link and that her friends have a better chance of achieving their goal without her. When Rainbow Dash finds out Scootaloo isn't going to compete, she joins Apple Bloom and Sweetie Belle in trying to convince Scootaloo that she represents all that is great about Ponyville, just the way she is. With her confidence restored, Scootaloo rejoins her friends, and together they perform their flag routine, outshining the competition and earning the honor of carrying the Ponyville flag at the opening ceremonies of the Equestria Games.

406 – Super Ponies

Episodic Summary: When Spike gets his claws on an enchanted comic book, he and his friends magically end up in the world of Maretropolis. Twilight, Applejack, Fluttershy, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Pinkie Pie are all transformed into the comic book superheroes, The Power Ponies, while poor Spike is stuck as their seemingly worthless sidekick Stomper. The only way to get back to Ponyville is to defeat the super-villain The Mane-iac. But when the The Mane-iac finds a way to strip the Power Ponies of all their super powers and render them helpless, Spike overcomes his feelings of insignificance and is able to free the ponies, allowing them to defeat The Mane-iac and return home to Ponyville.

407 – Bats!

Episodic Summary: When Sweet Apple Acres is attacked by Vampire Fruit Bats, Applejack enlists her friends to help her round up the pesky varmints before they do even more damage to the orchard. But once they've captured the hungry creatures, they aren't sure what to do with them. Fluttershy's suggestion to build a Vampire Fruit Bat sanctuary is deemed too time-consuming. But when Twilight suggests a spell that will take away the Vampire Fruit Bats appetite for apples, the other ponies are all for it. Fluttershy's protests to this plan go unheeded and Twilight carries out the spell. Unfortunately for Applejack and her friends, it has unexpected and terrifying consequences and the spell actually turns Fluttershy into Flutter-bat, causing her to behave like a crazed vampire fruit bat. Fearing that their friend is becoming less like a pony and more like a bat, Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Pinkie Pie work together to find

Fluttershy, and reverse the spell. In the end, they apologize to Fluttershy for not listening to her plan, and build the Vampire Fruit Bats sanctuary she proposed at the start.

408 – Rarity Takes Manehattan

Episodic Summary: Rarity is participating in a fashion competition in Manehattan and brings her Ponyville friends to the city with her so they can see the sights and attend a performance of the hit musical, *Henny of the Hills*. Everything is going wonderfully until one of Rarity's competitors, Suri Polomare, takes advantage of Rarity's generosity and uses all of Rarity's hoof-made fabric to complete her own collection. Rarity is so upset by this turn of events that she soon finds herself taking advantage of her friends and forcing them to abandon their plans in the city so they can help her create a new clothing line and win the competition. The ponies stay up all night to help Rarity complete her new line, but accidentally sleep through her runway show. Believing her friends abandoned her because of how poorly she treated them, Rarity leaves the competition to make amends, realizing that no competition is worth losing her friends over. Once she finds them, Rarity apologizes for her behavior, and reveals that she has offered her sewing services to the costume designer of *Henny of the Hills* in exchange for a private performance of the show for her friends. In the end, Suri's assistant Coco Pommel reveals that Rarity won the contest after all and that she has quit her job as the duplicitous Suri's assistant. Coco gives Rarity a rainbow-colored spool of thread as a thank you for showing her that even in the big city, generosity can flourish. The spool of thread eventually becomes Rarity's key.

409 -- Pinkie Apple Pie

Episodic Summary: Applejack, Apple Bloom, Granny Smith, and Big Mac are all thrilled to learn that Pinkie Pie might be their fourth cousin twice removed by a fifth cousin. She is a member of the best family ever! Just to be sure that Pinkie is indeed an Apple, they all set out on a family road trip to visit another relative named Goldie Delicious who can provide proof that Pinkie is definitely their cousin. The Apples are certain that the trip is a great way to show Pinkie just how great her new family is. But as the trip progresses, everything that could go wrong does, and the Apples start to wonder if their family is really one worth getting excited about joining. However, Pinkie Pie reminds them that the love they share for each other, and their refusal to give up even when things went wrong, is part of what makes the Apple Family so special. They aren't just family, they are also best friends. With a renewed sense of the Apple family spirit, Pinkie Pie, Applejack, Apple Bloom, Big Mac, and Granny Smith finally arrive at Goldie Delicious' cabin to find out if Pinkie Pie is really related to them. However, Goldie Delicious' records of the Apple family tree are smudged, and a disappointed Pinkie Pie laments never knowing whether or not she's really an Apple. Applejack, Apple Bloom, Big Mac, and Granny Smith tell her it doesn't matter to them what's written in their family record book, because they know Pinkie Pie is an Apple to the Core.

410 – Rainbow Falls

Episodic Summary: The Equestria Games are just around the corner but not everypony will get to compete in them. Athletes must first qualify by placing in the top three at the Equestria Games Trials in Rainbow Falls. Rainbow Dash is headed there with the rest of the Ponyville Relay Team. The team is lucky to have the fierce competitor on their squad because their chances of placing high enough to attend the Games are slim-to-none without her. The only team virtually guaranteed to make it through the trials and on to the Equestria Games is the Cloudsdale Relay Team, a team that is composed entirely of members of the Wonderbolts. But when one of the Wonderbolts is injured during practice, the Cloudsdale team offers Rainbow Dash his spot. Torn between the two teams and her desire to be part of a winning team, Rainbow Dash fakes a hoof injury to get out of having to choose. Ultimately, Rainbow Dash realizes that remaining loyal to her Ponyville friends and teammates is more important than winning, and she decides to compete with the Ponyville team, allowing them to qualify for the Equestria Games. Through Rainbow

Dash's actions, the Wonderbolts learn what it means to be loyal and give her a pin that will eventually become her key.

411 – Pinkie Pride

Episodic Summary: Pinkie Pie has always been the top party-planner and all around silly pony and morale officer for Ponyville. That status becomes challenged when a mysterious new pony named Cheese Sandwich comes to town. Cheese Sandwich soon ends up taking over the party planning for Rainbow Dash's birthday and Pinkie becomes more and more convinced that unless she can out party Cheese, she'll no longer have an important role to play in Ponyville. Pinkie decides that the only solution is to have a "goof-off" with Cheese Sandwich. But when their "goof-off" overshadows Rainbow Dash's party, Pinkie Pie realizes she's broken her "Pinkie Party Promise" by letting her pride get in the way of Rainbow Dash's party. To make amends, Pinkie Pie forfeits the contest, naming Cheese Sandwich the winner. Pinkie Pie's friends remind her what a great party planner and friend she is, and Cheese Sandwich admits that Pinkie Pie is the one who inspired him to become a party planner in the first place. Together, Pinkie Pie and Cheese Sandwich throw Rainbow Dash the best birth-aversary ever. Before departing Ponyville, Cheese Sandwich gives Pinkie Pie his rubber chicken "Boneless" which will ultimately turn out to be her key.

412 – Three's a Crowd?

Episodic Summary: Princess Twilight's former foal-sitter and now sister-in-law Princess Cadance is coming to Ponyville for a visit. The two haven't had much time to really spend together since the wedding and Twilight is really looking forward to bonding with Cadance when the fate of Equestria doesn't hang in the balance. An equally excited Princess Cadance arrives in Ponyville and it looks like the two are going to have some real quality time together. That is until reformed Discord comes down with a terrible case of the Blue Flu and insists on crashing at Twilight's place. Twilight struggles to help Discord recover quickly so she can resume her quiet weekend with Cadance, but just when she thinks they've retrieved the remedy for Discord's flu, the two ponies encounter a relentless Tatslwurm. After finally escaping the monster, Twilight learns that Discord has been faking his illness in an effort to find out just how far Twilight would go to help him. Twilight is furious at first, but then realizes that even though the weekend didn't go the way she planned, she was still able to spend quality time bonding with Cadance.

413 – Simple Ways

Episodic Summary: Trenderhoof, the most celebrated travel writer in Equestria, is coming to Ponyville to check out the Ponyville Days Festival and Rarity is beside herself. She has a massive crush on Trenderhoof and is certain she'll impress him with her glamorous ideas for the festival. Unfortunately for Rarity, after a visit to Sweet Apple Acres, Trenderhoof also develops a crush -- on Applejack. Desperate to win over Trenderhoof, Rarity decides that the only course of action is to become more Applejack than Applejack. Rarity's efforts to imitate her friend only cause her to look more and more foolish and Applejack is ultimately forced to intervene. Rarity ultimately realizes that real friends will like her for who she is, and that pretending to be someone else is no way to make new friends.

414 – Flutterfear

Episodic Summary: Big Mac is a member of the Ponyville singing group the Ponytones and is scheduled to perform with them at a charity event for Fluttershy's Pet Center. Unfortunately, Big Mac loses his voice the day of the concert. Fluttershy is eager for the show to go on and enlists Zecora's help in curing Big Mac. Zecora can cure him, but not in time for the concert. However, she does know somepony else who has voice as deep as Big Mac's and could take his place -- Fluttershy when she is infected with Poison Joke! Fluttershy reluctantly agrees to take the Poison Joke and perform with the Ponytones, but only if Big Mac agrees to let her perform backstage

while he mouths the words in front of the audience. They do so and the clueless crowd goes wild! The Pony Tones are soon the toast of Ponyville and are asked to perform again and again. Behind the safety of the curtain and with Big Mac as her front man, Fluttershy is finally able to be the singer she's only dreamed of being. Ultimately, Fluttershy and Big Mac's secret is uncovered, and Fluttershy realizes that she's been letting her fear of performing in front of a crowd keep her from doing something she really enjoys. Fluttershy joins the Ponytones for a performance in front of her friends and vows to take baby steps to continue overcoming her stage fright.

415 - Twilight Time

Episodic Summary: Princess Twilight has offered to help the Cutie Mark Crusaders master some new skills. She is happy to share her love of learning with them, and Sweetie Belle, Apple Bloom, and Scootaloo are very grateful that she's willing to do so. On the playground, however, Sweetie Belle, Apple Bloom, and Scootaloo lament how hard they've worked to develop their skills, while their rivals, Diamond Tiara and Silver Spoon, don't work hard at all, and are still the most popular ponies at school. But when the Cutie Mark Crusaders casually mention their after school sessions with Princess Twilight, everyone suddenly starts to take interest in them. Unfortunately, they get carried away with the notoriety of being friends with a princess, using their relationship with Twilight to impress their classmates and earn special favors from them. When Twilight discovers that the Cutie Mark Crusaders have been misusing their time with her, Sweetie Belle, Apple Bloom, and Scootaloo must prove to Twilight that their lessons with her are more important than being popular with their classmates. The Cutie Mark Crusaders attempt to demonstrate to Twilight and their classmates the skills they've learned during "Twilight time", but their lack of practice quickly becomes obvious and they fail miserably. No longer the most popular ponies in school, and feeling guilty for disappointing Twilight, the ponies apologize to their mentor, and a forgiving Twilight is happy to continue helping them.

416 - It Ain't Easy Being Breezies

Episodic Summary: Small, faerie-like creatures, known as Breezies, are passing through Ponyville on their way back home. With only two days to complete their journey, Fluttershy uses her vast knowledge of magical creatures to ensure that the Breezies feel comfortable and confident, and that their brief passage through Ponyville goes smoothly. As all of Ponyville gathers to watch and welcome the Breezies, a small mishap endangers the lives of a group of Breezies, causing Fluttershy to leap into action to rescue the small creatures. Hoping to restore the Breezies' confidence and get them back home safely, Fluttershy takes the shaken creatures under her care. However, when the Breezies make themselves at home in Fluttershy's cottage and beg to extend their stay in Ponyville, Fluttershy's sympathy for the creatures and their perilous journey clouds her judgment. Only one of the Breezies, Sea Breeze, realizes how important it is for them to be on their way, but she is so unkind to her fellow Breezies that no one will listen to her. Twilight, Rainbow Dash, Applejack, Rarity, and Pinkie Pie help Fluttershy realize that coddling the Breezies is jeopardizing their chances of leaving Ponyville in time to make it back to their world. As difficult as it is, Fluttershy must kick the Breezies out of her house and send them on her way. But to make sure they get home safely, Twilight performs a spell that turns the Mane 6 into Breezies, and together they help the small creatures get back home. Sea Breeze, moved by Fluttershy's kindness, decides to show kindness herself, and gives Fluttershy a flower from the Breezies world. This flower will eventually become Fluttershy's key.

417 - Somepony to Watch Over Me

Episodic Summary: Granny Smith, Big Mac, and Applejack must all leave Ponyville for the day, and have decided that Apple Bloom is finally old enough to stay home by herself. Eager to prove herself, Apple Bloom happily tackles the long list of chores her sister has given her. Applejack has barely set off on her pie delivery with Big Mac when she decides to return to Sweet Apple Acres to check on Apple Bloom one last time. Unfortunately, her sudden appearance causes Apple Bloom to have an accident that only makes Applejack more fearful of leaving her little sister

alone. As Applejack abandons her pie delivery, taking her role as Apple Bloom's big sister and protector to extremes, Apple Bloom desperately attempts to prove she can take care of herself. She ultimately enlists the Cutie Mark Crusaders to help her sneak out and make Applejack's delivery for her. But her trip takes a dangerous turn, and Apple Bloom is relieved when Applejack shows up to save her. Apple Bloom realizes that she does still need her big sister, while Applejack recognizes that Apple Bloom is growing up and is capable of doing some things on her own.

419 - Maud Pie

Episodic Summary: Pinkie Pie's older sister Maud Pie is visiting Ponyville for the first time, and Pinkie Pie is thrilled. She can't wait to introduce Maud to her friends so that they can all become best friends and participate in a sacred Pie Family bonding ritual- making best friend rock candy necklaces! Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy are equally excited about meeting Maud, especially after Pinkie Pie tells them how much they all have in common. But when Maud arrives, completely different from what they expected, the ponies are caught off guard by her unusual quirkiness and muted enthusiasm. Knowing how important it is to Pinkie Pie that they all become best friends, Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy attempt to bond with Maud, but find it much more difficult to form a close relationship with her than they originally thought it would be. In an effort to bring her sister and friends closer together, Pinkie Pie creates an elaborate and dangerous obstacle course for them to do together, but when she herself is almost hurt while trying to demonstrate it, Maud decides to spare her sister any more disappointment and heads back to Rock Farm. A saddened Pinkie Pie goes with her sister, while Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy realize they have more in common with Maud than they originally thought. The ponies decide to surprise Pinkie Pie and Maud by beating them to Rock Farm, where they apologize to Maud and Pinkie Pie for not recognizing sooner how their mutual love for Pinkie Pie is the only thing they need to create a bond between them. The ponies end the day making best friend candy necklaces.

420 - For Whom the Sweetie Belle Toils

Episodic Summary: Sweetie Belle is helping Rarity make costumes for one of Equestria's elite pop stars, Sapphire Shores. Although her sister is already pressured to finish the costumes on time, Sweetie Belle asks Rarity to make the Cutie Mark Crusaders' costumes for their upcoming play and Sweetie Belle's debut as a playwright, director, and actress. However, when Rarity's costumes are so stunning, they completely outshine Sweetie Belle's performance, she becomes furious, accusing Rarity of trying to sabotage her big moment. To get back at her sister for constantly taking the spotlight away from her, Sweetie Belle deliberately damages Rarity's costume for Sapphire Shores. But after a visit from Princess Luna, who shows her in a dream the disastrous consequences of her actions, Sweetie Belle recognizes how deeply her sister cares for her, and resolves to remedy her mistake, by apologizing to her sister and repairing the damaged costume.

421 - Leap of Faith

Episodic Summary: When the Apple Family spends some time at the swimming hole, Granny reveals to Big Mac, Applejack, and Apple Bloom that she was once a well-known aqua-pony, but after a painful high-diving experience, she's become afraid of the water and refuses to swim anymore. On their way back to Sweet Apple Acres, they encounter the Flim Flam Brothers, who claim to have a miraculous cure-all tonic, and are more than happy to help ponies in need...for a price. Applejack is immediately suspicious and sets out to uncover the truth, discovering that the tonic is just apple juice and beet leaves. But when Granny starts swimming again after using some of the miracle tonic, Applejack questions whether or not honesty is always the best policy and keeps the truth about the tonic from Granny and the other citizens of Ponyville. But when she finds out Granny Smith is going to do a dangerous high dive, she has no choice but to tell Granny that the tonic is a fake. Her decision to do so not only saves Granny from harm, but also

convinces the Flim Flam brother's helper, Silver Shill, to change his ways and become a more honest pony. As a reminder of how Applejack helped him, he gives her a silver bit that will eventually become her key.

422 - Testing, Testing, 1, 2, 3...

Episodic Summary: Rainbow Dash is preparing to take her History of the Wonderbolts exam, a test she must pass in order to become a member of the Wonderbolts Reserves. Twilight offers to help her study, but soon realizes that her tried and true study methods aren't helping Rainbow Dash memorize the material she needs to know for the test. Fluttershy, Pinkie Pie, Rarity, and Applejack attempt to help Rainbow Dash as well, offering up their own methods of studying, but nothing seems to work. Feeling defeated, Rainbow Dash is ready to give up on her dreams. But when Twilight discovers Rainbow Dash is able to absorb and retain information while she's flying, she and the other ponies are able to help Rainbow Dash learn the history of the Wonderbolts and she aces her test. Twilight learns that not every pony learns the same way, and that one way of learning isn't better than another.

418 - Trade Ya!

Episodic Summary: Twilight, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, Fluttershy, and Spike are headed to the Rainbow Falls Traders Exchange, each bringing something to trade. Spike brings one of his prized comic books, planning to trade it for another one, and Applejack and Rarity combine their resources in hopes of trading for something "vintage." Although Fluttershy brings her bear call hoping to trade it for a bird whistle, she decides to help Rainbow Dash in her quest to trade her lucky pin for a first edition, Daring Do book. As per Princess Celestia's request, Twilight must ensure that all trades taking place at the exchange are fair, meaning that those involved each get something they want from the trade. While fulfilling her princess duties, Twilight decides she might as well try to get rid of some of her old books that no longer fit in her crowded library, but Pinkie Pie takes it upon herself to see that Twilight's valuable books are traded for something worthwhile. And although she is frustrated with Pinkie Pie's refusal to let her trade her books for just anything, Twilight realizes how much those books mean to her and is thankful to Pinkie Pie for seeing the value in them when she couldn't. Spike ends up with the comic book he was after, Rarity and Applejack, who couldn't agree on a worthy vintage trade, end up finding something for each other, and Rainbow Dash, who almost traded Fluttershy in her desperation to attain the Daring Do book, ultimately gets Fluttershy her bird whistle.

424 - Equestria Games

Episodic Summary: When Spike and the Mane 6 travel to the Crystal Empire for the Equestria Games, Spike is received like a hero for his role in saving the Empire from King Sombra. Spike is even given the honor of lighting the torch to open the Empire Games, an opportunity that has him both elated and terrified. When it comes time to light the torch, Spike sees the stadium of ponies watching him, his nerves get the best of him and he is unable to light the torch. Feeling defeated and undeserving of the admiration he's been receiving from the citizens of the Crystal Empire, Spike resolves to prove to himself that he is the heroic dragon the other ponies believe him to be with disastrous results. But when the Ice Archery event goes awry and attendees are in danger, Spike springs into action and saves the day. As a result of his heroic actions, Princess Cadence gives him the opportunity to set off the fireworks during the closing ceremonies of the Equestria Games, which allows him to finally let go of his regrets during the opening ceremonies and to take pride in his role in the games.

423 – Inspiration Manifestation

Episode Summary: When Rarity fails to impress a puppeteer with the traveling puppet theater she's created, she becomes distraught that she doesn't have time to make something new for Ponyville's Foal and Filly Fair. Eager to help his friend, Spike ends up finding a spell that allows

its user to instantly make real any idea that pops into her head. Rarity successfully uses the spell book to provide a new puppet show for the Fair, but instead of returning it to the library in the Castle of the Two Sisters, decides to hold onto it. Unfortunately, the longer it's in her possession, the more obsessed she becomes with the power it gives her and the more over-the-top and harmful her ideas become. Soon Rarity is giving every inch of Ponyville a make-over and it is causing major problems for its citizens. It's up to Spike to stop the monstrous version of Rarity he's created, but he fears that he'll lose her as a friend if he tells her the truth about her latest designs. When Rarity reveals that she's planning to "Rarify" all of Equestria, Spike realizes that he has no choice but to tell his friend that her creative contributions are ruining everything. In the end, Spike's honesty breaks the spell that that book has over Rarity and Spike learns that a true friend always knows that you're speaking up about their behavior because you care about them.

425 – Twilight's Kingdom Part 1

Episodic Summary: Twilight has been feeling uncertain about her role as a princess, unsure of what kind of a princess she's meant to be. Cadence, Celestia, and Luna attempt to reassure her that the answers will come to her in time, but when Celestia has a premonition about the evil Tirek escaping Tartarus and stealing magic from unicorns all over Equestria, she chooses to enlist the help of Discord, rather than Twilight, to locate him, and bring him to justice. Feeling even more pressure to prove she's worthy of her new royal status, Twilight turns her attention to opening the chest that was given to her by the Tree of Harmony. She hopes that its contents will reveal to her the role she is meant to play as the newest member of Equestrian royalty. Reading through the journal she and her friends have been keeping, she realizes that her Ponyville friends each received an item when they faced a challenge and embraced the Element of Harmony to which they are connected. When held close to the chest, those items transform into keys. Unfortunately, Twilight is the only one who hasn't earned such an item. But she doesn't have time to consider why this is as she is called to Canterlot to face a new crisis. Discord has betrayed his Pony friends and joined forces with Tirek. He is coming after the Princesses and they must give up their magic before Tirek arrives so that he cannot take it from them.

426 - Twilight's Kingdom Part 2

Episodic Summary: Discord has betrayed his pony friends and teamed up with Tirek and Princess Celestia, Princess Luna, and Princess Cadence want to transfer their magic to Twilight to keep it safe while they try to figure out a way to deal with this troubling new development. Princess Twilight is hesitant at first, but remembers that her friends received their keys to the chest after facing a challenge in which living up to the Element of Harmony they represent proved difficult. She suspects that it is her turn to face such a challenge. Celestia cautions Twilight to keep her new power a secret, even from her friends, so as not to put them in further danger. Back in Ponyville, Twilight has trouble controlling the immense power within her, and her friends can sense that something's wrong. Twilight attempts to distance herself from her friends, during which time Discord helps Tirek capture them. Discord is shocked when Tirek imprisons him as well. After an explosive confrontation with Tirek, in which the two find themselves evenly matched, Princess Twilight must decide whether or not to trade her magic for her friends' safety; even if it means Tirek will have enough power to steal all the magic in Equestria. Princess Twilight gives up her magic in exchange for her friends, including Discord. So moved by the fact that Twilight would save him despite his betrayal, Discord gives Twilight a medallion as a sign that he will forever be a true friend. Twilight and her friends race to the chest and discover that the medallion is Twilight's key. Together they unlock the chest and release the magic contained within. They use it to return the magic Tirek has stolen from across Equestria and send Tirek back to Tartarus. Having earned her key and defeated Tirek, Twilight takes on the mantle of the Princess of Friendship and discovers that she now has a castle of her own. She and her friends celebrate, and agree that though some things will change, their friendship will always remain a constant.