

MY LITTLE PONY
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SC 1 - EXT. CANTERLOT - DAY

RAINBOW DASH
You gotta really flap 'em hard.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
<grunts> Woahh!

RAINBOW DASH
Maybe not quite that hard.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Woahh!

APPLEJACK
Looking good up there, Princess
Twilight.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Applejack, you know you don't have
to call me that.

RARITY
Why do you protest so? You've
already given up wearing your crown
all the time, the least you can do
is embrace your new title.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
If other ponies want to address me
that way I suppose it's fine. But
not my friends. It just doesn't feel
right.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
<sigh> And neither does all this
flying business.
(then)
The Summer Sun Celebration is only
two days away and I'm never going to
be ready to perform my part.

RAINBOW DASH
Not if you spend all your time down
here you won't.
(then)
Now get up there and show everypony
the big finish!

RARITY/AJ/PP/FLUTTERSHY
<cheers>/ that's what I'm talking
about!/ Yay!

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Waa-hoo!!

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
<screams>

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
<grunts>

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
<coughs>

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
<screams>

PINKIE PIE
Wow! That was a big finish!

SC 2 - CLOSE ON - A STAINED GLASS WINDOW

RARITY
You look amazing, darling.

SC 3 - INT. CANTERLOT TOWER - SOON AFTER

RARITY
They've really captured your
regality.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
I suppose.

RARITY
Don't be so modest. It's everypony's
dream to someday wear a crown and
have their coronation ceremony
preserved in stained glass for all
to see.

RAINBOW DASH
I don't know that it's every pony's
dream.

PINKIE PIE
Most of my dreams are about
frosting.

FLUTTERSHY
We'd better get going. We don't want
to miss our train.

APPLEJACK
Fluttershy's right. Don't know
about y'all but I've still got
bushels to do to get ready.
The official Celebration may be here
in Canterlot but whoo-wee has the

Mayor put us in charge of one heck
of a party back home.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Aw, don't look like that, sugarcube.
You get to be right there with the
other princesses when Celestia
raises the sun.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
And I'm honored. Really I am.
(then, wistful)
It's just that the Summer Sun
Celebration is what first brought
all of us together.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
It doesn't feel right not getting to
spend such a special day with my
Ponyville friends.

RARITY
It doesn't feel right to us either,
darling. If the Mayor wasn't so
desperate for our assistance, we'd
most certainly stay here in
Canterlot.
(then)
And of course we do understand that
your royal duties must come first.

APPLEJACK
The Summer Sun Celebration may have
brought us together, but it's
something much bigger that'll
always keep us connected.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Exhibit A.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
The six of us are united by the
Elements of Harmony. No amount of
"royal duties" is gonna change that.
(then)
Right everypony?

RD/RY/FS
Uh-hu!/Mm-hem!/
(then)

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Right, Pinkie Pie?

PINKIE PIE
(dreamily)
Creamy, creamy frosting.

FLUTTERSHY
(to Twilight)
You should take that as a "yes".

DISSOLVE TO:

SC 4 - EXT. TRAIN STATION - SOON AFTER

PINKIE PIE
We're going to write you and give you
so many details it will be like
you're in Ponyville with us, right
girls?

PP/RD/RAR/AJ/FS
Cross my heart and hope to fly. Stick
a cupcake in my eye.

RARITY
And you will be with us right after
the celebration.
(then)
We already have an appointment on
the books to discuss the royal
upgrades to your loft decor.

TRAIN CONDUCTOR (O.S.)
All aboard for Ponyville!

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
<SIGH> I can't help it, Spike.
They've only been gone a minute and
I already feel like I'm missing
something.

MESSENGER PONY
For the Princess.

SPIKE
Dear Twilight, You aren't missing
anything. Your friend, Pinkie Pie.

PINKIE PIE (O.S)
That's me!!!!!!

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
But I am. I just know it.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC 5 - EXT. CANTERLOT TOWER - CONTINUOUS

SPIKE
Check. Check. Check. Check. And...
check.
(then)

Whatta you know? We are way ahead of schedule.

(then, proudly)
I credit your extremely competent assistant.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT

So do I.

SPIKE

The Celebration isn't until the day after tomorrow. We could still fit in a quick trip to Ponyville and be back in plenty of time to finish off these last few things before the main event.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT

That would be nice, Spike. But what if something else came up while we were gone?

(then)
What if we were delayed getting back and I wasn't able to finish everything on that list?

(increasing anxiety)
What if we lost the list on the way to Ponyville and then couldn't remember which things we'd done and which things we hadn't done and then spent so much time trying to figure out what we hadn't done and what we had done that we ruined the entire celebration by not doing the one really important thing we were supposed to do?

SPIKE

So that's a "no", then?

PRINCESS TWILIGHT

These are the first royal duties Princess Celestia has given me. I can't risk letting her down.

PRINCESS CELESTIA (O.S.)

And I'm sure you won't.

SPIKE

Your highness.

PRINCESS CELESTIA

No need for that now, Princess Twilight.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT

Sorry.

PRINCESS CELESTIA
(giggle) No need to apologize.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Sorry.

PRINCESS CELESTIA
I must admit that it is wonderful to actually be looking forward to the Summer Sun Celebration.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
What do you mean?

PRINCESS CELESTIA
For my subjects it has always been a celebration of my defeat of Nightmare Moon, but for me it was just a terrible reminder that I'd had to banish my own sister.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
I guess I'd never really thought about it that way.

PRINCESS CELESTIA
But now it has become a wonderful reminder of her transformation back into Princess Luna and our happy reunion.

PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D)
I am so pleased that you will be playing a role in the festivities.
(then)
I know it must have been difficult to see your friends return to Ponyville without you.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Maybe a little.

PRINCESS CELESTIA
You may no longer be my student, Princess Twilight, but I hope you know that I will always be here if you need me.
(then)
Just as I hope that you will always be there when I need you.

SPIKE
<CLEARS HIS THROAT> I think this guy needs you.

MESSENGER PONY
A message for Princess Twilight.

PRINCESS CELESTIA
A letter from Ponyville I presume?

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Nevermind. It's not important.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Spike, where were we?

SPIKE
(hopeful)
About to call it a night?

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
We should probably go over our
checklist one more time.

SPIKE
I knew you were gonna say that.

PRINCESS CELESTIA
I'll leave you to it.

PRINCESS CELESTIA
<gasp><scream>

DISSOLVE TO:

SC 6 - EXT. CANTERLOT TOWER - EARLY EVENING

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
HUH?

SC 7 - INT. CANTERLOT TOWER - AT THE SAME TIME

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Spike.

SPIKE
(in his sleep)
Check. Check. Check. Check. Check

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Spike!

SPIKE
What time is it?

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
It's the middle of the night.
(then)
But it could be morning.
(then)
That's just it. I can't tell.

SPIKE (CONT'D)
Woah. That's weird.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Come on, Spike. We have to find out
what's going on.

SC 8 - EXT. CANTERLOT TOWER - A MOMENT LATER

CROWD PONIES
<Concerned walla>

CANTERLOT UNICORN
What do you think it means?

FEMALE CANTERLOT PEGASUS
Princess Twilight will know.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
(stammering)
I'm sure it's just...There's
certainly a logical...

ROYAL GUARD
Your highness, you must come with
us.

ROYAL GUARD (CONT'D)
It's Princess Luna and Princess
Celestia.

ROYAL GUARD #2
They're gone.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT & SPIKE
<GASP!!!>

SC 9 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - A MOMENT LATER

TWILIGHT
But, but I don't understand. Where
are they?

ROYAL GUARD #2
We don't know. It seems that
Princess Celestia and Princess Luna
have simply...

ROYAL GUARD
(a whisper)
...vanished.

SPIKE
VANISHED?!

ROYAL GUARD #2
This is why we have come to you.

ROYAL GUARD
We await your command.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
My command?

ROYAL GUARD
We're officers of the Royal Guard.
We take our orders from royalty.
With Princess Luna and Princess
Celestia gone and Princess Cadance
overseeing the Crystal Empire now,
that means we take our orders from
you.

ROYAL GUARD #2 (O.S.)
(gently)
Princess Twilight, there is no time
to waste. We need to know what you
want us to do.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
I want you to continue the search for
Princess Luna and Princess
Celestia.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
We have to find them before ponies
start to panic. There must be some
clue that can tell us what's
happened to them.
(then)
If you find something, anything, let
me know immediately.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
<big sigh>

SPIKE
(proudly)
Way to take charge, Twilight.

ROYAL GUARD #3
Your highness, news from Ponyville.
The Everfree Forest appears to be,
well, "invading".

TWILIGHT
<gasp!>

SC 10 - INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - A FEW MINUTES AGO

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Excuse me. Pardon me.

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Are you alright?

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
My goodness, what is it that has
caused you all such distress?

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Whatever it is, I'm sure it's
nothing you need to really worry
about.

SC 11 - EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

FLUTTERSHY
Aaaah!

SC 12 - INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - AT THE SAME TIME

FLUTTERSHY
No. You were right. You should be
worried. Very, very worried.

SC 13 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - AT THE SAME TIME

APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Come on, y'all, put your backs into
it.

BIG MAC
Yup. Nope... Yup. Nope... Yup. No.

APPLEJACK
Dagnabit! We ain't never had this
kind of trouble with weeds before.

APPLEJACK
Now that I think about it. I've never
even seen these kind of weeds
before. Have y'all?

BIG MAC
Nope.

APPLEJACK
Where the heck are these things
comin' from?
(then)
And what in tarnation is going on
with the sky?

SC 14 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST/EXT. PONYVILLE - AT THE SAME TIME

RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
Oh, no you don't.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
This is Ponvyville territory. And
we aren't due for rain for until
after the Summer Sun Celebration.
(then)
You Everfree clouds need to just
head on back to where you belong.

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Gonna make me do this the hard way,
huh?

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
<woah> Hey!

SC 15 - INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - AT THE SAME TIME

RARITY
<HUMMING>
Something a bit strange about the
sky.

RARITY (CONT'D)
What in the name of calming
chamomile is going on?

RARITY (CONT'D)
Opal Essence, darling, I'm so sorry.
I promise I'm not doing this on
purpose...

RARITY (CONT'D)
It wasn't me. I swear.

RARITY (CONT'D)
Sweetie Belle, if this is some sort
of prank you and your little
Crusader friends are pulling, I find
very little humor in it.

SWEETIE BELLE
Rarity, you have to help me. I...
I think something's wrong with my
horn.

SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
<screams>

RARITY
<gasp>

SC 16 - EXT. CANTERLOT TOWER - NOW

SPIKE
(out of breath)
Where are we going?

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
The Everfree Forest is "invading".
Whatever is going on I'm sure we're
going to need our friends and the
Elements of Harmony to stop it.
(then)
I just hope we haven't missed the
train.

SPIKE
Uh, Twilight, there is another way
for us to get to Ponyville,
remember?

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
There is?

SPIKE
You can fly.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
(sheepishly)
Oh. Right.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Woah!

SC 17 - EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - A MOMENT LATER

RARITY
Something very strange is going on
<gasps> I for one would appreciate an
explanation.

RAINBOW DASH
All I know is the sky's split in two
and these clouds moving in sure
aren't from around here.

APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Neither are all these crazy plants.

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
They're comin' from the Everfree
Forest. And try as we might, us
Earth Ponies can't do anything to
get rid of 'em.
(then, to Rarity)
Don't suppose you know any magic
that might stop 'em from spreading?

RARITY

Alas, this whole "raging forest" situation seems to have left my horn on the fritz.

FLUTTERSHY

We have to figure out something. I don't know how much more of this Ponyville can take.

(screams)

I don't know how much more I can take.

APPLEJACK

The Forest is expandin', y'all. And judgin' by how fast it's movin', it don't seem content just takin' over Ponyville.

(then)

I reckon before long it'll cover half of Equestria.

SC 18 - EXT. SKY - SOON AFTER

SPIKE

I'm starting to wish we'd taken the train!

PRINCESS TWILIGHT

Almost there.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Come on, Spike. We need to get the Elements of Harmony and find the others.

SC 19 - EXT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY - A MOMENT LATER

SPIKE (O.S.)

Incoming!

PRINCESS TWILIGHT AND SPIKE

<IMPACT GRUNTS>

SC 20 - INT. TWILIGHT'S LOFT - A MOMENT LATER

RARITY (O.S.)

Oh, thank goodness.

FLUTTERSHY

(re: the open books)

Oh I hope you know we wouldn't normally go through your books without permission.

SPIKE
<KISSING SOUNDS> Sweet ground.
Sweet, sweet, wonderful ground.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Okay. I get it. I need to work on my flying.

PINKIE PIE
Don't know if you've noticed, but the Everfree Forest is just a teeny-tiny bit out of control.

APPLEJACK
Guess it turned out you were missing something here in Ponyville after all.

RARITY
But perhaps you already know what's causing all of this calamity? Has Princess Celestia has sent you to dispel of it post haste?

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Not exactly. You see, Princess Celestia is, well she and Princess Luna are both...

SPIKE
They're missing!!!

RY/AJ/RD/PP/FS
<GASP!!!>

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
I don't know who has taken them. But I've got a hunch we're going to need the Elements of Harmony to get them back.

RAINBOW DASH
Oh yeah. Just like old times.

PINKIE PIE
Boo-yah!

APPLEJACK
Told you we'd always be connected by the Elements.
(then)
Now we just gotta figure out who to aim these bad boys at so we can get Celestia and Luna back and keep the

rest of Equestria from becoming
plant food.
(then)
Any ideas?

PINKIE PIE
I haven't found squat in any of the
books I've been looking through.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Oopies. Missed a spot.

TWILIGHT
Half-day. Half-night. Strange
weather patterns. Out of control
plants.
(then)
I think I'm starting to get a pretty
good idea of who we're up against.

SC 21 - EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - SOON AFTER

DISCORD (O.S.)
(singing)
Winter wrap up. Winter wrap up---
Oooo <giggles>

DISCORD (CONT'D)
Now Twilight, you know Princess
Celestia said you were to give me a
heads up before you summoned me with
that little spell she gave you.
(then)
In case you hadn't noticed, I was in
the middle of a particularly
invigorating shower.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Enough! Release Princess Celestia
and Princess Luna and stop the
Everfree Forest from invading.

DISCORD
Why whatever are you talking about?

APPLEJACK
Don't you play dumb with us,
Discord. We know you're the one
behind all of this.

DISCORD
Don't get me wrong, I absolutely
love what you've done with the
place, but I couldn't possibly take
responsibility.

DISCORD (CONT'D)
I'm reformed. Don't you remember?

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. Right. This has got your
cloven foot-prints all over it.

DISCORD
I'll have you know I only have one
cloven foot.

DISCORD (CONT'D)
Such accusations.
(then)
And here I thought we were friends.

PINKIE PIE
Drop the act, buster..
(eyes narrowing)
...we're onto you.

DISCORD
Ladies, ladies, I'm innocent.
(then)
Would I lie to you?

TS/RD/RD/PP/AJ
Yes!

FLUTTERSHY
Um? Maybe?

DISCORD
Well, then, it seems we've reached
an impasse. I'm telling the truth,
but you think I'm lying.
(then)
What do good friends like us do in
a situation like this, Princess
Twilight?
(then, an aside)
Congrats by the way on the
promotion. You totally deserve it.

RAINBOW DASH
I say we blast 'em back to stone.

APPLEJACK/RARITY
Works for me./ Here! Here!

FLUTTERSHY
Hey! We can't do that. What if he
really is telling the truth?

DISCORD
Well finally, somepony willing to
give me the benefit of the doubt.
(then to the others)

The rest of you could learn a lot
about friendship from my dear
friend, Shutterfly here.

FLUTTERSHY

(quietly)
Um, it's Fluttershy.

DISCORD

Oh, right. Whatever?

PRINCESS TWILIGHT

If you're not the one responsible,
then help us figure out who is.

DISCORD

I suppose I could, but after all the
hoof-pointing and besmirching of my
good name I just don't know if I'm
up to it.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT

<groan>

DISCORD (CONT'D)

Why don't you ask your zebra friend
if she knows anything?

PRINCESS TWILIGHT

Zecora!

ZECORA

From my home, I've had to flee. The
forest has grown too wild even for
me.

APPLEJACK

Any idea why all this is happening?

ZECORA

I'm afraid it is a mystery to me as
well...

ZECORA (CONT'D)

But I may have something that if
combined with a spell...

ZECORA (CONT'D)

I do not think to use it myself. The
results would be tragic. It only
responds to alicorn magic.

ZECORA (CONT'D)

Princess Twilight you can turn the
potion from purple to white. After
a sip you may see why the sky is day
and night.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
<grunts>

PINKIE PIE
Oooohhh.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Doesn't seem to be work--

FADE IN ON:

SC 22 - INT. CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS - THRONE ROOM - NIGHT

TWILIGHT
Where am I?

PRINCESS LUNA
Not another step.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Princess Luna!

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
I don't understand. Where are we?
Why did you and Celestia disappear?

PRINCESS LUNA
Did you really expect me to sit idly
by why they all basked in your
"precious light"?

PRINCESS TWILIGHT
"Precious light"?

PRINCESS LUNA
There can only be one Princess in
Equestria. And that Princess will be
me!

NIGHTMARE MOON
<MANIACAL LAUGHTER>

SNAP TO BLACK.