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TEASER

EXT. CANTERLOT - DAY

APPLEJACK, PINKIE PIE, RARITY, FLUTTERSHY, and SPIKE are lined up next to one another and looking up into the sky.

1 2 7
1 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
You gotta really flap 'em hard.

We PAN UP to reveal RAINBOW DASH hovering mid-air with PRINCESS TWILIGHT SPARKLE in front of her. Twilight FLAPS her wings so rapidly they create a forceful wind that blows Rainbow Dash off-screen.

A beat and then Rainbow Dash re-enters frame. This time in front of Twilight.

2 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Maybe not quite that hard.

Twilight stops FLAPPING and we PAN DOWN with her as she suddenly drops out of the sky and lands awkwardly next to her friends.

3 2
3 APPLEJACK
Looking good up there, Princess Twilight.

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

5 2
5 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.

6 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 <SIGHS> and lowers her head.

7 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
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.

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Rainbow Dash drops down next to Twilight.

8 1 2 6 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!

Twilight gets a determined look in her eye, takes to the sky, and goes into an aerial loop-d-loop.

9 2 4 5 RD+FS
RARITY/AJ/PP/FLUTTERSHY /w
Beautiful, darling!/Great
form!/Work it, girl!/Yay!

Twilight smiles. Then realizes she is heading into a cloud bank. She tries to backpedal but instead crashes through the clouds. Disoriented she flails her legs and wings wildly, and ends up doing several awkward loop-d-loops before plummeting to the ground.

She lands on her hooves, but her forward momentum causes her to trip and fall on her belly. She skids across the ground on her stomach and screeches to a stop in front of her friends.

Pinkie Pie claps her hooves enthusiastically.

10 3 PINKIE PIE
Wow! That was a big finish!

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT I

FADE IN:

CLOSE ON - A STAINED GLASS WINDOW

It depicts Twilight wearing her Princess Crown with her wings outstretched.

11 8 9 10 10
RARITY (O.S.)
You look amazing, darling.

We WIDEN to REVEAL:

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INT. CANTERLOT TOWER - SOON AFTER

Twilight stands with Applejack, Pinkie Pie, Rarity, Fluttershy, Rainbow Dash and Spike who admire the window.

12 8 9 RARITY 21 22
They've really captured your regality.

13 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
I suppose?

Princess Twilight turns away from the window and begins to walk down the long corridor. The other ponies follow.

14 10 RARITY
Don't be so modest, dear. It's everypony's dream to someday wear a crown and have their coronation ceremony preserved in stained glass for all to see.

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

16 8 24 10 at PINKIE PIE
Most of my dreams are about frosting.
(then)
Creamy, creamy frosting.

14A Pinkie Pie licks her lips and stares off dreamily.

17 10 FLUTTERSHY
Speaking of frosting, we'd better get going. We don't want to miss our train.

18 RAINBOW DASH
Uh. What exactly does catching a train have to do with frosting?

19 FLUTTERSHY
Pinkie Pie is in charge of the cakes for our celebration back home. If we miss our train she won't have time to frost them all.

20 11 12 APPLEJACK
Fluttershy's right. Don't know about y'all but I've still got bushels to do to get ready.
(MORE)

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
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 reads the disappointed look on Twilight's face.

21 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.

22 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.

She looks at her Ponyville friends.

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

24 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
your royal duties must come first.

25
24A The other ponies <AD-LIB AGREEMENT>

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

Applejack gestures to another stained glass window.

26 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Exhibit A.

REVEAL: It portrays our Mane 6 defeating Nightmare Moon
with the Elements of Harmony.

27 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
The six of us are united by the
Elements of Harmony.
(MORE)

15 16
4

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
No amount of "royal duties" is
gonna change that.
(then)
Right everypony?

26
27A
Everyone but Pinkie Pie nods and <AD-LIBS AGREEMENT>.

28
APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Right, Pinkie Pie?

Pinkie Pie is still lost in a daze.

29
PINKIE PIE
(dreamily)
Creamy, creamy frosting.

30
FLUTTERSHY
(to Twilight)
You should take that as a "yes".

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. TRAIN STATION - SOON AFTER

Pinkie Pie, Rainbow Dash, Rarity, Applejack, and
Fluttershy are gathered around Princess Twilight and
Spike.

31
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?

27
31A
The others <AD-LIB AGREEMENT.>

32
PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(irritated)
I said, "right, girls?"

33
PP/RD/RAR/AJ/FS
Cross my heart and hope to fly.
Stick a cupcake in my eye.

34
PINKIE PIE
That's better.

35
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.

(MORE)

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RARITY (CONT'D)
I've got some fuschia window
treatments in mind that are
absolutely to die for.

36 32 33
All aboard Last call for Ponyville!
TRAIN CONDUCTOR (O.S.)

The Ponyville Ponies give Twilight a few final embraces,
then quickly board the train.

37 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.

A MESSENGER PONY approaches Twilight, levitating an
envelope in front of him. *

38 31
For the Princess. *

Spike jumps up and retrieves the envelope, then reads
aloud from the letter inside.

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

38 39
39A But as Twilight looks out at the departing train and sees
her friends all chatting and laughing together without
her she doesn't look so sure that's true.

40 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
But I am. I just know it.

39B Pinkie Pie - "I wrote that!" / "That's me!"
DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - EVENING - ESTABLISHING

EXT. CANTERLOT TOWER - CONTINUOUS

Spike scans a lengthy scroll as Twilight levitates next
to him, gently flapping her wings.

41 42 43
SPIKE
Check. Check. Check. Check. Check.
Check. And... check.
(then)
Whatta you know? We are way ahead
of schedule.
(then, proudly)
(MORE)
↓ ↓

SPIKE (CONT'D)
I credit your extremely competent assistant.

Twilight gives him a little smile.

42 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
So do I.

43 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.

Twilight drops down next to Spike.

44 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?

A beat.

45 SPIKE
So that's a "no", then?

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

47 PRINCESS CELESTIA (O.S.)
And I'm sure you won't.

WIDEN TO REVEAL that PRINCESS CELESTIA is approaching.

48 SPIKE
Your highness.

Spike bows in reverence. Princess Twilight starts to do the same but Princess Celestia gently nudges her back up.

49 1 2 3 4 PRINCESS CELESTIA
No need for that now, Princess
Twilight.

50 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Sorry.

51 PRINCESS CELESTIA
No need to apologize.

52 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Sorry.

Twilight smiles sheepishly.

Princess Celestia crosses to a nearby window and gazes out at the FULL MOON that now appears in the night sky.

53 4 PRINCESS CELESTIA
I must admit that it is wonderful
to actually be looking forward to
the Summer Sun Celebration.

Twilight gives Princess Celestia a quizzical look.

54 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
What do you mean?

Princess Celestia continues to gaze at the moon.

55 5 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 considers this for a moment.

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

Princess Celestia's looks to a tower that can be seen through the window. Standing at the top is PRINCESS LUNA.

57 6 PRINCESS CELESTIA
But now it has become a wonderful
reminder of her transformation
back into Princess Luna and our
happy reunion.

She turns back to face Twilight and Spike.

58 PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D)
I'm 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.

59 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Maybe a little.

60 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.

Princess Celestia gives Twilight a little nuzzle.

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

WIDEN TO REVEAL: The MESSENGER PONY waits patiently
levatating a scroll.

62 MESSENGER PONY
A message for Princess Twilight,
actually.

Twilight eagerly uses her magic to unfurl the scroll.
Her eyes scan the page.

63 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
<GIGGLES>

64 PRINCESS CELESTIA
A letter from Ponyville I presume?

Princess Twilight looks up form the scroll.

65 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Applejack was just updating me on
their celebration plans. Pinkie
Pie accidentally frosted the--
(quickly)
Nevermind. It's not important.

She uses her magic to roll up the scroll and returns to
the task at hand.

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

50 stab 58 ab
67 SPIKE

(hopeful)
About to call it a night?

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

Spike slumps a little.

69 SPIKE
I knew you were gonna say that.

Princess Celestia gives Twilight a little smile.

70 PRINCESS CELESTIA
I'll leave you to it.

Princess Celestia departs as Twilight looks over Spike's
shoulder to peruse the checklist.

ON CELESTIA as she rounds a corner and is out of sight of
Twilight and Spike. She senses something and looks down
to see STRANGE BLACK WEEDS suddenly appear around her
hooves. Before she has a chance to react, the VINES wrap
around her and WHOOSH! pull her down into the ground.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. CANTERLOT TOWER - EARLY EVENING

PRINCESS LUNA stands at the top of the tower. Her horn
GLOWS as the moon begins to rise in the sky.

Luna suddenly gets a strange look on her face. She
glances down to see that TENTACLE-LIKE BLACK WEEDS have
sprouted up around her hooves.

She goes to move her right hoof, but the weeds wrap
around it, pulling it back down to the ground.

INT. CANTERLOT TOWER - AT THE SAME TIME

Twilight has fallen asleep with her head on the
windowsill, her checklist unfurled beneath her.

She groggily opens her eyes and rubs the sleep from them
with her hooves. She looks out the window, then tilts
her head, a puzzled look on her face.

71
Spike.

PRINCESS TWILIGHT

REVEAL: Spike is sound asleep in a little bed on the other side of the room.

72 ^{63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70} SPIKE
(in his sleep)

Check.

Twilight moves from the window and rouses Spike.

73 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Spike!

Spike slowly opens his eyes and stretches.

74 SPIKE
What time is it?

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

76 SPIKE
Huh?

Twilight nudges Spike out of bed and toward the window. He hops up on the windowsill to take a look.

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

REVEAL: Through the window we can now see what has left Spike and Twilight so confused. The moon and sun both hang in the sky, parallel to one another.

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

Spike jumps off the windowsill and onto Twilight's back and she makes for the exit.

EXT. CANTERLOT TOWER - A MOMENT LATER

Twilight, with Spike still on her back, emerges from the castle. They join a handful of CANTERLOT CITIZENS who are staring up at the sky, confused.

79 ^{75 76} CANTERLOT UNICORN
What do you think it means?

One of the citizens realizes Princess Twilight is now among them.

80 ^{82 a/c} (83) FEMALE CANTERLOT PEGASUS
Princess Twilight will know.

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73 (74) **80A** **<WALLA>** as the crowd gathers around Twilight looking for an explanation. She tries to get a word in as they ask a million questions at once.

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

Just then, a pair of ROYAL GUARDS rush up to Twilight and whisk her away from the crowd.

82 ^{77 78 79 80} ROYAL GUARD
Your highness, you must come with us.

Once they are out of earshot of the crowd, he continues.

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

84 ⁷⁷ ROYAL GUARD #2
They're gone. **use last read*

Off Twilight's shocked expression we...

END ACT I

ACT II

INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - A MOMENT LATER

Princess Twilight and Spike are with the Royal Guards.

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

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

The Royal Guard leans in close.

87

8486 (87)

ROYAL GUARD

(a whisper)

...vanished.

Spike's eyes go wide.

88

VANISHED?!

SPIKE

Spike quickly covers his mouth.

89

ROYAL GUARD #2

This is why we have come to you.

The two Royal Guards bow in reverence to Twilight.

90

ROYAL GUARD

We await your command.

91

My command?

PRINCESS TWILIGHT

The two Guards lift their heads.

92

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.

The royal guards bow in reverence again.

A beat as Twilight lets this sink in.

The Guards realize a command is not forthcoming and share
a look -- what do we do?

Royal Guard #2 steps forward to get Twilight's attention.

93

ROYAL GUARD #2

(gently)

Princess Twilight, there is no
time to waste. We need to know
what you want us to do.

Twilight snaps out of her daze and steels her resolve.

94

PRINCESS TWILIGHT

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

(MORE)

PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
There must be some clue that can
tell us what's happened to them.

(then)
If you find something, anything,
let me know immediately.

The guards nod their heads in understanding.

95 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
We have to find them before ponies
start to panic.

96 SPIKE
Uh, Twilight, don't you think
everypony's going to realize
something is wrong when they look
up at the sky?

Twilight considers this for a moment before answering.

97 TWILIGHT
(to the guards)
The official word from Canterlot
is that this is all part of the
preparations for tomorrow's Summer
Sun Celebration.
(then)
We don't know where Princess
Celestia and Princess Luna are.
We're already in a crisis. We
don't need panic in the streets
making it worse.

Spike leans in close to Twilight.

98 SPIKE
(proudly)
Way to take charge, Twilight.

Just then another ROYAL GUARD (#3) bursts into the room.

99 ROYAL GUARD #3
Your highness, news from
Ponyville. The Everfree Forest.
appears to be, well, the word they
used was, "invading".

Spike and Twilight share a look of alarm.

100 SPIKE/TWILIGHT
Invading?!

INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - A FEW MINUTES AGO

100A Crammed with so many ANIMALS that Fluttershy can barely move. The view through the windows is blocked by all the woodland creatures. A SQUIRREL lets out a little <YELP> as Fluttershy pushes through the throng of frightened creatures and accidentally steps on his tail.

92 101 FLUTTERSHY
I'm so sorry, little squirrel.

101A A <GROWL> as she accidentally steps on the toe of a bear nervously rocking back and forth.

102 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Are you alright?

102A The bear shakes his head "no" and points outside.

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

103A <ANIMAL WALLA> as they all try to "explain" at once.

Fluttershy continues to make her way through the crowd of nervous animals.

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

She reaches the front door and puts on a brave face.

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

105A <FRIGHTENED WALLA> from the animals as Fluttershy opens the door.

EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Fluttershy peers around the doorway. Her eyes go wide.

WIDEN TO REVEAL: Snake-like vines are creeping out of the Everfree Forest and spreading out into Ponyville.

94 106 FLUTTERSHY
Aaaah!

Fluttershy slams the door just as the tentacle vines twist around her cabin.

INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - AT THE SAME TIME

Fluttershy has her back against the door and looks downright terrified.

107 (92) (93) FLUTTERSHY
No. You were right. You should be worried. Very, very worried.

The animals huddle around Fluttershy. Over this we HEAR:

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

EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - AT THE SAME TIME

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110 103 104 105
BIG MAC
Nope.

Applejack examines the weed she's just released more closely.

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

Big Mac stamps his foot, once again failing to get to the weed in time before it disappears into the dirt.

112 BIG MAC
Nope.

113 APPLE BLOOM
Looks like we're gonna keep seeing more of 'em.

CUT < REVEAL: Patches of weeds are POPPING UP all over.

114 106
APPLEJACK
Where the heck are these things comin' from?
(then)
And what in tarnation is going on with the sky?

We PAN UP as the Apple family looks up at the moon and sun in the sky. Ominous looking BLACK SPIKY CLOUDS move across the frame.

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

The black, spiky RAIN CLOUDS rise up out of the Everfree Forest and, much like the snake-like vines on the ground below, descend upon Ponyville.

115 107 108 109
RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
Oh, no you don't.

REVEAL: Rainbow Dash staring down a black cloud.

116 110 (III)
RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
This is Ponyville 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.

The spiky black cloud doesn't move.

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

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117A
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117D
Rainbow Dash backs up and then goes roaring toward the
black cloud, prepared to give it a nice big head-butt.

BAM! She hits the cloud with her head, but it doesn't
move an inch.

A dazed, Rainbow Dash starts to fall from the sky, but
regains her bearings just in time, and zooms back up
again. Only to find even more of the black clouds.

BAM! She narrowly avoids a BOLT of LIGHTNING.

Frustrated, she gives the cloud a good swift kick, and
then winces in pain. The cloud hasn't moved an inch.

INT. CAROUSEL BOUTIQUE - AT THE SAME TIME

OPAL grooms herself as Rarity uses her magic to pour
herself a cup of tea.

118 RARITY
<HUMMING>

(then)
Oh I do so enjoy a cup of tea in
the morning.

(then)
It is morning, isn't it?

She looks out the window.

119 RARITY (CONT'D)
Something a bit strange about the
sky.

She turns away from the window and doesn't notice the
BLACK VINES that have begun to creep inside. They emit
strange ELECTRICAL SPARKS.

113
119A
Rarity's horn lights up as she uses her magic to lift her
teapot. Suddenly, her horn begins to let out little
SPARKS. She REACTS as without warning, the teapot begins
to go haywire, pouring tea into the sugar bowl, then into
a flowerpot, then on the head of a mannequin.

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

The teapot pauses mid-air then turns and begins chasing
Opal around the room.

107 111 114
121 RARITY (CONT'D)
Opal, darling, I'm so sorry. I
promise I'm not doing this on
purpose...

Rarity shakes her head, her horn sparking again. Opal
DIVES out of the way as the teapot suddenly CRASHES to
the ground and SHATTERS.

Opal gives Rarity the evil eye.

111
122 RARITY (CONT'D)
It wasn't me. I swear.

Rarity then looks around, suspicious.

123 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.

Just then, SWEETIE BELLE bursts into the room, a
terrified look on her face.

107
124 SWEETIE BELLE
Rarity, you have to help me. I...
I think something's wrong with my
horn.

Sweetie Belle points her horn at a nearby bolt of fabric.
The fabric lifts off the ground, but then suddenly starts
unfurling and draping over everything in the room.

107 111
125 SWEETIE BELLE (CONT'D)
That wasn't what I was trying to
do!

Opal returns to grooming herself as the still unfurling
fabric chases a terrified Rarity and Sweetie Belle around
the room.

112
126 RARITY
Help! We're about to be pummeled
by polyester!

119 120
126A
EXT. CANTERLOT TOWER - NOW

Spike struggles to keep up with Twilight as she races out
of the tower. (NOTE: Twilight should now be wearing her
crown with her Element of Harmony embedded in it.)

119 120
127 SPIKE
(out of breath)
Where are we going?

128 TWILIGHT
To Ponyville. Princess Luna and
Princess Celestia are missing.
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.

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

Twilight stops running.

130 TWILIGHT
There is?

Spike realizes she's stopped too late, crashes into her
and falls back onto his bum. Twilight uses one of her
wings to help him to his feet.

131 SPIKE
You can fly.

Twilight eyes the wing she's just used to help Spike up.

132 TWILIGHT
(sheepishly)
Oh. Right.

121 122 123
EXT. PONYVILLE - SOON AFTER

132A
BLACK VINES twist their way through the town, wrapping
around buildings, overturned carts, and CITIZENS too slow
to get out of their way.

124 132B
The black EVERFREE CLOUDS send SNOW, then RAIN, then
LIGHTNING down upon the PANICKED PONIES below.

Pinkie Pie stands amidst the chaos, looking up into the
sky. She slips into a PARKA, abandons it for a RAIN COAT
and RAIN HAT, then whips out a KITE with a KEY attached
to its string.

125 126
133 PINKIE PIE
Make up your mind!

Applejack races into frame and pushes Pinkie Pie out of the way just as a BLACK VINE comes bursting through the ground right where Pinkie Pie was once standing.

EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - A MOMENT LATER

Rarity, Fluttershy, and Rainbow Dash are gathered under the gazebo.

125 (126)
134 RARITY
Something very strange is going on and I for one would appreciate an explanation.

127
135 RAINBOW DASH
Don't look at me. All I know is the sky's split in two and these clouds moving in sure aren't from around here.

131
136 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Neither are all these crazy plants.

136A
REVEAL: Applejack and Pinkie Pie brave WHIPPING VINES and a TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR to get to their friends.

132 133
137 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) 128 133 134 135ab
Don't suppose you know any magic that might stop 'em from spreading?

128
138 RARITY
Alas, this whole "raging forest" situation seems to have left my horn on the fritz.

(then)
Believe me, you do not want a demonstration.

130
138A
She shakes off a length of fabric that is still wound around her back leg.

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

(then)
I don't know how much more I can take.

128
139A
She REACTS with a <FRIGHTENED YELP> as a vine snakes its way around her ankle.

140 125 128 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.

Rarity, Rainbow Dash, Pinkie Pie, and Fluttershy share concerned glances as...

WIDEN TO REVEAL: Ponyville has been almost completely overtaken by the fast-growing foliage.

Various terrified citizens can just barely be seen peering out their windows. Their view blocked by the criss-crossing vines that have ensnared their homes and businesses.

HAIL, RAIN, and SNOW continue to fall from the storm clouds above. Accented by random BOLTS of LIGHTNING.

Even more black vines BURST out of the ground as we...

END ACT II

ACT III

EXT. SKY - SOON AFTER

Twilight, her wings extended, bursts into frame with Spike holding onto her back for dear life.

She awkwardly banks left, then right. Spike clutches Twilight's neck even more tightly.

141 136 137 140 SPIKE
I'm starting to wish we'd taken
the train!

142 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Almost there

Twilight lowers her head and DIVES out of frame.

EXT. GOLDEN OAK LIBRARY - A MOMENT LATER

A victim of the expanding Everfree Forest, it too is now wrapped in vines. Some of its branches are heavy with snow. Others are soaked from what must have been a torrential downpour. Still others look like they've been charred by lightning.

136 137
143 SPIKE (O.S.)
Incoming!

Suddenly, a BLUR of PURPLE, PINK, and GREEN plummets from the sky and goes CRASHING through the top branches of the tree.

138 - Spike
144 TWILIGHT AND SPIKE
<IMPACT GRUNTS>

The blur is revealed to be Twilight and her terrified dragon passenger as each impact with a branch or vine slows their descent.

Twilight finally hits the ground, somehow managing to land on her feet, albeit very awkwardly.

Spike leaps off her back and kisses the ground.

139
145 SPIKE
<KISSING SOUNDS> Sweet ground.
Sweet, sweet, wonderful ground.

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

Twilight makes her way to the entrance of the Golden Oak Library. It appears that someone else has already hacked through the vines that once blocked the entrance.

147 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Come on, Spike. We need to get
the Elements of Harmony and find
the others.

INT. TWILIGHT'S LOFT - A MOMENT LATER

Twilight and Spike burst through the door.

142 143
148 RARITY (O.S.)
Oh, thank goodness.

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144
REVEAL: Rarity, Applejack, Pinkie Pie, and Rainbow Dash. They are surrounded by open books. •<EXCITED WALLA> as the friends greet Spike and Twilight.

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142 (143)

FLUTTERSHY

(re: the open books)

Oh I hope you know we wouldn't normally go through your books without permission. We were just so desperate to find something that would explain what's going on.

150

PINKIE PIE

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

Her NOSE TWITCHES and she ducks just seconds before a VINE <CRASHES> through a nearby window.

151

APPLEJACK

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

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(144)

RARITY

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

The other ponies look to Twilight, hopeful.

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PRINCESS TWILIGHT

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

<GASPS> from Spike and Twilight's Ponyville friends.

Twilight eyes Spike who has his hands over his open mouth and a shocked expression on his face.

154

PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Spike, you already knew they were missing.

155

KHA (148)

SPIKE

I know. But it's still pretty shocking when you hear it said out loud.

156

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.

Princess Twilight uses her magic to retrieve the Elements of Harmony and distribute them among her friends. (NOTE: These are the Elements in their necklace and tiara form. Twilight will already be wearing hers.)

Rainbow Dash grins.

146 148
157 RAINBOW DASH
Oh yeah. Just like old times.

Pinkie Pie POPS UP and offers up "hoof bumps" to Twilight and Rainbow Dash.

149 150
158 PINKIE PIE
Boo-yah!

Applejack sidles up to Twilight.

151 152
159 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?

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

Pinkie Pie gestures to several opened COLORING BOOKS. A pack of CRAYONS emptied next to them.

161 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Oops. Missed a spot.

She picks up a crayon with her teeth and colors the book.

Twilight crosses to the one window through which she can still see Ponyville. The rest have been completely blacked out by the vines that encircle the library.

We see TWILIGHT'S POV of the sky split in two. The moon still on one side. The sun on the other.

A black cloud moves into frame and a BLIZZARD's worth of SNOW falls. The snow cloud moves away and is replaced by a black rain cloud that sends down a TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR.

TWILIGHT'S POV PANS DOWN as the rain falls on the seemingly sentient vines that thirstily lap it up.

Twilight turns away from the window to face her friends.

162 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.

EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - SOON AFTER

Twilight and her friends are now wearing their Elements
of Harmony and have very angry looks on their faces.

Twilight starts to POWER UP her horn.

153 154 155
163 RARITY
Your magic. It's still
functional?

Princess Twilight nods

164 RARITY (CONT'D)
Seems there is another benefit to
your recent transformation.

Princess Twilight finishes POWERING UP. There is a FLASH
of LIGHT and then a familiar voice.

165 DISCORD (O.S.)
(singing)
Winter wrap up. Winter--- wha-?

157 abc
158 abc
165A
REVEAL: DISCORD is now standing before the girls. He has
a bar of soap in one hand and a loofah sponge in the
other. Spike fearfully ducks behind Twilight.

166 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.

(then, singing again)
Winter wra--

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

168 DISCORD
Why whatever are you talking
about?

154 159 160
169 APPLEJACK
Don't play dumb with us, We know
you're the one behind all of this.

Discord looks around at the chaos that is now Ponyville.

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

He sidles up next to Fluttershy.

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

172 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. Right. This has got your
cloven ~~foot~~ prints all over it.
hoof

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

162
173A
He points to his feet, revealing one is a dragon foot.
Rainbow Dash rolls her eyes.

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

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

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

The ponies share a look, then reply in unison:

159 160
177 PONIES
Yes!

178 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 on the promotion by the
way. You totally deserve it.

160
179 RAINBOW DASH
I say we blast 'em back to stone.

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

The three ready their Elements of Harmony, but Fluttershy
steps in front of Discord.

161
181 FLUTTERSHY
We can't do that. What if he
really is telling the truth?

182 DISCORD
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 pal,
Shutterfly here.

160
183 FLUTTERSHY
(quietly)
Fluttershy.

184 DISCORD
(feigning innocence)
What did I say?

185 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
<EXASPERATED HARUMPH> We haven't
got time for this. We need to get
Princess Celestia and Princess
Luna back. We need to stop the
Everfree Forest. And we need to do
it now!

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

186 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.

Discord lounges in mid-air, grabs a pair of vines, and
begins KNITTING with them.

Princess Twilight buries her head in her hooves in
frustration.

187 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Why don't you ask your zebra
friend if she knows anything?

Discord doesn't bother to look up from his knitting as he
casually gestures to ZECORA who is slowly approaching the
group. Her legs buckle under the weight of a heavy pack
filled with nearly all of her worldly possessions.

188 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Zecora!

Princess Twilight and the others rush over to her,
helping to remove the pack from her back.

189 ZECORA
From my home, I have had to flee.
The forest has grown too wild even
for me.

190 APPLEJACK
Any idea why all this is
happening?

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

She eyes Princess Twilight, an idea forming.

192 ZECORA (CONT'D)
But I may have something that if
combined with a spell...

Zecora digs through her bag. She retrieves a SMALL VIAL
of PURPLE LIQUID.

193 ZECORA (CONT'D)
I do not dare ~~I did not think~~ to use it myself.
The results would be tragic. It
only responds to alicorn magic.

She places it on the ground in front of Twilight.

194 ZECORA (CONT'D)
Princess Twilight you can turn the
potion from purple to white. After
a sip you may see why ~~the Everfree~~
~~is angry and~~ the sky is day and
night.

Princess Twilight aims her horn at the purple liquid.
Her WINGS EXTEND a bit as she FIRES HER HORN at the vial.

Pinkie Pie quickly moves in to get a closer look, her
eyes crossing as she peers into the vial. She reacts as
the liquid inside turns from purple to white.

195 PINKIE PIE
Oooohhh.

Twilight open the vial and uses her magic to lift it to
her lips and take a sip.

A beat. Nothing happens.

196 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Doesn't seem to be work--

Her eyes suddenly GLOW WHITE.

The frame is suddenly filled with a FLASH of WHITE LIGHT.

FADE IN ON:

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

It's dark, but by the light of a full moon, we can just
make out a PAIR OF THRONES at one end of the room. In one
is carved a moon. In the other a sun.

Twilight stands in the middle of the room, trying to get
her bearings.

197 TWILIGHT
Where am I?

Twilight turns and is thrilled to find Princess Luna
standing in the far corner of the room.

198 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Princess Luna!

Twilight starts to move toward her but is met by an angry
glare from her fellow Princess.

199 PRINCESS LUNA
Not another step.

175 176
200 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
I don't understand. Where are we?
Why did you and Celestia
disappear?

Princess Luna's mouth curls into an angry snarl.

176
201 PRINCESS LUNA
Did you really expect me to sit
idly by why they all basked in
your "precious light"?

Now Twilight is really confused.

202 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
"Precious light"?

176 177 178
203 PRINCESS LUNA
There can only be one Princess in
Equestria. And that Princess will
be me! <TERRIFYING LAUGHTER>

Luna's horn suddenly glows.

Through a nearby window we can see the FULL MOON. It
suddenly begins to pulsate. Suddenly a BLAST of LIGHT
shines down from the moon and connects with Luna's horn.

Twilight's eyes go wide as Luna suddenly...

....TRANSFORMS into NIGHTMARE MOON!

Her body begins to elongate.

Legs.

Neck.

Wings.

She is now a towering figure with a sinister smile.

The transformation continues as almost like ink spilled
on the page, the color BLACK spreads across her purple
coat and wings, finally seeping into her horn.

Her light blue mane dissolves into a dark blue starry
mist.

176 178
204 NIGHTMARE MOON
<MANIACAL LAUGHTER>

Twilight is too stunned to move.

PHZAMMM! Nightmare Moon fires a BLAST from her horn.

Twilight DIVES out of the way, barely avoiding being hit by Nightmare Moon's powerful magic.

PHZAMM! Nightmare Moon fires another shot!

Twilight reacts in surprise as it misses her by a mile.

REVEAL: The blast was not intended for Twilight, but for Princess Celestia who has powered up and is using her magic to DEFLECT that of her sister.

205 13 ab (14/15) bigger
PRINCESS CELESTIA
Please, my sister. Do not do this!

PHZAAMM! Another blast from Nightmare Moon.

PHZAAMM! It is countered by Celestia.

PHZAAMM! PHZAAMM! PHAZAMM!

Off Twilight's terrified expression we...

SNAP TO BLACK.

END PART I