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EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - ESTABLISHING - DAY

EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE CASTLE - AT THE SAME TIME

PRINCESS TWILIGHT is accompanied by SPIKE, APPLEJACK, RARITY, FLUTTERSHY, PINKIE PIE, and RAINBOW DASH as she makes her way to the entrance of the castle.

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1 SPIKE
Seems like only yesterday I was saving this place from being totally destroyed.

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(then)

You guys remember that? How I saved the Equestria Games from certain doom?

2 RAINBOW DASH
(bright)

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How could we forget?

(then, under her breath)

You only mentioned it about 15 times on the train here.

3 RARITY
(pointedly to RD)

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Yes, and we never hear a peep out of you about your exploits.

4 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, okay. Point taken.

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5 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
I'm glad you all wanted to come, but I don't think it's going to be ~~all~~ that exciting. I pretty much just have to smile and wave as the dignitaries arrive.

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6 RARITY
Yes, but you get to smile and wave like a princess.

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7 APPLEJACK
How exactly is that different than smiling and waving like, ~~not~~ a princess?

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8 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
It isn't.

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Twilight <SIGHS> and stops walking. The others follow suit.

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9 FLUTTERSHY
What's wrong, Twilight?

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10 PINKIE PIE
Why the loooonnnng face?

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Pinkie Pie grabs Twilight's cheeks and pulls her face down. She lets go and Twilight's face springs back up. Twilight shakes this off and then answers

11 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
I've just been feeling a little
unsure about things lately. It
doesn't seem that my new role as a
princess equates to all that much.

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12 APPLEJACK
Come on now, Twilight, that's just
silly. You've got a real important
role in Equestria.

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13 FLUTTERSHY
Princess Celestia wouldn't have
asked you to come today if she
didn't think so.

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Rainbow Dash, Pinkie Pie, and Rarity <AD-LIB AGREEMENT>.

14 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
I guess you're right.

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15 RARITY
Of course we are.
(then)

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Now hurry along. You don't want to
risk having that important role
diminished because you're tardy for
your regal meet and greet.

Buoyed by the support of her friends, Twilight continues heading toward the castle.

EXT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - SOON AFTER

Princess Twilight stands on a balcony with her friends standing behind her inside the castle. A TRUMPET BLOWS and a CRYSTAL GUARD (FLASH SENTRY) makes an announcement.

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16 FLASH SENTRY (O.S.)
The Duke and Duchess of Mare-tonia.

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DOWN BELOW a PAIR of DIGNIFIED PONIES approach the castle.

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ON TWILIGHT as she smiles and waves to the dignitaries as they pass down below. Twilight uses her magic to UNFURL a banner emblazoned with the crest of the dignitaries homeland.

The doors to the castle open and the dignitaries are met by PRINCESS CADANCE, PRINCESS LUNA, and PRINCESS CELESTIA.

INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - AT THE SAME TIME

Her job done, Twilight steps off the balcony and back into the castle to join her friends.

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17 SPIKE
That was it?! Princess Celestia
had you come all the way to the
Crystal Empire just to do that?!

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Twilight slumps. Her friends shoot Spike a look.

18 SPIKE (CONT'D)
I mean, whoa, really regal and
important! <NERVOUS LAUGH>

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END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT I

INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - LATER

Twilight stands outside a pair of closed doors. Princess Cadance, Princess Luna, and Princess Celestia emerge with the Dignitaries. The Dignitaries bow to Princess Twilight.

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19 DIGNITARY
Your highness.
(then)
Thank you for understanding our
desire to keep the number of those
privy to these confidential
discussions to a minimum.

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20 45 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Of course.

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The Dignitaries bow to Twilight, Celestia, Luna, and Cadance before making their exit. Twilight turns to Celestia, a bit eager.

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21 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 21
I do understand that they didn't
want me to be in the meeting, but
is there anything else I can do to
assist with their visit?

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22 PRINCESS CADANCE 22
I'm sorry, Twilight, but their
visit is already over. They're
heading back to Mare-tonia now.

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23 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 23
Oh.

Princess Luna notes Twilight's disappointment.

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24 PRINCESS LUNA 24
Something wrong?

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25 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 25
I guess I just don't really
understand why I'm here. Couldn't
one of the Royal Guard have
unfurled the banner? *

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26 PRINCESS CELESTIA 26
Having all four of us in the Empire
to greet them lets the dignitaries
know that their visit is considered
an important one.

Princess Cadance gives Twilight a smile.

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PRINCESS CADANCE 27
Plus, it gives me an opportunity to
see my favorite sister-in-law.

Twilight smiles at Princess Cadance.

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28 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 28
And I'm happy to see you. All of
you.

Princess Cadance senses Twilight has more to say.

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PRINCESS CADANCE 29
But...

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30 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 30
But, I... it's just that Princess
Luna raises the moon. Princess
Celestia raises the sun.
(then, to Cadance)
You protect the Crystal Empire.
(MORE)

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4 5 6 (7) PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
And all I seem to do is... smile
and wave.

MUSIC UP as...

Princess Twilight begins to SING.

31 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 31

It isn't that I'm ungrateful
For all the things
that I have earned/
For all the journeys I have taken
All the lessons I have learned

But I wonder where I'm going
What my role is meant to be/
I don't know how to travel
To a future I can't see

I have my wings
I wear this crown
I'm a Princess this is true/
But it is still unclear to me
Just what I'm meant to do

I want to have a purpose
Want to do all that I can/
Want to make a contribution
Want to feel part of the plan

32 PRINCESS CELESTIA 32
Your destiny's uncertain
And that's sometimes hard to take
But it will become much clearer
With each decision that you make

33 PRINCESS CADANCE 33
It isn't easy to be patient
I understand you wanting more
I know how hard it is to wait
To spread your wings and soar

34 PRINCESS LUNA 34
But you stand here for a reason
You are gifted you are strong
That crown's upon your head
Because it's here that you belong

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35 CELESTIA/LUNA/CADANCE

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Know that your time
is coming soon/
As the sun rises
So does the moon/
As love finds a place
in every heart/
You are a princess
You'll play your part

36 PRINCESS LUNA

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We understand you wanting more
A chance to shine
A chance to soar

37 PRINCESS CADANCE

37

Know that your time
is coming soon/
As the sun rises
So does the moon/
As love finds a place
in every heart/
You are a princess
You'll play your part

38 PRINCESS CELESTIA

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You are a princess
You'll play your part

END SONG

Twilight looks at the Princesses gathered around her.

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39 PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D)

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Your time will come.

EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - LATER

The SUN SETS as the MOON RISES.

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DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. CANTERLOT - NIGHT

There is a dreamy haze to the scene. A UNICORN walks down the empty street, using its magic to carry a small box in front of him. He turns a corner and runs into an extremely frail CLOAKED FIGURE, its face is hidden in shadow. Startled, the unicorn drops his packages.

→ CLOAKED FIGURE
LORD
TIERK
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UNICORN

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Very sorry. You came out of nowhere.

No response from the cloaked figure.

The unicorn use its magic to retrieve his package, then tries to get a better look at the frail figure beneath the cloak.

181 182

41 UNICORN (CONT'D)
I don't think I've seen you around these parts before.

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The Cloaked Figure speaks, his voice raspy and ragged.

42 CLOAKED FIGURE
Is he friend or is he foe, the pony wonders.

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The unicorn looks the tiniest bit worried by the cloaked figure's odd response.

43 CLOAKED FIGURE (CONT'D)
I can assure you. I am no "friend".

43

Suddenly, a RED LIGHT shines out from under the shadowy figure's cloak and connects with the the unicorn's horn, pulling the unicorn's magic toward the shadowy figure.

43A - The unicorn becomes visibly weakened.

44 CLOAKED FIGURE (CONT'D)
I am Lord Tirek. And I will take what should have been mine long ago.

44

The cloaked figure continues to draw the purple magic from the unicorn and as it does so, the unicorn's CUTIE MARK slowly FADES AWAY until it has completely disappeared.

The cloaked figure GROWS A TINY BIT LARGER. As he does, the hood of his cloak slips off to reveal TIREK. A bull-like creature, with two curved horns atop his head, and black, soulless eyes.

Tied around his neck is a GOLD MEDALLION with the imprint of a SIX-POINTED CROWN upon it.

The WHITE HAZE fills the screen and we...

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE CASTLE - AT THE SAME TIME

Princess Celestia BOLTS UPRIGHT in bed. Princess Luna bursts into the room.

45 PRINCESS LUNA 45
Sister, are you alright?

46 PRINCESS CELESTIA 46
I've just had the most terrible dream.

47 PRINCESS LUNA 47
Why do you think I'm here?

(then)
But you know as well as I that this was not a dream, but a vision.

Princess Celestia rises from her bed.

48 PRINCESS CELESTIA 48
Then we haven't much time. The stronger he becomes, the more we are all in danger.

Off Princess Celestia's concerned look we...

END ACT I

ACT II

INT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE CASTLE - SOON AFTER

Princess Luna looks on as Princess Celestia addresses Princess Cadance and Princess Twilight.

49 PRINCESS CELESTIA 49
Tirek and his brother Scorpan came here from a distant land, intent on stealing Equestrian magic. But Scorpan soon came to appreciate the ways of Equestria, even befriending a young unicorn wizard.

50 PRINCESS LUNA 50
Scorpan urged his brother to abandon their plans. When Tirek refused, Scorpan alerted us to Tirek's intentions.

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51 PRINCESS CELESTIA
Scorpan returned to his own land,
and Tirek was sent to Tartarus for
his crimes.
(then, grave)
But it appears he has found a way
to escape.

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52 PRINCESS LUNA
We believe it happened when
Cerberus left his post at the
gates.

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Twilight registers her insight into this event.

9(10)

53 TWILIGHT
But that was a long time ago. Why
is he just now starting to steal
magic?

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54 PRINCESS CELESTIA
His time in Tartarus left him very
weak. He has just now gained enough
strength to use his dark powers.

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55 PRINCESS LUNA
But with each passing moment, he
grows stronger still.

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117(118)

56 PRINCESS CADANCE
Then he must be stopped.
(then)
And I know just the Princess who
could stop him.

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She looks to Princess Twilight who quickly rises to the
challenge.

9(10)

57 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Yes. I'll find him and--

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58 PRINCESS CELESTIA
No, Twilight, I'm afraid I must
call on another to stop Tirek.

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Twilight is visibly disappointed.

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59 PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D)
Discord.

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13 and

59A

Princess Twilight's jaw drops in shock. OVER this WE HEAR:

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18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
 114, 117
 AJ/RY/PP/RD/SPIKE
 (utter shock)
 DISCORD?!

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EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

Rainbow Dash, Pinkie Pie, Applejack, Rarity, and Spike stare at Twilight in disbelief. Fluttershy is there is well but registers less surprise at the news Twilight has just shared.

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APPLEJACK

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As in Discord, Discord?

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PRINCESS TWILIGHT

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Yes.

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FLUTTERSHY

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I don't think it's that big of a surprise. He can be very helpful.

Her friends shoot her a look -- she can't be serious.

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PRINCESS TWILIGHT

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According to Princess Celestia, he can sense when there is a magical imbalance. The next time Tirek steals magic, Discord will be able to track him down.

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RAINBOW DASH

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So what are you supposed to do in the meantime?

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PRINCESS TWILIGHT

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<SIGH> Nothing. Absolutely nothing. Unless of course one of you needs me to smile and wave.

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PINKIE PIE

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Oooh. Oooh. I want you to smile and wave!

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RARITY

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I believe she was joking, darling.

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PINKIE PIE

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Joking?! At a time like this?! There's a magic stealing maniac on the loose!

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910 (11)
 70 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 70
 <SIGH> I suppose that's Discord's
 problem now. And I know he's going
 to do his best to solve it.

Twilight turns and starts to walk off. Spike follows.

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71 SPIKE 71
 Where are you going?

72 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 72
 To the Castle of the Two Sisters.
 I'm not really needed anywhere
 else. Might as well catch up on
 some of my reading.

Her friends exchange concerned looks, recognizing Twilight's
 somber mood.

73 RAINBOW DASH 73
 Want some company?

Rainbow Dash flies up to her. Applejack follows soon after.

74 APPLEJACK 74
 It has been awhile since we've all
 visited the castle. Might be fun,
 right y'all?

She gestures for the others to join her next to Twilight.

75 RARITY 75
 I do love gazing at those gorgeous
 tapestries in the main hall.

76 FLUTTERSHY 76
 And the library has a really
 interesting book that I've been
 wanting to take a peek at. It's
 about ponies that live in the
 water.

77 PINKIE PIE 77
 And I've got a hankering for some
 organ music!

She is suddenly dressed as the "Pony of Shadows" from Ep 403
 and mimes playing an organ.

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78 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 78
 <ORGAN MUSIC SOUNDS>

Princess Twilight looks at her friends rallying around her,
 and can't help but smile a little.

79 (10) PRINCESS TWILIGHT
Maybe I could use a little company
right now.

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Her friends follow her as she heads off.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS - SOON AFTER

Twilight, Spike, Fluttershy, Rainbow Dash, Pinkie Pie, and Applejack approach the Castle. They pause to look down at the TREE OF HARMONY and the ELEMENTS hanging from its branches.

30 31 32
80 RAINBOW DASH 80
Sometimes I still can't believe we
had to give back the Elements.

131 32
81 RARITY 81
Nor can I. Still, it had to be
done or the Tree of Harmony
wouldn't have survived.

33 34
82 FLUTTERSHY 82
But Twilight was right. Even
without the Elements, our
friendship is as strong as ever. *

83 34 35 36 37 38
The friends nod in agreement.

83 APPLEJACK 83
I just hope another "friend" of
ours never makes us sorry we had to
give them up. *

84 DISCORD (O.S.) 84
You're talking about me, I presume? *

The ponies look up to see DISCORD floating in front of them, wearing a pair of reading glasses, and flipping through the JOURNAL OF THE TWO SISTERS.

31 32 33
85 APPLEJACK 85
How'd you guess?

86 DISCORD 86
My ears were burning.

He FANS FLAMES that shoot out of his ears. One hits the ground and starts a fire which Applejack quickly stamps out.

31 38 (40ab)
87 RAINBOW DASH 87
What are you even doing here,
Discord?

88 (69) DISCORD 88
Just a bit of light reading before
I head off on my extremely
important mission.

(then)
I suppose you all know I've been
tapped to capture a certain
Tartarus escapee.

89 SPIKE 89
PFFT. Big deal.

90 (69) (70) DISCORD 90
You're right, Spike, it is a "big
deal". Seems I possess a magic that
gives me quite an important role in
Equestria.

(then)
Maybe they should make me an
Alicorn Princess.

He snaps his claws and is suddenly wearing a GIANT CROWN, a
PLASTIC UNICORN HORN held to his forehead by an elastic strap
and a ridiculously over-sized pair of WINGS. He smiles and
waves to an imaginary crowd.

91 (41) (42) RAINBOW DASH 91
In your dreams.

Rainbow Dash knocks the crown and horn off his head.

92 (70) DISCORD 92
Oh I never dream of such things.
Ask Princess Luna.

93 (41) (42) (43) (44) APPLEJACK 93
Don't you have a creepy magic-
stealing villain to track down?

Discord uses his magic to make the wings and unicorn horn
disappear.

94 (70) DISCORD 94
Yes, yes, of course. It's just
that I couldn't help but notice
that Twilight hasn't opened this
little chest of hers.

He puts his arm around Twilight and guides her to the Chest
in front of the Tree of Harmony.

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USED (135)
-SIELBY
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DICK & ROGERS
135abc (136)

95 (70) DISCORD (CONT'D) 95
It got me thinking. What if what's
locked inside is something that
could help her prove her royal
worth?

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95A Princess Twilight considers this.

96 (71) DISCORD (CONT'D) 96
I only bring it up because she said
she's been feeling like her role as
a princess doesn't equate to much.

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97 PINKIE PIE 97
(matter-of-fact)
She did say she was feeling like
that.
(then, realizing)

Hey! Wait a minute! How do you know
she said she was feeling like that?

How do you know how she was feeling?
Twilight and her friends glare at Discord, already knowing
the answer to that question.

98 (71) DISCORD 98
Oh, my. Is eavesdropping not the
way you're supposed to find out
what your best pals are up to?
(then, laying it on thick)
Woe is me. Will I ever learn the
intricate nuances of being a good
friend?

He notices the girls still glaring at him.

99 (71) DISCORD (CONT'D) 99
Yes, well, I suppose now is as good
a time as any for me to make my
exit.

He SNAPS his claws and disappears into thin air.

100 45abc (46) 47
APPLEJACK 100
And good riddance--

She is cut short as Discord suddenly returns. He is holding
the Journal of the Two Sisters.

101 (72) DISCORD 101
Almost left with the little journal
you all have been keeping. What a
fascinating read. Haven't you
girls just learned so much?

He tosses the book at Twilight's hooves.

102 ⁷² DISCORD (CONT'D) 102
I've bookmarked a few of the more
"interesting" passages. You should
really take a look.

Twilight uses her magic to pick up the book.

103 DISCORD (CONT'D) 103
We're still on for tea later aren't
we, Fluttershy?

104 FLUTTERSHY 104
I wouldn't miss it.

105 ⁷² DISCORD 105
(sing-song)
I'll bring the cucumber sandwiches.

Discord SNAPS his claws, and disappears.

106 APPLEJACK 106
Who-wee. Sometimes I think the
"reformed" Discord is more
obnoxious than the "before he was
reformed" Discord.

107 RARITY 107
Indeed.

108 FLUTTERSHY 108
(to Twilight)
But he could be right, couldn't he?
What if there is something
important in that chest? *

Twilight examines the chest. *

109 ¹⁵ PRINCESS TWILIGHT 109
There's only one way to find out. *

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. LIBRARY OF THE TWO SISTERS - LATER

Spike and the girls are sprawled out around the room and
surrounded by books that have been pulled from the shelves.
A discouraged Twilight addresses her friends.

110 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 110
Anything?

Her friends shake their heads "no".

111 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 111
There must be something in this
library that can help me figure out
how to open it. A clue of some
kind.

Pinkie produces a lead pipe.

112 PINKIE PIE 112
Could it be this lead pipe?

113 SPIKE 113
Why is there a lead pipe in the
library?

114 PINKIE PIE 114
I dunno. Probably the same reason
there's a candlestick, a rope, and
a wrench.

She produces a CANDLESTICK, a ROPE, and a WRENCH.

115 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 115
I'm sorry, Pinkie, but I don't
think any of those are going to
help us find the keys to the chest.
The answer is in one of these
books. I just know it.

She looks around, her gaze eventually falling on the Journal
of the Two Sisters. She uses her magic to pick it up and
turn to the first page Discord has bookmarked.

EXT. ANOTHER PART OF EQUESTRIA - AT THE SAME TIME

The cloaked figure has cornered another UNICORN. It goes
limp as it is drained of its magic and its Cutie Mark fades
away. Tirek turns away from the weakened unicorn and comes
face-to-face with Discord.

116 DISCORD 116
Tirek, I presume.

Tirek's expression reflects his surprise.

117 TIREK 117
(weakly)
Discord. You're... free?

118 DISCORD 118
As a bird.

Discord TRANSFORMS INTO A BIRD and sits in a NEST that has appeared out of thin air.

Tirek bows to Discord.

119 TIREK 119
I commend you on your escape.

Discord resumes his normal form.

120 73 DISCORD 120
I'm afraid the feeling isn't mutual.

Tirek suddenly finds his hooves in handcuffs. Tirek FIRES a BLAST of MAGIC at Discord but it is weak and Discord easily deflects it.

121 TIREK 121
(weakly)
I should have known you would want to have Equestria all to yourself.

122 73 DISCORD 122
Oh, I'm not doing this for me. I'm doing it for my friends.
(then)
Just between the two of us, it's mostly for Fluttershy.

123 TIREK 123
Fluttershy? You're not saying you're friends with... Ponies?

Discord suddenly BURSTS OUT of the top of an ENORMOUS CAKE.

124 73 DISCORD 124
Surprise!

Tirek looks at Discord for a moment before he speaks. He chooses his words carefully.

125 TIREK 125
I am surprised that someone with your intellect does not see this "friendship" is but a new form of imprisonment. Clearly you've had to abandon your true nature to stay in their good graces.

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Discord looks up from the piece of cake he's now eating.

126 ⁷³ DISCORD 126
(mouth full of cake)
I've done nothing of the sort.

127 TIREK 127
Please. I have seen this before.
(then)

But he was always weak-minded. You
are Discord. You are legend. You
cannot fall into the same trap that
claimed my brother.

Tirek shuffles closer to Discord.

128 TIREK (CONT'D) 128
Help me to grow strong and be
rewarded with something far greater
than "friendship" -- freedom.

Discord's interest has been piqued.

129 TIREK (CONT'D) 129
Once I have stripped these ponies
of their magic, nothing would give
me greater pleasure than to see
their world turned upside down. Who
better to do so than the master of
chaos himself?

Tirek raises his front shackled hooves.

130 TIREK (CONT'D) 130
Join me, Discord, and reclaim your
greatness.

(then, pointed)
Unless, of course, "pony errand
boy" is the role you've always
wanted to play in this world?

130 Discord considers his options as we...

END ACT II

ACT III

INT. CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS - LATER

Twilight is completely absorbed in the Journal of the Two
Sisters. She turns a page and scans it with her eyes.

She turns to yet another page. Her eyes scan the page even more quickly this time. She turns another page. Eyes darting across what is written there. She suddenly looks up from the book, **excited**.

131 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 131
I think I've found something!

Her friends look up from their own reading material and **gather around** Twilight.

132 APPLEJACK 132
What is it, sugarcube?

133 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 133
I can't be sure but, I've been reading our journal and there's something interesting about the sections that Discord bookmarked.

Twilight uses her magic to flip through the journal, landing on one of the bookmarked entries.

134 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 134
...Applejack, do you remember when you had to tell everypony that the tonic Granny bought from the Flim-Flam brothers didn't really work?

135 APPLEJACK 135
How could I forget? It was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PONYVILLE POOL - FLASHBACK - EPISODE 421

Applejack looks out over a crowd.

136 APPLEJACK 136
I hate to disappoint everypony, but there's no way Granny could have made that dive because this tonic is a fake.

The crowd suddenly GASPS in unison.

BACK TO:

INT. LIBRARY OF THE TWO SISTERS - NOW

Applejack addresses her friends.

137 55 71 APPLEJACK 40 61 62 137
I knew that folks might never trust
me again and that tellin' Granny
the truth might hurt her somethin'
fierce, but in that moment, I knew
had to be honest. I just knew it.
(then)

But what that's got to do with
opening the chest?

138 18 19 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 138
(explaining)
Reading through the Journal we've
kept together, I've found that each
of you has had to face a situation
where living up to the Element of
Harmony you represent wasn't easy.

Twilight turns to another page of the book.

139 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 139
Fluttershy, it was when you
realized that the way to show
kindness to the Breezies was by
forcing them to leave your home.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE - FLASHBACK - EPISODE 416

Fluttershy opens the door for the Breezies and they all look
at her, stunned. And then they fly out the door. Fluttershy
fights back tears. It is not easy for her to be "mean".

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. LIBRARY OF THE TWO SISTERS - NOW

Fluttershy looks a bit distraught at the memory.

15 152 140 FLUTTERSHY 140
The looks on their poor little
faces.
(then, sure of herself)
But I knew that as difficult as it
was, pushing them away was the
kindest thing I could do for them. - alt

Princess Twilight turns to another page in the journal.

141 ^{18 19} PRINCESS TWILIGHT 141
Rarity, even after Suri took
advantage of your generosity at
Fashion Week in Manehattan, you
didn't let it cause you to abandon
your generous spirit.

INT. GRAND MAJESTIC THEATER - FLASHBACK - EPISODE 408

The Mane 6 are watching the end of Filly Elliot.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. LIBRARY OF THE TWO SISTERS - NOW

Rarity addresses her friends.

154 155 156

142 RARITY 142
I knew how much you wanted to see
that show and I simply couldn't
have lived with myself if I didn't
do something special for the
friends who have always been so
generous to me.

Twilight turns another page.

143 ^{18 19 20} PRINCESS TWILIGHT 143
Rainbow Dash, you had the chance to
fly with the Wonderbolts at the
Equestria Games but instead you
chose to compete with your friends.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. RAINBOW FALLS - FLASHBACK - EPISODE 410

Rainbow Dash and her teammates Fluttershy and Bulk Biceps are
all getting their medals.

BACK TO:

INT. LIBRARY OF THE TWO SISTERS - NOW

Fluttershy smiles at Rainbow Dash.

18 19 20 21
144 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 144
Flying with the Wonderbolts would
have gotten you a gold medal at the
Equestria Games.

63 (14) (16)
145 RAINBOW DASH 145
Sure. But being loyal to my friends
was way more important.

157 (16)
146 PINKIE PIE 146
My turn! My turn!

Twilight smiles and turns to another page of the journal.

16 (19)
147 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 147
(to Pinkie Pie)
Pinkie Pie, you realized that
seeing your friend laugh was more
important than proving you were a
better party planner than Cheese
Sandwich.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PONYVILLE - TOWN SQUARE - FLASHBACK - EPISODE 409

Pinkie Pie announces her decision to stop the Goof Off.

148 PINKIE PIE 148
I forfeit. Which means, Cheese
Sandwich wins! ? Reuse!!

BACK TO:

INT. LIBRARY OF THE TWO SISTERS - NOW

Rainbow Dash grins at Pinkie Pie.

65 (14) (16)
149 RAINBOW DASH 149
Best party I've ever had.

Pinkie Pie smiles broadly.

158 (159)
150 RARITY 150
It's clear we've all had our
moments to shine, Twilight, but I'm
with Applejack. What does any of
this have to do with the opening of
the chest?

151 PRINCESS TWILIGHT
All of you had tough choices to
make, but when you made the right
one and embraced your Element, it
helped somepony else make the right
choice too.

151

Princess Twilight references the journal.

152 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Each of you received something from
the pony whose life you helped
change...

152

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PONYVILLE POOL - FLASHBACK - EPISODE 421

Silver Shill pushes the BIT across the ground to Applejack.

153 SILVER SHILL
I'd like you to have it. As a
reminder of how you helped me
finally see the truth.

153

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. GRAND MAJESTIC THEATER - FLASHBACK - EPISODE 408

Coco gives Rarity a SMALL GIFT WRAPPED PACKAGE.

154 COCO
I brought you something to say
thank you.

154

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. BREEZIE HOME - FLASHBACK - EPISODE 416

SeaBreeze hands Fluttershy a SMALL FLOWER plucked from the
Breezies world.

155 SEABREEZE
To remember us by.

155

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. RAINBOW FALLS ARENA - FLASHBACK - EPISODE 410

Spitfire gives RAINBOW DASH her WonderBolts Pin. (NOTE: We'll need to add this moment to 410 as RD's "key" moment plays differently in the current script).

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - FLASHBACK - EPISODE 409

As Cheese Sandwich passes Pinkie Pie, he tosses her his RUBBER CHICKEN.

156 CHEESE SANDWICH 156
Just a little memento of my visit. . .

BACK TO:

INT. LIBRARY OF THE TWO SISTERS - NOW

Princess Twilight addresses her friends.

157 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 157
I know it sounds crazy, but maybe
there's something special about
those objects that would lead us to
the location of the keys.
(then)
The chest is connected to the Tree
of Harmony, the Tree is connected
to the Elements, and the Elements
are connected to all of us. There
must be a connection!

Her friends <AD-LIB AGREEMENT>.

158 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 158
I hate to admit it, but maybe
Discord was trying to be a good
friend after all.

INT. GRAND MAJESTIC THEATER - AT THE SAME TIME

<APPLAUSE> as the curtains close on a production of "Henny of the Hills". The curtains suddenly re-open to reveal Discord bowing in front of the terrified CAST of the show.

159 DISCORD 159
Please, hold your applause until
the end of the show.

The <APPLAUSE ABRUPTLY STOPS>.

Discord <SNAPS> his fingers and the doors at the back of the theater suddenly <SLAM> and are bolted shut.

160 DISCORD (CONT'D) 160
I just have one question. Are there
any unicorns in the house tonight?

A nervous "show of hooves" from the audience.

Just then, Tirek steps out onto the stage, horns glowing.

He pulls magic from the unicorns out in the audience toward the stage and grows a foot taller.

Discord <CLAPS>.

161 DISCORD (CONT'D) 161
Encore! Encore!

EXT. CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS - TREE OF HARMONY - SOON AFTER

Pinkie Pie, Rarity, Rainbow Dash, Applejack, and Fluttershy have retrieved the RUBBER CHICKEN, SPOOL OF THREAD, MEDAL, BIT, and FLOWER and stand with Twilight and Spike by the Chest. Twilight examines the objects.

162 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 162
(re: the objects)
I don't see anything on them that
would give us a clue as to where
the keys might be. They're just
ordinary, everyday objects.

162A Pinkie Pie eyes the objects for a moment then taps them with
her hoof, gives them a sniff, sticks her tongue out and
tastes them...

163 PINKIE PIE 163
Uh-huh. Just as a I thought. These
things aren't ordinary at all.

Pinkie Pie picks up her rubber chicken and SQUEEZES it.

164 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 164
Come on, Boneless! Give us that
key!

165 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 165
I don't think that's going to work.

165A Pinkie Pie SQUEEZES even harder and the rubber chicken slips out of her grasp and ROCKETS toward the chest. *

163 As soon as it comes into contact with the chest, a beam of RAINBOW LIGHT emerges from the keyhole and encircles the rubber chicken. Everyone lets out a <GASP> as it is TRANSFORMED into a KEY with Pinkie Pie's Cutie Mark as its handle. *

164 The key is pulled toward the keyhole by the beam of rainbow light and clicks into place.

Pinkie Pie beams at her friends.

166 PINKIE PIE 166
Told ya!

Applejack, Fluttershy, Rainbow Dash, and Rarity scramble to bring their objects over to the chest.

As soon as the objects touch it, beams of RAINBOW LIGHT emerge from the remaining empty keyholes and encircle the objects.

The bit, the spool of thread, the medal, and the flower are all TRANSFORMED into keys with Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy, Applejack, and Rarity's Cutie Marks.

The keys are then pulled by the rainbow light into their respective keyholes.

The girls stare at the chest for a beat, then...

167 APPLEJACK 167
What are you waitin' for, Twilight?
Open her up.

168 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 168
I can't.
(then, disappointed)
There's still one key missing.

The girls all look at the single keyhole without a key.

169 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 169
The key that represents the Element
of Magic. My Element.

170 FLUTTERSHY 170
Oh but I'm sure that if we've
gotten our keys, you have too,
Twilight.

164 167

171 RARITY 171
Of course she has. Think Twilight,
when have you completed a difficult
magical task and in doing so
encouraged another pony to do the
same?

172 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 172
That's just it. I haven't. If I
had, I would have written about it
in the Journal.

Twilight is visibly disappointed. Spike goes to comfort her.

173 SPIKE 173
Don't worry, Twilight, I'm sure
you'll get your key eventually--

He stops short, suddenly receiving an incoming scroll which
he <COUGHS UP> in a burst of flame.

Twilight uses her magic to unfurl the scroll.

174 SPIKE (CONT'D) 174
What's it say?

175 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 175
That I'm needed in Canterlot at
once.

EXT. APPALOOSA - AT THE SAME TIME

Discord, wearing a COWBOY HAT, spins a LASSO around his head.

176 DISCORD 176
Looks like there's a new sheriff in
town.

TERRIFIED EARTH PONIES stampede away from him, but the lasso
suddenly becomes ENORMOUS and encircles them all and grows
taut.

Discord pulls the captured ponies closer.

He tips his hat at Tirek who forces a smile, clearly not
amused by Discord's antics.

Tirek's horns glow and he strips the captured ponies of their
strength.

Tirek grows even larger in size. He is now as big as
Discord.

INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - LATER

Princess Celestia, Princess Luna, and Princess Cadance are gathered in the throne room, their expressions pensive. They look to the door as Princess Twilight enters.

177 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 177
I came as quickly as I could.

(then)

Is something wrong? Is it Tirek?

178 PRINCESS LUNA 178
It can be no other.

Princess Celestia's horn lights up she uses her magic to PROJECT AN IMAGE of a desolate Cloudsale. There is not a Pegasus to be found. We PAN DOWN within the projected image to a line of blank flanked Pegasi. They stare into the distance. Their wings flapping, but their bodies rooted to the ground, as if held there by some unseen force.

179 PRINCESS CELESTIA 179
Tirek has stolen enough magic that he now has the strength to steal flight as well.

(then)

Without Pegasi to control the weather, there will be no rain in Equestria.

The projected image disappears.

180 PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D) 180
There is word he has gone after Earth Ponies as well. Without their strength they will not be able to tend the land.

181 PRINCESS LUNA 181
Ponies will no longer be in control of their world. That power will belong solely to Tirek.

182 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 182
But how can this be happening? Shouldn't Discord have found Tirek by now?

183 PRINCESS CELESTIA 183
I am afraid I put too much trust in Discord and the effect that friendship would have upon him.

29 30
184 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 184
(alarmed)
You mean--?

17 174 175 185 PRINCESS LUNA 185
Discord has betrayed the ponies of
Equestria and joined forces with
Tirek.

Princess Twilight reacts to this disheartening news.

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186 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 186
How could he do this? I thought our
friendship meant something to him.
I thought he had changed.

175 176 187 PRINCESS CELESTIA 187
There is no doubt that Tirek is
after Alicorn magic. With Discord
by his side, we will not be able to
stop him from taking it.

188 PRINCESS LUNA 188
Once it is in his possession, his
power will know no bounds and all
hope will be lost.

189 PRINCESS CELESTIA 189
But there is a solution.

one
Princess Twilight brightens.

177 190 PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D) 190
We must rid ourselves of our magic
before Tirek has the chance to
steal it from us.

(then, grave)
It is only by making this sacrifice
that Equestria and the lands beyond
it might be saved.

Off Princess Twilight's shocked expression we cue DRAMATIC
MUSIC STING and...

FADE TO BLACK

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