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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.

1	SPIKE	1
	Seems like only yesterday I was saving this place from being totally destroyed.	
	(then)	
	You guys remember that? How I saved the Equestria Games from certain doom?	
2	RAINBOW DASH	2
	(bright)	
	How could we forget?	
	(then, under her breath)	
	You only mentioned it about 15 times on the train here.	
3	RARITY	3
	(pointedly to RD)	
	Yes, and we never hear a peep out of you about <i>your</i> exploits.	
4	RAINBOW DASH	4
	Yeah, okay. Point taken.	
5	PRINCESS TWILIGHT	5
	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.	
6	RARITY	6
	Yes, but you get to smile and wave like a princess.	
7	APPLEJACK	7
	How exactly is that different than smiling and waving like, <u>not</u> a princess?	
8	PRINCESS TWILIGHT	8
	It isn't.	

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

9 FLUTTERSHY 9
What's wrong, Twilight?

10 PINKIE PIE 10
Why the loooonnnng face?

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 11
I guess 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. *

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

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

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

14 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 14
I guess you're right.

15 RARITY 15
Of course we are.
(then)
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.

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

DOWN BELOW a PAIR of DIGNIFIED PONIES approach the castle.

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.

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

Twilight slumps. Her friends shoot Spike a look.

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

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. *

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

20	PRINCESS TWILIGHT	20
	Of course.	

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

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?

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

23 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 23
Oh.

Princess Luna notes Twilight's disappointment.

24 PRINCESS LUNA 24
Something wrong?

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

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.

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

Twilight smiles at Princess Cadance.

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

Princess Cadance senses Twilight has more to say.

29 PRINCESS CADANCE 29
But...

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)

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*

35	CELESTIA/LUNA/CADANCE	35
	<i>Know that your time</i>	
	<i>is coming soon/</i>	
	<i>As the sun rises</i>	
	<i>So does the moon/</i>	
	<i>As love finds a place</i>	
	<i>in every heart/</i>	
	<i>You are a princess</i>	
	<i>You'll play your part</i>	
36	PRINCESS LUNA	36
	<i>We understand you wanting more</i>	
	<i>A chance to shine</i>	
	<i>A chance to soar</i>	
37	PRINCESS CADANCE	37
	<i>Know that your time</i>	
	<i>is coming soon/</i>	
	<i>As the sun rises</i>	
	<i>So does the moon/</i>	
	<i>As love finds a place</i>	
	<i>in every heart/</i>	
	<i>You are a princess</i>	
	<i>You'll play your part</i>	
38	PRINCESS CELESTIA	38
	<i>You are a princess</i>	
	<i>You'll play your part</i>	

END SONG

Twilight looks at the Princesses gathered around her.

39	PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D)	39	*
	Your time will come.		*

EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - LATER

The SUN SETS as the MOON RISES.

INT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE CASTLE - AT THE SAME TIME

Princess Twilight stares out a bedroom window as dusk turns to dark. In the distance she can see the Crystal Heart.
Twilight turns away from the window.

40	TWILIGHT	40
	Someday.	

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. CANTERLOT - NIGHT

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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.

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41 UNICORN 41
Very sorry. You came out of
nowhere.

No response from the cloaked figure. As the unicorn starts to use its magic to retrieve his package, a RED LIGHT shines out from under the shadowy figure's cloak.

The red light connects with the MAGIC coming from the unicorn's horn and pulls it toward the shadowy figure until it disappears into the hood of the cloak.

The unicorn is visibly weakened.

42 UNICORN (CONT'D) 42
Who...are you?

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The Cloaked Figure speaks, his voice raspy and ragged.

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43 CLOAKED FIGURE 43
I am but a stranger here. My name
and station lost to time. But soon
enough all will know and fear me.

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*

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.

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44 CLOAKED FIGURE (CONT'D) 44
I am Tirek and I am going to take
what is mine.

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*

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.

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

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*

The WHITE HAZE fills the screen and we...

*

SMASH CUT TO:

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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 of
what is coming. *

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 is from a land beyond
Equestria's borders. He came here
many moons ago, intent on stealing
Equestrian magic, claiming that it
was his to possess. *

50 PRINCESS LUNA 50
My sister and I were able to
capture him and imprison him in
Tartarus. But it appears he has
found a way to escape.

51 PRINCESS CELESTIA 51
We believe it may have happened
when the Cerberus who guards its
gates left its post.

Twilight registers her insight into this event.

52 TWILIGHT 52
But that was a long time ago. Why
is he just now starting to steal
magic?

53 PRINCESS CELESTIA 53
His time in Tartarus left him very
weak. He has just now gained enough
strength to use his dark powers. *

54 PRINCESS LUNA 54
But with each passing moment, he
grows stronger still.

55 PRINCESS CADANCE 55
Then he must be stopped.
(then)
And I know just the Princess who
could stop him.

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

56 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 56
Yes. I'll find him and--

57 PRINCESS CELESTIA 57
No, Twilight, I'm afraid I must
call on another to stop Tirek.

Twilight is visibly disappointed.

58 PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D) 58
Discord.

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

59 AJ/RV/PP/RD/SPIKE 59
(utter shock)
DISCORD?!

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.

60 APPLEJACK 60
As in Discord, Discord?

61 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 61
Yes.

62 FLUTTERSHY 62
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.

63 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 63
According to Princess Celestia,
Discord has the ability to sense
when there is a magical imbalance
in Equestria. The next time Tirek
steals magic, Discord will be able
to track him down and bring him
back to Tartarus. *

64 RAINBOW DASH 64
So what are you supposed to do in
the meantime?

65 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 65
<SIGH> Nothing. Absolutely nothing.
Unless of course one of you needs
me to smile and wave.

66 PINKIE PIE 66
Oooh. Oooh. I want you to smile
and wave!

67 RARITY 67
I believe she was joking, darling.

68 PINKIE PIE 68
Joking?! At a time like this?!
There's a magic stealing maniac on
the loose!

69 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 69
There is. But 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.

70 SPIKE 70
Where are you going?

71 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 71
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.

72 RAINBOW DASH 72
Want some company?

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

73 APPLEJACK 73
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.

74 RARITY 74
I do love gazing at those gorgeous
tapestries in the main hall.

75 FLUTTERSHY 75
And the library has a really
interesting book that I've been
wanting to take a peek at. It's
about ponies that somehow live in
the water.

76 PINKIE PIE 76
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.

77 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D) 77
<ORGAN MUSIC SOUNDS>

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

78 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 78
Maybe I could use a little company
right now.

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.

79 RAINBOW DASH 79
Sometimes I still can't believe we
had to give back the Elements.

80 RARITY 80
Nor can I. Still, it had to be
done or the Tree of Harmony
wouldn't have survived.

81 FLUTTERSHY 81
But Twilight was right. Even
without them, our friendship is as
strong as ever.

The friends nod in agreement.

82 APPLEJACK 82
I just hope another "friend" of
ours never makes us regret not
having the Elements around.

83 DISCORD (O.S.) 83
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.

84 APPLEJACK 84
How'd you guess?

85 DISCORD 85
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.

86 RAINBOW DASH 86
What are you even doing here,
Discord?

87 DISCORD 87
Just a bit of light reading before
I head off on my *extremely*
important mission.
(then)
(MORE)

DISCORD (CONT'D)

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

88 SPIKE 88
PFFT. Big deal.

89 DISCORD 89 *
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. *

90 RAINBOW DASH 90 *
In your dreams. *

Rainbow Dash knocks the crown and horn off his head. *

91 DISCORD 91 *
Oh I never dream of such things. *
Ask Princess Luna. *

92 APPLEJACK 92 *
Don't you have a creepy magic- *
stealing villain to track down? *

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

93 DISCORD 93 *
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. *

94 DISCORD (CONT'D) 94 *
It got me thinking. What if what's *
locked inside is something that *
could help her prove her royal *
worth? *

Princess Twilight considers this. *

95 DISCORD (CONT'D) 95 *
I only bring it up because she said *
she's been feeling like her role as *
a princess doesn't equate to much. *

96 PINKIE PIE 96 *
(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? *

Twilight and her friends glare at Discord, already knowing *
the answer to that question. *

97 DISCORD 97 *
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. *

98 DISCORD (CONT'D) 98 *
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. *

99 APPLEJACK 99 *
And good riddance-- *

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

100 DISCORD 100 *
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. *

101 DISCORD (CONT'D) 101 *
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. *

102 DISCORD (CONT'D) 102 *
We're still on for tea later aren't *
we, Fluttershy? *

103 FLUTTERSHY 103 *
I wouldn't miss it. *

104 DISCORD 104 *
(sing-song) *
I'll bring the cucumber sandwiches. *

Discord SNAPS his claws, and disappears. *

105 APPLEJACK 105 *
Who-wee. Sometimes I think the *
"reformed" Discord is more *
obnoxious than the "before he was *
reformed" Discord. *

106 RARITY 106 *
Indeed. *

107 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 107 *
He may be obnoxious, but he could *
also be right. *

She examines the chest. *

108 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 108 *
What if what's inside could help me *
be more useful as a princess? *
(determined) *
I need to open that chest. *

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.

109 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 109 *
Anything? *

Her friends shake their heads "no".

110 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 110 *
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.

111 PINKIE PIE 111
 Could it be this lead pipe?

112 SPIKE 112
 Why is there a lead pipe in the
 library?

113 PINKIE PIE 113
 I dunno. Probably the same reason
 there's a candlestick, a rope, and
 a wrench.

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

114 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 114
 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

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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.

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115 DISCORD 115
 Tirek, I presume.

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*

Tirek's expression reflects his surprise.

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116 TIREK 116
 (weakly)
 Discord. You're... free?

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*
*

117 DISCORD 117
 As a bird.

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*

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

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*

Tirek bows to Discord.

*

118 TIREK 118
 I commend you on your escape.

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*

Discord resumes his normal form.

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119 DISCORD
I'm afraid the feeling isn't
mutual.

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

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

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121 DISCORD
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.

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

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

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123 DISCORD
Surprise!

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*

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

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124 TIREK
I am surprised that you do 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.

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

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126 TIREK
You are Discord. You are legend.
And yet you have given these ponies
power over you. They've seen the
might of your magic and have
snuffed it out under the guise of
"being your friend".

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Tirek shuffles closer to Discord.

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127	TIREK (CONT'D)	127
	I am weak now, but help me to grow	
	strong and I will reward you with	
	something far greater than	
	"friendship".	
	(then, painting a picture)	
	There are lands beyond these	
	borders that are ripe for the	
	taking. Once Equestria has fallen,	
	imagine the power that could be	
	ours. The amount of <u>chaos</u> you could	
	create.	
	(then, pointed)	
	Or is "pony errand boy" truly the	
	role you wish to play in this	
	world?	

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Tirek raises his front shackled hooves.

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128	TIREK (CONT'D)	128
	The choice is yours.	

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*

Discord considers his options as we...

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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.

129	PRINCESS TWILIGHT	129
	I think I've found something!	

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

130	APPLEJACK	130
	What is it, sugarcube?	

131 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 131
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. *

132 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 132
...Applejack, do you remember when
you had to tell everypony that the
tonic Granny bought from the Flim-
Flam brothers didn't really work?

133 APPLEJACK 133
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.

134 APPLEJACK 134
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.

135 APPLEJACK 135
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?

136 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 136
(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.

137 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 137
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.

138 FLUTTERSHY 138
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.

Princess Twilight turns to another page in the journal.

139 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 139
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.

140	RARITY	140	
	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.

141	PRINCESS TWILIGHT	141	
	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.

142	PRINCESS TWILIGHT	142	
	Flying with the Wonderbolts would		
	have gotten you a gold medal at the		
	Equestria Games.		
143	RAINBOW DASH	143	
	Sure. But being loyal to my friends		
	was way more important.		
144	PINKIE PIE	144	
	My turn! My turn!		

Twilight smiles and turns to another page of the journal.

145 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 145
(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. *

146 PINKIE PIE 146 *
I forfeit. Which means, Cheese *
Sandwich wins! *

BACK TO:

INT. LIBRARY OF THE TWO SISTERS - NOW

Rainbow Dash grins at Pinkie Pie.

147 RAINBOW DASH 147
Best party I've ever had.

Pinkie Pie smiles broadly.

148 RARITY 148
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
the chest?

149 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 149
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.

Princess Twilight references the journal. *

150 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 150 *
Each of you received something from *
the pony whose life you helped *
change... *

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PONYVILLE POOL - FLASHBACK - EPISODE 421

Silver Shill pushes the BIT across the ground to Applejack.

151	SILVER SHILL	151
	I'd like you to have it. As a	
	reminder of how you helped me	
	finally see the truth.	

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. GRAND MAJESTIC THEATER - FLASHBACK - EPISODE 408

Coco gives Rarity a SMALL GIFT WRAPPED PACKAGE.

152	COCO	152
	I brought you something to say	
	thank you.	

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. BREEZIE HOME - FLASHBACK - EPISODE 416

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

153	SEABREEZE	153
	To remember us by.	

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).

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DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. PONYVILLE TOWN SQUARE - FLASHBACK - EPISODE 409

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

154	CHEESE SANDWICH	154
	Just a little memento of my visit.	

BACK TO:

INT. LIBRARY OF THE TWO SISTERS - NOW

Princess Twilight addresses her friends.

155 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 155
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>.

156 PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D) 156
I hate to admit it, but maybe
Discord was trying to be a good
friend after all.

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.

157 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 157 *
 (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.

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...

158 PINKIE PIE 158
Uh-huh. Just as I thought. These
things aren't ordinary at all.

Pinkie Pie picks up her rubber chicken and is about to try
and shove it into one of the keyholes.

159 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 159
Pinkie Pie, what are you--

But as soon as the rubber chicken 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.

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

Pinkie Pie beams at her friends.

160	PINKIE PIE	160
	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...

161	APPLEJACK	161
	What are you waitin' for, Twilight?	
	Open her up.	

162	PRINCESS TWILIGHT	162
	I can't.	
	(then, disappointed)	
	There's still one key missing.	

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

163	PRINCESS TWILIGHT (CONT'D)	163
	The key that represents the Element of Magic. <u>My</u> Element.	

164	FLUTTERSHY	164
	Oh but I'm sure that if we've gotten our keys, you have too, Twilight.	

165 RARITY 165
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?

166 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 166
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.

167 SPIKE 167
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.

168 SPIKE (CONT'D) 168
What's it say?

169 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 169
That I'm needed in Canterlot at
once.

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.

170 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 170
I came as quickly as I could.
(then)
Is something wrong? Is it Tirek?

171 PRINCESS LUNA 171
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.

172 PRINCESS CELESTIA 172
Tirek has stolen enough magic that
he now has the strength to steal
flight as well.
(then)
Without Pegasus to control the
weather, there will be no rain in
Equestria.

The projected image disappears.

173 PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D) 173
There is word he has gone after
Earth Ponies as well. Without
their strength they will not be
able to tend the land.

174 PRINCESS LUNA 174
Ponies will no longer be in control
of their world. That power will
belong solely to Tirek.

175 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 175
But how can this be happening?
Shouldn't Discord have found Tirek
by now?

176 PRINCESS CELESTIA 176
I am afraid I put too much trust in
Discord and the effect that
friendship would have upon him.

177 PRINCESS TWILIGHT 177
(alarmed)
You mean--?

178 PRINCESS LUNA 178
Discord has betrayed the ponies of
Equestria and joined forces with
Tirek. He has been gathering up
unicorns and Pegasus for him.
Helping to sneak Tirek into other
parts of Equestria.

Princess Twilight reacts to this disheartening news.

179 PRINCESS CELESTIA 179
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.

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180	PRINCESS LUNA	180	*
	Once it is in his possession, his		*
	power will know no bounds and all		*
	hope will be lost.		*

181	PRINCESS CELESTIA	181	*
	But there is a solution.		*

Princess Twilight brightens. *

182	PRINCESS CELESTIA (CONT'D)	182	*
	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

END PART I