

MY LITTLE PONY
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"Castle Mane-ia"

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SC 1 - INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S LOFT - DAY

TWILIGHT (O.S.)

Ahhhh.

SPIKE

What's wrong Twilight?

TWILIGHT

<sigh> I've gone through every book in Ponyville, Spike, and there isn't a single mention of the mysterious chest that came from the Tree of Harmony. Nor anything about keys to unlock it. But something tells me that opening it is pretty important. I hope Princess Celestia has some ideas. If the Library in Canterlot doesn't have anything, I don't know where else to look.

SPIKE

Ahhhh!!

SPIKE

<blah>

TWILIGHT

My dearest Twilight, while it would be perfectly lovely to have you in Canterlot once more, I have another option in mind much closer to Ponyville...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC 2 - EXT. CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS - LATER

PRINCESS CELESTIA (V.O.)

...as you know, that ancient Castle that I once shared with Princess Luna lies mostly in ruins... deep in the Everfree Forest.

SC 3 - INT. CASTLE - GRAND FOYER - CONTINUOUS

PRINCESS CELESTIA (V.O.)

...but if you look carefully you may find a book that could prove helpful to your research hidden somewhere in what's left of the Castle library.

SC 4 - INT. CASTLE - LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

TWILIGHT
<gasp!> Wow! Look at all these ancient books. It's a veritable gold mine of information. I can't believe it! Woo-hoo!!

SPIKE
Woahh!!!

SPIKE
Heh, heh. So, Twilight. Ah.. Ready to head home?

TWILIGHT
Are you kidding? This place is PERFECT!

CUT TO:

SC 5 - EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - LATE AFTERNOON

RAINBOW DASH
I'm not gonna move. You move.

APPLEJACK
Uh-uh. There is no way I'm moving.

PINKIE PIE
This is the most daring dare any pony ever dared dare another pony to dare.

APPLEJACK/RAINBOW DASH
Huh?

PINKIE PIE
It's exciting!

BEEKEEPER PONY
Um... Watchya all doing?

PINKIE PIE
Rainbow Dash and Applejack are competing for the title of Most Daring Pony. This is the final test. The Bee Stare. Last pony to blink wins.

BEEKEEPER PONY
I'm gonna need my bees back.

RAINBOW DASH
But then we'll never find out who the Most Daring Pony is.

BEEKEEPER PONY
Sorry about that.<whistles>

APPLEJACK

Well, what do we do now?

PINKIE PIE
Don't worry ladies, I've been keeping
excellent score all day.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
(to herself)
Mmmm... move the decimal... carry the
two...and...

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Congratulations! You're tied!

APPLEJACK
Tied?

RAINBOW DASH
You can't be tied for Most Daring
Pony.

PINKIE PIE
I don't know. Numbers don't lie.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I'd love to stay and keep keeping
score, but I promised to help test the
new school bell. I get to ring it all
week non-stop. And I don't even have
to take turns because no one else
volunteered!

RAINBOW DASH
Okay. No problem. We just have to come
up with another daring dare.

APPLEJACK
Right.

APPLEJACK
I think I might have an idea of what
we can do.

SC 6 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - SAME TIME

FLUTTERSHY
Um... Rarity, don't you think it's a
little late in the day to be walking
through the forest? It is Star Spider
season, after all. Though I'm sure you
have a very good reason...

RARITY
Simply the most important reason I've
ever had in my entire life.

FLUTTERSHY
Oh. Well, then I'm happy to help.
(beat)
What is it?

RARITY
I've heard rumors that the Castle of
the Two Sisters is filled with the
most gorgeous of ancient tapestries
in all of Pony History.

RARITY
(nods)
It pains me to think of those
magnificent creations rotting away in
those old ruins, totally
unappreciated.

FLUTTERSHY
I see.

RARITY
I require your help in borrowing one
or two to bring back to the boutique
where I can restore them. Maybe I'll
even use the patterns as the
inspiration for a new line.

FLUTTERSHY
That does sound...

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Very important.

RARITY
Yes, well, maybe not the most
important thing in my entire life, but
retro-ancient classical will be all
the rage next season, so it's nothing
to sneeze at. <sneeze>

SC 7 - EXT. CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS - MOMENTS LATER

FLUTTERSHY
Um, are you sure you need those
tapestries?

RARITY
But, of course. Although, I must
admit, these ruins are a fright. I
mean, just look at all the dirt
everywhere.

FLUTTERSHY
Angel!

CUT TO:

SC 8 - INT. CASTLE - GRAND FOYER - MOMENTS LATER

RARITY

Goodness! It's practically an artistic treasure trove of ancient good taste.

FLUTTERSHY

Angel, you really shouldn't run off like that. Ancient ruins are filled with all sorts of things that can hurt you. You could stub your toe or trip on a loose stone. You have to be careful.

SPIKE

I don't think I'll need all these candles, Twilight. I was really only scared for a second.

TWILIGHT

Oh, these aren't for you, Spike. We're going to be studying late into the night and we're going to need all the light we can get.

SPIKE

(unenthusiastic)

Oh. Great.

APPLEJACK

Well, here we are.

RAINBOW DASH

What's so daring about this place? It's where we got the Elements of Harmony.

APPLEJACK

When I was just a filly, Grannie Smith told me of an ancient legend...

APPLEJACK (V.O.) (CONT'D)

When Nightmare Moon was banished, not every last bit of her dark magic went with her...

APPLEJACK (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Grannie used to say when night falls on the Castle, that magic takes the form of...

APPLEJACK (V.O.) (CONT'D)

THE PONY HOOF OF SHADOWS.

RAINBOW DASH

Ah, you mean like a ghost?

APPLEJACK
(spookily)
No pony knows.

RAINBOW DASH
Ugh!

SC 9 - INT. CASTLE OF TWO SISTERS - ALCOVE - SAME TIME

RARITY
This one is perfect!

FLUTTERSHY
Well, it certainly could use some
restoration.

RARITY
Be a dear. Fly up there and lift it off
that hook.

RARITY (CONT'D)
Maybe from below?

SC 10 - INT. CASTLE OF TWO SISTERS - FOYER - SAME TIME

RAINBOW DASH
I don't see what's so daring about an
old legend. Plus, I don't believe in
ghosts.

APPLEJACK
You might wanna re-think your
position on that.

APPLEJACK/RAINBOW DASH
AHAAHAHAHHHHH!

SC 11 - INT. CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS - FOYER - RESUME

APPLEJACK/RAINBOW DASH
AHAAHAHAHHHHH!

APPLEJACK
You saw that, right?

RAINBOW DASH
RUN!!!!

SC 12 - INT. CASTLE - ALCOVE - SAME

FLUTTERSHY
Ow, I think I hurt my wing.

RARITY

Oh, my dear, I am so sorry. That tapestry is far too heavy. We'll just have to find a smaller one.

FLUTTERSHY

Oh. Of course.

RARITY

Where pray tell did you disappear to?

FLUTTERSHY

What do you mean?

RARITY

While you were struggling under that fabric the entire wall spun around. You must have activated a secret door.

FLUTTERSHY

Oh, I'm so sorry.

RARITY

I suppose these ruins are chock-full of them.

FLUTTERSHY

Really?

RARITY

Absolutely. We must use the utmost care as we...

RARITY/FLUTTERSHY

WHOOOOAAAAAAA!

SC 13 - INT. CASTLE OF TWO SISTERS - CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

RAINBOW DASH

Okay. So maybe the legend is true.

APPLEJACK

Well, that's why I brought you here. I guess only the most daring pony of all could stay in this castle at night without being scared off.

RAINBOW DASH

scared? I'm not scared.

APPLEJACK

(lying)

Well, Me neither.

RAINBOW DASH
Then it's settled. Whoever stays in
the Castle the longest is the Most
Daring Pony.

APPLEJACK
Deal!

RAINBOW DASH
But it's gonna take a lot more than
some shadowy ghost pony to get me to
leave.

APPLEJACK
Me too.

SC 14 - INT. CASTLE - LIBRARY - MOMENTS LATER

TWILIGHT (O.S.)
Find anything, Spike?

SPIKE (CONT'D)
Uh... Nope. Nothing yet.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Angel? What are you doing here?

SC 15 - INT. CASTLE - CELESTIA AND LUNA'S SECRET ROOM - SAME

TWILIGHT
(reading aloud)
The Journal of the Two Sisters.
(then, excited)
Maybe this is the book Princess
Celestia was talking about!

SC 16 - INT. CASTLE - CORRIDOR - MOMENTS LATER

RAINBOW DASH
I sure hope you're not afraid of the
dark, Applejack.

APPLEJACK
I can't say that I am, but even if I
was I'd be at least fifty percent less
scared of it than you, Rainbow Dash.

RAINBOW DASH
I don't know how that math works
because I'm not scared at all.

APPLEJACK
Me neither.

RAINBOW DASH
What's the matter. It's just a dark hallway full of disembodied pony legs.

APPLEJACK
Yeah. Nothing creepy about that.

CUT TO:

BLACK.

RARITY
I'm starting to wonder if maybe this castle doesn't want my expertise.

SC 17 - INT. CASTLE - TRAP ROOM - SAME

FLUTTERSHY
Oh, dear. Angel!? Rarity have you seen him?

RARITY
I'm not sure he made the trip down with us, dear.

FLUTTERSHY
Oh, goodness. We have to find him. An ancient castle is no place for a bunny. He could get hit by falling debris or the floor could give out under him. Oh! He could be trapped in a dark place with no way out.

RARITY
I can only imagine how that might feel. Hmmm.

SC 18 - INT. CASTLE - COCTEAU HALLWAY - SAME

RAINBOW DASH
Applejack, if you're scared you can just admit it. You don't need to put your hoof around me.

APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Ah... I'm over hear.

RAINBOW DASH
Ahhhh!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

APPLEJACK
Ahhhh!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SC 18 - INT. CASTLE OF TWO SISTERS - TRAP ROOM - SAME

RARITY

<GASP!>

FLUTTERSHY

Rarity, what is it.

RARITY

I felt something. ALIVE!

FLUTTERSHY

Angel!

SC 19 - INT. CASTLE OF TWO SISTERS - COCTEAU HALLWAY - SAME

RARITY

(on edge)

Well, tapestries or no, I've had just about enough of secret passages, mysterious presences and unappreciative castles.

FLUTTERSHY

(getting worked up)

But we can't leave now. Not with Angel lost somewhere in this dangerous old Castle. He could be trapped under a crumbling statue or stuck high in a tower without food or water or any friends at all.

CUT TO:

SC 20 - INT. CASTLE - CELESTIA AND LUNA'S SECRET ROOM - SAME

ANGEL BUNNY

<crunch>

TWILIGHT

Spike, you've got to hear this.
(reading)

TWILIGHT

(continuing)

I love to duck behind the paintings and, though the Hall of Hooves still gives her a bit of a fright, the trap door slide is Luna's favorite.

SPIKE

Hall of Hooves?

TWILIGHT
(continuing)
Soon the Organ to the Outside will be
finished. I can hardly wait.

SPIKE
What's the Organ to the Outside?

TWILIGHT
I have no idea.

SC 21 - INT. CASTLE OF TWO SISTERS - CORRIDOR - SAME

APPLEJACK
Did you hear that?

RAINBOW DASH
You mean the creepy sound of a haunted
pipe organ?

APPLEJACK
Uh... Maybe.

RAINBOW DASH
I don't know what you're talking
about.

SC 22 - INT. CASTLE - CELESTIA AND LUNA'S SECRET ROOM - SAME

SPIKE
Ah, Twilight. Did you hear something?

TWILIGHT
Oh, Spike. Quit being such a scaredy
dragon. This castle is thousands of
years old and half of it was destroyed
by Nightmare Moon. Of course it makes
strange sounds, it's practically
falling apart.

SPIKE
(unconvinced.)
Okay.

SC 23 - INT. CASTLE OF TWO SISTERS - THRONE ROOM - SAME

FLUTTERSHY
Angel? Angel?

RARITY
I'm sure we'll find him.

FLUTTERSHY
Angel?

RARITY
GAAHHHHHHAAAA!

FLUTTERSHY
Did you find Angel? Is he okay?

RARITY
THEY ARE PERFECT!

RARITY (CONT'D)
No castle in it's right mind could possibly object to my restoring such exquisite works of art.

FLUTTERSHY
Oh, they're lovely, Rarity, but I have to keep looking for Angel. I hope he doesn't think I've given up on him.

RARITY
I'm right behind you.
(straining)
Won't be a moment...

SC 24 - INT. CASTLE - ARMOR ROOM - SAME

APPLEJACK
Do you think there's a single room in this Castle that isn't filled with terrifying things?

RAINBOW DASH
Woah! It's just old pony armor. What's the big deal.

APPLEJACK
Yeah. It's not like they're going to come to life or anything. Right?

APPLEJACK
Huh?

RAINBOW DASH
AHHHHH!!!!

SC 25 - INT. CASTLE OF TWO SISTERS - THRONE ROOM - SAME

RARITY
HAHHHHH!!!

FLUTTERSHY
<GASP!!>

SC 26 - EXT. CASTLE - GARGOYLE PERCH - SAME

APPLEJACK
WHOOAAAAAAAAA!

APPLEJACK (CON'T)
WHOOAAAAAAAAA!

SC 27 - EXT. CASTLE OF TWO SISTERS - MOMENTS LATER

RARITY
AHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!

SC 28 - EXT. CASTLE OF TWO SISTERS - MOMENTS LATER

RARITY
Now, you look here, Castle. You are very old and very scary, but your wall art is in an atrocious state and there is nothing you can do to keep me from my sacred task of restoration.

SC 29 - INT. CASTLE OF TWO SISTERS - ARMOR ROOM - SAME

RAINBOW DASH
Ah... Applejack?

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
If you went back to Ponyville that means I win. Right?

RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
WHHHAAAAAAAAA!

SC 30 - INT. CASTLE OF TWO SISTERS - THRONE ROOM - SAME

FLUTTERSHY
Rarity?

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I know hiding isn't really your sense of humor, but please let this be a joke.

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
AAHHHHHHHH!!!!

SC 31 - INT. CASTLE OF TWO SISTERS - ARMOR ROOM - SAME

APPLEJACK
Rainbow?

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Hello?

APPLEJACK
I guess if I don't find you, I win by default. Right?

SC 32 - EXT. CASTLE OF TWO SISTERS - MOMENTS LATER

RARITY
Of all the castles in Equestria, this is by far the most ungrateful...

SC 33 - INT. CASTLE - GRAND FOYER - MOMENTS LATER

FLUTTERSHY
(whisper-shout)
Angel! Rarity? Oh, I hope you two are together.

APPLEJACK
AHHH!!!

RAINBOW DASH
Haunted statues, creepy armor... Come on, Castle, is that all you got?

THE OTHERS
AHHHHHHHAAAAHHHAHAHAHHH!!!

RARITY
(sobbing)
I was only trying to restore ancient ah-hah-harrrt!

FLUTTERSHY
Angel?

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
ANGEL!!!!

SC 34 - INT. CASTLE - SECRET ROOM OF THE PRINCESSES - SAME

TWILIGHT
What in the world is that?

SPIKE
Oh, you know. Probably just more strange sounds of this old castle falling apart.

TWILIGHT
No one likes sarcasm, Spike.

SC 35 - INT. CASTLE - GRAND FOYER - MOMENTS LATER

THE OTHERS
AHHHHHHHAAAAHHHAHAHAHHH!!!

SPIKE
What got into them?

FLUTTERSHY
(struggling)
It's okay Angel. You're okay. YOU'RE
OKAY!

RAINBOW DASH/RARITY
AAAAAAAAGGGHHHHH!

APPLEJACK
(ignoring her)
Shadows everywhere!

TWILIGHT
Alright. Everypony STOP!

APPLEJACK
Twilight?

FLUTTERSHY
Must. Save. Angel--

FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh.

RAINBOW DASH
Fluttershy? What are you doing here?

RARITY
(muffled)
She's with me.

TWILIGHT
Have you all spent the whole night
running around scaring each other?

APPLEJACK
Well, that depends.

TWILIGHT
On what?

RAINBOW DASH
On whether or not you're the Pony of
Shadows?

SPIKE
What's the Pony of Shadows?

TWILIGHT
Oh, that's just an old pony's tale.

SPIKE
Then who's playing that?

TWILIGHT
We're going to find out.

SC 36 - INT. CASTLE - CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

ALL PONIES
<GASP!>

TWILIGHT
(whisper-shout)
THE PONY OF SHADOWS!

SC 37 - INT. CASTLE - MUSIC ROOM - CONTINUOUS

PINKIE PIE
Hey, you guys. Did you know I can
totally play the organ? Because I
didn't.

EVERYONE
PINKIE!!!?

PINKIE PIE
Check it out.

RAINBOW DASH
You're the Pony of Shadows?!

PINKIE PIE
The Pony of what?

TWILIGHT
See? What did I tell you?

APPLEJACK
I thought you had to ring the school
bell all week.

PINKIE PIE
Oh, yeah. I only had to ring it for
five minutes. They said that was good
enough. I can't imagine why.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
So, then I decided to throw a Finished
Ringing The School Bell party, but I
didn't have any bluebells and you
can't throw a Finished Ringing The
School Bell party without bluebells
so I went to Everfree forest to pick
some, but it started to get so chilly
I had to wrap myself up in the tarp I
was going to use to carry the flowers.

And then I saw Fluttershy and Rarity,
but they went into the Castle before
I could invite them to my party.

PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Luckily I followed them inside so I
could help you all with your party.

RARITY
What party is that?

PINKIE PIE
Ah... The Everypony Come To The Scary
Old Castle And Hide From Each Other
While I Play The Organ Party. Duh!

SC 38 - INT. CASTLE - SECRET ROOM OF THE PRINCESSES - SAME

RARITY
I swear this is going right back where
I found it just as soon as I've
returned it to it's former glory.

FLUTTERSHY
Now don't go running off again. I
can't believe I was so frightened. I
guess I let my imagination get the
best of me.

APPLEJACK
I think we all did.

PINKIE PIE
I always let my imagination run away
from me. Then it comes back with cake.

TWILIGHT
Well, it's good to know that whenever
your imagination is getting away from
you, a good friend can help you rein
it in. And even though I didn't find
out anything about the mysterious
chest, I'm glad I was here to help all
of you.

RARITY
You certainly did that, Twilight.

RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, why weren't you scared?

TWILIGHT
Reading Celestia's diary made it hard
to be afraid because I knew what it was
like when she and Luna lived here.
(beat)

Knowing something about the past made
it easier to deal with my problems in
the present, even the scary ones.

OTHER PONIES

AH-HA!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

I just thought of a great idea!

(then)

Why don't we keep a journal, just like
the Royal Pony Sisters?

FLUTTERSHY

All of us?

TWILIGHT

Sure. That way we can learn from each
other. And maybe someday other ponies
will read it and learn something too.

RARITY

What a splendid idea!

APPLEJACK

I know what my first entry will be.
Dear Diary, I'm glad Grannie Smith's
legend wasn't true.

RAINBOW DASH

Me too.

PINKIE PIE

Me three, because that means you two
are still TIED FOR MOST DARING PONY!

SPIKE

Shadow ponies. How ridiculous is
that?

SMASH OUT TO BLACK.

THE END