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TEASER

An exciting recap of Part One!

END TEASER

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. CAFE - DAY

Spike relaxes outside the cafe, enjoying the attention of a small crowd of VILLAGE PONIES with EQUAL SIGN CUTIE MARKS. They take turns petting him, enthralled by the novelty of a dragon in their town. Spike is in heaven.

1 VILLAGE PONY #1
Dragons are so cute! Oooh, I just
want to pet him twice!

2 SPIKE
Go right ahead!

She does. Spike loves it. So he asks, leadingly:

3 SPIKE (CONT'D)
But if you pet me twice, doesn't
everypony have to? It's only fair.

They happily set to petting him.

4 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Right behind the ears. That's it-
ULP!

Spike is suddenly grabbed by SNOW DRIFT and TWO HENCHPONIES. The other Village Ponies step back, shocked.

5 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Hey! You call that petting?

6 SNOW DRIFT
You're coming with us.

The Henchponies drag the dragon off towards...

EXT. COTTAGE - SAME

Aurora Glimmer and several of her equal sign-flanked supporters lead the Mane Six to a nondescript cottage in the center of the village.

7 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You can't do this, Aurora. We
demand our Cutie Marks back.

Aurora Glimmer just smiles sweetly.

8 AURORA GLIMMER
But my dear Princess, you have a
much better one now.

She nods at Twilight's new EQUAL SIGN CUTIE MARK.

9 RAINBOW DASH
No phony Cutie Mark can keep me
down!

She takes off! Her equal sign Cutie Mark starts to SHIMMER and she drops like a sack of potatoes.

10 AURORA GLIMMER
There is nothing phony about our
Cutie Marks. They are as real as
any others.

Aurora Glimmer gestures to her Henchponies. Like all the Village Ponies, they are UNICORNS.

11 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Your special talent is equality
now. None of us can fly, therefore
neither can you.

Snow Drift arrives with Spike and the Henchponies. A small crowd of Village Ponies starts to gather to see what's going on.

12 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Ah good, everypony's here.

A Henchpony starts to unlock the cottage door.

13 SPIKE
(to Twilight)
What happened to your Cutie Marks?

Before she can answer...

14 AURORA GLIMMER
Come, friends! Gather round!

The small crowd moves closer. Among them are BUBBLE BURST, NIGHT FLIGHT, and SUGAR SPRINKLES.

15 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
These ponies have decided to join us! They will be our newest equals!

16 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We didn't decide to join you! You stole our Cutie Marks!

17 AURORA GLIMMER
Yes, and now that you see things the way we do, you may stay and be our friends - forever!

18 APPLEJACK
You can't force nopony to be friends!

19 RARITY
She's right. It simply doesn't work that way.

Aurora Glimmer just smiles sweetly and points to the now-open cottage door.

20 AURORA GLIMMER
This will be your new home until your attitudes become a little less...toxic.

The Henchponies begin corralling the Mane Six and Spike inside. Aurora Glimmer's next dialogue is for the benefit of the Village Ponies gathered to watch.

21 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
This is a perfectly normal part of your equalization process. We hope to see you out and enjoying our fair village as soon as possible.

She nods to Snow Drift, who becomes more aggressive with the Mane Six, shoving them inside.

22 AJ/RD/FS/RV
Hey! / Watch it! / Oh my! / Get your filthy hooves off my coat!

Once they are inside, Snow Drift <SLAMS> the thick door shut and LOCKS IT with a <CLICK>.

Aurora Glimmer turns her artificial smile to the gathered Village Ponies. Bubble Burst, Night Flight, and Sugar Sprinkles nervously shrink a little.

23 AURORA GLIMMER
(calling out)
I'll be back tomorrow to see if
you've embraced your new Marks. Ta-
ta!

As she turns to leave, Snow Drift and a couple of the Henchponies take their positions to stand guard.

EXT. COTTAGE - NIGHT

The Henchponies continue to stand guard.

24 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
You can't keep us in here! Don't
you know who I am?

<WHAM!> She pounds on the door from the inside. <WHAM! WHAM!>
The thick door doesn't budge.

25 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.) (CONT'D)
I'm a Wonderbolts Reserve! Junior
Speedster short track record
holder!
(small)
Cute little tortoise owner? What
will Tank do without me?

The Henchponies don't bat an eye. As Bubble Burst, Night Flight, and Sugar Sprinkles disperse, they are clearly troubled by what they have just seen.

INT. COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

The small house contains just one room. The only distinguishing features are the THICK WOODEN DOOR and a couple of SMALL WINDOWS with very UGLY curtains.

26 SPIKE
I don't get it. Why didn't you try
to escape?

27 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's these Marks. They make
everypony equal. None of us are
stronger or faster or smarter than
any of them.

Rainbow Dash tries to zoom at the door at super speed to break it down. But as she flies, her equal sign SHIMMERS. Its magic slows her down and she crashes ineffectually into the door.

28 RAINBOW DASH
<groan>

29 RARITY
Oh, no!

30 RAINBOW DASH
Ah, I'm okay.

31 RARITY
Well, I'm not!

Rarity looks as if she's about to cry as she studies the CURTAINS in one of the tiny windows. They're HIDEOUS - a clashing pattern of stripes, paisleys, purple, orange and green. As she studies them, her equal sign mark GLOWS.

32 RARITY (CONT'D)
I can't tell if these curtains are tacky or not!

33 FLUTTERSHY
I think they're nice.

Rarity erupts in tears.

34 RARITY
So do I!

A bird lands on the windowsill and <CHIRPS>.

35 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, thank goodness!

As Fluttershy talks to the bird, her EQUAL SIGN GLOWS.

36 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Can you help us, little birdy? We need to get out of here!

The Bird nods and <CHIRPS>, then zips off - only to return a moment later carrying a DERBY HAT.

37 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
No, we don't need any hats.
Although it does look very nice.

Rarity's equal sign GLOWS.

38 RARITY
(distraught)
Does it? I can't tell!

Fluttershy speaks slowly to the bird, her equal sign GLOWING.

39 FLUTTERSHY
Listen to me carefully: We need to
get out of here.

The bird happily <CHIRPS>.

40 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I'm sorry, I don't understand.
<GASP>
(realizing)
I don't understand!

41 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
There must be some kind of way out
of here.

42 APPLEJACK
But that door's shut tighter than
a...

Her Cutie Mark GLOWS.

43 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
...summer of...of piglets
in...dangit, I can't even make
countryisms with this thing!

Twilight starts to pace. Her equal sign GLOWS.

44 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Think, Twilight, think...

45 PINKIE PIE
You know what's weird? Aurora
Glimmer can use her magic but you
can't use yours.

46 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
...there's got to be an answer...

47 PINKIE PIE
'Cause, ya know, she has the same
Cutie Mark as you. But her magic
works. And yours doesn't.

Twilight suddenly stops pacing and looks at Pinkie Pie.

48 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That is weird. And I should have
thought of that.

49 PINKIE PIE
It's super fun being all the same!

Her Cutie Mark GLOWS and her exuberance dials back to non-Pinkie levels.

50 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Sort of. More pleasant than fun, I
guess.

51 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
There's something strange about
Aurora Glimmer. But we'll never
figure it out from in here. If only
I could use my magic to shrink one
of us down so we could fit through
the window.

52 SPIKE
Or I could just climb out.

53 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(facehoof)
Why didn't I think of that?

54 SPIKE
But it took forever to get here.
Who knows how long it will take me
to go back to Ponyville for help.

55 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'm hoping you can find help a lot
closer than that.

56 SPIKE
But everypony here is on Aurora
Glimmer's side!

57 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Not everypony. There were three
ponies who asked us to help get
their Cutie Marks back.

58 PINKIE PIE
See? You can still think of things
sometimes!

59 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(ignoring her)
See if you can find them.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
We saw them in the bakery cellar.
Maybe they'll help get us out.

60 SPIKE
I'm on it!

61 PINKIE PIE
And then we'll have a party to
celebrate!!

Pinkie Pie's equal sign GLOWS.

62 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Or maybe just a cup of tea or
something.

EXT. COTTAGE - NIGHT

Snow Drift and the other Henchponies stand guard outside the
front door. <WHAM>!

63 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
Oww!

64 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Lemme try.

<WHAM>!

65 APPLEJACK (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Urgh...

66 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
Not like that. Like this.

<WHAM>! The Henchponies are so distracted they don't notice
the small window on the side of the cottage open. Spike
squeezes out with a <POP>.

67 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Ain't you ever kicked a door open
before? It's like this.

<WHAM>! Spike looks right and left, then scurries off.

EXT. VILLAGE MAIN STREET - NIGHT

The stores are all closed and the streets are empty. Spike
scurries from hiding place to hiding place down the main
street. As he creeps through the shadows...

68 SPIKE
There's the bakery! And not a pony
around. This is almost too easy...

He steps out and bumps right into...

Aurora Glimmer and two Henchponies! They're just as surprised
to see him as he is to see them.

69 AURORA GLIMMER
What are you doing out?

Spike takes off running!

70 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
After him!

The Henchponies try to grab him, but their Cutie Marks GLOW
and slow them down, allowing him to do a series of ACROBATIC
LEAPS and escape.

71 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
I'll slow him down!

She FIRES MAGIC from her horn! It envelopes Spike, but when
it clears, he just keeps on running.

72 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Curses! He doesn't have a Cutie
Mark! You'll just have to catch him
the old fashioned way!

But Spike is enjoying being able to outrun and outmaneuver
the Henchponies. He races circles around them and gets them
all twisted up, and just as one is about to grab him, he
races away and leaves the Henchpony, Cutie Mark glowing, in
the dust.

Spike scrambles up some boxes and disappears across the roof
of a building.

73 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Bring me that dragon!

With a smile, Spike leaps down the other side and slips
inside the bakery.

74 SPIKE
Too easy.

INT. BAKERY CELLAR - NIGHT

Spike creeps down the stairs. It's dark.

75 SPIKE
Hello? Anyone here-

He stumbles and trips down the stairs.

76 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Whoops! Ooof! Yow! Oow! OOMP!

He lands against a shelf, which dumps all the MUFFINS on it on top of him. One lands right in his mouth.

77 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Yum! Ow, but yum!

Suddenly, he's lit up by the light from BUBBLE BURST'S HORN!

78 BUBBLE BURST
What are you doing here? Were you followed?

79 SPIKE
No pony saw me come in.

Bubble Burst is nervous.

80 BUBBLE BURST
What do you want? You shouldn't be here.

Spike picks himself up.

81 SPIKE
I need your help to get my friends' Cutie Marks back. And maybe yours, too.

Bubble Burst shakes her head emphatically.

82 BUBBLE BURST
I don't want it anymore! I should never have talked to your friends in the first place.

There's a <COMMOTION> upstairs in the bakery!

83 BUBBLE BURST (CONT'D)
Oh, no! Quick! Hide!

Spike burrows into the pile of muffins just as Snow Drift appears at the top of the stairs!

84 SNOW DRIFT
There you are!

REVEAL: Bubble Burst is standing in front of a pile of muffins. Snow Drift hasn't seen Spike.

85 SNOW DRIFT (CONT'D)
Come with me! Aurora Glimmer needs
to see you.

Bubble Burst looks terrified, but nods and walks up to Snow Drift. Hidden under the muffins, Spike can only watch as Snow Drift leads Bubble Burst away!

FADE OUT.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

EXT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - NIGHT - ESTABLISHING

A shadowy figure rushes toward the cottage. It's Spike

86 AURORA GLIMMER (O.S.)
Do you know why I wanted to see
you, Bubble Burst?

INT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Aurora Glimmer tends a small fire. It all seems very cozy and inviting...except for Bubble Burst cowering nervously, with Snow Drift looking on sternly.

87 BUBBLE BURST
I...I have no idea-

88 AURORA
Oh, I believe you do.

She stokes the logs in the fireplace and the flare-up casts a bright light through the room...

Enough to illuminate NIGHT FLIGHT, who steps out of the shadows!

89 AURORA GLIMMER
Night Flight told me everything.

Bubble Burst shrinks back in fear.

EXT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Spike lower himself down from the roof by a ROPE and peeks in the window.

90 AURORA GLIMMER
So you'd like your Cutie Mark back,
is that it?

Spike prepares himself to swing on the rope and crash through the window into the room.

91 SPIKE
All right, Spike, if you're gonna
save the day, it's now or -<wulp!>

His legs get TANGLED in the rope. He dangles like a piñata.

92 SPIKE (CONT'D)
...never.

INT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

In the background, Spike dangles outside the window, trying - and failing - to untangle himself. He continues to FLAIL COMICALLY, unnoticed by the others.

93 AURORA GLIMMER
Look, Bubble Burst, I know this
isn't your fault. The outsiders
confused you with their false ideas
about friendship.

She says this sweetly, but looms over Bubble Burst, who shrinks back.

94 BUBBLE BURST
I...I'm sorry, Aurora. It was a
mistake.

95 AURORA GLIMMER
I understand. You got yourself
tangled in their lies.

Spike's struggling only get him more tangled.

96 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
You couldn't get free of their
false ideas.

Spike swings wildly as he frantically tries to get free. Finally, he SMACKS right into the window with a <CLUNK>!

Everypony turns to look, but he is gone. In her surprise, Aurora Glimmer accidentally SCRAPES UP against the metal fireplace grate. She looks down at her flank and <GASPS>. She quickly leans against the nearby wall, covering her Cutie Mark before we can see what she saw.

Meanwhile, Night Flight and Snow Drift go to the window. They don't see anything outside.

OUTSIDE: REVEAL that Spike is clinging to the eaves by a claw and holding his breath, just barely out of view.

97 SNOW DRIFT (O.S.)
There's nothing there.

INSIDE: Aurora Glimmer quickly forces a smile.

98 AURORA GLIMMER
Good, well, I trust you've seen the error of your ways, Bubble Burst, and we can just put this whole thing behind us.

Bubble Burst can't believe what she's just heard.

99 BUBBLE BURST
Oh, thank you! Thank you!

Snow Drift and Night Flight exchange a confused look. Bubble Burst races out of the cottage. Aurora Glimmer remains motionless, leaning up against the wall awkwardly.

100 SNOW DRIFT
Are you all right?

101 AURORA GLIMMER
(snapping)
I'm fine!
(then, sweetly)
Please, just go, my friends.

Snow Drift and Night Flight shrug and exit. Once they're gone Aurora Glimmer steps away from the wall...

Her Cutie Mark HANGS OFF HER FLANK like a sticker that has been partially ripped!

OUTSIDE: Spike, peeking in the window, sees this.

102 SPIKE
Whoa...

Aurora Glimmer quickly moves to a pitcher on a nearby table. Her HORN GLOWS as she carefully uses the water to remove the rest of her false Cutie Mark!

103 SPIKE (CONT'D)
It's a fake!

Underneath her equal sign is her true Cutie Mark! It is a close-up of a horse's flank with a Cutie Mark on it. Her horn glows again and opens a hidden compartment in the wall. Another equal sign Cutie Mark levitates out and she magically affixes it over her real Cutie Mark like a temporary tattoo.

Spike slips free of the ropes and <CRASHES> to the ground a moment before Aurora Glimmer turns to the window. Her eyes narrow...

INT. COTTAGE - LATER

The Mane Six sit around, all looking lost and dispirited.

104 PINKIE PIE
So if we're all the same, does that mean we have the same birthday now? That's a lot of names to fit on a cake.

Just then, an out-of-breath Spike climbs in the window.

105 SPIKE
Aurora Glimmer! Cutie Mark! Not real!

106 PINKIE PIE
Is this Charades? Because you're doing it wrong.

107 SPIKE
Hers is fake! She has another one!

Rarity leaps up, excited.

108 RARITY
So that's how she's able to use her magic! She's not actually the same as the rest of us!

Twilight sulks.

109 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Pretty sure I was supposed to realize that.

110 APPLEJACK
I bet these ponies'd be none too
happy to find out she kept hers
while they all gave up theirs.

111 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I was going to say that.

112 RAINBOW DASH
So we just need to show the others
the truth about Aurora Glimmer! But
how can we do that if we're stuck
in here?

Fluttershy walks over to Twilight and whispers in her ear.
Twilight's eyes go wide and she jumps up.

113 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I've got an idea! We just need
to...

She forgets what she was going to say. Fluttershy whispers
something else.

114 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
We just need to make a list! Spike,
can you handle that?

He whips out a quill and parchment.

115 SPIKE
It's what I do.

116 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Good. Take down...whatever
Fluttershy says.

EXT. VILLAGE - THE NEXT DAY

Spike hides behind a building next to a wheelbarrow full of
random stuff.

117 SPIKE
(checking list)
Bucket...rope...chair...wooden
plank...

He hears voices and presses himself against the wall.

118 AURORA GLIMMER (O.S.)
Come, everypony! The time has come
to see if our new friends are
ready!

Aurora Glimmer, flanked by Night Flight and Snow Drift, passes by with other Village Ponies (including Bubble Burst) following behind. Spike overhears a quiet exchange between them.

119 SNOW DRIFT
We still haven't found the dragon.

120 AURORA GLIMMER
Forget him. Why would a dragon care about six ponies? He's probably halfway back to his cave by now.

Spike's expression hardens.

121 SPIKE
(to himself)
Because they're my friends.

With new resolve, he races off to finish his list.

EXT. COTTAGE - LATER

Aurora Glimmer and her entourage stand outside the Mane Six's cottage. We see Spike skulking on the roof with all his gear.

122 AURORA GLIMMER
(to the crowd)
What we're about to witness is the birth of new friendships. *True* friendships.

She nods to Snow Drift, who unlocks the door.

123 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Friends, would you come out please?

The Mane Six step outside, surprised to see the gathered crowd.

124 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
So...are you ready to accept our friendship? To embrace our community - as equals?

125 RAINBOW DASH
Fat chance-

126 AURORA GLIMMER
Before you answer, you should know that I will ask again next week. Then a month after that. Then a year.

The Mane Six look at each other with dread.

127 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Our last difficult friend stayed in
this cottage for quite some time
before he changed his mind.

She turns and smiles at Snow Drift.

128 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Isn't that right, *friend*?

Snow Drift nods.

129 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
So, consider your answers
carefully. An entire village full
of new friends awaits.

A tense moment as the crowd waits for the answer. Then:

130 PINKIE PIE
Um, could we maybe just have one
sec to talk it over?

Snow Drift and Aurora Glimmer share a confused look as the
Mane Six huddle up and start to <MURMUR AND WHISPER>.

On the roof, Spike finishes rigging a RUBE GOLDBERG type
contraption that uses all the items he collected. He holds a
rope that will set it in motion. But it slips from his
fingers and dangles from a pulley that is set at the end of a
board off the roof. He can't quite reach it.

131 SPIKE
What is with me and ropes?

Down below, the Mane Six continue their huddle.

132 APPLEJACK
Spike better hurry. I can't pretend
to murmur much longer.

Twilight glances up at the roof. Snow Drift follows her eyes
and sees Spike reaching for the rope.

133 SNOW DRIFT
The dragon!

Spike, busted, LEAPS OFF THE COTTAGE and GRABS THE ROPE! Like
the Mousetrap game, parts start to set each other off,
culminating in a bucket of water pouring into a pipe. The
water dumps down...

RIGHT NEXT TO AURORA GLIMMER. It harmlessly splashes on the ground.

134 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
If I had my regular Cutie Mark I
would have double checked that
math!

135 RAINBOW DASH
I got this!

Rainbow Dash uses the confusion to grab Aurora Glimmer's
Cutie Mark with her teeth and PEEL IT OFF!

136 VILLAGE PONIES
<GASP!!>

Aurora Glimmer looks around to see that the Village Ponies,
including Night Flight and Snow Drift, are staring. Her real
Cutie Mark is exposed for all to see.

Snow Drift looks confused - and hurt.

137 SNOW DRIFT
You...you kept your Cutie Mark?

Aurora Glimmer smiles sweetly, as always.

138 AURORA GLIMMER
I know how this must look...

139 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, like you kept your Cutie
Mark!

Snow Drift and Night Flight look utterly devastated.

140 AURORA GLIMMER
I didn't want to keep it, I *had* to.
Don't you see? If I gave up my
Cutie Mark, I wouldn't have been
able to collect all of yours! None
of this would have been possible!

141 SNOW DRIFT
You lied to us! To me!

142 AURORA GLIMMER
Only so we would always be friends.

Snow Drift backs away, aghast.

143 SNOW DRIFT
But ponies with different Cutie
Marks can't be friends! That's what
you said!

144 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You can't build friendships on
lies, Aurora.

145 AURORA GLIMMER
Stay out of this!
(to Village Ponies)
My friends, don't listen to these
outsiders! What we have here is
perfect!

But the Village Ponies stand together, away from Aurora
Glimmer. She is alone.

146 SNOW DRIFT
It was all a lie...

He shakes his head and looks at his former leader with
contempt.

147 SNOW DRIFT (CONT'D)
Come on, everypony, let's go get
our real Cutie Marks back!

The crowd moves off, including the Mane Six, leaving Aurora
Glimmer weeping by herself.

EXT. CAVE - MOMENTS LATER

Snow Drift leads the crowd to the Cutie Mark vault. He
inspects it, but doesn't see a way to open it.

148 SNOW DRIFT
How do we get inside?

149 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Let me try.

She tries to fire up her horn - but her EQUAL SIGN CUTIE MARK
GLOWS and her horn only emits a feeble effect. Frustrated,
she runs at the vault and starts banging on the glass between
her and her Cutie Mark.

Snow Drift joins her and starts throwing his shoulder into
it.

150 SNOW DRIFT
Come on, everypony! None of us can
do it alone! We all have to work
together!

The rest of them start to pound on the glass, all moving at exactly the same speed, ramming it in unison. Gradually, a CRACK begins to form.

151 SPIKE (O.S.)
KE-ya!

Spike joins in! That little bit extra did it! The crack spreads quickly! The magic glass wall shatters into shimmering dust.

Suddenly, the globes of light that had been held within take flight. The cave swirls with light from the glowing Cutie Marks that fly like comets. It's an amazing sight.

Four of the Cutie Marks zoom out and SMASH right into Snow Drift, Night Flight, Bubble Burst, and Sugar Sprinkles! They are engulfed in BRIGHT GLOW.

Suddenly, the glow subsides - REVEALING that their ORIGINAL CUTIE MARKS are back! Snow Drift's is a SNOWY MOUNTAIN. Bubble Burst's is a BALLOON ANIMAL. Night Flight's is a HANG-GLIDER. Sugar Sprinkles' is a LASSO.

152 BUBBLE BURST
My Cutie Mark!

Snow Drift is clearly moved to see his after so long.

153 SNOW DRIFT
I'd forgotten how much I missed it.

Meanwhile, the rest of the CUTIE MARKS shoot out of the cave!

EXT. VILLAGE - MOMENTS LATER

Like comets falling from the sky, the orbs of light descend upon the village and find their rightful owners, ENGULFING THEM IN A BRIGHT GLOW.

INT. CAVE - SAME

As the last of the Cutie Marks leave the vault, the Mane Six look at each other with confusion.

154 RAINBOW DASH
What gives? This thing's empty!

155 RARITY
What happened to our Cutie Marks?

156 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I bet I know.

157 PINKIE PIE
In case you're wrong, I have a
guess, too.

INT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - SAME

A furious Aurora Glimmer BURSTS into her cottage!

158 AURORA GLIMMER
They took everything from me! My
village! My friends! Everything
I've worked for!

In a fury, she MAGICS a crate from another secret compartment
in the wall.

159 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Well now they'll feel what it's
like to lose something they love -
forever!

The crate opens to reveal six containers with the Mane Six's
Cutie Marks!

FADE OUT.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

EXT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - DAY

Aurora Glimmer magics the crate into the back of a cart.

The sky is still aglow with balls of Cutie Mark light as
Aurora Glimmer rushes out of the village, pulling the cart
behind her.

The Village Ponies are too caught up in enjoying their Cutie
Marks to notice her escape. A TENNIS PLAYER PONY has FUN
HITTING A BALL, at first tentatively, as if she hasn't done
it in forever. But then better and better and better.

160 TENNIS PLAYER PONY
<happy react>

A PAINTER PONY (with a brush as her Cutie Mark) whips up a masterpiece of a mural on the side of a building as Snow Drift, Spike, and the Mane Six run in.

161 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Look!

They see the door to Aurora Glimmer's cottage hanging open.

162 FLUTTERSHY
She's already gone!

Snow Drift sees the tracks from Aurora Glimmer's cart.

163 SNOW DRIFT
This way!

EXT. MOUNTAIN PASS - MOMENTS LATER

Aurora Glimmer pulls her cart as fast as she can along the bottom of a STEEP AND DARK RAVINE that runs like a pass through tall, snow-capped mountains. She has manic tears in her eyes, like Joan Crawford discovering wire hangers.

164 AURORA GLIMMER
What do you know about friendship?
You've just doomed my friends to
certain misery! Difference is the
worst thing that could happen to
friends!

A MEMORY triggers in her mind and her eyes go wide. We ZOOM STRAIGHT INTO THEM!

EXT. SCHOOLYARD - FLASHBACK - DAY

A younger Aurora Glimmer plays with two FRIENDS, all about the age of the CMCs. All WITHOUT CUTIE MARKS. They are as happy as can be. ZOOM BACK OUT TO...

EXT. MOUNTAIN PASS - CONTINUOUS

The memory has cut through some of her anger and replaced it with sadness.

165 AURORA GLIMMER
My friends...no differences to
separate us...

PLONK! A TENNIS BALL smacks her in the head!

166 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
What?

She turns back to see...

A small posse of Village Ponies - plus the Mane Six and Spike
- racing after her!

167 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Get back here with our Cutie Marks,
Aurora!

168 AURORA GLIMMER
Never! Cutie Marks are the enemy of
friendship!

The equal sign Cutie Marks GLOW on the flanks of the Mane Six
and they start to slow behind the rest of the pack.

169 RAINBOW DASH
Aw, come on!

170 APPLEJACK
We're useless with these here
Marks!

171 BUBBLE BURST
You helped us get our Cutie Marks
back, now we'll help you get yours!

The Village Ponies gallop after Aurora Glimmer!

She glances back and sees the Tennis Player Pony lining up
another serve. She fires up her horn and casts a spell!

The Tennis Player Pony's Cutie Mark flies off! The ball
bounces away. The Cutie Mark floats toward Aurora Glimmer's
cart, when suddenly-

A KNITTING PONY (with needles and yarn Cutie Mark) finishes
knitting an incredibly long scarf. She magics it up ahead to
Sugar Sprinkles (who has a lasso Cutie Mark). Sugar Sprinkles
uses his horn to throw the lasso...right around Tennis Player
Pony's Cutie Mark!

172 AURORA GLIMMER
<angry growl>

The stampede races past a POPCORN PONY (with a popcorn Cutie
Mark) who sits on a nearby ridge, eating from a box of
popcorn as she happily watches the action.

173 POPCORN PONY
Wow, what a scene!

ON THE MANE SIX - struggling to keep up. They can barely see the others up ahead. Their equal signs GLOW.

174 RAINBOW DASH
I can't believe we have to count on ponies we don't even know to save our Cutie Marks!

ON THE PACK - Bubble Burst magically inflates a balloon into an INCREDIBLE BALLOON BIRD! She launches it. The balloon soars through the air, swooping and swirling toward the cart, where it just manages to knock one of the glass containers off. The glass container SHATTERS, and Rarity's Cutie Mark flies free! It ZOOMS back and hits her, engulfing her in light. When the light clears, her Cutie Mark is back!

175 RARITY
Now *that's* how you accessorize!

She speeds ahead to join the rest of the posse. A BOWLING PONY magics a round rock into the air as they stampede past and BOWLS it straight at Aurora Glimmer's cart!

The container with Fluttershy's Cutie Mark falls off and breaks! The Mark ZOOMS back and engulfs her with light!

She flies into the air and speeds up to join the rest. An EAGLE flying past <CA-CAWS>!

176 FLUTTERSHY
I'd be happy to talk about that with you later but I'm afraid I'm in a high-speed chase right now!

Aurora Glimmer sees her flying overhead:

177 AURORA GLIMMER
I'll never let you have those back!

Her horn GLOWS. The spell hits Fluttershy, peeling her Cutie Mark back off and leaving an EQUAL SIGN in its place! She starts to plummet toward the ground, unable to fly!

178 FLUTTERSHY
Oh dear!

Night Flight swoops in on a HANGLIDER! He grabs Fluttershy with his hind legs, then angles the glider to block Aurora Glimmer's spell! The Cutie Mark ZIPS back to Fluttershy's flank and she is able to fly again.

179 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Thank you, sir!

Down below, a ROLLER DERBY pony jumps over a series of dirt moguls and catches up with Aurora Glimmer. Running side by side, a la THE ROAD WARRIOR, she bumps the cart with her rump...

180 AURORA GLIMMER
<being bumped react>

...knocking a PLANK off! The glass jar holding Pinkie Pie's Cutie Mark smashes to the ground and the Mark ZOOMS back!

181 PINKIE PIE
Oh, you beautiful Cutie Mark, you!
I could kiss you!

She tries to reach around to kiss her Cutie Mark - and ends up chasing her own flank in a circle.

182 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Hey! Come back here!
(then)
Ooh, I can't stay mad at you! Come on, follow me!

She races ahead to join the posse. Meanwhile, Aurora Glimmer bumps the Roller Derby Pony with her cart, sending her spinning away.

Snow Drift sees the plank that the Roller Derby Pony knocked loose, then the snow lining the mountain pass. He magics the plank over to himself and rides it like a snowboard!

He zooms through the snow above the ravine until he pulls even with Aurora Glimmer, then KICKS the board down the mountain. It knocks Applejack's Cutie Mark jar off the cart!

As her Cutie Mark returns to her flank, she speeds ahead and joins the pack, shouting to Snow Drop:

183 APPLEJACK
Much obliged, Snow Drop!

She sees that the pass narrows rapidly up ahead, and the posse will only be able to continue the chase single file.

184 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
(to Rarity and Bubble Burst)
If she gets through that pass, it's gonna be mighty hard for us to stop her!

185 RARITY
And she still has Twilight and
Rainbow Dash's Cutie Marks!

186 BUBBLE BURST
Leave it to me...

He RACES ahead...

Aurora Glimmer looks back and sees the crowd following.

187 AURORA GLIMMER
Once I've made it through the gap,
I'll lose most of that group.

She smiles wickedly.

188 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
And the rest I'll be able to handle
with my magic.

She faces forward only moments before she realizes...

A WEB OF BALLOONS BLOCKS THE PASS!

BOING! The cart bounces off and springs back through the air!

The container with Rainbow Dash's Cutie Mark SMASHES on the
ground and it ZOOMS back to her!

The cart sails towards Applejack who is ready with her hind
legs.

189 APPLEJACK
Finally, I can buck like a five-bit
snake herder in an Appleoosa ranch
house again!

She KICKS - the cart EXPLODES!

190 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
And I got my countryisms back, too!

Aurora Glimmer CRASHES to the ground as the last container
SMASHES, releasing Twilight's Cutie Mark. Moments later, she
joins the rest, who have crowded around the dazed Aurora
Glimmer.

191 AURORA GLIMMER
Get back! All of you!

192 SNOW DRIFT
Come on, Aurora, it doesn't have to
be like this! We can try being real
friends.

193 AURORA GLIMMER
They ruined *everything*!
(to Twilight)
If you would have just stayed away,
it would all still be perfect!

194 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Haven't we proven to you that
friends don't have to be the same?

195 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah. It's our differences that
make us so close.

196 AURORA GLIMMER
(losing it)
But...we were going to be friends
forever...we were always going to
be there for each other...

And we ZOOM INTO HER EYES AGAIN!

EXT. SCHOOLYARD - FLASHBACK - DAY

Aurora Glimmer and her friends are older now. She is alone,
her flank still blank, as the other two are off with new
friends. The pain in Aurora's eyes is devastating...

EXT. MOUNTAIN PASS - SAME

197 AURORA GLIMMER
They left me alone...it was the
Cutie Marks...the horrible,
horrible Cutie Marks...

198 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(with compassion)
It's hard to lose old friends. One
of the hardest things in the world.
But if you just look around, you'll
find there are so many more friends
to be made.

AURORA GLIMMER'S POV - all the ponies surrounding her give
her sympathetic smiles.

199 SNOW DRIFT

We can start over, Aurora. Only now
we can be friends the right way.

Emotions play across Aurora Glimmer's face. For a beat, we think she is going to accept their friendship. But then RAGE TAKES OVER. She PLOWS through the crowd and races for the pass!

200 AURORA GLIMMER

None of you know anything about
friendship! It was all so perfect
and now it's gone! *GONE!!*

Rainbow Dash makes a move to chase her.

201 RAINBOW DASH

Come on!

202 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

No. Let her go.

203 RAINBOW DASH

What? But what if she tries
something like this again?

204 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

There was a time when I didn't
understand friendship, either. But
my friends took a chance on me and
let me discover for myself how
amazing it can be.

She looks at the mountain pass where Aurora Glimmer just disappeared.

205 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)

Hopefully Aurora will find friends,
too. True friends who will help her
become the pony she's meant to be.

206 SNOW DRIFT

And if that's us, then we'll
welcome her back with open arms.

There's a beat where everypony lets the moment linger. Then:

207 TENNIS PLAYER PONY

Who's up for some tennis?!

The Village Ponies, remembering they've got their Cutie Marks back, all CHEER!

EXT. VILLAGE - LATER THAT DAY

Spike and the Mane Six look on as the Village Ponies joyfully showcase their talents.

208 PINKIE PIE
Now those are real smiles.

Suddenly, the ground starts to <RUMBLE> and a SMALL TREE pokes up in the center of town. It glows and shimmers like the TREE OF HARMONY.

A PONY with a watering can Cutie Mark walks over and waters it.

209 RARITY
Why, I'd know that fabulous bark anywhere. That looks just like the Tree of Harmony!

210 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That must be why the map sent us here! We've solved the friendship problem and now a new Tree of Harmony can grow!

211 PINKIE PIE
Now *that* is the Twilight Sparkle brain we're used to!

212 APPLEJACK
Reckon it's time for us to head on back, then. I just hope next time the map picks somewhere closer to home.

213 FLUTTERSHY
You think the map will send us somewhere else?

214 APPLEJACK
Why sure! That there's the Princess of Friendship, isn't it?

215 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But it wasn't me who did this. I was the last one to get my Cutie Mark back.

She turns to face her friends.

216 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
This isn't about me. The map showed all six of our Cutie Marks.

One by one, we PAN ACROSS the faces of her friends.

217 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Whatever I'm supposed to do as the
Princess of Friendship, you're all
a part of it. The most important
part. You're like my-

218 PINKIE PIE
Super friends?

219 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(with a chuckle)
Sort of. You're like my...
Fellowship of Harmony.

220 RAINBOW DASH
Fellowship of Harmony?
(with a shrug)
I can live with that.

221 RARITY
(excited)
And no self-respecting Fellowship
can operate without outfits. We'll
need something dignified, yet
fierce.

222 PINKIE PIE
Like Gummy!

They all laugh as we...

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S CASTLE, MAP ROOM - SAME

Above the map, the holograms of the Mane Six's Cutie Marks
now disappear...

FADE OUT.