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TEASER

FADE IN:

SC1. MONTAGE

Exciting recap of Part One!

FADE OUT.

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

FADE IN:

SC2. EXT. VILLAGE - NIGHT

ESTABLISHING. Under the glow of a full moon, the village sits in a flat spot next to rocky bluffs and mountains. Huge boulders and trees mark the surrounding landscape.

1 SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
Choose equality as your special
talent...

SC3. EXT. COTTAGE - NIGHT

A nondescript cottage amongst dozens of others lining the main street. There are only two things different about this one. First is the twin VILLAGE PONIES standing guard outside. Second is that it does not have a CHIMNEY. The disembodied SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE is coming from inside...

2 SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
Exceptionalism is a lie...

SC4. INT. COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

The cottage contains only one room. A CLOCK hangs above the lone door, with a trough of hay on one side and a trough of water on the other. There are two windows, but both are too small for a pony to fit through.

The walls are covered in posters of EQUALS SIGNS. And there is a small bookshelf. Aside from that, the cottage is empty.

APPLEJACK paces. RAINBOW DASH pushes fruitlessly against the locked door. RARITY sits forlornly staring at the drab, olive green curtains. FLUTTERSHY looks out the other window. TWILIGHT SPARKLE watches Applejack pace. And PINKIE PIE reads one of the books.

3 PINKIE PIE
Hey, this is pretty good.

She holds up the book. Both pages have only an equals sign. She goes back to reading, and when she turns the page, more equals signs.

4 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
How are we going to get out of here? I can't take much more of that voice.

5 SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
Free yourself from your Cutie Mark...

6 FLUTTERSHY
At least it's a pleasant voice.

7 APPLEJACK
We gotta do something. We can't just sit here while all this hoo-ha warps up our brains.

8 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But without our special talents...

Her horn GLOWS. And so does her EQUALS SIGN. It takes everything she's got just to turn the page in Pinkie's book.

9 PINKIE PIE
Hey, I was reading that!

10 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
...we've got no chance. We're completely outnumbered.

Rarity erupts in tears!

11 RARITY
Ohhh, this is horrible!

12 FLUTTERSHY
There there, Rarity, it's not so bad.

13 RARITY
Yes it is! Look at these drapes!
I have no idea if they're tacky or
not!

14 FLUTTERSHY
(helpfully)
Well I think they're nice.

This prompts a fresh round of tears.

15 RARITY
So do I!

Rainbow Dash backs up as far as she can and gets ready for a
run at the door.

16 RAINBOW DASH
The windows are too small, and
there's only one other way out...

She BLASTS OFF for the door. Her equals sign GLOWS,
magically slowly her down. She bounces ineffectually to the
floor.

17 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Ow.

18 SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
In sameness there is peace...

A bird lands on the windowsill and CHIRPS.

19 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, thank goodness!

As she talks to the bird, her equals sign GLOWS.

20 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Can you help us, little birdy?
Maybe you can get a message to
Bubble Burst or Sugar Sprinkles
that we need help.

The bird TWEETS. Fluttershy clearly doesn't understand.

21 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Go on, now. Fly away and get us
help.

The bird TWEETS again. Fluttershy's frustration mounts.

22 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Okay, birdy, we really need your
help now.

A beat, then the bird TWEETS.

23 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
GET OUT OF HERE!

The bird flies away SQUAWKING.

24 SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
Difference is frustration...

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

Applejack takes her turn at the door. She rears back for a massive kick. Her equals sign GLOWS, and the force of the kick only knocks her to the floor next to Rainbow Dash.

26 APPLEJACK
This door's shut tighter than a...
summer of...of piglets in...shoot,
I can't even make countryisms with
this thing!

27 PINKIE PIE
I don't know, maybe it'll be super
fun to be all the same!

Her equals sign GLOWS and her exuberance dials back to non-Pinkie levels.

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

DISSOLVE TO:

SERIES OF DISSOLVES

As madness-inducing MUSIC plays (maybe something like the Alloy Orchestra's soundtrack to METROPOLIS:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WzknO-ggUWY>) we see...

TWILIGHT SPARKLE -- exhausted, her eyes starting to close.

29 SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
To excel is to fail...

Her eyes POP OPEN WIDE. DISSOLVE TO:

APPLEJACK -- gently and rhythmically hitting her head on the wall. She is doing it in time to the TICKING OF THE...

CLOCK -- the hands DISSOLVE TO hours later...

ON PINKIE PIE -- sitting next to a huge stack of books (all exactly the same). She finishes one and starts another, riveted. DISSOLVE TO:

RARITY -- holding the drapes against her fur and considering.

30 SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Be your best by never being your
best...

Her equals sign GLOWS and the frustrated tears begin to flow again. DISSOLVE TO:

THE CLOCK -- and the hands moving forward again. DISSOLVE TO:

RAINBOW DASH -- tasting some of the hay from the trough and spitting it out. Even the hay tastes bad. DISSOLVE TO:

FLUTTERSHY -- looking out the window at some birds flying and playing.

31 SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Conformity will set you free...

She SIGHS. DISSOLVE TO:

THE CLOCK -- and sunlight coming through the windows. And now it is...

SC5. INT. COTTAGE - MORNING

A nice, long beat of the Mane Six all lost in their own thoughts, none of them talking or acknowledging each other. Then...

32 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'VE GOT IT!

The others JUMP.

33 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
I know how we can--

34 SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
Accept your limitations and
happiness will follow...

35 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I know how we can get out!

36 RAINBOW DASH
Forget it, Twilight. This door
isn't opening.

37 RARITY
And I'm afraid the windows are much
too small.

38 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But there is a third way.

39 PINKIE PIE
(jumping to her feet)
Of course! Eventually the wind and
weather will wear down the walls
until they start to crumble! Then
all we have to do is wait for a big
enough hole to form and we can just
walk out! It's the perfect plan!

40 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Okay, so maybe there's a fourth
way.

41 APPLEJACK
I dunno, this cottage seems awful
escape-proof.

42 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We don't have to escape. They'll
let us out when they think we've
accepted their philosophy.

Rainbow Dash's eyes go wide.

43 RAINBOW DASH
That's awesome! We just have to
pretend to be mindless drones and
they'll let us walk right out the
door!

44 SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
You're no better than your friends,
or they aren't really friends at
all...

45 APPLEJACK
But they're never gonna believe we
switched over in just one night.

46 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I thought about that, and you're
right. But there is one of us who
they just might believe...

They all turn to look at Fluttershy.

47 FLUTTERSHY
Me?

48 RAINBOW DASH
You've been saying how great this
place is since we got here!

49 FLUTTERSHY
That's because everypony's so nice
and their village is so pretty
and...and...
(resigning herself)
...and you're right. They would
believe me.

50 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So you'll do it?

51 FLUTTERSHY
I hate to lie to them. They've
been so welcoming and friendly.
Aside from locking us in here and
trying to brainwash us into
abandoning the things that make us
special.

She looks at her friends and for the first time since they
were locked in the cottage, she sees hope in their eyes.

52 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Okay. I'll do it.

53 PINKIE PIE
WOO-HOO!

Her equals sign GLOWS.

54 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I mean, cool.

55 FLUTTERSHY
But what do I do once I'm out?

56 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You've got to find a way to get our
Cutie Marks back.

ON FLUTTERSHY -- and a big, nervous GULP.

57 SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
Better is badder...

Suddenly, the door opens. Two Village Ponies enter with buckets of water and hay. They set to refilling the troughs while AURORA GLIMMER enters behind them.

58 AURORA GLIMMER
Good morning! I trust you had a pleasant night?

None of them answer.

59 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
This way, please. There are some friends who would like to see you.

She exits. They all look to Fluttershy as if to say, "You ready?" She GULPS again.

SC6. EXT. COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

A small crowd of VILLAGE PONIES has gathered. Among them are SNOW DRIFT, BUBBLE BURST, NIGHT FLIGHT, and SUGAR SPRINKLES [NOTE: Several of the Village Ponies should be wearing the burlap bag style cloak that we first saw in Part One, and it is important that Bubble Burst is one of them].

60 AURORA GLIMMER
Gather 'round, friends, gather 'round!

Aurora Glimmer's demeanor is wound ever-so-slightly even tighter. Though cheerful, there is a hint she could explode at any moment.

61 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
(to the Mane Six)
We've come to ask if any of you are ready to join us. There are so many friends to be made once you realize you don't need your Cutie Marks.

62 SNOW DRIFT
(earnestly)
We have a welcome ceremony for new friends. The whole village joins together to build you your own cottage. It really is beautiful.

Aurora Glimmer smiles smugly at him, her protégé.

63 RAINBOW DASH
Not interested. We'll never agree
to give up our Marks.

Aurora flicks her head at one of the Village Ponies, who "ushers" Rainbow Dash back inside the cottage. The Village Pony has a smile on his face, but it is quite clear that this is not a request.

64 APPLEJACK
Y'all don't understand, do ya? You
can't force nopony to be friends!
It don't work like that!

Another Village Pony "ushers" her inside.

65 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
All right, all right, don't be so
pushy.

66 VILLAGE PONY #1
(to the remaining Mane
Four)
Please, join us!

67 VILLAGE PONY #2
We love new friends!

68 VILLAGE PONY #3
You'll see that it's better without
a Cutie Mark!

69 AURORA GLIMMER
It's all right, everypony, this is
a perfectly normal part of the
equalization process. We've all
been through this, haven't we?

The Village Ponies nod, creepy smiles still on their faces.

70 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
We'll try again tomorrow. Once
you've had a bit more time to
consider our philosophy.

Village Ponies step forward and start to herd the rest of the Mane Six inside. Fluttershy looks panicked. She knows this is her cue...

71 FLUTTERSHY
I'd like to join!

The Village Ponies stop. The air is heavy. Aurora Glimmer studies her, her expression inscrutable.

72 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Fluttershy? How could you?

73 FLUTTERSHY
If giving up my Cutie Mark means I
get to stay in this lovely village
with these lovely ponies, then I'll
do it.

Aurora Glimmer's eyes are still fixed on Fluttershy, her mouth in a tight smirk. Then she nods to the Village Ponies, who take Twilight, Rarity, and Pinkie Pie inside.

74 RARITY
Et tu, Fluttershy?

The door closes. Aurora Glimmer's demeanor instantly changes.

75 AURORA GLIMMER
We have a new friend, everypony!

The Village Ponies CHEER!

76 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
And another miserable pony is freed
from the shackles of difference!
This is a joyous day indeed!

77 VILLAGE PONIES
Welcome, friend! / Happy to have
you! / What a glorious day!

The Village Ponies crowd around Fluttershy, patting her on the back and generally making her feel welcome.

78 AURORA GLIMMER
Now...

Her voice cuts through the excited crowd. They all back away, leaving Fluttershy alone once again.

79 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
...there is one more order of
business.

She paces before the crowd, drawing out the moment.

80 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Just so we can be sure your
intentions are, indeed, pure.

Fluttershy smiles nervously.

81 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, they are.

Aurora Glimmer stops walking and stares at Fluttershy with a sinister smile.

82 AURORA GLIMMER
Then you will kindly tell us the
names of those friends who
requested their Cutie Marks back.

A confused MURMUR runs through the crowd. Fluttershy's face registers panic. At the back of the crowd, Bubble Burst, Sugar Sprinkles, and Night Flight also look afraid.

83 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Unfortunately it is all too true,
my friends. Some in our midst are
dissatisfied with the village life.

The Village Ponies, true believers all, can't believe anypony would feel this way.

84 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
And so, as a show of good faith, I
should like our newest friend
Fluttershy to prove her loyalty
by...

She turns back to Fluttershy with that menacing smile.

85 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
...naming names.

ON BUBBLE BURST, SUGAR SPRINKLES, and NIGHT FLIGHT --
suddenly quite nervous. And finally...

ON FLUTTERSHY -- caught in the bind of all binds.

FADE OUT.

END ACT 1

ACT 2

FADE IN:

SC7. EXT. COTTAGE - DAY

Fluttershy stands before Aurora Glimmer and the Village Ponies.

86 FLUTTERSHY
Um...I don't know who they were.
(turning to the crowd)
I'm sorry, I don't know your names
and faces yet--

87 AURORA GLIMMER
Nonsense! Obviously these ponies
must have asked you directly, so
please...

She sweeps an arm across the crowd.

88 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
...kindly point them out.

89 VILLAGE PONIES
Yeah! / Who was it? / We don't want
Cutie Marks!

Fluttershy is on the verge of breaking down, when--

90 BUBBLE BURST
It was me.

He steps through the crowd.

91 BUBBLE BURST (CONT'D)
It was only me. I...I only wanted
it back for a little while. Just
to remember what it was like. I
didn't want to keep it.

The Village Ponies look on him with betrayal and disgust.
Aurora Glimmer shakes her head in pity.

92 AURORA GLIMMER
And no thought to the pain you'd
cause your friends. Such
selfishness.

93 BUBBLE BURST
I'm sorry, everypony! I never
wanted to leave the village! I
love all of you!

But the Village Ponies aren't having it. Sugar Sprinkles and
Night Flight can only watch helplessly as Aurora Glimmer nods
to a Village Pony, who ushers Bubble Burst into the cottage.

SC8. INT. COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

And the door SLAMS shut. Bubble Burst realizes how stuck he is and his shoulders slump.

94 BUBBLE BURST
What was I thinking? I can't believe I even considered asking for my Mark back.

95 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But there's nothing wrong with--

Bubble Burst turns on her with a scowl.

96 BUBBLE BURST
Don't talk to me! Any of you! I never should have listened to your warped ideas about Cutie Marks!

97 PINKIE PIE
But Cutie Marks are the most wonderful, uniqueiest, best of all things in the whole wide...

He equals sign GLOWS.

98 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
They're okay. Take 'em or leave 'em.

99 BUBBLE BURST
I betrayed my friends, I betrayed my village...and I betrayed myself.

100 RAINBOW DASH
Don't worry, Fluttershy will have us out of here in no time.

101 SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
Talent is heartache...

Bubble Burst turns away from them and rests his head on the door. He is distraught.

102 BUBBLE BURST
Didn't you see what just happened out there? Your friend has accepted our way. You will all accept our way. It's only a matter of time.

He lays down in the corner, defeated. The Mane Five huddle on the other side of the room.

103 RAINBOW DASH
This guy sure is a barrel of
laughs.

104 PINKIE PIE
(flat)
Laughs don't come in barrels. They
come from inside you as your body's
response to delight.

105 APPLEJACK
So what are we gonna do while
Fluttershy's out there lookin' for
our Cutie Marks?

106 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We have to stay as positive as we
can. If Bubble Burst sees how much
we really do like each other, even
though we're all different, maybe
we can use him to spread our
message to rest of the village.

107 SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
Unique is a four-letter word...

108 RARITY
Let's just hope they don't convert
any of us first.

Despite the plan to stay positive, each of the Mane Five look
decidedly WORRIED...

SC9. EXT. VILLAGE MAIN STREET - DAY

Fluttershy is being paraded through town like Jesus on Palm
Sunday. The Village Ponies are overjoyed to have her.

109 SHOPKEEPER
Greetings, friend! Care for a
cloak?

110 FLUTTERSHY
Oh! Why, thank you!

111 SHOPKEEPER
Any time!

112 VILLAGE PONY #1
Over there is our library. You can
check out any book you like for as
long as you want.

113 FLUTTERSHY
Well that sounds wonderful!

114 VILLAGE PONY #2
And we have friendship sing-alongs every Tuesday night. It doesn't matter how good you are. None of us can sing particularly well.

115 FLUTTERSHY
I love to sing!

She stops and turns to face her entourage, who all smile back with no guile.

116 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Gosh, you really are the nicest ponies I've ever met.

117 AURORA GLIMMER
And you will fit right in here in our little village.

The crowd parts and she walks through.

118 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Come, all new friends stay with me until their cottage is completed. Let's get you settled and then you can enjoy all that our little village has to offer...

As Fluttershy follows Aurora Glimmer back to her cottage, she makes eye contact with Sugar Sprinkles and Night Flight. They are still smiling, but there is palpable unease underneath. Fluttershy's own smile falters, so she quickly looks away.

SC10. EXT. VILLAGE - NIGHT

ESTABLISHING. The sun drops and the moon rises. All is quiet except for...

119 SOOTHING FEMALE VOICE (O.S.)
Winners never prosper...

SC11. EXT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - NIGHT

It's dark and quiet. Suddenly, Fluttershy pops out of the chimney. She COUGHS and shakes away the soot.

120 FLUTTERSHY
Of course she had to lock the
windows and doors.

She looks around and sees that the village is asleep. With a deep breath, she flies off the roof and out of the village.

121 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I hope she doesn't wake up or I'll
be right back in that cottage with
everypony else...

SC12. EXT. CAVE - LATER

Fluttershy enters. It is dark and spooky, lit by the glow of the Cutie Marks in their glass cages. Aurora Glimmer's magical staff rests on the alter.

122 FLUTTERSHY
Now, where are you little Cutie
Marks?

She flies over and inspects the wall of Cutie Marks. There, in the center, are SIX EMPTY COMPARTMENTS.

123 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
They're gone!

Somewhere in the distance, a WOLF HOWLS. Fluttershy takes one last anxious look at the Cutie Marks, then flies out of the cave.

SC13. EXT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - LATER

Fluttershy sneaks past several identical cottages until she finds Aurora Glimmer's. She is just about to fly up to the chimney, when...

A CRASH comes from inside!

124 AURORA GLIMMER (O.S.)
Ow! Clumsy fool!

A light comes on in one of the windows. Fluttershy looks up at the chimney, then back at the lit window. She GULPS, then creeps over to the window and peeks inside...

SC14. INT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE, BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

...and sees Aurora Glimmer next to an overturned bowl of water. She is wet, some of it having splashed all over her.

AND THE MANE SIX'S CUTIE MARKS ARE STACKED IN GLASS JARS BY THE WALL.

Fluttershy watches in amazement as Aurora looks for a towel. She finds one and uses her magic to wipe herself off. In the process, she WIPES AWAY PART OF HER EQUALS SIGN CUTIE MARK! Beneath, she has another Cutie Mark. It looks like SWIRLING RIPPLES OF GHOSTLY LIGHT (that could either be magic or an actual aurora borealis).

Now that she's dry, she uses her magic to apply a powdered concealer over the Cutie Mark. Then she uses a different makeup to draw on the equals sign. This done, she starts to head toward her bedroom door...

SC15. EXT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

125 FLUTTERSHY
Oh no!

She zooms up to the roof and down the chimney...

SC16. INT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - MOMENTS LATER

Aurora Glimmer exits her own bedroom and crosses to the door to Fluttershy's bedroom. She quietly opens it and peeks inside to find...

FLUTTERSHY, seemingly asleep in bed. Aurora watches her for a moment, then gently closes the door.

ON FLUTTERSHY -- eyes wide with fear, black soot smeared all over her.

SC17. INT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - MORNING

Fluttershy comes out of her bedroom warily. She sees Aurora Glimmer sitting at the plain wooden table. There are two bowls of some sort of gray food. She waits in the doorway to get a read of the situation.

126 AURORA GLIMMER
Ah, good morning, friend! Please,
join me!

Fluttershy walks to the table and steals a glance at Aurora's rump. Equals sign.

127 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
How was your night? Uneventful, I
trust?

Fluttershy sits and relaxes. It seems Aurora is unaware of her nighttime exploits.

128 FLUTTERSHY
Oh yes. I slept like a log.

She reaches for a spoon and notices a SMUDGE OF SOOT on her hoof. She quickly pulls it back before Aurora can see it.

129 AURORA GLIMMER
You'd better eat up. We've got a big day today. I'm hoping at least one of your friends will decide to join us.

Fluttershy smiles and reaches for the spoon with her other hoof.

SC18. EXT. COTTAGE - DAY

Fluttershy follows Aurora Glimmer and the small crowd of Village Ponies to the cottage. Several of them carry buckets of water and hay to restock.

130 AURORA GLIMMER
I've got a good feeling about today, don't you all?

131 VILLAGE PONIES
Oh yes! / More friends! / They're sure to say yes!

She nods to two Village Ponies, who open the door. Bubble Burst races out excitedly, followed by the Mane Five. They give Fluttershy feeble smiles. They look exhausted.

132 BUBBLE BURST
I'm sorry, Aurora! I'm sorry, everypony! I've seen the error of my ways! I never want to see my Cutie Mark again!

133 AURORA GLIMMER
Well this is an auspicious start, isn't it?

The Village Ponies CHEER! Bubble Burst wheels on the Mane Five.

134 BUBBLE BURST
But these five tried to break me!
They wouldn't stop talking about
how different they are, and how
that somehow makes their friendship
stronger!

Aurora Glimmer TSK TSKs.

135 AURORA GLIMMER
Such backward thinking.

136 BUBBLE BURST
But I didn't listen! I knew what
they were trying to do and I didn't
listen!

137 AURORA GLIMMER
Well done, Bubble Burst. We
welcome you back with open arms.

Bubble Burst smiles widely. Fluttershy, meanwhile, makes eye contact with Twilight, who gives her a questioning look, as if to say, "Did you find them?" Fluttershy can only shake her head.

138 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
And do any of you have anything
you'd like to say?

The Mane Five look beaten down and tired. Fluttershy can't bear to see them this way.

139 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Very well. Let's try this again
tomorrow. No new friends today,
I'm afraid!

140 VILLAGE PONIES
Aww...

As several Village Ponies start to usher the Mane Five back inside...

141 FLUTTERSHY
Wait!

Everypony stops and looks at her.

142 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I'd like to lock them in.

She runs over and replaces one of the Village Ponies.

143 AURORA GLIMMER
Marvelous, Fluttershy, that's the
spirit!

Just as the Mane Five are heading through the door...

144 FLUTTERSHY
But first, can I ask you a
question, Aurora?

145 AURORA GLIMMER
Me? Certainly!

146 FLUTTERSHY
What's soaking wet and a total
fraud?

Suddenly, she GRABS one of the water buckets and EMPTIES it
at Aurora...but the throw is weak and the water splashes
harmlessly to the dirt in front of her. The crowd GASPS.

Aurora looks at Fluttershy with rage hidden beneath a prim
smile. There can be no question now -- SHE KNOWS.

147 BUBBLE BURST
Why would you do that? That wasn't
very nice!

Aurora Glimmer, focused like a laser on Fluttershy, hasn't
noticed that some of the water has SPLASHED ONTO HER.

148 AURORA GLIMMER
(to Fluttershy)
I knew you couldn't be trusted. My
instincts told me something was
wrong.

She is so zeroed in on Fluttershy that she also doesn't
notice Bubble Burst take off his cloak and reach out to dry
her off until it's too late.

149 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
No! Get away!

But Bubble Burst manages to get one good swipe with the
cloak, and a SMEAR OF MAKEUP comes off! Beneath the equals
sign, Aurora Glimmer's true Cutie Mark shows through!

The crowd GASPS! Bubble Bursts stands there, cloak in hoof,
in utter disbelief. Aurora Glimmer looks like a cornered
animal.

150 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
What are you looking at? They're
the problem, not me!

151 BUBBLE BURST
(destroyed)
How could you?

152 NIGHT FLIGHT
You kept your Cutie Mark?

Snow Drift, Aurora Glimmer's most fervent believer, steps up
next to Bubble Burst.

153 SNOW DRIFT
You said Cutie Marks were evil.
You said they lead to pain and
heartache.

154 AURORA GLIMMER
They do, don't you see? Look at
them!

155 SUGAR SPRINKLES
Then why? Why did you take ours
and not give up your own?

156 AURORA GLIMMER
(panicking)
I had to, you fools! How could I
collect your Cutie Marks without my
magic?

157 NIGHT FLIGHT
But...the staff...the staff has all
the magic we need--

158 AURORA GLIMMER
The staff is a piece of wood I
found in the desert! It's my magic
that makes all this possible!
You'd all still be living your
miserable lives, thinking you're
better than everypony else, if it
weren't for my magical abilities!

159 SNOW DRIFT
You lied to us!

160 AURORA GLIMMER
So what? Everything I said is
true! The only way to be happy is
if we're all equal!

161 BUBBLE BURST
Except for you.

Twilight steps forward in solidarity with the Village Ponies.

162 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Our Cutie Marks show us how
different we all are. And it's
those differences that make our
friendships so rich--

163 AURORA GLIMMER
QUIET!!

And now we see a glimpse of the fury beneath her tightly-wound, perfectly manicured persona.

164 SUGAR SPRINKLES
You can't have that Cutie Mark,
Aurora! Either we're all equal or
none of us are!

They start to move toward her and she realizes she has lost them.

165 AURORA GLIMMER
Stay back! We don't have to let
them divide us like this!

166 SNOW DRIFT
You're the one dividing us!

She starts to back away and then finally RUNS...

SC19. EXT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - MOMENTS LATER

She races into her cottage and SLAMS the door. The crowd follows. Some of the Village Ponies start POUNDING ON THE DOOR, but it is locked tight.

167 SNOW DRIFT
Come on, let's go get our Cutie
Marks back!

168 VILLAGE PONIES
Yeah!

Some of the crowd race off for the cave while the others continue to POUND on the door and call for Aurora to come out.

169 RAINBOW DASH
Let's go with them! With our Cutie
Marks we can into that cottage!

170 FLUTTERSHY
Our Cutie Marks aren't in the cave.
She really didn't trust me, so she
moved them somewhere I couldn't get
them.

171 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Where? Where are our Cutie Marks?

172 FLUTTERSHY
They're in there...with her!

FADE OUT.

END ACT 2

ACT 3

FADE IN:

SC20. EXT. CAVE - DAY

An enormous CRASH echoes inside the cave, followed by a FLASH OF LIGHT. A beat later, CUTIE MARKS start to swoop out of the cave mouth like comets. Village Ponies come racing out with their ORIGINAL CUTIE MARKS!

SC21. EXT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

As the Village Ponies continue to try to break into the cottage, Cutie Marks FALL FROM THE SKY like multicolored flares. When they find their owners, they SLAM INTO THEIR FLANKS in a burst of light!

173 RARITY
Even without my Cutie Mark, I can
tell this is beautiful.

174 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I'd feel a lot better if our Cutie
Marks weren't in there with her.

175 APPLEJACK
But what could she do to 'em?

176 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I don't know...

SC22. INT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Aurora paces. She is starting to come apart at the seams. The sounds of angry ponies SHOUTING and POUNDING ON THE DOOR fill the cottage.

177 AURORA GLIMMER
...they think they can come to my
village and disrupt my life!

She glares at the Cutie Marks of the Mane Six.

178 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
I'll show them! Let's see how they
like spending the rest of their
lives without these!

She magics the glass jars into the air and shoves her bed aside to REVEAL A SECRET STAIRCASE...

SC23. INT. DIFFERENT COTTAGE - MOMENTS LATER

...and she emerges from a hidden door in the floor of another cottage, empty except for a pre-packed HORSE CART ready for a quick escape (almost like an empty facade on a studio lot). She lowers the Cutie Marks into the cart and hitches herself up.

SC24. EXT. DIFFERENT COTTAGE - MOMENTS LATER

It is right at the corner of the village. She easily runs away into the rocky hillside just outside of town. She is headed for the mountains.

SC25. EXT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Meanwhile...

179 NIGHT FLIGHT
Stand back, everypony!

Now that she has her Cutie Mark -- a speed gauge with the needle pushed to the red -- she flies into the sky and SWOOPS toward the front door...BOOM! She blasts it open! The Village Ponies CHEER and pour inside!

SC26. INT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

The Mane Six join the Village Ponies, but there is no sign of Aurora Glimmer.

180 FLUTTERSHY
In here!

They follow her into Aurora's bedroom, where they see the secret staircase.

181 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
They're gone! They were right over there!

182 SNOW DRIFT
Come on!

Snow Drift starts down the secret staircase...

SC27. EXT. OTHER COTTAGE - MOMENTS LATER

...and emerges from the cottage Aurora just fled. The others join him.

183 RAINBOW DASH
Look!

She points toward the rocky hillside where Aurora Glimmer pulls her cart up toward a SNOWY MOUNTAIN. The Cutie Marks glow in their glass jars.

184 RARITY
It's all right, Mama's coming for you!

185 BUBBLE BURST
Oh no...

186 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What is it?

187 BUBBLE BURST
She's headed for the pass. If she makes it into those mountains, we'll never find her.

188 SUGAR SPRINKLES
There's a whole network of caves up there. Your Cutie Marks will be gone forever.

189 APPLEJACK
Then let's get movin', y'all!

The Village Ponies and the Mane Six stampede after Aurora Glimmer. But very quickly, the Mane Six's equals signs begin to GLOW and they are magically slowed down.

190 RAINBOW DASH
Aw, come on!

Sugar Sprinkles slows down to wait for them to catch up.

191 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You go ahead! We'll...do our best!

And the pursuit heads into...

SC28. EXT. MOUNTAIN FOOTHILLS - CONTINUOUS

Aurora pulls with everything she's got. The road is narrow and twisty, but she can see up at the top where the pass disappears between two peaks. This is her goal.

But behind her, the Village Ponies have gained a lot of ground...

And behind them, the Mane Six struggle along, their equals signs aglow.

192 RAINBOW DASH
This is humiliating.

ON AURORA GLIMMER -- gritting her teeth as her cart jostles along behind her.

193 BUBBLE BURST
I've got her!

He FIRES UP HIS HORN and releases a huge magic bubble! It flies at Aurora, but she turns away just in time and it pops against the rocks! He fires more bubbles, but she is able to evade them all...except one. It blurps around her head and she has to fight to get it off, almost like she's trapped in spider webs.

She shakes the bubble away, but the distraction has allowed most of the Village Ponies to pull even. The chase has the feel of an Old West stagecoach robbery, except the good guys are the robbers.

194 AURORA GLIMMER
Are you all so willing to give up
everything because of these...
strangers?!

195 SUGAR SPRINKLES
We gave up everything for you!
Because we thought you were our
friend!

Aurora grits her teeth and WHEELS around a tight corner. The elevation is high enough now that there is SNOW all around. The pass draws ever nearer.

All the Village Ponies make the turn...and the Mane Six trot along, bringing up the distant rear.

196 RAINBOW DASH
I can't believe we have to count on
these other ponies to save our
Cutie Marks!

197 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
If we hadn't come here to help
them, they'd still be living under
her rules! Now it's their turn to
help us!

198 FLUTTERSHY
And I know they can do it!

UP AHEAD -- Aurora Glimmer still has the lead, but the Village Ponies are all around her.

Sugar Sprinkles's horn GLOWS. She uses her magic to scoop up some snow on the run, then shape it into A PIE. Using her horn, she THROWS IT at Aurora. It smashes her like a snowball, sending the cart into a slight fishtail.

199 SUGAR SPRINKLES
Snow pie! My newest recipe!

As Aurora fights to straighten out her cart, Bubble Burst is able to reach out for the Cutie Marks. He almost has his hoof on Rarity's...

But Aurora sees him and runs even faster. She starts to pull away again. And now the pass is just ahead. We see the first CAVE ENTRANCE at the top of this hill...

ON THE MANE SIX -- they can see how close Aurora is to making it to the caves, but they can't run any faster.

200 RAINBOW DASH
She's going to make it!

ON THE HERD -- thundering up behind Aurora Glimmer's cart. Snow Drift, running with everything he's got, suddenly skids to a stop, an expression of sheer bewilderment on his face.

He sees an old, battered SNOWBOARD sitting next to an old battered HELMET.

201 NIGHT FLIGHT
Come on!

But Snow Drift is in shock. Night Flight flies back to join him.

202 SNOW DRIFT
It's my snowboard. This is where I first met Aurora. She was so charming and I...I always meant to come back for it.

203 NIGHT FLIGHT
Maybe you can reminisce another time. She's almost to the caves!

Suddenly, a sly smile comes over Snow Drift's face.

204 SNOW DRIFT
Feel like a airdrop?

ON AURORA GLIMMER -- she glances back at the mob behind her. She's got a comfortable lead now.

205 AURORA GLIMMER
Once I've made it to the caves,
I'll lose most of that group.

She smiles wickedly.

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

Suddenly -- SNOW DRIFT FALLS FROM THE SKY! He lands on the mountain and CARVES up the snow with his board. He swoops down into the pass and shreds a wall of powder right into Aurora Glimmer's path. She and the cart hit it and go CORKSCREWING THROUGH THE AIR!

She slams into a snowbank. The cart crashes to the ground, shattering the glass jars, freeing the Cutie Marks! They soar down the pass and reattach to their owners in a flash of color!

Applejack starts bucking her back legs like a wild bronco.

207 APPLEJACK
Yee-haw! Finally, I can buck like
a five-bit snake herder in an
Appleosa ranch house again!

208 FLUTTERSHY
And you got your countryisms back,
too!

Cornered by ponies, Aurora Glimmer stands and fires up her
horn. Her ghostly "northern lights" magic starts to swirl
and she fires--!

But Twilight leaps forward and FIRES A COUNTER-SPELL!
Aurora's magic wisps away like the northern lights themselves
as it meets Twilight's magic!

209 AURORA GLIMMER
I studied that spell for years!
How can you--?

210 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Because I have something you don't.
I studied magic for years, too, but
what I didn't know then was that
studying could only take me so far.

We TOUR HER FRIENDS, and mixed among their familiar faces we
see some of the Village Ponies -- Sugar Sprinkles, Night
Flight, Bubble Burst, Snow Drift...

211 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
When I first met my friends, each
of them showed me their unique
gifts and passions and
personalities. Knowing them has
changed me. I never would have
learned that I represent the
Element of Magic if it wasn't for
these five.

ON AURORA GLIMMER -- growing more furious by the second.

212 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
And that's a type of magic you'll
never have.

213 AURORA GLIMMER
Spare me your sentimental nonsense.
None of these ponies would have
become friends without me there to
do away with their...
(MORE)

AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
(with bile)
...unique gifts.

214 SNOW DRIFT
How do you know that? You never
even gave us a chance.

A wave of rage builds inside Aurora, then comes pouring out
in a BLAST OF MAGIC! The ponies shield their eyes, and when
the magic evaporates into the sky, SHE IS GONE.

215 RAINBOW DASH
She's getting away!

Snow Drift runs over and peers into the cave mouth.

216 SNOW DRIFT
We'll never find her in there.

217 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We just have to hope that when
she's had a chance to think it
over, she realizes that you all
have taught her something.

The Village Ponies smile at one another. MUSIC UP...

SC29. EXT. VILLAGE MAIN STREET - MAGIC HOUR

...because there is a STREET PARTY happening. The Village
Ponies dance and mingle. Sugar Sprinkles has set up a table
with a WHOLE VARIETY of baked goods. Bubble Burst fires a
wave of magic bubbles into the air, and they fall gently over
the happy crowd.

The Mane Six stand back and watch.

218 PINKIE PIE
Now those are real smiles.

Suddenly, their Cutie Marks start to SHIMMER like they did at
the beginning of Part One.

219 APPLEJACK
I'll never get used to that.

220 RARITY
I think it's divine.

221 FLUTTERSHY
Does that mean the map is calling
us somewhere else?

222 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I have a feeling it means our work
here is done.

223 PINKIE PIE
Aw, we don't have to leave, do we?
That Sugar Sprinkles can cook.

224 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Maybe we can stay a little while.
Come on!

And as the Mane Six move off to join the party, we linger
near Aurora Glimmer's cottage, where something is happening
in the ground...

A SMALL SAPLING, glowing silver like the Tree of Harmony,
sprouts through the dirt. We HOLD ON IT for a moment, while
the Village Ponies and the Mane Six party in the background,
and then we...

FADE OUT.