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TEASER

SC1. EXT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - DAY

APPLEJACK is working on the farm, BUCKING APPLES - as APPLE BLOOM, GRANNY SMITH, AND BIG MAC just stare at her.

1 APPLEJACK
<effort> (then) Can y'all quit
starin' and lend me a hoof?

Apple Bloom, Granny Smith, and Big Mac continue to stare.

2 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
C'mon. I'm the same pony I always
was. Nothin's changed.

3 APPLE BLOOM
Nothin's changed? What about that
huge honkin' castle over there!

Apple Bloom points to TWILIGHT'S CASTLE, which can be seen sticking out of the Ever-Free Forest.

4 APPLEJACK
Okay, sure, Twilight's the Princess
of Friendship now. And yes, me 'n
the others are supposed to help
with her royal duties. But that
don't mean I'VE changed...

As she speaks, her entire body starts to RAINBOWIZE (a la our Season 4 finale)!

5 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
I'm still the same old Applejack.

6 BIG MCINTOSH
Ee-nope.

7 APPLEJACK
What in tarnation...?

If a rainbowized pony can blush, Applejack blushes.

8 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Okay, maybe I am a might bit
different.

FADE OUT.

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES**ACT 1**

FADE IN:

SC2. EXT. PRINCESS TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - ESTABLISHING

9 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Y'all aren't gonna believe what
just happened to me!

SC3. INT. PRINCESS TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

Still rainbowized, Applejack bursts in.

10 RARITY (O.S.)
Oh, I can believe it.

REVERSE TO REVEAL: RARITY, PINKIE PIE, RAINBOW DASH, AND
FLUTTERSHY are there - AND THEY ARE ALL RAINBOWIZED!

11 RAINBOW DASH
The same thing happened to us!

12 FLUTTERSHY
That's why we came here.

Pinkie Pie nods.

13 PINKIE PIE
Yeah, so we could stand on top of
each other and form a vertical pony
rainbow!

Pinkie excitedly starts to climb on Fluttershy, then stops
when she sees everyone staring at her.

14 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Too soon?

Rarity uses her horn to levitate Pinkie Pie off Fluttershy.

15 RARITY
Darling, we all came so Twilight
can tell us why we suddenly
acquired such a colorful sheen.

16 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)
Then you're gonna be disappointed.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE enters - also RAINBOWIZED.

17 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Because I don't know what's going
on.

Pinkie Pie waves a hoof as if to say "Is that what all the
fuss is about?"

18 PINKIE PIE
Oh, I know what it means.

19 FLUTTERSHY
You do?

20 PINKIE PIE
Of course. It means you look
amazing!
(to the others)
And so do you! And you and you and
you! And me! We're. So. Colorful!

21 APPLEJACK
Yeah, but WHY are we so colorful?

22 PINKIE PIE
Because we're made of rainbows,
silly!

Applejack rolls her eyes as she turns to Twilight Sparkle.

23 APPLEJACK
Last time this happened, it was
when we unlocked the chest to
defeat Tirek...

FLASHBACK TO:

EPISODE 426. The chest opens. The mane six get rainbowized as
the epiphany rainbow wraps around Tirek...

BACK TO: THE PRESENT

24 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
You don't reckon he's back?

Twilight shakes her head "no."

25 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I had the same thought, but Tirek
is still locked up in Tartarus. And
I had Spike check on the chest.

Spike enters, carrying the CHEST.

26 SPIKE
It was right where we left it,
Twilight. Nothing strange about it--
Whoa!

As he brings the chest into the same room with the
rainbowized ponies- BOOM!

A BEAM OF RANBOWIZED LIGHT SHOOTS OUT FROM EACH PONY!

As the beams of rainbow light finish leaving the ponies...

THEIR MANES AND COATS go back to normal!

27 APPLEJACK
What the hay? Our coats are back to
plain old normal!

28 RARITY
Speak for yourself - my coat has
never been plain nor old nor
normal.

Rarity smooths her coat as if to reassure it that that's
true.

Meanwhile, the six beams of rainbow light swirl around the
room! They all hit the chest at the same time!

Spike drops it - WA-BOOM! The rainbow-energized chest BURSTS
into a million shimmering pieces!

A RUMBLING, then a ROUND TABLE with what appears to be a map
carved into its surface GROWS out of the floor of the castle -
like a tree sprouting from the ground in fast motion.

29 ALL
Whoa!

Shooting out of one spot on the map are HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGES of
the mane six's CUTIE MARKS. The friends look on in awe!

30 RAINBOW DASH
Cool!

(NOTE: In future "map episodes", when their Cutie Mark is the
one projected from the map, the girls will briefly flash to
their rainbowized forms. A newly acquired "Rainbow Sense".)

Twilight examines the map. And reads aloud an inscription
written at the bottom.

31 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
There's something written here:
*"From sky to earth to sea below/
When friendship's dealt a mortal
blow/
Your Cutie Mark upon the map/
Means a problem to unwrap."*

32 PINKIE PIE
I don't get it.

33 APPLEJACK
Is that sayin' we're supposed to go
fix some sorta friendship problem?

Fluttershy sees the spot on the map with their Cutie Marks.

34 FLUTTERSHY
And somewhere very far away. I
don't know, this seems awfully
dangerous.

Rarity nods as she joins Fluttershy in looking at the map.

35 RARITY
I agree. As much as I love this
map's *nouveau naturelle* design, we
don't even know where it came from,
or who made it.

Twilight notices how the table seems to have roots for legs.

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I think I do.

SC4. INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - TREE OF HARMONY - SOON AFTER

Twilight and friends now stand before the Tree of Harmony.

37 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That map has to be connected to the
Tree of Harmony. Can't you feel it?

The others nod.

38 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
If it's calling for us to go
somewhere, it must be for a good
reason.

39 RARITY
Even if we have absolutely no idea
what that reason is?

40 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Well...yeah. I think so.

Twilight looks a little sheepish. Applejack steps up.

41 APPLEJACK
I say there's only one way to find
out!

She puts out her hoof - Twilight puts hers on top of it.
Rainbow Dash adds her hoof to theirs.

42 RAINBOW DASH
Hey, you had me at "it might be
dangerous." You know I'm in!

The other three ponies put their hooves on top.

43 RARITY
As are we all. There is nothing we
cannot accomplish together!

44 PINKIE PIE
Except slurping frosting through a
straw. You just can't fit six
mouths on one straw. Believe me,
I've tried.

As the girls all put their hooves up for a group hoof-bump...

45 SPIKE
I know the map only called for you
six, but...

Twilight turns to him.

46 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The map may not have summoned you,
but the Princess of Friendship will
always need her trusty assistant by
her side.

Spike grins as we...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC5. EXT. PONYVILLE TRAIN STATION - LATER THAT DAY

Spike and the mane six board a VERY LONG train.

47 APPLEJACK
Whoa! This here's a mighty long
train.

48 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
According to the map, it's going to
be a mighty long trip. This train
will take us halfway across
Equestria! And from there we'll
have to continue on hoof.

Pinkie Pie is the last of the group to climb aboard.

49 PINKIE PIE
Then there's no time to lose!

The doors close and the train starts to pull out of the
station...

50 PINKIE PIE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
I spy with my pony eye...

The rest of the mane six GROAN.

A SERIES OF DISSOLVES:

The BACKGROUNDS CHANGE as the train zips past CANTERLOT...

51 PINKIE PIE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Something super castle-y!

The train zips past Manehattan...

52 PINKIE PIE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Something super skyscraper-y!

The train zips through an endless empty prairie...

53 PINKIE PIE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Something super boring-y!

SC6. EXT. REMOTE TRAIN STATION - LATER

54 CONDUCTOR (O.S.)
Last stop, Sideeria, end of the
line!

The doors open and some DEER prance out and disappear into
the fields. The ponies and Spike are the only other ones to
disembark.

55 SPIKE
Man, we are in the middle of
nowhere.

56 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
And we've still got a long way to
go. Come on!

A SERIES OF DISSOLVES:

The BACKGROUND CHANGES from grasslands...

Where RARITY <SNEEZES> because of all the pollen.

57 PINKIE PIE
Something super allergy-y!

...to a CIFFSIDE BLUFF.

Where, as Applejack walks next to Pinkie Pie, she looks
annoyed. Pinkie sees that.

58 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Something super not-so-happy-y?

59 APPLEJACK
I'm sorry, Sugarcube, it's just
you've been playing that game for
37 hours straight. By yourself.
Think you might wanna, you know,
stop?

60 PINKIE PIE
Why? Did I win?

61 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(consulting a parchment)
According to this sketch I made of
the map, our destination is just
over there...

The ponies turn and look over the edge of a...

SC7. EXT. HIGH BLUFF - CONTINUOUS

Twilight turns to address the others.

62 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Whatever horrible friendship
problem is down there, we'll face
it together and-

63 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, it's so cute!

From this vantage on the bluff, the mane six and Spike can see A CUTE LITTLE VILLAGE below (the ponies inside the village DO NOT see our ponies yet).

The village looks happy and peaceful. Orderly, plain, and charming. All the buildings look exactly the same. Cute, but identical.

Even at this distance, they can see that the VILLAGE PONIES have the same hairstyle. Not drab or military - they look cute. But identical. And each of them is a UNICORN.

They all seem happy as they go about their day, walking in pairs. It all seems very friendly.

64 APPLEJACK
This is where the big friendship
crisis is?

65 RARITY
Well, it is a bit matchy-matchy.

Rainbow Dash is bummed.

66 RAINBOW DASH
<disappointed SIGH> Where's the
magic smoke unicorn? Where's the
shape-shifting bug queen?

67 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Come on, let's get a closer look...

SC8. EXT. OUTSKIRTS OF VILLAGE - DAY

The mane six and Spike walk down from the bluff, approaching the outskirts of the village's MAIN STREET.

Several pairs of Village Ponies are out for a stroll. They all walk in pairs, and their gaits are exactly the same - none faster, none slower.

Other Village Ponies sit at tables outside a BAKERY CAFE. They, too, are paired, facing each other at the same angle. They are also eating the same food - and at the exact same time - lifting it to their mouths at the same time and taking exactly as long to chew before taking another bite.

If the viewer doesn't notice all this yet, that's fine. It will become clear later. For now, what's important is that the Village Ponies are happily going about their day and DON'T SEE OUR HEROES YET.

68 FLUTTERSHY
It looks like there's friendship
everywhere.

Pinkie Pie SQUINTS as she takes a closer look.

69 PINKIE PIE
They seem happy, but their smiles
look a little...off. Know what I
mean?

70 APPLEJACK
Uh, no. They all seem pretty happy
to me.

71 SPIKE
Forget their smiles. Look!

Spike points and the mane six see for the first time...

72 APPLEJACK
<GASP!> Those two ponies have the
same cutie mark!

Indeed, two of the Village Ponies crossing the street HAVE
THE SAME CUTIE MARK. It looks like an EQUAL SIGN (=).

73 SPIKE
There aren't two ponies with the
same cutie mark...

74 APPLEJACK
Sure there are. I'm lookin' at 'em
with my own eyes!

Twilight sees what Spike sees. Her eyes go wide.

75 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
No, what Spike means is...

REVEAL: ALL THE VILLAGE PONIES HAVE THE SAME CUTIE MARK!!

76 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Everypony in this village has the
same cutie mark!!

FADE OUT.

END ACT 1

ACT 2

FADE IN:

SC9. EXT. VILLAGE MAIN STREET - CONTINUOUS

Spike and the mane six walk down the main street, looking around at the Village Ponies WHO ALL HAVE THE SAME CUTIE MARK.

Not only do they all have the same Cutie Mark, but the Village Ponies in a MANE SALON are all getting the exact same haircut. Four Village Ponies outside a DRESS SHOP are each looking at a pony-mannequins, all with the exact same dress.

Four identical SHOPKEEPERS exit the dress shop to give the four ponies identical shopping bags at the same time. And the four ponies all nod happily in the exact same fashion.

77 FLUTTERSHY
Maybe Pinkie's right, there is something a little...strange here.

78 APPLEJACK
A whole village with the same Cutie Mark. That can't be natural, can it?

And now the Village Ponies start to notice the mane six for the first time. They stop and stare and <WHISPER TO EACH OTHER>.

79 VILLAGE PONIES
<WHISPERS>

One of the Village Ponies, SNOW DRIFT, approaches.

80 SNOW DRIFT
Howdy, strangers. We don't get many visitors around here. What brings you to our fair village?

Twilight is about to answer, then realizes:

81 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Actually we don't really know.

Snow Drift nods, a little confused, but keeps the same STEPFORD WIVES smile on her face.

82 SNOW DRIFT
I think I might know just the pony for you to talk to...

She politely gestures for them to follow her.

SC10. EXT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - LATER

As Snow Drift knocks on the door, the mane six WHISPER TO EACH OTHER:

83 APPLEJACK
So who do you reckon this Aurora
Glimmer is?

84 RAINBOW DASH
Probably some sort of horrific
monster. At least, that's what I'm
hoping.

Spike and Fluttershy look nervous as the door CREAKS opens.

85 AURORA GLIMMER (O.S.)
Come in.

SC11. INT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

The mane six enter, bracing themselves to face some evil creature. We don't see Aurora Glimmer yet, but the ponies do - and are surprised!

86 FLUTTERSHY
<GASP> She's...she's...

AURORA GLIMMER steps forward, and we see she is...a completely sweet-looking unicorn (the same age as the mane six) who has the same haircut as all the other Village Ponies.

87 RAINBOW DASH
Not a monster at all! Nuts!

88 SNOW DRIFT
This is Aurora Glimmer. The founder
our village.

89 AURORA GLIMMER
Welcome, friends!

Aurora Glimmer has the same equal sign Cutie Mark.

90 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
You have the same cutie mark too!

91 AURORA GLIMMER
Of course. We all do. That's what
makes our village so perfect.

92 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I don't understand. Why do you have
the same Cutie Marks? How does that
make your village perfect?

93 RAINBOW DASH
And where are the monsters??

Aurora Glimmer smiles patiently.

94 AURORA GLIMMER
Perhaps it's best if I show you
around...

SC12. EXT. VILLAGE MAIN STREET - MOMENTS LATER

MUSIC UP as Aurora Glimmer takes the mane six and Spike on a tour of the village, where all the Village Ponies - each with the same cutie mark - are smiling and happy. It really does look like utopia. And the song matches that, almost sickeningly happy and Broadway.

95 AURORA GLIMMER
Life here is without defect!
Our friendships always perfect!
You want to know why?

The mane six nod eagerly.

96 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
Just look at my thigh!

Aurora Glimmer nods to her Cutie Mark. Happy Village Ponies point to each others' exact same Cutie Marks.

97 CHORUS OF VILLAGE PONIES
And his! And hers! And his!

Aurora Glimmer smiles at them, then turns to the mane six.

98 AURORA GLIMMER
When two ponies are different,
It always leads to an argument.
Sure, you may start as friends.
But this is how it ends:

She pretends to be two ponies arguing, acting out both sides.

99 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
 (as two ponies arguing)
I'm faster!
I'm prettier!
I'm stronger!
I'm wittier!

Even just watching a pretend argument makes the Village Ponies blanch with horror.

100 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
You yell
Tears well
Rude words blurt
Feelings get hurt.

The Village Ponies nod sadly. Then Aurora Glimmer smiles proudly as she announces:

101 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
But not in our village!
Here there's no tear spillage.

The chorus of Village Ponies nod in agreement.

102 CHORUS OF VILLAGE PONIES
Everypony here's the same - None
worse, none better/
Equality is our motto, we follow to
the letter!

On the other side of the street, three equal signed ponies - BUBBLE BURST, NIGHT FLIGHT and SUGAR SPRINKLES - make balloon animals in the shape of ponies.

Bubble Burst starts to make something far more elaborate than the others - who look unhappy.

103 CHORUS OF VILLAGE PONIES (CONT'D)
And since we are all the same
We have no need to complain!

But then Bubble Burst's EQUAL SIGN CUTIE MARK GLOWS and she finds herself turning her balloon back into a simple pony. She shares a smile with the others who smile back.

104 CHORUS OF VILLAGE PONIES (CONT'D)
When we compete
No one gets beat.
Because of what's on our thighs
Everything ends in ties!

A PAIR OF EQUAL SIGN PONIES do a background dance. One is very simple, the other like Fred Astaire...until her EQUAL SIGN CUTIE MARK GLOWS and she is magically pulled back in line with the other simple dancer.

Aurora Glimmer smiles at them, then turns sadly to the mane six.

105 AURORA GLIMMER
*You poor dears are on a train
Headed straight to friendship pain.
But you can disembark.
If you trade in your Cutie Mark!*

The chorus of Village Ponies nod in agreement.

106 CHORUS OF VILLAGE OF PONIES
*Give up the fighting and the fuss.
You can be happy here - Join us!
Just say goodbye!
To what's on your thigh!*

Our heroes looked stunned.

107 RAINBOW DASH
*Wait - you want us to give up our
Cutie Marks!? Are you kidding me!!?*

Twilight CONTINUES THE SONG, singing her response. As the mane six start to sing, the orchestration takes on more variation (different instruments and styles) to mirror their differing Cutie Marks.

108 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sure, her Cutie Mark has gems.

Twilight nods to Rarity's Cutie Mark. Rarity nods back.

109 RARITY
And hers has shimmering stars.

110 AJ/PP/FS/RD
And hey, take a look at ours!

The four show off their Cutie Marks.

111 TWILIGHT
*We aren't the same - that is true.
We aren't just alike like you.*

On Fluttershy and Rainbow Dash. Fluttershy flies - and then Rainbow Dash zips past her.

112 FLUTTERSHY
I can't fly as fast as she can.

113 RAINBOW DASH
And I can't speak orangutan.

114 RARITY
(re: Twilight)
She's far better than me at magic.

As if to illustrate that, Twilight magics a wizard's hat and cape onto herself.

115 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
She thinks my fashion sense is tragic.

Rarity interjects apologetically to Twilight:

116 RARITY
Oh, only on occasion dear.

Despite saying that, Rarity can't help adjusting the new hat and cape so they look more stylish.

OVER ON: Pinkie Pie and Applejack.

117 PINKIE PIE
I can't grow apples - hers are to die.

She grabs an apple off a plate at the cafe and takes a bite. A Village Pony quickly takes a bit of her own to match.

118 APPLEJACK
And she...
(struggling to think of something)
...well, you know, she's Pinkie Pie.

Pinkie nods proudly. But Aurora Glimmer looks at the mane six with pity.

119 AURORA GLIMMER
You poor dears - it's such a tragedy!
Your friendships are doomed, it's plain to see.
But I can fix them - listen to me:
All it'll take is a brand new Cutie...

120 CHORUS OF VILLAGE PONIES
...Maaaaaaaark!

The Village Ponies all nod. Twilight shakes her head.

121 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It's true, we're almost opposites.

122 PINKIE PIE
*And sometimes, sure, that can be
the pits!*

She proves the point by blowing a noisemaker a little too loudly right in Rainbow Dash's ear. Annoyed, she grabs the noisemaker and snaps it in half.

Village Ponies are aghast, but Aurora Glimmer smiles - that proves her point! Twilight just shrugs.

123 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
*That's just the way it is with friends.
You argue, then you make amends.*

Feeling bad, Rainbow Dash tries to stick the noisemaker back together. She hands it back to Pinkie Pie, who looks overjoyed and gives her friend a big hug!

The Village Ponies are confused by that, and give Aurora Glimmer questioning looks. She quickly tries to take charge of the conversation again:

124 AURORA GLIMMER
*We never argue. We never fight.
Friends don't do that - it isn't right!
Don't you see you could avoid all that
pain?
If you and your friends were all the same?*

The Village Ponies nod.

125 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
*Yes, when friends have differences.
They often need to mend fences.
We have been known to argue and bicker.*

She looks a little sheepish as she says that last part. Rainbow Dash puts a hoof around Pinkie Pie's shoulder.

126 RAINBOW DASH
*But then we patch things up even
quicker!*

Pinkie Pie nods happily. Bubble Burst and her friends, Night Flight and Sugar Sprinkles, are INTRIGUED by that.

127 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
*That's the way it is with friends.
You argue, you make amends.
But there's one thing on which we
always agree:*

128 MANE SIX
*I really like you - and you really
like me!*

The ponies pose for a group hug. Bubble Burst, Night Flight, and Sugar Sprinkles lean in to get a closer look, clearly interested in what the mane six are saying.

Aurora Glimmer sees that and...

129 AURORA GLIMMER
(angry)
All right, we've heard enough!

And with that, she kills the music and ENDS THE SONG, quickly hiding her anger beneath another forced Stepford smile.

130 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
So if you didn't come here to join
our happy home, then why have you
come?

131 PINKIE PIE
A tree told us to!

Rainbow Dash facehoofs.

132 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
I am the Princess of Friendship and
these are the Guardians of
Friendship.

The Guardians step up to flank Twilight, looking quite impressive.

133 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
The, er, tree Pinkie Pie is talking
about showed us a map, and that map
sent us here.

They get blank stares from Aurora Glimmer and the Village Ponies.

134 AURORA GLIMMER
Princess of Friendship?

135 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
That's right.

136 AURORA GLIMMER
Never heard of you.

137 RARITY
Um, perhaps you'll recall we're the
ones that defeated Tirek?

138 APPLEJACK
And saved Equestria from Discord?

139 RAINBOW DASH
Like, way more than once!

Aurora Glimmer shakes her head.

140 AURORA GLIMMER
I'm sorry. We tend to keep to our
village. News rarely reaches us out
here.
 (trying to be polite)
But it sounds like you've had some
very nice adventures.

141 RAINBOW DASH
Nice?!

The Village Ponies politely nod.

142 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The point is, we were summoned here
to help. We're just not exactly
sure how.

Aurora Glimmer smiles and looks at her Village Ponies with
immense satisfaction.

143 AURORA GLIMMER
Surely your tree has sent you here
for us to help you.

Twilight Sparkle looks at the crowd, all the same, all
smiling, all...happy.

144 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
 (uncomfortably)
Yeah, maybe that's it. So you don't
mind if we...stick around for a
bit?

145 RAINBOW DASH
And why would you mind, if you
don't have anything to hide!

Bubble Burst, Night Flight, and Sugar Sprinkles look from Rainbow Dash to Aurora Glimmer with a look that says, "Do we have something to hide?"

She sees it and forces a smile.

146 AURORA GLIMMER
Stay as long as you like. You'll
find no problems here. Unless
you've brought them with you.

Applejack leans into Pinkie Pie and WHISPERS:

147 APPLEJACK
 (whispering)
Even I can tell there's somethin'
off about that smile.

Aurora Glimmer turns and walks off, maintaining her pleasant facade. Snow Drift quickly follows behind.

148 AURORA GLIMMER
They'll soon be on their way to
tell their tree that everything is
fine here. More than fine,
actually.

149 SNOW DRIFT
Of course.

Aurora Glimmer looks over at Bubble Burst, Night Flight, and Sugar Sprinkles. Her entire demeanor darkens in a very sinister way. She doesn't like the curious way her ponies are watching the mane six.

150 AURORA GLIMMER
Keep a close eye on these
outsiders.
 (sweet but dark)
We wouldn't want them giving
anypony the wrong ideas...

FADE OUT.

END ACT 2

ACT 3

FADE IN:

SC13. EXT. VILLAGE BAKERY CAFÉ - SIGN - ESTABLISHING

151 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
This is definitely a mystery!

PAN DOWN TO:

SC14. EXT. IN FRONT OF THE VILLAGE BAKERY CAFÉ - CONTINUOUS

Spike and the mane six sit at a table OUTSIDE the café.

152 PINKIE PIE
How do they pack the exact same
number of berries in every muffin?
I can't figure out which one to
eat.

She looks at the muffins on the table. They're exactly the same.

153 RAINBOW DASH
What difference does it make?
They're all the same!

154 PINKIE
Maybe. But only one can be the same-
iest!

She studies each muffin - poking, sniffing, licking each in turn (this goes on in the background through the below).

155 RARITY
 (to Pinkie)
Manners, please. We're here on
official Princess of Friendship
business.

Frustrated, Applejack says loudly:

156 APPLEJACK
Yeah, only we still don't know what
that business is!

157 RAINBOW DASH
Then we just gotta keep lookin'! We
came all this way - and I'm not
leaving until we see a little
action.

158 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, I hope it doesn't come to that!
Action would be terrible!

159 APPLEJACK
Well I think we oughta just head on
home. I've got things to do on the
farm.

160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
But what about the map?

161 SPIKE/TS/AJ/FS/RD/RARITY
<AD LIB ARGUING: Well, I think/No,
I think we.../Yeah well I think>

As they all argue (expect Pinkie Pie, who is still
concentratng on the muffins)...

Their arguing catches the attention of the other ponies
sitting outside the café, who look HORRIFIED. They never
disagree like that.

Lurking behind a menu, Snow Drift and ANOTHER PONY watch from
another table. Snow Drift smiles.

162 SNOW DRIFT
Aurora Glimmer was right! Ponies
who are different can't be friends.
These outsiders only prove that!
She'll want to hear about this!

Snow Drift and the other pony leave to tell Aurora Glimmer,
missing Pinkie Pie saying:

163 PINKIE PIE
Wait! I got it!

The other ponies stop talking as Pinkie Pie excitedly points
at one of the muffins on the table.

164 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
That one's the same-iest!

She grabs for it. But in her excitement, she bobbles the
muffin and it bounces off the table, flies up, and gets
wedged into the bakery sign overhead.

165 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Whoops! <REACHING EFFORT>

As she tries but can't reach quite reach the muffin...

...the others resume their conversation:

166 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Look, we're all a little frustrated
with this mission, but we can't
talk over each other like this.

167 RARITY
Hear hear, Twilight, we've all got
our own ideas and we need to let
each other share them.

168 APPLEJACK
That's right! Six different ways of
thinkin' gives us six chances of
havin' the right idea!

She kicks the bakery wall, dislodging the muffin, which drops
into Pinkie Pie's mouth.

169 PINKIE PIE
Teamwork is yummy!

REVEAL: Bubble Burst has been watching from another table.
She looks around to make sure nopony's looking. Then she
tries to subtly scooch her chair over to the mane six...

Only it actually makes a <BIG SCREECHING NOISE> as she does.

170 BUBBLE BURST
(whispering)
Meet me downstairs in the cellar in
five minutes!

And then she rushes away.

171 RAINBOW DASH
Okay, that was weird.

172 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Maybe things aren't as perfect
around here as Aurora Glimmer
says...

SC15. INT. BAKERY CELLAR - A LITTLE LATER

Spike and the mane six enter the cellar. Just then, Bubble
Burst peeks out from behind a door in the back. She motions
for them to follow her.

It's dark. Very dark. Twilight's horn LIGHTS the way.

173 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Why did you bring us here?

174 BUBBLE BURST
Because nopony can see what's about
to happen...

Suddenly, Night Flight and Sugar Sprinkles (the two ponies who were with Bubble Burst during the song) jump out from the shadows! They STARTLE Twilight, causing her to lose her light.

175 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Oh!

Bubble Burst joins the other two in surrounding Spike and the mane six. They close in menacingly...

176 APPLEJACK
Stay together, y'all! We can handle
whatever's comin'!

177 RAINBOW DASH
I've been waiting for this all day!

She strikes an action pose! Twilight's horn begins to glow, her magic at the ready. Night Flight moves in close:

178 NIGHT FLIGHT
Is it true?

179 SUGAR SPRINKLES
Are you really the Princess of
Friendship?

Twilight stands strong.

180 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes.

Rarity and Rainbow Dash step up to face the Village Ponies - they've got Twilight's flank.

181 RARITY
And her friends won't let anything
happen to her!

182 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, you mess with her, you mess
with all of us!

Fluttershy finds herself sandwiched in between Rarity and Rainbow Dash, who are nose to nose with the Village Ponies.

183 FLUTTERSHY
But, um, we'd much rather avoid any
messes, if at all possible.

Bubble Burst can't believe what she's hearing.

184 BUBBLE BURST
But you have different Cutie Marks!

185 APPLEJACK
Yeah. So?

186 NIGHT FLIGHT
So you can't be friends.
 (then)
Can you?

The mane six see these ponies aren't threatening them - they just have questions they need answered.

187 APPLEJACK
Of course we can.

188 BUBBLE BURST
But Aurora Glimmer said trading in our Cutie Marks was the only way we could all stay friends.

189 SUGAR SPRINKLES
That's why I gave mine up.

190 NIGHT FLIGHT
Me too.

191 BUBBLE BURST
But you're all friends...it doesn't make any sense...

192 APPLEJACK
You traded in your Cutie Marks? Why don't you just ask for the old ones back?

The three Village Ponies look scared.

193 SUGAR SPRINKLE
Oh, no, we couldn't do that.

194 BUBBLE BURST
Aurora Glimmer can't ever know we talked about this.

195 NIGHT FLIGHT
The last pony who tried to get her Cutie Mark back got in big trouble.

Rainbow Dash smiles.

196 RAINBOW DASH
Well, if there's one thing we can
handle it's trouble!
 (to her friends)
Right?

The rest of the mane six nod yes, except for Fluttershy, who
shakes her head no.

197 BUBBLE BURST
Could...you help us get our Cutie
Marks back?

198 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Yes!
 (to her friends)
This is it! This must be why we
were sent here!

199 NIGHT FLIGHT
Sent here?

200 PINKIE PIE
 (happily)
By a tree--!

201 RARITY
We were sent to help you get your
Cutie Marks back, dear, let's just
leave it at that.

SC16. EXT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - DAY

202 AURORA GLIMMER (O.S.)
 (with a laugh)
They want their old Cutie Marks
back?

SC17. INT. AURORA GLIMMER'S COTTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Aurora Glimmer is smiling as always.

203 AURORA GLIMMER
Of course! No problem! We can do it
right now!

The mane six and Spike turn to each other, surprised.

204 RARITY
Well, that was easy!

205 RAINBOW DASH
 (disappointed)
I know.

Aurora Glimmer, still sweetly smiling, raises a QUILL with her horn.

206 AURORA GLIMMER
I'll just need the names of the
ponies who want them back.

She puts quill to paper, ready to write down the names.
Twilight hesitates.

207 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Sure, uh...why don't we tell you
once we've seen the Cutie Marks.

Aurora Glimmer puts the quill down with a smile.

208 AURORA GLIMMER
Of course!

SC18. EXT. CAVE - A LITTLE LATER

Aurora Glimmer leads the mane six and Spike up to a CREEPY CAVE.

209 AURORA GLIMMER
The old Cutie Marks are in a vault
inside this cave.

She enters and the others hang back.

210 APPLEJACK
 (whispering)
This is too easy. We could be
trottin' right into danger.

211 RAINBOW DASH
 (normal speaking voice)
Don't get my hopes up! This cave is
probably full of cute little
bunnies or something.

SC19. INT. CAVE - MOMENTS LATER

The mane six follow Aurora Glimmer into the cave. At the far end is an ornate vault. It's got dozens of GLASS COMPARTMENTS. Each one holds a FLOATING CUTIE MARK!

212 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The Cutie Marks!

213 RAINBOW DASH
(with a chuckle)
Scootaloo is gonna be so mad when
she hears about this.

Aurora Glimmer stands beneath her creation and turns to face
the mane six.

214 AURORA GLIMMER
So, here we are.

A beat of awkward tension.

215 APPLEJACK
Uh, yup, we sure are.

Another beat. The tension is thick.

216 PINKIE PIE
OOOH! This is so suspenseful! I
can't wait to see what's going to
happen to us!

Suddenly, Snow Drift and a dozen other EQUAL SIGN HENCHPONIES
jump out of the darkness to menace the mane six.

217 AURORA GLIMMER
(sweetly)
Surprise.

But the mane six aren't scared at all.

218 RARITY
I'm afraid the surprise is yours!
Because we were expecting a
surprise!

219 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, it's finally time to pony up!

She zips around two of the Henchponies, creating a whirlwind
that knocks them together. They slump to the floor.

220 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
The things that make us different
are the same things you can't
predict!

Proving her point, she fires up her horn and aims a magic
blast right at the Cutie Mark vault.

Aurora Glimmer just smiles sweetly.

221 AURORA GLIMMER
Then the surprise that was
initially intended for you that you
tried to put back on me will once
again be coming your way!
 (to herself)
Right?
 (thinking)
Yeah.

Twilight fires her blast - and her CUTIE MARK MAGICALLY PEELS
RIGHT OFF HER BODY!

The magic blast fizzles out before it reaches the vault!

222 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
What happened?

She watches, stunned, as her Cutie Mark MAGICALLY FLOATS
THROUGH THE AIR - toward the Cutie Mark vault!

223 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
My Cutie Mark!

224 RAINBOW DASH
I got it!

She ZIPS over at FULL SPEED to intercept Twilight's Cutie
Mark-

But now her Cutie Mark magically peels off her body!

225 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Huh!?

She tries to hold it down with a wing, but she can't. It
floats away into the Cutie Mark vault along with Twilight's!

226 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
No!

227 APPLEJACK
Rainbow Dash - look out!

ZING! Rainbow Dash feels something - and looks back to see
one of the unicorn Henchponies has MAGICALLY AFFIXED AN EQUAL
SIGN CUTIE MARK ON RAINBOW DASH'S FLANK.

More Henchponies move in on her.

228 RAINBOW DASH
Uh-oh.

She tries to run. At first she's faster than the Henchponies, but then her equal sign Cutie Mark GLOWS and slows her down so they can easily catch up to her! They pin her against a wall!

229 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
<OOMPH>

Aurora Glimmer smiles.

230 AURORA GLIMMER
My village is but the beginning of
a better Equestria. Did you really
think I'd let you ruin it?

As she says this, Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie's CUTIE MARKS FLY OFF OF THEM!

231 FLUTTERSHY
Oh my!

Henchponies swoop in and magically brand them with equal sign Cutie Marks. Fluttershy, Pinkie Pie, and Spike find themselves surrounded!

ON APPLEJACK AND RARITY: More Henchponies move in on them. Applejack gets her hind legs into bucking position.

232 APPLEJACK
That's far enough, y'all! You do
not want to mess with my
applebuckers!

But suddenly her Cutie Mark peels off! So does Rarity's!

233 RARITY
NO!

Snow Drift swoops in from behind and magically brands them with equal sign Cutie Marks!

234 APPLEJACK
I warned ya!

She tries to buck Snow Drift back, but her new Cutie Mark GLOWS and her legs slow to a feeble kick.

235 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
What happened to my legs? It's like
I never bucked a tree in my life!

236 RARITY
It's these hideous new Cutie Marks!

237 AURORA GLIMMER
Yes. Now you're all no better than
anypony else.
 (sweetly)
But don't worry...

The Henchponies force Spike and the mane six together and
loom over them.

238 AURORA GLIMMER (CONT'D)
...you'll have the rest of your
lives to get used to it!

Surrounded by Henchponies, our heroes can only look
helplessly at their Cutie Marks, locked behind glass amongst
dozens of others!

END PART 1!