

MY LITTLE PONY
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"The Cutie Re-Mark - Part 1"

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SC. 1 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

TWILIGHT

If somepony had told me when I was a blank-flank that one day I'd give a speech to a class at Celestia's School of Magic, I wouldn't have believed it, but...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

...I hope that I have been up to the task, because I can tell that all of you are, and that the future of Equestrian magic is in good hooves.

SPIKE

Wow. That was even better than the first eleven times!

TWILIGHT

I don't know, Spike.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

I'd like to be able to get through the whole speech without looking at the cards.

SPIKE

Come on, Twilight, you can't be nervous about giving a speech to a bunch of magic students.

TWILIGHT

Oh I'm not nervous, Spike, but I do have to set a good example, especially for magic students. That's why this speech has to be...

SPIKE

Perfect.

TWILIGHT

Exactly. Let's go through it one more time.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

When Princess Celestia asked me to speak to you today, I was honored to have the opportunity to talk to about my favorite subject - magic.

SC. 3 - INT. CELESTIA'S SCHOOL OF MAGIC - CLASSROOM - SAME

TWILIGHT

Obviously the long-term effects of the simultaneous acquisition of cutie marks has yet to be determined, but...

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Ahem. Next slide, please.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I can speak from my own experience
that the power of cutie mark magic is
very real. And in the instance of my
friends and I, it can be traced to a
single event.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Without Rainbow Dash's race to defend
Fluttershy's honor, this Rainboom
wouldn't have happened...

TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Fluttershy might never have
discovered her love of animals...

TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Applejack might never have realized
that she belonged on her farm...

TWILIGHT (V.O.)
And Pinkie might never have decided to
leave hers.

TWILIGHT (V.O.)
It might be hard to imagine, Rarity
without her sense of fabulousness...

TWILIGHT (V.O.)
But it's even harder to fathom what my
life would be like.

TWILIGHT
Without this Rainboom, I might not
have gotten into magic school,
Celestia wouldn't have taken me on as
her pupil, or sent me to Ponyville to
meet my friends.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
And the most powerful thing about
cutie mark magic that I've found is
the connection I share with them.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
...But, um... the real question about
cutie mark... magic... is who it seems
to affect...

SC. 4 - EXT. ROAD - DAY

SPIKE
Starlight Glimmer?

TWILIGHT

I was sure I saw her, Spike, but when I looked again she was gone. I'm just worried what she could be up to.

SPIKE

Nothing good, I bet. I heard she wasn't very happy the last time you saw her.

TWILIGHT

Forcing everypony in her village to have the same cutie mark wasn't right. We had to do something.

SPIKE

And now she's coming back for revenge...

SPIKE (CONT'D)

Or she was just really interested in your speech.

TWILIGHT

Honestly, Spike, I'm not really sure what I saw.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

But as long as I have my friends I know everything will be alright.

SC. 5 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - HALL - DAY

TWILIGHT

Maybe I was just more stressed about that speech than I thought.

SPIKE

Yeah, that sounds better than Starlight Glimmer coming back with an evil plot for revenge.

TWILIGHT

Well, when you say it like that, it does sound kind of silly.

SC. 6 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MAP ROOM - CONTINUOUS

SPIKE

Or it's totally true!

STARLIGHT

Welcome home, Twilight!

TWILIGHT

What are you doing, Starlight?

STARLIGHT
I'd tell you, but I don't want to ruin
the surprise!

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Won't be needing that any
more.HAHAHAHAHA.

SPIKE
Where did she go?

TWILIGHT
I don't know, Spike. But I think we
better find out.

SPIKE
I guess we could start with this.

TWILIGHT
Spike, no! Don't touch that!

PINKIE PIE
Huh.

SC. 7 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE - DAY

SPIKE
Cloudsdale! Starlight doesn't even
have wings. Why would she come here?

TWILIGHT
I don't know, Spike, but it looked
like she could fly with just magic.
Keep your eyes open. We don't know
what she has planned.

SPIKE
Isn't that Rainbow Dash?

TWILIGHT
Did Rainbow Dash look really young to
you? And I didn't see a cutie mark. You
don't think...

SPIKE
We travelled back in time to when
Rainbow Dash raced the bullies who
made fun of Fluttershy and performed
her first Sonic Rainboom?

TWILIGHT
Spike, only Starswirl the Bearded
could do something like that. And even
his spell just went back a week. How
could Starlight do more than the
greatest wizard in Equestria?

SPIKE
With this.

TWILIGHT
Starswirl's spell. Oh, no.

SPIKE
Come on let's go!

TWILIGHT
Go where?

SPIKE
To watch the race! I don't want to miss
the Rainboom.

HOOPS
Later Rainbow Crash!

RAINBOW DASH
Hey!

STARLIGHT GLIMMER
Aww, sorry about this.

RAINBOW DASH
Hey, what gives?

TWILIGHT
What did you do?

STARLIGHT GLIMMER
You are about to find out.

SC. 8 - EXT. CLEARING - DAY

TWILIGHT
I don't know what Starlight's up to
yet, but we better figure it out
before it's too late.

SPIKE
Um... Twilight, I think it already is.

SC. 9 - EXT. CLEARING - RESUME

SPIKE
Uh Twilight, where's your castle?

TWILIGHT
The map pulled us back, but whatever
Starlight did in the past changed
things here.

SPIKE
But why? And how did we get here? And
where's here?

TWILIGHT
More like when.

SPIKE
What do you mean?

TWILIGHT
Starlight altered Starswirl's spell,
then somehow used it on the map to
travel into the past and change
something. Once she did, the map
pulled us back to the present.

SPIKE
So we're back where...
I mean, when we started?

TWILIGHT
Not exactly.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Everything's different. Look, the map
doesn't even make sense anymore. The
Crystal Empire takes up half of
Equestria.

SPIKE
Plus there's the whole missing castle
thing.

TWILIGHT
Right.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
This is too big to handle on our own.

SPIKE
You think?

TWILIGHT
We need to find our friends and get
help.

SC. 10 - EXT. PONYVILLE - DAY

SPIKE
I'm getting a bad feeling about this,
Twilight.

TWILIGHT
I know, Spike. But this is Ponyville.
How bad can things be?

SPIKE
Is that Sugar Cube Corner?

TWILIGHT
I don't understand.

SPIKE
Rarity? Rarity?!

TWILIGHT
I don't think she's here, Spike.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I'm not sure anything we know is the same...
But I know one place that could never change.

SC. 12 - INT. SWEET APPLE ACRES - BARN - CONTINUOUS

TWILIGHT
Applejack?

APPLEJACK
What can I do for ya?

TWILIGHT
It's so good to see you! We couldn't find Pinkie or Rarity or Fluttershy or Rainbow Dash, but I just knew you'd still be here.

APPLEJACK
Of course I am. This is my home. But who in tarnation is Pinkie Bow and Flutter Dash? Or you for that matter?

TWILIGHT
You don't know who I am?

APPLEJACK
Nope. Honestly, the only name I recognized is Rarity, but she left for Manehattan years ago.

SPIKE
Probably to become a world famous fashion designer, I bet.

APPLEJACK
Not that I know of. Last I heard she went to help with the cause like everypony else.

TWILIGHT
The cause?

APPLEJACK
The war against King Sombra and the
Crystal Empire?

TWILIGHT/SPIKE
What!?

APPLEJACK
Where have you two been?

SPIKE
Actually, it's when.

TWILIGHT
I know this is hard to believe, but you
and I and those other ponies I
mentioned are friends.

APPLEJACK
Did you bump your head on a crate of
cider or somethin'?

TWILIGHT
I'm telling you the truth and if you
come with me, I'll prove it.

SC. 13 - EXT. CLEARING - DAY

APPLEJACK
Well, I'll admit, I've lived in these
here parts my whole life and I've
never seen this before.

SPIKE
There's also supposed to be a castle
that goes with it.

APPLEJACK
But I still don't see what this has to
do with you and I being friends.

TWILIGHT
Another pony named Starlight Glimmer
used this map to travel through time
and change things in the past. For
some reason the map's here, but
everything else is different.

APPLEJACK
Different how?

TWILIGHT
Well, for one thing, where we came
from there's no war with King Sombra.

TWILIGHT
Maybe you could tell us how the war
started? Then we can figure out when
everything changed.

APPLEJACK
That's easy enough...

SC. 14 - EXT. SNOWY NORTH - CONTINUOUS

APPLEJACK (V.O.)
When the Crystal Empire returned, it
brought King Sombra back with it...

SC. 15 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - CONTINUOUS

APPLEJACK (V.O.)
And it didn't take long for him to
force every one of his subjects to
fight for him against Equestria.

APPLEJACK (V.O.)
And even with Princess Celestia
leading the charge...

SC. 16 - EXT. SNOWY NORTH - DAY

APPLEJACK
It still takes every last pony in
Equestria...

SC. 17 - EXT. ROCKY PLAINS - DAY

APPLEJACK (V.O.)
...doing their part...

SC. 18 - EXT. MANEHATTAN - LOADING DOCK - DAY

APPLEJACK
...working day and night to keep up
the fight.

SC. 21 - EXT. CLEARING - RESUME

TWILIGHT
I just can't believe it. We stopped
King Sombra. You and me and all of our
friends.

APPLEJACK
But we aren't friends. At least not here.

TWILIGHT
Right.

APPPLEJACK
Look, I hope all this helped, but I really need to get back to canning those apples.

TWILIGHT
Thank you. We're going to set things right.

APPPLEJACK
I hope you do.

SPIKE
So... How are we going to set things right?

TWILIGHT
I DON'T KNOW!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
The only thing we know for sure is that Starlight stopped the Rainboom.

SPIKE
And that the map's still here.

TWILIGHT
Spike! That's it! The map is connected to the Tree of Harmony. It must sense that something isn't right. That's why it's still here.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I'll just use Starlight's version of the spell and go back a little earlier and stop her before she even knows we're there!

SC. 22 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE - DAY

TWILIGHT
All we have to do now is find Starlight and st-

STARLIGHT (O.S.)
Well, finding her will be easy.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
But stopping her's going to be harder than you think!

STARLIGHT
Sorry to disappoint you, but I created that spell to send myself back in time. So even when you cast it, I still get sent back here.

STARLIGHT
It wasn't difficult to change Starswirl's spell, he'd already done the hard part. But figuring out I could use the map to go to any time or place and pull you along with me -- I even impressed myself with that.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
I knew you'd try to stop me. You're so predictable. Why else would I leave the scroll behind? Touching it triggered the map to whisk you here and watch me erase the one thing that linked you with your friends.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
My village was a sanctuary of equality where no pony's cutie mark allowed them to feel superior. It was a special place, and you and your friends took it away.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
And now it's my turn to take something special from you. Without the Rainboom, you and your friends will never form your special cutie mark bond.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Cutie marks for cutie marks. Sounds like a fair trade to me.

SC. 23 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE - RESUME

SPIKE
Twiiiiiiiiiiiiight!

TWILIGHT
Whoops!

SPIKE
Thanks.

TWILIGHT
No problem, Spike. At least now we know exactly what we have to do.

SC. 24 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE - RACE TRACK - DAY

TWILIGHT
Okay. Keep your eyes peeled.

SPIKE
Right.

TWILIGHT
We have to stop Starlight as soon as
Rainbow Dash and those bullies race
by.

SPIKE
Um, Twilight...

TWILIGHT
So be ready.

SPIKE
I know, but...

TWILIGHT
Because she could pop up anywhere.

SPIKE
Like over there?

SC. 25 - EXT. CLOUDSDALE - PRACTICE CLOUD - CONTINUOUS

STARLIGHT
Just remember how you'd feel if
someone said those things to you.

TWILIGHT
What's going on here!?

STARLIGHT
Oh, I was just reminding these two
colts how hurtful teasing can be.

TWILIGHT
Well, don't!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I mean... You were?

STARLIGHT
Of course. In a world where every pony
is unique, some are bound to feel more
special than others.

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
But that isn't a licence to be cruel
is it?

TWILIGHT
No. Of course not.

STARLIGHT
Isn't it a shame we don't live in a world where everypony is equal. No one would ever tease anyone there. Wouldn't that be nice?

TWILIGHT
No. It wouldn't!

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I mean, it'd be nice not to be teased, of course, but that's not the same thing.

HOOPS
Come on, Fluttershy. Maybe I can help you get through the course this time.

FLUTTERSHY
Well, I sure could use the practice.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I know you only convinced those bullies not to tease Fluttershy to stop the Rainboom.

STARLIGHT
Oh that's not true. I convinced them not to be bullies because everypony should be equal. Stopping the Rainboom is just a bonus.

SPIKE
Look!

TWILIGHT
This isn't over yet!

STARLIGHT
If you say so.

SC. 26 - EXT. OPEN SKY - DAY

TWILIGHT
Hi!

RAINBOW DASH
Um... Hi.

TWILIGHT
You think you can stop for a minute?

RAINBOW DASH
Sure!

TWILIGHT
I hear you're pretty fast.

RAINBOW DASH
Pretty fast? Please. I'm even faster
than that.

TWILIGHT
Okay, so, um... Hey you wanna race?

RAINBOW DASH
Um... That wouldn't really be fair. I
mean, you're a full grown pony. And,
wait, are you an Alicorn?!

TWILIGHT
Come on, I thought you were fast.

RAINBOW DASH
Actually, I just remembered I have
somewhere I need to be.

TWILIGHT
Okay, listen. You don't have to race
me. I just need you to fly fast enough
for a Sonic Rainboom.

RAINBOW DASH
What? I can't do that. No pony can.
It's not even a real thing. It's just
an old mare's tale.

TWILIGHT
But it's not! I know it's not. I've
seen you do it. In the future!

RAINBOW DASH
Ookay. I'm gonna go now.

TWILIGHT
No! Wait!

STARLIGHT
Gee, Twilight. What's the matter?
Couldn't convince her to do the
impossible? That's too bad.

SC. 27 - EXT. CLEARING - DAY

SPIKE
Well, that didn't work.

TWILIGHT
This is going to be harder than I
thought. We'll have to try again.

SPIKE
Hey, Twilight...

TWILIGHT
I don't want to live in that awful
future we saw.

SPIKE
I don't think you'll have to.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Pinkie? Fluttershy!?

PINKIE PIE
SILENCE, CHANGELING!

FLUTTERSHY
All servants of Queen Chrysalis found
in these woods must be destroyed!

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