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MY LITTLE PONY 6

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TEASER

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

STARLIGHT wanders through one of the Castle's long halls, more than a little unsure of where she's going.

1 (2) STARLIGHT
Okay, Library... library... Where
did they put the library?

She reaches the end of the hall and makes a turn to reveal--
another hallway.

2 (4) STARLIGHT (5) (CONT'D)
<SIGH> This Castle looked a lot
smaller from the outside.

21 Starlight comes to a door and yanks it open to reveal--

SPIKE - standing on a step stool with towel around his waist,
brushing his teeth.

3 SPIKE (6) 7ABC
(mouth full of toothpaste)
Morning, Starlight.

4 (2) STARLIGHT
Whoops!

Starlight quickly shuts the door, then talks through it.

5 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Sorry, Spike. I guess I'm still
trying to find my way around. You
don't happen to know where the
library is, do you?

Spike sticks his head out and points with his toothbrush.

6 SPIKE (7) ABC
Next door on the left.

Starlight follows Spike's gaze to an open doorway through
which SHELVES OF BOOKS are clearly visible.

7 (2) STARLIGHT
(embarrassed)
Oh. Thanks.

SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - CONTINUOUS

Starlight peeks inside to find TWILIGHT SPARKLE at a table going over a list.

8 185 186 TWILIGHT
(to herself)
...Acceptance, mm-hmm, Altruism,
definitely...
(noticing Starlight)
Starlight! Good morning! Come in!

Twilight puts the list down and comes to greet Starlight.

9 186 2 3 STARLIGHT
Morning, Twilight. Sorry I'm late.
I got a little turned around.
I still can't believe you're
letting me stay here. As your
pupil. After everything I did.

10 185 186 TWILIGHT
Well, I'm not one to dwell on the
past and neither should you. The
castle is your home now and as far
as being my pupil goes...

Twilight rushes back to the table and levitates up the list.

11 187 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I was just trying to figure out
what your first friendship lesson
should be!

Starlight joins Twilight at the table and realizes that the piece of parchment is just one of several from a small STACK.

12 2 STARLIGHT
(hopeful)
Oh. Well, it looks like you're
really narrowing it down.

13 185 186 TWILIGHT
Oh, these are just the As. After
this, I move on to the Bs!

Twilight points to another table behind them with TWENTY-FIVE OTHER STACKS of parchment.

Off Starlight's shock and Twilight's blush...

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT 1

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - RESUME

Starlight stares at the stacks and stacks of parchment as Twilight looks on.

14 9 10 11 12 STARLIGHT 16 17 19
I know I'm just learning about
friendship, but I didn't think
there were this many lessons for
anything. How do we chose?

Starlight shuffles through the parchment, not really paying attention to their neatly organized piles. Twilight starts to get anxious and steps forward to reorganize them.

15 19 191 TWILIGHT
Actually, maybe I should pair
things down a bit before we go
through them.

Starlight sees Twilight straightening the piles and sets down the scroll she's looking at then takes a step back, not really sure what to do with herself. Twilight notices her unease.

16 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Why don't you join the others in
the throne room? They're planing
our trip to the Crystal Empire when
Shining Armor and Princess Cadance
have their baby.

17 9 10 12 STARLIGHT
Throne room. Got it.

Starlight walks through the doorway and turns left. After a beat she reappears from the right.

18 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Um... Which way is the throne room?

SC. 4 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Starlight walks in and finds the others gathered around the map. RAINBOW DASH points to the Crystal Empire.

19 DASH
Well, I think we should leave ASAP!
I don't want to miss the
Crystalling!

20 ¹⁰ ¹² FLUTTERSHY
But shouldn't we wait for the
invitation?

21 RARITY
Yes. It is my understanding that
receiving the invitation is an
integral part of the ceremony.

22 ⁶ ⁶ APPLEJACK ²⁰ ²¹ ²²
Frankly, I'm not exactly clear on
all the customs and traditions of
the Crystal Empire. Especially when
it comes to a Crystalling.

Starlight looks down at the map.

23 ¹² STARLIGHT
Um... What's a Crystalling?

24 RARITY
That's just it, Darling. Princess
Cadance and Shining Armor's baby is
due any day and we're still not
sure. The Crystal Empire was gone
for a thousand years. A lot of
their customs are a bit... murky.

25 APPLEJACK
We know it's got something to do
with the new baby.

26 PINKIE PIE
And a party!

27 FLUTTERSHY
And the Crystal Heart.

28 PINKIE PIE
And a party!

29 ¹ DASH
And some kind of cool, energy.

30 PINKIE PIE
And...

They all look are her.

31 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
A PARTY!!!

32 ¹³ SPIKE ¹⁴ (O.S.)
It's not hard to understand.

They all turn to see Spike enter.

33 10 12 14 SPIKE (CONT'D) 15 178 179 180
Most things in the Crystal Empire
aren't. Like how I'm a big hero
there, for example. 181 182 183
(off the others looks)
Plus, I've had to help Twilight do
a lot of research on Crystallings.

As Spike talks we PAN UP and...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 5 - A STYLIZED SCENE

In a stylized series of shots we see a 2D rendering of what
Spike describes (think: paper puppets with hinged joints).

34 23 24 SPIKE (V.O.) 29 30 31 32 35
Whenever a baby is born in the
Crystal Empire, the parents bring
it before the Crystal Heart.

2D versions of Cadance and Shining Armor stand in front of
the CRYSTAL HEART holding their foal.

35 25 SPIKE 26 33
They get the purest shard of
crystal they can find, then pick a
Crystaller to present the baby to
everypony who comes.

A 2D version of Twilight takes the baby and holds it up (a la
Lion King) before a collection of other ponies (2D versions
of the Mane Six, probably). 32

36 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Then they all share the light and
joy they feel, feeding it into the
crystal that joins with the Heart
and increases its power.

The 2D depictions of Cadance and Shining Armor touch horns.
Magic flows from them and from the other ponies into a small
floating crystal. The small crystal joins the Crystal Heart
and the magic glows brighter, filling the screen as we...

DISSOLVE BACK:

SC. 6 - TO THE THRONE ROOM

37²³ 26 SPIKE^{31 32 34} (CONT'D)
And this is going to be a Royal
Crystalling, so pretty much the
whole Empire will show up. That
hasn't happened in a millennia.

38²⁶ APPLEJACK
Because there hasn't been a Royal
Family in the Crystal Empire for a
millennia.

39⁶ RARITY
The entire Empire? Goodness, that
is a lot of joy and light!

Starlight looks down at the Crystal Empire on the map, then
up at Spike.

40 STARLIGHT
What do you mean it increases the
Crystal Heart's power?

41 SPIKE
(shrugs)
The energy it uses to protect the
Crystal Empire, I guess.

42 STARLIGHT
Protect it from what?

The others all look to Spike who shrugs.

43⁶ SPIKE^{27 28}
I didn't help Twilight with that
part.

SC. 7 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LIBRARY - LATER

Starlight enters to find Twilight looking down at her table
once more.

44^{36 37 38} STARLIGHT
Hey, Twilight, can I ask you
something about the Crystal Empire?

45^{195 196} TWILIGHT
Funny you should mention it...

Twilight walks around the table, levitating a list in front
of her.

46 ^{195 196} TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Because I just narrowed your first
friendship lesson down to three
options and one of them is in the
Crystal Empire.

47 ^{36 39} STARLIGHT ^{40 43}
Really?

48 ^{195 196} TWILIGHT
(nods, excited)
I found out that's where the first
pony you ever cared about lives!

Starlight's expression drops.

49 ^{36 39} STARLIGHT ^{40 43 43A 43B 43C}
Sunburst?

Twilight shuffles through her parchment, not noticing
Starlight's disquiet.

50 ^{195 196} TWILIGHT ¹⁹⁷
Of course that's just one idea. We
could also go to Griffinstone.
Making friends with a Griffin is a
challenge all by itself.

51 ^{36 39} STARLIGHT
(not listening)
Sure.

52 ^{195 196} TWILIGHT ¹⁹⁷
Or we could tag along with the CMCs
the next time they help a pony who
can't figure out why they're
special.

53 ^{36 39} STARLIGHT
(distracted)
Yeah.

Twilight finally looks up at Starlight and sees her
uncomfortable expression.

54 ^{195 196} TWILIGHT
Starlight, is something wrong?

55 ^{36 39} STARLIGHT
What? Oh, no. Those all sound
great.

56 ^{195 196} TWILIGHT ¹⁹⁸
I know! I guess you were right. It
is going to be hard to chose one.

57 ^{36 39} STARLIGHT
(nervous laugh)
Yeah.

Off Starlight's worried expression...

SC. 8 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

Starlight walks down another hall, clearly distraught. She comes to a door and opens it to reveal Spike, checking out his snout in a mirror.

58 ^{44 45 46 48} STARLIGHT ⁴⁸
Ugh! I am never going to find my
way around this place!

With that she slams the door and starts to sulk off. Spike sticks his head out ⁴⁶

59 SPIKE
Gee, Starlight, what's wrong?

60 STARLIGHT
I don't know, Spike. Twilight's
figuring out what my first
friendship lesson is and I guess
I'm not exactly thrilled with the
options. Well, with one of them.

61 SPIKE ^{49 ACC - Alt}
Which one is that? |||

62 STARLIGHT ⁴⁷
Reuniting me with my first friend.

63 SPIKE
What's so terrible about that?

⁴⁷ Starlight <SIGHS> as we...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 9 - INT. COTTAGE - FLASHBACK

A YOUNG STARLIGHT and another pony (YOUNG SUNBURST) sit on the floor. Young Starlight levitates a wooden block over her head, while Young Sunburst looks through dozens of scrolls laid out on the floor.

64 51 (52) STARLIGHT (V.O.)
When we were foals, ~~we~~^{Sunburst} knew
everything there was to know about
magic.

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64A Young Starlight tries to levitate a second block, but the
first one falls onto her head.

Young Sunburst hands her one of his scrolls. She looks at it
and then levitates THREE BLOCKS, spinning them in a circle.

SC. 10 - INT. COTTAGE - ANOTHER TIME

The two young ponies finish eating. Young Starlight tries to
clear the table, but misses the sink, levitating the dishes
into the wall instead, breaking them.

Young Sunburst rushes over and hands her a scroll that she
uses to cast a spell that fixes the dishes and cleans up the
whole kitchen.

65 STARLIGHT
He always knew just what to do.

A GROWN UP PONY enters, looks at the clean kitchen, and pats
Starlight on the head. Starlight casts an admiring glance at
Sunburst.

SC. 11 - INT. COTTAGE - ANOTHER TIME

Young Starlight and Young Sunburst sit working their way
through a giant stack of books.

[NOTE: this should be the same scene as when Starlight visits
Sunburst in MLP526, but from a different angle.]

66 STARLIGHT 54 55 56
And he was always there to help me.

Young Starlight tries to levitate a book from the bottom of
the stack, causing the whole pile to wobble and fall.

As the giant stack of books falls toward Starlight, Sunburst
looks to one of his scrolls and concentrates. His horn GLOWS
dimly and a pillow appears beneath Starlight, cushioning her
fall. The books hang in the air for a moment, then fly onto a
nearby shelf, organizing themselves in a neat row.

Starlight gives Sunburst a thankful look, when suddenly his
CUTIE MARK appears and he rushes out of the room, excited.

67 51 (52) STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
I guess it's not surprising that ~~the~~ Sunburst
got his cutie mark in magic and
went off to Princess Celestia's
school...

SC. 12 - EXT. VILLAGE - CONTINUOUS

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67A
Starlight watches from the cottage doorway as Sunburst runs
outside to meet his parents. A crowd of ponies gather and
excitedly congratulating him. Off Starlight's sad expression
we...

END FLASHBACK

SC. 13 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - RESUME

Starlight looks to Spike, continuing...

68 STARLIGHT
But when he left...

69 SPIKE 57 58 59 (184)
You blamed cutie marks and stripped
a whole village of theirs and when
Twilight and the others stopped
you, you went back in time and
almost destroyed Equestria.

70 STARLIGHT (53)
(nods)
Not really stuff I'm super eager to
tell Sunburst about. I mean, he's
probably some big, important wizard
now and I can't even find my way
around Twilight's Castle.

(51)
71 SPIKE
Well, if Sunburst is that good at
magic, maybe he'd appreciate your
<AHM> exploits.

(52)
72 STARLIGHT
Somehow I doubt it.

73 SPIKE
You should talk to Twilight about
it. I'm sure she'd want to hear
what you have to say.

74 51 52 STARLIGHT
I know, but I don't want her to
think I'm not ready to learn, or
that I'm not grateful for
everything she's doing...

Suddenly, Twilight shouts from another part of the Castle.

75 199 200 TWILIGHT
SPIKE! COME QUICK!

SC. 14 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

Spike and Starlight arrive just as Twilight rushes inside
from a balcony, followed by a MAGICAL ARCTIC BREEZE.

The frosty wind swirls around and converges in the center of
the room to form a giant, glowing, CRYSTALLINE SNOWFLAKE that
floats down and unfolds in Twilight's hooves like a card.

76 60 61 SPIKE
It's a Crystalling invitation!

77 199 200 TWILIGHT
I know! Spike, Shining Armor's a
father! I'm an Aunt!

Twilight turns to Starlight.

78 18 202 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Well, this settles it. Since we're
going to the Crystal Empire, your
first friendship lesson is going to
be reuniting with Sunburst!

79 60 61 ABC STARLIGHT
Great. |||

Off Starlight's less than excited expression we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 15 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - DAY

The Mane Six all sit together as the landscape of Equestria
shoots past the windows. Dash looks over at a giant package
sitting next to Applejack.

80 63 64 RAINBOW DASH
Um, Applejack, what is that?

8163 61 APPLEJACK (67)
Oh, just a little something for the
youngin'.

She unwraps it enough for everypony to see an old-fashioned,
BASSINET.

82 65 APPLEJACK (CONT'D) (67)
Made from genuine Sweet Apple Acres
apple trees. We make 'em for all
the Apples, and anypony related to
Twilight is practically family.

The others gather around, impressed.

83 203 204 TWILIGHT (205)
That's pretty special, Applejack.
I'm sure the baby will love it.

84 63 DASH (67)
Yeah. It's okay. I mean it's no
Cloudsdale Mobile...

Dash pulls the cover off of a collection of MINIATURE CLOUDS
connected together by rainbows. The others OOH and AAH.

85 68 69 70 APPLEJACK 71 6
Well, a mobile is real nice...
(patting her bassinet)
As long as you have something to
lay in so you can look at it.

REVEAL - Rarity, embroidering tiny horseshoes on a blanket.

86 RARITY (71)
And a fetching blanket to keep you
warm...

Twilight looks from to Pinkie with a GIANT WRAPPED PRESENT
and Fluttershy holding a small covered BIRD CAGE with a bow
on it.

87 203 204 TWILIGHT 208 (209)
I'm sure Shining Armor and Princess
Cadance will love all our gifts,
but I think they're more happy
we'll be attending the baby's
Crystalling.

As the others nod in agreement. Pinkie hops up and down.

88 67 71 PINKIE PIE
I can't wait to see all that light
and love make the Crystal Heart
even more sparkley and shiny!

89 203 206 TWILIGHT
Actually, Pinkie, the Crystal Heart
is an ancient and powerful relic.
Without it's magic the Crystal
Empire would be lost to the Frozen
North.

90 67 71 STARLIGHT 72 73 74 75 76
Wow. This Crystalling sounds pretty
important. I'd understand if you
wanted to wait to do a different
friendship lesson when we get back.

91 203 206 TWILIGHT
Are you kidding? This trip is
perfect. Not only do I get to see
the baby and take part in a
ceremony that helps maintain the
magic of the Crystal Empire, but
I'm starting my new pupil off with
the most amazing friendship lesson
ever. I can't wait!

92 67 71 STARLIGHT
(forced)
Right. Me neither.

Spike puts his claws on his hips and shoots Starlight a look.

93 71 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Actually, Twilight, I am a little
worried about meeting Sunburst...

94 203 206 TWILIGHT
(cutting her off)
Oh, trust me, I know what it's like
to see old friends, but I'll be
right there to help things along.

95 67 71 STARLIGHT
What kind of things?

96 203 206 TWILIGHT 207
You'll see. I've broken the whole
lesson down into a few easy
~~manageable~~ steps to ensure this
reunion goes off without a hitch.

82 AB
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Twilight pulls out a long piece of parchment that unrolls and hits the floor. She looks to Starlight, smiling brightly. Starlight smiles weakly back.

SC. 16 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE STATION - DAY

Steam rises as the Friendship Express pulls into the station. The doors slide open and ponies disembark-- Spike, Starlight and Twilight among them. Twilight turns to Starlight, referencing her list.

97 210 211 TWILIGHT 214
Okay, step one, head to Sunburst's house and get you two started on the right hoof. Step two, get to the Castle with enough time to visit the baby before the Crystalling.

98 83 84 85 SHINING ARMOR (O.S.)
(weakly)
Twilight?

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They all turn to see Shining Armor emerge from the steam. He rushes forward and embraces his sister with a desperate hug.

99 210 211 TWILIGHT
Shining Armor? I didn't know you were meeting us.

100 83 85 SHINING ARMOR 86 87
(slightly manic)
Of course I am. It's me. Right here. Here I am. Why wouldn't I come meet my sister?
(trying to joke)
Though we have met before. Am I right?

Twilight looks at her brother, noticing how frazzled he is.

101 210 211 TWILIGHT 215
Are you all right?

102 83 SHINING ARMOR 86 87
Never better! Being a father is amazing and wonderful and amazing and confusing and amazing and stressful and, um...

103 STARLIGHT
Amazing?

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104 ⁸³ ⁸⁶ SHINING ARMOR ⁸⁷ ⁸⁸ ⁸⁹
 YES! (suddenly introspective)
 But surprising too, you know? I
 mean, not that you'd know. You
 wouldn't know, I know. You know?

Twilight, Starlight, and Spike all exchange looks.

105 ⁸⁸ ⁸⁹ SHINING ARMOR (CONT'D)
 Sorry. I haven't really slept since
 Cadance had the baby. Come to think
 of it, she hasn't either. We're
 both pretty spent. It sure would be
 great to get a break...

Shining Armor looks expectantly at Twilight.

106 ²¹⁰ ²¹¹ TWILIGHT ²¹²
 Oh. Of course. I don't know what I
 was thinking. You two probably need
 all kinds of help!

Twilight turns to Starlight.

107 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
 I'm sorry, Starlight, but I guess
 combining your first lesson with
 this visit wasn't such a good idea.

108 ⁸³ STARLIGHT ⁸⁹
 Don't be ridiculous! You're an aunt
 now. That's way more important than
 some friendship lesson.

109 ²¹⁰ ²¹¹ TWILIGHT ²¹²
 I just wish there was a way to do
 both

110 ⁸³ SPIKE ⁹² ⁹³
 Maybe there is.

Spike takes the parchment from Twilight.

111 SPIKE (CONT'D)
 You've already done the work for
 Starlight's lesson with this list.
 All we have to do is follow it.

112 ²¹⁰ ²¹¹ TWILIGHT
 (brightening)
 Spike, you're a genius!

113 83 89 STARLIGHT
(darkening)
Yeah, Genius.

114 210 211 TWILIGHT
Then it's settled. Shining Armor
and I will head straight to the
castle and you two can head
straight to Sunburst's. Once things
with the baby get sorted out, I'll
come check on your progress.

115 83 89 SPIKE 91
Aye, aye, princess.

Spike turns on his heels and starts off then stops, realizing
Starlight isn't following. He looks back at her. Starlight
<SIGHS>, casts a meek smile at Twilight, then follows.

116 210 211 TWILIGHT
All right, big brother. Let's go
see this amazing baby pony.

Twilight turns to see Shining Armor is asleep on his feet.
She nudges him awake and he looks at her, surprised.

117 83 89 SHINING ARMOR 90
Twilight! I am so glad you're here!

118 210 211 TWILIGHT 213
Me too.

With that, she picks up her suitcase and starts off. Shining
Armor shuffles after her.

SC. 17 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - DAY

Spike heads down the street dragging Twilight's long list,
and Starlight, behind him.

119 97 98 99 SPIKE 100 101
I know you're a little worried
about this reunion, but I'm sure
Twilight's got everything covered.

120 STARLIGHT
Everything except how I'd rather do
absolutely anything else.

121 SPIKE
I bet she's taken that into account
too. It's all part of the lesson.
Trust the lesson.

122 ⁹⁷ (101) STARLIGHT

(unconvinced)

Right.

(noticing something O.S.)

Hey, is that you!?

Spike looks over to see the statute commemorating his role in saving the Crystal Empire.

123 SPIKE

Oh. Yep. It sure is. Now...
according to the list, Sunburst's
house is--

124 ⁹⁷ STARLIGHT

(cutting him off)

Why is there a statue of you in the
Crystal Empire?

One of the CRYSTAL PONIES walking by pipes up.

125 CRYSTAL PONY ¹⁰⁵

Because Spike, the brave and
glorious, saved all of us from King
Sombra.

A pony going the other way chimes in.

126 ¹⁰¹ CRYSTAL PONY 2

And then again during the Equestria
Games.

127 STARLIGHT

Really?

A third pony walks by.

128 ⁹⁷ CRYSTAL PONY 3

Really?

(shaking Spike's claw)

Big fan.

129 ¹⁰¹ STARLIGHT

Um, when were you going to tell me
about this?

130 SPIKE ^{103 AB} ¹⁰⁴

(blushing)

Oh, it's no big deal.

All three crystal ponies pop back in.

131 ¹⁰¹ CRYSTAL PONIES

IT MOST CERTAINLY IS!

132 ⁹⁷ ¹⁰¹ STARLIGHT ¹⁰²
That's it. We're not going anywhere
until I get the whole story.

With that Starlight magics Twilight's list away from Spike as the other Crystal Ponies sit at his feet. They look up at the dragon expectantly. Off Spike's flattered expression...

SC. 18 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - DAY

Shining Armor leads Twilight and the rest of the Mane Six up to the door of the nursery and stops.

133 ¹⁰⁶ ¹⁰⁷ SHINING ARMOR ¹⁰⁸ ¹⁰⁹
Before we go in, I should probably
tell you, seeing the baby might be
a bit of a shock.

134 ²¹⁶ ²¹⁷ TWILIGHT
Come on, big brother, I've met
babies before...

Twilight walks past Shining Armor and opens the door to...

SC. 19 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - NURSERY - DAY

Twilight enters to see Cadance cradling a TINY UNICORN in her hooves. CELESTIA and LUNA stand by looking on.

135 TWILIGHT
(continuing)
...I expect meeting this one won't
be any different.

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135A
Twilight heads right over and picks up the baby. Immediately a FULL SET OF ALICORN WINGS pop out from the infant's back with a WHOOSH.

136 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
(surprised)
Of course, I could be wrong.

SC. 20 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - DAY

~~137A~~
Spike stands in front of his statue addressing Starlight and what has turned into a small CROWD of adoring crystal ponies.

137 ¹¹⁰ ¹¹¹ SPIKE
...and that's how we found the
Crystal Heart, defeated King
Sombra, and saved the Empire.

The crowd breaks into spontaneous applause and cheers.
Several CRYSTAL FOALS run up.

138 ¹¹⁰ ¹¹¹ FOAL#
Tell the one about the Equestria
Games!

Spike shakes his head and walks over to Starlight, taking
back Twilight's list and putting it in his pack.

139 SPIKE ¹¹⁶ ¹¹⁷
As much as I love reliving my
heroic deeds, Starlight and I have
an important lesson to do by order
of the Princess of Friendship.

140 ¹¹⁰ ¹¹¹ FOAL#
AWWWWW!

141 STARLIGHT
Oh, come on, Spike. I want to hear
about the Games too. Actually...

Starlight uses her magic to surreptitiously levitate the top
of Twilight's list out of Spike's pack.

142 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
(reading)
...it, ah, might be an inspiring
story that helps me work up the
courage to meet Sunburst.

143 SPIKE
Well...

Spike turns to see Starlight is reading the list.

144 ¹¹² ¹¹³ ¹¹⁴ ¹¹⁵ SPIKE (CONT'D)
Hey!
(rolling it back up)
I know you're nervous about seeing
Sunburst, but it says right in step
three to, "deal with your fears by
facing them," not by putting it
off.

Starlight looks at Spike struggling with Twilight's list.

145 ¹¹³ STARLIGHT
Ugh. Fine. Let's go get this over
with.

With that she walks off. Spike bunches up the rest of the
list as he hurries to keep up.

SC. 21 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - NURSERY - RESUME

Twilight stares down at the tiny alicorn, still in shock.
~~Cadance walks up and gives Twilight a kiss on the cheek as she takes the baby back.~~

146 TWILIGHT 219AB (220)
The baby is an alicorn!?

147 (121) (122) CADANCE
It looks that way.

148 RARITY
But I thought alicorn wings had to be earned by accomplishing some great princess-worthy deed.

149 APPLEJACK
Yeah, how can you just be born with them?

150 CELESTIA
The birth of an alicorn is something Equestria has never seen.

151 LUNA
It is beyond even our understanding.

152 FLUTTERSHY
That's not very reassuring.

Pinkie bounces around behind Cadance and the baby.

153 PINKIE PIE (124)
Wow, a unicorn and a pegasus! So, she could be a super strong flyer and have crazy baby magic.

154 (122) DASH
Well, I know all about super strong flying.

155 TWILIGHT 221AB (222)
And I can help keep tabs on her magic.

~~Suddenly the tiny baby snuffles and her horn GLOWS as she cuts loose with a terrific SNEEZE that sends a BOLT OF MAGICAL ENERGY out of her horn and into the floor.~~

Everyone gathers around the SMOKING HOLE in the floor to see that it extends several floors down-- other ponies on the floors below sticking their heads in and looking up.

Twilight-dodging

156 121 (122) APPLEJACK 123
Ah... Maybe "keeping tabs" won't be
enough.

(123) - laugh only

END ACT 2

ACT 3

SC. 22 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - NURSERY - RESUME

Everypony stares in shock at the still smoking hole in the floor.

157 127/128 CELESTIA (129)
It appears her magic is more
powerful than that of a newborn
unicorn.

Luna walks over toward the window and looks out.

ANGLE ON - Crowds of CRYSTAL PONIES gathering outside the castle.

158 128 LUNA
The crowds have already started to
gather.

PAN OVER - to reveal Pinkie, also looking out while blowing
up a balloon. (130)

159 PINKIE PIE
This Crystalling is gonna be some
party!

Worried, Cadance looks to Shining Armor who puts his hoof around her. Cadance turns to Celestia.

160 CADANCE
Do you think we should call it off?

Dash steps up.

161 DASH
Um... We've all faced a lot worse
than baby magic.

162 128 RARITY
Indeed. I can't imagine cancelling
such beautiful and important
ceremony over something so
potentially adorable.

163 ^{128AB 225} ALL ¹³⁰ 226
Yeah! Of course! Come on!

164 ¹³⁵ CELESTIA ¹³⁴
In light of the little one's abilities, this Crystalling might be more important than ever.
(to Cadance) ¹³⁴
Perhaps you should address your subjects and remind them of that.

^{164A}
Cadance nods and follows Celestia and Luna out. Twilight turns to her brother, asleep again on his feet. She jostles him awake.

^{164B} ^{in take 130}
165 ²²⁵ TWILIGHT ²²⁶
Shining Armor, do you have everything you need for the ceremony?

Shining Armor looks up ¹³⁰ groggily, then... ^{132 133}

166 ¹²⁸ SHINING ARMOR ¹³⁰
(waking)
Huh? Oh! NO! I still have to interview the Honor Guards, chose the Purity Crystal and pick a Crystaller!

167 ²²⁵ TWILIGHT ²²⁶ - use all right from false start.
All right. Take it easy. Pinkie can stay here with me and keep an eye on the baby.

168 ¹²⁸ APPLEJACK ¹³¹
And we'll all help you with everything else.

^{168A}
They all look over to see Shining Armor is asleep again. Twilight jostles him awake again.

169 ¹³⁰ RARITY ¹³¹
Assuming you can stay awake long enough to tell us how.

SC. 23 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - SUNBURST'S HOUSE - DAY

^{169A}
Starlight walks up to a large intimidating door on a quite street. As she takes a breath, and prepares to knock, Spike finally catches up, out of breath.

170 ¹³⁹ SPIKE ¹⁴⁰
Wait!

171 ¹³⁹ ¹⁴⁰ STARLIGHT
(startled)
What!?

Spike flips through the list.

172 SPIKE
Knocking on the door isn't the next
thing on the list.

173 STARLIGHT
Seriously?

174 SPIKE
I know Twilight can be a little
nitpicky, but this is your first
lesson as her pupil and it's
important that we do it right.

175 STARLIGHT
Fine. What's the next thing on the
list?

176 SPIKE
(reading)
"Before they see each other, make
sure to highlight the importance of
the meeting."

177 STARLIGHT
I'm pretty sure we can skip that.

178 ¹⁴² ¹⁴³ SPIKE
I don't know. I mean, if we skip
it, the whole lesson could go
south. And then you might end up
taking a giant step backwards
instead of forwards. Maybe you'll
never be able to learn anything
about friendship at all. It's
almost like your whole future
depends on this moment.

Starlight looks down at him with mounting angst. Spike nods.

179 ¹⁴⁰ SPIKE (CONT'D)
"Highlight the importance of the
meeting." Check.

He crosses the item off of the list, shaking his head.

180 ¹⁴¹ ¹⁴³ SPIKE (CONT'D)
I can't believe you wanted to skip
that.

More anxious than ever, Starlight reaches up and knocks on the door. After what seems like an eternity, the door slowly creaks open.

181 ¹³⁹ ¹⁴⁴ STARLIGHT ¹⁴⁵
Sunburst?

A pony (SUNBURST) wearing round spectacles emerges from the darkened doorway.

182 SUNBURST
Yes? What can I do for you?

183 STARLIGHT
It's me. Starlight.

Sunburst squints at her.

184 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
We used to be friends?

185 SUNBURST ¹⁵⁰
Of course! Starlight! My goodness
it's been a long time. What have
you been up to? ¹⁴⁵

186 STARLIGHT
(evasive)
Me? Oh, you know, some of this,
some of that. Different stuff.
Right now I'm sort of, Twilight
Sparkle's new pupil.

187 SUNBURST
(taken aback)
The Princess of Friendship?

188 STARLIGHT
(nervous laugh)
Yeah. That's actually kind of why
I'm here. I mean, I know you're
probably very busy.

189 SUNBURST
What do you mean?

190 STARLIGHT
Well, I figured after Magic School,
you'd go on to do important wizard
work, but...

191 SUNBURST
(equally evasive)
Oh. No. Yes. That's me. Yep.
(MORE)

144 145 SUNBURST (CONT'D)
Important wizard. Really busy with
lots of ah... wizarding stuff.

Starlight looks to Spike.

192 STARLIGHT
See?

Sunburst stares at them for an awkward moment, then...

193 SUNBURST
Right, well... good to see you.

With that, Sunburst steps back inside and shuts the door.
Starlight stares at it, confused.

194 SPIKE 146 147 148
Huh. Maybe we should have skipped
"highlighting the importance of the
meeting" after all.

195 STARLIGHT
(brightening)
Whelp, I guess that's that!

Starlight turns to go, but Spike grabs her tail.

196 SPIKE
(pleading)
Starlight, come on! We have to at
least explain what Twilight wants!

Starlight stops with an exasperated <SIGH>. Spike reaches up
and knocks on the door. After a beat the door creaks open and
Sunburst tentatively sticks his head out again.

Off Starlight's embarrassed expression...

SC. 24 - EXT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - BALCONY - CONTINUOUS

Princess Cadance steps forward, flanked by Celestia and Luna.

197 153 154 CADANCE 155
(to the crowd)
Dearest Citizens, I am sure that
you are all just as thrilled and
ready for this Crystalling as
myself and Shining Armor...

The crowd CHEERS as we PAN DOWN TO:

SHINING ARMOR peeking out of the HUGE CURTAINS that have been draped across the arches at the base of the castle, obscuring the causeway. Worried, he ducks back in.

SC. 25 - INT./EXT. CASTLE CAUSEWAY - SAME

Shining Armor turns to the others in a panic.

198 ^{153 158 156} SHINING ARMOR
I'm not ready!

Nearby, Applejack and Rainbow Dash review a group of crystal pony CASTLE GUARDS standing at attention.

199 ^h DASH
Take it easy. Just pick whoever looks the most like Honor Guard material.

200 SHINING ARMOR ¹⁵⁷
Right.

Shining Armor levitates ELABORATE HELMETS to two of the guards, who bow and walk out.

201 ^h SHINING ARMOR ¹⁵⁸ (CONT'D)
(to Applejack and the rest)
I'm sorry, fatherhood is way more stressful than I ever thought.

202 FLUTTERSHY
I can only imagine.

Rarity steps forward with a small black jewelry case.

203 ^h RARITY
Now, I know choosing the crystal of purity is a very important decision, so I've gone through the trouble of arranging them in order from incredibly pure to outrageously pure.

Rarity opens the case to reveal five ABSOLUTELY IDENTICAL CRYSTAL SHARDS.

204 FLUTTERSHY
Um, Rarity? Don't they all sort of look the same?

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205 ^{153 158} RARITY ¹⁵⁹
To the untrained eye, perhaps,
~~Fluttershy~~. What do you think
Shining Armor?

Shining Armor looks at them, panicked again.

206 ¹⁵⁸ SHINING ARMOR
I DON'T KNOW!

As Shining Armor frets, Rarity turns to Fluttershy.

207 RARITY
<SOTTO> I hope Twilight and Pinkie
are having better luck with the
baby

SC. 26 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - NURSERY - SAME

^{160 161} **207A**
CLOSE - on Pinkie moving fast through the nursery, while the
sound of the BABY LAUGHING can be heard

208 ^{167 168} PINKIE PIE
Well, at least she's having fun!

CUT WIDE TO REVEAL - the baby flying around and around the
nursery, Pinkie clinging for dear life to its hooves.

²²⁸ **208A**
Twilight gallops back and forth, shooting magic from her horn
to contain the BLASTS of energy that fire from the baby's
horn with every peel of laughter.

209 TWILIGHT ^{227ABC}
Pinkie hold her still! ¹¹¹

210 ^{167 168} PINKIE PIE
I'm tryyyyyiiiiinnng!

SC. 27 - INT. SUNBURST'S - LIBRARY - MOMENTS LATER

Starlight and Sunburst sit at a small table in Sunburst's
library. Books line the walls from floor to ceiling.

211 SUNBURST ^{174 175}
So, the Princess of Friendship
wants you and I to be friends
again?

212 ¹⁶⁸ STARLIGHT
I know. Weird, right?

213 ¹⁶⁷ ¹⁶⁸ SUNBURST
I don't understand. Did something
happen to you after I left for
Magic School?

214 STARLIGHT
(defensive)
What? No! I don't see what that has
to do with anything. Why would you
even ask that? I mean, did
something happen to you after you
left for magic school?

215 SUNBURST
(equally defensive)
What? Um... No. Obviously not. Like
you said, I'm a <AHM> important
wizard.

The two of them just stare at each other. PAN OVER to reveal
Spike holding the list.

216 SPIKE ¹⁶⁹ ¹⁷⁰ ¹⁷¹ ¹⁷²
I'm sure there's something on
Twilight's list that can help here. ^{173AG}
I just have to find it... ¹⁷⁴

Spike lets the list drop and it unspools across the floor.
Off Starlight's and Sunburst's exasperated expressions...

SC. 28 - EXT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - DAY

The crowd watches with mounting excitement as the HONOR GUARD
ponies take up position on either side of the curtained
archway under the castle (think Buckingham Palace).

SC. 29 - INT./EXT - CASTLE CAUSEWAY - SAME

Princess Cadence enters from a stairwell, followed by
Celestia and Luna. Shining Armor rushes up.

217 ¹⁷⁶ ¹⁷⁷ SHINING ARMOR
Okay! I chose the Honor Guard,
picked the Purity Crystal, and I
know exactly who I want to be our
Crystaller. So, all we need is...

218 CADANCE
The baby?

Shining Armor's look of shock is quickly allayed by
Twilight's voice.

219 ^{229 230} TWILIGHT (O.S.)
We're here!

162 219A They all turn to see Twilight enter, casting a magical bubble around the still flying baby-- Pinkie still hanging from the giggling alicorn's legs.

220 ^{176 177} PINKIE PIE
She's a really strong flyer!

Cadence cast a STREAM OF MAGIC at them, bringing the baby and Pinkie over. Pinkie looks up at her.

221 CADANCE
You can let go now, Pinkie.

163 164 221A But as Pinkie let's go, the baby's expression quickly turns sour. Her lip quivers as her eyes begin to fill with tears and her horn starts to GLOW.

221B Suddenly, the baby let's out a massive WALL and waves of MAGICAL SONIC ENERGY blast out, bursting her protective bubble, as everypony covers their ears against the noise.

231 232 Twilight CLOSE - on the CRYSTAL HEART as the SONIC WAVES blow past.

165 221C Suddenly, the Heart stops turning and after a beat-- SHATTERS INTO A MILLION PIECES.

They all stare at the broken pieces in horror as the baby's magical crying trails off.

222 ¹⁷⁷ APPLEJACK
I'm guessing that's gonna make it hard to do the Crystalling.

166 221D Baby cooing Twilight looks up at the sound of distant THUNDER.

223 ^{229 230} TWILIGHT
It's worse than that...

Twilight pokes her head out from behind the curtain and looks to the sky where MASSIVE STORM CLOUDS build on the horizon. Twilight ducks back inside.

224 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Without the Heart, the Crystal Empire is about to be buried under a mountain of ice and snow!

233 2241A Twilight cooing Off everypony's shocked expressions we...

END PART 1