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MY LITTLE PONY 6

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TEASER

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

STARLIGHT GLIMMER, in slippers and a robe, walks past a balcony where TWILIGHT SPARKLE stands staring wistfully out at the horizon.

1 STARLIGHT
Morning, Twilight.

Distracted, Twilight answers without turning around.

2 TWILIGHT
Me too. But I think Cadance will
make a wonderful mother.

3 STARLIGHT
(confused)
Huh?

Spike walks up.

4 SPIKE
Morning, Starlight.

5 STARLIGHT
Oh. Hi, Spike. Um... Do you know
what's going on with Twilight?

6 SPIKE
She's just waiting for her
Crystalling invitation.

7 STARLIGHT
Her what, now?

Spike rolls his eyes (everypony knows this).

8 SPIKE
Whenever a pony is born in the
Crystal Empire, the Chrystalling
invitations go out so everypony can
be there for the ceremony.

9 STARLIGHT
Ceremony?

10 SPIKE
Yeah. Twilight's just distracted
because when the invitation arrives
it means...

Twilight eyes suddenly brighten as she jumps to her hooves.

11 TWILIGHT
The baby's here! Spike, **Shining**
Armor is a father! I'm an aunt!

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Twilight rushes inside, followed by a MAGICAL ARCTIC BREEZE.

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The frosty winds **swirl around and** converge 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.

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12 STARLIGHT
Wow. A newborn and a trip and a big
ceremony. You probably need some
help getting ready.

Twilight pulls out a GIANT PACKED SUITCASE from behind a
column.

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13 TWILIGHT
Not exactly.

14 STARLIGHT
Oh. **Okay. When do you leave?**

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15 APPLEJACK (O.S.)
Ah, pretty much now...

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**Starlight spins to see the rest of the MANE SIX, all with
their own suitcases and Crystalling Invitations.**

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16 RARITY
...ish.

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Starlight looks back to Twilight.

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17 STARLIGHT
So, I guess we'll just start on my
friendship lessons when you get
back.

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Twilight pulls a second SUITCASE out from behind hers.

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18 TWILIGHT
Um, not exactly.

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Off Starlight's surprise we...

END TEASER

ACT 1

SC. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE STATION - DAY

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Starlight and Twilight walk behind the rest as they make their way toward the waiting FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS.

19 STARLIGHT

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Not that a trip to the Frozen North isn't exciting, but I think I know why you don't want to leave me alone.

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20 TWILIGHT

What? Oh, no it isn't that. You're my student and the Castle of Friendship is your home now...

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Starlight continues talking, not really listening.

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21 STARLIGHT

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I mean, I did practically enslave an entire village and take away their cutie marks.

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22 TWILIGHT

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Starlight...

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23 STARLIGHT

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And I did travel back in time and nearly destroy all of Equestria.

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24 TWILIGHT

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Starlight.

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25 STARLIGHT

I mean, who knows what kind of trouble I can get into alone in a Castle that grew out of the Tree of Harmony.

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26 TWILIGHT

STARLIGHT!

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The others all turn at Twilight's shout. Starlight looks up at them, embarrassed.

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27 STARLIGHT

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Hmm?

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Applejack nods to the train, struggling with her luggage and the over-sized PACKAGE balanced on her back.

28 APPLEJACK

Come on, y'all. Let's go find our seats.

As the others head off, *Twilight* looks to *Starlight*.

29 TWILIGHT

Starlight, this isn't about any of that. I'm bringing you to the Crystal Empire because that's where you need to be for your first friendship lesson.

30 STARLIGHT

Oh.

(then excited)

So, do I have to melt the frozen heart of an ice monster? Or tame the snows of the Frozen North? Or retrieve an ancient relic from a glacier?

31 TWILIGHT

Nope. You have to rekindle the friendship that sent you down the wrong path to start with.

32 STARLIGHT

(thinks, then)

You mean, Sunburst?

33 TWILIGHT

(nods)

He moved to the Crystal Empire after Magic School though I'm not sure why. I've been so busy getting ready for the baby, I haven't had time to look into it. We'll just have to find out together!

34 STARLIGHT

(unenthusiastic)

Great.

35 TWILIGHT

That's why this trip is so perfect! I get to visit my new niece or nephew and bring you and Sunburst back together!

36 STARLIGHT

Are you sure there's no monster or relic I can deal with instead?

Off *Twilight's* sideways glance at *Starlight*...

SC. 3 - INT. FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS - DAY

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

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37 RAINBOW DASH
Um, Applejack, what is that?

38 APPLEJACK
Oh, just a little *something* for the youngin'.

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

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

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The others gather around, impressed.

40 TWILIGHT
That's pretty special, Applejack.
I'm sure the baby will love it.

41 DASH
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.

42 SPIKE
Whoa!

Spike moves in close and pokes at the clouds, knocking them apart.

43 DASH
Hey! Take it easy. This thing's for babies.

44 SPIKE
Sorry.

As Dash scrambles to gather the clouds back together, Applejack smiles and *pats the side of her bassinet*.

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45 APPLEJACK
Mine's for babies too, just slightly stronger ones, I guess.

46 TWILIGHT
Now, I'm sure we all have wonderful
gifts...

As Twilight talks we cut to the others: Rarity embroidering tiny horseshoes on a blanket, Fluttershy peeking inside a small box with air holes, Pinkie, her **HOOVES** filled with balloons and streamers.

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47 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
...but this Crystalling isn't a
competition about who brings the
best present. It's a chance to
welcome a new pony into the world.

48 PINKIE PIE
And **throw them a party!**

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As the others nod in agreement, Starlight turns to Twilight.

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49 STARLIGHT
Twilight, I **know you put a lot of
thought into this first lesson, but
can't I do some kind of magical
challenge instead?**

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50 TWILIGHT
Well, I not the Princess of Magical
Challenges. I'm the Princess of
Friendship. And overcoming how your
friendship went wrong with Sunburst
is the perfect thing.

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51 STARLIGHT
I know, it's just... Sunburst was
always so talented and smart and
the first pony to get his cutie
mark and go off to Magic School...
And all I did was try to destroy
Equestria.

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52 TWILIGHT
(**nervous laugh**)
Everypony makes mistakes. **Besides,**
I know what it's like to see old
friends. It'll be a little awkward
at first, but I'll be right there
to help things along.

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53 STARLIGHT
What things?

54 TWILIGHT
Funny you should ask.

Twilight pulls out a long piece of parchment that unrolls and hits the floor.

55 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I've broken the whole lesson down
into forty easily manageable steps
to ensure this reunion goes off
without a hitch.

Twilight looks to Starlight smiling brightly. Starlight smiles weakly back.

SC. 4 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE STATION - DAY

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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.

56 TWILIGHT
First we'll head to Sunburst's
house and get you two started off
on the right hoof.

57 STARLIGHT
Don't you want to see the baby?

58 TWILIGHT
Of course! But Sunburst's is on the
way and once you two get together
I'm sure it'll be just like old
times. You'll hardly need me
anymore.

59 SHINING ARMOR (O.S.)
(weakly)
Twilight?

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

60 TWILIGHT
Shining Armor? I didn't know you
were meeting us.

61 SHINING ARMOR
(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)
(MORE)

SHINING ARMOR (CONT'D)

Though we have met before. Am I right?

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

62 TWILIGHT

Are you all right?

63 SHINING ARMOR

Never better! Being a father is amazing and wonderful and amazing and confusing and amazing and stressful and, um...

64 STARLIGHT

Amazing?

65 SHINING ARMOR

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.

66 SHINING ARMOR (CONT'D)

Sorry. Cadance just had the baby and I haven't really slept. But, hey, that's what you're here for. I mean, not me sleeping. You're here... for... What was I saying?

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Shining Armor looks expectantly at Twilight who then turns to her pupil.

67 TWILIGHT

I'm sorry, Starlight, but...

68 STARLIGHT

You should go straight to the castle.

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69 TWILIGHT

(nods)

I'm starting to think combining your first lesson with a new baby visit wasn't such a good idea.

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70 SPIKE

Maybe I can help?

71 TWILIGHT/STARLIGHT

How?

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Spike takes the parchment from Twilight.

72 SPIKE
You've already done all the work
making this list. All Starlight and
I have to do is follow it.

73 TWILIGHT
That does makes sense.
(to Starlight)
If it's okay with you.

74 STARLIGHT
I guess I should get it over with.

75 TWILIGHT
Then it's settled. Just be sure and
stick to the list, Spike.

76 SPIKE
Aye, aye, princess.
(to Starlight)
And don't worry, Starlight. I've
done a pretty good job of helping
ponies out before. Some might even
say I'm the prefect confidant, you
know, if you feel like talking.

Twilight leans down to Spike and nods to Starlight who has
already started to walk off.

77 TWILIGHT
Well, perfect confidant, you better
catch up if you want anypony to
confide in you.

78 SPIKE
Right.

Spike rushes off after Starlight.

79 TWILIGHT
All right, big brother. Let's go
see [this](#) amazing baby pony.

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

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80 SHINING ARMOR
[Twilight! I am so glad you're here!](#)

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81 TWILIGHT
[Me too.](#)

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

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SC. 5 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - DAY

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Starlight continues down the street as Spike hurries to keep up, dragging Twilight's long list after him.

82 SPIKE
I know you're probably a little worried about this reunion, but Twilight's got everything covered.

83 STARLIGHT
I'm sure she has.

Starlight suddenly turns and uses her magic to roll the list up in Spike's claws.

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84 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
So, if you're the prefect confidant, all the ponies must tell you things, even Twilight.

85 SPIKE
Oh, Twilight tells me everything.

86 STARLIGHT
Has she told you anything about me?

87 SPIKE
Well... Like what?

88 STARLIGHT
Like how does she think I'm doing? Does she think I'm doing well? How can I tell if she doesn't? Do you think she knows how much I really don't want to see Sunburst?

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Spike stares up at her, reeling from the barrage of questions, until he finally realizes the last thing she said.

89 SPIKE
Wait. What?

90 STARLIGHT
What?
(noticing something O.S.)
Hey...

Starlight walks off, leaving Spike to decipher what she said.

91 STARLIGHT (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Is this you!?

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

92 SPIKE
Oh. Yep. It sure is. But... What do you mean you don't want to see Sunburst?

93 STARLIGHT
(ignoring him)
Why is there a statue of you in the Crystal Empire?

One of the CRYSTAL PONIES walking by pipes up.

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

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A pony going the other way chimes in.

95 CRYSTAL PONY 2
And then again during the Equestria Games.

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96 STARLIGHT
Really?

A third pony walks by.

97 CRYSTAL PONY 3
Really!
(shaking Spike's claw)
Big fan.

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

99 SPIKE
(blushing)
Oh, it's no big deal.

All three crystal ponies pop back in.

100 CRYSTAL PONIES
IT MOST CERTAINLY IS!

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

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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. He smiles, pleased.

102 SPIKE
Okay, well, maybe it's a medium
sized deal.

SC. 6 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - DAY

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

103 TWILIGHT
Being a new parent must be
overwhelming, but as the aunt all I
am is excited!

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104 FLUTTERSHY
I can only imagine what it must be
like to meet a brand new member of
your family.

105 SHINING ARMOR
You have no idea. Nothing really
prepares you for it.

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SC. 7 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - NURSERY - DAY

As Shining Armor opens the door, Twilight and the others look in to see Cadance smiling up at them from a comfy chair as she cradles a TINY PONY in her hooves. CELESTIA and LUNA stand over her looking down at the baby.

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106 TWILIGHT
Come on, big brother, I've met
babies before. I expect meeting
this one won't be any different.

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Shining Armor picks up the baby and sets the tiny unicorn in Twilight's arms. Immediately a FULL SET OF ALICORN WINGS pop out from the infant's back with a WHOOSH.

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107 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
(surprised)
But I could be wrong.

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END ACT 1

ACT 2**SC. 8 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - NURSERY - RESUME**

Cadance walks up and gives Twilight a kiss on the cheek as she takes the baby back.

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108 TWILIGHT
The baby is an alicorn!?

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109 CADANCE
It looks that way.

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

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

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112 CELESTIA
We don't know.

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They all turn to look at Celestia and Luna in shock.

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113 DASH
Wait. If you two don't know, who does?

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114 LUNA
The birth of an alicorn is something Equestria has never seen. It's beyond even our understanding.

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115 FLUTTERSHY
That's not very reassuring.

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Pinkie bounces around behind Cadance and the baby.

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116 PINKIE PIE
Wow, a unicorn and a pegasus! So, she could have crazy baby magic and super strong wings.

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117 CELESTIA
I suppose that's a concern.

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

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118 CADANCE
Do you think we should call off the
Crystalling?

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Dash steps up.

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119 DASH
Um... We've all faced a lot more
than baby magic.

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120 RARITY
Indeed. I can't imagine cancelling
a beautiful ceremony over something
so potentially adorable.

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121 ALL
Yeah! Of course! Come on!

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122 TWILIGHT
I think we'll all be able to make
sure the little one's Crystalling
is as unique and special as she is
herself.

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Off Shining Armor and Cadance, reassured...

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SC.9 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - DAY

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

123 SPIKE
...and that's how we returned the
Crystal Heart, defeated King
Sombra, and saved the Crystal
Empire.

The crowd breaks into spontaneous applause and cheers,
Starlight clapping the loudest.

124 STARLIGHT
That is an amazing story, Spike.

Several CRYSTAL FOALS run up.

125 FOALS
Now tell the one about the
Equestria Games!

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

126 SPIKE
As much as I love to relive my
glorious acts of heroism, Starlight
and I have an important lesson to
get to by order of the Princess of
Friendship.

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127 FOALS
AWWWWW!

128 STARLIGHT
Oh, come on, Spike. **I want to hear**
that one too. To be honest...

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

129 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
(reading)
...it, ah, might be just the
inspiring story I need to work up
the courage to go through with the
reunion.

130 SPIKE
Well...

He reaches around and pulls the list out of his pack.

131 SPIKE (CONT'D)
The second thing on Twilight's list
is "Tell an inspiring story to help
Starlight work up the courage to go
through with the reunion."

Spike turns to see Starlight reading along.

132 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Wait a minute! You're just trying
to put off meeting Sunburst.

Spike continues talking as he rolls the list back up.

133 SPIKE (CONT'D)
I understand if you're nervous, but
it says right in step three that we
should, "deal with any fears by
facing them and talking them out,"
which, as a perfect confidante, I
am fully equipped to do.

**Starlight looks at Spike struggling to roll up Twilight's
list.**

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134 STARLIGHT
Yeah. Pass.

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

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135 SPIKE
Hey, wait for me!

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SC. 10 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - DAY

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Pinkie blows up balloons as she looks out the window at the gathering CROWD of crystal ponies far below.

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136 PINKIE PIE
Wow. There sure are a lot of crystal ponies down there.

137 CELESTIA
A royal Crystalling is a special event and one that hasn't happened for quite some time.

Cadance sets the baby down on it's blanket near the collection of PACKAGES the Mane Six have brought.

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138 CADANCE
It was very thoughtful of you, but you really didn't need to bring gifts.

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139 RARITY
Nonsense! What kind of ponies would we be if we didn't bring the little one something special...

140 PINKIE PIE
...and throw the three of you the best Happy New Baby and Crystalling Party ever!

With that Pinkie fires her PARTY CANNON.

ANGLE ON - The baby alicorn's eyes going wide as confetti and streamers fill the air.

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141 TWILIGHT
You couldn't very well expect us to come empty hoofed.

Twilight steps forward with two presents.

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142 SHINING ARMOR
Two? Come on, Auntie Twilight, you
can't start spoiling her already.

143 TWILIGHT
Well, I couldn't be sure if she was
going to be a pegasus...

Twilight opens one to reveal a rattle in the shape of a
pegasus.

144 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Or a unicorn.

She reveals another in the shape of a unicorn.

145 DASH
Well, it doesn't matter what she is
because no baby pony can resist the
charm of a Cloudsdale Mobile.

Dash unveils her present and the baby COOS at the twirling
miniature clouds and rainbows. Unfortunately, as the excited
pony flaps her wings, the RUSH of air blows the tiny clouds
away and the rainbows clatter to the floor.

Dash stares crestfallen as Applejack unveils her bassinet.

146 APPLEJACK
Well, when she's done blowing all
those little clouds away, she can
lay back and relax in this.

147 CADANCE
Oh, Applejack, it's lovely.

Cadance picks up the tiny alicorn and sets her into the
bassinet.

Everypony stares down for a moment smiling until the baby's
wings pop out and the bassinet breaks apart in a burst of
twigs and bits of wood. Dash turns to a shocked Applejack.

148 DASH
I guess it's not as strong as you
thought.

Rarity clutches her small, delicately embroidered swaddling
blanket.

149 RARITY
Perhaps I'll just hold onto this
until I've had a chance to
reinforce the stitching.

They all turn to Fluttershy who looks down at her box with the air holes.

150 FLUTTERSHY
I'm not sure about my gift either.

Fluttershy lifts the lid to reveal an adorable sleeping ANIMAL, curled in a fuzzy, little ball. She sets the tiny creature down beside the baby alicorn.

151 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
A Blink Mink's purring does help baby ponies sleep, but they're very shy and they sometimes...

The baby looks at the little creature, then flaps her wings with a WHOOSH and the tiny animal DISAPPEARS.

152 RARITY
Completely vanish?

153 FLUTTERSHY
Well, not completely.

Fluttershy looks back to the box with air holes to see the Blink Mink peeking out over the top.

154 TWILIGHT
It can teleport?

155 FLUTTERSHY
It's just a defense mechanism, when it feels threatened, by a predator or...

156 DASH
A baby alicorn.

157 TWILIGHT
I guess none of our gifts are quite right.

158 SHINING ARMOR
Don't be ridiculous, Twiley, they're wonderful.

Twilight doesn't look convinced. Celestia turns to her.

159 CELESTIA
There's still time before the Crystalling if you'd like to find something else.
(to Candence & Shining Armor)
(MORE)

CELESTIA (CONT'D)

But in the meantime, you two should
address your subjects.

Cadance casts a worried glance at her child, but Pinkie steps *
up with a smile.

160 PINKIE PIE

Don't worry. I've ponysat for both
a unicorn and a pegasus, so I'm
Ready. For. Anything.

Shining Armor and Cadance nod as Luna and Celestia lead them *
out. Applejack looks to the others.

161 APPLEJACK

Come on, y'all. We've got new *
presents to find!

With that, they exit, leaving Pinkie and the baby alicorn
alone. Pinkie leans down to the baby.

162 PINKIE PIE

Now don't get any ideas. I'm...

As she talks the baby alicorn's horn starts to GLOW and
Pinkie lifts off of the ground.

163 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

Um... watching...

In a flash the baby zips Pinkie across the room to her party
cannon. The cannon floats up next to her.

164 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

Ah... you?

In a series of magical BURSTS the baby zips Pinkie around the
room, making her fire the party cannon over and over.

165 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

Not! Ready! For! This!

SC. 11 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - SUNBURST'S HOUSE - DAY *

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. *

166 SPIKE

Wait!

167 STARLIGHT
(startled)
What!?

Spike flips through the list.

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

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169 STARLIGHT
Seriously?

170 SPIKE
I know Twilight can be a little
nitpicky, but you're her first
pupil and this is the first lesson.
It's really important to her.

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

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

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

174 SPIKE
I don't know. Twilight is usually
right about this stuff. 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.

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

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

176 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.

177 STARLIGHT
Sunburst?

A pony (SUNBURST) in [wearing](#) round spectacles emerges from the darkened doorway. *

178 SUNBURST
Yes? What can I do for you?

179 STARLIGHT
It's me. Starlight.

Sunburst squints at her.

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

181 SUNBURST
Of course! Starlight. My goodness
it's been a long time. How are you?

182 STARLIGHT
I'm good. [I'm so sorry to bother](#) *
[you. I know you must be very busy.](#) *

183 SUNBURST *
[What?](#) *

184 STARLIGHT *
[Well, I just figured after Magic](#) *
[School, you'd go on to do important](#) *
[wizard work, but...](#) *

185 SUNBURST *
(nervously) *
[Oh. No. Yes. That's me. Yep.](#) *
[Important wizard. So busy with all](#) *
[the, ah... wizarding around here.](#) *

[Starlight looks to Spike.](#) *

186 STARLIGHT *
[I knew it.](#) *

[Sunburst stares at them for an awkward moment, then...](#) *

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

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188 STARLIGHT
Oh. Um... Yeah. You too.

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

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189 SPIKE
Huh. Maybe we could have skipped
"highlighting the importance of the
meeting" after all.

Off Starlight's forlorn expression we...

END ACT 2

ACT 3

SC. 12 - EXT. CRYSTAL EMPIRE - SUNBURST'S HOUSE - RESUME

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Starlight stares at Sunburst's closed door, despondent.

190 STARLIGHT
I don't think he really remembered
me *at all*, Spike. Maybe our
friendship only mattered to me.

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191 SPIKE
That's ridiculous. He totally
remembered you... I think.

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Starlight turns and starts to walks away.

192 STARLIGHT
I sure hope there's something on
Twilight's list about this whole
trip being for nothing.

Spike frantically consults the list.

193 SPIKE
Um, what about this...
(reading)
"Overcome the initial awkwardness
by catching up over tea."
(back to Starlight)
That's all that was. Just a little
initial awkwardness. Nothing a
little tea can't cure.

194 STARLIGHT
Spike...

Spike walks back up to the door and knocks.

195 SPIKE
Look, if the Princess of Friendship
wants two old friends to catch up
over tea, then that's just what
they'll do.

The door creaks open again and Sunburst tentatively sticks
his head out. Off of Starlight's embarrassed expression...

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SC. 13 - INT. SUNBURST'S - LIBRARY - DAY

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

Spike, wearing an apron, pours the two of them tea. The sound
of the liquid flowing into the cup echoes through the room as
the two "old friends" stare at each other. If the last
exchange was a little awkward, this one is painful.

196 SUNBURST
So, the Princess of Friendship,
huh? How did you come to be her
pupil?

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Starlight's eyes go wide.

197 STARLIGHT
Oh. Um...

She picks up the tea and takes a long, slow drink, stalling.
Spike clears his throat.

198 SPIKE
Ahem...

199 STARLIGHT
Oh, that's a long, boring story.

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200 SPIKE
Or an exciting one full of
villainy, revenge and redemption?

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201 STARLIGHT
(ignoring Spike)
What about you? The Crystal Empire
is pretty far from Canterlot and
Celestia's School of Magic.

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202 SUNBURST

(stiffly)

Yes.

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Now it's Sunburst's turn to stall. He takes an even more painfully long sip from his teacup. Unfortunately, when he's done, Spike and Starlight are still looking at him expectantly.

203 STARLIGHT

Oh. Well... Ah, I guess I've always liked the cold.

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Starlight nods. Spike stares at them expectantly. Starlight adds more sugar. Sunburst adds more cream.

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After a another long pause, the two of them take the longest, most uncomfortable sips of tea in the history of tea, the SLURPING echoing through the room.

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Worried, Spike sifts through Twilight's list.

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204 SPIKE

(to himself)

Maybe we need to skip ahead.

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SC. 14 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - DAY

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The baby alicorn giggles as Pinkie continues to WHIZZ about the room, firing confetti and streamers everywhere until the party cannon is totally empty.

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After making Pinkie fire a few confetti-less CLICKS from the cannon, the baby yawns, lays her head down and falls asleep.

Pinkie and her cannon immediately drop to the ground with a THUNK. Pinkie climbs to her feet and surveys the mess.

205 PINKIE PIE

Well, that could have been worse.

Just then, the door to the nursery flies open as the rest of the main six return. Pinkie spins on them, wide-eyed.

206 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)

(whisper shout)

QUIET!

The others look around in shock.

207 TWILIGHT

Pinkie, what happened?

208 PINKIE PIE
Oh. Um, nothing me and my party
cannon couldn't handle.

209 APPLEJACK
It looks like you handled it a
little too well.

210 PINKIE PIE
Honestly, the little one's magic is
a teensy bit more powerful than I'm
used to. Did you find better gifts?

Twilight pulls out her two rattles to show she's glued them
together.

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211 TWILIGHT
Not really.

212 DASH
Well, I have the perfect thing for
a strong flyer.

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Dash drags her suitcase in and starts rummaging through it.
Finally, she pulls out a Wonderbolt suit, holds it up and
drapes it over the baby like a blanket.

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213 APPLEJACK
That might be a little big.

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214 RARITY
Why in the world would you have
your Wonderbolt Reserves uniform
with you?

215 DASH
I take it everywhere. You never
know when I'll get called up.

Fluttershy takes the Blink Mink back out of it's box.

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216 FLUTTERSHY
Now that she's sleeping it's the
perfect time for the baby and the
Blink Mink to bond.

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She tries to set the animal down by the baby again, but as
the little creature opens it's eyes and spots the alicorn it
VANISHES once more.

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217 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Or not.

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Fluttershy looks back to the box, but the mink's not there.
She starts looking around the room, under rugs, behind
furniture, etc.

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218 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
We should probably find him.
There's so many things to hide
under around here, the little guy
could get stuck.

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As the others join in the search, the baby stirs and sits up.
After watching for a beat, she turns to see the blink mink a
few feet away, but as she reaches for it, the mink scurries
under a dresser.

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The baby's horn GLOWS again as she levitates the dresser,
along with everything and everypony else, SLAMMING them all
against the ceiling.

219 DASH
(stuck to the ceiling)
Found him.

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Dash points to the Blink Mink in the middle of the floor.
With no cover, the creature stares at the baby, frozen. With
a giggle, the baby TELEPORTS (like Twilight) over to the tiny
animal, but just as the infant reaches for the terrified
creature, it BLINKS to the other side of the room.

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With a FLASH the baby follows, teleport-chasing the mink
around the room while the others struggle against the magic
pinning them to the ceiling.

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220 APPLEJACK
Twilight, can't you do something?

Reveal Twilight's face is pressed against the ceiling.

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221 TWILIGHT
(muffled)
I would if I could see what's going
on.

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Finally, the mink BLINKS out of the room and with a BURST of
teleportation magic, the baby follows.

Instantly, everypony falls to the floor with a CRASH.
Celestia, Luna, Shining Armor and Cadance rush in as the rest
stagger to their feet. Cadance looks around in a panic.

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222 CADANCE
Where's the baby?

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Off of everypony's terrified expressions...

SC. 15 - INT. SUNBURST'S - DAY

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Spike continues to leaf through Twilight's list as Starlight and Sunburst smile awkwardly at each other - a clock TICKING loudly in the background.

223 SUNBURST
 (clearing his throat)
Well, this tea is lovely.
 (then)
How long did the Princess say it
should last?

224 SPIKE
I guess we **should** finish up...

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As Starlight and Sunburst smile with relief, Spike looks up from the list, determined.

225 SPIKE (CONT'D)
...but don't worry. Twilight has
tons more stuff for you two to do!

Off Starlight and Sunburst's strained expressions we start
a...

MONTAGE

In a SERIES OF SHOTS we watch Starlight and Sunburst continue to sit opposite each other, smiling awkwardly as only the backgrounds change:

- a park, by a pond as Spike sails by on a tiny boat.
- a pizza parlor as Spike, in a mustache, tosses pizza dough high in the air.
- a merry-go-round, with Spike bobbing up and down in the background on a giant fish.
- a dinner theater with Spike on stage.
- a circus with Spike as a clown, desperately juggling until finally all the balls fall, hitting him on the head as we...

END MONTAGE**SC. 16 - INT. SUNBURST'S - DAY**

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Back in the library, Starlight and Sunburst still sit across from each other, while Spike, still in his clown suit, paces behind them, staring down at his list confounded.

226 SPIKE
I don't understand it. We did
everything on the list.

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Starlight pushes her chair up and stands.

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227 STARLIGHT
It's all right, Spike. We tried.
(to Sunburst)
I'm sorry we wasted so much of your
time.

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Sunburst stands, looking around at the mostly empty room.

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228 SUNBURST
Yes, well, I do have a lot of,
um... work to do.

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Starlight nods, turns and exits. Spike finally looks up from
Twilight's list.

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229 SPIKE
Starlight! Wait!

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SC. 17 - EXT. SUNBURST'S - CONTINUOUS

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Starlight walks out with Spike hot on her heels.

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230 SPIKE
We can't just leave. Where are you
going?

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231 STARLIGHT
To tell Twilight that her pupil is
just as big of a failure as ever.

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With that, Starlight heads off toward the castle. Spike
stares after, distraught.

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SC. 18 - INT. CRYSTAL CASTLE - DAY

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Twilight and the others fan out through the castle as they
look for the baby.

232 FLUTTERSHY
I feel just awful. If it weren't
for my blink mink the baby would
have stayed put.

233 TWILIGHT
It isn't your fault, Fluttershy.
You had no way of knowing this
would happen.

Applejack calls out from a window.

234 APPLEJACK
Over here, y'all!

The others rush over and peer out the window to see the Blink Mink perched on a parapet outside and the baby crawling along a narrow ledge toward it.

235 CADANCE
Somepony do something!

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236 TWILIGHT
I'm on it!

With that, Twilight TELEPORTS outside. Hovering in the air, she grabs the baby in one hoof and the mink in the other. With another burst of magic, Twilight TELEPORTS back inside.

As she hands the baby back to a grateful Cadance, the mink runs across her hooves and under the baby's nose.

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237 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I guess we're really going to have
to pay attention to her magic.

As the mink's tail tickles the baby's nose, she inhales, her horn GLOWING as she cuts loose with a terrific SNEEZE-- sending 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.

238 APPLEJACK
Maybe just paying attention won't
be enough.

Almost on cue, the baby's horns glows as it starts to sneeze again.

239 TWILIGHT
LOOK OUT!

In a fit of sneezes the baby sends a BARRAGE of magical energy around the room.

ANGLE ON - Dash as she dodges a BLAST that blows a hole in the wall behind her.

ANGLE ON - Applejack as she dives, pushing Rarity and Fluttershy out of the way just before another BOLT blows out the wall behind them.

ANGLE ON - Pinkie as a BLAST busts the balloon she's holding.

ANGLE ON - Celestia as she uses her magic to deflect another BLAST that ricochets from her to...

LUNA - who also deflects it to...

TWILIGHT - who deflects it through the ceiling, taking us OUTSIDE to an...

EXTERIOR WIDE SHOT - where the CROWD of crystal ponies look on in awe as FLASHES of magic continue to explode out of the castle-- one of them blowing a SPIRE into a million glittering crystal pieces.

The crowd continues to stare as several huge sections of the castle break off and crash to the ground-- COMPLETELY BLOCKING THE CRYSTAL HEART CAUSEWAY UNDER THE CASTLE.

The crowd stares for a beat, then erupts into furious applause and cheers, thinking this is somehow all part of the Crystalling celebration, while...

BACK INSIDE - Twilight and the others look around as cracks spread up the walls and across the ceiling.

240 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
That doesn't look good.

Debris starts to fall accompanied by a low RUMBLING as the entire castle threatens to come down around their ears.

The baby inhales again and everypony turns to see her horn starting to GLOW.

241 SHINING ARMOR
That looks worse.

Off of Twilight's panicked look of concern we...

END PART 1