

Distribution:

Production:

Devon Cody
Meghan McCarthy
Josh Haber
Jim Miller
Denny Lu
Lesley Crawford
Claire Bartleman

Discovery Family:

Linda Shima Tsuno
Wayne Winstead

Hasbro Studios:

Stephen Davis
Kathy Page
Brian Lenard
Gabriel Monje
Daniel Barnes
Finn Arnesen
Nina Scales

Hasbro Brand:

Jamie Cipolla
Yusun Hwang
Husuk Jung
Andrea Ehret
Marissa Mansolillo
Samantha Lomow
Gretchen Forrest
Kristen Riley
Katherine Padilla
Brian Chapman

MY LITTLE PONY 6

Friendship Minus Magic

621

Outline by: Michael Vogel

Outline: April 24, 2015
Premise: March 17, 2015

TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. STARLIGHT'S BEDROOM – MORNING**

Starlight wakes up to the sounds of a magical alarm clock. She uses magic for everything: making her bed, doing her hair, applying make up, straightening things up, reading a book. She is a magic machine!

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT ONE****SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE – DAY**

Starlight is showing off her skills with her latest magical lesson to Twilight and Spike. It's clear she is eager to please and show how much she's learned. Twilight is very impressed, but points out that she already knows how good Starlight is at magic. In fact, it looks like she has completed ALL of the magical lessons Twilight has given her. She asks how Starlight's friendship lessons have been going. Starlight admits she may have been focusing more on magic. Twilight gently reminds her that friendship is the most powerful magic of all and suggests she get to those lessons sooner than later. Twilight is heading to Canterlot to give a talk on Starswirl the Bearded. She says she can't wait to check in on Starlight's progress when she returns!

SC. 3 - EXT. STARLIGHT'S ROOM – LATER

Spike pops in to see if Starlight wants to go with him into town and finds her in a panic. She is convinced Twilight is disappointed in her because she's been neglecting her friendship lessons. Spike says he knows Twilight and it's no big deal. She meant it when she said she was impressed, now Starlight just needs to impress her with friendship stuff too. He asks how many friendship lessons she has. Starlight reveals a HUGE pile of notecards with friendship lessons on them. Spike is amazed but then realizes that with Twilight for a teacher, this seems about right. Spike offers to help Starlight out.

SC. 4 - EXT. PONYVILLE – LATER

Spike is going through a handful of the lessons as he and Starlight stroll through town. Bake a cake with Pinkie Pie, scrapbook with Applejack, help animals with Fluttershy, design a dress with Rarity and chillax with Rainbow Dash. Starlight seems annoyed by all of them, particularly chillaxing. That doesn't even seem like a lesson. Spike points out that even though she's got a lot of lessons to go through they all seem pretty easy. Starlight brightens. They ARE easy. So easy that she should be able to multitask and get a bunch of them done at once! That would help her make a dent in the lessons MUCH faster. Spike isn't sure that's a good idea but Starlight is confident this will work. They head off to round everypony up.

SC. 5 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE FOYER – LATER

Applejack, Rarity, Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie are all lined up at the castle and ready to help! Starlight thanks them all and explains she has been given several friendship lessons by Twilight and the most efficient way to accomplish them is to do them all together. Applejack asks if that might be missing the point of what Twilight is trying to teach but Starlight counters that teamwork is a key to friendship. Applejack can't argue that but still seems unsure. However they all agree to give it a try to help Starlight out. Starlight explains to everypony where they will be stationed. Pinkie will setup in the kitchen, Rarity and Applejack will head to the library, Fluttershy will head to the foyer. Rainbow Dash interrupts and says she will find the perfect place to chillax. Starlight says she assumed that could happen anywhere. Rainbow Dash drags in a giant crate of supplies and tells her she clearly knows NOTHING about chillaxing. The other ponies all start diving in to detailed explanations on what they are going to be working on with Starlight and how it needs to be done. Starlight suggests ways to streamline the process but they are all adamant about how each of their tasks should be accomplished. Starlight starts to realize that this may not be the easy, multi-tasking situation she thought it would be. She excuses herself for a second.

SC. 6 - INT. TWILIGHT'S LIBRARY – CONTINUOUS

Spike pops his head in to see what Starlight's doing and discovers her flipping through a book of magic. She explains that this may be a BIT more complicated than she anticipated. Each one of the ponies is so determined to do things the way THEY want, not the way she wanted to handle it. She decided that casting a little spell to make the others more agreeable to her suggestions would help things go a bit faster. Spike says that even HE recognizes this might be a bad idea, but Starlight assures him that she knows magic better than almost anypony and that nothing could go wrong. It's just a TINY spell to make them more open to suggestion. Barely a spell at all! She powers up her horn and casts the spell.

SC. 7 - INT. CASTLE FOYER – CONTINUOUS

Starlight and Spike step out. The other five ponies are standing there with grins on their faces. Starlight asks if they are ready to complete their friendship lessons. "READY WHEN YOU ARE STARLIGHT, WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO?" they reply in unsettling unison. Off of Spike's worried expression ...

END ACT ONE**ACT TWO****SC. 8 - INT. TWILIGHT'S FOYER – CONTINUOUS**

Starlight instructs them on where to go and what to do. But nopony moves, they just keep asking more and more questions. It's clear from each question that they won't do a single thing without Starlight's say so. Starlight has to give each of them VERY specific instructions just to get them to their stations. Spike points out that this doesn't seem to be making things go faster. Starlight dismisses him and heads to the kitchen to start with Pinkie Pie.

SC. 9 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE KITCHEN – CONTINUOUS

Pinkie won't add a single ingredient without Starlight's say so. Frustrated, Starlight decides to cast another little spell to make Pinkie bake the cake without checking in with Starlight at every step. Pinkie starts baking on autopilot, like a robot. Once Starlight is satisfied that the cake will be baked she leaves to check on Applejack and Rarity. Spike nervously waves his hand in front of Pinkie's face, no response. He hurries off after Starlight.

SC. 10 - INT. CASTLE LIBRARY

Applejack isn't moving. Starlight asks her to start scrapbooking, but Applejack can't comply. Upon further questioning she explains each photo is a memory and Starlight has to tell her what order to put the memories in. Starlight asks about the first photo and AJ dives into a story, a very LONG story. Starlight realizes this method will take forever. She casts a spell to make Applejack talk faster and has Applejack follow her reciting memories while she checks on the others. Rarity is waiting nearby with fabrics and sewing equipment. Starlight casts a creativity spell on Rarity to make her design without instruction. She heads to the foyer, Applejack reciting memories behind her.

SC. 11 - INT. CASTLE FOYER

Fluttershy is standing alone, not an animal to be seen. Starlight asks where they went. Fluttershy says they all wandered off. Starlight asks why Fluttershy didn't stop them. She says because Starlight didn't tell her to. Starlight casts a spell that sends tiny sparkles of light off to locate each animal and tells Fluttershy to collect every animal in the castle and bring it to the foyer. Fluttershy heads off and Starlight notices Rainbow Dash hovering nearby. Starlight explains she will have time to "chillax" when the rest of the lessons are done and tells Rainbow Dash to set stuff up and be ready. Dash looks at her crate and says she can't set it all up alone. Starlight casts a spell on some household items (brooms/chairs/etc) and tells them to do whatever Rainbow Dash says to build the perfect

chillaxing station. They dutifully follow Rainbow Dash down the hall. Starlight says she thinks that should do it. She's finally got everypony doing what they need to be doing. Spike says he doesn't feel like these are quite working the way Twilight wanted them to. But Starlight feels great, she'll get this all done with time to spare! They go check on Pinkie (Applejack still following rattling off memories).

SC. 12 - CASTLE MONTAGE

They put their heads up and stroll into town, ready to represent Ponyville the best way they know how. "We'll do our best. I'm sure no pony will expect more." But as they turn the corner into the town square...

SC. 13 - INT. CASTLE KITCHEN

Starlight and Spike can barely get into the kitchen, it's filled with baked goods. Pinkie has been baking faster and faster without stopping. Starlight casts a spell that stops Pinkie in her tracks and freezes her in an awkward position. She's about to start cleaning the mess in the kitchen but yelling from the foyer causes them all to rush out (Starlight uses magic to take the still frozen Pinkie with them). No pony notices that all of the ovens, stoves, etc are still baking.

SC. 14 - INT. CASTLE FOYER

Rainbow Dash has the enchanted objects using everything in her sight to build the ultimate chillaxing station. It looks a bit like a makeshift pool deck/playground/beach bar. However it's been invaded by all of the animals that Fluttershy has gathered, including various bats, insects and rats she gathered along the way (Starlight DID say to gather ALL the animals in the castle). Rarity enters the room with the sewing objects floating behind and has them start redesigning everything in the foyer including the chillaxing station. Applejack is going full speed with recitation of memories and Pinkie is still standing still from when Starlight froze her. And to top it all off, smoke starts pouring in from the kitchen accompanied by the smell of burning baked goods Spike looks at Starlight who admits this is getting a bit out of hand. But she thinks one more spell should fix it all right up. However in that moment the doors open and Twilight enters. She takes one look around and asks what is going on!

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 15 - INT. CASTLE – CONTINUOUS

Twilight uses her magic to undo everything that Starlight did. None of the ponies are thrilled that Starlight cast magic spells on them. Starlight tries to explain that she was just trying to get everything done, she didn't mean to let it get out of hand. Twilight tells Starlight she's disappointed in her. She totally missed the point of the friendship lessons. Starlight is mortified.

SC. 16 – INT STARLIGHT'S ROOM – LATER

Twilight pops her head into Starlight's room, Spike behind her. Starlight is hiding under the covers in her bed and refuses to come out due to total and complete embarrassment. Twilight says that Spike explained how everything got out of hand and she thinks she understands what's going on. Starlight comes out from underneath the bedsheets as Twilight says she understands that Starlight is more comfortable with magic than friendship, but that's the point of learning. When you are trying something new, sometimes you fail completely. You just have to pick yourself up and try again. Twilight doesn't expect Starlight to be perfect, but she does expect her to try her best. Starlight promises she'll try harder next time. "Tomorrow," Twilight corrects her. "Tomorrow?" Starlight asks nervously. Twilight explains that her NEW assignment is to try ALL of the lessons she tried today, but this time she can't use any magic. "I promise, no spells to make things easier" Starlight swears. But Twilight corrects her again. "You can't use ANY magic tomorrow for ANYTHING. From the time you wake up to the time you go to bed, NO magic at all." Starlight is clearly daunted by this, but she figures it can't go any worse than it did today. She accepts the challenge.

SC. 17 - INT. STARLIGHT ROOM – NEXT MORNING

Repeat of first scene but with NO magic. No magical alarm clock means Starlight oversleeps. With no magic she can barely make her bed. She can't do her hair, put on make up, NOTHING. We see how hard it all is for Starlight but she pushes through.

SC. 18 - EXT. PONYVILLE - LATER

Starlight looks like a mess. Hair askew, makeup messed up. But she goes to Sugarcube Corner and after figuring out how to manually open the door she finds the Mane 5 there. They are all still miffed about the events of yesterday. She apologizes for what she did and explains why she relies so hard on magic and her fears about being terrible at friendship. She asks them to help her one more time, this time she promises NO magic.

SC. 19- APOLOGY MONTAGE SONG “NOTHING MAGIC HERE”

Over a musical montage we see Starlight work individually with each of the Mane 5. This time she listens, takes her time and does things slowly. She and Pinkie work in the kitchen together, Starlight covered in dough, flour and broken eggs. She and Applejack go through photos together. She manages to sew with Rarity (barely) and sits patiently while Fluttershy shows her how to care for a sick bird, but Starlight is a little too forceful and keeps scaring it. She even manages to chillax with Rainbow Dash (sure she keeps getting up to ask questions, but Rainbow Dash, laying out with shades on, keeps making her sit there and... you know... chillax!). She's not very good at anything she does, not using magic is clearly a Herculean task, but she gets through the day.

SC. 20 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - LATER

Starlight is looking at the results of her day of no magic. It's a mess. A mound covered in icing that somewhat resembles a cake, a scrapbook with just three photos in it, a pile of fabric that resembles a potato sack more than a dress. It's even worse than it was yesterday. She knows Twilight said she didn't need to be perfect, but Starlight WANTS to be perfect! She really WANTED to succeed! As she's trying to figure out what to do, Twilight and Spike enter. Spike is shocked at Starlight's beleaguered appearance, but Twilight takes it all in stride. She takes in the results of Starlight's day and asks calmly how it all went. Starlight recounts her day for Twilight. She talks about the disaster of baking and how Pinkie tried to cheer her up by telling her about the first time SHE baked a cake and how it didn't turn out that great either. She promises that the scrapbook will get better as she gets to know more of the stories Applejack has stored up. The dress is clearly a disaster but Rarity gave Starlight some fashion magazines that she routinely looks through for inspiration, Fluttershy says that next time they should try fiercer creatures that might respond to Starlight's personality better and Rainbow Dash decided that Starlight is gonna need a TON more chillaxing because she was absolutely AWFUL at it. So, Starlight explains, even though she is a friendship disaster right now she hopes that EVENTUALLY she'll pass the lessons. Starlight looks up nervously after her very long explanation/apology and is confused to find Twilight grinning from ear to ear. She asks Twilight why she is smiling? She failed ALL of the lessons! Twilight explains that she didn't fail at all! It wasn't the tasks themselves, it was spending time and really getting to know ponies, and she finally passed with flying colors! Spike suggests they all go eat some of the leftover cake Pinkie made to celebrate but Starlight begs off. Friendship is hard work and she is exhausted!

END