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MY LITTLE PONY 6

“Mayor Discord”

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TEASER**SC. 1 - PONYVILLE PARK**

Discord and Shutterfly have created an obstacle course for the pets. It's super cute, but ends up leaving Ponyville Park in disarray. Shutterfly asks Discord to magically fix everything, but Discord is sure the Ponyville Park's Department has ponies for exactly this situation and he certainly doesn't want to put those ponies out of work. They leave.

CUT TO: Mayor Mare, arriving by herself with a trash bag and litter retrieving stick. She looks out at the mess and <SIGHS>.

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

Mayor Mare tries to talk to Twilight about the upcoming mayoral election. She's been so busy running the town, she hasn't had time to campaign. Twilight is very busy, but assures Mayor not to worry. Nobody ever runs against her. Twilight is surprised to hear the Mayor has been so busy—she hadn't noticed. As Mayor can see, she's pretty busy herself with Princess Stuff.

Off Mayor Mare's frown we see just how busy she's been with a quick...

SC. 3 - SERIES OF MAYOR MARE'S AVERAGE DAY SCENES:

- Mayor Mare stands with a HARDWARE PONY at his store's grand opening. She poses for a RIBBON CUTTING photo opp, but the photographer can't be satisfied and keeps repositioning them. Finally, he lets Mayor cut the ribbon, then afterward says they need to do it again because the ribbon color is wrong. Mayor's ASSISTANT tells her not to worry, there's only six more ribbon cuttings today. Off Mayor, exasperated...

- Mayor tries to settle a dispute between STREET SWEEPING PONIES and CROSSING GUARD PONIES, neither of whom will work until the other gives in to their demands. Finally, we see Mayor, in a crossing guard vest and holding a broom as she does both jobs while the ponies continue to argue.

- Mayor Mare, gavel in her hoof, listens at a town meeting as citizens come up and drone on and on in excruciating detail about what they don't like in the town. She makes each and everyone one feel heard and appreciated, despite the fact that the line to talk extends all the way out of the building.

SC. 4 - TOWN HALL - ELECTION DAY

Twilight runs the polls and is surprised not a single pony has showed up to vote. Spike thinks it's fine. Everypony knows Mayor Mare always wins. What's the point?

SC. 5 - TOWN HALL – LATER

Mayor Mare asks Twilight to tally the votes. Twilight is surprised to find a single ballot in the box. She's even more surprised to see who it's for—Discord! Discord suddenly appears and graciously accepts his new role as the Mayor of Ponyville!

END ACT ONE**ACT TWO****SC. 6 - TOWN HALL – RESUME**

Suspicious, Twilight wonders if Discord is up to something. Discord takes great umbrage and Mayor Mare backs him up. He won, fair and square. Mayor Mare explains the job and responsibilities of being Mayor to Discord in front of Twilight. He's clearly not listening. Twilight is worried...

SC. 7 - MAYORAL RESIDENCE – LATER

As Mayor Mare packs, Twilight begs her to stick around to at least advise Discord. But Mayor Mare is looking forward to retirement and believes that Discord was elected for a reason—he'll be fine. She has faith in him. She tells Twilight to give Discord a chance—it's what she would do for everypony else...

Off Twilight's consternation we CUT TO:

SC. 8 - A SERIES OF SCENES REVISITING MAYOR'S DAY NOW WITH DISCORD:

- Discord at a ribbon cutting. He doesn't want to cut the ribbon, scissors are uncomfortable. Even when they finally get him to agree, the ribbon won't cut—he apologizes, he's a lefty. They bring him lefty scissors but he invents a new problem. This continues until total chaos erupts (magic scissors chasing the photographer around, etc.). The ponies at the store get upset. They can't open their business if the ribbon isn't cut, it's tradition.

- Discord stands between the STREET SWEEPING PONIES and the CROSSING GUARD PONIES as they argue even more vehemently than before. Finally Discord agrees that neither of them should work—ever. He animates the brooms (think: The Sorcerer's Apprentice) who don the vests and do both jobs—putting both groups of ponies out of work.

- Discord, gavel in claw, rolls his eyes at the town meeting as citizens drone on and on about their complaints. He points out that the things they are complaining about are really pretty small

time, then points out the things that they should be complaining about—causing a panic. Everypony in the hall insists that Discord do something to fix the problems he described, but Discord tells them he doesn't know how to do that.

SC. 9 - PONYVILLE

Twilight and the others see how bad things have become (ponies everywhere arguing, no ribbons being cut, etc.) and try to fix everything, but there's too much. They've never seen the town in such a state of disarray. Twilight asks Discord to undo everything, but he refuses. He was freely elected and he plans to serve out the remainder of his term because it's the "will of the ponies." Twilight and the others start to object, but they are swept away by an army of animated brooms.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 10 - CASTLE OF FRIENDSHIP – (THE PLAN!)

Twilight and the others come up with an elaborate plan to make Discord resign. It relies on perfect timing and they run through it in caper movie-style (think: Ocean's Eleven).

SC. 11 - PONYVILLE

The gang try to execute the plan and at first it seems as though things are going well, until it is revealed that Discord knew about the plan all along. He arrests them for staging a coup—magically transporting the lot of them to jail.

SC. 12 - PONYVILLE JAIL

Discord explains how disappointed he is in the Mane Six's inability to trust the system. When AJ points out that Discord hasn't cared about any kind of system a day in his life, a VOICE off screen explains that is why he was so perfect for the job.

To everypony's surprise, Mayor Mare emerges from the shadows. Discord confesses that his becoming mayor was all her idea.

SC. 13 - FLASHBACK

To Mayor Mare's average day from Act One. This time we see that Discord (our chameleon shape shifter) is actually hidden in the background of each scene taking notes.

Finally, on election day, we see that it was Mayor Mare, herself, who cast the vote for Discord!

SC. 14 - BACK AT THE JAIL

Mayor Mare reveals that she'd been feeling unappreciated for everything she does to make Ponyville run smoothly. That's why she enlisted Discord's help. Twilight wishes Mayor Mare had just explained how she felt from the start and Mayor Mare reminds Twilight that she tried to back in Act One. Unfortunately, Twilight was too busy with Princess Stuff to listen. Twilight apologizes and everypony admits things were much better with Mayor Mare in charge.

SC. 15 - PONYVILLE – TOWN HALL

In a brief ceremony Discord abdicates his post and according to Ponyville bylaws that means the second runner-up is the mayor. Since Mayor Mare was the only other candidate—she wins! All of Ponyville cheers, relieved things can now go back to normal. Afterward Discord tells Mayor Mare he doesn't want to be involved in any more of her schemes—being the mayor is hard work and no one appreciated anything he did. With that he rides off on an animated broom.

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