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MY LITTLE PONY 6

“Mayor Discord”

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TEASER**SC. 1 - EXT. PONYVILLE – MORNING**

Twilight stands next to a row of VOTING BOOTHS in the center of Ponyville with lots of official forms and election ephemera. She makes last minute arrangements and talks to Spike about how excited she is for her first Ponyville Election. She checks off the last item on her list. Spike gives a thumbs up, everything is ready for election day. Twilight is happy—sure she loved planning and organizing the election, but the real thrill is going to be watching citizens make their voices heard. She checks the time. One minute until the polls are open. She tells Spike to get ready for the mad rush. Spikes looks at her like she's a little crazy. Twilight stands with a flourish. "THE VOTING BOOTHS ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN!!!"

... Crickets. REVEAL there are no ponies in line... or anywhere in sight. Then she spots a lone pony approaching. It's BIG MAC. He passes the voting booths on his way to somewhere else. Twilight gives him a hopeful smile and points to the voting booths.

Big Mac: "Nope."

Twilight's face falls. Spike sarcastically waves a flag. "Yay. Elections"

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT ONE****SC. 2 - EXT. PONYVILLE – LATER IN THE MORNING**

Twilight is face down against the table. The booths are still empty and untouched. Maybe a tumbleweed rolls by if we're into that kind of thing. Spike is trying to cheer her up, but nothing makes her smile. Honestly, she's too bummed out to move. Mayor Mare walks by and asks about the turnout, Spike puts his finger over his lips, "don't even mention it around Twilight." But Mayor Mare isn't concerned, this is just the way it always is... she's not worried. She goes on her way.

Then, all happy and cheerful, here comes Pinkie and Dash, skipping over. What's up with Twilight being in the dumps? But Twilight just gives them sad groans, like a girl that just lost the love of her life. They wait for an explanation, but when none comes, Spike explains that nobody has shown up to vote yet. Pinkie tells them that she was planning on voting right now, but maybe she should do that later since she just came up with a plan to get everypony to vote. If Rainbow Dash wouldn't mind helping her out? Dash picks up Pinkie and they ZOOM off.

SC. 3 - EXT. FLUTTERSHY'S COTTAGE – MOMENTS LATER

Rainbow Dash, carrying Pinkie, flies by overhead as we PAN DOWN to find FLUTTERSHY and DISCORD in mid-conversation. Discord is complaining about the current state of his life: He misses the good ol' days when he was showered in attention. Fluttershy certainly doesn't want to burst his bubble, but did everypony maybe pay attention to him because he was a madman bent on world domination? He thinks about it, "I'm not so sure that was it."

SC. 4 - EXT. PONYVILLE – LATER

We TRACK past a LONG LINE of ponies all waiting to enter the VOTING BOOTHS. But right before the booths we find Pinkie, at a new table piled high with CUPCAKES. And all those ponies in line aren't eyeing the voting booths, they're eyeing those delicious cupcakes. The next pony in line reaches for a cupcake, but Pinkie politely smacks his hand away. "Are you crazy, you have to vote to get your cupcake." The guy looks disappointed by this news. "Come on-- One vote for one cupcake. And since Mayor Mare isn't running against anyone, there's only one

choice! It's easy! Or use the write-in vote. Vote for who-pony-ever you want. Or WHATEVER you want. The pony looks excited. "BROCCOLI!?" Pinkie nods, now he's got the hang of it. Dash and Twilight lean over at this news— isn't it dangerous to tell ponies to vote however they want? Pinkie laughs, "it's not like Broccoli is gonna get elected." Twilight agrees. Mayor Mare will win again in a landslide and she's just glad ponies are taking their civic responsibility seriously.

SC. 5 - EXT. CENTER OF PONYVILLE – LATER

Twilight reaches into a barrel and pulls out a voter form. She reads it out loud. "One vote for Mayor Mare." She shares a moment with Pinkie Pie, clearly her fears were unfounded, but then she reads the next card. She can't believe she's saying this, "One vote for Broccoli." That weirdo pony pumps his hoof, happy. And as she keeps reading names from the barrel it becomes clear, every pony either voted for herself or voted for something weird (ie broccoli). She reaches in and reads the last card, "And one vote for Discord." Discord shares a moment with Fluttershy, "Well, it feels good to know somepony thought of me, even if that somepony was me."

BACK ON Twilight, she's freaked out. No pony has gotten more than ONE VOTE. And then she notices there's one more card at the bottom of the barrel. She reads it to herself, eyes go WIDE and we CUT TO:

SC. 6 - EXT. CENTER OF PONYVILLE – MOMENTS LATER

The Mane 6, Mayor Mare and Discord huddled up for a quick conference. Twilight's having trouble saying this, but "It looks like the only person to get more than one vote was Discord." Rainbow Dash thinks that's insane. Who else would vote for him, "No offense Discord." Obviously whomever voted for Discord thought Mayor Mare would win! Discord is touched by this anonymous pony's action, but he knows where Twilight is going with this conversation and he agrees—He would make a terrible mayor! He doesn't even want to be mayor; they don't even really do anything, "no offense Mayor Mare..." But Mayor Mare believes in the process. The ponies' vote must be heard. "Like it or not, you got the most votes, Discord. You are our next mayor." Discord thinks about this for a second, "You're saying I'm the voice of the ponies and no matter what I do, since they voted for me, it's what they want?" "In a way, yes." Discord smiles... wonderful.

SC. 7 - EXT. CENTER OF PONYVILLE – MOMENTS LATER

Twilight flies over to the crowd with Discord and introduces him as their next mayor. Gasps from the audience. They kinda clap, confused. We push in on Discord as he reacts to their response. We can't tell if the little twinkle in his eye is mischievous or not...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC. 8 - INT. MAYORAL MANOR – DAY

Mayor Mare tapes up a box of her things, wistfully enjoying the last moments of being mayor. Twilight is with her, begging her to stay. She can advise Discord, help him get a feel for being in charge—TELL HIM WHAT TO DO. But Mayor Mare refuses, she believes in the process—just like Twilight believes in the process—and the process picked Discord. Twilight slinks away, feeling like she made a huge mistake.

SC. 9 - INT. MAYORAL MANOR – MOMENTS LATER

Discord POPS into the mansion. He checks out the new digs—"no, no, this won't do." ZAP! ZAP! He MAGICS the walls, furniture and paintings into things that reflect his personal aesthetic (AKA general chaos). In the next room he finds Mayor Mare packing. She tells him she needs more time to pack everything—and we can tell she's going slow because it's hard for her to leave, but Discord doesn't detect her sadness and teleports all her furniture and stuff outside on the lawn, still completely set up. He's proud of himself, "I'm already being so helpful." Mayor Mare leaves, head down.

SC. 10 - INT. MAYORAL OFFICES – LATER

Discord looks around the office. It's a lot more government standard issue than he was expecting. He asks a pony to lead him to the throne room, which only gets him a weird look. "That was only a joke of course." Then privately, he says a mantra: "you're a mayor, not a king. Mayor not king..." He sits down at the mayor's desk and is greeted with a stack of papers to go over and sign. He magics some pens alive, and signs the papers with his insanely decorative signature (probably a drawing so it plays to non-English readers). He looks at the office pony, what's next? But due to the loss of his beloved Mayor Mare, the Office Pony gives him the cold shoulder—a running gag we can play in different ways throughout the episode.

SC. 11 - INT. PRINCESS TWILIGHT'S PALACE – LATER

Discord is pacing nervously—something that should feel offputting since it's Discord. He's scared being Mayor doesn't mean anything. What do I actually do as mayor? He laughs nervously, "It's not like I get to rule with an iron fist, right? ...Right?" They all nod, "Right!" They explain a mayor is a representative of the people, so you cater to their needs. "Like a friend?" The Mane Six look at each other. "Sure." "I can do that, (bragging) I'm a pretty good friend, (off their looks) just ask Fluttershy!"

SC. 12 - INT. PRINCESS TWILIGHT'S PALACE – LATER

With everyone else leaving, Twilight stops Fluttershy. She's nervous about Discord in a position of power. But Fluttershy won't listen to Twilight's doubts. She has faith in him. Give Discord a chance, "It's what we'd do for everypony else..." CUT TO:

SC. 13 - INT. MAYORAL ESTATE – LATER

Discord lounges on top of the mayoral desk, listening to a request from Mr. Cake. He wants to celebrate the splendor of the cupcake and thinks there should be a new Ponyville holiday called Cake Day. Discord starts to talk about how ridiculous that sounds, when he reminds himself that being a mayor is being a friend: "Yes! That's a great idea, Mr. Cake. And it's today! All must celebrate Cake Day today." Mr. Cake is so impressed with how fast Discord is getting things done, he leaves, telling everypony he passes that Discord is the perfect mayor. CUT TO:

A line of ponies all asking for things. Trixie doesn't think it's fair that some ponies have magic and others don't. "The great Trixie thinks all ponies should be super magical.. just like her." Discord thinks that's great. Magic powers for everybody! He snaps his fingers and Trixie glows—she's supes happy! Discord: "Next!" Granny Smith would like it to be "Apple Pie day to celebr—" Discord doesn't even let her finish an explanation. "YES! Today is Apple Pie day! May people only eat Apple Pies today!" Reverse to reveal Twilight watching this latest request as she eats a cupcake. "This will not end well..." She looks around the room. There's a huge line of citizens waiting to speak with Discord. "This REALLY will not end well."

SC. 14 - INT. MAYORAL ESTATE – MOMENTS LATER

With the other citizens out of earshot, Twilight tries to convince Discord to stop writing every pony request into law. He needs to mull over each request and see if it's good for the town. But Discord is too enamored with his newfound popularity to listen. "Ponyville put their trust in me and I'm doing my best." He explains he's still learning about friendship and this seems to be making everyone his friend. Twilight gets it, but "If two ponies ask for contradictory things, you can't do both of them." Discord holds up his hands, "Yes you can, it's like me, I have a hoof and a claw." Suddenly there's YELLING from outside. Twilight gives Discord a look and go to see

SC. 15 - EXT. PONYVILLE – MOMENTS LATER

Chaos everywhere we turn. The Cakes and the Apples are screaming at each other. "Cake Day!" "Apple Pie Day!" It turns into a food fight played out like a full-scale military attack. Meanwhile, Trixie is disappointed that everypony has magic, which means she isn't special, but the problem is, most ponies don't know how to handle magic. Earth Ponies are floating away, Pegasus ponies' new MAGIC wings are making them fly way too fast, crashing into

everything... It looks like the town will be destroyed before the day is done. Twilight tries to calm everything down, but with everypony newly magical, she can't control the situation. She turns to Discord. "UNDO THIS RIGHT NOW! Don't you see this is Chaos?" (Discord's eye sparkles at the word) Discord won't fix anything. He can't deny the people what they want! ...and then the world FALLS into ETERNAL DARKNESS. "Oh right, somepony asked for that, too..."

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 16 - EXT. PONYVILLE – LATER

Stuck in darkness, with Animals talking and Ponies barking, along with every other kind of chaos a pony could have mistakenly asked for, The Mane 6 all confront Discord. They air their grievances about the new state of Ponyville. But Discord doesn't get it. He gave every pony exactly what he or she wanted. He looks to Fluttershy for support, but she bashfully says, "Sometimes you have to say no, even if it's hard." Discord nods, "'Yes.' Or should I say no. Or yes?" He winks at them. Rainbow Dash gets suspicious. She thinks he's enjoying this. But Discord plays innocent, "Why would the god of Chaos enjoy this, what's the word?" RD: (annoyed) "Chaos." Discord smiles, "is that what you'd call it?" Twilight interrupts his back and forth with Rainbow Dash, she's not going to let this get out of hand. She makes him promise to stop saying yes to requests until they can figure out how to fix all this madness. He agrees as long as they think it will make him a better mayor.

SC. 17 - INT. MAYORAL OFFICES – LATER

Quick cuts of Discord giving ponies answers to their requests: "NO! NOPE. NO WAY." Discord is sticking to his word with the Mane 6. And that's easy to do, because he's getting ridiculous requests. But then... One of the SPA PONIES asks for something pretty reasonable: She's losing all her money because Discord decreed that today is FREE SPA DAY. Can he reverse the new law? But Discord doesn't even consider it. He's sticking to his promise to the Mane Six. Things ESCALATE as more and more ponies ask Discord to UNDO the damage he's created by saying YES, but all Discord can say is NO. The Town is now even worse off than before: The chaos of his crazy YES's are still in effect, along with the additional chaos of saying NO to reasonable requests. ...Citizens of Ponyville, yelling and shaking wooden rakes (Think: angry villagers with pitchforks and torches) gather outside the Mayor's office. They don't look happy...

SC. 18 - EXT. PONYVILLE – MOMENTS LATER

Discord flies through town to get away from the angry ponies. But since he gave everypony Magic and flying carpets (or whatever other crazy thing), they are keeping up with him. Twilight leads the Mane 6 around a short cut and gets to Discord just before all of Ponyville does. They grab him and fly him into a cloud to hide and TALK.

SC. 19 - INT. CLOUD – SAME

Twilight waits for Discord to thank them for saving him, but when that thanks doesn't come, she gets annoyed and starts lecturing: "I think you've learned something here about being a friend to all ponies, haven't you?" But, Discord being Discord, puts it back on them, avoiding blame. He has learned something: Sometimes ponies ask for too much and they don't think about what their fellow neighbor might need. "Thus, I think we've all learned a lesson here..." Rainbow Dash, "yeah, we should pay more attention to who we vote for?" Discord nods, "yes well, that too... that too."

SC. 20 - EXT. CENTER OF PONYVILLE – LATER

Voting booths behind him, Discord hopes everyone learned to value the importance of the vote. And that "a cupcake isn't all that important next to who is in charge of making the rules. And then he casts his ballot. That's right, he's called a re-election. And he's papered the entire place with signs featuring Mayor Mare. And as every pony votes for Mayor Mare, finally fully appreciating her, She winks at Discord, but Twilight catches it. "Wait, are you in cahoots? Discord feigns shock. "That would imply that my plan was to do such a terrible job as mayor that everypony would

appreciate Mayor Mare for the wonderful government official she is...” Mayor Mare, laughing, “And that would mean I cast the mysterious second vote for Discord... Please Twilight, are we really that smart?” Mayor Mare nods at Discord and he SNAPS, making all the Chaos of the town, the eternal darkness and EVERYTHING go back to normal. The Camera circles Twilight like the end of an M. Night Shaymalan movie as every Pony in Ponyville cheers for Mayor Mare and Twilight realizes she was played from the beginning.

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