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TEASER**SC.1 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY**

TWILIGHT SPARKLE, PINKIE PIE, RAINBOW DASH, RARITY, APPLEJACK, FLUTTERSHY and SPIKE stand next to STARLIGHT GLIMMER, staring into Twilight's throne room in shock.

1 TWILIGHT
THIS happened while we were gone!?

Reveal the map in the center of the throne room. It has expanded significantly since we last saw it. It now includes the lands beyond Equestria from the feature length adventure.

2 APPLEJACK
Those are all the places we went
when we left to save Equestria!

The ponies excitedly examine the map, pointing things out--

3 RARITY
Indeed! There's that HORRID town
where we were almost sold!

4 STARLIGHT
Sold?!

Rainbow Dash leans down so her eyes are level with a dock that has tiny air ships floating around it.

5 RAINBOW DASH
The pirates! They were pretty
awesome... once they decided not to
throw us overboard.

6 STARLIGHT
Overboard?!

7 PINKIE PIE
And Mt. Aris! Ooo! Starlight, did
you know we made seashell necklaces
for ALLLLL the seaponies?!

8 STARLIGHT
(trying to keep up)
I... you.. Really?
(then, to Twilight)
What about that unicorn? The one
who attacked Canterlot?

9 TWILIGHT
Tempest. I invited her to come to Ponyville, but she wanted to spread word of the Storm King's defeat...
(thoughtful)
And share what she learned about friendship.

10 APPLEJACK
Y'think that's why the map grew?
Friendship quests beyond Equestria?

11 FLUTTERSHY
I hope not. I've had quite enough life-threatening adventures, thank you very much.

Pinkie Pie measures the distance from the extended map to the edge of the wall.

12 PINKIE PIE
How many friendship quests do we need to go on before the map gets thiiiiiiisssss big? Then we can build a balcony!

Twilight stares at the map thoughtfully.

13 TWILIGHT
We can't do it alone.

14 PINKIE PIE
SURE we can. We just need to knock this wall down, put up a railing--

15 TWILIGHT
No. I mean the world is filled with so many different creatures who know nothing about friendship... We can't do it ourselves. We need help if we're going to teach them all about friendship. Lots of help.

16 RARITY
Perhaps. But where does one go to learn about friendship?

Twilight's eyes grow wide with excitement.

17 TWILIGHT
Here! They can all go here! Because We're going to open a school!

Off of Twilight's determined expression we...

END TEASER

ACT ONE

SC.2 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - RESUME

The ponies all stare at Twilight with expressions ranging from surprise to skepticism.

18 APPLEJACK
WE are gonna open a school HERE?

19 TWILIGHT
A School of Friendship! Think about it. How many times have we saved Equestria with the magic of friendship?! Now it's our turn to teach those lessons to others!

20 RAINBOW DASH
(thoroughly unconvinced)
Teach? Us?

Starlight stands in solidarity with Twilight.

21 STARLIGHT
As Twilight's first student, I think it's a great idea.

22 FLUTTERSHY
But what will our classes be about?

23 RARITY
And what will we wear?

24 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
And how much glitter and paste will we need?

Reveal Pinkie surrounded by buckets of glitter and paste.

25 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
I buy this stuff in bulk.

26 SPIKE
You have to admit, none of us know much about running a school.

27 TWILIGHT
No problem. I happen to know somepony who does.

SC.3 INT. CELESTIA'S SCHOOL OF MAGIC - LATER

Twilight, Spike and PRINCESS CELESTIA walk through Celestia's School of Magic. They pass UNICORNS in classrooms levitating objects, studying spells and practicing potions. Twilight takes notes on five different floating notepads.

28 CELESTIA
I think a School of Friendship is a wonderful idea, Twilight. I'll help in any way I can.

29 TWILIGHT
I just have a few questions. What time do you start classes each day?

30 CELESTIA
Well-

31 TWILIGHT
What's the ideal length for class?

32 CELESTIA
It's-

33 TWILIGHT
Do you test regularly? What about class projects? Assigned seating? Open seating? Or is that too unstructured?

34 CELESTIA
Twilight! You were my star pupil. If anyone knows how to run a school, it's you.

35 TWILIGHT
There's a big difference between attending a school and running a one. If only there was some kind of rulebook to follow...

36 CELESTIA
Don't worry. There is. The EEA handbook has very specific guidelines for how to run a school.

Twilight freezes, notepads crashing to the ground.

37 TWILIGHT
The EEA? I've never heard of that. Should I have heard of that?

38 CELESTIA
Of course not, you've never run a school before! The Equestria Education Association is a board of learned ponies that decide on and enforce the guidelines for running a school.

39 SPIKE
Even YOUR school? But you're...YOU!

40 CELESTIA
Not even a Princess can do whatever she likes when it comes to shaping young minds. The EEA ensures that whether it's unicorns studying magic or pegasi learning weather, all schools are held to the same high standard. They'll need to approve your plan before you can move forward.

Twilight smiles nervously.

41 TWILIGHT
Okay Spike. Looks like we have a presentation to make!

42 SPIKE
Pff. After everything we've been through, how hard can that be?

SMASH CUT TO:

SC.4 INT. EQUESRIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - SHORTLY AFTER

Twilight stands in a pool of light in an otherwise dark imposing room (think HARRY POTTER's Ministry of Magic).

43 SPIKE
(sotto)
I'm gonna go with really hard.

An officious-looking unicorn, NEIGHSAY, stands at a podium, staring down his muzzle at Twilight. Several OTHER PONIES are in the shadows behind him. A few <COUGHS> from the gallery.

44 TWILIGHT
Uh. Hello. My name is--

45 NEIGHSAY
--Princess Twilight Sparkle, a pleasure.

46 TWILIGHT
Thank you...

47 NEIGHSAY
Chancellor Neighsay. All of
Equestria owes you a great debt.

48 TWILIGHT
(blushing)
Oh, well I--

49 NEIGHSAY
(sharply)
But we will not let that influence
our decision. Princess or not, we
expect you to do things by. The.
Book.

He drops a HUGE tome, THE EEA HANDBOOK, in front of Twilight.
Twilight nods to Spike, who passes out packets to the ponies.

50 TWILIGHT
I think you will find I've
structured a curriculum that
follows all of your guidelines.

Neighsay studies Twilight's very organized packet.

51 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
My adventures beyond Equestria
showed me first hoof that there are
threats out there greater than any
we imagined. If we want to keep our
land safe, and create a friendlier
tomorrow, we need to teach the
magic of friendship far and wide.

<MURMURS> from the assembled ponies. Neighsay is clearly
impressed by the speech.

52 NEIGHSAY
I was at the Battle for Canterlot.
I, too, witnessed the threats that
face us. The EEA concurs that
everypony should understand what is
at stake, and be prepared to
protect our home and way of life.

Spike gives Twilight two thumbs up.

53 NEIGHSAY (CONT'D)
Assuming your work is all in order--

Spike fans out different presentation folders --

54 SPIKE
Alphabetical, numerical, or color-coded?

55 NEIGHSAY
--Your request for EEA approval is granted.

Neighsay stamps Twilight's packet with a textless "APPROVED"! Twilight is beyond thrilled.

56 TWILIGHT
YES!!!!
(then, more calm)
Thank you, Chancellor! I hope you will join us for our Friends and Family Day so you can see how things are progressing!

57 NEIGHSAY
Don't worry, Princess. We keep close watch over every school in Equestria. Yours will be no exception.

Off of Twilight's thrilled and determined expression we...

FADE TO:

SC.5 EXT. PONYVILLE - WEEKS LATER

A picturesque morning in Ponyville. We soar over Twilight's castle to see a beautiful lake behind it. A bridge over the lake connects the castle to TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL OF MAGIC on the other side. It's beautiful, impressive and scholarly-looking. The highest tower GLEAMS in the sun.

58 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
It's too much! TOO MUCH!!!

59 RARITY (O.S.)
You think so?

SC.6 INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - CONTINUOUS

Inside, Starlight and the Mane 5 prepare for opening day. There's a raised platform with a "Welcome Students" sign on it. Rarity is dressed in full schoolmarm realness. Big skirt, mane in a bun, glasses, the works.

60 RARITY
I hoped dressing the part would
help me feel the part.

Dramatic pose.

61 RAINBOW DASH
Not your dress! This! Me!
Teaching!? They're all gonna think
I'm an egghead!

Pinkie Pie polishes her confetti cannon.

62 PINKIE PIE
Not this teacher! The students are
gonna LOVE my confetti cannon
class. It's gonna be--wait for it--
a blast!

Fluttershy speaks to some woodland creatures, pretending they
are her students.

63 FLUTTERSHY
Um. Hello there. I'm your teacher.
I hope you enjoy class. But if you
don't enjoy it, that's okay too.

Angel face palms. Applejack looks at Starlight.

64 APPLEJACK
I dunno about all this.

65 STARLIGHT
Don't worry. You're teaching
friendship. What could go wrong?

Spike comes rushing in, panicked.

66 SPIKE
Everypony act natural! Twilight's
coming!

67 RAINBOW DASH
Oh no. First day of school? Tons of
pressure? She must be freaking out
right now!

68 PINKIE PIE
CODE RED EVERYPONY! CODE RED!

Twilight enters. The ponies all freeze. Twilight calmly
<HUMS> to herself as she checks things off her list, the
giant EEA handbook floating behind her.

69 SPIKE
Morning Twilight...

70 TWILIGHT
(perfectly calm)
Morning everypony!

The ponies wait for any sign of a freak out.

71 FLUTTERSHY
How are you feeling?

Twilight smiles at them - she knows what's up.

72 TWILIGHT
I'm fine. Really. I know there
were times in the past when I let
stress get to me. But everything
about this school feels right.

73 APPLEJACK
And you're SURE you want us to be
teachers? In classrooms?

Twilight flips through the EEA handbook.

74 TWILIGHT
The EEA is VERY clear on how
schools are supposed to be run. We
have a HUGE responsibility, and I
need you all to do this "by the
book." (then) That means no cannons
in class, Pinkie.

75 PINKIE PIE
Awwwww. Not even a little cannon?

Pinkie Pie pulls out a teeny cannon. It lets off a cute,
high-pitched <EXPLOSION>. Twilight shakes her head.

76 TWILIGHT
I know it's not some big adventure
where we're fighting the forces of
evil. But this could be the most
important thing we've ever done! I
can't run a school of Friendship
without my best friends. Can I
count on you?

The ponies share a look with various levels of enthusiasm.

77 RARITY
Of course you can, darling.

78 RAINBOW DASH
 (resigned)
Call me professor egghead. I'm in.

The bell in the school tower rings.

79 PINKIE PIE
AHHHH!! FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!! SO
MANY NEW PONIES!

80 TWILIGHT
About that. ONE thing I forgot to
mention. It's not JUST ponies...

The doors open. There are several young ponies waiting to enter. But there's also a GRIFFON, a YAK, a DRAGON a CHANGELING and a HIPPOGRIFF!

Off the Mane 5's surprised expressions we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC.7 INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - RESUME

The new students come streaming in, looking around excitedly. One of the ponies has cool dreadlocks for a mane, SANDALWOOD.

81 RARITY
Students certainly traveled from
far and wide to attend our school!

82 TWILIGHT
Isn't it great? Princess Celestia
helped me reach out to all the
kingdoms. After all, friendship is
something that needs to be shared
with every...creature.

Twilight steps up on the 'Welcome Students' platform and addresses the crowd, BEYOND EXCITED:

83 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Welcome to the School of
Friendship! I'm your headmaster,
Twilight Sparkle! Students, please
follow Guidance Counselor Starlight
to sign in and get your class
assignments. Then we can show you
to your living quarters!

Ponies follow Starlight down a corridor. A young griffon, GALLUS, bumps into Sandalwood.

84 SANDALWOOD
(friendly)
Sorry bud. I'm Sandalwood. My bad.

85 GALLUS
Yeah. It was. Watch it.

86 GRANDPA GRUFF (O.S.)
GALLUS!!!

Sandalwood is taken aback as Gallus struts off to join GRANDPA GRUFF, an ancient Griffon, by Twilight and Spike.

87 TWILIGHT
You must be Grandpa Gruff!

88 GRANDPA GRUFF
Of course I am. Flew all the way from Griffonstone to introduce my grandson Gallus.

89 GALLUS
Nice school. It's... Cute.

90 RAINBOW DASH
Cute?

91 GALLUS
Yeah... Isn't that like the highest compliment for a pony? Cute? Sweet?

92 RAINBOW DASH
Awesome?

93 GALLUS
Hey, you're Rainbow Dash, right? Gilda told me about you. You're a teacher? Huh. Thought you'd be... Cooler.

That doesn't sit well with Rainbow Dash. Twilight intervenes.

94 TWILIGHT
Professor Rainbow Dash, why don't you take Gallus to get registered?

95 GALLUS
Lead the way, teach.

A fuming Rainbow Dash leads Gallus away.

96 PRINCE RUTHERFORD (O.S.)
PONIES!!!

Several pony students scatter.

97 APPLEJACK
Is that...?

98 TWILIGHT
Prince Rutherford! Welcome!

PRINCE RUTHERFORD stomps over with the younger YANA YAK, a bit smaller but just as fearsome, hairy and loud as he is.

99 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Ponies' school nice. Not like yak school. But not worst school.

100 SPIKE
Gee, thanks.

101 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
This Yana Yak. She come to pony school. Make it better.

102 RARITY
Better?

Yana bounces with Yak enthusiasm.

103 YANA
Yaks best! Yak in pony school make pony school better! Can't wait to meet ponies and tell ALL about Yakyaki-

Yana trips over her braid in her excitement and wipes out on the floor. As she gets up, she immediately begins knocking things over. Spike does several last-second catches.

104 APPLEJACK
Why don't I show Yana around before she destroys the school?

Applejack rushes after Yana, and passes two dragons. A young female dragon, BLAZE, and EMBER, Lord of the Dragonlands.

105 BLAZE
...But I'm a dragon. I'm better than this. Why are we here?

106 EMBER
Because as Dragon Lord I'm ordering you to be here!

107 SPIKE
EMBER!

108 EMBER
Spike! I was hoping I'd see you
here. I want you to meet Blaze.

Spike looks over and sees a sweet, shy-looking dragon
standing next to Blaze.

109 SPIKE
Uh. Which one is she?

Blaze glares at the other dragon.

110 BLAZE
Hey! Who are you?

111 THORAX (O.S.)
GOSSAMER! What did we talk about?

The adorable dragon turns into an equally adorable and shy
changeling, GOSSAMER. Blaze and Ember both jump back,
surprised. THORAX flies over.

112 THORAX (CONT'D)
I told you. Stay in your own form.
It's the polite thing to do.
(to dragons)
Sorry. She's shy.

Gossamer can barely make eye contact with the dragons. Thorax
smiles at Twilight.

113 THORAX (CONT'D)
Thank you so much for including us
in this. It means a lot to all the
changelings.

114 TWILIGHT
Of course, Thorax! We're thrilled
to have... Gossamer was it?

Gossamer is in awe of Twilight and the others.

115 GOSSAMER
Thank you for all you've done for
the changeling kingdom.

Fluttershy instantly likes Gossamer. #Twinsies.

116 FLUTTERSHY
It's a pleasure to meet you.

117 SILVERSTAR (O.S.)
What is THAT?!

Gossamer panics, turns into Fluttershy and hides behind the real Fluttershy.

A young, enthusiastic hippogriff, SILVERSTAR, flies over. He looks at Gossamer and then at Thorax.

118 SILVERSTAR (CONT'D)
Seaspray! Did you see that?! I didn't know ponies could turn into... Um. What are you?

119 THORAX
A changeling.

120 SILVERSTAR
Ponies turn into changelings?

121 PINKIE PIE
No. But changelings can turn into ponies.

122 SILVERSTAR
Huh. That's confusing.

An older, calmer hippogriff lands next to Silverstar.

123 SEASPRAY
Princess, I am general Seaspray of her majesty Queen Novo's air force. I would like to introduce the queen's nephew, Silverstar.

124 SILVERSTAR
This place is amazing! I've spent most of my life in a coral reef under water. I was a seapony. But now I'm a hippogriff, long story. Anyways... WOW. IS THAT A DRAGON!?!

Blaze rolls her eyes and walks away, Silverstar, behind her.

Twilight addresses the delegates, along with the other ponies who have dropped students off.

125 TWILIGHT
Thank you so much for supporting the grand opening of our school. I hope you'll all join us for Friends and Family Day to check in on your loved ones and see the amazing progress they're making!

Twilight watches proudly as the Mane 5, Starlight and Spike help get students (pony and otherwise) settled, the EEA handbook by her side.

FADE TO:

SC.8 INT/EXT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS

MUSIC UP. The school bell rings to the beat. Students excitedly whisper-sing as they hurry through the halls.

126 STUDENTS/CHORUS
School of Friendship!
First Day of Class!
Will we fail or will we pass?
Students here from far and wide!
Brand new friends here by our side!

Twilight wanders the halls, thrilled beyond belief.

127 TWILIGHT
Take a breath, Look around, it's
amazing
I can't believe that it's real
Students galore
New ideas to explore
Can't contain the excitement I
feel!
Can't mess up, can't afford a
mistake now
Think success! Keep it firmly in
sight
Make sure to do things by the book
now
Make sure we do it all right!

Passage of time (Days marked on a calendar? Different types of weather? Rise and fall of sun/moon?). We see the school, students and teachers over several weeks of class. The Mane 5 try to do things like teachers but keep falling back on their old ways/natural tendencies.

128 STUDENTS/CHORUS
The School of Friendship!
Must get to Class!
Will we fail or will we pass?
Students learning from the best!
Take the notes to pass the test!

Twilight watches Rainbow Dash teach her class. She has them running around, playing games, doing trust falls, competing. Definitely more fun and less classroom. Twilight doesn't like what she is seeing.

129 TWILIGHT
Wait hold on! Not like that, just a second.
I'm not sure if that methods approved.
Let me take a look.
Yup! right here in the book--

130 RAINBOW DASH
Come on! We just got in a groove!

But Twilight is already gone to check on the others. She keeps popping up in their classes, EEA book in hand, correcting their behavior.

131 TWILIGHT
Can't mess up, can't afford a mistake now
We're shaping young minds to ignite!!
Do it like it says in the book now
Make sure that you're doing it right!!

The ponies TRY to teach the "right way" but lecturing to students isn't what they were built for and their frustration is clear.

132 PINKIE PIE
There's not an equation on how to have fun!

133 FLUTTERSHY
The students look bored now, Oh what have I done!

134 APPLEJACK
You can't teach bein' honest, not sure what to do!

135 RARITY
I'm quite certain I'm lost here...

136 RAINBOW DASH
NONE OF US HAS A CLUE!

The students clearly aren't responding to this more structured way of teaching.

137 STUDENTS/CHORUS
The School of Friendship!
Another Class.
Wish it were more of a blast.
(MORE)

STUDENTS/CHORUS (CONT'D)

Thought this school would be more fun.

Can't wait for classes to be done.

As music all builds we go into a montage of Twilight enforcing "the rules", the other ponies trying (and failing) to follow those rules, the students being bored and Starlight seeing that this is obviously not working.

138 TWILIGHT
Can't mess up, can't afford a mistake now

139 PINKIE PIE
(No way to have fun!)

140 STUDENTS/CHORUS
The School of Friendship

141 TWILIGHT
Think success! Keep it firmly in sight.

142 FLUTTERSHY
(Oh what have I done!)

143 STUDENTS/CHORUS
Bored with this class.

144 TWILIGHT
Make sure to do things by the book now.

145 APPLEJACK
(Not sure what to do!)

146 STUDENTS/CHORUS
Wish that we could leave en masse!

147 TWILIGHT
Make sure we do it right.

148 RARITY
(We don't have a clue!)

149 STUDENTS/CHORUS
Please listen to this one request.

150 TWILIGHT
Make sure we do it right!

151 RAINBOW DASH
(We Don't have a clue!)

152 STUDENTS/CHORUS
Make things more fun we're really stressed.

153 TWILIGHT
We have to make sure that we do it all right!

154 OTHER PONIES
(Can someone tell Twilight we don't have a clue??)

MUSIC OUT as we... CUT TO:

SC.9 INT. PINKIE PIE'S CLASSROOM - LATER

Gallus snores at his desk. Sandalwood, Blaze, Gossamer, Yana, Silverstar and assorted other ponies desperately try not to pass out as the teacher drones on in the most boring voice ever (think Ben Stein in FERRIS BUELLER).

155 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
So the correct formula for a joke is... anyone? Anyone? The set-up followed by the... anyone? Anyone?

Reveal Pinkie. She's about to fall asleep herself.

156 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
...by the... punch line. As you can see here in diagram 37B.

Silverstar passes out and smacks his head on the desk. The bell rings. Pinkie drones on in the same monotonous voice.

157 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Please read tonight's assignment: Proper balloon inflation methods. And don't forget, Friends and Family Day is tomorrow. Yaaay.

SC.10 EXT. SCHOOL CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

The students all yawn as they walk down the corridor. Gallus complains to Blaze.

158 GALLUS
You're kidding. THESE ponies are the heroes of Equestria?

159 SANDALWOOD
Hey, "these ponies" saved all of us from The Storm King.

160 BLAZE
How? By boring him into surrender?

161 GOSSAMER
I admit they aren't exactly what I was expecting. But ponies DID teach the changeling kingdom how to give love instead of feeding off of it.

162 SILVERSTAR
(disgusted)
You used to feed off of love?

163 GOSSAMER
(embarrassed)
Yes. But now I'm filled with love and always full.

164 BLAZE
That is the sappiest thing I've ever heard.

165 YANA
Yana think that nice. Not as nice as eating Yakyakistan Hay. Yakyakistan Hay is best hay.

166 GALLUS
Is there anything in Yakyakistan that isn't the best?

167 YANA
Yes. Wait. No. Yaks best.

Blaze examines Yana--

168 BLAZE
No claws, no wings, no fire. Aside from the smell and the fleas, what is it you're so proud of?

169 SANDALWOOD
Cool it, Blaze. No need to harsh Yana's love for her homeland.

170 GALLUS
Awww. Are we not being sweet and friendly enough for you, pony?

171 SILVERSTAR
Not to be offensive to griffons, but you COULD be a bit nicer.

Gallus gestures to Silverstar's rear end.

172 GALLUS
You're part pony, of course you
side with him.

173 BLAZE
Maybe dragons and griffons are just
too tough for friendship.

Blaze and Gallus go to claw bump...Until Yana pushes in--

174 YANA
Yaks tough too. But yaks not nasty.

175 GALLUS
Who you calling nasty, klutz?

A fight is about to break out until a lasso pulls Gallus in one direction while Yana levitates and moves in the other direction. Rainbow Dash swoops between the students.

176 RAINBOW DASH
Break it up now! BREAK. IT. UP!

177 STARLIGHT
What is going on here?

178 GALLUS
Just a friendly discussion about
the magic of friendship amongst
friends, professor.

179 APPLEJACK
Everypony--I mean--everyONE--go to
your next class!

The creatures all walk off.

180 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
I just can't believe it. Fights
breaking out when they're supposed
to be learnin' friendship?

181 RAINBOW DASH
This isn't working. Face it. We're
terrible teachers.

182 STARLIGHT
(sighs)
You're right. Things aren't working
out as "by the book" as planned.

183 APPLEJACK
We gotta tell Twilight. I think her
School of Friendship is a failure.

As the ponies watch the barely-concealed animosity among the departing students we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC.11 INT. TWILIGHT'S OFFICE - THE NEXT MORNING

The ponies and Spike are gathered in Twilight's office. Everypony is talking at the same time.

184 APPLEJACK
...Fights breaking out in the hallways!

185 RAINBOW DASH
... students put this on my tail!
(re: a caricature)
I don't look like that! Do I?

186 RARITY
... just not quite coming together...

187 PINKIE PIE
...I'm so boring I'm putting myself to sleep!

Pinkie immediately nods off. Twilight takes control (Pinkie jolts awake).

188 TWILIGHT
OKAY! Okay. I get it. Things are getting off to a rougher start than we expected. But that's fine!

189 FLUTTERSHY
It is?

Spike grabs Twilight's face in both hands. Peers at it.

190 SPIKE
Who are you and what have you done with Twilight Sparkle?

Twilight levitates him off and puts a hoof on the EEA tome.

191 TWILIGHT
This book is followed by every school in Equestria. If we just stick to this, we'll be fine.

192 STARLIGHT
Maybe we should... shake things up a little? Try something new?

193 TWILIGHT
The EEA will be here this afternoon for Friends and Family Day.
(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

They need to see a school that follows their guidelines.

194 APPLEJACK
Even if those guidelines aren't working?

195 TWILIGHT
 (slightly annoyed)
Well, then we have to try harder and make sure they do.

Awkward silence. The bell rings.

196 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
 (forced optimism)
Another morning, another chance to inspire our students. See you after class for Friends and Family Day!

The ponies aren't thrilled but they all file out to class.

SC.12 INT. SCHOOL CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

Students also head to class. Gallus and Blaze pass Sandalwood and Silverstar going in the opposite direction.

197 SANDALWOOD
Hey! Loyalty 101 is this way.

198 GALLUS
Yep. Have a nice nap.

Gallus and Blaze keep walking. Gossamer and Yana stop them.

199 GOSSAMER
Where are you going? You're not...skipping?! Are you?

200 GALLUS
Face it, the teachers here are just as bored as we are. Wouldn't you rather have some fun?

201 GOSSAMER
 (a beat, then)
Fun DOES sound more... Fun.

202 YANA
Yaks like fun.

203 SILVERSTAR
But Friends and Family Day?

204 BLAZE
Is AFTER class. This is just a
quick... Mental health break.

205 SILVERSTAR
Oh... That sounds legit. I'm in.

Gallus turns to Sandalwood.

206 GALLUS
So? You gonna be a good little pony
and turn us in? Or....

207 SANDALWOOD
I guess I'll tag along. To make
sure you don't get into trouble.

Gallus and Sandalwood grin. The six students head down a
corridor but stop when they hear Fluttershy.

208 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)
We just need to try harder. For
Twilight.

209 SILVERSTAR
(freaking out)
Professor Fluttershy! We're busted!

Gossamer thinks fast and turns into Rarity. Fluttershy and
Angel turn the corner and run into them.

210 FLUTTERSHY
Oh my! What are you all doing?
Aren't classes that way?

Gossamer/Rarity addresses Fluttershy in an over the top but
oddly accurate Rarity voice.

211 GOSSAMER/RARITY
A generosity field trip, dahhhling.
I'm taking the students to the
lake... To look at our divine
reflections.

The others students stare at Gossamer slack jawed, then turn
to Fluttershy.

212 FLUTTERSHY
Oh. Well. That sounds nice. Have
fun!

Fluttershy walks off as Angel stares at the students
suspiciously. Once Fluttershy is gone, Gossamer reverts back
to a changeling. The students all hurry down the corridor.

213 BLAZE
I take back everything I ever said
about you. That was seriously cool.

214 GOSSAMER
Thanks! Wait... what else did you
say about me?

SC.13 INT. SCHOOL GROUNDS - CONTINUOUS

Twilight and Starlight walk together.

215 STARLIGHT
You're sure this is going to work?

216 TWILIGHT
My friends can handle anything.
They'll have these problems turned
around before we know it.

217 NEIGHSAY (O.S.)
Problems?

Twilight and Starlight turn to see Chancellor Neighsay
trotting over. Twilight gives a nervous laugh, covers:

218 TWILIGHT
Chancellor Neighsay! You're early!

219 NEIGHSAY
Yes, I was hoping to see how the
actual school was running. But if
there are problems...

Twilight and Starlight share a panicked look.

220 TWILIGHT
Of course not! We would be happy to
show you around.

SC.14 EXT. SCHOOL GROUNDS - CONTINUOUS

The students relax by the lakeside. Gossamer turns into
Chrysalis as she explains Changelings to Silverstar--

221 GOSSAMER/CHRYsalis
...and then Queen Chrysalis
disappeared from the hive and
hasn't been seen since!

222 SILVERSTAR
You ALL lived in a hive? You're
pulling my claw!

Gossamer reverts to her form.

223 GOSSAMER
It's true!

224 GALLUS
Yea. And griffons breathe fire when
we get mad.

225 SILVERSTAR
They do NOT! Wait do they? No.
Really?

226 YANA
YAKS know griffons no breathe fire.
Griffons just full of hot air.

They all <LAUGH>. Even Gallus gives a snort.

227 BLAZE
And yaks can actually tell jokes.
How about that?

228 YANA
What dragons good at?

Blaze spreads her wings and leaps into the air.

229 BLAZE
Competition. Who's up for a race?

The students all grin. It's ON.

SC.15 INT. OUTSIDE RAINBOW DASH'S CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

Twilight, Starlight and Neighsay walk down the hall--

230 TWILIGHT
Professor Rainbow Dash's loyalty
lessons are truly--

Rainbow Dash comes flying around the other corner. She stops
when she sees the other ponies.

231 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Rainbow Dash! Why aren't you in
class teaching?

232 RAINBOW DASH
Because the students aren't --

Starlight makes faces and nods towards Neighsay. Rainbow Dash gets it. Making it up as she goes:

233 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Uhhhh...The students are...
Somewhere else! Doing a class
project. And I was just going to
grab...This pencil! Because they
need it. Wherever they are. Which I
know. 'Cuz I'm the teacher.

Twilight's eye twitches. Stress is setting in.

234 TWILIGHT
I see. Well, Chancellor, we have
other classes. We can just...

235 NEIGHSAY
Follow the professor. I'm curious
about this "lesson in loyalty."

Busted.

236 RAINBOW DASH
Follow me. To the students. Who are
right where I left them.

Rainbow Dash flies slowly down the hall. To distract Neighsay, Twilight vamps.

237 TWILIGHT
We inspire our students to follow
all the elements of harmony, the
keys to friendship...

SC.16 INT/EXT. SCHOOL GROUNDS/SCHOOL CORRIDORS - CONTINUOUS

Twilight continues to speak in V.O. as we watch the students racing. They're having fun at school for the first time ever.

Sandalwood and Yana race along the lake as the fliers all race in the sky. Yana trips and is about to fall, but Sandalwood jumps over and helps her regain her balance.

238 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
We want to instill a sense of
loyalty towards others...

Silverstar whispers to Gallus and Blaze. They all swoop down towards Sandalwood and Yana.

239 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
We encourage acts of generosity and
kindness.

Gallus lifts Sandalwood into the air. Blaze and Silverstar
have a tougher time but manage to lift Yana as well.

240 GALLUS
Figured we shouldn't be the only
ones enjoying the view.

241 YANA
YAKS NOT BEST AT FLYING!!!!

242 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
An appreciation for the value of
laughter...

They all laugh as Yana and Sandalwood soar into the air,
Gossamer lags behind the others.

243 GOSSAMER
Wait up! My wings are smaller!

244 BLAZE
You're a changeling aren't you?

245 GOSSAMER
Oh yeah.

Gossamer transforms into something big. We don't see what she
is, but the other students do and they're impressed.

SC.17 INT. EMPTY CLASSROOMS - CONTINUOUS

Twilight, Starlight and Neighsay continue to follow Rainbow
Dash who aimlessly wanders the corridors.

246 TWILIGHT
... and to always be honest in any
situation.

247 NEIGHSAY
Honesty is imperative. Princess,
are we going in circles?

Twilight is really stressing out now.

248 TWILIGHT
Uh...Look at the time! We'd better
head to the lake for Friends and
Family Day! I'm sure all the
students and faculty will be there!

Starlight and Rainbow Dash share worried looks. Twilight is barely keeping it together.

SC.18 EXT. SCHOOL GROUNDS - CONTINUOUS

Spike escorts several ponies, as well as Grandpa Gruff, Ember, Thorax, Seaspray, and Prince Rutherford over the bridge from Twilight's castle.

Just over the bridge, Applejack, Rarity, Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie, along with several pony students, gather under a giant Friends and Family Day sign. A table filled with food sits behind them.

249 SPIKE
...of course without me, I don't
know if Twilight would have gotten
the approval seal--

250 EMBER
Uh Spike? What's that?

251 SPIKE
It's like a stamp...(then) Oh--

Ember points. Spike and the delegates look up to see Gallus holding Sandalwood and Silverstar and Blaze holding Yana all being chased by a hideous winged monster.

Everyone on the bridge <SCREAMS!>. Applejack, Fluttershy, Rarity and Pinkie look up with alarm and gather the students.

Twilight, Starlight, Rainbow Dash and Neighsay approach from the school, seeing the panic.

252 TWILIGHT
What's going on?

Neighsay looks up and sees the monster. Battle mode!

253 NEIGHSAY
THE SCHOOL IS UNDER ATTACK!!!!

The <PANICKING> crowd startles the airborne students, causing a destructive sequence of events. Gallus drops Sandalwood, who soars into the delegates, knocking them over. Blaze, Silverstar and Yana crash into the table of food, launching it all over everypony assembled.

254 GOSSAMER/MONSTER
Oh my goodness!

Gossamer sees this, and forgetting how big she is, tries to change course, <CRASHING> into a nearby tower. It <FALLS!>

Ponies, griffons, yaks, hippogriffs, dragons and changelings are all covered in food, dust and debris.

255 TWILIGHT
I'm so sorry! It was an accident.

Twilight looks at Gallus, Sandalwood, Silverstar, Blaze, Yana and Gossamer.

256 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
We had some students get a little carried away.

257 NEIGHSAY
Students? THOSE are students?
But... they aren't ponies!

258 TWILIGHT
So?

259 NEIGHSAY
You said you were opening this school to protect Equestria! That we needed to be prepared to defend ourselves from...
(off the changelings)
Dangerous creatures that don't have ponies' best interests at heart.

260 TWILIGHT
My school is supposed to inspire others. Show a better way for all of us to work together through friendship. It's not just for ponies.

261 NEIGHSAY
EEA approved schools are for ponies only. We would never support this... mockery.

This enrages Prince Rutherford.

262 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Unicorn think yaks mockery!? Maybe yaks don't need pony school!!

263 NEIGHSAY
This is a pony matter, sir. You're more than welcome to return to your kind.

The other creatures look at each other, "Your kind?"

264 EMBER
Blaze? Let's go. We don't need to
stay where we aren't wanted.

265 SEASPRAY
Yes. Come Silverstar, Queen Novo
will want to hear about this.

266 GRANDPA GRUFF
This place seemed pretty lame
anyways.

Yana, Blaze, Silverstar and Gallus glumly join the delegates.
Thorax approaches Twilight with Gossamer.

267 THORAX
It's fine. We know not everypony
sees us the way you do. We're used
to it.

As the students disperse, the Mane 5, Starlight and Spike
watch Twilight with concern.

268 TWILIGHT
Wait! Don't go. This is all a
misunderstanding. We did everything
we were supposed to do!

269 NEIGHSAY
This school is a travesty and
worse, what it is teaching is
dangerous. To think, putting all
these creatures under one roof. No
wonder it ended in disaster.

Neighsay powers up his horn and casts a spell on the school,
creating a magical barrier around it and affixing a seal on
the main doors, binding them closed.

270 NEIGHSAY (CONT'D)
By order of the EEA, this school is
forevermore closed and
UNACCREDITED.

Off Twilight's lost completely destroyed expression, we...

END PART ONE