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TEASER

REUSE FOOTAGE TO RECAP PART ONE, EPISODE 801:

--The Map has gotten bigger!

--Twilight Sparkle is opening a Friendship School and gets EEA accreditation, as Neighsay puts it: "To protect Equestria."

--Twilight is strict with the Mane 5 about sticking to her school rules.

--The new students, a Hippogriff (Silverstar), a Changeling (Gossamer), a Dragon (Blaze), a Yak (Yana), and a Griffin (Gallus) aren't having fun in class - neither are their teachers (the Mane 5).

--The EEA unicorn Neighsay shows up to check on the school. Twilight can't find the students!

--The students are having fun together, which ramps up into a disaster that's witnessed by the EEA Pony, Celestia, and the visiting Delegates!

--The EEA Pony discredits and closes the school! Twilight is crushed.

END TEASER**MAIN TITLES****ACT ONE****SC.1 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - BEDROOM - DAY**

The windows are covered and the room is dark. Strains of <EMO MUSIC> play from somewhere. Twilight is half-buried in a Pony-sized mound of pillows.

SPIKE opens the door, letting in a ray of light.

1 SPIKE
Twilight?

No answer. Spike turns off the <BUMMER MUSIC>, moves to the pile of pillows and lifts one, revealing TWILIGHT SPARKLE. There are bags under her eyes; she's over-the-top depressed.

2 SPIKE (CONT'D)
You feeling okay?

Twilight grunts and pulls the pillow back over her head.

3 TWILIGHT
MMMMMPHHHH!

Spike leans against the pillow pile, gets comfy.

4 SPIKE
Look on the bright side. Sure the
EEA closed your Friendship School,
but now you've got lotsa time to do
other stuff! It's like...Being on
vacation!

Twilight bursts out of the pillows, accidentally knocking
Spike over in the process. A hysterical build:

5 TWILIGHT
A failure vacation! I'm supposed
to be the Princess of Friendship.
And all I did was make enemies with
Equestria's allies, upset my
friends, and get my school--
(shudder, eye twitch)
--unaccredited! THERE IS NO BRIGHT
SIDE!

She falls dramatically back into the pillow pile.

6 SPIKE
Okay then. I'm gonna need backup.
(calls to door)
Operation Cheer Up is a go!

APPLEJACK and FLUTTERSHY enter. Applejack has a jug of cider
in a saddlebag. ANGEL BUNNY follows Fluttershy.

7 APPLEJACK
Don't take it so hard, Twilight.
None of this was your fault. Here.
What you need is a double dose of
Granny Smith's cure-all "Pick me
up" cider.

Applejack sets the cider down next to Twilight, who doesn't
look convinced. Fluttershy steps timidly forward--

8 FLUTTERSHY
Whenever I'm sad, a hug from Angel
Bunny always makes me feel better.

Angel shoots her a "seriously?" look. Fluttershy gestures,
"go on". Angel rolls his eyes and hops over to Twilight.
Hugs her. Instantly gets incredibly depressed. He slumps.

Alarmed, Fluttershy puts a hoof around him, pulling him back.

9 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Maybe it's just me.

A ZOOM of color as RAINBOW DASH flies in, opening the drapes on all the windows as she whirls around the room.

10 RAINBOW DASH
C'mon, Twilight! You can't sit
around in the boring dark all day!

RARITY has just entered, floating a FANCY DRESS with her.

11 RARITY
She's right, darling. When I'm in a
funk, I find that nothing brightens
my mood like a new ensemblé!

She floats the pillow off Twilight and magics the dress onto her. Twilight looks down at herself, sighs:

12 TWILIGHT
Thanks, Rarity. It's a great
dress... <SOBS> For someone who
knows how to run a school.

Twilight magics the dress off herself. PINKIE PIE bursts in, bouncing over to Twilight with a TRAY OF CUPCAKES.

13 PINKIE PIE
(singing)
My "Can't be Sad Now" cupcakes
Made with love you know its true!!
I know a pony who could use them.
Guess what? I think it's yooooou!

Twilight shakes her head sadly.

Pinkie zips over to Spike to STAGE WHISPER:

14 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
You didn't tell me this was a pity
party! I woulda brought ice cream!

Twilight addresses her worried friends--

15 TWILIGHT
I appreciate you trying to make me
feel better. But not everything can
be fixed with dresses and cupcakes.

Rarity and Pinkie Pie share a <GASP> of disbelief.

16 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I just need some time to be alone
and think.

Twilight walks out of the room, leaving her concerned friends behind. But Spike shrugs, cheerful--

17 SPIKE
Hey, at least we got her out of the
pillows!

SC.2 EXT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - DAY, SOON

ON the magical EEA seal that blocks the entrance to the Friendship School. Twilight looks at it and <SIGHS>.

18 STARLIGHT (PARTIAL OS)
I was wondering how long 'til you
got tired of the pillow fort of
pity.

REVEAL : STARLIGHT GLIMMER walks up. Twilight holds up a hoof in warning, then turns her back, depressed--

19 TWILIGHT
Everypony's already tried to cheer
me up. It won't work.

20 STARLIGHT
Oh, I'm not gonna cheer you up. I'm
gonna tell you what you did wrong.

The surprise of this snaps Twilight out of her funk.

21 TWILIGHT
What?!

22 STARLIGHT
You gave up too easily.
(off Twilight's look)
Hey, you made me a guidance
counselor. That means tough love.

23 TWILIGHT
I'm listening.

24 STARLIGHT
You taught me that when you know in
your heart something is right, you
stand up for it. You did that for
me. (re: school) Why not for this?

25 TWILIGHT
I can't go against the EEA!
They're in charge of all the
schools in Equestria.

26 STARLIGHT
And you're in charge of all the
Friendship in Equestria. Why should
you let somepony else stop you from
doing your job?

She hesitates, then magics a copy of the EEA TOME up from
where Neighsay dropped it in part one.

27 TWILIGHT
But the EEA rule book--

Starlight levitates the rule book into the lake. <SPLASH>

28 STARLIGHT
If the rules are wrong, make
different rules.

29 TWILIGHT
I know everycreature can be friends
if they're just given a chance...

30 STARLIGHT
You're doing something new.
Something necessary.

A smile spreads across Twilight's face.

31 TWILIGHT
Do you know what this means?

32 STARLIGHT
I'm the best guidance counselor
ever?

Once more full of purpose, Twilight stands tall, overjoyed:

33 TWILIGHT
I'm going to write my own rule
book! And reopen my school!

34 STARLIGHT
That's the Twilight I know. How can
I help?

Twilight puts a grateful hoof on Starlight's shoulder.

35 TWILIGHT
You already have.

SC.3 EXT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY, MOMENTS LATER

Twilight races up to Spike and the Mane 5, just leaving the castle. Over the top excited--

36 TWILIGHT
Guess what?! The School of
Friendship is back in business!

The Mane 5 are shocked and clearly not thrilled.

37 RAINBOW DASH / RARITY / FLUTTERSHY /
APPLEAJACK / PINKIE PIE
What?! / But, why? / Oh no. / Bad
idea. / Do we still get to guess?

38 RAINBOW DASH
No offense, Twilight...But teaching
at that school was the most boring,
horrible, awful thing ever.

39 APPLEJACK
(aside)
Pretty sure she's gonna take
offense to that.

40 TWILIGHT
Rainbow Dash is right. I owe you
all an apology.

Twilight's friends exchange unsure looks.

41 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I was so focused on doing things
the EEA way, I didn't let any of
you use your strengths. How are you
supposed to teach friendship when
you can't be yourself?

42 RARITY
So this time we'd be allowed to run
our classes the way we want to?

43 FLUTTERSHY
No more scary pop quizzes?

44 PINKIE PIE
Confetti cannons for everyone?!

Pinkie produces a CONFETTI CANNON. Twilight nods.

45 TWILIGHT
Whatever you need to teach the
elements of harmony.

Pinkie sets off the cannon.

46 PINKIE PIE
Yipppppeeeeeee!

47 APPLEJACK
In that case...We're behind you one
hundred percent, Twilight.

The other Ponies nod and smile, surrounding their friend.
Spike <COUGHS>, interrupting the moment.

48 SPIKE
Uh, just two small problems. The
school is still unaccredited...

Twilight <SHUDDERS> at the word.

49 SPIKE (CONT'D)
And we don't have any students.

50 TWILIGHT
I'll take care of the first part,
if you five can round up our class.

51 RAINBOW DASH
Totally! Uh... How?

52 APPLEJACK
Roundin' up the pony students ain't
gonna be an issue but...

53 FLUTTERSHY
The creatures from the other
kingdoms seemed pretty upset with
us.

54 RARITY
I'm certain Twilight has a plan.

They all look to Twilight, who gives an apologetic shrug.

55 TWILIGHT
Actually, not yet... But I know we
can figure it out together!

SMASH TO:

SC.4 EXT. YAKYAKISTAN - PRINCE RUTHERFORD'S THRONE ROOM - DAY

TWO BURLY YAK GUARDS guard the doorway. Pinkie bounces up
and the Yaks move to block the door.

56 PINKIE PIE
 (sing-song)
Cupcake gram for Prince Rutherford!

The Yaks share a look... And move aside.

SC.5 INT. PRINCE RUTHERFORD'S THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

PRINCE RUTHERFORD looks up to see Pinkie <BOING> in.

57 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Why pony here? Yaks mad at ponies.

58 PINKIE PIE
Becaaaaause, you don't have to be
mad anymore! We're reopening
Twilight Sparkle's School of
Friendship and it's gonna be super-
oper-doooper better than before!

CUT TO:

SC.6 INT. DRAGONLANDS - SAME TIME

Rarity (her hair horribly frizzy in the heat) faces a fuming
EMBER, pleading the case:

59 RARITY
We're ever so sorry about the
misunderstanding. Dragons are
exactly what the school needs.
 (off Ember's skeptical
 look)
Trust me, I wouldn't expose my hair
to this heat without a good reason!

CUT TO:

SC.7 INT. CHANGELING KINGDOM - CAVE - SAME TIME

PRINCE THORAX listens as Fluttershy explains:

60 FLUTTERSHY
...And we'd be really happy if you
sent Gossamer back to class. I
just know she'll be a great
friendship ambassador someday.

SC.8 EXT. MT. ARIS - SAME TIME

Applejack speaks to GENERAL SEASPRAY, who frowns--

61 APPLEJACK
We're ready to start teaching just
as soon as our students are ready
to start learning.

SC.9 EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - SAME TIME

Rainbow Dash hovers in front of GRANDPA GRUFF, who sits with
his arms crossed, looking dour.

62 RAINBOW DASH
So?! What are you waiting for?
Let's get Gallus and go!

63 GRANDPA GRUFF
Not happening.

64 RAINBOW DASH
Aw, do you need me to do the whole
apology and explanation thing
again? Okay. <deep breath>

She inhales to start over, but Grandpa Gruff cuts her off.

65 GRANDPA GRUFF
Listen, missy. We can't get Gallus.
He's gone.

Sc.10 I/C SPLIT SCREEN OF PINKIE / RARITY / FLUTTERSHY /
APPLEJACK / RAINBOW DASH -- they all TAKE in shock!

66 PINKIE PIE / RARITY / FLUTTERSHY /
APPLEJACK / RAINBOW DASH
WHAT?!?!

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO**SC.11 EXT. CELESTIA'S CASTLE - THE NEXT DAY**

Prince Rutherford, Ember, Thorax, Seaspray and Grandpa Gruff
surround CELESTIA and Twilight, grumbling and accusing each
other--

67 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
This all Ponies' fault!

68 GRANDPA GRUFF
For once, I agree with the walking
throw rug.

69 THORAX
Can we just focus on finding our
lost students?

70 EMBER
How do you even know yours is gone?
She could've just changed into
someone else.

Celestia steps forward to try to calm everyone--

71 CELESTIA
Please, ambassadors, if you can
explain what happened...

72 SEASPRAY
Our students left us notes before
they disappeared. When the school
closed, they didn't want to say
goodbye to each other. So they ran
away to stay together.

Twilight tries to put a good spin on it.

73 TWILIGHT
At least it sounds like our
friendship lessons worked!

The delegates all turn their glares on her. She wilts under
their unimpressed looks.

74 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Sorry.

75 EMBER
My dragons will burn every corner
of Equestria until we find Blaze.

Prince Rutherford steps forward, getting in Ember's face.

76 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Dragons no burn Yak lands.

Ember gives attitude right back.

77 EMBER
Yaks try and stop dragons.

78 THORAX
Our people cannot afford an
international incident. If anyone
blames the Changelings for this--

79 GRANDPA GRUFF
Why? You know something we don't?

80 EMBER
Yeah, what are you hiding, shape-
shifter?

Seaspray tries to calm the others down.

81 SEASPRAY
Accusations will get us nowhere.
We need to work together...

Grandpa Gruff eyes Seaspray with his bad eye.

82 GRANDPA GRUFF
Ha! I'd never trust a hippogriff.
Half griffon - half hooves.

83 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Yak have hooves. Griffon want feel?

Prince Rutherford stomps a hoof menacingly. Celestia leans to
Twilight and whispers--

84 CELESTIA
Find the students. As quickly as
possible.

Twilight nods determinedly.

CUT TO:

SC.12 EXT. SUGAR CUBE CORNER - LATER THAT DAY

PUSH IN as we hear the discussion inside--

85 TWILIGHT
Okay. Let's review what we know.

SC.13 INT. SUGAR CUBE CORNER - CONTINUOUS

The Mane 6 are gathered with Starlight. Nearby, Spike points
to a chart with DRAWINGS of the students, then a "?".

86 SPIKE
Blaze, Gossamer, Silverstar, Yana,
and Gallus disappeared together.

Twilight makes a "keep going" motion.

87 SPIKE (CONT'D)
That's all we know.

88 APPLEJACK
They're probably just off hidin'
somewhere.

89 STARLIGHT
Unless they used some kind of spell
to disappear. Time travel maybe?

90 RAINBOW DASH
They're not YOU Starlight!

Pinkie Pops up, hooves up like claws.

91 PINKIE PIE
Maybe they were attacked by a
ferocious shrimp! No pony EVER
expects that.

Fluttershy leans away from Pinkie.

92 FLUTTERSHY
<gasp> Shrimps can attack?

93 PINKIE PIE
Nope. That's why no pony expects it!

SANDALWOOD walks in with an empty cart. He TAKES at seeing
the pictures of the other students, but quickly starts
loading cupcakes into his wagon as fast as he can.

Pinkie Pie pops up next to him, startling him.

94 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Hi, Sandalwood! Are you having a
party?

She <BLOWS> a party favor. He startles again.

95 SANDALWOOD
No! I'm just, uh...Really hungry.

He starts loading the cupcakes even faster.

96 RARITY
We need to think like our students.
If someone told us we'd never see
each other again, what would we do?

Sandalwood hurries out with his wagonload of cupcakes.
Pinkie holds the door for him as she answers--

97 PINKIE PIE
Go someplace we could all hang out
and eat lots of cupcakes!

Everyone looks at her, their jaws dropping.

98 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
What?

99 FLUTTERSHY
Sandalwood was friends with all the
missing students. And he just got
plenty of cupcakes.

100 APPLEJACK
He was at the farm this morning,
picking up a wagonload of apples.

101 RARITY
And I saw him in the shop buying
pillows and blankets!

102 RAINBOW DASH
He must be taking all that stuff to
the other students! We gotta
follow him!

The gang races for the door...And naturally there's a pile
up. As they sort themselves out--

SC.14 EXT. SUGAR CUBE CORNER - MOMENTS LATER

Starlight tumbles out first, followed by the others. She
scans the street--

Sandalwood is nowhere to be seen.

103 TWILIGHT
We lost him! SANDALWOOD!

Rainbow Dash flies up in the air, searching--

She spots several PONIES WITH CARTS.

104 RAINBOW DASH
C'mon! What is it, cart day?!

She zooms down to look at one pony/cart - not Sandalwood.

She sees another one and checks that...Again, not Sandalwood.
She accidentally checks the first cart one more time.

105 CART PONY
Again?!

BACK ON the others, looking around--

106 STARLIGHT
I can use magic to find the nearest
cartload of cupcakes!

Starlight uses her magic... And her horn makes a glowing
arrow that points to Sugar Cube Corner. Dry:

107 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Super helpful.

108 FLUTTERSHY
One of my animal friends might be
able to help track Sandalwood down.

109 APPLEJACK
No need for that. Watch.

Applejack snags a cupcake (the same flavor Sandalwood took)
and holds it in front of Pinkie Pie.

Her nostrils twitch as she sniffs the cupcake, then goes
rigid like a pointing hunting dog.

110 PINKIE PIE
FROSTING!!!

She's off like a shot, sniffing the ground like a bloodhound.
The others race after her.

SC.15 INT. CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS - NIGHT

Gallus flies around the huge hall. He snags a chandelier and
uses it to do a mid-air flip.

111 GALLUS
This place is way cooler than I
thought it would be.

Below, Blaze picks a gemstone out of the wall and eats it.

112 BLAZE
Yeah. What's it called again,
Gossamer?

Gossamer smiles, relaxing in a throne near Yana.

113 GOSSAMER
The Castle of the Two Sisters. I
remembered it from class.

Gallus swings from a light sconce.

114 GALLUS
Whaddya know, school was actually
good for something!

115 YANA
Yana like school. Yana like
friends.

Yana awkwardly hugs Blaze and Gossamer.

116 BLAZE
Blaze...Like...Breathing.

Silverstar, posted at a window, calls back to his friends.

117 SILVERSTAR
Hey you guys! Sandalwood is back!

SC.16 EXT. CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS - SOON

Sandalwood runs down the path, pulling a chain of three carts (linked together like a train behind him), holding cupcakes, apples, and pillows/throws. He doesn't see several tiny eyes staring after him from the forest.

Yana races out of the castle, barreling toward him.

118 YANA
Cupcakes are best cakes!

Sandalwood looks up in shock as Yana charges him.

119 SANDALWOOD
Brakes, Yana! Remember your brakes!

She abruptly sits and slides - still on a collision course! But Gallus dives in at the last second and grabs on to her back, tugging and flapping so she slows down...

Just in front of Sandalwood. He grins.

120 SANDALWOOD (CONT'D)
Thanks for the assist, Gallus.

121 GALLUS
Hey, thanks for the goods! I'm
starving!

Gallus and Yana start devouring cupcakes as Blaze and
Gossamer join Sandalwood.

122 BLAZE
Yes! You brought pillows!

123 GOSSAMER
The castle is going to be so much
more comfy.

124 BLAZE
And fun! Pillow fight!

She whacks Sandalwood safely with a fluffy pillow (and not in
the head). He <LAUGHS> and grabs his own pillow, joining in.
So does Gossamer.

125 SILVERSTAR
YOU GUYS!!!

Everyone stops and turns to see Silverstar fly out of the
castle, with a mind-blown look on his face.

126 SILVERSTAR (CONT'D)
I just found... STAIRS!

Gallus shares a confused look with Sandalwood.

127 GALLUS
Aaaand...We care because...

128 SILVERSTAR
Stairs are awesome! We don't have
anything like 'em underwater. Cause
you know...No way to climb 'em.

Gossamer changes into a SEAPONY and flips her tail. The
others get it.

129 YANA / SANDALWOOD / BLAZE / GALLUS
Ohhhh.

Gossamer changes back.

130 SILVERSTAR
This place has everything! If only
Uncle Seaspray were here to see it.

Silverstar happily bites into an apple.

131 YANA
Yana miss Yakyakistan sometimes.
But Yakyakistan not best. Best is
with friends.

The others smile. Gossamer looks wistful.

132 GOSSAMER
I wish the other Changelings could
meet you all. You're not nearly as
strange as the stories say.

133 BLAZE
Uh, thank you, I think? But yeah,
hanging out with other creatures is
actually pretty cool.

There's a loud <GROWL/CHATTER> from the foliage nearby, and a
PUCKWUDGIE - a creature bigger than a pony that looks like a
cross between a PORCUPINE and an EVIL TEDDY BEAR leaps out,
holding a TORCH.

134 BLAZE (CONT'D)
Uh, MOST other creatures. What is
that thing?

The Pukwudgie <SNARLS> and brandishes its torch menacingly,
<CHATTERING> gutterally.

135 GALLUS
I'm gonna go with...Evil teddy
bear?

136 SANDALWOOD
Aw, it's kinda cute. Hey there!
Want a cupcake?

Sandalwood holds out a cupcake. Then he ANTICS BACK as
<TWANG!> porcupine quills fly through the air to turn the
cupcake into a pincushion.

The others take a step back.

137 GOSSAMER
Am I the ONLY one who didn't sleep
in class? It's a puckwudgie! Maybe
I can scare it away!

Gossamer transforms into an IDENTICAL PUCKWUDGIE. She
<GROWLS> at it. The original creature <GROWLS BACK> and
raises its torch as a signal.

FROM THE FOLIAGE, a FEW MORE PUCKWUDGIES join it.

138 GOSSAMER (CONT'D)
Oops.

Gossamer changes back to normal.

139 YANA
Yana plan better. YAAAA!

Yana charges the Puckwudgies. As one, they raise their torches to their quills...

Which all catch fire, like candles. The Puckwudgies turn their backs to her.

Yana sees this and puts on the brakes.

The Puckwudgies fire their flaming quills...

...Fortunately, Silverstar flips one of the carts in front of Yana. The quills strike it instead of her.

He calls to his friends--

140 SILVERSTAR
We have to take cover! We can't
fly while they're shooting at us.

The others flip the other carts and huddle behind them.

As the <GROWLING> Puckwudgies close in, we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC.17 EXT. CASTLE OF THE TWO SISTERS - RESUME

The Puckwudgies continue to advance on Silverstar, Yana, Ember, Gallus, Sandalwood, and Gossamer, who hide behind the wagons. Ember pops up to hurl a pillow at the Puckwudgies...

...And it's immediately shot through with flaming quills.

Undaunted, she hurls an apple and a cupcake.

141 GALLUS
Think, Gossamer! Did Twilight say
anything about how to beat
Puckwudgies in her lecture?

142 GOSSAMER
I'm sorry, I can't remember.

143 BLAZE
I'm gonna go ahead and guess it's
not pillows, apples or cupcakes.

144 SILVERSTAR
Wouldn't class have been about how
to make friends with them?

145 SANDALWOOD
Uh...Guys... They're getting really
close.

146 YANA
Yana not scared. Yana have friends.

This unexpectedly rallies the group. They share a look and take courage, standing together... Just as the first Puckwudgie reaches their hideout!

He <GROWLS> as he peers over the overturned cart...

And then suddenly, a FLASH of RAINBOW spirals around him, the draft putting out his fire!

The Puckwudgie TAKES in surprise!

The spinning color zooms around each of the creatures in turn, blowing out all the flame. Finally the blur stops and is revealed to be Rainbow Dash!

147 GALLUS
No. Way. Is that Egghead?

Rarity, Starlight and Twilight race into the clearing behind her, their horns glowing with magic.

The students watch in awe as Twilight and Starlight levitate Puckwudgies away, while Rarity wraps the other Puckwudgie up in BOWS that bind his quills.

148 YANA
Yak say not bad. For pony.

149 GOSSAMER
Wow. They're... amazing.

Applejack races in to lasso another Puckwudgie, allowing Pinkie Pie and Spike to shoot off a PIE CANNON at him!

THREE BIRDS fly in to harass a Puckwudgie, pulling out his quills and pecking at him.

Fluttershy calls to her friends:

150 FLUTTERSHY
Oh, don't hurt him. Just ask him
to leave nicely!

The birds give her a look, but then <TWITTER> something. At that, the Puckwudgies all run for the cover of shrubbery.

The students gape.

151 GALLUS
I had no idea our teachers were
actually cool.

152 SANDALWOOD
I've been trying to tell you!

Silverstar is beyond excited. He feels the need to act out everything they just saw.

153 SILVERSTAR
Did you see that? Rainbow Dash was
like zooooom! And then whoooaa!
The Puckwudgies went flying! And
then the birds came and...

Blaze pats Silverstar's shoulder.

154 BLAZE
Yeah. We all just lived it. But
you're right. That was pretty
amazing...Even by dragon standards.

Twilight rushes to the students.

155 TWILIGHT
Is everycreature alright?

The students nod.

156 SPIKE
You're lucky we got here in time.

157 STARLIGHT
Yeah, this probably isn't the
safest place for a campout.

Gossamer hangs her head - morose.

158 GOSSAMER
Does that mean you're going to send
us back to our homes?

Twilight shares a look with her friends.

159 TWILIGHT
Not exactly. We have another option
in mind...

The students look up at that. Gallus feigns coolness.

160 GALLUS
We're listening.

161 TWILIGHT
It's pretty clear you've already
figured out what friendship is,
without your teachers. But we'd
like to show you even more about
it...If you come back to school.

The students don't look too thrilled by the prospect.

162 BLAZE
Not much of a choice.

The "teachers" all look at each other and come clean.

163 APPLEJACK
To be honest, we felt exactly the
same way when Twilight told us she
was reopening the school.

164 SILVERSTAR
Really?

165 RARITY
Believe me, we were just as
distressed as you. But this time,
we guarantee it shall be different.

166 RAINBOW DASH
Oh yeah. It's TWO HUNDRED and
twenty percent cooler.

167 FLUTTERSHY
And friendlier.

168 PINKIE PIE
Plus all your nations won't go to
war if you come back with us!

The students gape and look at each other in shock.

169 SANDALWOOD
Wait, that's what's happening?

170 PINKIE PIE
Uh huh! So the sooner you come
back, the better.

The students slowly nod. But Yana rushes to hug Pinkie.

171 YANA
Yak miss Ponies.

Twilight smiles.

172 TWILIGHT
I'll take that as a yes.

CUT TO:

SC.18 EXT. TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - NEXT DAY

Twilight, the other ponies and their students (pony and otherwise) gather in front of the school. The EEA seal mars the image, still blocking the doors.

They turn when they hear--

173 CELESTIA (PARTIAL OS)
Twilight! I was so relieved to get
your letter.

Celestia is approaching with the delegates.

174 SEASPRAY
We all were. I'm just glad you're
alright, Silverstar.

Seaspray moves to greet Silverstar. Gallus grins to Grandpa Gruff, but the crusty Griffon just crosses his arms.

175 GRANDPA GRUFF
Don't expect a welcome party from
me, sonny. It's time you got home.

176 GALLUS
I'm not leaving.

177 GRANDPA GRUFF
Whaaat?

178 GOSSAMER
None of us are. Sorry, Thorax.

179 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Yak not understand. This pony joke?

180 BLAZE
No. We're going back to school.

181 EMBER
How? You can't even get inside.

Twilight uses her horn to magically <BLAST> the seal off the doors. Everyone gapes.

Rainbow Dash asides to Starlight, impressed--

182 RAINBOW DASH
(sotto)
Now that's breaking the rules!

183 TWILIGHT
School is back in session.

184 STUDENTS
<cheering>

The students cheer and start for the doors, when--

185 NEIGHSAY (O.S.)
What is the meaning of this?!

REVEAL: The cast-aside SEAL has opened a MAGICAL PORTAL that NEIGHSAY, the EEA HEAD UNICORN, steps through.

He turns and blocks the doors. The students shrink back.

186 NEIGHSAY (CONT'D)
Who dared remove my seal?

187 TWILIGHT
I did, Chancellor Neighsay. And I respectfully ask you to step aside, or classes will start late.

188 NEIGHSAY
Your ridiculous non-pony class won't start at all. The EEA has spoken. And NONE SHALL PASS!

Neighsay stomps his hoof in his best Gandalf imitation.

Yana stamps her hoof back.

189 YANA
Yak pass if Yak say!

190 BLAZE
Why should Ponies be the only ones who get to learn friendship?

191 SANDALWOOD
Yeah! If kicking our friends out
is what it means to a Pony... Then
maybe I don't want to be one.

192 NEIGHSAY
This is for the greater good. We
have standards to uphold. These
creatures are dangerous and
unpredictable.

The Delegates take offense at this. Ember bares teeth.

193 EMBER
I'll show you unpredictable...

Celestia raises her voice to cut through the tension--

194 CELESTIA
I'm sure Princess Twilight Sparkle
has a good explanation for all of
this.

All eyes go to Twilight. But she remains calm.

195 TWILIGHT
I do. My School of Friendship is
EEA unaccredited.

Spike leans to Rarity--

196 SPIKE
(sotto)
Look! She said it without doing
the eye thing!

197 NEIGHSAY
(splutters; indignant)
Then...It's not a school!

198 TWILIGHT
It's not an EEA school. It's a
friendship school. With its own
rules. I should know. I wrote the
book.

And with that, Twilight levitates in a TOME three times
bigger than the EEA's, and drops it at Neighsay's feet.

199 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Friendship is about building
bridges, not walls. So in my
school, everycreature is welcome.

Neighsay is shocked. He visibly gapes.

200 NEIGHSAY
But...That's never been done
before! Different creatures, co-
exisiting...It simply won't work!

Celestia moves to stand next to Twilight.

201 CELESTIA
I seem to recall something about
Earth Ponies, Unicorns and Pegasi
doing something similar, don't you?

Twilight and Celestia share a smile.

ANGLE on Delegates... Seaspray smiles, Thorax looks worried,
Ember frowns, Prince Rutherford looks thoughtful, and Grandpa
Gruff shakes his head.

202 SEASPRAY
It's definitely worth a try.

203 GRANDPA GRUFF
Hmph. How's this gonna be any
different from last time?

And with that, Twilight launches into a MUSICAL NUMBER about
the amazing parts of the school...

204 TWILIGHT
(sings)
*My brand new School of Friendship
Is home to everyone...*

Twilight and Starlight's horns glow as they magically raise
the toppled tower from 801.

205 GOSSAMER
(sings)
*We're learning how to trust and
care...*

Gallus and Gossamer fly up to help settle the tower in place.

206 GALLUS
(sings)
We're all here to have fun!

Rarity ties a bow on Yana's hair - PULL BACK to reveal she's
tied several so Yana can't trip on her braids anymore.

207 RARITY
(sings)
With friendship ties that bind us--

Rainbow Dash kicks the EEA tome off Twilight's desk and Applejack replaces it with Twilight's rule book.

208 APPLEJACK
(sings)
Tighter than the strongest law...

HIGH ANGLE -- CLOSE on Fluttershy on her back in the grass, putting her hoof in Silverstar's who lays next to her -- like "holding hands"...

209 FLUTTERSHY
(sings)
We're hoof in hoof...

As they sing, we CRANE BACK to see ALL THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS are on their back in a circle, all holding hands.

210 SILVERSTAR
(sings)
*In hand in hoof in wing or even
claw!*

Gallus stands on a garden pedestal, striking a pose like a topiary to make Yana and Sandalwood laugh. Twilight trots past, smiling--

211 TWILIGHT
(sings)
There's a griffon in the garden.

Silverstar hangs upside down from a beam in the hall, doing sit ups. PAN OVER to show Rainbow Dash is doing them too--

212 RAINBOW DASH
(sings)
Hippogriffs hang in the hall!

Spike holds the school's front door open as a MASSIVE DRAGON and a tiny BREEZIE enter...

213 SPIKE
(sings)
*And the door's always open to all
creatures great and small.*

Blaze does homework in the LIBRARY, piles of books all around her. She looks up in surprise as Yana, Pinkie and Prince Rutherford bring in more carts of books.

214 PINKIE PIE
 (sings)
And a Yak or two or three...

"Fluttershy" walks down a corridor past Starlight.

215 STARLIGHT
 (sings)
*That might have been a
Changeling...*

REVEAL the REAL Fluttershy standing next to Starlight, also looking--

216 FLUTTERSHY
 (sings)
But it kinda looks like me.

Under Twilight's supervision, Spike hands Pinkie back her confetti cannon, and Rarity a basket of gemstones. The ponies beam. OUTSIDE the window, Fluttershy smiles as Yana hugs a displeased Angel bunny. Rainbow Dash flies by with Blaze and Gallus following. Applejack directs other students to plant appleseeds - one which grows when watered.

217 TWILIGHT
 (sings)
*Some things you just can't teach
with books
Some things you only know.
So trust your heart and let us
lead, your friendship's sure to
grow.*

ON THE STUDENTS, now assembled in the great hall, sitting with each other, enjoying cupcakes.

218 STUDENTS
 (sing)
*And once we master kindness,
We'll spread it 'cross this land.
And give the gift that's ours to
share, make others understand.*

219 MANE 6 / STARLIGHT / SPIKE
 (sing)
*Yes, Friendship's always there to
share, and that's what we've got
planned!*

END SONG.

The delegates now look convinced. Ember has her hands over her ears. She winces.

220 EMBER
Fine. If you promise to stop
singing, Blaze can stay.

Blaze pumps her fist in the air.

Prince Rutherford turns to Yana.

221 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
If dragon stay, Yak stay.

Thorax nods to Gossamer. She beams to hear--

222 THORAX
I know you will make the
Changelings proud, Gossamer.

223 SEASPRAY
You belong here. Now... Can you
show me those stair-things you
mentioned?

Silverstar nods enthusiastically. Only Gallus is left,
looking worried, as Grandpa Gruff makes a sour face.

224 GRANDPA GRUFF
What? You belong at home. You think
I care if you've made friends?

225 GALLUS
Please, Grandpa Gruff?

His friends join him, and they hit Grandpa with the whammy of
six pairs of big, sad eyes.

226 GRANDPA GRUFF
Alright, alright! Stop doing that!

The students cheer and rush inside, nearly knocking over
Neighsay. He glares at Twilight.

227 NEIGHSAY
Well, it's YOUR problem now.

With his nose in the air, he stomps off.

Starlight smiles to Twilight.

228 STARLIGHT
Guess I give pretty good advice,
huh?

Twilight nods--

229 TWILIGHT
Plus, writing a rule book was the
most fun ever. I just had to
remember that friendship's not
about tests and lectures.

PAN ACROSS HER FRIENDS as she continues her musing--

230 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
It's about what you experience
together, and the bonds you share.
It's not something you measure...
It's something you feel.

And on this realization, we CRANE BACK away from Twilight's
School of Friendship, fully and happily in session.

FADE OUT

END EPISODE