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TEASER**SC.1 - INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL/OFFICE - DAY**

PINKIE PIE, RAINBOW DASH, RARITY, FLUTTERSHY, APPLEJACK and STARLIGHT GLIMMER watch as a stressed TWILIGHT SPARKLE paces.

1 TWILIGHT
I've been planning this retreat for weeks and we're already ten minutes behind. Where is that photographer?

The doors <BURST> open and a very flustered UNICORN rushes in with photography equipment.

2 PHOTO UNICORN
Oh no oh no oh no. I'm SO SORRY.
Can you forgive me? I don't expect you to forgive me. Forgive me?

Starlight steps forward, to cover for Twilight's frustration.

3 STARLIGHT
Of course. I'll help you set up--

The Photo Unicorn walks past Starlight, totally ignoring her.

4 PHOTO UNICORN
Princess Twilight, thanks SO much for this! The Canterlot Historical Society is thrilled to document the friendship work your teachers do. Let me just pretty you all up!

The Unicorn <LAUGHS>, weird and high pitched. She rushes around the Mane 6 (not Starlight), oddly plucking hairs from EACH of their manes and tails as though "grooming" them.

5 RAINBOW DASH
OW! Hey!

6 PHOTO UNICORN
Don't want a single hair out of place do we? This is for the history books! THERE! Now...

She rushes around, snapping individual pictures of the Mane 6. <FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!> Polaroid-like photos print out.

7 PHOTO UNICORN (CONT'D)
Well, that's that! Bye---

2 3
8 PINKIE PIE
WAIT!!!! You forgot Starlight! She
needs a picture too!

The photographer seems annoyed as she barely aims the camera at Starlight and haphazardly <SNAPS> a photo.

9 PHOTO UNICORN
'Kay. Now I'll get out of your
manes! I know how busy you are!

We follow the photo unicorn out the door, INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - HALLWAY. As students pass, she smiles widely. Once alone, her bubbly demeanor disappears.

SC.2 - EXT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - CONTINUOUS

The scowling unicorn walks over the bridge, into the woods. She looks around to make sure she is alone. She flips through the photos she took. The ponies' faces are truly ridiculous.

10 PHOTO UNICORN
Now I have everything I need.

The unicorn's horn glows and she MORPHS into QUEEN CHRYSALIS!

SC.3 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - CLEARING - SOON

ON SIX TREES in a "fairy ring." Magical symbols are etched into the ground between them. It's misty. Creepy. Spooky.

Chrysalis steps out of the mist. She walks around the circle, using magic to attach the photos and hairs to each tree. She speaks to the trees as if they are the ponies their photos show-- draping an arm around one, leaning into another--

11 CHRYSALIS
Yes, I know. We HAVE been planning
this for quite some time.

Chrysalis perks up as if somepony said something. She looks at the "Applejack" tree.

12 CHRYSALIS (CONT'D)
(maniacal laughter)
Thank you, Applejack. My spell can
create a copy of anypony I desire.
All I need is an image and a piece
of the pony. Oh, and this.

She uses her magic to slash a rough cut of Applejack's cutie mark into the tree. She turns to the "Rarity" tree.

9 11 12

13 CHRYSLIS (CONT'D)
Why copies? Because Princess
Twilight and her friends control
the Elements of Harmony. The most
powerful weapon in ALL Equestria.

She slashes Rarity's cutie mark. Turns to Pinkie Pie's tree
and tiptoes towards it. She's definitely been alone too long.

14 CHRYSLIS (CONT'D)
Which means YOU...
(tiptoes on each word)
Will. Be. Able. To. Use. Them. Too.

She slashes in Pinkie's cutie mark and turns to Fluttershy.

15 CHRYSLIS (CONT'D)
And serve me.

She slashes in Fluttershy's cutie mark. To "Rainbow Dash":

16 CHRYSLIS (CONT'D)
Together we will destroy Twilight
Sparkle and her friends.

She slashes in Rainbow Dash's cutie mark and turns quickly to
face the "Twilight Sparkle" tree, snarling.

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17 CHRYSLIS (CONT'D)
OF COURSE I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN
STARLIGHT GLIMMER! She stole my
hive. Turned my subjects against
me. So I'll take her "friends" away
while she watches. And then I'll
destroy her. <MANIACAL LAUGH>

She slashes Twilight's cutie mark and moves to the center of
the circle, her horn glowing brightly.

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18 CHRYSLIS (CONT'D)
With the Elements under my control,
I'll build a NEW hive of earth
ponies, unicorns and pegasi. And I
will rule as Queen once again!

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The cutie marks on the trees start to glow as magical energy
swirls around the clearing. The trees <CRACKLE> and <BREAK>
apart, revealing THE MEAN 6: evil doppelgangers of our
heroes! (NOTE: The MEAN 6 look identical to the ponies, but
they are slightly faded in color to help differentiate them).

END TEASER

ACT ONE

SC.4 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST TRAIL - CONTINUOUS

Twilight, Starlight and the Mane 5 trot through the Everfree Forest. Applejack pulls a wagon filled with supplies, Rarity wears a tiny, fashionable backpack. Twilight checks a list.

133 (134)

19 TWILIGHT
At least our retreat isn't TOO far
behind schedule. Get ready for fun!

19 20

20 RAINBOW DASH
 (skeptical)
Are we talking FUN fun? Or learning
pretending to be fun?

133 134

21 TWILIGHT
(Both!) We've all been so busy
teaching, we've hardly had a chance
to hang out with each other.
(then, in a rush)
And I may have scheduled some
friendship activities as well.

Rainbow Dash gives Twilight a wry look. Pinkie enthusiastically demonstrates each activity she names:

19 20 (21)

22 PINKIE PIE
Count me in! We can do friendship
trust falls and pony pyramids...OH!
And hide and seek! QUICK FIND ME!

Pinkie runs and leaps into a bush ahead.

20

23 FLUTTERSHY
Well, I love the idea of some quiet
time with my best friends.

Pinkie leaps out of the bush, scaring Fluttershy.

24 PINKIE PIE
AHHHH! YOU FOUND ME!!!

Rarity and Applejack follow behind. Rainbow Dash flaps over to eye the odd sight - AJ loaded down, Rarity packed light.

25 RAINBOW DASH
Uh, Rarity, why is Applejack
carrying all your stuff?

19 (20)
 26 RARITY
 Oh, that's not mine. I know I used to overpack JUST a tad. But now it's JUST the essentials for me.

22
 27 APPLEJACK
 Normally I wouldn't lug so much gear, but did y'all know this is Starlight's FIRST time campin'?

(19) Starlight is last, gingerly walking through the brush.

28 STARLIGHT
 I just never really felt the need to... HANG OUT in nature. Home has books, tea, fewer bugs, a roof...

(20) 29 APPLEJACK
 That attitude right there is why I brought the whole kit n' caboodle! I'm giving Starlight the FULL Apple family camping experience!

AJ tosses a camouflage poncho to land awkwardly on Starlight.

30 FLUTTERSHY
 Um, where ARE we camping?

(137) (13) 31 TWILIGHT
 Right next to the elements that brought us all together in the first place. The Tree of Harmony!

The "camera" dramatically PULLS BACK overhead and swoops over the trees of the Everfree Forest, revealing the MEAN 6 and Chrysalis aren't very far away at all....

SC.5 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST CLEARING - CONTINUOUS

"Camera" ends on a confused Chrysalis. Reveal the MEAN 6... None of whom are paying much attention.

23 24 25
 32 CHRYSALIS
 LISTEN to your Queen! We must retrieve The Elements of Harmony!

Mean Pinkie Pie sits with her arms folded.

(25) 33 MEAN PINKIE PIE
 Hunting down some lame Elements? This is the worst day EVER!

Mean Fluttershy trots over and kicks dirt at Pinkie Pie.

23 (25)
 34 MEAN FLUTTERSHY
 No. NOW it's the worst day ever.
 Ha. Ha.

Mean Rarity prances around taking whatever she spots.

35 MEAN RARITY
 Those elements are mine! Along with
 this rock. Oh, and that twig. 27 (28)

36 MEAN APPLEJACK
 (shifty)
 I got ALL KINDSA Elements RIGHT
 here under my hat. I'll letcha see
 'em for five bits.

Mean Rainbow Dash rolls her eyes and flies to relax in a tree.

37 MEAN RAINBOW DASH
 Losers.

Chrysalis' eyes narrow as she studies her unruly creations.
 138 139 140

38 TWILIGHT (O.S.)
 Why didn't you just attack them... 141

Chrysalis looks down at Mean Twilight, who has sidled up.

23 25
 39 CHRYSALIS 29
 Excuse me?

138 139 140
 40 MEAN TWILIGHT
 You were close enough to pull hairs
 from their manes. Why not just take
 your revenge then?

23 25
 41 CHRYSALIS
 They've defeated my army. I know
 better than to strike alone. I need-

138 139 140
 42 MEAN TWILIGHT
 (smirking, sarcastic)
 Friends?

Chrysalis leans down at Twilight, glaring, teeth bared.

23 25
 43 CHRYSALIS
 Servants. And the power of the
 Elements.

138 139 140
 44 MEAN TWILIGHT
 (uncowed)
 Riiight. So, where are these
 Elements of Harmony?

23⁴ (25)

45 CHRYSLIS
The location of the most powerful
weapon in Equestria isn't something
made known to just anypony.

She <TRANSFORMS> into a CANTERLOT PALACE GUARD.

46 CHRYSLIS/AS GUARD
I assumed they were in Canterlot.
My castle search proved otherwise.
I learned they were hidden
somewhere in this forest.

138 139 (140)

47 MEAN TWILIGHT
Yeah well, it's a big forest.

Chrysalis CHANGES to herself, eyes narrowing. She snarls.

SC.6 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST TRAIL - CONTINUOUS

Twilight trots along at a steady clip. But Pinkie Pie keeps
stopping the group to take in the forest.

31 (32) 'Everyone Stop'

48 PINKIE PIE
Everypony stop! (then) And smell
these roses!! <DEEP INHALE>

34 (34)

142 (143)

49 TWILIGHT
(tries to hide impatience)
All right! Roses! Fun! Now... let's
stay on schedule!

31 32

As ~~Pinkie~~ continues smelling the flowers, Rarity stops and
checks her mane. She frowns. It's a bit frizzed.

50 RARITY
Applejack, dear? Anything in that
wagon for mane maintenance?

Applejack rummages through her supplies.

51 APPLEJACK
Let's see. I got a bandana?

Rarity is genuinely affronted.

52 RARITY
Hmph. With an entire wagon one
would think you'd be a bit more
prepared.

Applejack rolls her eyes.

(31) 32

53 APPLEJACK
I am. For campin'. How you doin' Starlight?

Starlight is weighed down with the camouflage poncho, a head lamp, oversized boots, a large hat, a water jug and other assorted gear. She walks awkwardly and trips on a tree root.

(32)

54 STARLIGHT
Great.

Keep both

A sadly <TWITTERING> BABY BIRD flaps past the ponies to land in front of Fluttershy. It <CHEEPS> miserably.

55 FLUTTERSHY
Oh no! You and your sister fell out of your nest and got separated? That's terrible!

She lowers her wing for the bird to climb onto her shoulder. She starts down a path nearby, looking around--

56 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Here. I'm sure your home isn't TOO far away.

PINKIE sits in a makeshift swing made of vines hanging from a tree branch. She swings back and forth, enjoying herself and nearly colliding with Twilight with each swing.

pre life

(143) (144)

57 TWILIGHT
PINKIE! If we keep stopping to have fun we're never going to get to the fun things I've got planned!

Pinkie leaps off, racing ahead of everyone into the forest.

31 32⁴

58 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
Good point! LAST ONE TO THE TREE OF HARMONY IS A PARASPRITE!!

(33)

The others follow, except Fluttershy, focused on the bird as she walks down a side path.

(31)

I.S.

SC.7 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST DARK TRAIL - CONTINUOUS

Chrysalis stalks through the forest, clearly annoyed. Mean Pinkie flops over a rock, super-annoying.

35 36 (37)

59 MEAN PINKIE PIE
I'm soooooooooo boooooooooorrrrrred.
Are we therrrrrrre yet?

146 AB (147)
 60 MEAN TWILIGHT
 WHERE yet? We don't even know where
 we're going.

The mom driving the kids:

35 (37)
 61 CHRYSALIS
 The quicker we search the forest,
 the quicker we find the Elements.

(35)
 62 MEAN APPLEJACK
 I know where the Elements are. This
 here boulder just told me. I swear.

Mean Fluttershy comes across a baby bird IDENTICAL to the one
 Fluttershy found. The bird <TWEETS> at her.

(31)
 63 MEAN FLUTTERSHY
 You tried to fly out of the nest
 but you fell and got lost?

The bird tweets affirmative. Fluttershy bursts out <MEAN
 LAUGHING>. The bird tweets sadly and walks off.

64 MEAN FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
 Hope ya like walking! Ha. Ha.

Fluttershy follows the bird, taunting it. No pony notices as
 she wanders off. Mean Rainbow Dash <yawns>.

65 MEAN RAINBOW DASH
 Come get me when I should care.

She flies off on her own. Chrysalis turns and realizes two
 ponies are missing. She growls to the remaining copies:

(35)
 66 CHRYSALIS
 Where. Are. The others?

Applejack points up.

(37)
 67 MEAN APPLEJACK
 A Bugbear in plaid socks flew down
 and grabbed 'em. Then disappeared!
 Craziest thing I ever did see.

Chrysalis grits her teeth.

68 CHRYSALIS
 Turn around. We're going back.

Mean Twilight leaps in front of Chrysalis.

148A B

69 MEAN TWILIGHT
No! Keep searching. I'll find the others. We can accomplish more if we split our resources.

Chrysalis eyes her suspiciously.

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70 CHRYSALIS
Very well. You have my permission.

38 39 A B

Mean Twilight smiles (insincerely) and flies off.

SC.8 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST GLADE - CONTINUOUS

Mean Twilight looks around, making sure she is alone.

150 151

71 MEAN TWILIGHT
"Permission"?! You need us way more than we need you, "your majesty".

Mean Twilight looks around, weighing her options.

72 MEAN TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
The others are fools. But with me to lead them, there's no reason we can't find the Elements and keep the power for ourselves.

153

Off of her evil expression we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC.9 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST GLADE - RESUME

The bushes nearby <SHAKE> Mean Twilight whips around and POWERS UP her horn, ready to defend herself... When suddenly Pinkie Pie leaps out of the bushes and tackles Mean Twilight.

73 PINKIE PIE
YOU'RE IT!!!!!!

74 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Hey, how did you get ahead of me? You're fast!

Mean Twilight knocks her off.

154 (155) 75 MEAN TWILIGHT
I'm looking for Fluttershy and
Rainbow Dash!

Pinkie points back in the direction she came from.

40 (41) 76 PINKIE PIE
Aren't they back there?

154 (155) 77 MEAN TWILIGHT
They are?

40 (41) 78 PINKIE PIE
Sure. Unless they're already at the
Tree of Harmony.

Mean Twilight stops and turns to Pinkie.

154 155 79 MEAN TWILIGHT
What is the TREE of Harmony?

Pinkie looks confused but then "gets it" and winks.

40 (41) 80 PINKIE PIE
Oh! This is one of your
"activities" right? Like a
friendship quiz?
(she raises her hoof)
Ooh, ooh! Call on me! It's the
crystal tree that holds the
Elements of Harmony! BOOM!

Mean Twilight is shocked... Then crafty.

154 (155) 81 MEAN TWILIGHT
Where is it?

Pinkie slams her hoof on the ground like it's a buzzer.

40 (41) 82 PINKIE PIE
Bzzzz! I know I know! It's at the
bottom of the stairs in the ravine
by the Castle of the Two Sisters! *Double boom!*

154 155 83 MEAN TWILIGHT
How do you know? You've SEEN it?

40 41 84 PINKIE PIE
Of COURSE I have! What do I win?
Honestly Twilight, these questions
are SUPER easy.

SC.10 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST BIRD NEST GROVE - CONTINUOUS

Fluttershy places the baby bird in his nest in a tree.

44 45

85 FLUTTERSHY
There. Right where you belong.

The bird <TWEETS> thank you and hugs Fluttershy. She flies down, looks around and realizes she's all alone.

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86 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh dear. This isn't where I belong.

She looks around at the dark and scary forest, unsure of what to do. Suddenly, MEAN Rainbow Dash flies past.

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87 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh, Rainbow Dash. I'm so glad
YOU'RE here. I was lost!

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88 MEAN RAINBOW DASH
Bummer. Later.

48 49

Mean Rainbow Dash flies off. Leaving Fluttershy very alone and very confused.

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89 FLUTTERSHY
What just happened?

SC.11 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST TRAIL - CONTINUOUS

Twilight, Applejack, Rarity, Rainbow Dash and Starlight search the trail. They look around and call:

50 ABCD

51 ABCD

90 APPLEJACK / RARITY / RAINBOW DASH /
STARLIGHT
Hey Fluttershy! / Fluttershy? /
Fluuuuuttershy! / Where are you?

164 165

91 TWILIGHT
Fantastic. First Pinkie races ahead
of us, and now Fluttershy is lost
somewhere behind us. My retreat is
off to a GREAT start.

51 52 53

92 RARITY
It's not like Fluttershy to
disappear like this.

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b

93 APPLEJACK
We'll split up and search for her.
We can all meet back at the Tree.
(MORE)

51 (53B)

APPLEJACK (CONT'D)

Starlight, take the navigation gear
and--

As Applejack starts to load up Starlight with yet more gear--

94 STARLIGHT

(a bit too quickly)

Go with Rarity?! Great! Rainbow
Dash, YOU can go with Applejack!

165 ABC

95 TWILIGHT

And I'll find Pinkie Pie.

They split up.

SC.12 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST DARK TRAIL - CONTINUOUS

Mean Pinkie lays on the ground and sighs heavily, super
bored. She bangs her head on the ground.

54 55 56 57

96 MEAN PINKIE PIE

Bored bored bored boring bored.

Mean Chrysalis flies down next to her, enraged.

97 CHRYSALIS

This is ridiculous! Where are my
other minions?!

58

Mean Rarity guards a pile of plants, branches and rocks.

57

98 MEAN RARITY

Probably plotting to steal my
things. Well, let them come.

99 MEAN APPLEJACK

They're at a secret party up in
that there tree, run by a squirrel
named Jerome. But ya need a
password to get in.

59 60

Chrysalis' annoyance hits its breaking point. She grabs the
ponies and throws them to the ground.

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100 CHRYSALIS

ENOUGH! You will GO out there and
find the others. You will BRING
them back here. And we will STEAL
the Elements of Harmony so I can
destroy Starlight's life like she
destroyed mine. Understand?

They all nod, terrified.

99A

100A 62AB 63

54 57 61-AHE
101 MEAN APPLEJACK
The party password is: Rutabaga.

101A 64AB
Chrysalis snarls and lets loose a torrent of MAGICAL ENERGY.
The Mean ponies dodge and hightail it into the forest in different directions.

101B 65 66BC
SC.13 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST BIRD NEST GROVE - CONTINUOUS

Mean Fluttershy taunts the baby bird as she shimmies up a tree branch.

67 68 69
102 MEAN FLUTTERSHY
Why don't you fly up to your nest?
Oh that's right. YOU CAN'T.

The baby bird rolls her eyes. She shimmies to her nest. The other baby bird <TWEETS> a sweet welcome to Mean Fluttershy.

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103 MEAN FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Nopony asked you.

The baby bird is shocked. Mean Fluttershy flies down to find some squirrels and rabbits staring at her inquisitively.

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104 MEAN FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
I hope you all freeze this winter.

104A 69
She stomps on the flowers and bushes around them, <LAUGHING> as she flies off. The animals are very upset.

A beat later, MANE Fluttershy wanders into the clearing, confused. She flies up to the same nest.

105 FLUTTERSHY
Hello again, little friend. I think
I may be walking in circles...

The baby bird <TWEETS> something rude, consoling his sister.

106 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
(shocked)
Oh my! Where did you learn that
kind of language?

Fluttershy sees the other forest animals.

107 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Um. Excuse me--

107A 69
They all <GROWL>, turn and scurry away. Fluttershy's lip quivers. Things are NOT going well.

SC.14 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST CLIFFSIDE - CONTINUOUS

Applejack (with her wagon) and Rainbow Dash search the forest. Mean Rarity comes rushing out of the forest. She spots Rainbow Dash and Applejack.

70 (71)

108 MEAN RARITY
Thank goodness you've found her!

109 RAINBOW DASH
Me?! We're looking for Fluttershy!

110 APPLEJACK
Where's Starlight?

111 MEAN RARITY
Well if I knew THAT --

Mean Rarity spots Applejack's wagon. Her eyes grow greedy. She leaps into the wagon, knocking Rainbow Dash to the side.

112 RAINBOW DASH
Hey!

Mean Rarity starts collecting camping gear.

113 MEAN RARITY
THIS is mine. And this as well. Oh
and this is ABSOLUTELY mine.

114 APPLEJACK
Rarity, what in the hay are ya
gonna do with a fishing rod?

(72)

115 MEAN RARITY
I don't know. But I WANT it.

Applejack and Rainbow Dash share a baffled look.

SC.15 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - CONTINUOUS

Starlight and Rarity wander through the woods. Starlight
<TRIPS> on a rock and wipes out on the path.

75 (76)

116 RARITY
You really are awful at camping.
And coming from me that's saying
something.

Rarity helps her up.

75 (76)
 117 STARLIGHT
 I know. Want to break it to
 Applejack for me?

118 MEAN APPLEJACK (O.S.) (81)
 Who's breakin' what now?

Mean Applejack wanders up and stops to stare at Starlight.

(76)
 119 MEAN APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
 Huh. Who are you?

120 STARLIGHT
 Very funny Applejack. Still me
 under all this gear, Starlight.

121 MEAN APPLEJACK
 Starlight?! (then, crafty) How
 about that. Y'all better come with
 me. It's dangerous out here! 77 (78) 79 (79)

Rarity eyes Mean Applejack, taking in her faded color.

(76)
 122 RARITY
 Are you certain you're feeling
 alright, darling? You look a little
 pale. And where's your wagon?

123 MEAN APPLEJACK
 (has no idea, covers)
 Uhhh...STOLEN! I barely got away!
 Follow me and I'll tell ya ALL
 about it.

123A (80A) 81
 Rarity and Starlight share a look. Something's clearly off.

SC.16 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST SWAMP - CONTINUOUS

169ABC
 123B
 Twilight flies through a swampy area of the forest,
 brightening when she spots Mean Pinkie Pie staring at a
 bubble that's about to pop. Twilight veers over to her.

166 167
 124 TWILIGHT
 Pinkie! There you are! (then, 168AB
 confused) What are you doing?

Mean Pinkie holds a hoof up for silence. The bubble grows
 bigger and <POPS>. Mean Pinkie yells at it.

82 (83)
 125 MEAN PINKIE PIE
 YOU CALL THAT A POP?! UGH!

Mean Pinkie moves to another bubble growing in the swamp.

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 166 167
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126 TWILIGHT
I thought you were racing to the retreat?

127 MEAN PINKIE PIE
Please. Why would I waste my time on a boring, lame, no-fun retreat?

128 TWILIGHT
(genuinely hurt)
What?

128A The bubble pops. Pinkie <UGHS> and bounces off, leaving Twilight hurt and confused. Mean Rainbow Dash flies past.

166 167
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 82 83

129 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Rainbow Dash! I think something's wrong with Pinkie.

130 MEAN RAINBOW DASH
Not my problem.

130A Mean Rainbow Dash flies off. Twilight is so confused that she slips and <FALLS> in the swamp.

SC.17 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST TRAIL - CONTINUOUS

Mean Twilight stalks through the forest, barely able to control her annoyance as Pinkie Pie yammers on behind her:

85 86
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131 PINKIE PIE
And then we grew SUPER long manes with ALL kinds of colors and your castle grew out of the ground and everypony was like "WHOA!" And we sang this song about Rainbows and--

131A They stop. Fluttershy sits, <CRYING>. Pinkie Pie rushes over.

132 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Fluttershy! What's wrong?

133 FLUTTERSHY
(miserable)
Everycreature is mad at me!

134 PINKIE PIE
What? That can't be right, silly!

134A Pinkie hugs Fluttershy. Mean Twilight rolls her eyes.

173 (174)
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 85 86 87
 ↓ ↓ ↓
 173 174
 ↓ ↓
 135 MEAN TWILIGHT
 Can we hurry this up? We're on a
 schedule here.

136 PINKIE PIE (88)
 Twilight, your schedule can wait!
 Fluttershy's upset!

137 MEAN TWILIGHT (176)
 Well tell her to get over it! I'll
 go get the others. STAY. HERE.

She walks off. Unseen by Fluttershy and Pinkie, REAL Twilight
 flies in from the other direction, covered in swamp mud.

138 TWILIGHT
 Great. You upset Fluttershy too?

139 PINKIE PIE
 You know what, Twilight? Maybe if
 you weren't so worried about
 schedules, you'd realize you're the
 one ruining the retreat for your
 friends!

140 TWILIGHT
 Well if my friends don't care about
 the retreat I planned for them,
 maybe they should've stayed HOME!

Fluttershy loses it.

141 FLUTTERSHY
 CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?!?!
 (85) (87) (88) (173) (174) (175)

SC.18 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST SPOOKY AREA

Mean Twilight's eye twitches in pique as she tells herself:

177 (178)
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 179AB
 142 MEAN TWILIGHT
 Keep it together. You can do this.
 You NEED those imbeciles if your
 plan is going to come together.

143 CHRYSALIS (O.S.)
 YOUR plan?

Mean Twilight turns to see a VERY angry Chrysalis towering
 over her. Mean Twilight bows obsequiously.

177 (178)
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 144 MEAN TWILIGHT
 THE plan. I'm just trying to do
 your bidding, your majesty.

89 90 91 92 145 CHRYSLIS
 Grubsitting you six is nothing like
 controlling my hive. Give me one
 good reason why I shouldn't just
 destroy you all and start over. (93)

177 (178) 146 MEAN TWILIGHT
 (thinks fast)
 Because I know where The Elements
 of Harmony are. You NEED me.

Off of Chrysalis' surprised expression, we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC.19 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST CLIFFSIDE - CONTINUOUS

Applejack, Rainbow Dash and Mean Rarity walk along the forest trail. Mean Rarity carries most of what was in Applejack's wagon and keeps glancing back suspiciously.

147 RAINBOW DASH
 I'm guessing some kinda curse?
 Maybe Poison Joke?

148 APPLEJACK
 Well somethin' sure ain't right.

149 MEAN RARITY
 What are you plotting back there? I
 can HEAR you, you know. Don't think
 you're going to steal my things!

Rarity is so focused on them that she runs right into a tangle of vines that are blocking the trail.

150 APPLEJACK
 Hang on. I got a shovel we can use
 to whack those vines outta the way.

She rummages through the wagon. Nothing. Applejack and Rainbow Dash both turn to Mean Rarity. The shovel in question clearly sticks out amongst the other things she took.

Rainbow Dash reaches for it, and...

94 95
 151 MEAN RARITY
 I KNEW IT! I KNEW YOU WANTED IT ALL
 FOR YOURSELVES! YOU CAN'T HAVE IT!
 IT'S MINE YOU HEAR ME! ALL MINE!!!

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 151A She wildly tears free of the vines and runs into the forest,
 leaving a dumbfounded Applejack and Rainbow Dash behind.

SC.20 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - CONTINUOUS

Rarity, Starlight, and Mean Applejack walk on--

98 99 102
 152 MEAN APPLEJACK
 --So it was just me and a bucket of
 honey but I survived all by myself
 in this forest for 127 hours! 103

99 98
 153 RARITY
 Really?! I can't believe you've
 never told us that story before.

154 STARLIGHT
 She's making a point. (to AJ) WE
 GET IT. You're the GREATEST camper
 in the history of Equestria.

155 MEAN APPLEJACK
 Well I sure don't need any of that
 silly stuff you're luggin' around.

156 STARLIGHT
 The things you gave me are SILLY?!

157 MEAN APPLEJACK
 Just look in a mirror! Guess I
 shoulda told ya that before, huh?
 <chuckle>

157A 1199
 Rarity <GASPS>. Furious, Starlight removes all the gear.

158 STARLIGHT
 Glad I was so entertaining for you.

158A 1199
 Starlight storms off, tripping again and running into some
 branches. Rarity glares at Applejack.

159 RARITY
 I'm going to make sure she doesn't
 break a hoof out here and then you
 and I are having a serious talk.

Rarity takes off after Starlight.

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160 CHRYSALIS (O.S.) (101)
FINALLY!

Chrysalis, Mean Twilight, Mean Fluttershy, Mean Pinkie Pie, Mean Rainbow Dash and Mean Rarity (still holding all of the things from Applejack's wagon) walk up behind Mean Applejack.

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161 CHRYSALIS (CONT'D)
There. That's all of you. No pony leaves without my say so.

Mean Applejack looks at Mean Rarity, then back to where Rarity just left, confused.

162 MEAN APPLEJACK
Now wait a second. Weren't you just-

Chrysalis blasts the tree by Mean Applejack with magic, incinerating it. Mean Applejack stares at the tree, <GULPS>.

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163 CHRYSALIS
The time for my revenge on Starlight Glimmer has come.
(to Mean Twilight)
Let's see if you're telling the truth about this tree...

SC.21 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - CONTINUOUS

Rarity chases after Starlight.

107 108

164 RARITY
Starlight! Oh, do stop running.

Starlight stops, but Rarity slips and knocks into her. They both tumble down a hill and through some bushes to find Twilight and Pinkie yelling at each other while Fluttershy sits miserably between them, <BAWLING>.

165 TWILIGHT / (PINKIE)
Of course I care about Fluttershy!
/(Then you got a super-weird way of showing it!)

166 RARITY
What in Equestria is going on here?

167 PINKIE PIE
TWILIGHT is SO into her "retreat" that she doesn't even care if her friends are upset! She just wants us to STAY. ON. SCHEDULE!

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168 TWILIGHT
Well I'm SORRY Pinkie! If I KNEW
you thought this was a "boring lame
no fun retreat" I wouldn't have
invited you in the FIRST PLACE!

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169 PINKIE PIE
I NEVER SAID THAT!!

Applejack and Dash join them, covered in leaves and twigs.

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170 APPLEJACK
Sorry y'all. We woulda been here
sooner but we had to take the long
way after RARITY ran off with all
my stuff!

171 RARITY
I most certainly did not!

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172 APPLEJACK
What?! You know I ain't no liar!
(looks at Starlight)
Where's all your gear?

173 STARLIGHT
Why?! So you can LAUGH at me some
more?!

174 RAINBOW DASH
Hey! We're all friends here!

175 FLUTTERSHY
FRIENDS?! You left me alone in the
woods!

(110)

Twilight watches her friends fighting. Then decides:

182 183

176 TWILIGHT
EVERYPONY, QUIET!

The ponies all stop and listen.

177 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Listen. We know each other really
well. The great stuff...and how to
get on each other's nerves, too. I
wanted a fun trip with my friends.

Twilight looks at each of them in turn, earnest.

178 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
But instead, I got carried away
with plans and ruined everything.
(MORE)

182 183

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

If you want to forget it all and head home, I won't be offended. I just want us to stop fighting.

A beat as the ponies take that in and look at each other. Applejack looks at Starlight.

111 112

179 APPLEJACK

Hey, sorry if I got carried away with all the campin' stuff.

180 STARLIGHT

I'm sorry too. I should've just told you I'll never like camping. Also: I'll never like camping.

Keep both

181 RARITY

Well if we're all being honest... (she breaks down)

I can't survive with just this tiny little ~~backpack~~ *saddle bag*! I miss my things!!

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Pinkie grabs Twilight's hoof.

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182 PINKIE PIE

I'm sorry that you thought that I thought that your plan was lame! Your plans are the most unlamest!!

183 RAINBOW DASH

And I always have fun when we're all together. Even if it's learning pretending to be fun.

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182 183

184 TWILIGHT

So... does that mean you still want to have the retreat?

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185 ALL PONIES BUT FLUTTERSHY YES!!

186 FLUTTERSHY

If everypony likes me again...

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They all <LAUGH> and hug Fluttershy. Yay feels!

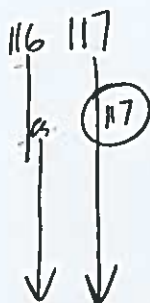
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187 TWILIGHT

Let's get to the Tree! I have the whole campsite set up and ready!!!

SC.22 - EXT. TREE OF HARMONY - CONTINUOUS

Chrysalis and the Mean 6 stare at Twilight's cute CAMPSITE.



188 MEAN PINKIE PIE
What's this garbage?

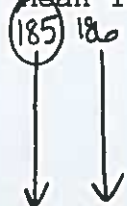


189 MEAN APPLEJACK
Badger installation art. Ya see--

190 CHRYSALIS
JUST RETRIEVE THE ELEMENTS!!!!

Cowed, the Mean 6 walk towards the Tree of Harmony. Mean Fluttershy stomps on the camping tents as she passes, while Mean Rarity steals camping supplies. They leave a mess.

Mean Twilight whispers to the others.



191 MEAN TWILIGHT
Once we get the power of the
Elements, no creature, not even
"her majesty" can tell us what to
do. Just follow my lead, got it?



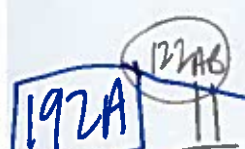
The others <SNICKER> and nod. Chrysalis' eyes narrow.

The Tree of Harmony shines brightly before them. The branches holding the elements slowly open up. The light from each element shines down on the corresponding pony.

Mean Rarity glances up and sees Twilight's element at the top of the tree glittering in the light. Her eyes sparkle.

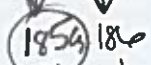


192 MEAN RARITY
Ooooooh! That one's mine.



She moves towards the tree. Mean Fluttershy trips her.

193 MEAN FLUTTERSHY
Oops. I'd say sorry, but I'm not.



194 MEAN TWILIGHT
(angry whisper)
Stop it, fools! We need the
elements to take out Chrysalis!

Chrysalis hears her.



195 CHRYSALIS
HOW DARE YOU! I CREATED YOU!

Chrysalis swoops down to stop them. Mean Twilight creates a MAGIC SHIELD, blocking her.



Mean Rarity and Mean Fluttershy continue to tussle.

Mean Applejack kicks the tree; and Mean Pinkie shakes it.



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Mean Rainbow Dash yawns and curls up to nap.

As the ponies exhibit the opposite of friendship, the light emanating from the tree changes colors to something DARKER. THE LIGHT beams out toward the Mean 6, enveloping them! But rather than giving them power, it seems to shrivel them up.

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196 MEAN TWILIGHT
Imbeciles! You ruined everything!

A FLASH OF LIGHT. When it fades, The Mean 6 are gone, leaving only broken chunks of wood. Chrysalis stares at the remains.

126 127

197 CHRYSALIS
Bah. Servants always fail you in the end. Just wait, Starlight. I will have my revenge.

She flies off a beat before Twilight and her friends make their way down the stairs - and see the ruined campsite.

185 186

198 TWILIGHT
Are you kidding me??!!

Pinkie Pie starts giggling, then busts out <LAUGHING>.

126 127

199 PINKIE PIE
This was. The worst. Day. Ever!

It breaks the tension. They all start <LAUGHING>.

200 STARLIGHT
Come on, everypony. We can fix this campsite in no time.

201 APPLEJACK
Spoken like a true camper.

202 STARLIGHT
Eh, don't push it.

As they start to rebuild the camp, a warm glow emanates from the tree. Twilight looks at her friends working together.

185 186

203 TWILIGHT
You know, if we can survive a day like this, I think our friendship is strong enough to handle anything the world can throw at us.

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Behind them, unseen by the ponies, Chrysalis flies off, silhouetted by the rising moon.

THE END.

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