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

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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, CRYSTAL LIST, rushes in with photography equipment.

2 CRYSTAL LIST
Oh no oh no oh no. I'm SO SORRY. I'm so embarrassed. Can you ever forgive me? I don't expect you to forgive me. Please forgive me?

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

3 STARLIGHT
Of course. Can I help you set up your equipment--

Crystal List walks past Starlight, ignoring her completely.

4 CRYSTAL LIST
Princess Twilight, hiii. Crystal List. Thank you SO much for letting me take photos for the Canterlot Historical Society. It's SO essential to record important events and NO ONE in Equestria is more important than all of YOU!

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Crystal <LAUGHS>, and it's weird and high pitched.

5 TWILIGHT
That's... very kind of you. We ARE in a bit of a rush though so--

6 CRYSTAL LIST
Oh goodness gracious. And here I am just yammering away! Of course. Let me just pretty you all up!

Crystal rushes around the Mane 6 (not Starlight), oddly plucking hairs from EACH of their manes and tails as though "grooming" them for their big moment.

7 RAINBOW DASH
OW! Hey!

8 CRYSTAL LIST
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.

9 CRYSTAL LIST (CONT'D)
Well, that's that! Byee---

10 PINKIE PIE
WAIT!!!! You forgot Starlight! She
needs a picture too!

An unenthused Crystal barely aims the camera at Starlight and
haphazardly <SNAPS> a photo. *

11 CRYSTAL LIST
'Kay. Now let me get out of your
manes! I know how busy you are!

Again with the high pitched <LAUGH>.

12 TWILIGHT
Thank you!
(then, to the others)
Okay everypony! Grab your gear and
let's meet out front in...

As Twilight keeps talking we follow Crystal List 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 *

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

13 CRYSTAL LIST
Now I have everything I need.

Crystal List's horn glows and she transforms into QUEEN
CHRYSA LIS! Off of her evil expression we...

END TEASER

ACT ONE**SC.3 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - LATER**

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On a clearing with six trees in a "fairy ring." Strange symbols are etched into the ground between them. It's misty. Creepy. Spooky.

Chrysalis appears out of the mist.

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

14 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.

15 CHRYSalIS (CONT'D)
What's that? AH yes. The spell. It
allows me to create a copy of
anypony I desire. All it requires
is an image and a piece of the
pony. Oh and this.

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

16 CHRYSalIS (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 log.

17 CHRYSalIS (CONT'D)
Which means YOU will be able to use
them too.

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

18 CHRYSalIS (CONT'D)
To serve me.

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

19 CHRYsalis (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 tree.

20 CHRYsalis (CONT'D)
OF COURSE I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN
STARLIGHT GLIMMER! She stole my
hive. Turned my subjects against
me. In return, I'll take her
"friends" away while she watches.
And then I'll destroy her.

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

21 CHRYsalis (CONT'D)
With the Elements under my control,
I'll build a NEW hive of earth
ponies, unicorns and pegasi. After
all, a queen must rule, mustn't
she?

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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).*

Off of Chrysalis' maniacal <LAUGHTER>...

SC.4 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST TRAIL - CONTINUOUS

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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.

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

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

24 TWILIGHT
Both! With everything we've gone through lately, I thought some quality time together where nothing crazy happens would be a nice change.

(then, in a rush)
And I may have scheduled some friendship activities as well.

Pinkie enthusiastically agrees, excitedly demonstrating each activity as she names it.

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

Pinkie runs and leaps into a bush ahead.

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

Pinkie leaps out of the bush, scaring Fluttershy.

27 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.

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

29 RARITY
Oh, that's not mine. I know I used to overpack JUST a tad. But I'm much more experienced now. JUST the essentials for me.

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

Starlight brings up the rear, gingerly walking through the brush.

31 STARLIGHT
I just never really felt the need to... HANG OUT in nature.
(MORE)

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)

I'd rather be indoors with a book
of spells and a nice cup of tea.

32 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.

33 FLUTTERSHY

Um, where ARE we camping?

34 TWILIGHT

(excited)

Right next to the elements that
brought us all together in the
first place. The Tree of Harmony!

SC.5 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST CLEARING - CONTINUOUS

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Close on Chrysalis, confused. Pull out to reveal the MEAN
6... None of whom are paying much attention.

35 CHRYSALIS

LISTEN to your Queen! We must
retrieve The Elements of Harmony!

Mean Pinkie Pie sits with her arms folded.

36 MEAN PINKIE PIE

Hunting down some lame Elements?
This is the worst day EVER!

Mean Fluttershy trots over and kicks dirt at Pinkie Pie.

37 MEAN FLUTTERSHY

No. NOW it's the worst day ever.
Ha. Ha.

Mean Rarity prances around taking whatever she spots.

38 MEAN RARITY

Those elements are mine! Along with
this rock. Oh, and that twig.

39 MEAN APPLEJACK

I got the Elements RIGHT here under
my hat. I'll let you look at them
for five bits.

Mean Rainbow Dash looks at the others and rolls her eyes. She flies up and relaxes in a tree branch.

40 MEAN RAINBOW DASH
Losers.

Chrysalis' eyes narrow as she studies her unruly creations.

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

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

42 CHRYSALIS
Excuse me?

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

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

45 MEAN TWILIGHT
(smirking, sarcastic)
Friends?

Chrysalis leans down at Twilight, glaring, teeth bared.

46 CHRYSALIS
Servants. And the power of the Elements.

Twilight is un-cowed.

47 MEAN TWILIGHT
Riiight. So, where are these Elements of Harmony?

48 CHRYSALIS
The location of the most powerful weapon in Equestria isn't something you just look up in a book.

She <TRANSFORMS> into a CANTERLOT PALACE GUARD. *

49 CHRYSALIS/AS GUARD
I assumed they were in Canterlot. My castle search proved otherwise.

She transforms into PRINCESS LUNA.

50 CHRYsalis/AS LUNA
But a Changeling always gets what
she wants. And I learned they were
hidden somewhere in this forest.

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

52 MEAN RARITY (O.S.)
THAT'S MINE! GIVE IT TO ME!!

53 MEAN FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)
Try and take it and see what
happens!

ANGLE: Chrysalis <CHANGES> to herself as she and Twilight
turn to see Rarity and Fluttershy fighting over a stick.

54 CHRYsalis
This is going to be more
challenging than I anticipated...

SC.6 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST TRAIL - CONTINUOUS

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

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

As Pinkie smells the flowers, Rarity stops and checks her
mane. It's a bit frizzed.

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

Applejack rummages through her supplies.

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

Rarity is affronted.

58 RARITY
A bandana?! No conditioner? Mane
Oil? With an entire wagon one would
think you'd be a bit more prepared.

Applejack rolls her eyes.

59 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. *

60 STARLIGHT
Great.

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

61 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 to her shoulder.

62 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Tell me ALL about it.

Pinkie bounces up into the branches of a huge oak tree. *

63 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 from the tree and rushes off ahead of everyone into the forest.

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

The others follow, except Fluttershy, focused on the bird.

65 FLUTTERSHY
I'm sure with some practice you'll
be flying in no time.

Fluttershy wanders along the path, not realizing that it forks. The other ponies go one direction, she goes another.

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

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

66 MEAN PINKIE PIE
I'm Sooooooooo boooooooooorrrred.
Are we therrrrrrre yet?

67 MEAN TWILIGHT
WHERE yet? We don't even know we're
going.

The mom driving the kids:

68 CHRYSLIS
The quicker we search the forest,
the quicker we find the Elements.

69 MEAN APPLEJACK
I know where the Elements are!

70 EVERYPONY ELSE
NO YOU DON'T!!

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

71 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.

72 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>.

73 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:

74 CHRYSLIS
Where. Are. The others?

Applejack points the wrong way.

75 MEAN APPLEJACK
They followed a timberwolf that
way. I swear.

Chrysalis grits her teeth.

76 CHRYsalis
Turn around. We're going back.

Mean Twilight leaps in front of Chrysalis.

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

Chrysalis eyes her suspiciously.

78 CHRYsalis
Very well. You have my permission.

Mean Twilight smiles (insincerely) and flies off.

SC.8 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST GLADE - CONTINUOUS

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Mean Twilight looks around, making sure she is alone.

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

Mean Twilight looks around, weighing her options.

80 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.

The bushes nearby <SHAKE>. Something inside <GROWLS>
fearsomely. Mean Twilight narrows her eyes and POWERS UP her
horn, ready to defend herself against whatever strange
creature is about to attack.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC.9 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST GLADE - RESUME

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Another growl. The bushes rustle. Mean Twilight powers up her
horn. Suddenly Pinkie Pie leaps out and tackles Twilight.

81 PINKIE PIE
YOU'RE IT!!!!!!

Her stomach <GROWLS> ferociously (as we heard earlier).

82 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Wow! I need some S'mores STAT! Hey,
how did you get ahead of me? You're
fast!

Mean Twilight knocks her off.

83 MEAN TWILIGHT
I'm looking for Fluttershy and
Rainbow Dash!

Pinkie points back in the direction she came from.

84 PINKIE PIE
Aren't they back there?

85 MEAN TWILIGHT
They are?

86 PINKIE PIE
Sure. Unless they're already at the
Tree of Harmony.

Mean Twilight stops and turns to Pinkie.

87 MEAN TWILIGHT
What is the TREE of Harmony?

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

88 PINKIE PIE
Oh! This is one of your
"activities" right? Like a
friendship quiz?
(she raises her hoof)
Call on me! The Tree of Harmony is
the crystal tree that holds the
Elements of Harmony! BOOM!

Mean Twilight is shocked.

89 MEAN TWILIGHT
Where is it?

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

90 PINKIE PIE
At the bottom of the stairs in the
ravine by the Castle of the Two
Sisters!

91 MEAN TWILIGHT
How do you know? You've SEEN it?

92 PINKIE PIE
Of COURSE. Honestly Twilight, these
questions are SUPER easy.

Twilight uses her magic to drag Pinkie into the forest.

93 MEAN TWILIGHT
Let's go. Keep talking.

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

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

94 FLUTTERSHY
There you go. Right where you
belong.

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

95 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.

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

97 MEAN RAINBOW DASH
Bummer. Later.

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

98 FLUTTERSHY
What just happened?

SC.11 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST TRAIL - CONTINUOUS

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Twilight, Applejack, Rarity, Rainbow Dash and Starlight
search the trail.

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

100 RARITY
Perhaps they're at the Tree
already?

Twilight clearly WANTS to keep going but...

101 TWILIGHT
Maybe. But it's not like Fluttershy
to disappear like this.

102 APPLEJACK
We'll split up and search for her.
We can all meet at the Tree.
Starlight, take the map gear and--

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

103 STARLIGHT
 (a bit too quickly)
Go with Rarity?! Great! Rainbow
Dash, YOU can go with Applejack!

104 TWILIGHT
I'll find Pinkie and let her know
what's going on. We'll meet you at
the Tree.

They split up.

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

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Chrysalis hovers above the treeline, searching--

105 CHRYSALIS
What is TAKING so long?!

Mean Pinkie lays flat on the ground, her face in the dirt.

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

106 MEAN RARITY
Probably plotting to steal my
things. Well let them come. I'll be
ready for them!

107 MEAN APPLEJACK
I know where they went. A secret
party in a cave. But you need the
password to get in.

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

108 CHRYSLIS
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 that I
can destroy Starlight's life like
she destroyed mine. Understand?

They all nod, terrified.

109 MEAN APPLEJACK
The party password is: Rutabaga.

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

SC.13 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST BIRD NEST GROVE - CONTINUOUS

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

110 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.

111 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.

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

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 nest.

113 FLUTTERSHY
Hello there, little friend. I think
I may be a bit lost.

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

114 FLUTTERSHY (CONT'D)
Oh my!

Fluttershy sees the other forest animals.

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

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

SC.14 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST CLIFFSIDE - CONTINUOUS

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

116 MEAN RARITY
Thank goodness you've found her!

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

118 APPLEJACK
Where's Starlight?

119 MEAN RARITY
Well if I knew THAT --

Mean Rarity spots Applejack's wagon.

120 MEAN RARITY (CONT'D)
Well hello! What do we have here?

She leaps into the wagon, knocking Rainbow Dash to the side.

121 RAINBOW DASH
Hey!

Mean Rarity starts collecting camping gear.

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

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

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

Applejack and Rainbow Dash share a baffled look.

SC.15 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - CONTINUOUS

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

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

Rarity helps her up.

126 STARLIGHT
I know. Want to break it to
Applejack for me?

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

Mean Applejack wanders up and stops to stare at Starlight.

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

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

Mean Applejack's eyes go wide with surprise.

130 MEAN APPLEJACK
Starlight? How about that. Y'all
better come with me back this way.
It's dangerous out here!

131 RARITY
Dangerous? What are you talking
about. And where's your wagon?

132 MEAN APPLEJACK
STOLEN! I barely got away! Follow
me and I'll tell ya ALL about it.

Rarity and Starlight share a look. Something's clearly off.

SC.16 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST SWAMP - CONTINUOUS

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Twilight flies through a swampy area of the forest.

133 TWILIGHT
Quality time with my friends has
turned into me. Alone. In a swamp.
Juuuuuust great.

Twilight sees Mean Pinkie Pie staring at a bubble that's about to pop. She veers over to her.

134 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Pinkie! What are you doing?

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

135 MEAN PINKIE PIE
YOU CALL THAT A POP?! UGH!

Mean Pinkie bounces over to another bubble growing in the swamp. She stares at it.

136 TWILIGHT
I thought you were racing to the retreat?

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

138 TWILIGHT
(genuinely hurt)
What?

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

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

140 MEAN RAINBOW DASH
Not my problem.

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

SC.17 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST TRAIL - CONTINUOUS

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

141 PINKIE PIE
Banana, Apple, Blueberry annnnnnd
Cranberry are the best FRUIT
flavored muffins. But you can't
overlook the NUT muffins like--

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

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

143 FLUTTERSHY
(miserable)
Do YOU hate me too?

144 PINKIE PIE
Why would we hate you, silly?

Pinkie hugs Fluttershy. Mean Twilight rolls her eyes.

145 MEAN TWILIGHT
Can we hurry this up? We're on a
schedule here.

146 PINKIE PIE
Twilight, ENOUGH about your
schedule! Fluttershy's upset!

147 MEAN TWILIGHT
Well tell her to get over it! I'll
go get the others. STAY. HERE.

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

148 TWILIGHT
Wonderful. You made Fluttershy
upset too?

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

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

Fluttershy loses it.

151 FLUTTERSHY
CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?!?!

SC.18 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST SPOOKY AREA

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

152 MEAN TWILIGHT
Keep it together. You can do this.
You NEED those imbeciles if your
plan is going to come together.

153 CHRYSA LIS (O.S.)
YOUR plan?

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

154 MEAN TWILIGHT
OUR plan. YOUR plan. THE plan. I'm
just trying to do your bidding,
your majesty.

155 CHRYSA LIS
Babysitting you six is nothing like
controlling my hive. Give me one
good reason why I shouldn't just
destroy you all and start over. *

Mean Twilight thinks fast. Then:

156 MEAN TWILIGHT
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 at them. Applejack
rolls her eyes.

157 APPLEJACK
I'm guessin' some kinda curse?
Maybe Poison Joke?

158 RAINBOW DASH
She probably just needs a good spa
day.

159 MEAN RARITY
What are you two 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.

160 APPLEJACK
I think I got a shovel in here 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...

161 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!!!

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

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Rarity, Starlight, and Mean Applejack walk through the
forest.

162 MEAN APPLEJACK
So it was just me and a bucket of
honey but I managed to survive all
by myself in this forest for 127
hours!

Rarity and Starlight are over it.

163 STARLIGHT
We get it. You're the GREATEST
camper in the history of Equestria.

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

165 STARLIGHT
All this stuff you made me wear...
is silly?!

166 MEAN APPLEJACK
Yep. I just wanted to see if I
could get ya to put it all on. And
boy didja!

Rarity <GASPS> in shock. Furious, Starlight removes all of
the gear and dumps it on the ground.

167 STARLIGHT
Glad I was so entertaining for you.

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

168 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.

169 CHRYSLIS (O.S.)
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.

170 CHRYSLIS (CONT'D)
There. That's all of you. Now
no pony leaves without my say so.

Applejack starts to edge toward the direction Starlight went.

171 MEAN APPLEJACK
I think you're gonna wanna follow
me this way.

Chrysalis blasts the tree by Mean Applejack with magic,
incinerating it. Mean Applejack stares at the tree, then back
at Chrysalis.

172 MEAN APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
Nevermind. Lead the way!

173 CHRYSLIS
 (to Mean Twilight)
Let's see if you're telling the
truth about this tree...

SC.21 - EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - CONTINUOUS

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Rarity chases after Starlight.

174 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.

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

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176 RARITY
What in Celestia's name is going on here?!

177 PINKIE PIE
I'll tell you what! TWILIGHT is SO into her "retreat" that she doesn't even care if her friends are upset! She just wants us to be quiet and STAY. ON. SCHEDULE!

178 TWILIGHT
Oh I'm SO SORRY Pinkie! If I had KNOWN that you thought this was a "boring lame no fun retreat" I would have told you that you didn't have to COME in the FIRST PLACE!

179 PINKIE PIE
I NEVER SAID THAT!!

180 TWILIGHT
YES YOU DID!!

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

181 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!

182 RARITY
I most certainly did not! Is this another Applejack tall tale??

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

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

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

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

Twilight watches all of her friends continue to fight. She
comes to a decision.

187 TWILIGHT
EVERYPONY, QUIET!

The ponies all stop and listen.

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

Twilight looks at each of them in turn, earnest.

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

190 APPLEJACK
Hey, I know I can be kinda pushy
sometimes. Sorry if I got carried
away with the campin' stuff.

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

192 RARITY
Well if we're all being honest...
(she breaks down)
I can't survive with just this tiny
little backpack! I miss my things!!

Pinkie grabs Twilight's hoof.

193 PINKIE PIE
I'm sorry! I would NEVER say your
plan was lame! You always have the
most unlamest plans!!

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

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

196 ALL PONIES BUT FLUTTERSHY
YES!!

197 TWILIGHT
Fluttershy?

198 FLUTTERSHY
Does this mean everypony likes me
again?

They all laugh and hug Fluttershy. Yay feels!

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

SC.22 - EXT. TREE OF HARMONY - CONTINUOUS

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Chrysalis and the Mean 6 stare at the adorable campsite set
up around the Tree of Harmony.

200 MEAN PINKIE PIE
What's this garbage?

201 MEAN APPLEJACK
I know exactly what it is. It's--

202 CHRYSLIS
IT DOESN'T MATTER! JUST RETRIEVE
THE ELEMENTS!!!!

203 MEAN TWILIGHT
Of COURSE. Right away.

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 the campsite a mess.

Mean Twilight whispers to the others.

204 MEAN TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Once we get the power of the
Elements, no pony, not even "her
majesty" can tell us what to do.
Just follow my lead, got it?

The others <SNICKER> and nod. Chrysalis' eye's narrow and she hovers closer.

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.

205 MEAN RARITY
Ooooooh! That one's mine.

She moves towards the tree. Mean Fluttershy trips her.

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

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

Chrysalis hears her.

208 CHRYSALIS
HOW DARE YOU! I CREATED YOU!

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

Mean Rarity and Mean Fluttershy continue to tussle.

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

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.

209 MEAN TWILIGHT
You idiots! You ruined everything!

A FLASH OF LIGHT. When it fades, The Mean 6 are gone, leaving charred photos and broken logs in their place. Chrysalis stares at the remains.

210 CHRYSLIS
Bah. The only thing you can rely on
with servants is that they will
fail you in the end. Just wait,
Starlight. I will have my revenge.

She spreads her wings and takes off just as Twilight and the others make their way down the stairs. They take in the ruins of the campsite.

211 TWILIGHT
Are you kidding me??!!

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

212 PINKIE PIE
This has been. The worst. Day.
Ever!

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

213 APPLEJACK
It certainly has been... different.

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

215 APPLEJACK
Spoken like a true camper.

216 STARLIGHT
Don't push it.

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

217 TWILIGHT
You know, I think everything worked
out pretty well. If we can survive
a day like this, our friendship is
strong enough to handle anything
the world can throw at us.

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

THE END