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TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - TWILIGHT'S CLASSROOM - DAY**

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TWILIGHT SPARKLE addresses her FRIENDSHIP STUDENTS, including OCELLUS, YONA, SANDBAR, SILVERSTREAM, GALLUS, SMOLDER, COZY GLOW, and a few other PONIES. SPIKE stands at the front of the class, near a LARGE, closed CHEST.

1 TWILIGHT
Who can tell me what these are?

Spike opens the chest to reveal SIX MAGICAL ARTIFACTS - the AMULET OF AURORA, the TALISMAN OF MIRAGE, the HELM OF YKSLE, the GAUNTLET OF GROVER, KNUCKERBOCKER'S RING, and CLOVER the CLEVER's CHAIN.

The students lean in to look, impressed/awed. In a quick run:

2 SMOLDER / YONA / GALLUS / SANDBAR /
SILVERSTREAM
Treasure? / Shiny! / Me likey. /
Whoa. / Nope!

3 OCELLUS
They're all magical artifacts of
friendship!
(the others gape at her)
I read ahead in Equestrian Cultures
and Camaraderie. Volume seven.

Ocellus shyly points to a huge book on her desk.

Twilight smiles encouragingly. As she mentions each artefact, we FEATURE IT--

4 TWILIGHT
You're right, Ocellus! This is the
Amulet of Aurora, the Talisman of
Mirage, the Helm of Yksler, the
Gauntlet of Grover, Knuckerbocker's
Ring and Clover the Clever's Chain.

5 SPIKE
And the gems are real! Not that I
tasted them...

6 TWILIGHT
Princess Celestia gifted these to
our school, since they represent
the power of friendship in history.
We'll be learning all about them--
with a Spell-venger hunt!

Smolder leans over to Sandbar to ask--

7 SMOLDER
Is that a pony thing?

Sandbar shrugs - first he's heard of it.

8 TWILIGHT
It's a magical scavenger hunt!
Each of you will work in pairs to
try to find where in the school
these artifacts are hidden.

9 SPIKE
Whoever finds the most, wins!

10 SILVERSTREAM
Learning AND fun? Does it get any
better than that?!

11 GALLUS
You've been underwater a long time,
haven't you.

12 TWILIGHT
Gallus and Silverstream? Sounds
like you're our first pair.

The students react in <SHOCK>, which Twilight misinterprets:

13 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
What? They'll make a great team!

Yona points a hoof at Twilight, asking what they all wonder:

14 YONA
Why pony glowing?

Twilight looks down to see that her CUTIE MARK is GLOWING - a
summons from the map!

CUT TO:

SC. 2 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MAP ROOM - SOON

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Twilight runs in to find that APPLEJACK, RARITY, FLUTTERSHY,
PINKIE PIE and RAINBOW DASH are already there - with their
cutie marks glowing as well!

15 TWILIGHT
Wait - you all were called on this
friendship quest too?

16 FLUTTERSHY
It must be a really important one.

17 RARITY
And terribly far away.

Rarity points to the map -- sure enough, the Mane 6's cutie marks float above an unknown area on the edge.

18 RAINBOW DASH
Just getting there will take DAYS!

19 APPLEJACK
Do y'all know what this means?

Pinkie pops up, a PEN in one hoof and a PAPAYA in the other.

20 PINKIE PIE
That if you stick a pen in a papaya
you get a papaya pen?

Applejack shakes her head.

21 APPLEJACK
It MEANS there won't be any
teachers left to run the school!

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END TEASER.

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 3 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - MAP ROOM - RESUME

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The Mane 5 look concerned as they consider what this means--

22 FLUTTERSHY
Should we send our students home?

23 PINKIE PIE
I say we take em with us! ROAD
TRIP!

24 RARITY
In the middle of my friendship
quilting class? I think not! All
those unfinished seams...<shudder>

25 APPLEJACK
Problem is, we don't even know how
long we'll be gone!

But Twilight remains calm. She magics in a massive scroll and tells the others--

26 TWILIGHT
Don't worry, everypony. I already have a seventy-eight point plan in place for this very situation.

27 RAINBOW DASH
Why am I not surprised?

28 TWILIGHT
Go get ready for our journey. I'll make sure our school is left in good hooves.

SMASH TO:

SC. 4 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HEADMARE'S OFFICE

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ON a shocked STARLIGHT GLIMMER as she asks CAMERA:

29 STARLIGHT
You want ME to be Headmare?!

TWILIGHT, at her desk (Spike beside her), nods with a smile.

30 TWILIGHT
Mm hm. You're the perfect choice. You're a good leader, and an expert in friendship! I trust you to run this school exactly as I would.

31 STARLIGHT
That's a pretty big responsibility, Twilight...

32 TWILIGHT
Which is why I've prepared everything you need!

Twilight levitates a stack of folders, books, and scrolls on the desk. <WHAM!> Starlight jumps back from the pile.

33 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
The curriculum, rules for the Spellvenger hunt, dining hall menus for the next six months...

34 SPIKE
Six months?! You're not really gonna be gone that long, are you?

Twilight levitates Spike atop the pile.

35 TWILIGHT
...And Spike. Anything that isn't
covered in my files, he'll be able
to help you with.

36 STARLIGHT
Well, if you're sure it's what you
really want...
(then, decisive)
I promise I won't let you down.

Twilight smiles at Starlight, and then levitates a suitcase
as she heads for the door.

37 TWILIGHT
I knew I could count on you.

As Twilight <CLOSES> the door behind her, the pile of
paperwork falls off the desk. Spike leaps free, flapping his
wings. Starlight is buried by the pile. She levitates it off
herself, dryly observing--

38 STARLIGHT
Great. What could possibly go
wrong?

CUT TO:

SC. 5 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - SOON

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Spike and Starlight wave goodbye as the Mane Six disappear
over the horizon, off on their friendship mission.

39 SPIKE / STARLIGHT
Bye, Rarity! And everypony! / Come
back soon! Please.

A loud OS <NOSE BLOW> makes Spike and Starlight JUMP. PULL
OUT TO REVEAL - Discord's eyes stream tears as he blows his
nose so hard his horns pop off and on.

40 DISCORD
I hate goodbyes, don't you?
They're so mucousy.

Discord wrings out his handkerchief above Spike, who barely
dodges its <SPLAT>. Starlight isn't sure what to say.

41 STARLIGHT
Discord! What a...Nice surprise!

42 SPIKE
Yeah, this is your first time at
our new school, huh?

Discord snarks back, changing clothes as he does -- Grand
Opening is a nice suit, Friends and Family day is a beanie
hat with propeller, Baccalaureate is a graduation gown.

43 DISCORD
Oh, was I not invited to the grand
opening? Friends and Family Day?
Baccalaureate? I hadn't noticed.

44 STARLIGHT
Well... At least you're here now!
(a beat, then)
Um...Why ARE you here now?

Discord throws his mortar board in the air and his clothes
disappear.

45 DISCORD
To fill in for Twilight of course.
As Headdraconequus.

Spike and Starlight share an awkward look.

46 DISCORD (CONT'D)
I seem to recall a whole song about
how this is a school where you make
your own rules. Who better at that
than me?

47 SPIKE
Then you ALSO must've heard
Starlight is in charge now.

48 DISCORD
Really? I thought there must be
some mistake. A bad connection.

Discord takes off his head in one hand and uses a rag to
<SQUEAK SQUEAK> clean the head and neck ends before
reattaching them.

49 STARLIGHT
Nope, Twilight picked me for the
job. And she left pretty detailed
instructions for me to follow.

50 DISCORD
Well, I'm sure she wouldn't mind if
I made a few TINY suggestions...

Discord shrinks to TINY SIZE and begins reading a ridiculously long scroll.

51 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Item one - gravity is optional.

Discord begins floating.

52 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Item two - the school's new mascot
is an ambidexterous marmoset.

The MARMOSET appears, wearing school colors, also floating, and flashes two thumbs up.

53 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Item three...

Starlight puts her face down to tiny Discord.

54 STARLIGHT
Yeah, not gonna happen. I promised
Twilight I'd handle this her way.
So thanks, but no thanks.

Discord poofs back to regular size - challenge accepted.

55 DISCORD
Reeeeeeeally? Well, we'll see if
you change your mind.

He <SNAPS> his fingers and is gone. Spike looks worried.

56 SPIKE
Did you hear how many eeeees were
in that "really"? I think he's up
to something.

57 STARLIGHT
Don't worry, Spike. Discord and I
are old save-Equestria buddies.
He'll be fine. Now, what's next on
Twilight's list?

SC. 6 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HALLWAY - NEXT MORNING

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Spike walks beside Starlight as students greet her with waves and smiles, everything running smoothly. Cozy Glow trots by--

58 COZY GLOW
Good morning, Headmare Starlight! I
can't wait for the Spellvenger hunt
tomorrow!

59 STARLIGHT
Should be great, Cozy!
 (sotto, to Spike)
You hid the artifacts, right?

Spike nods and consults a to-do scroll.

60 SPIKE
Yep. And I took care of the rest
of the hunt too. All you have to
worry about is teaching class.

As they arrive at the Headmare's office.

61 STARLIGHT
Thanks, Spike. Maybe we will get
through this okay...

SC. 7 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HEADMARE'S OFFICE -
CONTINUOUS

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But when the duo opens the door, they see Discord, feet up on the desk, the whole room redecorated in Chaos Lord Chic. He takes a BITE of one of Twilight's books and beckons--

62 DISCORD
Come in, come in, you'll let the
twittermites out.

63 SPIKE
Twittermites? OW!

A few TWITTERMITES ZAP Spike as they zoom by.

64 STARLIGHT
Discord! What are you doing?

Discord sits up, **detaching** from his crosslegged feet, which he leaves on the desk.

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65 DISCORD
No pony was at your desk. Imagine
what Twilight would say! Don't
worry, I covered for you. By the
way, I hope you like Limburger
cheese. I got a month's supply for
the teacher's lounge.

Discord opens a huge crate, and stinky cheese tumbles out around Spike. He blanches at the smell.

66 SPIKE
Uch. Ew!

Starlight frowns - it's time for tough love.

67 STARLIGHT
Discord, listen--

Discord grows ears all over his body.

68 DISCORD
I'm all ears.

69 STARLIGHT
Twilight left ME in charge of this
school. Not you. So please, just go
home. We got this.

Discord's extra ears fall off and he pouts, getting his coat
and hat from a rack nearby.

70 DISCORD
Hmph! Some thanks for all my help.
And after I hired those substitute
teachers for you, too.

Spike shrugs to Starlight--

71 SPIKE
Actually, that does sound kinda
helpful. And it was next on our to
do list...

But Starlight's eyes narrow, unconvinced.

72 STARLIGHT
WHICH teachers did you hire?

SC. 8 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

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The students cower at their desks as IRON WILL stands on the
desk, posing and commanding--

73 IRON WILL
They call it making friends because
you have to MAKE creatures be your
friends! Show me what you got, Yak.

Yona steps to the front of the class. Tentative at first--

74 YONA
Be my friend.

75 IRON WILL
If you're quiet, I don't buy it!

Yona stomps a hoof and projects.

76 YONA
Be my friend!

77 IRON WILL
I've heard pudding that's more
convincing.

Yona <SNORTS> and goes into full bellowing aggression,
stomping on the desk as she insists--

78 YONA
BE. MY. FRIEND!

PAN to the doorway, where a horrified Spike and Starlight
watch this scene with Discord.

79 STARLIGHT
 (sotto)
That's... Not in the curriculum.

SC. 9 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - FIELD - CONTINUOUS

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CRANKY DOODLE sits on a lounge chair with an umbrella. His
friendship students wait on him hand and foot, fanning him,
manicuring his hooves and feeding him grapes.

80 CRANKY DOODLE
Some field trip! Where's my iced
tea?

Gallus walks up to hand him a glass of iced tea. Cranky
Doodle takes the tea and drinks. He does a spit take.

81 CRANKY DOODLE (CONT'D)
This is too cold.

Gallus rolls his eyes and grabs another glass from OS. Cranky
takes it...And spits again.

82 CRANKY DOODLE (CONT'D)
Now it's too hot.

Gallus grabs a new glass from OS. Cranky sips and spits.

83 CRANKY DOODLE (CONT'D)
Now it's too tea-flavored. You call
yourselves friends?

84 SPIKE
That's definitely not in the
curriculum.

SC. 10 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

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A DRAGONSNEEZE TREE stands behind the teacher's desk. The students (including Smolder) sit at their desks, confused.

Starlight whirls furiously on Discord.

85 STARLIGHT
You hired a TREE as a teacher?

86 DISCORD
(shrugs)
It's schedule was free.

87 SPIKE
Uh, guys? That's not just any tree.

Smolder has started <SNIFFING>, then lets loose with a full-fledged FIRE SNEEZE! The rest of the students duck just in time, their desks charred.

88 SPIKE (CONT'D)
(flat)
It's a Dragonsneeze tree.

Smolder sneezes again, and the other students run out past Starlight, Spike and Discord <YELLING> in panic.

SC. 11 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

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Panicked, Starlight takes in the chaos.

89 STARLIGHT
Wait, calm down, every creature.
It's going to be okay!

A still-enraged Yona <SMASHES> out of another classroom door and stampedes down the hall with a <BATTLE CRY!>

Discord leans coolly against the wall.

90 DISCORD
My, you do seem like you're in over your head. Won't Twilight be so disappointed with how you're ruining--I mean RUNNING her school?

On Starlight's horror that he's right...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO**SC. 12 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HALL - RESUME**

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Starlight rounds on Discord, who eats popcorn as he watches the chaos unfold.

91 STARLIGHT
Discord! This is all your fault!

92 DISCORD
Mine? I thought YOU were in charge here. But I'm happy to pitch in if you need me.

93 STARLIGHT
What I need is you to leave!

Discord snaps his fingers and is now a large LEAF.

94 DISCORD
Happy now?

95 SPIKE
You know that's not what she means, Discord.

96 DISCORD
Fine. From now on, I won't try to help. AT ALL.

And he leaf-floats out the nearest window. Starlight takes a relieved breath.

97 STARLIGHT
Thanks, Spike. Let's just hope he stays gone.

98 SPIKE
I wouldn't count on it. I think Discord's trying to test you.

99 STARLIGHT
Like I need more pressure!

100 SPIKE
(shrugs)
It's kinda what he does.

101 STARLIGHT
Well, I'm ready for him. I told Twilight I'd run her school right, and I'm going to keep that promise.
(MORE)

STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
(eyes narrow)
No matter what.

She doesn't see the Cheshire-Cat like eyes and smile of Discord materialize nearby, as he listens to this.

SC. 13 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - MAIN HALL - NEXT MORNING *

Starlight smiles as she address the gathered students--

102 STARLIGHT
Good morning, students! I know there's been a little bit of adjustment since the Professors left for their trip, but I've brought in new teachers, and now everything should run smoothly!

ANGLE ON the students. SMOLDER sucks up breath as if to sneeze, and the students around her take a dramatic step to the side. She sticks a finger under her nose to stop the sneeze. The students <SIGH> in relief.

103 STARLIGHT (CONT'D)
Now it's time for class. And don't forget, this afternoon is the Spellvenger hunt!

As the students start off, a JANITOR, sweeping in the corner, tips his hat to reveal a sinisterly smiling Discord.

SC. 14 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - TWILIGHT'S CLASSROOM - SOON *

The students (including Ocellus, Gallus, Smolder and Cozy Glow) sit at their desks, waiting. The door <SLAMS> open, kicked in by Discord, who is now dressed in ridiculously outdated "kid fashion" - hat to the side, flannel tied around his waist, skateboard, etc.

The students gape.

104 DISCORD
Greetings, fellow kids. I am here to learn amongst you.

Discord bends around Ocellus to an empty chair.

105 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Is this seat taken?

Ocellus shakes her head. Discord takes the chair, throws it OS, and sits on his desk.

There's a POOF of smoke at the front of the classroom, and TRIXIE appears, commanding the class--

106 TRIXIE
Welcome class! You may call me the
Great and Powerful Professor
Trixie!

An annoying OS <CELL PHONE RING> interrupts her. She glares.

Discord looks around, frowning, shushing the students.

107 DISCORD
Really, that is so inconsiderate.

Then, he notices a banana on his desk is "ringing".

108 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Oh, I'd better take this.

Discord picks up the banana and talks into it.

109 DISCORD (CONT'D)
Hello? Oh he did not. What did
you say? Oh you did not.

Trixie has walked over to Discord's side.

110 TRIXIE
<ahem> No fruit calls in my class.

Discord shrugs and eats the banana whole in one gulp.

Gallus smirks to Cozy Glow.

111 GALLUS
I could like this new kid.

At the front of the class, Trixie commands attention.

112 TRIXIE
Magic is the most important element
of friendship. So today, I, the
Great and Powerful Trixie, will put
on... A MAGIC SHOW!

Trixie takes off her hat and pulls out... A snarling BEAR head. Alarmed, she pushes it back in, and pulls out a HISSING SNAKE. She pushes it back in, and pulls out a red-eyed BEAVER.

The students gape and Discord smiles --

113 DISCORD
I am learning SO much, aren't you?

Trixie throws down her hat and glares.

114 TRIXIE
Discord! Guidance **Counselor's**
office. NOW!

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**SC. 15 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S
OFFICE - SOON**

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Starlight levitates some books as she walks into the Guidance Counselor's office, then DROPS them in surprise as FIVE PAPER AIRPLANES <ZOOM> toward her, mini-Discords in aviator gear flying them.

Starlight ducks as the planes make another strafing run, then uses her horn to hold them in place.

115 MINI-DISCORD
Cover my six, men! We're taking
heavy flak!

116 STARLIGHT
Discord! What are you doing in my
office?!

The mini-Discords disappear and reappear as regular Discord, relaxing on Starlight's couch, folding paper airplanes from Starlight's files.

117 DISCORD
I thought you had the Headmare's
office. Besides, Trixie sent me
here to be the new Guidance
Counselor.

118 STARLIGHT
I'm sure that's not what she meant.
(stalks toward him)
Get. Out. Of. My. School!

119 DISCORD
Fine. It smells like Limburger
cheese in here, anyway.

And POOF, he's gone, leaving a tornado of paper as he goes. Starlight grits her teeth and <GROWLS>.

SC. 16 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - FIELD - CONTINUOUS

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Discord is now dressed as a COACH. He <BLOWS> a whistle and tells the gathered friendship students (including Yona, Silverstream, and Sandbar)...

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120 DISCORD
Take a lap, team!

121 SANDBAR
Uh, actually, we just finished
Professor Spitfire's workout.

122 DISCORD
Sounds like somepony needs a little
motivation.

Discord snaps his fingers... And a BEHOLDER APPEARS. Its jaws gape and it zooms toward the students, who race off in terror. As she runs, Silverstream has to admit...

123 SILVERSTREAM
I've never run so fast in my life.
This is great! Scary. But great!

124 DISCORD
That's it. Knees up. Sprint it out.

The Beholder snarls and <SNAPS> near Yona's hooves. She <PANTS>, exhausted.

125 YONA
Yona...Can't run...Faster.

126 SANDBAR
Hey, Coach. We need a break.

127 DISCORD
Friendship is about honesty. So
believe me when I say... We're not
stopping!

The Beholder is closing in on Yona. Silverstream and Sandbar try to help her along, but it's no use.

128 DISCORD (CONT'D)
I think he likes you! Beauty is in
the eye of the Beholder.

Suddenly, a BLAST OF MAGIC zips across the field, freezing the Beholder in place.

REVEAL - it's Starlight (and Spike), and she has HAD IT.

129 STARLIGHT
Discord, that's enough! I don't
know why you're trying to ruin this
school, but it stops now.

Discord loses the coach outfit and crosses his arms.

130 DISCORD
Or what?

Starlight powers up her horn--

131 STARLIGHT
This is your last warning...

Spike gets between them, arms up for peace.

132 SPIKE
Hey, take it easy, Starlight.
Discord's your friend, remember?

133 STARLIGHT
Well, he's not acting like it.

134 SPIKE
She's right, Discord. What's your
problem?

135 DISCORD
My problem? How is the fact that
Twilight decided to put an
incompetent, power-hungry unicorn
in charge of her school my problem?

It's too much for Starlight. She lets her magic go in a
FLASH toward Discord. The magic ripples out across the field,
and when it clears, Discord is gone.

The students gape in horror.

136 STARLIGHT
 (fake cheer)
Don't worry. It's just a banishment
spell. He's fine.

The students head off, looking warily at Starlight.

137 SPIKE
That probably made things worse...
Why didn't you just talk to
Discord?

She slumps, confides to Spike--

138 STARLIGHT
Because he's right about one thing.
I've been doing a terrible job as
Headmare.

139 SPIKE
No you haven't! I know Twilight
would be proud of you. Discord is
just being...Discord.

140 STARLIGHT
Maybe. But I wonder why me being in
charge bothers him so much...

She looks thoughtful.

141 SPIKE
We can figure that out AFTER the
Spellvenger Hunt. C'mon.

Starlight nods gratefully to Spike and they head off.

SC. 17 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - MAIN HALL - SOON

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Starlight faces the gathered students as she explains--

142 STARLIGHT
For this afternoon's Spellvenger
Hunt, you'll need to use the
artifacts' history to find where
they're hidden in the castle. When
you spot one, touch it with a magic
wand, and you'll unleash a spell
that lets us know you found it!

Spike holds up a bucket of magic wands.

143 SPIKE
Twilight left a list of your hunt
partners before she left. I'll
pass out the wands - one per team.

The students cheerfully step up to take their wands. Teams
are: Smolder and Ocellus, Gallus and Silverstream, Yona and
Sandbar, and ponies paired with each other.

144 STUDENT WALLA
This is gonna be great! / We'll
find 'em all. / I read the artifact
chapter twice! / Give me the wand.

145 STARLIGHT
Ready, set... Spellvenger Hunt!

The students take off as Starlight smiles. Spike beckons--

146 SPIKE
C'mon, we can use Twilight's
observatory to watch the teams!

SC. 18 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - HALLWAY - SOON

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Ocellus and Smolder (holding a wand) hurry down a hallway.

147 SMOLDER
I hope you know where you're going.

148 OCELLUS
To the Helm of Yksler!

149 SMOLDER
(shrugs)
Works for me.

Ocellus stops in front of SEVERAL SUITS OF ARMOR.

150 OCELLUS
In our book, it says Yksler was an
honorable Yak warrior. I think his
artefact must in one of these suits
of armor.

Smolder eyes the armor helmets and spots one with horns.

151 SMOLDER
I'm guessing that one.

152 OCELLUS
I think you're right!

Smolder touches the helmet with her wand. The helmet
magically glows and reveals the HELM OF YKSLE!

153 SMOLDER
One down, five to go!

Smolder and Ocellus high-five.

**SC. 19 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - TWILIGHT'S TOWER - SAME
TIME**

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Spike turns knobs on Twilight's telescope and gestures for
Starlight to look through it.

154 SPIKE
Here. Now you can see anywhere in
the school you want.

Starlight smiles as she looks through--

155 STARLIGHT
Aw, Smolder and Ocellus found their
first artefact!
(then)
Wait. What's that...

TELESCOPE MATTE ON THE HALLWAY:

Ocellus and Smolder look up in fear as one of the suits of
armor has come to life and is <CLANKING> toward them.

Ocellus hides behind Smolder, trembling.

156 OCELLUS
I...Don't think that's part of the
Spellvenger Hunt.

Suddenly, the helmet flies up and the GHOSTLY HEAD of DISCORD
pops out, his eyes spinning in their sockets (scary/silly)!

157 DISCORD
BOO!

Smolder and Ocellus turn and run, freaked out.

158 OCELLUS / SMOLDER
The school is haunted! / Not cool!

BACK ON STARLIGHT as she narrows her eyes to Spike.

159 STARLIGHT
Discord.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 20 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - LIBRARY - RESUME

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Gallus leads Silverstream into the library.

160 SILVERSTREAM
We're totally gonna win this
Spellvenger Hunt!

161 GALLUS
I seriously doubt that. But at least I know where one of the artifacts is. Saw Spike hide it yesterday.

Gallus knocks on library panels.

162 SILVERSTREAM
Are you drumming? I love drumming!

Silverstream enthusiastically <KNOCKS> along. Gallus sighs.

163 GALLUS
I'm trying to find the secret panel-

Finally, his knock makes a panel flip to reveal - a PORTRAIT of A GRIFFON wearing the GAUNTLET OF GROVER.

164 GALLUS (CONT'D)
Score. The Gauntlet of Grover.

Gallus touches the wand to the painting. The gauntlet magically glows... And then the portrait COMES TO LIFE, the Griffon's eyes glowing red and jaws SNAPPING at Gallus.

165 GALLUS (CONT'D)
Whoa!

166 SILVERSTREAM
3-D painting!

The other portraits fly off the walls and chase the duo out of the library. A ghostly Discord appears and <CHUCKLES> as the students run out, <YELLING>.

PULL BACK TO SEE THIS SCENE through a telescope matte.

SC. 21 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - TWILIGHT'S TOWER - SAME TIME

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Starlight pulls her eye away from the telescope.

167 STARLIGHT
Yep, that's definitely Discord.
This is not good.

168 SPIKE
I thought you banished him from the school!

169 STARLIGHT
Only his body. Apparently his
ghost can come and go just fine.
Let's go - we have to stop this.

Starlight and Spike hops on a magical "elevator" - a platform
that floats down from the tower into the school. As it floats-

170 SPIKE
How? No offense, but I don't think
magic is the answer against
Discord.

171 STARLIGHT
This time, I'm not using magic.

SC. 22 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - STAIRCASE - SAME TIME

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Yona and Sandbar examine the staircase carefully.

172 YONA
What Yona look for?

173 SANDBAR
The ring of Knuckerbocker. There's
a sweet poem in our book about it.
Climb to the heights with dragon
flight. Like flight of stairs!

174 YONA
Yona take pony word for it.

The duo examines the balustrades and steps. Yona puts a hoof
down and a stair squishes beneath it.

175 YONA (CONT'D)
Huh?

She pokes it again, and her hoof sinks. Suddenly, all the
stairs liquefy into QUICKSAND! Both Yona and Sandbar start to
sink into them.

176 SANDBAR
<struggle> What's happening?!

177 YONA
Yona not know. But Yona DO know
Yona not like Spellvenger Hunt!!!

The ghostly spirit of Discord appears and laughs as he lifts
a finial on the staircase and pulls out Knuckerbocker's Ring.

PULL WIDE ON THE **MAIN HALL** -

Meanwhile, the other panicked students run past, chased by the portraits, and armor.

178 STUDENT WALLA
<yells>

Starlight and Spike rush in.

179 STARLIGHT
Everycreature, stop!

The chaos pauses for a second.

180 SILVERSTREAM
But the school is haunted!

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181 STARLIGHT
It's not haunted. Discord? Can
you please put everything back to
normal now?

With a POOF, the pictures, armor and quicksand disappears.
In its place, ghostly Discord POOFS in, juggling the six
Spellvenger artifacts.

182 DISCORD
Headmare Starlight! Look, I won the
Spellvenger Hunt! Well done me!
What's my prize?

183 SPIKE
Detention.

Discord droops.

184 DISCORD
Well, that's disappointing.

Discord drops the artifacts. Spike dives to catch them.

185 STARLIGHT
Discord, you can't keep messing up
the school.

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186 DISCORD
On the contrary, I rather think I
can, and will.

187 STARLIGHT
Then I have just one thing to say
to you.

Discord does his best "Willy Wonka" lean.

188 DISCORD
Do go on.

189 STARLIGHT
I'm sorry.

This is not what Discord was expecting.

190 DISCORD
What?

Starlight uses her magic in the reverse of the banishment spell we saw earlier, and Discord becomes "real" again.

191 STARLIGHT
I had to stop thinking like a
Headmare and start thinking like a
Guidance Counselor to get it. You
felt left out.

Discord crosses his arms and turns his back to her.

192 DISCORD
I don't know what you're getting
at.

193 STARLIGHT
No pony ever invited you to the
school. And when you offered to
help, I didn't listen. I was so
worried about doing things
Twilight's way, I didn't stop to
think about being a good friend.

PAN the students as they listen to this.

194 SMOLDER
(sotto)
Shouldn't HE be the one
apologizing?

195 SANDBAR
(sotto)
Shhh.

Back on Starlight as she earnestly tells Discord--

196 STARLIGHT
I'd like to apologize for that.
And offer you the job of vice-
headmare.

Spike and the students can't believe this.

197 SPIKE / STUDENTS
Huh? / Really? / What? / Why? / No!
/ Totally confused. / Him?

198 DISCORD
You mean it? I get my own office?
Expense account? Parking space?

199 SPIKE
You're new to the world of
education, aren't you?

Starlight smiles at Discord.

200 STARLIGHT
Next time you want something, just
ask for it, all right?

201 DISCORD
But then we'd miss out on all these
delightful misadventures.

Discord gives Spike a noogie.

202 SPIKE
Ah! Watch the wings!

203 STARLIGHT
Now, vice-headmare Discord, if
you'll help me get this Spellvenger
Hunt back in order...

Discord smiles and snaps his fingers.

204 DISCORD
Everything is re-hidden.

The Beholder pops out of a doorway and startles Silverstream.

205 SILVERSTREAM
Ahhh!

206 DISCORD
With a few surprises.

The Beholder winks and flies off.

Suddenly the doors of the hall <SLAM OPEN>.

207 TWILIGHT
DISCORD!

REVEAL - the Mane Six are back, bedraggled, and not looking
happy.

208 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I can't believe you tricked us into
going on a fake friendship quest!

209 DISCORD
Back so soon?

210 RARITY
A glamour spell on our cutie marks?

211 RAINBOW DASH
A FAKE friendship map?

212 DISCORD
When you say it like that...I sound
fairly impressive.

Yona startles Applejack by running to hug her.

213 YONA
Yona so glad ponies back.

214 APPLEJACK
Y'all get the feelin' we missed
something?

215 TWILIGHT
Thanks for taking care of the
school, Starlight.

216 STARLIGHT
It was a challenge. But I think
things turned out just the way
you'd have handled them.

As they walk off smiling, Spike shrugs to Discord.

217 SPIKE
Guess this means you're not vice-
headmare anymore.

Discord gapes in shock...

218 DISCORD
But I just ordered business cards!

Discord pulls out a stack of cards with his picture on them
and 52-card pickups them into the air.

END SHOW.