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TEASER**SC. 1 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - GRAND HALL - DAY**

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A SMALL VERSION OF THE PINK, HEART-SHAPED FIRE OF FRIENDSHIP magically hovers atop a tall fir tree festooned with ornaments and lights. Holiday decorations hang from the walls and beams, and more are in the process of being hung by-
The School of Friendship STUDENTS: OCELLUS, YONA, SANDBAR, SILVERSTREAM, GALLUS, and SMOLDER among them. Sandbar sings a few bars of "Hearth's Warming Eve is Here Again."

1 SANDBAR
"Hearth's Warming Eve is here
again..." Come on, everybody sing!
"La la la la la..."

He's the only one singing. Ocellus sort of hums along but doesn't really know the words, and it deflates into some <NOISES>. Sandbar turns to the others to see blank stares.

2 YONA
Not everycreature celebrate same
way, you know.

Smolder holds up a Hearth's Warming doll skeptically--

3 SMOLDER
Yeah. Dragons don't do pony
holidays.

4 SPIKE (O.S.)
Sure we do!

SPIKE has come in with TWILIGHT SPARKLE and RAINBOW DASH.

5 SPIKE (CONT'D)
I LOVE Hearth's Warming Eve. It's
all about friends, and presents,
and family, and...presents!

Twilight smiles at him, then adds to the students--

6 TWILIGHT
It's also about putting aside
differences to come together - like
the Earth ponies, pegasi, and
unicorns did on the first holiday.

7 OCELLUS
Oh! Is that why you put their fire
of friendship on top of the tree?
To help us remember their unity?

Twilight nods, but as she opens her mouth to answer, Rainbow Dash zooms past, flying up to get a good look at the room.

8 RAINBOW DASH
AND 'cause it looks cool.

Silverstream hops from one foot to the other, joyful.

9 SILVERSTREAM
This is my favorite day of the
year. Not that I don't like the
other ones. Tuesdays are great!

10 YONA
Yona like any day that is start of
Winter Break.

11 GALLUS
Two whole weeks without classes.
How will Ocellus survive?

Ocellus blushes, but Twilight smiles at her--

12 TWILIGHT
I think you'll all enjoy the time
off to be home with your families.
To celebrate your own traditions.

She smiles at GALLUS as she says this, but his expression is glum and he looks away.

13 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah, shouldn't you guys be getting
ready to go? If you miss the train,
it's a really long walk.

The students nod and start to bustle off. Twilight calls--

14 TWILIGHT
Go pack up, and we'll see you after
break! Happy Holidays!

The Students head out, chattering excitedly among themselves - except Gallus, the first out the door.

15 SILVERSTREAM / YONA / SANDBAR /
 SMOLDER / OCELLUS
I can't wait to see my brother! /
Train better wait for Yak. / I hope
my parents save me pie. / Hey, wait
up! / I love this time of year.

As they go, Spike picks up a large wrapped package from under the tree and shakes it. It makes a <LOUD METALLIC SOUND>.

16 SPIKE
It's that new bowtie I wanted,
isn't it?

17 TWILIGHT
(smiles)
You'll just have to wait and see!

18 SPIKE
I'm waiting! But in the meantime,
I'm shaking.

UP ABOVE - A SHADOW moves amid the beams and rafters, growing bigger as it creeps along high above the hall.

BELOW - Spike continues to shake packages as Twilight and Rainbow Dash straighten some decorations on the tree.

The SHADOW stops directly above the tree. Then, A PURPLE POWDER is poured by an unseen hand...and spills down right into the Fire of Friendship! The Fire momentarily BLAZES with a <WHOOSH!>

Twilight, Rainbow, and Spike hear this, look up to see--

The Fire BLAZES--then changes color--THEN BUBBLES UP (like putting detergent into a fountain) and forms a a STICKY PURPLE GOO that grows and grows until <SPLAT!>. It EXPLODES and spews PURPLE GUNK everywhere!

Twilight, Rainbow, and Spike <GASP!>. Spike's POV: A big blob of PURPLE GOO falls down toward him and we--

END TEASER.

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

SC. 2 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - GRAND HALL - RESUME

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RESUME: The blob of goo falls right on top of Spike and ENVELOPS HIM. He struggles to get it off.

19 SPIKE (CONT'D)
<MMMMP! MMMPPP!>

Twilight tries to "magic" the goo off of him. It takes some stretchy effort, but finally--PLOP! The goo falls to the floor and Spike recovers.

20 SPIKE (CONT'D)
Wh--what happened?

WIDER: The Hall, the decorations, and the tree are all covered in the purple gunk. The trio is stunned.

21 TWILIGHT
Everything's ruined, that's what happened!

Rainbow Dash flies up to the rafters above the tree and sees a TIPPED OVER POT with some of the powder spilling out.

22 RAINBOW DASH
And I don't think it was an accident! Somepony was up here!

Spike hears a creaking <NOISE> below and sees--

THE SHADOW moves along a far wall and disappears.

23 SPIKE
Over there!

Rainbow Dash flies down to join Twilight and Spike as they head off in the direction the Shadow went. It leads them to an OPEN WINDOW.

24 TWILIGHT
Outside!

SC. 3 - EXT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - CONTINUOUS

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The trio rushes outside and look around--nothing. Then they hear a DOOR <CREAK> in the distance.

THEIR POV - ACROSS THE QUAD - a door <SLAMS> shut behind whoever has gone inside.

25 SPIKE
That's the Students' Quarters!

The trio races to follow--

SC. 4 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - STUDENT DORMS - CONTINUOUS

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Twilight, Spike, and Rainbow Dash enter the MAIN HALL of the dorm, where several doors lead off to the students' rooms. But there's no sign of anyone. Rainbow Dash calls out.

26 RAINBOW DASH
Might as well give up, whoever you are! We got you cornered!

No answer.

27 TWILIGHT
Hello? Is anypony there?

28 RAINBOW DASH
I'll check the back door!

She flies off as we hear dorm room DOORS <OPEN>. Silverstream and Smolder are the first to come out.

29 SILVERSTREAM
What's happening? <GASP!> Another decorating party?

30 TWILIGHT
Has anycreature come in here?

31 SMOLDER
Well...yeah. All of us did. To pack? Like you told us to?

32 SPIKE
After that. Did you hear anything?

Silverstream and Smolder both shake their heads no. The other students start to wander out.

33 GALLUS/YONA/OCELLUS/SANDBAR
What's up? / Yona done packing! /
Is something wrong? / Whoa.

Rainbow Dash flies back in, lands next to Twilight.

34 RAINBOW DASH
The backdoor's locked. No way out!

35 TWILIGHT
But whoever did it had to have come in here. We saw them!

36 OCELLUS
Whoever did *what*?

Twilight looks at them all and we

CUT TO:

SC. 5 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP GRAND HALL

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The stunned GROUP OF STUDENTS looks at the damaged goo-covered walls and decorations.

37 SANDBAR
That... Is so not cool.

Spike walks down the line of students, in detective mode.

38 SPIKE
And whoever did it ran into your
rooms. No one came out--and all of
you are still here.

Twilight looks disappointed as she realizes--

39 TWILIGHT
I hate to say this, but...

40 RAINBOW DASH
Then I'll say it for you.
(to students)
One of you did this! One of you
sabotaged our Hearth's Warming Eve!

PLOP! A blob of purple falls on Rainbow Dash. She <GROWLS>
and tries to shake it off.

41 ALL THE STUDENTS
<What?...No way!...We wouldn't do
that!...It wasn't me!>

42 YONA
Yak not do this. Yona offended by
accusation.

Twilight mitigates things--

43 TWILIGHT
We don't know what happened - maybe
this wasn't even on purpose. But
I want to give whoever caused this
mess a chance to tell the truth,
and explain themselves. I'll make
it easy for you. Close your eyes.

Still standing in a group, they all close their eyes.

44 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Now, if you did this, raise your
hoof. Or your claw. Or--whatever.

No one moves. Twilight <SIGHS> and turns to Spike...

45 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
C'mon, Spike. Looks like we have to-

She stops as she sees Spike has his eyes closed as well.

46 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Spike. You can open your eyes.

47 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
What about me?

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We PULL BACK to see that Rainbow Dash has her eyes closed.

48 TWILIGHT
You ALL can.

They all open their eyes as Twilight grows serious.

49 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
But since nocreature took
responsibility for this mess,
you're ALL going to have to help
clean it up before you can go home.

50 ALL THE STUDENTS
<What! No fair! Why do I have to
stay? But the holidays!>

Twilight levitates over some MOPS, BUCKETS, BROOMS, and other
cleaning equipment and places it in front of the group.

51 TWILIGHT
In the meantime, I'll talk to you
one at a time. To give you another
chance to tell the truth.

52 RAINBOW DASH
And once we find out who did it,
just you wait! We're gonna--we'll--
 (to Twilight)
What are we gonna do exactly?

Twilight thinks for a second.

53 TWILIGHT
The guilty party won't be going
home over Hearth's Warming Break.
He--or she--will stay here for some
one-on-one friendship lessons.

The group looks at each other, worried.

54 SILVERSTREAM
But what if none of us confesses?

55 TWILIGHT
Then... <sigh> I guess there's no
holidays for anycreature. You'll
all stay over the break.

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As punctation, a glob of purple goo drops on to the floor
near the group--but they're oblivious. On their stunned faces--

END ACT ONE**ACT TWO****SC. 6 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - GRAND HALL - RESUME**

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PLOP - a big gob of purple goo drops into a bucket.

The students use cleaning equipment to wipe and mop up as Twilight Sparkle, Spike, and Rainbow Dash face them.

56 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
All right, let's get to the bottom
of this. Who wants to be
interviewed first?

They look at each other. Gallus steps forward, faux noble--

57 GALLUS
I'll go.

Then he cockily twirls his mop and tosses it to Smolder, who catches it with a <grunt>. Smart alec:

58 GALLUS (CONT'D)
Beats mop duty.

Twilight, Spike and Rainbow Dash head out, Gallus following.

As soon as they're gone, Silverstream jumps into cleaning vigorously.

59 SILVERSTREAM
Hey, I know! We can make a game
out of this! See who finishes
cleaning up first!

60 YONA
Yak win! Yak best at cleaning!
<intense cleaning noises>

Smolder throws a blob of goo into a bucket.

61 SMOLDER
Let's save time and cut through the
goo. Which one of you did it?

She glares at them.

62 OCELLUS
I would never do something this
horrible.
(MORE)

OCELLUS (CONT'D)

I love Hearth's Warming Eve! And I do NOT want to miss going home for it.

63 SANDBAR
I didn't even know Changelings celebrated Hearth's Warming.

64 OCELLUS
Oh yes! It's our favorite holiday! Well, since Professor Twilight shared it with us last year. She gave our hive very clear instructions.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 7 - INT. CHANGELING HIVE - FLASHBACK

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Ocellus is with her FAMILY (MOM AND DAD CHANGELING and TWO SMALLER SIBLINGS), as they consult a LARGE LIST. We hear Twilight in VO, narrating the directions--

65 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Welcome to the traditions and fun of Hearth's Warming! I'm sure you'll enjoy this celebration of pony history. A history you now share!

The family looks at each other, smiling enthusiastically.

66 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
The first thing most families do is put the tree up!

They look at each other, shrug and we

CUT TO:

ANOTHER ANGLE - The Changeling family HOISTS a rope and pulley that lifts a LARGE TREE off the ground...and up to the ceiling.

Hooves up and head nods all around. Well done!

67 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Thirsty? Dive into some Holiday Punch!

ANOTHER ANGLE - a HUGE ROUND TUB of PUNCH. Ocellus is already swimming in it. The Siblings are perched on the sides, then DIVE in, SPLASHING happily.

68 CHANGELING FAMILY
<LAUGHING, SPLASHING>

69 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Just before bed, everypony
exchanges gifts.

ANOTHER ANGLE - The family members stand in a circle, using their mouths to pass around WRAPPED GIFTS to each other, back and forth, over and over. Ocellus is a little confused.

70 OCELLUS
Does it say how long do we're
supposed to do this?

71 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
And to finish celebrating, you can
build a fire--

ANOTHER ANGLE - Ocellus and her father finish <POUNDING> hammers against nails, watched by the other family members.

They step back to reveal A 3-D WOODEN SCULPTURE of A FIRE, with flame-shaped pieces of wood all attached to a stand.

72 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Light it up--

ON the Changeling family as they hold up LAMPS to illuminate the sculpture.

73 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
And sing carols.

74 CHANGELING FAMILY
(singing)
Carols carols carols carols.

The whole family <LAUGHS> and snuggles together.

SC. 8 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - GRAND HALL - RESUME

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Ocellus closes the book and smiles up at the others. Sandbar gapes, tries to put this as nicely as possible.

75 SANDBAR
I'm... Not really sure that's how
it works.

76 OCELLUS
(shrugs)
We may not have done everything
exactly the way you do.
(MORE)

OCELLUS (CONT'D)

But we made our own traditions!
And I can't wait to do it all again
this year!

77 SMOLDER
If we ever get out of here.

The group turns as they hear Gallus return with Twilight.

78 TWILIGHT
Ocellus...Your turn.

Ocellus gives a nervous wave to her classmates and goes off with Twilight. With a stone face, Gallus rejoins the group.

79 SILVERSTREAM
What happened?

80 GALLUS
What do you think happened? I told
her I didn't do it.

Smolder <SIGHS> with frustration. Silverstream goes back to cleaning, but Yona's growing impatient.

81 YONA
<AAAHH!> Yona tired of waiting.
Yaks ALWAYS home for holidays.

82 SANDBAR
How do you celebrate Hearth's
Warming in Yakyakistan, Yona?

83 YONA
Yaks do not. Our holiday MUCH
better. Is called "Fun Crushing
Things Day." Night before, yaks
gather things to crush, and put
them in big pile. In morning, we
crush them. In afternoon, we crush
them again. In evening--

84 GALLUS
So--it's just about crushing stuff.

85 YONA
No! How griffon get that idea? Is
about so much more. Last year, for
example. Most perfect holiday ever.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 9 - EXT. YAKYAKISTAN SNOWY FIELD - FLASHBACK

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Yona is part of a single-file parade, following her huge family across a snowy field. (We should notice that Yona DOES NOT HAVE HER BRAIDS.)

86 YONA (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Whole family--Grandpa Grandma Yak,
Yona's Brother Sister Mother Father
Yak--all go to woods, singing Yak
Song.

They head toward some trees, where huge fallen logs lie.

87 YONA (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Youngest in family--which is Yona--
picks out perfect Crushing Log.

Yona looks back and forth between 3 or 4 identical logs, then points to one of them.

88 YONA (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Then Yaks crush it.

With a happy battle cry, the Yaks descend on the log with their forelegs.

89 ALL YAKS
<AHHHHH!>

There's a flurry of snow, sawdust, and splinters. When it settles, the log has been destroyed.

ANOTHER ANGLE - SNOWY FIELD - LATER

The Yak family finishes building a huge SNOW FORT.

90 YONA (V.O.)
Then Yak Family build perfect snow
fort...and crush it!

They all descend on the snow fort, which immediately turns to powder. They all grin happily.

ANOTHER ANGLE - SNOWY FIELD - LATER

The family stands around a tree decorated with candles and ornaments.

91 YONA (V.O.)
Then we hang perfect ornaments on
perfect tree, and--

I/C HARD CUT TO FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL HALL

The others, facing Yona, all deadpan simultaneously--

92 SMOLDER/SILVERSTREAM/GALLUS/SANDBAR
You crush it.

93 YONA
What you think Yaks are,
barbarians? Tree is for family
ritual. Like last year.

I/C SNOWY FIELD - FLASHBACK

Yona takes a place near the tree, the family around her.

94 YONA (V.O.) (CONT'D)
All Yak family gather around Yona.
(nostalgic)
And Yona get braids for first time.

The Yaks step away to reveal Yona, now in her braids.

MATCH DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 10 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP MAIN HALL - RESUME

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RESUME - Yona beams remembering this.

95 SMOLDER
So to recap...your holiday is about
crushing things, and family.

96 YONA
Two most perfect things ever, put
together. Happy Crushing Days!

Yona happily leaps on a nearby bucket, <SMASHING IT>.
Silverstream happily leaps on a bucket as well, but can't
smash it, despite her best efforts.

97 SILVERSTREAM
Happy Crushing Days to you too,
Yona. And don't worry. You'll be
with your family soon.

ON GALLUS - he looks away sadly.

98 SANDBAR
And if not, at least we all get to
be together here. With new friends.

99 GALLUS
Yeah!

Everyone looks at him--he looks away awkwardly.

100 GALLUS (CONT'D)
Um...what she said.

101 SMOLDER
Yeah, well one of these new friends
has gotten us all in trouble. And
they better confess soon.

Ocellus comes trotting out from the other room.

102 OCELLUS
Okay...Next!

103 SANDBAR
I'll go. Won't take long to tell
her I didn't do it!

Silverstream turns to Smolder.

104 SILVERSTREAM
Why the rush to get home, Smolder?
Like you said...Dragons don't
really have holidays, do they?

Smolder shrugs, dismissing it.

105 OCELLUS
That's so sad. You must do
something in the winter for fun.

106 SMOLDER
Well, we do have Better Than
Nothing Night. The Flight gets
together and tells stories. The
best one wins a pile of gemstones.

107 YONA
What story win last year?

108 SMOLDER
It was called "One Wonderful
Night."

109 SILVERSTREAM
C'mon, now you gotta tell it!

110 SMOLDER
Fine. Once upon a time there was
this sad little dragon...

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 11 - EXT. DRAGON LANDS - FLASHBACK

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A ROCKY WILDERNESS - A small, forlorn-looking dragon, SCALES, sits under a craggy rock, trying to keep dry as rain pelts down and lightning flashes.

111 SMOLDER (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Her name was Scales. She lived out
in the wilderness, with no hoard
and nothing to eat. But one night,
as she sat alone in a storm, she
heard something...

THE DRAGON KING flies in and lands nearby. Scales is amazed, even more so when The King picks up the tiny dragon and flies off with her. *

112 SMOLDER (CONT'D)
It was the Dragon King! Scales was
scared, but the King told her not
to be afraid--that he was taking
her to the palace to celebrate
Better Than Nothing Night.

THE PALACE - Scales sits at a huge banquet table with the King and other ROYAL DRAGONS, digging into a huge pile of GEMSTONES in front of her.

113 SMOLDER (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Scales sat in the banquet hall with
the rest of the Royal Family and
had the biggest, best dinner of
gemstones she'd ever eaten.

NEAR THE FIREPLACE - The King places a sleepy Scales next to the fire and places a blanket over her. Her eyes close.

114 SMOLDER (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Then the King tucked her in by the
fire...

ANOTHER ANGLE - the next morning. A SERVANT approaches Scales, who sits up and rubs her eyes.

115 SMOLDER (V.O.)
The next morning, a Royal Servant
came to take Scales back to the
wilderness. But now that Scales
had seen how kings live, she didn't
want to go back.

Scales' cute eye-rubbing suddenly turns to a DEMON FACE and she LUNGES at camera, filling the FRAME...

FLAMES, TUMBLING WALLS, <BATTLE NOISES> fill the screen. A super-imposed Scales ROARS and SWIPES HER CLAWS--

116 SMOLDER (V.O.)
So she conquered the castle and
took over the kingdom...

THE ROCKY WILDERNESS - The rain starts to PELT. The King cowers under the rocks, trying to stay dry.

117 SMOLDER
...and forced the King to live out
in the cold just as she used to do.

A peal of <THUNDER> and we--

CUT TO:

SC. 12 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - GRAND HALL - RESUME

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RESUME: Ocellus, Yona, Gallus, and Silverstream gawk incredulously, their mouths hanging open.

118 OCELLUS
(near tears)
That's a horrible story!

119 SMOLDER
I never said it was happy. It makes
dragons feel good to hear that
other dragons have it worse.

120 SILVERSTREAM
And that's your idea of a holiday?

Smolder shrugs.

121 SMOLDER
Storytelling's just an excuse for
dragons to get together once a
year. That's the important part.

Just then, Rainbow Dash returns with Sandbar.

122 RAINBOW DASH
Silverstream. You're up. Let's go!

Silverstream leaves with Dash, the others turn to Sandbar.

123 SMOLDER
So, did you tell them you did it?

Sandbar gapes.

124 SANDBAR
What? No way! Why would I say that?

125 SMOLDER
Because for you, staying here over
the break is no big deal.

126 YONA
School of Friendship good place for
pony to have pony holiday.

They hear a GOOPY NOISE above. Ocellus looks up, takes one
step to the side--and PLOP. Some goo lands right where she
was standing.

127 OCELLUS
Or will be...once we finish
cleaning up.

128 SANDBAR
I'd still rather spend it with my
family at home. Oh! That reminds
me! I have the BEST holiday story
ever. It's called...
 (with great suspense)
..."The Day My Hearth's Warming
Doll Almost Fell into the Fire!"

The others <OOOOH> appreciatively. This should be good!

CUT TO:

SC. 13 - INT. SANDBAR'S HOUSE/FIREPLACE - FLASHBACK

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Sandbar puts his crocheted doll in place next to the others
already on the mantle above the fireplace, where a ROARING
FIRE burns. His FAMILY (SISTER, MOM, DAD) watches.

129 SANDBAR
 (builds tension)
Just before we went to bed, my Mom,
my Dad, and my Sister all put our
Hearth's Warming Dolls up on the
mantle...just like we do every
year. But THIS year...

CLOSE on Sandbar's DOLL teetering on the edge of the mantle!

130 SANDBAR (CONT'D)
I put my doll too close to the
edge...and it FELL!

SC. 14 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - GRAND HALL

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RESUME: The suspense is killing them.

131 OCELLUS
And?

132 SANDBAR
My doll hit the floor. But...it
could have gone in the fire!

A pause that Smolder breaks, deadpanning....

133 SMOLDER
That's a great story. And you told
it really well.

Sandbar is oblivious to her sarcasm.

134 SANDBAR
Yeah. It was a Hearth's Warming
miracle!

Rainbow Dash returns with Silverstream.

135 RAINBOW DASH
Next! Smolder, come with me. Yona,
Twilight's waiting for you.

They follow Rainbow Dash out of the room. The others watch apprehensively.

136 OCELLUS
The last two...so if neither one of
them confesses, that means...

137 SILVERSTREAM
We're never going home!

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC. 15 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - GRAND HALL - RESUME

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Gallus plays it cool as Sandbar, Ocellus and Silverstream continue to fret.

138 OCELLUS
We'll be here forever!

139 SANDBAR
Beyond forever.

140 SILVERSTREAM
But I can't miss the Three Days of
Freedom Celebration!

141 GALLUS
 (dry, baiting)
And how long does that last?

142 SILVERSTREAM
Three Days, that's why it's called
the--
 (stops, laughs)
Gallus! You got me!
 (back to business)
It commemorates our banishment to
the sea and our return to Mt. Aris!

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 16 - EXT. SEAQUESTRIA - FLASHBACK

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We see what Silverstream narrates (IN STORYBOOK STILLS):
First a drawing of the Storm King terrorizing Mt. Aris.

143 SILVERSTREAM (V.O.)
We spend the first night in
Sequestria, thanking the ocean for
protecting us from the Storm King.

MORE STILLS: The Sea-Pony version of Silverstream, along with
other SEA-PONIES, goes through the following:

144 SILVERSTREAM (V.O.)
There's sea-dancing, whale-singing,
shell-stringing... Lots of "ings."

SC. 17 - EXT. MT. ARIS - DAY - FLASHBACK

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STILL: HIPPOGRIFFS stand around a FIRE burning on the hill-
side. At the shore, Sea Ponies emerge from the sea, behind
some HIPPOGRIFFS on the shore who have already transformed.

145 SILVERSTREAM
We spend the second day on Mt.
Aris. There's a huge bonfire to
celebrate the Storm King's defeat.

STILLS: Two Hippogriffs fly a pattern around each other in the air. Another GROUP of HIPPOGRIFFS hoist steins as haunting <MUSIC> plays.

146 SILVERSTREAM (CONT'D)
We have flying races, and give
toasts, and sing in the Harmonizing
Heights. Then the third day--

SC. 18 - EXT. THE SHORE - DAY - FLASHBACK

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STILL: Hippogriffs play in the surf along the shore with Sea-Ponies. QUEEN NOVO (Hippogriff version) hands out presents.

147 SILVERSTREAM
Everycreature celebrates together,
on land AND sea. Grandparents and
parents and sisters and cousins...
And at the end of the night, Queen
Novo gives out presents!

SC. 19 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - GRAND HALL - RESUME

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We PULL OUT to see that Silverstream's been reading from AN ILLUSTRATED STORYBOOK.

ON GALLUS, who's been listening to this thoughtfully.

148 GALLUS
Hold on. Cousins? What are those?

149 OCELLUS
Your aunt's and uncle's children.
You know, part of your family.
(then)
Oh, you're teasing us again, right?

Before Gallus can respond, a grim-faced Yona and Smolder return--but no sign of Twilight or Rainbow Dash.

150 SANDBAR
I'm guessing neither one of you
confessed.

151 YONA
Professor Twilight say wait here.

152 SILVERSTREAM
Maybe they're changing their minds
about sending us home.

153 SMOLDER
Why would they? Face it. We're
stuck here.

A gloom sets over them. Ocellus starts to SNIFFLE.

154 OCELLUS
But--but--but--I HAVE to go home!

155 SILVERSTREAM
(heartbroken)
My mom makes the best Three Day
kelp fritters.

156 SANDBAR
Serious bummer.

Sandbar looks over at Yona, Smolder, and Gallus, who are
taking this stoically.

157 SANDBAR (CONT'D)
How can you be so cool about this?

158 SMOLDER
We're mad. We just show it
differently.

159 SANDBAR
More like don't show it at all.

Yona casts a suspicious eye at Sandbar.

160 YONA
What pony getting at?

Silverstream has a sudden realization - but she's excited,
not accusatory.

161 SILVERSTREAM
Maybe it wasn't just one prankster.
Maybe there were three of you. And
you're trying to hide your guilt by
not being upset!

162 OCELLUS
It...Does make sense.

163 GALLUS
Guys--stop it.

Smolder glares at Ocellus.

164 SMOLDER
Or maybe whoever did it is only
pretending to be upset. To throw us
off.

165 OCELLUS
Me? But I didn't--!

166 GALLUS
Come on, let it go.

Ignoring him, they all turn to each other and go at it.

167 ALL THE STUDENTS (EXCEPT GALLUS)
<WALLA--ACCUSING and DENYING>

Suddenly, a HUGE BLOB of PURPLE GOO drops from above, landing
right in the middle of them. They stop and look up to see--

Gallus, hovering above them, a blob of goo in his claw, about
to fling it.

168 GALLUS
I SAID stop fighting! That's not
what the holidays are about. No
matter what you call them, or how
you celebrate.

The group looks at each other, momentarily shamed. Gallus
flies down to their level and lands.

169 GALLUS (CONT'D)
Do you know how lucky you all are?
With your stories about sharing,
and kindness, and getting together
with everycreature you care about.

170 OCELLUS
But...Griffins do that too, don't
they?

171 SMOLDER
Some holiday about a moon, right?

172 GALLUS
Blue Moon Night. The one time of
year when Griffins are nice to each
other. Well, as nice as we can be.

SC. 20 - EXT. GRIFFONSTONE - FLASHBACK

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THROUGH A WINDOW, we see GILDA and GABBY at a food-laden
table along with other GRIFFINS, all sitting glumly.

173 GALLUS (V.O.)
Families get together to eat and
then complain about the food... And
give each other presents they don't
like... And mostly just try not to
yell at each other.

174 SILVERSTREAM (V.O.)
Well--at least you're all together!

I/C - BACK IN THE HALL

175 GALLUS
No. Because I don't have a family.

176 SANDBAR
What about Grandpa Gruff?

177 GALLUS
That's just his name. He's not
anygriff's actual grandpa.

I/C - BACK TO FLASHBACK

We PULL OUT from the window to see Gallus standing outside in
the cold, looking in at the family with longing. He <SIGHS>.

SC. 21 - INT. SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP - GRAND HALL

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178 GALLUS (CONT'D)
I felt like I never had a place in
Griffonstone. Then I came here,
and...well, met all of you.

They're surprised--they've never heard him open up like this.

179 GALLUS (CONT'D)
So I don't want to go home for
break. And that's why I did it.

180 YONA
<gasp> Griffon mess up decorations?

Gallus pulls out the POT that held the magic powder.

181 GALLUS
Yeah. It was me. I put goo powder
in the Fire of Friendship.

182 ALL THE STUDENTS (EXCEPT GALLUS)
<STUNNED REACTIONS>

183 OCELLUS
Why would you ruin things for us?

184 GALLUS
I didn't plan to! I just figured if
I made a mess, our teachers would
make us stay to clean up. So we'd
be together a little longer.

Smolder crosses her arms, beyond ticked.

185 SMOLDER
Well. It worked, didn't it?

Gallus, sounding sorry, continues.

186 GALLUS
Better than I thought. And when
Professor Twilight threatened to
cancel winter break...that meant I
would get to be with all of you,
through the whole holiday! That's
why I didn't confess.

187 SANDBAR
So why are you admitting this now?

188 GALLUS
After hearing your stories, and how
much you love your celebrations,
and being with your families... I
realized I couldn't do that to you.
I can't ruin everycreature's
holiday just because I feel bad.

The Group takes this in, thinking about it.

189 GALLUS (CONT'D)
I'm sorry. And don't worry, you
won't have tell our teachers. I
will.

190 TWILIGHT (O.S.)
You don't have to.

They turn to see Twilight, Rainbow Dash, and Spike.

191 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
I already know.

Gallus is surprised.

192 RAINBOW DASH
We kinda guessed it was you.
But we wanted to give you the
chance to tell the truth.

193 TWILIGHT
And I'm proud of you that you did.

She gives Gallus a warm smile that he manages to return.

194 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
But you're still going to have to
make amends. And stay over break
for extra friendship lessons, by
yourself.

Before Gallus can respond, Silverstream steps forward.

195 SILVERSTREAM
I'll stay with him.

Then, the rest of the students, one by one, all step forward.

196 OCELLUS
Me, too!

197 YONA
Yona stay also!

198 SANDBAR
I'm staying!

They all turn to Smolder, who hasn't spoken up.

199 SMOLDER
What? Okay, all right. I guess
pony holidays can't be that bad.

Spike nods, approving. Gallus beams as Sandbar turns to him.

200 SANDBAR
Now you can finally know what it's
like to spend Hearth's Warming with
friends who care about you.

Rainbow turns to Twilight. Sottos--

201 RAINBOW DASH
Looks like they don't really need
any extra lessons.

Twilight turns to the group.

202 TWILIGHT
Since you obviously know that
Hearth's Warming is about coming
together...I'd be happy and honored
if all of you would join my friends
as guests at our holiday table.

203 ALL THE STUDENTS
<YAY! walla>

They're interrupted by a glob of purple goo <SPLATS> nearby.

204 TWILIGHT
After we finish cleaning up.

The gang gets busy, going back to their cleaning equipment.

205 SANDBAR
Hey, that reminds me of another
story! The Time I Almost Spilled
Orange Juice on the White Couch.

206 SMOLDER
Does it have a depressing end?

207 OCELLUS
I'm not sure pony stories work that
way.

208 YONA
Gallus want Yona braid feathers?

209 GALLUS
Pass.

210 SILVERSTREAM
(sings)
Hearth's Warming Eve is here. A.
GAAAAAAAINNNN!

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