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TEASER

SC. 1 - EXT. APPLE FAMILY ORCHARDS - DAY

The ground <SHAKES> at a slow, rhythmic pace (with giant, OS footfalls), BOUNCING the apple trees with each impact.

TS The MANE SIX are galloping through the trees, SPIKE flying overhead, TWILIGHT SPARKLE in the lead.

149 AB

1 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Remind me how this happened again?

The M6 duck as a huge, dry tongue whips overhead. Instead of hitting anypony, the tongue snakes around a tree, uprooting it effortlessly from the ground, and SNAPPING it OS.

REVEAL: a massive, big-as-a-house, droopy-eyed snapping turtle: TORTASNAP. He contentedly munches an apple tree, roots and all.

2 APPLEJACK

And why there a giant turtle eatin' my family's entire Summer crop?!

3 FLUTTERSHY

Oh dear. Mr. Tortasnap said he was hungry, but he promised me he would only take a few small bites!

4 RAINBOW DASH

I don't think that thing knows what "small" is.

Tortasnap takes several steps forward, shaking the ground.

5 PINKIE PIE

Look on the bright side! (shaken voice) Free back massage!

Pinkie has stretched out on her back on the ground, shaken with each step like she's on a Magic Fingers bed.

Suddenly Tortasnap's tongue whips out and grabs Spike, pulling him toward its mouth. Spike <STARTLES>

6 RARITY

Spikey-Wikey!

Twilight goes into action mode--

7 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Applejack and Pinkie, you distract him. Rainbow Dash, Rarity, and Fluttershy, let's save Spike!

With a nod, in an almost stylized SUPER-HERO team up line, the Mane Six move into action. They're a team. They've got this.

7A 3 Applejack bucks apples and Pinkie lobs them in front of Tortasnap's nose. He pauses, Spike still entangled in the turtle tongue, but outside its mouth.

Rarity uses her magic to tie a bow around the turtle's nose, shutting his mouth.

Fluttershy sternly tells the turtle--

43 45

8 FLUTTERSHY

Mr. Tortasnap, I'm only asking nicely once. Let my friend go!

8A 50AB Tortasnap releases his tongue. Spike's wings are gooey with turtle-saliva and he can't fly. As he falls, Rainbow Dash zooms in to catch him.

Meanwhile, Twilight is hovering near the turtle's head. She powers up her horn to touch it to him...

148 149

9 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

And now a simple teleportation spell should--

43 45

10 CELESTIA (O.S.)

(royal Canterlot voice)

HALT, INTERLOPER!

10A 4AB 51AB The M6 startle and turn to see the very regal CELESTIA and LUNA flying toward them, battle ready.

11 LUNA

Stay back, friends! My sister and I will take care of the beast!

ANGLE - the M6 gape and fall back, the fliers landing.

5 6

12 RAINBOW DASH

All the times we've actually needed their help, and they show up for THIS?

Together, the two princesses touch horns to the turtle, their magic making it shimmer and TELEPORT AWAY.

5. ANGLE - Twilight frowns, perplexed.

148 149AB

13 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

That's just what I was about to do!

150 151

But Celestia and Luna are clearly proud of themselves.

43 45 (46)

14 LUNA
Goodness, sister, that was fun!

15 CELESTIA
(to the Mane Six)
No need to thank us. To be honest,
we've recently realized we like being
part of the action!

16 LUNA
Experiencing life instead of just
dreaming about it...

17 CELESTIA
And making a difference outside the
throne room!

17A 47 48
Celestia and Luna hoof-bump and <LAUGH> happily.

On the Mane Six - confused, and a little put-out.

78 (9)

18 APPLEJACK
Y'all think they're gonna be doin'
this a lot?

END TEASER

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE:

SC. 2 - PONYVILLE BRIDGE - DAY

Fluttershy walks over the Ponyville bridge, ANGEL hopping beside her. One of the wooden supports (CRACKED WITH AGE) gives way...And a piece of the stone bridge under them collapses!

18A 52AB (53)
Fluttershy and Angel plummet, Fluttershy opening her wings and catching Angel at the last minute.

52S (53)

19 FLUTTERSHY
Oh my! We'd better ask somepony to fix
that hole - it seems very dangerous.

20 LUNA (O.S.)
Which is why WE'RE here!

Fluttershy has to flap quickly out of the way as Luna flies in to levitate the ENTIRE BRIDGE AWAY... And Celestia levitates ANOTHER ENTIRELY NEW BRIDGE (sparkling in newness) in place.

52 (53)
↓ ↓

21 CELESTIA
All of Ponyville may now cross this
bridge without fear!

The sisters pose heroically. Watching ponies <STOMP> applause.
Angel looks to Fluttershy "really?" She shrugs and stomps too.

SC. 3 - INT. FOREST ROAD - DAY

Rainbow Dash studies a map, the CMCs following her.

10 11 (12)
| | |
↓ ↓ ↓

22 RAINBOW DASH
<grr> I can't read this thing! How am
I supposed to lead a Filly Guides hike
if the map makes us MORE lost?

WHOOOSH - Luna and Celestia descend from the heavens.

52 (53)
↓ ↓

23 CELESTIA
Did somepony say lost?

24 LUNA
Not for long!

Luna and Celestia blast magic through the trees, bending them
like parting the Red Sea, to reveal a path to the CAMPSITE.

(6)
↓ ↓

25 CELESTIA
Your path is clear, and your day is
saved!

13 (14) (15)
| | |
↓ ↓ ↓

26 RAINBOW DASH
Um, the hiking part was kind of the
point, but...Thanks?

SC. 4 - INT. SUGARCUBE CORNER - DAY

MRS. CAKE hurries up to Pinkie, looking upset.

55 (56) (57)
↓ ↓ ↓

27 MRS. CAKE
Oh, now this is just terrible! Miss
Cheerilee ordered cupcakes for school
today and I forgot to make her order!

52 11
| |
↓ ↓

28 PINKIE PIE
Oh, that's no big! We can just--

Celestia and Luna blast into the shop, ready to help.

52 11
| |
↓ ↓

29 CELESTIA
Students going hungry? Not on our
watch!

(60)
|
(59)
|

55 (57)

30 LUNA
Let us bake, sister!

The two alicorn princesses begin levitating ingredients past a gaping Pinkie and Mrs. Cake's head.

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31 MRS. CAKE
Well put twigs in my tail and call me a Timberwolf.
(then)
Do you think they'll use royal icing?

(58)

SC. 5 - INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY

α. The Mane Six and Spike sit around the table, in deep discussion.

15 (16) ABC

32 APPLEJACK
And they carried Granny Smith across the street! There wasn't even traffic!

61 (62)

33 FLUTTERSHY
It's not that we don't appreciate their help...

61 (63)

34 RARITY
But suddenly Celestia and Luna seem to think we can't do anything on our own!

15 (16)

35 RAINBOW DASH
Yeah! How are we supposed to learn to be rulers of Equestria with them fixing every teensy problem for us?

Twilight looks worried - this speaks to a deep fear.

154 (155)

36 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Maybe the Princesses changed their minds. Maybe they don't think we're up to the responsibility of protecting Equestria after all!

61 (63)

37 SPIKE
Or maybe this week's just a one-time thing that'll never happen again.

Celestia and Luna burst into the room.

38 CELESTIA
Ah! A strategy meeting! What is the danger this time? A rampaging beast? Evil spell? Friendship problem?

61 (63)

39 LUNA
We're ready to do whatever we can.

Twilight tries to hide her concern, badly.

154 155

40 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Great. But...Is something wrong? It's just, you've been helping us an awful lot and we know you have WAY more important ruler-y things to do, so...

The sisters shake their heads.

61 63

41 LUNA

We've spent more than enough time in the throne room. Real life is happening out here!

Twilight gapes. That was...Unexpected.

154 155

42 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Wait - that's what this is about? You're...Sick of being princesses?

61 63

43 CELESTIA

Not exactly... Battling the Everfree Forest alongside Starswirl made us realize what we've missed out on. So instead of spending the day ruling...

44 LUNA

And the night patrolling dreams...

Celestia addresses the ponies in turn, ending on Fluttershy:

61

45 CELESTIA

We wanted a chance to do the things YOU do. Save the day. Adventure with friends. Shampoo anteaters.

63

46 SPIKE

I'm pretty sure Fluttershy is the only pony that does that.

17 18

47 RAINBOW DASH

Well, there are way more fun things to do than follow US around.

61

63

48 PINKIE PIE

Ooh! You should make a list of alllll the stuff you never tried but always wanted to! There's a lotta little getta-oughta things out there to do!

69

The Princesses share a look, the idea lighting their faces.

61 63
49 CELESTIA
What an intriguing idea.

50 LUNA
Let's DO it, sister!

51 CELESTIA
Only, it's much harder to justify a vacation from the castle when it's not an "emergency" we're responding to...

Twilight cheerfully volunteers. Her friends nod agreement.

52 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
Don't worry. We'll cover your palace duties! It'll be a good chance for us to practice for when you retire.

53 LUNA
Well...If you're sure you don't mind the extra effort...

Twilight flips her hoof with a <PSHHH> - no big deal - as Celestia and Luna share a smile and head out happily.

54 CELESTIA
Thank you, Twilight! What a relief to know the Royal Swanifying Ceremony is in good hooves.

55 APPLEJACK
The what now?

SC. 6 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE THRONE ROOM - DAY

Celestia levitates a scroll and a plumed pen as she starts to write (NOTE: we don't see text). Luna leans in - they're both as delighted as kids on their first slumber party.

56 CELESTIA
Fun Not Yet Had. Ooh, Sister! I can't wait to start planning our time off!

57 LUNA
Imagine! A chance to do whatever we want! And you know what THAT means...!

They respond simultaneously, gleefully, but with different answers, the first hint that they might not be on the same page.

58 CELESTIA / LUNA
ADVENTURE! / RELAXATION!

They pause, puzzled by each others' responses for a moment.

70 71 59 LUNA 77
It's just that I spend each night in everypony's intense dreams. So I could use some real-world downtime.

60 CELESTIA 74 75 76
I understand. But for me, every day is real-world. Meetings and decrees, and meetings about decrees, and decrees about the meetings. I ~~need~~ *crave* EXCITEMENT.

They turn away from each other - this is awkward.

71 61 LUNA
I'm not sure how we can both be happy. Unless...

62 CELESTIA
We take turns doing what we like!

Excited, they touch horns. A glowing magical heart appears.

63 BOTH
SISTER TRIP!

64 LUNA 73
And I have the PERFECT accessories for us to wear! Wait right here!

Luna <TELEPORTS> OS and returns, levitating two SHIRTS that match in awfulness, stripped from the WORST tourists in Florida. Celestia's eyes go wide in distaste, Luna takes no notice.

71 65 CELESTIA
We'll be... Twinsies.

66 LUNA
Just like regular pony tourists! I knew you'd love it!

67 CELESTIA
I have a few things for us too.

Celestia <TELEPORTS>, returning with two RUGGED PACKS. She levitates items out as she names them--

70 68 CELESTIA (CONT'D) *Keep both*
Sunglasses, bugspray, ice boots, hoof sanitizer, and travel snacks!

Luna eyes the packets, not sure about it all - especially the packet of snacks, which Celestia opens and shakes. Flakes fall out of the package into an unappetizing pile. She explains:

70 (71)
69 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
You have to add water. (then) What do you think?

Celestia studies her, anxious. Luna melts.

70 LUNA
It's perfect, Sister. (72)

70A (70A) (71) (72)
They share a warm hug

SC. 7 - EXT. CELESTIA'S CASTLE - DAY

The Mane Six stand outside the castle gates as the princesses, now fully-laden and very touristy, get ready to go.

80 (81)
71 CELESTIA
--and here are instructions of how to prepare for the Royal Swanifying.

Celestia floats a scroll to Spike. Twilight feigns confidence:

158 (159)
72 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
If it's written down, I'm sure we can handle it. Have fun!

80 (81)
73 LUNA
One more thing. We're leaving you in charge of raising the sun and moon while we're gone.

73A (161) (162) (73A) (74A)
The Mane Six (except Pinkie) and Spike are taken aback - <GASP>.

74 PINKIE PIE
Oooooo. That's not a terrifying level of responsibility or anything.

74A (162)
Twilight gives a <NERVOUS LAUGH>. Celestia levitates a circular AMULET - half dark moon, half shining sun - to Twilight.

75 CELESTIA
We have put a small part of our power in this amulet. You can activate it with your magic at any time.
(smiles)
Preferably dawn and dusk.

Twilight takes the amulet with a mix of confidence/reverence.

158 (159)
76 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
We won't let you down, princesses.

With a smile, Celestia and Luna turn to go. As soon as their backs are turned, Twilight spins to Spike.

158 159

77 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (CONT'D)
Please tell me that scroll says what
the Royal Swanifying is.

Spike eyes the scroll in disbelief.

80 81

78 SPIKE
Apparently it's a celebration of all
the swans in the royal lake. We round
em up, parade em through the streets,
and finish with a party in the castle.

23 24

79 RAINBOW DASH
One question. WHY?!

158 159

80 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
It doesn't matter. This is our chance
to show Celestia and Luna we'll do
whatever the job requires. If they can
take care of all this themselves, then
I know we can - together!

The other ponies nod, her pep talk working...But Spike is still
not convinced, eyeing his list dubiously.

80 81

81 SPIKE
You are definitely not reading the
scroll I am.

END ACT ONE**ACT TWO****SC. 8 - EXT. CANTERLOT - ROAD - DAY**

The Princesses trot along the road, enthused and happy.

84 85 86

82 CELESTIA
Remember, sister, from now on, we are
regular, care-free ponies.

86

83 LUNA
Right! We're leaving the princess life
behind. We're not even going to FLY!

Celestia has begun to spread her wings and closes them quickly.

84 CELESTIA
Of course! How new and different! It's
just like Pinkie Pie said...

ROAD TRIP MUSIC <BEGIN> - bouncy, fun - and the "Lotta Little
Things" song begins, and the sisters walk in step, singing--

85 CELESTIA / LUNA
*There's a lotta little things you
gotta do in this world
There's a lotta little things you
oughta try.
Just a pack of punchy plunges other
ponies all take
That have princess-pony passed us
right by!*

The princesses stop and take silly photos of themselves with a LOCAL LANDMARK - Equestria's biggest horseshoe. They pose with a bad, cross-eyed statue of themselves (hewn out of redwood, like a bigfoot carving). They try on Luna's horrible shirts. They eat Celestia's horrible snacks and laugh.

86 CELESTIA / LUNA (CONT'D)
*No pony knows you like your sister
No pony is a better confidante
No pony truer than the one that you
are.
No pony else here I could want!*

They hacky-sack a pinecone between each other as they walk on.

87 CELESTIA / LUNA (CONT'D)
*You can't saunter on a sojourn behind
castle walls.
You can't throw a throne down on the
beach*

88 CELESTIA
So we're gonna be absconding

89 LUNA
Do a little vagabonding!

90 CELESTIA / LUNA
*And this bucket list is gonna be a
peach!*

Celestia and Luna pick peaches from a tree on the roadside. Juicy bites, happy faces.

91 CELESTIA / LUNA (CONT'D)
*No pony knows you like your sister
No pony is a better confidante
No pony truer than the one that you
are.
No pony else here I could want!*

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 9 - EXT. CANTERLOT ROAD - AN HOUR LATER

ON THE SISTERS' HOOVES - Celestia is still prancing, reading her list, but Luna is getting slower, more tired.

92 CELESTIA / LUNA
*There's a lotta little things you
gotta try in this world.
There's a lotta little things you
gotta see.*

Luna spots a delightful, cool, shady clearing by a brook and moves to rest by it.

93 LUNA
*But reading by a river and resting our
hooves
Would be practically perfect for me.*

Celestia joins Luna and tries to relax. But she's clearly impatient to keep going.

94 CELESTIA / LUNA
*No pony knows you like your sister
No pony is a better confidante
No pony truer than the one that you
are.
No pony else here I could want!*

Celestia bounces through the brook like a kid playing in puddles. Fish jump up happily around her...

95 CELESTIA
*You can't venture on adventures if
you're taking a nap.
You can't check things off your
checklist while you sleep!*

A splash of water wakes up Luna. She frowns, but shakes it off and gets up too.

96 CELESTIA (CONT'D)
So let's take another hill!

Celestia leads the way up a hill, over rough terrain. Luna straggles behind her, getting tripped up by tangles of shrubs.

97 LUNA
*Sometimes you can be a pill.
And why's the way ahead always so
steep?*

SC. 10 - INT. CANTERLOT CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - DAY

FANCY PANTS, JET SET, and UPPERCRUST walk in, surprised to find Spike and the Mane Six.

141 142

98 FANCY PANTS

Princesses, we are here to--Oh.

The trio of ponies takes to see Spike and the Mane Six.

27AB

99 APPLEJACK

We're fillin' in for their majesties.
What can we help y'all with?

141 142

100 FANCY PANTS

I say. How irregular. Well then, we
offer our assistance as heads of the
Royal Swanifying committee.

88AB

Spike and the Mane Six (except Twilight) sag in gratitude.

89 90AB

101 RARITY

What a relief--

Then Twilight steps in front of her, polite, but firm.

163 164

102 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Thank you. But we have it all covered!

The three snooty ponies look surprised, then affronted.

141 142

103 FANCY PANTS

Reaaaaaally? Well. Good luck with that!

The ponies exit, leaving Twilight's friends gaping at her.

163 164

104 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

If we ask for help, it's just like
admitting we're not as good at the job
as Luna and Celestia are! Besides, how
hard can throwing a "Swan Party" be?

Pinkie cheerfully peers over Spike's shoulder at his list.

89 90

105 PINKIE PIE

Yeah! All we have left to do is--

(reads really fast)

Polish the armor, bubble the punch,
glitter the carpets, puff the pastry,
float the floats, and carpet every
road in Canterlot!

Twilight and the others look on with shock.

89 90

106 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Should I keep reading?

Twilight winces, grinning an apology to the others.

SC. 11 - EXT. GORGE - DAY

CLOSE on the Princesses so we don't know where they are. Luna looks concerned, Celestia not worried.

91 93 94

107 LUNA

Celestia, since we're both a little tired, maybe the first thing we do shouldn't be TOO wild...

108 CELESTIA

Exactly what I was thinking.

CUT TO:

SC. 12 - EXT. ZIP LINE GORGE - SOON

Can be a reused gorge, just need a line across it). The sisters (WEARING SAFETY EQUIPMENT) zoom over the gorge, Celestia squealing with glee, Luna's eyes shut tight, zipline in a deathgrip.

109 CELESTIA

ZIIIIIP LIIIIIIINEEEEE!

- pick the better tech one - preference is take 91

CUT TO:

SC. 13 - EXT. OTHER SIDE OF THE GORGE - SOON

Celestia trots away from a stand, levitating matching mugs - one with her happy zip-line photo, one with Luna's miserable one.

110 CELESTIA

Now every time we have tea, we can remember this magical day!

Luna gamely takes her mug and tucks it in her bag.

92 94

111 LUNA

I'm glad you enjoyed yourself. But now, we're going to do something I've ALWAYS wanted to do, but never could, because of my night shift!

112 CELESTIA

(momentarily excited)

Is it another zip-line?

A beat. Dry:

92AB 94

11

No.

113 LUNA

95AB 11

SC. 14 - INT. PONYVILLE POST OFFICE - DAY

The two princesses step in and Luna does a big TA DA--

97 98

114 LUNA

It's the POST OFFICE!

115 CELESTIA

It is indeed.

116 LUNA

Just think! All the mail in Ponyville goes through here! Isn't that AMAZING?

Luna trots up to the counter.

117 LUNA (CONT'D)

ONE STAMP, please!

MUFFINS gives Luna a stamp. She delightedly takes the stamp and puts it on a postcard of the Swan Upping. She hands the postcard to Muffins, then turns to Celestia, giddy.

118 LUNA (CONT'D)

Waaaaaaait for it...

Muffins hands the postcard to Celestia. Celestia blinks to Luna.

99

119 CELESTIA

You didn't need a stamp if you were just going to give this to me.

120 LUNA

I didn't give it to you. A mailpony took it from me, searched to find who it was meant for, and gave it to you!

(then)

It's about the PROCESS.

100

SC. 15 - INT. HUGE UNDERGROUND CAVERN - NIGHT

The sisters are climbing down ropes in a huge dark cavern. BELOW, SHINY, SHARP ROCKS jut out that look ALMOST LIKE TEETH IN AN OPEN MOUTH.

The sisters are wearing hardhats with lights on them. Celestia is delighted. Luna is...Not. They descend past the "teeth" into the "mouth".

101 (102)

121 CELESTIA

Did you know that nopony has EVER
explored the bottom of these caverns?

The "rocks" snap shut on the ropes, as the giant mouth closes
over the sisters, blocking them from view.

122 LUNA (V.O.)

Gee. I wonder why.

SC. 16 - INT. PONYVILLE DAY SPA - DAY

CLOSE on a delighted LUNA. We DON'T SEE HER MANE.

102 (103)

123 LUNA

I've always WANTED to try this!

REVEAL: Luna's hair is being PERMED, her MAKEUP is done, and her
hooves are being painted PINK by LOTUS BLOSSOM. It might look a
little silly, but she's happy.

124 LUNA (CONT'D)

Isn't this wonderful, sister?

WHIP PAN to Celestia, sitting in her chair, fuming. ALOE is
giving her a complete goth mane-over. She's got 80's spiky black
hair and she could not hate this more.

125 CELESTIA

<growl>

A less-bouncy REPRISE of "Lotta Little Oughta" starts over a
MONTAGE--

--EXT. CLOUDS ABOVE OCEAN

The recently made-over princesses watch an INCIDENTAL PEGASUS
PONY do an over-the-top impressive CLOUD DIVE into a large body
of WATER BELOW.

Luna looks down the huge drop and shakes her head... But
Celestia runs up behind her and pushes her off as they dive
together.

126 CELESTIA / LUNA (V.O.)

*There's a lotta little things you
gotta do in this world
There's a lotta little things you
oughta view.*

IN THE WATER - Luna pops up, her new manestyle now bedraggled.
Celestia playfully splashes her, oblivious to her sister's fury.

127 CELESTIA / LUNA (V.O.)
And our little lotta lists may be a
little bit long
And take a lotta little bother to do!

--INT. PONY ART SHOW (reuse from "Flurry of Emotions) - The sisters are once again looking normal. Luna is looking at the paintings in reverent awe. Celestia taps a hoof, bored.

128 LUNA (V.O.)
But I'm sure it gets much better, by
the by and beyond

129 CELESTIA (V.O.)
And after darkest night, there comes a
new dawn.

--EXT. EVERFREE FOREST - Celestia and Luna sit in an elephant-riding tent on a running MANTICORE. Celestia leans forward in excitement, Luna looks queasy.

Luna levitates the list and checks it--

130 LUNA
It's my turn to do the choosing.

Celestia levitates the list away from her.

131 CELESTIA
After river rapid cruising.

Now the sisters are doing a magical tug-o-war with the list. It rips and they both fall BACKWARD.

132 LUNA / CELESTIA
This adventure isn't too fun to be on.

SC. 17 - INT. CELESTIA'S CASTLE - BALLROOM - DAY

Twilight Sparkle uses her magic on a LARGE fountain, filled with PUNCH, her horn putting bubbles into the PINK LIQUID. Spike and the other Mane Six haphazardly decorate and put out food.

133 FANCY PANTS (O.S.)
Princess Twilight!

133A 169AB 144 145
Twilight jumps and gives a burst of magic. Now the punch bubbles like a boiling cauldron. She winces and turns to see FANCY PANTS, UPPERCRUST, and JET SET barging in, looking miffed.

134 FANCY PANTS (CONT'D)
It has come to our attention that you
don't intend to serve watercress at
the Royal Swanifying Ceremony.

134A Twilight nods, explaining-

135 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

That's right. There's not enough in the castle kitchens to--

Jet Set steps aside to reveal an ANGRY-LOOKING SWAN.

136 FANCY PANTS

Don't tell me. Tell him!

The swan <HISSES> at Twilight. She recoils.

137 FANCY PANTS (CONT'D)

And you MUST do something about the garbage piling up outside! The street sweepers are on strike and the royal carpeters can't do their jobs!

Uppercrust wipes his hooves on some party decorations.

138 APPLEJACK

(aside to Dash)

Did you even know there WERE royal street carpeters?

Fancy Pants eyes Rarity's decorations and <SNIFFS>.

139 FANCY PANTS

Oh dear. I DO hope those aren't the FINAL decorations for the gala.

Rarity <GROWLS>. Twilight barely keeps it together. Big fake smile as she ushers the committee out.

140 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Thank you for your constructive criticism. But we don't really have time to chat so... Check back later.

Twilight levitates the three surprised Gala Committee ponies back out the door and shuts it behind them.

Rainbow Dash asides to her friends--

141 RAINBOW DASH

I really hope Luna and Celestia APPRECIATE everything we're doing while they're off having FUN!

SC. 18 - EXT. FOREST - DAY

Luna and Celestia are on a picnic, having no fun at all, not even looking at each other, a basket on the ground between them.

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142 CELESTIA
(edge of sarcasm)
Well, I hope you're enjoying yourself
on your super-RELAXING picnic, sister.

Luna pulls a thorn out of her hindquarters, testily.

143 LUNA
I WOULD be, Sister, if you hadn't made us
HIKE through a million PRICKLEBUSHES.

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144 CELESTIA
Well, they hurt less than that
horrible howling YOU dragged us to.

145 LUNA
That was PONYLIACCI and it's OPERA!
And you made us leave early even
though it was still my turn to decide
what we were doing!

Celestia has had enough. She stands.

146 CELESTIA
Oh, just face it, Luna. You're NEVER
happy.

Luna scowls and stands, facing Celestia.

147 LUNA
Because you don't WANT me to be happy.
I always have to do things YOUR way. I
bet you wish I never came back so you
could still rule day and night!

Celestia looks hurt... And she hurts back.

148 CELESTIA
You think I LIKE that kind of
pressure? Being responsible for every
little thing in Equestria AND you?
What I'd LIKE is a sister I can depend
on!

149 LUNA
YOU MEAN BOSS AROUND!

Luna squares off angrily, her horn starting to GLOW with magic.

150 CELESTIA
CALM DOWN, LUNA!

105 (106)

151 LUNA

No! And don't you dare use your Royal Canterlot voice on me!

151A

Luna blasts her magic! Celestia FLINCHES - but the magic goes past her and packs up the picnic basket.

152 LUNA (CONT'D)

I think this adventure would be better if I did it by MYSELF.

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Luna turns to go, levitating her basket with her. When she faces CAM, we see she looks sad. Celestia CAN'T see this, and she reacts in hurt anger.

153 CELESTIA

FINE. I just remembered something I forgot I always wanted to do. BE ALONE!

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Luna turns back at the edge of the clearing, eyes teary.

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154 LUNA

(choked up)

Guess we have the same thing on BOTH our lists, then.

And she runs off.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE:

SC. 19 - INT. CELESTIA'S CASTLE - THRONE ROOM - DAY

Rainbow Dash BLURRS past CAMERA, putting up streamers.

Below, the other Mane Six and Spike bustle around at top speed, doing party prep. Twilight levitates a BUFFET TABLE into place and magics a TABLECLOTH on it. Applejack bucks pieces of fruit onto it to form a centerpiece. She calls OS--

154A 36

37AB

155 APPLEJACK

Pinkie! You got those appetizers yet?

Pinkie bounces by on a POGO STICK.

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156 PINKIE PIE

Still mashing the guacamole!

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156A 114AB

Rarity rushes in, levitating DRAPES, nearly knocking Spike over.

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157 RARITY
I couldn't find enough gemstones in time, so we'll just have to do with sequins!

Fluttershy is looking outside and turns to tell the others--

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158 FLUTTERSHY
Um, sorry for the bad news, but the courtyard is FULL of swans waiting to get in.

159 RAINBOW DASH
And we're nowhere NEAR ready!

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160 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
(frustrated growl)
How do Celestia and Luna rule a kingdom AND get all this done by themselves EVERY YEAR?!

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161 FANCY PANTS (O.S.)
<laugh> Oh, how droll.

Fancy Pants has poked his head into the throne room.

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162 SPIKE
What's the funny part, exactly?

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163 FANCY PANTS
The princesses NEVER do all the ceremony planning by themselves.

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164 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
They...Don't?

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165 FANCY PANTS
Goodness no. That's what the gala planning committees are for. NOpony could handle all this.
(looks at Rarity)
Are those...Sequins?

116 117 118

Rarity <GROWLS> But Twilight has had an epiphany.

172 173

166 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
New plan, everypony! WE'RE GOING TO DELEGATE!

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SC. 20 - EXT. CASTLE COURTYARD - EXT

The Mane 6 and Spike (minus Twilight) run into the courtyard and start DELEGATING LIKE CRAZY! The CANTERLOT ELITE (including FLEUR DIS LEE, Uppercrust, and Jet Set) are surprised as--

39 40 AB
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167 RAINBOW DASH
(To Uppercrust)
YOU! You're on FOOD duty!

He is surprised, but nods.

117 118

168 RARITY
(to Jet Set)
I need gemstones and PURPLE SATIN!

Jet Set takes off. Fleur Dis Lee is trying to edge away, but she comes face-to-face with an empowered Fluttershy.

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169 FLUTTERSHY
Tell the ponies at the gates that
there's a slight delay on the gala!
(then, apologetic/shy)
If it's not too much trouble, I mean.

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Fleur hurries off. But AJ is eyeing a pile of garbage that is spilling onto the courtyard paths. To Spike:

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170 APPLEJACK
Now who can we get to clean up all
this garbage?

Pinkie runs in, holding a leash that runs OS. Tortasnap lumbers after her toward the garbage, eyes it, and takes a happy bite.

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171 PINKIE PIE
I'm DELEGATING!

ANGLE ON Twilight - watching as things START to get done - Uppercrust returning with food, Jet set hanging purple satin, Tortasnap eating the garbage.

175 AB
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172 TWILIGHT SPARKLE
So THIS is how you rule Equestria!

SC. 21 - EXT. BEACH - BRIGHT DAY

ON Luna sits on a chaise lounge, drinking a SMOOTHIE. She doesn't look that happy, but she pretends she is.

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173 LUNA
Ahh. Things are so much more relaxing
without my bossy sister.

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Nearby, a MARE trots along with her younger FILLY SISTER. Two other SISTER UNICORNS (same manestyles, different colors) magically toss a ball back and forth to each other. Two other sisters play a patty-cake game with their hooves.

173A

Luna <SIGHS> and slurps her drink, depressed.

SC. 22 - EXT. SKY - DAY

ON Celestia falling through the sky wearing a backpack, wings folded, a bit preoccupied-looking and not all that excited.

123 124 125

174 CELESTIA

Who NEEDS a gloomy sister moping around all the time ANYWAY.

She pulls a rip cord, and a PARACHUTE opens above her...Printed with the royal, smiling images of Celestia and Luna.

Celestia looks up and <SIGHS>

SC. 23 - INT. HOSPITAL INTERIOR - NIGHT

A NURSE puts lotion on a wincing Luna's severe sunburn.

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175 NURSE

Honestly, princess. Didn't you wear ANY sunblock?

176 LUNA

That's a thing?

(sigh)

Celestia would have warned me...If she were here.

SC. 24 - EXT. DEEP FOREST - NIGHT

A secluded, scary spot in the deep woods. Celestia stands in a tiny patch of moonlight. She holds a map and turns it up and down with her magic, clueless.

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177 CELESTIA

Now, was it two left turns and a right, or two right turns and a left? Luna always handled the directions!

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There's <CLUCKING> from the trees and Celestia looks afraid. Suddenly... A CHICKEN steps from the woods and pecks at the road. Celestia scrambles backward in irrational fear.

178 CELESTIA (CONT'D)

(strained whisper)

And scared away the chickens.

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SC. 25 - EXT. FORK IN THE FOREST ROAD - NIGHT

An arrow in the road indicates the path to a MOUNTAIN SUMMIT. Luna and Celestia, each come to the fork in the road from opposite directions. They did not expect to see each other.

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179 CELESTIA

Oh! I thought climbing Mt.
Fillymanejaro was on MY list.

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180 LUNA

(defensive)

I'm not copying you. I just wanted to
watch the sunrise.

181 CELESTIA

I'm...Here for the moonset.

(awkward beat, then)

So, how did the rest of your day go?

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182 LUNA

(clearly exaggerating)

Oh, amazing. Fantastic. Best ever,
really.

Celestia droops sadly, not realizing Luna's covering.

183 CELESTIA

Yeah. Me, too.

The sisters don't meet each other's eyes, but they clearly miss
each other.

184 LUNA

You, uh... Can walk up with me. If you
WANT, I mean.

185 CELESTIA

Well. Since we're GOING the same way--

SC. 26 - EXT. MT. FILLYMANEJARO SUMMIT - NIGHT

Taking in the spectacular view, Luna sits to watch the sunrise.

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186 LUNA

This is SO beautiful. It must be
amazing in the sunlight.

This touches Celestia, who sits beside her.

187 CELESTIA

The night's pretty special, too.

Together, they look up at the sky. A shooting star streaks by.

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188 LUNA / CELESTIA

Lucky star!

They turn to each other, awkward in the shared moment.

130 (131)

189 LUNA

You taught me to look for those when I
was a filly.

190 CELESTIA

(chuckle, deprecating)

Hope I wasn't too bossy doing it.

191 LUNA

You know... Being with your sister all
the time is hard. But being WITHOUT
her is even harder.

Celestia smiles and puts a hoof around Luna.

192 CELESTIA

I DO know. And I wouldn't trade you
for any of the adventures on my list.

193 LUNA

Not even the Zip-line?

194 CELESTIA

Not even the Zip-line.

195 LUNA

I'm sorry I said those things before.
Sometimes it's just...Tough being the
little sister.

196 CELESTIA

It's not always easy being the big
sister, either. I'm sorry too.

They lean in close as the sun begins to rise. Oddly, the moon
doesn't budge. For a moment, both hang in the sky together, two
kinds of celestial light at once.

The sisters stare, puzzled, mouths agape.

(131)

197 LUNA

The sun and the moon together...at the
same TIME?

198 CELESTIA

Now where have I seen THAT before?

Celestia gestures to herself and Luna, with a smile. Luna even
gives a little <LAUGH>

199 CELESTIA (CONT'D)

You know, I think it's alright for two
sisters to like different things.

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200 LUNA

Right. They don't HAVE to do every single thing together to know they care about each other.

The two sisters share a big hug, the sun and moon shining in the sky behind them.

Then, the moon goes down. Then up. Then the sun goes down, and up. Then they bounce in the sky. The sisters share a look.

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201 CELESTIA

You think maybe Twilight's having trouble with the amulet?

202 LUNA

We should probably go help her.

132 ABC

They hastily get up to go.

SC. 27 - INT. CELESTIA'S CASTLE - NIGHT

Twilight stares out the window at the bouncing moon and sun, panicked. She floats the Sun Amulet with her magic.

A panicked Spike runs in, holding a weird-shaped wrench.

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203 SPIKE

Okay, OKAY! I think I got it! Sunburst says we just need to reset the amulet with this. Turn the screw on the back--

Twilight levitates the wrench and uses it on the amulet immediately, before Spike can clarify--

204 SPIKE (CONT'D)

...no more than one half turn!

Twilight freezes, and the amulet breaks in half, light spewing out for a moment before going completely dark.

205 TWILIGHT SPARKLE

Uh oh.

SC. 28 - EXT. CELESTIA'S CASTLE - NIGHT

206 TWILIGHT SPARKLE (O.S.)

DOES ANYPONY HAVE SOME TAPE?!

END EPISODE.

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